

APRIL 2026

# THE MESSENGER

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Beloit, WI



## HONORING THE PAST, EMBRACING THE NEW



There was a young couple that bought a home in the country. It was their first home, and they were very proud of it. They moved their few possessions into the home, and then together the couple worked to surround their home with a picket fence. When the construction of the fence was complete, together they painted the fence with fresh white paint. The effect was perfect.

Over the course of time, the white picket fence became weathered and faded in the wind and the rain and the sun. It was no longer their new white picket fence. Now it looked gray. They wanted their old white picket fence back again.

They realized to have their old white fence, the fence would need to be scraped and a new layer of white paint added. They realized, in effect, that in order to have their old white fence back again, they would need to regularly create a new white fence. Otherwise, the old white fence would disappear, becoming an old gray fence.

They could not ignore the fence and have it remain the same. To have the same old white picket fence, they would need to regularly create a new white picket fence.

There are old white picket fences in every faith tradition. Wisdom comes in understanding how, what and when to repaint as we seek to be faithful, so that our lives and ministry are faithful and fruitful. How can we do that respecting the integrity of the original design, and still allow new voices to add a fresh coat of paint to the old traditions; keeping them vital and relevant?

In the book of Isaiah, God says, "Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"

What does it mean to be the church? How does the church even matter in today's world? If Our Savior's Lutheran Church were no longer here, what would be missing in Beloit? How are we unique?

As you receive this we are entering Holy Week, with the celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord just around the corner. It is the season of newness: new life, new beginnings, new chances, new mercies, new possibilities ...

We worship a God who specializes in "new". What will that look like here in this place? As I meet with as many of you as possible throughout the month of April, I will be listening for your hopes and dreams and where you see the new possibilities for Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

May God give us "God-size" dreams, AND the courage to rise up and meet them!

Yours on the journey,  
Pastor Anne Andert



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

## News from the Board

As of the Annual Meeting of February 1, I have been serving as the new president of the OSLC board. At this same time, we were blessed in obtaining the services of our new Interim Pastor, Anne Andert. Pastor Anne led us through the six weeks of Lent on the theme of "Hope in Hard Times." Yes, in many ways these are hard times, but there is comfort and security too.

I am heartened by what is happening at Our Savior's these days. The change to one worship service has been difficult for some, but coming together as one congregation is having a positive effect. One only has to attend the coffee hour following each Sunday service to sense a new camaraderie and commitment to relationship.

Leading my first board meeting in late February, I was joined by veteran members of the board as well as newbies. Taking over my previous duties in the role of secretary is Char Kepler. She jumped into her new job with fortitude and courageous spirit. It's not an easy task to follow a brisk discussion where getting the details down on paper is a challenge. Wanda Faust joins the board as the new chair of the Caring Team and Sue Schimke is the new Education Committee leader. Of course, Joanna Waxler continues as our efficient treasurer. Both she and Char Kepler were formally appointed to their positions at our February meeting. Please thank these devoted members of the congregation for their willingness to serve on the board.

I would be found lacking if I did not mention the tireless commitment of our President Emeritus, Mark Sorenson. He has been invaluable as my mentor and continues to be so. What a relief to know that he will be on the board with us for the coming year.

A final thought: Proverbs 22:1 states, "A good name is to be more desired than great wealth." The key to maintaining a good name is to possess integrity. Integrity keeps your eyes on your own paper during a test. Integrity makes you record and submit only true figures on your expense account. Integrity keeps your personal life pure and straight, regardless of perks which might come to you through compromise. Make no mistake, integrity is tough stuff. Integrity does not take the easy way, make easy choices, or choose the self-serving path. Integrity is what you are when there isn't anyone around to check up on you.

Let me here and now attest to the integrity of your church board. We have all pledged ourselves to the responsibility of managing the business of this church. We will provide support for the programs and groups which use our facility and continue to make worship here at Our Savior's something you can rely on as a comfort in your lives.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church has a good name and continues to maintain a high level of integrity. God bless our continued adherence to our Mission Statement: "To reflect God's love through caring service to our church, the community, and the world."

Peace and love,  
Betty Dygart  
*Board President*

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## Many Thanks!

A heartfelt thank you to all who contributed reflections for our Lenten devotionals. We've received positive feedback from members who have appreciated this daily connection with their brothers and sisters in Christ...

*"I love the daily devotion and prayer each day. Thank you."*

*"Thank you so much for these devotions! I indeed know that God is the answer for every problem, every situation! Thank you so much!"*

## Young @ Heart

**Thursday, April 9 from 12:00-2:00 pm**

Come out for an afternoon of fun and fellowship! Enjoy a delicious breakfast of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, hashbrowns, and fruit. Don't forget to wear your silliest slippers—it's Crazy Slipper Day, and there will be a prize! To help us prepare, please sign-up on the sheet located on the counter in the Commons by Sunday, April 5. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Lincoln or any member of the Fellowship Team.

## Worship Assistants

**Check your calendar and let's plan ahead!**

Please contact Jean Lincoln (jean@oursaviorsbeloitwi.org) via email by Sunday, April 12 if you are unable to serve on any Sundays between May and August.

## WELCA Salad Luncheon

**Wednesday, April 15 from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**

We will have a wide variety of salads, featuring hot chicken salad, cinnamon rolls and bars for dessert. Our fresh cinnamon rolls will also be available for purchase. Ticket prices are \$10.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 12 and under.

## Euchre Tournament

**Sunday, April 19 | 11:30 am - 2:00 pm**

Save the date for a fun afternoon of playing cards and building community. Finger foods will be served. Sign up sheet posted in the Commons!

## Easter Breakfast Sunday, April 5

A church-wide continental breakfast will be served in the Commons, beginning at 8:00 am. Invite friends, fellowship together, and enjoy this Easter celebration.

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.



**young @heart 55+ Olympics**  
MARCH 2026

**WINNERS**

- 1st - Phyllis Anderson
- 2nd - Darryl Schutte
- 3rd - Lynette Rust
- 4th - Ann Hansen
- 5th - Marge Harris
- 6th - Pam Olson
- 7th - Linda Nelson
- 8th - Wanda Faust

## Scholarship Opportunity

Our Savior's Lutheran Church is proud and blessed to offer scholarships for students who will be enrolled in postsecondary education during the 2026-2027 school year. Applications are now available - visit [www.oursaviorsbeloitwi.org/scholarships](http://www.oursaviorsbeloitwi.org/scholarships) for all of the details. The application deadline is April 27, 2026. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 608-362-0716.

We will be recognizing this year's graduates at our 9:30 am service on June 14. If your child will be graduating this year, please notify the church office.

## Camp Sunday

**Sunday, April 26 at 9:30 am**

Get ready to bring the joy, adventure, and spirit of camp right to Our Savior's! Camp Sunday is a day to celebrate all things camp—think campfire-style worship (minus the actual fire, of course), energetic music, and real stories of how camp changes lives. We will welcome Grace Crevier, Youth & Young Adult Program Director, from Lutherdale on April 26 and fellowship during a special coffee hour. You don't want to miss Camp Sunday!

## Joyous Sound

Music ensemble, Joyous Sound, is an 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. Our next rehearsal is April 19 at 10:45 am. Please sign up in the Commons!

## Volunteers 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](mailto:jcsaos@charter.net) or reach out to the church office for more information.

# CAMPERSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE



## LUTHERDALE

Campership applications are now available for OSLC students attending Lutherdale Bible Camp in the summer of 2026. An awarded campership will cover a portion of the cost of attending one of Lutherdale's programs.



## APPLICATIONS

Completed applications are due to Molly Rosenbloom or the office by Monday, April 20.

Applications can be found in the rack between the elevator and sanctuary.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SUMMER CAMPS AT LUTHERDALE - VISIT THEIR WEBSITE.

**[WWW.LUTHERDALE.ORG](http://WWW.LUTHERDALE.ORG)**





Women <sup>of the</sup> **ELCA** 

**JOIN US AT THE 2026  
GATHERING IN  
DES MOINES, IOWA!  
JULY 16-19, 2026**

The theme for the 2026 Triennial Gathering is "I Am Worthy," based on Psalm 139:14: "I am fearfully and wonderfully made." This statement serves as a reminder of God's promise to be with us, even in times of devastation and division. By repeating the phrase "I am worthy," we can recognize the Holy Spirit's ongoing work in our lives. Check the website for all the details:

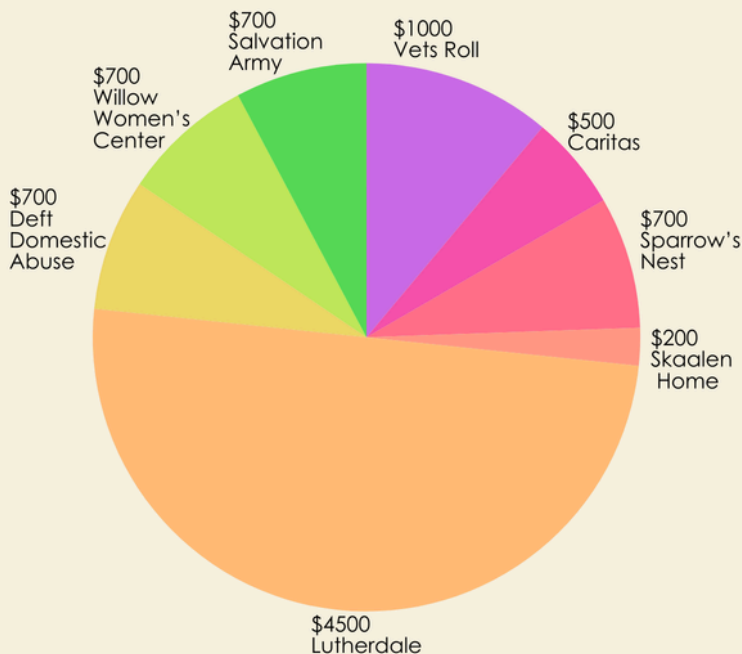
[www.womenoftheelca.org/new-triennial-event-page](http://www.womenoftheelca.org/new-triennial-event-page)

Please register no later June 21, 2026.

If you have any questions, contact  
[Gabriela.Contreras@elca.org](mailto:Gabriela.Contreras@elca.org)

Thanks to your generous support, we are able to support many local organizations!

**WELCA - Fall Harvest Festival  
Distribution of Funds**



**Circle Meetings**

**Rebekah Circle**

Thursday, April 9 at 9:30 am  
Meeting at the church.  
Hostess: Linda Nelson

**Naomi Circle**

Monday, April 13 at 5:30 pm  
Meeting at the church.

**Anna Circle**

Tuesday, April 14 at 6:30 pm  
Meeting at the church.

**Shalom Circle**

Monday, April 20 at 2:00 pm  
Hostess: Julienne Strasser

**Elizabeth Circle**

Tuesday, April 21 at 1:00 pm  
Hostess: Jackie Austin

**SEWING BEE**

Mondays from 8:30-11:30 am  
Fellowship Hall  
No Sewing Bee on April 6 or 13

**KNIT WITS**

Wednesday, April 8 11 at 2:00 pm

**BOARD MEETING**

Thursday, April 16 19 at 4:00 pm

**SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON**

Wednesday, April 15 | 11 am - 12:30 pm

**Everybody  
Welcome!**



Our Savior's Lutheran  
Women of the Church  
749 Bluff Street, Beloit, WI  
608-362-0716

# 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 | February 28, 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	\$33,271	\$33,333	\$ (62)	\$ (4,900)	\$30,969	\$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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$365,218</b>	<b>\$61,766</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>			<b>\$56,629</b>	<b>\$428,328</b>	<b>\$0</b>

# APRIL 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> 9:00am Men's Group (Riverside Terrace) 12:30pm PEO Meeting 5:00pm Televised Worship (Ch. 992)	<b>2</b> 6:00pm OA 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Worship	<b>3</b> 12:00pm Good Friday Worship 6:30pm Good Friday Worship	<b>4</b>
<b>5   EASTER</b> 7:00am Worship 8:00am Easter Breakfast 9:30am Worship 1:00pm Televised Worship (Ch. 992)	<b>6</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>7</b> <i>Office Closed</i> Election Day/ Polling Place	<b>8</b> 10:00am Second Harvest 2:00pm Knit Wits 5:00pm Televised Worship (Ch. 992) 6:00pm Church in Society	<b>9</b> 9:30am Rebekah Circle 12:00pm Young @ Heart 2:00pm Fellowship 6:00pm OA	<b>10</b> 9:30am BAREA Board	<b>11</b>
<b>12   2 EASTER</b> 8:30am Choir 9:30am Worship 9:30am Kids Connect 10:30am Coffee Hour 10:30am Youth Connect 1:00pm Televised Worship (Ch. 992)	<b>13</b> 5:30pm Naomi Circle	<b>14</b> 9:00am Staff Mtg 11:00am Text Study 6:00pm Boy Scouts 6:30pm Anna Circle	<b>15</b> 9:00am Newsletter Deadline 9:00am Men's Group (Riverside Terrace) 11:00am WELCA Salad Luncheon 5:00pm Televised Worship (Ch. 992)	<b>16</b> 4:00pm WELCA Board 5:30pm Personnel (Zoom) 6:00pm OA	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19   3 EASTER</b> 8:30am Choir 9:30am Worship 9:30am Kids Connect 10:30am Coffee Hour 10:45am Joyous Sound 11:30am Euchre Tournament 1:00pm Televised Worship (Ch. 992)	<b>20</b> 8:30am Sewing Bee 2:00pm Shalom Circle	<b>21</b> 9:00am Staff Mtg 11:00am Text Study 1:00pm Elizabeth Circle 6:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>22</b> 5:00pm Televised Worship (Ch. 992)	<b>23</b> 6:00pm OA 6:30pm Board Meeting	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26   CAMP SUNDAY</b> 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour 1:00pm Televised Worship (Ch. 992)	<b>27</b> 8:30am Sewing Bee	<b>28</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Second Harvest 11:00am Text Study 5:00pm Education (Online) 6:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>29</b> 5:00pm Televised Worship (Ch. 992)	<b>30</b> 6:00pm OA		

Updated:  
3/19/2025

ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

**Connect with Us.**

Website: [www.oursaviorsbeloitwi.org](http://www.oursaviorsbeloitwi.org)

Email: [office@oursaviorsbeloitwi.org](mailto:office@oursaviorsbeloitwi.org)

**Worship with Us.**

Sunday mornings at 9:30 am

# HOLY WEEK & EASTER

## AT OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 29  
9:30 am

### PALM 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 2  
6:30 pm

### MAUNDAY THURSDAY

#### "JESUS KNEW"

APRIL 3  
12:00 & 6:30 pm

### GOOD FRIDAY

#### "O GOD, WHY ARE YOU SILENT?"

APRIL 5  
7:00 & 9:30 am

### THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

#### "NEW BEGINNINGS AGAINST THE ODDS"

A new story line.

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