

# The Parish Pulse

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



## February 2026

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God is  
**LOVE.**  
1 JOHN 4:16



### Message from Barb Krug

February is the month we associate with Valentine's Day and the giving and getting of gifts, showing our love for one another. As kids, it's pretty much a sugar high of candy and treats. The joy they get puts a smile in my heart.

For Christians, February is the month we will hear of Agape love – a selfless, unconditional love that includes loving our enemies and praying for persecutors. I'm excited because I will be leading worship for three Sundays at Our Saviour's and St. Paul's this month. The Sermon on the Mount is considered to be Jesus' first major public teaching, marking the start of His ministry. While he preached and healed earlier, this sermon lays out the core principles of the Kingdom of Heaven, including the Beatitudes, the Lord's Prayer, and the Golden Rule.

Imagine Jesus sitting on a mountain, teaching His disciples, but a large crowd gathers to hear him as well. That image beats a Red Valentine Heart any day.

Let's add Ash Wednesday to this February, the start of our 40-day Lenten season leading to Easter. As we reflect on sin and prepare to honor Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection, we will use ashes as a reminder of our mortality and repentance. This is a time for us to make spiritual preparations and focus on our journey towards understanding His sacrifice.

I invite you to join us at one of two services on Ash Wednesday, 12:15 p.m. at St. Paul's and 6:00 p.m. at Our Saviour's. Our Saviour's will serve a soup supper beginning at 5:15 p.m. before the service.

Agape Love to all this February,  
Barb Krug - SAM



## Lenten Services

### February 18 - Ash Wednesday

12:15 p.m. at Saint Paul's

5:15 p.m. soup supper at Our Saviour's

6:00 p.m. Service at Our Saviour's

### Each Wednesday of Lent

5:15 p.m. soup supper at Our Saviour's followed by 6:00 p.m. service.

### Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of Holway

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 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.

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

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

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

#### Sunday Services

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

**Every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday** – 9:00 a.m. joint worship to be hosted on a rotating basis between Our Saviour's and St. Paul's. Our next joint service is scheduled for Sunday, March 29, at St. Paul's.

#### 2025 JOINT PARISH FINANCIAL

	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
<b>Income</b>													
OS Income	1906.96	1324.56	1693.50	1811.21	1545.44	1550.31	1518.73	1471.44	1479.00	1829.10	1550.56	1612.25	19293.06
SP Income	3396.42	2190.82	2222.81	3932.96	2196.53	2226.03	3386.61	2347.63	2200.24	3750.30	2368.34	2828.01	33046.70
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			782.84			3131.36
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>6086.22</b>	<b>3533.13</b>	<b>3916.31</b>	<b>9347.01</b>	<b>3742.01</b>	<b>3776.34</b>	<b>5705.18</b>	<b>3819.07</b>	<b>3679.24</b>	<b>6362.24</b>	<b>3918.90</b>	<b>4440.26</b>	<b>58325.91</b>
<b>Expenses</b>													
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	1118.92	1013.30	1132.76	13022.69
OS Secretary	345.91	266.53	269.89	343.46	289.21	243.32	266.53	282.60	289.31	269.88	237.61	298.51	3402.76
OS Custodian			671.56			671.56			671.56			671.56	2686.24
SP Custodian	169.41	153.34	171.85	179.79	171.85	121.62	142.77	171.85	185.07	153.34	187.71	185.06	1993.66
OS Watchman	120.00	80.00	80.00	120.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	110.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	1070.00
SAM	900.00	775.00	1045.00	1150.00	720.00	900.00	900.00	850.00	970.00	720.00	850.00	1095.00	10875.00
Lay Leaders			150.00		150.00			125.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	350.00	1225.00
SP Music	200.00	150.00	200.00	150.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	250.00	200.00	200.00	250.00	450.00	2650.00
OS Music	150.00	225.00	375.00	300.00	300.00	225.00	300.00	225.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	3300.00
Pastor Bob	292.00	327.00		292.00	292.00	292.00	292.00	412.00	292.00	292.00	362.00	584.00	3729.00
Busin. Tax Reg													0.00
Pastor Nancy	286.12	286.12	286.12		286.12	286.12	286.12	286.12		286.12	286.12		2575.08
OS Lawn Care				2820.00									2820.00
State Quarterly	112.21			103.70			96.20			99.90			412.01
Fed Quarterly	1524.70			1662.55			1597.74			1639.07			6424.06
Misc Expense		17.75			40.00	270.00				549.00			876.75
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>5232.70</b>	<b>3403.15</b>	<b>4368.34</b>	<b>9124.18</b>	<b>3509.30</b>	<b>4369.16</b>	<b>5267.16</b>	<b>3804.96</b>	<b>4227.44</b>	<b>5858.23</b>	<b>3716.74</b>	<b>5146.89</b>	<b>58028.25</b>

May Misc is for Dept of Financial Inst yearly filing fee      June Misc for Breaking Chains      July Misc Deposit-refund from Church Mutual  
 Oct Misc is for Sundays & Seasons Renewal

### Stump the Pastor

Our Saviour's and St. Paul's confirmation classes took part in a Stump the Pastor session on Wednesday, January 21. They asked Pastor Bob Giese and SAM Barb Krug questions about the Bible. Several very informative conversations arose. The kids and the confirmation leaders both took away some good information as well as some things to think about and discuss with friends and family. A big thank you to Pastor Bob and Barb for helping our youth on their faith journey.



### First Communion Class

**Wednesday, February 11**

**Time: 4:00 p.m.**

**Location: St. Paul's**

Open to children in grades 4-6 or any older children who haven't had instruction. Contact your church office to register.

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### World Day of Prayer

**Friday, March 6**

Our Saviour's Lutheran of Holway, will host this year's World Day of Prayer service on Friday, March 6, beginning at 6:00 p.m.



World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March. Each year a different country serves as the writer of the World Day of Prayer worship service. For 2026, the World Day of Prayer Committee of Nigeria developed the theme, "I Will Give You Rest: Come," from Matthew 11:28-30. A free will offering will go toward the work of World Day of Prayer.

Both men and women are invited to this ecumenical service.



**New Number?  
New Address?  
New Haircut?  
Let Us Know!**

## 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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### January 2026 Attendance

January 4	33
January 11	36
January 18	26
January 25	17

*Congratulations to Jamie and Derrick Neitzel on the birth of their daughter, Rosalie Leela Neitzel, on January 4, 2026.*

**WELCA** - The ladies will begin having their monthly WELCA meetings, starting February 4. Fellowship, coffee and desserts start at 6:30 p.m., with meetings starting at 7:00 p.m. All women are welcome and encouraged to come. Hope to see you on Wednesday, February 4.

## Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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

I hope this message finds you well. I would like to take a moment to share some thoughts on my faith and beliefs with you. I always give our Sunday School students the disclaimer that my beliefs are not meant to be their beliefs. I truly believe each person's relationship with God and religious journey is unique and personal. I believe there is strength in coming together to reinforce our common beliefs, but it is equally important to maintain a balance by hearing and respecting differing beliefs.

While I am confident and comfortable in my faith, I am far from being a religious scholar. I know my beliefs are quite simple: I believe in God, Jesus Christ my Lord and Savior, the Apostle's Creed. To me, the 10 Commandments boil down to two core principles: Love and respect God, and love and respect each other.

I believe in the Baptismal Promises: to live among God's faithful people, hear the word of God and share the Lord's Supper, proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people following in Jesus' example, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

I hold the words of the Bible dear, but I am also aware that our connection to these verses and stories is shaped by our personal experiences and situations. How we hear God's word changes as our experiences and situations change. One of my greatest joys in teaching Sunday School is it allows me to share my faith with the youth of our congregation while also having the opportunity to learn alongside our young people. I believe we should always be striving to learn and grow in all aspects of our lives.

Thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts. I look forward to continuing our faith journey together and learning from one another.

Best regards, Jason Borman

### Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes: January 21, 2026

**Call to Order:** Jason called the meeting to order at 5:59 pm.

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

**Open with Prayer:** Jason led council in Lord's Prayer and our Mission Statement was recited.

**Agenda Approval:** Motion by Echo, Second by Heidi; motion carried.

**Approve Meeting Minutes** – Dec 2025; Motion by Echo, Second by Julie; motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – Dec 2025; reviewed – copier lease went up \$5; Checking at \$75,000, Nancie will investigate CD options to earn interest, report back with findings; approve report - Motion: Heidi, Second: Echo; motion carried.

#### Standing Committee Reports

✦ **Education & Youth:** Sunday School lessons going well - discussion of baptismal covenant, which continues through Spring. Confirmation with St. Paul's participated in "Stump the Pastor," saw improvement this year in prepared questions leading to increased student participation.

✦ **Property:** Acknowledged that basement lights and entry way lights will be completed when Kurt Zenner has time; Finishing the drywall in the basement will be completed when Jim Zenner has time.

✦ **WELCA:** Meetings start on Feb. 4; lunch gathering at Medford Cafe, Feb. 26 at 11:00 am, if interested in attending, please let Karen Frosch know in advance; increase awareness and invite others.

✦ **Worship:** Barb Krug presiding at Ash Wednesday services, 12:15 at St. Paul's, 6:00 pm at OS; soup suppers provided at 5:15 pm; Lent Services - presided by confirmation students; no services at St. Paul's.

#### Old Business:

✦ Meditation area in cemetery, funding available, begin brainstorming process at future meetings.

✦ Dish with the Bish –joint event on May 3<sup>rd</sup> w/St. Paul's; Possible service project; Community Garden.

✦ July 19, 2026, Joint Worship Service - Breaking Chains at Medford City Park; organize a joint committee meeting for planning purposes.

✦ Neon Cross light on church roof needs attention - reached out to Stratford Signs (who fixed it in 2018) will get quote; Wausau Signs quote was expensive due to travel time; option to have someone take it down to lessen labor costs (recommended contacting Jess); want to keep it lit while able.

#### New Business:

✦ Concern with brown water in women's bathroom toilets - no other fixture issues; started in past month; not cleaning related; Barb will call Zenner Heating and Plumbing for an assessment; motion made by Heidi to set up assessment with Zenner, second by Nancie, motion carried.

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## Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

(Our Saviour's Council minutes from previous page.)

### New Business:

✦ Political comments: Echo brought up a concern expressed by a congregation member regarding political comments made in church. Council discussed at length; sermon was reviewed three times by Barb, who did discuss the issue and brought it to a meeting with Bishop Martin and other ELCA pastors and SAMS. Some verbiage could have been changed but no other political concerns were noted; general consensus of council - message did a good job relating broader issues back to congregation, those who heard message didn't sense bias; emphasis placed on recognizing that all have different beliefs and ability to disagree, but still work/worship together.

Motion made by Jerry, second by Echo to cancel the February council meeting due to Ash Wednesday conflict; motion carried.

**Adjournment & Closing Prayer:** Barb led prayer; motion to adjourn made by Echo, second by Nancie; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm.

Submitted by Lynn Lindau.

## February 2026 Calendar for Our Saviour's

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

- February 1      Worship w/communion, Barb Krug, SAM  
No Sunday School  
Viewing of *The Chosen* - 9:00 a.m.  
Joyful Chimers - 5:00 p.m.
- February 4      Confirmation & Sunday School - 4:00 p.m.  
WELCA - 6:30 p.m. fellowship, 6:45 p.m. program, 7:00 p.m. meeting
- February 5      Bible Study - 3:00 p.m.
- February 8      Worship w/communion, Barb Krug, SAM  
Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.  
Viewing of *The Chosen* - 9:00 a.m.  
Joyful Chimers - 5:00 p.m.
- February 11     Confirmation (*Bible Wise Cracks Elective*)  
No Sunday school  
First Communion Class held at St. Paul's - ride bus #13 from MAES to the church
- February 12     Bible Study - 3:00 p.m.
- February 15     Worship w/communion, Barb Krug, SAM  
1st Communion  
No Sunday School  
Viewing of *The Chosen* - 9:00 a.m.  
Joyful Chimers - 5:00 p.m.
- February 16     Joint Council at St. Paul's - 5:00 p.m.
- February 18     Ash Wednesday Service at St. Paul's - 12:15 p.m.  
Confirmation & Sunday School - 4:00 p.m.  
Soup Supper - 5:15 p.m.  
Ash Wednesday Service at Our Saviour's - 6:00 p.m.  
No Church Council
- February 19     Bible Study - 3:00 p.m.
- February 22     Annual Conference Assembly at Our Savior's, Greenwood - 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- February 22     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.
- February 25     Confirmation - 4:00 p.m.  
No Sunday School  
Soup Supper - 5:15 p.m.
- February 26     Lenten Service at Our Saviour's - 6:00 p.m.  
Ladies Lunch at Medford Café - 11:00 a.m.  
Bible Study - 3:00 p.m.

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

**Our Saviour's Ladies Luncheon**  
**February 26, 2026**  
**Medford Café, 403 S. 8th St., Medford**

Please let Karen know ahead if you plan on coming, space is limited if we don't let them know before hand.

**February 2026 Worship Assistants**

*February Altar Guild: Brenda Nernberger & Jessica Nernberger*

DATE	MESSAGE	USHERS	LITURGIST	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	COUNTERS	ACOLYTE
February 1	Barb Krug	Marian & Ken Nernberger	Marian Nernberger		Marian & Ken Nernberger	Brycen Larson
February 8	Barb Krug	Nancie & Rod Adams	Ed Rowe	Karen Frosch	Karen Frosch Julie Janke	Josey Krug
February 15	Barb Krug	Mike & Kason Lindau	Kason Lindau	Lynn Lindau		Jordyn Bottlemey
February 18 Ash Wednesday	Barb Krug	Confirmation Class	Confirmation Class	Confirmation Class		Confirmation Class
February 22	Nancy Amacher	Echo Buehler Paula Stroinski			Echo Buehler Paula Stroinski	Brynlee Pagel

**Our Saviour's December 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	\$6634.55
Hunger	\$335.00
Scrip	\$5585.00
Special Offering/InOut	\$410.00(\$250 memorial fund, \$160 for Poinsettia's)

TOTAL INCOME: **\$12,964.55**

**Expense Section**

Benevolence	\$264.05(to NW Synod of WI General Mission Support – 4%)
Hunger	\$335.00(to Northwest Synod of WI for ELCA World Hunger)
Special Offering/InOut	\$410.00(\$160.00 Laurie's Flowers, \$250.00 memorial fund)
Internet Service (Clark Electric)	\$61.94
Phone (TDS)	\$32.78
Electricity (Taylor Electric)	\$153.76
Dumpster (GFL Environmental)	\$25.92
LP Gas (Budget-Medford Coop)	\$286.00
Worship/Dev/Resources	\$36.91(new advent candles)
Conference Dues	\$34.30(10 cents per baptized member)
Insurance (Church Mutual)	\$564.90
Newsletter Postage	\$32.46
Payroll	\$385.25(watchman \$80.00--sec \$305.25)
Church Administrator	\$200.00
Supply Pastors	\$652.00
Music (Organist)	\$505.72(\$375 music, \$130.72 bell choir materials)
Copier Lease (E.O. Johnson)	\$134.14
VANCO charge	\$4.80
Script Cards	\$4605.88(Co. Market \$1536.00,RaiseRight \$3069.88)

TOTAL EXPENSES: **\$8725.81**

**Savings Account:** **\$8923.88**

**Script sales profit for Dec \$163.12 4<sup>th</sup> qu profit \$582.47**

**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>December</b>	<b>YTD 2025</b>		
General	6,634.55	60,416.60		
Hunger	335.00	3,870.00		
Sunday School/VBS/Camp		1,650.00		
Change the World/Special Offering	410.00	2,150.00		
Scrip	5,585.00	36,355.00		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>12,964.55</b>	<b>104,441.60</b>		
<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Monthly/Budget</b>	<b>Year/Budget</b>
Benevolence	264.05	2,398.55	250.00	3,000.00
Hunger In/Out	335.00	3,870.00	0.00	
Special Offering In/Out	410.00	2,571.00	0.00	
Internet Service	61.94	743.28	62.50	750.00
Phone	32.78	372.45	60.42	725.00
Electricity	153.76	1,759.44	166.67	2,000.00
LP Gas	286.00	3,432.00	333.33	4,000.00
Dumpster - GFL	25.92	413.25	58.33	700.00
Holding Tanks		205.00	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		1,477.86	83.33	1,000.00
Worship/Devotionals/Resources	36.91	173.64	50.00	600.00
Organ/Piano Maintenance		115.00	25.00	300.00
Insurance	564.90	6,165.00	508.33	6,100.00
Office & Computer Supplies/parts/ink		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	32.46	405.76	37.50	450.00
Copier Lease	134.14	1,555.68	125.00	1,500.00
Supply Pastors	652.00	6,519.54	600.00	7,200.00
Conference Dues	34.30	34.30	3.33	40.00
Assembly Delegates		150.00	41.67	500.00
Joint Account** see notes below		0.00	41.67	500.00
Payroll-Secretary-Property Manager	385.25	6,753.52	650.00	7,800.00
Website		155.88	16.67	200.00
Music	505.72	3,690.24	325.00	3,900.00
Leadership Training		0.00	83.33	1,000.00
Education (Adult, Confirmation, Sunday School, VBS)		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	2,400.00	200.00	2,400.00
Miscellaneous- Special Events		780.08	41.67	500.00
Scrip Cards	4,605.88	37,152.81	0.00	
VANCO Charge	4.80	73.50	0.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>8,725.81</b>	<b>85,246.71</b>	<b>4,072.08</b>	<b>49,365.00</b>
<b>Checking Account:</b>			<b>Savings Account:</b>	8,884.07
<b>Camping Fund</b>	873.54		<b>Deposit</b>	39.81
<b>Sunday School/VBS</b>	3,222.53		<b>Total</b>	<b>8,923.88</b>
<b>General</b>	68,248.88			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>72,344.95</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 - Heidi Haynes**

Dear Members of St. Paul's,

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for the opportunity to have served as your council president over the past year as well as a council member for two terms. It has truly been an honor to contribute to our church community. I look forward to continuing our efforts to work together to honor God and make our church a wonderful place.

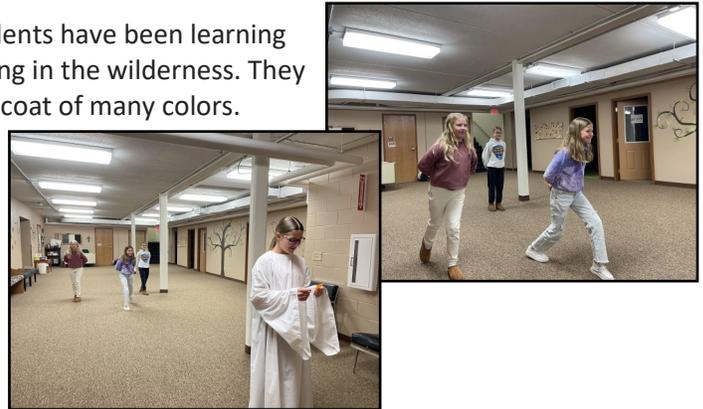
Wishing you all the best and sending prayers for God's blessings upon you.

Warm regards,  
Heidi Haynes

**St. Paul's Sunday School**

After returning from Christmas break, the Sunday School students have been learning about Joseph and his brothers as well as the story of wandering in the wilderness. They played a version of red light, green light to decorate Joseph's coat of many colors. Through cooking, the kids learned about the events of wandering in the wilderness. In addition to the fun activities, they have read these stories from their Bibles, and we have discussed in further detail what they mean and how we can relate them to their lives for further understanding.

Have a joyous month! - Heidi Haynes and Samantha Cook



**ST PAUL'S WELCA**

We had our latest gathering on Monday, January 12. We will be having a birthday cake in honor/memory of Katie Luther on January 25, after church service. Katie was born on January 29, 527 years ago. For some who do not remember who Katie Luther is, she was the wife of Martin Luther.

The St Paul's WELCA is also sponsoring a collection of personal items that will be disbursed at the same time as the food pantry. The items we are collecting are: toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, unscented soap, and unscented hand lotion. There is a tote in the Welcome Area to donate your items. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any WELCA member.

Our next gathering will be Monday, February 9, at 5:45 p.m. in the Welcome Area.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Dawn Kasper-Harder

**WELCA Chequamegon Conference**

Mark your calendars! The WELCA Chequamegon Conference Spring Rally will be April 25. It will be held at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Unity. Stay tuned for more info!

**St. Paul's Ladies Lunch Bunch**  
**Tuesday, February 17, 2026**

**Location: 64 North**  
**N2993 County Road 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.



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




**Choir News**

Choir rehearsals will be on the following Sundays at 8:00 a.m.  
 February 8 & 22.  
 All singers welcome.

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church

### The Mobile Food Pantry served 94 households on January 15, 2026.



33 individuals ages 0-17  
72 individuals ages 18-59  
56 individuals ages 60+  
161 total number of individuals  
71 households

The next Mobile Food Pantry  
will be on Thursday,  
February 19, 2026.  
Volunteers meet at 1:00 p.m.  
Distribution begins at 4:00 p.m.

Food Distributed: peanut butter, rice, potato flakes, apple sauce, apple juice, toilet tissue, ground chicken, cottage cheese, yogurt, oatmeal, cereal, tuna, laundry detergent, bread, potatoes, onions, soup, crackers, canned vegetables, noodles, canned fruit, and garbanzo beans

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 **Our Saviour's Lutheran Church WELCA** for sponsoring the January Mobile Food Pantry. Donations from County Market and Weather Shield were also distributed.

## St. Paul's Church Council Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2026

Council Members Present – Heidi Haynes, Kathy Hackbarth, Tony Schumacher, Marie Koerner, Carrie Zirngible, Harley Cook, Amber Fettes, Chris Konieczny and Gail Heurung. Stacy Dassow was unable to attend. Guests present – Nancy Jones, Tina Dassow and Barb Krug.

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. Barb led the council in prayer.

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

Motion by Tony, seconded by Amber to accept the December minutes. Motion carried.

### Business:

Treasurer's report was reviewed and Tina explained her process for the figures in the proposed budget. Motion by Marie, seconded by Chris to accept the report – motion carried.

Financial secretary reminded everyone that though she is willing to stay on council for the next years, she no longer will accept the Financial Secretary.

Barb Krug reported all is going well and updated the group on her upcoming serving on the SAM study.

Worship team discussed the upcoming Lent/Easter schedule. Our Savior's has Wednesday evening Lent services. Ash Wednesday will be available at 12:15 p.m. on Ash Wednesday. No Good Friday services.

Sunday School – Sam is now working with the Sunday School. Thank you to Kathy for all her years of teaching.

Confirmation has the Stump the Pastor coming up – going well. Nothing new reported concerning VBS at this time.

Nothing new on the Joint Parish council – meeting coming up next month.

Benevolence was taken care of in December.

### New business:

There are issues with the water fountains – upstairs and downstairs – Nancy will look into what can be done.

We will consider getting quote from several parties when we need to on the boiler – working now.

A discussion on the \$2399 profit on Script. After consideration, a motion was made by Gail, seconded by Marie to add \$1 to the amount and split it equally between, Community Mission with Jesus, United Way, the CARE program, and the Meals in a Backpack program. Motion carried.

We have a neighbor who helps with our shoveling. Decision was made to obtain a Chamber gift certificate for them for their help.

A discussion on church keys was had. A motion by Gail, seconded by Chris was on the floor to get keys made per the request.... amended by Tony, seconded by Amber, to get an additional key for Chris Konieczny.

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**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

(St. Paul's Church Council minutes continued.)

A motion was made by Chis, seconded by Marie to replace the TV in the fellowship area in the basement, placing the new TV on the wall. The current one hanging overhead is a danger for taller people running into it. Possible donation of the current one will be checked into. Motion carried.

**Northwest Synod meeting (April 25) and Conference Assembly (Feb. 19)** – Barb is asking people to consider attending. Chris is interested in the February 19 Assembly – Tony said he and Kathy might be able to go to the Synod Meeting in April.

A discussion concerning personal views and discussions on current events was had; reminding that we need to keep neutral at times concerning our opinions. Barb will reiterate this to everyone and hopefully alleviate any issues. **(Not at meeting but Barb met with the Pastors of our Conference on Thursday. Pastor Nancy and Pastor Bob, along with Bishop Martin were in attendance. The topic was discussed at some length).**

For **annual meeting consideration** - we will update the congregation on the estimates from last year's approved budget items. The new projector proposal – a TV screen at the back for the officiating clergy or lay person may not be feasible. This TV can be added at a later time.

We have 3 outgoing council members – Heidi, Marie and Dave. Dawn's position is also open. Marie has agreed to serve an additional 3-year term. We need to replace at least two – three if we have interest. We are looking for candidates. Members will be asked to prayerfully consider serving and being generous with their time and talents.

Tina will look at moving some of our current funds to possible CDs to earn more interest.

Next meeting is set for Wednesday, February 11, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Gail, seconded by Chris to adjourn – carried.

The council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Heurung, secretary

**St. Paul's Treasurer's Report for December 2025**

	2025		2024		YTD % of Change
	December	YTD	December	YTD	
Total General Giving	15,035	125,987	16,374	134,849	-6.6%
Total General Expenses	8,023	74,100	7,432.71	110,964	-33.2%
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>7,012</b>	<b>\$51,887</b>	<b>8,940.79</b>	<b>\$23,885</b>	
Designated Giving	12,424	31,218	4,158	46,795	-33.3%
Designated Giving - Building	4,270	32,340			
Total Designated Giving	16,694	63,558	4,158	46,795	
Designated Expenses	1,013	15,681	2,279	75,749	-79.3%
Designated Expenses - Building	25	1,175			
Total Designated Expenses	1,037	16,856	2,279	75,749	
<b>Net Designated Income</b>	<b>15,656</b>	<b>46,702</b>	<b>1,879</b>	<b>(28,954)</b>	
Interest Income	\$141	1,705	\$125	1,676	
<b>Net Combined Income (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$22,809</b>	<b>\$100,294</b>	<b>\$10,945</b>	<b>(\$3,392)</b>	

<b>Bank Accounts - As of:</b>	<b>12/31/25</b>	<b>YTD Change</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Fund in SPOS Joint Checking	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
General Checking	\$234,072	\$53,429	\$180,642
<b>Designated Funds in Checking</b>		\$0	
Building Fund	33,523	\$32,163	1,360
Comfort Quilts	1,805	\$1,079	726
Community Benevolence Fund	355	\$222	133
Designated Memorials	4,510	\$370	4,140
Fair Trade Sales	196	(\$280)	476
Thrivent Choice	2,100	\$870	1,230
Mobile Food Pantry	22,461	\$12,549	9,912
Sunday School	640	(\$272)	912
Youth Group	11,735	\$163	11,572
<b>Total Funds in Checking</b>	<b>\$312,398</b>	<b>\$100,294</b>	<b>\$212,104</b>
<b>Other Accounts</b>			
Events/Fund Raiser Acct	3,180	16	4,027
Needsles for Needs Acct	1,329	(81)	2,718
Scrip Acct	8,814	(219)	8,626
<b>Total Other Accounts</b>	<b>\$13,323</b>	<b>-\$284</b>	<b>\$15,371</b>
<b>Total - All Accounts</b>	<b>\$325,721</b>	<b>\$100,009</b>	<b>\$227,475</b>
<b>Mortgage Balance</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$62,656</b>

2025 Pastor Expense - Budgeted \$67,960  
2025 YTD Supply Pastor Expense \$9,485



**Newsletter**

We had no sponsor for the February newsletter. Chris & Dave Konieczny sponsored the January newsletter. If you would like to help cover the cost for St. Paul's portion of the newsletter, please sign up in the Welcome Hall.

## February 2026 Worship Assistants – St. Paul's

DATE	MESSAGE	LITURGIST	COMMUNION SETUP	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
February 1	Barb Krug	Justin Zirngible	Kathy & Dan Higgins	Justin & Carrie Zirngible Marguerite Jochimsen
February 8	Barb Krug	Gail Heurung	Kathy & Dan Higgins	Marie & Don Koerner Dawn Kasper Harder
February 15	Barb Krug	Dawn Kasper Harder	Kathy & Dan Higgins	Dawn Kasper Harder Sally Lemke Tina Machon
February 18 Ash Wednesday	Barb Krug		Jo Cypher	Jo Cypher
February 22	Pastor Nancy Amacher	Mark Temme	Jo Cypher	Jo Cypher Chris Finkler ?

### St. Paul's February 2026 Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAY	BIRTHDAY	BIRTHDAY	ANNIVERSARIES
Feb. 2 Paul Lukewich Julie Scott	Feb. 13 Jaxton Homeyer	Feb. 18 Conner Zirngible	Feb. 5 Kay & Richard Halopka
Feb. 4 Jayne Wanka	Feb. 14 Denice Poetzl Stephen Schreiner	Feb. 19 Bryan Kennedy	Feb. 8 Jennifer & Mitch Brehm
Feb. 5 Maridith Hoefs	Amanda Viveros	Feb. 20 Susan Emmerich Samantha Untiedt	Feb. 17 Jeanne & Craig Zirngible
Feb. 6 Callie Woller	Feb. 15 Lucille Buehler Nicholas Langdon	Feb. 21 Brock Kalmon Carrie Peterson	Feb. 25 Pamela & Bryan Kennedy
Feb. 7 Sue Thiede	Feb. 16 Heidi Haynes Clarence Ludwig	Feb. 22 Arvid Lekies	
Feb. 8 Jeremy DuBois Kella Gebert	Amanda Peterson	Feb. 23 Jill Sperl	
Feb. 9 Karson Ecklund Valerie Higgins Patty Noland	Feb. 17 Jennifer Brehm Silas Fettes	Feb. 24 Jody Jochimsen	
Feb. 10 Dylan Cook	Pat Paustenbach	Feb. 25 Rita Emmerich	
Feb. 11 Johnathan Konrad Kathy Schumacher	Feb. 18 Nathan Doriot Dan Scheithauer	Feb. 26 Bruno Krawczyk Peggy Pinsch	
		Feb. 27 Nicole Gebert	

#### St. Paul's Giving Options

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to do ministry. Check at the SCRIP counter on Sunday morning or call the office and someone will help you.

Crossword puzzle answers from page 13

Across: 2 neighbor, 4 liar, 5 disciples, 6 one another, 11 world, 12 heart, 13 holy spirit, 14 sinners, 15 God  
Down: 1 patient, 3 hope, 7 enemies, 8 Christ, 9 brother, 10 nothing.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

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

**St. Paul's 2025 Church Council**

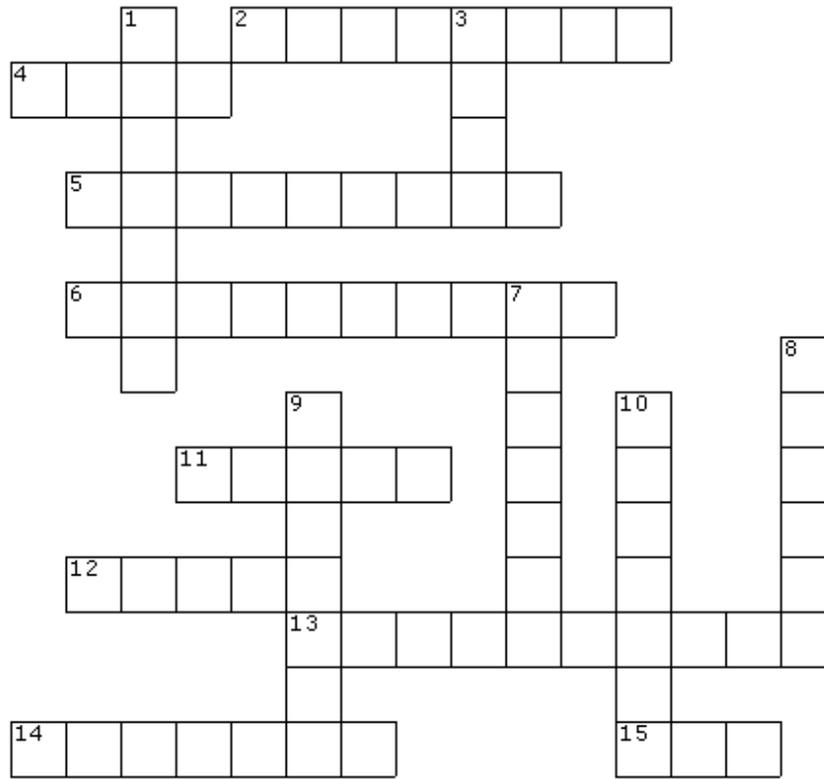
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The birthday and anniversary section of this month's newsletter is missing due to lack of space. A printout of the February birthdays and anniversaries can be found on the bulletin board in the Welcome Hall or on the weekly announcement screen on Sunday mornings.

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:15 a.m. Worship / Communion Sunday School  10:15 a.m. Annual Congrega- tional Meeting	<b>2</b> 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts	<b>3</b> 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs	<b>4</b> 4:00 p.m. Confirmation	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:00 a.m. Choir  9:15 a.m. Worship / Communion Sunday School	<b>9</b> 5:45 p.m. WELCA	<b>10</b> 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs  6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts	<b>11</b> 4:00 p.m. Confirmation 1st Communion Class  6:00 p.m. Church Council	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:15 a.m. Worship / Communion 1st Communion Sunday School	<b>16</b> 5:00 p.m. Joint Council at St. Paul's	<b>17</b> 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs  11:15 a.m. Ladies Lunch Bunch	<b>18</b> 4:00 p.m. Confirmation  <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 12:15 p.m. St. Paul's 6:00 p.m. Our Saviour's	<b>19</b> 1:00 p.m. Mobile Food Pantry  6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Annual Conference Assembly	<b>20</b> 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:00 a.m. Choir  9:15 a.m. Worship / Communion Sunday School 6:00 p.m. Suicide Support Group	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs  6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Boy Scouts Girl Scouts	<b>25</b> 4:00 p.m. Confirmation  6:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Our Saviour's	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	<b>28</b>

### Crossword Puzzle: Love



**ACROSS**

- 2 Love your \_\_\_ as yourself
- 4 If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a \_\_\_. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen
- 5 By this all men will know that you are my \_\_\_, if you love one another
- 6 A new command I give you: Love \_\_\_
- 11 For God so loved the \_\_\_ that he gave his one and only Son

- 12 Love the Lord your God with all your \_\_\_, soul, and mind
  - 13 May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the \_\_\_ be with you all
  - 14 If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even \_\_\_ love those who love them.
  - 15 \_\_\_ is love
- DOWN**
- 1 Love is \_\_\_, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud
  - 3 And now these three remain:

- faith, \_\_\_ and love. But the greatest of these is love
- 7 Love your \_\_\_ and pray for those who persecute you
- 8 Husbands, love your wives, just as \_\_\_ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy
- 9 And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his \_\_\_
- 10 If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain \_\_\_

Answers are on page 11.

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### February 2026

#### **Sunday Worship**

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

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