

# The Parish Pulse

A monthly newsletter for friends and family of  
Our Saviour's Lutheran of Holway and  
St. Paul's Lutheran of Medford

May 2026



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## Message from Barb Krug

Greetings,

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."  
*Ecclesiastes 3: 1*

The month of May is the beginning of a beautiful new season. The snow is hopefully finished, the flowers and trees are blossoming, the birds are singing, our Confirmands have just or will be Reaffirming their Baptismal promises, our Graduates will be ending one season of learning and anticipating their new season. Things begin and things end. For our confirmation teachers, their time with the confirmands has ended. The relationships formed will hopefully continue, but they will be different. For many, it may be the end of school sponsored sporting events but the beginning, the new season, of club events. Or perhaps many are anticipating the season of lakes and vacations.

And, of course, we have Mother's Day on May 10. For those that have Mothers celebrating in Heaven, know that they are celebrating the lives they have created and are very proud of all that you are and have become. For those that have Mothers still here on this beautiful earth God has created – celebrate with them and thank them for putting up with you (because they have)! For those of us who are Mothers, cherish each moment with your children and grandchildren. Thank God for them - but let them cater to you for this one day, at least.

Forty days after Easter is the Ascension of the Jesus Christ. This is May 14, but we'll celebrate on May 17. The disciples were told by Jesus not to gaze up into heaven to look for the risen Christ but were reassured they would find His presence among us as we proclaim the word.

Pentecost Sunday is May 24, where many Christians consider this the Birth of the Church. Please join us at a worship service to celebrate this day that marks the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles.

May is a very busy month and a very busy season. Be assured that under heaven every matter is seen by our precious Lord and Savior. Find His presence in your days and in this season. Celebrate the beginnings and the ends.

God's blessings,  
Barb Krug – SAM



You're invited!

It's a Celebration of Faith

Wednesday, July 29

More information will be in the June newsletter.

**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of Holway**

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 Facebook: Our Saviour's Lutheran Holway  
 Email: secretary.saviourschurch@gmail.com  
 Parish Secretary: Nancy Jones  
 Office Hours: Tuesday 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

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 Facebook: StPaulsMedford  
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 Parish Administrator: Nancy Jones  
 Office Hours: M-W-F 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**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@gmail.com

**Sunday Services**

Our Saviour's Service: 8:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
 St. Paul's Service 9:15 a.m.  
 Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

**Every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday** – 9:00 a.m. joint worship to be hosted on a rotating basis between Our Saviour's and St. Paul's. Our next joint service is scheduled for Sunday, May 31, at Our Saviour's.

**2026 JOINT PARISH FINANCIAL**

	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
<b>Income</b>													
OS Income	1480.11	1562.10	1449.75										4491.96
SP Income	3549.84	2285.78	2116.91										7952.53
Misc Incom													0.00
OS Lawn Inco													0.00
OS Jator Inco	782.64												782.64
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>5812.59</b>	<b>3847.88</b>	<b>3566.66</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>13227.13</b>
<b>Expenses</b>													
Joint (ex: checks, resources, tools, etc)			56.00										56.00
Workman C													0.00
SP Parish Adm	1059.50	1033.25	1072.63										3165.38
OS Secretary	263.17	282.60	289.31										835.08
OS Custodian			1108.20										1108.20
SP Custodian	182.43	126.91	134.84										444.18
OS Watchman		160.00	80.00										240.00
SAM	720.00	1400.00	900.00										3020.00
Lay Leaders	150.00												150.00
SP Music	200.00	200.00	200.00										600.00
OS Music	225.00	300.00	225.00										750.00
Pastor Bob	293.50	293.50											587.00
Busin. Tax Reg													0.00
Pastor Nancy	287.70	287.70											575.40
OS Lawn Care													0.00
State Quarterly	87.20												87.20
Fed Quarterly	1625.72												1625.72
Misc Expense													0.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>5094.22</b>	<b>4083.96</b>	<b>4065.98</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>13244.16</b>



**OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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

**Church Council**

- President: Jason Borman - jason.borman@us.nestle.com (715-965-6058)
- Vice President: Heidi Bower-Kesling - heidijbower@gmail.com (715-512-0557)
- Secretary: Lynn Lindau - lindaly@medford.k12.wi.us (715-965-2383)
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- Jerry Cypher - jacypher20@gmail.com (715-965-0937)
- Julie Janke - ccrkennels@earthlink.net (843-430-4519)
- Clarice Zenner - claricezenner@yahoo.com (715-579-4445)
- Barb Krug - barbkrug@charter.net (715-965-5696)

**April 2026 Attendance**

April 5	83
April 12	34
April 19	34
April 26	

**May 2026 Calendar for Our Saviour's**

**Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m.**

May 3	Worship w/ communion, Barb Krug, SAM Confirmation for Jordan Bottlemey, Breckyn Klemm, Brycen Larson, and Brynlee Pagel Sunday School end of the year party and awards Dish With the Bish - 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., St. Paul's
May 6	WELCA - 6:30 p.m. fellowship, 6:45 p.m. program, 7:00 p.m. meeting
May 7	Bible Study - 3:00 p.m.
May 10	Worship w/ communion, Pastor Bob Giese Honors Day, Graduating Seniors: Storm Adams, Erica Kauffman, Lexi Kunze, Tanner Kunze, Anastasia Kujawa, and Evan Pagel Mother's Day Viewing of <i>The Chosen</i> - after the service
May 14	Bible Study - 3:00 p.m.
May 17	Worship w/ communion, Pastor Nancy Amacher Viewing of <i>The Chosen</i> - after the service
May 19	OS Ladies Supper - 5:00 p.m.
May 20	Church Council - 6:00 p.m.
May 21	Bible Study - 3:00 p.m.
May 24	<b>Joint Worship</b> w/ communion, Val Bach, Lay Speaker - <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Viewing of <i>The Chosen</i> - after the service
May 28	Bible Study - 3:00 p.m.
May 31	<b>Joint Worship</b> w/communion, Pastor Nancy Amacher - <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Viewing of <i>The Chosen</i> - after the service

**Bible Study every Thursday afternoon. 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**  
Contact Mike Kesling for additional information.

**Our Saviour's Ladies Supper May 19**  
VFW - 240 S 8th St, Medford

**Community Service**  
High School students need hours to meet your High School Community Service points?  
St Paul's and Our Saviour's need your help. Many of our High School Students need community service hours. Did you know that you can knock a few of those hours out by helping around your church. All you need to do is call the church's' office and volunteer.

**WELCA**  
There will not be any WELCA meeting in June or July.  
A reminder that there are card bags in the Fellowship Hall for Confirmation students, May 3, and Graduates, May 10. Please remember these young people.

**A Message from Our Saviour's Council President - Jason Borman**

Hello brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am once again writing after an amazing Wednesday night filled with meaningful conversation at church—between our Sunday School lesson, time with the confirmation students, and open, honest dialogue during our council meeting.

Our Sunday School lesson focused on the Resurrection of Jesus and the empty tomb. The kids participated in a plastic egg hunt outside, and when we opened the eggs, they were all empty. When I asked the children if they were disappointed that there was no candy inside, they replied, "No, we have Jesus." When I followed up by asking if they would be happier with candy, they said, "No, we don't need any." We then went into the church, found small Jesus

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figures hidden throughout, and talked about how Jesus is everywhere.

I also had the opportunity to talk with a group of confirmation students. I shared that while John 3:16 is well known and important, the Bible contains 66 books filled with many other powerful verses. I challenged them to think about identifying a verse that is personal and meaningful to them—not only reflecting on what God has done for us, but also why He has done it.

I have shared in the past how much I appreciate that our congregation is rooted in being welcoming and judgment-free, and that quality was reinforced again during our council meeting. Many views, opinions, and ideas were shared. Various topics and issues were discussed, all with respect and with the best interest of the entire congregation in mind—not personal gain or individual agendas. Everyone had a voice, and everyone was heard.

As we continue through the Easter season, my prayer is that we carry this same spirit of openness, humility, and joy with us—remembering that Christ is risen, present in our lives, and at work among us. Thank you for being a congregation that listens, cares, and seeks to grow together in faith.

Jason Borman  
Our Saviour's Council President

### May 2026 Worship Assistants

*May Altar Guild: Karen Frosch & Julie Janke*

DATE	MESSAGE	USHERS	LITURGIST	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	COUNTERS	ACOLYTE
May 3	Barb Krug	Heidi & Mike Kesling	Heidi Bower Kesling	Marian Nernberger	Heidi Bower Kesling	Chloe Krueger
May 10	Bob Giese	Kason & Mike Lindau	Kason & Mike Lindau	Lynn Lindau		Brynlee Pagel
May 17	Nancy Amacher		Marian Nernberger			Jackson Brunner
May 24 Joint Service	Barb Krug		Meagan Neitzel	Karen Frosch		John Neitzel
May 31 Joint Service	Nancy Amacher	Echo Buehler Paula Stroinski			Echo Buehler Paula Stroinski	Jared Houston Brown

### WELCA Minutes – April 1, 2026

The meeting was called to order by president Echo Buehler. In attendance were Echo Buehler, Carol Lekies, Juanita Krug, Heidi Bower, Barb Krug, Julie Janke. Meagan Neitzel, Amie Marzinske, Karen Frosch, and Nancie Adams.

**Devotions:** Picked up where we left off at the March meeting because there wasn't enough time to go through all the clues. Continued trying to figure out which clues were submitted by whom. Some clues shared were, "My grandfather was the first person to drive a car in Medford. Who am I?" Julie Janke. "I have an AKC registered kennel name and ran Beagles at field trials. Who am I?" Echo Buehler. "I was named after a movie and a song. Who am I?" Juanita Krug. "I have had poetry published. Who am I?" Meagan Neitzel.

**Purpose statement:** read by all

**Secretary's Report:** The March minutes were approved as read with the addition of Nancie Adams in attendance. Motion to accept with addition, seconded by all.

**Treasurer's Report:** After paying the janitors, the WELCA balance is \$4,473.72. Barb made a motion to approve the report as presented, Karen seconded, carried.

**Stewardship:** Karen Frosch submitted bills for sewing supplies (batting). Our Saviour's sewers don't take denim. St. Paul's, Medford does. Need volunteers to sew the tops. Contact Karen if interested.

**Old Business:** Confirmation class will strip the altar on Maundy Thursday. In the event of a bad weather cancelation, Heidi will strip the altar.

April 14, 11:00 a.m., Ladies Luncheon at the Tire Station in Medford. Call Karen at 748-4429 if you plan to attend.

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April 26, 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Spring Rally, Trinity Lutheran, Unity. WELCA covers registration fees for those attending. Contact either Echo or Barb before April 15 if you would like to attend. In-kind donations will be accepted for "Sleep in Heavenly Peace." New twin-size bedding, blankets, pillows, etc, and monetary donations and gift cards to purchase bedding supplies. This national organization has local chapters in Wausau and Spencer. They are dedicated to building, assembling, and delivering fully furnished beds to children ages 3-17 who are sleeping on floors, sofas, or sharing beds.

### **New business:**

Special congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, April 26, to vote on repairs to the neon cross on the east roof of the building.

FYI – As of June 30, Taylor Electric will no longer be the internet provider at Our Saviour's. Nancie will do some research on a new provider and get back to the council.

**May 3** – Dish with the Bish (Bishop), St. Paul's Lutheran, Medford. Looking for helpers. Contact Barb.

**May 19** - Ladies' Supper, 5:00 pm VFW. RSVP to Karen at 748-4429.

Plan to keep the raffle license current for the basket raffle.

No WELCA meetings in June or July.

**June 29 & 30 WELCA Women's Retreat**, Luther Park, Chetek, God is Writing Your Story. For more information see [Synod Women's Organization of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin – Women of the ELCA](#) online. Registration forms can be picked up at Our Saviour's or Contact Barb Krug if you plan to attend. Pati Kachel is the featured speaker. Keep Joan Carlson in your prayers. She is fighting brain cancer. Carole Carlson-Jari was her mother. If you want to send her a card, contact Barb Krug for the address.

### **Dates to Remember:**

**April 26** – WELCA Chequamegon Conference Spring Rally, Trinity Lutheran Church, Unity. 12-3:00pm

**May 3** – Confirmation. Card bags will be in the Fellowship Hall. A list of names is in the newsletter.

**May 10** – Honors Day, Graduating Seniors

**July 19** – Joint Worship 9:00 a.m., Medford City Park, Breaking Chains leading worship. It will be open to the public.

Barb needs more volunteers. Will be contacting Tombstone Pizza for possible donations.

**July 28** – Ladies Supper, Christmas in July at "64 North" west of Medford. This will be open to ladies from St. Paul's.

Preregistration is required.

**May 6** is our next meeting with Marian Nernberger as hostess. No WELCA meetings in June or July.

Barb made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Amie seconded. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Carol Lekies, Secretary

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## **Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - Council Meeting Minutes**

**April 15, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.**

**Meeting called to order** at 5:56 pm by Jason

**Open with Prayer:** led by Barb

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

Present: Barb, Jason, Heidi, Nancie, Echo, Julie, Jerry, and Lynn. Absent: Clarice.

**Agenda Approval:** Motion by Heidi; second by Nancie; motion carried.

**Approve Meeting Minutes:** March- Motion by Echo; second by Julie; motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** March- Motion by Echo; second by Jerry; motion carried.

Nancie updated council on LP Gas - church account was changed to a business account to save money at the beginning of the year, requiring a different payment setup/plan; switch to Icon Systems (church management software) as Revelations was outdated, estimated \$473 - came in \$814 - cost based on database numbers; council discussed options to reduce cost; Heidi made a motion to pay the \$814 for software (which is currently outstanding), while options to reduce cost are researched; Julie seconded; motion carried. Research will attempt to assess church member numbers the amount is based on; Nancie finalized the 6 month CD for \$50,000.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### **Education & Youth:**

**May 3:** Last day of Sunday School, Recognition day, & Confirmation; Nancy Jones was given songs for congregation

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to sing; sundaes to follow; Wed., April 29, will recognize those not in church with a sundae party as well; Sunday School also completed cards for military.

**Confirmation Updates:** 4 confirmands, pictures on April 29; faith statements and verses in progress, crosses to be blessed.

### **Property:**

**Basement lights & entry way lights:** entry/kitchen changed out; found solution for 8 ft. LED; Kurt will bill for downstairs, thank you to Kurt for the upstairs light donation!

**East side door seal:** Jeff looked at this and seal was done; past seasonal issues with lock on doors; call company to have them look at the door.

**Drywall:** no updates at this time.

**Brown water in women's bathroom:** Zenners checked and Clear Country Water Solutions - will arrive on April 16 for the iron filter preventative measures.

**WELCA:** Ladies' luncheon on April 14 - good feedback from participants; May 19: VFW for supper.

### **Worship:**

May 3 – Sunday School awards & singing, Confirmation.

May 10 – Honor's Day for Graduates & Mother's Day.

May 26 – June 1 – Barb on vacation; Nancy will know who to contact in the event of an emergency.

### **Old Business:**

**Dish with the Bish** – Skit on "Sowing Seeds in Good Soil" for May 3, set committee planning date.

Barb met with Bishop Martin and Pastor Katie - As of Monday, only 8 registered; free event, spread the word and encourage sign up!

**Joint Worship Service** – July 19, 2026 – Breaking Chains at Medford Park, set committee planning date.

Jason is on the committee; Nancie Adams and Heidi offered to help.

**Congregational meeting** - April 26th - Cross on church roof approval.

Stratford Signs - Jason double checked amount (14 day limit on quote) - number was the same; Echo requested a paper ballot vote; Jason will create the wording for the motion.

**Internet provider** (Starlink, TDS, Bug Tussle)

Nancie updated council on Starlink pricing - first 4 mo. \$34 then \$50; equipment is included but must be installed; After discussion of other service providers, Heidi made the motion to go with Starlink, Jerry seconded, motion carried. Nancie will keep council updated on payment process and equipment delivery.

**Review meeting with Pastor Randy from March 29th**

Discussion on affordability of pastor, limited pastors available at this time and in the future.

Pastor Bob suggested a term (3 yr.) pastor as leader/support to SAMs.

\$200,000/yr. for a pastor - council questioned whether this is financially feasible at this time; without a pastor our church will not lose affiliation with ELCA.

Ministry Site Profile - needs to be updated; don't know what to ask for - full time, shared, or part time; discussed aligning OS w/St. Paul's.

### **New Business:**

**Tablet and stand for recording services**

Ability to broadcast services on social media; recommended reaching out to other churches for broadcasting rules to avoid copyright infringements; Nancie made a motion to have Brenda purchase a tablet & stand; Heidi seconded; motion carried.

**Pay increases**

Jason & Barb provided insight that if OS doesn't adjust compensation, it creates a bigger gap when a pastor is called; council discussed ensuring SAMs are compensated; makes sense to increase pay at the same time as St. Paul's; Barb will ask for a full and joint council needs to discuss organization of multiple SAMs and create pay scales and jobs in the church; considerations will be made for administrative vs. non-administrative SAMs.

**Meditations with Mike**

Maundy Thursday - Pastor Bob - online service - suggested continuation

Mike wants to encourage online discussion of biblical passages with open feedback; Mike would use his personal Facebook account and share/tag the church. To proceed, anyone affiliated with the church will need council approval; Jerry makes motion to approve Mediation with Mike; Nanci seconded; motion carried.

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**Congregational concerns of supply pastors**

Barb explained her scheduling process, which looks at congregation activities and consideration of ability to serve communion; also provided updates on different church leaders.

Council discussed congregational questions over unfamiliar pastors/SAMs and concern over pulling SAMs from other congregations over utilizing Barb; expressed praise for Barb; concern over Rachel's sermon and social media posts were discussed; Jason encouraged the council and congregation to stay open and forgiving.

**OS Church Credit Card:** Echo makes motion to get credit cards for Treasurer and Nancy Jones, Heidi seconded; motion carried.

**Ceiling Tile:** Water damage in basement; about 12 tiles need to be replaced; Lynn will get quote from Stetsonville Lumber; discussed other quote options including Klingbeil's and Menards; Lynn made a motion to approve purchase of 12 tiles, pending quotes; Echo seconded; motion carried.

**Reminders:** Next council meeting May 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

**Adjournment & Closing Prayer:** Jason led prayer; motion to adjourn made by Echo, second by Julie; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Lindau

**Confirmation Sunday  
May 3**

Congratulations to Jordan Bottlemey, Breckyn Klemm, Brycen Larson, and Brynlee Pagel.  
*Your church family rejoices with you today as you affirm your faith and receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. May you always walk in God's light and feel His love guiding your steps.*

**Honors Day, Graduating Seniors - May 10**

Congratulations to Storm Adams, Erica Kauffman, Lexi Kunze, Tanner Kunze, Anastasia Kujawa, and Evan Pagel on their graduation.  
*For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord... (Jeremiah 29:11). As you step into this new chapter, remember that God's promises are sure. We are praying for you and cheering you on every step of the way.*

**Our Saviour's March Financial Report: 2026**

**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	\$4514.66
Hunger	\$310.00
Scrip	\$2250.00
Special Offering/In/Out	\$1232.00(Ash Wednesday offering to designated charity\$414.00) (Lilies \$154.00, World Day of Prayer \$664.00)
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b><u>\$8306.66</u></b>

**Expense Section**

Benevolence	\$179.56(to NW Synod of WI General Mission Support – 4%)
Hunger	\$310.00(to Northwest Synod of WI for ELCA World Hunger)
Special Offering/In/Out	\$866.50(World Day of Prayer \$664.00, lilies \$202.50)
Internet Service (Clark Electric)	\$61.94
Phone (TDS)	\$30.68
Electricity (Taylor Electric)	\$168.13
Dumpster (GFL Environmental)	\$25.92
Janitor Supplies	\$23.78 (toilet cleaner & freshners)
Postage and Stamps	\$78.00 (roll of stamps)
LP Gas (Budget-Medford Coop)	\$286.00
Building Repairs/Maintenance	\$140.34(Zenner's Plumbing for toilet repairs)
Worship/Dev/Resources	\$20.49(wine)
Insurance (Church Mutual)	\$572.37
Newsletter Postage	\$32.44
Payroll	\$443.00(watchman \$80.00—sec \$363.00),
Church Administrator	\$200.00
Supply Pastors	\$506.75
Music (Organist)	\$300.00
Copier Lease (E.O. Johnson)	\$134.14
Miscellaneous-Special Events	\$59.78(kitchen supplies for lent suppers, plates, bowls)
VANCO charge	\$4.80
Script Cards	\$1440.00(Co. Market)

**TOTAL EXPENSES: \$6034.63**

**Savings Account: \$9577.16      6 Month CD Rate 3.45% Matures Sept 20, 2026  
3/20/2026 Balance: **\$50,000.00****

**Script sales profit for March 2026-\$60.00 1<sup>st</sup> qu profit \$369.00**

**Mission Investment Fund:** Term Investment Fixed 4 Year – 3847 Rate 4.3290% Matures 9/23/2029  
12/31/2025 Balance: \$17,314.84  
Interest 03/31/2026 \$184.82  
**New Balance \$17,499.66**

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Thank you to everyone for helping make the Easter Breakfast a success. Those of you who helped set up on Saturday, worked on Sunday and/or donated towards the breakfast, we thank you. Because of your generosity, we will be able to cover a portion of the upkeep and lawn mowing of the cemetery. Weather dependent, we have plans to straighten headstones and fill low spots throughout the cemetery.

Again, thank you to all of you who helped in any way.

Blessings,

Holway Lutheran Cemetery Association

*I would like to say thank you for all the prayers and cards that Greg and I received during his stay in the hospital. We have had a long road since November when he fell and broke his hip and at that time he was diagnosed with prostate cancer. Keep us in your prayers and God will help us heal.*

*Lynette and Greg  
Hamlet*

*Thank you to everyone for the beautiful birthday cards and special messages. I am so thankful for our church family and that we could keep it together. Also, thanks to the ladies who served the goodies. They were delicious.*

*I love you all.*

*Joanne Lavin*

<b>INCOME - Our Saviour's</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>YTD 2026</b>		
General	4,514.66	13,583.49		
Hunger	310.00	730.00		
Sunday School/VBS/Camp	0.00	0.00		
Change the World/Special Offering	1,232.00	1,417.00		
Scrip	2,250.00	8,170.00		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>8,306.66</b>	<b>23,900.49</b>		
<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Monthly/Budget</b>	<b>Year/Budget</b>
Benevolence	179.56	539.96	250.00	3,000.00
Hunger In/Out	310.00	730.00	0.00	0.00
Special Offering In/Out	866.50	866.50	0.00	0.00
Internet Service	61.94	185.82	62.50	750.00
Phone	30.68	94.89	60.42	725.00
Electricity	168.13	531.52	166.67	2,000.00
LP Gas	286.00	858.00	333.33	4,000.00
Dumpster - GFL	25.92	111.83	58.33	700.00
Holding Tanks		0.00	20.83	250.00
Snow Plowing		243.75	100.00	1,200.00
Janitor Supplies	23.78	39.26	18.75	225.00
Clear Country Water Solutions		0.00	18.75	225.00
Building Repairs/Maintenance	140.34	152.96	83.33	1,000.00
Worship/Devotionals/Resources	20.49	162.55	50.00	600.00
Organ/Piano Maintenance		0.00	25.00	300.00
Insurance	572.37	1,717.11	508.33	6,100.00
Office & Computer Supplies/parts/ink		104.59	25.00	300.00
Postage and Stamps	78.00	78.00	16.67	200.00
Computer Maintenance/Repair		0.00	16.67	200.00
Treasurer Supplies		0.00	8.33	100.00
Newsletter Postage	32.44	97.17	37.50	450.00
Copier Lease	134.14	411.19	125.00	1,500.00
Supply Pastors	506.75	1,676.20	600.00	7,200.00
Conference Dues		0.00	3.33	40.00
Assembly Delegates	150.00	150.00	41.67	500.00
Joint Account** see notes below		0.00	41.67	500.00
Payroll-Secretary-Property Manager	443.00	1,390.76	650.00	7,800.00
Website		0.00	16.67	200.00
Music	300.00	825.00	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	33.33	400.00
Pastorial Admin	200.00	600.00	200.00	2,400.00
Miscellaneous- Special Events	59.78	109.62	41.67	500.00
Scrip Cards	1,440.00	7,131.00	0.00	0.00
VANCO Charge	4.80	18.55	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>6,034.62</b>	<b>18,826.23</b>	<b>4,072.08</b>	<b>49,365.00</b>
<b>Checking Account:</b>		<b>Savings Account:</b>		9,284.33
<b>Camping Fund</b>	873.54		<b>Deposit</b>	292.83
<b>Sunday School/VBS</b>	3,222.53		<b>Total</b>	<b>9,577.16</b>
<b>General</b>	23,323.14		<b>6 Month CD</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27,419.21</b>			
		Submitted By:	<b>Nancie Adams,</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**A Message from St. Paul's Council President - Tony Schumacher**

Kathy and I are attending the Northwest Wisconsin ELCA Synod Assembly on April 25. In an online pre-assembly meeting with Bishop Halom, we learned that all the offerings collected at the worship service will be going toward our Northwest Wisconsin Synod's program called, Neighbor to Neighbor. What is even more exciting is that three congregations in our Synod (from Eau Claire, River Falls, and Rice Lake) have each put a pledge up to match the offerings at the assembly worship up to \$5000. This should be a nice help to the overall fundraising goal of \$175,000 that has been set for the Neighbor to Neighbor ministry.

This relatively new program has the lofty intentions of building a closer relationship between the predominantly Anglo descent ELCA congregations with the increasing Latino American populations around them. I believe this is certainly something we should strive for at St. Paul's as well given the large Latino population within 15 miles of the Medford area.

If we can learn with each other, help each other, and care for each other, our communities will be healthier and more vibrant. We will be able to serve God in a deeper way. The Neighbor to Neighbor program is headed by Deacon Lidix Montoya who is from El Salvador originally. You can read about her background and learn more about the Neighbor to Neighbor efforts at this link: <https://nswi.org/neighbor-to-neighbor>

Please consider supporting this ministry financially and with your time and prayers.

**Confirmation**

Our 2025-2026 confirmation classes wrapped up in April and what an exciting year it's been. We've parted the Red Sea; went on a scavenger hunt for God's Creations; wrote our own version of the Ten Commandments as they apply today; experienced the Tug of War that we feel when we're being tempted; participated in a 1st century church service at Munson Bridge; and performed a skit that represented the Lord's Prayer with scenarios from today's world...just to name a few.

And, now we are excited to welcome our 2026 confirmands as they enter the next phase of their faith journey. Our confirmands for this year are: Nicole Dassow, Crandel Harder, Maddy Johnas, and Owen Machon. Please join us in congratulating these students!



Back row: Chris Finkler, Val Bach, Kim Gasek, Dan Higgins  
Front row: Owen Machon, Nicole Dassow, Barb Krug, Madelyn Johnas, Crandel Harder

**Sunday School:** The last day of Sunday School is Sunday, May 3.

**GRADUATION SUNDAY**



May 10, 2026, service time: 9:15 a.m. During the church service on May 10, the congregation would like to congratulate this year's graduating class, both high school and college. Graduates from St. Paul's will be invited to come forward for a blessing and an opportunity for you to share with the congregation what your future plans are. At that time, high school graduates will receive a shirt as a gift from the congregation. After the service, there will be a time for fellowship in the Welcome Hall. Please notify the church by email ([stpaulslutheranmedford@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulslutheranmedford@gmail.com)) or by phone (715-748-4909), if you would like to receive a shirt (include size.) If you are unable to attend, please share your future plans Contact the church office by April 30, whether or not you are able to attend the service. We look forward to seeing you on May 10.

Graduates: *Hannah Egle, Easton Gebert, Keagan Gehrke, Ezra Hillebrand, Lindsay Kahn, Ariella Lubahn, Aliyah Pilgrim, Broden Schilling, Jolie Steliga, and Makenna Tlusty.*

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church

### Comfort Quilts

Our quilting group has once again been blessed with a new member, Sandra Schreiner, who has expressed interest in our local mission. This month I had the pleasure of stopping at Taylor House with some quilts; they were very grateful for the donation. The Taylor House helps people in crisis that need help to get back on their feet, but when they move on to get re-established in life they take some of the basics with them, which includes the comfort of the quilt or, in some family's situation, quilts. With that being said, we are busy putting as many quilts together for the places we supply so we can continue helping during the church's asbestos removal. We will be down for a couple of months from takedown to set up again but this is a good move forward for our church. I think we should all be excited about keeping our building updated and ready for whatever God has planned for us next. As always, we could use any donations for our mission with the comfort quilts.

Please help all of us as a church community to work on moving the furniture for I am sure we will need some sweat equity on this project.

Until next time, Faithfully submitted by Kim Gasek

### Needles for Needs

We finished out our season for Homeless Veteran Quilts in April, having shipped 66 quilts on April 21. We completed 113 quilts from October to April, even with multiple cancellations for weather, illness/medical, and family obligations.

We started our Lutheran World Relief quilts, and now have 12 quilts completed. We will have to suspend our quilting during the flooring tear out and install, but will work on them every Tuesday until it begins. We are hoping to reach our goal of 250 quilts again this year.

Thank you to all who have given monetary donations and have donated quilting supplies - we really couldn't make this many quilts without your support!

If you'd like to join in the fun here at church, we get together every Tuesday from 9 to 2, or you can help from home as well - just call Tonya at 715-560-0295 to see what job duty would best suit you.

God's Work, Our Hands. Tonya Albers

### Asbestos Removal / Flooring / New Boiler Project

Planning and preparation have already started for the removal of the asbestos in many of the church's floors. A contract was signed with Brack Thermal Systems to remove asbestos from the following areas in the church:

- sanctuary, altar, sacristy, quilt room, back entrance to the sanctuary, basement
- hallways, stairways on NE side of sanctuary
- choir loft and stairs
- basement kitchen
- basement storage room (to the east of kitchen)

Asbestos removal will begin on **Monday, May 18**, and will last approximately two weeks. During this time, the church and church office will be closed. Brack Thermal will be removing the pews but we need workers to help load the pews into the semi trailers for storage. There is a sign up form in the Welcome Hall for those who can help in the afternoon on May 18. Please include your phone number just in case the date or time needs to be changed.

Additional helpers will be needed to move pew cushions, pack hymnals, etc., in preparation for the asbestos removal. Please let the church office know if you would like to help with the packing. Additional help will be needed after the church service on May 17, to assure that the church is ready for the renovation.

For those individuals who have attended church during our winter season and have experienced the lack of heat in the sanctuary, you will be happy to know that the installation of the new boiler system is near completion. Parts have also been ordered for the repair of the drinking fountains.

**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church has graciously offered to host our congregation for Sunday morning worship during the two week closure. Please plan on attending Our Saviour's for worship on the following dates:**

**May 24 - joint service at 9:00 a.m.**

**May 31 - joint service at 9:00 a.m. (5th Sunday joint service)**

May 2026 Worship Assistants – St. Paul's

DATE	MESSAGE	LITURGIST	COMMUNION SETUP	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
May 3	Barb Krug, SAM	Gail Heurung	Kathy & Dan Higgins	Chris Finkler Marguerite Jochimsen Tina Machon
May 10	Pastor Bob Giese	Tony Schumacher	Kathy & Dan Higgins	Val Bach Chris & Dave Konieczny
May 17	Pastor Nancy Amacher	Dawn Harder	Jo Cypher	Deb Bender Jo Cypher Dawn Harder
May 24 - Joint OS	Barb Krug, SAM	_____	_____	_____
May 31- Joint OS	Pastor Nancy Amacher	_____	_____	_____

St. Paul's May 2026 Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAY	BIRTHDAY	BIRTHDAY	ANNIVERSARIES
May 1 Henry Meier Ethan Melvin	May 11 Michele Doberstein Brando Homeyer	May 20 Casie Haubert Melissa Pilgrim	May 1 Lynn & Craig Glamann
May 2 Kadia Gehrke Raina Hillebrand Erin Holbach Josephine Judnic	May 12 Steven Eisch Peyton Emmerich Emmett Mueller William Sherman	May 22 Zoe Korenuk Sharon Ludwig Mike Rabska	May 9 Kriste & Ryan Brandner
May 3 Robert Schreiner	May 13 Brett Hoefs Tyler Hoefs	May 23 Emma Carter Ross Hackbarth	May 11 Laurie & James Peterson
May 4 Savannah Huotari John Konrad Kodi Rappe	May 14 Jamison Harder Amanda Langdon Kathleen Perrin	May 24 Noah Emmerich Kathryn Nutting	May 19 Tina & David Dassow
May 5 Ashley Tabbert	May 15 Brandon Mueller	May 25 Matthew Harder	May 19 Kimberly & Chad Emmerich
May 7 Thomas Cady Mattie Gebert	May 16 Mike Ecklund Lori Eisch	May 27 David Nelson	May 20 Mary & Tom Brost
May 8 Mina Clark	May 17 Ruthie Clark	May 29 Jacob Borman Nancy Dorava	May 24 Wanda & Arvid Lekies
May 9 Dante Axon Abby Graham	May 17 Ruthie Clark	May 30 Elizabeth Noland	May 24 Lori & Scott Waldhart
May 10 Tom Brost Madilyn Hoefs	Eryka Seidl Joan Steliga	May 31 Marie Koerner Shirley Schwarz	May 27 Lenore & Alan Brandl



St. Paul's Ladies Lunch Bunch  
Wednesday, May 20, 2026

Location: Mi Jovenaso  
507 S 8th Street, Medford

Time: 11:15 a.m.

All are welcome to enjoy fun and fellowship.

For more information, contact Michelle Danen at 715-748-4397 or Chris Finkler at 715-748-6848.



Choir will be rehearsing on May 10 at 8:15 a.m. and will sing during the service.

April 2026 Attendance

April 5 186  
April 12 47  
April 19 65

Thank you to Joan & Jason Steliga for sponsoring St. Paul's portion of the May newsletter.

**The Mobile Food Pantry served 78 households on April 16, 2026.**



39 individuals ages 0-17  
64 individuals ages 18-59  
68 individuals ages 60+  
171 total number of individuals

First time visitors in 2026 = 19

**The next Mobile Food Pantry  
will be on Thursday,  
June 18, 2026**

Volunteers meet at 1:00 p.m.  
Distribution begins at 4:00 p.m.

Food distributed included: Peanut butter, tuna, juice, sunflower seeds, cucumbers, oatmeal, potatoes, ground pork, mac and cheese, shampoo, carrots, sherbet, popcorn, bakery, apples, onions, dog food, bread, eggs, canned vegetables, bathroom tissue, laundry soap, miscellaneous canned goods and miscellaneous frozen entrées.

If you would like to help sponsor the food pantry, simply make out your check to **St. Paul's Lutheran Church** and include "food pantry" in the memo line. Business and individual sponsors are welcome.

Thank you to **Weather Shield Lite** for sponsoring the April Mobile Food Pantry. Thank you also to **Central Wisconsin Recreation & Wildlife** group for their food donations.

**Thank you to Our Saviour's Confirmation Class for donating the Lenten offering to the Mobile Food Pantry.**

**Church Council Meeting  
Wednesday, April 8, 2026, 6:00 p.m.**

**Council members present** – Tony Schumacher, Kathy Hackbarth, Carrie Zirngible, Gail Heurung, Chris Konieczny, Amber Fettes, Debra Bender. Unable to attend – Marie Koerner, Harley Cook and Stacy Dassow.

**Guests present** – Barb Krug and Nancy Jones.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Tony Schumacher.

Opening prayer was led by SAM Barb Krug.

Motion to accept the agenda was made by Amber, seconded by Gail – motion carried.

Motion to accept the meeting minutes from March was made by Chris, seconded by Kathy – motion carried.

**BUSINESS:**

- Treasurer's report – Insurance went up – and we had the sump pump repaired/replaced under warranty with minimal expense. Motion by Gail, seconded by Carrie to approve the report – motion carried.
- Financial Secretary – Lynette agreed to do this until we find someone. Discussed that there is not that much involved outside of counting the funds and taking them to the bank. It will be discussed at the meeting with the proposal of changing the constitution wording.
- SAM report from Barb – going well. Worship leader schedule is completed. Dawn Harder and Mike Kesling will lead the visitation groups in the church. Looking at adult education opportunities. Reminder again about Dish with the Bish. Discussed the visit with Pastor Randy – at what things look like going forward at this time.
- Worship team – meeting this week.
- Sunday School/Confirmation/VBS – confirmation is set for April 26.
- Joint Parish Council – nothing at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Reviewed the bids for asbestos and flooring.
- Finalized the agenda for the congregational meeting – financial secretary, asbestos and boilers.
- Reviewed the council covenant being worked on.
- With Marie out – the discussion on the document retention was tabled until next month.

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- Regarding the mechanical monitoring team – Don Koerner will agree to be a contact. Dave Konieczny declined. Hoping to have the current members work with the new.
- Discussion on raises for the different positions paid in the church – Nancy will send Tony all the current rates and this will be visited next month.
- Tony said the steeple needs painting – this was tabled until we get our big projects taken care of.

A motion by Gail, seconded by Amber to adjourn – motion carried.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Heurung, Council Secretary

**St. Paul's Treasurer's Report for March 2026**

	2026			2025		YTD % of Change
	February	March	YTD	March	YTD	
Total General Giving	7,861	12,780	29,980	9,976	34,818	-13.9%
Total General Expenses	6,593	4,931	17,531	4,088	14,521	20.7%
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$1,269</b>	<b>\$7,849</b>	<b>\$12,449</b>	<b>\$5,889</b>	<b>\$20,297</b>	
Designated Giving	4,566	216	8,356	2,293	10,645	-21.5%
Designated Giving - Building	1,625	1,195	6,925	9,245	10,010	
Total Designated Giving	6,191	1,411	15,281	11,538	20,655	
Designated Expenses	3,293	1,503	6,472	3,086	8,019	-19.3%
Designated Expenses - Building		6,327	6,327		-	
Total Designated Expenses	3,293	7,830	12,799	3,086	8,019	
<b>Net Designated Income</b>	<b>2,897</b>	<b>(6,419)</b>	<b>2,482</b>	<b>(793)</b>	<b>12,636</b>	
Interest Income	\$125	\$121	376	\$140	270	
<b>Net Combined Income (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$4,291</b>	<b>\$1,551</b>	<b>\$15,307</b>	<b>\$5,235</b>	<b>\$33,203</b>	

<b>Bank Accounts - As of:</b>	<b>2/28/26</b>	<b>3/31/26</b>	<b>YTD Change</b>		<b>Comments</b>
Fund in SPOS Joint Checking	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	<i>Thank you to the family of Carol Kasperek for the monetary donation they made to the church in Carol's memory.</i>
Certificate of Deposit		\$75,000	\$75,000		
General Checking	\$239,006	\$171,947	(\$62,125)	\$201,331	
<u>Designated Funds in Checking</u>					
Building Fund	39,253	34,121	\$598	12,165	
Comfort Quilts	1,874	1,812	\$6	1,049	
Community Benevolence Fund	355	355	\$0	233	
Designated Memorials	4,290	4,290	(\$220)	4,290	
Fair Trade Sales	538	710	\$514	476	
Thrivent Choice	2,374	2,374	\$274	1,648	
Mobile Food Pantry	25,017	23,625	\$1,165	10,929	
Sunday School	711	711	\$71	735	
Youth Group	11,735	11,759	\$24	11,572	
<b>Total Funds in Checking</b>	<b>\$326,153</b>	<b>\$327,705</b>	<b>\$15,307</b>	<b>\$245,429</b>	
<u>Other Accounts</u>					
Events/Fund Raiser Acct	3,182	3,184	3	3,168	
Needles for Needs Acct	1,430	1,431	101	1,862	
Scrip Acct	8,039	4,954	(775)	1,777	
<b>Total Other Accounts</b>	<b>\$12,652</b>	<b>\$9,569</b>	<b>-\$671</b>	<b>\$6,806</b>	
<b>Total - All Accounts</b>	<b>\$338,805</b>	<b>\$337,273</b>	<b>\$14,636</b>	<b>\$252,236</b>	

2026 Pastor Expense - Budgeted \$67,960  
2026 YTD Supply Pastor Expense \$2,276

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

**Mission Statement:**

Saved and strengthened by Christ, we proclaim God's love through worship, education, and service to our congregation, community, and the world.

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**St. Paul's May 2026 Calendar**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>May 3</b> <b>3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.</b> <b>Dish with the Bish</b>					1	2
<b>3</b> 9:15 a.m. Worship w/ communion Last day of Sunday School Dish with the Bish	4	<b>5</b> 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs	6	7	8	9
<b>10</b> 8:15 a.m. Choir 9:15 a.m. Worship w/ communion Graduates	11	<b>12</b> 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs	<b>13</b> 6:00 p.m. Church Council	14	<b>15</b> 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. CMWJ Brat Fry	16
<b>17</b> 9:15 a.m. Worship w/ communion	<b>18</b> <b>Asbestos                      removal                      begins</b> <b>Church closed</b>	19	<b>20</b> 11:15 a.m. Ladies Lunch Bunch	<b>21</b> No Mobile Food Pantry	22	23
<b>24</b> 9:00 a.m. Joint service at Our Saviour's	25	26	27	28	29	30
<b>31</b> 9:00 a.m. Joint service at Our Saviour's						

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### May 2026

#### **Sunday Worship**

Our Saviour's Worship - 8:00 a.m.  
St. Paul's Worship - 9:15 a.m.

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