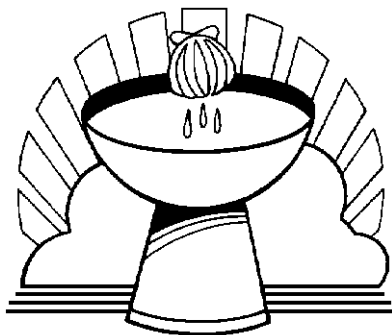


The Parish Internet

Our Saviour's Lutheran of Holway

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



"Child of God,
You have been sealed
by the Holy Spirit and
marked with the
cross of Christ forever."

June 2023

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

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Deadline June 27

Insert-Highground Day Trip

June Calendar

Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m.

- June 4** 8:00 worship/communion, Rev. Gary Froseth
- June 8 6:00 p.m. council meeting (no meeting in May)
- June 11** 8:00 outdoor worship/communion, Rev. R. Giese
- June 18** 8:00 a.m. worship Bobbi Marion Lay Guest
Father's Day
- June 25** 8:00 a.m. Sunday worship/communion, Rev. Nancy Amacher
- June 29 Day-trip to the Highground, Neillsville, WI

June Worship Assistants

Date	Ushers	Reader	Communion	Counters	Scrip
6/4/23 Green	Donna Nicks & Carl Cynor	Carol Lekies	Donna Nicks	Donna Nicks & Carol Lekies	
6/11/23 Green	Paula Stroinski & Echo Buehler	Rod Adams	Paula Stroinski	Paula Stroinski & Echo Buehler	Nancie Adams
6/18/23 Green					
6/25/23 Green					



Scrip Cards available - Kwik Trip card special
 Call Nancie Adams at 715-678-2397 for County Market cards.
 To order other cards contact Brenda Nernberger at 715-678-2573.

A message from Pastor Bob

Members and friends of Our Saviour's:

May was an exciting month. I experienced the joy of being a part of the First Communions of six of our young people and the Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) of twelve more. All have taken a big step forward in their faith and congregation lives.

Special thanks should be given to Barb Krug, Megan Neitzel, and Heidi Bauer for their fine work in teaching and guiding these young people in their faith. My interviews with each of the Confirmands proved to me these members who have given so much of their time and energy have done a superb job.

It was a joy to hear retired Pastor Warren Behling's right to the point sermon aimed especially to our Confirmands but also to all of us: "Listen, God is calling (you)!" 77 years since he first accepted the call to become a pastor! Well done, good and faithful servant. I'm hoping we hear from him again soon.

So, though we may still be sad Pastor Amy left, we must be thankful so many people have stepped up to fill the void and even increase our ministry.

Barb Krug has completed her first year of Lay School. Carol Lekies (who completed Lay School some time ago) is ready to take a bigger role in leading worship. If all goes well, Bishop Laurie will authorize them both to be Synodically Authorized Ministers (SAMs) by fall, and they will be able to participate in all ministry aspects for our congregations, including presiding at Holy Communion.

Mike Kesling has already stepped up to give us Sunday messages and is on the schedule to give more. Bobbi Marion is on the schedule for June. And Mike and Heidi are planning on attending Lay School in the fall.

Add a variety of guest pastors to our schedule, and we are destined to be truly blessed by a variety of presentations of God's Word in upcoming months.

If you've been worshipping with us recently, then you've already been blessed to be a blessing. If you've been absent for whatever reasons, I encourage you to come be part of our Sunday morning worship blessings! You, too, will be blessed to be a blessing!

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Bob Giese
Administrative interim

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If you suspect something call.**

NEW WORSHIP TIMES

EFFECTIVE SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH, 2023

8:00 a.m – Revised Worship Schedule for Our Saviour’s

With the Joint Parish Agreement between St. Paul’s and Our Saviour’s churches in effect as of May 1st, we recognized the need to revise our congregation’s worship times to allow for our churches to utilize the same guest pastors and prepare for our new pastor in the ability to serve both congregations. The revision to the worship schedules is a necessary change to make it possible for the same pastor to lead worship at both congregations. The targeted length for each worship service will be 45 minutes which will allow for travel time between the two locations.

The new worship schedules are:

Our Saviour’s new worship time will be 8:00 a.m.

(previously was 8:15 a.m.)

St. Paul’s new worship time will be 9:15 a.m.

(previously was 9:00 a.m.)

In addition, please note we will be holding a joint worship service with a pot luck and special events for each fifth Sunday of the year. These joint ministry services will be hosted on a rotating basis by each congregation and will provide a wonderful opportunity to get to know our joint parish members a little better with each shared event.

The preliminary schedule for the “Joint Worship Fifth Sunday Events” is as follows:

July 30th – Hosted by Our Saviour’s – 9:00 a.m. Worship

October 29th – Hosted by St. Paul’s – 9:00 a.m. Worship

December 31st – No Time / Details Available Yet

More details will be announced as they become available. We are excited for the new opportunities God has blessed us with and encourage everyone to take advantage of the additional worship times available to you (in case you aren’t able to attend your regular church service). All are welcome! God’s Work—Our Hands.

*Our Saviour’s Joint Council members are
Brenda Nernberger, Julie Janke, and Barb Krug*



Meet Our High School Seniors

This spring, Our Saviour's has four young people graduating from high school: Trinity Grueneberg, Josh Borman, Lucas Borman and Jake Kauffman. Congratulations. Graduating from college are Zach Kawa, Dalton Krug and Brendan Borman.

Trinity Grueneberg: Band was the best part of high school for Trinity. After graduating, Trinity plans to attend UW River Falls as a Pre Veterinary Science major. Her favorite Bible story is Noah's ark. "When I was younger I always loved hearing about the animals, and imagining building my own ark just so I could see all the animals in the world." David & Goliath was her favorite Sunday school song and her favorite verse is Proverbs 31:25-26 "Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and teaching of kindness is on her tongue." Trinity is the daughter of Patty Harder and James Gueneburg.



Josh Borman: While in high school, Josh enjoyed Science Olympiad, drama club and art classes. After graduating Josh will be attending UW-Stevens Point majoring in computer design. Jason and Lynn Borman are his parents.

Lucas Borman: Highlights of Lucas's high school career were cross country, track and band. He will be attending UW-Green Bay majoring in business administration with a finance focus to pursue accounting. Lucas is also the son of Jason and Lynn Borman.



Jake Kauffman: Making friends and leaving high school were the best parts for Jake. Jesus Loves Me is his favorite Sunday School song and Cain and Abel was his favorite Bible story. "I can do all things through him who strengthens me," Philippians 4:13 NIV favorite Bible verse. Jake plans to attend North Central Technical College for machining. He plans to be a CNC machinist. Jake's parents are Lisa and Justin Kauffman.

Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord.

Psalm 31:24

Confirmation Class—Spring 2023

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of Holway

May 21, Rev. Robert Giese



Back row: Evan Pagel, Lilyana Kujawa, Tanner Kunze, Pastor Giese, Draven Dums, Dazie Cynor, Storm Adams. Front row: Lexie Kunze, Liselle Weiler, Josephine Krug, Anastasia Kujawa, Rachel Varney, Abbie Marzinske

Congratulations on reaching this faith milestone!

Faith Statements

Storm Adams

Faith Statement: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 describes me because I use my time and believe in God. I feel that my time should be used in a good way to make God proud. I also feel like this describes a time for me to heal from my past mistakes. I feel that I do have time in my day to pray and honor God. “For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die. A time to be planted and a time to pluck up what is planted. A time to kill and a time to heal. A time to break down and a time to build up. A time to weep and a time to laugh. A time to mourn and to dance.

Bible Verse: 1 Chronicles 16:10 “Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.”

Dazie Cynor

Faith Statement: I believe that to give thanks with my whole heart is a part of my faith. I can trust in God to be there always in good times and bad. It is right to give thanks for all things. When my dog died recently from cancer, I was really upset, so I went somewhere to be alone, and I suddenly felt the presence of God. Once I felt that I wasn't quite as upset, and I knew I would soon accept that and move on and cherish the good memories.

Bible Verse: John 1: 1-5 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Draven Dums

Faith Statement: I believe that faith is believing in God and what He can do for us. I know that God will be there when I, or the people that I love go through hard times or when in trouble. I think that God will protect and keep me and my loved ones safe. I believe that even though all of us have done bad things throughout our lives, God will still forgive us if or if we don't ask for forgiveness. I think that the presence of God is always there if we do things good or even if we do things bad.

Bible Verse: Psalm 27:1 "The lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

Josephine Krug

Faith Statement: I believe that God is a part of our lives for a few reasons. One reason is, God brings people into our lives that are meant to be in it. Another is, having faith, keeps us as believers, to share kindness and show respect to others. Lastly, having faith allows us to be forgiven by God when we ask for forgiveness.

Bible Verse: Romans 8:37 "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

Anastasia Kujawa

Faith Statement: "Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you." I Peter 5:7 I believe that there is only one God, and that he cares for me and about me. I trust God enough with my anxiety to help me get through it and deal with it. When my anxiety is really bad, I can feel God telling me that it's okay and that I'll get

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through it. He helps me believe that I can get through whatever I am dealing with and going through. Whenever I am dealing with my anxiety and can't handle it, I know that I can always turn to God for help. He's someone I can turn to when I really need it and when I feel like I can't talk to anyone else.

Bible Verse: Psalm 28:7 “The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts; so I am helped, and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.”

Lilyana Kujawa

Faith Statement: “Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made know to God.” Philippians 4:6 In other words, do not worry for God will hear your prayers if you pray. Pray loud enough for God to hear. I believe that if I pray about my worries God will hear them. Therefore, I believe that God teaches us to love one another as we love God and ourselves.

Bible Verse: Isaiah 41:10 “Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

Lexi Kunze

Faith Statement: I believe that there's only one God who is eternally existent in three people; the Father, the Son, and the Holy spirit. I believe in Jesus Christ and that he taught us to love each other and love everyone for who they are. I believe that Jesus understands us and all the things that we do and what we go through. He taught us to love God and how to be a good person. A lot can be learned from the Bible; right from wrong, what is a sin, sorrow, anger, and pride. But I think the most important of all is faith. Faith in the Lord, faith in the world and faith in yourself. A lot of people would not be where they are right now without faith. And as Peter Pan said, “All the world is made of is faith, trust, and pixie dust.”

Bible Verse: Psalm 119:105 “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

Tanner Kunze

Faith Statement: I believe in God. I believe that God knows me

better than everybody else does. And that he knows and accepts me for who I am. I think the Bible verse I chose relates to me because I am in the world as you are as well. I was raised to believe in God, and I still do.

Bible Verse: John 1:10-11 “He was in the world, and the world came into being through him: yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.”

Abbie Marzinske

Faith Statement: I believe that what you do always comes back in some way. For example, if you steal, you will be stolen from. When I've tried to hurt someone, I've always seemed to get hurt back. I believe that God gives karma/bad luck to people when they really deserve it, so they learn a lesson not to do it. I do not believe that God will put someone through something terrible, but just something small. Yes, bad things happen to good people, but I always think there is some reason.

Bible Verse: Matthew 7:1-3 “Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgement, you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye?”

Evan Pagel

Faith Statement: I believe in keeping things short and sweet. It is also nice when everyone doesn't fight, and they all get along with one another.

Bible Verse: Psalm 133:1-3 “How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing life forevermore.

Rachel Varney

Faith Statement: I believe that we should always try to be nice to one another even if it's not the easiest thing to do. I believe that we should love one another because God loves us so much. You never know what someone is going through and saying mean/hurtful stuff

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can really affect someone's life. It can also affect their mental health. When my grandpa passed away, I was having a really hard time and so I took a week off school. One of my so called 'friends' said, "Just get over it, I got over my family member's death. You're being so dramatic." It really crushed me but after thinking of God's love and forgiveness, I knew he was up in heaven with God. I don't want to be the person who ruins people's mental health. I want to always be nice, even if I don't like the person.

Bible Verse: 1 John 4:11 "Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another."

Liselle Weiler

Faith Statement: I believe that faith can be shown by sharing kindness, honesty, and love. Showing kindness is an important way I will show my faith. I want to be kind even if it seems like someone doesn't deserve it. It will make me feel more faithful and better about myself. Kindness is to be shown without any want of something in return. "Love your enemies...expecting nothing in return...for he is kind to the ungrateful and evil." Luke 6:35-36 Kindness to me is a sign of faith.

Honesty is faith. I will be honest with others, and myself. I believe it builds up a faithful character in me. I will own up to my mistakes and my wrong doings. I think we should all follow it because it is what Jesus would want and it is the right thing to do. It is the ninth commandment. It is unfaithful and wrong to break a commandment of our Lord.

Having love is a way I am going to show my faith. I want to have love for everyone, for they are another creation of our God. I want to live how Jesus would and love without a second thought in mind. I want to be compassionate towards others as I will be showing my faith. The greatest commandment is "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." Matthew 22:37 And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:39. That is what I believe faith is and how I will let it be shown through me.

Bible Verse: Ephesians 4:32 "and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you."

*Don't worry about anything...instead
Pray about everything. Philippians 4:6*

First Communion Class Held

An Introduction to First Communion was held on May 3 with 6 youth attending. The class learned that Holy Communion is also known as the Lord's Supper. It is taken in remembrance of our Savior Jesus Christ's



death on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. The bread represents Jesus's broken body and the wine symbolizes His blood shed for us. As part of the class, students made bread to use for them and their families for communion. Pictured (left) are Brayden Larson, Braxton Larson and Brycen Larson sons

of Amber & Derek Larson, Johnathan Neitzel son of Meagan & Doug Neitzel, Chloe Krueger daughter of Kelly Adams, and Breckyn Klemm son of Kaci and Nicholas Klemm with Pastor Giese.

Vacation Bible School July 20

Plans are underway. If you have any thoughts or would like to help, contact Barb Krug at 715-965-5696. Details in the July newsletter.

Registration is open for the 2023 camping season. For the summer camp schedule and/or to register see [Luther Park Bible Camp – Where Faith is Nurtured Through Holy Play](#)



Sunday School Offering Donated

The offering of \$226.48 to Meals In a Backpack. A program through the school district that makes sure children have meals over the weekend.

Sunday School Teacher Needed

The Sunday School is looking for a teacher for the upcoming school year to teach the 3rd and 4th grade class previously taught by Meagan Neitzel. If you are interested talk to Lynette, Brenda or Jason. Meagan will be stepping down to devote more time to teaching confirmation class.



Baptism: On May 14, we welcomed Adelynn Leone Beck into the Lord's family. She is the daughter of Amanda and Amy Beck.

Sponsors are Amy Pepper and

Becky Pepper. Adelynn was baptized by Pastor Elizabeth Hazel from Park Falls.

Congratulations!



WELCA May 3, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President, Echo Buehler. Present were Heidi Bower, Juanita Krug, Nancie Adams, Karen Frosch, Paula Stroinski, Marian Nernberger, Barb Krug, Carol Lekies and Julie Janke.

The meeting began with reciting the purpose statement.

The Secretary's Report: read and accepted.

Treasurers Report: read and approved

Stewardship report: Started sewing last week. Lots of fabric has been donated. (Karen Frosch)

Old business:

Easter service. Thanks to all helpers. Special thanks to Heidi Bower-Kesling for Lenten worship planning.

Spring Rally attendees were Lois Neibacher, Marian Nernberger, Bev Utke, Heidi Bower-Kesling and Carol Lekies. All enjoyed the event. Our Saviour's will be hosting the spring rally for 2024. We will provide snacks in the morning and lunch.

Basement cleaning: Cinder block walls are extremely hard to clean. Washing is difficult. Possibly sweep the walls. Air compressor or pressure washer are not a good option. Will take the paint off. Not sure how to clean.

Honors Sunday: Barb will bring treats for fellowship following church. Six youth will receive first communion on Sunday, May 7. Youth made communion bread at class for Sunday. Using individual cups for this Sunday as we will be using homemade bread which leaves crumbs in the wine.

Confirmation, May 21: WELCA will buy cupcakes for confirmation Sunday. Artificial flowers for the confirmands.

High Ground Bus Trip: June 29. Heidi & Mike Kesling will coordinate the trip and give tours of the memorial. Barb Krug will provide a school bus. Pack a sack lunch and eat at the picnic area. Details to be announced

New business:

Raffle Tickets for 2023: remove theme baskets, 1-5 places.

Will be available to sell over the summer.

Taylor House, Medford, looking for volunteers.

Chippewa Valley Conference Retreat – June 7 & 8, Luther Park at Chetek. Is anyone interested in going?

Dates to remember:

June 3 Cory Gruhlke Funeral, bring desserts for the funeral

2nd Sunday outdoor services, snack will be served. If the weather is too cold, services will be moved indoors.

August 6 Heart For Luther Park fund raiser

September 2nd Sunday: Gary & Dorothy; Karen & Harry 50th wedding anniversaries

November Advent program – Julie & Carol, no date set

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

No meeting in June or July. August 2 is the next meeting. Heidi Bower is the hostess.

Submitted by Carol Lekies, secretary

Online Giving Available at oursavioursholway.com

The link is accessible on the website, oursavioursholway.com on the home page and the donation page. Your gift may be set up as a single or recurring donation. Thank You.

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

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Our Saviour's April 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 \$6286.23

Hunger \$460.00

Scrip \$2650.00

Special Offering/In-Out \$69.00 (purchased lilies-\$44.00 & Lutheran World Relief donation -\$25.00)

TOTAL INCOME: **\$9465.23**

Expense Section

Benevolence 251.44 to NW Synod of WI General Mission Support – 4%

Hunger \$460.00 to Northwest Synod of WI for ELCA World Hunger

Special Offering In/Out \$25.00 to NW Synod of WI for Lutheran World Relief

Internet Service (Clark Electric) \$61.94

Worship/Devotionals/Resources \$23.46 (baptism certificates)

Phone (TDS) \$50.62

Electricity (Taylor Electric) \$153.40

Dumpster (GFL Environmental) \$71.31

LP Gas (Budget-Medford Coop) \$409.00

Insurance (Church Mutual) \$383.47

Newsletter Postage \$36.20

Payroll \$200.00 (church administrator)

Supply Pastors \$105.00

Music Fund (Organist) \$375.00 (music fund balance 6790.00)

Joint Account \$1448.20

Copier Lease (E.O. Johnson) \$117.14

Website (Go Daddy) \$143.88

Snowplowing (Krug's) \$225.00 (March/April plowing)

Janitor Supplies \$50.82

Scrip Cards \$1536.00(Co. Market)

VANCO charge \$5.95

TOTAL EXPENSES: **\$6132.83**

Savings Account: **\$7518.24**

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**

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INCOME - Our Saviour's		April	YTD 2023		
General		6,286.23	20,833.73		
Hunger		460.00	1,590.00		
Sunday School/VBS/Camp			0.00		
Change the World/Special Offering	69.00		88.00		
Scrip		2,650.00	10,850.00		
TOTAL INCOME		9,465.23	33,361.73		
Expenses:	April	YTD	Monthly/Budget	Year/Budget	
Benevolence	251.44	833.34	0.00	3,000.00	
Hunger In/Out	460.00	1,590.00	0.00		
Special Offering In/Out	25.00	157.00	0.00		
Internet Service	61.94	247.76	62.50	750.00	
Phone	50.62	216.63	60.42	725.00	
Electricity	153.40	652.93	166.67	2,000.00	
LP Gas	409.00	1,636.00	409.00	4,908.00	
Dumpster	71.31	241.51	41.67	500.00	
Holding Tanks		0.00	20.83	250.00	
Snow Plowing	225.00	993.75	100.00	1,200.00	
Janitor Supplies	50.82	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	23.46	90.41	50.00	600.00	
Organ/Piano Maintenance		0.00	25.00	300.00	
Insurance	383.47	1,533.88	323.45	3,881.40	
Office & Computer Supplies/parts/ink		0.00	41.67	500.00	
Postage and Stamps		0.00	16.67	200.00	
Computer Maintenance/Repair		0.00	16.67	200.00	
Treasurer Supplies		0.00	8.33	100.00	
Newsletter Postage	36.20	145.76	37.50	450.00	
Copier Lease	117.14	468.56	108.33	1,300.00	
Supply Pastors	105.00	327.50	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	1,448.20	4,000.01	48,000.12	
Payroll	200.00	2,476.39	650.00	7,800.00	
Website	143.88	143.88	10.00	120.00	
Music Fund	375.00	975.00	173.33	2,080.00	
Leadership Training		0.00	12.50	150.00	
Education (Adult, Confirmation, Sunday School, VBS)		138.06	83.33	1,000.00	
Background Checks		0.00	8.33	100.00	
Camping Funds		0.00	20.83	250.00	
Miscellaneous Special Events		0.00	0.00	500.00	
Scrip Cards	1,536.00	11,209.00	0.00		
VANCO Charge	5.95	18.85	0.00		
TOTAL EXPENSES	6,132.83	25,779.43	6,606.63	82,779.52	
Checking Account:			Savings Account:	7,518.24	
Camping Fund	1,273.54		Deposit	0.00	
Music Fund	6,790.00		Total	7,518.24	
Sunday School	164.53				
General	11,997.14				
TOTAL	20,225.21	<i>Submitted By:</i>	<i>Nandie Adams</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>	

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