NOVEMBER 2026

THE MESSENGER

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Beloit, WI



SEVEN CORE PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP



On October 18, every worshipper was invited to select a wristband with the seven marks of discipleship. Seven core practices of discipleship, derived from the life and ministry of Jesus. We don't get to pick and choose. They are all meant to be a regular part of our Christian life.

Prayer ~ Study ~ Worship ~ Invite
Encourage ~ Serve ~ Give

- **Prayer**: Communicating regularly with God for guidance, help and healing, strength, thanksgiving.
- **Study:** Engaging deeply with Scripture, the Bible, and Christian teaching.
- **Worship:** Gathering together with the faith community to praise God, hear the Word, sing hymns, and receive the sacrament.
- **Invite:** Reaching out and welcoming others to join in the Christian journey and community.
- **Encourage:** Supporting, uplifting, and walking alongside others.
- **Serve:** Reaching out in love to meet the needs of our neighbors, the local community, and the wider world.
- **Give:** Generously sharing time, talents, and financial resources to support God's mission.

Since October 18 was the third of three stewardship sermons, I drew attention to "give" as one of the seven marks of discipleship. It may be a surprise to realize that giving is part of our Christian walk. When we give, we are reflecting God's generosity. As Christians we define ourselves as generous; reflecting God's generosity. *When we define ourselves as generous the question is no longer will I be generous in this situation, but HOW will I show my generosity in this situation?*

In November we celebrate Thanksgiving, and gratitude is often a part of that gathering. Meister Eckhart famously said, "If in your lifetime the only prayer you offer is thanks, it would be enough." Certainly generosity, love, and gratitude are very often found together. You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.

In the weeks ahead we will return to the seven core practices of discipleship, taking time to consider each of them and how they can impact our Christian life. "Give" has been our focus in October. It seems that "Encourage" would be a good focus for November as we consider the midterm elections, balancing our budget, and considering the broader implications of those hard conversations and decisions. How will we encourage one another in these challenging days?

Yours on the journey,
Pastor Anne Andert

PS: More wristbands are available at church.
I hope it is a helpful reminder for each of us to practice these spiritual disciplines.

Greetings from the Board

In a recent series of meetings, the Board, and members of many of our church's committees, have been discerning changes to our constitution, specifically changes to the structure of the Board including a recommended change to a Council configuration. There are a couple primary reasons for this thinking, one of them is reconciling the size of our Council to the overall size of our church. Also, as our congregation size has decreased, we need to operate in a more flexible mode to be effective.

The recommendation is to reduce the size of the Council to ten members: five officers who make up the Executive Team: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and the Pastor; and five additional members: Worship, Education, Mission & Outreach, Property, and Congregational Life. Most or all our current committees will remain in place, although in some cases, multiple committees will operate under one of these representative areas. This change will also provide voting privileges to the Secretary and Treasurer, which they had not had in the recent past. While these changes will not take effect until the new constitution is ratified, we think this change will benefit the future of OSLC.

As you know, the Board is working hard to develop a balanced budget for the coming year. The discussions are difficult but necessary for us to remain a strong church and resource for our members and the Beloit community. We ask for your prayers and support as we work through this challenging process. The choices we will have to make will be layered in solid thinking and realistic expectations of what we can and should do in the coming year. This will also reflect the reconciliation of our congregation's size with the configuration of our staff and other resources. Please keep your minds and your hearts open as we approach the tough subjects ahead of us. God has a plan for us, all we need to do is listen.

Blessings to you,
Mark Sorenson, *President Emeritus*

Daylight Savings Ends



Adjust your clocks! Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 1, 2026, at 2:00 am.

Don't forget to "fall back" one hour!

In the OSLC Family



We express our condolences to the families of Kathy Larson who died on October 10 and Daryl Darling who died on October 19. May light perpetual shine on them. +

All Saints Sunday



On All Saints Sunday (November 1) we publicly remember those who have passed away. If you have had a loved one pass away since November of 2025 and you would like to include them in them in our remembrances, please record their name in the book on the podium by the elevator or contact the church office.

Congregational Budget Meeting



Our annual congregational budget meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 15 at 10:45 am in the sanctuary. During th**is meeting, we will review the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year, discuss ministry priorities, and vote to approve the 2027 budget. All active members are encouraged to attend and participate in this important meeting.

The Generous Life



Estimate of Giving Cards for 2027 are still available. Thank you to everyone who has turned in their Estimate of Giving Cards and Time and Talent Commitment Forms for 2027 through this year's stewardship emphasis, The Generous Life. If you have not yet submitted your intentions, there's still time. Cards and forms are available at the church and may be returned to the office or placed in the offering plate during worship.

Bible Presentation



Our Savior's Lutheran Church is pleased to present age-appropriate Bibles to our children during worship on Sunday, November 8. Bibles are typically presented at age 3, 3rd grade, and 6th grade, with each one selected to encourage children to explore and grow in God's Word.
If your child is ready to receive a Bible—or has not yet received one—please let us know! The ages listed are guidelines, so we want to make sure every child has the opportunity to receive a Bible.
Please call the church office at (608) 362-0716 or email office@oursaviorsbeloitwi.org to let us know your child will be attending worship on Nov. 8.

Young @ Heart



Join us for fellowship and lunch on **Thurs., November 11 from 12:00-2:00 pm**. We'll enjoy Rotisserie Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Roll, Salad, and Dessert, followed by a special presentation entitled "Gifts" by Max Dodson All are welcome, just be sure to sign up on the sheet located on the counter in the Commons by Sunday, November 8 so we know how much to prepare.

Special Brunch for All Veterans



Join us **Sunday, November 15, at 10:45 am** as we honor our Veterans and all who are currently serving. Veterans, please stop by to pick up a special gift!

Poinsettia Orders



Order poinsettias in honor or memory of your loved ones to beautify our sanctuary during the Christmas season. The cost for a red or white poinsettia is $13. Envelopes are available outside the the Sanctuary. Please note, all orders and payment must be received no later than Sunday, Nov. 15.

New Member Class



New Member Class will be held on **Sunday, November 22** after worship, from 10:45 am– 1:30 pm. Lunch provided. We'll meet in Pastor Anne's office. New members will be received during worship on Sunday, December 6. If you are interested in discussing membership, please contact Pastor Anne at the church office: 608-362-0716. We'd love to welcome you to the body of Christ here at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Confirmation for Youth 6th grade+



There will be an informational meeting on **Wednesday, November 4** for all youth grade 6 and above, along with their parents, for those who are interested in beginning confirmation. The meeting will from 7:00 to 7:45 pm. If you have questions or can not attend, please contact Pastor Anne.



IMAGINE MORE!

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Every three years, thousands of high schoolers and their adult leaders from across the ELCA come together for the ELCA Youth Gathering. It's not just an event but a movement where faith ignites and community comes alive. Through inspiring speakers, experiential learning and transformative connections, young people experience the church in bold, unforgettable ways. Each night, participants share a unique faith experience through high-energy worship and powerful storytelling. The Gathering is an opportunity to ask big questions, grow in faith and be part of something bigger than yourself. Are you ready to join the movement?

There are currently six youth from Our Savior's Lutheran Church hoping/planning to attend. Paperwork has been started and submitted. Early registration deadline is November 11, with a $175 deposit per child. Students must be in grades 8-12 this fall to register. **There is a parent and student informational meeting on Sunday, November 1 at 11:00 am in the chapel** to allow time for completing paperwork for the November 11 registration deadline. The first six students have already received a $275 scholarship each from the ELCA to attend the youth gathering.

To God - whose power now at work in us can do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine.
- Ephesians 3:20

THE VISION: Inspire a movement of young people to boldly live out their faith.

WHAT WILL YOU IMAGINE?

MORE COURAGE
MORE JOY
MORE GRACE
MORE WELCOME
MORE LOVE

Kids Connect

At Kids Connect children discover God's love through engaging stories, hands-on crafts, joyful music, and fun games. Kids Connect meets Sunday mornings from 10:15–11:00 am. Join us as we learn, play, and grow together in faith!

Youth Connect

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. Youth Connect meets Sundays at 10:15 am.

Children & Youth Christmas Service



On **Sunday, December 13** the children and youth will be leading the church service for our annual Christmas program. If your child is interested in being involved, please contact Sue Schimke or Megan Nelson at youth@oursaviorsbeloitwi.org. We'd love to have as many celebrate Jesus's birthday as possible!

The Giving Tree



Help us fight hunger in our community by participating in our annual food drive. For your convenience, reverse Advent Calendars listing requested non-perishable food items will be available in the Commons beginning November 28, just in time for the First Sunday of Advent.

Deck the Halls & Welcome Advent!

Join us as we kick off the season together with a festive, intergenerational Advent celebration!

We'll begin by **decorating the church** for the holidays, then enjoy an afternoon filled with activities for all ages as we explore the meaning and joy of Advent.



- MAKE YOUR OWN ADVENT WREATH
- CREATE A NATIVITY FRAMED ART
- PUT TOGETHER A PRAYER JOURNAL
- TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE WITH JEOPARDY
- ENJOY DELICIOUS APPETIZERS

BRING AN APPETIZER TO SHARE AND COME READY TO CREATE, CONNECT, AND PREPARE YOUR HEARTS FOR CHRISTMAS!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28
1:00 - 4:00 PM

Fall Harvest Festival



A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who helped make the Fall Harvest Festival a success! From those who donated crafts, baked goods, household items, jewelry, raffle prizes, and theme baskets - to those who baked, cooked, set up, served lunches, welcomed shoppers, sold tickets, and helped with cleanup - your generosity made a difference. Thank you to everyone who shopped, enjoyed lunch, purchased raffle and theme basket tickets, and supported this annual tradition. Your participation helps make it possible for the proceeds to benefit organizations serving our community and beyond. Thank you for sharing your gifts, supporting our mission, and putting God's love into action!

Save the Date



WELCA will host their Annual Taste of Christmas Tea on **Sunday, December 6 at 10:45 am**. Invite a friend to worship and stay for a special holiday Coffee Hour.

Women of the ELCA

Circle Meetings

Anna Circle
Tuesday, November 3 at 6:30 pm (church)

Naomi Circle
Monday, November 9 at 5:30 pm (church)

Rebekah Circle
Thursday, November 12 at 9:30 am (church)

Shalom Circle
Monday, November 16 at 2:00 pm (Deanna F.)

Elizabeth Circle
Tuesday, November 17 at 1:00 pm (Jackie A.)

SEWING BEE
Mondays 8:30-11:30 am (Fellowship Hall)

KNIT WITS
Wednesday, November 11 at 2:00 pm

BOARD MEETING
Thursday, November 19 at 4:00 pm

Key Financials | September 30, 2026

Month	2025 General Offerings	2026 General Offerings	Budget Offering Per Month	Monthly Surplus (Shortfall)	Cumulative (Shortfall)		2026 Expenses	Budgeted Expenses	Reimb. from Found. - Reduced Exp. 2026
January	$30,280	$28,495	$33,333	$ (4,838)	$ (4,838)		$25,132	$35,694	$528
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	$21,698	$33,333	$ (11,635)	$ (33,181)		$31,175	$35,694	$5,590
September	$29,915	$24,737	$33,333	$ (8,596)	$ (41,777)		$38,956	$35,694	$1,335
October	$27,379		$33,333					$35,694	
November	$25,017		$33,333					$35,694	
December	$33,493		$33,337					$35,694	
Total	$365,218	$258,220	$400,000				$312,703	$428,328	$9,278

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 | ALL SAINTS 9:30a Worship 10:15a Kids Connect 10:15a Youth Connect 10:30a Coffee Hour 11:00a National Youth Gathering Meeting 1:00p Televised Worship*	**2** 8:30a Sewing Bee 5:00p Education 6:30p Safe Church	**3 ELECTION DAY POLLING** 6:30p Anna Circle	**4** 9:00a Men's Group (Riverside Terrace) 5:00p Televised Worship* 7:00p Meeting for Confirmation Youth (6th grade & Up)	**5** 6:00p OA	**6** 9:30a BEREA Board Mtg	**7**
8 | PENTECOST 24 8:30a Choir 9:30a Worship with Presentation of Bibles 10:15a Kids Connect 10:15a Youth Connect 10:30a Coffee Hour 1:00p Televised Worship*	**9** 8:30a Sewing Bee 5:30p Naomi Circle	**10** 9:00a Staff Mtg 7:00p Dartball	**11** 12:30p P.E.O. Meeting 2:00p Knit Wits 5:00p Televised Worship* 5:30p Personnel (Zoom) 6:30p Confirmation	**12** 9:30a Rebekah Circle 12:00p Young @ Heart 6:00p OA 2:00p Fellowship	**13**	**14**
15 | PENTECOST 25 8:30a Choir 9:30a Worship 10:15a Kids Connect 10:15a Youth Connect 10:45a Budget Meeting 10:45a Veteran's Brunch 1:00p Televised Worship* 2:00p Newsletter Deadline	**16** 8:30a Sewing Bee 2:00p Shalom Circle	**17** 9:00a Staff Mtg 10:00a Second Harvest 1:00p Elizabeth Circle 7:00p Dartball	**18** 9:00a Men's Group (Riverside Terrace) 5:00p Televised Worship* 6:30p Confirmation 6:30p Choir Rehearsal for Thanksgiving service	**19** 4:00p WELCA Board 6:00p OA 6:30p Board Mtg	**20**	**21**
22 | CHRIST THE KING 8:30a Choir 9:30a Worship 10:15a Kids Connect 10:15a Youth Connect 10:30a Coffee Hour 10:45a New Member Class 1:00p Televised Worship*	**23** 8:30a Sewing Bee 2:30p Care Team	**24** 9:00a Staff Mtg 7:00p Dartball	**25** 5:00p Televised Worship* 6:30p Thanksgiving Worship	**26** THANKGIVING *Office Closed*	**27** *Office Closed*	**28** 1:00-4:00p Deck the Halls & Welcome Advent
29 | ADVENT 1 9:30a Worship 10:15a Kids Connect 10:15a Youth Connect 10:30a Coffee Hour 1:00p Televised Worship*	**30** 8:30a Sewing Bee 5:00p Education Meeting					

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TO:

All are invited for a
special service as we gather together
in gratitude, fellowship, and thanksgiving.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Wednesday, November 25 at 6:30 pm

Following the service, enjoy a slice of pie and a time of fellowship together!

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

Call for more information:
(608) 362-0716

Interested in Singing?
Anyone who would like to participate in the choir is invited to attend rehearsal at Our Savior's on **November 18 at 6:30 pm**