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

## The Parish Internet

Our Saviour's Lutheran of Holway  
Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m.



THE LORD IS MY  
STRENGTH  
AND MY  
SONG;  
HE HAS BECOME  
MY SALVATION.  
PSALM 118:14, ESV

## May 2024

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June Newsletter  
Deadline is May 21

## May 2024 Calendar

Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m.

- May 1 WELCA @ Our Saviour's, 6:45 p.m.
- May 5 Confirmation Sunday w/communion, Barb Krug, SAM
- May 7 Community Mission with Jesus @ St. Paul's, 6:00 p.m.
- May 9-11 Rummage Sale at St. Paul's to benefit CMWJ
- May 12 Mother's Day, Worship w/communion, Pastor Bob Giese  
Sunday School singing, Sunday School awards
- May 14 Church Council @ Our Saviour's, 6:00 p.m.
- May 19 Honor's Sunday w/communion, Mike Kesling
- May 26 Worship w/communion, Pastor Nancy Amacher  
Lavin birthday/anniversary celebration

## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY - May 5

Join us on May 5 to witness and support the following youth in their affirmation of faith:

Ava Adams, Austin Crabb, Chelsea Dick,  
Dawson Fox, Kingston Fox, Brayden Larson, and Brett Larson.



Preston Adams, Meadow Beyer,  
Braylon Fox, Kadance Fox, Logan Kawa,  
Andrew Krug, Coy Locks,  
Caleb Marion (Gilman), and Cody Weiler.

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INCOME - Our Saviour's				
	January	YTD 2024		
General	4,955.50	4,955.50		
Hunger	320.00	320.00		
Sunday School/VBS/Camp		0.00		
Change the World/Special Offering		0.00		
Scrip	2,325.00	2,325.00		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>7,600.50</b>	<b>7,600.50</b>		
Expenses:				
	January	YTD	Monthly/Budget	Year/Budget
Benevolence	198.22	198.22	250.00	3,000.00
Hunger In/Out	320.00	320.00	0.00	
Special Offering In/Out		0.00	0.00	
Internet Service	61.94	61.94	62.50	750.00
Phone	52.39	52.39	60.42	725.00
Electricity	175.49	175.49	166.67	2,000.00
LP Gas	232.00	232.00	333.33	4,000.00
Dumpster - GFL	71.31	71.31	41.67	500.00
Holding Tanks		0.00	20.83	250.00
Snow Plowing		0.00	100.00	1,200.00
Janitor Supplies		0.00	16.67	200.00
Clear Country Water Solutions	45.00	45.00	18.75	225.00
Building Repairs/Maintenance	129.50	129.50	83.33	1,000.00
Worship/Devotionals/Resources	18.89	18.89	50.00	600.00
Organ/Piano Maintenance		0.00	25.00	300.00
Insurance	447.66	447.66	375.00	4,500.00
Office & Computer Supplies/parts/ink	37.85	37.85	41.67	500.00
Postage and Stamps		0.00	16.67	200.00
Computer Maintenance/Repair		0.00	16.67	200.00
Treasurer Supplies		0.00	8.33	100.00
Newsletter Postage	38.15	38.15	37.50	450.00
Copier Lease	127.33	127.33	125.00	1,500.00
Supply Pastors	556.65	556.65	600.00	7,200.00
Conference Dues		0.00	3.33	40.00
Assembly Delegates		0.00	12.50	150.00
Joint Account** see notes below		0.00	41.67	500.00
Payroll-Secretary-Property Manager	846.12	846.12	650.00	7,800.00
Website		0.00	12.50	150.00
Music	225.00	225.00	325.00	3,900.00
Leadership Training		0.00	83.33	1,000.00
Education (Adult, Confirmation, Sunday School, VBS)		0.00	83.33	1,000.00
Background Checks		0.00	8.33	100.00
Camping Funds		0.00	20.83	250.00
Pastorial Admin	200.00	200.00	200.00	2,400.00
Miscellaneous- Special Events		0.00	41.67	500.00
Scrip Cards	2,304.00	2,304.00	0.00	
VANCO Charge	3.30	3.30	0.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>6,090.80</b>	<b>6,090.80</b>	<b>3,890.83</b>	<b>47,190.00</b>
<b>Checking Account:</b>		<b>Savings Account: 7,547.50</b>		
Camping Fund	1,273.54		Deposit	1.36
Sunday School/VBS	572.53		<b>Total</b>	<b>7,548.86</b>
General	37,117.76			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>38,963.83</b>	Submitted By:	Nancie Adams,	Treasurer

**Our Saviour's March Financial Report: 2024**

**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	\$5718.93 (Feb & March checking acc interest added \$50.93)
Hunger	\$435.00
Special Offering	\$318.10 (lent offerings - split between -Taylor Humane Society & Taylor House Shelter)
In/ Out	\$198.00 (Easter lilies)
Scrip	\$2025.00

**TOTAL INCOME: \$8695.03**

**Expense Section**

Benevolence	\$266.72(to NW Synod of WI General Mission Support – 4%)
Hunger	\$435.00(to Northwest Synod of WI for ELCA World Hunger)
Internet Service (Clark Electric)	\$61.94
Special Offering/In/Out	\$535.10(lent offerings donated to Taylor House & Humane Soc)
Offerings In/Out	\$198.00(payment to Laurie's flowers for Easter Lilies)
Phone (TDS)	\$51.70
Electricity (Taylor Electric)	\$179.20
Dumpster (GFL Environmental)	\$25.92
LP Gas (Budget-Medford Coop)	\$232.00
Insurance (Church Mutual)	\$447.66
Newsletter Postage	\$31.73
Payroll	\$616.25(watchman \$80.00--sec wage\$536.25)
Church Administrator	\$200.00
Supply Pastors	\$649.68
Music (Organist)	\$300.00
Copier Lease (E.O. Johnson)	\$122.14
VANCO charge	\$4.80
Office Supplies	\$41.12(copy paper)
Worship Supplies	\$264.00(new Christ candle \$244 ordered, \$20 for palms)
Building Repairs/Maintenance	\$451.00(metro fire inspection \$381, building repair labor \$70)
Janitor Supplies	\$57.73(bleach, pine sol, toilet cleaner & water dispenser cups)
Postage and Stamps	\$68.00(stamps for church secretary)
Script Cards	\$2304.00 (Co. Market)

**TOTAL EXPENSES: \$7538.69**

**Savings Account: \$7893.31**

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

12/31/2023 Balance: \$16686.49

**Blessings**

Do you feel like a fraud sometimes? When someone asks you how you are, do you automatically respond with, “I’m good” and then think, “I’m such a liar. I’m not good.” The past couple of weeks have been pretty stressful for me. My three jobs collided with numerous things that needed to be completed and even though only one error was made, I did survive! During my stressful times (well maybe just after my stressful times), I’m reminded most of my blessings. God surrounds me with forgiving people when an error is made. He sends kind and heartfelt words or texts my way, when I didn’t feel I did my best, but touched someone’s heart with my message. He provides many hugs from the people that are important in my life, just when I needed them most. And His Word comforts me, comforts my soul.

As we heard Psalm 23 on Sunday, I hope you were reminded of each and every blessing that our Lord and Savior gives us. We might not always see the green pastures or the still waters every day, but hopefully more times than not, you do see them. Is your soul restored? The Holy Spirit knows when we need restoring. Sometimes we don’t listen or try to do one more thing, but thankfully, the Holy Spirit helps us listen. Helps us slow down to be restored.

My pathways take me in many directions. I pray that each direction I take is for His name’s sake and that my words and actions reflect His light in my life. That valley of the shadow of death is always a tough one to think about. Even though each day we are closer to our own death, we don’t like to think about it. The fear, when we or a loved one are experiencing disease or ill health might creep up on us, but this Psalm reminds us that our Lord is our constant companion on our journey, and we do not need to fear the evils of this world. Let his rod and staff comfort you. In the restoring of our soul, we are fed with the body and blood at His table in remembrance of Him. Our cup overflows with His goodness and love. And the best part of all is that today and every day throughout eternity, we dwell in the house of the Lord, in communion with His believers. His blessings never stop, even when we’re stressed. Thanks be to God!

God’s blessings on you today,  
Barb Krug - SAM

**May 2024 Worship Assistants**

DATE	MAY 5	MAY 12	MAY 19	MAY 26
MESSAGE	Barb Krug	Bob Giese	Mike Kesling	Nancy Amacher
LITURGIST	Carol Lekies	Barb Krug	Jo Giese	Barb Krug
COMMUNION	Carol Lekies	Karen Frosch		Marian Nernberger
USHERS	Carol & Gordy Lekies	Karen & Harry Frosch	Echo Buehler Paula Stroinski	Ken & Marian Nernberger
COUNTER			Marian Nernberger	
SCRIP				
ACOLYTE	Cora Neitzel	Austin Crabb	Braxton Larson	Bradin Brunner

May Altar Guild: Karen Frosch & Julie Janke

**For pastoral care emergencies, call the following:**  
 Barb Krug: 715-965-5696, barbkrug@charter.net  
 Pastor Bob Giese: 847-899-7122, rjgiese@gmail.com  
 Pastor Nancy Amacher: 715-223-5316, revnia10@gmai.com  
 Pastor Elizabeth Bier: 715255-0013, revelizabeth011@gmail.com

**WELCA Meeting - April 3, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by President Echo Buehler. In attendance were Carol Lekies, Heidi Kesling-Bower, Juanita Krug, Marian Nernberger, Paula Stroinski, Julie Janke, Karen Frosch and Barb Krug.

The meeting opened with reciting the purpose statement.

**Secretary's report:** Barb Krug made a motion to accept the report with one correction. The 2024 WELCA conference retreat is at Luther Park, Chetck, not UW Eau Claire. Marian N. seconded, motion passed, with correction.

**Treasurer's report:** Expenses for the month included food/materials for the St. Patrick's family day, janitor payment, baptism and

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be here on April 28. We hope to see everyone and their families here!

**WELCA:** April 20 is spring rally at Our Saviour's. Joint conference retreat at Chetek on June 5 and 6.

**Old Business:**

March 17 was the Saint Patrick Day event. It was a good turnout and we hope families had fun.

August 14 is the sub sandwich sale for Community Mission of Jesus. June 7-8 is Synod Assembly with Jo Giese and Andrew Krug attending as our representatives. You can review the Northwest Synod Website and see who has been nominated. Nancy Jones took care of the registrations. Motion made to cover half of the cost for Pastor Bob's registration fees for the assembly and seconded by Lynette. Motion carried.

The date for the Annual Meeting is December 1.

Nancy J was going to look into ordering music/books for the hand bells.

Christ Candle has arrived and is ready to be blessed for use in the church. We will want to clean the holder before placing it in its appropriate place.

May 9 and 10 is the joint garage sale at St. Paul's. Items can be donated that week prior (the 6 and 7) and will not be returned if not sold. Any volunteers to help will be welcome. The proceeds go to Commission Community of Jesus

**New Business:**

Joint Service will be in the Medford Park on June 30, with Pastor Nancy will be presiding.

Mike and Heidi would like to start a movie night resuming the seasons of THE CHOSEN. Have a dedicated monthly meeting where all are welcome to have a light meal, watch an episode, and enjoy open discussions with each other. Hoping to start June 23, and we can't wait to see everyone there!

Requested that we have the newsletter deadline moved up so it can be sent out earlier.

There are two large barn style fans that may not be necessary. Thoughts around where to go with these.

**By Laws Review** chapters 11 and 12. Review pages 19 and 20 for next meeting as that is where the by-laws begin and will need to be updated especially for the co-mission aspect Motion made to adjourn meeting made by Paula and seconded by Lynette. Motion carried. Closed with Lord's Prayer.

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recited the mission statement.

Motion to approve agenda made by Nancie and seconded by Paula.

Motion carried. Motion to approve meeting minutes from March made by Paula and seconded by Nancie. Motion carried.

**Parish Secretary Report:** Online host cost is renewing on April 19 for website. Reviewed updates from Nancy Jones. Council is very grateful for the work Nancy is doing and her dedication to both Parish's.

**Treasurer's Report:** Metro Fire came through and filled fire extinguisher and finalized inspection. Confirmation gowns have all been purchased and will show on next month's report. Motion made to approve treasurer's report made by Lynette and seconded by Paula. Motion carried.

**Joint Treasurer's Report:** Dawn Harder has accepted the position of the Joint Treasurer role. She is a member of St Paul's and we are excited to have her. Brenda N will work on transitioning the job duties over to Dawn.

**Co-Mission Reports:** Education and Youth: Sunday school is winding down. Lynette will be stepping down for next year. Confirmation teachers and Sunday school teachers will work together to look at how the future of the classes should/can look. More exciting stuff to come! Confirmation is also wrapping up and 2nd year students are a month away! Heidi Bower and two students are attending the Youth Gathering on April 13.

**Property:** No updates from air conditioner or driveway sealant at this time. Water was discovered in the basement. The one sump pump valve was not where it should have been so once corrected the water drained. Jeff will check on and verify all of the church's sump pumps to ensure the water is draining appropriately. To resolve the one wall that leaks would require a total sealant around the foundation of the church.

**Worship:** The sound system was brought to be reviewed by tech people and there isn't much that can be corrected at this time as there are old ports that are no longer used with electronics these days. There could be an option to upgrade the plugs somewhat to accommodate newer technology. Also potential to upgrade to blue tooth speakers, but the cost is higher. So far Mike and Heidi's research has determined \$149 for the new mixer and the blue tooth microphone was over \$300. First communion class will be held at St Paul's for both congregations, to be led by Barb Krug on April 10. Bishop Laurie will

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confirmation certificates and sponsorship for two youth to attend Christ Jam 2024, April 13, in Rice Lake, WI. Heidi Kesling-Bower will chaperone. Barb Krug made a motion to accept the report and Heidi seconded. Passed

**Stewardship Report:** Ladies meet most Tuesday mornings to sew quilts. Carol Lekies attended for the first time. Everyone is welcome to attend. Contact Karen Frosch for sewing dates.

### Old business:

**Spring Rally Registration** due April 6. Registration is paid by WELCA. Ten members from OS are registered. Our Saviour's is hosting. Breakfast: milk, juice, fruit, coffee, bakery. Lunch: Baked Potato Bar/Salad Bar. Members are asked to make desserts. Using non-paper plates and cups. OS ladies will take care of decorations. Barb Krug will prepare an opening and closing message for the rally. The committee will take care of name tags and registration packets.

**WELCA's St. Patrick's day coloring contest** - winners were announced and AW Root Beer floats coupons were given.

**June 5-6 Conference Retreat.** Luther Park, Chetek. Theme: Wonderful Worth of a Woman.

**Milestone birthday and anniversary celebration** - Sunday, June 9, 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays Howard Lavin & Annabelle Neitzel. Do you know any others celebrating their 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary?

### New business:

**April 10** - Lunch at Medford Café, 11 am.

**April 17** – St. Paul's Lady's Lunch Bunch. 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, Prickly Pear, Medford, 11:15am.

**April 28** – Holy Land Lessons for the Sunday School. Barb Krug is putting together learning stations. Stations will feature places that travelers would see if they went to the Holy Land. Bible bucks will be used to buy things at the stations. At Sunday school students have been earning Bible Bucks throughout the year. Youth from St. Paul's, Medford, are invited. Volunteers needed. Contact Barb if you would like to help.

**May 5** – Confirmation; New robes were purchased. Robes need to be pressed. 7 confirmands, watch for card bags.

**May 9-11** - St. Paul's, Medford, is having a rummage sale. Donations welcome. No returns. Proceeds going to Community Mission with Jesus. Questions, call Michelle Danen at 715-748-4397.

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**May 19** – Honors Sunday for high school graduates. Caleb Marion (Gilman), Andrew Krug, Logan Kawa, Braylon Fox, Preston Adams, Kadance Fox, Meadow Beyer, Coy Locks, Cody Weiler. Card bags will be available.

Barb suggested WELCA support renovations at Luther Park's Covenant Center, Chetek. Donations for the renovations are welcomed.

The next meeting is May 1. Marian Nernberger is hostess.

Paula Stroinski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded - Karen Frosh, Passed. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Submitted by Carol Lekies, secretary.

**Please join Howard & Gwyneth Lavin in celebrating Howard's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, Gwyneth's 88<sup>th</sup> birthday and their 67<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.**

*Sunday, May 26, from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Stetsonville Centennial Community Center*

*No gifts please.*



## EASTER BREAKFAST



Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the Easter Breakfast. We had a small, but well run set up committee on Saturday. A special "thank you" to the extra family members who pitched in and made the job so much easier and of course lots of fun. Thanks to all the helpers on Easter Sunday, what a bunch we had working. Whether it was cooking, serving, resetting, refilling, greeting those at the door, all your help was so appreciated. If you made a monetary donation or a food donation, **thank you!** Because of your generosity, we will be able to take care of the church cemetery for this coming season. That is a good feeling.

Blessing to you all.

Holway Lutheran Cemetery Association

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY: **How Lutherans Interpret the Bible.**

The topic will be addressed via a 30 minute DVD presentation followed by a 30 to 60 minute discussion of the video. Presenters will be: Barb Krug, Dan Higgins, and Leon Gasek. This study is tentatively scheduled for Thursday evening at 5:30 p.m. The first class will be May 9, and run 7 weeks. Location: St. Paul's Church.

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### FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to the children who experienced their First Communion on Sunday, April 21. Those communing were:

Jared Houston-Brown,  
Jackson Brunner, Brynlee Klemm, Kailey Krug, Brynlee Larson, and Jay Worden.



### ENCOURAGE - MIDDLE SCHOOL GATHERING

Ava and Chloe Adams and chaperone, Heidi Bower attended Encourage on Saturday April 13, in Rice Lake. It was a gathering for middle school students sponsored by the Northwest Syod. They started with large group welcome and speaker and then we went to break out sessions. We made bracelets, played various games and made communion bread. They served us lunch and during lunch we made a big Lego picture of Luther's Rose. The guest speaker, Tasha Schuh, was a lady that suffered a spinal cord injury when she was 16. She turned to God to help her get through it all. She had an amazing story and was the best part of the day for Ava and Chloe. The kids made 104 hygiene packets for Luther world relief after lunch as a service project for the day. We all met some new people and had a fun time. The girls recommend other kids go next year. We want to thank the ladies in WELCA for helping pay our registration.



### Our Saviour's Council Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2024

Attendees: Barb Krug, Mike Kessler, Lynette Hamlet, Paula Stalinski, Nancie Adams, and Meagan Neitzel

Meeting was called to order at 6:07. Mike opened meeting with excerpt from Dietrich Bonhoeffer's biography prayer. The group

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