

MARCH 2026

THE MESSENGER

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Beloit, WI



WELCOME TO THESE FORTY DAYS AT OUR SAVIOR'S

Many of you have met me, since I started here on February 1. Obviously I don't know all the traditions of your congregation yet, but we are part of the same body of Lutherans, so I trust that while I may do things a little differently than you are use to, I am shaped by the same tradition and gospel as you. I look forward to this season as we turn to focus on "Hope in Hard Times".

I hope to see you at both Wednesday worship that follows a soup supper in the Commons, as well as Sunday morning. On Wednesdays I will have a brief reflection tucked with the beautiful "Holden Evening Prayer" service. These midweek services will be around the tables in the Commons.

LENT 2026: HOPE IN HARD TIMES

MIDWEEK WORSHIP - 6:30 PM

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18
"OUT OF THE ASHES"

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25
"A SEASON OF SORROW"

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4
"WOUNDED, WEEPING: WHAT IS LOST?"

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11
"TURNING, TRUSTING: WHAT IS LEFT?"

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18
"HEALING, HOPING: WHAT IS POSSIBLE?"

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25
"THE PATH OF PRAYER"

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2
"BETWEEN THE TIMES OF PLENTY"

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3
"O GOD, WHY ARE YOU SILENT?"

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 9:30 AM

FEBRUARY 22
"PREPARING FOR THE JOURNEY"

MARCH 1
"THE POWER OF SMALL STEPS"

MARCH 8
"WATER TO SHARE"

MARCH 15
"THE UNFINISHED SERMON"

MARCH 22
"NO EXCUSES!"

MARCH 29 - PALM/PASSION SUNDAY
"THE CRY OF THE WHOLE CONGREGATION"
This worship experience is written lovingly and with passion by Walter Wangerin and will pull ALL of us into the Passion story. Come and experience sight, sound, music and motion crafted to bring us into the heart of Jesus' story.

APRIL 6 - THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
"NEW BEGINNINGS AGAINST THE ODDS"
A new story line.

May the Holy Spirit fill, surround, and sustain you as we enter the forty days of Lent.

Anne Andert
Interim Pastor

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

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

WELCOMES NEW INTERIM PASTOR

Pastor Anne Andert is a retired pastor from Janesville. Her last call was senior pastor at Faith Lutheran Church, Janesville. She is a second career pastor, her first being as a RN in ICU, and then a parish nurse as she attended seminary. She and her husband, David, also a retired pastor, have three adult children and three grandchildren. Since they retired, they have walked the Camino de Santiago (a 500-mile Christian pilgrimage in Spain / France) three times, which has put them on a healthy trajectory for retirement.



**PASTOR
ANNE ANDERT**
Interim Pastor

Coming out of retirement was really not in the plan, but for whatever reason, the Holy Spirit persevered and brought her here as interim pastor until the next pastor is called. She is "weirdly excited" to share this time and space with us.

Pastor Anne will take Mondays as her day off. She will be in the office Tuesday through Friday during regular hours, and is happy to meet with you outside of the regular office hours if that works better with your schedule. She looks forward to meeting the good folks of Our Saviors, and walking with all of us during this time.

Thank you to everyone who has returned the "helpful information" card. If you haven't mailed in your card, please drop in the mail so Pastor can get to know more about you and our congregation!

Pastor Anne can be reached by emailing pastoranne@oursaviorsbeloitwi.org or call the church office at (608) 362-0716.

Family Fun @ Coral Cove

Sunday, March 1 from 12-2 pm

Join us for a fun afternoon at Coral Cove on Sunday, March 1! Doors to Coral Cove open at noon and we plan to be there from 12-2 pm. Each child/youth will receive some tokens to start, please come join us! Sign up in the Commons.

Boy Scout Pancake Supper

Monday, March 2 from 4-7 pm

The Boy Scouts are hosting their 61st Pancake Supper on Monday, March 2 from 4-7 pm. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 11 and under, and will be for sale during coffee hour.

Daylight Savings

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 8, 2026, at 2:00 am. On Saturday night, clocks are set forward 1 hour (i.e., losing one hour) to "spring forward."

Young @ Heart

Thursday, March 12 from 12:00-2:00 pm

Come out for fellowship, surprise activities, and a delicious lunch of Corned Beef & Cabbage, potatoes, carrots, and pudding. To help us prepare, please sign-up on the sheet located on the counter in the Commons by Sunday, March 8. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Lincoln or any member of the Fellowship Team.

Order Easter Lilies

Would you like to sponsor Easter Lilies to beautify our altar on Easter Sunday? Plants are \$10 for a single and \$20 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. Deadline for orders is Sunday, March 15.

Bless the Lent We Actually Have

This Lent devotional by Kate Bowler is intended to be used with The Lives We Actually Have or on its own. Visit <https://katebowler.com/lent>

Journey through Lent

Thank you to the many members who contributed to our Lenten devotional, "Journey through Lent," this year. Reflections are being shared each weekday throughout Lent. If you would like to be added to the email list, please contact Valerie at office@oursaviorsbeloitwi.org. May you be blessed by these daily reflections.

Lenten Soup Supper

March 4, 11, 18, and 26

Weekly Lenten Soup Suppers continue Wednesdays at 6:00 pm followed by worship in the Commons.

Sign-up sheets for our Lenten Soup Suppers are available on the counter in the Commons, please consider signing up to provide soup and/or bread.

Midweek Lenten Worship

Among the most exciting practices of our Lenten journey is gathering for worship every Wednesday of the season. 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. This year's services will focus on the theme "Hope in Hard Times" and will be held at 6:30 pm in the Commons.

Lenten Service Opportunity

We are collecting hair care products to assist Caritas in their service to those in need. Donations of new shampoo and conditioner may be placed in the blue bin in the Commons. Thank you for supporting this important ministry.

Reserve your table today!



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

**SUNDAY,
MARCH 22**

THE FUN BEGINS AT 11:30 AM

Gather your team of 6 players of all ages and sign-up in the Commons! Cost is \$10 per person. Tacos and snacks will be provided. All proceeds benefit our youth ministry.



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Our Savior's
Lutheran Church

Visit us online at
oursaviorsbeloitwi.org

Confirmation

Our 7-9th grade confirmands have been working through the Old Testament. We have learned how God can use us even if we are not "perfect" by diving into the stories of Adam and Eve, Jacob, Abraham, Moses, and David. Whether we're building our not-quite-perfect creations with LEGO or creating tabloid headlines about David, we're digging deeper into our faith and having a great time doing it!

As a reminder to confirmands: please remember that you have 12 sermon notes to do per year!

Youth Connect

Come join us on Sundays at 10:30 am as we use The Simpsons to explore the Bible and how we can love others and serve the world (while still having fun). Each week we watch a different episode that relates to where we are in the lectionary. We have great snacks, great discussion, and a lot of laughs.

Kids Connect

We are branching out into play-based learning as we head into the Lenten season! We experimented with this during Transfiguration Sunday where we climbed a "mountain" and then built our own tents just like Jesus, Peter, James, and John. Join us during Lent where we'll cross the River Jordan and spend 40 days surviving the wilderness. We'll see you at Basecamp!

Lutherdale Camperships

Registration is now open for summer camp at Lutherdale! Once again, Our Savior's is pleased to offer camperships to help cover the cost of camp, thanks to the generous support of several donors — including our dedicated WELCA ladies. Register your student for a week of camp at Lutherdale's website lutherdale.org, submit the deposit, and turn in your campership application to us. Campership applications are due to Molly Rosenbloom or the church office by Monday, April 20.

Joyous Sound

A new music ensemble, Joyous Sound, has started at Our Savior's! This intergenerational, family-friendly music group designed to fit busy schedules. All ages and skill levels are welcome: singers, instrumentalists, and those who prefer chimes, bells, or rhythm instruments.

Rehearsals: 4th Sunday of the month

Date: March 22

Time: 10:45–11:15 am

Please sign up in the Commons!

Volunteers Needed for Second Harvest

Second Harvest is especially in need of volunteers this time of year, as many regular helpers are away for the season. If you can spare a few hours once or twice a month, this is a wonderful opportunity to serve our community and make a meaningful difference. If you're interested, please contact Ann at jcsaos@charter.net or reach out to the church office for more information.

New Book Series in the Library

"The Grandma's Attic" series by Arleta Richardson, a Christian author, is a set of four books that feature stories a grandmother shares with her granddaughter about growing up in simpler times. These are chapter books that may interest independent readers in third and fourth grade. Each chapter is very short and relates life lessons that the grandmother learned as a young girl. This series would be wonderful bedtime stories for an adult to read to a child. The lessons grandmother learned may encourage some interesting discussions with your child.

The four books can be read in any order. The following titles will be housed in the children's section of the library:

- *In Grandma's Attic*
- *More Stories from Grandma's Attic*
- *Still More Stories from Grandma's Attic*
- *Treasures from Grandma's Attic*

Circle Meetings

Anna Circle

Tuesday, March 3 at 6:30 pm
Meeting at the church.

Naomi Circle

Monday, March 9 at 5:30 pm
Meeting at the church.

Rebekah Circle

Thursday, March 12 at 9:30 am
Meeting at the church.

Shalom Circle

Monday, March 16 at 9:00 am
Hostess: Betty Johnston

Elizabeth Circle

Tuesday, March 17 at 1:00 pm
Hostess: TBD

SEWING BEE

Every Monday 8:30-11:30 am
Fellowship Hall

KNIT WITS

Wednesday, March 11 at 2:00 pm

BOARD MEETING

Thursday, March 19 at 4:00 pm

SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON

Wednesday, April 15 | 11 am - 1 pm

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

AT OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 29	PALM SUNDAY 9:30 am Worship Service
APRIL 2	MAUNDAY THURSDAY 6:30 pm Worship Service
APRIL 3	GOOD FRIDAY 12:00 & 6:30 pm Services
APRIL 5	EASTER SUNDAY 7:00 & 9:30 am Worship Services

Join us as we celebrate the passion and resurrection of Christ Jesus. Easter Sunday breakfast will be served from 8:00 - 9:30 am.

Bring a friend and enjoy!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

APRIL 19	EUCHRE TOURNAMENT 
APRIL 26	CAMP SUNDAY 
JUNE 9	GRADUATION SUNDAY 
JUNE 14	CHURCH PICNIC 

Be sure to check the church calendar for upcoming events --
<https://oursaviorsbeloitwi.org/calendar>

Everybody
Welcome!



Our Savior's Lutheran
Women of the Church
749 Bluff Street, Beloit, WI
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Salad Luncheon

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Wednesday, April 15, 2026
11:00 am to 12:30 pm
Fellowship Hall



Cinnamon Rolls
For Sale to Take Home

- Featuring.....
- Hot Chicken Salad
 - Variety of Salads
 - Cinnamon Rolls
 - Selection of Dessert Bars

Tickets \$ 10.00 Adults
\$ 4.00 Children 12 & under

Tickets sold at the door

Key Financials | January 31, 2026

Month	2025 General Offerings	2026 General Offerings	Budget Offering Per Month	Monthly Surplus (Shortfall)	Cumulative Shortfall	2026 Expenses	Budgeted Expenses	Reimbursed from Foundation
January	\$30,280	\$28,495	\$33,333	\$ (4,838)	\$ (4,838)	\$25,660	\$35,694	
February	\$33,392		\$33,333				\$35,694	
March	\$53,283		\$33,333				\$35,694	
April	\$24,912		\$33,333				\$35,694	
May	\$25,838		\$33,333				\$35,694	
June	\$32,709		\$33,333				\$35,694	
July	\$21,806		\$33,333				\$35,694	
August	\$27,194		\$33,333				\$35,694	
September	\$29,915		\$33,333				\$35,694	
October	\$27,379		\$33,333				\$35,694	
November	\$25,017		\$33,333				\$35,694	
December	\$33,493		\$33,337				\$35,694	
Total	\$365,218	\$28,495	\$400,000			\$25,660	\$428,328	\$0

MARCH 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 2 LENT 8:30am Choir 9:30am Worship 9:30am Kids Connect 10:30am Coffee Hour 10:30am Youth Connect 12:00pm Coral Cove? 1:00pm Televised Worship	2 8:30am Sewing Bee 4pm Pancake Supper	3 9:00am Staff Mtg 11:00am Text Study 6:00pm Boy Scouts 6:30pm Church in Society 6:30pm Anna Circle 7:00pm Dartball	4 9:00am Men's Group (Riverside Terrace) 12:30pm PEO Meeting 5:00pm Televised Worship 6:00pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Midweek Worship 7:00pm Choir	5 6:00pm OA	6 9:30am BAREA Mtg.	7
8 3 LENT <i>Daylight Savings time begins</i> 9:00am Choir 9:30am Worship 9:30am Kids Connect 10:30am Coffee Hour 10:30am Youth Connect 1:00pm Televised Worship	9 8:30am Sewing Bee 2:00pm Care Team 5:30pm Naomi Circle	10 9:00am Staff Mtg 11:00am Text Study 5:00pm Education? 5:00pm Foundation 6:00pm Boy Scouts 6:30pm WMA Mtg 7:00pm Dartball	11 10:00am Second Harvest 2:00pm Knit Wits 5:00pm Televised Worship 6:00pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Midweek Worship 7:00pm Choir	12 9:30am Rebekah Circle 12:00pm Young @ Heart 2:00pm Fellowship 5:30pm Personnel (Zoom) 6:00pm OA	13	14
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22 5 LENT 9:30am Worship 9:30am Kids Connect 10:30am Coffee Hour 10:45am Joyous Sound 11:30am Tacos & Trivia 1:00pm Televised Worship	23 8:30am Sewing Bee	24 9:00am Staff Mtg 10:00am Second Harvest 11:00am Text Study 6:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Dartball	25 5:00pm Televised Worship 6:00pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Midweek Worship 7:00pm Choir	26 6:00pm OA 6:30pm Board Meeting	27	28
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ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

Worship with Us.
Sunday mornings at 9:30 am



Join us for
**LENT SOUP
SUPPER**
EVERY WEDNESDAY
IN MARCH AT 6:00 PM



**HOLDEN
EVENING
PRAYER**
Midweek Lenten Services
Wednesdays in March @ 6:30 PM
Lent 2026 Theme: "Hope in Hard Times"

SOUP SUPPER AND WORSHIP WILL BE HELD IN THE COMMONS