

The Parish Internet

Our Saviour's Lutheran of Holway

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

All Are Welcome ELW 641



September 2023

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

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September Calendar

Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m.

September 3	8:00 a.m. worship/communion, SAM Barb Krug
September 6	6:45 fellowship, 7:00 WELCA meeting @ OS
September 10	8:00 a.m. worship/communion, Pastor Bob Giese
	Honors Sunday—see page
	Sunday School Starts
	Noisy Offering for Community Mission with Jessus
September 13	Confirmation Begins
September 14	6:00 p.m. council meeting
September 17	8:00 a.m. worship/communion, Pastor Gary Froseth
September 24	8:00 a.m. worship/communion, Pastor Bill Schrub

September Worship Assistants

Date	Ushers	Reader	Communion	Counters	Scrip	Acolyte
9/3/23 Green - BK	Harry & Karen Frosch	Marian Nernberger	Brenda Nernberger	Brenda Nernberger & Marian Nernberger	Brenda Nernberger	Dawson Fox
9/10/23 Green - BG	Julie Janke & Adele Adams	Janet Sova	Carol Lekies	Carol Lekies & Julie Janke	Nancie Adams	Ava Adams
9/17/23 Green - GF	Mike & Heidi Kesling	Heidi Bower-Kesling	Heidi Bower-Kesling	Heidi Bower-Kesling & Echo Buehler	Julie Janke	Kingston Fox
9/24/23 Green - WS	Paula Stroinski & Echo Buehler	Marian Nernberger	Karen Frosch	Marian Nernberger & Karen Frosch	Brenda Nernberger	Austin Crab

September Altar Guild—Paula Stroinski & Barb Krug

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

A message from Pastor Bob



Members and friends of (Our Saviour's) (St. Paul's):

The waiting goes on as the search for a new pastor continues. Pastor Randy Olson of the Synod staff told me this past weekend he has no prospects for a new pastor at this time. So what do we do while we wait? Here are some words of wisdom from St. Paul in Romans 12:

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

While it's frustrating not having a called pastor, we are the Body of Christ with or without one. Our ministry goes on.

The worship schedule for Sundays is filled out to the end of the year. The parish council and congregation councils are doing their work to plan for the mission and ministry of the church.

Now it's up to all of us to participate in worship and get involved in ministry within the walls of the church and in the community as we love and serve God and people in our daily lives.

Pray and participate!

Pastor Bob Giese, administrative interim

News & Events –This & That



Baptism: On August 27 we welcomed Amelia Grace Wroblewski into the body of Christ. Her parents are Kelsie Hallgren and Jason Wroblewski. Brian and Elaine Hallgren are grand parents. Amelia was baptized in the same dress worn by her mother for her baptism years ago. Beautiful tradition.

Honors Sunday—September 10

We will be honoring Karen & Harry Frosch and Dorothy & Gary Pagel celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries this year. Karen & Harry were married on August 10, 1973 at Our Saviour's by Pastor Roger Tellock. Ken & Marian Nernberger were best man & maid-of-honor. Both couples are regular worshippers at Our Saviour's.



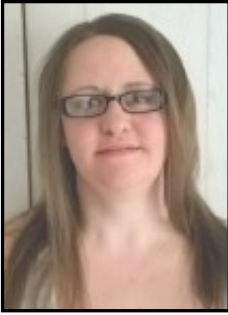
Gary and Dorothy were married on September 22, 1973 at Zion Lutheran, Stetsonville. Card bags are in the fellowship hall. Following worship, join us for fellowship and a cupcake in their honor. Congratulations!



Our Saviour's has new road signs? In case you hadn't noticed, I used a road sign picture for this month's cover. Special thanks to Barb Krug for seeing that the project was accomplished. The old sign frame and posts were rotten and replaced. Ed Rowe built the new frames. We thank Josh Krug, Bruce Krug and Justin Spanjer for helping Ed install them. What makes the new sign special? *Answer on page 15.

Thanks to Lavonne & Bernie Dums Our Saviour's has a new fence around the cemetery. In addition we thank Berry Farms for donating the double gates on the south fence line.

This year's Anniversary Dinner raffle quilt is entitled Moody Blues. Janet Sova donated the quilt. Crystal Clear Quilting from the Creative Hide Away donated quilting. Thank you.



Death: We remember Melissa L. Becker, 44, of Medford who passed away on Tuesday, August 15 at Aspirus Hospital in Wausau after battling cancer. A Celebration of Life for Melissa was held on Sunday, August 27 from 12 - 5 p.m. at the Centennial Hall in Stetsonville, WI with a prayer service at 2:30 p.m. A meal followed. She is survived by two daughters, Makayla, and Megan and her parents, Duane & Deborah Larson of Medford. Keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Inurnment: On September 3, Vera Frosch's ashes were buried at Our Saviour's. Vera, age 94, was married to Harry Frosch's only brother Robert.

Reminder...

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

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

This year we have 80 backpacks to fill thanks to Karen Frosch and Joanne Lavin who each sewed and donated 40. Thank you ladies.



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. This year we have 80 backpacks to fill. Can you help? Still needed:

notebooks, blunt scissors, colors, rulers,
unsharpened pencils & pens ASAP

**School kits will be shipped out mid-September.
We need boxes to ship backpacks & quilts.**

We have enough pink erasers, and pencil sharpeners.

Thank you for your donations

New Clothing Drive supports Rescued & Redeemed

Our Saviour's will be starting an ongoing clothing and soft-goods drive. A drop box is available at church in the fellowship hall. All donations must be in plastic bags, clean, and gently used. When the collection box is full, items will be taken to a drop-off location in either Chippewa Falls or Eau Claire.

- Accepting all clothing and soft home goods including shoes, boots, sandals, jewelry and sunglasses, hats & headbands, socks, backpacks, coats, scarves, outerwear, purses, handbags & wallets, bedding, curtains, small rugs, stuffed animals, tablecloths and placemats, towels, blankets & pillows.

Donations will help fund Rescued & Redeemed a Christ-centered program based in the Chippewa Valley. Their mission is to help victims of sex trafficking and provide them with hope and healing. Through Biblical principals, victims are helped to restore their lives.

Did you know? Sex trafficking world wide is a \$99 billion dollar industry that isn't limited to big cities. It has been reported in all of Wisconsin's 72 counties. As of April 2021, Wisconsin and surrounding states had 40.3 million reported cases. For more information go to: resucedandredeemed.org.

National Trafficking Hotline:

Call 1-888-373-7888
or Text 233733

Signal for help.

Step 1: Palm to camera and tuck thumb.



Step 1

Step 2: Trap thumb.



Step 2



**Sunday School
starts September 10
for children
Pre K—6th grade.**

The teachers have planned the curriculum and calendar, along with fun activities for the year. The curriculum will be on a two-year rotation cycle. This year's lessons will focus on Jesus and His life from the New Testament. Next year Martin Luther and his teachings along with the small catechism will be the focus.

Teachers are Brenda Nernberger—Pre K, Ktg, & 1st grade
Lynette Hamlet—2nd, 3rd, & 4th grades
Jason Borman—5th & 6th grades

A registration/consent form is in the center of this newsletter.

They need to be completed and mailed to Our Saviour's or brought to the first day of class. Make sure to update phone numbers, emails, and address on the registration. If you have any questions or concerns call Lynette Hamlet at 715-975-3315 or email her at Hamletlynette8875@gmail.com

**Classes start
September 13**



4:00—6:00 p.m.

The confirmation program runs two years. Most youth start in the 7th grade. If your child didn't have the opportunity to start as a 7th grader, older youth and adults are welcome to begin as a first year student. Middle school students will take the #8 slot bus to church. All bus rules will apply, and disciplinary action will be taken for rules broken.

Class will end by 6 p.m. Letters outlining the program were sent to new students and their families along with returning students. If you didn't receive a letter, contact the church office. Teaching this year are:



Meagan Neitzel 920-562-0100
Heidi Bower 715-512-0557
Bobbi Marion 715-2900338

WELCA Meeting notes 8/2/2023

Attendance: Karen Frosch, Paula Stroinski, Annabelle Neitzel, Juanita Krug, Heidi Bower-Kesling, Amie Marzinske, Nancie Adams, Marian Nernberger, Echo Buehler, Barb Krug, Bobbi Marion

Called to order by Ms. President Echo Buehler
Mission statement read

Secretary Report: Not available

Treasure report: \$5144.35 current balance, accepted

Stewardship report: Been working on backpacks. Still need items to put into backpacks. Barb made motion that WELCA group pays for whatever is needed once it gets close to time to ship out.

Old Business:

High ground trip: was a very nice trip. Mike and Heidi did a great job with it.

Raffle Ticket sales: not sure on how sales are going.

New business

Clothing drive: currently collecting clothing for homeless and Indian reservation. Will collect until Sept 1st. Heidi mentioned that there is an ongoing clothing and soft goods drive in Eau Claire to help sex trafficking victims. Motion to start this program instead of homeless and Indian reservation since it is local.

Luther Park: We did not have a quilt to send to Luther Park for their quilt raffle this year, would like to continue to support this program. Motion to send \$250.00. All in agreement.

Vet-Fest: \$25.00 per ticket. August 19th. Barb made motion to purchase 4 tickets that will be donated to Vets. seconded by Marian.

Hope in the Park: Aug 27th Christian music concert. Marathon Park. Free event. Marian made motion to send \$100.00. Barb seconded.

Abiding Care: They are looking for donations for their clinic. Discussed that will leave as personal decision to donate right now. Will put paperwork out for congregation if anyone decides to donate.

Honors Sunday: Sept 10th, Karen/Harry, Dorothy/Gary 50th Anniversary. Will plan for 5 dozen cupcakes.

Anniversary Dinner

Oct 15th. 10:30-noon

Country Store: Elaine, Rose, Gayle; Basket Raffles: Nancie is going to ask Michele Dyer to be in charge again. Going to move basket raffles to back tables and not in corner (one or two less dinner tables)

Slips: Paula and Echo to take care of Donation Slips.

Dining Room: We have so many kids signed up, will plan to send some of the kids to the kitchen to help. Food: Nancie will talk to Jean about prices. Needs: need cool whip or Tupperware dishes for any leftovers. Advertising: Need bigger and not so dark in paper. Also add on flyers dinner is open to the public. Send to Nancy Jones at St Pauls to put in their newsletter. Will plan again for 300 people again.

Other business:

St Patty's Day 2024 Celebration—will continue to discuss plans.

Confirmation: Heidi and Meaghan—they want to implement having church community service hours as a confirmation requirement.

Church cleanup, painting, weeding, Sunday school helpers, ect. This would be outside confirmation class.

Youth Group: Heidi and Bobbi looking at starting up a Youth Group.

Advent: discuss at next meeting; Next meeting: Sept 6th, Paula is the hostess; Adjourned with The Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Amie Marzinske



**Queen 90"x90" Quilt
Anniversary Dinner Raffle**

Tickets are for sale. \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00
1st Prize—Quilt, 2nd place \$100.00 cash
3rd—\$50.00 cash, 4th—\$25.00 gift card,
5th—\$25.00 gift card.

Moody Blues—Quilt pieced and donated by Janet Sova. Crystal Clear Quilting from the Creative Hide Away donated quilting.

Community Mission with Jesus - Noisy Offering Sunday September 10

Helping people in our community who need extra support due to illness, death of a spouse, aging, or a physical disability.

If you know someone who needs help, contact
Teresa Gretzinger at 715-785-7623.



Tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Available from WELCA members.

Anniversary Dinner—Sunday, October 15

Plans are underway for this year's dinner at the Centennial Hall in Stetsonville. This is WELCA's only fund raiser of the year. If you want to get in on the planning, attend the WELCA meeting on September 6 beginning at 7 p.m.

There will a basket raffle again. The empty baskets in the fellowship hall were donated for basket raffle use. If you need a basket to fill, help yourself.

Donation slips and work lists will be out soon.

Save cool whip containers or other reusable plastic containers for left overs and drop them off at church.

Invite your friends and neighbors to attend. The dinner is open to the public and carry outs will be available.



Powerful Tools FOR Caregivers

Powerful tools for caregivers is an educational series designed to provide tools you need to take care of yourself. If you take good care of yourself, you will be better prepared to take good care of your loved one. Topics will include reducing stress, improve self-confidence, better communicating your feelings, increase ability to make tough decisions and locate helpful resources.

Class is six sessions:

Time: 1:00 pm -2:30 pm
September 5, 12, 19, 26, Oct 3, 10
Multi Purpose Room At COA Office In
Medford

Participants should attend all six classes.
There is a \$10 fee for the program.
For more Information or to register,
contact Jenn at 715-748-1499



**If respite care is needed please call ahead
so we can make arrangements.**

BY HIM all things were created: things in heaven and on earth.
Colossians 1:16

News & Events—August Council Minutes

August Council Minutes 8/10/2023

The meeting was called to order by Barb Krug. Present: Nancie Adams, Mike Kesling, Brenda Nernberger, Pastor Bob Giese and Heidi Bower-Kesling. Pastor Bob opened with prayer and our mission statement was recited. Motion was made (Nancie) and seconded (Brenda) to approve the agenda, with a couple of additions. Motion carried.

Motion was made (Mike) and seconded (Nancie) to approve the July Council minutes. Motion carried. No report from parish secretary.

The treasurer's report was reviewed. Motion made (Mike) seconded (Brenda) to approve the July Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Brenda reported she will be working with Gary Jensen from SP to get the new joint treasurer's account set up.

Co-Mission Reports

Education & Youth: Sunday school will begin on Sept. 10th when Bibles will be handed out, at the worship service, to the fifth graders and there will be a Blessing of the Backpacks. The teachers met and will be developing their curriculum on a two-year basis with exciting things happening throughout the year. Heide reported on the upcoming Confirmation class that she and Meagan Neitzel have volunteered to teach again this year. Bobbi Marion has also agreed to volunteer when needed. Classes will begin on September 13th. There will be a few changes and some requirements for confirmands to complete before being confirmed on May 5, 2024. The willing donor was thanked for giving VBS class winnings for the ELCA Good Gifts.

Property: The front pew in the balcony needs to be removed due to a crack in it. The pressure washing of the outside walls will be placed on hold until Gordy gives the okay and the water won't wash away the bug spray he's applied. The outdoor signs are constructed and painted (thanks to Ed Rowe) and will be put up as soon as possible. Nancie is following up on the savings we should be receiving for installing LED lights in the fellowship hall. Mike will take care of getting and submitting the water samples required annually. Zenner Plumbing and Heating will check the air conditioner as soon as possible.

WELCA: Honoring the 50th wedding anniversaries will be held on September 10th. A new clothing collection site was discussed. Heidi Bower-Kesling will get that information to Carol. The planning for the anniversary dinner has started.

Worship: Bob is going to try something with the sound system to see if we can attach mixers, etc. for better sound and more usages. Also, to provide a way for the TV to be hooked up. If he can't make this work,

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we will need to look into upgrading or replacing the system.

Old Business: The membership list and calling of those that did not respond to the letter will be completed soon. There are some reports needed for the Joint Council meeting. Brenda and Nancie will make sure these get completed and sent to Val Bach at SP. Bob's Parish administrator contract was discussed. He is okay to cross off Trinity and continue with his contract with OS and SP. A discussion followed on what our congregation can do to support participants at Lay School. A motion was made (Mike) and seconded (Brenda) to contribute \$200.00 per person, per year one and two, to any members of OS that attend Lay School. Continuing education costs would be at the member's expense. There are two members attending first year Lay School this year and Barb will be attending the second-year class. The 75" TV that Mike and Heidi have donated to the church is ready for installment. Barb will contact Randy Haynes from Combined Carpentry to see when he can do this. We need a new laptop to hook up to the TV though. Donations toward or for this will be asked for. Bob gave his administrative report. Bob mentioned that sometimes it's difficult for him to complete or fit in home visits due to scheduling with the member or himself. He may teach a class on visitation for lay people, or it may be possible for members to join a ZOOM, SAM meeting in October. He will have more information on this. Bob's hip surgery is scheduled for October 3rd. Not being able to drive is his biggest concern during his recovery. Prayers for a speedy recovery for him.

New Business: Gayle Hamann has submitted her resignation as secretary for the council. Due to health issues, she feels she needs to step down and concentrate on getting better. If anyone is interested in filling this important position, they can contact Barb. Some people have been asked but no one has been willing to commit just yet. Bob attended a Fresh Expressions workshop at Luther Park earlier this month and reported on it. It seems to be an extension of the FINN program that our congregation participated in. More information will be coming on this. He missed seeing Abbie Marzinske and Rachel Varney who were at camp the same time he was. It was reported the girls had a great time at camp.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 14th. All members of the congregation are invited to attend.

A motion was made (Mike) and seconded (Brenda) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Barb Krug, acting secretary.

News & Events: OS Finance

Our Saviour's July 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 \$5489.00 (\$30.00 added to general for sale of tables)
Hunger \$470.00
Scrip \$2250.00
VBS \$20.00 (donation for VBS)

TOTAL INCOME: **\$8229.00**

Expense Section

Benevolence	\$219.56 to NW Synod of WI General Mission Support – 4%
Hunger	\$470.00 to Northwest Synod of WI for ELCA World Hunger
Internet Service (Clark Electric)	\$61.94
Phone (TDS)	\$52.09
Electricity (Taylor Electric)	\$134.76
Dumpster (GFL Environmental)	\$25.92
LP Gas (Budget-Medford Coop)	\$409.00
Insurance (Church Mutual)	\$383.47
Janitor Supplies	\$17.59
Newsletter Postage	\$38.05
Payroll	\$432.20(church administrator & mileage for April, May & June)
Transfer to Joint-Payroll	\$1380.74(June & July secretary pay and taxes)
Supply Pastors	\$637.65
Music Fund (Organist)	\$25.00 (music fund balance \$6390.00)
Copier Lease (E. O. Johnson)	\$117.14
VANCO charge	\$5.90
Script Cards (Co. Market)	\$1920.00
Treasurer Supplies	\$63.00 (stamps)
Buildings Repairs/Maintenance	\$200.79 (Pavement repair & posts for new signs)
TOTAL EXPENSES:	<u>\$6594.80</u>

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
6/30/2023 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	July	YTD 2023		
General	5,489.00	36,519.48		
Hunger	470.00	2,905.00		
Sunday School/VBS/Camp	20.00	520.00		
Change the World/Special Offering		367.00		
Scrip	2,250.00	16,550.00		
TOTAL INCOME	8,229.00	56,861.48		
Expenses:	July	YTD	Monthly/Budget	Year/Budget
Benevolence	219.56	1,460.77	0.00	3,000.00
Hunger In/Out	470.00	2,905.00	0.00	
Special Offering In/Out		307.00	0.00	
Internet Service	61.94	433.58	62.50	750.00
Phone	52.09	371.56	60.42	725.00
Electricity	134.76	1,066.10	166.67	2,000.00
LP Gas	409.00	2,863.00	409.00	4,908.00
Dumpster	25.92	403.94	41.67	500.00
Fording Tanks		0.00	20.83	250.00
Snow Plowing		993.75	100.00	1,200.00
Janitor Supplies	17.59	90.40	16.67	200.00
Clear Country Water Solutions		0.00	18.75	225.00
Building Repairs/Maintenance	200.79	263.00	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	2,742.67	323.45	3,881.40
Office & Computer Supplies/parts/ink		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	63.00	120.60	8.33	100.00
Newsletter Postage	38.05	255.89	37.50	450.00
Copier Lease	117.14	819.98	108.33	1,300.00
Supply Pastors	637.65	2,016.45	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	1,812.94	5,598.05	650.00	7,800.00
Website		143.88	10.00	120.00
Music Fund	25.00	1,375.00	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	1,920.00	15,625.00	0.00	
VANCO Charge	5.90	36.70	0.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	6,594.80	42,074.37	6,606.63	82,779.52
Checking Account:			Savings Account:	7,521.99
Camping Fund	1,273.54		Deposit	0.00
Music Fund	6,390.00		Total	7,521.99
Sunday School	684.53			
General	19,013.03			
TOTAL	27,361.10	<i>Submitted By:</i>	<i>Nandie Adams</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>

* Lutheran is misspelled.

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Electronic Service
Requested

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