

# OSL Weekly Messenger

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP - February 15 - Transfiguration of our Lord

"This is my Son, the beloved.... Listen to him." On this Transfiguration Sunday, Jesus' identity as God's beloved Son is affirmed and he radiates with divine light. But as this moment passes, it becomes clear that the road ahead will lead to the cross where Jesus will once again be transfigured, this time into the man of sorrows. It is only when we hold these two visions together that we will come to understand what true glory is. This week, the OSL Bell Choir will share special music throughout our worship service. There will be a children's sermon at the end of the service to bury the alleluia, in preparation of our Lenten fast. But before that fast begins, we'll sing a few extra alleluias led by our Sunday School students.

## ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY!

Grab some coffee and come join us in the sanctuary Immediately following worship service on February 18th.



## Proposed Constitutional Changes

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council has recommended and approved the proposed changes to the OSL Constitution and Bylaws at its meeting on November 11, 2025. The council has approved three kinds of changes:

1. Required changes from the two most recent ELCA Churchwide Assemblies;
2. Non-required but recommended changes from the ELCA Churchwide Assemblies;
3. Non-required changes that have not come the ELCA Churchwide Assemblies but are recommended by the ELCA Model Constitution that is given to congregations.

These changes will be voted on at the OSL Annual Meeting on Sunday February 15, 2026.

The proposed constitution can be accessed through the link below. In addition, printed copies are available in the church office. If you have any questions regarding the changes, please feel free to contact Pr. Sarah. [OSL Constitution Proposed Updates](#)

### Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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#### Sunday, February 15

- Worship, 9am
- Annual Meeting, 10:15am
- Sunday School, 10:15am

#### Monday, February 16

- Women in Action, 9am

#### Tuesday, February 17

- Tuesday's Table, 5:00pm

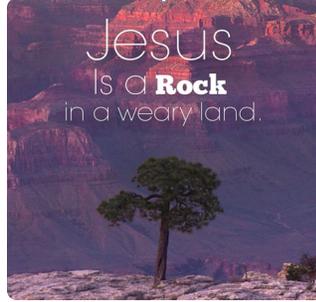
#### Wednesday, February 18

- Reading Club, 1:00pm
- Writing Club, 1:00pm
- Lenten Supper, 5:15pm
- Ash Wednesday service, 6:30pm

#### Thursday, February 19

- Quilting Queens, 9:00am
- Vibrant Voices, 1:00pm

**Lent 2026  
Jesus is a Rock in  
a Weary Land  
Our Savior's  
Lutheran Church**



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and continues until Maundy

Thursday. It a time of preparation for the Great Feast of the Church – the Three Days that culminate with Jesus' resurrection on Easter. Lent begins with a reminder of the frailty of human life as we hear the words, "You are dust and to dust you shall return" and it concludes as we gather around a table set with bread and wine, a meal that enlivens us with very life of Christ "given and shed for each of us." As we prepare for Easter, we are in are invited to grow deeper in our faith, in our relationship with God and with each other, and to be more intentional in our acts of loving our neighbor by practicing the spiritual disciplines of praying, fasting, and giving alms.

We invite you to make Wednesday nights a part of your Lenten discipline. Join us each Wednesday night for a simple meal that begins at 5:15pm followed by Vesper service at 6:30pm in the sanctuary using the liturgy of Holden Evening Prayer. This year will gather around the theme, Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land. To help care for our neighbors, we will be collecting donations in our Little Church throughout Lent for the Menomonie School District's Nutrition Angel Fund, a fund that helps pay off student lunch debt.

If you are a singer and interested in helping to be a part of a pick-up choir that leads Holden Evening Prayer, plan to join us on Wednesday nights at 6:00pm in the sanctuary for a rehearsal. Come and sing with us whenever you are able! If you aren't a singer but play flute or violin and would like to try out the instrumental part that goes along with Holden, contact our director of music, Michaela Gifford.

**The Mission Endowment Fund** committee will be meeting on March 3rd to review grants. All requests for

this cycle are due to the office by  
Thursday, February 26, 2026.

**YOUTH MINISTRY IS  
SELLING KWIK TRTIP  
GIFT AND CARWASH  
CARDS DURING THE  
MONTH OF FEBRUARY!**



**Forms are available in the  
Friendship Room. Please bring  
completed forms and \$\$ to the  
church office or Denise.**

***Communion Instruction** is scheduled  
for Wednesday, February 25th from 4:00-  
5:00pm. Communion Blessing is on March  
30th during worship. All ages welcome.  
Email [denise@oslme.com](mailto:denise@oslme.com) for pre-  
registration.*

**ADRC Caregiver meal prep days return!**

- February 26 from 9-11am
- May 5 from 9-11am
- September 2 from 9-11am
- November 3 from 9-11am

Look for sign up sheets next week.  
See Denise with questions

**SAVE THE DATE - July 16-18, 2026!  
OSL Canoe Trip Down the  
Namekagon River**

***THE EXPERIENCE***  
***The Namekagon and St. Croix Rivers***  
***are some of the most beautiful***  
***rivers in the Midwest. Your trip will***  
***consist of paddling down these***  
***scenic rivers during the day and***  
***camping under the stars at night.***

***This is a true wilderness experience  
right here in Northern Wisconsin.***

**Jacobson Outdoors Youth Group  
Canoe Trip**

Informational meeting; Wednesday, March 11th from  
7:00-7:30pm.

**Luther Park is open for Summer Camp  
Reservations. Click the link below:**

**[Register for Luther Park Camp  
Reservations](#)**

**UPCOMING HANDBELL  
SCHEDULE**

- Sunday, February 15th - rehearsal at 8:00am
- Performance at 9:00am



**VIBRANT VOICES** - OSL is the home of Vibrant Voices, a choir for those in the early stages of memory loss and their caregivers.

Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 1:00 pm.  
There will be a concert on April 16th at 1:00 pm.

***New Member Class***

*If you are interested in becoming a member of OSL, join us April 19th in the conference room following worship for a new member class and a chance to learn more about OSL.*

*Then join us in worship on Sunday, April 26th, as we formally welcome you to the congregation!*

**OUR SAVIOR'S THRIFT SALE**



**SAVE THE  
DATE!  
MAY 14-15,  
2026**

## **Service Opportunities**

### **Blanket Drive**

Winter has arrived in full and that means cold days and even colder nights. To help our neighbors in need stay warm throughout this season, we will be collecting NEW blankets of any size. Blankets will be collected during January and distributed in February. They can be dropped off in the designated tote in the Friendship Room. In addition to collecting new blankets, we will also be collecting funds in our Little Church that will be used to purchase blankets for the drive.

#### **LITTLE CHURCH**

Offerings collected for Ministry Outside Our Walls through Ash Wednesday go to **the blanket drive.**

Beginning Ash Wednesday, offerings collected for Ministry Outside Our Walls will go to **the School District of Menomonie School Lunch Angel Fund.**

Cooks are needed for the following **Lutheran Campus Ministry** Monday night meals:

- Monday, February 23
- Monday, March 2
- Monday, April 6
- Monday, April 27

Meals are served at 6:00 pm and average 12-15 people. Families, groups and teams of friends are encouraged to sign up for a night with LCM Director Sara McCullough at [icmstoutdirector@gmail.com](mailto:icmstoutdirector@gmail.com) .

### Little Free Pantry

As you're able, please consider donating boxes of cereal (any size) and new or gently used hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves. Donations may be placed on the shelf in the Friendship Room. Thank you for helping us care for our neighbors.



**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

### Opportunities

- Online viewing: YouTube: go to Our Savior's Lutheran Menomonie
- Listen-to-Church, 9am, 715-430-2720
- **Transfiguration of our Lord Sunday, February 15, 2026**



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