

MARCH 2024

THE MESSENGER

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Beloit, WI



An Easter Celebration for You

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. By the Lord has this been done, it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. – Psalm 118:22-24

Recently, at the dentist office of all places, I met someone who was overjoyed about having gone to church the past Sunday. When she overheard that I was a pastor she just couldn't stop herself from sharing with me. "It's been years since I last went to my church, and finally on Sunday I decided to go. It felt so good, really like I had never been gone. I don't know why it had been so long, but it feels like new life for me." I was soon rushed to the back for my appointment and never heard what church it was she attended, but I suppose that really doesn't matter. What matters is the awareness that God is here, that you're always included with the people of God, that there is a place for you, and that the Easter good news is most definitely an invitation to rebirth and new life for everyone.

Whenever we gather to worship on a Sunday morning, we gather because the tomb was discovered empty on a Sunday morning and because the news that Christ

was risen from the dead was first shared on a Sunday morning. Sunday morning is for new life and knowledge that death is defeated forever. Yes, that's the message of Easter Sunday, and will be the message on March 31, but it's also the underlying reality for our worship every Sunday, even during the Season of Lent. We come to worship to praise God and to seek his forgiveness. In worship we hear the

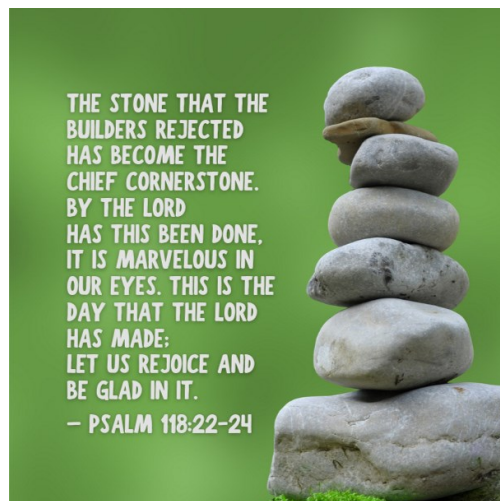
gospel message that no pit is too deep, no shadow too dark, no distance too far to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

In some ways every time we worship should be like a first time; like a reunion that's been a long time coming. It's the father running toward his long-lost son. It's the wonder of another dawn. It's new life and a new beginning. The lessons of Lent, the power of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the suffering of his Passion, the glory of the Cross,

and the confusion of the empty tomb all invite us to enter the story and know that the Easter celebration is for all of us: it is for you.

Come to where you are always welcome.

Rejoice always! Pastor Tony



Welcome Statement

We welcome and encourage the full participation of all people, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, age, ability, appearance, or anything else that threatens to divide us. We have all been claimed as God's children, and all are welcome here.

"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." – Galatians 3:28

Our Mission Statement: To reflect God's love through service to the family of God.



Welcome New Members of our OSLC Staff

Kellie Carrier has accepted the position of Children's Ministry Coordinator and was installed in that position on February 25. Kellie is the office administrator at St. Paul

Lutheran Church and has a degree in Early Childhood Education. She's worked with children previously at Christ UMC in Rockford, Rockton Grade School, and St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. Be sure to give Kellie a warm OSLC welcome.

First, we celebrate Molly Rosenbloom having her daughter in February, little Eleanor Abigail Rosenbloom was born February 7. Mother, daughter, and father are all doing well! Second, we also celebrate that Molly has accepted the position of Youth Ministry Coordinator and will move over to that position after her maternity leave. In the past, Molly has served as our Interim Children's Ministry Coordinator and as our Bell Choir Director. Molly also works for Blackhawk Tech organizing community education and has taught music in public schools throughout southern Wisconsin.



Calling all OSLC Men Who Love to Cook!

Sign up today to present your best dish at the "Men Who Cook" Contest on **Sunday, March 3 at 12 noon.**

Prepare samples for members, who will vote on their favorite recipes.

Members: Come join the guys, sample delectable dishes, and vote for your favorite - \$5 suggested donation to sample all of the foods. A bit of competition with lots of fun and great fellowship!



Daylight Savings

Daylight Saving Time begins on **Sunday, March 10, 2024, at 2:00 am.** On Saturday night, clocks are set forward 1 hour (i.e., losing one hour) to "spring forward."



Lenten Soup Supper and Worship

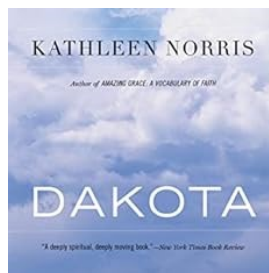
We will hold Soup Suppers at 6:00 pm throughout the Lenten season following by worship at 7:00 pm. Once again, we will use the Holden Evening Prayer as our liturgy for these services. This beautiful setting breaks into our soul with the music and prayers that expressed our hope in Christ.



Lenten Service Opportunity

February 14 thru March 28

This year during Lent we are collecting hair care products to assist Caritas in their service to those in need. Donations of new shampoo and conditioner can be placed in the blue bin in the Commons.



Lent Bible Study

Dakota: A Spiritual Journey by Kathleen Norris

Sundays at 9:30 in the Chapel

This month, Pastor Tony is leading a five-session study of the spiritual classic by Kathleen Norris, *Dakota: A Spiritual Journey*. All are welcome to attend in the Chapel on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:15. Copies of *Dakota* will be available to participants for \$10.



Young @ Heart

On **Thursday, March 14 from 12:00-2:00 pm**, come out for fellowship, Corned Beef and Cabbage, and some Irish fun! In order to prepare lunch, please sign-up on the sheet located on the counter in the Commons.

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Order Easter Lilies

Would you like to sponsor Easter Lilies to beautify our altar on Easter Sunday? Plants are \$21 for a single and \$35 for double and they can be given in memory or in honor of a loved one. Order forms can be found

on the table outside the sanctuary by the elevator or call the church office. **Orders must be placed by Sunday, March 10.**



First Communion Classes

According to the Lutheran Church document *The Use of the Means of Grace*, the appropriate time for a child to begin receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion is a decision made

between the child, parents, and pastor. Generally, we aim for Grade 3 here at Our Savior's, but not always. Pastor Tony will be offering First Communion classes after the late service in March to prepare students to receive the sacrament for Easter. Sessions will be **March 17 & 24 after the late service.** Please speak with our Children's Ministry Coordinator, Kellie Carrier, if you would like to be included.



In the Spotlight

This month's "In the Spotlight" book review is presented by Pat Brogan, be sure to check out the Library's featured display on **March 10.**

My recommendation is not just one book, but a series by Bodie Thoene.

It is the Zion Covenant series: Vienna Prelude, Prague Counterpoint, Munich Signature, Jerusalem Interlude, Danzig Passage, and Warsaw Requiem. The series follows Jewish people through the German takeovers in Europe. If you like historical fiction, and especially WWII literature, I highly recommend this series, but read the books in order (they are numbered). This author also has a number of other historical series, and all are very well written. You will find them in the bookcase near the door in the church library.



BOY SCOUT TROOP #608

59TH

PANCAKE SUPPER

MONDAY
MARCH 4
2024

4:00 - 7:00 PM

\$4.00 ADULTS
\$2.00 CHILDREN
11 AND UNDER

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LENTEN SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

DONATIONS OF SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER

FEB. 14 - MAR. 28

Let's stock the shelves at Caritas!



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 24 (8:30 & 10:30am)

Services will begin with the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and the blessing of palm branches. Members of the congregation will share the Passion Story while the whole assembly sings songs that reflect the events.

Maundy Thursday, March 28 (7:00pm)

We will recall Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples and his New Commandment to love one another. The service ends in darkness with the stripping of the altar, propelling us to contemplate the sufferings of Christ.

Good Friday, March 29 (12:00 & 7:00pm)

These services of Light and Darkness move us to walk with Christ through his Passion as told in John's Gospel. As candles are extinguished, we ponder how Christ's unity with our suffering and death is made complete on the cross. The Bidding Prayer and final meditation upon the cross grounds us in his salvation path.

Easter Sunday, March 31 (6:30, 8:30 & 10:30am)

The tomb is empty! We gather to celebrate Christ's victory over death and the grave. United with Christ in death we are also united in his resurrection triumph. Our Sunrise Service at 6:30 begins in darkness and recognizes that this is the night death was defeated and Christ rose from the grave. All the services will be grounded in the Easter Story from Mark's Gospel and include music that sings praises to God and shares the news that Christ is risen!



A Message from Kellie Carrier

Hello, Let me introduce myself. I am Kellie Carrier I have been blessed with the opportunity to be offered the position of the Children's Ministry Coordinator. I am very excited to share the love of Jesus with the children of Our Saviors Lutheran Church. A little bit about me. The Lord has blessed me with three beautiful daughters: Samantha, Heidi, and Gina who are all grown and living on their own. Yes, I am an empty nester. I went to elementary school at St. John's Lutheran in Elgin. I have received my degree in Early Childhood Education. In the early 2000's I owned my own dance studio and taught over 100 children a week to dance including my own daughters. I went on to teach preschool in a Christian school setting for seven years. I also hold another part-time position as the Administrative Assistant at St. Paul's Lutheran Church here in Beloit. I am extremely grateful that I get to teach your children all about God's love for them and each other. I look forward to getting to know all the members here at Our Savior's and especially your children. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at kellie@oursaviorsbeloitwi.org.



Camperships

Campership applications are now available for OSLC students attending Lutherdale Bible Camp in the summer of 2024. An awarded campership will cover a portion of the cost of attending one of Lutherdale's programs. Completed applications are due to the office or Pastor Tony by Sunday, April 14. Applications can be found in the rack between the elevator and sanctuary.



Scholarship Opportunity

High school seniors and students currently enrolled in college may apply for an OSLC Scholarship. **The application deadline is April 26, 2024.** No applications will be accepted after this date. Visit

www.oursaviorshbeloitwi.org/scholarships for all of the details.

High School Graduation Recognition and Scholarship Recognition will be on **June 9, 2024**. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Ribbeck.

Easter Breakfast

A church-wide continental breakfast will be served in the Commons on **Sunday, March 31**, beginning at 7:30 am. Invite friends, fellowship together, and enjoy this Easter celebration.

A sign-up sheet has been posted in the Commons, please sign up to bring "easy to eat" breakfast items to share. We also need help serving and cleaning up, if you are available, please indicate on the sign up sheet.



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TO LEARN MORE ABOUT
SUMMER CAMPS VISIT:

WWW.LUTHERDALE.ORG



Circle Meetings

Anna Circle - Tuesday, March 5 at 6:30 pm
Meeting at church.

Naomi Circle - Monday, March 11 at 5:30 pm
Meeting at Jerseys

Rebekah Circle - Thursday, March 14 at 9:30 am
Meeting at church.

Elizabeth Circle - Tuesday, March 19 at 1:00 pm
Hostess: Lynette Rust

Shalom Circle - Wednesday, March 20 at 9:00 am
Hostess: Deanna Feuerstein

SEWING BEE

Every Monday 8:30-11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

KNIT WITS | Wednesday, March 13
2:00 pm at the home of Shirely von Allmen

BOARD MEETING | Thursday, March 21
4:00 pm in the Chapel.

SAVE THE DATE: Spring Salad Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, April 24 from 11am - 1pm.

Solito

"An absolute masterpiece!"
— Emma Straub
"If there's any justice,
Solito will someday be
considered a classic."
— Rumaan Alam



Voices of Color Book Discussion Monday, April 22, 2024 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Our synod WELCA is hosting "Voices of Color" book discussions via Zoom. The next book is Solito, a memoir by Javier

Zamora. Javier Zamora's adventure is a three-thousand-mile journey from his small town in El Salvador, through Guatemala and Mexico, and across the U.S. border. He will leave behind his beloved aunt and grandparents to reunite with a mother who left four years ago and a father he barely remembers. Traveling alone amid a group of strangers and a "coyote" hired to lead them to safety, Javier expects his trip to last two short weeks.

Registration link - <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZMkceCupzotHdftaduvRlo3AP-A3JE-m-V>



Key Financials | January 31, 2024

Month	2023	Actual General Offerings	Budget Offering Per Month	Monthly Surplus (Shortfall)	Cumulative (Shortfall)	Unrestricted Expenses	Budgeted Expenses
January	\$25,392	\$33,122	\$35,417	\$ (2,295)	\$ (2,295)	\$37,633	\$38,074
February	\$34,853						
March	\$29,382						
April	\$37,155						
May	\$22,532						
June	\$30,728						
July	\$28,455						
August	\$23,479						
September	\$25,713						
October	\$34,779						
November	\$25,513						
December	\$89,490						
Total	\$407,471	\$33,122	\$35,417			\$37,633	\$38,074



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March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 8:30am Worship 9:30am Bible Study 9:30am Coffee Hour 10:30am Worship 10:30am Kids Connect 12:00pm "Men Who Cook" Contest 1:00pm Televised Worship (Ch. 992)	4 4:00pm Boy Scout Pancake Supper	5 9:30am Staff Meeting 11:00am Pastors Text Study 6:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Dartball	6 9:00am Men's Group 5:00pm Televised Worship (Ch. 992) 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Lenten Worship 7:30pm Choir	7 6:00pm OA	1 8	2 5:00pm Worship
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Worship with Us.
Saturday - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 8:30 am
10:30 am

TO:

Our Staff:

Rev. Anthony Dusso	Pastor
Valerie Dusso	Administrative Assistant
Kellie Carrier	Children's Ministry Coordinator
Milton Dodson	AV Assistant
Grant Dusso	AV Assistant
Kelly Erdmann	Financial Secretary
Cheryl Licary	Organist & Choir Director
Jean Lincoln	Lay Pastoral Assistant
Molly Rosenbloom	Youth Ministry Coordinator

Holy Week and Easter

AT OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



PALM SUNDAY

March 24

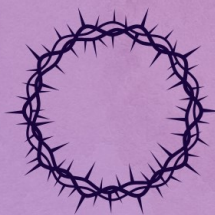
Worship at
8:30 am &
10:30 am



MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 28

Worship at
7:00 pm



GOOD FRIDAY

March 29

Worship at
12:00 pm
and 7:00 pm



EASTER

March 31

Worship at
6:30 am, 8:30 am
and 10:30 am

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