



The Parish Pulse

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

June 2026

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Message from Barb Krug

Welcome to the Season After Pentecost—often called "Ordinary Time."

This time is not a pause in our church calendar between celebrations, but a time, an invitation, to put the Holy Spirit's fire into action through daily grace, service, and community.

This season is marked with the color green. Let's look at it as a season of steady, lush growth. It is a time dedicated to the nurturing and the growing of our soul. Let us ground ourselves in Christ's teachings and apply the wisdom of Scripture to our daily lives.

This season is our opportunity to live out our faith, our baptismal promises in meaningful ways. There are five baptismal promises. Maybe if we focus on each one for about a month, we can keep the fire of Pentecost and the birth of the church burning and growing in our hearts and lives.

June: To **Live** among God's faithful people.

July: To **Hear** the word of God and **Share** in the Lord's Supper.

August: To **Proclaim** the good news of God in Christ through word and deed.

September: To **Serve** all people, following the example of Jesus.

October: To **Strive** for justice and peace in all the earth.

So, for June, let's live among God's faithful people. Be God's faithful people by showing and sharing the good news in every area of our lives with our neighbors and show them what faith in Jesus Christ can do.

And as a reminder to the women of our congregations, the Retreat at Luther Park in Chetek is June 29 and 30. The theme is, "God is Writing Your Story." If you have questions, please reach out to me. We would love to have you join us for two days of faith, friendship, fun, and God's Word.

Let us all embrace this season after Pentecost as a vital opportunity to mature in our own faith, individually and as a community.

God's blessings,
Barb Krug - SAM



"Surely the LORD is in this place."

Genesis 28:16

STAY connected THIS SUMMER

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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, May 31, at Our Saviour's.



Join us for a **CELEBRATION OF FAITH** at this year's Vacation Bible School - a joyful day filled with laughter, learning, and the love of God.

Date: Wednesday, July 29
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location: Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, W7809 Apple Ave., Medford, WI

Children can be dropped off at St. Paul's in Medford to ride the bus out to Our Saviour's and back to St. Paul's if needed. The bus will be at St. Paul's at 8:30 a.m. If parents plan to drop their child(ren) off at St. Paul's, please include that information on the registration form.

Registration forms can be picked up at each church, or you can use the registration link listed here to register.

<https://forms.gle/xPXRewGVi9owXtQa7>

This year's VBS will be a one-day event for children in PreK- 6. Children in grades 7-9 are welcome to participate also as mentors and helpers.

Most of our activities will take place outside, so children should dress accordingly. Snacks and a lunch will be provided throughout the day. If your child brings a water bottle, please have their name written on it.

Please register by Monday, July 20.

Anyone interested in helping with VBS can reach out to Meagan Neitzel at 920-562-0100 or email mneitzel56@gmail.com. Adults, teenagers, or confirmation kids are all invited to assist.



Joint Worship Service in the Park

Sunday, July 19
Time: 9:30 a.m.

Medford City Park
Tombstone Band Shell

Featuring: Breaking Chains

Bring your lawn chairs. Free will offering to support the ministry of Breaking Chains. Watch for more information regarding the picnic lunch.

NORTHWEST SYNOD OF WISCONSIN



WELCA WOMEN'S RETREAT

God Is Writing Your Story

Speaker: Pati Kachel
<https://www.theparablefund.org/bio>

Monday and Tuesday, June 29 & 30

One day option available for Monday, June 29
\$95.00 (2 days) Early bird special available until 6/5/26
\$65.00 (Monday) Early bird special until 6/5/26

Luther Park Bible Camp
944 24 1/4 Street Chetek, WI

Dish With the Bish - Seeds of the Harvest (cast)



2026 JOINT PARISH FINANCIAL

	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
Income													
OS Income	1480.11	1562.10	1449.75	2962.31									7454.27
SP Income	3549.84	2285.78	2116.91	3251.31									11203.84
Misc Incom													0.00
OS Lawn Inco													0.00
OS Jator Inco	782.64			1291.80									2074.44
Total Income	5812.59	3847.88	3566.66	7505.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20732.55
Expenses													
Joint (ex: checks, resources, tools, etc)			56.00										56.00
Workman C													0.00
SP Parish Adm	1059.50	1033.25	1072.63	1099.59									4264.97
OS Secretary	263.17	282.60	289.31	288.63									1123.71
OS Custodian			1108.20										1108.20
SP Custodian	182.43	126.91	134.84	179.79									623.97
OS Watchman		160.00	80.00	80.00									320.00
SAM S	720.00	1400.00	900.00	936.26									3956.26
Lay Leaders	150.00												150.00
SP Music	200.00	200.00	200.00	150.00									750.00
OS Music	225.00	300.00	225.00	225.00									975.00
Pastor Bob	293.50			293.50									587.00
Pastor Rachel		293.50		293.50									587.00
Busin. Tax Reg				10.00									10.00
Pastor Nancy	287.70	287.70											575.40
OS Lawn Care													0.00
State Quarterly	87.20			94.30									181.50
Fed Quarterly	1625.72			1652.02									3277.74
Misc Expense													0.00
Total Expense	5094.22	4083.96	4065.98	5302.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18546.75

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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May 2026 Attendance

May 3	98
May 10	46
May 17	28
May 24	54
May 31	



**Celebrating Golden Anniversaries
June 21, after the service.**

***Jeff and Linda Paul,
Steve and Adele Adams,
Duane and Deborah Larson***

Card bags will be in the Fellowship Hall for each of the couples.

June 2026 Calendar for Our Saviour's	
Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m.	
June 7	Worship w/communion, Barb Krug, SAM
June 14	Worship w/communion, Pastor Bob Giese
June 17	Church Council, 6:00 p.m.
June 21	Worship w/communion, Mike Kesling Celebrating Golden Anniversaries
June 28	Worship w/communion, Pastor Nancy Amacher
June 29-30	WELCA Conference Retreat, Luther Park

A Message from Our Saviour's Council President - Jason Borman
Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have reached the unofficial start of summer. School is out. Graduation parties, weddings, and all kinds of celebrations are in full swing. Campgrounds are busy. There are road trips and vacations abound.

As I shared with the graduating seniors during Honors Day, it is a wonderful thing to go out into the world—to learn, to grow, and to enjoy all that God has created—while knowing that our old country church will be here when we return.

It seems fitting that Pentecost aligns so naturally with our Midwest summer. I'll be honest: when I was younger, I didn't fully understand Pentecost. I heard pastors speak of it during Sunday services, sang about it in hymns, and saw it highlighted on the Sunday School calendar, but I didn't grasp that Pentecost is truly our call to action. I knew God is always with us and everywhere, and that the Holy Spirit lives within each believer, yet I hadn't connected those faith truths directly with Pentecost. Luckily, we are never too old to stop learning.

As you go out and enjoy the summer months, may you also carry that call with you—sharing God's love with the world while remaining grounded in the faith foundation established here in rural Holway, Wisconsin.

God's blessings,
Jason



**Our Saviour's Ladies Dinner
July 28**

The Our Saviour's WELCA is hosting a ladies dinner at the container and patio at N64, on July 28, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We will be ordering appetizers and pizza rather than ordering off the menu. The cost is \$20 per person. Tip is included. Drinks are not included.

All ladies of Our Saviour's and St. Paul's are invited. Reservations are required so we know how many pizzas to order. Please RSVP to Heidi Bower-Kesling at 715-512-0557 by July 20.

WELCA

There will not be any WELCA meetings in June or July.

June 2026 Worship Assistants

June Altar Guild: Adele Adams & Heidi Bower-Kesling

DATE	MESSAGE	USHERS	LITURGIST	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	COUNTERS	ACOLYTE
June 7	Barb Krug	Heide & Mike Kesling	Heidi Bower-Kesling		Heidi Bower-Kesling	Alyssa Pagel
June 14	Bob Giese	Marian & Ken Nernberger				Jared Houston Brown
June 21	Mike Kesling	Echo Buehler Paula Stroinski	Barb Krug	Heidi Bower-Kesling	Echo Buehler Paula Stroinski	Braxton Stanke
June 28	Nancy Amacher			Marian Nernberger		Brycen Larson

Sunday School Awards



Brielle Klemm – Devotion Award – for happiness and a smile whenever singing or speaking God's praises.

Charley Krug – David Award – small in stature, but big in his love of God.

Lillian Nernberger – Active in Faith Award – always present and energetic with everything we do.

Dawson Buehler – Courage Award – Willing to step up, try new things, and help lead when called upon.

Jack Graff – Provider Award – There are many farmers in the Bible. Jack is ready to follow in their footsteps, work the land, and serve God unconditionally.

Jordy Ketterhagen – Peter the Fisherman Award – More heart than rock. Jordy loves God and his neighbors as himself.

Kaydence Buehler – Leader Award – As one of the elders of the Sunday group, Kaydence models behaviors for the rest of the group.

Brooklyn Nernberger – Initiative Award – Brooklyn steps up without being asked to help out and support as needed. She was also instrumental in the bracelet and keychain fundraiser in the beginning of the year.

Caleb Crabb – Faith Award – Caleb's love of praying and learning about God demonstrate his profound faith in God.

Ryan Larson – Strength Award – Ryan attacks every challenge, lesson, and task with 100% effort.

Brynlee Larson – Dignity Award – Brynlee continues to build on her Biblical knowledge and mature in her faith.

Brynlee Klemm – Influencer Award – Seen as a veteran of Sunday School that others look up to and emulate. Her attitude and involvement set the example for the rest of the class.

Kailey Krug - Peace Award – Kailey leads from a position of calm. She doesn't get too high or low, too loud or too quiet, is just consistent.

Emma Graf – Loyalty Award – Emma is loyal to her family and always full of energy to learn about God

Jett Buehler – Resilience Award – Jett is literally all over the place, but able to come and go into class without missing a beat.

Shawn Ketterhagen – Bravery Award – It's a big step to come to Sunday School and not have mom or dad by your side. We are getting there.

Jaxon Gudmundson – Wisdom Award – Jax is new to Sunday School, but wise beyond his experience and full of love for God.

Aiden Zenner – Joy Award – Aiden overflows with joy when he arrives at Sunday School, sees or talks about his family, and gets to play with the animals at church.

Ian Hallgren – Love Award – Ian overflows with love when around his family and God is love.

Mia Marzinske – Omnipresent Award – Mia didn't attend many Sunday School classes, but she is full of love and God is always with her.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

WELCA Minutes—May 6th, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President, Echo Buehler. 9 women were in attendance, Marian was our hostess.

Purpose Statement was read by all.

Secretary's Report: was approved and written in the Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: was approved.

Stewardship: Karen reported they are sewing as they are able.

Old Business:

Barb gave a review of the Spring Rally. The In-Kind offering went to "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" and the program title was "Seeds of Hope." Several ladies from our congregation have offered their time and talents in different jobs in our WELCA Conference.

Ladies Supper is May 19, at 5:00 p.m. at the VFW. Please let Karen know if you plan on attending.

A motion was made and carried to donate \$250 to Luther Park for their Heart of the Park event. We won't have a quilt to offer in the auction this year.

June 21 is Recognition Sunday for those celebrating 50th Anniversaries: Jeff and Linda Paul, Steve and Adele Adams, Duane and Deborah Larson. We will order cupcakes for fellowship, card bags will be put out, letters will be sent to those we are honoring.

June 29-30 is WELCA Conference Retreat, at Luther Park. God is Writing Your Story is the theme of this year's retreat. Consider attending and get registration in. Heidi is attending and offered rides to those who are going.

New Business:

Gwenith has a basket of scrubbies, that she has made, for sale. All proceeds will go to the school back pack program.

July 28 is the Ladies Christmas in July supper at 64 North. This event will be an appetizer/pizza supper. Cost will be \$20/person; this includes your meal and tip. You must preregister for this meal. Heidi will take care of an announcement in the newsletter. St. Paul's ladies will be invited.

July 19 is Church in the Park, with Breaking Chains. More information will follow about the lunch being served.

We were reminded that we need photos for our Summer and Fall ornaments. If you see something that would make a nice picture, please share with Barb or Heidi.

Dates to Remember:

May 10 - Graduating Senior Recognition

May 24 - Joint Service-at Our Saviour's

May 31 - Joint Service-at Our Saviour's

Fall Retreat will be held at St. Stephen's in Edgar - DTBD

Meeting was adjourned

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Echo Buehler

Kid's Korner

Our Saviour's has a new "Kid's Korner" in the sanctuary for our youth to enjoy during the Sunday service. Books, coloring pages and crayons will be provided. Kids are welcome to sit on the rug and enjoy the activities or take a lap tray and sit with their family during the service. The area is in memory of Janet Cypher.



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Congratulations to the confirmands and graduates of Our Saviour's.



Graduates: Tanner Kunze, Lexi Kunze, Anastasia Kujawa, and Evan Pagel. Not shown: Storm Adams, and Erica Kauffman.



Back row: Meagan Neitzel, Breckyn Klemm, Barb Krug (SAM), Brycen Larsen, Heidi Bower-Kesling
Front row: Jordyn Bottlemey, Brynlee Pagel

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Council Minutes – May 20, 2026

VP Heidi Bower-Kesling called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. after we looked at the wall in the basement.

Barb opened with a prayer.

Present: Heidi Bower-Kesling, Jerry Cypher, Clarice Zenner, Nancie Adams, Echo Buehler, Julie Janke, and Barb Krug.

Not present: Jason Borman and Lynn Lindahl.

The Mission Statement was recited.

Nancie made a motion to approve the agenda with one addition. Clarice seconded. Motion approved.

Echo made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes as printed in the Newsletter. Julie seconded. Motion approved.

Nancie had a question about a \$50.00 check received, but we were unable to answer her. She will look further into this.

Julie made a motion to approve the April treasurer's report. Clarice seconded. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports

- **Education & Youth** VBS will be held on July 29 at Our Saviour's. This will be open to the community. Meagan Neitzel is the coordinator this year. Our Saviour's has been accepted to participate in an "Engaging Children" Cohort with nine other congregations involved. You will hear more about this from the Education Committee.
- **Property** Basement lights will be updated with LED ones when Kurt Zenner has time. Jim Zenner finished drywalling the basement wall. Thank you Jim! Discussion followed to see if Brendan Borman might paint a mural on the wall prior to hanging the cross up. Heidi will contact Jason and/or Brendan.
- **WELCA** Ladies' Luncheon was held at VFW on May 19. The next one will be at 64 North (outside) on July 28. All women and friends of the congregation are invited. RSVP to Heidi Bower-Kesling. On June 21, we will honor three couples as they celebrate their 50th anniversary this year: Duane & Deborah Larson, Jeff & Linda Paul, Steve & Adele Adams.
- **Worship** May 24 – Joint service at Our Saviour's due to SP's flooring project. Discussion followed on looking at switching joint service worship times to reflect the Host church's start time. Barb will take this to the Joint Council, as well as St. Paul's Council. Barb will be on vacation from May 26 – June 1. Nancy will know who to contact in the event of an emergency.

Old Business: Joint Worship Service to be held on July 19 with Breaking Chains Music group leading the worship. This will begin at 9:30 a.m. at Medford City Park utilizing the Tombstone Bandshell and upper shelter building. We will be inviting the entire community to join in this worship. A committee is organized and making plans: Pizza, chips (Heidi will contact County Market and ask about a donation), and dessert. Nancie and Julie will help where needed.

Tombstone pizzas will be ordered via Heidi Haynes and Jason Borman.

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Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church

(Council minutes continued from page 7.)

Our current internet provider is no longer offering service in our area, so we have made the switch to Starlink and thanks to Todd and Brenda Nernberger, it has been installed.

Last month, the council approved the purchase of a new tablet and stand to be used for live streaming services. They have arrived and Brenda has the tablet up and working.

It was mentioned that the CMWJ brat fry was very successful. The Baskets that will be raffled as an additional fund raiser will be placed at Our Saviour’s for the next two weeks for members to purchase tickets for their chance to win.

New Business: Barb reported that St. Paul’s council is considering an increase in pay for pulpit supply personnel, parish administrator, musicians, administrative SAM, and our newest SAMs as they begin a more structured visitation ministry to stay more closely in line with Synod Guidelines. This council agreed that an increase is appropriate. On the NW Synod’s website, it shows \$175.00 as the minimum compensation per worship service with \$50.00 for each additional worship service, plus mileage, using the current mileage rate established by the IRS. It was mentioned we need to look at our “watchman’s” wages, as well. The janitors at Our Saviour’s are paid for by WELCA and they did receive an increase this year.

Reminders: Our next council meeting will be on June 17, beginning at 6:00 p.m.
 A motion was made by Jerry and seconded by Nancie to adjournment the meeting at 7:23 p.m.
 We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Submitted by Barb Krug

Our Saviour’s April 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	\$5667.64
Hunger	\$35.00
Scrip	\$2550.00
Special Offering/In/Out	\$72.00(\$22.00 lilies, \$50.00 donated for a birthday party)

TOTAL INCOME: **\$8324.64**

Expense Section

Benevolence	\$226.24(to NW Synod of WI General Mission Support – 4%
Hunger	\$35.00(to Northwest Synod of WI for ELCA World Hunger)
Special Offering/In/Out	\$589.00(lent offerings- to Food Pantry and Paws of Hope.)
Internet Service (Clark Electric & Star Link)	\$83.04(\$61.94 Clark EI, \$21.10 Star Link equipment)
Phone (TDS)	\$32.80
Electricity (Taylor Electric)	\$158.44
Dumpster (GFL Environmental)	\$25.92
Snow Plowing(Bruce Krug)	\$412.50
Janitor Supplies	\$15.84 (hand soap, bleach and batteries)
LP Gas (Budget-Medford Coop)	\$306.00
Insurance (Church Mutual)	\$572.37
Office & Computer Supplies	\$814.00 (1 yr software program fee)
Payroll	\$533.23(watchman \$80.00—sec \$371.25, taxes \$81.98)
Church Administrator	\$200.00
Supply Pastors	\$451.63
Music (Organist)	\$225.00
Education	\$70.20 (Confirmation flowers, SS year end awards)
Copier Lease (E.O. Johnson)	\$134.14
VANCO charge	\$7.45
Script Cards	\$1728.00(Co. Market)

TOTAL EXPENSES: **\$6620.80**

Savings Account: \$9756.96

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

Script sales profit for March 2026-\$72.00

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

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

INCOME - Our Saviour's	April	YTD 2026		
General	5,667.64	19,251.13		
Hunger	35.00	765.00		
Sunday School/VBS/Camp		0.00		
Change the World/Special Offering	72.00	1,489.00		
Scrip	2,550.00	10,720.00		
TOTAL INCOME	8,324.64	32,225.13		
Expenses:	April	YTD	Monthly/Budget	Year/Budget
Benevolence	226.24	766.20	250.00	3,000.00
Hunger In/Out	35.00	765.00	0.00	0.00
Special Offering In/Out	589.00	1,455.50	0.00	0.00
Internet Service	83.04	268.86	62.50	750.00
Phone	32.80	127.69	60.42	725.00
Electricity	158.44	689.96	166.67	2,000.00
LP Gas	306.00	1,164.00	333.33	4,000.00
Dumpster - GFL	25.92	137.75	58.33	700.00
Holding Tanks		0.00	20.83	250.00
Snow Plowing	412.50	656.25	100.00	1,200.00
Janitor Supplies	15.84	55.10	18.75	225.00
Clear Country Water Solutions		0.00	18.75	225.00
Building Repairs/Maintenance		152.96	83.33	1,000.00
Worship/Devotionals/Resources		162.55	50.00	600.00
Organ/Piano Maintenance		0.00	25.00	300.00
Insurance	572.37	2,289.48	508.33	6,100.00
Office & Computer Supplies/parts/ink	814.00	918.59	25.00	300.00
Postage and Stamps		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		97.17	37.50	450.00
Copier Lease	134.14	545.33	125.00	1,500.00
Supply Pastors	451.63	2,127.83	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	533.23	1,923.99	650.00	7,800.00
Website		0.00	16.67	200.00
Music	225.00	1,050.00	325.00	3,900.00
Leadership Training		0.00	83.33	1,000.00
Education (Adult, Confirmation, Sunday School, VBS)	70.20	70.20	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	800.00	200.00	2,400.00
Miscellaneous- Special Events		109.62	41.67	500.00
Scrip Cards	1,728.00	8,859.00	0.00	0.00
VANCO Charge	7.45	26.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	6,620.80	25,447.03	4,072.08	49,365.00
Checking Account:			Savings Account:	9,577.16
Camping Fund	873.54		Deposit	179.80
Sunday School/VBS	3,172.33		Total	9,756.96
General	25,069.73			
			6- Month CD	50,000.00
TOTAL	29,115.60	<i>Submitted By:</i>	<i>Nancie Adams,</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

I just want to take a moment to offer my thanks for the many members who have volunteered generously to help get our church building at St. Paul's ready for the asbestos removal project! To those who worked behind the scenes for several weeks organizing, making lists, sorting, and started carrying items to a different location, you are appreciated! This includes Nancy Jones, Cathy Retzer, Marguerite Jochimsen, Dawn Kasper and Jeff Harder, and the quilting groups. Thank you also to Brian Krug for the use of the trailers.



To the 20 plus members that stayed after service on May 17, and helped carry out pew cushions, hymnals, candles, the altar, and a whole host of other furniture and art items, your help was a blessing! It went so fast with all those hands! Then we had an awesome crew of 10 - 12 men on May 18, to get the pews loaded into the trailers, shift pianos around, and take the quilting longarm out, among other things. They carried out their mission with joy and energy and did a great job! Thank you very much.



And, of course, thank you to all who have given financial support to our church over the past several years, as those funds are allowing us to do this important project!

These activities have reminded me how important it is to be part of a team. We can accomplish so much more working and cooperating with each other than alone. It has definitely energized me and gives me hope that God's love and excitement do dwell here. I pray that we can all continue to pitch in and help each other, not only on the rest of our building projects, but in all the other ministries of the church, as well.

Congratulations to the graduates of St. Paul's.

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| Hannah Egle | Ariella Lubahn |
| Easton Gebert | Aliyah Pilgrim |
| Keagan Gehrke | Broden Schilling |
| Ezra Hillebrand | Jolie Steliga |
| Lindsay Kahn | Makenna Tlusty |



Congratulations to Rachel and Jay Dyrzcz on the baptism of baby Sophie on May 17. May Sophie be surrounded by faith, love, and the guiding hand of God.

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY
June 18, 2026
 St. Paul's Lutheran Church
 Serving guests from
 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



June 2026 Worship Assistants – St. Paul's

DATE	MESSAGE	LITURGIST	COMMUNION SETUP	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
June 7	Barb Krug, SAM	Tony Schumacher	Cathy Retzer	Deb Bender
June 14	Pastor Bob Giese	Gail Heurung	Kathy & Dan Higgins	Val Bach
June 21	Dawn Harder	Mark Temme	Jo Cypher	Dawn Harder
June 28	Pastor Nancy Amacher	Dawn Harder	Kathy & Dan Higgins	

Comfort Quilts

I wanted to forward this letter that was sent to me by Chell Anderson. She was a very active member in our congregation when she lived in Medford, but moved to be closer to her daughter about five years ago and to still live on her own at her ripe old age of 90. This letter is in Chell's words as follows:

COMFORT QUILTERS UNITE!

I have been a quilter for 50+ years and always paid someone to quilt them. Over 15 years ago I moved to Medford and there was the long arm at church. Kim and I were both new members. She was still working and Leon and I met at a Bible study with Pastor Pete. Kim and I were both crafty so we hit it off immediately.

We made quilts for fire victims, Ronald McDonald House and the women's shelter in our area. We also had a silent auction to donate to the roof fund (about 10 quilts).

Kim is a great organizer and at this time Chris Konieczny joined the group with more ideas to keep things moving forward. I am pleased to hear of new members, as I am 90 and still sew smaller quilts for the elderly and babies without any complaints since they don't see well or can't talk about the quilts.

Keep up the good work. It is very rewarding when you see that person smiling and hugging a quilt you made. This is our silent ministry showing God's love using our hands.


Faithfully submitted by
 Chell Anderson by letter
 Until next time, God bless each of you
 Typed by Kim Gasek

St. Paul's Ladies Lunch Bunch
Wednesday, June 17, 2026

Location: 64 North
 N2993 County Rd. E, 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.



June 2026 Attendance

- May 3 56
- May 10 87
- May 17 63
- May 24 (Joint at OS)
- May 31 (Joint at OS)



The choir will be taking the summer off. However, they will be singing one last time on Sunday, June 14.

Thank you to Lynn & Craig Glamann for sponsoring St. Paul's portion of the June newsletter.

Prayers for comfort and strength for the family of Lucille Buehler.

St. Paul's June 2026 Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAY		BIRTHDAY		BIRTHDAY		ANNIVERSARIES	
June 1	Adalyn Hackbarth Mason Mueller Myles Mueller	June 19	Zoey Bunkelman Aubrey Carter Sophie Koester MaKenzie Waldhart	June 27	Michelle Hoffman Liam Kalmon Lori Nelson	June 8	Dawn & Jeff Harder
June 2	Michelle Kalmon	June 20	Linda Sackmann	June 28	Jack Schafer Carrie Zirngible	June 9	Nicole & Matthew Harder
June 3	Doug Meier	June 21	Dawn Harder Stephanie Nicks	June 29	Sarah Imbach Chris Shore	June 12	Richelle & Scott Woller
June 5	Kroix Borman	June 23	John Bauer Natalie Preuss	June 30	Tyler Kmosena Jodie Metz	June 13	Sharon & Clarence Ludwig
June 6	Ken Corley	June 25	Jerrell Carstensen Lanny Dassow Karyn Gebert	ANNIVERSARIES		June 16	Nicole & Sean Anderson
June 9	Debra Bender Karli Nelson	June 26	Taylor Harris Rhonda Seidl Taylor Sherman	June 1	JoAnne & Scott Scheithauer Michelle & Stephen Schreiner	June 19	Jill & Terry Lybert
June 12	Clayton Born			June 2	Alise & Chris Shore	June 20	Val & Dave Bach
June 13	Donald Koerner Barbara Krizan			June 3	Carrie & Charles Peterson	June 21	Marie & Donald Koerner
June 14	Noah Krawczyk			June 5	Krista & Doug Meier	June 22	Marlis & Gary Carlson
June 15	Lawrence Schreiner Kris Seifert					June 23	Gale & Michael Raasch
June 16	Kenneth Rodman					June 28	Nellie & Paul Carlson
June 17	Saige Fettes Terry Holbach					Juen 20	Denice & Mike Poetzl

Needles for Needs

We started making LWR quilts in April, and now have to pause for the asbestos remediation and flooring replacement in May and June. It turns out that *both* rooms we use for supplies and quilt storage are having flooring replaced. We worked for a couple days moving our stuff from our rooms into another room in the new part of the church to keep them safe and free from asbestos dust. We are anxiously awaiting word of when we can get our things moved back into their respective rooms. So far this season, we've made 34 quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Once things return to normal, we should be back to our average of 8 per week.

If you would like to help with this ministry, please stop in and join us on Tuesdays from 9-2. We'd love to have you for a couple hours (or more if you'd like!). We recently had a member stop in and help, and we hope she will come back again when we return to regular work days. If working from home in your spare time works better for you, we have a couple things you could do to help. Just call Tonya Albers at 715-560-0295 if you have any questions.

Thank you to all who help with this ministry - whether it's providing sheets, fabric, floss, or monetary donations - we are so appreciative and couldn't do it without you!

God's Work, Our Hands.
Submitted by Tonya Albers

**St. Paul's Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 13, 2026, 6:00 p.m.**

Council members present: Tony Schumacher, Marie Koerner, Carrie Zirngible, Gail Heurung, Harley Cook, Chris Konieczny, Amber Fettes, Debra Bender and Leon Gasek. Unable to attend – Kathy Hackbarth and Stacey Dassow.
Guests present: Nancy Jones and Barb Krug

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 Chris, seconded by Amber – motion carried.
Motion to accept the meeting minutes from April was made by Marie, seconded by Carrie – motion carried.

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BUSINESS:

Treasurer's Report – Nancy commented that the church's insurance premium has increased and has been paid and reflected on her expense report. She also reported that Wojcik Plumbing and Heating has completed the work with the boilers and bubblers. Motion by Amber, seconded by Chris to approve the report – motion carried.

Financial Secretary – Leon reported that he is counting with Mary Brost with Gail Heurung training him the first two times of counting. Discussion was held regarding where the offerings would be held during the time the church would be closed during the asbestos removal.

SAM report from Barb – The Dish with the Bish gathering went very well with 25-30 attendees enjoying a meal together, as well as working in the community gardens.

Worship Team Update – the group has met.

Sunday School/Confirmation/VBS – VBS is scheduled for July 29 at Our Saviour's Church.

Joint Parish Council – nothing at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on the new boilers – the work has been finished.

Update on the asbestos removal/flooring project – Tony gave an update: the asbestos company will be starting on Monday, May 18. They will begin by removing all pews where church volunteers will then be loading the pews into semi-trailers for safe keeping until the project is complete and flooring replaced. Everything else will be removed after Sunday's service from the areas where there is asbestos and stored elsewhere in the church until the project is completed. Tony is requesting members to help with this after the Sunday service.

Update on the mechanical monitoring team. Members agreeing so far to be part of the team are Don Koerner, Justin Zirngible and Jeff Harder. Other members are welcome to join this group, as well. Phone numbers will be given to the company to be used when building mechanical problems arise.

Update on the Document Retention Policy – Marie shared that the retention information of offering envelopes and reports have been placed in the Financial Secretary/Counting Money procedures document for now. The remaining church retention policy will be worked on as time permits.

Update on the landscaping for the east side of the church – Marie reported that the perennial garden is currently being worked on with the edging, planting and mulching. The remaining area on the east side will be tilled and seeded for lawn soon.

NEW BUSINESS

Custodian position(s) – two individuals have applied for the custodian position. Tony will meet with them soon. Carrie and Justin Zirngible have volunteered to fill in for custodial work until someone can be hired.

Pay rates for staff and church workers - Discussion was held on this topic and will be discussed further at the next council meeting.

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

Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 10 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 April 2026

	2026		2025		YTD % of Change
	April	YTD	April	YTD	
Total General Giving	9,544	39,523	11,240	46,058	-14.2%
Total General Expenses	18,312	35,843	8,041	22,562	58.9%
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(\$8,769)	\$3,680	\$3,200	\$23,496	
Designated Giving	742	9,097	772	11,417	-20.3%
Designated Giving - Building	1,325	8,250	1,080	11,090	
Total Designated Giving	2,067	17,347	1,852	22,507	
Designated Expenses	649	7,121	548	8,566	-16.9%
Designated Expenses - Building	3,163	9,490		-	
Total Designated Expenses	3,812	16,611	548	8,566	
Net Designated Income	(1,745)	737	224	13,941	
Interest Income	\$103	479	\$142	412	
Net Combined Income (Deficit)	(\$10,411)	\$4,896	\$3,566	\$37,849	

Bank Accounts - As of:	4/30/26 YTD Change		Comments
<u>Fund in SPOS Joint Checking</u>	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
<u>Certificate of Deposit</u>	\$75,000	\$75,000	
<u>General Checking</u>	\$163,281	(\$70,791)	\$204,693
<u>Designated Funds in Checking</u>			
Building Fund	32,283	(\$1,240)	13,245
Comfort Quilts	1,698	(\$107)	1,049
Community Benevolence Fund	355	\$0	133
Designated Memorials	4,290	(\$220)	4,290
Fair Trade Sales	325	\$129	744
Thrivent Choice	2,521	\$421	1,952
Mobile Food Pantry	24,070	\$1,609	10,631
Sunday School	711	\$71	735
Youth Group	11,759	\$24	11,602
Total Funds in Checking	\$317,293	\$4,896	\$250,075
<u>Other Accounts</u>			
Events/Fund Raiser Acct	3,185	4	3,169
Needles for Needs Acct	1,405	102	1,639
Scrip Acct	4,954	(3,860)	1,623
Total Other Accounts	\$9,543	-\$3,755	\$6,431
Total - All Accounts	\$326,836	\$1,141	\$256,506

2026 Pastor Expense - Budgeted \$67,960
 2026 YTD Supply Pastor Expense \$2,928

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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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 June 2026 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs	3	4	5	6
7 9:15 a.m. Worship w/ communion	8	9 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs	10 6:00 p.m. Church Council	11	12	13
14 9:15 a.m. Worship w/ communion	15	16 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs	17 11:15 a.m. Ladies Lunch Bunch	18 Mobile Food Pantry	19	20
21 Father's Day 9:15 a.m. Worship w/ communion	22	23 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs	24	25	26	27
28 9:15 a.m. Worship w/ communion 6:00 p.m. Suicide Support Group	29 WELCA Retreat	30 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs WELCA Retreat				

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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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