



The Parish Pulse

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

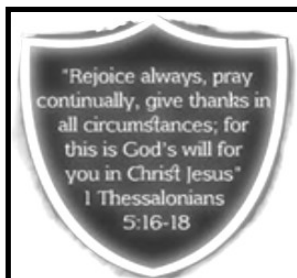
November 2025

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Message from Barb Krug, SAM



GIVE THANKS ALWAYS!

November is the month most recognized for giving thanks. There is a lot to give thanks for this November in our congregations. Our Confirmation classes are being led by some amazing people. Our Sunday School classes have teachers that enjoy and engage our kids. The Women of the ELCA in both congregations are bursting with ideas and activities. The men are

becoming organized and active. *The Chosen* is being watched, with insightful discussions happening. Music, chimes and vocals, are being shared as a joint effort with both churches. Lay School for some members continues and inspires us. Fall church dinners all around the area are taking place. Our church councils are engaged in multiple projects. Our Call Committee is involved with a potential Pastoral candidate. Our membership and church attendance continues to increase, and our ministry of all believers is being lived in our community because of each one of you. And of course, Thanksgiving. A time to truly give thanks for all that we have. Our God, family, food, clothing, shelter, friends, and neighbors. This year let's give more than thanks to those that don't have what we have. Seek to find your neighbor that is in need. Share more than possessions, share your faith story with them. Invite them into your glorious Life with God.

"To God be the glory!" Give honor, praise, and worship to God for His greatness and for all the things He has done for us. Have a blessed and thank filled November!

Barb Krug - SAM

All Saints Sunday - November 2, 2025

All Saints Sunday is a day when we honor and remember those individuals who have passed away during the current year. During our church services, the congregations will have an opportunity to light a candle for those individuals who are no longer with us.

Joyful Chimers

Rehearsals are scheduled for Sunday evenings at 5:00 p.m. at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. If you are interested in joining the group, contact Meagan Neitzel at 920-562-0100 or mneitzel56@gmail.com.



**Sunday, November 30
9:00 a.m.**

**St. Paul's Lutheran,
Medford**

Refreshments sponsored
by St. Paul's WELCA

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of Holway

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For pastoral care emergencies, call the following:

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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 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, November 30, at St. Paul's.

WELCA CHEQUAMEGON CONFERENCE FALL RALLY

The Fall Rally was a success!! Our theme was "Fall for Jesus, He Never Leaves". We had two great speakers to talk about Fall Prevention and Not Falling for Scams. We also had craft stations set up for everyone to work on various crafts. Everyone had a great time and there were lots of smiles! Huge "Thank You" to all the ladies from St Paul's who helped provide food and deserts and helped with getting all set up. We also had two confirmation students who helped with the clean up and they earned time towards their church service hours. The In Kind gifts that were collected were donated to St Paul's Food Pantry.

The Board Members and myself would like to thank St Paul's Council for letting us hold our Fall Rally.

Ladies....mark your calendars!! Our Spring Rally will be April 25th at Trinity Lutheran Church in Unity.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Dawn Kasper-Harder, Coordinator of the Chequamegon Conference



Joint Confirmation Classes - Trail Church

Saturday, October 18



The Central Chamber Chorale is presenting its live concerts with a theme of Seasons of Song including songs of autumn, Thanksgiving, winter, and Christmas. Two pieces will be accompanied by cello and the Christmas Cantata by Daniel Pinkham will be accompanied by a brass choir and organ. The Chorale will perform Saturday night, November 15, at 7:30 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church 321 N. Park Ave. Medford, WI and Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. November 16, at First Presbyterian Church 200 S. Lincoln Ave, Marshfield, WI.

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	1811.21	1545.44	1550.31	1518.73	1471.44	1479.00				14301.15
SP Income	3396.42	2190.82	2222.81	3932.96	2196.53	2226.03	3386.61	2347.63	2200.24				24100.05
Misc Incom		17.75			0.04		17.00						34.79
OS Lawn Inco				2820.00									2820.00
OS Jator Inco	782.84			782.84			782.84						2348.52
Total Income	6086.22	3533.13	3916.31	9347.01	3742.01	3776.34	5705.18	3819.07	3679.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	43604.51
Expenses													
Joint (ex: checks, resources, tools, etc)		56.00											56.00
Workman C				910.00									910.00
SP Parish Adm	1132.35	1066.41	1118.92	1092.68	980.12	1079.54	1105.80	1122.39	1059.50				9757.71
OS Secretary	345.91	266.53	269.89	343.46	289.21	243.32	266.53	282.60	289.31				2596.76
OS Custodian			671.56			671.56			671.56				2014.68
SP Custodian	169.41	153.34	171.85	179.79	171.85	121.62	142.77	171.85	185.07				1467.55
OS Watchman	120.00	80.00	80.00	120.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	110.00				830.00
SAM	900.00	775.00	1045.00	1150.00	720.00	900.00	900.00	850.00	970.00				8210.00
Lay Leaders			150.00		150.00			125.00	150.00				575.00
SP Music	200.00	150.00	200.00	150.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	250.00	200.00				1750.00
OS Music	150.00	225.00	375.00	300.00	300.00	225.00	300.00	225.00	300.00				2400.00
Pastor Bob	292.00	327.00		292.00	292.00	292.00	292.00	412.00	292.00				2491.00
Busin. Tax Reg													0.00
Pastor Nancy	286.12	286.12	286.12		286.12	286.12	286.12	286.12					2002.84
OS Lawn Care				2820.00									2820.00
State Quarterly	112.21			103.70			96.20						312.11
Fed Quarterly	1524.70			1662.55			1597.74						4784.99
Misc Expense		17.75			40.00	270.00							327.75
Total Expense	5232.70	3403.15	4368.34	9124.18	3509.30	4369.16	5267.16	3804.96	4227.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	43306.39

May Misc is for Dept of Financial Inst yearly filing fee

June Misc for Breaking Chains

July Misc Deposit-refund from Church Mutual

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

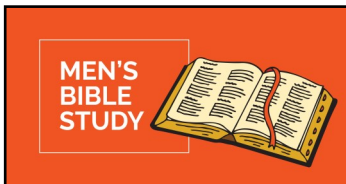
Church Council

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Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, December 7

October 2025 Attendance

October 5	43
October 12	62
October 19	31
October 26	33



Men's Bible Study
Every Tuesday
afternoon.
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

We will be starting with the Book of Revelation. Supplies that you may need: pen, paper, your Bible, and questions to be discussed. Contact Mike Kesling for additional information.



Our Saviour's Ladies Dinner
December 2 at 5:00 p.m.

64 North in their new outdoor "container."
 2993 County Road E, Medford

St. Paul's women are invited to join. If you are interested, RSVP to Heidi Bower Kesling or the church office.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

A Message from Our Saviour's Council President—Mike Kesling

Hello,

I promised to periodically give you updates on what I see at Our Saviour's. So, here is what I see. We are a very viable and friendly congregation that pulls together and accomplishes some pretty remarkable things. For example, I just took over a dozen large boxes of hand sewn quilts and assembled school book bags to Wausau for distribution by Lutheran World Relief. Once a month I empty the "Rescue & Redeem Clothing Collection Crate" and take it to Eau Claire for that mission our congregation has undertaken. The Sunday School and Confirmation classes are very busy with their studies but are also taking time to learn and experience ways to give and share our love of Christ. If you get the chance, take the time and ask the kids what they have been doing in their classes. The Joint Bell Choir is preparing and practicing in preparation of their coming performances and still seeking additional members. Finally, the Annual Anniversary Dinner was a tremendous success both in the delicious meal and the great efforts of all the volunteers both young and old.

There are also new items on our calendar. The Men's Bible Study is on Tuesdays 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; we begin looking at the Book of Revelation and try one chapter a week. The second thing is the start of "The Chosen," beginning the first Sunday in November, following our regular Sunday Service. We had a good viewing audience last year, but this year we are going to start with the very first year and take it right up to the latest release. I cannot tell you how much we learned and discussed about the life of Jesus, the disciples and the families affected and portrayed in each episode. We usually have coffee and cookies while we watch the video, followed by discussing many of the "aha" moments. Finally, Meagan is starting a "Families in Faith" program for any adults in our congregations wanting to learn how to start Faith conversations with the youth in their lives. First meeting is October 29, at 5:00.

Finally, I will leave you. I am still searching for the missing batch of cinnamon rolls that disappeared a few weeks ago.

Mike Kesling

Our Saviour's Council President

November 2025 Worship Assistants - Our Saviour's

November Altar Guild: Brenda Nernberger & Jessica Nernberger

DATE	MESSAGE	USHERS	LITURGIST	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	COUNTERS	ACOLYTE
November 2	Mike Kesling	Dorothy & Brynlee Pagel	Meagan Neitzel	Karen Frosch		Alyssa Pagel
November 9	Bob Giese					Jared Houston Brown
November 16	Barb Krug	Echo Buehler Paula Stroinski	Braxton Stanke	Paula Stroinski	Echo Buehler Paula Stroinski	Braxton Stanke
November 23	Nancy Amacher	Karen & Harry Frosch		Karen Frosch	Karen Frosch	Brycen Larson
November 30 Joint at St. Paul's	Barb Krug					

Ornaments for sale: Our Saviour's WELCA has church ornaments for sale. The winter and spring ornaments are available now. The summer and fall ornaments will be available next year. The cost is \$10.00 each. Purchases can be made on Sunday mornings before and after church or contact Heidi Bower Kesling at 715-512-0557.



November 2025 Calendar for Our Saviour's

Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m.

- November 2** All Saints Sunday, Worship w/communion, Mike Kesling
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Viewing of *The Chosen* - 9:00 a.m.
Joyful Chimers - 5:00 p.m.
- November 4** Men's Bible Study - 3:00 p.m.
- November 5** Confirmation & Sunday School - 4:00 p.m.
WELCA - fellowship - 6:30 p.m., program - 6:45 p.m.,
meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- November 9** Worship w/communion, Pastor Bob Giese
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Viewing of *The Chosen* - 9:00 a.m.
Joyful Chimers - 5:00 p.m.
- November 11** Men's Bible Study - 3:00 p.m.
- November 12** Confirmation & Sunday School - 4:00 p.m.
- November 16** Worship w/communion, Barb Krug, SAM
Thank Offering Service
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Viewing of *The Chosen* - 9:00 a.m.
Joyful Chimers - 5:00 p.m.
- November 17** Joint Parish Council at Our Saviour's - 5:00 p.m.
- November 18** Men's Bible Study - 3:00 p.m.
- November 19** Confirmation & Sunday School - 4:00 p.m.
Church Council - 6:00 p.m.
- November 23** Worship w/communion, Pastor Nancy Amacher
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Viewing of *The Chosen* - 9:00 a.m.
Joyful Chimers - 5:00 p.m.
- November 25** Men's Bible Study - 3:00 p.m.
- November 26** No Confirmation or Sunday School
(Confirmation Family Movie Night)
- November 30** Joint Worship Service w/communion at St. Paul's, Barb Krug
Service at 9:00 a.m.
No Sunday School
Joyful Chimers - 5:00 p.m.

Anniversary Dinner

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Anniversary Dinner a successful day. Special thanks to the raffle donors.

327 meals were served.

Winners of the basket raffle:

Packer Basket - May Purgett
Tractor Supply - Michele Lekie
Nestle - Xander Cynor
Fall Décor - Shirley Emmerich
Cold Season - Mariah Hawley
Cooking - Marian Nernberger
Packer Jenga - Paula Stroinski
County Market - Julie Hoffman
Fall Place Setting - Kelly Adams

Winners of the Quilt raffle:

Quilt - Deanna Gitzlaff
\$100 - Emily Stilwell
\$50 - Marvin Lavin
\$25 Kwik Trip card - Bob Giese
\$25 County Market card - Brenda Nernberger

Congratulations to Emma & Eric Pinter and Ashley & Alexander Pinter on the baptisms of Reese Joy Pinter and Ashton Harold Pinter on Sunday, October 12, 2025.

WELCA Minutes – October 5, 2025

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

Secretary's Report approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: \$3871.42 balance. Expenses for the month: raffle tickets \$128.70, raffle license \$50.00, Fall Retreat offering \$100.00, Fall Retreat registration \$140.00, ELCA Good gifts purchase \$500.00.

Paula made a motion to approve the report, Barb seconded, carried.

Stewardship: 10 quilts for LWR, 33 lap robes for Hope Hospice, and 38 Veterans quilts. The blessing of the quilts was on September 28. A few quilts will be for sale at the Anniversary Dinner. Karen Frosch reporting.

66 LWR Backpacks were packed by the confirmation class.

A box was delivered to Rescued and Redeemed, Eau Claire by Heidi and Mike.

Luther Park Bible Camp thanked us for our support. The quilt donated by Our Saviour's to camp raised \$250.00.

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A thank you was received from the Holway Sluggers for our support.

Old Business: Sonja Rohland brought samples of Christmas ornaments featuring the church. Members discussed which pictures to feature on the ornaments. Plan to have an ornament for each season. The ornaments will be for sale. All is ready for the Anniversary dinner. Amie Marzinske thanked everyone for signing up to volunteer at the event. The ladies supper will be Tuesday October 21, at Mi Jovenazo (formerly the Brass Rail) at 5:00 p.m.

New Business: Funeral for Edith Minshall is Friday, October 3, at Our Saviour's. Desserts will be served.

Marian Nernberger made a motion to donate \$600.00 to the local food pantry. Seconded, passed.

A \$25.00 donation will be made to Lights of Love for their scholarship fund on behalf of those who have passed away the past year. Heidi made a motion, Juanita seconded. Passed.

Dates to Remember:

Joint Church service at St. Paul's --- November 30, Joyful Chimers will be playing.

Harry's 90th Birthday/Annual Meeting --- December 7

Christmas Program --- December 21, Joyful Chimers will be playing.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Carol Lekies, Secretary

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Council Minutes October 15, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Kesling.

In attendance were Mike Kesling, Paula Stroinski, Echo Buehler, Barb Krug, Jason Borman, Nancie Adams and Clarice Zenner.

Mike opened with a prayer. We recited our mission statement.

A motion was made by Jason, seconded by Nancie to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Echo, seconded by Paula to approve the September Council minutes as printed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jason, seconded by Clarice to accept the September Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports:

Education & Youth: Meagan reported that confirmation is having a trail church on Saturday, October 18, starting at 9:00 a.m. St. Paul's confirmation students are also invited. This will be held on the Ice Age Trail by Rib Lake. Included will be scripture readings, songs, and God's nature.

Meagan wanted to include a "shout out" to Jared Houston Brown for his plate scraping duties and Brynlee Pagel for bussing tables like a pro at the anniversary dinner where they earned hours in Service to God's House as part of their confirmation requirements.

Jason reported that Sunday School is going well.

Property: It was discussed that the basement and entryway lights still need to be converted to LED lights. This will be done as soon as the Zenner guys find time.

The drywall project around the staircase in the basement will be completed, again as time allows. The holding tank alarm went off late in September. Deckers Septic emptied it on October 9, 2025.

On October 3, when the dishwasher was being drained, the floor flooded. Jeff Neitzel has looked into the matter and believes he has it taken care of. A ceiling panel in the basement was damaged by water and will be replaced.

WELCA: Echo and Nancie reported that the Anniversary Dinner held on October 12, was a huge success. Over 300 meals were served. They reported that it truly was a congregational effort that contributed to the success. Without everyone's participation, it could not happen. Thank you to all who helped.

The annual Thankoffering Service will be held on November 16, with the ladies participating in the service.

The ladies will be getting together for dinner at Mi Jovenazo on October 21, at 5:00 p.m. All girls and women are invited.

Worship: A reminder that our next joint worship service will be held on November 30, at 9:00 a.m. at St. Paul's. Light refreshments will be served following the service in the welcome center.

Meagan reported by email that the Joyful Chimers (Bell Choir) meets on Sundays at 5:00 p.m., at Our Saviour's and are

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Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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learning two songs to play at the November 30, joint service. She will also be ordering Christmas music, some more batting and new sheets to cover the tables as they now have three tables of bells because of the interest of members from both congregations.

Old Business: Meditation area in the cemetery was discussed. Funds have been coming in. Barb and Rod Adams will proceed to get things started.

The Church Directory is being worked on. Heidi Bower-Kesling did an amazing job laying it out and Nancy Jones is finalizing the directory portion of it. We will get one more proof before sending it for printing.

The first Chequamegon Conference "Dish with the Bish" will held at Faith Lutheran in Marshfield on October 26th from 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. All are welcome. No cost. St. Paul's along with the help of Our Saviour's will be hosting a similar event on Sunday, May 3, 2026. Talk to Barb if you have questions about this event.

Paula made a motion, seconded by Mike to send a \$500.00 donation, which came from the script proceeds, to the Synod for the Neighbor-to-Neighbor campaign that Bishop Martin Halom requested.

New Business: The Joint Call Committee, consisting of Heidi Bower-Kesling, Heidi Haynes, Julie Janke, Marie Koerner, Brenda Nernberger and Tony Schumacher, has met and will proceed with interviewing the candidate that submitted their profile to our congregations.

Mike shared with us that the Men's Bible study began on Tuesday, October 14. They will meet every Tuesday from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.. The book of

Revelation will be studied. Any boy or man is invited to attend. For more information on what to read before the class, contact Mike.

Mike talked to Michelle Pride from Breaking Chains, the musical group that provided worship and music on June 29, at the Holway Town Hall. Jason, Barb and Heidi Haynes (from SP) will work to schedule a date for them to lead us in worship again in 2026 but to hopefully be held at the Medford City Park.

Reminder: Our next council meeting will be November 19 at 6:00 p.m. All members of congregation are invited to attend.

Motion made by Paula and seconded by Jason to adjourn the meeting. We closed with the Lord's prayer.

Submitted by Barb Krug

SHOP WITH SCRIP

Christmas is a few months away. Support the church missions by purchasing Scrip cards for many of your holiday shopping needs. Contact Brenda or Nancie by December 8, for ordering special cards.

Our Saviour's September Financial Report: 2025

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	\$4885.61
Hunger	\$385.00
Special Offering/In/Out	\$50.00(donation towards bible cost)
Scrip	\$2925.00

TOTAL INCOME: **\$8245.61**

Expense Section

Benevolence	\$193.85(to NW Synod of WI General Mission Support – 4%
Hunger	\$385.00(to Northwest Synod of WI for ELCA World Hunger)
Internet Service (Clark Electric)	\$61.94
Phone (TDS)	\$33.58
Electricity (Taylor Electric)	\$149.37
Dumpster (GFL Environmental)	\$59.99
LP Gas (Budget-Medford Coop)	\$286.00
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$101.88(dry wall material \$71.88, \$30.00 labor cost)
Insurance (Church Mutual)	\$509.10
Newsletter Postage	\$32.45
Office/Computer Supplies	\$43.21(copy paper)
Education	\$332.23(student bibles)
Misc/Special Events	\$118.97(\$100 donation to secretary, \$18.97 to go containers)
Payroll	\$443.00(watchman \$80.00--sec \$363.00)
Church Administrator	\$200.00
Supply Pastors	\$506.00
Music (Organist)	\$300.00
Copier Lease (E.O. Johnson)	\$128.14
VANCO charge	\$4.80
Script Cards	\$4391.98(Co. Market \$1728.00, Raise/Right \$2663.98)

TOTAL EXPENSES: **\$8281.49**

Savings Account: **\$8858.64**

Script sales profit for August \$408.02 Current Inventory \$4275 3rd Qu profit \$528.02

Mission Investment Fund: Term Investment Fixed 4 Year – 3847 Rate 4.3290% Matures 9/23/2029
07/31/2025 Balance: \$17,064.47
Interest 09/30/2025 **\$63.48**
New Balance **\$17,127.95**

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

<u>INCOME - Our Saviour's</u>	September	YTD 2025		
General	4,885.61	44,064.03		
Hunger	385.00	2,815.00		
Sunday School/VBS/Camp		250.00		
Change the World/Special Offering	50.00	1,740.00		
Scrip	2,925.00	25,200.00		
TOTAL INCOME	8,245.61	74,069.03		
Expenses:	September	YTD	Monthly/ Budget	Year/Budget
Benevolence	193.85	1,748.61	250.00	3,000.00
Hunger In/Out	385.00	2,815.00	0.00	
Special Offering In/Out		1,661.00	0.00	
Internet Service	61.94	557.46	62.50	750.00
Phone	33.58	272.11	60.42	725.00
Electricity	149.37	1,418.06	166.67	2,000.00
LP Gas	286.00	2,574.00	333.33	4,000.00
Dumpster - GFL	59.99	335.49	58.33	700.00
Holding Tanks		0.00	20.83	250.00
Snow Plowing		562.50	100.00	1,200.00
Janitor Supplies		174.29	18.75	225.00
Clear Country Water Solutions		0.00	18.75	225.00
Building Repairs/Maintenance	101.88	1,477.86	83.33	1,000.00
Worship/Devotionals/Resources		136.73	50.00	600.00
Organ/Piano Maintenance		115.00	25.00	300.00
Insurance	509.10	4,581.90	508.33	6,100.00
Office & Computer Supplies/parts/ink	43.21	678.64	25.00	300.00
Postage and Stamps		0.00	16.67	200.00
Computer Maintenance/Repair		0.00	16.67	200.00
Treasurer Supplies		87.59	8.33	100.00
Newsletter Postage	32.45	308.40	37.50	450.00
Copier Lease	128.14	1,153.26	125.00	1,500.00
Supply Pastors	506.00	4,719.42	600.00	7,200.00
Conference Dues		0.00	3.33	40.00
Assembly Delegates		150.00	41.67	500.00
Joint Account**		0.00	41.67	500.00
Payroll-Secretary-Property Manager	443.00	5,136.73	650.00	7,800.00
Website		155.88	16.67	200.00
Music	300.00	2,584.52	325.00	3,900.00
Leadership Training		0.00	83.33	1,000.00
Education (Adult, Confirmation, Sunday School, VBS)	332.23	375.91	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	1,800.00	200.00	2,400.00
Miscellaneous- Special Events	118.97	780.08	41.67	500.00
Scrip Cards	4,391.98	25,846.28	0.00	
VANCO Charge	4.80	54.95	0.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	8,281.49	62,261.67	4,072.08	49,365.00
Checking Account:			Savings Account:	8,857.86
Camping Fund	873.54		Deposit	0.78
Sunday School/VBS	1,822.53		Total	8,858.64
General	62,311.35			
TOTAL	65,007.42	<i>Submitted By:</i>	<i>Nancie Adams,</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>

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

Thanksgiving is a special time for us to reflect on all the blessings in our lives. We are grateful for our family, friends, our health, and, very importantly, our church community. Despite the challenges we may face, it is essential to find something to be thankful for each day.

Everything that holds significance in our lives requires dedication and effort, and our church is no exception. It is the collective contributions of all our members that make it possible. Initially, the uncertainty of not having a pastor was daunting. However, with everyone stepping up to support one another, we have made remarkable progress in creating a vibrant church environment.

At times, it becomes necessary for us to update and remodel our spaces, not only for aesthetic reasons but also for safety considerations. During our recent Annual Meeting, we had the opportunity to discuss a significant project aimed at renovating the sanctuary. One of our key objectives is to refurbish the balcony, as the current uneven flooring poses safety concerns. Additionally, we plan to install new flooring in the main sanctuary area to enhance its overall appeal.


This undertaking represents a considerable investment, and we invite anyone interested in contributing to this project to please indicate "Sanctuary Update" on your offering envelope. Furthermore, we will be organizing various fundraising events to support this initiative.

If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to reach out to any council member. Thank you for your continued support.

“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” – Colossians 3:17

“Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!” – Psalms 95:2

The Mobile Food Pantry served 91 households on October 16, 2025.



First visits in 2025 = 28

47 individuals ages 0-17
84 individuals ages 18-59
76 individuals ages 60+
207 total number of individuals

The next Mobile Food Pantry will be on Thursday, November 20, 2025.
Volunteers meet at 1:00 p.m.
Distribution begins at 4:00 p.m.


Feed My People delivered 4,780 pounds of food. Food distributed included: bakery, bread, oatmeal, apples, rice, carrots, peanut butter, beets, garbanzo beans, lettuce, watermelon, ground chicken, mayonnaise, protein shakes, and miscellaneous canned vegetables and other pantry items.

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 **Bob Whetstone** for sponsoring the October Mobile Food Pantry and to the volunteers that came to help distribute the food.

BOUNTIFUL THANKSGIVING

Once again we’re moving forward with our **BOUNTIFUL THANKSGIVING** project. The school social worker has been contacted to determine whether there are families in need. Look for the posters in the Welcome Hall for the needs of the families.





The choir will rehearsal on Sunday, November 9, and Sunday, November 30, at 8:00 a.m. We encourage anybody with an interest in music and singing to join us and make our group even stronger!

November 2025 Worship Assistants – St. Paul's

DATE	MESSAGE	LITURGIST	COMMUNION SETUP	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
November 2	Val Bach Pastor Bob	Gail Heurung	Kathy & Dan Higgins	Val Bach Deb Bender Chris Konieczny
November 9	Pastor Bob Giese	Sally Lemke	Kathy & Dan Higgins	Chris Finkler Sally Lemke Tina Machon
November 16	Barb Krug, SAM	Justin Zirngible	Jo Cypher	Jo Cypher Carrie Zirngible Justin Zirngible
November 23	Pastor Nancy Amacher	Dawn Harder	Kathy & Dan Higgins	Deb Bender Chris Konieczny Dawn Harder
November 30 Joint Service	Barb Krug, SAM	Tony Schumacher	Kathy & Dan Higgins	Dawn Harder Kathy Higgins Tina Machon

Thank you to Cathy Retzer for sponsoring the November 2025 Joint Newsletter.

St. Paul's Sunday School

During the month of October, the Sunday School students have been learning the Bible stories: Noah's Ark, and Abraham and Sarah. The children were able to recreate the Noah's Ark story by using food items to make the ark and animals. They had a wonderful time using their imagination! While learning about Abraham and Sarah the children played games to understand the importance of faith and God's trust.

Looking ahead we will be getting ready for our upcoming Christmas program. Please make every effort to have your child attend to help with practicing.

Sunday School Coordinators,
Heidi Haynes and Kathy Hackbarth



Confirmation



We are off to a great start to our year, focusing on the Bible and the Ten Commandments. Our students have participated in an experiment to simulate a mini version of the parting of the Red Sea, in a Scavenger Hunt of God's Creations, and a skit on Martin Luther. They also wrote a modern-day version of the Ten Commandments (which actually turned into 21 Commandments.) We've also had several students assisting with Sunday worship, which is awesome to see.

Lastly, some of the students joined Our Saviour's group on a Saturday Trail Church experience up on the Ice Age Trail. It was a beautiful day for seeing, hearing and smelling God's creation. Thank you, Our Saviour's, for hosting this event. And, thank you, to the students who participated from St. Paul's.

Congratulations to Ike Blackburn, Croixson Homeyer, and Laynee Kalmon for receiving their *Spark Story Bible* on Sunday, October 19. Happy reading.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

St. Paul's WELCA

The Ladies of St Paul's have been meeting the second Monday of each month. We have new ladies coming each time we meet, which is totally awesome. We are still a growing group in getting set up and trying different things. It is a nice time to gather, have devotionals and discussions.

The next Joint Service will be at St Paul's, on November 30. We will provide treats, coffee, and juice for after the service. A sign up sheet will be put up next month.

We will also be hosting a craft/bake sale on Sunday, December 14, after the Sunday School Christmas Program. More info to follow on that. The money made from the sales, 75% of it will be given towards a new projector for church.

Our next meeting will be November 10, at 6:00 p.m. at St Paul's.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Dawn Kasper-Harder

Needles for Needs

We finished up our LWR season 256 quilts strong, but now the question is how many quilts can we get done for Homeless Veterans? It's a tricky one, as it takes longer to tie each quilt and we only have 5 people that are tying quilts. Would you be willing to help us reach our goals?

Thank you to all who contributed to the LWR quilt shipping fund - we have enough money to cover all of our quilts!

Also, Rita has been sewing up a storm making denim quilt tops - our fabric cutters are barely able to keep up with her! Since so much denim is getting used now, we feel confident that we will get through the few boxes of denim that we have left. So that means, we can start accepting denim jeans for cutting up again! Thank you to all who faithfully donate your clean, unwanted jeans to our ministry - it is appreciated!

If you would like to come join us for a day of quilt making, fun, and fellowship - please join us on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

God's Work, Our Hands.
Tonya Albers

October 2025 Attendance

October 5	80
October 12	73
October 19	84
October 26	66

November 2025 Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAY

Nov. 1	Lynette Pernsteiner
Nov. 2	Lisa Preuss
Nov. 3	Adam Kmiecik
Nov. 4	Jeff Nuernberger
	Jason Seifert
Nov. 5	Nicholas Doriot
Nov. 6	Tammy Anderson
	Lori Waldhart
Nov. 9	Alyssa Willner
Nov. 10	Kurt Alexander
	Landon Preuss
Nov. 11	Chell Anderson
	Jenny Higgins
Nov. 13	Ian Emmerich

BIRTHDAY

Nov. 14	Jeanne Zirngible
Nov. 15	Austin Johansen
Nov. 17	JoAnne Scheithauer
	Richard Zielke
Nov. 18	Cade Alexander
	Priscilla Bergmann
	Graham Mildbrand
	Brodin Schilling
Nov. 19	Eve Wojcik
Nov. 20	Dennis Cypher
Nov. 21	Tina Dassow
	Carol Perez
Nov. 22	Sue King
Nov. 23	Jason Rappe

BIRTHDAY

Nov. 24	Carter Dombroski
	Krista Meier
Nov. 25	Aileena Patterson
	Ashley Stillman
Nov. 26	Bruce Brunner
Nov. 27	Emily Schafer
Nov. 28	Dean Emmerich
Nov. 29	Kaelynn Balciar
Nov. 30	Steve Balciar

ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 9	Jelaine & Jerry Carstensen
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St. Paul's Ladies Lunch Bunch Wednesday, November 19

Location: Medford Cafe, 403 South 8th,
Medford

Time: 11:15 a.m. All women welcome.

Please contact Michelle Danen at 715 748-4397 or
Chris Finkler, 715 748-6848, if you'd like to be
involved.

SHOP WITH SCRIP

Can you help reduce slow moving Scrip inventory?

Ace: \$25 each 1 available

Old Navy: \$25 each 1 available

Purchase in Welcome Hall after service or during office hours
throughout the week.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, October 8, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

Council members present : Heidi Haynes, Kathy Hackbarth, Tony Schumacher, Amber Fettes, Chris Konieczny, Carrie Zirngible and Gail Heurung. Harley Cook, Stacy Dassow, Dawn Harder and Marie Koerner were unable to attend.
Guests present: Nancy Jones and Barb Krug.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice President Tony Schumacher. Barb Krug led the group in prayer.

Prior to the start of the Council Agenda, we had a representative from Taylor County Health Department in to show us how the AED works. She then gave us the information regarding the Narcan issue. The information was very helpful and made us understand how it works. Following the presentation, a motion was made by Gail, seconded by Kathy to contact the county and keep the Narcan on hand in case of emergency. Motion carried.

Motion by Chris, seconded by Carrie to accept the agenda, motion carried. Motion by Amber, seconded by Chris to approve the September council minutes, carried.

The treasurer's report was presented – motion by Gail, seconded by Amber to accept, motion carried.

Barb's SAM report – all going well. Small discussion on the upcoming visit by the Bishop – scheduled for May 3 "Dish with the Bish." Upcoming in Marshfield – Barb plans to attend to see what we can expect. Nothing report for the Financial Secretary. Nothing from the Worship Committee. Sunday school has a diverse group...going well. Confirmation has 10 students. Chris Finkler, Dan Higgins and Kim Gasek are assisting.

Next joint service will be at St. Paul's on November 30. Bars and Coffee after church, provided by St. Paul's WELCA.

September benevolence will be sent out this week.

Nancy will look into our projector situation.

Barb suggested looking at a screen in the back of the church for the benefit of the person leading the service.

Nancy contacted Vantage and Black Creek services on plowing. The quotes were the same....and we are happy with Black Creek and we will continue with them.

Discussion on the carpet cleaning service. Carrie made a motion, seconded by Kathy to purchase a shampoo unit for spot cleaning and plan on Power Clean for the once a year service. Motion carried.

Sally Lemke is looking to do Bountiful

Thanksgiving again this year.

Nancy brought up the motions from the annual meeting and our plans to look at cleaning up the asbestos – since we have not moved on this project yet. She will forward the information to each council member to review and discuss in November.

Looking at doing a movie promo. Heidi will talk to the theatre and see what we can arrange.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 12, at 6:00 pm. A motion by Gail, seconded by Chris to adjourn – motion carried.

The council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Heurung, Secretary

St. Paul's Treasurer's Report for September 2025					
	2025		2024		YTD % of Change
	September	YTD	September	YTD	
Total General Giving	10,339	92,939	9,744	96,438	-3.6%
Total General Expenses	4,676	53,659	7,907	91,690	-41.5%
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$5,664	\$39,280	\$1,837	\$4,748	
Designated Giving	1,162	15,699	3,391	37,671	-58.3%
Designated Giving - Building	1,120	15,935			
Total Designated Giving	2,282	31,634	3,391	37,671	
Designated Expenses	817	12,558	3,963	68,711	-81.7%
Designated Expenses - Building	244	1,151			
Total Designated Expenses	1,061	13,708	3,963	68,711	
Net Designated Income	1,221	17,926	(572)	(31,040)	
Interest Income	\$161	1,278	\$150	1,306	
Net Combined Income (Deficit)	\$7,046	\$58,484	\$1,415	(\$24,986)	
Bank Accounts - As of:					
	9/30/25	YTD Change	Comments		
Fund in SPOS Joint Checking	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000		
General Checking	\$221,310	\$40,667	\$160,970		
Designated Funds in Checking		\$0			
Building Fund	17,143	\$15,783	0		
Comfort Quilts	1,805	\$1,079	726		
Community Benevolence Fund	248	\$115	116		
Designated Memorials	4,290	\$150	4,953		
Fair Trade Sales	457	(\$19)	566		
Thrivent Choice	1,992	\$762	1,151		
Mobile Food Pantry	9,912	(\$0)	8,583		
Sunday School	735	(\$177)	912		
Youth Group	11,696	\$124	11,532		
Total Funds in Checking	\$270,588	\$58,484	\$190,510		
Other Accounts					
Events/Fund Raiser Acct	3,176	12	3,332		
Needles for Needs Acct	1,708	298	2,112		
Scrip Acct	4,232	(4,801)	4,964		
Total Other Accounts	\$9,116	-\$4,492	\$10,408		
Total - All Accounts	\$279,703	\$53,992	\$200,918		
Mortgage Balance		\$0	\$79,849		
2025 Pastor Expense - Budgeted \$67,960					
2025 YTD Supply Pastor Expense \$4,465					

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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November 2025—St. Paul's

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:15 am. Worship / Communion Sunday School	3	4 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts & Cub Scouts	5 4:00 p.m. Confirmation	6	7 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	8
9 8:00 a.m. Choir 9:15 am. Worship/ Communion Sunday School	10 6:00 p.m. WELCA	11 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs	12 4:00 p.m. Confirmation 6:00 p.m. Church Council	13	14 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	15 7:30 p.m. Central Chamber Chorale Concert
16 9:15 am. Worship / Communion Sunday School	17 5:00 p.m. Joint Parish Council at OS	18 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts & Cub Scouts	19 11:15 a.m. Ladies Luncheon 4:00 p.m. Confirmation	20 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Mobile Food Pantry	21 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	22
22 9:15 am. Worship/ Communion Sunday School	24	25 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs	26 No Confirmation	27 Thanksgiving	28 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	29
30 8:00 a.m. Choir 9:00 a.m. Joint Worship Service w/ communion	6:00 p.m. Suicide Support Group					

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November 2025



Sunday Worship

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

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