

# The Parish Pulse

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

April 2026



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## Palm Sunday Joint Service, March 29

9:00 a.m. at St. Paul's

## Maundy Thursday at Our Saviour's, April 2

5:15 p.m. soup supper

6:00 p.m. service

## No Good Friday Service

## Easter Sunday, April 5

6:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. Easter Breakfast at

Our Saviour's

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

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

## Message from Barb Krug

### "Alleluia! Christ is risen!" "He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

This joyful proclamation is made as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, marking victory over sin and death and validating His divinity. It is the foundation of our Christian hope, promising eternal life to all believers and offering us assurance of redemption. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died for our sins! Rejoice and be glad in it.

We as Easter People! We live with hope, joy, and faith in the Resurrection. As such we should act with love, overcome despair and embody His resurrection in our daily lives.

This Easter and Spring season, for Our Saviour's and St. Paul's, has many exciting events happening – check out the rest of this newsletter and participate with fellow Easter People and proclaim the Good News of Our Lord.

God's blessings,  
*Barb Krug* - SAM

A note from Joint Council: Mark your calendars for Dish with the Bish, planned for Sunday afternoon, May 3. This event will be held at St. Paul's and will include a video, discussion time, question/answer opportunities, as well as a service project and fellowship time.

We are looking for volunteers from both Our Saviour's and St. Paul's to help plan this event. Please contact Nancy in the office or Barb for further details or to join the committee.



### Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of Holway

W7809 Apple Avenue, Medford, WI 54451  
 Phone 715-785-7975  
 Website: oursavioursholway.com  
 Facebook: Our Saviour's Lutheran Holway  
 Email: secretary.saviourschurch@gmail.com  
 Parish Secretary: Nancy Jones  
 Office Hours: Tuesday 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

### St. Paul's Lutheran Church

321 N. Park Avenue, Medford, WI 54451  
 Phone 715-748-4909  
 Website: www.stpaulsmedford.org  
 Facebook: StPaulsMedford  
 Email: stpaulslutheranmedford@gmail.com  
 Parish Administrator: Nancy Jones  
 Office Hours: M-W-F 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**For pastoral care emergencies, call the following:**

Barb Krug: 715-965-5696, barbkrug@charter.net  
 Pastor Bob Giese: 847-899-7122, rjgiese@gmail.com  
 Pastor Nancy Amacher: 715-223-5316, revnia10@gmail.com

### Sunday Services

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

**Every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday** – 9:00 a.m. joint worship to be hosted on a rotating basis between Our Saviour's and St. Paul's.  
 Our next joint service is scheduled for Sunday, July 19, at St. Paul's.

### 2026 JOINT PARISH FINANCIAL

	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
<b>Income</b>													
OS Income	1480.11	1562.10											3042.21
SP Income	3549.84	2285.78											5835.62
Misc Incom													0.00
OS Lawn Inco													0.00
OS Jator Inco	782.64												782.64
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>5812.59</b>	<b>3847.88</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>9660.47</b>
<b>Expenses</b>													
Joint (ex: checks, resources, tools, etc)													0.00
Workman C													0.00
SP Parish Adm	1059.50	1033.25											2092.75
OS Secretary	263.17	282.60											545.77
OS Custodian													0.00
SP Custodian	182.43	126.91											309.34
OS Watchman		160.00											160.00
SAM	720.00	1400.00											2120.00
Lay Leaders	150.00												150.00
SP Music	200.00	200.00											400.00
OS Music	225.00	300.00											525.00
Pastor Bob	293.50	293.50											587.00
Busin. Tax Reg													0.00
Pastor Nancy	287.70	287.70											575.40
OS Lawn Care													0.00
State Quarterly	87.20												87.20
Fed Quarterly	1625.72												1625.72
Misc Expense													0.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>5094.22</b>	<b>4083.96</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>9178.18</b>

# CHEQUAMEGON CONFERENCE WELCA SPRING RALLY

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26**  
(Trying something new)



NOON – 3:00 P.M.

**Trinity Lutheran Church      201 S Washington St. Unity, WI**

**Lunch at Noon**

To include a presentation by Joleen Schade from [Sleep in Heavenly Peace](#).

**Guest Speaker: Kathy Schwanke**

Kathy is a mom, recovering people-pleasing perfectionist, and public speaker with one mission; she loves to introduce people to Jesus through the word of God. Kathy is a gardener but also a Sower of God's Word for our busy world.

**Business Meeting and Worship to end our day**  
*\$20.00 per person, includes lunch and speaker*

**In-kind donations will go to [Sleep in Heavenly Peace](#).**  
*Items requested:*

New twin size bedding, twin size mattress pads, blue comforters, pillows, monetary donations, Kwik Trip cards, gift cards to purchase above items; Amazon/Target/Walmart.

Please make checks payable to [WELCA](#) and send registration **BY APRIL 13** to:  
**St. Paul's Lutheran Church 321 N Park Ave. Medford, WI 54451**  
Additional questions feel free to contact Dawn Harder @ 715-965-1487



**EVERY SHEEP COUNTS!**  
*IS YOUR CONTACT INFO UP TO DATE?*



SCRIP cards make great gifts for weddings, graduations, or other special occasions. Purchasing SCRIP helps each of the churches raise funds for ministries within each church as well as within the community. Visit the SCRIP sellers on Sunday morning and see what they have to offer.

### Worship Assistants Needed

Please consider volunteering as a worship assistant on Sunday morning. The following jobs are done by volunteers:

- |                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Liturgist          | Communion server |
| Usher              | AV operator      |
| Communion preparer | Acolyte          |

Contact the church office if you would like to help.

## OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

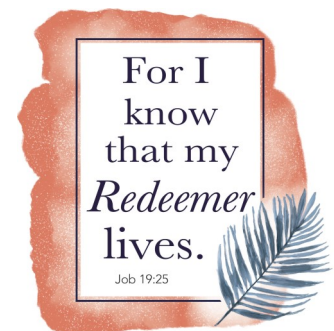
**Mission Statement: Our mission is to share the love of Christ with each other, our community, and the world.**

### Church Council

- President: Jason Borman - [jason.borman@us.nestle.com](mailto:jason.borman@us.nestle.com) (715-965-6058)  
 Vice President: Heidi Bower-Kesling - [heidijbower@gmail.com](mailto:heidijbower@gmail.com) (715-512-0557)  
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 Barb Krug - [barbkrug@charter.net](mailto:barbkrug@charter.net) (715-965-5696)

### March 2026 Attendance

March 1	28
March 8	34
March 15	snow storm
March 22	62



## April 2026 Calendar for Our Saviour's

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

- April 1 Confirmation - 4:00 p.m.  
No Sunday School  
Soup Supper 5:15 p.m., Lenten Service 6:00 p.m.  
WELCA - 6:30 p.m. fellowship, 6:45 p.m. program, 7:00 p.m. meeting
- April 2 Bible Study - 3:00 p.m.
- April 5 Easter Breakfast - 6:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.  
Easter Sunday Worship w/communion, Pastor Rachel Sieja - 8:00 a.m.  
No Sunday School
- April 8 Confirmation (1<sup>st</sup> year students last night) - 4:00 p.m.  
No Sunday School
- April 9 Bible Study - 3:00 p.m.
- April 12 Worship w/communion, Pastor Bob Giese  
No Sunday School  
Viewing of "The Chosen" - 9:00 a.m.
- April 14 Ladies Luncheon - 11:00 a.m.
- April 15 Confirmation (2<sup>nd</sup> year students only) & Sunday School - 4:00 p.m.  
Church Council - 6:00 p.m.
- April 16 Bible Study - 3:00 p.m.
- April 19 Worship w/communion, Lyle Roe, SAM  
Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.  
Viewing of "The Chosen" - 9:00 a.m.
- April 22 Confirmation (2<sup>nd</sup> year students only) - 4:00 p.m.
- April 23 Bible Study - 3:00 p.m.
- April 25 Synod Assembly
- April 26 Worship w/communion, Barb Krug, SAM  
No Sunday School  
Viewing of "The Chosen" - 9:00 a.m.  
WELCA Spring Rally, Trinity Lutheran, Unity - 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- April 29 Confirmation (2<sup>nd</sup> year students only) - 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday School (end of the year party & awards) - 4:00 p.m.
- April 30 Bible Study - 3:00 p.m.

### Looking ahead . . .

- May 3 Sunday School end of the year party and awards  
Confirmation for Jordan Bottlemy, Breckyn Klemm, Brycen Larson, and Brynlee Pagel
- May 10 Honors Day, Graduating Seniors: Storm Adams, Erica Kauffman, Lexi Kunze, Tanner Kunze, Anastasia Kujawa, and Evan Pagel

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

**Our Saviour's Ladies Luncheon**  
April 14 at 11:00 a.m.  
Location to be chosen at the April WELCA meeting.

*Congratulations to Jamie and Derrick Neitzel on the baptism of their daughter Rosalie Leela Neitzel, March 22, 2026.*

*Prayers of healing for Ruth Schmidt.*

*Prayers of comfort for the Family of Roger Schmidt, who passed away on March 16, 2026.*

There will be card bags in the Fellowship Hall for the confirmands and graduates.



### EASTER BREAKFAST at Our Saviour's



**Easter Sunday, April 5,  
from 6:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.**

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

A free-will offering will be accepted at the door.

***Proceeds go to Our Saviour's Cemetery Association.***

*Congratulations to Joanne and Gwenith Lavin on their 90th birthdays. Gwenith's birthday was February 7. Joanne's birthday will be on April 21.*



**Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church**

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

Friends,

We’ve safely made it through March—and what an unforgettable March it was. We enjoyed a couple of “false Springs” before getting hit by what might have been the biggest blizzard of my life. When Tony Schumaker and I were asked about canceling the March 15<sup>th</sup> worship service, I had to truly pause and consider it. Having grown up watching Tony’s weather forecasts, I trust in his experience and insight. Even so, I’ve always felt that there’s a special power in the consistency of our doors being open every Sunday, and in the comfort that comes from gathering as children of God to hear the Word and sing His praises together. I missed this weekly renewal of the Holy Spirit during those long stretches of Covid, when our church was closed or sparsely attended. Yet, I know that God is with us wherever we are, and for Sunday, March 15, staying safely at home was the right choice for everyone.

Reflecting on March as a whole, I feel pride in the work and spirit of Our Saviour’s. I’m no longer the youngest person in the pews, and it brings me so much joy to see so many young people learning, participating, and even leading within our congregation. Alongside them, we have a wonderful group of senior members whose wisdom and guidance have helped shape us. On March 22, as I sat in a full church, witnessing the new life of a baptism and the celebration of two 90th birthdays, I was overflowing with gratitude and excitement. I even found myself hoping I’ll make it to 90, if only to savor those delicious cupcakes again!

Our Saviour’s is not a dying church by any means—on the contrary, we are vibrant, we are growing, and we are thriving. I’m grateful to be a part of this journey with all of you.

God’s blessings friends,  
Jason

**April 2026 Worship Assistants - Our Saviour’s**

*April Altar Guild: Marian Nernberger & Clarice Zenner*

DATE	MESSAGE	USHERS	LITURGIST	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	COUNTERS	ACOLYTE
April 5 Easter	Pastor Rachel Sieja		Marian Nernberger			Braxton Stanke
April 12	Pastor Bob Giese	Karen Frosch Julie Janke		Karen Frosch	Karen Frosch Julie Janke	Brycen Larson
April 19	Lyle Roe, SAM	Heidi & Mike Kesling	Heidi Bower Kesling		Heidi Bower Kesling	Breckyn Klemm
April 26	Barb Krug, SAM	Marian & Ken Nernberger	Amara Gudmundson			Jordyn Bottlemy

**WELCA Minutes – March 4, 2026**

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

**Devotions:** A good time was had by all as we tried to figure out which clue was submitted by whom. We found out we don’t know each other as well as we thought. There wasn’t enough time to go through all the clues. To be continued at the April meeting. If you missed the March meeting and plan to attend in April, write down three things about yourself you don’t think anyone knows to share. Some examples, I have no first cousins. Who am I? My favorite music is jazz. Who am I? I was born at home with the aid of a midwife. Who am I?

**Purpose statement**

**Secretary’s Report:** The February minutes were approved as in the newsletter. Barb made the motion to accept, seconded by Nancie.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Heidi made a motion to approve the report as presented, Marian seconded, carried.

**Stewardship:** No report.

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## Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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**Old Business:** Plan to attend World Day of Prayer on Friday. Our Saviour's is hosting. Dr. Jackie is our featured speaker. Confirmation class will strip the altar on Maundy Thursday – careful with the new candles as they aren't as secure in the holders as the old ones were.

### **New Business:**

April 26, Noon – 3:00 p.m. Spring Rally, Trinity Lutheran, Unity. WELCA covers registration fees for those attending. A motion to give a \$100.00 offering to the rally by Carol Lekies, seconded by Echo. All women young and old are welcome. Contact either Echo or Barb before April 15 if you would like to attend.

April 14 - 11 a.m. Ladies Luncheon, location to be determined at our April meeting.

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

May 12 – FYI the fellowship hall will be used (rented) following a burial. A member needs to chaperone the group.

May 19 - Ladies' Supper, 5:00 p.m. TBA

June 29 & 30 WELCA Women's Retreat, Luther Park, Chetek. For more information see the Northwester newsletter online. Contact Barb Krug if you plan to attend.

### **Dates to Remember:**

March 21 – Walking Together, Bethany Lutheran, Rice Lake

March 29 – Palm Sunday, Joint Worship at St. Paul's

April 1 – WELCA meeting at OS

April 25 – WELCA Chequamegon Conference Spring Rally, Trinity Lutheran Church, Unity

May 3 – Confirmation

May 10 – Honors Day, Graduating Seniors

July 19 – Joint Worship 9 a.m. , Medford City Park, Breaking Chains leading worship.

April 1<sup>st</sup> is our next meeting with Carol Lekies as hostess.

Julie made a motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Karen. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Carol Lekies, Secretary

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

March 18, 2026 @ 5:15 p.m.

**Meeting called to order** at 5:19 pm by Jason

**Open with Prayer:** led by Jason

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

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

**Agenda Approval:** Motion by Echo; second by Julie; motion carried

**Approve Meeting Minutes** – Jan: Motion by Clarice; second by Nancie; motion carried

**Treasurer's Report** – Jan & Feb: Motion by Echo; second by Heidi; motion carried.

Discussion to invest savings to gain better interest; Echo made motion to approve investing \$50,000 in a CD at Nicolet at 3.45% for 6 mos.; Heidi seconded; motion carried.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

- **Education & Youth:** Sunday School updates: two short lessons work; continue with this structure which incorporates hands on use and discussion of Bible (Spark & Learning); Jason & Brenda do a great job; 1st Sunday in May (Confirmation) - awards will be presented after church; Sunday School songs featured during worship; Confirmation students will be participating in First Century Church (at Munson Bridge) on April 1 w/St. Paul's students; Greek food; students were given biographies which identify ways people were persecuted during biblical times and will reenact these characters' stories during the event
- **Property:** Basement lights & entry way lights - no updates at this time; East side door seal - noticed by multiple members - Barb will call Jeff to discuss fix; Jim will finish drywalling; Brown water in women's bathroom appears to be getting better (perhaps rain-related)
- **WELCA:** Ladies' luncheon on April 14 - change in location; Birthday celebrations on Sunday; Graduation & confirmation bags after Easter; WELCA Spring Rally, Sunday, April 26 afternoon in Unity

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## Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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- **Worship:** World Day of Prayer recap– 55 people attended; Dr. Jackie (originally from Nigeria) spoke; thanks to those who helped and brought food; next year at Holy Rosary; 2<sup>nd</sup> half worship leaders' schedule - in progress

### Old Business:

- **Volunteers Needed!**
- **Dish with the Bish** – Skit on “Sowing Seeds in Good Soil” for May 3 - looking for planning committee and acting volunteers
- **Joint Worship Service** – July 19, 2026 – Breaking Chains at park; looking for planning committee volunteers
- **Cross on Church Roof** - needs attention; Stratford Signs quotes received, roughly \$4115 - includes taking neon out and replacing with LED and no work done by congregation members; since this quote is over the \$2000 approved a special congregational meeting (w/quorum) would be necessary to approve additional spending; Wausau Signs was more expensive due to travel; Stratford originally did the work; Nancie motioned to take the quote to the congregation; Clarice seconded; motion passes. Special meeting time TBD, sometime after Easter.

### New Business:

- **Internet:** current provider discontinuing service; discussed possible new providers (TDS, Bug Tussle); Heidi made motion to have Nancie Adams work with Nancy Jones to get quotes & check out bundle option; Julie seconds; motion passes.
- **SAM Paperwork:** Jason updated the council on need to complete paperwork for Mike K to become a SAM; after discussion with Pastor Randy, council learned document must be completed by congregation to request/ approve a SAM; St. Paul's request was shared as an example; council continued discussion on roles of SAMs at Our Saviour's (emphasis was placed on need for visitation ministry); appreciation was noted for Barb in her role as SAM; Clarice made motion to pursue SAM documentation; Julie seconds; motion carried.
- **Church's Future:** Meeting with Pastor Randy Olson on March 29<sup>th</sup> to follow Palm Sunday joint service w/St. Paul's; Pastor Randy will discuss pastoral candidate availability & affordability; MSP (Ministry Site Profile) must be updated for Our Saviour's regardless

**Reminders:** Next council meeting April 15, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.

**Adjournment & Closing Prayer:** Jason led prayer; motion to adjourn made by Heidi, second by Nancie; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Lindau

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

Adele & Steve Adams	In memory of Clifford Neitzel
Karen & Harry Frosch	In memory of deceased family members
Jo & Bob Giese	In memory of Carl & Margaret Zutz and Walter & Doris Giese
Ashely & Alex Pinter	In memory of John Pinter
Barb Krug & Ed Rowe	In memory of Joan & Keith Krug
Children & Grand Children of Donna Nelson	In memory of Donna Nelson (Selby)
Children & Grand Children Michael B. Selby	In memory of Michael B. Selby
Beverly Utke, Mike Utke, Rachel Varney	In memory of Todd Michael Utke
Renee Zenner	In memory of Rich & Tina Dobrenz



## Our Saviour's February 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	\$5186.48
Hunger	\$210.00
Scrip	\$3745.00
Special Offering/InOut	\$175.00(Ash Wednesday offering to designated charity-confirmation class)

TOTAL INCOME: **\$9316.48**

#### Expense Section

Benevolence	\$206.32(to NW Synod of WI General Mission Support – 4%)
Hunger	\$210.00(to Northwest Synod of WI for ELCA World Hunger)
Internet Service (Clark Electric)	\$61.94
Phone (TDS)	\$31.36
Electricity (Taylor Electric)	\$183.64
Dumpster (GFL Environmental)	\$25.92
LP Gas (Budget-Medford Coop)	\$286.00
Building Repairs/Maintenance	\$12.62(Klingbeil)
Worship/Dev/Resources	\$57.68(wafers & communion cups)
Insurance (Church Mutual)	\$572.37
Newsletter Postage	\$32.27
Payroll	\$418.25(watchman \$80.00—sec \$338.25),
Church Administrator	\$200.00
Supply Pastors	\$643.85
Music (Organist)	\$300.00
Copier Lease (E.O. Johnson)	\$134.14
VANCO charge	\$6.30
Script Cards	\$4347.00(Co. Market \$1536.00, Raise/right \$2811.00))

TOTAL EXPENSES: **\$7729.66**

Savings Account: **\$9284.33**

Script sales profit for February 2026-\$253.00

#### Mission Investment Fund:

Term Investment Fixed 4 Year – 3847 Rate 4.3290% Matures 9/23/2029  
09/31/2025 Balance: \$17,127.95  
Interest 12/31/2025 \$186.89  
**New Balance \$17,314.84**

**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church**

<b>INCOME - Our Saviour's</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>YTD 2026</b>		
General	5,186.48	9,068.83		
Hunger	210.00	420.00		
Sunday School/VBS/Camp		0.00		
Change the World/Special Offering	175.00	185.00		
Scrip	3,745.00	5,920.00		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>9,316.48</b>	<b>15,593.83</b>		
<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Monthly/Budget</b>	<b>Year/Budget</b>
Benevolence	206.32	360.40	250.00	3,000.00
Hunger In/Out	210.00	420.00	0.00	0.00
Special Offering In/Out		0.00	0.00	0.00
Internet Service	61.94	123.88	62.50	750.00
Phone	31.36	64.21	60.42	725.00
Electricity	183.64	363.39	166.67	2,000.00
LP Gas	286.00	572.00	333.33	4,000.00
Dumpster - GFL	25.92	85.91	58.33	700.00
Holding Tanks		0.00	20.83	250.00
Snow Plowing		243.75	100.00	1,200.00
Janitor Supplies		15.48	18.75	225.00
Clear Country Water Solutions		0.00	18.75	225.00
Building Repairs/Maintenance	12.62	12.62	83.33	1,000.00
Worship/Devotionals/Resources	57.68	142.06	50.00	600.00
Organ/Piano Maintenance		0.00	25.00	300.00
Insurance	572.37	1,144.74	508.33	6,100.00
Office & Computer Supplies/parts/ink		104.59	25.00	300.00
Postage and Stamps		0.00	16.67	200.00
Computer Maintenance/Repair		0.00	16.67	200.00
Treasurer Supplies		0.00	8.33	100.00
Newsletter Postage	32.27	64.73	37.50	450.00
Copier Lease	134.14	277.05	125.00	1,500.00
Supply Pastors	643.85	1,169.45	600.00	7,200.00
Conference Dues		0.00	3.33	40.00
Assembly Delegates		0.00	41.67	500.00
Joint Account** see notes below		0.00	41.67	500.00
Payroll-Secretary-Property Manager	418.25	947.76	650.00	7,800.00
Website		0.00	16.67	200.00
Music	300.00	525.00	325.00	3,900.00
Leadership Training		0.00	83.33	1,000.00
Education (Adult, Confirmation, Sunday School, VBS)		0.00	83.33	1,000.00
Background Checks		0.00	8.33	100.00
Camping Funds		0.00	33.33	400.00
Pastorial Admin	200.00	400.00	200.00	2,400.00
Miscellaneous- Special Events		49.84	41.67	500.00
Scrip Cards	4,347.00	5,691.00	0.00	0.00
VANCO Charge	6.30	13.75	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>7,729.66</b>	<b>12,791.61</b>	<b>4,072.08</b>	<b>49,365.00</b>
<b>Checking Account:</b>			<b>Savings Account:</b>	8,999.62
<b>Camping Fund</b>	873.54		<b>Deposit</b>	284.71
<b>Sunday School/VBS</b>	3,222.53		<b>Total</b>	<b>9,284.33</b>
<b>General</b>	71,051.10			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>75,147.17</b>	<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**

Maybe you are like me and enjoy watching the daylight increase on a daily basis this time of the year! It just feels good to have a couple more minutes of light each day to enjoy time outdoors. It is nice not having to turn the lights on in the house quite as much.

Just like water sustains life, it would be exceedingly hard to live without light. How would we grow our food, or trees, or much at all? Give thanks to God for light. It not only provides warmth and energy to the earth, it allows us to see beautiful and good things all around us in this world.

At Eastertime, we celebrate the light that God shines on a sinful and fallen world. We know the sacrifice and love of Jesus brings the best kind of light to our hearts and souls. May we cling to that and let it illuminate our path for the rest of the year.

Blessings to you and your family,  
Tony

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**Confirmation**

April 1 - Elective night --1st & 2nd Century Christian Worship Recreation (Munson Bridge)

April 8 - LAST night of confirmation for 7th graders. PHOTO NIGHT for the confirmands!! Interviews with 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmands.

April 15 - No Class. Schedules are allowing us to complete our lessons and photos will be taken on April 8.

April 22 - Confirmation Rehearsal/Pizza Party -- We will be going through the Rite of Confirmation as it will take place on Sunday, April 26, so everyone knows what to expect and what to do.

April 26 - CONFIRMATION SUNDAY. Students to arrive by 9:00 a.m. to put their robes on and pin their flowers on.

**2026 Confirmands:** *Nicole Dassow, Crandel Harder, Madelyn Johnas, and Owen Machon*

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**Comfort Quilts**

Our comfort quilt group has been busy getting everyone trained on the long arm this month but when Val Higgins and I started on the machine the tension was way off. We haven't had to have the machine serviced for over two years, which I think is fantastic, for as many quilts that we make. When we called Brubakers to get them scheduled, the response was so fast that I had to run back into town since Lester could come that afternoon to fix it. They do wonderful work and to think they are so close to us for servicing. I have found out they have customers from all over the states and even a customer who lives in Texas that comes up to have their machine worked on and to think we are so fortunate to have them in our area. What a blessing.

The picture to the right is of a woman that moved to Medford about three years ago from California when she had a stroke. Her husband needed some help and also thought our area would be a welcoming place to live. She is homebound and has not met many people here because of her limitations. Her whole family expressed the love and generosity they were feeling and wanted me to show her picture to help our quilting mission out.



I want to thank our church family for all the support you give us in our local mission by your donations of money, fabric, words of encouragement and also giving us the space at church for the long arm machine. As a community, we can make a difference.

Until next time,  
Faithfully submitted by Kim Gasek

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church



### St. Paul's Lutheran Church Sunday, April 12, 2026 after the church service

Topics of discussion: the purchase of a new boiler and a change to the constitution regarding the church's financial secretary position.

### Needles for Needs

We have been busy completing quilts for Homeless Veterans, and have 53 quilts ready to go out for distribution.

We will continue to work on these quilts through March and into April. We will be starting the Lutheran World Relief quilts in April. If you come across any embroidery floss or cotton or cotton blend flat sheets, we'd love the donations.

If you'd like to see our process for quilt construction, or if you would like to come and help, we meet every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All skill levels welcome!

Submitted by Tonya Albers

### The Mobile Food Pantry served 76 households on March 19, 2026.



42 individuals ages 0-17  
69 individuals ages 18-59  
68 individuals ages 60+  
179 total number of individuals  
76 households

First time visitors in 2026 = 19

### The next Mobile Food Pantry will be on Thursday, April 16, 2026.

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

Food Distributed: Ground pork, peanut butter, mustard, miscellaneous produce, carrots, oatmeal, black beans, instant potatoes, bread, mac and cheese, bakery, bathroom tissue, salad dressing, head lettuce, eggs, cereal, canned vegetables, miscellaneous frozen and cooler items and frozen entrees.

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 **Carol O'Leary** for sponsoring the March Mobile Food Pantry.

### Church Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

**Members present:** Kathy Hackbarth, Tony Schumacher, Marie Koerner, Gail Heurung, Harley Cook, Chris Konieczny, Carrie Zirngible and Deb Bender. **Members not able to attend:** Amber Fettes and Stacy Dassow.

**Guests present:** Nancy Jones and Tina Dassow.

Meeting was called to order by Tony Schumacher at 6:00 p.m. Opening prayer was led by Tony.

Motion to accept the meeting agenda by Chris, seconded by Gail – carried.

Motion to accept the meeting minutes from February by Chris, seconded by Marie – carried.

#### Reports:

**Treasurer's Report** – motion by Marie, seconded by Carrie to accept – carried.

**Financial Secretary** – nothing new to report

**SAM report** – Tony shared that SAM duties are going well on Barb's behalf– looked to see if our conference dues were paid – handled in November per Nancy. World Day of Prayer went well – Dr. Jackie's participation was very successful.

**Worship team** – reminder Breaking Chains is set for July 19.

**Sunday School** – still low attendance but with winter sports finishing up attendance may increase. Tony mentioned that the choir wants to sing with the children – set for April 26 before the start of services.

Nothing on VBS as yet

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**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

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**Confirmation** seems to be going well. Confirmation is April 26.

**Joint Parish Council** – planning the March 29 service.

**Guest Leon Gasek** came to address the council – need to look for some people to look at being the point of contact for things in the church – getting harder for Clem, Leon and Dan to do all that they do. Need some younger guys for the call list.

**Old Business:**

Tina did manage to put funds into a 6 month CD - \$75000.

Harley got bids from Kramer's and Wojcik's for boiler systems and bubblers. The council will make a recommendation and call a congregational meeting. Also at that meeting we will have a discussion on changing the constitution wording for the Financial Recording Secretary position. Marie will look at the wording necessary to present. A motion by Deb, seconded by Chris to give notice and plan a congregational meeting the week after Easter.

Finishing up of the landscaping was discussed. Marie will need assistance getting the weeds taken care of before she places the plants. Also will look for help with the planting of grass.

**New Business:**

Discussion was held on the retention of records at the church. Looking at following the ELCA guidelines. Chris, Deb and Marie will look at the records in question and formulate a retention policy.

Discussion on the duties of Dawn Harder's duties as a SAM. More duties as her studies continue. Tony will address the "limits" for this position.

Tony brought up that it would be nice to have some adult education opportunities...Bible studies or discussions. Will talk to Barb and see what we can do.

The Council Covenant was discussed. Deb, Kathy and Tina will look at putting together a short concise version for our consideration.

Next meeting is April 8, at 6:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Heurung, Secretary

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*Thank you to Loris Fox for sponsoring St. Paul's portion of the April newsletter.*

*Thank you to all the individuals and families that have been sponsoring our fellowship time after Sunday service.*

*Thank you to Pastor Rachel Sieja for worshiping with Our Saviour's and St. Paul's during March.*

**Thank you to the following families that sponsored Easter Lilies.**

- Debra Bender                      In memory of family
- Kay & Richard Halopka      In memory of family members who have passed
- Mike Rabska                      In memory of Granddaughter Courtlyn Harper Rabska



*Prayers of healing for Tim Lemke.*



A note of appreciation to those individuals who have directed their Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. In 2025, our church received \$870.00 through the Thrivent Choice program. Thank you very much for your generosity.



St. Paul's Treasurer's Report for February 2026

	2026		2025		YTD % of Change
	February	YTD	February	YTD	
Total General Giving	7,861	17,200	8,614	24,842	-30.8%
Total General Expenses	6,593	12,601	4,160	10,433	20.8%
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$1,269</b>	<b>\$4,600</b>	<b>\$4,454</b>	<b>\$14,408</b>	
Designated Giving	4,566	8,140	3,127	8,352	-2.5%
Designated Giving - Building	1,625	5,730	765	765	
<b>Total Designated Giving</b>	<b>6,191</b>	<b>13,870</b>	<b>3,892</b>	<b>9,117</b>	
Designated Expenses	3,293	4,969	1,079	4,932	0.7%
Designated Expenses - Building	-	-	-	-	
<b>Total Designated Expenses</b>	<b>3,293</b>	<b>4,969</b>	<b>1,079</b>	<b>4,932</b>	
<b>Net Designated Income</b>	<b>2,897</b>	<b>8,901</b>	<b>2,048</b>	<b>4,185</b>	
Interest Income	\$125	255		130	
<b>Net Combined Income (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$4,291</b>	<b>\$13,756</b>	<b>\$6,502</b>	<b>\$18,723</b>	

Bank Accounts - As of:	2/28/26	YTD Change	2/28/25	Comments
<u>Fund in SPOS Joint Checking</u>	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	
<u>General Checking</u>	\$239,006	\$4,935	\$195,303	
<u>Designated Funds in Checking</u>		\$0		
Building Fund	39,253	\$5,730	2,920	
Comfort Quilts	1,874	\$68	1,049	
Community Benevolence Fund	355	\$0	2,760	
Designated Memorials	4,290	(\$220)	4,290	
Fair Trade Sales	538	\$342	476	
Thrivent Choice	2,374	\$274	1,230	
Mobile Food Pantry	25,017	\$2,556	9,614	
Sunday School	711	\$71	735	
Youth Group	11,735	\$0	11,572	
<b>Total Funds in Checking</b>	<b>\$326,153</b>	<b>\$13,756</b>	<b>\$230,949</b>	
<u>Other Accounts</u>				
Events/Fund Raiser Acct	3,182	3	3,166	
Needles for Needs Acct	1,430	101	1,912	
Scrip Acct	8,039	(775)	8,312	
<b>Total Other Accounts</b>	<b>\$12,652</b>	<b>-\$671</b>	<b>\$13,391</b>	
<b>Total - All Accounts</b>	<b>\$338,805</b>	<b>\$13,084</b>	<b>\$244,340</b>	

Check the Welcome Hall information board for opportunities to sponsor different ministries in the church, such as the Mobile Food Pantry and the Newsletter. 

2026 Pastor Expense - Budgeted \$67,960  
 2026 YTD Supply Pastor Expense \$1,569

March 2026 Attendance

March 1	92
March 8	67
March 15	snow storm
March 22	95
March 29	

**St. Paul's Giving Options**

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

**Simply Giving** contributions are deducted from your checking or savings account.

**Giving via St. Paul's Website**

**E-Giving** Download the app "GivePlus Church"



Choir rehearsals will be on the following Sundays at 8:00 a.m.  
 April 5 & April 26  
 All singers welcome.

April 2026 Worship Assistants – St. Paul's

DATE	MESSAGE	LITURGIST	COMMUNION SETUP	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
April 5	Pastor Rachel Sieja	Tony Schumacher	Kathy & Dan Higgins	Deb Bender Dawn Harder Kathy Schumacher
April 12	Pastor Bob Giese	Gail Heurung	Jo Cypher	Jo Cypher ? ?
April 19	Lyle Roe, SAM	Dawn Harder	Kathy & Dan Higgins	Chris Finkler Dawn Harder ?
April 26	Barb Krug, SAM	Cathy Retzer	Kathy & Dan Higgins	Val Bach Deb Bender Tina Machon

St. Paul's April 2026 Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAY	BIRTHDAY	BIRTHDAY	ANNIVERSARIES
April 2 Craig Glamann Owen Preuss	April 12 Morgan Lavin	April 23 Ryan Alexander	April 8 Steph & Brian Nicks
April 3 Felicia Carter Kathy Gorichs	April 13 Eric Seidl	April 24 Noah Frahmman Betty Holbach	April 12 Peggy & Robert Pinsch
April 4 Trevor Shore Nathan Siso	April 14 Eli Nuernberger	Corey Huotari Sandy Lukewich	April 17 Jayne & Mark Wanka
April 5 Carissa Carter	April 15 Harley Cook Nancy Corley	April 25 Jelaine Carstensen Luke Sherman	April 20 Lori & Steve Eisch
April 6 Bonnie Habermeyer Sarah Tlusty	Loris Fox Wayne Korenuk	April 26 Raeyah Hall	April 23 Sandra & Robert Schreiner
April 7 Avery Frappier Leslie Konrad	April 17 Vanessa Nicpon Duane Schwarz	April 28 Croixson Homeyer Sally Lemke	April 28 Nancy & Ken Corley
April 9 Ellie Harder Ashley Mueller	April 18 Aleta Huotari Addison Krug	April 29 Janet Brost Dan Thiede	April 30 Lynette & Gerald Pernsteiner
Liz Nuernberger Ryan Pilgrim	April 19 Leon Gasek Mike Poetzl	April 30 Trevor Brehm Emma Faber	April 30 Julie & Cory Tlusty
April 11 Treyton Pilgrim	April 21 Kathleen Higgins		
	April 22 Xaiver Clark Tenley Meissner		

On Sunday, March 22, the Confirmation classes presented a skit entitled *Living the Lord's Prayer*. They did an excellent job portraying everyday scenarios that explained each line of The Lord's Prayer. We should all live according to The Lord's Prayer; everyday of our earthly lives.  
Submitted by Val Bach



St. Paul's Ladies Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Location: The Tire Station: Kitchen & Tap  
148 South Whelen  
Medford, WI

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.



**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 April 2026 Calendar**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 4:00 p.m. Confirmation	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	<b>4</b>
<b>5 Easter Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal 9:15 a.m. Worship / Communion	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs  6:00 p.m. Cub/Boy/Girl Scouts	<b>8</b> 4:00 p.m. Confirmation 6:00 p.m. Church Council	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9:15 a.m. Worship / Communion Sunday School  <b>Congregational Meeting</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs	<b>15</b> 11:15 a.m. Ladies Lunch Bunch No Confirmation	<b>16</b> 1:00 p.m. Mobile Food Pantry	<b>17</b> 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9:15 a.m. Worship / Communion Sunday School	<b>20</b> 5:45 p.m. WELCA	<b>21</b> 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs  6:00 p.m. Cub/Boy/Girl Scouts	<b>22</b> 4:00 p.m. 8th grade Confirmation	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	<b>25</b> Synod Assembly
<b>26 Confirmation</b> 8:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal 9:15 a.m. Worship / Communion Sunday School	<b>27</b> 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts	<b>29</b> 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>The Sunday School will be singing with the choir on April 26</b>	

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### April 2026

#### **Sunday Worship**

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

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