

The Parish Pulse

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

September 2025



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Message from Barb Krug, SAM

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It has been quite the ending to the month of August. Recently many of you received an email that looked like it was from me. My name was in the heading area where it shows who it is from, but the email was not visible. If you clicked on my name, you would have seen, "ministerBarbKrug@gmail.com. That is not my email and some of you did notice that, for which I am very thankful. Unfortunately, a member did not do that and was scammed and purchased \$400.00 worth of gift cards. There is nothing we, innocent people, can do about that. We can report it, but those scammers, those dishonest people, those greedy people, those people that if they used their talents for good could greatly improve our world, or at least protect some innocent people, are very smart about covering their tracks.

Neither I nor any of our other worship leaders would ever ask you, via email, to give money for an anonymous person.

There are numerous phone scams going on now as well. Do not give out any personal information even if they say it's a company you are associated with. If they are calling you, they should tell you what the information is, not the other way around.

Personally, and more bizarre is that someone had a fake/dark web copy of my driver's license and went into a branch bank in a different city. Showed the ID but of course didn't know the account number. With the fake ID that she/they professionally overlaid her picture over mine, was able to withdraw a large sum of money from our savings. This is not what I needed one week before school starts. The bank had video footage, which we went and looked at. The woman was as cool as a cucumber, talking to the teller as if she were an innocent customer. Law enforcement has been notified and discovered this has happened in the city at different banks, with different IDs. A ring of criminals, again dishonest, greedy people. I'm trying to pray for them but haven't gotten there just yet.

Please, contact all your financial institutions and put a security code on your accounts. Do not let this happen to you. Don't think it won't happen to you. The bank followed their procedure with having the woman show an ID before giving the money. The bank assures us we will get our money back, but we are unsure of the process.

September means school is back in session; (stop for those school buses with amber or red lights flashing), bored children will have something to do (and complain about), Children's sermons, Sunday school and Confirmation classes will resume, and summer is over! But the fall weather, colored leaves, and football will keep us, or some of us very happy. Have a blessed month everyone.

Barb Krug - SAM



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For pastoral care emergencies, call the following:

Barb Krug: 715-965-5696, barbkrug@charter.net

Pastor Bob Giese: 847-899-7122, rjgiese@gmail.com

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'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, November 30, at St. Paul's.**



There will be a Bell Choir Open House on September 21, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to find out information about what the Bell Choir is and get a chance to try the bells yourself. Refreshments will be provided. This invitation is open to both Our Saviour's & St. Paul's Church.

Contact Meagan Neitzel for more information.
Phone: 920-562-0100 Email: mneitzel56@gmail.com



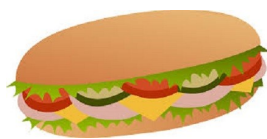
We are now offering the option to have *The Parish Pulse* sent to your email address. Please contact your church office if you would prefer to go paperless.

Community Mission With Jesus Sub Sandwich Sale

Wednesday, September 10

Location: Community United Church of Christ
510 E Broadway Ave., Medford

The CMWJ Committee is asking our church members for cookies for the sub sandwich. Cookies should be firm, not crumbly. They are also looking for help the morning of the sale, assembling sandwiches and placing tomatoes, onions, and cookies in bags. Assembly will take place at the CUCC Church. The goal is to make 300 sandwiches.



Would anyone have tomatoes or onions to donate? Contact Marian Nernberger at 715-748-3055 if you have any questions or would like to volunteer. Volunteers should arrive by 8:00 a.m.



Sunday, September 7

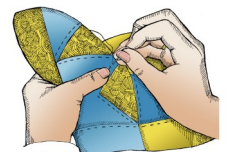
It is back to school time, and we would like all our students and teachers to start the school year with many prayers and blessings!

Be sure to bring your backpack on September 7.

Blessing of the Quilts September 28

Please join each of our churches for *The Blessing of the Quilts*. Each church will be recognizing the work of their quilters and offering a blessing before the quilts are boxed and sent to countries around the world.

St. Paul's members, please consider sponsoring a quilt. Your donation will help pay for shipping.



JOINT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

On Wednesday, July 30th, 27 kids, 8 adults, and 3 student helpers took a trip on a bus for this year's VBS. We started at the Old Norwegian Church in Curtiss. After seeing if Pastor Bob could play the pump organ, we went into the cemetery and did some fun activities. From there we stopped at St. Paul's church in Curtiss. They graciously allowed us to use their restrooms (none at the other church). Jerry Cypher told us a little bit about missionary work as his son and family were missionaries for a year. From there our route went past many churches on our way to the Wildwood Park and Zoo in Marshfield. Because it was Wild Wednesday, our group got to enjoy Daniel Stokes and his animals, reptiles, and knowledge. Sorry, I didn't get any pictures of the snakes but check Facebook and you might find a few. After lunch and a little free time at the playground, we started our Trail Church through the Zoo. Pastor Bob shared Psalm 8 with us and sent us out into the wild, with the instructions, while walking to think about what we see, hear, smell and feel of God's creation. Students were able to draw pictures as they went. Some students did an amazing job! Some pictures were taken. I'm sorry I didn't get many. Discussions were amazing as we walked in our various age groups. After our time at the zoo, we traveled the short distance to Good Shepherd Church in Marshfield. Pastor Katie Anderson was not there to greet us as she was at the Churchwide Assembly, but her staff was welcoming as we visited their new church. Pastor Bob played the piano as we sang and enjoyed a little time in the air-conditioned sanctuary. As we traveled back to Medford, we could hear the kids pointing out churches as they saw them. We think there were over 23 churches that we noticed. So, from a church built in 1907 but with a congregation that had been established in 1885 to God's nature to a church built in 1988 with their congregation established in 1983, it was an amazing day.

Thank you to the following people that generously gave their time and talents and kept the children safe:

Pastor Bob Giese, Heidi Bower-Kesling, Meagan Neitzel, Brenda Nernberger, Jerry Cypher, Jeff Harder, Echo Buehler, Josey Krug, Breckyn Klemm and Jordyn Bottlemey.



A huge thank you to the parents for letting your child(ren) participate and a special thank you to the kids.

They were AMAZING!!!!

Sorry I didn't get more pictures.

Barb Krug – SAM & Bus Driver



Joint Council Meeting Minutes – August 13th 5:00 p.m. at St. Paul's

Council Members present: Mark Temme, Mike Kesling, Barb Krug (SAM), Kathy Schumacher, Brenda Nernberger.

Absent: Julie Janke; open position for St. Paul's

Guest: Dawn Harder, Joint treasurer

The meeting was called to order by Brenda Nernberger, Vice President at 5:01 p.m.

Opening prayer was led by Barb Krug.

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

Reports:

Joint Parish Treasurer

*Workman's comp quotes: waiting on correspondence with Jerry Carstensen's Insurance Company.

*Payroll items are getting paid as the 2 congregations are contributing designated amounts into the joint account.

*Dawn has set up a separate treasurer's email account so any future transition will be seamless.

Barb Krug – SAM

Both congregations are continuing to fill volunteer positions to assist with the week-to-week needs of the church. Overall, things are going well.

There have been no hits on the ministry site profile for the open pastor position.

Barb and Pastor Bob and Pastor Nancy are still receiving calls from members.

The Northwest Synod has been issued a grant for outreach. Pastor Bob and Pastor Randy will be working with SAMs, mentoring more, visiting within the synod. With 30+ SAMS in our synod, we are a test-pilot for this program, thus receiving the grant. More under new business.

New Business:

Northwest Synod of Wisconsin update: Barb

Barb shared a letter from the Bishop regarding the outreach program. St. Paul's would/could be a host location for a gathering including the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, Chequamegon Conference, which includes congregations from Marshfield, Stratford, Unity, Edgar, Ogema, and Stanley, for example. The estimate would be 100 participants.

Barb will check on dates: Sunday, May 3 or 17 or Sunday, March 22 with times being in the 3:00-7:30 range for a 2 ½ hour program. The group discussed travel time after respective church services and back home as factors to consider when setting up the schedule.

Food, an intergenerational activity and a video will be planned at future Joint Council meetings.

Barb led a discussion on the 'new norm' for congregations as we continue to face the shortage of pastors.

Joint Worship Service Schedule:

June joint service was well attended by both congregations at the Holway ballfield with music/service led by Breaking Chains.

August 31, 2025 – Hosted by St. Paul's at 9:00 a.m.

Worship will be held at St. Paul's Church with a time/talent display in the Fellowship Hall, along with light snacks. It is Labor Day weekend. Kathy and Dawn will contact members of groups within each congregation (choir, bell choir, Men's Group, Women ELCA, quilting, etc.)

St. Paul's council will discuss any other activities at their next meeting.

Joint VBS Program :

VBS was held in July with 30 students/6 helpers, including confirmation students and grandparents. The group traveled to the 180 year old Norwegian Church in Curtiss, noting the old pump organ and gorgeous stained glass windows, as well as no bathrooms! They continued to the Marshfield Zoo, seeing the Wild Wednesday session and breaking into small discussion/touring groups, viewing God's creation around them. On the trail back, they stopped at Good Shepherd Church, only 25 years old, to check out the features of a newer church. It was positive to see the children/youth from St. Paul's and Our Saviour's mixing well due to knowing each other through school. Megan Neitzel has volunteered to coordinate next year's VBS program.

Officers:

With the President position open, a motion was made by Mike for Brenda to serve as President, seconded by Mark, motion passed.

We will leave the vice president position open until St. Paul's fills the opening for a council member to join the Joint Council.

The constitution was checked: members of the Joint Council serve 2 year terms, with a maximum of 2 consecutive terms. Kathy and Brenda are at 2 years and are both willing to serve second terms. Barb will take this back to each council for approval.

Next meeting:

The next meeting was set for Monday, November 17, 2025 at Our Saviour's at 5:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion was made to adjourn by Mike, seconded by Brenda. Motion carried.

The meeting closed at 5:59 pm with Barb's blessing.

Submitted by Kathy Schumacher.

2025 JOINT PARISH FINANCIAL

	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	YTD
Income								
OS Income	1906.96	1324.56	1693.50	1811.21	1545.44	1550.31	1518.73	11350.71
SP Income	3396.42	2190.82	2222.81	3932.96	2196.53	2226.03	3386.61	19552.18
Misc Incom		17.75			0.04		17.00	34.79
OS Lawn Inco				2820.00				2820.00
OS Jator Inco	782.84			782.84			782.84	2348.52
Total Income	6086.22	3533.13	3916.31	9347.01	3742.01	3776.34	5705.18	36106.20
Expenses								
Joint (ex: checks, resources, tools, etc		56.00						56.00
Workman C				910.00				910.00
SP Parish Adm	1132.35	1066.41	1118.92	1092.68	980.12	1079.54	1105.80	7575.82
OS Secretary	345.91	266.53	269.89	343.46	289.21	243.32	266.53	2024.85
OS Custodian			671.56			671.56		1343.12
SP Custodian	169.41	153.34	171.85	179.79	171.85	121.62	142.77	1110.63
OS Watchman	120.00	80.00	80.00	120.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	640.00
SAM	900.00	775.00	1045.00	1150.00	720.00	900.00	900.00	6390.00
Lay Leaders			150.00		150.00			300.00
SP Music	200.00	150.00	200.00	150.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	1300.00
OS Music	150.00	225.00	375.00	300.00	300.00	225.00	300.00	1875.00
Pastor Bob	292.00	327.00		292.00	292.00	292.00	292.00	1787.00
Busin. Tax Reg								0.00
Pastor Nancy	286.12	286.12	286.12		286.12	286.12	286.12	1716.72
OS Lawn Care				2820.00				2820.00
State Quarterly	112.21			103.70			96.20	312.11
Fed Quarterly	1524.70			1662.55			1597.74	4784.99
Misc Expense		17.75			40.00	270.00		327.75
Total Expense	5232.70	3403.15	4368.34	9124.18	3509.30	4369.16	5267.16	35273.99

May Misc is for Dept of Financial Inst yearly filing fee

June Misc for Breaking Chains



Registration forms for the Fall Retreat are available at both churches.



FALLING FOR JESUS...HE NEVER LEAVES

**Women of the ELCA Chequamegon Conference
Fall Retreat**

WHEN: October 4, 2015

WHERE: St Paul's Lutheran Church
321 N Park Ave
Medford WI 54451

TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

COST: \$20.00 per person

Please write check out to WELCA and please fill out the bottom portion and return to:
Deb Bender
St Paul's Lutheran Church
321 No Park Ave
Medford WI 54451

In-Kind Gifts will be collected for local Food Pantries. Canned/boxed goods, toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet tissue, paper towels, etc...

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)
 Vice President: Jason Borman - jason.borman@us.nestle.com (715-965-6058)
 Secretary: Meagan Neitzel - meagan.neitzel@aol.com (715-562-0100)
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 Echo Buehler - echo.op14@tds.net (715-748-3928)
 Clarice Zenner - claricezenner@yahoo.com (715-579-4445)
 Barb Krug - barbkrug@charter.net (715-965-5696)

August 2025 Attendance

August 3 23
 August 10 30
 August 17 32
 August 24 28
 August 31—Joint Worship
 at St. Pauls

September 2025 Calendar for Our Saviour's

Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m.

September 2 WELCA - fellowship - 6:30 p.m., program - 6:45 p.m.,
 meeting - 7:00 p.m.
September 7 Worship w/communion, Mike Kesling, Blessing of the Backpacks
September 10 Confirmation 4:00 p.m., Parent meeting 4:30 p.m.
September 14 Worship w/communion, Pastor Bob Giese
 Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversaries
September 17 Sunday School 4:00 - 5:15 p.m.
 Confirmation 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
 Church Council - 6:00 p.m.
September 21 Worship w/communion, Barb Krug, SAM
 Sunday School 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
September 24 Sunday School 4:00 - 5:15 p.m.
 Confirmation 4:00 p.m.
September 28 Worship w/communion, Barb Krug, SAM
 Blessing of the Quilts
 Sunday School 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.



Support the church missions by purchasing Scrip cards for many of your shopping needs: groceries, gasoline, clothing, entertainment, and / or gifts. Talk with Nancie Adams or Brenda Nernberger if you have questions.

Thank you to Clarice and Jim Zenner for mopping up the wet church basement floor on August 10, after the heavy rains the day before. We appreciate you giving up your Sunday afternoon to take care of the problem.

September 2025 Worship Assistants

September Altar Guild: Barb Krug & Nicole Worden

DATE	MESSAGE	USHERS	LITURGIST	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	COUNTERS	ACOLYTE
September 7	Mike Kesling	Karen & Harry Frosch		Heidi Bower Kesling	Heidi Bower Kesling	
September 14	Bob Giese	Mike & Heidi Kesling	Heidi Bower Kesling	Carol Lekies		
September 21	Barb Krug	Paul Stroinski Echo Buehler	Ed Rowe	Paul Stroinski	Paul Stroinski Echo Buehler	
September 28	Barb Krug	Marian & Ken Nernberger	Ed Rowe	Marian Nernberger	Marian Nernberger	



Confirmation Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 10. Class begins at 4:00 p.m. Students should ride the bus to church. There will be a parent meeting at 4:30 p.m. The meeting should last approximately one hour.

If you would like more information please contact Heidi Bower at 715-512-0557 or Meagan Neitzel at 920-562-0100.



Wednesday, September 17

4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Sunday, September 21

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

WELCA Minutes - August 6, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Echo Buehler. In attendance were: Juanita Krug, Barb Krug, Paula Stroinski, Heidi Bower, Carol Lekies, Marian Nernberger, Julie Janke, and Nancie Adams.

Juanita Krug presented a program about the Amish and Mennonite communities, taken from the Abbotsford Tribune Phonograph Newspaper. We learned the Amish and Mennonites are the biggest blood donors in the country.

The meeting opened with members reciting the WELCA purpose statement.

Reports:

The May's secretary's report was accepted as printed in the newsletter. No meetings were held during June and July.

Amie Marzinske, treasurer, was not able to attend. Through email she reported the current balance at \$5240.61.

Old business:

Stewardship Report: Lutheran World Relief quilts need to be boxed. Veteran quilts can be donated in bags. Look for donation boxes for the veterans clothing. Donations will be due in September. Sixty-five backpacks will be filled for LWR. Donations are welcomed to cover the cost of school supplies. Donations should be put in the in the toy dump truck box in the fellowship hall. Our Saviour's donated a youth quilt for Heart for Luther Park made by Janet Cypher.

A new garbage disposal has been ordered for the kitchen. Just a reminder, run water first before putting the food down and afterward.

Anniversary Dinner. – October 12, 10:30 – Noon; Second Sunday in October tentatively reserved at the Centennial Community Center. Raffle tickets have been ordered. A quilt will be included in addition to raffle baskets.

Bar will be closed.

Dining Room – Barb Krug will not be able to coordinate. She is preaching elsewhere.

Basket Raffle – Barb Krug, Green/Packer; additional baskets are appreciated.

Country Store – Elaine Hallgren, Gayle Hamman and Rose Frelichowski

Food – Chicken and Ham; Apple & Pumpkin Pie; 2 veggies, Dairy committee will donate cheese & butter.

Cost - Adults \$14.00 and \$8.00; to-go order tickets will be a different color from eat-in to make tracking easier.

Volunteer list will be out in September at church.

Funeral Callers: Marian Nernberger, Karen Frosch, Nancie Adams, Julie Janke

Dates to remember:

August 28, Women's Luncheon at Cravings, Medford

August 31, Joint Worship at St. Paul's, 9 a.m.

Confirmation starts, Sept. 10, and Sunday School will also start in September, date to be announced.

September 3, Next WELCA meeting, hostess Paula Stroinski

October 4, WELCA Fall Rally at St. Paul's, Medford

Paula made a motion to adjourn. Karen seconded. Meeting adjourned. We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer. Submitted by Carol Lekies, secretary.

Veterans Clothing Drive



We are looking for men's and women's cold and warm weather clothing in "good" repair for the Veterans Clothing Drive. Items needed are: coats, caps, mittens, pants, shirts, socks, shoes, boots, and underwear (preferably new.)

Drop off at the church before
Sunday, September 21, 2025.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Our Saviour's July 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	\$4957.28
Hunger	\$310.00
Special offerings/In-Out	\$225.00(\$200 to cemetery association, \$25 to meditation bench fund)
Scrip	\$2900.00

TOTAL INCOME: **\$8392.28**

Expense Section

Benevolence	\$196.80(to NW Synod of WI General Mission Support – 4%
Hunger	\$310.00(to Northwest Synod of WI for ELCA World Hunger)
Special Offering In/Out	\$200.00(to Cemetery Association)
Internet Service (Clark Electric)	\$61.94
Phone (TDS)	\$32.58
Electricity (Taylor Electric)	\$135.36
Dumpster (GFL Environmental)	\$25.92
LP Gas (Budget-Medford Coop)	\$286.00
Insurance (Church Mutual)	\$509.10
Newsletter Postage	\$32.59
Payroll	\$479.67(watchman \$80.00--sec \$313.50, 2 nd qu. tax \$86.17)
Church Administrator	\$200.00
Supply Pastors	\$539.06
Music (Organist)	\$300.00
Copier Lease (E.O. Johnson)	\$128.14
Miscellaneous-Special events	\$447.13(\$250 to Holway Sluggers, \$197.13 picnic food)
VANCO charge	\$6.30
Script Cards	\$1344.00.00(Co. Market)

TOTAL EXPENSES: **\$5490.88**

Savings Account: **\$8857.16**

Script sales profit for July \$56.00 Current Inventory \$3250

Mission Investment Fund: Term Investment Fixed 4 Year – 3847Rate 1.49% Matures 9/24/2025
03/31/2025 Balance: \$16,999.84
Interest 06/30/2025 \$64.63
New Balance **\$17064.47**

Our Saviour's Lutheran of Holway

Anniversary Dinner

Sunday, October 12, 2025



Centennial Community Center
Stetsonville, WI.



Serving 10:30 am – NOON or while supplies last
5-11 yrs. \$8.00, 12+ \$14.00

Children 4 years & under - Free
Carry Outs Available. Call or text Amie @ 715-965-5956 by 5 PM 10/11
** Open to the entire community, please join us!**

Menu: chicken, dressing & gravy, ham, mashed potatoes, vegetables,
and all the trimmings, homemade pie & beverages.

Country Store **Basket Raffle*** **Bake Sale**

need not be present to win

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

INCOME - Our Saviour's	July	YTD 2025		
General	4,957.28	34,756.52		
Hunger	310.00	2,095.00		
Sunday School/VBS/Camp	0.00	250.00		
Change the World/Special Offering	225.00	1,690.00		
Scrip	2,900.00	19,725.00		
TOTAL INCOME	8,392.28	58,516.52		
Expenses:	July	YTD	Monthly/Budget	Year/Budget
Benevolence	196.80	1,379.32	250.00	3,000.00
Hunger In/Out	310.00	2,095.00	0.00	
Special Offering In/Out	200.00	1,661.00	0.00	
Internet Service	61.94	433.58	62.50	750.00
Phone	32.58	205.29	60.42	725.00
Electricity	135.36	1,076.94	166.67	2,000.00
LP Gas	286.00	2,002.00	333.33	4,000.00
Dumpster - GFL	25.92	249.58	58.33	700.00
Holding Tanks		0.00	20.83	250.00
Snow Plowing		562.50	100.00	1,200.00
Janitor Supplies	67.83	161.65	18.75	225.00
Clear Country Water Solutions		0.00	18.75	225.00
Building Repairs/Maintenance	147.50	662.17	83.33	1,000.00
Worship/Devotionals/Resources		101.85	50.00	600.00
Organ/Piano Maintenance		115.00	25.00	300.00
Insurance	509.10	3,563.70	508.33	6,100.00
Office & Computer Supplies/parts/ink	40.96	635.43	25.00	300.00
Postage and Stamps		0.00	16.67	200.00
Computer Maintenance/Repair		0.00	16.67	200.00
Treasurer Supplies		87.59	8.33	100.00
Newsletter Postage	32.59	243.50	37.50	450.00
Copier Lease	128.14	896.98	125.00	1,500.00
Supply Pastors	539.06	3,589.36	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	479.67	4,271.35	650.00	7,800.00
Website		155.88	16.67	200.00
Music	300.00	2,059.52	325.00	3,900.00
Leadership Training		0.00	83.33	1,000.00
Education (Adult, Confirmation, Sunday School, VBS)		43.68	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	1,400.00	200.00	2,400.00
Miscellaneous- Special Events	447.13	661.11	41.67	500.00
Scrip Cards	1,344.00	19,918.30	0.00	
VANCO Charge	6.30	44.20	0.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,490.88	48,426.48	4,072.08	49,365.00
Checking Account:		Savings Account:		8,856.41
Camping Fund	873.54		Deposit	0.75
Sunday School/VBS	1,822.53		Total	8,857.16
General	60,569.03			
Meditation Bench Donations	25.00			
TOTAL	63,290.10	<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

September brings a wave of excitement as we welcome the return of Sunday School, Confirmation, and the start of the school year. It is a wonderful time to re-establish our daily routines, with my children's favorite...settling into earlier bedtimes in preparation for school. While this season brings excitement, it can also be a hectic period as we navigate new schedules and adapt to the demands of school and changing schools. I wish all the children a wonderful start to the school year! Let us keep their safety in mind by watching out for our kids and school buses.

We are thrilled to announce that Sunday School year will commence on September 7. Please keep an eye out for the upcoming sign-up information. Additionally, there will be a parent meeting for Confirmation on September 10th, with classes starting after for our 7th and 8th grade students. Let's embrace this vibrant season together and make the most of these enriching experiences! I would like to extend my gratitude to all the teachers for their dedication and hard work with Sunday School and Confirmation. Let us come together to share and spread the word of God.

As we navigate the many changes that are beyond our control, fall presents a wonderful opportunity to embrace the beauty that surrounds us. This season invites us to take leisurely walks to admire the vibrant colors of changing leaves or to hike up Timm's Hill, where we can fully appreciate the work of God with breathtaking views. There is so much splendor in our world that we can cherish and celebrate during this time of transformation.

2 Peter 3:18 - But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Colossians 2:6-7 - Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

The Mobile Food Pantry served 104 households on August 21, 2025.

77 individuals ages 0-17
93 individuals ages 18-59
84 individuals ages 60+
253 total number of individuals

First visits in 2025 = 36

**The next Mobile Food Pantry
will be on Thursday,
September 18, 2025.**

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

Feed My People delivered 1,867 pounds of food. Food distributed included: ground chicken, fresh broccoli or coleslaw, fresh blackberries or strawberries, canned vegetables, chickpeas, oatmeal, mac and cheese, snack bars, laundry detergent, and kitty litter. Also distributed: canned vegetables and tomato soup donated from the Taylor County Fair "Cans for a Cause." Processed frozen pork was donated by Nicolet Bank, purchased from the Taylor County Fair Animal Auction.

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 **Bob Whetstone** for sponsoring the August Mobile Food Pantry and to the volunteers that came to help distribute the food.



The choir will begin rehearsals
on Sunday, September 14
at 8:00 a.m.

We encourage anybody with an interest in music and singing to join us and make our group even stronger!

**Thank you to Loris Fox
for sponsoring the
September Newsletter.**

August 2025 Attendance

August 3	49
August 10	49
August 17	47
August 24	48
August 31	Joint Service

St. Paul's Lutheran Church



Sunday School is back September 7, during the church service for children PreK-6th grade! We are excited to explore God's word through arts and crafts, cooking, Bible skills and games and more. If you have not registered your child(ren) yet, please contact the church office or fill out the online registration form. <https://forms.gle/4WmFAEjLiq3fWXiq9>

We are still looking for more Sunday School teachers to help each Sunday. If you are able, please contact the church office, Heidi Haynes or Kathy Hackbarth. We look forward to a wonderful year getting to know new faces and bonding with all God's children. See you on September 7.

Sunday School Coordinators, Heidi Haynes and Kathy Hackbarth



The first night of Confirmation classes will be Wednesday, September 10. The students will ride an assigned bus from the middle school directly to St. Paul's and arriving at approximately 3:35 p.m. We will announce the assigned bus # once confirmed. Students will be served dinner from 3:45 - 4:00 p.m. (provided by staff). Following the meal, we will hold our first confirmation class for the year from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Normal classes will end at 5:30 p.m.

PARENTS: We are requesting parents/guardians attend the informational parent's meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 10, in the Welcome Hall at St. Paul's. We will be serving a meal for everyone directly following the parent's meeting. During the meeting, we will be reviewing the Confirmation Handbook outlining the expectations of parents and students and the Confirmation class schedule.

Our teaching staff is looking forward to working with you and your family as we help each of you grow in your spiritual connection with God and the church.

Needles for Needs

We are winding down our Lutheran World Relief Quilt season, with the quilt blessing scheduled for September 28! We have nearly reached our increased goal of 250 quilts. As it stands, we have enough batting to get us to exactly that number! As of August 19, we had 218 quilts finished. Thank you so much to everyone who has sewn tops and donated supplies to our ministry - we couldn't make all these quilts without your help! We will also be collecting donations toward the "quilt shipping fund" on Quilt Blessing Sunday - it costs Lutheran World Relief \$2.80 per quilt to ship around the world to people in need. We have always made sure to cover those costs every year - whether we have a surplus of monetary donations or a deficit (we make up the difference from our funds.) If we make 250 quilts, it will cost \$700!

As always, we welcome all ages of all skill levels to join us - you don't need to be a quilter to help out! We meet every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If working from home fits your schedule better, we have bundles of fabric or boxes of panels and scraps to turn into quilt tops, sheet pieces to sew together, and a few other jobs available.



Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to help us make a difference in the world - one quilt at a time.

Tonya Albers, 715-560-0295



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DATE	MESSAGE	LITURGIST	COMMUNION SETUP	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
September 7	Val Bach Barb Krug - communion	Dawn Kasper Harder	Kathy & Dan Higgins	Deb Bender Dawn Kasper Harder Marguerite Jochimsen
September 14	Pastor Bob Giese	Gail Heurung	Kathy & Dan Higgins	Dave Hrabý Chris Konieczny Chris Finkler
September 21	Barb Krug	Sally Lemke	Jo Cypher	Deb Bender Jo Cypher Sally Lemke
September 28	Barb Krug	Cathy Retzer	Kathy & Dan Higgins	Chris Konieczny ? ?

September 2025 Birthdays & Anniversaries			
BIRTHDAY Sept. 1 Steve Axtman Kaylor Borman Andrew Poetzl Sept. 4 Jenn Knippel Tina Machon Sept. 6 Samantha Cook Suzy Jensen Juli Johnson Kaylee Seifert Sept. 7 James Imbach Sept. 9 Megan Bruggink Colten Halopka Sept. 10 Charley Peterson Cathy Temme Sept. 11 Andrew Rodman Sept. 12 Michelle Danen Greg Hoefs Michael Raasch Sept. 13 Kyle Melvin Brian Schilling	BIRTHDAY Sept. 14 Mary Brost Joshua Doberstein Caleb Krug Reece Williams Sept. 15 Krista Brandner Alex Scheithauer Eric Scheithauer Sept. 16 Steve Danen Lisa Gilles Michelle Schreiner Vince Wojcik Sept. 18 Walton Cook Nicole Harder Sept. 19 Charles Kloth Aliyah Pilgrim Sept. 19 Peyton Preuss Autumn Sherman Sept. 20 Janille Zirngible Sept. 22 Jake Seifert	BIRTHDAY Sept 23 Nora Albers Gail Heurung Cheryl Purdy Cathy Retzer Sept. 25 Hailey Willner Sept. 26 Joseph Eisch Jacob Lubahn Sept. 27 Carmyn Alexander Todd Anderson Andrew Preuss Sept. 28 Ronald Glamann Sept. 29 Diane Woods ANNIVERSARIES Sept. 2 Nicole & Kyle Gebert Sept. 5 Carol & Jim Kasperek Vicki & Rick Faude Sept. 6 Jill & Jeremy Sperl Sept. 7 Aleta & Corey Huotari Sept. 12 Tina & Jack Machon	ANNIVERSARIES Sept. 13 Kris & Jason Seifert Sept. 15 Linda & Randy Sackmann Sept. 18 Lori & Mark Willner Sept. 23 Chris & Dave Konieczny Kathy & Dan Higgins Jennifer & Greg Hoefs Sept. 26 Casey & Andrew Rodman Crystal & Michael Ecklund Sept. 28 Judy & Mark Zuleger Sept. 29 Bonnie & Chuck Habermeier 

St. Paul's Ladies Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, September 17

Location: BS Bar

W4782 State Hwy 64, , Medford,

Time: 11:15 AM

All women welcome.

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



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**Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 13, 2025**

Council members present: Dave Hruby, Heidi Haynes, Tony Schumacher, Marie Koerner, Carrie Zirngible, Harley Cook, Dawn Harder, Amber Fettes and Gail Heurung. Missing were: Kathy Hackbarth, Chris Konieczny, and Stacy Dassow (she came for the picture but then had to leave). Guests present were: Nancy Jones, Barb Krug and Tina Dassow. For a short time, Jeff Harder.

Meeting was called to order by Heidi Haynes and SAM Barb Krug led the group in an opening prayer.

Motion to accept the agenda was made by Marie, seconded by Carrie. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the meeting minutes from the June meeting (no meeting in July) was made by Amber, seconded by Carrie. Motion carried.

The treasurer's reports were presented. A motion by Marie, seconded by Gail to accept the June and July reports. Motion carried.

Financial secretary – nothing new to report.

SAM Report – Barb said all is going well. Mentioned that Bishop Martin is hoping to visit each congregation in 2026.

Worship team – Joint service is set for August 31, at St. Paul's. Sign up with Nancy to bring bars, etc., for after the service. Looking at having resource tables at the joint service to help with awareness of different things available between the 2 churches.

Sunday School to start September 7. Confirmation to start September 17, after a parent meeting on September 10.

Barb reported on VBS – attended by approximately 30 kids. Did a church visit and a visit to the zoo in Marshfield...God made all creatures.

Jeff Harder was at the meeting to express concern over the wash out in the new flower bed area. Hopefully when it is completed there will be enough ground cover to hold everything in place. Also discussed where the lot line is on the north side of the church.

Church garage sale is set for August 24. Freewill offering...may use toward purchase of shelves.

Thank you to everyone who assisted in the church directory. Would have liked more participation, but we did have 90+ participants.

Stacy Dassow will be appointed to the Joint Council at this time. Kathy Schumacher has agreed to 2nd term.

Marie presented our updated agreement for the use of building and church equipment. Thank you, Marie.

Discussed the need for a shampoo machine for the church. Dawn thought since she only shampoos once a year....stick to rental. Heidi also put in an email to Power Kleen for an estimate to do the shampooing.

Nancy had a request from the Health Dept. about putting Narcam at the church in case of need. Council was not sure because of the liability. Also discussed the AED and who might know how to use the unit. Nancy will invite them to come for a training session on that and to discuss the Narcam.

Val is looking to change the curriculum for confirmation which would require the purchase of about \$200. Motion by Gail, seconded by Marie to authorize the request.

Justin Zirngible is requesting funds to again do a cookout for all the quilters. A motion by Marie, seconded by Carrie to allow \$200 for the purchase of the food for that cookout. Motion carried.

The projector used on Sundays – approx. is 10 years old. It stopped working two weeks ago, and we finished the service without. Got it going again, but we need to address this because we are not sure how long it will continue.

Dave was involved when it was purchased and will contact the company and see what a replacement will entail.

Next meeting is set for September 10, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Gail, seconded by Carrie to adjourn. Motion carried.

The council closed in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Heurung, Secretary

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

St. Paul's Treasurer's Report for July 2025

	2025		2024		YTD % of Change
	July	YTD	July	YTD	
Total General Giving	8,476	72,588	10,048	77,547	-6.4%
Total General Expenses	7,596	45,542	7,560	77,130	-41.0%
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$880	\$27,045	\$2,488	\$417	
Designated Giving	972	13,286	3,105	31,183	-57.4%
Designated Giving - Building	1,050	13,770			
Total Designated Giving	2,022	27,056	3,105	31,183	
Designated Expenses	1,018	11,144	3,511	61,236	-81.8%
Designated Expenses - Building		906			
Total Designated Expenses	1,018	12,051	3,511	61,236	
Net Designated Income	1,004	15,005	(406)	(30,053)	
Interest Income	\$151	975	\$170	999	
Net Combined Income (Deficit)	\$2,035	\$43,025	\$2,252	(\$28,638)	

Bank Accounts - As of:	7/31/25	YTD Change	Comments
Fund in SPOS Joint Checking	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
General Checking	\$208,802	\$28,160	\$156,439
Designated Funds in Checking		\$0	
Building Fund	15,019	\$13,659	0
Comfort Quilts	1,049	\$323	726
Community Benevolence Fund	133	\$0	116
Designated Memorials	4,290	\$150	4,953
Fair Trade Sales	377	(\$99)	566
Thrivent Choice	1,992	\$762	1,071
Mobile Food Pantry	10,098	\$186	9,568
Sunday School	735	(\$177)	912
Youth Group	11,633	\$61	11,506
Total Funds in Checking	\$255,129	\$43,025	\$186,858
Other Accounts			
Events/Fund Raiser Acct	3,173	8	3,329
Needles for Needs Acct	1,285	190	1,838
Scrip Acct	9,186	764	2,900
Total Other Accounts	\$13,644	\$961	\$8,067
Total - All Accounts	\$268,773	\$43,986	\$194,925
Mortgage Balance		\$0	\$91,056

2025 Pastor Expense - Budgeted \$67,960
2025 YTD Supply Pastor Expense \$4,465

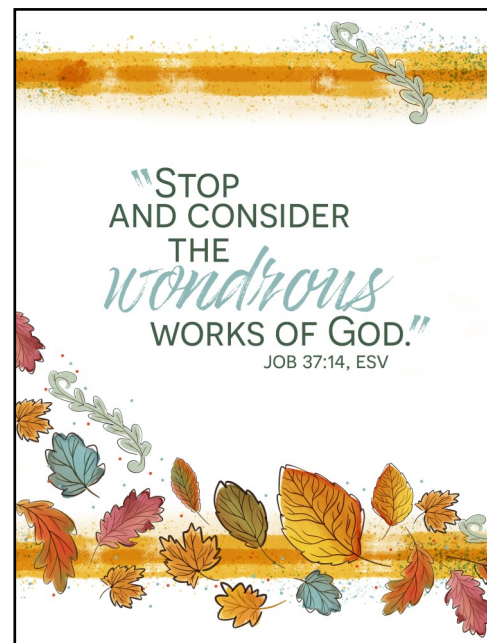
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Mission Statement:

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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September 2025—St. Paul's

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs	3	4	5 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	6
7 9:15 a.m. Worship / Communion	8 6:00 p.m. WELCA meeting	9 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs	10 4:00 Confirmation 6:00 p.m. Church Council	11	12 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	13
14 8:00 a.m. Choir 9:15 a.m. Worship / Communion	15	16 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs	17 11:15 a.m. Ladies Lunch Bunch 4:00 Confirmation	18 1:00-5:00 p.m. Mobile Food Pantry	19 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	20
21 9:15 a.m. Worship / Communion	22	23 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs	24 4:00 Confirmation	25	26 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	27
28 8:00 a.m. Choir 9:00 a.m. Joint Worship Service 6:00 Suicide Support Group	29	30 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs	September 7 - Blessing of the Backpacks September 28 - Blessing of the Quilts			

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September 2025

Sunday Worship

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

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

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