



The Parish Pulse

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

August 2026



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Message from Barb Krug

"Proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed."

That is the third Baptismal promise made by us or our parents.

As we leave July and enter into August, our thoughts, well mine do anyway, turn to school starting, along with Sunday School and Confirmation classes resuming soon. A perfect time to be reminded to proclaim the good news of God in Christ. A perfect time to think about what words we are saying and what words we may NOT be saying. What our deeds show about our faith or what our deeds show about our lack of judgment in our faith.

Promising these things at a baptism or reaffirmation of baptism may not impact you then and there, but they are promises made to God, our loving and forgiving God. Your words and deeds impact those that you know and those that see you. As we continue to grow in our congregations and our faith and become congregations that embrace the philosophy of the ministry of all believers, be bold about what you proclaim! Be bold and know that, because of Christ, our good deeds will always be noticed by God.

Acts 4:31: "And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness."

I hope that by being reminded of our baptismal promises, we can keep the fire of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit, and the birth of the church, burning and growing in our hearts.

God's blessings,
Barb Krug - SAM

You Are Invited To Heart For Luther Park

Each summer, children and youth from congregations grow in faith at Luther Park Bible Camp, where camp extends the ministry of the church and home. Support this shared ministry by joining **Heart for Luther Park on Saturday, August 1, from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** This annual fundraiser for all ages features an **outdoor live quilt auction, silent auction, maker's market, two raffles** with prizes, including a **Solo Stove, a handmade quilt, and a free week at camp**, plus **live music, a food truck lunch, friendship bracelets, gagaball, nine-square, and more!** Every bid, purchase, and raffle ticket helps ensure Luther Park can continue sharing the life-changing love of God with campers of all ages. Learn more at lutherpark.org.



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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 8:10 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.

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		1916.10							9370.37
SP Income	3549.84	2285.78	2116.91	3251.31	2264.93	2564.27							16033.04
Misc Incom													0.00
OS Janitor Inco	782.64			1291.80									2074.44
Total Income	5812.59	3847.88	3566.66	7505.42	2264.93	4480.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27477.85
Expenses													
Joint (ex: checks, resources, tools, etc)			56.00										56.00
Workman C						928.00							928.00
SP Parish Adm	1059.50	1033.25	1072.63	1099.59	1053.28	1059.50							6377.75
OS Secretary	263.17	282.60	289.31	288.63	272.37	317.95							1714.03
OS Custodian			1108.20			1108.20							2216.40
SP Custodian	182.43	126.91	134.84	179.79	71.39	60.82							756.18
OS Watchman		160.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00							480.00
SAM S	720.00	1400.00	900.00	936.26	850.00	720.00							5526.26
Lay Leaders	150.00					150.00							300.00
SP Music	200.00	200.00	200.00	150.00	150.00	250.00							1150.00
OS Music	225.00	300.00	225.00	225.00	225.00	300.00							1500.00
Pastor Bob	293.50			293.50	343.50	293.50							1224.00
Pastor Rachel		293.50		293.50									587.00
Busin.Tax Reg				10.00									10.00
Pastor Nancy	287.70	287.70			525.40	287.70							1388.50
OS Lawn Care													0.00
StateQuarterly	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	5555.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27673.36

Pack Your Bags: Blessing of the Backpacks is Coming!

Summer is flying by, and a brand-new school year is just around the corner! Whether your kids are heading into preschool, navigating high school, or stepping onto a college campus, we want to send them off covered in prayer, love, and support.



- **When:** Sunday, September 13
- **Where:** Our Saviour's and St. Paul's during the service
- **Who:** All students, teachers, staff, and administration.
- **What to do:** Have your child(ren) bring their empty or packed backpacks or bags to church.

During the service, we will invite everyone up for a special moment of prayer to ask for God's peace, wisdom, and protection over the upcoming school year. Every student will also receive a custom backpack tag to remind them that their church family is rooting for them every single day!

Presentation of Bibles

The presentation of bibles will be held on Sunday, September 13, during the worship service at each church. At that time, we will present Bibles to the following children: **Our Saviour's** - 3rd graders, and **St. Paul's** - kindergarteners & 6th graders. We invite the congregations to join in celebrating this special faith milestone and praying for our young people.

I would like to give a big SHOUT out to: Meagan Neitzel, Jess Nernberger, Jason and Lucas Borman, Ken and Sue Coyer, and Kathy Schumacher! Thank you all for being a part of the skit "**Seeds of the Harvest**" on Sunday, July 12. The excitement you all showed with your characters was outstanding and it totally gave energy! It felt great to have a cast that was from both of the churches.

I am looking forward to setting up other skits. Also, thank you Pastor Bob for coming up with the new group name.....SPOS Players.



Dawn Kasper-Harder



Worship in the Park

We have been very fortunate to have a number of special worship services this summer. The photo to the right was taken at the "Worship in the Park" service, featuring the group "Breaking Chains" on July 19.

Thank you to the following businesses for their support for this worship service: Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Krug's Bus Service, Nestle, BS Bar & Catering, and Breaking Chains.

Thank you to the members of both congregations that worked so hard to make this a very successful and meaningful worship service, lunch, and time for fellowship. Finally, thank you to all those that attended the worship service in our beautiful city park with the beautiful music of Breaking Chains.



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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July 2026 Attendance

July 5	26
July 12	35
July 19	Breaking Chains
July 26	27

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

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of the themes God has been placing on my heart over the past few weeks is the need to trust more in His plan for me and worry less about my own plans. It's such an important reminder—and one I admit I struggle with.

I see this same tendency in our church family. We have big ideas and meaningful plans, and it's true that many hands make light work—the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. But even as we do God's work, it's important to slow down and recognize His presence in the midst of it all. Because the truth is, God is always present.

I was reminded of this during Breaking Chains in the park. I had warmed up the pizza ovens early, tested everything, and had a plan in place. From my perspective, everything was working exactly as intended. But it was *my* plan. I wasn't prepared for an oven to fail. I wasn't prepared to fall behind.

And yet—that's where I saw God.

I saw Him in the patience and compassion of others. I saw Him in the offers of help and support. I heard Him in the laughter and fellowship around the picnic tables. Even as my plan fell short, God's plan was still unfolding exactly as it should. I simply needed to shift my focus to recognize it.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." — Jeremiah 29:11

May we continue to trust in Him, even when things don't go according to our own plans.

August 2026 Calendar for Our Saviour's

Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m.

Aug. 2 Worship w/communion, Barb Krug, SAM
Aug. 5 WELCA meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Aug. 9 Worship w/communion, Pastor Bob Giese
Aug. 16 Worship w/communion, Mike Kesling, SAM
Aug. 19 No Church Council this month
Aug. 23 Worship w/communion, Pastor Bob Giese
Aug. 30 Joint Worship w/communion at Our Saviour's,
Barb Krug, SAM

Our Saviour's WELCA Meeting

Wednesday, August 5

6:30 p.m. - fellowship

6:45 p.m. - program

7:00 p.m. - meeting

We will begin planning for our Anniversary Dinner. All ladies of the church are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Church Council Minutes

The Church Council did not meet in July, so there are no minutes to review.



August 2026 Worship Assistants

August Altar Guild: Karen Frosch & Julie Janke

DATE	MESSAGE	USHERS	LITURGIST	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	COUNTERS	ACOLYTE
August 2	Barb Krug		Ed Rowe			Jackson Brunner
August 9	Bob Giese	Heidi & Mike Kesling	Jo Giese	Heidi Bower Kesling	Heidi Bower Kesling	John Neitzel
August 16	Mike Kesling	Echo Buehler Paula Stroinski	Heidi Bower Kesling	Heidi Bower Kesling	Echo Buehler Paula Stroinski	Alyssa Pagel
August 23	Bob Giese	Marian & Ken Nernberger	Mike Kesling	Marian Nernberger	Marian & Ken Nernberger	Jared Houston Brown
August 30 Joint Service at OS	Barb Krug		Heidi Bower Kesling			Braxton Stanke

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.



Confirmation

Wednesday, September 9

Attention Our Saviours families! As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we would like to officially remind our youth about confirmation. Class starts Wednesday, Sept 9, with our parent/student meeting. Kids should ride the bus from school to church, and parents can meet us at 5:00 p.m. Confirmation is open to all! So even if you haven't been to Sunday school in awhile or are new to the area, we are happy to have you. Grades 7 and up! Please reach out to Heidi Bower Kesling or Meagan Neitzel for any questions or to register if you are new.



Wednesday, September 16

Sunday, September 20

Look for additional information in the September newsletter.



On Sunday, June 28, Dawn Kasper Harder, at St. Paul's, and Mike Kesling, at Our Saviour's, were installed as SAMs at their respective churches. Congratulations Dawn and Mike!

Our Saviour's June 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	\$4661.73
Hunger	\$285.00
Scrip	\$2950.00

TOTAL INCOME: **\$7896.73**

Expense Section

Benevolence	\$185.96(to NW Synod of WI General Mission Support – 4%
Hunger	\$285.00(to Northwest Synod of WI for ELCA World Hunger)
Internet Service (Star Link)	\$70.69(monthly fee \$35.00, parts to install \$35.69)
Phone (TDS)	\$32.80
Electricity (Taylor Electric)	\$121.78
Dumpster (GFL Environmental)	\$25.92
Clear Country Water Solutions	\$560.00(water bubbler 1 yr rent and maintenance)
Building Repairs/Maintenance	\$2057.50(2nd half payment for cross repair)
Insurance (Church Mutual)	\$572.37
Office& Computer Supplies	\$18.02(newsletter dot stickers)
Newsletter Postage	\$32.24
Payroll	\$890.50(watc- \$80.00-sec \$338.25, \$464.00 workmans comp)
Church Administrator	\$200.00
Supply Pastors	\$525.60
Music (Organist)	\$300.00
Copier Lease (E.O. Johnson)	\$134.14
VANCO charge	\$4.80
Mis/Special Events	\$90.08(joint service supplies, kitchen supplies)
Script Cards	\$1344.00 (Co. Market)

TOTAL EXPENSES: **\$7451.40**

Savings Account: **\$10,060.88**

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

Script sales profit for June 2026 **\$56.00 2nd qu profit \$332.50**

Mission Investment Fund:

Term Investment Fixed 4 Year – 3847 Rate 4.3290% Matures 9/23/2029
03/31/2026 Balance: **\$17,499.66**
Interest **06/30/2026** **\$190.95**
New Balance \$17,690.61

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

INCOME - Our Saviour's	June	YTD 2026		
General	4,661.73	29,558.91		
Hunger	285.00	1,335.00		
Sunday School/VBS/Camp		20.00		
Change the World/Special Offering		1,989.00		
Scrip	2,950.00	16,820.00		
TOTAL INCOME	7,896.73	49,722.91		
Expenses:	June	YTD	Monthly/Budget	Year/Budget
Benevolence	185.96	1,177.56	250.00	3,000.00
Hunger In/Out	285.00	1,335.00	0.00	0.00
Special Offering In/Out		1,455.50	0.00	0.00
Internet Service	70.69	436.49	62.50	750.00
Phone	32.80	193.29	60.42	725.00
Electricity	121.78	952.03	166.67	2,000.00
LP Gas		1,867.16	333.33	4,000.00
Dumpster - GFL	25.92	223.66	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	560.00	560.00	18.75	225.00
Building Repairs/Maintenance	2,057.50	4,267.96	83.33	1,000.00
Worship/Devotionals/Resources		202.63	50.00	600.00
Organ/Piano Maintenance		0.00	25.00	300.00
Insurance	572.37	3,434.22	508.33	6,100.00
Office & Computer Supplies/parts/ink	18.02	936.61	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	32.24	193.90	37.50	450.00
Copier Lease	134.14	813.61	125.00	1,500.00
Supply Pastors	525.60	3,337.88	600.00	7,200.00
Conference Dues		0.00	3.33	40.00
Assembly Delegates		150.00	41.67	500.00
Joint Account**		0.00	41.67	500.00
Payroll-Secretary-Property Manager	890.50	3,257.49	650.00	7,800.00
Website		131.89	16.67	200.00
Music	300.00	1,575.00	325.00	3,900.00
Leadership Training		0.00	83.33	1,000.00
Education (Adult, Confirmation, Sunday School, VBS)		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	1,200.00	200.00	2,400.00
Miscellaneous- Special Events	90.08	293.45	41.67	500.00
Scrip Cards	1,344.00	14,098.50	0.00	0.00
VANCO Charge	4.80	37.10	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	7,451.40	43,347.36	4,072.08	49,365.00
Checking Account:			Savings Account:	9,857.74
Camping Fund	873.54		Deposit	203.14
Sunday School/VBS	3,172.33		Total	10,060.88
General	24,674.63			
			6 Month CD	50,000.00
TOTAL	28,720.50	<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

As nasty as the wildfire smoke has been around the region the last few weeks, there has been a good side to it to me. It reminded me of how God behaves. The haze and gray smoke floating in and around everything, permeating into every crack and corner is how I like to think of God's Spirit. It knows no bounds and has an impact on everything in existence.

The smoke doesn't smell nice, just like sometimes confronting what God wants us to do can be unpleasant, at least at first. There are some days the smoke thins out, depending on the wind direction and other factors, just like at times it feels like God's Spirit is muted and further away. Then, other days, it just comes roaring back in.

I pray for God's help for the people near the burning fires in Ontario, northern Minnesota, and other places that they could stay safe and get the help they need to get through this. I pray that enough people in this world will push for a reduction in the use of fossil fuels that policy makers will actually take action. Human caused climate change is highly likely making wildfires seasons more intense and destructive in many parts of the world. With God's help, perhaps we can slow the acceleration toward catastrophic year after year down a bit.

Please think about these things the next time you are in the smoke and discuss it with your family, friends, and neighbors. Thank you!

August 2026 Worship Assistants – St. Paul's

DATE	MESSAGE	LITURGIST	COMMUNION SETUP	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
August 2	Barb Krug	Cathy Retzer	Kathy & Dan Higgins	Chris Finkler
August 9	Bob Giese	Sally Lemke	Kathy & Dan Higgins	Sally Lemke
August 16	Dawn Harder	Tony Schumacher	Jo Cypher	Tina Machon
August 23	Bob Giese	Dawn Harder	Jo Cypher	Dawn Harder
August 30 Joint Service at Our Saviour's	Barb Krug	X	X	X

Sunday School Families,

Mark your calendars, because your child(ren)'s Sundays are about to get a lot more exciting! Sunday School will be starting back up on **September 13**, from **8:10 a.m. to 9:10 a.m.** Please note the time change. It will be an adjustment, with all good intention - I promise. This change will not only free up our children and volunteers to attend church - in church but it will also free Sunday School up for some new and exciting adventures that I have planned. A more detailed layout is to be expected later this month, but think birthday celebrations, camp songs in church, themed Sundays, and more!

Not a child, but would like to join the fun? We have a place for you, too! I am currently looking for volunteer teachers and helpers going into 7th grade or older. If a volunteer is under 18 years of age, we will need a parent's consent. If you are 18 or older, we will also have some different paperwork for you. If helping the children of our church sounds like fun, please reach out to me so I may get you everything you will need.

Sam Cook, Children's Ministry Director

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Confirmation

Confirmation classes will begin on **September 30**, with the parent/student introductory meeting to be held on **September 23**, starting at 5:00 pm.

St. Paul's Ladies Lunch Bunch Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Location: Prickly Pear
238 South Main, 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.

Needles for Needs Community Quilters

It's been a slow month for quilt production between the floor tear out and replacement and member absences. We are hoping to get back into the swing of things now that we can get together in the Welcome Hall again and have the supplies we need right now back up in the old office. I checked back at our numbers and we have completed about half of what we had done at this time last year. We are at 56 quilts.

We'd love to have some new members join in the fun - especially for making the denim quilts for Homeless Veterans. Is there anyone out there in our congregation or the community that would like to help us sew the tops together?

Thank you for all your support throughout the year - we couldn't do it without you!

If you would like to join us on quilt days, we meet from 9-2 every Tuesday. We also have bundles and projects that people can do at home. Just call or text Tonya at 715-560-0295 and she will find you something to work on.

Respectfully submitted by Tonya Albers.

Comfort Quilts

I want to start this month with a question. Do you recognize things as a coincidence or a miracle?

With the comfort quilts you just never know how the quilts will be received. This last month, we have had Cal Lekie on our prayer list and it was bothering me that I had no quilt to give him because of the remodeling being done at church we had to have the long arm taken apart and out of commission for the last six to eight weeks. During that time I handed out what I had left but then reached out to Barb Deml who is in our comfort quilt group and asked her if she had any left yet. She, in reply, said she did and was willing to fill the need. When I told her it was for Cal Lekie, her response was that was a distant cousin of Rusty's so she was more than willing to share her God given talent with the outreach. Now my question again; would you consider this a coincidence or God given miracle that I was instrumental with? I am choosing the latter because this happens to me through this ministry way too many times to call it a coincidence. I also believe miracles are happening around us every day, but do we recognize as a miracle? Hope you all review to see your miracles in this month.

Faithfully submitted by Kim Gasek

St. Paul's August 2026 Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAY	BIRTHDAY	BIRTHDAY	BIRTHDAY
Aug. 1 Marlis Carlson Nicholas Dubois	Aug. 8 Addie Hall Ann Knox Bauer	Aug. 16 David Dassow Becky Petersen	Aug. 24 Jaxon Cook Zach Meier
Aug. 2 Citori Gebert Bonnie Van de Weghe	Aug. 10 Daniel Nelson Mark Perrin	Aug. 17 Ezra Hillebrand	Aug. 25 Tiffany Nuernberger
Aug. 3 Tara Krug	Sue Rodman	Aug. 18 Autumn Higgins	Aug. 26 Caleb Egle
Aug. 4 Vicki Faude Wanda Lekies Jacob Noland Michelle Sislo	Roxanne Thompson	Aug. 19 Randy Haynes Alana Huotari Nora Meier	Jerry Ann Maldonis Gail Nelson Briley Schilling Trisha Williams
Aug. 5 Stacey Dassow Crandel Harder	Aug. 11 Austin Faber Mark Wanka	Aug. 20 Ike Blackburn Billie Schilling	Aug. 27 Blake Weiler Brianna Weiler
Aug. 6 Liam Johnas David Zuleger	Aug. 12 Benjamin Doriot James Fettes Brynn Hackbarth Mallory Hackbarth Nikki Sherman	Aug. 21 Chase Born Douglas Solberg Jolie Steliga Judy Zuleger	Aug. 28 Jonah Albers Val Bach Patricia Ecklund Jesse Higgins Amelia VanLuven
Aug. 7 Lenore Brandl	Aug. 13 Nicole Dassow	Aug. 22 Dave Bach Aaron Brockhaus	Aug. 29 Val Bach Patricia Ecklund Jesse Higgins Amelia VanLuven
	Aug. 15 LaVerne Scheithauer		Aug. 31 Nicol Gilles

ANNIVERSARIES: Aug. 1-Carrie & Justin Zirngible, Michele & Brian Doberstein; Aug. 3-Tonya & Scott Albers; Aug. 6-Nicole & Brandon Homeyer; Aug. 7-Amanda & Ryan Peterson; Aug. 8-Heidi & Randy Haynes; Aug. 14-Lori & Daniel Nelson; Aug. 15-Patty & Jeremiah Lubahn; Aug. 17-Billie & Brian Schilling; Aug. 19-Janet & Dean Brost; Aug. 20-Judy & Doug Pinkston, Sandy & Paul Lukewich; Aug. 21-Tara & Craig Krug; Aug. 22-Sally & Tim Lemke, Jean & Aaron Brockhaus; Aug. 26-Rhonda & Eric Seidl; Aug. 28-Trisha & Shannon Williams; Aug. 29-Suzy & Scott Jensen; Aug. 30-Linda & Bruce Brunner; Aug. 31-Jacqueline & Adam Kmiecick

The Mobile Food Pantry served 79 households on July 16, 2026.



41 individuals ages 0-17
66 individuals ages 18-59
89 individuals ages 60+
196 total number of individuals

There were 25 new individuals who visited our pantry in July.

**The next Mobile Food Pantry
will be on Thursday,
August 20, 2026.**

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

Food distributed: ground pork, ground chicken, eggs, peanut butter, tomato soup, toilet tissue, rice, rice entrees, pudding cups, black beans, chili starter, bread, bakery, watermelon, corn on the cob, oatmeal, cauliflower, potatoes, and onions.

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 July Mobile Food Pantry.



A loud, large shout out to a few people who put in large amounts of time, sweat, and arduous labor in the church refurbishing. Jeff Harder, Don Koerner, Tom Brost, Jack and Owen Machon, and Ken Coyer, were the crew that reattached the pews to the carpet covered concrete floor. A system was created but a long, hot, sweaty day was spent crawling around on the floor to make it happen. Jeff Harder, Don

Koerner and Tom Brost also demoed the balcony in preparation for the reconstruction in an improved format.

Thank you to Cathy Retzer, Marguerite Jochimsen, and Dawn Harder, for the many little things moved, and placed back to their original placement. Also, thank you to the painting crew, lead by Carrie Zirngible, who painted the downstairs hallway.

Finally, an extra loud shout to Tony Schumacher for his "maestro" work in organizing the work that needed to happen in a timely fashion to make this large project happen.

Many other parishioners helped when needed that were not specifically named here. Thank you to everyone.

Submitted by Mark Temme

Did you know that the church also had work done on the exterior?

Marie and Don Koerner created a smaller flower bed at the front of the church and reseeded the lawn. Mark Temme installed drainage tile to help address the leakage along the basement southeast wall of the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for helping maintain our church property.



Carpet tile was laid against the east wall of the Fellowship Hall until the trustees are confident the leakage has been resolved. Then the vinyl flooring will be installed along the wall.





The installation of 37 pews.



The front stairs now has carpeting.



The balcony/choir loft is a work in progress. The plan is to have only two levels of seating instead of three for safety reasons.



The downstairs bathroom hallway received a new coat of paint and flooring.



Fellowship Hall

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

	2026		2025		YTD % of Change
	June	YTD	June	YTD	
Total General Giving	9,515	60,886	9,259	64,112	-5.0%
Total General Expenses	50,759	90,672	4,083	37,947	138.9%
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(\$41,244)	(\$29,786)	\$5,176	\$26,165	-213.8%
Designated Giving	269	9,546	456	12,314	-22.5%
Designated Giving - Building	2,311	12,361	935	12,720	-2.8%
Total Designated Giving	2,580	21,907	1,391	25,034	-12.5%
Designated Expenses	342	7,929	481	10,127	-21.7%
Designated Expenses - Building	11,539	45,029		906	4867.5%
Total Designated Expenses	11,881	52,957	481	11,033	380.0%
Net Designated Income	(9,301)	(31,051)	(25)	14,001	-321.8%
Interest Income	\$91	663		555	19.6%
Net Combined Income (Deficit)	(\$50,454)	(\$60,173)	\$5,150	\$40,720	-247.8%

Bank Accounts - As of:	6/30/26	YTD Change		Comments
<u>Fund in SPOS Joint Checking</u>	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	Church Council Minutes The Church Council did not meet in July, so there are no minutes to review. Thank you to the Church Council for purchasing a new desktop computer for the church office. <i>Nancy Jones</i>
<u>Certificate of Deposit</u>	\$75,000	\$75,000		
<u>General Checking</u>	\$130,031	(\$104,041)	\$207,751	
<u>Designated Funds in Checking</u>				
Building Fund	0	(\$33,523)	13,969	
Comfort Quilts	1,581	(\$224)	1,049	
Community Benevolence Fund	355	\$0	233	
Designated Memorials	4,290	(\$220)	4,290	
Fair Trade Sales	463	\$266	632	
Thrivent Choice	2,737	\$637	1,992	
Mobile Food Pantry	24,297	\$1,836	9,841	
Sunday School	711	\$71	735	
Youth Group	11,759	\$24	11,602	
<u>Total Funds in Checking</u>	\$252,224	(\$60,173)	\$253,094	
<u>Other Accounts</u>				
Events/Fund Raiser Acct	3,186	4	3,172	
Needles for Needs Acct	1,131	102	1,601	
Scrip Acct	3,940	(3,860)	9,797	
<u>Total Other Accounts</u>	\$8,257	-\$3,755	\$14,569	
Total - All Accounts	\$260,482	-\$63,928	\$267,663	

2026 Pastor Expense - Budgeted
 2026 YTD Supply Pastor Expense

\$67,960
 \$4,488



St. Paul's next WELCA meeting will be Sunday, September 13, at 10:30 a.m.

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"

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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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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July 2026 Attendance

July 5	43
July 12	64
July 19	Breaking Chains
July 26	51

Thank you to Joan & Jason Steliga for sponsoring St. Paul's portion of the August newsletter.

St. Paul's August 2026 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Heart for Luther Park
2 9:15 a.m. Worship w/ communion	3	4 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs	5	6	7	8
9 9:15 a.m. Worship w/ Communion	10	11 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs	12 6:00 p.m. Church Council	13	14	15
16 9:15 a.m. Worship w/ communion	17	18 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs	19 11:15 a.m. Ladies Lunch Bunch	20 1:00 p.m. Mobile Food Pantry setup 4:00 p.m. distribution	21	22
23 9:15 a.m. Worship w/ communion	24	25 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs	26	27	28	29
30 9:00 a.m. Joint Worship Service at Our Saviour's	31 August 30 6:00 p.m. Suicide Support Group					

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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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