

AUGUST 2026

THE MESSENGER

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Beloit, WI



This fall there are *two* exciting new ministry opportunities at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.



Awaken Beloit is, "A movement of churches awakening to God's call, forming life-giving friendships and partnerships, and growing in love for their home

communities." A team from Our Savior's will join a number of other congregations in Beloit for nine months of learning and growing together, embracing Christian practices, building community, strengthening leadership, and connecting with our neighborhoods. Each congregation has made a commitment to bring a team of 4-6 members plus a pastor.

This initiative is funded through the Lily Foundation, and while I have experienced Lily to be very generous with their funding and commitment to churches, I also know that every effort they finance is carefully vetted and worthwhile results expected. Other partners include the Wisconsin Council of Churches, and the Collaboration Project.

I am excited that Our Savior's Board gave the okay to move ahead with this ministry opportunity. We will be learning alongside Beloit teams from:

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

St. Jude Catholic Church

St Paul Lutheran Church / Parroquia San Jose'

United Church of Beloit

New Covenant Life Center

New Zion Baptist Church

Faith Lutheran Church, South Beloit

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

I'll give you updates as we move through the curriculum in the months ahead. I will also have someone partnering with me so that no momentum is lost when it is time to welcome your new pastor. If you are a Facebook person, you can follow along at [WiChurches.org/Awaken](https://www.WiChurches.org/Awaken).

The second new and exciting opportunity is for *EVERYONE* at Our Savior's!

Kids Against Hunger.
ROCK COUNTY ROTARY, INC.
Local people making a world of difference.

Kids Against Hunger is a cooperative effort of the Beloit, Edgerton, and Janesville Rotary Clubs. Their goal is to bring local people together, educating them about local and international hunger problems, and then having people actually package highly nutritious, life-saving meals for those who need them.

On **Sunday, September 13**, for "**God's Work, Our Hands**" Sunday, our congregation will work together to package about **15,000 meals** following worship! It is a fun intergenerational event that you will remember long after the boxes of packaged meals are loaded back into the trailer. There will be LOTS more information on this event coming in the weeks ahead. Meanwhile, save the date and invite your friends and grandchildren to join you for about two hours of working together at tables in the fellowship hall.

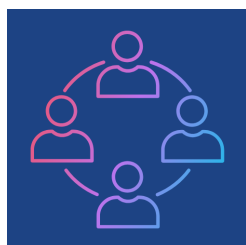
With you on the Journey,
Pastor Anne

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



In the OSLC Family

We express our condolences to the families of Evelyn Quaite and Gary Wolfe who died on July 10. May light perpetual shine on them. +



Update from the Board

Last month Betty and Nathan Dygart stepped down from the board; Nathan, due to medical issues, and Betty to support her son. We are sorry to lose their leadership, and we hold

them both in prayer. At our July Board Meeting the remainder of their terms were filled. *Thank you* to Mark Sorenson as Board President and Russ & Lisa Albert as Worship & Music Committee Chairs, with Russ primary liaison to the Board.



Young @ Heart

On **Thursday, August 13 from 12:00 -2:00 pm**, come out for fellowship, lunch, and bingo! Lunch will be Pizza, Salad, and Ice Cream. In order to prepare lunch, please sign-up on the

sheet located on the counter in the Commons by Sunday, August 9.



Lutheran World Relief

This month we are collecting items for School Kits. We are in need of:

- **70 sheet notebooks**
- **Blunt Scissors**
- **Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers**

Also, we are still collecting **lightweight cotton t-shirts** for the Baby Kits. If you are unable to shop and would like to contribute, monetary donations are always welcome. A collection bin for all kit supplies is located in the Commons under the LWR bulletin board. Thank you!



Fall Harvest Festival

Friday, October 16 and Saturday, October 17

WELCA'S Harvest Festival will be held in October this year! It's time to start collecting all those household

treasures and jewelry (no clothing, please) for our annual sale! Donations will be accepted at the church starting in September. We will also be looking for donations of crafts and baked goods the week before the sale. Thank you in advance.

Key Financials | June 30, 2026

Month	2025 Actual General Offerings	2026 Actual 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	\$26,607	\$33,333	\$ (6,726)	\$ (6,474)	\$32,690	\$35,694	
June	\$32,709	\$28,270	\$33,333	\$ (5,063)	\$ (11,537)	\$37,599	\$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	\$188,461	\$400,000			\$207,989	\$428,328	\$1,825

AUGUST 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 PENTECOST 10 8:30am Choir 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour 1:00pm Televised Worship	3 8:30am Sewing Bee 5:30pm VBS	4 5:30pm VBS 5:30pm National Night Out Block Party	5 9:00am Men's Group (Riverside Terrace) 12:30pm P.E.O. Mtg 5:00pm Televised Worship 5:30pm VBS	6 6:00pm OA	7	8
9 PENTECOST 11 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour 1:00pm Televised Worship	10 8:30am Sewing Bee	11 Election/Polling Place	12 10:00am Second Harvest 5:00pm Televised Worship	13 12:00pm Young @ Heart 6:00pm OA	14	15 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>
16 PENTECOST 12 9:30am Worship w/Blessing of the Backpacks 10:30am Kids Against Hunger Update Mtg. 10:30am Coffee Hour 1:00pm Televised Worship	17 8:30am Sewing Bee	18	19 9:00am Men's Group (Riverside Terrace) 5:00pm Televised Worship	20 4:00pm WELCA Board 5:30pm Personnel (Zoom) 6:00pm OA	21	22
23 PENTECOST 13 8:30am Choir 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour 1:00pm Televised Worship	24 8:30am Sewing Bee 6:30pm Safe Church Mtg.	25 9:00am Staff Mtg 10:00am Second Harvest 6:30pm WMA Meeting	26 5:00pm Televised Worship	27 10:00am Awaken Beloit Clergy (St. Paul's Episcopal Church) 6:00pm OA 6:30pm Board Meeting	28 9:00am BAREA Board Mtg	29
30 PENTECOST 14 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour 1:00pm Televised Worship	31 8:30am Sewing Bee 2:00pm Care Team	 Blessing of the Backpacks Join us on Sunday, August 16, at 9:30 am as we celebrate the start of a new school year! Students, teachers, school staff, and anyone carrying a backpack or briefcase are invited to come forward during the service for a special blessing.				



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CHILDREN GRADES 4K-5TH

What every living thing needs

Join us for a fun and meaningful VBS at Our Savior's Lutheran Church!

EVENINGS FILLED WITH:

- ♥ Compassion
- ♥ Kindness
- ♥ Faith
- ♥ Fun Activities

 **August 3-5, 2026**

 **5:30 - 7:00 PM**
Dinner starts at 5:30 PM

 **749 Bluff St., Beloit WI**

REGISTER TODAY:
www.oursaviorsbeloitwi.org/families/#VBS



 **Showing compassion to all of God's creation!**



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
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2026

JOIN US FOR A
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
BLOCK PARTY
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4
5:30 - 7:00 PM

FELLOWSHIP TEAM WILL PROVIDE
HOT DOGS, BBQ, CHIPS AND WATER.
PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS.

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