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The Parish Internet

Our Saviour's Lutheran of Holway

Sunday Worship 8:00 am



April 2024

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May Newsletter
Deadline April 22

April Calendar	
<i>Sunday Worship 8:00am</i>	
April 3	Confirmation 4:00-6:00 p.m. WELCA @ Our Saviour's 6:45 p.m.
April 7	Worship w/Communion, Pastor Bob Giese Sunday School after worship
April 9	Council Meeting @ Our Saviour's 6:00 p.m.
April 10	WELCA Lunch @ Medford Café 11:00 a.m. First Communion Class @ St. Paul's 4:00 p.m. Confirmation 4:00-6:00 p.m.
April 14	Worship w/Communion, Pastor Sara Bishop Sunday School after worship
April 17	Confirmation 4:00-6:00 p.m.
April 20	WELCA Spring Rally @ Our Saviour's 9:00 a.m.
April 21	Worship w/Communion, Barb Krug First Communion Sunday Sunday School after worship
April 24	Bishop Laurie w/confirmation class @ St. Paul's 4:00 p.m.
April 28	Worship w/Communion, Bishop Laurie

INCOME - Our Saviour's	January	YTD 2024		
General	4,955.50	4,955.50		
Hunger	320.00	320.00		
Sunday School/VBS/Camp				
Change the World/Special Offering				
Scrip	2,325.00	2,325.00		
TOTAL INCOME	7,600.50	7,600.50		
Expenses:	January	YTD	Monthly/Budget	Year/Budget
Benevolence	198.22	198.22	250.00	3,000.00
Hunger In/Out	320.00	320.00	0.00	
Special Offering In/Out			0.00	
Internet Service	61.94	61.94	62.50	750.00
Phone	52.39	52.39	60.42	725.00
Electricity	175.49	175.49	166.67	2,000.00
LP Gas	232.00	232.00	333.33	4,000.00
Dumpster - GFL	71.31	71.31	41.67	500.00
Holding Tanks			20.83	250.00
Snow Plowing			100.00	1,200.00
Janitor Supplies			16.67	200.00
Clear Country Water Solutions	45.00	45.00	18.75	225.00
Building Repairs/Maintenance	129.50	129.50	83.33	1,000.00
Worship/Devotionals/Resources	18.89	18.89	50.00	600.00
Organ/Piano Maintenance			25.00	300.00
Insurance	447.68	447.68	375.00	4,500.00
Office & Computer Supplies/parts/link	37.85	37.85	41.67	500.00
Postage and Stamps			16.67	200.00
Computer Maintenance/Repair			16.67	200.00
Treasurer Supplies			8.33	100.00
Newsletter Postage	38.15	38.15	37.50	450.00
Copier Lease	127.33	127.33	125.00	1,500.00
Supply Pastors	558.65	558.65	600.00	7,200.00
Conference Dues			3.33	40.00
Assembly Delegates			12.50	150.00
Joint Account** see notes below			41.67	500.00
Payroll-Secretary-Property Manager	846.12	846.12	650.00	7,800.00
Website			12.50	150.00
Music	225.00	225.00	325.00	3,900.00
Leadership Training			83.33	1,000.00
Education (Adult, Confirmation, Sunday School, VBS)			83.33	1,000.00
Background Checks			8.33	100.00
Camping Funds			20.83	250.00
Pastorial Admin	200.00	200.00	200.00	2,400.00
Miscellaneous- Special Events			41.67	500.00
Scrip Cards	2,304.00	2,304.00	0.00	
WANCO Charge	3.30	3.30	0.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES				
	6,090.80	6,090.80	3,890.83	47,190.00
Checking Account:			Savings Account:	7,547.50
Camping Fund	1,273.54		Deposit	1.38
Sunday School/VBS	572.53		Total	7,548.88
General	37,117.76			
TOTAL	38,963.83	<i>Submitted By:</i>	<i>Nancie Adams,</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>

Our Saviour's February Financial Report: 2024

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	\$4158.00
Hunger	\$360.00
Sunday School/VBS	\$1000.00 (donation for VBS)
Special Offering	\$217.00 (lent offerings - split between -Taylor Humane Society & Taylor House Shelter)
Scrip	\$580.00

TOTAL INCOME: **\$6315.00**

Expense Section

Benevolence	\$166.32 to NW Synod of WI General Mission Support – 4%
Hunger	\$360.00 to Northwest Synod of WI for ELCA World Hunger
Internet Service (Clark Electric)	\$61.94
Phone (TDS)	\$52.84
Electricity (Taylor Electric)	\$193.96
Dumpster (GFL Environmental)	\$25.92
LP Gas (Budget-Medford Coop)	\$232.00
Snow Plowing (Bruce Krug)	\$225.00
Insurance (Church Mutual)	\$447.66
Newsletter Postage	\$38.38
Payroll	\$755.00 (watchman \$80.00--sec wage\$675.00)
Church Administrator	\$200.00
Supply Pastors	\$505.10
Music (Organist)	\$300.00
Copier Lease (E.O. Johnson)	\$122.14
VANCO charge	\$8.95
Office Supplies	\$6.32 (receipt book)
Worship Supplies	\$29.99(wafers)
Building Repairs/Maintenance	\$84.88(parts for sink repairs, additional keys made)
Janitor Supplies	\$18.97(garbage bags)
Computer Maintenance Repair	\$175.00(replaced PC router in office)
Joint Account	\$500.00(slush fund for new joint account)
Education	\$200.00 (lay school reimbursement)
Miscellaneous	\$26.18(paper plates for kitchen)

TOTAL EXPENSES: **\$4736.55**

Savings Account: \$7612.07

Mission Investment Fund: Term Investment Fixed 4 Year – 3847 Rate 1.49%
YTD Interest Earned Matures 9/24/2025

12/31/2023 Balance: \$16686.49

Based on a True Story

I must have had too much time on my hands this past week. I went to see two movies. Both were based on true stories: “Ordinary Angels” and “Arthur the King.” The movies were very good and showed me, the viewer, things that have happened that I may not have seen or experienced. This got me thinking about the Bible and how it is based on a True Story. I have a friend at Lay School who has said numerous times, that the Bible is just a book of stories and things may not have actually happened that way. Just like any story based on truth, the writers may change some events to make it more reader or viewer friendly. However, from 2 Timothy 3:16 we know, “All scripture is inspired by God.” The Greek word for “inspired” could be literally translated “God-breathed.” God has intended and inspired every word of Scripture. He is the primary author of the Bible. And yet, God used human authors as the agents through which He has written the Bible. Throughout the years, the translations may have used different words, but the God-breathed inspiration remains the same. The story hasn’t been changed for the reader or the viewer. Even though the reader may view the words differently.

There are numerous movies about various Biblical stories. I enjoy watching many of them, but I struggle watching any movie depicting the crucifixion of our Lord. The pain and suffering endured by Jesus, for us, is difficult for me to watch. The pounding of the hammer on the nails in Jesus’ hands and feet, is more than I can bear. I comprehend the pain Jesus endured for us. I am thankful to Him for enduring it for us and our salvation, I just don’t like to watch it. Knowing that He endured it for us, and we continue to sin against Him, is difficult for me to confess. I could watch movies of His glorious resurrection, all day long, and try to forget about the pain, but that wouldn’t really be the True Story. True Stories aren’t always easy stories to tell or hear or think about.

Our True Story isn’t all glorious days. There are days of pain and suffering. There are days of illness and distress. But the True Story of Jesus Christ is part of our True Story and He will always be with us, strengthening us, comforting us, healing us, forgiving us, and loving us. Make your True Story as glorious as you can!

Alleluia. Christ is risen (for us). He is risen indeed!

Blessings,

Barb Krug - SAM

April Worship Assistants

DATE	USHERS	READER	COMMUNION	COUNTERS	SCRIP	ACOLYTE
4/7/2024	Paula Stroinski Echo Buehler	Carol Lekies	Carol Lekies	Paula Stroinski Echo Buehler		Chelsea Dick
4/14/2024	Mike & Kason Lindau	Mike Lindau	Barb Krug			Ava Adams
4/21/2024	Ken & Marian Nernberger		Marian Nernberger			Brayden Larson
4/28/2024		Marian Nernberger	Barb Krug Mike Kesling			Kingston Fox

April Altar Guild: Marian Nernberger & Juanita Krug

We are in need of a new Joint Treasurer. Please contact Mike, Brenda, or Barb if you are interested in learning more about the job.

For pastoral care emergencies call Barb Krug at 715-965-5696

²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" John 11:25-26

Old Business

March 17th is the Saint Patrick Day's event at church right after Sunday's Service. There will be games, green eggs and ham, corn beef and cabbage soup, as well as face painting and tattoos! Keep in your mind that Aug 14 will be the sub sandwich sale where proceeds go to the Community Mission with Jesus. The synod assembly is June 7 & 8 with Andrew K and Jo G attending. After Easter, the cemetery association and council will review the contents of the shed and determine what needs to stay and what may need to go. Annual meeting is Dec 1 - we hope to see a full church. Continued research on how to utilize the hand (bell) chimes, more to come. The Confirmation Robes have been ordered and are slated to arrive at the end of week. The Christ Candle has been ordered, as it is handmade it will be here sometime in May. The Joint Garage Sale is scheduled for May 9 & 10. Items can be dropped off May 6, 7, or 8 at St. Paul's.

New Business

Anyone who wishes to leave their palms behind after Palm Sunday service should leave them on the table in the fellowship hall. Mike K. will dry them and properly burn them to have our for next year's Ash Wednesday service. The book study based on "Does the Bible Support Same-Sex Marriage?" will begin after Easter on Mondays at 9:00 am, held at St Paul's church. The video series on "How Lutherans Interpret the Bible" will begin after Easter, also at St. Paul's. If you are interested in either please reach out to Barb or Nancy J. Request to do a visit ministry with a gentleman up at the assisted living. For more information around visiting please contact Mike K. or Barb. Looking for a Joint Treasurer to serve both St. Paul's and Our Saviour's. For information on the job duties, you can reach out to Barb or Brenda N. A term limit will be set so this volunteer position is not a continuous position.

ELCA Constitution & Our Saviour's Bylaws

The council will review chapters 11 & 12 prior to next month's meeting. Working through to ensure all language and requirements meet our needs today.

Next Meeting is set for April 9 at 6 - any congregational members are welcome to attend

Nancie made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jason seconded. Motion carries.

Ended with Lord's Prayer.

Mike made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as written and seconded by Josh.

Motion carries.

Co-Mission Reports

Education and Youth: There is a youth gathering April 13. Heidi and two youth members will be attending. April 28th Sunday School lesson will be a 'Holy Land Tour.' St Paul's students were invited to join. There will be a 'gift shop' for the students to spend any Bible Bucks they have received this year. Looking to see if a couple of the previous students that have attended Bible Camp would come speak about their experiences to the confirmation class.

Property: The new air conditioning unit and installation has been covered for payment, just need to set up installation with the company. Parking lot will be scheduled for resurfacing sometime beginning in May. Intent is to paint the secretary's office after Nancy Jones has had a chance to acclimate to the surroundings. Mike has done some research into the sound system and believes he has found a solution. Could replace the current set up with a new mixer that will allow plug ins for wearable mics, the stationary mics, and an amp set up to sync to any additional needs. Mike will get a quote and bring it back to the next council meeting for review and possible approval.

WELCA: The Spring Rally will be held at Our Saviour's on April 20th and will begin at 9:00 am. The Joint Conference Retreat is on June 5 & 6 at the Luther Bible Camp for all Synod women. There will be a speaker, relaxation time, and opportunities to connect with other women while exploring the grounds.

Worship: Easter is on March 31 with the morning starting with the Easter Breakfast served and put together by the Cemetery Association. Additional men from the congregation as well as some of our Confirmation students will be there to cook, serve, and clean up as needed. First Communion instructional class will be held at St. Paul's on April 10. Letters to eligible youth will be mailed out to sign up to attend. April 21 will be First Communion Sunday. Confirmation Sunday will be May 5 for those that have finished their 2nd year of class. May 12 is Mother's Day, the Sunday School will sing, there will also be recognition for both the Sunday School classes and Confirmation classes - we hope all attend!

WELCA Meeting Minutes — March 6, 2026

The March meeting was called to order and the Purpose Statement was read.

The secretary and treasurer's reports were given and approved.

St. Patrick's Day Event: Heidi explained the plans for our St. Patrick's Day event and what was still needed. She asked for dinner rolls and for people to bring desserts. Everything else is handled. We will all help as needed.

Quilters: Karen reported on the ladies sewing and a thank you was shared for the donated quilts.

Old Business

World Day of Prayer: Barb and Marian reported on World Day of Prayer. Next year it will be hosted by St. Paul's in Medford.

Youth Gathering: Two young people and Heide plan on going to the Middle School Youth Gathering at Rice Lake

New Business

Maundy Thursday: We need volunteers to help remove altar articles on Maundy Thursday. The confirmation students will carry articles to the back of the church. There was a discussion on redecorating the cross with the Easter Lilies. If time allows, it may get done. If not, next year.

Spring Rally: We have received several questions about the Spring Rally from the committee and most of these were answered. Karen or Paula will open the church for practice on April 13. Heidi and Carol are in charge of the menu and dining room. Those who are there will help any way we can. It was decided that our choice for "In Kind" offering would be the Taylor House, and we will get a list of items most needed. If there is a monetary offering, our choice will be Community Commission for Jesus. We will make final plans at our next meeting in April.

Honor Sunday: Honor's Sunday for 90th birthdays and 50th anniversaries will be on Sunday, June 9. We will check to see if there are any 50th anniversaries. Cake or cupcakes and coffee will be served by the ladies.

Women's Conference Retreat: Barb brought the registration information for the Women's Conference Retreat in Chetek, **Wonderful Worth of a Woman**, June 5 & 6, at UW Eau Claire.

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News & Events

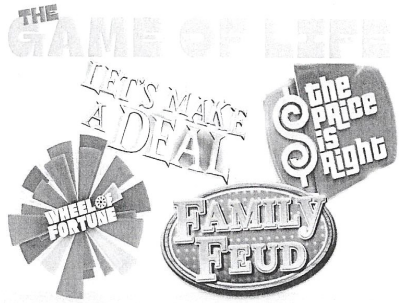
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Dates to Remember:

- April 21 First Communion
- April 28 Bishop Laurie will our guest Pastor
- May 5 Confirmation
- May 19 Honor Graduates
- June 5-6 Women's Conference Retreat, Chetek
- June 9 Honors Sunday

Next meeting: April 3, with Carol Lekies hostess
Meeting adjourned, closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by President Echo Buehler



2024 Chequamegon Conference

Women's Spring Rally

Saturday, April 20th, 2024

Hosted by
Our Saviour's of Holway
W7809 Apple Ave,
Medford, WI 54471

Proverbs 3:5 – Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding.

<p style="text-align: center;">April 20th, 2024</p> <p>Where: Our Saviour's of Holway W7809 Apple Ave, Medford, WI 54471</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>*Handicapped accessible</i></p> <p>Cost: \$15, includes lunch, \$20 after April 6th</p> <p>Registration begins at 8:30 AM with light refreshments, program begins at 9:00 AM.</p> <p>What to Wear: (Optional) Showcase your flashy attire reminiscent of contestants, complete with vibrant colors, bold patterns, and charismatic accessories.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>*If special diet is needed, please bring your own food.</i></p> <p>Questions: Contact Coordinator Penny Dunnermann pdunnermann@hotmail.com or 715-683-2411</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">IN-KIND GIFTS & OFFERING</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Taylor House—Medford</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Suggested items:</p> <p>Baby shampoo & conditioner, baby lotion, children's toothpaste, male and female deodorant, men's shampoo/body wash, personal hygiene items, disinfectant Lysol refill bottles, Pine-Sol cleaner, dryer sheets.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Secretary/Co-Secretary & 1 Board Member</p> <p>Trust in the Lord and serve as a Secretary or Co-Secretary or Board Member of the Chequamegon Conference. Consider these exciting opportunities to work with a wonderful board and all the women of the WELCA—Chequamegon Conference.</p> <p>Retiring members are Judy Rhodes, Nancy Sternweis, and Sonya Hales-Brookhart.</p> <p>If interested contact Penny Dunnermann pdunnermann@hotmail.com or 715-683-2411.</p>
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Registration forms are available in the church office.

News & Events: Council Minutes

HOLWAY LUTHERAN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION Rate Change

As of June 1, 2024, there will be a rate change in the price of cemetery lots. The new rates are as follows:

Church Member Price

Per gravesite: \$250.00 plus \$250.00 perpetual care = \$500.00.
Fee at the time of burial for staking, raking, sodding, reseeding, etc. is an additional \$250.00.

Non-member Price

Per gravesite: \$350.00 plus \$350.00 perpetual care = \$700.00.
Fee at the time of burial for staking, raking, sodding, reseeding, etc. is an additional \$350.00.

All burials and sale of gravesites are subject to Cemetery Association approval.

No burials may be done without notice given to the Cemetery Association.

A gravesite may be used for one body burial and one cremation or for two cremations. Staking, sodding and reseeding apply to each body and cremation.

Holway Lutheran cemetery Association

Our Saviour's Council meeting minutes March 12, 2024

Attendees: Barb Krug, Mike Kesling, Andrew Krug, Josh Krug, Paula Stroinski, Nancie Adams, Jason Borman, and Meagan Neitzel

Meeting was called to order at 6:08.

Mike opened the meeting with a prayer and the Mission Statement was recited.

Motion was made by Jason to approve the agenda with a few additions to the New Business and seconded by Nancie. Motion carries.

Paula made a motion to approve the February Meeting Minutes and seconded by Nancie. Motion carries.

No Parish Secretary's report at this time.

Easter Lilies



Given by:

Amanda Beck
Harry & Karen Frosch

In memory of Harold, Florence,
Bob & Vera Frosch

Barb Krug
Barb Krug
Ken & Marian Nernberger
Leslie, Gena Selby &
Polly Bray
Leslie Selby
Annabelle Neitzel & Family

In honor of Rev. Warren Behling
In honor of Pastor Bob Giese
In memory of Neil Nernberger
In memory of Donna Benson
(Nelson)
In memory of Lee & Joyce Nelson
In memory of Clifford Neitzel
Richard & Florence Nelson
Krug Family

An Easter donation to the Endowment Fund was given in memory of Todd Michael Utke by Beverly Utke.

FAMILY FUN DAY

On Sunday March 17th, Our Saviour's held our 3rd Annual Family Fun Day. This year we celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a Shamrock/Holy Trinity theme. All attendees enjoyed green eggs and ham and corned beef and cabbage soup along with a wide variety of sweet treats.

The festivities included a coin toss game and a hat trick game. There was face painting provided by the Medford School art students, temporary tattoos, and a coloring contest. And of course the event wrapped up with a rousing round of Bingo. Everyone enjoyed a day of fun fellowship.



WONDERFUL WORTH OF A WOMAN

The Joys, Challenges, & Influences

2024 WELCA Retreat

Wed. June 5 & Thur. June 6

Presenter: Pastor Lori Peper

Music: Northern Lakes Worship Team

Hosted by: Chippewa Valley Conf.
Jacki Johnson – coordinator 715-864-1489

Held at: Luther Park Bible Camp
944 24 1/2 Street Chetek, WI



Full 2 day - Retreat - Early Bird Registration \$90 postmarked by 5/15/24. \$100 postmarked after 5/15/24

This includes 4 meals, overnight lodging in a handicapped accessible cabin, cabins sleep 6 women (per side - 2 sides), Speaker, camp activities, and costs to host the retreat.

Needed items for overnight stay: Bible and pen along with personal items, towels, pillows, bedding or sleeping bag, flashlight, swimsuit (if you want to swim), snacks, camera, and spending money.

One day only, Early Bird Registration \$60 postmarked by 5/15/24. \$70.00 postmarked after 5/15/24

This includes 2 meals, Speaker, camp activities, and costs to host the retreat.

Needed items for one day retreat: Bible and pen along with swimsuit (if you want to swim), towel, camera, and spending money.

NO ONSITE Registration* and *No early check-ins for Cabins

Registration: Wednesday - 9:30 A.M. – 10:15 A.M. in the Ministry Center

First time participant orientation begins at 9:45 a.m.

Thursday - 7:30 A.M. – 7:45 A.M. in the Ministry Center

Retreat begins at 10:15 a.m. on Wednesday and concludes at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday

A free will offering will be taken each day with proceeds going to WELCA and Feed My People

Registration forms are available in the church office.

LET'S DO LUNCH

Our Saviour's WELCA will be meeting for lunch on April 10, at 11:00 a.m. at the Medford Café. All women are welcome. No agenda, just come visit, and have a bite to eat.



First Communion Class

Wednesday, April 10

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: St. Paul's Lutheran

Open to children in grades 4-6 or any older children who haven't had instruction. To sign your child up for this instructional class, please email your church office.

St. Paul's email – stpaulslutheranmedford@gmail.com

Our Saviour's email – secretary.saviourschurch@gmail.com

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Barb Krug either by phone or text, 715-965-5695 or email, barbkrug@charter.net. Please respond by April 3, so the necessary supplies can be ready.



How Lutherans Interpret the Bible—Video Study

This DVD study by Mark Allan Powell, a Lutheran Pastor and Bible Professor, is a discussion for laity about how Lutherans interpret the Bible. The seven sessions will include the following: he word of God, What Lutherans say about the Bible, Where the Bible comes from, Interpreting the Bible in context, Determining right from wrong, The many meanings of the Bible, and Devotional Bible reading. This study will begin in May and will be held at St. Paul's.

Book Study Offering

Title: *Does the Bible Support Same-Sex Marriage?*

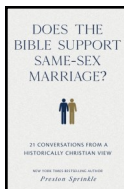
by Preston Sprinkle.

Start date: Monday, April 1

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Please contact the church office if you are interested in attending so books can be ordered. The price of the book is \$8.50.



Recognition of 90th birthdays and 50th anniversaries

On Sunday, June 9, we will be honoring those who have 90th birthdays and 50th anniversaries. Howard Lavin and Annabelle



Neitzel will be honored for 90th birthdays. If there is anyone else who has reached these milestone dates during the year 2024, please let the church office know. Call, email or send a note. We don't want to miss anyone. Thank you all for your help.

Time to Spring Clean? Here's a Solution!

Church RUMMAGE SALE May 9-11

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church
321 N. Park Avenue
Medford, WI**

- Donations welcome (no returns).
- Proceeds going to **Community Mission with Jesus**, a group of churches who help local people in need.
- Direct questions to Michelle Danen (715-748-4397) or Chris Finkler (715-748-6848.)



Donation drop-off will be at St. Paul's Welcome Hall on Monday, May 6, & Tuesday, May 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.