



The Parish Pulse

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

March 2025



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FAT TUESDAY SPAGHETTI DINNER



**Tuesday, February 13
4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.**

**Community UCC
"The Red Brick Church"
510 East Broadway, Medford**

**Proceeds to benefit
local missions**

A Message from Barb Krug, SAM March Madness is upon us.



We might not be playing basketball, but we certainly have an exciting month ahead for us. Let's look at some of these important dates and events:

Wednesday, March 5th Ash Wednesday Services

12:15 p.m. at St. Paul's; 6:00 p.m. at Our Saviour's, soup supper at 5:30 p.m.
Ash Wednesday is a holy day that marks the beginning of Lent, a season of prayer and fasting. It's a time of remembrance, renewal, and spiritual growth.

Friday, March 7th World Day of Prayer

This is not just a day for women. The Women of the ELCA sponsor this but it is open to all believers. This year's program was prepared by the women of the Cook Islands. The theme is "I Made You Wonderful" Join us at St. Paul's at 6:00 p.m. to learn more about the women of these islands and about the islands themselves. Fellowship will follow the service.

March 10 – 14 is Spring Break

for the Medford School District. Safe travels to all that are finding warmer climates to vacation at during this Wisconsin mid-winter break.

March 12 Mid-week Lenten Service

at Our Saviour's at 6:00 p.m. (soup supper prior to service).

March 17 St. Patrick's Day

A day to honor the patron saint of Ireland.

March 19 Mid-week Lenten Service

at Our Saviour's at 6:00 p.m. (soup supper prior to service).

March 22 Walking Together Synod Event

Fifteen workshops planned on this theme including workshops on Fresh Expressions, Lay Leadership, Cooperative Ministries, Equipping Witnesses, Community Church and more! (Contact Barb to carpool)



March 23 Bishop Martin at both churches

Let's fill the churches to hear his message!

March 26 Mid-week Lenten Service

at Our Saviour's at 6:00 p.m. (soup supper prior to service).

March 29 Central Chamber Chorale

at St. Paul's at 7:30 p.m. They present major choral literature, sacred and secular, accompanied and unaccompanied, from all musical periods, for central Wisconsin communities.

March 30 Joint Worship Service at Our Saviour's

at 9:00 a.m. Coffee and sweets following the service.

Add in Sunday services, council meetings, Sunday School, and Confirmation classes and we are all set for an extra full and exciting March.

God's blessings, Barb Krug - SAM

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For pastoral care emergencies, call the following:

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Pastor Nancy Amacher: 715-223-5316, revnia10@gmail.com

Sunday Services

Our Saviour's Service: 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

St. Paul' 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, March 30 at Our Saviour's.**

Easter Lilies

Easter Lilies are a lovely way to remember or honor a loved one on Easter morning. If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily for Easter Sunday, please fill out the form below, attach your payment and return it to your church by April 1. The cost for each Easter Lily is **\$22.00**. Flowers can be taken home after Easter Sunday worship on April 20. St. Paul's members can also sign-up on the clipboard in the Welcome Hall.

Your name: _____

Church: _____

In HONOR of _____

In MEMORY of _____

Please continue using the form below if you are purchasing more flowers.

Your name: _____

Church: _____

In HONOR of _____

In MEMORY of _____





We are now offering the option to have *The Parish Pulse* sent to your email address. Please contact your church office if you would prefer to go paperless.

Our Saviour's - secretary.saviourschurch@gmail.com

St. Paul's - stpaulslutheranmedford@gmail.com



Spring Forward
March 9

Daylight Savings Time

2025 JOINT PARISH FINANCIAL

	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
Income													
OS Income	1906.96												1906.96
SP Income	3396.42												3396.42
Misc Incom													0.00
OS Lawn Inco													0.00
OS Jator Inco	782.84												782.84
Total Income	6086.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6086.22
Expenses													
Joint (ex: checks, resources, tools, etc)													0.00
Workman C													0.00
SP Parish Adm	1132.35												1132.35
OS Secretary	345.91												345.91
OS Custodian													0.00
SP Custodian	169.41												169.41
OS Watchman	120.00												120.00
SAM's	900.00												900.00
Lay Leaders													0.00
SP Music	200.00												200.00
OS Music	150.00												150.00
Pastor Bob	292.00												292.00
Busin. Tax Reg													0.00
Pastor Nancy	286.12												286.12
OS Lawn Care													0.00
State Quarterly	112.21												112.21
Fed Quarterly	1524.70												1524.70
Misc Expense													0.00
Total Expense	5232.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5232.70

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

President: Mike Kesling - shamumrk@yahoo.com (715-512-0498)

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Our Saviour's Quilters are accepting full size or larger flat sheets for the backing of their quilts. We prefer to have dark colors. No white sheets please. Direct questions to Karen Frosch

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

March 2025 Calendar for Our Saviour's

Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m.

March 2	Worship w/communion, Barb Krug, SAM - First Communion No Sunday School Viewing <i>The Chosen</i> after the service
March 5	Confirmation & Sunday School, 4:00-5:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday - Our Saviour's supper at 5:30 p.m., service at 6:00 p.m. St. Paul's service at 12:15 p.m. WELCA - 6:30 p.m. fellowship, 6:45 p.m. program, 7:00 p.m. meeting
March 7	World Day of Prayer - 6:00 p.m. at St. Paul's
March 9	Daylight Savings Time - Worship w/communion, Mike Kesling Sunday School, 9:00 a.m. Viewing <i>The Chosen</i> after the service
March 12	No Confirmation or Sunday School Lenten Service - 5:30 p.m. supper, 6:00 p.m. service
March 16	Worship w/communion, Pastor Nancy Amacher No Sunday School Viewing <i>The Chosen</i> after the service
March 19	Confirmation & Sunday School, 4:00-5:30 p.m. Lenten Service - 5:30 p.m. supper, 6:00 p.m. service Church Council after Lenten Service
March 22	Synod Walking Together Event at Bethany Lutheran, Rice Lake
March 23	Worship w/communion, Bishop Martin Halom preaching Sunday School, 9:00 a.m. Viewing <i>The Chosen</i> after the service
March 26	Confirmation & Sunday School, 4:00-5:30 p.m. No Sunday School
March 29	Central Chamber Chorale at St. Paul's, 7:30 p.m.
March 30	Joint Worship Service at Our Saviour's, Barb Krug, 9:00 a.m. No Sunday School

February 2025

Attendance

February 2	28
February 9	27
February 16	21
February 23	40



Our Saviour's Worship Assistants March 2025

DATE	MESSAGE	USHERS	LITURGIST	COMMUNION	COUNTERS	ACOLYTE
March 2	Barb Krug	Karen & Harry Frosch	Marian Nernberger	Karen Frosch	Echo Buehler Karen Frosch	Brycen Larson
March 9	Mike Kesling	Echo Buehler Paula Stroinski		Heidi Bower Kesling	Echo Buehler Paula Stroinski	Breckyn Klemm
March 16	Nancy Amacher	Heidi & Mike Kesling	Heidi Bower Kesling	Marian Nernberger	Echo Buehler	Jordyn Bottlemy
March 23	Bishop Martin	Marian & Ken Nernberger	Bev Utke	Barb Krug	Marian Nernberger	Brynlee Pagel
March 30 Joint Service	Barb Krug	Kason & Mike Lindau	Mike Lindau			Cora Neitzel

March Altar Guild: Barb Krug & Nicole Worden

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

A Message from Our Saviour's Council President—Mike Kesling

Church Council Update: 2/18/2025

Greetings,

I have been urged to periodically provide updates as the Church Council meets and conducts the necessary duties required to keep Our Saviour's successful in its role as our spiritual sanctuary. When I was re-elected this past December, I expressed my pride and gratefulness in the many special missions that our congregation has undertaken to serve our congregation, our community and our neighbors locally and around the world.

I am amazed at the efforts that our small white Church in the middle of fields of corn, soybeans and alfalfa carry on each day, week, month and year. I am also amazed at the silent gifts of loving labor donated to the physical existence and needs of Our Saviour's. I am also amazed and overjoyed by the many financial gifts and donations given to Our Saviour's that allow us to continue our various ministries that we have undertaken.

Having said that, and needing to thank those donors of time, of labor and of financial support, I must also urge all of us to continue those efforts. I haven't looked into our historical life time but it is very evident that our congregation is proud of the physical building and the many missions working within her beautiful walls. So, I urge us all to continue our physical and financial efforts to strengthen our presence in today's world.

This week, several members will dismantle the basement stairwell covering to enable the construction crew to begin rectifying the repeated flooding issue that plagues the quilters, the Sunday School classrooms and the overflow basement Fellowship Hall. The contractors will start on March 11th and be finished in about five days. Secondly, we are addressing the whistling Sanctuary windows and with the efforts and expertise of Jess Carlson, we think the issue has been resolved.

Mike Kesling

WELCA Minutes – February 2, 2025

In honor of Valentine's Day, Barb Krug shared love stories from the Bible for devotions before the meeting and we each received a valentine. Rachel & Jacob, Concentration Camp Story

Heidi volunteered to do a devotion for March.

Purpose statement now found on Page 2 of the WELCA Handbook was recited. An updated WELCA Handbook for 2025 will be available in the fellowship hall.

The meeting was called to order by President Echo Buehler. In attendance were Nancie Adams, Marian Nernberger, Julie Janke, Karen Frosch, Juanita Krug, Heidi Bower-Kesling, Carol Lekies, Megan Neitzel and Barb Krug.

Thank you notes were received for from St. Paul's, Medford, for our donation to the Mobile Food Pantry, Taylor County Beds for Christ donations, and Barb Krug, gift card.

Reports:

Secretary's Report – A motion was made and seconded to accept the November report as printed in the newsletter. Passed.

Treasurer's Report – by Marian Nernberger for Amie Marzinske. Heidi made a motion to accept, Juanita seconded. Passed. Expenses: Christmas gifts for the Our Saviour's staff (\$400) and payment for the janitors (\$782.84). Remaining balance \$6576.81.

Stewardship Report - by Karen Frosch. Discussed creating a display for the Heritage room in honor of WELCA, their work, quilters, and volunteers highlighting quilts from Janet Cypher and others.

Old Business:

A decision was not reached, at this time, to purchase non-seasonal white altar clothes. Topic will be revisited next month. Julie Janke will look into this.

Ministries – Looking into doing new mission projects other than those at Christmas. Bring in your ideas to the next meeting. In March we will make a decision.

Year Books - Correction note: Amie Marzinske is treasurer, not Marian. A new handbook will be available at the next meeting with calendar updates. NOTE: The revised copies are printed on yellow paper and are available at church. Endowment fund donations (FYI) are used for the good of the synod. Not available for congregational use.

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Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

(WELCA minutes continued from the previous page.)

New Business

Small gift for new members. Marian's concern is that the tradition is not continued. Carol Lekies volunteered to look into and price different gift ideas. Sonja Rohland from Owen was suggested.

Joint worship with St. Paul's at Our Saviour's – March 30, 9:00 a.m. Homemade baked goods, potluck and coffee.

All Lent Services, including Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday will be at Our Saviour's, 5:30 p.m. Menu: Soup will be served and provided by the following ladies. Sandwiches & dessert will be potluck. Volunteers to make soup include: Heidi Bower-Kesling, March 5; Nancie Adams, March 12; Meagan Neitzel, March 19; Julie Janke, March 26; Echo Buehler, April 2; Nancie Adams, April 9; and Barb Krug Maundy Thursday. Following the meal, everyone is encouraged to help clean up before worship.

World Day of Prayer – Friday March 7 at St. Paul's, Medford. The Women of the Cook Islands wrote this year's program titled, "I Made You Wonderful" Based on Psalm 139: 14

Spring Rally – April 5 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Loyal. Registration information will be out soon. The theme is "Singing in the Rain," and our speaker will be Destiny Jackson. Plan to attend.

O.S. Ladies Luncheon – The luncheon dates were moved from the 3rd Thursday to the 4th Thursday of the month. Ladies will meet every other month at 11:30 a.m. beginning February 27. Save these dates, April 24, June 26 (this will be an evening event), August 28, and October 23. Meeting sites TBD will rotate from place to place. All women are invited. Please let Echo or Karen know if you plan to attend so the restaurant can be ready for us.

Dates to Remember:

March 3 - First Communion **March 5** - Ash Wednesday (soup) **March 22** - Walking Together, Rice Lake
April 5 – WELCA Spring Rally, Trinity, Loyal **May 4** – Confirmation **May 11** – Honor Sunday & Mother's Day
June 4 - 5 Conference WELCA Retreat, Luther Park, Chetek

Paula made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Nancie. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be March 5 following the Ash Wednesday meal and service.

Submitted by Carol Lekies, Secretary

Our Saviour's Confirmation News

The confirmation class at Our Saviour's is currently studying the "Ships:" Discipleship, Stewardship, and Worship.

We spent one class learning what a disciple is, what a disciple does and how to be better disciples of Jesus. The kids practiced their knowledge by being "fishers of people" and writing down discipleship ideas on fish and filling a net. They had great ideas.

To learn about stewardship, we discussed missions that Our Saviour's church is involved in and its impact on our community and world. The kids decided to make their stewardship lesson a competition between the boys and the girls. Each team chose items from the ELCA Good Gifts catalog to raise money to donate. The boys are raising money for a Pastor's motorbike and goats. The girls have a list of items, vaccinations, healthcare, schooling, clean water and some farm animals. Each week the students bring in their personal donations to the project and color in the charts they made to show their progress. They will also be using the offerings from the Wednesday night Lenten services toward their project goals.

Which brings me to our final "ship," Worship. The kids paired up and each pair is responsible for preparing one Wednesday night service. They will be selecting the prayers, music and readings for each service and then be responsible for performing the service. Please support these students by attending the services and also contributing to the stewardship projects through the offerings.

Lenten services start at 5:30 with soup and sandwich supper. Our Saviour's WELCA ladies will be providing the soup, Attendees are asked to provide a few sandwiches or dessert each week. Coffee and juice will be provided by the church. Worship service starts at 6:00.

Confirmation dates to remember.

Last class for first year students is April 9.
Confirmation Rehearsal April 30.

Student/Parent interviews for 2nd year students are April 23.
Confirmation Sunday is May 4.

Submitted by Heidi Bower Kesling



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Our Saviour's Church Council Minutes

February 19, 2025

Attendees: Barb K, Clarice Z, Meagan N, Nancie A, Mike K, Echo B, Paula S, Jason

Meeting called to order: 5:48 p.m.

Opened with: Devotion and Prayer by Mike

Recited Mission Statement

Jason made a motion to approve agenda as written and seconded by Paula - motion carries.

Paula made a motion to approve January meeting minutes and seconded by Jason - motion carries.

Jason made a motion to approve treasurer's report and seconded by Paula - motion carries.

Standing Committees

Education and Youth

- Confirmation Students are planning and leading the Lenten services.
- Sunday school has seen continued success with keeping the attendance up between the Wednesday classes and the Sunday classes.

Property

- Windows on west side have been fixed.
 - Mike and Jim Zenner are going to start to prep and take out the steps as needed for the basement drainage project.
 - Jason made a motion to purchase necessary sheet rock for updates and seconded by Clarice - motion carries.
- When the weather warms up Mike intends on using cleaner to remove some of the mold and staining from the outside rock wall.

WELCA

- World Day of Prayer is March 7 at St. Paul's starting at 6:00 p.m. with a fellowship afterward- All are welcome.

Worship

- Soup and Sandwich dinners to begin at 5:30 p.m. with Lent service immediately following.
- March 30 is Joint Service with coffee cake, donuts, and coffee.
- Laptop is being set to be donated.
- Chosen viewing is still going very well. On the Sundays that Pastor Bob is in attendance, everyone is encouraged to ask questions and try and stump the Pastor with good conversation,
- The thermostat in the Fellowship Hall has been adjusted while people are in attendance, so just insure that whoever is last to leave shifts it back to a lower temperature.

Old Business

- Sure-Dry begins work on March 11 in the basement.
- Cemetery committee to meet March 10 at 6:00 p.m.
- Scrip Card income has gone into the general fund previously. Looking for ways to use the funds for benevolence or other ways to use the funds to help our community.
- Echo made a motion to donate \$100 to the girls confirmation fundraiser and \$100 to the boys from the scrip income and seconded by Jason - motion carries.
- Jason made a motion to donate \$100 to the Community Mission With Jesus, seconded by Echo - motion carries.
- As we move forward, a quarterly donation will be decided and information will be shared prior to the quarter to show where the funds are going.
- Research on insurance carrier has yet to begin - still looking for a sub committee.
- WELCA is taking on researching for gifts for new members.
- St Paul's currently uses ICON Church Software for tracking membership as opposed to the Revelations program that Our Saviour's uses. Nancy J finds ICON more accessible and easier to navigate. To move Our Saviour's to the software it would be \$396-473 a year depending on the amount of members (from 1-100).
- Nancie made a motion to purchase the ICON software and seconded by Echo - motion carries.
- Now that we have the joint newsletter available online - can we have an option for members to select the electronic version of the newsletter vs paper copy?

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

(Council minutes continued from the previous page.)

New Business

- Walking Together is March 22 - it's a synod wide event.
- Bishop Martin is preaching here on March 23.
- Piano Tuning is scheduled for March 19.
- Council to research potential compensation for Nancy Jones.

Next meeting April 16.

Jason made a motion to adjourn meeting and seconded by Paula - motion carries.

Closed with Lords Prayer at 6:58 p.m.

Submitted by Meagan Neitzel

Our Saviour's January Financial Report: 2025

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	\$3777.95
Hunger	\$210.00
Sunday School/VBS/Camp	\$250.00(donation to VBS)
Change the World/Spec Offering	\$250.00(donation to WELCA-sewing ladies)
Scrip	\$1045.00

TOTAL INCOME: **\$5532.95**

Expense Section

Benevolence	\$149.84(to NW Synod of WI General Mission Support – 4%
Hunger	\$210.00(to Northwest Synod of WI for ELCA World Hunger
Special Offering/In/Out	\$250.00(donation to WELCA sewing ladies)
Internet Service (Clark Electric)	\$61.94
Phone (TDS)	\$8.58
Electricity (Taylor Electric)	\$174.68
Dumpster (GFL Environmental)	\$25.92
LP Gas (Budget-Medford Coop)	\$286.00
Insurance (Church Mutual)	\$509.10
Janitor Supplies	\$44.25
Office & Computer Supplies	\$84.57 (copy paper and newsletter supplies)
Treasurer Supplies	\$29.99(Carbon receipt books)
Building Repairs/Maintenance	\$40.00 (furnace repair labor 2 hrs@\$20 per hr)
Snow Plowing (Bruce Krug)	\$150.00 (Nov & Dec)
Newsletter Postage	\$61.17(Dec & Jan)
Payroll	\$902.90(watchman \$80.00--sec wage \$371.25, \$451.65 taxes)
Church Administrator	\$200.00
Supply Pastors	\$539.06
Music (Organist)	\$225.00
Copier Lease (E.O. Johnson)	\$128.14
VANCO charge	\$7.45
Script Cards	\$1440.00(Co. Market)

TOTAL EXPENSES: **\$5528.59**

Savings Account: **\$8068.89**

Mission Investment Fund:

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

09/30/2024 Balance: \$16,874.76
Interest 12/31/2024 \$62.77
New Balance **\$16,937.53**

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

INCOME - Our Saviour's	January	YTD 2025		
General	3,777.95	3,777.95		
Hunger	210.00	210.00		
Sunday School/VBS/Camp	250.00	250.00		
Change the World/Special Offering	250.00	250.00		
Scrip	1,045.00	1,045.00		
TOTAL INCOME	5,532.95	5,532.95		
Expenses:	January	YTD	Monthly/Budget	Year/Budget
Benevolence	149.84	149.84	250.00	3,000.00
Hunger In/Out	210.00	210.00	0.00	
Special Offering In/Out	250.00	250.00	0.00	
Internet Service	61.94	61.94	62.50	750.00
Phone	8.58	8.58	60.42	725.00
Electricity	174.68	174.68	166.67	2,000.00
LP Gas	286.00	286.00	333.33	4,000.00
Dumpster - GFL	25.92	25.92	58.33	700.00
Holding Tanks		0.00	20.83	250.00
Snow Plowing	150.00	150.00	100.00	1,200.00
Janitor Supplies	44.25	44.25	18.75	225.00
Clear Country Water Solutions		0.00	18.75	225.00
Building Repairs/Maintenance	40.00	40.00	83.33	1,000.00
Worship/Devotionals/Resources		0.00	50.00	600.00
Organ/Piano Maintenance		0.00	25.00	300.00
Insurance	509.10	509.10	508.33	6,100.00
Office & Computer Supplies/parts/ink	84.57	84.57	25.00	300.00
Postage and Stamps		0.00	16.67	200.00
Computer Maintenance/Repair		0.00	16.67	200.00
Treasurer Supplies	29.99	29.99	8.33	100.00
Newsletter Postage	61.17	61.17	37.50	450.00
Copier Lease	128.14	128.14	125.00	1,500.00
Supply Pastors	539.06	539.06	600.00	7,200.00
Conference Dues		0.00	3.33	40.00
Assembly Delegates		0.00	41.67	500.00
Joint Account** see notes below		0.00	41.67	500.00
Payroll-Secretary-Property Manager	902.90	902.90	650.00	7,800.00
Website		0.00	16.67	200.00
Music	225.00	225.00	325.00	3,900.00
Leadership Training		0.00	83.33	1,000.00
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	33.33	400.00
Pastorial Admin	200.00	200.00	200.00	2,400.00
Miscellaneous- Special Events		0.00	41.67	500.00
Scrip Cards	1,440.00	1,440.00	0.00	
VANCO Charge	7.45	7.45	0.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,528.59	5,528.59	4,072.08	49,365.00
Checking Account:			Savings Account:	8,068.20
Camping Fund	873.54		Deposit	0.69
Sunday School/VBS	1,822.53		Total	8,068.89
General	50,533.35			
TOTAL	53,229.42	<i>Submitted By:</i>	<i>Nancie Adams,</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Message from St. Paul's Council President—Heidi Haynes

Hello Everyone, I would like to take an opportunity introduce myself: My name is Heidi Haynes and I am the new St. Paul's council president. I have been a member at St. Paul's for about 18 years. My Grandparents, Clarence and Donna Glamann, were members so I had some familiarity with this congregation, and everyone was very welcoming when I joined. I am married to Randy and have two children and two stepchildren. My daughter Lauren was confirmed in 2024, and my son Thomas is 9 and in Sunday School. We live in the city of Medford and are a very active family. In the summer you can find us most weekends camping or watching baseball.

I have been on St. Paul's church council since 2021. It has been challenging but also rewarding and very educational. I never realized all the different aspects of what goes into running a church until joining council. I am a member of the "Call Committee," and I started helping with Sunday School program when my daughter Lauren started and have been leading the program with Kathy Hackbarth since 2021.

Full transparency: I was a little apprehensive to take on the role of council president. The roll of president is intimidating enough itself but is made even more intimidating because of my respect for Val's leadership. Val did an amazing job at Council President, and she has left big shoes to fill. I want to thank her for all the hard work she has done and all she continues to be involved with in church. I look forward to the new opportunity entrusted to me and will do my best to do it to the standards that have been set by the church.

1 Corinthians 15:58—Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Proverbs 3:5-6—"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."

St. Paul's Fundraiser for Future Asbestos Removal/New Flooring Project

At our Annual Meeting held on February 9th, we voted to approve fund-raising efforts to move forward with the asbestos removal and flooring replacement in the narthex, sanctuary, altar, service areas and stairwells leading down into the basement.

The total estimated costs for this project include \$24,632 for the asbestos removal and \$25,448 for flooring and baseboard; totaling just over \$50,000.

We have created a separate fund for this building project and will hold various fundraisers and accept donations to make this project a reality. Anyone wishing to donate to this building project can submit an envelope clearly marked "Asbestos/Flooring Project" or send a check with this stated in the notes section. One thing St. Paul's is great at is stepping up when there is a need.

And, of course, we welcome anyone wishing to hold a fund-raising event to do so.

If you have any questions, please contact Val Bach at 715-965-2358 or email her at "brushbach@yahoo.com." Thank you for your continued generosity and contributing to the future of St. Paul's. God Bless.

St. Paul's Sunday School

In February the Sunday School children learned about the parable: The Sower and talked about Psalm 23: The Lord is My Shepherd. The children had a deep conversation on how people respond to the Word of God including the 4 different types of responses. Looking ahead, March has spring break for families so we will not be having Sunday School on March 9th or 16th.

Sunday School Coordinators,
Heidi Haynes and Kathy Hackbarth



Confirmation

Leon Gasek, one of the "constants" we've seen at our Confirmation classes over the years, asked me to take over his role as leader of the Confirmation classes. Leon—thank you very much for all of your leadership (past, present and future).

Lucky for me, we have a wonderful support group to help out with Confirmation; their help has allowed me to step into this role with the kids and run with it. Thank you to all of you who help our 7th and 8th graders grow as they continue in their spiritual journey!

I'm really enjoying this great group of kids and hope they are finding my way of teaching enjoyable (or at least tolerable). To release some pent-up energy before we begin our lessons, they've played musical chairs to the tune of Jelly Roll's song, "Need A Favor;" they've participated in a Scavenger Hunt which taught them some new words and their meaning; and a couple kids played the roles of Jerusalem's Ninjas out searching for Paul (lots of Hiyahhs that night).

Tonight, we had a wonderful session where the students wrote a letter from Paul, but using today's lingo. The letter is to be used to convert people over to Christianity. Such great participation; and I learned a lot of new words that I still don't know the meaning of. Since I am giving the sermon on Sunday, March 9th, I will be sharing my version of a letter from Paul (using slang words from back in my day) along with the confirmation student's letter they wrote. The confirmation students will then provide an interpretation...trust me, you will need it. Some of the kids were so excited they wanted to make sure we video-taped it and asked if they could bring friends. Absolutely. We would love for the kids to bring others to church that day (and any day) to share in their excitement about learning about Paul's message. It was so rewarding to watch them share and giggle as they developed this very important message.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO JOIN US ON MARCH 9TH. And if you can't make it, please be sure to watch it online. I think you will find it eye-opening and interesting!

Val Bach

Needles for Needs

We have been hard at work on homeless vet quilts, but had to cancel two of our workdays due to the frigid weather. So far we have over 30 Homeless Veteran quilts finished, and over 90 Lutheran World Relief quilts finished. We will continue to work on the vet quilts through April, provided we have enough of our denim stockpile sized and sewn into tops. We had much more denim than we realized, so it will take a bit longer to prep it all. Thank you to all who have been donating to our group - we truly couldn't make all of these quilts without you! If you would like to come work on quilts with us, we work from 9-2 every Tuesday. You are welcome to join us for a couple hours or the whole workday. If working at home is easier for you, we have lots of different jobs we could use some help with - including sewing denim tops, cutting denim into long strips with rotary cutters and rulers, sewing sheet pieces together into backing for our LWR quilts, and sewing donated scraps into tops for our LWR quilts (no required pattern - any is welcome). As always, we welcome donations of full size and larger flat sheets for our quilts (cotton or cotton poly blend only please). If you have any questions about helping our ministry, please reach out to Tonya at 715-560-0295 or tmtsmiley@hotmail.com.

God's work, Our hands.
Tonya Albers

Towel Drive for Taylor House

The Taylor House in Medford is in need of bath towels. A blue tote will be placed in the Welcome Hall the first two weeks of March for towel donations. (No towel sets, please.)

For more information, contact Chris Finkler at (715) 748-6848.



St. Paul's Ladies Lunch Bunch Wednesday, March 19

Location: New China, 344 South 8th Street, Medford
Time: 11:15 AM

All women welcome.
Please contact Michelle Danen, 715 748-4397, or
Chris Finkler, 715 748-6848, if you'd like to be involved.



Choir rehearsals will be on the
following Sundays at 8:00 a.m.
March 9 & 23.

March 2025 Worship Assistants

Date	Message	Liturgist	Communion Setup	Communion Assistant	Acolyte	Usher
March 2	Barb Krug	Dawn Harder	Kathy & Dan Higgins	Val Bach Dawn Harder Chris Konieczny	Brock Anderson	Bradin Brunner
March 5 Ash Wednesday	Barb Krug	X				
March 9	Val Bach	Sally Lemke	Kathy & Dan Higgins	Sally Lemke Tina Machon ?	Saige Fettes	
March 16	Nancy Amacher	Gail Heurung	Jo Cypher	Jo Cypher Chris Finkler Marguerite Jochimsen		
March 23	Bishop Martin Halom	Tony Schumacher	Kathy & Dan Higgins	Barb Krug Sally Lemke Tina Machon		
March 30 Joint Service OS	X	X	X	X	X	X

Birthdays & Anniversaries - February 2025

BIRTHDAY	BIRTHDAY	BIRTHDAY	ANNIVERSARIES
Mar. 1 Jo Cypher Chris Konieczny	Mar. 14 Michael Ecklund Kevin Egle James Peterson	Mar. 27 Olivia Berry Jessica Frahmman Easton Gebert Kyle Gebert LuElla Hoefs	Mar. 1 Nikki & William Sherman
Mar. 3 Ariella Lubahn	Mar. 15 Kyra Scheithauer	Mar. 28 Erin Wojcik	Mar. 10 Leslie & John Konrad
Mar. 4 Jack Rodman	Mar. 19 Stephanie Born Samantha Doberstein Scott Jensen Benjamin Ortengren	Mar. 29 Stella Alexander Gary Carlson Keagan Gehrke Carla Huston Pamela Kennedy Michele Lekie Kaitlyn Pester	Mar. 17 Kathryn & Brian Nutting
Mar. 5 Kash Cederholm Owen Machon Blake Schilling	Mar. 20 Mark Born Jennifer Krauss	Mar. 30 Ken Coyer Melissa Gehrke Benjamin Johnson Sara Nuernberger	
Mar. 6 Jonathan Frahmman	Mar. 21 Jason Anderson Amber Fettes Payton Nelson	Mar. 31 Hannah Egle	
Mar. 7 Stacy Doriot Kira Huotari	Mar. 22 Oliver Nuernberger		
Mar. 10 Alyssa Doriot Cory Tlusty	Mar. 24 Crystal Ecklund		
Mar. 11 Scott Waldhart	Mar. 25 Mark Temme Quinton Tlusty		
Mar. 12 Vanessa Hillebrand			
Mar. 13 Tina Cederholm Corey Faber Craig Zirngible			

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Mail your check to St. Paul's Lutheran Church,
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Church Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Val Bach, Council President.

Members present were: Amber Fettes, Chris Konieczny, Dawn Harder, Stacy Dassow, Dan Higgins, Kathy Hackbarth, Heidi Haynes, Marie Koerner, Val Bach, Carrie Zirngible, Tony Schumacher and Gail Heurung. Guests: Tina Dassow, Barb Krug and Nancy Jones. Dave Hruby, Harlan Cook and Leon Gasek were unable to attend.

Barb Krug led the group in an opening prayer.

Motion to accept the agenda, removing the need to approve annual minutes was made by Gail, seconded by Marie. Motion carried.

Motion by Tony Schumacher, seconded by Dan Higgins to accept the January meeting minutes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Val welcomed new members and thanked them for their willingness to serve. She also thanked the outgoing council members for all their efforts.

Election of officers was held: President: Heidi Haynes, Financial Secretary: Marie Koerner
Vice President: Tony Schumacher, Secretary: Gail Heurung

Motion by Chris, seconded by Kathy to confirm the new officers. Motion carried.

Church council installation will be scheduled for March 2 during the morning worship service.

A discussion on a text that Val received after the annual meeting was read and discussed. Val reached out and contacted the individual to address his concerns.

Treasurer's Report: Discussed relabeling mortgage fund to building fund. A motion was made by Chris, seconded by Amber to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Financial Recording Secretary: Lock box will be repositioned making handling the money easier.

Barb/SAM report: All going good. Reminder she is assisting Edgar with their vacancy as well...but that our joint parish is her first priority,

Worship Team: Ash Wednesday service will be at 12:15 here at St Paul's and 6:00 at Our Savior's.

Sunday School/VBS/Confirmation: Sunday school is back in session this coming Sunday. Val is now working with the Confirmation Class,

Joint Parish: Treasurer's Report all good. March 30th is a joint service at Our Savior's with baked goods and coffee following the service. Our Savior's will provide the refreshments. 9:00 start time. Breaking Chains is still scheduled for June 29th at the Holway Town Hall....picnic lunch to follow. St. Paul's will host joint services August 31st and November 30th. The next joint council meeting is set for July 9.

2024 Script proceeds: A discussion on the different local groups that St. Paul's support. A decision was made to split the \$2527 Script profit between Beds for Christ, United Way, CARE program at the school and Community Mission With Jesus. A motion was made by Dawn, seconded by Marie – motion carried.

A discussion was held on annual raises for Nancy and Dawn. They were asked to leave the meeting. Nancy stated she was not looking for an increase at all. After discussions...a motion was made by Marie, seconded by Chris to move the custodial position to \$13 and the admin position to \$17. Motion carried.

The Star News directory request was presented at \$104. A motion by Gail, seconded by Carrie to place the fingertip ad again this year. Motion carried.

Barb and Nancy received an email request from a Public Health Officer requesting consideration of doing an outreach health fair in conjunction with our Feed My People food distribution. Logistically it may not be possible. We will have Nancy invite them to look things over one month and see if it is even possible.

Chris has someone who wants to donate a toaster oven to the church. Suggested to offer it to others because we would not have much opportunity to use it here.

Discussion on the next meeting with our normal night during spring break. Next month's meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 19th at 6 p.m.

A motion by Gail, seconded by Dawn to adjourn. Motion carried. Council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Heurung, Council Secretary

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

The Mobile Food Pantry served 91 households on February 20, 2025.



64 new individuals in 2025

61 individuals ages 0-17
95 individuals ages 18-59
75 individuals ages 60+
231 total number of individuals

The next Mobile Food Pantry will be on Thursday, March 20, 2025.

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

Feed My People delivered 3,680 pounds of food. Food distributed included chicken, frozen entrees, sweet potatoes, apples, onions, canned vegetables, bathroom tissue, non-dairy butter, mustard, ice cream, chicken broth, cereal, bakery, bread, rice, soup, and spices. Pounds sub-distributed 35# (apples 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 **Our Saviour's WELCA Group** for sponsoring the February Mobile Food Pantry and to the many volunteers that came to help distribute the food.

February 2025 Treasurer's Report

	2025		2024		YTD % of Change
	January	YTD	January	YTD	
General Giving	16,228	16,228	9,319	9,319	74.1%
Mortgage Giving	-	-	1,925	1,925	-100.0%
Total Giving	16,228	16,228	11,244	11,244	44.3%
General Expenses	6,273	6,273	5,350	5,350	17.3%
Mortgage Expense	-	-	2,782	2,782	-100.0%
Total Expenses	6,273	6,273	8,132	8,132	-22.9%
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$9,954	\$9,954	\$3,112	\$3,112	
Designated Giving	5,225	5,225	3,185	3,185	64.0%
Designated Expenses	3,854	3,854	3,691	3,691	4.4%
Net Designated Income	1,371	1,371	(505)	(505)	
Interest Income	\$130	130	-	-	
Net Combined Income (Deficit)	\$11,456	\$11,456	\$2,607	\$2,607	

Bank Accounts - As of:	1/31/25	YTD Change	1/31/24	Comments
<u>Fund in SPOS Joint Checking</u>	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	
<u>General Checking</u>	\$190,727	\$10,085	\$158,096	
<u>Designated Funds in Checking</u>		\$0		
Building Fund	2,155	\$795	31,176	
Comfort Quilts	1,049	\$323	726	
Community Benevolence Fund	133	\$0	116	
Designated Memorials	4,240	\$100	4,953	
Fair Trade Sales	476	\$0	287	
Mortgage Fund	0	\$0	0	
Thrivent Choice	1,230	\$0	460	
Mobile Food Pantry	10,242	\$330	8,952	
Sunday School	735	(\$177)	887	
Youth Group	11,572	\$0	11,448	
Total Funds in Checking	\$223,560	\$11,456	\$218,103	
<u>Other Accounts</u>				
Events/Fund Raiser Acct	3,165	1		
Needles for Needs Acct	1,411	1		
Scrip Acct	8,819	(214)		
Total Other Accounts	\$13,396	-\$212	\$0	
Total - All Accounts	\$236,956	\$11,244	\$218,103	
Mortgage Balance		\$0		

2024 Pastor Expense - Budgeted \$67,960
2024 YTD Supply Pastor Expense \$739

February 2025 Attendance

February 2 49
February 9 56
February 16 67
February 23 78



Thank you to Chris & Dave Konieczny for sponsoring the March Newsletter.

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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MARCH 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Installation of new Council Members — March 2		Daylight Savings Time - March 9				1
2 1st Communion 9:15 a.m. Worship / Communion 9:15 a.m. Sunday School	3	4 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts	5 Ash Wednesday 12:15 p.m. St. Paul's 6:00 p.m. Our Saviour's 4:00 p.m. Confirmation	6	7 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting 6:00 p.m. World Day of Prayer	8
9 8:00 a.m. Choir 9:15 a.m. Worship / Communion No Sunday School Baptism	10 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts	11 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs	12 No Confirmation 6:00 p.m. Lenten Service at OS 6:00 p.m. Church Council	13	14 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	15
16 9:15 a.m. Worship / Communion No Sunday School	17	18 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts	19 Ladies Lunch Bunch 11:15 a.m. At <i>New China</i> No Confirmation 6:00 p.m. Lenten Service at OS	20 1:00-5:00 p.m. Mobile Food Pantry	21 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	22 Synod Walking Together Event at Rice Lake
23 8:00 a.m. Choir 9:15 a.m. Worship / Communion 9:15 a.m. Sunday School	24 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts	25 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs	26 4:00 p.m. Confirmation 6:00 p.m. Lenten Service at OS	27	28 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	29 7:30 p.m. Central Chamber Chorale at St. Paul's
30 9:00 a.m. Joint Worship Service at Our Saviour's	6:00 p.m. Suicide Support Group (March 30)					

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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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