



The Parish Pulse

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

October 2025

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Message from Barb Krug, SAM

LIVING AND REMEMBERING

I'm excited to announce that I will be offering classes, with follow-up classes, on *Living and Remembering* in October at both churches. Members can attend either church depending on the dates that work best for you. This is **not** a class/discussion on Death and Dying. Classes will be held on October 6 & 27, at St. Paul's and October 9 & 30, at Our Saviour's. Classes will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The discussions held with the other SAMs in our Synod have been very enthusiastic about this topic. My hope is that we all can begin conversations with our loved ones before death is looming. Death is a tough subject to have conversations about but *Living and Remembering* conversations can be fun, loving and insightful.

Our scripture reading will be from 2 Corinthians 4:15-5:1 "So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

My hope is that we can bring a more meaningful life into our living and remembering, even though our outer nature (our body and our sinful self) is wasting away, our inner nature (our faith and the memories we make) is being renewed day by day.

Our first class at each church will be an introduction and beginning of conversation. The follow-up class will be sharing what we've learned and how we can use that to continue the conversation. There will be some "homework," but I think you'll appreciate the assignment.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at 715-965-5696 or email barbkrug@charter.net

God's blessings,
Barb Krug - SAM

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Sunday Services

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

Every 5th Sunday – 9:00 a.m. joint worship to be hosted on a rotating basis between Our Saviour's and St. Paul's. Our next joint service is scheduled for Sunday, November 30, at St. Paul's.

Families in Faith

On October 29, starting at 5:30 p.m., all adult members of Our Saviour's and St. Paul's that have children in any stage of their faith, are invited to come to Our Saviour's and have an open conversation about how to talk faith with their youth. The invitation is open to parents, guardians, grandparents, aunts/uncles, etc., that want to join in on tough topics and how to discuss faith outside of church. We will be meeting once a month with different topics and agendas. We encourage open dialogue between any and all.

For our first meeting, there will be resources on how to have open conversations with the youth in our lives and then an open forum for any additional topics that are on people's minds. The invite is not limited to Confirmation/Sunday School families, but to adults with any age "kids" in their life.

For additional information, contact Meagan Neitzel at 920-562-0100 or by email mneitzel56@gmail.com.

Joyful Chimers

The Bell Choir met for the first time this fall on September 21. If you would still like to be a part of this group, please contact Meagan Neitzel at 920-562-0100 or mneitzel56@gmail.com.



FALLING FOR JESUS...HE NEVER LEAVES

Women of the ELCA Chequamegon Conference
Fall Retreat

WHEN: October 4, 2015

WHERE: St Paul's Lutheran Church
321 N Park Ave
Medford WI 54451

TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Community Mission With Jesus:

Thank you to all who volunteered their time to work at the Sub Sandwich Sale and/or baked cookies for the sale. The fundraiser was a success with a profit of \$2166.00.



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



To the Chequamegon Conference,

As we move toward the month of October, please note that we'd like to have people register for the upcoming "Dish with the Bish" event on October 26, at Faith Lutheran in Marshfield. The sign up deadline is Thursday, Oct. 16. I hope that you'll start to plant many seeds with your people so that we can have a vibrant evening together with exciting ministry that will undoubtedly benefit many people! Let's hope that the energy level of those present will blow the roof off (figuratively, Heather, figuratively!)

Privileged to serve,
Bishop Martin Halom

2025 JOINT PARISH FINANCIAL

	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
Income													
OS Income	1906.96	1324.56	1693.50	1811.21	1545.44	1550.31	1518.73	1471.44					12822.15
SP Income	3396.42	2190.82	2222.81	3932.96	2196.53	2226.03	3386.61	2347.63					21899.81
Misc Income		17.75			0.04		17.00						34.79
OS Lawn Inco				2820.00									2820.00
OS Jator Inco	782.84			782.84			782.84						2348.52
Total Income	6086.22	3533.13	3916.31	9347.01	3742.01	3776.34	5705.18	3819.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	39925.27
Expenses													
Joint (ex: checks, resources, tools, etc)		56.00											56.00
Workman C				910.00									910.00
SP Parish Adm	1132.35	1066.41	1118.92	1092.68	980.12	1079.54	1105.80	1122.39					8698.21
OS Secretary	345.91	266.53	269.89	343.46	289.21	243.32	266.53	282.60					2307.45
OS Custodian			671.56			671.56							1343.12
SP Custodian	169.41	153.34	171.85	179.79	171.85	121.62	142.77	171.85					1282.48
OS Watchman	120.00	80.00	80.00	120.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00					720.00
SAM	900.00	775.00	1045.00	1150.00	720.00	900.00	900.00	850.00					7240.00
Lay Leaders			150.00		150.00			125.00					425.00
SP Music	200.00	150.00	200.00	150.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	250.00					1550.00
OS Music	150.00	225.00	375.00	300.00	300.00	225.00	300.00	225.00					2100.00
Pastor Bob	292.00	327.00		292.00	292.00	292.00	292.00	412.00					2199.00
Busin. Tax Reg													0.00
Pastor Nancy	286.12	286.12	286.12		286.12	286.12	286.12	286.12					2002.84
OS Lawn Care				2820.00									2820.00
State Quarterly	112.21			103.70			96.20						312.11
Fed Quarterly	1524.70			1662.55			1597.74						4784.99
Misc Expense		17.75			40.00	270.00							327.75
Total Expense	5232.70	3403.15	4368.34	9124.18	3509.30	4369.16	5267.16	3804.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	39078.95

May Misc is for Dept of Financial Inst yearly filing fee

June Misc for Breaking Chains

July Misc Deposit-refund from Church Mutual

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Church Council

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September 2025

Attendance

September 7	40
September 14	34
September 21	44
September 28	

October 2025 Calendar for Our Saviour's

Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m.

October 1	Confirmation & Sunday School - 4:00 p.m. WELCA - fellowship - 6:30 p.m., program - 6:45 p.m., meeting - 7:00 p.m.
October 4	Pack out for Lutheran World Relief WELCA Fall Rally at St. Paul's - 9:00 a.m.
October 5	Worship w/communion, Mike Kesling, Lay Speaker - 8:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Joyful Chimers - 5:00 p.m.
October 6	Living & Remembering Class at St. Paul's - 5:30 p.m.
October 8	Confirmation & Sunday School - 4:00 p.m.
October 9	Living & Remembering Class at Our Saviour's - 5:30 p.m.
October 12	Worship w/communion, Pastor Bob Giese - 8:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Anniversary Dinner - 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
October 15	No Confirmation or Sunday School Church Council - 6:00 p.m.
October 18	Confirmation Elective - Saturday Trail Church
October 19	Worship w/communion, Barb Krug, SAM - 8:00 a.m. No Sunday School Joyful Chimers - 5:00 p.m.
October 21	Our Saviour's Ladies Supper, location to be determined - 5:00 p.m.
October 22	Confirmation & Sunday School - 4:00 p.m.
October 26	Worship w/communion, Pastor Nancy Amacher - 8:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Joyful Chimers - 5:00 p.m.
October 27	Living & Remembering Class at St. Paul's - 5:30 p.m.
October 29	No Confirmation Class - Family Movie Night Sunday School - 4:00 p.m.
October 30	Living & Remembering Class at Our Saviour's - 5:30 p.m.

Our Saviour's WELCA

All ladies, will have our October Group "Supper" on Tuesday, October 21, at 5:00 p.m. The location has yet to be determined. We are planning an evening meal this time, so more of our working women can join us. All women are welcome.

COMING SOON - The viewing of *The Chosen* will be taking place during our Sunday Fellowship Hour. A start date is still being determined so look for the announcement in the bulletin.

Memorial Garden - The church has received \$1025.00 in donations for the Memorial Garden. Any donations can be given to Marian Nernberger.

The Cemetery Association is asking everyone to remove the flowers from the cemetery by the end of September. If they are not removed, we will do it and they will be disposed of. Thank you for helping us keep the grounds looking nice.

October 2025 Worship Assistants

October Altar Guild: Marian Nernberger & Juanita Krug

DATE	MESSAGE	USHERS	LITURGIST	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	COUNTERS	ACOLYTE
October 5	Mike Kesling	Paul Stroinski Echo Buehler			Paul Stroinski Echo Buehler	Brynlee Pagel
October 12	Bob Giese	Mike & Heidi Kesling	Chloe Krueger			Chloe Krueger
October 19	Barb Krug	Karen & Harry Frosch	Meagan Neitzel	Karen Frosch	Karen Frosch	Jackson Brunner
October 26	Nancy Amacher	Marian & Ken Nernberger	Bev Utke			John Neitzel

WELCA Minutes - September 3, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Echo Buehler. In attendance were Barb Krug, Meagan Neitzel, Paula Stroinski, Echo Buehler, Carol Lekies, Julie Janke, Marian Nernberger, Karen Frosch, Heidi Bower, Amie Marzinske, and Nancie Adams. For the program, ladies shared memories from their school days. Heidi was celebrating her birthday. We sang happy birthday and Paula brought cupcakes.

The meeting opened with the WELCA purpose statement.

Reports:

Secretary's Report – approved as read. Heidi made a motion to accept, seconded by Amie. Passed.

Treasurer's Report - \$5242.69 balance

Expenses: rope for backpacks, quilt batting, raffle tickets

Incoming - Derek Hanson funeral, backpack donations, general meeting dues

Motion to accept report made by Paula, seconded by Nanci, Report accepted.

Stewardship Report: Donated 8 quilts to Beds for Christ. Lap robes on hand that need to be tied. Taking clothes for veterans.

Old business:

WELCA Rally – at St. Paul's Medford on October 4. Heidi made a motion to make a \$100.00 offering, Nancie seconded. Passed. In-kind gifts will be taken for the food pantry (canned /boxed food, toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet tissue, paper towels, etc.)

Anniversary Dinner - October 12: Volunteers are needed. Signup sheets will be in the parish hall. Confirmation students will help in the kitchen and dining room. Discussed adding another dessert to the menu, possibly brownies.

Inventory of to go containers will be taken and purchased as needed. The raffle license will be renewed.

No 50th anniversaries to celebrate this year.

New business:

No elections for president or secretary as these positions were for two years terms. Election next year.

Fundraiser: Two sample photos were viewed, Easter and Christmas. Hopefully ornament proofs will be available for the next meeting. Plan to order 50 Easter themed ornaments and 50 Christmas ornaments after approving the proofs. Hoping to have them available to sell before Christmas.

A motion to sponsor a food truck at St. Paul's in December was made by Marian Nernberger, seconded by Karen Frosch. Motion passed. A dollar amount will be decided at the next meeting.

Communion by intinction or the individual cups was discussed. A decision will be made by the council. If you have a preference, share with a council member.

Dates to remember:

October 1 – WELCA meeting, Julie - hostess

October 4 - Pack out for Lutheran World Relief; Fall Rally at St. Paul's Medford

October 21 - Ladies' Luncheon at 5:00 p.m. Location to be determined.

November 16 - Thank offering Service

Julie made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Paula seconded, motion carried. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Carol Lekies, secretary

Our Saviour's Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Attendees: Barb K, Meagan N, Nancie A, Echo B, Paula S, Mike K, Jason B, and Clarice Z

Meeting called to order: 6:03 pm - Mike led us in prayer

Recited Mission Statement

Echo made a motion to approve agenda as outlined seconded by Paula - motion carried.

Echo made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as printed for June and seconded by Clarice - motion carried.

Paula made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and seconded by Echo - motion carried.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Education and Youth:

Sunday School has started.

New kids and returning kids were in attendance.

Working on introducing the Bible.

Will need to request additional Bibles for the growing attendance. Will request funds from WELCA.

Confirmation

Two new students outside of our originally planned group.

Bible year

Property

There was a leak in the basement this summer, and found a way to drain the water out.

Kurt has someone coming out to help work on the eavestrough - Kurt donated his time and funds for this work.

It's damp in the old kitchen and some items are musty - suggested to move items out into the unused Sunday School rooms for now.

TDS has been seen doing work on the fiber line - might be an option to switch service.

WELCA

Working on the anniversary dinner - Oct 12 at Centennial.

The Fall Retreat is at St Paul's.

Worship

Getting next year's schedule started for services.

Old Business:

Directory Committee has asked to give Nancy J a GC for the work that she did on the directory.

Jason made a motion to give Nancy J a County Market Gift Card for the value of \$100.00 and seconded by Echo - motion carried. Nancie A will get the card and sign from council to give to Nancy J.

Bulletins

Will go back to printing the service and readings but will look to adjusting how many are printed and reducing those that go to waste.

New Business:

Barb is working on an event with Bishop Martin on May 3rd at St Paul's to do a 'Dish with the Bish.'

Intergenerational event that will include other Synod congregations in the area to get together and have fellowship and do service projects. St Paul's and Our Saviour's will coordinate a service project together.

Meagan and Heidi are putting on 'Families in Faith' starting in October on Wednesdays as a place for adults to connect with each other on how to discuss faith with the kids (of any age) in their lives.

Mike and Heidi plan to start season 5 of *The Chosen* once they have a schedule set for the upcoming seasons.

Mike is looking to start up an adult 'Sunday School' once a month to go through different pieces of the Bible.

The Bell Choir is starting rehearsals on September 21, with an open house starting at 5:00 p.m. Practices will be on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. going forward with performances to be determined. This is open to both Our Saviour's and St Paul's.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 15, at 6:00 p.m.

Paula made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Echo - motion carried.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer at 6:43 p.m.

Submitted by Meagan Neitzel



Our Saviour's Lutheran of Holway

Anniversary Dinner

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Centennial Community Center
Stetsonville, WI.

Serving 10:30 am – NOON or while supplies last
5-11 yrs. \$8.00, 12+ \$14.00

Children 4 years & under - Free
Carry Outs Available. Call or text Amie @ 715-965-5956 by 5 PM 10/11
** Open to the entire community, please join us!**

Menu: chicken, dressing & gravy, ham, mashed potatoes, vegetables,
and all the trimmings, homemade pie & beverages.

Country Store Basket Raffle* Bake Sale

need not be present to win

Our Saviour's August 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	\$4421.90
Hunger	\$335.00
Scrip	\$2550.00

TOTAL INCOME: **\$7306.90**

Expense Section

Benevolence	\$175.44(to NW Synod of WI General Mission Support – 4%
Hunger	\$335.00(to Northwest Synod of WI for ELCA World Hunger)
Internet Service (Clark Electric)	\$61.94
Phone (TDS)	\$33.24
Electricity (Taylor Electric)	\$191.75
Dumpster (GFL Environmental)	\$25.92
LP Gas (Budget-Medford Coop)	\$286.00
Janitor Supplies	\$12.64(toilet cleaner)
Worship Supplies	\$34.88(wafers)
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$713.81(garbage disposal, water test and repairs)
Insurance (Church Mutual)	\$509.10
Newsletter Postage	\$32.45
Payroll	\$422.38(watchman \$80.00--sec \$342.38)
Church Administrator	\$200.00
Supply Pastors	\$624.06
Music (Organist)	\$225.00
Copier Lease (E.O. Johnson)	\$128.14
VANCO charge	\$5.95
Script Cards	\$1536.00.00(Co. Market)

TOTAL EXPENSES: **\$5553.70**

Savings Account: **\$8857.86**

Script sales profit for August \$64.00 Current Inventory \$2300

Mission Investment Fund: Term Investment Fixed 4 Year – 3847Rate 1.49% Matures 9/24/2025
03/31/2025 Balance: \$16,999.84
Interest **06/30/2025** \$64.63
New Balance \$17064.47



Support the church missions by purchasing Scrip cards for many of your shopping needs: groceries, gasoline, clothing, entertainment, and / or gifts. Talk with Nancie Adams or Brenda Nernberger if you have questions.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

INCOME - Our Saviour's	August	YTD 2025		
General	4,421.90	39,178.42		
Hunger	335.00	2,430.00		
Sunday School/VBS/Camp		250.00		
Change the World/Special Offering		1,690.00		
Scrip	2,550.00	22,275.00		
TOTAL INCOME	7,306.90	65,823.42		
Expenses:	August	YTD	Monthly/Budget	Year/Budget
Benevolence	175.44	1,554.76	250.00	3,000.00
Hunger In/Out	335.00	2,430.00	0.00	
Special Offering In/Out		1,661.00	0.00	
Internet Service	61.94	495.52	62.50	750.00
Phone	33.24	238.53	60.42	725.00
Electricity	191.75	1,268.69	166.67	2,000.00
LP Gas	286.00	2,288.00	333.33	4,000.00
Dumpster - GFL	25.92	275.50	58.33	700.00
Holding Tanks		0.00	20.83	250.00
Snow Plowing		562.50	100.00	1,200.00
Janitor Supplies	12.64	174.29	18.75	225.00
Clear Country Water Solutions		0.00	18.75	225.00
Building Repairs/Maintenance	713.81	1,375.98	83.33	1,000.00
Worship/Devotionals/Resources	34.88	136.73	50.00	600.00
Organ/Piano Maintenance		115.00	25.00	300.00
Insurance	509.10	4,072.80	508.33	6,100.00
Office & Computer Supplies/parts/ink		635.43	25.00	300.00
Postage and Stamps		0.00	16.67	200.00
Computer Maintenance/Repair		0.00	16.67	200.00
Treasurer Supplies		87.59	8.33	100.00
Newsletter Postage	32.45	275.95	37.50	450.00
Copier Lease	128.14	1,025.12	125.00	1,500.00
Supply Pastors	624.06	4,213.42	600.00	7,200.00
Conference Dues		0.00	3.33	40.00
Assembly Delegates		150.00	41.67	500.00
Joint Account**		0.00	41.67	500.00
Payroll-Secretary-Property Manager	422.38	4,693.73	650.00	7,800.00
Website		155.88	16.67	200.00
Music	225.00	2,284.52	325.00	3,900.00
Leadership Training		0.00	83.33	1,000.00
Education (Adult, Confirmation, Sunday School, VBS)		43.68	83.33	1,000.00
Background Checks		0.00	8.33	100.00
Camping Funds		0.00	33.33	400.00
Pastorial Admin	200.00	1,600.00	200.00	2,400.00
Miscellaneous- Special Events		661.11	41.67	500.00
Scrip Cards	1,536.00	21,454.30	0.00	
VANCO Charge	5.95	50.15	0.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,553.70	53,980.18	4,072.08	49,365.00
Checking Account:		Savings Account:		8,857.16
Camping Fund	873.54		Deposit	0.70
Sunday School/VBS	1,822.53		Total	8,857.86
General	62,322.23			
Meditation Bench Donations	25.00			
TOTAL	65,043.30	<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

There are moments in our lives when things can feel confusing, prompting us to question what we believe or what we thought we understood. While people have the capacity to do immense good in the world, people can also generate a great deal of negativity. It is easy to focus solely on the negative aspects of humanity and our surroundings.

In an age where sharing on social media is just a click away, it is crucial to pause and consider whether what we share is truthful and whether it might cause more harm than good. Bullying manifests in various forms and is prevalent in many aspects of life, leading to feelings of sadness and despair. However, amidst all the darkness, we can choose to be beacons of light.

Let us strive to be the reason someone smiles today. Be the inspiration for someone to persevere and to shine in their life. Cherish your family and do your utmost for them. Show love for your church and community and serve with devotion.

Do not hold onto anger for too long; instead, embrace forgiveness with an open heart. Live in faith and dedicate yourself to doing God's work. Cherish your neighbors and strive to refrain from quick judgment. We are all children of God, united in a shared journey of faith and love.

While September is recognized as Suicide Awareness Month, it is essential to acknowledge that the importance of mental health awareness extends beyond just one month. Every month presents an opportunity to raise awareness, foster understanding, and provide support to those in need.



Matthew 5:44 – “But I say to you, ‘Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.’”

Leviticus 19:18 – “You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.”

Romans 12:21 – “Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good.”

The Mobile Food Pantry served 99 households on September 18, 2025.



First visits in 2025 = 20

43 individuals ages 0-17
76 individuals ages 18-59
87 individuals ages 60+
206 total number of individuals

The next Mobile Food Pantry will be on Thursday, October 16, 2025.

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

Feed My People delivered 2,720 pounds of food. Food distributed included: bakery, bread, cinnamon sugar butter spread, green beans, oatmeal, apples, rice, bell peppers, corn on the cob, cannellini beans, peanut butter, and miscellaneous cooler items. Ground pork was donated by Leon & Kim Gasek on behalf of Thrivent, and K&T Meat Processing of Sheldon, WI. Fresh tomatoes were donated by Joleen Dassow.

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 **Cathy Retzer** for sponsoring the September Mobile Food Pantry and to the volunteers that came to help distribute the food.



The choir will rehearsal on Sunday, October 12, and Sunday, October 26 at 8:00 a.m. We encourage anybody with an interest in music and singing to join us and make our group even stronger!

September 2025 Attendance

September 7	74
September 14	62
September 21	76
September 28	

October 2025 Worship Assistants – St. Paul's

Date	Message	Liturgist	Communion Setup	Communion Assistant
October 5	Val Bach	Dawn Harder	Kathy & Dan Higgins	Dawn Harder Marguerite Jochimsen Tina Machon
October 12	Pastor Bob Giese	Tony Schumacher	Jo Cypher	Deb Bender Jo Cypher Chris Finkler
October 19	Barb Krug, SAM	Gail Heurung	Jo Cypher	Chris Konieczny Tina Machon ?
October 26	Pastor Nancy Amacher	Justin Zirngible	Kathy & Dan Higgins	Kathy Higgins Chris Konieczny Justin Zirngible

Thank you to Jeff & Dawn Harder for sponsoring the October 2025 Joint Newsletter.

October 2025 Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAY

Oct. 3 Colt Sackmann
Jason Steliga
Oct. 4 Lauryn Anderson
Tyler Ludwig
Oct. 5 Shakira Brockhaus
Lucas Ortengren
Kyle Ranum
Oct. 6 Lennon Kalmon
Oct. 7 Emily Lybert
Oct. 8 Ciara Krawczyk
Oct. 9 Dean Brost
Katie Lybert
Oct. 10 Kathy Hackbarth
Wayne Miller
Lisa Walworth
Oct. 11 Susan Coyer
Bradley Gebert
Oct. 12 Gerald Knippel
Ryan Perrin

BIRTHDAY

Oct. 13 Otto Ranum
Oct. 14 Nicholas Steliga
Shannon Williams
Oct. 15 Kimberly Emmerich
Oct. 17 Wyatt Born
Ryan Brandner
Connie Riggle
Oct. 18 Hayden Koester
Casey Rodman
Oct. 20 Braelyn Anderson
Katie Brehm
Karli Higgins
Jordan Lavin
Justin Zirngible
Oct. 21 Benjamin Meier
Oct. 22 Jeremy Sperl
Oct. 23 Nicole Poetzel
Myla Reisdorf
Oct. 25 Amy Melvin

BIRTHDAY

Oct. 26 Duane Glamann
Oct. 27 Noah Waldhart
Oct. 30 Gary Gehrke
Jim Gilles
Carly Mildbrand
Matthew Sislo
Hannah Tabbert
Oct. 31 Sigrid Czerniak
Brian Doberstein
Scott Scheithauer
Scott Woller

ANNIVERSARIES

Oct. 1 Karyn & Bradley Gebert
Michelle & Troy Hoffman
Oct. 3 Pat & Lee Paustenbach
Oct. 4 Betty & Terry Holbach
Oct. 5 Kathy & Mark Perrin

ANNIVERSARIES

Oct. 5 Tiffany & Jeff
Nuernberger
Oct. 6 Juli & Larry Johnson
Oct. 10 Sarah & James Imbach
Sheryl & Bill Riemer
Oct. 11 Sue & Kenneth Kraus
Oct. 12 Kim & Leon Gasek
Oct. 17 Jenn & Gerald Knippel
Oct. 21 Sherry & Mark Born
Stacy & Clint Doriot
Tori & Jacob Borman
Oct. 22 Sue & Dan Thiede
Oct. 26 Lisa & Jim Gilles



Can you help reduce slow moving Scrip inventory?

Ace: \$25 each	2 available
Maurices: \$20 each	6 available
Old Navy: \$25 each	1 available
Olive Garden: \$25 each	2 available
Shutterfly: \$25 each	4 available

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

St. Paul's Ladies Lunch Bunch Wednesday, October 15

Location: Abbyland Travel Center

Hwy 29, Exit 127, Curtiss
Carpooling from church possible.

Time: 11:15 AM

All women welcome.

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



Needles for Needs

We did it! We surpassed our goal for Lutheran World Relief quilts again by completing 258 quilts! Two quilts were donated to Longwood Church for their fundraiser for rebuilding their church that was destroyed by a fire. So, 256 will be making their way to the LWR warehouse in Minneapolis on October 4. We are so grateful to everyone who has helped us reach our goal - whether you donated supplies, helped sew tops, gave monetary donations - or even spread the word to others who were able to help. A big thank you to those who contributed early to our shipping fund as well, we appreciate it, as does LWR.

Starting in October we will be making quilts for homeless veterans. Due to some large donations, we aren't going to need more denim for a while yet. But we will let you all know when we need them - thank you so much! We will still be accepting flat sheets to use for backings on our quilts. Cotton and cotton/poly blend only please - the microfiber is really difficult to work with. Keep an eye out at estate and rummage sales and thrift shops - we sometimes find great deals at them.

If anyone would like to join us during our workdays, we will still be meeting from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. every Tuesday. If you'd rather work at home, we have bundles available to make LWR quilt tops. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Quilt Blessing on Sunday September 28! God's Work, Our Hands. Tonya Albers



St Paul's WELCA

We met September 8, and we had more new people....yay! We will be putting on a craft/bake sale after the Sunday School Christmas Program on December 14. 75% of the proceeds will go towards a new projector for church services. Meetings are the second Monday of the month. Our next meeting will be October 13, at 6:00 p.m. in the Welcome Hall. We have a great time at our gatherings. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Hope to see you there! Respectfully submitted by Dawn Kasper-Harder.

WELCA Chequamegon Conference

The fall retreat is being hosted by St Paul's in Medford. The date is October 4, starting at 9:00 a.m. It will be a great time of fellowship, and learning some new crafts! If you are not sure if you can attend yet, and find out the day before you can, by all means come and we can sign you up that morning. We do have a signup sheet in the Welcome Area for the lunch. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Respectfully submitted by Dawn Kasper-Harder.

CAN YOU HELP? The Taylor House in Medford is in need of bath towels. A blue tote will be placed in the Welcome Hall the first two weeks of October for towel donations. (No towel sets, please.) For more information, contact Chris Finkler at (715) 748-6848.

St. Paul's Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 10, 2025

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

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 by President Heidi Haynes. Barb Krug led the group in prayer.

Motion by Marie, seconded by Tony to accept the agenda, motion carried.

Motion by Amber, seconded by Chris to approve the August council minutes, carried.

Barb's SAM report – all going good. Small discussion on the upcoming visit by the Bishop – scheduled for May 3. More to follow on that. Asked Advent be decided for scheduling purposes.

The treasurer's report was presented – motion by Chris, seconded by Kathy to accept, motion carried.
Financial Secretary – nothing to report.

Worship team – choir starts this coming Sunday at 8:00 a.m. – twice a month on 2nd and 4th Sundays. Ash Wednesday mid day services to be held at St. Paul's.

Sunday school started with so far 14 – 15 kids, with possibility of more. Confirmation started this evening and things went well. So far a quiet bunch, four 8th graders and six 7th graders for a total of 10.

Garage Sale held in August – took in \$104.00. There are 6 tree stands that we will plan to give away in December. Proceeds will be used for shelving – thank you Dawn for handling that.

Joint worship at St. Paul’s went well with the service groups set up with information. Next joint service will be at St. Paul’s in November.

September benevolence will be sent out.

WELCA conference will be October 4, at 9:00 a.m. Soup and salad lunch will be served.

Planning a craft and bake sale same day as the Christmas Program.

The Health Dept will come at the beginning of our Oct meeting to provide training on our Defibrillator unit and to discuss the possibility of having Narcan on hand here at the church. Notice to congregation – if anyone wants to learn to use the unit.

We will hold Advent services here on Wednesday evenings – pushing the Dec. council meeting to 7:00 p.m. Lay leaders to perform the services.

A discussion on snow plowing – Nancy to contact the people and report back what she finds.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 8, at 6:00 p.m.

A motion by Gail, seconded by Dawn to adjourn – motion carried. The council closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Gail Heurung, Secretary.

St. Paul's Treasurer's Report for August 2025

	2025		2024		YTD % of Change
	August	YTD	August	YTD	
Total General Giving	10,011	82,599	9,147	86,694	-4.7%
Total General Expenses	3,441	48,983	6,652	83,783	-41.5%
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$6,571	\$33,616	\$2,495	\$2,911	
Designated Giving	1,252	14,537	3,097	34,280	-57.6%
Designated Giving - Building	1,045	14,815			
Total Designated Giving	2,297	29,352	3,097	34,280	
Designated Expenses	597	11,741	3,512	64,748	-81.9%
Designated Expenses - Building		906			
Total Designated Expenses	597	12,648	3,512	64,748	
Net Designated Income	1,700	16,705	(415)	(30,468)	
Interest Income	\$142	1,117	\$157	1,156	
Net Combined Income (Deficit)	\$8,412	\$51,437	\$2,236	(\$26,401)	

Bank Accounts - As of:	8/31/25	YTD Change	Comments
<u>Fund in SPOS Joint Checking</u>	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
<u>General Checking</u>	\$215,535	\$34,893	\$159,050
<u>Designated Funds in Checking</u>			
Building Fund	16,064	\$14,704	0
Comfort Quilts	2,049	\$1,323	726
Community Benevolence Fund	133	\$0	116
Designated Memorials	4,290	\$150	4,953
Fair Trade Sales	609	\$133	566
Thrivent Choice	1,992	\$762	1,151
Mobile Food Pantry	9,501	(\$411)	9,114
Sunday School	735	(\$177)	912
Youth Group	11,633	\$61	11,506
<u>Total Funds in Checking</u>	<u>\$263,541</u>	<u>\$51,437</u>	<u>\$189,095</u>
<u>Other Accounts</u>			
Events/Fund Raiser Acct	3,174	10	3,330
Needles for Needs Acct	1,286	(125)	1,788
Scrip Acct	6,786	(2,247)	6,265
<u>Total Other Accounts</u>	<u>\$11,246</u>	<u>-\$2,362</u>	<u>\$11,383</u>
Total - All Accounts	\$274,787	\$49,076	\$200,478
<u>Mortgage Balance</u>		\$0	\$85,563

2025 Pastor Expense - Budgeted \$67,960
2025 YTD Supply Pastor Expense \$4,465

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.

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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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October 2025—St. Paul's

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 26 Suicide Support Group at 6:00 p.m.			1 4:00 p.m. Confirmation	2	3 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	4 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. WELCA Fall Retreat
5 9:15 am. Worship / Communion Sunday School	6 5:30 p.m. Living & Remembering Class (at St. Paul's)	7 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts	8 4:00 p.m. Confirmation 6:00 p.m. Church Council	9 5:30 p.m. Living & Remembering Class (at Our Saviour's)	10 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	11
12 8:00 a.m. Choir 9:15 am. Worship/ Communion Sunday School	13 6:00 p.m. WELCA	14	15 11:15 a.m. Ladies Luncheon No Confirmation	16 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Mobile Food Pantry	17 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	18
18 9:15 am. Worship / Communion Sunday School	20	21 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts	22 4:00 p.m. Confirmation	23	24 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	25
26 8:00 a.m. Choir 9:15 am. Worship/ Communion Sunday School	27 5:30 p.m. Living & Remembering Class (at St. Paul's)	28	29 4:00 p.m. Confirmation (Fun Faith Event)	30 5:30 p.m. Living & Remembering Class (at Our Saviour's)	31 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	

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October 2025

Sunday Worship

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

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