



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 2025



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JOINT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30



Watch for clues!

Message from Barb Krug, SAM

If you are the one that has recently read Zechariah 10:1, "Ask rain from the Lord in the spring; it is the Lord who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone." And you are asking the Lord for this, please stop! ☹️

I'm not sure when the earth has enough rain or snow, but I am ready for some warm weather and lots of sunshine.

But seriously, as I was thinking about this proverb and the never-ending April showers and the hope for May flowers, I found (*God & Google helped*) Romans 8:18, "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us."

This *April Showers/May Flowers* proverb is often interpreted in a spiritual context. The showers are the struggles in one's life, but by our faith they will lead us to the flowers and the glory. This can happen from one day to the next or from this life to the next. We all have little struggles on a regular basis, but people with mental health issues have struggles greater than others can comprehend or imagine.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month.

We all need to be aware of our own mental health. If our brain and our body work together properly, we have good mental health. If our brain and our body are fighting one another, this can cause adverse mental health issues. Not only should we be conscious of our own mental health but also that of others. We don't know what a person is going through and how we might be able to help them. When you ask someone how they are or how they are doing, do you really listen to them? When you are asked how you are or how you are doing, do you answer honestly?

Mental Health Awareness is just that – being aware of people you come in contact with. Awareness leads to supporting those that are affected by mental health issues. Issues which they cannot always understand.

Dear friends, we can do this. We can help each other. Sometimes it's just a smile, a hug, a kind word, eye contact, or a listening ear. But most importantly, pray for those that need their brain and their body to work together properly. Pray for medicine or therapy that might help them. Pray for God's calming embrace to hold them during the difficult times.

In my various jobs, I have been in contact with several people that are suffering now. They have been suffering for quite some time but are unaware of the glory or they can't believe that there will be any glory in their lives. God is the Glory. Share God with everyone!

The **green ribbon** is the internationally recognized symbol for mental health awareness and support. It's worn to show support for mental health, promote open conversations, and reduce stigma surrounding mental illness. Wearing a

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green ribbon is a simple act of unity and can help normalize discussions about mental well-being.

There will be **green ribbons** at both churches in May. Please take one, wear them and become aware of our neighbors in Christ. God's blessings! Barb Krug, SAM

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Sunday Services

Our Saviour's Service: 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

St. Paul's Service 9:15 a.m.

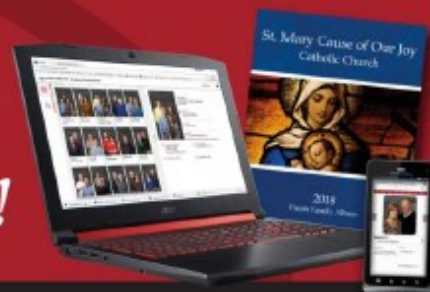
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Every 5th 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, June 29 at the Holway Town Hall.**

2025 JOINT PARISH FINANCIAL

	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
Income													
OS Income	1906.96	1324.56	1693.50										4925.02
SP Income	3396.42	2190.82	2222.81										7810.05
Misc Incom		17.75											17.75
OS Lawn Inco													0.00
OS Jator Inco	782.84												782.84
Total Income	6086.22	3533.13	3916.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13535.66
Expenses													
Joint (ex: checks, resources, tools, etc)		56.00											56.00
Workman C													0.00
SP Parish Adm	1132.35	1066.41	1118.92										3317.68
OS Secretary	345.91	266.53	269.89										882.33
OS Custodian			671.56										671.56
SP Custodian	169.41	153.34	171.85										494.60
OS Watchman	120.00	80.00	80.00										280.00
SAM's	900.00	775.00	1045.00										2720.00
Lay Leaders			150.00										150.00
SP Music	200.00	150.00	200.00										550.00
OS Music	150.00	225.00	375.00										750.00
Pastor Bob	292.00	327.00											619.00
Busin. Tax Reg													0.00
Pastor Nancy	286.12	286.12	286.12										858.36
OS Lawn Care													0.00
State Quarterly	112.21												112.21
Fed Quarterly	1524.70												1524.70
Misc Expense		17.75											17.75
Total Expense	5232.70	3403.15	4368.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13004.19

Dear Church family, It's time for a New Directory!



*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!



*Gathering families,
Connecting generations.*



St. Paul's and Our Saviour's are each creating a new Pictorial Directory!

St. Paul's dates: Tuesday - Saturday, July 15 - 19 | Our Saviour's dates: Tuesday & Wednesday, July 22 & 23

We are doing separate directories, but you can go to either location for "your" directory photo.

Schedule your photography appointment online! Just scan the QR code to the right → → →

Or - go to www.ucdir.com & click the "Photography Session Sign-Up" button.

Enter **wi411** in the "Church Code" field for St. Paul's dates. Enter **wi413** in the "Church Code" field for Our Saviour's

Enter **photos** in the "Church Password" field (same password for both)

Online signup may not be available on Saturday & Sunday so we can have paper sign-ups at church on the weekends.



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

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**April 2025
Attendance**

April 2 25
 April 6 30
 April 9 25
 April 13 13
 April 27 25
 April 20 153
 April 27

May 2025 Calendar for Our Saviour's

Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m.

May 4 Worship w/communion, Barb Krug, SAM
 Confirmation
May 7 WELCA - 6:30 p.m. fellowship, 6:45 p.m. program, 7:00 p.m. meeting
May 11 Worship w/communion, Pastor Bob Giese
 Honor's Day for our graduates
May 13 Picture directory planning meeting, 10:00 a.m. at Our Saviour's
May 15 CMWJ brat fry 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
May 18 Worship w/communion, Lay Speaker Mike Kesling
May 21 Church Council, 5:45 p.m.
 Newsletter Deadline
May 25 Worship w/communion, Pastor Nancy Amacher

Honor's Day, May 11

Graduates

*Damian Dums
 James Kauffman*



Card bags will be in the Fellowship Hall.

May 2025 Worship Assistants

May Altar Guild: Karen Frosch & Julie Janke

DATE	MESSAGE	USHERS	LITURGIST	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	COUNTERS	ACOLYTE
May 4 <i>Confirmation</i>	Barb Krug	Rod & Nancie Adams	Rod Adams	Meagan Neitzel		Brycen Larson
May 11 <i>Mother's Day</i>	Bob Giese	Echo Buehler Paula Stroinski			Echo Buehler Paula Stroinski	Breckyn Klemm
May 18 <i>Honor's Day</i>	Mike Kesling	Heidi Bower Kesling Julie Janke	Heidi Bower Kesling	Julie Janke		Jordan Bottlemey
May 25	Nancy Amacher	Karen & Harry Frosch	Beverly Utke	Karen Frosch		Brynlee Pagel

Thank you to the following families that sponsored Easter Lilies for us to enjoy on Easter morning.

Barb Krug in memory of Sarah
 Barb, Ed & Family in honor of Warren & Nancy Behling
 in honor of Bob & Jo Giese
 in memory of Keith & Joan Krug
 Deborah Larson & Duane in memory of Melissa Becker
 Ken & Marian Nernberger in memory of Son, Parents, Brothers & Sisters



We are now offering the option to have *The Parish Pulse* sent to your email address. Please contact your church office if you would prefer to go paperless.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Message from Mike Kesling, Council President

The basement contractors have completed the basement leaking project and after it's first rain test, the basement stayed dry. This week's rain forecast, will truly test the system. I need to thank Jim, Walley and Ed for their positive skills in the project and now get the plaster boards up and re-seal the stairwell.

As I am focused on the various missions that our Congregation has undertaken, I see the strength and vitality of our little Lutheran Church in the middle of the corn fields. I have a feeling that our church is here for a long time into the future. My thoughts are reinforced by the attitudes and convictions of our members old and young. We as a congregation accept and try the many choices and challenges facing many small congregations today. A good example is for the past two years the Wednesday evening Lenten Services have been conducted by the Confirmation classes and their instructors with a very positive weekly attendance that rivals our Sunday services. The youth are taking us into new venues to share God's Word with music, art and themselves. The attending members of the Lenten service appear perplexed at times, but deep down I think they also sense, as I do, that allowing a little change in our old ways and listening and watching our youth and their instructors we see a very positive future. I also want to commend the Sunday School staff as they are also showing us that change and the youth are the future of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Please take the time to come and see them and thank them all, teachers and students, for leading us forward.

Mike

Confirmation: A short note of thanks.

The confirmation class would like to take this opportunity to thank all those that contributed to their stewardship project. The boys had a goal of \$450 to get a motorbike for a pastor and a goat. The girls had a goal of \$400 for a variety of items, including a share in safe water system, health care, vaccinations and goats and chicks. Thanks to the kids' personal contributions and the contributions from so many of you through Lenten offerings and individual contributions, they have exceeded their goals. It is amazing what our little congregation can do when we all help one another; the ripple effect is felt worldwide.

God's Blessings,
Heidi, Meagan, and the 24-25 Confirmation Class

Confirmation Candidates 2025

Xander Cynor	Cora Neitzel
Stormie Dums	Jay Worden
Braxton Larson	



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 replace a culvert and add granite to the cemetery driveway. We also have work to do straightening headstones and filling low spots throughout the cemetery.

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

Blessings,

Holway Lutheran Cemetery Association

Our Saviour's WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)

Meeting minutes from April 2, 2025

Present: Echo Buehler, Heidi Bower-Kesling, Juanita Krug, Karen Frosch, Marian Nernberger, Barb Krug, Amie Marzinske, and Nancie Adams.

Heidi had a program from Eyewitness Bible Series. It was very interesting.

Echo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose statement was recited.

Nancie made a motion, seconded by Marian to approve the secretary's report as printed in the March newsletter.

Motion carried.

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(WELCA minutes continued from the previous page.)

Amy gave the treasurer's report. Ending balance as of March 31 is \$6847.25. Marian made a motion, seconded by Juanita to approve the report. Motion carried.

Karen reported that 13 quilts were recently delivered to the Beds from Christ program. Karen and Joanne Lavin will start making backpacks for the Lutheran World Relief Backpack program. We have many of the supplies to put in the backpacks. Heidi will begin the process of counting to see what supplies we have and what we will need.

Old Business:

- New member gift ideas were discussed. A personalized church ornament made by One-of-a-Kind Gifts was shown. Other ideas were to put more information together about Our Saviour's and WELCA to give to new members. Ornaments would need to be purchased in groups of 50 but we felt, in addition to having some for our new members, other members may want to purchase them. Marian made a motion, seconded by Barb to start the process of finding pictures to include on the ornaments, get a sample ornament made and get information collected for the bags. Motion carried.
- Spring Rally, "Singing in the Rain" is this Saturday, April 5th at Trinity in Loyal. Registration has been sent in for four of our members. Echo made a motion, seconded by Nancie to send \$50.00 offering to the Spring Rally. Motion carried.
- Julie has been researching altar cloths and banners. We will table this for another time.
- Barb made a motion, seconded by Marian to donate up to \$500.00 to Good Gifts for Spring and Summer. Motion carried. Echo reminded us to revisit this in the Fall for more opportunities of giving. Heidi mentioned that a group from North Central Wisconsin will be going to Hendersonville, North Carolina, to help in the rebuilding efforts. Donations of Lowe's or Home Depot gift cards are being asked for. We will announce this and see if any of our members want to purchase cards through our scrip program (helps them and helps us).

New Business:

- Confirmation Sunday is May 4. There will be card bags in the Fellowship Hall for our 5 confirmands: Jay Worden, Coraline Neitzel, Xander Cynor, Stormie Dums and Braxton Larson. Barb will check with Thrivent about crosses for the students. Parents will be asked to bring refreshments on May 4th to celebrate the Reaffirmation of Baptism for these students.
- Honors Day for our Graduates will be on May 11. Damian Dums and James Kauffman will be honored. Barb will get letters and questionnaires sent to them. Card bags for these boys will be put in the Fellowship Hall, as well.
- The 2025 WELCA Retreat will be held on June 4 & 5 at Luther Park Bible Camp. The registration information is available. Early Bird Registration is due by May 10.
- The Joint Worship Service with St. Paul's will be held on June 29 at the Holway Town Hall with The Breaking Chains musical organization leading worship that day. Our Saviour's will supply the "ballpark" meats of brats, hot dogs and hamburgers along with buns. Both congregations will be asked to bring potluck side dishes or desserts. Softball and kickball games are being planned. Bring your equipment to play and have fun! We would like to have worship start at 9:30 this morning in order to give the group time to set up and finish in time for lunch!
- The Heart for Luther Park fundraiser is an annual event. Janet Cypher made a child's dinosaur quilt. We will donate that to be auctioned off this summer/fall.
- Barb mentioned she would like to hold a discussion group/workshop on Death and Dying but with an emphasis on thinking about our own funeral sermons. There was a lively discussion already so hopefully this will be well received. Watch for more information.

Dates to Remember:

April 24 – The ladies will have luncheon at Rocky's at 11:30 a.m. Please let Karen know if you plan to attend so she can give the restaurant an idea on numbers.

April 26th is the Synod Assembly at Rice Lake. Jim and Clarice Zenner are our congregation representatives. Barb will also be attending as our SAM.

June 26 – The ladies will have an early dinner get-together at Cindy's (hopefully the outside patio) at 4:30 p.m. Again, please let Karen know if you plan to attend so she can give the restaurant an idea on numbers.

Our next meeting is May 7, with beverages and dessert at 6:30 p.m., the program beginning at 6:45 p.m., and the meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. Marian is program leader and hostess.

Nancie made a motion, seconded by Juanita to adjourn the meeting. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Barb Krug

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Our Saviour's Church Council Minutes

April 16, 2025

Attendees: Barb K, Clarice Z, Meagan N, Nancie A, Mike K, Echo B, Paula S, Jason Meeting called to order at 5:58 p.m. Opened with prayer by Mike Kesling. We recited the Mission Statement.

Jason made a motion to update the agenda to show previous meeting minutes as February instead of March. Seconded by Paula. Motion carries.

Paula made a motion to approve the agenda with updates. Jason seconded - motion carries. Paula made motion to approve the February meeting minutes. Seconded by Jason. Motion carries. Jason made motion to approve the treasurer's report. Seconded by Paula. Motion carries.

New Business

- Church Directory - St Paul's is looking to do an updated directory. If we chose to do a directory as well, then we would want a sub-committee to help organize appointments and set up. All of the pictures and information would be printed in a directory with an option for members to purchase additional photos for themselves. We would have two days set for appointments. We can coordinate with St Paul's if we needed to fill in slots. The directories would still remain separate. Jason made a motion to move forward with the directory. Seconded by Nancie. Motion carries.

Old Business

- Meditation space in cemetery updates: Cemetery Association will not finance but are open to suggestions and assisting with planning.
- Research on insurance carrier Church Mutual / Rural. We are still looking for a sub committee. Mike will make an announcement in our upcoming church services to garner volunteers.
- Basement lights were changed to LED - still on to do list.
- Removal of the screen by the altar - Mike will chat with Jim and will reach out if additional help is needed

Co-Mission Education and Youth

- Lenten services have gone well with the confirmation students leading. For their stewardship the boys met their goal and the girls are about \$50.00 short as of April 16.
- Sunday School is finishing up the year. The Wednesday / Sunday class split was a successful endeavor.

Property

- Taylor Electric installed the lighting. We are waiting on bill from Kurt Zenner.
- Basement updates: The basement has been officially sealed, steps are done, just need to finalize drywall.

WELCA

- Bags are in the fellowship hall for the kids being confirmed on May 4.
- Graduates will be honored on May 11 and bags will be put in Fellowship Hall after Easter.
- Sunday School awards will be on May 11.

Worship

- We have a new laptop set up with TV and sound system.
- Our next Joint Worship service will be on June 29. Our Saviour's will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, brats, and etc. The Council will pay the cost. Nancie will touch base with Heidi on putting together the food needs through the ball club. Do we ask the ball club to help do the cooking and serving and then we ask for a donation to go towards the club for their help that day?
- Maundy Thursday is our last Lenten service of the season with dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Our next meeting will be on May 21.

Potential to hold July and August meetings on a Sunday. The Council will discuss this idea. Jason made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Paula. Motion carries.

Closed with Lords Prayer at 6:38 p.m.h

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**



Support the church missions by purchasing Scrip cards for many of your shopping needs: groceries, gasoline, clothing, entertainment, and / or gifts. We can order any card you are looking for in any denomination. Contact Brenda Nernberger or Nancie Adams to order.

Brat Fry **FUNDRAISER** — Thursday, May 15 at
Fourmens Farm & Home, Medford

Serving from
10:00am – 2:00pm

Thank you:
• Fourmens Farm & Home
• Nicolet Bank
• Thrivent
• Walmart

Brat: \$3.50
Combo: \$6.00
beverage and chips

Community Mission with Jesus

Community Mission With Jesus (CMWJ) is a local mission operating since 2016; focused on changing the lives of others by sharing the love of Christ with each other, our community and the world working within our hearts. CMWJ is organized and managed by the following local churches:

- Our Saviour's Lutheran Church—Holway
- Community United Church of Christ—Medford
- St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church—Medford
- River of Hope Church—Medford
- New Life Apostolic Church—Medford

- Holy Rosary Church—Medford
- Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church—Stetsonville
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help—Whitewater
- Good Shepherd Catholic Church—Rib Lake

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

INCOME - Our Saviour's	March	YTD 2024		
General	5,718.93	14,832.43		
Hunger	435.00	1,115.00		
Sunday School/VBS/Camp		1,000.00		
Change the World/Special Offering	516.10	733.10		
Scrip	2,025.00	4,930.00		
TOTAL INCOME	8,695.03	22,610.53		
Expenses:	March	YTD	Monthly/Budget	Year/Budget
Benevolence	226.72	591.26	250.00	3,000.00
Hunger In/Out	435.00	1,115.00	0.00	
Special Offering In/Out	733.10	733.10	0.00	
Internet Service	61.94	185.82	62.50	750.00
Phone	51.70	156.93	60.42	725.00
Electricity	179.20	548.65	166.67	2,000.00
LP Gas	232.00	696.00	333.33	4,000.00
Dumpster - GFL	25.92	123.15	41.67	500.00
Holding Tanks		0.00	20.83	250.00
Snow Plowing		225.00	100.00	1,200.00
Janitor Supplies	57.73	76.70	16.67	200.00
Clear Country Water Solutions		45.00	18.75	225.00
Building Repairs/Maintenance	451.00	665.38	83.33	1,000.00
Worship/Devotionals/Resources	264.00	312.88	50.00	600.00
Organ/Piano Maintenance		0.00	25.00	300.00
Insurance	447.66	1,342.98	375.00	4,500.00
Office & Computer Supplies/parts/ink	41.12	85.29	41.67	500.00
Postage and Stamps	68.00	68.00	16.67	200.00
Computer Maintenance/Repair		175.00	16.67	200.00
Treasurer Supplies		0.00	8.33	100.00
Newsletter Postage	31.73	108.26	37.50	450.00
Copier Lease	122.14	371.61	125.00	1,500.00
Supply Pastors	649.68	1,711.43	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		500.00	41.67	500.00
Payroll-Secretary-Property Manager	616.25	2,217.37	650.00	7,800.00
Website		0.00	12.50	150.00
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)	35.00	235.00	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	600.00	200.00	2,400.00
Miscellaneous- Special Events		26.18	41.67	500.00
Scrip Cards	2,304.00	4,608.00	0.00	
VANCO Charge	4.80	17.05	0.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	7,538.69	18,366.04	3,890.83	47,190.00
Checking Account:		Savings Account:		7,612.07
Camping Fund	1,273.54	Deposit		281.24
Sunday School/VBS	1,572.53	Total		7,893.31
General	39,107.78			
TOTAL	41,953.85	<i>Submitted By:</i>	<i>Nancie Adams,</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Message from St. Paul's Council President—Heidi Haynes

It's finally May! May means the end for many things (Confirmation, the school year and GRADUATION) but the start of so much more.

Children start going to Sunday School in PreK, then eight years later they are done with Sunday school and start two years of Confirmation. Those years seem like they will take forever when you are little or the parent of a young child, but those years fly by. Before you know it, your child is getting confirmed. Confirmation serves as a way for youth to publicly declare their faith and commitment to following Christ. It is the start of their adulthood in the church. They might not fully understand the great meaning of all that till years later, but it is such an important part of a Christian's life. Congratulations to Carmyn Alexander, Brock Anderson, Bradin Brunner, Savanna Brunner, Sada Carstensen, Austin Faber, Saige Fettes, Grace Johnas, Liam Johnas, Treyton Pilgrim, Dawson Rappe, Kyra Scheithauer and Trista Shore on your Confirmation.

Then, four years later, you are at your high school graduation. Graduation is a significant milestone that marks years of hard work, dedication and personal growth. It is a big transition to a new phase of life whether that be further education, joining the military or entering the workforce. It is such an exciting and scary time for students and parents alike. Wherever you end up, I hope you always remember that your faith is a powerful source of strength and guidance. Congratulations to Kaedence Ecklund, Ian Emmerich, Mattie Gebert, Grace Johnas, Hayden Koester, Allison Nutting, Sydnie Peterson, Natalie Preuss, Tana Rappe, Sydney Sperl and Jason Woller on your high school graduation. Changes and new beginnings can be hard at any age and any aspect in life. Remember that you are never alone, God is always with you.

Deuteronomy 31:6: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Our community suffered a significant loss recently. Our church will keep all those affected in our thoughts and prayers. We all carry burdens and struggles that others might not know about. But, with God, we don't have to carry them alone.

Matthew 11:28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Sunday School

The Sunday School children have been learning about the importance of Holy Week and the timeline in which the events happened. We started with Palm Sunday, where Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and continued with Maundy Thursday, to remember the Last Supper and Jesus' betrayal. We then talked about Good Friday, with Jesus' crucifixion and death, and ended with Easter Sunday to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. Another activity the Sunday School children have been working on is practicing singing a song so they can sing with the adult choir on their last Sunday School day, May 4. ~Kathy Hackbarth and Heidi Haynes



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Confirmation

Confirmation classes finished up in April with the 8th grade students being confirmed on Sunday, April 27. St. Paul's is blessed to have such a wonderful group of youth to carry the torch as Jesus' disciples while they continue to expand and grow in their Christian journey, sharing their religious values, beliefs and God-given talents.

God bless all those involved (students, parents, teachers, and friends) as we all continue to grow alongside of God and within our church family. God's Work – Our Hands.

Confirmation classes will resume in September. Information being sent out in advance in August.

Before breaking for the summer, I'd like to take a moment to thank all of the leaders who have helped make Confirmation classes such a success! Without you, it would not be possible. Finally, thank you to the families of the confirmands for guiding them and teaching them the importance of confirmation and their faith journey!

God is here with us always; we must trust in Him and let him continue to guide us in our earthly lives. ~Val Bach



Back row: Val Bach, Trista Shore, Brock Anderson, Dawson Rappe, Treyton Pilgrim, Austin Faber, Sada Carstensen, Dan Higgins.
Front row: Kim Gasek, Saige Fettes, Savanna Brunner, Bradin Brunner, Carmyn Alexander, Kyra Scheithauer, Dawn Harder, Chris Finkler.
Not pictured: Grace Johnas and Liam Johnas.



Needles for Needs

We are finishing up making denim quilts for Homeless Veterans for the season. So far we completed 79 quilts, with 63 being distributed so far. Next we will start making LWR quilts. Please keep us in mind as you shop at garage sales, estate sales, and thrift shops. We need full size flat sheets and larger - cotton and cotton/poly blend sheets only please. LWR has asked us to stop using fleece and microfiber sheets due to increased microplastics being deposited in water supplies.

If you would like to join us, we are still meeting every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. If you'd like to help from home, we can send supplies home with you.

As always, we appreciate your support and generosity! God's Work, Our Hands.
Tonya Albers

St. Paul's Ladies Lunch Bunch Wednesday, May 21

Location: Cindy's Bar & Grill
7059 State Highway 64, Medford

Time: 11:15 AM

All women welcome.

Please contact Michelle Danen at 715 748-4397 if you'd like to be involved.



GRADUATION SUNDAY: May 18, 2025, service time: 9:15 a.m.

During the church service on May 18, 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) 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 May 1, whether or not you are able to attend the service. We look forward to seeing you on May 18.

May 2025 Worship Assistants

DATE	MESSAGE	LITURGIST	COMMUNION SETUP	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
MAY 4	Barb Krug	Dawn Harder	Kathy & Dan Higgins	Dawn Harder Marguerite Jochimsen Sally Lemke
MAY 11	Bob Giese	Gail Heurung	Jo Cypher	Jo Cypher Amber Fettes Dawn Harder
MAY 18	Val Bach	Mark Temme	Kathy & Dan Higgins	Marie & Don Koerner Kathy Higgins
MAY 25	Nancy Amacher	Cathy Retzer	Kathy & Dan Higgins	Kathy Higgins Dave Hrabý Chris Konieczny

Birthdays & Anniversaries - May 2025

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



Thank you to the following families that sponsored Easter Lilies for us to enjoy on Easter morning.

Loris Fox in memory of family members
 Debra Bender in memory of family
 Lynn & Craig Glamann in memory of family
 Cathy & Mark Temme in memory of Deb Metz
 Sally & Tim Lemke in memory of family
 Kay & Richard Halopka in memory of family members who have passed



St. Paul's Giving Options

Mail your check to St. Paul's Lutheran Church,
 321 N. Park Ave., Medford, WI 54451

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SCRIP cards make great gifts for weddings, graduations, or other special occasions. A portion of each gift card purchase enables St. Paul's to do ministry. Check at the SCRIP counter on Sunday morning or call the office and someone will help you.

Church Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Heidi Haynes.

Members present – Heidi Haynes, Marie Koerner, Tony Schumacher, Harley Cook, Chris Konieczny, Carrie Zirngible, Dawn Harder, Stacy Dassow and Gail Heurung. Dave Hraby came shortly after. Guests – Nancy Jones, Tina Dassow, Barb Krug and Bret Musselman of Universal Church Directories. Absent was Amber Fettes and Kathy Hackbarth.

Barb Krug led the group in an opening prayer.

Heidi introduced Bret Musselman of Universal Church Directories. He explained his company's program for doing church directories. Our last directory was 10 years ago. After discussions, the council decided to go with a new directory – scheduling for July 15 thru 19. Motion made by Marie, seconded by Tony to ahead. Motion carried. Our Saviour's will be looking at the program at their next council meeting. We will be able to schedule photo sittings at either church if more convenient.

Motion by Marie, seconded by Chris to accept the agenda. Motion carried

Motion by Tony, seconded by Chris to accept the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report – motion by Dave, second by Chris to approve both the February and March reports – motion carried. (Later there was discussion about moving some of the money in our bank accounts to something with better interest. Dave will look at options and get back to us.)

Financial Secretary – box is moved – works much better.

SAM report by Barb – very busy with Easter week coming up.

Worship team – nothing new – all good.

Sunday School is done on May 4. Kids will be singing with the choir. Confirmation is set for April 27. There are 13 confirmands. VBS is set for July 30. There will be a bus involved but it is a mystery session.

Joint Parish Council – with Val off council we need a new representative. We will put the word out. Next joint meeting is July 9 – usually 2 or 3 meetings a year.

Public health outreach will wait until June to participate in our food pantry activities.

Council reviewed the long and short term use of the building policy. Marie will take it and review it with the equipment policy and bring it back to discuss.

Discussion regarding some contributions that have come in and where they should be used. Since the person that supplied the funds was interested in building improvements the money will be placed in the building/maintenance fund.

Discussion on the insurance package renewal. It has increased 55%. There are quotes being looked at...however, the amount we pay of this expensive a building is not all that unreasonable.

Easter Sunday there will be a potluck at 8:00 a.m. before the service. Sign up sheets for items needed.

Barb reminded us that Synod Assembly is set for April 26. St. Paul's can have one man and one woman as representatives. We have none right now. Encouraged us to find representation.

Barb also wanted us to know she is working on a program to discuss preparing for funerals to aid our members in learning things before the need to share them at the funerals.

Next meeting will be May 14 at, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Chris, seconded by Tony to adjourn – motion carried. The council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Heurung - Secretary



To Lynn and Craig Glamann
for sponsoring the May
Newsletter.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

St. Paul's March 2025 Treasurer's Report

	2025		2024		YTD % of Change
	March	YTD	March	YTD	
General Giving	9,976	34,818	12,386	30,508	14.1%
Building Giving		-	1,644	5,124	-100.0%
Total General Giving	9,976	34,818	14,030	35,632	-2.3%
General Expenses	4,088	14,521	4,680	13,584	6.9%
Building Expense		-	2,782	8,346	-100.0%
Total General Expenses	4,088	14,521	7,462	21,930	-33.8%
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$5,889	\$20,297	\$6,568	\$13,702	
Designated Giving	2,293	10,645	7,727	14,755	-27.9%
Designated Giving - Building	9,245	10,010			
Total Designated Giving	11,538	20,655	7,727	14,755	
Designated Expenses	3,086	8,019	6,143	13,321	-39.8%
Designated Expenses - Building	-	-			
Total Designated Expenses	3,086	8,019	6,143	13,321	
Net Designated Income	8,452	12,636	1,584	1,433	
Interest Income	\$140	392	\$181	321	
Net Combined Income (Deficit)	\$14,480	\$33,325	\$8,333	\$15,456	

Bank Accounts - As of:	3/31/25	YTD Change	Comments
Fund in SPOS Joint Checking	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
General Checking	\$201,331	\$20,689	\$169,528
Designated Funds in Checking		\$0	
Building Fund	12,165	\$10,805	31,226
Comfort Quilts	1,049	\$323	726
Community Benevolence Fund	233	\$100	116
Designated Memorials	4,290	\$150	4,953
Fair Trade Sales	476	\$0	287
Thrivent Choice	1,648	\$418	809
Mobile Food Pantry	10,929	\$1,017	9,975
Sunday School	735	(\$177)	862
Youth Group	11,572	\$0	11,469
Total Funds in Checking	\$245,429	\$33,325	\$230,952
Other Accounts			
Events/Fund Raiser Acct	3,168	4	3,324
Needles for Needs Acct	1,862	451	2,391
Scrip Acct	1,777	(7,256)	6,092
Total Other Accounts	\$6,806	-\$6,801	\$11,806
Total - All Accounts	\$252,236	\$26,524	\$242,758
Mortgage Balance		\$0	

2025 Pastor Expense - Budgeted \$67,960
2025 YTD Supply Pastor Expense \$2,281

April 2025 Attendance

April 6	112
April 13	95
April 20	150
April 27	193



The choir will rehearse
Listen God is Calling with the
Sunday School children on
May 4, at 8:15 a.m.

Thank you to....

Dave Bach
Val Bach
Jerry Carstensen
Steve Eisch & Grandson
Jeff Harder
Dan Higgins
Clem Johnson
Dave Konieczny

for helping with the spring
cleaning of the church.



The Mobile Food Pantry served 91 households on April 17, 2025.

56 individuals ages 0-17
91 individuals ages 18-59
80 individuals ages 60+
227 total number of individuals

The next Mobile Food Pantry will be on Thursday, May 15, 2025.

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

Feed My People delivered 2,774 pounds of food. Food distributed included: oatmeal, frozen chicken, canned beets, sweet potatoes, carrots, grapefruit, bread, peanut butter, lentils, cookies, crackers, chips, and dog and cat food. 20 lbs. of dog and cat food was redistributed to the Baptist Church.

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 and to the volunteers that came to help distribute the food.

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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MAY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 18 - Graduate Recognition 9:15 a.m.				1 Office Hours 10:00 - 1:00 p.m.	2 Office Hours 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	3
4 8:15 a.m. Choir rehearsal 9:15 a.m. Worship / Communion Sunday School	5 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts	6 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs	7	8	9 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	10
11 Mother's Day 9:15 a.m. Worship / Communion	12	13 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs 10:00 a.m. Church Directory Planning	14 6:00 p.m. Church Council	15 1:00-5:00 p.m. Mobile Food Pantry 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. CMWJ brat fry	16 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	17
18 9:15 a.m. Worship / Communion 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Advancement picnic (Scouting)	19	20 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs	21 11:15 a.m. Ladies Luncheon Newsletter Deadline	22	23 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	24
25 9:15 a.m. Worship / Communion 6:00 p.m. Suicide Support Group	26 Memorial Day No office hours	27 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs	28	29	30 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	31

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Sunday Worship

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

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