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Our Saviour's Lutheran of Holway

Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m.
St. Paul's, Medford 9:15 a.m.

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August 2023

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

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September Newsletter
Deadline August 24

August Calendar

Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m.

- August 2 6:45 fellowship, 7:00 WELCA meeting @ OS
- August 3-4-5 St. Paul’s, Curtiss, Garage Sale, 8a.m.– 5p.m. Sat. 8a.m.-3
- August 6** 8:00 a.m. worship Mike Kesling Lay Guest
Heart for Luther Park fundraiser see page 7
- August 10 6:00 p.m. council meeting
- August 13** 8:00 a.m. worship/communion, Pastor Bob
Outdoor worship - weather permitting
- August 20** 8:00 a.m. worship/communion, Pastor Gary Froseth
- August 27** 8:00 a.m. worship/communion, Pastor Nancy Amacher

August Worship Assistants

8/6/2023	Heidi Bower-Kesling					
Green	Barb Krug	Barb Krug	Barb Krug	Barb Krug & Heidi Bower-Kesling	Barb Krug	Kayne Adams
8/13/2023	Carl Cynor				Marian	
Green	Donna Nicks	Bobbi Marion	Donna Nicks	Donna Nicks & Bobbi Marian	Nernberger	Austin Crab
8/20/2023					Brenda	
Green	Rod & Nancie Adams	Rod Adams	Barb Krug	Barb Krug & Brenda Nernberger	Nernberger	Chelsea Dick
8/27/2023	Bobbie & Caleb					
Green	Marion	Bobbi Marion	Carol Lekies	Bobbi Marion & Carol Lekies	Carol Lekies	Dawson Fox

August Altar Guild—Julie Janke & Karen Frosch

Scrip Cards available – Cenex, Kwik Trip, County Market
To order other cards contact Brenda Nernberger at 715-678-2573.

A message from Pastor Bob



Dear members and friends of Our Saviour's and St. Paul's congregations: Exciting things have been happening with our newly formed parish.

First of all, Barb Krug has been approved by Bishop Laurie and the Synod Council to be a Synodically Authorized Minister (SAM). We'll have her Rite of Authorization at our joint service at Our Saviour's on July 30. This authorization means she will be able to consecrate Holy Communion for our congregations as well as engage in other pastoral duties as needed. She and our congregation councils have already signed a contract/covenant so she can begin being "our SAM" August 1.

On July 20 our congregations had joint Vacation Bible School. VBS was at St. Paul's in the morning and Our Saviour's in the afternoon. Forty students plus a bunch of adult and teen leaders helped make this a wonderful experience for all. Thanks to all who participated! My morning class was a cooperative game I designed based upon the morning theme - the Israelites and the Golden Calf story in the Old Testament. Each class worked together to answer questions and gain points which were marked on a "giving tree." The goal was to earn as much as possible (\$1 for each correct answer with the money provided by a willing donor) to be used to purchase a gift from ELCA Good Gifts. In the end, all the classes together won \$150, enough to purchase an entire fruit tree farm to be given by Good Gifts to a family in need. Thanks for your good work VBS students!

Finally, on July 18 Pastor Teri Hanson of Colby and the Trinity Lutheran Unity Council reached an agreement for Pastor Teri to contract to be Trinity's 1/3 time pastor beginning September 1. (Pastor Teri is already pastor of the UCC congregations in Colby and Athens.) This is exciting news for Trinity. It is also good news for us, because it means I can focus my energy as Administrative Interim on SP and OS and it's one less congregation to provide guest worship leadership for.

The Call Committee is working with Synod staff Pastor Randy Olson. No news concerning a new pastor candidate, but rest assured our congregations' leadership are making sure the mission and ministry of our congregations continues and grows!
May the rest of your summer be blessed!

Pastor Bob Giese

Administrative Interim Pastor

News & Events—VBS

What an amazing 2023 Vacation Bible School we had. 36 students participated along with 6 teachers, 8 helpers, and 3 kitchen volunteers.

Our morning started at St. Paul's with lessons on the First Commandment and not worshipping false gods. Classes focused around the 'gods' we might be worshipping today – cell phones, iPads, social media, money, selfishness, etc. Classes broke golden calf pinatas at the end of the morning session and found crosses inside, knowing that we should not worship anything or anyone but God. After a delicious pizza lunch (thanks to Kraft Foods for the donation and Heidi Haynes for delivering them), we bussed to Our Saviour's for the afternoon. Thanks, Ed Rowe, for driving the bus.

The afternoon lessons were focused on Jesus as a child and what He might have experienced. Mike Kesling & Pastor Bob Giese discussed how Jesus might have been taught lessons and how the scroll was used. Each child got to write on their own scroll (feathers and liquid ink). Heidi Bower talked about the holidays that Jesus would have celebrated. The apples and honey along with the Dreidel game were a big hit. Meagan Neitzel used her class time to show students what games Jesus and children in Biblical times might have participated in. Bobbi Marion taught two songs to the students (that they will be performing on July 30th). The children are amazing singers and dancers!



Lisa Kopp brought several of her farm animals to share with us. She told us about their care and other interesting facts. Ladybug, her horse, was a hit with everyone. Rides were given to all that wanted one.

Our helpers, Rachel Varney, Abbie Marzinske, Lauren Cady, Jolie Steliga, Josey Krug, & Liselle Weiler, participated with the younger students and enjoyed the activities as well. Jerry Cypher accompanied his grandson and offered help where needed. Kathy Hackbarth helped wherever needed and was our photographer for the day. Kathy helped keep all the kids accounted for, which is not an easy task when moving locations during the day. Sam Cook, Ross Hackbarth, &

News & Events—VBS 2023

Rachel Mildbrand served snack and lunch at St. Paul's. They cleaned up our messes too – THANK YOU!

Thank you also to Nancy Jones and Carol Lekies for their help with advertising, registration, and helpfulness throughout the day. Our ONE TRUE LORD AND SAVIOR was very much present with us at Vacation Bible School. We are blessed to have so many parents, students, helpers, and teachers involved in teaching God's word. Thank you to everyone! *Barb Krug VBS coordinator*



Above—breaking the “Golden Calf” piñata.



National Human Trafficking Hotline
1-888-373-7888
If you suspect something call.

News & Events – This & That

Just a reminder...did you return your letter?



Recently, letters were sent to all those currently listed in our records as members or friends of the congregation. We are asking you to confirm your membership status at Our Saviour's. If you haven't replied by August 10, church council members will contact you. For your convenience, the return date was extended. If you have questions or did not receive a letter, call or email Barb Krug, Council President, at 715-965-5696 or rbkrug@charter.net. Thank you.

Out of the office

I am going to England for my grandson, Jack's, second birthday. I will be gone August 2-11. Messages left on the answering machine will be returned after I get back. If you have a pastoral care emergency contact Pastor Bob at 848-899-7122 or Barb Krug at 715-965-5696.

Sunday School & Confirmation

Sunday School and confirmation start after Labor Day. Plans are underway. If you would like to volunteer to help, contact Barb Krug. In August, letters will be sent out with details. Registration information will also be available in the September newsletter.

Another reminder...

Cemetery Decorations: If you want to keep, or reuse them, please remove cemetery decorations before Labor Day. Decorations will be

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

From last year, we have a few school supplies on hand, nowhere near enough to fill the backpacks the women made. **Each kit contains 4** notebooks, a ruler, pencil sharpener, a pair of **blunt** scissors, **5 unsharpened pencils**, 5 black or blue ball point pens, a box of 16 or 24 crayons, a 2 1/2" eraser. Can you help fill the school kits?



Heidi & Mike Kesling stained, sealed and tightened the loose boards, of the steps on the east side of the church.

Gordy Lekies sprayed the church for Asian Lady Beetles and cluster flies. If you see dead bugs around the doors, that's good. Better dead bugs on the outside than flying around on the inside.

Heart For Luther Park—News & Events



**Sunday,
August 6th**

Heart For Luther Park

**View and
Bid Online,
Today!**



In 1932, Luther Park Bible Camp, located in the north-woods town of Chetek, Wisconsin was founded. Luther Park's Lakeside site sits on 10 acres along Prairie Lake. In addition to the three-month summer camp program, Luther Park is home to the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin home office. The facility has 15 buildings that include a dining hall, a seasonal chapel, indoor worship space, eight cabins, and offices. The camp also has an outdoor pool, a high & low ropes course, archery, and a nine-hole disc golf course. Attending camp this summer from Our Saviour's are **Abbie Marzinske** and **Rachel Varney**. They will share their camping experiences in the September Newsletter.

The annual **Heart for Luther Park Quilt Auction** is fast approaching! Join us August 6th for a live and silent auction, quilt raffle, worship, brats and hamburgers, pie and ice cream, and fun for the whole family! Want to start viewing and bidding on quilts today?

Visit lutherpark.org/heart-for-luther-park to find the auction website. Check back as more items are being added as the day of the even approaches. Worship 9:30, 10:00 viewing of quilts, 11:00 lunch, at noon the auction begins.

News & Events - The Highground



On June 29, we visited The Highground Veterans Memorial Park west of Neillsville. We left Our Saviour's at 10:00 a.m. Everyone packed a sack lunch and we ate in their picnic area. The grounds were easily accessed by golf carts. There is a meditation garden and 4 miles of hiking trails to cover. Our tour guides were Mike and Heidi Kesling. They shared the history of the park and the meaning behind the tributes. The park is handicap accessible. Wheel chairs, golf carts and motorized carts are available.

In 1984, the Highground started as a Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans memorial and has grown to a 155-acre park featuring many beautiful tributes including: The Wisconsin Persian Gulf Tribute (above), the 8

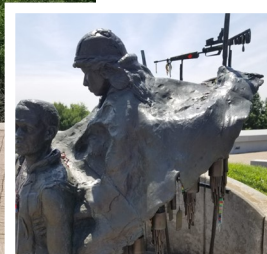


The Highground, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, receives no ongoing federal or state funding and is supported by private donations and grants.

A replica of the "Liberty Bell" rung 13 times representing the original 13 colonies of the U. S.



Military Working Dog Tribute (above), The National Native American Vietnam Veterans Memorial (next page), The WASP Tribute, Korean Veterans Memorial, WWII Globe, WW I Doughboy, the Gold Star Tribute, a replica of the Liberty Bell (right), Fountain if Tears and more.



Mike Kesling explains the symbolism of “Fragments” the Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The sculpture is of four mutually supporting figures and is the first veterans memorial in the U.S. to include a woman in the statuary. She is the tallest figure in the back wearing a helmet to show she is at risk. In the background is an M-16 rifle that is broken apart and missing the trigger assembly. This represents a person is down and medivac is needed.

The National Native American Vietnam Veterans Memorial known as “The Forgotten Warrior.” (below)



The meditation garden is home to “The Ascension of Doves,” and “The Fountain of Tears” which has a soldier holding dog tags of his fallen comrade. The wife and child of the fallen soldier are in the foreground (above).

News & Events – July Council Minutes

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church – July 13 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Barb Krug. In addition to Barb, present were Carol Lekies, Nancie Adams and Mike Kesling. Present on speaker was Bob Giese. Absent Brenda Nernberger and Gayle Hamann.

Bob opened the meeting with prayer, followed by the council reciting the mission statement.

Mike made a motion and Carol seconded it to approve the agenda. Motion carried

Mike made a motion and Nancie seconded it to approve the June meeting minutes with the one correction of only 12 students were confirmed in May, not 14. Motion carried

Carol presented the Parish Secretary's report. There was some discussion on renewing a license for using copyrighted music. Carol will check with St. Paul's to see if we can share this license and the cost.

Carol made a motion and Mike seconded it to approve the Treasurer's report. Nancy informed the council that LP was at \$1.849 but the new rate is \$1.449, going forward. Motion carried

The Joint Treasurer's report was reviewed. This is still the Trinity/OS account, which will be closed at the end of the year and a new account with SP/OS will be opened (Gary Jensen treasurer). Trinity has already been reimbursed for the overpayment they had in the account at the end of the joint contract with them. We still use the account to pay Carol for her work and the church treasurer reimburses the joint treasurer the expense. This is for tax and insurance purposes.

CO-MISSION REPORTS Education - *Sunday School* was discussed.

Carol would like to see more participation and if that can't happen on Sunday mornings, suggested Sunday evenings as a family, generational Sunday School event. Maybe not every Sunday night, but one or two per month.

Anything to get the Word of God to our children and their parents. There is a meeting scheduled for Monday, July 31st at 3:00 p.m. at Barb's house @ 883 Brucker Street, Medford. This will be a working meeting, getting curriculum put together but also a brainstorming meeting to find ways to engage more children. Anyone from the congregation is invited to attend.

Carol's comment of "As we are without a Pastor, now is the time to try new things – out with the old and in with the new – to see what might work better", was well received and excitement was generated. Most of the *colored benches* were removed by members and we hope will be enjoyed by those who can use them. Changing Sunday School classrooms around, there are some *old tables* that are not needed. There are 2 for sale \$10.00 each. Talk to Carol about which ones are available. *Vacation Bible School* is on July 20th. Both churches will be sites and Lisa Kopp will be 11

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bringing some of her animals for the afternoon. **Property** – Mike, Heidi, and Bobbi have been very busy. The 4” *difference between the concrete and the exit driveway* has been filled in with asphalt and the *flower beds and bushes* have been cleared and pruned. Thank you to all of them for their work. *Pressure washing the siding and concrete wall* along with some of the gravestones is on Mike’s to do list. The *front pew in the balcony* needs to be removed because of a crack in it. It will not be replaced but chairs will be used if additional seating is necessary. The *outdoor signs* are almost ready to replace the old ones on CTH E. Nancie will check with Kurt Zenner to get the paperwork to be turned into *Taylor Electric to get credit for replacing the old lights and putting in LED lights*. A water sample needs to be completed and sent in before September. Many people work to keep the church repaired and active that we don’t always see or know about. Thank you to the silent workers. Mike reminded us to *thank Bernie and Lavonne Dums* for their donation of clearing the old fence (it looks great) around the cemetery and the installation of a new fence (not completed yet). **WELCA** – The *High Ground* trip was a success. The next meeting will be August 2nd when the planning for the Anniversary Dinner will begin. **Worship** – The *sound system* was discussed. Previously we talked about waiting until we had a pastor before looking at this, but without a lapel or over the ear microphone, the Pastors and lay people conducting services may not be being heard. St. Paul’s has mentioned they need to upgrade their system as well. Barb will contact St. Paul’s to see who they will be getting quotes from, and we’ll see if we can get a better deal if both churches use the same company. The *Joint Parish Service* will be held on the 5th Sunday of any month that has one. July 30th will be the first joint service. It will be held at Our Saviour’s with a start time of 9:00 a.m. (All 5th Sunday services will begin at 9:00). Our Saviour’s committee will provide Egg Bake, St. Paul’s committee will provide beverages and congregation members are asked to bring a brunch dish to pass. Fellowship and getting to know each other is the focus for the joint services. Pastor Bob and Barb will be conducting the service as Barb will be recognized/acknowledged/authorized (not sure what it’s called) as a SAM, (synodically authorized minister). The synod approved Barb to become a SAM this past week. Juanita Krug has agreed to head the *decorating committee* and Heidi Bower and Bobbi Marion have agreed to help her. They will do an inventory of the decorations we have. If anyone has an interest in helping them, please reach out to them. Thank you to those gals for volunteering.

OLD BUSINESS Letters were sent out asking people to respond with their acknowledged membership. Some forms are coming back.

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August 1st is the “asked for” date, so we are hoping more will be returned before we start contacting people. Amie Marzinske, Carol Lekies, and Elaine Hallgren will be working on completing this important record keeping database. A discussion followed on why the list is being asked for and how it will or will not affect the joint parish budget. An update was given on the *Call committee*. At this time, they are working to formulate questions to be used during an interview, knowing that flexibility is important.

NEW BUSINESS A discussion was held on *Baptisms*. Through the synod, anyone can baptize a person, but Our Saviour’s feels that this should only happen in extenuating circumstances when a Pastor or SAM is not available. Baptism is not a personal sacrament, but a public commitment between God, the family and the congregation. Our Saviour’s will encourage families to have baptisms during worship services. An update was given on the *joint council* that met on Tuesday, July 11th. After the fact, it was discovered there was a misunderstanding about the membership, offering and attendance discussion regarding the percentage contributions by both churches. This was explained that the discussion happened to make sure both churches are represented appropriately and similarly when it comes time for the annual reevaluation of the financial split. Bob was pleased that the follow-up discussion took place and was relayed to the parties involved quickly. Good communication is the key to making a parish successful. Mike and Heidi are donating a 65” smart TV to the congregation. A laptop is also being donated by another individual to be used in place of the projector and screen. Thank you to all for your generosity. The next meeting will be held on August 10th at 6:00 p.m. All members are invited to attend. Nancie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carol seconded it. Motion carried.

We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Submitted by Barb Krug, acting secretary.



HOPE PARK 89Q CONCERT

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27
WAUSAU, WI

FEATURING
STEVEN
CURTIS
CHAPMAN

The poster features a photograph of Steven Curtis Chapman on the right side, wearing glasses and a dark jacket. The text on the left is arranged in a clean, modern font, with 'HOPE PARK' in large letters, '89Q CONCERT' below it, and the date and location at the bottom. The artist's name is in the top right corner.

News & Events: OS Finance

Our Saviour's June Financial Report: 2023

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 \$4806.00 (included in general are donations from the Gruhlke and Olson families)
Hunger \$435.00
Scrip \$850.00
VBS \$500.00 (donation from the Selby family for VBS)

TOTAL INCOME: **\$6591.00**

Expense Section

Benevolence	\$192.24 to NW Synod of WI General Mission Support – 4%
Hunger	\$435.00 to Northwest Synod of WI for ELCA World Hunger
Internet Service (Clark Electric)	\$61.94
Phone (TDS)	\$51.35
Electricity (Taylor Electric)	\$132.05
Dumpster (GFL Environmental)	\$110.59
LP Gas (Budget-Medford Coop)	\$409.00
Insurance (Church Mutual)	\$383.47
Office & Computer supplies	\$105.76(copy paper & address labels)
Newsletter Postage	\$36.04
Payroll	\$200.00 (church administrator)
Transfer to Joint	\$908.72 (April & May secretary pay)
Supply Pastors	\$460.90
Music Fund (Organist)	\$75.00 (music fund balance \$6415.00)
Copier Lease (E.O. Johnson)	\$117.14
VANCO charge	\$8.65

TOTAL EXPENSES: **\$3687.85**

Savings Account: **\$7521.99**

Mission Investment Fund: Term Investment Fixed 4 Year – 3847 Rate 1.49%
YTD Interest Earned \$243.01 Matures 9/24/2025

03/31/2023 Balance: **\$16,500.31**
Interest **\$62.05**
06/30/2023 New Balance **\$16,562.36**

**In the event of a pastoral care emergency
contact: Rev. Robert Giese 847-899-7122,
Barb Krug 715-965-5696, or Pastor Nancy
Amacher 715-223-5316.**

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INCOME - Our Saviour's	June	YTD 2023		
General	4,806.00	31,030.48		
Hunger	435.00	2,435.00		
Sunday School/VBS/Camp	500.00	500.00		
Change the World/Special Offering		367.00		
Scrip	850.00	14,300.00		
TOTAL INCOME	6,591.00	48,632.48		
Expenses:	June	YTD	Monthly/Budget	Year/Budget
Benevolence	192.24	1,241.21	0.00	3,000.00
Hunger In/Out	435.00	2,435.00	0.00	
Special Offering In/Out		307.00	0.00	
Internet Service	61.94	371.64	62.50	750.00
Phone	51.35	319.47	60.42	725.00
Electricity	132.05	931.34	166.67	2,000.00
LP Gas	409.00	2,454.00	409.00	4,908.00
Dumpster	110.59	378.02	41.67	500.00
Floding Tanks		0.00	20.83	250.00
Snow Plowing		993.75	100.00	1,200.00
Janitor Supplies		72.81	16.67	200.00
Clear Country Water Solutions		0.00	18.75	225.00
Building Repairs/Maintenance		62.21	50.00	600.00
Worship/Devotionals/Resources		109.30	50.00	600.00
Organ/Piano Maintenance		0.00	25.00	300.00
Insurance	383.47	2,359.20	323.45	3,881.40
Office & Computer Supplies/parts/Ink	105.76	116.90	41.67	500.00
Postage and Stamps		0.00	16.67	200.00
Computer Maintenance/Repair		75.00	16.67	200.00
Treasurer Supplies		57.60	8.33	100.00
Newsletter Postage	36.04	217.84	37.50	450.00
Copier Lease	117.14	702.84	108.33	1,300.00
Supply Pastors	460.90	1,378.80	58.33	700.00
Conference Dues		0.00	3.33	40.00
Assembly Delegates		100.00	12.50	150.00
Joint Account		1,448.20	4,000.01	48,000.12
Payroll	1,108.72	3,785.11	650.00	7,800.00
Website		143.88	10.00	120.00
Music Fund	75.00	1,350.00	173.33	2,080.00
Leadership Training		0.00	12.50	150.00
Education (Adult, Confirmation, Sunday School, VBS)		282.68	83.33	1,000.00
Background Checks		0.00	8.33	100.00
Camping Funds		0.00	20.83	250.00
Miscellaneous Special Events		49.97	0.00	500.00
Scrip Cards		13,705.00	0.00	
VANCO Charge	8.65	30.80	0.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,687.85	35,479.57	6,606.63	82,779.52
Checking Account:		Savings Account:		7,518.24
Camping Fund	1,273.54		Deposit	3.75
Music Fund	6,415.00		Total	7,521.99
Sunday School/VBS/Camp	664.53			
General	17,373.83			
TOTAL	25,726.90	<i>Submitted By:</i>	<i>Nandie Adams</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>

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