

**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA**

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**"Our mission is to make the love of Christ known to all as we worship, serve and grow together."**

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.

**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF**

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MARCH 2026 @OUR SAVIOR'S	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	BIRTHDAYS
	CHURCH OFFICE OPEN							
	8:30am – 11am	9am – 1pm	9am – 1pm	9am – 1pm	9am – 1pm	Closed	Closed	
<b>1</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent 9:30am Worship 10:15am Jello Jubilee 6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.	<b>2</b> 9am – 12 noon Gas Vouchers	<b>3</b> 1–5pm Women's Clothes Closet <u>Come For Supper</u> 4pm Doors Open 4:15–5:15pm Meal Served 5:15–5:30pm Carry Outs Only	<b>4</b> Lent 2 12 noon Worship 5:30pm Soup Supper 6pm Worship	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Pastor/Staff Sabbath	<b>7</b> 9am – 1pm Women's Clothes Closet		
<b>8</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent 9:30am Worship 10:15am Pie-Luck Sunday 6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg. 2pm Organ Recital	<b>9</b> 10am – 12 noon Gas Vouchers	<b>10</b> 9am Quilters 1–5pm Women's Clothes Closet <u>Come For Supper</u> 4pm Doors Open 4:15–5:15pm Meal Served 5:15–5:30pm Carry Outs Only	<b>11</b> Lent 3 12 noon Worship 1pm Priscilla Circle 5:30pm Soup Supper 6pm Worship	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Pastor/Staff Sabbath	<b>14</b> 9am – 1pm Women's Clothes Closet		1 Judy Sasse 1 Janet Schilling 2 Ruth Ellefson 5 Krista Kuhn 5 Sophie Schmitz 8 Bert Sasse 9 Cheryl Amsrud 10 Lisa Rudrud 11 Rudy Nedvidek 11 Max VanZee 14 Chuck Manske 16 Doni Moyer 17 Emma Kadera 18 Bethany Matsick 20 Linda Rudrud 22 Mary Rathgaber 23 DeLoris Malmberg 24 Brittany Taylor 29 Virginia Bentzen 29 Theresa Cravens 29 Jeff Franko 30 Louise Temte 31 Jenifer Bahr 31 Colleen Cartwright
<b>15</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent 9:30am Worship 10:15am Moo-Moo's Prayer Club 10:15am Coffee Fellowship 6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.	<b>16</b> 10am – 12 noon Gas Vouchers	<b>17</b> St. Patrick's Day 1–5pm Women's Clothes Closet <u>Come For Supper</u> 4pm Doors Open 4:15–5:15pm Meal Served 5:15–5:30pm Carry Outs Only	<b>18</b> Lent 4 12 noon Worship 1pm Art & Faith 5:30pm Soup Supper 6pm Worship 6:30pm Church Council	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Pastor/Staff Sabbath	<b>21</b> 9am – 1pm Women's Clothes Closet 1pm Kaye Kjome Funeral		
<b>22</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent Noisy Offering Emergency Fund 9:30am Worship 10:15am Moo-Moo's Prayer Club 10:15am Coffee Fellowship 6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.	<b>23</b> 10am – 12 noon Gas Vouchers	<b>24</b> 9am Quilters 1–5pm Women's Clothes Closet <u>Come For Supper</u> 4pm Doors Open 4:15–5:15pm Meal Served 5:15–5:30pm Carry Outs Only	<b>25</b> Lent 5 12 noon Worship 5:30pm Soup Supper 6pm Worship	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Pastor/Staff Sabbath	<b>28</b> 9am – 1pm Women's Clothes Closet  10am – 12 noon Palm Sunday Breakfast Set-Up		
<b>29</b> Palm Sunday Daylight Saving Time Starts 9:30am Worship 10:15am Palm Sunday Breakfast 6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.	<b>30</b> 10am – 12 noon Gas Vouchers	<b>31</b> 1–5pm Women's Clothes Closet <u>Come For Supper</u> 4pm Doors Open 4:15–5:15pm Meal Served 5:15–5:30pm Carry Outs Only	<b>April 1</b>	<b>April 2</b> Maundy Thursday 12 noon Worship 6pm Worship	<b>April 3</b> Good Friday 12 noon Worship 6pm Worship	<b>April 4</b> 9am – 1pm Women's Clothes Closet		

**PASTORAL ACTS—FUNERAL**

**Vera Irene Wensole**, age 94, passed away on Monday, February 9, 2026. Funeral services were held on Friday, February 13, 2026, at Our Savior's at 11am. Pastor Joanne Richmond officiated. Burial followed at Mormon Coulee Memorial Park, La Crosse, WI.

**DEATHS**

**Katherine "Kaye" O. Kjome**, passed after a short illness on Monday, January 26, 2026. There will be a Celebration of Life at 1pm on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at Our Savior's.

**SAVE THE DATE —ORGAN RECITAL**

**Sunday, March 8, 2026, 2pm—Sanctuary**

We are delighted to share that one of our very own organists, Thomas Haag, will present an organ recital at Our Savior's on Sunday, March 8, 2026, at 2pm. This special afternoon of music is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be received to support education programs sponsored by the American Guild of Organists – Riverside Chapter. All are welcome! Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for this inspiring musical event. For more information, please call 608.433.2621.

## **MARCH DONATION DRIVE —SPREAD A LITTLE SWEETNESS**

As signs of spring begin to appear, we're collecting **jams and jellies** to help brighten pantry shelves and breakfast tables for our neighbors in need.

Strawberry, grape, raspberry, peach—classic favorites and unique flavors are all welcome! These sweet staples pair perfectly with bread, crackers, and peanut butter to make simple meals feel special.

Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the narthex. Together, we can add a little sweetness to someone's day this March. ***Sharing care, one jar at a time.***

## **LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PERSONAL CARE KITS**

### **Collecting now through Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026**

During this season of Lent, we're invited to put our faith into action by caring for neighbors around the world through **Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits**.

These simple kits—made from everyday household items—offer comfort, dignity, and hope to families facing crisis. A towel, soap, and basic hygiene items may seem small, but they remind someone in a difficult moment that they are seen, valued, and loved.

### **Each Personal Care Kit includes:**

- 1 light-weight, dark-colored bath towel (20" x 40" to 52" x 27")
- 2 bath-size bars of soap (in original wrapping)
- 1 adult-size toothbrush (in original packaging)
- 1 metal nail clipper
- 1 sturdy comb

Our goal is to assemble **75 Personal Care Kits**.

Thank you for helping share God's love in a tangible way and for providing essential tools that support health and dignity for people around the world.

## **LENT 2026 TELL ME SOMETHING GOOD**

**Lent 2**—The good news is... great love for God & neighbor

**Sunday, March 1, 2026, 9:30am**, Luke 7: 36—50 (Woman with the alabaster jar washes Jesus' feet)

**Wednesday, March 4, 2026, 6pm**, Matthew 25: 35—40 ("Whatever you did for the least of these; you did for me")

**Lent 3**—The good news is... together, the impossible is possible

**Sunday, March 1, 2026, 9:30am**, Mark 6: 32—44 (Feeding of the 5,000)

**Wednesday, March 4, 2026, 6pm**, Ephesians 3: 20—21 ("By the power at work within us [God] is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine")

**Lent 4**—The good news is... protection & care for the vulnerable

**Sunday, March 1, 2026, 9:30am**, Matthew 19: 13—15 (Jesus blesses the children)

**Wednesday, March 4, 2026, 6pm**, Deuteronomy 24: 17—22 (Care for the alien, the orphan, and the widow)

**Lent 5**—The good news is... rooted in justice, mercy, & faithfulness

**Sunday, March 1, 2026, 9:30am**, John 8: 2—11 (Jesus refuses to condemn a woman caught in adultery)

**Wednesday, March 4, 2026, 6pm**, Matthew 23:23 ("You have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy, and faithfulness.")

## **HOLY WEEK 2026**

**Palm Sunday**— The good news is... inspiring us to act

**Sunday, March 29, 2026**, Mark 11: 1—11 (Triumphal entry into Jerusalem)

**Maundy Thursday**—The good news is... even Judas gets his feet washed

**Thursday, April 2, 2026**, John 13: 1—25 (Jesus washes the disciples' feet)

**Good Friday**—The good news is... revealed through nonviolence

**Friday, April 3, 2026**, Luke 22: 47—53; Luke 23: 33—38, 44—46 (Judas' betrayal; Jesus heals the servant's ear after his disciples draw swords; Jesus forgives those crucifying him)

**Easter Sunday**— The good news is... alive in the world

**Sunday, April 5, 2026**, Matthew 28: 1—10 (Do not be afraid; go tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.)

## **LENTEN SOUP SUPPER**

We are looking for individuals, families, and/or church groups to sign up to provide pots of soup on **Wednesday, March 18 and 25**. Look for the sign up on the bulletin board next to the church office or talk with Pastor Joanne. ***Thank you for helping nourish both body and spirit during Lent.***

## **PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST**

### **Sunday, March 29, 2026, 10:15am—Fellowship Hall**

The Youth & Family Ministry Team will be hosting their annual breakfast with egg bakes, sausage, fresh fruit, juice, milk, and coffee. The cost is a free will offering. Proceeds benefit youth and family events throughout the year. Come celebrate and enjoy a delicious breakfast while supporting our youth!

**Donations are needed** to help make this fundraiser a success. Look for the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board next to the church office. There will be a labeled "Youth Breakfast" box in the refrigerator and on the counter in the kitchen for donated supplies. Please have all donations to the church by Wednesday, March 25. Thanks in advance for supporting our youth!

## **JELLO JUBILEE – LET'S WIGGLE OUR WAY OUT OF CABIN FEVER!**

### **Sunday, March 1, 2026, 10:15am—Fellowship Hall**

We're inviting everyone to bring a favorite **Jello dish** to share during coffee fellowship—sweet, savory, classic, or delightfully surprising. Together we'll shake off the winter blues, enjoy some laughter, and celebrate the joy of being together as the days grow longer.

## **PIE-LUCK SUNDAY**

### **Sunday, March 8, 2026, 10:15am—Fellowship Hall**

Come chase cabin fever away! Bring your favorite pie to share during the coffee hour! All pies are welcome, be they savory or sweet or store-bought or homemade.

## **FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

			<b>Jan. 1–Jan. 31, 2026, Actual</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	General Income		\$19,742.38	\$22,375.00
		Other Income	\$2,925.35	\$2,402.92
	Benevolence		\$235.78	\$375.00
	Mission Support		\$1,661.00	\$2,083.33
		Other Mission Support	\$286.00	\$729.17
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>			<b>\$24,850.51</b>	<b>\$27,965.42</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>			<b>\$31,906.60</b>	<b>\$27,965.43</b>
<b>OVER/UNDER</b>			<b>(\$7,056.09)</b>	<b>(\$0.01)</b>