

# Western Wisconsin AFL-CIO: To host Annual Workers' Memorial Day Event April 28 at Chad Erickson Memorial Park

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La Crosse, Wisconsin - Families and friends of Western Wisconsin workers will gather at Chad Erickson Memorial Park in La Crosse on Friday, April 28, 2023 to honor workers who perished while at work and to call for action on hazards that cause unnecessary injury, illness, and death.

A non-denominational invocation will be given by Ellen Rasmussen, former pastor at Wesley United Methodist Church in La Crosse and current pastor at Brown Deer United Methodist Church in Brown Deer. The solemn recognition of those who have fallen will begin with the reading of the proclamation marking April 28th as Workers Memorial Day in the City of La Crosse.

This year's guest speaker will be Kerrie Baures, mother of Brooke Baures, who lost her life while working as a waitress in 2014.

This event is part of International Workers Memorial Day, held annually on April 28th, with thousands of groups around the globe uniting to honor the fallen and to remind everyone that, 'One worker's life lost is one too many'.

The Occupational Safety and Health Act and Mine Safety and Health Act promise

workers the right to a safe job. Unions and all working families have fought hard to make that promise a reality—winning protections that have made jobs safer, saved hundreds of thousands of lives and prevented millions of workplace injuries and illnesses.

Hard-won gains enhancing workplace safety are threatened. There have been several all-out assaults on regulations, targeting job safety rules on beryllium, mine examinations, injury reporting and child labor protections.

Please join us on Workers Memorial Day as we continue the fight for safe jobs and mourn the lost.

**WHAT:** Workers Memorial Day

**WHEN:** Friday April 28, 2023 - 5pm

**WHERE:** Chad Erickson Memorial Park, 3601 Park Lane Drive, La Crosse.