

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.

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MAY 2026 @OUR SAVIOR'S

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	BIRTHDAYS
	April 26 Fourth Sun. of Easter 8:30 – 11am Church Office Open 9:30am Worship 10:15am Moo-Moo's Prayer Club 10:15am Coffee Fellowship 6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg. 2pm Bowling Party	April 27 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 10am – 12 noon Gas Vouchers	April 28 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 1–5pm Women's Clothes Closet <u>Come For Supper</u> 4pm Doors Open 4:05–5:15pm Meal Served 5:15–5:30pm Carry Outs Only	April 29 Fourth Wednesday of Easter 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 9:30am Larry Cartwright Burial 12 noon Worship	April 30 9am – 1pm Church Office Open (by appointment only)	1 Asian Pacific American Heritage Month May Day Pastor Sabbath	2 9am – 1pm Women's Clothes Closet Open	1 Dennis Baehr 8 Katlyn Becker 9 Shelley Dolan 9 Suzanne Morgan 10 Thomas Culver 10 Kyle Heser
	3 Fifth Sunday of Easter 8:30 – 11am Church Office Open 9:30am Worship 10:15am Moo-Moo's Prayer Club 10:15am Coffee Fellowship 1:30pm OSLC Hiking Group 6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.	4 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 10am – 12 noon Gas Vouchers	5 Cinco de Mayo 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 1–5pm Women's Clothes Closet <u>Come For Supper</u> 4pm Doors Open 4:05–5:15pm Meal Served 5:15–5:30pm Carry Outs Only	6 Fifth Wednesday of Easter 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 12 noon Worship 6:30pm Dorcas Society mtg.	7 9am – 1pm Church Office Open	8 Pastor/Staff Sabbath	9 9am – 1pm Women's Clothes Closet Open	12 William Beranek 12 Ardelle Ender 12 Tom Herlitzke 13 Cal Thornton 16 Julie Huntington 19 Sharon Helke 20 Marlene Cravens
	10 Sixth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day 8:30 – 11am Church Office Open 9:30am Worship 10:15am Moo-Moo's Prayer Club 10:15am Coffee Fellowship 10:30am Mother's Day Letters 6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.	11 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 10am – 12 noon Gas Vouchers	12 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 9am Quilters 1–5pm Women's Clothes Closet <u>Come For Supper</u> 4pm Doors Open 4:05–5:15pm Meal Served 5:15–5:30pm Carry Outs Only	13 Sixth Wednesday of Easter 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 12 noon Worship 1pm Priscilla Circle	14 Ascension Day 9am – 1pm Church Office Open	15 Pastor/Staff Sabbath	16 9am – 1pm Women's Clothes Closet Open 4:30 – 6:30pm Dinner & Movie	20 Owen McCall 20 Vini Moyer 21 Matt Dolan 23 Barb Jarrett 25 Shannon Perry 26 Linda Schwandt 27 Sarah Schlesner
	17 Seventh Sunday of Easter Syttende Mai Celebration Noisy Offering Emergency Fund 8:30 – 11am Church Office Open 9:30am Worship 10:15am Potluck 6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.	18 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 10am – 12 noon Gas Vouchers	19 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 1–5pm Women's Clothes Closet <u>Come For Supper</u> 4pm Doors Open 4:05–5:15pm Meal Served 5:15–5:30pm Carry Outs Only	20 Seventh Wed. of Easter 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 12 noon Worship 1pm Art & Faith 6pm Church Council	21 9am – 1pm Church Office Open	22 Pastor/Staff Sabbath	23 9am – 1pm Women's Clothes Closet Open	DONATION DRIVE This May, we're collecting spaghetti and egg noodles to support our Come For Supper ministry. Our goal is to collect 75 lbs. of pasta to help create hearty, comforting meals for our neighbors and community. Donations can be placed on the counter in the Fellowship Hall kitchen. Thank you for helping us share good food and fellowship—one meal at a time!
	24 Day of Pentecost 8:30 – 11am Church Office Open 9:30am Worship 10:15am Moo-Moo's Prayer Club 10:15am Coffee Fellowship 10:30am Game Day 6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.	25 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	26 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 9am Quilters 1–5pm Women's Clothes Closet <u>Come For Supper</u> 4pm Doors Open 4:05–5:15pm Meal Served 5:15–5:30pm Carry Outs Only	27 Wednesday of Pentecost 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 12 noon Worship	28 9am – 1pm Church Office Open	29 Pastor/Staff Sabbath	30 9am – 1pm Women's Clothes Closet Open 6 – 8pm Courtyard Fire Pit	
	31 First Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 – 11am Church Office Open 9:30am Worship 10:15am Moo-Moo's Prayer Club 10:15am Coffee Fellowship 10:30am Play-Doh Play 6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.	June 1 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 10am – 12 noon Gas Vouchers	June 2 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 1–5pm Women's Clothes Closet <u>Come For Supper</u> 4pm Doors Open 4:05–5:15pm Meal Served 5:15–5:30pm Carry Outs Only	June 3 First Wed. of Pentecost 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 12 noon Worship 6:30pm Dorcas Society mtg.	June 4 9am – 1pm Church Office Open	June 5 Pastor/Staff Sabbath	June 6 9am – 5pm Synod Assembly 9am – 1pm Women's Clothes Closet Open	

PASTORAL ACTS—FUNERAL

Katherine “Kaye” O. Kjome, passed after a short illness on Monday, January 26, 2026. A Celebration of Life was held at 1pm on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at Our Savior’s. Pastor Joane Richmond officiated.

SYTTENDE MAI CELEBRATION!

Sunday, May 17, 2026

We invite you to join us as we celebrate and honor the Norwegian heritage that is an important part of our congregation’s history. Our worship will include a spirit of gratitude and celebration, and all are invited to stay following the service for a potluck meal. Please bring a dish to share if you are able, and enjoy a time of fellowship as we celebrate together.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING UPDATE

Thank you to all who attended the Special Congregational Meeting and took part in this important conversation. As we move forward with the approved building project—replacement of the boiler pumps and motors and creating a task force for updates to the church’s exterior entry doors—we have established a designated giving fund: “Doors & Pumps.”

If you feel called to support these efforts, you may contribute to the *Doors & Pumps* fund. Thank you for your continued generosity and care for our church home.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF BABY CARE KITS - WELCOMING NEW LIFE TO THE WORLD!

We’re excited to support **Lutheran World Relief (LWR)**, an organization that shares hope, dignity, and practical care with people facing crisis around the globe. You’re invited to be a part of this meaningful mission by assembling **Baby Care Kits**.

From **Mother’s Day (Sunday, May 10, 2026) through Hawaiian Shirt Sunday, September 20, 2026**, help us create kits for families welcoming a new baby in challenging circumstances. Whether you make one or several, each kit becomes a cherished gift of care and compassion.

A new baby is a blessing, but for families living in poverty, it can also bring uncertainty and hardship. Baby Care Kits provide essential items to help keep infants healthy, clean, and comfortable, offering a strong and hopeful start.

Each Baby Care Kit should include:

- TWO** lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies ®)
- TWO** receiving blankets medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, between 32” and 52” square or rectangular
- TWO** long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- TWO** pairs of socks (new)
- FOUR** cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- ONE** hand towel, dark color recommended (new)
- TWO** diaper pins or large safety pins
- ONE** jacket, sweater, sweatshirt or cape with a hood, or include a baby cap
- TWO** or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., in original wrapping

Want to connect with other? Check out the [LWR Quilters and Kit-Makers](#) Facebook group to learn, share ideas, and see how others are putting their faith into action.

MOO-MOO’S PRAYER CLUB

Sunday, May 3, 10, 24, & 31, 2026, 10:15am – Sanctuary

Calling all little hands and big hearts! 🙌 Infants, toddlers, and elementary-age kids are invited to explore fun, exciting ways to praise and serve God. Sing, pray, learn, and play together as we grow in faith—no experience needed, just curiosity and smiles! 😊

DORCAS SOCIETY

Wednesday, May 6, 6:30pm—Fellowship Hall

Join us for the May meeting as we gather for a regular business meeting. Your ideas and participation are always appreciated! Whether you attend regularly or joining us for the first time, you are warmly invited to come and be part of the conversation and community.

OSLC HIKING GROUP

Sunday, May 3, 1:30pm—Gundersen Health Walking Path

Join us for a relaxed afternoon hike! Whether you're a beginner, a seasoned walker, or somewhere in between, all are welcome.

We'll start at the Gundersen Health Complex (Parking Lot F) and follow the paved path along the river toward Green Island Park, passing Eagle Crest South before looping back. The total distance is about one mile.

Come enjoy fresh air, good company, and a beautiful walk along the river!

🎁📺 DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT 📺🎁

Saturday, May 16, 4:30 – 6:30pm—Fellowship Hall

Join us for a cozy family movie night fun for all ages and stages! Enjoy a light dinner and snacks while we relax and watch a great film together. For more information, please call/text Jessica at [608.782.3468](tel:608.782.3468).

🎮 GAME DAY 🎮

Sunday, May 24, 10:15am—Fellowship Hall

Bring the whole family and join us for a fun-filled Game Day! All ages and stages are welcome—because everything’s more exciting with a little friendly competition. 😊 Bring your favorite board game, a snack to share, or simply come as you are. There’s a seat (and a game) for everyone!

🔥 COURTYARD FIRE PIT 🔥

Saturday, May 30, 6—8pm—Courtyard

Gather around the fire for a night of s’mores, grilled hot dogs, outdoor games, and lots of fun! Bring a lawn chair or blanket, and your friends and family, for a cozy evening together.

PLAY-DOH PLAY

Sunday, May 31, 10:15am – Fellowship Hall

Stay after worship for some hands-on fun! All ages are invited to create, play, and enjoy fellowship with Play-Doh.

SAVE THE DATE – CHURCH PICNIC

Saturday, June 13, 2026, 11:30am – All Abilities Trane Park Pavillion (15th & Chase Sts.)

Mark your calendars and join us for a fun-filled afternoon together at All Abilities Trane Park! W-ELCA is firing up the grill with hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks. Please bring a dish to share (beans, salad, or dessert) and a lawn chair to kick back and relax. Good food, great company, and plenty of smiles – what more could you want? 😊 This event is sponsored by Our Savior’s W-ELCA.

MEMORIALS & SPECIAL GIFTS

Our Savior’s gratefully acknowledges and sincerely appreciates your gifts over and above your regular giving. The following gifts were from Wednesday, March 11, 2026—Wednesday, April 22, 2026. Thank you!

- **Quilters** In memory of Kaye Kjome by Chuck & Linda Rudrud and Marilyn
- **Undesignated** In memory of Kaye Kjome by Marilyn Skarpec

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

		Jan. 1 – March 1, 2026, Actual	YTD Budget
INCOME	General Income	\$63,606.58	\$67,125.00
	Other Income	\$9,404.13	\$7,208.76
	Benevolence	\$555.86	\$1,125.00