

APRIL 2024

THE MESSENGER

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Beloit, WI



Nature: God's First Scripture



Ever since the creation of the world, God's invisible qualities – God's eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, because they are understood through the things God has made. – Romans 1:20

As False Spring has moved into Genuine Spring (without a return of Never-Ending Winter) many have taken advantage of the outdoors without needing skis or snowmobile suits. In our neighborhood, kids have been riding bikes, families have been playing catch, grills have been fired up, and coats left in the closet. All of this without a single leaf making an appearance on bare trees that surround us.

If you're inclined to take advantage of the extended springtime and enjoy walking along the Rock River or hiking at a nearby park, I encourage you to use that time to be with God in prayer. Divine Noticing is the practice of slowly engaging in an activity such as reading a Bible passage and noticing what sticks out for you: what is the Holy Spirit revealing to you at that moment? Wonderfully, Divine Noticing can also be

done without reading a single word and just allowing your eye to gaze upon the world around you. What is the Holy Spirit revealing to you in nature?

The Apostle Paul points out in Romans 1 that long before there were words and writing and things to read, God was revealing God's self through nature. Paul felt there was no excuse for anyone to be ignorant of the Creator's hand. St. Francis of Assisi treasured experiencing God through the active and vibrant activity of the natural world. His life and teachings were a reflection of the idea that nature is God's first Bible. In fact, Teilhard de Chardin even wrote that the entire "physical structure of the universe is love." The fingerprints of God are everywhere.

As you practice Divine Noticing, in this case called *Visio Divina*, "sacred seeing," be ready to be surprised by the Holy Spirit. God may grab your full attention to the point where nothing else matters. In your heart you will know God is with you in this experience. Consider marking the moment by journaling or writing a poem. Do any questions come to your mind because of the experience?

God is everywhere. In him we live and move and have our being. As you journey through this Easter Season be ready to notice where and how the resurrected Christ is being revealed to you.

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.



A Message from our Board President

Peace, love and grace to all of you. As board president for the next couple of years, I would like to thank each of you for being members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and sharing your gifts and talents with our church family.

Our new board, with newly installed members and officers, had our first meeting on February 22 and we're very excited about the work that we will be doing at OSLC in the near future. The Organizational Audit that we are doing with Turning West is nearly complete. We will be exploring opportunities to share information about the audit and our actions in response with the congregation at large soon. We look forward to creating meaningful opportunities for our faith family at OSLC to look at our time together in worship and service to God through a fresh lens.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about our work as a board or anything else you would like to share that would benefit the board in our service to you, my email is anthonymboscojr@gmail.com.

Peace to all of you! Tony Bosco



Welcome Back Molly!

Molly Rosenbloom has returned from maternity leave and has begun serving as our new Youth Ministry Coordinator. This month we will install her into that position as well as have a chance to celebrate both her return and

her new baby, Eleanor Abigail Rosenbloom on **Sunday, April 14** with a "Book Shower" after the late service. Please bring a book for baby Eleanor. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome to come.



Thank you for your generosity!

A special thank you to everyone who participated in our "Lenten Service Opportunity" collecting new haircare products for Caritas. With your help, so far, we've been able to deliver 101 bottles of

shampoo and conditioner to Caritas!



Confirmation Mentor Night

Our confirmation classes will return to their usual schedule with Mentor Night on **Wednesday, April 10 at 7:00 pm**. Then the next two Wednesdays we will be having regular class looking at both the Book of Acts and the Letters of Paul.



Young @ Heart



On **Thursday, April 11 from 12:00-2:00 pm**, come out for lunch and fellowship. Menu: Scallop potatoes and Ham, Southern style green beans (with bacon), Coleslaw, Homemade rolls, and Pie. In order to prepare lunch, please sign-up on the sheet located on the counter in the Commons.

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Trivia Night

Come together for a night of laughter and friendly competition! Trivia Night will be held **Saturday, April 20 at 6:30 pm**. Gather your team of 6-8 players, cost is \$10 per person. Added bonus: \$10 for 10 Mulligans may

be purchased for answers that you don't know. Sign up your team on the bulletin board in the Commons. BBQ, hot dogs, chips, and snacks will be provided. All proceeds support the youth going to the 2024 ELCA National Youth Gathering.



WELCA Salad Luncheon

The women of Our Savior's Lutheran Church invite you to a salad luncheon on **Wednesday, April 24 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm** at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 749 Bluff Street in Beloit.

A wide variety of salads, featuring hot chicken salad, cinnamon rolls and a variety of bars for dessert will be served.. Coffee and lemonade will be served. Our fresh cinnamon rolls will also be available for purchase. Ticket prices are \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Everyone is welcome.



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.

2024 Vacation Bible School

SAVE THE DATE

AUGUST 5-8
5:30-7:30 pm

Our Savior's
Lutheran Church



Time to Register for Lutherdale Camp!

Students in first grade through high school have a ton of overnight camp options available at Lutherdale! Check out www.lutherdale.org to learn about

all the options and to register. Don't forget, OSLC has a camper scholarship available!

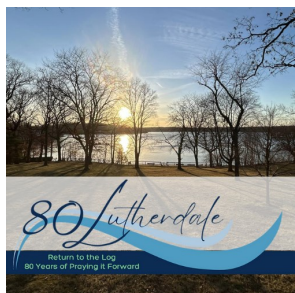


Lutherdale Camperships

Thanks to the generosity of several donors, including our WELCA group once again, we're able to offer Camperships for OSLC students this year.

Completed Campership

Applications are due to either the office or Pastor Tony by Sunday, April 14. Also, this year, confirmation students are attending the week of Confirmation camp, June 16-21. As it is part of our confirmation program, OSLC will cover most of the cost of that week with camperships and other available funds. The last day to register for confirmation camp and to be eligible for campership assistance is April 14.



Celebrating 80 years!

2024 marks Lutherdale's 80th year in ministry. On **Saturday, April 20**, Lutherdale is hosting an 80th anniversary congregation celebration! It kicks off with a worship service at 1:00 pm and then from 2:00-4:00 pm friends

are encouraged to gather for crafts, activities, interactive stations, light refreshments, and a beautiful view of Lauderdale Lake. If interested, please RSVP to info@lutherdale.org.

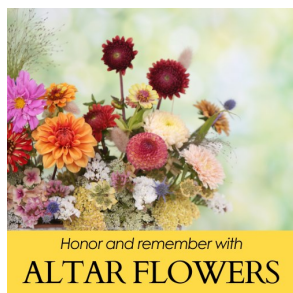


Prayer Chain

Our prayer chain is pleased to join you in prayer. Each Monday, an email is sent to our prayer chain with the names of people we are lifting up in prayer for the week. Prayer requests can be submitted via worship cards

(yellow slip) or by emailing the church office at office@oursaviorsbeloitwi.org.

Members of Our Savior's Prayer Chain make a commitment to pray for these sisters and brothers in Christ throughout the week.



Altar Flowers

Would you like to sponsor Altar Flowers? A Flower Chart is posted in the Commons. To sponsor Altar Flowers please write your name next to the date on the sign up sheet, take an Altar Flower envelope, and return the

completed envelope with payment in the offering plate or to the church office. The cost to sponsor flowers is \$50.00 per week.



Lutherans on the Move

This year Lutherans on the Move travels to Virginia Beach, Colonial Williamsburg and Historic Norfolk. We will have a guided tour of Williamsburg and take a narrated cruise around the Naval

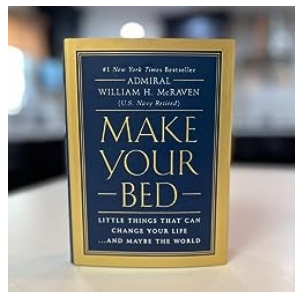
Base in Norfolk and yes we will see the USS Wisconsin. There will also be stops enroute and on our return home. Cost of the trip is \$1229.00 per person for nine days and eight nights. Dates of the trip are **September 28 to October 6, 2024**. There are flyers on the bulletin board in the Commons, if you are interested or if you have questions please contact Jean Lincoln. A \$75.00 deposit is required to hold your seat.



Children's Books

Children's books are now on display in the library. At this time, we only have room for a small display of picture books on top of some shelves and cupboards; however, this display will be changed monthly. Parents may

need to help their children sign out the books by putting the child's name and date on the card that is in a pocket at the front or back of the book. The card may be placed in the small basket on the library desk. After your child finishes the book, return it to the library and place it in the larger basket next to the desk.



In the Spotlight

This month's "In the Spotlight" book review is presented by Jean Lincoln, be sure to check out the Library's featured display on **Sunday, April 14.**

"Make Your Bed" by Admiral William H. McRaven. This book is

a quick read and very inspirational. The Admiral talks about personal stories and trials that he personally went through as he went through the training to become a Navy SEAL.

One of the lessons that teaches over and over is that "nothing can replace the strength and comfort of one's faith, but sometimes the simple act of making your bed can give you the lift you need to start your day and provide you the satisfaction to end it right. If you want to change your life and maybe the world- start by making your bed!!" If you make your bed every morning you will have accomplished the first task of the day. He goes on to give 10 points to accomplish and overcome trials of everyday life and trials.

This book became very popular when he gave the commencement speech at the University of Texas, over 10 million viewers have seen his speech on u-tube. If you have the chance be sure to see it.

There are many great quotes in this book and I hope you enjoy and are inspired by it as much as I was.

Women of the ELCA

Circle Meetings

Anna Circle - Tuesday, April 2 at 6:30 pm
Meeting at church.

Naomi Circle - Monday, April 8 at 5:30 pm

Rebekah Circle - Thursday, April 11 at 9:30 am
Meeting at church.

Elizabeth Circle - Tuesday, April 16 at 1:00 pm

Shalom Circle - Wednesday, April 17 at 9:00 am

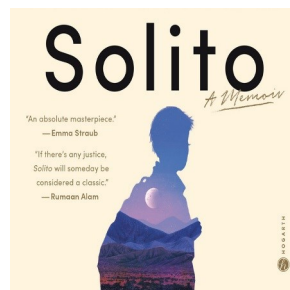
SEWING BEE

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

KNIT WITS | Wednesday, April 10
2:00 pm at the home of Deanna Feuerstein

GREETING CARD SALES | Sunday, April 14
During Coffee Hour in the Commons

BOARD MEETING | Thursday, April 18
4:00 pm in the Chapel.



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

Everybody
Welcome!



Our Savior's Lutheran
Women of the Church
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Salad Luncheon

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Wednesday, April 24, 2024
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Featuring.....

- Hot Chicken Salad
- Variety of Salads
- Cinnamon Rolls
- Selection of Desert Bars



Cinnamon Rolls
For Sale to Take Home

Tickets

\$ 7.00 Adults

\$ 4.00 Children 12 & under

Tickets sold at the door

Key Financials | February 29, 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	\$30,057	\$35,417	\$ (5,360)	\$ (5,360)	\$33,157	\$38,074
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	\$63,179	\$70,834			\$70,790	\$76,148



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April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 EASTER MONDAY Office Closed 8:30am Sewing Bee	2 6:00am Election/Polling Place 9:30am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Boy Scouts 6:30pm Anna Circle	3 9:00am Men's Group 5:00pm Televised Worship (Ch. 992)	4 6:00pm OA	5 9:30am BAREA Board Meeting	6 5:00pm Worship
7 EASTER 2 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee Hour 10:30am Worship 10:30am Kids Connect 1:00pm Televised Worship (Ch. 992)	8 8:30am Sewing Bee 5:30am Naomi Circle	9 11:00am Pastors Text Study 6:00pm Boy Scouts	10 10:00am Second Harvest 2:00pm Knit Wits (Feuerstein) 5:00pm Televised Worship (Ch. 992) 7:00pm Confirmation Mentor Night	11 9:30am Rebekah Circle 12:00pm Young @ Heart 6:00pm OA 6:30pm Choir	12	13 5:00pm Worship
14 EASTER 3 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee Hour 10:30am Worship 10:30am Kids Connect 11:45am Book Shower for Molly 1:00pm Televised Worship (Ch. 992)	15 8:30am Sewing Bee 9:00am Newsletter Deadline	16 9:30am Staff Meeting 11:00am Pastors Text Study 1:00pm Elizabeth Circle 6:00pm Boy Scouts	17 9:00am Men's Group 9:00am Shalom Circle 5:00pm Televised Worship (Ch. 992) 7:00pm Confirmation	18 11:00am BAREA Meeting 4:00pm WELCA Board 6:00pm OA 6:30pm Choir	19	20 5:00pm Worship 6:30pm Trivia Night
21 EASTER 4 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee Hour 10:30am Worship/Children's Sunday 1:00pm Televised Worship (Ch. 992)	22	23 9:30am Staff Meeting 10:00am Second Harvest 11:00am Pastors Text Study 6:00pm Boy Scouts	24 11:00am Salad Luncheon 5:00pm Televised Worship (Ch. 992) 7:00pm Confirmation	25 6:00pm OA 6:30pm Board Meeting	26	27 5:00pm Worship
28 EASTER 5 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee Hour 10:30am Worship 10:30am Kids Connect 1:00pm Televised Worship (Ch. 992)	29 8:30am Sewing Bee	30 11:00am Pastors Text Study 6:00pm Boy Scouts				

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Saturday - 5 :00 pm

Sunday - 8:30 am

10:30 am

TO:

Our Staff:

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Valerie Dusso
Kellie Carrier
Milton Dodson
Grant Dusso
Kelly Erdmann
Cheryl Licary
Jean Lincoln
Molly Rosenbloom

Pastor
Administrative Assistant
Children's Ministry Coordinator
A/V Assistant
A/V Assistant
Financial Secretary
Organist & Choir Director
Lay Pastoral Assistant
Youth Ministry Coordinator

TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, April 20

Funs starts at 6:30 pm

\$10
per person
(Pay that night)

Added bonus: \$10 for 10 Mulligans may be purchased for answers that you don't know.

BBQ, Hot Dogs, and snacks will be provided.

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