

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA 612 Division St. La Crosse, WI 608.782.3468 www.oursaviorslutheranchurch.net "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.								
OCTOBER 2026 @ OUR SAVIOR'S	Sept. 2718th Sun. Pentecost Pastor Joanne's 40th Anniversary Ordination Celebration 8:30 – 11am Church Office Open 8:45 – 9:15am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Worship 10:15am Reception 6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.	September 28 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 10am – 12 noon Gas Vouchers	September 29 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 1—5pm Women's Clothes Closet Come For Supper 4pm Doors Open 4:05—5:15pm Meal Served 5:15—5:30pm Carry Outs Only	Sept. 30Quilt Wednesday 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 12 noon Worship	1 9am – 1pm Church Office Open	2 Pastor/Staff Sabbath	3 9am – 1pm WCC Open 10am Visitation 11am Esther Harman Funeral Luncheon following 1:30pm Quilt Set-Up 6:30 – 7:30pm Dinner & Show	BIRTHDAYS 2 Carol Miller 5 Emma Kate Zinniel 8 John Schilling 10 Mary Van Berkum 11 Kate Herlitzke 15 Cindi McMullin 15 Ruby VanZee 15 Jack Zinniel 17 Cheryl Olson 18 Gary Wold 19 Andy Stutesman 21 Monice Wiebke-Peterson 22 Fox Zinniel 23 Linda Baehr 23 Dan Lintin 24 Dean Herlitzke 24 Diane Stutesman 25 Jeff Taylor 26 Samantha Gallup 26 Barb Seidel 28 Mikel Hampel 30 Becky Grapes
	4Quilt Sunday St. Francis of Assisi 8:30 – 11am Church Office Open 9:30am Worship 10:15am Boxing Quilts & Kits 10:45am Coffee Fellowship 6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg. Pastor @Fall Theological	5 9am – 1pm Church Office Open	6 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 1—5pm Women's Clothes Closet Come For Supper 4pm Doors Open 4:05—5:15pm Meal Served 5:15—5:30pm Carry Outs Only	719th Wed. after Pentecost 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 12 noon Worship 6:30pm Dorcas Society Meeting	8 9am – 1pm Church Office Open	9 Pastor/Staff Sabbath	10 7am – 11am LWR Semi Load @GSLC – La Crosse 9am – 1pm WCC Open	
	1120th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 – 11am Church Office Open 9:30am Worship 10:15am Coffee Fellowship 10:15am Sunday School 6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.	12 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 10am – 12 noon Gas Vouchers	13 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 9am Quilters 1—5pm Women's Clothes Closet Come For Supper 4pm Doors Open 4:05—5:15pm Meal Served 5:15—5:30pm Carry Outs Only	1420th Wed. after Pentecost 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 12 noon Worship 1pm Priscilla Circle	15 9am – 1pm Church Office Open	16 Pastor/Staff Sabbath	17 9am – 1pm WCC Open 10am Visitation 11am Carol Rhode Funeral 6 – 8pm Fall Campfire	
	1821st Sunday after Pentecost Noisy Offering Emergency Fund 8:30 – 11am Church Office Open 9:30am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Soup Potluck 6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.	19 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 10am – 12 noon Gas Vouchers	20 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 1—5pm Women's Clothes Closet Come For Supper 4pm Doors Open 4:05—5:15pm Meal Served 5:15—5:30pm Carry Outs Only	2121st Wed. after Pentecost 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 12 noon Worship 1pm Art & Faith 6pm Church Council	22 9am – 1pm Church Office Open	23 Pastor/Staff Sabbath	24 9am – 1pm WCC Open	
	25 Reformation Sunday 8:30 – 11am Church Office Open 9:30am Worship 10:15am Rootbeer & Hymn Sing 6:30pm Y.E.S. A.A. mtg.	26 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 10am – 12 noon Gas Vouchers	27 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 9am Quilters 1—5pm Women's Clothes Closet Come For Supper 4pm Doors Open 4:05—5:15pm Meal Served 5:15—5:30pm Carry Outs Only	28 Reformation Wednesday 9am – 1pm Church Office Open 12 noon Worship	29 9am – 1pm Church Office Open	30 Pastor/Staff Sabbath	31Halloween 9am – 1pm WCC Open	
								Calendar Notations HC—Holy Communion CF—Coffee Fellowship WCC—Women's Clothes Closet CFS—Come for Supper LWR—Lutheran World Relief GSLC-La Crosse—Good Shepherd Lutheran Church – La Crosse

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OCTOBER DONATION DRIVE – WRAPPING WINN IN WARMTH

As the leaves change and cooler days arrive, we’re collecting **blankets** for **What I Need Now (WINN)** to help provide warmth and comfort to our neighbors who need it most.

New or gently used blankets are welcome. Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the narthex. Together, we can help make the colder months a little warmer, one blanket at a time.

DINNER & A SHOW

Saturday, October 3, 6:30–7:30pm | Zinniel House

Grab your comfiest clothes and join us for an **outdoor movie night for all ages and stages!** We’ll enjoy dinner, snacks, and a movie under the stars. Bring a lawn chair settle in, and enjoy a fun evening of food, fellowship, and a little movie magic!

Want to join us? Text 608.782.3468 with your name and we’ll send you the address.

QUILT SUNDAY

Sunday, October 4, 2026

One of the best Sundays of the church year! Quilts made throughout the year by our Our Savior’s Quilters for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) will be draped over the backs of the pews. During worship, Pastor Joanne will offer a blessing for the quilts and the people who will receive them before they are boxed up and sent on their way to families around the wide.

Did you know? It costs about **\$4.00 per quilt** to help cover the costs of getting these quilts where they are needed. Your gift to Lutheran World Relief Shipping Fund helps these quilts travel from our hands to families around the world – bringing warmth, comfort, and care along the way.

Thank you for helping make this ministry of love in action possible!

QUILT SET-UP

Saturday, October 3, 2026, 1:30pm | Sanctuary

Help us get all those beautiful quilts ready for Quilt Sunday! Come help arrange the quilts on the pews and get everything ready for their blessing and journey around the world.

DORCAS SOCIETY

Wednesday, October 7, 6:30pm | Fellowship Hall

The October Dorcas meeting will focus on planning for our upcoming Christmas Bazaar on **Saturday, November 14**. All are welcome—come share your ideas as we prepare for this special event!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SEMI LOAD

Saturday, October 10, 7—11am | Good Shepherd (4141 Mormon Coulee Rd., La Crosse)

It’s that time of year again! Churches from across the synod are coming together to send baby care kits, personal care kits, school kits, and quilts around the world through **Lutheran World Relief**. Trucks will be in the large parking lot across Birch Street—come celebrate this amazing mission, and if you’re able, lend a hand helping **load the trucks**. Every bit of help makes a big difference in sharing God’s love—one kit and quilt at a time! If you have any questions, please contact Jim Balow at 608.788.8408 or jbalow@gmail.com.

You can also check for updated info on the La Crosse Lutheran World Relief Ingathering Facebook page at www.facebook.com/LaCrosseLWRingathering. Thank you in advance for all of your help.

FALL CAMPFIRE

Saturday, October 17, 2026, 6 - 8pm | Courtyard

Mark your calendars, folks! 'Cause it's fall, y'all, and we need s'more time together! Join us for an all-ages event filled with s'mores, snacks, and drinks. We'll provide the goodies; you bring a blanket or chair to cozy up by the fire. Let's make some warm memories together! See you there!

SOUP POTLUCK SUNDAY

Sunday, October 18, 10:15am | Fellowship Hall

It’s time to get cozy! Join us for a delicious chance to share your favorite homemade soup and try some new favorites, too. Bring a batch of your favorite soup to share. We’ll sample, swap, and enjoy a little soup-season fun together!

ART & FAITH

Wednesday, October 21, 1pm | Fellowship Hall

Join us for our card-making ministry as we create cards to brighten someone's day. Come for an hour of creativity, conversation, and connection. All supplies are provided, and everyone is welcome!

Make cards, share kindness, spread joy—no experience necessary.

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS BOOK

Our Savior’s Lutheran Church has a new mailing address!

Please update your records and use our new address for all future mail:
Our Savior’s Lutheran Church
612 Division St.
La Crosse, WI 54601

Please use this address whenever you send mail to the church. Thanks for helping us make the switch!

WOMEN'S CLOTHES CLOSET NEEDS

The Women's Clothes Closet is in need of the following items: fall/winter clothing that is in season, new or gently used, and in good repair, toothbrushes and toothpaste, small bottles of shampoo, conditioner, and lotion. Items can be dropped off in the church office on Monday through Thursday, 9 am—1pm or before or after worship on Sunday or Wednesday. Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

DEATHS

Carol Rhode passed away Tuesday, August 25, 2026. A memorial service will be held Saturday, October 17, 2026, at 11am in the chapel at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church. Pastor Joanne Richmond will officiate.

Esther Harman passed away Friday, September 4, 2026. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2026 at 11am at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, La Crosse, WI. Pastor Joanne Richmond will officiate.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

		Jan. 1 – Aug. 31, 2026, Actual	YTD Budget
INCOME	General Income	\$150,585.13	\$179,000.00
	Other Income	\$27,467.62	\$19,223.36
	Benevolence	\$1,937.99	\$3,000.00
	Mission Support	\$9,705.00	\$16,666.64
	Other Mission Support	\$2,790.00	\$5,833.36
TOTAL INCOME		\$192,485.74	\$223,723.36
TOTAL EXPENSE		\$226,724.00	\$228,024.08
OVER/UNDER		(\$34,238.26)	(\$4,300.72)

MEMORIALS & SPECIAL GIFTS

Our Savior's gratefully acknowledges and sincerely appreciates your gifts over and above your regular giving. The following gifts were from Thursday, August 27, 2026 – Thursday, September 17, 2026. Thank you!

- Doors & Pumps Fund** in memory of Paul Ranum by Jim & Rachel Balow
- Green Initiative Fund** in memory of Pastor Jim Radatz by Colleen Pitz and Cheryl Vieth
- Undesignated** in memory of Pastor Jim Radatz by Barb Clark, Todd & Kim Grapes, Carol Hadley, Dave Kopesky, Chris Krueger, the La Crosse Area Synod, Dan Lintin & Mikel Hampel, Scott & Judy Lee, Doris Modahl, Cynthia Sandberg, Gary & Lynn Schurrer, the Solem Church Preservation, Sue Staples