

First stop in two-day tour to raise public awareness to the many serious crises that must be addressed by budget.

CHIPPEWA FALLS, WI - Today, May 5th, we will hold the first of 16 public speaking events that will happen in all 16 Joint Finance Committee member's districts. We will kick off our first event in the home district of State Senator Kathleen Bernier. This event is being led by our partner, Citizen Action - Wisconsin, and will occur in front of the Courthouse (711 N. Bridge St.) in downtown Chippewa Falls at noon.

The remaining 15 tour stops will occur on Friday, May 7th and Saturday May 8th. Three will be stand-alone events like the Chippewa Falls event and will occur in Rhinelander, River Falls, and Sheboygan. (Schedule and locations below)

The remaining 12 Joint Finance Committee Member districts will be visited as part of a two-day tour led by the Building Unity "UnityMobile." (pictured above) This two-day leg of the Just Budget Unity Tour will travel over 500 miles and will hold 12 public "speak-outs" calling for justice in the state budget. All events will be outdoors and covid-safe.

This 12-stop tour will be accompanied by Pastor Jonathan Barker of Kenosha, author of "Jesus Would Demand a Green New Deal" and one of the Wisconsin Seven who recently ended a

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22-day water-only fast demanding climate justice in the state budget, as well as Debra Gillispie of Milwaukee, the founder of the group Mothers Against Gun Violence, and other Wisconsin justice activists.

On the evening of Friday, May 7th at 6:30 PM, will conclude this tour day with a virtual gathering where we will share videos made by the Just Budget Video Project, as well as footage from the day's six tour stops. Register for Zoom link to attend this virtual event: https://forms.gle/p6n79K H9pWsqGFrGA

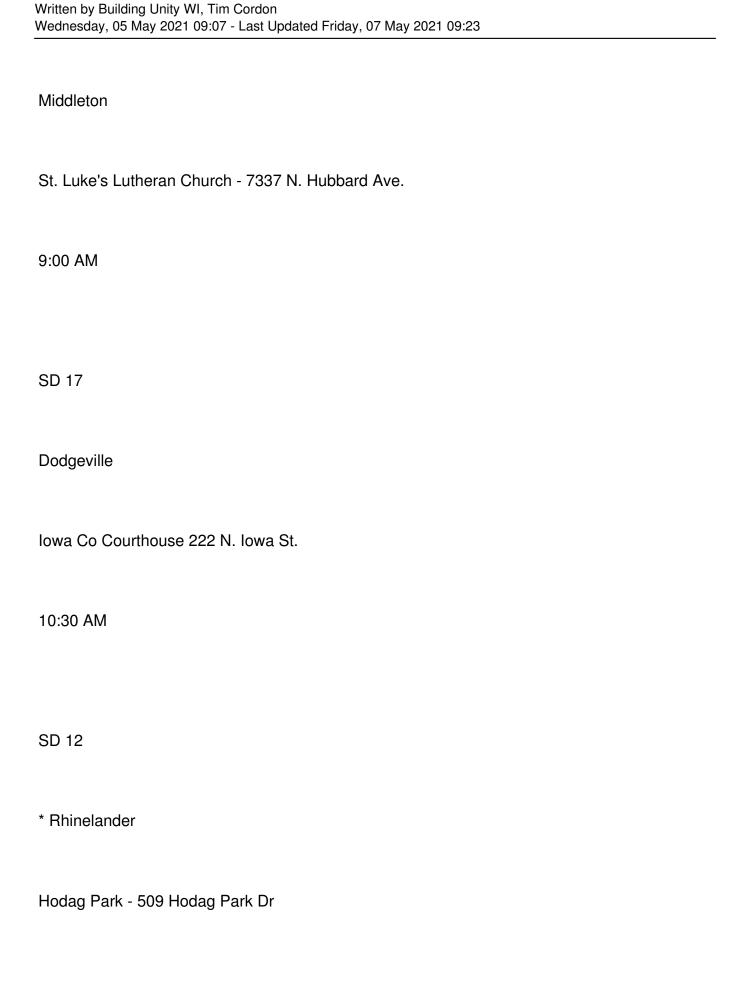
Members of the press and others will be given the first 10 mins to ask any questions about the tour or our Just Budget Video Project.

The Coalition for a Just WI Budget and partners hope that this statewide demonstration of unity will inspire others to ask what they can do to make sure that their voices are heard for justice during this budget season.

We hope to raise public awareness to the many serious crises that must be addressed by this budget. People in Wisconsin are hurting and the future is not looking good for our youth. It's time to care for each other and our planet home. Expanding medicaid, will save Wisconsin roughly \$1.6 billion and insure over 90,000 more people. Legalizing marijuana will increase tax revenue, employment, and economic development while reducing crime and our mass incarceration problem. Criminal justice reform that includes treatment alternatives and diversions, will save lives and Wisconsin tax dollars. Investing in clean water, energy conservation, and green energy jobs are investments that are needed for a livable future. It is time for fair taxation. We need to end the tax breaks to the wealthiest Wisconsinites and invest to bring health, prosperity, and equity to all of our schools and communities.

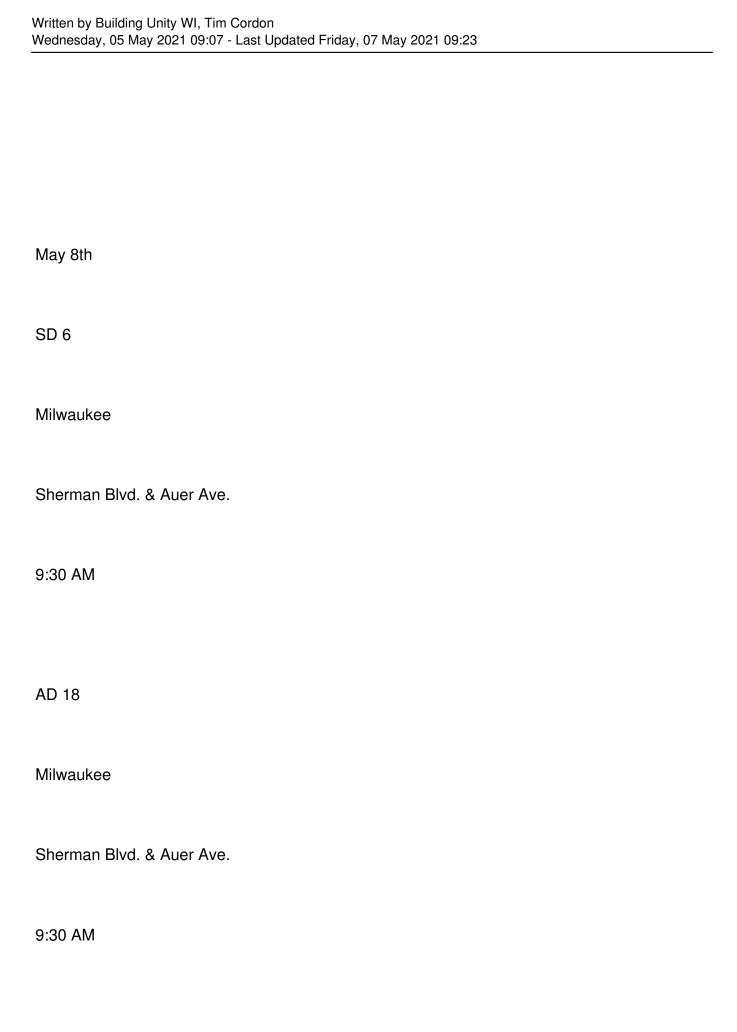
Just Budget Unity Tour Schedule:	
Date	
Dist.	

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City
Location
Arrive
May 5th
SD 23
* Chippewa Falls
Courthouse - 711 N. Bridge St. Noon
NOOT
May 7th
SD 27



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11:00 AM
AD 31
Beloit
McKearn Park - 2711 Park Ave.
1:15 PM
AD 31
Elkhorn
Lot Across from 12 N. Church St.
2:30 PM
AD 26

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* Sheboygan
Fountain Park - 922 N. 8th St.
3:00 PM
AD 21
Oak Creek
Greenlawn Park - 7628 S. Howell Avenue
4:10 PM
AD 22
Racine
Cesar Chavez Community Ctr - 2221 Douglas Ave.
5:20 PM



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AD 30
* River Falls
Veterans Park
11:00 AM
SD 20
Cedarburg
Cedar Creek Park - N55 W6079 Portland Rd
11:30 AM
SD 5
Brookfield

