

JUNE 2026

THE MESSENGER

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Beloit, WI



CLAP, SING & CELEBRATE



On June 14 we'll have a worship service of celebration in the parking lot. (weather permitting) We'll recognize and bless the graduates, have a blessing of the bicycles, and enjoy a picnic together after worship in the commons. Please bring your lawn chairs if you have them. There will also be some folding chairs available. We'll face the main door so the sun shouldn't be in our faces, but you might still want your sunglasses. Backroads BDR will provide the music for worship. Bring your toe-tapping shoes and be ready to clap and sing along to some old favorites like 'I'll Fly Away' and 'Will the Circle be Unbroken'. You won't want to miss this festive worship!

Backroads BDR is a trio that focuses on bluegrass, gospel and folk music, often with a fun twist attached. Husband and wife, Becky and Dave Heile, along with their good friend, Rick Trudell make up the band. Thus BDR! They often have other musicians join them, but alone their harmonies will capture your attention. They have been combining their talent for over 20 years, and hope to keep providing joy through music for many years to come!

I hope to see you on Sunday, June 14!
Pastor Anne



Thank You!

A special thank you to Alan Sorenson for sharing with us the importance of "Celebrating What's Right in God's World" on May 24.

Thank you Nancy Lindsey for baking and decorating two beautiful cakes to warmly welcome our new members and celebrate Pentecost!



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

News from the Board



At the last church board meeting one of the members led a devotion centering on the topic of complaining. His point was that we all appear to be true descendants of the Israelites in the desert, critical

of our treatment on this earth, and even sometimes critical of God. "Is God running things, or not?" Maybe we all need to check our "complaining meters." How fast is yours running?

I recall a teacher friend of mine who was one day complaining about her husband because of his constant negativity. It was bringing her down. She said, "I get so tired of listening to Ray. If we need rain, he's complaining about that, and when it rains, it didn't rain enough. Nothing is as it should be with him." And so, in her telling of the story, she too was complaining, continuing a vicious cycle.

I was on the outer edges of a conversation the other day in which a member of the congregation was critical of "how long it's taking to call a new pastor." I wanted to interject with the fact that the Call Committee has barely been formed, has only met in early meetings, and that has occurred only after much coordination with the Synod office and Bishop Joy. As the saying goes, "Rome was not made in a day."

A whole lot of forbearance is in order here. Your fellow church members, voluntarily serving you on various committees are doing their best, working within parameters set for them by the process. Give them your good thoughts and generous prayers rather than your complaints. Instead, give thanks for them and tell them of your thankfulness. Maybe, that will even make you feel better.

Peace and blessings to you,
Betty Dygart
Board President

In the OSLC Family



We express our condolences to the families of Joan Hilmer who died May 6 and John Zsori who died May 17. May light perpetual shine on them. +

Parents of Graduates



Graduation Sunday is June 14! If you have a student graduating from either high school or college this year please let us know. Send the following information to Molly at molly@oursaviorsbeloitwi.org by June 1.

- Name of Graduate
- Name of School and Degree/Diploma
- Future Plans (College, Career, Military, etc.)
- A few photos
- Favorite verse or quote.

Thanks for your Support



Thanks to your generous Campership donations Our Savior's Lutheran Church is sending five youth to Lutherdale this summer!

- Alice Albers
- Daniel Parker
- Jacob Wallendal
- Simon Wallendal
- Talia Walters

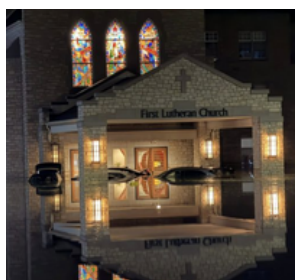
Young @ Heart



On **Thursday, June 11 from 12:00-2:00 pm**, come out for fellowship, lunch, and more. Lunch will be a chicken salad croissant, chips, and ice cream. In order to prepare lunch, please sign-up on the

sheet located on the counter in the Commons by Sunday, June 7. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Lincoln or any member of the Fellowship Team.

We are Church Together!



Thank you so much for everyone who donated to the relief efforts for First Lutheran Church, Janesville, after the flooding. Current estimates are at over \$2M to restore the electricity and mechanical

work alone, not to mention restoration. Insurance capped out at \$10K. The hard conversations include the possibility of a new location or a whole new footprint. So your donations are deeply appreciated at First Lutheran. Thank you for your compassion and concern.

A Few New Additions to Our Library



We have received three new books to be added to our library collection. They will be ready for checkout this month placed on top of one of the library shelving units.

Book 1 The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse: Inspiring Conversations on Hope, Love, and Personal Growth is written and illustrated by Charlie Mackesy. Although the cover of the book looks like it is written for children, it is a beautiful story for all ages. The characters are described as a curious boy, a greedy mole, a wary fox, and a wise horse.

This is a moving story about the conversations these characters have about their fears as well as discoveries about kindness, love, and friendship. This would be an excellent book to read with your children and/or grandchildren. **WARNING:** The script is written in the author's handwriting and is difficult to read. A young person would probably struggle reading this book independently.

Book 2 Hidden Inheritance: Family Secrets, Memory, and Faith is written by Heidi Neumark, a retired ELCA Lutheran minister. The following is a description of the book printed on the Amazon site: "Heidi Neumark's life changed forever when her daughter's late-night online searching exposed a generation of family secrets. From a few computer keystrokes, Neumark discovered her hidden Jewish heritage – and uncovered hundreds of questions: Did her grandfather really die in a concentration camp? How did she never know her grandmother was a death-camp survivor? Why had family history and faith been rejected and hidden? Heidi's search for the truth quickly became more than a personal journey, it also became spiritual."

Book 3 Help, Thanks, Wow (The Three Essential Prayers) is written by Anne Lamott. Written with her down-to-earth honesty and funny sense of humor, this book is a little treasure when it comes to learning about prayer. Anne believes that we should keep prayer simple. This is an example of the beginning of a prayer she wrote when asking God for help - "Hi, God. I am just a mess. It is all hopeless. What else is new?" It is comforting to know that our conversation with God can be just that basic.

The library is always open, so stop in at any time to check out one of these new books or to search through the many titles that we have.

Welcome New Members

Please welcome these new members to Our Savior's community! They joined on Pentecost Sunday, May 24.



Kristy and Kurt Handrich

Kristy and Kurt Handrich are joining us from Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church, Beloit, where Kurt was pastor. Kurt is also a retired educator, and serves as an organizer for the Wisconsin Education Association Council. Kristy is a scientist and educator; also retired. You will usually see them with a puppy or two that they are training as guide dogs. Their current puppies are #51 and 52 in a series of puppies that they have trained! When the puppies are wearing their vests to worship they are "working" and shouldn't be petted. (So hard!) Kurt and Kristy enjoy the silent outdoor sports: hiking, biking, gardening, and raising a few laying chickens. They also enjoy pickleball. Kristy and Kurt have lived in Beloit for over thirty years. Welcome, Kristy and Kurt!

Handrich's sponsors are Russ and Lisa Albert



Donna Komadina

Donna is joining us originally from Elmira, New York by way of Geneva, Illinois. She has lived in Beloit now for four years. She worked at Northrup Gruman for twenty-five years. She was widowed fifteen years ago. She was encouraged to worship at OSLC by another member (thank you, David Van Egmond!) and she says it now "feels like home". Welcome, Donna!

Donna's sponsor is Marge Harris.



Robert Kuhle

Robert has been worshipping at OSLC for awhile now, but had not officially joined. His sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Darryl Schutte encouraged him to become a full member. He is retired from driving truck for forty years, but is still working moving trailers. He is "a very sweet guy to everyone and respects everyone no matter who they are." He misses his wife, Mary, who died a year and a half ago. Robert lives in the same house where he grew up in a family of thirteen, and is a veteran of twenty years.

Welcome, Robert!

Robert's sponsors are Nancy and Darryl Schutte.

What are New Member Sponsors?

The sponsors will help our new members to get to know the life and ministry at Our Savior's. They'll answer questions, and offer friendly check-ins. Research suggests that a new member needs to make 6 to 8 meaningful connections within their first 90 days to stay engaged. Thank you to these sponsors for offering a warm welcome and place of connection.

We Need Your Help to Make Baby Care Kits

A new baby is a blessing, but bringing a baby into the world can also be a difficult and scary thing for a mother living in poverty. Keeping a new baby healthy, clean and comfortable can take a lot of resources. LWR Baby Care Kits provide the basics a family needs to care for their newest members and introduce them to the world with pride.

Currently, we are collecting the following items:

- 2 Cotton T-Shirts (size 0 to 24 months)
- 2 Long or short sleeve tops (size 0 to 24 months)
- 2 Bath Sized Gentle Bar Soap (original wrapping)

A collection bin for all kit supplies is located in the Commons under the LWR bulletin board.

BABY CARE KIT ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

Include the following items in each Baby Care Kit:



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Key Financials | April 30, 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	\$48,388	\$33,333	\$ 15,055	\$ 10,155	\$45,076	\$35,694	
April	\$24,912	\$23,430	\$33,333	\$ (9,903)	\$ 252	\$35,995	\$35,694	\$1,825
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	\$133,584	\$400,000			\$137,700	\$428,328	\$1,825

SAVE THE DATE

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendar and plan to attend this summer's VBS. Three nights of fun for children Pre-K thru 5th grade!



SUMMER 2026

Monday, August 3

Tuesday, August 4

Wednesday, August 5

JUNE 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 8:30am Sewing Bee	2 9:00am Staff Mtg	3 9:00am Men's Group <i>(Riverside Terrace)</i> 5:00pm Televised Worship	4 6:00pm OA	5 9:30am BAREA Board Mtg	6
7 PENTECOST 2 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour 1:00pm Televised Worship	8 8:30am Sewing Bee	9 5:00pm Foundation	10 10:00am Second Harvest 2:00pm Knit Wits 5:00pm Televised Worship	11 12:00pm Young @ Heart 2:00pm Fellowship 5:30pm Personnel (Zoom) 6:00pm OA	12	13
14 PENTECOST 3 Graduate/Scholarship Sunday Blessing of the Bicycles 9:30am Outdoor Worship 10:45am Church Picnic 1:00pm Televised Worship	15 8:30am Sewing Bee 9:00am Newsletter Deadline	16 9:00am Staff Mtg 6:30pm Worship Music Arts Meeting	17 9:00am Men's Group <i>(Riverside Terrace)</i> 5:00pm Televised Worship	18 9:30am BAREA Meeting 4:00pm WELCA Board 6:00pm OA		20
21 PENTECOST 4 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour 1:00pm Televised Worship	22 8:30am Sewing Bee	23 10:00am Second Harvest 5:00pm Education (online)	24 5:00pm Televised Worship	25 6:00pm OA 6:30pm Board Meeting	26	27
28 PENTECOST 5 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour 1:00pm Televised Worship	29 8:30am Sewing Bee	30 9:00am Staff Mtg				

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Worship with Us.

Sunday mornings at 9:30 am

Invite a friend and plan to attend!!!

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OUTDOOR WORSHIP

AND CHURCH PICNIC

 **Sunday, June 14 at 9:30 am**
 **Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

Join us for a celebration worship service with special music by Backroads BDR.
BBQ, hot dogs, lemonade, water, and paper products will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass and lawn chairs.

