

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



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November 2024 Calendar

Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m.

- November 3 All Saints Sunday
Worship w/communion, Pastor Bob Giese
Sunday School 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Viewing of "The Chosen" - Fellowship Hour
- November 6 Confirmation & Sunday School, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
WELCA - 6:45 p.m. fellowship, 7:00 p.m. meeting
- November 10 Worship w/communion, Pastor Bob Giese
Sunday School 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Viewing of "The Chosen" - Fellowship Hour
- November 13 Our Saviour's Luncheon - 11:30 a.m.
Sunday School & Confirmation—*The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* at the Medford theater 4:15 p.m.
- November 14 Church Council @ Our Saviour's, 6:00 p.m.
- November 17 Thank Offering Service w/communion, Barb Krug,
Sunday School 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Viewing of "The Chosen" - Fellowship Hour
- November 20 Confirmation & Sunday School, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
- November 24 Worship w/communion, Pastor Nancy Amacher
Sunday School 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Viewing of "The Chosen" - Fellowship Hour
- November 27 No Confirmation or Sunday School
Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at the Medford UMC
7:00 p.m.
- November 28 Thanksgiving

For pastoral care emergencies, call the following:

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 Pastor Nancy Amacher: 715-223-5316, revnia10@gmail.com
 Pastor Elizabeth Bier: 715255-0013, revelizabeth011@gmail.com

INCOME - Our Saviour's	September	YTD 2024		
General	5,711.30	45,224.21		
Hunger	480.00	3,370.00		
Sunday School/VBS/Camp		1,000.00		
Change the World/Special Offering		3,083.10		
Scrip	1,675.00	16,730.00		
TOTAL INCOME	7,866.30	69,407.31		
Expenses:	September	YTD	Monthly/Budget	Year/Budget
Benevolence	226.85	1,797.59	250.00	3,000.00
Hunger In/Out	480.00	3,370.00	0.00	
Special Offering In/Out		2,783.10	0.00	
Internet Service	61.94	557.46	62.50	750.00
Phone	51.47	465.13	60.42	725.00
Electricity	137.60	1,479.29	166.67	2,000.00
LP Gas	286.00	2,196.00	333.33	4,000.00
Dumpster - GFL	25.92	668.37	41.67	500.00
Holding Tanks		0.00	20.83	250.00
Snow Plowing		356.25	100.00	1,200.00
Janitor Supplies		161.32	16.67	200.00
Clear Country Water Solutions		45.00	18.75	225.00
Building Repairs/Maintenance	27.98	1,156.26	83.33	1,000.00
Worship/Devotionals/Resources	18.89	605.20	50.00	600.00
Organ/Piano Maintenance		0.00	25.00	300.00
Insurance	447.66	4,028.94	375.00	4,500.00
Office & Computer Supplies/parts/ink		93.28	41.67	500.00
Postage and Stamps		68.00	16.67	200.00
Computer Maintenance/Repair		175.00	16.67	200.00
Treasurer Supplies		170.91	8.33	100.00
Newsletter Postage	39.11	340.22	37.50	450.00
Copier Lease	122.14	1,104.45	125.00	1,500.00
Supply Pastors	642.49	5,026.47	600.00	7,200.00
Conference Dues		0.00	3.33	40.00
Assembly Delegates		500.00	12.50	150.00
Joint Account**		500.00	41.67	500.00
Payroll-Secretary-Property Manager	500.75	6,143.96	650.00	7,800.00
Website		155.88	12.50	150.00
Music	300.00	2,200.00	325.00	3,900.00
Leadership Training		0.00	83.33	1,000.00
Education (Adult, Confirmation, Sunday School, VBS)	124.22	528.38	83.33	1,000.00
Background Checks		0.00	8.33	100.00
Camping Funds	400.00	400.00	20.83	250.00
Pastorial Admin	200.00	1,800.00	200.00	2,400.00
Miscellaneous- Special Events	22.14	48.32	41.67	500.00
Scrip Cards	2,893.00	17,581.30	0.00	
VANCO Charge	6.30	55.30	0.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	7,014.46	56,561.38	3,890.83	47,190.00
Checking Account:			Savings Account:	8,036.07
Camping Fund	873.54		Deposit	1.10
Sunday School/VBS	1,572.53		Total	8,037.17
General	48,144.22			
TOTAL	50,590.29	<i>Submitted By:</i>	<i>Nancie Adams,</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>

News & Events: Finance

Our Saviour's September 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	\$5711.30(Sept checking acc interest added \$39.98)
Hunger	\$480.00
Scrip	\$1675.00

TOTAL INCOME: **\$7866.30**

Expense Section

Benevolence	\$226.85(to NW Synod of WI General Mission Support – 4%
Hunger	\$480.00(to Northwest Synod of WI for ELCA World Hunger
Internet Service (Clark Electric)	\$61.94
Phone (TDS)	\$51.47
Electricity (Taylor Electric)	\$137.60
Dumpster (GFL Environmental)	\$25.92
LP Gas (Budget-Medford Coop)	\$286.00
Insurance (Church Mutual)	\$447.66
Newsletter Postage	\$39.11
Worship/Devotionals/Resources	\$18.89(wine)
Payroll	\$500.75(watchman \$80.00--sec wage \$437.25)
Church Administrator	\$200.00
Supply Pastors	\$642.49
Music (Organist)	\$300.00
Copier Lease (E.O. Johnson)	\$122.14
VANCO charge	\$6.30
Building Repairs/Maintenance	\$27.98(materials for new outside hand rails)
Script Cards	\$2893.00(Co. Market \$1152.00, Raise Right \$1741.00)
Camping Funds	\$400.00 (camp reimburse Abbie & Rachel \$200 each)
Miscellaneous/Special Events	\$22.14(supplies for joint service brunch)
Education	\$124.22(confirmation bibles & movies)

TOTAL EXPENSES: **\$7014.46**

Savings Account: **\$8037.17**

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

03/31/2024 Balance: \$16,748.55
Interest 06/30/2024 \$62.99
New Balance \$16,811.54

A message from Barb Krug, SAM

WOW – when people say time flies faster as you get older, they weren't kidding. Look at the calendar. It's November already! What beautiful weather we've had getting here though.

We have been blessed in both congregations with growth in our Sunday School and Confirmation classes, teachers to guide them, and parents to support them. Creating the curriculum for Our Saviour's Sunday School has been amazing. This week's lesson was just completed with the theme of the 10 Commandments. I'm not sure why, but this lesson really excited me. There were so many ideas to work with to keep the kids active and involved. The lesson included the Left-Right story game from Exodus. As the story is read, the children pass around an item when the word left or right is said in the direction of the word. Our family has played this game with various stories, usually at Christmas time with white elephant gifts. Oh my, Christmas! Some people are already thinking about and decorating for it. I just brought out my Halloween decorations and we still have Thanksgiving to enjoy. Time keeps moving faster and faster though.

What are you doing with your time? Do you slow down long enough to enjoy all that our Lord has created? Did you stop and smell the lilacs when they bloomed in September and October? Did you take a few moments to watch as the eagles flew over your head checking out their domain? Did you enjoy time with your family? Did you give thanks for all the blessings you have received?

I can honestly say that I did all of those things recently. No matter how busy life becomes, one should always give thanks to our creator. We haven't achieved anything that is more important than giving thanks to the one who helps us achieve them! It's not always easy to remember that as we try to tackle LIFE. We sometimes lose track of why we are even doing things. Remember, God walks along side of you each and every step of the day. Glance over and see Him. Chat with Him. Feel His embrace. Take time, my friends, take time to cherish this life that you have been given. This life and the life after that Jesus Christ has made possible for us.

God's blessings,

Barb Krug - SAM

November Worship Assistants

Date	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
Message	Bob Giese	Bob Giese	Barb Krug	Nancy Amacher
Ushers	Karen & Harry Frosch	Heidi & Mike Kesling	Echo Buehler Paula Stroinski	
Liturgist	Carol Lekies	Heidi Kesling		Marian Nernberger
Communion	Karen Frosch	Meagan Neitzel	Paula Stroinski	Barb Krug
Counter	Karen Frosch Marian Nernberger	Mike Kesling	Echo Buehler Paula Stroinski	
Script				
Acolyte	Brynlee Pagel	Cora Neitzel	Braxton Larson	Jay Worden

November Altar Guild: Brenda Nernberger & Janet Cypher

WELCA Meeting – October 2, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Echo Buehler. In attendance were Nancie Adams, Marian Nernberger, Julie Janke, Karen Frosch, Amie Marzinske, Paula Stoinski, Juanita Krug, Heidi Kesling, Carol Lekies, and Barb Krug.

We opened by reading the purpose statement.

Reports:

A motion was made, (Marian N.) and seconded (Heidi) to accept the secretary's report.

Treasurer's Report – Aime Marzinske made a motion to accept, Barb seconded. Motion passed. Balance \$4295.31

Stewardship report by Karen Frosch.

LWR 25 quilts packed and ready to deliver.

Used sewing machine donated from Claire Malchow. Have to learn how to use. Nice machine. Machine was from her sister Gail.

**Christmas Pageant
December 8**

We will be having a Christmas Pageant this year. It will be held Sunday, December 8, at St. Paul's as a joint service with Our Saviour's. That Sunday, there will be a short church service, the pageant, and then a potluck to follow.

We are still looking for a few more participants. Please contact Dawn Harder at dawnharder65@gmail.com or text her at 715-965-1487 if you are interested.

**Our Saviour's Annual Dinner**

Thank you to everyone who donated items, worked at the dinner, and/or purchased a meal or raffle tickets. We all had a wonderful day.



(Church Council minutes continued)

Resolutions

Reviewed the Synod resolutions that were approved at the Synod Assembly.

Next Meeting: November 14, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Jason and seconded by Josh - motion carries.

Ended with Lords Prayer.

Meagan Neitzel



On Wednesday, November 13, at 4:15 p.m., the Sunday School and Confirmation classes from Our Saviour's and St. Paul's are invited to attend a showing of **The Best Christmas Pageant Ever**. The cost will be \$10.00, which includes the ticket, a small popcorn, and a small drink for anyone who attends. The buses will get the children to the theater from school. The bus company would just need to know who is planning on riding the bus. Parents: you will need to pick up your child at the theater after the show at approximately 6:00 p.m.



Our **annual meeting** will be on Sunday, December 1, after the church service. Any reports that are to be included in the Annual Report should be sent to Nancy Jones by **November 15**. Early submissions are appreciated.

There will be a **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service** at the Medford Methodist Church. The service will be on Wednesday, November 27, at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.



Advent services will be held at St. Paul's on Wednesday, December 4, December 11, and December 18. The services will begin at 5:30 p.m., and will average approximately 30 minutes in length. Please join us.

Looking ahead . . .

Christmas Eve Services will be the following:

2:00 p.m. St. Paul's

4:00 p.m. Our Saviour's

6:00 p.m. St. Paul's

Received a thank you for the quilt donated to Rescued & Redeemed.

LWR Wausau In Gathering is October 5. Mike and Heidi will deliver the quilts and school kits

Old Business

Barb Krug attended the Synod Women's Organization (SWO) conference held in Eau Claire Sept. 27-28. A motion was made by Heidi Kesling to send \$50.00 offering to the Synod Women's Organization (SWO). Barb seconded. Barb will be the Chequamegon conference representative. She will also be attending the upcoming Triennial representing the Chequamegon conference in July 2026, Des Moines, IA.

Anniversary Dinner Report by Nancie Adams. Everything is in order.

Collecting clothing for the Veterans until further notice.

Discussed helping St. Paul's, Medford, with their food pantry with a monetary donation. Third Thursday of the month. Will revisit the topic at the November meeting.

Julie J. spoke with members of St. Paul's. They are interested in working together to host an Advent Tea in November of 2025.

New Business:

Barb Krug will attend the WELCA Fall Retreat in Marshfield Oct. 5 at Faith Lutheran.

Monday November 4, meeting to update and revise the Ladies Working Circles. 6 pm @ O.S.

June 29, 2025 family Sunday service at the Holway Ball Diamond. Breaking Chains is booked for the event. This will be a joint outdoor service with St. Paul's. If it rains service moved inside the town hall. Breaking Chains will lead worship and provide music.

November 17, Thank Offering Service – Barb Krug will be preaching. Volunteers needed.

Nov. 13, Our Saviour's luncheon @ 64 North, Medford 11:30 a.m.

Nov. 17, Thank Offering Service

Dec. 8, Christmas Pageant, Joint service at St. Paul's Medford with pot luck.

Dec. 15, OS Sunday School Christmas Program

Next meeting November 6, Next meeting Barb Krug hostess.

Paula made a motion to adjourn. Marian seconded. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Carol Lekies, Secretary

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES: Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Attendees: Barb K, Paula S, Mike K, Meagan N, Nancie A, Jason B, and Josh K

Meeting Called to Order at 6pm

Prayer read by Mike

Mission Statement Recited.

Motion to approve agenda by Jason and seconded by Paula - motion carries.

Motion to approve Sept meeting minutes made by Nancie and seconded by Jason - motion carries.

Motion to approve treasurer report by Jason and seconded by Josh - motion carries.

Co-Mission Report

Education and Youth -

Sunday School is going well. Getting good numbers for both the Sunday and Wednesday classes. Good participation with the students and lessons are accessible for all the different learning types.

Confirmation classes are doing the Luther Year and have good support from Ava Adams as an assistant. We had a baptism on Oct 2, during class.

Property

No response received from Taylor Electric. Nancie will reach out. Need a check on the furnace as it doesn't seem to be running as expected.

Motion Light update - we received a quote of \$950 from KNZ for a motion sensor light to be installed. Mike made a motion to spend the \$950 on updating the lights and Jason seconded - motion carries.

Stairs and railings need to be sanded down and paint from last updates will need to be cleaned up. Project for next spring when temperatures warm back up.

Jess C is back from hunting and Mike will get him out here to look at the windows.

WELCA

Anniversary Dinner is Oct 13 at the Centennial Hall in Stetsonville.

Worship -

Sound System has a quote from Audio Architects for \$4,554. We do not need a whole new system but upgrades to the current set up. We have a donor to pay the amount in a donation. Motion to accept donation from the donor was

made by Nancie and seconded by Josh - motion carries. Motion made to contact Audio Architects made by Paula and seconded by Jason - motion carries.

The Chosen after church viewing is going well. One episode is watched a week with discussion afterwards. Episodes run from around 30 min up to an hour depending.

Bell Choir (chimes) has 9 ringers and practices are typically on Sunday. We plan to play for the Pageant as well as in Church during the Sunday School Christmas program.

Looking to have a printed copy of sermons available for churchgoers to have access to. An outline or drafted version available. Do we think about streaming services or recording similar to St Pauls?

Look further into having a set time where the church is open and available for anyone to come in and sit or worship as needed. Mike is talking with Nancy about a possibility.

Old Business

Annual Meeting is scheduled for December 1.

Budget review will be needed for annual meeting and any additional reports that will be reviewed.

New Business

There is no joint service on the 5th Sunday of Dec. as we are holding a joint service on December 8, with St Paul's.

Quote received from TDS for updated services, Nancie will review further before anything is signed.

June 29, 2025, will be a joint service at the Holway Town Hall with Breaking Chains as our musical guest. Breaking Chains doesn't charge a fee to perform but we would donate towards them coming out. More information to come.

Bylaws Review

An audit will need to be done by three congregational members before annual meeting as per C13.03.

Bylaw C11.01.01 point 4 will need to be updated to separate out the Financial Secretary and the Council Treasurer.

Bylaw C12.02.01 updated to state Standing Committees from ministry committee.

Motion made by Jason to approve the updates/changes made to bylaws to be presented at the annual meeting and seconded by Nancie - motion carries.