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The Parish Internet

Our Saviour's Lutheran of Holway
Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m.



July 2024

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July 2024 Calendar

Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m.

July 4	CMWJ Fundrasier, Medford City Park
July 7	Worship w/communion, Pastor Bob Giese
July 9	Church Council @ Our Saviour’s, 6:00 p.m.
July 14	Worship w/communion, Barb Krug, SAM
July 21	Worship w/communion, Barb Krug, SAM Fellowship Hour—viewing of “The Chosen”
July 22	August Newsletter deadline
July 23	Joint VBS @ St. Paul’s, 8:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
July 28	Worship w/communion, Pastor Nancy Amacher
<i>Looking ahead . . .</i>	
August 7	CMWJ sub-sandwich sale

For pastoral care emergencies, call the following:

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 Pastor Nancy Amacher: 715-223-5316, revnia10@gmail.com
 Pastor Elizabeth Bier: 715255-0013, revelizabeth011@gmail.com

CMWJ sub-sandwich sale—Wednesday, August 7

We are looking for volunteers to help assemble the sandwiches, bake cookies, and/or donate tomatoes for the sandwiches. Contact the church office if you can help.



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Welcome to worship.

It is good to have Jesus as our friend when things are going bad. Sarah and Nick are afraid they will get lost in their new neighborhood. They prayed, “Dear God, be with us on our way. Amen.”



Follow the maze to help Sarah and Nick get home. Circle the things in the maze that make you afraid or worried. Add a picture of another worry in the empty space.

News & Events: Finance

INCOME - Our Saviour's	May	YTD 2024		
General	4,602.68	24,706.95		
Hunger	310.00	1,785.00		
Sunday School/VBS/Camp		1,000.00		
Change the World/Special Offering	50.00	783.10		
Scrip	1,725.00	8,755.00		
TOTAL INCOME	6,687.68	37,030.05		
Expenses:	May	YTD	Monthly/Budget	Year/Budget
Benevolence	182.60	983.22	250.00	3,000.00
Hunger In/Out	310.00	1,785.00	0.00	
Special Offering In/Out	50.00	783.10	0.00	
Internet Service	61.94	309.70	62.50	750.00
Phone	51.16	259.67	60.42	725.00
Electricity	161.05	892.07	166.67	2,000.00
LP Gas	232.00	1,160.00	333.33	4,000.00
Dumpster - GFL	25.92	219.90	41.67	500.00
Holding Tanks		0.00	20.83	250.00
Snow Plowing		356.25	100.00	1,200.00
Janitor Supplies	72.08	161.32	16.67	200.00
Clear Country Water Solutions		45.00	18.75	225.00
Building Repairs/Maintenance	48.00	733.38	83.33	1,000.00
Worship/Devotionals/Resources	18.89	416.66	50.00	600.00
Organ/Piano Maintenance		0.00	25.00	300.00
Insurance	447.66	2,238.30	375.00	4,500.00
Office & Computer Supplies/parts/ink		93.28	41.67	500.00
Postage and Stamps		68.00	16.67	200.00
Computer Maintenance/Repair		175.00	16.67	200.00
Treasurer Supplies		0.00	8.33	100.00
Newsletter Postage	38.21	184.68	37.50	450.00
Copier Lease	122.14	615.89	125.00	1,500.00
Supply Pastors	522.39	2,684.00	600.00	7,200.00
Conference Dues		0.00	3.33	40.00
Assembly Delegates		500.00	12.50	150.00
Joint Account** see notes below		500.00	41.67	500.00
Payroll-Secretary-Property Manager	649.25	3,476.10	650.00	7,800.00
Website	155.88	155.88	12.50	150.00
Music	225.00	1,275.00	325.00	3,900.00
Leadership Training		0.00	83.33	1,000.00
Education (Adult, Confirmation, Sunday School, VBS)		404.16	83.33	1,000.00
Background Checks		0.00	8.33	100.00
Camping Funds		0.00	20.83	250.00
Pastorial Admin	200.00	1,000.00	200.00	2,400.00
Miscellaneous- Special Events		26.18	41.67	500.00
Scrip Cards	2,911.30	8,863.30	0.00	
VANCO Charge	7.45	30.45	0.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	6,492.92	30,395.49	3,890.83	47,190.00
Checking Account:			Savings Account:	8,030.71
Camping Fund	1,273.54		Deposit	1.36
Sunday School/VBS	1,572.53		Total	8,032.07
General	41,532.85			
TOTAL	44,378.92		Submitted By: <i>Nancie Adams, Treasurer</i>	

A message from Barb Krug, SAM

I would like to tell you about the Synod Assembly that was held on June 7 & 8 in Eau Claire.

Friday evening began with the recognition of retiring pastors and anniversaries. Our opening worship was conducted by Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson. The first ballot for Bishop was cast following the worship service. No one was nominated from the floor. Seven of the seven nominees went to ballot #2.

Ballot #2 was cast after morning devotions on Saturday. Five of the seven would go to ballot #3. Each candidate answered a question and had 2 minutes to respond. Voting then went to 3rd ballot with Martin Halom, Diane House, Elizabeth Bier, Chad Anderson and Karen Behling advancing.

The bishop's report along with gift giving to her staff were part of the morning session. Her theme was, of course, Water. The gifts given were all water related yet personal to the individuals from Bishop Laurie's heartfelt comments. Resolutions 1 & 2 were voted on. We will be learning more about these at upcoming council meetings. The results of the 3rd ballot sent three of the five to ballot #4. Martin Halom, Karen Behling and Diane House advancing. Prior to each ballot, there was a question asked with the nominees having 2 minutes to respond. Ballot #4 resulted in an election with Martin Halom receiving 241 votes, Diane House receiving 56 votes, and Karen Behling receiving 57 votes. During each voting process, your representatives, Leon Gasek (SP), Jo Giese (OS), Andrew Krug (OS), Pastor Bob Giese (retired pastor) and myself as a SAM, listened intently, prayed for wisdom and guidance and cast our votes. Each question was different and reflected the leadership style and faith commitment of each candidate. This was a very interesting process, made more efficient by having so much information on the synod website and having pre-conference forums with the candidates prior to the full assembly.

As part of the afternoon session and in addition to the voting, the ELCA Churchwide Report was given, Ministry Partner Reports were given and we voted on resolutions 3 & 4. Again, we will learn more about these in the following months. An update was given on our sister companion synod in Malawi.

Pastor Amy Heinz, on behalf of the congregation at Zion in Stratford, presented the bishop a check to the synod in the amount of \$15,000.00 from a sale of land they had. The congregation was very generous with their tithing. *(continued on the next page)*

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Bishop elect - Reverend Martin Halom has served as pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Bloomer. Previously, he was associate campus pastor of University Lutheran Church in East Lansing, MI, and associate pastor of American Lutheran Church in Rantoul, IL. He will be installed September 15, with the location not yet determined.

Attending a Synod Assembly is informative, uplifting and faith filled. Andrew said the worship service was the best part and he found the questions during the voting process very interesting. Pastor Bob Giese did mention in the worship service on June 9, how all seven nominees prayed together with their prayer partners, even though a room was prepared for each nominee and partner individually. He said this spoke volumes on how dedicated these pastors are to the leadership of our synod. It was amazing to see them praying together at their table before the voting. We, as the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, are blessed to have such great leadership going forward. Our best regards and gratitude to Bishop Laurie for the years of her service and blessings to her on the next adventure in her life.

God's blessings on our congregations,
Barb Krug – SAM

2024 Vacation Bible School
HEROES: Discover Your Strength with God
Tuesday, July 23, 2024
8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
321 N. Park Ave., Medford



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Medford will be hosting Vacation Bible School on Tuesday, July 23, 2024. This will be a one day event for children in grades PreK - 6. Children in grades 7-8 are welcome to participate also as mentors and helpers.

This year's theme is **HEROES: Discover Your Strength with God**. The lessons and activities will center around how Jesus helped people and how our local heroes help us.

Registration will begin at 7:45 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Registration forms can be picked up at each church or you can use the registration link listed here. <https://forms.gle/77yd1pWwZyGTd3ti8>

Please have your registration in by July 15.

May 2024

Our Saviour's May 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	\$4602.68(May checking acc interest added \$37.68)
Hunger	\$310.00
Special Offering	\$50.00 (Luther World Relief-Luther Disaster)
Scrip	\$1725.00

TOTAL INCOME: **\$6687.68**

Expense Section

Benevolence	\$182.60(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)	\$51.16
Electricity (Taylor Electric)	\$161.05
Dumpster (GFL Environmental)	\$25.92
LP Gas (Budget-Medford Coop)	\$232.00
Insurance (Church Mutual)	\$447.66
Newsletter Postage	\$38.21
Payroll	\$649.25(watchman \$80.00--sec wage\$569.25)
Church Administrator	\$200.00
Supply Pastors	\$522.39
Music (Organist)	\$225.00
Copier Lease (E. O. Johnson)	\$122.14
VANCO charge	\$7.45
Worship Supplies	\$18.89(wine)
Building Repairs/Maintenance	\$48.00(Kramer plumbing urinal parts)
Janitor Supplies	\$72.08(dish soap, garbage & kitchen bags, bath-paper towels)
Script Cards	\$2911.30(Co. Market and Raise Right Script)
GoDaddy Website	\$155.88 (1 year renewal)

TOTAL EXPENSES: **\$6492.92**

Savings Account: **\$8032.07**

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
Interest 03/31/2024 **\$62.06**
New Balance \$16748.55



Pete and Julie Janke for your generous donation toward the air conditioning unit. We will all appreciate the cool air on Sunday mornings when the temperatures begin to rise this summer.

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Property:

The air conditioning unit has been installed and completely paid for by a generous donation from Pete and Julie Janke. The driveway sealant will be completed this week. A handrail from the door to the north parking area was discussed. Mike is working on this to see who can make it and install it. The wooden stairs and railings will be sanded down, resealed and stained.

Worship:

The hands-free microphones are installed and working. The cost was \$80.00.

Old Business:

A reminder of the Community Mission for Jesus Sub sandwich sale on August 14.

Andrew reported on the Synod Assembly as one of the representatives for the congregation.

Bell Choir music has arrived; now it's time to get a group together.

The Fifth Sunday joint service, on June 30, will be held at the Medford City Park with a potluck lunch following the 9:00 worship. St. Paul's will be supplying ham and buns. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass.

The CHOSEN video series will be shown, starting Sunday, July 21 following the worship service. Coffee and Monkey Bread will be served. The video will be about one hour.

New Business:

The flower beds around the church need some tending. Volunteers will be asked for.

The windows on the west wall need to be resealed or something. The wind howls through them. Mike will see what the options are.

A motion was made by Jason and seconded by Andrew to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

THE REV. MARTIN R. HALOM ELECTED BISHOP OF THE NORTHWEST SYNOD OF WISCONSIN – ELCA



The Rev. Martin R. Halom was elected June 8, 2024, to a six-year term as bishop of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) at the synod's assembly June 7-8 in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

“Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.” This refrain, from the song, Christ Be Our Light, will be my guiding principle. In all that I do, in all that I say, Christ will be the central purpose.

Halom was elected on the fourth ballot receiving 241 votes of 354 votes cast. The Rev. Karen Behling, currently serving Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Chippewa Falls, received 57 votes and the Rev. Diane House, currently the Director of Evangelical Mission for the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, received 56 votes.

The bishop-elect is pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bloomer, Wisconsin. He has served that congregation since 2012. Prior to that, he was campus pastor at University Lutheran Church, East Lansing, Michigan (2003-2012); associate pastor, American Lutheran Church, Rantoul, Illinois (1999-2003); youth and family ministries director, Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota (1995-1997); youth ministry associate, Lutherdale Bible Camp, Elkhorn, Wisconsin (1994-1995); and program associate at Green Lake Bible Camp, Spicer, Minnesota (1993-1994).

Halom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, and a Masters of Divinity at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn. He and his wife, the Rev. Melinda Halom, have three grown sons, Nicholas, Jaden, and Dylan. His installation as bishop will be September 15, 2024, at Hope Lutheran, Eau Claire at 3:00 p.m.

The Northwest Synod of Wisconsin is one of 65 synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The synod is comprised of 192 congregations, over 73,000 members, and over 300 clergy and rostered leaders.

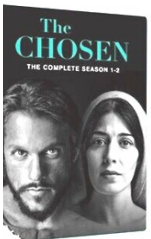
¹Ferrell, Bernadette. "Christ, Be Our Light." *The Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, published by Augsburg Fortress, 2006, p. 715

July 2024 Worship Assistants

DATE	JULY 7	JULY 14	JULY 21	JULY 28
MESSAGE	Bob Giese	Barb Krug	Barb Krug	Nancy Amacher
LITURGIST	Heidi Bower Kesling	Janet Sova	Marian Nernberger	Bev Utke
COMMUNION	Meagan Neitzel	Paula Stroinski	Marian Nernberger	Karen Frosch
USHERS	Mike & Heidi Kesling	Jason Borman	Karen & Harry Frosch	Rod & Nancie Adams
COUNTER	Heidi Bower Kesling	Paula Stroinski	Marian Nernberger Karen Frosch	Nancie Adams
SCRIP			Nancie Adams	Nancie Adams
ACOLYTE	Dawson Fox	Bret Larson	Chelsea Dick	Ava Adams

July Altar Guild: Echo Buehler & Paula Stroinski

**The CHOSEN
Sunday, July 21**



Please join Mike & Heidi for coffee and monkey bread as we watch “The Chosen,” episodes 1 & 2, following the service. As we watch “The Chosen,” we will potentially gain new and wonderful insights into Jesus’s life and ministry. We plan to watch “The Chosen” the **second Sunday** of each month following our normal Sunday service. We will call this the “Fellowship Hour.” All are welcome.

Reminders from WELCA...



- Be on the lookout for school supplies on sale for the backpacks.
- We will be collecting used clothing that is in good condition for the vets. Please look for further information in upcoming newsletters on when to bring the clothing to church.

Community Mission With Jesus Fundraiser

The Community Mission With Jesus group is holding a fund-raising event in conjunction with the July 4th activities scheduled at the Medford City Park. The CMWJ will be selling soda and water out of the main concession area and will be selling glow sticks during the events prior to the fireworks display.

Here's where you can help. If you are willing to sign up for a shift to sell soda/water, please contact Theresa Gretzinger or Nancy Jones. If any of you are Thrivent members, the CMWJ is looking for members who would be willing to submit a funding application for this fund-raising event to be put toward the cost of purchasing the soda/water. Thrivent requires a member to submit the request. Please contact Dave Hruby or Val Bach if you are a Thrivent member and willing to sponsor an application for this event.

The video study “How Lutherans Interpret the Bible,” will be shown at St. Paul’s on Sunday mornings after St. Paul’s church service, starting Sunday, July 14. If you have any questions regarding this study, please contact Leon Gasek or Barb Krug.

**Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church Council Meeting
June 11, 2024**

Present: Mike Kesling, Andrew Krug, Paula Stroinski, Jason Borman, and Nancie Adams. Mike called the meeting to order and opened with devotion. Our Mission Statement was recited. Motion made by Jason and seconded by Paula to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Motion made by Mike and seconded by Andrew to approve the minutes, as printed from the May meeting. Motion carried. The treasurer’s report from May was reviewed. Motion made by Andrew and seconded by Jason to approve the treasurers’ report. Motion carried.

Co-Mission Reports:

Education:

VBS will be held on July 23 at St. Paul’s. “Heroes: Discover Your Strength with God” is the theme.

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