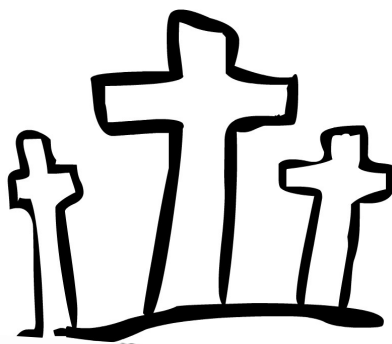


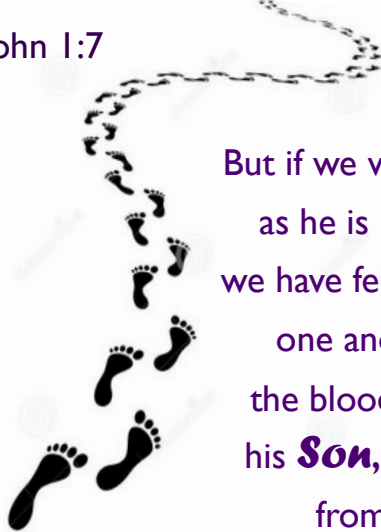
The Parish Internet

Our Saviour's Lutheran of Holway

Sunday Worship 8:15 am



1 John 1:7



But if we walk in the light,
as he is in the light,
we have fellowship with
one another, and
the blood of **Jesus**,
his **Son**, purifies US
from all sin.

March 2023

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

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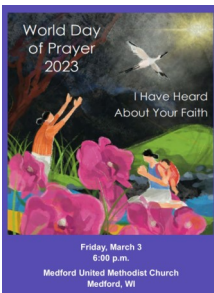
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April Newsletter
Deadline March 22

March Calendar

Sunday Worship 8:15am

March 1	Soup/Sandwiches 5:45 p.m., Worship 6:15, WELCA 6:45
March 3	World Day of Prayer, Medford 6:00 p.m.
March 5	8:15 a.m. Sunday Worship - Mike Kesling
March 8	Confirmation, Soup/Sandwiches 5:45, Worship 6:15
March 9	Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
March 11	Walking Together (See page 9)
March 12	8:15 a.m. Sunday Worship w/communion, Rev. T. Schrub
March 15	Confirmation, Soup/Sandwiches 5:45, Worship 6:15 p.m.
March 19	8:15 a.m. Sunday Wordship - Ley Lead
March 22	Confirmation, Soup/Sandwiches 5:45 p.m., Worship 6:15
March 26	8:15am Worship w/Communion, Rev. Schrub
March 29	Confirmation, Soup/Sandwiches 5:45 p.m., Worship 6:15



World Day of Prayer 2023

Hosted by the women of the Medford United Methodist Church.

Friday, March 3, 2023 @ 6 p.m.

287 E. Allman Street, Medford, WI 54451

Please join us.

Men and women are invited to this ecumenical service.

Easter Lilies—\$22.00 Each

If you would like to reserve a lily in memory of a loved one call or message Carol for details 715-965-9108. Six lilies have been pre ordered.

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Soup & Sandwiches 5:45pm ,Worship 6:15



This year, Wednesday Lenten services will be each week at Our Saviour's until Holy Week in April. Services will begin with a soup and sandwich meal. The food will be ready at 5:45pm with the service starting as close to 6:15pm as possible. Services will be held in the fellowship hall as people are eating except for Maundy Thursday. Heidi Kesling-Bower, Barb Krug and Nancie Adams have volunteered to make soup. Everyone is asked to bring dessert to share.

March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29— 5:45 meal, 6:15 service

The confirmation students will be participating in the services.

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Clean up duties are not assigned. It is everyone's responsibility to help.

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 12 at 2 a.m.



Bring your favorite dessert. Confirmation parents are bringing sandwiches. Volunteers are needed to make soup. Can you help?
To volunteer contact Barb Krug at 715-965-5696.



March Worship Assistants

	3/5/2023 Purple	3/12/2023 Purple	3/19/23 Purple	3/26/2023 Purple
Ushers:	Mike & Heidi	Steve & Gayle	Echo Buehler	Gordy Lekies
	Kesling-Bower	Hamann	Paula Stroinski	Peter Jaslowski
Reader:	Heidi Bower	Steve Hamann	Barb Krug	Carol Lekies
Communion:	Marian Nernberger	Gayle Hamann	Paula Stroinski	Carol Lekies
Counters:	Mike Kesling	Karen Frosch	Echo Buehler	Peter Jaslowski
	Marian Nernberger		Paula Stroinski	Gordy Lekies
Altar Guild:	Barb Krug	Barb Krug	Barb Krug	Barb Krug
	Paula Stroinski	Paula Stroinski	Paula Stroinski	Paula Stroinski
Scrip:	Marian Nernberger	Steve Hamann	Ed Rowe	Marian Nernberger
Acolyte:	Rachel Varney	Lexi Kunze	Lily Kujawa	Liselle Weiler

A message from Barb

Thank you to everyone that attended and enjoyed the St. Valentine's Fun Day!

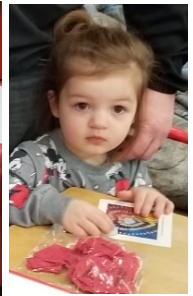
There were well over 100 people in attendance.

Special thanks to:



- ◆ Heidi Bower and Mike Kesling for setting up and helping everyone be a CUPID for a little bit as we shot arrows at the heart!
- ◆ Kraft (Tombstone Pizza) for donating pizzas (Heidi Haynes for setting this up and delivering them).
- ◆ Craig & Tara Krug (BS Bar) for donating funds for the bouncy house to be here and thanks for the use of their tables.
- ◆ Monica Halopka from Huey's Hideaway for her flexibility in us picking up the bouncy house.
- ◆ Karli Jopp, Art teacher at MASH for reaching out to her students to get volunteers to do some Face Painting.
- ◆ Veronica Mathews and Lorien Kautzer, students at MASH that donated their time and talents to make amazing FACES and designs on many faces.
- ◆ Adam Krug, Bruce Krug, and Jim Grant for cleaning the bus garage and setting up (and taking down) the bouncy house.
- ◆ Amie Marzinske for bringing nachos and cheese dip.
- ◆ Heidi Bower and Juanita Krug for making yummy sugar cookies and Juanita for bringing a cheese tray.
- ◆ Kaci Klemm for donating Valentine cupcakes.
- ◆ Heidi Bower, Meagan Neitzel, and Jason Borman for their FIN project. We can't wait to see the finished product.
- ◆ Juanita Krug for working the Puzzle table – we didn't get everyone to return their piece but WOW – what an amazing turnout to be a “complete group of God's children.”
- ◆ All our “carnie” workers: Josh Krug, Josey Krug, Andrew Krug, Nikki Worden, Brynlee Klemm, Casey Nernberger, Brenda Nernberger, Mike Kesling, Carol Lekies, Liselle Weiler, Lauren Stark, Michelle Stender, and Amanda Cynor.
- ◆ Midwest Amusements for donating some stuffed animals.
- ◆ Jason Borman, Craig Krug, and Nancie Adams for cooking pizzas and serving everyone.
- ◆ Sunday school teachers at both Our Saviour's and St. Paul's for handing out tickets and encouraging the children to attend.
- ◆ EVERYONE that offered to help in any way, pitched in where needed (Kathy Hackbarth for blowing up balloons), helped put

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tables and chairs away and expressed their gratitude on a job well done.

◆ If I missed someone, it was not intentional, please forgive me.

Door prizes (Beautiful prints by artist Greg Olsen) were won by Echo Buehler and Emmett Machon. Congratulations!

“If we can get a few kids to say they attended a Church event and had FUN, our goal has been accomplished. **Church, family and fun can go together!**” Barb Krug

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Where does the time go? Once again, we're excited to announce this year's Easter breakfast.

**Easter Sunday, April 9 from
6:30am – 7:45am**

**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Holway
A free-will offering will be accepted at the door.**

The men serving the Easter Breakfast is a long-standing tradition. Men, boys and young people of all ages are encouraged to volunteer to make this meal a success. If you can help Saturday morning setting up or Sunday morning contact Rod Adams 678-2397, Echo Buehler 7483928, or Paula Stroinski 748-6280. Donation slips will be out soon.
Proceeds are for the Our Saviour's Cemetery Association

Up Grading to LED Lights

The fluorescent bulbs in the fellowship hall, bathrooms, kitchen and offices were recently updated to LED bulbs. In addition to better quality light and longer lifespan than fluorescent bulbs, LED bulbs can save between 20-50% in energy costs. We thank Kurt Zenner of KZ Electric for fitting this project into his busy schedule and Harry Frosch and Nancie Adams for assisting. If anyone still has need of 48" fluorescent tubes, bulbs are free for the taking.



Empties for Cash

Save your empty ink-jet cartridges. Recycle them at Our Saviour's. The collection box is outside the secretary's office. Your efforts pay off. Last check: \$121.75. They cover shipping costs to send in the cartridges.

WELCA

Meeting Minutes – February 1, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Echo Buehler. Attending the meeting were Barb Krug, Nancie Adams, Juanita Krug, Heidi Bower, Carol Lekies & Echo.

Marian Nernberger, treasurer, submitted her report online. The balance was \$7210.00.

Stewardship: Karen Frosch reported that fewer quilts will be made for LWR, partially due to specifications LWR has for quilts and because the size of the quilting group is getting smaller. LWR school backpacks with school supplies will be continued as well as Beds for Christ, Hope Hospice and local fund raisers. The ladies also plan to look into meeting with the quilters from St. Paul's in Medford.

Working Circle Update: Naomi working circle chair: Karen Frosch, Julie Janke co-chair; Rebecca circle chair: Nancie Adams, co-chair Dorothy Pagel; Esther circle chair: Marian Nernberger, co-chair Annabelle Neitzel. A co-chair is still needed for the Ruth Working Circle.

Old Business:

Barb shared her plans for the Cupid's Carnival on Sunday Feb. 12. Barb asked those who are able, to please bring Valentine themed cookies and cakes.

Church cleaning days are set for February 20 and 23. Volunteers will start with the two kitchens in the basement. Everything will be removed so a thorough cleaning can be done. Members of the congregation will be given the chance to take home items that are no longer needed or used before they are either donated or disposed of.

New Business:

World Day of Prayer – March 3. Carol Lekies volunteered to represent Our Saviour's.

Walking Together - March 11, 2023, Bethany Lutheran Church - Rice Lake, WI. See synod website for details.

Lent: Barb, Heidi, and Nancie will make soup for Lent soup suppers. Members are asked to bring a dessert and/or sandwiches to share.

Group activity suggestions

Heidi Bower and her husband, Mike, conduct tours at the "High

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Ground” Veterans Memorial near Neillsville, WI. If there is an interest, Heidi suggested a field trip to the memorial sometime this summer. Heidi would work with Krug’s Bus service for transportation. Heidi and Mike would conduct tours. For those who have limited walking ability, they have golf carts and wheel chairs available.

Julie Janke suggested hosting an Advent event the last week in November.

Juanita Krug brought up the idea of having a “Casserole” contest sometime during the year.

No definite plans have been made yet. Let Heidi, Julie and Juanita know if you are interested in their suggestions.

Barb Krug made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Heidi Bower second. The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Submitted by Carol Lekies, Secretary

Northwest Synod Holy Land Trip with Bishop Laurie



Below is information about the Synod’s trip to the Holy Land, Palestine and Israel January 8-17, 2024.

Dear Members and Friends of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin,

I am very excited to invite you to participate in this transformative trip to the Holy Land with me in January of 2024. Below is the link with registration information.

It is an amazing experience to see with our own eyes, the lands of the Old Testament stories and walk in the footsteps of Jesus. We will visit Bethlehem, the Jordan River, Nazareth, Capernaum, Cana, take a boat ride on the sea of Galilee, walk on the Road to Damascus and the way of the cross in Jerusalem. We will visit with Palestinian Lutheran Christians, visit a Lutheran school, a Lutheran church and the Bishop of the Holy Land and Jordan, Bishop Azar. This is a profound way to grow in faith and biblical understanding. I hope you will join us!

Here is the link with all the information.

Let me know if you have any questions!

Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson

Lskow-anderson@nswwi.org

[Northwest Synod of Wisconsin Holy Land Trip with Bishop L... \(eliastours.com\)](http://eliastours.com)

Education & Youth

Sunday School Class: Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15am.
February classes—5th March classes—5th & 19th

Confirmation Class: after school until 6pm

Save the Date—Sunday, May 21, Affirmation of Baptism

Church Basement Give Away March 12 & 19 before and after worship

Sorting & cleaning need to be done now & then. Things that are no longer needed, but worth saving will be offered to members of the congregation on Sundays March 12 & 19.

To be given away are an array of old kitchen kettles, pitchers, thermal carafes, ash trays, 48" fluorescent bulbs, and misc. odds & ends. Items left behind will be donated or disposed of.

Please wait until the women are done setting up before taking anything.

Save the date & plan to attend!

JOIN US FOR

Walking Together

Rebound: From Nostalgia to New

March 11, 2023, Bethany Lutheran Church, Rice Lake

Come for inspiration, new ideas, helpful resources, and great conversation. You'll have several workshops to choose from and we'll enjoy a time of worship together. For details and registration visit: <https://nswi.org/walking-together-epic/walking-together-2023>

** Registration Deadline
is March 3
\$25.00 per Person

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.

News & Events: Council Minutes

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Barb Krug at 6:01 p.m. Present at the meeting were: Barb Krug, Carol Lekies, Nancie Adams, Mike Kesling, Brenda Nernberger, Pastor Bob Giese via Zoom and Gayle Hamann.

Pastor Bob opened the meeting with a prayer. We recited our mission statement together.

The Agenda was approved with a motion by Brenda and a second by Nancie. Motion carried.

The January Meeting Minutes were approved with a motion by Nancie, and a second by Brenda. Motion carried.

Parish Secretary's Report - The newsletter deadline is 2/23/23. Carol has been having some computer issues and will be reaching out to Computer TR. On several occasions Carol has found the copier room light left on. The light switch doesn't work well, so it's important to make sure that the light has gone off. Also, we need to be sure the front door is locked when you leave the building. A good amount of Carol's time is spent coordinating services. Carol is having some scheduling issues. She suggested that people call before coming to church during her usual office hours. She may not be here.

Upcoming vacations: Carol will be leaving March 5 and coming back Mar 10. She'll also be gone for a trip to England Mar 30 to April 11. She's planning to have everything done ahead of time, but announcements will have to be verbally added. Carol will need to have someone open the church for lily delivery while she's gone. A future trip to Jerusalem in January 2024 is also being planned.

Carol will be at Synod assembly because she's on Synod Council.

Treasurer's Report – The January Treasurer's Report was approved with a motion by Mike and a second by Gayle. Motion carried. Nancie requested approval to pay an invoice from November of 2021 for some advent calendars. After some discussion around the circumstances, Council members agreed the bill should be paid.

Joint Treasurer's Report – The January report was reviewed. Brenda reported that everything looks good.

Education & Youth-Sunday School is doing well. Numbers typically dwindle as the year goes along.

Property-The Grounds Keeper position is still open. Please keep watching for items that need attention and let Barb or Mike know about them.

WELCA -Sorting and church cleaning dates were set for 2/20/23 (Mon.) and 2/23/23 (Thurs.) at 8:30 a.m. They will start cleaning in the basement. Before we start hauling out lots of garbage, Mike pointed out that we need a new dumpster as our current dumpster is rusted through. Carol will make a call to request a new dumpster.

Worship- We will be having soup and sandwiches at the Lent Services. We have volunteers to provide the soup. The Confirmation families will be supplying sandwiches-but we may need a few more volunteers. We're asking congregation members to bring desserts, and they could bring sandwiches too, if they'd like. The Confirmation kids will be participating in the services. Warren Behling will impose ashes and serve communion on Ash Wednesday.

OLD BUSINESS

Congregational Vote – The January 22 vote was unanimous at both churches. Pastor Bob commented that this is highly unusual. He felt it was a really good sign. The vote was reported to the Synod, and the Parish Agreement was signed by both presidents and sent into the synod office that week.

February 12th St. Valentine's Day with Cupid's Carnival- Heidi Bower-Kesling and Barb both have stuff planned. They're hoping congregation members as well as children will show up. St Paul's has commented that Sunday School participation has increased due to kids wanting to get tickets for the carnival. Three or four high school students are coming to do face painting. Barb also has tattoos for the kids.

Tour the church – Mike and Barb met with Kurt Staab last week. They created a list of things to watch and take care of.

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Pulpit supply pastors & schedules - Barb provided the Council with an updated schedule.

Ministry Site Profile – Mike, Gayle, and Barb are still working on this. It's being changed from bullet points to narrative. St Paul's is meeting with Pastor Randy Olson from the Synod on March 19 to finalize their MSP.

Sound System – Barb has been talking to Audio Architects about our sound system. The microphone for over the ear hasn't been working. They said frequency has changed, and it is now disrupted by cell phones. They offered to send a rep out here if we want. The system we have works fine – we just need new wireless microphones. Audio Architects gave some pricing information to Barb for different options. Mike suggested we put this project on hold because the new pastor may be the better person to make the choice. Each pastor will have a different style preference.

NEW BUSINESS

Administrative Interim Pastor position – Pastor Bob Giese has agreed to be the Administrative Interim Pastor for Our Saviour's, St. Paul's and Trinity. A normal Interim Pastor does all pastoral duties. An Administrative Interim Pastor helps congregations to make sure they're covered for all their needs. They make sure things are done, rather than doing them. Pastor Bob will commit to one service a month, and he will help to be sure the other services are covered. Pastor Bob will also commit 10 hours each week to be shared amongst the three churches for an honorarium of \$600 per month. Each church will be responsible for \$200 of the Honorarium.

The Council reviewed the Letter of Agreement (Contract) for Pastoral Ministry. Mike made a motion to accept and enter into the Letter of Agreement. Brenda seconded. Motion carried. Each Church Council needs to vote on the contract.

Synod Assembly – This year's Synod Assembly will be April 29 at Rice Lake. Carol made a motion that Mike and Heidi Bower-Kesling be our voting members. Nancie seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

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Computer information back up and electronic storage - Carol will address her current external back up issues with Computer TR when they're looking at the other issues she's been having.

ELCA Constitution/Membership & Bylaws – St. Paul's and Our Saviour's need to count active members in the same way since the cost split of our new Agreement is based on active member counts. A discussion was held on how to define active members vs. inactive members. Inactive members are part of the community, but not part of the statistics. St. Paul's sent a letter to their congregation asking for a response from each member as to what category they feel they belong in...active or inactive. Barb will request a copy of St. Paul's letter for reference.

Carol will pull together a current list of active members, inactive members and friends of the church for review at the next Council meeting.

Reminders - Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month Mar. 9, April 13, May 11.

Pastor Bob will be able to join us for the March meeting, but not the April meeting. Nancie will not be able to join us on May 11.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Nancie and seconded by Brenda. Motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Gayle Hamann, Council Secretary



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

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INCOME - Our Saviour's	January	YTD 2023		
General	5,064.00	5,064.00		
Hunger	360.00	360.00		
Sunday School/VBS/Camp		0.00		
Change the World/Special Offering		0.00		
Scrip	3,450.00	3,450.00		
TOTAL INCOME	8,874.00	8,874.00		
Expenses:	January	YTD	Monthly/Budget	Year/Budget
Benevolence	202.56	202.56	250.00	3,000.00
Hunger In/Out	360.00	360.00	0.00	
Special Offering In/Out		0.00	0.00	
Internet Service	61.94	61.94	62.50	750.00
Phone	54.51	54.51	60.42	725.00
Electricity	175.29	175.29	166.67	2,000.00
LP Gas	409.00	409.00	409.00	4,908.00
Dumpster - GFL	72.38	72.38	41.67	500.00
Holding Tanks		0.00	20.83	250.00
Snow Plowing	375.00	375.00	100.00	1,200.00
Janitor Supplies	21.99	21.99	16.67	200.00
Clear Country Water Solutions		0.00	18.75	225.00
Building Repairs/Maintenance		0.00	83.33	1,000.00
Worship/Devotionals/Resources	46.95	46.95	50.00	600.00
Organ/Piano Maintenance		0.00	25.00	300.00
Insurance	323.45	323.45	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	36.52	36.52	37.50	450.00
Copier Lease	117.14	117.14	108.33	1,300.00
Supply Pastors	222.50	222.50	58.33	700.00
Conference Dues		0.00	3.33	40.00
Assembly Delegates		0.00	12.50	150.00
Joint Account		0.00	4,000.01	48,000.12
Payroll	650.00	650.00	650.00	7,800.00
Website		0.00	12.50	150.00
Music Fund	150.00	150.00	173.33	2,080.00
Leadership Training		0.00	12.50	150.00
Education (Adult, Confirmation, Sunday School, VBS)		0.00	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	41.67	500.00
Scrip Cards	3,234.50	3,234.50	0.00	
VANCO Charge	4.80	4.80	0.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	6,518.53	6,518.53	6,892.46	83,209.52
Checking Account:			Savings Account:	7,256.58
Camping Fund	1,273.54		Deposit	0.00
Music Fund	7,615.00		Total	7,256.58
Sunday School	164.53			
General	5,876.31			
TOTAL	14,929.38	Submitted By:	Nancie Adams,	Treasurer

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Our Saviour's January 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 \$5064.00
Hunger \$360.00
Scrip \$3450.00

TOTAL INCOME: **\$8874.00**

Expense Section

Benevolence	\$202.56 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)	\$54.51
Electricity (Taylor Electric)	\$175.29
Dumpster (GFL Environmental)	\$72.38
LP Gas (Budget)	\$409.00
Insurance (Church Mutual)	\$323.45
Newsletter Postage	\$36.52
Janitor Supplies	\$21.99(water dispenser cups)
Payroll	\$650.00
Supply Pastors	\$222.50
Music Fund (Organist)	\$150.00
Copier Lease (E.O. Johnson)	\$117.14
Worship Supplies	\$46.95 (communion wafers and Ashes for Ash Wed)
Snowplowing (Krug's)	\$375.00 (December plowing)
Scrip Cards	\$3234.50(Co. Market and Raise Right Scrip)
VANCO charge	\$4.80

TOTAL EXPENSES: **\$6518.53**

Savings Account: \$7256.58

Mission Investment Fund:

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

12/30/2022 Current Balance: **\$16,439.83**

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.

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