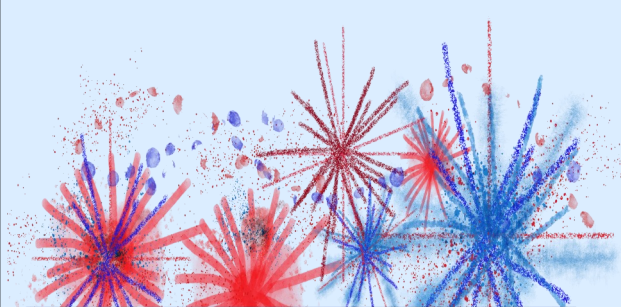




The Parish Pulse

A monthly newsletter for friends and family of
Our Saviour's Lutheran of Holway and
St. Paul's Lutheran of Medford

July 2026

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Message from Barb Krug

Greetings,

July is upon us and the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence that dissolved the connection between “this country” and Great Britain, declaring the “United Colonies of North America” to be free and independent states.

Free and independent as Christians is evident as we look at John 8:36. “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” Jesus had told the Jews who believed him, “if you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?” Jesus replied, ‘Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.” And the Son of God set us free from our sins because we hold to His teachings. This proclaims the true, ultimate freedom from the bondage of sin and spiritual death that comes exclusively through Jesus Christ. We are blessed with a freedom that we didn’t have to fight for. A freedom that was granted to us by the life, death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We, as people of the United State of America are blessed with the many freedoms we have. Many had to fight and die for these freedoms. Many still fight and die to allow us to keep these freedoms.

As you plan to celebrate on this Independence Day, I ask that you first give thanks to God our Father for the freedom He gave us, then say a prayer of thanks for the service men and women that are dedicated to keeping the freedoms we enjoy. Then, go have a hot dog and ooh and aah at the fireworks somewhere. Enjoy the festivities as a free and blessed child of God and a citizen of the U.S.

Then, as you attend worship on July 5, be reminded of the baptismal promise, “To Hear the Word of God and Share in the Lord’s Supper.”

The Apostle Paul reminds us that “faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ (Romans 10:17).” Hearing and listening to the teachings of God is the foundation for building and strengthening one’s spiritual faith.

When we gather to hear the Word of God, we are realigning our hearts with eternal truth. Culture is loud and distracting. The fireworks are loud and beautiful. The scriptures are beautiful and a steady anchor for us all.

God’s blessings for a safe and fun Holiday weekend.

Barb Krug - SAM



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For pastoral care emergencies, call the following:

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Sunday Services

Our Saviour's Service: 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
St. Paul's Service 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Every 5th Sunday – 9:00 a.m. joint worship to be hosted on a rotating basis between Our Saviour's and St. Paul's. Our next joint service is scheduled for Sunday, August 30, at Our Saviour's.



Join us for a **CELEBRATION OF FAITH** at this year's Vacation Bible School - a joyful day filled with laughter, learning, and the love of God.

Date: Wednesday, July 29
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Location: Our Saviour's Lutheran Church,
W7809 Apple Ave., Medford, WI**

Children can be dropped off at St. Paul's in Medford to ride the bus out to Our Saviour's and back to St. Paul's if needed. The bus will be at St. Paul's at 8:30 a.m. If parents plan to drop their child(ren) off at St. Paul's, please include that information on the registration form.

Register by scanning the QR code or by visiting the following website:

<https://forms.gle/xPXRewGVi9owXtQa7>



This year's VBS will be a one-day event for children in PreK- 6. Children in grades 7-9 are welcome to participate also as mentors and helpers.

Most of our activities will take place outside, so children should dress accordingly. Snacks and a lunch will be provided throughout the day. If your child brings a water bottle, please have their name written on it.

Please register by Monday, July 20.

Anyone interested in helping with VBS can reach out to Meagan Neitzel at 920-562-0100 or email mneitzel56@gmail.com. Adults, teenagers, or confirmation kids are all invited to assist.



Joint Worship Service in the Park

Sunday, July 19
Time: 9:30 a.m.

Medford City Park
Tombstone Band Shell

Featuring: *Breaking Chains*

Bring your lawn chairs.

Free will offering to support the ministry of Breaking Chains. A free pizza lunch will follow the service.

Please contact the church office if you would like to hear how you could help with this event.

Daylily Dig - Annual Malawi Fundraiser July 23 – 25, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Choose the perfect hardy perennial daylily plants, crossbred and raised in the Chippewa Valley. This annual fundraiser raises money for work in Malawi, Africa. Funds raised have supported relief in epidemics, help in food shortages, orphan feeding centers, medical supplies, and self-sufficiency projects. Enjoy the peace of the flower farm and over 25 beautiful daylily beds.

Cost - by donation

Sundance Hill Farm
5207 70th St., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729



SPOS Joint Council Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2026 5:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Brenda Nernberger, Julie Janke, Mike Kesling, Barb Krug (SAM) **Not present:** Mark Temme, Stacey Dassow, Kathy Schumacher

Guest: Dawn Kasper-Harder - Joint Treasurer

The meeting was called to order by Joint council President, Brenda at 5:15 p.m.

Opening prayer was led by Barb.

Motion to accept the agenda was made by Mike, seconded by Julie. Motion carried.

The minutes from the last meeting on February 16, 2026, were not available. These will be approved at the next meeting.

REPORTS:

Joint Parish Treasurer:

Dawn reported that the Workman's Comp policy has been switched from Church Mutual to Hastings Mutal. Other than that, all is going well.

Barb Krug - SAM:

Barb reported she is attending a class through the Wartberg Seminary. It is in association with the Castle Project program.

Two new SAMs, one from each congregation, are in the ending process before installation. Each will be contracted separately with their church. Background checks need to be done, along with a few other steps. Wages were discussed for leading worship and the new Visitation Ministry that is being set up for the shut ins for our congregations.

Business:

Old Business: Dish With the Bish went great. All had an awesome time. Good questions were asked of Bishop Martin and Deacon Laura Ramlow.

Joint Worship: Breaking Chains will be here for our joint service on July 19th. It will be held at the Medford City Park, bandshell and pavilion. A light lunch of pizza and chips will be served with drinks and dessert. More help is needed on the committee to help with the advertising, preparations and day of - set up and take down. Please contact Barb if interested in helping.

Next Meeting: Is scheduled for October 5, 5:00 p.m. at St. Paul's.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer. Julie made the motion to adjourn and Mike seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,
Dawn Kasper-Harder

2026 JOINT PARISH FINANCIAL													
	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
Income													
OS Income	1480.11	1562.10	1449.75	2962.31									7454.27
SP Income	3549.84	2285.78	2116.91	3251.31	2264.93								13468.77
Misc Incom													0.00
OS Lawn Inco													0.00
OS Jator Inco	782.64			1291.80									2074.44
Total Income	5812.59	3847.88	3566.66	7505.42	2264.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22997.48
Expenses													
Joint (ex: checks, resources, tools, etc)			56.00										56.00
Workman C													0.00
SP Parish Adm	1059.50	1033.25	1072.63	1099.59	1053.28								5318.25
OS Secretary	263.17	282.60	289.31	288.63	272.37								1396.08
OS Custodian			1108.20										1108.20
SP Custodian	182.43	126.91	134.84	179.79	71.39								695.36
OS Watchman		160.00	80.00	80.00	80.00								400.00
SAM S	720.00	1400.00	900.00	936.26	850.00								4806.26
Lay Leaders	150.00												150.00
SP Music	200.00	200.00	200.00	150.00	150.00								900.00
OS Music	225.00	300.00	225.00	225.00	225.00								1200.00
Pastor Bob	293.50			293.50	343.50								930.50
Pastor Rachel		293.50		293.50									587.00
Busin. Tax Reg				10.00									10.00
Pastor Nancy	287.70	287.70			525.40								1100.80
OS Lawn Care													0.00
State Quarterly	87.20			94.30									181.50
Fed Quarterly	1625.72			1652.02									3277.74
Misc Expense													0.00
Total Expense	5094.22	4083.96	4065.98	5302.59	3570.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22117.69

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Church Council

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June 2026 Attendance

June 7	31
June 14	25
June 21	60
June 28	

Our Saviour's Ladies Dinner - July 28 *Christmas in July*

The Our Saviour's WELCA is hosting a ladies dinner at the container and patio at N64, on July 28, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We will be ordering appetizers and pizza rather than ordering off the menu. The cost is \$20 per person. Tip is included. Drinks are not included.

All ladies of Our Saviour's and St. Paul's are invited. Reservations are required so we know how many pizzas to order. Please RSVP to Heidi Bower-Kesling at 715-512-0557 by July 20.



July 2026 Calendar for Our Saviour's

Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m.

July 5 Worship w/communion, Mike Kesling, SAM
 July 12 Worship w/communion, Pastor Bob Giese
 July 19 Worship in the Park with *Breaking Chains* - 9:30 a.m.
 July 26 Worship w/communion, Barb Krug, SAM
 July 28 Our Saviour's Ladies Dinner at 64 North - 5:00 p.m.
 July 29 VBS at Our Saviour's - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

A Message from Our Saviour's Council President - Jason Borman

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I recently came across a thought-provoking question: *If you could place your problems into a hat along with everyone else's, and then draw a new set at random, would you take that opportunity—or would you choose to keep your own?* It's an interesting reflection. We all carry challenges, struggles, and burdens, but are ours truly greater than those of others?

Now consider a different perspective: *What if we placed all of our blessings into that same hat? Would we be willing to exchange them, or would we hold tightly to what we have been given?*

The truth is, these questions remind us of something important—our lives are not random. We have been given our unique circumstances, and within them, both trials and blessings. And we are not meant to walk this journey alone.

We are blessed with one another—for support, fellowship, and friendship. We are guided by God's Word, which teaches and strengthens us. And above all, we are held by an awesome and loving God.

When we invite God into our daily lives—when we focus on goodness, hope, and love—our perspective begins to change. Even in the midst of challenges, our days can be filled with peace, purpose, and quiet joy.

Let us continue to encourage one another, to count our blessings, and to trust in God's plan, knowing that He walks with us every step of the way.

In Christ,
 Jason

July 2026 Worship Assistants

July Altar Guild: Echol Buehler & Paula Stroinski

DATE	MESSAGE	USHERS	LITURGIST	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	COUNTERS	ACOLYTE
JULY 5	Mike Kesling			Heidi Bower Kesling		volunteer
JULY 12	Bob Giese	Marian & Ken Nernberger	Marian Nernberger		Marian & Ken Nernberger	Jordyn Bottlemey
JULY 19 MEDFORD PARK	Breaking Chains	X	X	X	X	X
JULY 26	Barb Krug	Heidi & Mike Kesling	Heidi Bower Kesling		Heidi Bower Kesling	Chloe Krueger

Volunteers needed: We are always looking for additional volunteers to help with the Sunday morning services. The monthly sign-up sheet is located in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider helping.



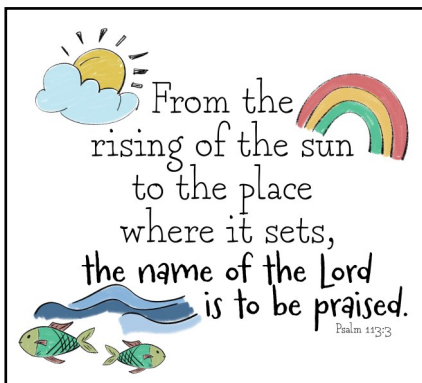
Congratulations to Steve and Adele Adams, Duane and Deborah Larson, and Jeff and Linda Paul on their 50th anniversaries. Thank you for letting your church family celebrate with you.

(Pictured: Deborah Larson, Adele Adams, and Steve Adams.)



Shop with Scrip

Scrip cards make great gifts for weddings, graduations, or other special occasions. Scrip is sold on Sunday mornings before the service.



OUR CHURCH IS A COHORT CONGREGATION



We are excited to announce that our church has been chosen to be a Cohort Congregation with the Engaging Children Initiative. We are one of 10 congregations who will receive \$1,000 each year for the next two years in order to creatively engage children in prayer and worship through the arts, movement, curiosity and stories!

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MORE <https://tinyurl.com/FacebookECI>

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THIS SUMMER

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2026

Jason called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Jason Borman, Heidi Bower-Kesling, Jerry Cypher, Echo Buehler, Julie Janke and Barb Krug.

Not present: Lynn Lindau, Clarice Zenner, and Nancie Adams.

In the absence of Lynn, Barb will take minutes. Jason opened with a prayer. The Mission Statement was recited.

Echo made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by Julie. Motion carried.

Jerry made a motion to approve the May meeting minutes. Second by Julie. Motion carried.

Jerry made a motion to approve the May treasurer's report. Second by Heidi. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education and Youth: VBS will be held on July 29, at Our Saviour's. St. Paul's and community children are invited as well. There will be a meeting for the teachers on Sunday, June 28, at 1:00 p.m.

Property: Jim Zenner has the dry wall primed that covers the staircase in the basement. At our last meeting, we talked about having a mural painted on it before putting the cross back up. Heidi approached Hannah Block about doing it. The idea of using Matthew 6:28-30 as the theme was discussed. Hannah will send some sketches for approval. A motion was made by Julie to offer Hannah a fee of \$500.00 which will include the paint and supplies. Second by Jerry. Motion carried. The council will vote via email on sketches.

Barb asked about the Memorial Garden that was approved for the cemetery. Rod Adams took the lead on that. Barb will follow up with him.

WELCA: 50th Anniversary celebrating Steve & Adele Adams, Duane & Deborah Larson, and Jeff & Linda Paul is planned for this Sunday, June 21. Card bags are out and cupcakes will be served following the service.

WORSHIP: Joint Worship Service is planned for July 19, with Breaking Chains leading a musical worship service and message at the Tombstone Band Shell in the Medford City Park. Food will be served following the service. Flyers are available for people to share with their families and friends. Job duties were discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

Internet provider Starlink has been installed and Clark Electric internet service has been cancelled.

Pay increases were discussed. St. Paul's has approved these, with the stipulation that we also approve them. The increases are as follows: Administrator (SAM) increase from \$200.00 per month per congregation to \$250.00, plus mileage if requested. Supply Pastors and SAMs leading worship increase from \$125 per service per congregation to \$175.00, plus mileage if requested. Lay worship leaders increase from \$75.00 per service per congregation to \$100.00. Parish administrative secretary increased from \$17.00 per hour to \$18.00 per hour. The new visitation ministry, where our new SAMs will visit our shut-in members or members that are hospitalized, will receive \$25.00 per visit with the knowledge that visits will last about one hour. The rate for the worship leader for a Joint service will increase from \$200.00 to \$250.00. The rate of \$35.00 for the Pastor or SAM to preside over communion, in the event of a lay person leading worship, will remain at \$35.00 per service per congregation. Our watchman will receive an increase from \$20.00 per week to \$25.00 per week with the continued \$20.00 per hour when repairs are needed. A motion was made by Heidi to approve these changes. Second by Jerry. Motion carried

Barb reported on what the expectations are for the newly organized Visitation Ministry.

NEW BUSINESS:

Echo had a question about the camping fund. The fund is there for children that attend any type of Bible Camp. The entire fee is not paid, but a portion of it is for children to attend. Families just need to request it.

We will not meet in July or August. Our next council meeting will be September 16, @ 6:00 p.m.

Echo made a motion to adjourn. Second by Heidi. Motion carried at 6:45 p.m. and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Barb Krug

Our Saviour's May Financial Report: 2026

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	\$5646.05
Hunger	\$285.00
Sunday School/VBS	\$20.00 (donation)
Scrip	\$3150.00
Special Offering/InOut	\$500.00 (cross repair donation)

TOTAL INCOME: **\$9601.05**

Expense Section

Benevolence	\$225.40(to NW Synod of WI General Mission Support – 4%
Hunger	\$285.00(to Northwest Synod of WI for ELCA World Hunger)
Internet Service (Clark Electric & Star Link)	\$96.94(\$61.94 Clark electric,\$35.00 Star link 1 st month charge)
Phone (TDS)	\$32.80
Electricity (Taylor Electric)	\$140.29
Dumpster (GFL Environmental)	\$59.99
Building Repairs/Maintenance	\$2057.50(one half payment for cross repair)
Worship/Devotionals/Recourses	\$40.08(communion kit)
LP Gas (Budget-Medford Coop)	\$703.16
Insurance (Church Mutual)	\$572.37
Newsletter Postage	\$64.49(April and May)
Payroll	\$443.00(watchman \$80.00—sec \$363.00)
Website(GoDaddy)	\$131.89(1 year subscription)
Church Administrator	\$200.00
Supply Pastors	\$684.45
Music (Organist)	\$225.00
Education	\$356.88(lpad and Stand)
Copier Lease (E.O. Johnson)	\$134.14
VANCO charge	\$6.30
Mis/Special Events	\$93.75(supplies for Janets corner)
Script Cards	\$3895.50(Co. Market \$960.00 Raise right \$2935.50)

TOTAL EXPENSES: **\$10,448.93**

Savings Account: **\$9857.74**

6 Month CD Rate 3.45% Matures Sept 20, 2026
3/20/2026 Balance: **\$50,000.00**

Script sales profit for May 2026 \$204.50

Mission Investment Fund:

Term Investment Fixed 4 Year – 3847 Rate 4.3290% Matures 9/23/2029
12/31/2025 Balance: \$17,314.84
Interest **03/31/2026** \$184.82
New Balance \$17,499.66

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

INCOME - Our Saviour's	May	YTD 2026		
General	5,646.05	24,897.18		
Hunger	285.00	1,050.00		
Sunday School/VBS/Camp	20.00	20.00		
Change the World/Special Offering	500.00	1,989.00		
Scrip	3,150.00	13,870.00		
TOTAL INCOME	9,601.05	41,826.18		
Expenses:	May	YTD	Monthly/Budget	Year/Budget
Benevolence	225.40	991.60	250.00	3,000.00
Hunger In/Out	285.00	1,050.00	0.00	0.00
Special Offering In/Out		1,455.50	0.00	0.00
Internet Service	96.94	365.80	62.50	750.00
Phone	32.80	160.49	60.42	725.00
Electricity	140.29	830.25	166.67	2,000.00
LP Gas	703.16	1,867.16	333.33	4,000.00
Dumpster - GFL	59.99	197.74	58.33	700.00
Holding Tanks		0.00	20.83	250.00
Snow Plowing		656.25	100.00	1,200.00
Janitor Supplies		55.10	18.75	225.00
Clear Country Water Solutions		0.00	18.75	225.00
Building Repairs/Maintenance	2,057.50	2,210.46	83.33	1,000.00
Worship/Devotionals/Resources	40.08	202.63	50.00	600.00
Organ/Piano Maintenance		0.00	25.00	300.00
Insurance	572.37	2,861.85	508.33	6,100.00
Office & Computer Supplies/parts/ink		918.59	25.00	300.00
Postage and Stamps		78.00	16.67	200.00
Computer Maintenance/Repair		0.00	16.67	200.00
Treasurer Supplies		0.00	8.33	100.00
Newsletter Postage	64.49	161.66	37.50	450.00
Copier Lease	134.14	679.47	125.00	1,500.00
Supply Pastors	684.45	2,812.28	600.00	7,200.00
Conference Dues		0.00	3.33	40.00
Assembly Delegates		150.00	41.67	500.00
Joint Account** see notes below		0.00	41.67	500.00
Payroll-Secretary-Property Manager	443.00	2,366.99	650.00	7,800.00
Website	131.89	131.89	16.67	200.00
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)	356.88	427.08	83.33	1,000.00
Background Checks		0.00	8.33	100.00
Camping Funds		0.00	33.33	400.00
Pastorial Admin	200.00	1,000.00	200.00	2,400.00
Miscellaneous- Special Events	93.75	203.37	41.67	500.00
Scrip Cards	3,895.50	12,754.50	0.00	0.00
VANCO Charge	6.30	32.30	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	10,448.93	35,895.96	4,072.08	49,365.00
Checking Account:		Savings Account:		9,756.96
Camping Fund	873.54		Deposit	100.78
Sunday School/VBS	3,172.33		Total	9,857.74
General	24,229.30			
			6 Month CD	50,000.00
TOTAL	28,275.17	<i>Submitted By:</i>	<i>Nancie Adams,</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Message from St. Paul's Council President - Tony Schumacher

Summer is often a time of vacation and treating oneself to special things and luxuries. These things offer a nice refreshing break and recharge and can be good for our minds, bodies, and souls. However, we must remember that even when we might be taking a little break from the grind of our busy work or home schedules, the needs and problems of the people around us in this world don't let up.

So, in addition to your giving of time and treasure to our church to support its ministries near and far, I hope you consider pushing your giving boundary just a bit. Perhaps you can find 1 or 2 other charities that you've never supported before that are doing really great things to help people. They would be thrilled to get your donation. Maybe it will go to help homeless people, or provide meals to the hungry, or give life-saving medical care to children, or to fund research to find cures for horrible diseases. The list goes on and on.

Ask God to lead you in the right direction to find a match for your giving. Remember, God is not stingy when it comes to spreading His love and grace to all of us. God does not want us to be selfish with the gifts and treasures entrusted to us.

Have a fantastic July and enjoy all that summer offers!

July 2026 Worship Assistants – St. Paul's

DATE	MESSAGE	LITURGIST	COMMUNION SETUP	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
JULY 5	Dawn Harder, SAM	Cathy Retzer	Jo Cypher	Marguerite Jochimsen
JULY 12	Pastor Bob Giese	Gail Heurung	Kathy & Dan Higgins	Tina Machon
JULY 19 MEDFORD CITY PARK	Breaking Chains	_____	_____	_____
JULY 26	Barb Krug, SAM	Dawn Harder	Jo Cypher	Chris Finkler

Needles for Needs Community Quilt Group

We decided a little flooring installation wasn't going to stop us from quilting, so we've been getting together in the basement of the Welcome Hall the past few weeks (as soon as the asbestos was taken care of). Since we had to move all of our quilting supplies to a single room downstairs, it's been a challenge finding everything we need. While we don't have as many quilts done as we'd like, we still have 51 quilts completed so far. Once we are able to move our supplies back into their respective rooms and move our operation back upstairs, I suspect the quilts will be piling up fast!

As always, we'd love to have you join us on quilting days! We meet every Tuesday from 9-2, with coffee and lunch at 11. If working from home is more your speed, we have a couple things you could do or sew at home. Just give Tonya a call (or text) at 715-560-0295.

Please keep us in mind as you visit garage sales, estate sales, and thrift stores - we could always use more cotton and cotton-poly blend sheets, and embroidery floss as well - it takes about 5 skeins to tie each LWR quilt together. Thank you for all of your donations and support over the years - we truly couldn't do it without you!

God's Work, Our Hands. Tonya Albers

St. Paul's Ladies Lunch Bunch Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Location: Uncommon Ground
118 South Main St., Medford

Time: 11:15 a.m.

All are welcome to enjoy fun and fellowship. For more information, contact Michelle Danen at 715-748-4397 or Chris Finkler at 715-748-6848.



Comfort Quilts

I would like to congratulate the council for all their hard work with the asbestos and carpeting project. Whenever there is a building project, plan on adding a few more weeks onto the calendar because things never go as scheduled. With that being said, once we do get things going again the Comfort Quilts quilting group will be busy getting our ministry resupplied in all our outreach spots. We all have been working at home but mostly we are also enjoying the great outdoors to get reconnected with our Lord. It really grounds me when I walk in the woods and see how much He has to offer us.

As a congregation, let's all show our support for the renovations that are being done at church and, if asked to help, please step up if at all possible because that saying that someone else can do it should be your reflection in the mirror. God bless to all and hope you are all having a wonderful summer.

Faithfully submitted by
Kim Gasek

The Mobile Food Pantry served 78 households on June 18 , 2026.



55 individuals ages 0-17
73 individuals ages 18-59
68 individuals ages 60+
196 total number of individuals

1st time visitor in 2026 = 33 individuals

The next Mobile Food Pantry will be on Thursday, July 16, 2026.

Volunteers meet at 1:00 p.m.
Distribution begins at 4:00 p.m.

Food distributed: ground chicken, black beans, chili starter, chickpeas, peanut butter, applesauce, pancake mix, mac & cheese, pizza pretzels, pudding cups, eggs, ice cream sandwiches, fruit bars, cabbage, potatoes, broccoli, onions, watermelon and cantaloupe.

If you would like to help sponsor the food pantry, simply make out your check to **St. Paul's Lutheran Church** and include "food pantry" in the memo line. Business and individual sponsors are welcome.

Thank you to **Bill Brunner** for sponsoring the June Mobile Food Pantry.

Attention Guys and Gals! I would like to set up a prayer chain here at St Paul's. If you would like to be part of it, please let me know. I will have a signup sheet in the Welcome Area. You can also email me at kasperdawn65@gmail.com. You can also call or text me at 715-965-1487. Please let me know if you have any questions. The Power of Prayer!
Dawn Kasper-Harder

St. Paul's July 2026 Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAY

July 1 Bradley Carstensen
July 2 Kim Gasek
July 3 Jack Machon
July 4 Nicole Homeyer
July 7 Logan Egle
July 8 Staci Egle
Craig Krug
Rayna Rodman
July 9 Alli Ranum
Sophie Sperl
July 10 Jill Lybert
Gretta Tlusty
July 11 Daniel Higgins
July 13 Brock Anderson
July 14 Sada Carstensen
Cassandra Peterson
Ernest Woods

BIRTHDAY

July 15 Patty Lubahn
July 16 Ryan Hillebrand
Sydney Sperl
Lori Willner
July 18 Eric Melvin
July 19 Shannon Emmerich
July 20 Donna Albers
Megan Melvin
Sarah Schreiner
July 21 Nicole Anderson
Chad Emmerich
Kari Rappe
Sandra Schreiner
July 22 Sophie Brost
Kay Halopka

BIRTHDAY

July 23 Anna Konrad
July 26 Jessica Meier
July 27 Sean Anderson
July 28 Phyllis Widmer
July 29 Trista Shore
July 30 Bruce Brunner
Laynee Kalmon
ANNIVERSARIES
July 1 Lisa & Gary Walworth
July 1 Vanessa & Ryan
Hillebrand
July 4 Staci & Kevin Egle
July 5 Kathy & Tony
Schumacher
July 7 Melissa & Ryan
Pilgrim

ANNIVERSARIES

July 8 Erin & Vince Wojick
July 11 Kathy & Ross
Hackbarth
July 13 Ann & John Bauer
July 15 Valerie & Darrell
Higgins
July 15 Debra & Lanny
Dassow
July 22 Joan & Jason Steliga
July 23 Michelle & Brock
Kalmon
July 26 Jo & Dennis Cypher
July 30 Susan & Dean
Emmerich
July 31 Kathy & Kurt
Alexander

St. Paul's Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 11, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

Council Members present: Tony Schumacher, Marie Koerner, Carrie Zirngible, Harley Cook, Chris Konieczny, Amber Fettes, Debra Bender, and Leon Gasek. Unable to attend - Kathy Hackbarth, Gail Heurung, Stacey Dassow

Guests present: Nancy Jones

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Tony Schumacher

Opening prayer was led by President Tony Schumacher

Motion to accept agenda was made by Chris, seconded by Marie - motion carried

Motion to accept the meeting minutes from May was made by Chris, seconded by Marie - motion carried.

- Discussion regarding the May minutes and that it should have stated that both Tony and Chris were going to meet with the custodial staff applicant. Motion to make the addendum by Amber, seconded by Marie - motion carried.

BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report - Discussion about the \$24,000 for the boilers already being paid. Also noted that there was more money in the "designated giving - building" than in previous months. Motion by Chris, seconded by Leon to approve the report - motion carried.

Financial Secretary - Leon reported that he is still getting acclimated to counting again but that all is going well.

SAM Report - Barb was absent but Nancy did mention that Barb is currently looking for volunteers to work for the Worship in the Park on July 19. Currently have pizza donated as well as 100 cartons of milk from the dairy council.

Worship Team Update - will be meeting on Friday, June 12.

Sunday School/Confirmation/VBS - VBS will take place on July 29 at Our Saviour's Church. There will be a bus available for transportation to and from Our Saviour's. VBS is for children ages Pre-K to 6th grade.

Joint Parish Council - nothing at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on the flooring project (timeline, paying the bills, balcony, putting pews back in with some changes for the handicap pews) - Tony gave an update: Surface Solutions has all of the materials ordered and hope to begin between June 16, and June 20. They would like 40% down payment before they start, which would be \$23,800. Marie motioned to pay the 40% down, Chris seconded - motion carried. There was also discussion on where to put some materials up in the balcony as well as Randy Haynes possibly helping level the balcony in the fall. It was recommended that the shorter pews go back to back when put back in to allow extra room for wheelchair to maneuver easier. The taller short pew will remain in the back while the other two will go up towards the front on the right side. Nancy also stated that she received the invoice for BRACK Thermal Systems and she paid the \$33,000.

Update on painting the corridor near the basement bathrooms - Carrie is taking the lead on this project. She has set a date of Monday, June 15, at 6:00 p.m. to paint. She will need 4-5 people to help and will get the materials beforehand. Tony will send out an email and is requesting members to help with this during Sunday's service.

Custodian vacancy update (candidate interview update) - Tony and Chris met with the two applicants. They are cousins and would like to work together. They are excited to start if approved. The board discussed the expectations and that they would need to log their own hours (rather than jointly). They can log up to 20 hours per month between both workers and it will be up to them how those hours are split. If they need to go over 20 hours per month, they will need to justify why they need more time. Dawn Harder's last day doing custodial work is June 30, so it would be ideal for the applicants to start July 1. Amber motioned to offer the custodial position to both applicants, Marie seconded - motion carried.

Vote on suggested staff pay rates from the May meeting - lengthy discussion regarding staff pay rates. The following rates were motioned by Amber and seconded by Leon - motion carried. Rates will be as follows:

- Administrative SAM - increase the monthly administrative pay from \$200 to \$250 (½ from each church) and the services from \$125 to \$175 per service plus mileage if requested.
- Pastor Bob & Pastor Nancy and Soon-to-be authorized SAMs - increase from \$125 per service to \$175 per service plus mileage if requested.

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- Lay Speaker (leading the worship services) - Increase from \$75 per service to \$100
- Musicians - Increase from \$50 per service to \$75
- Parish Administrator - Increase from \$17 per hour to \$18 per hour
- SAM Trainees homebound visits at home or hospital - \$25 per visit with the expectation of it being at least 1 hour per visit.
- Joint Service - increase from \$200 per service to \$250 per service
- To just come in to serve communion - keep at \$35 per service
- Janitorial - Start at \$12 per hour with approximately 20 hours per month

NEW BUSINESS:

Cleaning the large green curtain from the cross - To get the curtains dry cleaned, it would cost about \$400. Cathy Retzer talked with Julie Scott and she does not believe we need to dry clean the curtains but rather just vacuum them instead and that should be enough.

Old furniture items (display case and old altar) - Plan is to see if Mark Temme can get new glass and a new top for the display case. We will get rid of the old altar and will look into buying a different table option to replace the old altar. Marie will look into this.

Placing sign(s) outside sanctuary stating no food or drink - We are exploring options for a sign near the sanctuary that reminds people to be as careful and respectful as possible if taking food or drink in and to report any messes to the council, Nancy, or custodians. Tony will work on re-designing that.

Computer upgrade for the church office - Nancy will need a new computer. She will contact Computer TR in Abbotsford to see what they can offer us.

Adding a YouTube channel for our church - We currently have a YouTube channel

for the church but Nancy has talked to the tech person at the school and has found that we can only live stream one at a time. Consensus to continue live streaming on FaceBook and Nancy can upload the live video on Monday when she comes into the office.

A motion by Chris, seconded by Harley to adjourn - motion carried. The July meeting will be skipped so the next meeting will be Wednesday, August 12, at 6:00 p.m.

Council closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Amber Fettes, Council Vice President

St. Paul's Treasurer's Report for May 2026

	2026		2025		YTD % of Change
	May	YTD	May	YTD	
General Giving	11,847	51,370	8,795	54,853	-6.3%
Building Giving					
Total General Giving	11,847	51,370	8,795	54,853	-6.3%
General Expenses	4,069	39,912	11,302	33,863	17.9%
Building Expense					
Total General Expenses	4,069	39,912	11,302	33,863	17.9%
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$7,778	\$11,458	(\$2,507)	\$20,990	
Designated Giving	180	9,277	441	11,858	-21.8%
Designated Giving - Building	1,800	10,050	695	11,785	
Total Designated Giving	1,980	19,327	1,136	23,643	
Designated Expenses	466	7,587	1,079	9,645	-21.3%
Designated Expenses - Building	24,000	33,490	906	906	
Total Designated Expenses	24,466	41,077	1,985	10,552	
Net Designated Income	(22,486)	(21,750)	(638)	13,091	
Interest Income	\$93	572	\$143	555	
Net Combined Income (Deficit)	(\$14,616)	(\$9,720)	(\$3,002)	\$34,635	

Bank Accounts - As of:	5/31/26	YTD Change	Comments
Fund in SPOS Joint Checking	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
Certificate of Deposit	\$75,000	\$75,000	
General Checking	\$171,184	(\$62,888)	\$202,379
Designated Funds in Checking		\$0	
Building Fund	9,228	(\$24,295)	13,034
Comfort Quilts	1,637	(\$168)	1,049
Community Benevolence Fund	355	\$0	133
Designated Memorials	4,290	(\$220)	4,290
Fair Trade Sales	505	\$308	366
Thrivent Choice	2,712	\$612	1,952
Mobile Food Pantry	24,297	\$1,836	10,322
Sunday School	711	\$71	735
Youth Group	11,759	\$24	11,602
Total Funds in Checking	\$302,678	(\$9,720)	\$246,862
Other Accounts			
Events/Fund Raiser Acct	3,185	4	3,170
Needles for Needs Acct	1,162	102	1,618
Scrip Acct	3,940	(3,860)	2,363
Total Other Accounts	\$8,287	-\$3,755	\$7,151
Total - All Accounts	\$310,965	-\$13,475	\$254,013

2026 Pastor Expense - Budgeted	\$67,960
2026 YTD Supply Pastor Expense	\$3,762

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Mission Statement:

Saved and strengthened by Christ, we proclaim God's love through worship, education, and service to our congregation, community, and the world.

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Attendance

June 7	45
June 14	38
June 21	51
June 28	

Thank you to Kathy and Dan Higgins for sponsoring St. Paul's portion of the July newsletter.

*Prayers of healing and comfort for:
Chell Anderson
Julie Rodman*

St. Paul's July 2026 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 9:15 a.m. Worship w/ communion	6	7 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs	8 <i>No Church Council meeting this month</i>	9	10	11
12 9:15 a.m. Worship w/ communion	13	14 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs	15 11:15 a.m. Ladies Lunch Bunch	16 1:00 p.m. Mobile Food Pantry setup 4:00 p.m. distribution	17	18
19 9:30 a.m. Worship in the Park with <i>Breaking Chains</i>	20	21 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs	22	23 Daylily Dig	24	25
26 9:15 a.m. Worship w/ communion	27	28 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs	29 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School at Our Saviour's	30	31	

St. Paul's Giving Options

Mail your check to St. Paul's Lutheran Church,
321 N. Park Ave., Medford, WI 54451
Simply Giving contributions are deducted from your
checking or savings account.
Giving via St. Paul's Website
E-Giving Download the app "GivePlus Church"

Don't forget to check out the activities that are happening at Luther Park this summer. Visit their website at www.lutherpark.org

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Sunday Worship

Our Saviour's Worship - 8:00 a.m.

St. Paul's Worship - 9:15 a.m.

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