

The Parish Internet

Our Saviour's Lutheran of Holway

Sunday Worship 8:00 am



JANUARY

2024

Our mission is to share the love of Christ with each other, our community, and the world.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

January Calendar

Sunday Worship 8:00am

January 3	4-6:00 p.m. Confirmation
January 7	Worship w/Communion, Rev. Robert Giese
January 9	6:00 p.m. Council Meeting
January 10	4-6:00 p.m. Confirmation
January 14	Worship w/Communion, Rev. Sara Bishop Sunday School 9-10:00 a.m.
January 17	4-6:00 p.m. Confirmation
January 21	Worship w/Communion, Barb Krug, SAM
January 24	4-6pm Confirmation
January 28	Worship w/Communion, Rev. Nancy Amacher
January 31	4-6pm Confirmation

Ojibwe Storytelling series in January—Tuesday evenings, January 9, 16, 23 and 30.

In Ojibwe culture, winter is storytelling season. The Wisconsin Historical Society is celebrating by featuring Ojibwe storytellers in a four-part virtual series. You may register at the webpage below. They have organized these storytelling events for the past two years and the archived videos are available on that website as well.

www.wihist.org/OjibweStorytelling

A message from Pastor Bob



Members and Friends of
St. Paul's Lutheran & Our Saviour's Lutheran

It has been my honor and privilege to be the administrative interim pastor for Our Saviour's and St. Paul's this past year. Leading worship and attending meetings and visiting some people have been a good experience.

However, beginning January 1, 2024, Synodically Authorized Minister Barb Krug will be taking over the duties of administrative interim, adding those to her duties as SAM for our two congregations.

First I discussed this possibility with Barb, who was enthusiastic about the idea. Then I got approval from Pastor Randy Olson, the Synod staff member in charge of such things. Finally, the Joint Council approved the plan at their December meeting.

Here were my main reasons for suggesting this change:

- I believe Barb will be good at it - better than I am.
- I wish to concentrate my retirement pastoral efforts on my work with SAMs - teaching, listening, mentoring. There are now over 30 SAMs in our Synod.
- I need to return to being more retired than I have been for much of this year so I can spend more quality time with Jo, whose heart and mobility health issues continue to be challenging.

This does not mean you won't see me anymore. I will continue to lead worship at both congregations about once per month as needed and available. I will also be available to the councils to answer questions and give advice as requested. And I'll continue playing the piano for worship at Our Saviour's.

I've been excited to see what seems to be growing excitement about the future at both congregations since the two congregations started an official relationship last spring. It may be a bit frustrating that there's no sign of an ordained pastor in the near future, but I trust the Holy Spirit is guiding the congregations forward and has great things in store if we continue to work together to share the Good News of Jesus and God's Love with each other and our community. It's clear to me that current leadership is perfectly capable of guiding us forward in worship and ministry.

Blessings!

Pastor Bob Giese

News & Events

New Church Secretary

As of February 1, Nancy Jones will be taking over as the secretary of Our Saviour's Lutheran. Nancy and her husband, Dennis, are members of the Methodist Church in Medford. Nancy currently serves as the part-time secretary of St. Paul's in Medford and will add our Saviour's to her work schedule. The Joint council will work out details of the position. Welcome Nancy to Our Saviour's.

January Worship Assistants

Date	Ushers	Reader	Communion	Counters	Scrip	Acolyte
1/7/24 White - BG	Harry & Karen Frosch	Marian Nernberger	Brenda Nernberger	Brenda Nernberger & Marian Nernberger	Brenda Nernberger	Kingston Fox
1/14/24 Green - SB	Julie Janke & Adele Adams	Janet Sova	Carol Lekies	Carol Lekies & Julie Janke	Nancie Adams	Austin Crab
1/21/24 Green - BK	Paula Stroinski & Echo Bueher	Paula Stroinski	Paula Stroinski	Paula Stroinski & Echo Buehler	Julie Janke	Cora Neitzel
1/28/24 Green - NA	Mike & Heidi Kesling	Marian Nernberger	Karen Frosch	Marian Nernberger & Karen Frosch	Brenda Nernberger	Braxton Larson

January Altar Guild: Paula Stroinski & Echo Bueher

Mother Nature trumps 5th Sunday Worship

"I'm so sad! We've worked hard in preparation for our Joint Service at BS Bar for Our Saviour's and St. Paul's churches, but with the ice outside and not much hope of it melting by morning, we are cancelling the worship service tomorrow. Please stay safe!" Barb Krug's Facebook post from Saturday night.

"Bummer," said Pastor Bob. Barb Krug fell at her home and Pastor Bob had to salt the side walk to get Jo in the house when they got back from Minnesota. He said there was 1/2 inch of ice on the grill of his car. After work, my driveway was coated with ice and I contemplated crawling from my garage to the house. (Carol Lekies)

WELCA Meeting - Feb. 7, 2024 Karen Frosch hostess.



Thank you for the County Market Gift cards I received for Christmas. Carol Lekies.

News & Events: Memorials

Poinsettias

Thank you for purchasing poinsettias this Advent season.

Ken & Marian Nernberger.....in memory of Neil Nernberger

Juanita Krug, Sara & Deanna.....in memory of David Krug

Kaci Klemm.....in honor of Barb Krug

Gena Selby-Grateful Children.....in memory of Generations of
and Grandchildren Nelson families

Beverly & Mark Utke.....in memory of Todd Michael Utke
(son & brother)

Sandra Plummer.....in memory of Boyd Byron Plummer,
husband (Bev Utke's sister)& Todd Utke

Barb Krug, Ed & family.....in memory of Keith & Joan Krug

Josh, Josey & Andrew Krug.....in memory of Jenny Krug

Derrick & Jamie Neitzel.....in memory of Clifford Neitzel, Florence
& Richard Nelson and Rick Nelson

Please take home your poinsettias after the Christmas Eve service.

We acknowledge and thank the following for their donations.

Donations to the Cemetery Association (\$625.00)

Deb Gaffney

Tana (Nelson) Turonia

Claire Malchow in memory of Jake & Helen Staab

Sharon Danielson

Mark & Julie Hoffman in memory of Harvey & Gerry Halverson

Gena Selby Children & Grandchildren in memory of generations
of Nelson families

Carol & Gordy Lekies in memory of their parents:

Roy & Mabel Jaslowski & Roy & Mabel Lekies

ELCA World Hunger—Deb Gaffney

Our Saviour's Current Expenses—Barry & Janet Jensen

News & Events



Baptisms

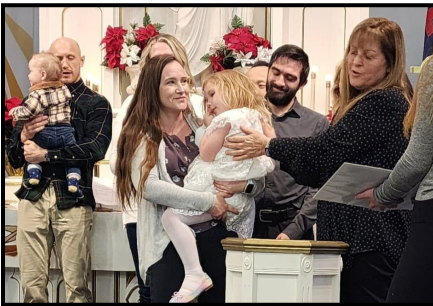
On December 24 during the morning service, we welcomed Luke John Emmerson, Brody Alan Brost and Autumn Raine Willis into the Lord's family. Barb Krug, SAM, performed the sacraments of baptism.

Luke is the son of Angela (Brost) and Roy Emmerson. Angela and her family live in Bury Saint Edmunds, UK. She serves as a dentist

at RAF Lakenheath military base. Luke's sponsors are Dani and Pat Lin, from Austin, TX. Angela and Dani have been friends since high school.

Brody (right) is the son of Christopher Brost and Kerry Lingen. Sponsors are Amy Brost, Chris's sister, and Cole Ziehlke, a friend.

Autumn is the daughter of Maureen Willis. Her sponsors are Kerry Lingen, Autumn's aunt and Patrick Willis Autumn's uncle.



“For in one spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one spirit.”

I Corinthians 12:13

CHURCH CANCELLATION POLICY

If worship is cancelled due to poor weather conditions, the cancellation will be announced on our Facebook page and on MEDFORD RADIO STATION-99.3 FM.

News & Events

Sunday School Christmas Program December 17

The little ones assembled as in Sunday School class, listened to the Christmas message and sang songs for the congregation. The Christmas story was read by confirmation students as the nativity was portrayed by classmates. The three wise men, Mary, Joseph and the readers (below).



News & Events

Council Meeting Minutes – December 14, 2023

Attendees: Barb, Brenda, Jason, Pastor Bob, Nancie. Paula, Mike, Josh, Andrew, Lynette, and Meagan

Pastor Bob opened us with prayer and the group recited the mission statement. Motion to approve agenda as printed made by Mike and seconded by Brenda. Motion to approve the November meeting minutes as printed made by Brenda and seconded by Jason.

Treasurer's Report for November explained by Nancie to new members. Septic tanks had to be emptied twice in the last couple of months but unsure why or what would have caused this need. Potential to need to be looked at in future. Motion to approve the treasurer's report as printed made by Paula and seconded by Brenda. Joint Report had no major updates/changes outside of normal costs

Co-Mission Reports

New representatives to coordinate with the new council members. Sunday School/Confirmation Christmas Program is set for Dec 17 at 8AM

Meagan presented **Confirmation class updates**

First half of year was focused on Old Testament and second half will be New Testament. There are currently 14 students going through class.

Scholarships for Bible Camp for the students

Do we offer portion to pay for students to attend?

Cost for the week and then break out how much to pay

Advise to kids in Jan/Feb as that is when they can sign up for camp

Hoping to have kids that have attended in the past to present to the Confirmation Students some Wednesday; There are different time slots for the students to go, 3 days to a week are options. Nancie will research and find more information on what the costs, dates, and any additional information to bring back to council to discuss

Property updates

Taylor Electric has done installations and we are waiting on a bill.

Air Conditioning unit was approved by congregation at last annual meeting up to \$6000. Reviewed the bids, and eliminated Zenners, Kramer submitted a bid for \$6040 approx, Wojcik provided two different bids for two systems \$4950 and \$6250, and Neubauer quoted \$5000.

Suggested to go either Neubauer and Kramer. Jason made a motion to go with Neubauer and seconded by Josh to install. Motion carried. There is a member of the congregation that is looking to donate funds to the installation of the air conditioner.

There are additional funds in the Memorial Funds that could be utilized potentially for the air conditioner or the next needed updates. Motion for using Memorial Funds to purchase and install the air conditioning unit made by Mike and seconded by Jason. Motion carried.

Driveway Sealant is suggested to be reviewed and potentially updated. Two bids were received, one by Petersen at \$6365 with a 10% discount until May 31 and the other by Jensen at \$7694. Motion to go with Petersen for the sealant made by Nancie and seconded by Andrew. Motion carries. There is \$4000 in undesignated funds and would check with WELCA for potential funds. Motion to use undesignated funds, ask WELCA for donation, and use budget made by Andrew and seconded by Lynette. Motion carries.

WELCA Updates

Ladies lunch on 01/10 at Medford Cafe for 11:30

Worship Updates

Pastor Bob has a small wireless sound system that he is testing and if it works well he would donate to the church.

Old Business:

Fresh Expressions is being attended by Meagan, Bobbi, and Heidi. Currently working through the first class 'assignment' before the Jan class.

Joint Service Dec 31 at BS Bar at 9AM. Food will be provided, no potluck needed. Krug's Bus and BS Bar are donating the food.

Add to newsletter information about needed updates and that any donations are welcome.

Church Secretary Position is open as Carol's last day is Jan 31, 2024. Add a 'Help Wanted' ad in the upcoming bulletins. Add 'Help Wanted' ad in the newsletter. Option to do a lot of the work from home, there is a small salary, and opportunity to be flexible. Job Description layout will be posted on bulletin board. Will also post the 'Help Wanted' on the Facebook page. St Patrick's Day event on March 17 after Church for the congregation.

Community Mission for Jesus is having a sub sandwich on 08/14/2024.

New Business:

Second railing going down to the basement has started being painted and is getting ready to be installed. Mike K is working to get this completed and done.

News & Events

Council Meetings frequency and times - meet on the second Tuesdays of the month at 6pm

Installation of New Council Members - Dec 17 at beginning of service

New insurance information came through and went up for this coming year. Do we get a new quote from Klinner that the town of Holway uses? Suggested to just stay with Church Mutual as we cannot change insurance at this time for 2024.

Synod Assembly delegates are Jo Giese and Andrew Krug for Synod Assembly and will vote on a new Bishop. This will be a two day event.

As of Jan 1, 2024 Pastor Bob will no longer be the administrative interim and will transition to Barb. He will retain his membership with the Church, play piano when able, and will assist with worship as needed.

Next Council Meeting is Jan 9, 2024 at 6PM

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Paula and seconded by Josh.

Motion carries. Closed with Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Meagan Neitzel, Secretary

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News & Events: Finance

Our Saviour's November Financial Report: 2023

EXPLANATIONS: This report shows the normal, ongoing bills that are paid on a regular basis each month. I have detailed the Income, as well as the line items expenses. Nancie

Income Section:

General	\$4551.00
Hunger	\$410.00
Scrip	\$4100.00
TOTAL INCOME:	<u>\$9061.00</u>

Expense Section

Benevolence	\$182.04 to NW Synod of WI General Mission Support – 4%
Hunger	\$410.00 to Northwest Synod of WI for ELCA World Hunger
Internet Service (Clark Electric)	\$61.94
Phone (TDS)	\$51.73
Electricity (Taylor Electric)	\$150.20
Dumpster (GFL Environmental)	\$72.02
LP Gas (Budget-Medford Coop)	\$232.00
Insurance (Church Mutual)	\$383.47
Newsletter Postage	\$37.50
Clear Country Water Solutions	\$35.00
Payroll	\$371.25
Church Administrator	\$200.00
Supply Pastors	\$402.38
Music (Organist)	\$375.00
Copier Lease (E.O. Johnson)	\$122.14
VANCO charge	\$7.05
Script Cards (Co. Market)	\$960.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	<u>\$4053.72</u>

Savings Account: **\$7546.30**

Mission Investment Fund: Term Investment Fixed 4 Year – 3847 Rate 1.49%
YTD Interest Earned \$184.82 Matures 9/24/2025

09/30/2023 Balance \$16562.36
Interest 9/24/2023 \$62.29
09/30/2023 New Balance \$16,624.65



December 17, installation of new council members for 2024.

News & Events: OS Finance

INCOME - Our Saviour's	November	YTD 2023		
General	4,551.00	56,245.39		
Hunger	410.00	4,310.00		
Sunday School/VBS/Camp	0.00	520.00		
Change the World/Special Offering	0.00	667.00		
Scrip	4,100.00	27,075.00		
TOTAL INCOME	9,061.00	88,817.39		
Expenses:	November	YTD	Monthly/Budget	Year/Budget
Benevolence	182.04	2,249.81	0.00	3,000.00
Hunger In/Out	410.00	4,310.00	0.00	
Special Offering In/Out		607.00	0.00	
Internet Service	61.94	681.34	62.50	750.00
Phone	51.73	576.60	60.42	725.00
Electricity	150.20	1,566.18	166.67	2,000.00
LP Gas	232.00	3,791.00	409.00	4,908.00
Dumpster	72.02	599.70	41.67	500.00
Holding Tanks		215.00	20.83	250.00
Snow Plowing		993.75	100.00	1,200.00
Janitor Supplies		134.14	16.67	200.00
Clear Country Water Solutions	35.00	140.00	18.75	225.00
Building Repairs/Maintenance		1,113.68	83.33	1,000.00
Worship/Devotionals/Resources		518.17	50.00	600.00
Organ/Piano Maintenance		105.00	25.00	300.00
Insurance	383.47	4,276.55	323.45	3,881.40
Office & Computer Supplies/parts/ink		194.71	41.67	500.00
Postage and Stamps		0.00	16.67	200.00
Computer Maintenance/Repair		75.00	16.67	200.00
Treasurer Supplies		120.60	8.33	100.00
Newsletter Postage	37.50	406.50	37.50	450.00
Copier Lease	122.14	1,298.54	108.33	1,300.00
Supply Pastors	402.38	4,586.49	58.33	700.00
Conference Dues		33.50	3.33	40.00
Assembly Delegates		100.00	12.50	150.00
Joint Account		1,860.76	4,000.01	48,000.12
Payroll	371.25	7,367.20	650.00	7,800.00
Pastorial Admin	200.00	200.00		
Website		143.88	12.50	150.00
Music Fund	375.00	2,375.00	173.33	2,080.00
Leadership Training		237.50	12.50	150.00
Education (Adult, Confirmation, Sunday School, VBS)		684.27	83.33	1,000.00
Background Checks		0.00	8.33	100.00
Camping Funds		0.00	20.83	250.00
Miscellaneous- Special Events		114.92	0.00	500.00
Scrip Cards	960.00	24,630.45	0.00	
VANCO Charge	7.05	59.95	0.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	4,053.72	66,367.19	6,642.46	83,209.52
Checking Account:		Savings Account:		7,527.06
Camping Fund	1,273.54		Deposit	19.24
Sunday School	572.53		Total	7,546.30
General	33,178.12			
TOTAL	35,024.19	<i>Submitted By:</i>	<i>Nancie Adams</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>

News & Events: Joint Finance

November 2023

2023 JOINT PARISH FINANCIAL

	MONTH			YEA
	Actual 0.00	Monthly Budget	Difference Act to Bud	Actual YTD
INCOME				
Our Saviour's	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,448.20
Trinity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Our Saviour's Payroll	371.25	0.00	371.25	6,003.06
Janitor Payroll/Caretaker	1,195.00	0.00	1,195.00	5,463.52
Polka Service	0.00			0.00
Interest	0.05			
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,566.30	\$0.00	\$1,566.30	\$12,914.78
EXPENSES	Month of 0.00	Monthly Budget	Difference Act to Bud	Actual YTD
Joint Resources/tools	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Workmens Compensation	0.00	0.00	0.00	924.00
Subtotal	0.00	0.00	0.00	924.00
PASTORAL:				
Salary-Pastor Amy Heinz	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,431.11
Housing Allowance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mileage allowance	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,727.74
Pension and insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Social security tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Official Meetings/Continuing Ed	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pastoral Subtotal	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,158.85
TOTAL JOINT EXPENSES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,082.85
OS CARETAKER				
Wages	1,195.00	0.00	1,195.00	3,115.00
Medicare & Social Security	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OS Caretaker subtotal	1,195.00	0.00	1,195.00	3,115.00
OS JANITOR				
Wages	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,181.60
Medicare & Social Security	0.00	0.00	0.00	-166.92
OS Janitor subtotal	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,014.68
OS Janitor subtotal	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,014.68
OS Secretary				
Wages	402.00	0.00	402.00	3,954.00
Medicare/Social Security/Federal	-30.75	0.00	-30.75	-30.75
OS Secretary subtotal	371.25	0.00	371.25	3,923.25
MISCELLANEOUS:				
U.S Federal Taxes	0.00			
Wi Dept of Rev- Taxes	0.00			
Miscellaneous Subtotal	0.00			

Online Giving Available at oursavioursholway.com

The link is accessible on the website, oursavioursholway.com on the home page and the donation page. Your gift may be set up as a single or recurring donation. Thank You.

News & Events: Joint Finance

2024 JOINT BUDGET

INCOME

	2023 Budget
Our Saviour's	\$0.00
Trinity	\$0.00
Payroll	\$0.00
Money already in Joint	\$0.00
Total Joint Income	\$0.00

EXPENSES

ADMINISTRATION & OPERATIONS

Joint Resources/tools/stamps/checks	\$0.00
Workman's Compensation	\$924.00
Polka Service	\$0.00
Administration & Operations Subtotal	\$924.00

PASTORAL:

Pastor's Salary	0.00
Housing Allowance	0.00
Mileage allowance	0.00
Pension and insurance	0.00
Social security tax	0.00
Official meetings/ Continuing Ed	0.00
Pastoral Subtotal	0.00

THANK
YOU

We thank Rev. Warren Behling, Julie Janke, Mike Lindau, Rod Adams, Zach Kawa, Jessica Nernberger and Marian Nernberger for reading the Christmas Story during the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Joanie Lindau for playing the piano and organ, Andrew Krug for playing "Joy to the World," and Barb Krug for leading the service.

Happy New Year

"May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us..."

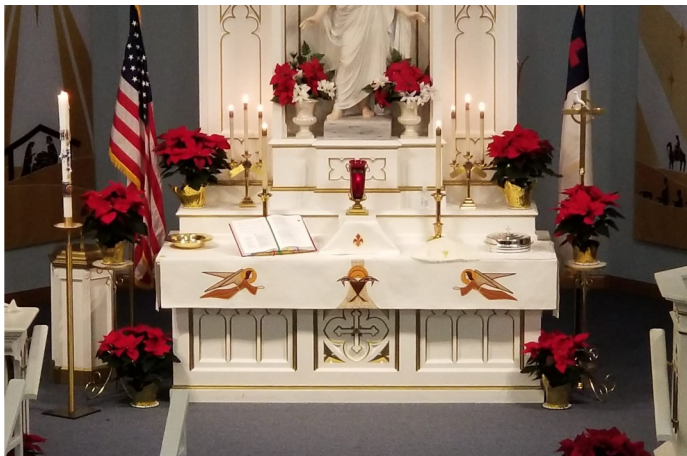
Psalm 90:17a

News & Events

2023 Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service



“I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope.” Jeremiah 29:11



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