

# **The Messenger**

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church Newsletter**

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**May - a month of  
Easter season Sundays  
Proclaiming resurrection hope  
Believing the risen Christ  
Saves us and sends us  
To proclaim  
Love in the words  
“Christ is risen indeed!  
Alleluia!”**

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## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO APPROVE FINAL UPDATE TO OUR WELCOME STATEMENT Sunday, May 7, 2023 Following Worship**

When I submitted our new Welcome Statement to Reconciling works, they applauded our changes, but pointed out an error made when we added “gender identity” to our Welcome.

We need to add **two more words. The statement ought to include “gender expression.”**

We will have a congregational meeting May 7<sup>th</sup> after worship to vote on this final update. If approved, our statement will be good to use and we will be able to continue as an RIC congregation.

These little updates to the statement might seem trivial, or unnecessary. The truth is, harassment of the LGBTQ+ community is on the increase. States are revoking policies of inclusion... the state of Florida passed a “Don’t Say Gay” bill. The state of Iowa banned gender affirming care for youth. The WI legislature blocked a ban on conversion therapy. These measures (and myriad others) haunt members of the LGBTQ community. We need to be clear in our words and in our deeds: all are welcome at Our Savior’s.

## Our new Welcome Statement would read:

*All are welcome in this church! The Good News of God's grace is for all, regardless of age, abilities, physical & mental health, race, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, education, income or strength of faith. There is nothing we do, have done or will do that can separate us from the love of God. God makes no exceptions, nor do we. Come join us in praise, prayer and the work of our Lord, including ongoing work for racial equity in our Church and in the world.*

Pastor Joanne

## LA CROSSE AREA SYNOD ASSEMBLY JUNE 9—11, 2023

Synod Assembly is an annual gathering of delegates, leaders, pastors/staff, and volunteers from all 73 of our ministry sites in the La Crosse Area. It is a time where we intentionally walk together, to cultivate life-giving relationships rooted in God's love through times of worship, prayer, learning, conversation, offering, meals, service, and highlighting our interdependent ministry relationship as we support mission partners, carry out synodical and churchwide initiatives, work to end hunger, respond to disaster and emergency needs, and heed the call to be a church engaged in all the world. Voting delegates from Our Savior's will attend meetings, service opportunities, and worship representing you.

On Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> there will be a final worship at Riverside Park open to all. There will not be services at Our Savior's on that Sunday as all are encouraged to worship at the park. In case of rain, worship services will be held here at Our Savior's.

The 2023 Tangible Offering will be **Socks, Underwear and Bras** to restock local Clothing Closets. There is a great need for these items. They will be collected during worship on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

**WE ARE COLLECTING**

# **SOCKS & UNDERWEAR**

**FOR THE ASSEMBLY OFFERING**

**TO DISTRIBUT TO LOCAL  
FOOD PANTRIES & CLOTHING CLOSETS**



**You are encouraged to bring Socks, Underwear and Bras to worship over the next few weeks to help with this offering. Items collected will be brought to worship on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.**

## **DORCAS SOCIETY**

**Wednesday, May 3, 6:30 pm**

After the Lent hiatus with no March or April meetings, the Dorcas Society will meet at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. May discussions will include plans for upcoming meetings. We will have a special treat for our June meeting. Dala Hynek is going to teach us "*peace be with you*" in sign language for when we pass the peace on Sundays! This will be a meeting you won't want to miss! Anyone and everyone is invited to attend any or all of our meetings. We meet at 6:30 pm on the first Wednesday of the month. See you on the 3<sup>rd</sup>!

## WELCA NEWS



### Thursday, May 18, 9:30 am

May 18<sup>th</sup> is the first breakfast meeting of our season! As long as you are up and moving why not spend time trying to win prizes. Paula and her serving group will make us something delicious to eat; you know we can't go with eating! **See you there!**

## PRICILLA CIRCLE

### Monday, May 8, 6 pm

Priscilla Circle will have a devotional this month titled:

#### **Love in action: The art of intergenerational hospitality**

In this one-session devotional, Sarah Carson, *Gather's* former managing editor and a self-described hospitality-challenged member of the body of Christ, explores what creativity can teach us about hospitality. We invite you to come join us Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

## MAY 2023 BIRTHDAYS

- |    |                     |
|----|---------------------|
| 1  | Dennis Baehr        |
| 2  | Liz Lange           |
| 3  | Steven Covey-Holmes |
| 3  | Ann Matson          |
| 8  | Mollie Roggensack   |
| 9  | Shelley Dolan       |
| 9  | Tracy Zentner       |
| 10 | Thomas Culver       |
| 10 | James Hanson        |
| 10 | Kyle Hesel          |
| 12 | William Beranek     |
| 12 | Ardelle Ender       |
| 12 | Tom Herlitzke       |
| 13 | Cal Thornton        |
| 14 | Ashleigh Bye        |
| 16 | Julie Huntington    |
| 19 | Jean Gilles         |
| 19 | Sharon Helke        |
| 20 | Marlene Cravens     |
| 20 | Owen McCall         |
| 20 | Vini Moyer          |
| 21 | Matt Dolan          |
| 22 | Mark Atchison       |
| 24 | Isaac Foss          |
| 24 | Zachary Foss        |
| 24 | Janice Tronick      |
| 26 | Paul Kimmet         |
| 26 | Rich Pitz           |
| 26 | Linda Schwandt      |
| 26 | Jack Turner         |
| 27 | Barbra Mighall      |
| 27 | Sarah Schlesner     |
| 30 | Joanne Allemand     |

# May 2023 @OSLC\*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Office Open	9am – 1 pm	9am – 1 pm	9am – 1 pm	9am – 1 pm	Closed	Closed
HC—Holy Communion CFS—Come For Supper WCC—Women's Clothes Closet	<b>1</b>  <b>First Day of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month</b>	<b>2</b>  1—5 pm WCC Open 4:15—5:15 pm CFS	<b>3</b>  10 am WELCA Board mtg.  12 noon Worship/HC In-Person  6:30 pm Dorcas mtg.	<b>4</b>  <b>National Day of Prayer</b>	<b>5</b>  Pastor's Sabbath	<b>6</b>  9 am—1 pm WCC
<b>7</b>  9:30 am Worship/HC Online & In-Person  <b>10:15 am Congrega- tional Meeting &amp; Cin- co de Mayo Potluck</b>  6:30 pm Y.E.S. AA Mtg	<b>8</b>  6 pm Priscilla Circle	<b>9</b>  9 am Quilters  1—5 pm WCC Open 4:15—5:15 pm CFS	<b>10</b>  12 noon Worship/HC In-Person	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  Pastor's Sabbath	<b>13</b>  9 am—1 pm WCC
<b>14</b>  <b>Mother's Day</b>  9:30 am Worship/HC Online & In-Person  10:15 am CF  6:30 pm Y.E.S. AA Mtg	<b>15</b>  <b>Messenger Articles Due</b>	<b>16</b>  1—5 pm WCC Open 4:15—5:15 pm CFS	<b>17</b>  <b>International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia</b>  12 noon Worship/HC In-Person  1 pm Art & Faith	<b>18</b>  9:30 WELCA Breakfast Meeting	<b>19</b>  Pastor's Sabbath	<b>20</b>  9 am—1 pm WCC
<b>21</b>  9:30 am Worship/HC Online & In-Person  10:15 am CF  10:15 am Council mtg.  6:30 pm Y.E.S. AA Mtg	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  9 am Quilters  1—5 pm WCC Open 4:15—5:15 pm CFS	<b>24</b>  12 noon Worship/HC In-Person	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  Pastor's Sabbath	<b>27</b>  9am—1pm WCC
<b>28</b>  9:30 am Worship/HC Online & In-Person  10:15 am CF  6:30 pm Y.E.S. AA Mtg	<b>29</b>  <b>Memorial Day</b>  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>30</b>  1—5 pm WCC Open 4:15—5:15 pm CFS	<b>31</b>	*Events subject to change; up-to-date information at <a href="http://www.allarewelcome.org">www.allarewelcome.org</a> . To access this and other publications online visit <a href="http://allarewelcome.org">allarewelcome.org</a> .		

# PASTORAL ACT

## DEATHS

**Beverly "Bev" R. Sanborn** passed away on February 6, 2023. Funeral services were held on February 17 at Our Saviors Lutheran Church. Schumacher-Kish Funeral and Cremation Services of La Crosse assisted the family with arrangements.

**Howard "Howie" Peter Gardner** passed away on March 6, 2023. Funeral services were held on March 13 at Our Saviors Lutheran Church. The Dickinson Family Funeral Home and Crematory assisted the family with arrangements.

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY \$2,396.87 was raised for Lutheran World Relief for Earthquake victims in Turkey.**

Thanks to generous people like you, Lutheran World Relief is delivering aid and support to survivors of the earthquakes in Turkey. As of February 25, 2023, according to the Turkish Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD), more than 130,000 buildings have been destroyed or damaged, and more than 500,000 people have been evacuated from the affected areas. More than 1.9 million people are sheltering in temporary or short-term housing, including tents, containers, dormitories, hotels, public guesthouses and other facilities. LWR humanitarian aid will continue in Turkey as long as the need is there. **Again THANK YOU!!**

## **MEMORIALS & SPECIAL GIFTS**

Our Savior's gratefully acknowledges and sincerely appreciates your gifts over and above your regular giving. The following gifts were from Jan. 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023. Thank you!

### **QUILTERS**

**In memory of Bev Sanborn** by Ardelle Ender, Sharon Helke, Dottie Pierce and Chuck & Linda Rudrud.

### **COME FOR SUPPER**

**In memory of Bev Sanborn** by Gene & Betty Linse and Cheryl Vieth

**In memory of Howie Gardner** by Cheryl Vieth

### **UNDESIGNATED**

**In memory of Bev Sanborn** by Ardis Bolstad, George & Judith Brockman, Judy Castele, Ardis Cleaveland, Jean Davis, Erv & Debbie DuKatz, Joan Everson, Lorraine Glanzer, Kim & Todd Grapes, Dorothy Gray, Patti Hanson, Noreen Holmes, Jeff & Sharie Kaminski, Edward & Ann Keuper, Sue Staples, Darlene Kroner, Chris Krueger, Ruthann Kurinsky, Doug & Jackie Lietke, Jennifer Linse, Bruce & Lois Losby, Lynn Lothen, De Loris Malmberg, Bob & Carol Miller, Roy & Doris Modahl, Barbara Nord, Tim & Cathy Ofte, Rich & Colleen Pitz, Gordon & Carol Powell, Mary Powell, Judy Radloff, Mary Reed, Dennis & Barbara Ross, Karrie Schroeder, Sally Miller and Carrie Schultz, Martha Sesvold, Myra Smaby, James Yenish, Mark Zellmer & Deb Daehn-Zellmer, Cheryl Zoerb, Walter & Zeviah Zube, Richard & Shirley Zube, Stan & Linda Zube, Carl & Jenny Zube, Robert & Alyssa Zube

**In Memory of Howie Gardner** by James & Rachel Balow, Dorothy Gray, Joan Greendeer-Lee, Patti Hanson, Darlene Kroner, Chris Krueger, Jody Lee-Lampe, Ainsley Lichtie, Bruce & Lois Losby, Bob & Carol Miller, Roy & Doris Modahl, Rich & Colleen Pitz, Brit Role, Charles & Linda Rudrud, Mark Zellmer & Deb Daehn-Zellmer

**In Memory of Frank Rudrud** by Chuck & Linda Rudrud



# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	Jan. 1–March 31	YTD
<b>Income</b>		
General Income	\$82,379.58	\$70,749.99
Other Income	\$2,556.57	\$3,900.00
Mission Support	\$6,913.00	\$8,499.99
Other Mission Support	\$3,417.80	\$1,087.50
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$95,266.95</b>	<b>\$84,237.48</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$89,174.80</b>	<b>\$84,237.48</b>
<b>OVER/UNDER</b>	<b>\$6,092.15</b>	



## SINGSPIRATION

### Christ's Resurrection

Sunday, April 30, 2023, 6pm

Onalaska United Methodist Church

212 4th Ave. N., Onalaska, WI

You are invited to join Singspiration  
in singing the hymns you love!

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### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday 9:30am in-person,  
online, and phone live stream  
Wednesday 12pm in-person

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[www.allarewelcome.org](http://www.allarewelcome.org)

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