

SEPTEMBER 2026

THE MESSENGER

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Beloit, WI



Serving Together: 15,000 Meals for Those in Need

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

We will form an assembly line of eleven people every two tables to measure and weigh each ingredient, pour it into a bag, seal, and then box. It's a fun, intergenerational project!

We will need lots of hands to assemble that many meals!

We have reached out to four neighboring Beloit congregations, and St Paul Lutheran, Faith Lutheran, San Jose', and United Church in Beloit have

Our Savior's Lutheran Church is one of more than 8,300 congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) who will participate in the "God's work. Our hands." day of service on September 13. Across the country, thousands of ELCA members will engage in service work to make a positive change in their communities, build and deepen relationships, and share God's love.

On that day we plan to package 15,000 meals with Kids Against Hunger. What kind of meals can we possibly pack in that quantity? It's a dehydrated meal formulated by food scientists that contains long-grain rice, soy for protein, dehydrated vegetables, flavoring, and a powder of vitamins and minerals and amino acids to supply complete nutrition for a day.

Each meal is smaller than a quart-size baggie and will serve six children. They have a shelf life of at least three years. The cost? \$0.24 per meal. That's the money we are raising through your generous contributions. So for 15,000 meals, we need to raise \$3,600.

all agreed to help us pack meals, along with our Scout Troop 608. I am delighted we can work together!

We'll provide a simple lunch after the packing paid for through a Thrivent Action Team grant.

Kids Against Hunger is a cooperative effort of the Beloit, Edgerton, Janesville Rotary Clubs. Their mission is to eliminate hunger locally and eradicate starvation and malnutrition world-wide. Their efforts have made a significant impact already, but the work is not done.

Some of the food will stay locally, and most will be sent to partner organization for global disasters.

Martin Luther said, "God doesn't need your good work, but your neighbors do." Indeed. God's Work. Our Hands. I hope to see all of you on **September 13** for God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, as we make a very real difference in the world.

~ Pastor Anne

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

Greetings from the Board

We hope you have had a good summer and are ready to dive back into the fall activities here at Our Savior's! Of particular interest is the God's work. Our hands.

event on Sunday, September 13.

We will be working with the Kids Against Hunger campaign to pack roughly 15,000 meals to help feed those in need in our community. The event will take place after worship on the 13; you can sign up in the Commons to help and/or contribute to the fundraising for this important event. This is wonderful way to express our mission statement and show the kind of compassion we profess for the community.

The Constitution Committee is working hard to get our constitution up-to-date, this is required by the synod on a regular basis. We will be having some additional discussions to incorporate some organizational changes to the Board in the next few weeks, we welcome your input as we discern what the committees look like and how they interact with our mission statement.

As I mentioned in a previous Messenger, the church building and operating systems show some signs of their age. The Board has approved the repair of the air conditioning units on the roof to replace some parts with the intention of getting another 3-5 years' worth of service from them. We have some plaster repairs planned in the chapel and sanctuary, these will most likely take place in September. The insurance discussions and quotes for the roof repairs from the hailstorms are ongoing and we hope to have a path forward in the next couple of weeks. A big thank you to Steve Christensen and Jason Parker for shepherding this process along.

Blessings to you,
Mark Sorenson,
President Emeritus



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Join us for fellowship and lunch on **Thursday, September 10, from 12:00–2:00 pm.** We'll enjoy burgers, brats, and sides, followed by a special presentation about **Wisconsin** by Merla Bussan and Julie Rath.

Please sign up on the sheet located on the counter in the Commons by **Sunday, September 6**, so we can plan accordingly. Questions? Contact Jean Lincoln or any member of the Fellowship Team.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Lutheran World Relief

This month we will pack and send all of the kits to Lutheran World Relief for distribution. We are still in need of a few items: **70 sheet notebooks, Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers, and Lightweight cotton t-shirts**

(size 0 to 24 months). 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.



Communion Service and Social Time

The Caring Committee is hosting a communion service followed by refreshments for our homebound members on **Monday, September 14, 2026 at 2:00 pm.**

This service is open to all, and we hope you will attend. **Please RSVP by calling the church office by August 24.** We look forward to seeing you!



New Voices Welcome!

We'd love to add new members to the choir! Rehearsals are Sunday mornings at 8:30 am starting **Sunday, September 20.** All are welcome, including youth grades 6 and up through adults. Schedules are flexible to meet

your availability, or you can choose to sing during certain seasons.

Vacation Bible School

Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who graciously donated their time and talents to help with VBS. Because of your

dedication, our children experienced a fantastic week learning and growing in the love of Jesus. We are deeply grateful for your support and service to our church community!



Confirmation

Doors open at **6:30 pm** every Wednesday for games, snacks, and fellowship—come whenever your family's evening schedule allows before we start our main session at **7:00 pm**!

Current Confirmands

Dates: Wednesday, September 16 – Wednesday, October 21

Time: Doors open at 6:30 pm for hangout time; session runs 7:00–7:45 pm.

Mentor Nights: September 16, September 30, and October 21 (mentors are invited to join us for games starting at 6:30 pm!).

New Confirmands (Grades 4–7)

Dates: Wednesday, October 21 – Wednesday, November 18

Time: Doors open at 6:30 pm for games & fellowship; session runs 7:00–7:45 pm.

Kickoff Night (Oct. 21): Current confirmands will join the new group at 6:30 pm to share their wisdom and help kick off the new season!

Mentor Nights: October 21, November 4, and November 18.

*Questions or want to learn more about the fall schedule?
Contact molly@oursaviorsbeloitwi.org.*





THANK YOU FOR
EVERYONE WHO CAME
OUT FOR THE
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
BLOCK PARTY!



Packing and Shipping

The Sewing Bee is asking for assistance in preparing kits, putting quilts on pews, and packing quilts for Lutheran World Relief on **Monday, September 21 and 28 from 8:30-11:30 am.**

Also, the Sewing Bee is looking for couple of "strong arms" to help load boxes into a trailer on **Saturday, October 3 at 8:00 am** and take to Rockford. If you are willing to help, please contact the church office at (608) 362-0716.

SAVE THE DATE



Cards for Veterans

We hope you will join us from **2-6 pm** on **Friday, October 2**, for a card making event. You'll help to create handmade cards that will be given to local veterans attending VetsRoll 2027. No previous experience in making cards is required and all the

necessary supplies will be provided. Bring a snack to share, and a beverage of your choice. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a friend for this casual gathering!



Trunk-or-Treat

Trunk-or-Treat will take place following worship on **Sunday, November 1**. Keep those costumes out for one more day! We will need volunteers to decorate their car trunks and hand out candy. Start thinking of a creative theme and plan join in

the fun! Contact molly@oursaviorsbeloitwi.org for more information.



Discovering the Sacred in Creation:

A Nature Spirituality Retreat with Larry Harpster

Spend the weekend learning, worshipping, having fun, and enjoying nature in God's creation as we invite nature to contribute in the worship experience.



The weekend begins on Saturday, October 3 and will include songs, readings, prayers, worship and a bonfire. Sunday, October 4 will include an outdoor Wild Church service.

Everyone is welcome to participate in some or all of the weekend activities.

Register today at:

<https://www.lutherdale.org/adult-ministry>

WELCA'S FALL HARVEST Festival

Join us for the Fall Harvest Festival on
Friday, October 16
9:00 am to 4:00 pm
and
Saturday, October 17
9:00 am to 2:00 pm



LUNCH & DESSERTS

Lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. Tickets cost \$10 each.



A variety of delicious desserts will also be available for a freewill offering.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We appreciate volunteers to help in the kitchen, setup, and sales. If you would like to help, please contact the church office or Pat Brogan.



HOUSEHOLD, CRAFT, BAKE, & JEWELRY SALES

Once again, it's time to clean out those closets, drawers, basements, and attics! We welcome donations of unwanted household items, small furniture, jewelry, crafts, and baked goods. **No clothing or purses.**

Household items may be brought to the church beginning **Sept. 1.**

If you need help carrying items, please plan to drop them off on Sunday or Monday mornings, when someone will be available to assist you. A selling price on antiques is appreciated.

If you are a crafter or knitter, we would love to include your handmade creations!



RAFFLE PRIZES

Raffle tickets will be available for purchase before and after worship beginning Sept. 6.

This year's prizes include:

- Afghan
- Wooden Barn Quilt
- \$100 gift card The Butterfly Supper Club
- \$100 gift card Woodman's Market
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Take a chance to win!
Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.



THEME BASKETS

WELCA circles are creating special theme gift baskets to be raffled, and all members are invited to donate a basket. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT
LOCAL CHARITIES

Women of the **ELCA**

September Circle Meetings

Anna Circle—Tuesday, September 1 at 6:30 pm
Meeting at church.

Rebekah Circle—Thursday, September 10 at 9:30 am
Meeting at church.

Naomi Circle—Monday, September 14 at 5:30 pm
Meeting at church.

Elizabeth Circle—Tuesday, September 15 at 1:00 pm
Hostess: Sue Hanewall

Shalom Circle—Monday, September 21 at 2:00 pm
Meeting at church. Hostess: Pat Brogan

SEWING BEE (making quilts)

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

► No Sewing Bee on Labor Day (Monday, September 7)

KNIT WITS (knitting or crocheting prayer shawls)

Wednesday, September 9 at 2:00 pm at the home of Shirley von Allman.

WELCA BOARD MEETING | Thursday, September 17
4:00 pm in the Chapel.



Blessing of the Quilts

Sunday, September 27



Rally Day

Rally Day marks the beginning of a new school year here at Our Savior's. Plan to join the fun on **Sunday, September 13 beginning at 9:30 am** with Kids Connect.

Kids Connect is for children pre-k through 5th grade. Youth Connect meets Sunday, morning at 10:30 am and is for youth in grades 6-12.



Kids Connect

Kick-off for the 2026-2027 season is **Sunday, September 13!** We will have our bouncy house open and outdoor games (weather permitting!) from 9:30-10:15 am. After the church service, all the children are invited to throw a pie

a Miss Molly and then, the children are encouraged to participate in the meal packaging for Kids Against Hunger, beginning at 10:45 am. We'll conclude with a simple lunch provided through a Thrivent Action Team.

Kid Connect follows a play-based curriculum that corresponds with the church year. Please register your children for the 2026-2027 season at www.oursaviorsbeloitwi.org/families.



Youth Connect Faith, Fellowship, & Hand-On Action

All students in grades 6-12 are invited to join Youth Connect, a space to explore what it means to

follow Jesus in our everyday lives. We meet every Sunday at 10:30 am starting on **Sunday, September 13.**

Through collaborative, project-based activities, open conversation, and service, we'll discover how Christ's message of love, justice, and compassion speaks directly to our world. Alongside our hands-on projects, we make plenty of time for fellowship and fun—playing video games and board games, crafting, and just hanging out together.

Come as you are; questions, doubts, and curiosity are always welcome! For more information, reach out to molly@oursaviorsbeloitwi.org.

Key Financials | July 31, 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	\$23,324	\$33,333	\$(10,009)	\$(21,546)	\$35,111	\$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	\$211,785	\$400,000			\$243,100	\$428,328	\$1,825

SEPTEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 6:30pm Anna Circle	2 9:00am Men's Group (Riverside Terrace) 5:00pm Televised Worship	3 6:00pm OA	4	5
6 PENTECOST 15 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour 1:00pm Televised Worship	7 <i>Office Closed</i>	8 9:00am Staff Mtg 5:00pm Foundation Mtg	9 10:00am Second Harvest 2:00pm Knit Wits 5:00pm Training for Kids Against Hunger Leadership 5:00pm Televised Worship	10 9:30am Rebekah Circle 12:00pm Young @ Heart 6:00pm OA	11	12 9:00am Board & Committee Meeting
13 PENTECOST 16 GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. SUNDAY & RALLY DAY 9:30am Worship 9:30am Kids Connect 10:30am Youth Connect 10:45am God's work. Our hands. Kids Against Hunger Meal Packing 12:45pm Lunch-provided for all 1:00pm Televised Worship	14 8:30am Sewing Bee 2:00pm Communion Service & Social Time 5:30pm Naomi Circle	15 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 9:00am Staff Mtg 1:00pm Elizabeth Circle	16 9:00am Men's Group (Riverside Terrace) 5:00pm Televised Worship 6:30pm Confirmation (Mentor Night)	17 9:30am BAREA Meeting 4:00pm WELCA Board 5:30pm Personnel (Zoom) 5:30pm Awaken Beloit Team Mtg (St. Paul Episcopal) 6:00pm OA	18	19
20 PENTECOST 17 9:30am Worship 9:30am Kids Connect 10:30am Coffee Hour 10:30am Youth Connect 1:00pm Televised Worship	21 8:30am Sewing Bee 2:00pm Shalom Circle	22 9:00am Staff Mtg 10:00am Second Harvest	23 5:00pm Televised Worship 6:30pm Confirmation	24 10:00am Awaken Beloit Clergy (St. Jude Catholic) 6:00pm OA 6:30pm Board Meeting	25	26
27 PENTECOST 18 9:30am Worship with Blessing of the Quilts 9:30am Kids Connect 10:30am Coffee Hour 10:30am Youth Connect 1:00pm Televised Worship	28 8:30am Sewing Bee	29 9:00am Staff Mtg	30 5:00pm Televised Worship 6:30pm Confirmation (Mentor Night)			

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The Caring
Committee
invites you



COMMUNION SERVICE & Social Time

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026
AT 2:00 PM**

**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
749 BLUFF STREET, BELOIT WI**

All are welcome.
Invite a friend and plan to attend.

