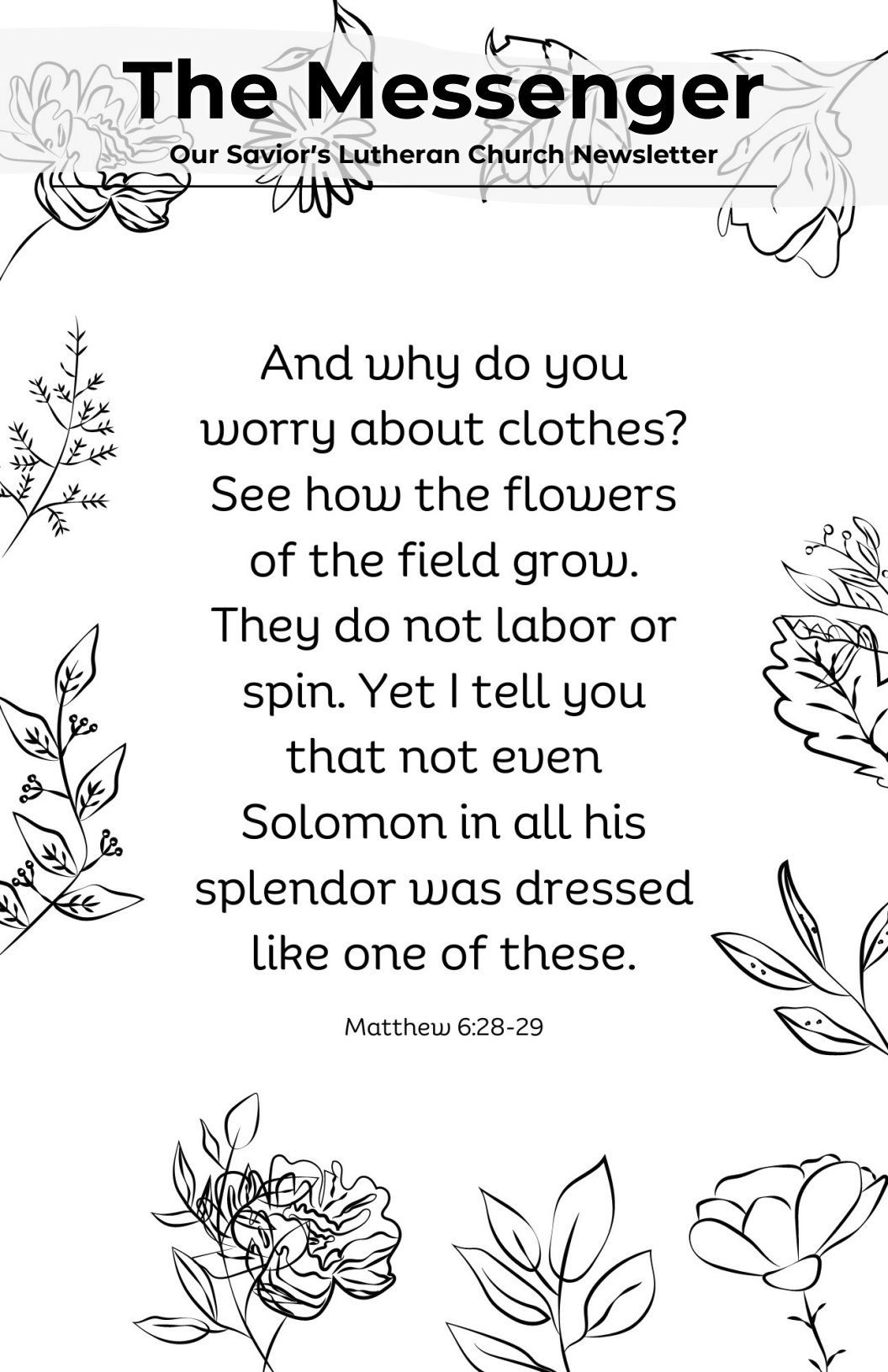


# The Messenger

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Newsletter

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And why do you  
worry about clothes?  
See how the flowers  
of the field grow.  
They do not labor or  
spin. Yet I tell you  
that not even  
Solomon in all his  
splendor was dressed  
like one of these.

Matthew 6:28-29

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## **A NOTE FROM PASTOR**

I mentioned in a sermon recently, I traveled to Chicago for a few days last month. I will be going again in August. Here's why:

After a series of tests and phone conversations, I have been accepted to participate in a medical research study run by the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research. My first trip to Chicago was to participate in the last tests before my acceptance, which were some lab work and a brain scan.

The Parkinson's Progression Markers Initiative studies how brain disease starts and changes and how it might be stopped. Participants commit to a five year involvement; each year I will travel to a study center (Chicago) for cognitive and motor skills assessment, a brain scan, an MRI, skin sampling testing, and a lumbar puncture to examine my spinal fluid.

I do not have Parkinson's Disease. I have friends who do. When I discovered I might be a candidate for this study, I jumped at the chance. My mother participated in two different medical studies when she was younger. She set a good example.

There are a variety of ways to serve the gospel. This is one. Being a tiny part of a research project that is already changing the world's knowledge of a horrendous disease answers God's call to love one another as God loves us. This is a way I can help make life better for all those at risk of a Parkinson's Disease diagnosis.

The study has already been successful. They recently announced a breakthrough you can read more about if you go to [www.michaeljfox.org](http://www.michaeljfox.org)

Thanks for taking a moment to read about what I'm up to.

Blessings, Pastor Joanne

## **LACROSSE AREA SYNOD ASSEMBLY**

### **Friday, June 9—Sunday, June 11, 2023**

The theme for this year's assembly is "*Cultivating Life-Giving Relationships*". Our Synod Assembly delegates are Debbie & Erv Dukatz, Chris Krueger and Pastor Joanne. Please keep our delegates and the assembly in your prayers as they conduct the business of the synod.

The 2023 Tangible Offering will be Socks, Underwear, and Bras to restock local Clothing Closets. You have one more Sunday to bring items for this offering. Items collected will be brought to worship at Riverside Park on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

**There will not be worship at Our Savior's on Sunday, June 11 unless it is raining.** All are encouraged to attend worship at Riverside Park. It is a joyful, uplifting worship held in a beautiful outdoor setting. Bishop Malpica will be preaching. In case of rain, worship will be moved from the park to Our Savior's.

## **WELCA NEWS**

### **Business Meeting—Thursday, June 15, 1:30 p.m.**

The program will be presented by Vera Paul, her life story of growing up in Guyana. Its proximity to the equator means a winter with no snow. Barb Clark and Barb Seidel are serving.

### **Serve Coffee Fellowship—Sunday, June 18, 10:15 a.m.**

Celebrate Father's Day: we'll have treats to rival Mother's Day carnations!

### **Looking Ahead:**

There will not be a business meeting in July. Dorcas has invited all women to their picnic held in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, July 5 at 6 p.m. The Rummage Sale will be Thurs., Aug. 10—Fri., Aug. 11, 2023. More details coming.

# **DORCAS SOCIETY**

The Dorcas Society will meet on Wednesday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m. with Dala Hynek as a special guest to teach how to pass the peace in sign language. It will be a fun thing to learn. We are having a potluck "picnic" at 6 p.m. for our Wednesday, July 5 meeting. Bring a dish to pass and feel free to wear your red, white, and blue in celebration of Independence Day. Please join us for a fun evening. The August meeting will be on Wednesday, August 2 at 6:30 p.m. You are welcome to attend any of these meetings.

## **OUTDOOR WORSHIP THIS SUMMER**

We will worship outdoors twice this summer, weather permitting...

### **Sunday, June 11, 2023 – Riverside Park Bandstand (100 State St., La Crosse, WI)**

#### **Schedule**

- 9 a.m. Choir Practice
- 10 a.m. Synod-wide Worship (Bring new socks & underwear as part of this year's tangible offering for local clothing closets)
- 11:15 a.m. Picnic

If inclement weather, Our Savior's – La Crosse is the rain site.

### **Sunday, July 16, 9:30 am – Front Church Lawn**

#### **Schedule**

- 9:30 a.m. Worship
- Following worship, the Coulee Region Steel Drum Band will perform a short concert and we'll have an all-church picnic (lunch provided)

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets (folding chairs will also be provided) and a hat or umbrella to shade your eyes. If the weather's bad either Sunday, we'll move inside.

# June 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 LAS—La Crosse Area Synod				<b>1</b> 7 pm Son's of Norway Piano Concert	<b>2</b> Pastor's Sabbath	<b>3</b> 9 am—1 pm WCC
<b>4</b> 9:30 am Worship/HC Online & In-Person  10:15 am CF  10:15 am Moo-Moo's Prayer Club  6:30 pm Y.E.S. AA Mtg	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 1—5 pm WCC Open  4:15—5:15 pm CFS	<b>7</b> 10 am WELCA Board  12 noon Worship/HC In-Person  6:30 pm Dorcas	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Pastor's Sabbath   La Crosse Area Synod Assembly	<b>10</b> 9 am—1 pm WCC
<b>11</b> <b>10 am Synod-Wide            Worship at Riverside            Park</b>  6:30 pm Y.E.S. AA Mtg	<b>12</b> 6 pm Priscilla Circle	<b>13</b> 9 am Quilters  1—5 pm WCC Open  4:15—5:15 pm CFS	<b>14</b> 12 noon Worship/HC In-Person  10:30 am Finance mtg.  7:30—9:30pm Bonfire	<b>15</b> 1:30 pm WELCA mtg.	<b>25</b> 9:30 am Worship/HC Online & In-Person  10:15 am Breakfast Potluck  3pm OSLC Hiking  6:30 pm Y.E.S. AA Mtg	<b>17</b> 9 am—1 pm WCC
<b>18</b> 9:30 am Worship/HC Online & In-Person  10:15 am CF  10:15 am Playdough  6:30 pm Y.E.S. AA Mtg	<b>19</b> Messenger Articles Due	<b>20</b> 1—5 pm WCC Open  4:15—5:15 pm CFS	<b>21</b> 12 noon Worship/HC In-Person  1 pm Art & Faith	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Pastor's Sabbath	<b>24</b> 9am—1pm WCC  5:30pm Pastor Joanne at Country Coon Prairie Church in Westby
<b>25</b> 9:30 am Worship/HC Online & In-Person  10:15 am Breakfast Potluck  3pm OSLC Hiking  6:30 pm Y.E.S. AA Mtg	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9 am Quilters  1—5 pm WCC Open  4:15—5:15 pm CFS	<b>28</b> 12 noon Worship/HC In-Person	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Pastor's Sabbath	

## **MOO-MOO'S PRAYER CLUB**

**Sunday, June 4, July 9, and August 6, 2023 – Sanctuary**  
MooMoo is a friendly cow that recently came to our town. All ages are welcome (especially infants, toddlers, and elementary-age school children) to come join us after worship to discover the many different ways people can praise and serve God! A short video will be shown with a small snack and followed by an activity and/or discussion. Questions? Please call/text Jessica at [608.738.1016](tel:608.738.1016).

## **SUMMER BONFIRES**

**Wednesday, June 14, July 12, and August 16, 2023 – Courtyard**

You are invited (all ages) to join us from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. in the church's courtyard by the fire pit. These events will be filled with community, yard games, and s'mores of course! Watch our social media pages for weather-related announcements: @oursaviorslacrosse

## **OSLC HIKING GROUP**

**Sunday, June 25, July 23, and August 13, 2023, 3 p.m.**

Hikers of all levels are welcome. Sign up online (<https://bit.ly/oslchiking>) or on the bulletin board by the church office. For any questions or more information, please contact Jessica at [608.738.1016](tel:608.738.1016) or [youthfamily@oursaviorslutheranchurch.net](mailto:youthfamily@oursaviorslutheranchurch.net).

## **SUNDAY FUNDAYS**

**Sunday, June 18, July 30, and August 27, 2023 – Fellowship Hall**

Join us after worship this summer for some fun! All things playdough on June 18, the Lego and Duplo blocks will be out July 30, and come play BINGO! on August 30. All ages and stages welcome!

# PASTORAL ACT

# JUNE 2023 BIRTHDAYS

## Baptism

Sun., April 30, 2023 we welcomed **Raelyn Marie Alice McCall** to the family of Christ. She was born Mon., Jan. 30, 2023. Her parents are Joel McCall and Dana Anderson McCall and she has a big brother Owen. Her Godparents are David Anderson and Adi McCall.

## Death

**Frank Rudrud**, 81, of Madison, WI/The Villages, FL/La Crosse, WI passed away on Wed., December 14, 2022 at Cornerstone Hospice in The Villages, Florida. He was buried at Mormon Coulee Memorial Park in La Crosse on Friday, March 17, 2023. Pastor Joanne officiated.

**Larry Dean Cartwright**, 80, of La Crosse died peacefully on Sat., April 29, 2023 at Mulder Health Care Facility in West Salem, WI. Memorial services were held on Sat., May 13, 2023 at Our Saviors Lutheran Church. Schumacher-Kish Funeral and Cremation services of La Crosse assisted the family with arrangements.

1	Martha Sesvold
2	Nicole Milliren
2	Bev Schilling
2	Sonja Simonson Schrag
3	Barb Dolato
5	Rachel Balow
5	Ruth Hartley
8	Jennifer Blank
8	Steve Dolan
9	Deb Fitzpatrick
9	Morgan Klingelhofer
9	James Lindner
9	Becca Taylor
11	Gary Jones
14	Tracy Alexander
15	Keith Burand
15	Cooper VanZee
18	David Rudrud
19	Elizabeth Winberg
19	Erika Winberg
21	Nancy Davidson
21	Terry Grapes
22	Vicki Mueller
23	Ben Thornton
24	Kevin Deal
25	Linda Greeno
26	Bev Hanson
28	Maddie Hanson



## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	Jan. 1–April 30 2023 Actual	YTD Budget
<b>Income</b>		
General Income	\$118,239.35	\$94,333.32
Other Income	\$3,422.46	\$4,399.96
Mission Support	\$8,023.50	\$8,500.00
Other Mission Support	\$3,743.80	\$1,083.32
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$133,429.11</b>	<b>\$108,316.60</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$115,288.65</b>	<b>\$108,316.72</b>
<b>OVER/UNDER</b>	<b>\$18,140.46</b>	

## MEMORIALS & SPECIAL GIFTS

Our Savior's gratefully acknowledges and sincerely appreciates your gifts over and above your regular giving. The following gifts were from April 1 to May 22, 2023. Thank you!

### UNDESIGNATED

In memory of **Joyce Allemand** by Joanne Allemand.

## COUNTRY PRAYER LIST

Eleanor Richards

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.



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

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June/July/August 2023