

MAY 2025

THE MESSENGER

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Beloit, WI



Let's Go Fishing!



Cast the net to the right side of the boat and you will find some. So, they cast it, and they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.
-John 21:6

Peter said, "How about we go fishing?" **Six disciples said yes and jumped into the boat with him.** All night long, they cast their net in hopes of catching fish. They were experienced and knew what they were doing. But alas, they caught nothing. They didn't even have a story about one that got away. Then at daybreak, **some stranger from the shore tells them to cast their nets on the other side of the boat and that's where they will find the good fishing.** You can imagine their grumbling about the seemingly crazy bit of advice offered. Why would it matter which side of the boat the net was cast on? Perhaps to prove the stranger wrong, they cast their net on the other side. Imagine their surprise when the net filled with fish! Suddenly they had a change of heart about the stranger on shore. John was the first to realize who it was and recognized the voice of the resurrected Jesus! Peter was overjoyed and, like Forest Gump seeing Lt. Dan on shore, with concern for nothing else, jumps out of the boat so he can swim to him.

Our Savior's has been about the work of ministry, not for just one night, but for over one hundred years. Recently, **the familiar voice that had been guiding the work had to leave.** Ministry these days might seem a bit less fruitful and more challenging. Even without a change in leadership this would be true. **The tried-and-true ways of going about ministry don't seem to work anymore. Add to that there are now new and unfamiliar voices offering guidance.** Voices like Bishop Joy, Pastor Debra, and myself. Each of us with a degree of confidence in our guidance but also understanding that our voices are not yet familiar or trustworthy.

Dear friends in Christ, **like Jesus' disciples during the days after his death, you too are living in uncertain and anxious times.** I am inspired and blessed to witness your dedication to keep on doing the **work of ministry. To faithfully still be casting your nets. I encourage you, when someone like Peter invites you to go fishing, to say yes!** I invite you to be open to the new voices that are offering guidance during these uncertain times. Voices that are deeply aware of the trauma that has occurred to your community. **Voices that also deeply desire to help you, not only through this difficult time, but also into a new future that will certainly be different but nevertheless will confidently hold the possibility of an abundant catch.**

Finally, a note about what a miraculous ministry catch is. Of course, we are called to grow God's kingdom numerically. But **a miraculous catch can also be the abundant care, love, grace, compassion, and mercy that we share with one another.** I pray that Our Savior's fishing nets burst with such a miraculous catch.

In Christ
Pastor Brian Ferguson
Transition Pastor

To reflect God's love through caring service to our church, the community, and the world.

Welcome New Members

Welcome to the following new members who joined our congregation on Sunday, April 6.



Cody and Kelsey
Olson



Daniel Diehl Albert
Klingenberg

Take a moment to welcome and become acquainted with these new members of the Our Savior's family! A special thank you to Marge Harris for making a delicious cake to celebration this special occasion!

Kids Connect Sunday



Join us on **Sunday, May 4** at the 10:30 am worship service, as our youth and Kids Connect students share their gifts throughout worship with lessons and special music.

Kids Meet Up



Calling all Pre-K through 5th graders! Get ready for an afternoon of fun at OSLC on **Sunday, May 4 at 11:30 am!** We'll be bringing out the jump house, going on a scavenger hunt through the church, and doing some spring crafts! Sign-up for this fun event in the Commons.

Trivia Night



Come together for a night of laughter and friendly competition!

Trivia Night will be held **Saturday, May 3 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.

Salad Luncheon



WELCA invites you to a salad luncheon on **Wednesday, May 7 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.** 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. Fresh cinnamon rolls will also be available for purchase. Ticket prices are \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Everyone is welcome.

Reserve your table today!

TRIVIA NIGHT

Bring your friends and your brain power for an unforgettable night of trivia!

SATURDAY, MAY 3

THE FUN BEGINS AT 6:30 PM

Gather your team of 6-8 players and sign-up in the Commons! Cost is \$10 per person. BBQ, Hot Dogs, chips, and snacks will be provided. Door prizes will be available. All proceeds benefit our youth ministry.

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Young @ Heart

On **Thursday, May 8 from 12:00-2:00 pm**, come out for fellowship, lunch, and more. Lunch will be a chicken salad croissant with assortment of salads, chips and cobbler, In order to prepare lunch,

please sign-up on the sheet located on the counter in the Commons by Sunday, May 4. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Lincoln or any member of the Fellowship Team.



Parents of Graduates

Let's celebrate your graduate! In order to prepare for our upcoming Graduation Sunday, please email Molly (molly@oursaviorsbeloitwi.org) about 6-7 pictures (baptism, elementary, confirmation, high

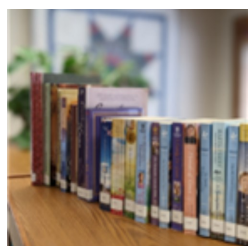
school, etc.) along with the following information: full name, name of high school, name of college attending/ or other plans, potential major, and any extra curricular activities they plan to pursue. Deadline for submissions: May 31.

High School Graduation Sunday and Scholarship Recognition will be on **June 8, 2025 at 10:30 am**.



Save the Date

Worship and Church Picnic will be held on **Sunday, June 22 beginning at 10:30 am** at Leeson Park, 2200 Milwaukee Road, Beloit, WI. Worship will include special music, followed by a potluck-style picnic.



OSLC Library

Each year the library is budgeted \$100 dollars to purchase supplies and books. If you have a suggestion for a book or author that you would like to see in our library, just write a note and leave it on the desk. Sometimes,

it is possible to order used books that are in excellent condition, and this money may purchase 5 or 6 used books. Since this is a church library, our books are Christian themed, by Christian authors, or educational books about other religions.



Circle Meetings

Anna Circle - Tues., May 6 at 6:30 pm
Meeting at church in the Fellowship Hall.

Rebekah Circle - Thurs., May 8 at 9:30 am
Meeting at church. Hostess: Linda Swedberg

Naomi Circle - Mon., May 12 at 5:30 pm
@ The Rock

Elizabeth Circle - Tues., May 20 at 12:30 pm
Hostess: Kay Tiritilli

Shalom Circle - Wed., May 21 at 9:00 am
Hostess: Kay Alpers

SEWING BEE

Mondays from 8:30-11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall
No Sewing Bee on May 5 or May 26.

KNIT WITS

Second Wednesday of each month.
May 14 at 2:00 pm | The home of Deanna Feuerstein

BOARD MEETING

Thursday, May 15 at 4:00 pm



Thank You from Caritas!

John Winkelmann, president of the Caritas Board, appreciated our hair care product donation and asked that his thank you be passed on to our congregation. We do three major collections during the year: birthday bags, Advent food collection, and hair care products. Our congregation is always very generous in their response. Any other time during the year, we always welcome donations of nonperishable foods, hygiene products, and paper goods. They may be placed in the blue barrel in the Commons. We are serving God through service to our community.

KIDS CONNECT SUNDAY



SUNDAY, MAY 4 at 10:30 AM

You are invited to "Kids Connect Sunday" - children and youth will share their gifts throughout worship with lessons and special music.

KIDS MEET-UP!

Sunday, May 4 at 11:30 am

Join OSLC kids in grades Pre-K through 5th grade for an afternoon of food, the jump house, a scavenger hunt and crafts!

Meet on Sunday May 4 at 11:30 am in the Commons. Make sure to bring along some extra, "grubby" clothes in case you get paint on them.

Tell Me More:

- PB&J Sandwiches, Chips, and a Dessert
- Awesome friends from church
- Spring Crafts
- A scavenger hunt that will take you throughout the church!



Sign up in the Commons!



KIDS CONNECT
YEAR-END PARTY



SUNDAY, MAY 11
10:30 AM

We will have an end of the year celebration during our Kid's Connect hour. Join us for games, snacks, and crafts!



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUMMER SCHEDULE

June 1, 15, & 29
July 13 & 27
August 10 & 24

Sunday morning activities for children in grades Pre-K through 5th. Children will join their parents for worship at 10:30 am. They will be invited up for the Children's Moment (early in the service) and after will head outdoors for activities. Kids Connect concludes at the end of the late service.

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Worship Assistants

We have plenty of opportunities to aid in worship. These roles can be occupied by anyone in the congregation. If you have any interest in performing one of these roles, please get in touch with our Lay Pastoral Assistant, Jean Lincoln, for more information.

- **Assisting Minister**

Assist with congregational prayer, setting the of the Table, and distributing Holy Communion.

- **Communion Assistant**

Assist the presiding and assisting ministers with the distribution of wine during Holy Communion.

- **Lector**

Read the assigned scripture passages for the day.

- **Greeter**

Welcome all who enter the church for worship as a means of expressing the hospitality of the congregation.



Key Financials | March 31, 2025

Month	2024 Actual General Offerings	2025 Actual General Offerings	Budget Offering Per Month	Monthly Surplus (Shortfall)	Cumulative Shortfall	Unrestricted Expenses	Budgeted Expenses	Reimbursed from Foundation
January	\$33,122	\$30,280	\$35,417	\$ (5,137)	\$ (5,137)	\$33,443	\$38,587	\$3,582
February	\$30,057	\$33,392	\$35,417	\$ (2,025)	\$ (7,162)	\$36,404	\$38,587	
March	\$35,334	\$53,283	\$35,417	\$ 17,866	\$ 10,704	\$34,303	\$38,587	
April	\$26,590							
May	\$29,958							
June	\$30,906							
July	\$24,822							
August	\$22,910							
September	\$24,930							
October	\$32,017							
November	\$47,249							
December	\$35,290							
Total	\$373,185	\$116,955	\$106,251			\$104,150	\$115,761	\$3,582



May 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:00pm OA 6:30pm Choir	2	3 11:30am Kids Meet Up 5:00pm Worship 6:30pm Trivia Night
4 3 EASTER 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee Hour 9:30am Youth Connect 10:30am Kids Connect Worship 1:00pm Televised Worship (Ch. 992)	5	6 9:00am Staff Meeting 11:00am Pastors Text Study 6:00pm Boy Scouts 6:30pm Anna Circle	7 9:00am Men's Group 11:00am Salad Luncheon 5:00pm Televised Worship (Ch. 992) 7:00pm Confirmation	8 9:30am Rebekah Circle 12:00pm Young @ Heart 5:30pm Personnel 6:00pm OA 6:30pm Choir	9	10 5:00pm Worship
11 4 EASTER 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee Hour 9:30am Youth Connect 10:30am Worship 10:30am Kids Connect Year-end Party 1:00pm Televised Worship (Ch. 992)	12 8:30am Sewing Bee 2:00pm Care Team 5:30pm Naomi Circle	13 9:00am Staff Meeting 11:00am Pastors Text Study 6:00pm Boy Scouts	14 10:00am Second Harvest 2:00pm Knit Wits 5:00pm Televised Worship (Ch. 992)	15 Newsletter Deadline 4:00pm WELCA Board 6:00pm OA	16	17 5:00pm Worship
18 5 EASTER 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee Hour 10:30am Worship 1:00pm Televised Worship (Ch. 992)	19 8:30am Sewing Bee	20 9:00am Staff Meeting 11:00am Pastors Text Study 12:30pm Elizabeth Circle 6:00pm Boy Scouts	21 9:00am Men's Group 9:00am Shalom Circle 5:00pm Televised Worship (Ch. 992)	22 6:00pm OA 6:30pm Board Meeting	23	24 5:00pm Worship
25 6 EASTER 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee Hour 10:30am Worship 1:00pm Televised Worship (Ch. 992)	26 MEMORIAL DAY <i>Office Closed</i>	27 9:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Second Harvest 11:00am Pastors Text Study 6:00pm Boy Scouts	28 5:00pm Televised Worship (Ch. 992)	29 6:00pm OA	30	31 5:00pm Worship

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Worship with Us.
Saturday - 5 :00 pm
Sunday - 8:30 am
10:30 am

TO:

Women ^{of the} **ELCA** 

SALAD LUNCHEON

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

FEATURING:
HOT CHICKEN SALAD
VARIETY OF SALADS
CINNAMON ROLLS
DESSERT BARS

TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR:
\$8 - ADULTS
\$4 - CHILDREN 12 & UNDER

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