

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Newsletter

March 2026

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HEAR IT, FEEL IT, LIVE IT, SHARE IT – GOD'S LOVE

Dear siblings in Christ,

Even before I went to seminary, I was taught something really important and, in some ways, really obvious about the four gospels. Three of the gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—have a lot in common. They follow more or less the same order of events. They talk about a lot of the same miracles and teachings and other events in Jesus's life. We structure our church years around them (Ever notice we have the same readings every three years? Each year follows one of these three gospels.) Whole books have been written on those similarities, but in short, these three gospel accounts are written from a very similar perspective. We give them this fancy church term “synoptic” meaning “seen together.”

And then there's John.

I've talked about John before as the gospel that presents Jesus in a way that is either so completely relatable and three-dimensional that you can almost step into the pages to see the Savior's actions—or is so arcane and mystical in describing the cosmic Christ that you're not really certain what's going on half the time. John is really, really different from the other three gospels. It was written with a totally different focus than the rest of them. And it's a beautiful part of our Bible, because it gives us some of our most beloved imagery and stories of Jesus: the wedding at Cana, Jesus calling himself the bread of life, the resuscitation of Lazarus, the healing of the blind man, and the woman at the well, among others.

For reasons I'm sure the Spirit had in mind, we take a little break from Matthew this year during Lent to explore some of the most timeless passages from John's gospel—the conversation with Nicodemus, the woman at the well, the blind man healed, and the resuscitation of Lazarus. They tell us about faith and wonder, about miracles and the ordinary-extraordinary works of God, and about who Jesus is. Even when John gets confusing, his language is still beautiful and his reflection on Jesus's life, death, and resurrection are a blessing to the all Christians. It's really a wonderful way to walk through Lent when we hear from this gospel.

And perhaps, as part of your Lenten discipline of prayer, take the time to read those stories in John for yourselves during the week. Consider what each story says to your heart, and pray about them with your friends and family. If you hear something interesting or new, tell it to others! By water and the Word you were made children of God, and the gospel of John has a lot to say about that to each of us, and through each of us.

In Christ,
Pastor Lucas

God calls us to the waters of baptism, and as we enter the months ahead,
keep in mind the following dates that are open for baptisms.

**April 4th, 5th,
May 17th, June 14th.**

Contact the Office if any of these dates would work for your family.
office.osbeldenville@gmail.com, 715-273-4570

Our Savior's Council Meeting Minutes

February 03, 2026

Call Meeting to Order: President Tim Wiff at 6:00 PM.

Attending: Debbi Pittman, Pastor Lucas, Donna Constant, Mike Rehbein, Tim Wiff, Julie Winger, Mark Jensen, Steve Straub

Absent: Ron Halverson, Patricia Peterson, Sue Palmquist

Opening Devotions: Pastor Lucas

New Business:

Veterans Recognition Challenge Coin

How to identify and distribute to veterans or a family member with during the Memorial Day Service.

Ask Sunshine Crew if they can follow up to present to those not in attendance.

Pastor's mic, needed for online streaming listeners, was off during sermon.

Work around is to set camera to Wide. This turns mic on at pew near the media table for online streaming audio.

Old Business:

Wax Candles with Paper Wax Catchers

Motion to move forward to use real candles for Easter Vigil and Christmas by Debbi, seconded by Pastor, M/C.

Obtain gifts to pass out during the annual meeting as was done last year via drawings.

Congregation members interested in attending the Chamber of Commerce Dinner, please contact Donna.

Our Saviors is a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Draft a statement to present at the annual meeting of ongoing financial shortfalls explaining the need a portion of the proceeds of the fair stand and Lutefisk be utilized for the church.

Secretary's Report:

Motion to approve Secretary's Report by Donna, seconded by Debbi, M/C.

Treasurer's Report:

Designated Account \$56,802.02

General Account - \$391.06

Money Market \$ 32,844.41

Total \$89,255.37

Treasurer needed to borrow \$3,700 from designated fund in January to pay quarterly bills and payroll.

The Edward Jones CD account \$173,207.26

The CCF CD account \$51,002.16

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Pastor, seconded by Julie, M/C.

Our Savior's Council Meeting Minutes

Pastor's report:

Motion to approve Pastor's Report by Debbi, seconded by Donna, M/C.

Youth Report:

Motion to approve Youth Report by Julie, seconded by Mark, M/C.

Committee Reports:

Endowment Committee:

The report format is updated for improved understanding at the annual meeting.

Conflict Detection: none

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn by Donna, seconded by Pastor, M/C.

Closing Prayer: The Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting: March 03, 2026.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Rehbein



**Support Our Mission
with eGiving**

This Winter Season, consider making your gifts using our eGiving tools.
Our Savior's Lutheran Church offers online:
www.oursaviorschurch.info "give" tab,
Text-to-Give: 833-506-0632.



Our Savior's Annual Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2026

Call the Annual Meeting to Order President Tim Wiff at 10:10 AM.
Attending: Approximately 45 members. Held in OSLC Fellowship Hall.
Opening Prayer Pastor Lucas Ladnier I counted 45+

Door Prizes: Drawings for fun door prizes after each report during the meeting.

Minutes of 2025 Annual Meeting

Motion to approve 2025 meeting minutes by Bruce Place, seconded by Dave Jordahl, M/C.

Pastor Lucas Report

Pastor Lucas spoke on deepening connections in the community.

Motion to approve Pastor's Report by Rhoda Foley, seconded by Belinda Foley, M/C.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer, Debbi Pittman, financial reports included in Annual Meeting Packet.

General Account Balance \$ 536.19

Designated Account Balance \$61,063.32

Money Market \$32,810.23

Edward Jones CD		Matures
\$55,000.00	4.15%	(01/23/2026)
\$50,000.00	4.00%	(05/13/2026)
\$50,000.00	3.65%	(10/23/2026)

Mutual Funds

\$20,974.05 4.08%

CCF Bank CD

\$50,000.00 (03/08/2026)

Total Giving \$175,398.04

Total Expenses \$182,988.92

Discussion regarding need to borrow from the designated account to pay bills.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Barry Johnson, seconded by Julie Winger, M/C.

Audit Committee Report

Randy Winger, Tom Holdorf advised audits conducted on main church accounts, WELCA & Endowment Fund, finding everything in order.

Motion to approve Audit Committee Report by Rhoda Foley, seconded by Audry Severson, M/C.

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Lutefisk Dinner & Fair Stand, Outreach Ministries Funds Disbursement

Lutefisk Supper \$5,959.64 / Fair Stand \$16,000.00 / 2025 Remaining Funds \$7,663.44

Suggested disbursement \$29,623.08. Please see disbursements attached as page 12.

Motion to approve disbursement of funds by Barry Johnson, seconded by Peter Falde, M/C.

Endowment Committee Report

Income 2025 \$5,989.63 / Balance 01/01/2026 \$147,856.60 / Disbursed \$5,000 in 2025.

Disbursement of \$2,500 set for 2026. Listed on Page 14 of the Annual reports.

Disbursement amount adjusted downward to replace amount previously disbursed from principal.

Please see disbursements attached as page 14 of the Annual reports.

Motion to approve Endowment Committee Report by Lanette Place, seconded by Belinda Foley, M/C.

Nominating Committee Report

Jodi Wiff presented and generously thanked the members accepting these positions.

Named the nominees for each position for church council and each committee.

Election of Officers & Committee Members

Hearing no additional nominations, discussion or questions, Tim called for the vote.

Motion to approve Election of Officers and Committee Members as listed by Larry Peterson, seconded by Jon Lantz, M/C.

Tim expressed thanks, both to those who have completed their terms as well as all newly elected, for their service.

Old Business:

N/A

New Business:

Discussion was held among the membership regarding the Council recommendation to keep a portion of the Lutefisk Supper and Fair Stand funds to cover Church remaining expenses.

Motion was made and seconded at the February 3rd 2026 Council meeting to keep 20% of the Lutefisk Supper and Fair Stand proceeds for our operating budget each year. That motion was presented to the annual meeting attendees, motion carried.

2026 Proposed Budget

Tim reviewed the council approved budget of \$196,631. Noting the significant increase in the deductible of the insurance policy. After discussion about failing to pay out the \$2500 Synod Mission Support in 2025, a motion was made by Dave Jordahl, 2nd by Audrey Severson, to commit to pay \$5,000 in fiscal year 2026 to cover 2025 and 2026. M/C. Motion to approve the amended 2026 budget to \$199,131 which includes the aforementioned \$2500 was made by Lanette Place, 2nd by Belinda Foley, M/C .

Tim announced that Patricia Peterson is giving advance notice regarding the Youth Director position. Ending a lengthy, admirable and memorable tenure as OSLC Youth Director.

We need to seek a Youth Director for the summer of 2027.

OS Cemetery Assoc. Annual Meeting: (Separate report attached.)

Our Savior's Lutheran Church 2025 Annual Report attached for more details and other reports.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Audrey Severson, seconded by Mary Halls, M/C.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35am.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Rehbein

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE



PASSION OF CHRIST

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND
ADAPTED & DIRECTED BY LUKE HAYES

MARCH 20-22 | MARCH 27-29
FRIDAYS AT 7 PM
SATURDAYS AT 2 PM & 7 PM
SUNDAYS AT 2 PM

THE SPRING VALLEY STAGEHANDS THEATRE
S234 MCKAY AVE • SPRING VALLEY, WI 54767
ORDER TICKETS AT WWW.SVSTAGEHANDS.ORG




FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: The Pierce County Food Pantry continues to need certain items. For the month of **MARCH** we will be collecting;
Ramen Noodles, Macaroni, Baked Beans, Sugar, Paper Products
 Please put the items in the grocery cart in the back of the church.
 Thank you for showing your concern. Money donations accepted as well. Did you know that every dollar donated can purchase \$7 worth of food? Online donations @hungerpreventioncouncil.net, call 715-273-2070 or to arrange a food drive sponsored by your family or organization. Let's help end hunger in Pierce County.

FLOWER ORDER FORM 2026

We are offering more variety of flowers for Easter. Indicate **HOW MANY** you desire to buy:

_____ EASTER LILY - \$20

_____ TULIP POT - \$15

_____ EASTER MUM - \$15

CHECKS MAY BE WRITTEN TO WELCA

NAME _____

PHONE _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

ORDER BY WEDNESDAY MARCH 11th, 2026 THEY WILL BE IN THE SANCTUARY FOR EASTER. YOU MAY PICK THEM UP FOLLOWING EASTER SERVICE.

If you want to buy lilies or flowers on your own, you can bring them to church by 3 pm on Saturday before Easter.



Pantry Garden Help Us Grow! 🌱

Supporting Our Food Pantry Garden

We are asking for support to help us continue and expand our food pantry garden project—and thanks to our amazing community, last year was our biggest and most successful year yet!

🌟 **What We Accomplished Together Last Year**
 567 pounds of fresh produce harvested
 165+ pumpkins distributed to local families in need
 Added an asparagus patch
 Added a new large, raised garden bed
 Purchased several heavy-duty tomato cages and a couple trellises

With the growing number of families needing assistance, we are hopeful to break that record again this year.

🌱 **Our Goal for This Year = \$500**
 We are hoping to expand our garden footprint by adding:
 4 new long skinny raised beds with trellises
 Landscaping fabric to help with weed control
 Heavy-duty hoses and nozzles
 A new strawberry patch 🍓

❤️ **How You Can Help**
 Your donations help turn seeds into meals and dreams into reality. Every contribution helps us provide fresh, nutritious food grown right here in our town. Together, we can fight hunger in our community and nourish our neighbors.

Thank you for your support!

Jenna Auckland - Garden Coordinator - 651-707-4195
 Pierce County Hunger Prevention Council
 PO Box 201 - 440 North Maple Street - Ellsworth, WI 54011

*Checks can be made out to "Hunger Prevention Council" with "Garden Supplies" in the memo so it gets placed into the correct spot in the Food Pantry's budget.

2026
Preferred Senior Living
&
Ellsworth Health Services

Worship Schedule for Our Savior's

Wednesday April 22nd
1:30pm Preferred Senior Living,
2:30pm Ellsworth Health Services

June 24th, September 23rd, November 25th



EASTCHOIR? If you would be interested in participating in a choir on either the Saturday Easter Vigil, or the Sunday Worship Service, please contact the church office either by email, phone, or in person. This is open to all ages, singers, and even a director. Let's Praise the Lord with our voices!.



All are welcome!
Please join us at Church on Monday's
March 9th & 23rd at 10:00am.
We hope to see you there!



Please Pray for;
**Tricia Anderson,
Rick Melby,
Benita (Keehr) Gregg,
Jon Swedien,
Sharlene Valenzuela,
Dave Buettner,
Steve DuMond,
Max Beck,
Matt Feuerhelm,
John Paape, and
Kristen Anderson.**
If you know of anyone that should be on our prayer list please contact the office.



Join us in Celebrating Palm Sunday with a Contemporary Service on March 29th, followed by a free-will donation breakfast for the whole family

**Our Savior's
Holy Week Schedule**

Thursday April 2nd
6pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday April 3rd
7pm Good Friday Service
At Zion Covenant Church

Saturday April 4th
7pm Easter Vigil Service
with Fireworks to follow

Sunday April 5th
10am Easter Worship Service

WALKING TOGETHER
Church Without Walls

March 21, 2026
8:00 - 4:00
\$25 Per Participant
Bethany Lutheran Church - Rice Lake, WI
Keynote Speaker: Natalia Terfa

Register and Details Here:
<https://nswi.org/walking-together-event>

Northwest Synod of Wisconsin
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Guilds: Audrey Severson Ann Young Money Counters/ Tech Assistants Sue Palmquist Tim Wiff						
1 Cinnamon Roll Sunday 9am Worship/Livestream 9:15am Sunday School Hour 10am Fellowship Hour	2	3 6pm Council Meeting	4 5:30pm Lent Supper 6:30pm Lent Service	5	6	7
8 9am Worship/Livestream No Sunday School Hour 10am Fellowship Hour	9 10am Coffee & Conversation	10	11 5:30pm Lent Supper 6:30pm Lent Service	12	13	14
15 9am Worship/Livestream 9:15am Sunday School Hour 10am Fellowship Hour	16	17	18 4pm S.O.S. Kids Crew 5:30pm Lent Supper 6:30pm Lent Service	19 3pm Men in Mission Meeting	20	21
22 9am Worship/Livestream No Sunday School Hour 10am Fellowship Hour 10am Endowment Committee Meeting	23 10am Coffee & Conversation	24	25 8:30am Quilting 5:30pm Lent Supper 6:30pm Lent Service	26	27	28 10am Easter Egg Hunt
29 Contemporary 9am Worship/Livestream No Sunday School Hour 10am Palm Sunday Brunch	30	31				

	Greeter's/Ushers	Tech Assistant	Acolyte	Reader	Bell Ringer	Assisting Minister
March 1st 9:00AM	Rhoda Foley Sue Palmquist	Isaac Yunker Patricia Peterson	Lane Kolodzienski Luke Lundstrom	Mary Halls	Roger Laughnan	
March 8th 9:00AM	Bruce & Lanette Place	Hallee Place Sue Palmquist	Hadley Coulson Ben Johnson	Sue Palmquist	Roger Laughnan	Rhoda Foley
March 15th 9:00AM	Lori Coulson Mary Halls	Jake Knight Bruce Place	June Feuerhelm Ryland Jensen	Steve Straub	Roger Laughnan	Lanette Place
March 22nd 9:00AM	Roger & Pauline Laughnan	Wyatt Kirchner Tim Wiff	Eli Stockwell Brody Flynn	Amy Parmeter	Roger Laughnan	Sue Palmquist
March 29th 9:00AM	Mission Trip Participants	Kaia Christopherson Sue Palmquist	Wes Raleigh Wyatt Goodier	Crystal Raleigh	Roger Laughnan	Tom Holdorf

Thank you for your participation in our worship service. Each ministry participant is greatly appreciated. If you cannot serve on the date assigned, please trade with someone or call Lori Coulson, Mary Halls, or Vicki Bowen if you have any questions. Lori: 715-821-3731 Mary: 715-307-0842, Vicki: 612-756-5067. Instructions for each ministry position are posted in the narthex.

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