

DECEMBER 2025 @ OSLC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Church Office Open						
8:30—11am	9am—1pm	9am—1pm	9am—1pm	9am—1pm	Closed	Closed
Nov. 30 Advent 1 9:30am Worship/HC 10:15am Tree Trimming & Soup Lunch 6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A.	1 10am—12 noon gas vouchers	2 1—5pm WCC 4pm CFS doors open 4:15—5:15pm meal served 5:15—5:30pm carry outs only	3 10:30am WELCA Board 12 noon Worship/HC 12:45pm Livestream & Live Info Meeting—Re: Solar 6pm Dorcas Christmas Party	4 5—9pm PEO mtg. (Fireside Room)	5 Pastor'/Staff Sabbath	6 9am —1pm WCC
7 Advent 2 9:30am Worship/HC 10:15am M-MPC 10:15am —CF 10:30am —1:15pm Caroling 6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A.	8 10am—12 noon gas vouchers	9 9am Quilters 1—5pm WCC 4pm CFS doors open 4:15—5:15pm meal served 5:15—5:30pm carry outs only	10 9am Staff Meeting 12 noon Worship/HC 1pm Pricilla Circle	11 WELCA Christmas Luncheon 11:30am Seating 12 noon Lunch	12 Pastor'/Staff Sabbath	13 9am —1pm WCC
14 Advent 3 9:30am Worship/HC with Noisy Offering for Emergency 10:30am Special Cong. Mtg. Re: Solar 11am Jolabokafloð & Cookie Potluck 6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A.	15 10am—12 noon gas vouchers	16 1—5pm WCC 4pm CFS doors open 4:15—5:15pm meal served 5:15—5:30pm carry outs only	17 12 noon Worship/HC 1pm Art & Faith 6pm Church Council	18	19 Pastor'/Staff Sabbath	20 9am Executive Committee 9am —1pm WCC
21 Advent 4 9:30am Worship/HC 10:15am M-MPC/CF 6pm The Longest Night with Candlelit Peace Garden Labyrinth 6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A.	22 10am—12 noon gas vouchers	23 9am Quilters 1—5pm WCC 4pm CFS doors open 4:15—5:15pm meal served 5:15—5:30pm carry outs only	24 Christmas Eve 12 noon Christmas Eve Candlelight Service/HC 4:30pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service/HC	25 Christmas Day 9:30am Christmas Day Worship/HC	26 Pastor'/Staff Sabbath	27 WCC Closed
28 Ugly Christmas Sweater Sunday 9:30am Worship/HC 10:15am —CF 6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A.	29 Church Office Closed	30 WCC Closed 4pm CFS doors open 4:30—5:30pm CFS meal served	31 New Year's Eve Church Office Closed	Jan. 1 New Year's Day Church Office Closed	Jan. 2 Pastor'/Staff Sabbath	Jan. 3 WCC Closed

December 2025 Birthdays

- 1
 Kaye Kjome
- 4
 Elizabeth Lasee
- 6
 Elaine Lee
- 6
 Isaac Stutesman
- 9
 Jim Balow
- 11
 Elaynah Kelley
- 15
 Carma Coon
- 17
 Brittney Dolan
- 18
 Kevin Smaby
- 18
 Mark Smaby
- 19
 Tyler Deal
- 20
 Carol Carlson
- 20
 Gene Linse
- 20
 Linda Nelson
- 23
 Richard Moyer
- 24
 Matthew Linse
- 26
 Hannah Smaby
- 27
 Jill Buck
- 27
 Amy Wells
- 28
 Bev Burand
- 28
 Judi Winkler
- 29
 Ed Feran
- 29
 Rynzo Patros

Calendar Notations

- HC—Holy Communion
- CF—Coffee Fellowship
- M-MPC—Moo-Moo's Prayer Club
- WCC—Women's Clothes Closet
- CFS—Come for Supper

LET’S TALK SOLAR: AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR CHURCH

We have a chance to go solar here at Our Savior’s at a greatly reduced cost! But, time is limited for us to decide... This is an opportunity to be good stewards of God’s creation and at the same time, build in money savings every day.

To learn more, we invite you to an **informational meeting**—both in-person and live-streamed—on **Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at 12:45pm in the sanctuary.**

Then, please plan to attend a **special congregational meeting** on **Sunday, December 14, after worship in the sanctuary**, where a vote will be taken.

Your voice and participation are important as we discern this exciting opportunity together!

MEAT THE NEED

This December, help us support the **Hunger Task Force of La Crosse** by donating **canned meat**. Items like **tuna, chicken, Spam, beef stew, chili with meat, corned beef hash, and sardines** are especially needed. Protein-rich foods are often in short supply at food pantries, but they make a big difference for families and individuals facing food insecurity. Drop your donations in the **grocery cart in the narthex** anytime this month. Thank you for your generosity and helping feed our neighbors!

GIVING TREE

Help make someone’s Christmas brighter! Choose a tag from the Giving Tree in the narthex for New Horizons,

How You Can Make a Difference:

- 1. **Pick a Tag:** Choose a tag from the tree. Each tag will feature a wanted item.
- 2. **Shop with Love:** Purchase the gift that’s listed on the tag.
- 3. **Return:** Carefully place your gift in a gift bag, attach the original tag, and return it to the church by **Sunday, December 14, 2025.**
- 4. Your thoughtful gift will bring joy and warmth to someone’s holiday, and remind them that they are cherished by our community.

Thank You for your generosity and kindness. Together, we can make this Christmas truly meaningful for everyone. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact the church office at [608.782.3468](tel:6087823468)/oslcoffice@oursaviorslutheranchurch.net.

HOLIDAY DÉCOR DONATIONS NEEDED

As you begin decorating for the season, if you find holiday items you no longer use or need, please consider donating them to the church for next year’s Christmas Bazaar. Drop-offs are welcome anytime during business hours. Thank you for your generosity!

JOIN THE AV MINISTRY TEAM AT CHURCH

Please consider joining our AV Ministry Team! You will assist with running Sunday morning’s PowerPoint slides or controlling the cameras for our live-stream worship service. If you are interested, please respond by calling/texting Jessica at [608.738.1016](tel:6087381016) or by email (oslcoffice@oursaviorslutheranchurch.net) or to be a valuable part of our worship service team.

TREE TRIMMING

Sunday, November 30, 10:15am—Fellowship Hall

Join us as we decorate the Fellowship Hall for the Christmas season. All ages are welcome—come help add a little sparkle and joy!

DORCAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wednesday, December 3, 6pm—Fellowship Hall

Join us for our annual Christmas party. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall with the Dorcas Executive Board providing the meal (it’s a taco bar this year)—so come and enjoy. Please bring a \$10 gift card for the gift exchange. We will also decide where the bazaar’s profits will be sent. All are invited and welcome for a night of good food and fellowship.

CAROLING WITH DR. EDDIE KIM

Sunday, December 7, 10:30am – 1pm

We will be Christmas caroling to our homebound and we want YOU, and your family and friends to join us. We will carpool around La Crosse to visit and carol to those who need extra Christmas cheer! Join us after for pizza, pop, board games, and great fellowship back at the church. Anyone 0 – 108 is welcome to come spread the joy of Christmas and have a lot of fun, too! Please RSVP with Jessica at [608.738.1016](tel:6087381016) (call/text) or oslcoffice@oursaviorslutheranchurch.net for this event so we can get an idea of how many people to plan for in regards to food, but **All. Are. Welcome.** Even at the last minute!

WELCA CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

This year, WELCA will not be selling tickets for the Christmas Luncheon. Instead, the Board is hosting a complimentary light lunch to thank everyone who has supported WELCA throughout the year—whether you attended meetings, helped with the rummage sale, or contributed to quilting in any way.

Please join us on **Thursday, December 11.** Seating begins at **11:30am** and lunch will be served at **12:00pm**. There is no cost, but we do need a head count. Please sign up by calling **Carol Miller (608-792-2334)** or **Sue Staples (608-780-0022)**. We look forward to celebrating with you and sharing some Christmas cheer. —The WELCA Board

JOLABOKAFLOD

Sunday, December 14, 10:15am – Fellowship Hall

Join us after worship for a 'Jolabokafloð' (Icelandic book flood). Bring one or more books (previously read) you'd like to trade (you'll get one or more books to bring home). Please also bring a plate of Christmas cookies to share, fellowship and beverages will be provided. This event is for all ages (toddler – adult).

THE LONGEST NIGHT WITH CANDLELIT LABYRINTH

Sunday, December 21, 6pm—Peace Garden

On one of the darkest nights of the year, we’ll gather together for warmth, prayer, and reflection. Come sit by the fire, walk the labyrinth by candlelight, and find a gentle place to rest your heart in the midst of the holiday season. Come as you are for a peaceful evening of light, stillness, and connection as we honor the longest night of the year. All are welcome.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT OUR SAVIOR’S

Christmas is coming—and we can’t wait to worship and celebrate together! Join us for these special services as we welcome the birth of Christ and share the joy of the season.

Christmas Eve—Wednesday, December 24, 2025, 12 noon and 4:30pm

A joyful, family-friendly candlelight service filled with music and light.

Christmas Day—Thursday December 25, 2025, 9:30am

Start Christmas morning in worship, celebrating the good news of Jesus’ birth!

First Sunday of Christmas & Ugly Christmas Sweater Sunday—Sunday, December 28, 9:30am

The celebration continues! Come for a warm, joy-filled service as we keep singing the songs of Christmas. Don’t forget to don your Christmas gear (honestly, the more it twinkles, jingles, and blinds the eye, the better!) and come usher in a little “joy to the world”!

Second Sunday of Christmas—Sunday, January 4, 9:30am

We’ll wrap up the Christmas season together and step into the new year with hearts full of hope and light (plus a table full of everyone’s favorite New Year’s goodies during Coffee Fellowship.) Bring something you love to welcome 2026!

YEAR-END GIVING—HELP US FINISH 2025 STRONG!

Your generosity allows us to have a positive impact on our neighborhood, community, and the world.

For your end-of-year gifts:

- 1) Leave your gift in the offering plate on Sunday or Wednesday
- 2) Use our [on-line giving portal](https://www.oursaviorslutheranchurch.net/make-a-contribution/), by going to Our Savior’s website: <https://www.oursaviorslutheranchurch.net/make-a-contribution/>
- 3) Use our secure mailing address: “Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, PO Box 97, La Crosse, WI 54602-0097”.

*Gifts to Our Savior’s must be received by **Sunday, December 28 by 9:30am** to be included on your 2025 giving statement. Any gifts received after the 28th will be credited to your 2026 giving statement. 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 Friday, October 24, 2025—Tuesday, November 19, 2025. Thank you!

Come for Supper—First Presbyterian Church

Dorcas Society—In memory of Jackie Holmes by Sue Staples

Women’s Clothes Closet—by Marlys Graettinger

PASTORAL ACTS

Funeral—Cindy Vieth, 70 of La Crosse, Wisconsin passed away Friday, October 31, 2025 at her residence in memory care at Eagle Crest South, La Crosse.. A memorial service was held at 11am on Friday, November 7, 2025 at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, La Crosse. Pastor Joanne Richmond officiated.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY		
	January 1—October 31, 2025 Actual	YTD Budget
Income		
General Income	\$1195,307.15	\$234,035.00
Other Income	\$24,807.23	\$20,610.80
Mission Support	\$14,425.00	\$20,833.30
Other Mission Support	\$3,566.55	\$7,291.70
TOTAL INCOME	\$238,105.93	\$282,770.80
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$265,585.89	\$282,562.80
OVER/UNDER	(\$28,479.96)	208.00