

The Parish Pulse

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

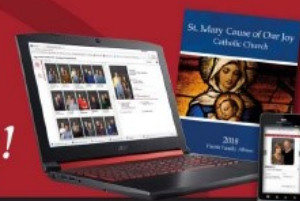
June 2025



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*Dear Church family,
It's time for a New Directory!*



*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!

*Gathering families,
Connecting generations.*



St. Paul's and Our Saviour's are each creating a new Pictorial Directory!

St. Paul's dates: Tuesday - Saturday, July 15 - 19 | Our Saviour's dates: Tuesday & Wednesday, July 22 & 23

We are doing separate directories, but you can go to either location for "your" directory photo.

Schedule your photography appointment online! Just scan the QR code to the right → → → →

Or - go to www.ucdir.com & click the "Photography Session Sign-Up" button.

Enter **w1411** in the "Church Code" field for St. Paul's dates. Enter **w1413** in the "Church Code" field for Our Saviour's

Enter **photos** in the "Church Password" field (same password for both)

Online sign-up may not be available on Saturday & Sunday so we can have paper sign-ups at church on the weekends.



**JOINT
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**
WEDNESDAY, JULY 30



St. Paul's drop off is 8:00 a.m., Our Saviour's is 8:15 a.m.
Pick-up time is 3:45 p.m. for Our Saviour's and 4:00 p.m. for St. Paul's.
Registration link: <https://forms.gle/sPDnJj5cvqYXDWgp6>

An adventure awaits outside of the church.

We'll see a lot, but we will have to search.

There's so much to see and to learn.

Bring sun screen because you don't want to burn.

Watch for more
clues in the July
newsletter.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of Holway

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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For pastoral care emergencies, call the following:

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Sunday Services

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

Every 5th Sunday – 9:00 a.m. joint worship to be hosted on a rotating basis between Our Saviour's and St. Paul's. **Our next joint service is scheduled for Sunday, June 29 at the Holway Town Hall.**

Message from Barb Krug, SAM

June Dairy Days. That's the first thing I think of when I think of June. All the dairy breakfasts going on around us. I hope you find time to enjoy one or two. This is an opportune time to give thanks to and for the farmers in our community. Past and present. If not for our past farmers, our present farmers wouldn't be here. If not for our present farmers, food shortages would become way too real. I'm sure you've heard the speech that Paul Harvey delivered to the FFA in Kansas City, MO in November 1978, titled, *"So God Made a Farmer."* I encourage you to Google it and listen to it this month. God made farmers for us, and we salute them this June.

This year June is also the month we celebrate Pentecost and the Holy Trinity. These are floating holidays as they are determined upon when Easter is.

Pentecost takes place on the 49th day after Easter Day. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles of Jesus while they were in Jerusalem. On Pentecost Sunday, people often wear red as a symbolic representation of the Holy Spirit's transformative power and the "fire" of God's love. Red is also used to signify the "tongues of fire" that appeared above the apostles on the first Pentecost. Please wear red on Sunday, June 8.

The Holy Trinity Sunday is June 15. Trinity Sunday is a special day when we celebrate the doctrine of the Trinity, which is our belief in one God existing in three co-equal persons: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus Christ), and God the Holy Spirit.

If you are on the altar guild, we thank you, because June is a busy time due to all the liturgical color changes.

Eat breakfast, wear red and thank the Holy Trinity for each day in June. Maybe slip in a prayer for warmer temperatures too.

God's blessings,
Barb Krug - SAM

JOINT OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, June 29 at 9:00 a.m.
Holway Town Hall

Burgers & brats will be proved.
We ask that you bring a dish to pass.



Community Mission With Jesus (CMWJ)

CMWJ is an inter-denomination, non-profit ministry initially founded by members of Our Saviour's. The mission of this group is to help people in the community who need extra support due to various reasons. In 2025, CMWJ has helped 50 clients (August to August). Last year, it was 42. In 2021, we helped 34. The number in need continues to grow each year in our area, along with the monetary amount needed with the increased prices of living. We help prevent homelessness; we aid in finding housing and ability to pay, utility shut off prevention, and car repairs, medical needs and so much more. We continue to do volunteer work, assist in transportation, moving the elderly, help with snow and yard work, prepare meals, cleaning, etc., when needed and able to provide.

We have grown to include 9 congregations involved with CMWJ and our relationship with other government resources and other private missions, Salvation Army, etc., continues to grow and become stronger, all to help those in need in our local community through the love of Jesus. CMWJ recently had a brat sale at Fourmens. We would like to thank everyone who helped make our sale a success. Thanks to all the donations from Thrivent, Nicolet, Fourmen's and Walmart. We ended with a profit of \$1545.75. Our next fundraiser is on Friday, June 13, at Bugged Out Bar & Grill. Please join us at 7:00 p.m. for an evening of laughs with comedian Mike Marvell.



2025 JOINT PARISH FINANCIAL													
	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
Income													
OS Income	1906.96	1324.56	1693.50	1811.21									6736.23
SP Income	3396.42	2190.82	2222.81	3932.96									11743.01
Misc Income		17.75											17.75
OS Lawn Inco				2820.00									2820.00
OS Jator Inco	782.84			782.84									1565.68
Total Income	6086.22	3533.13	3916.31	9347.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22882.67
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									4410.36
OS Secretary	345.91	266.53	269.89	343.46									1225.79
OS Custodian			671.56										671.56
SP Custodian	169.41	153.34	171.85	179.79									674.39
OS Watchman	120.00	80.00	80.00	120.00									400.00
SAM	900.00	775.00	1045.00	1150.00									3870.00
Lay Leaders			150.00										150.00
SP Music	200.00	150.00	200.00	150.00									700.00
OS Music	150.00	225.00	375.00	300.00									1050.00
Pastor Bob	292.00	327.00		292.00									911.00
Busin. Tax Reg													0.00
Pastor Nancy	286.12	286.12	286.12										858.36
OS Lawn Care				2820.00									2820.00
State Quarterly	112.21			103.70									215.91
Fed Quarterly	1524.70			1662.55									3187.25
Misc Expense		17.75											17.75
Total Expense	5232.70	3403.15	4368.34	9124.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22128.37

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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**May 2025
Attendance**

May 4	104
May 11	76
May 18	20
May 25	24

June 2025 Calendar for Our Saviour's

Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m.

June 1 Worship w/communion, Barb Krug, SAM
June 4-5 WELCA Conference Retreat at Luther Park, Chetek
June 8 Worship w/communion, Pastor Bob Giese
June 15 Worship w/communion, Barb Krug, SAM
June 18 Church Council meeting, 5:45 p.m.
June 22 Worship w/communion, Pastor Nancy Amacher
June 26 Ladies Evening at Cindy's Bar & Grill, 5:00 p.m.
June 29 Joint Worship Service - Breaking Chains at Holway Town Hall, 9:00 a.m.



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.

June 2025 Worship Assistants

June Altar Guild: Heidi Bower-Kesling & Adel Adams

DATE	MESSAGE	USHERS	LITURGIST	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	COUNTERS	ACOLYTE
June 1	Barb Krug	Nancie & Rod Adams	Rod Adams	Mike Kesling	Nancie Adams	Cora Neitzel
June 8	Bob Giese	Heidi & Mike Kesling	Heidi Bower Kesling	Heidi Bower Kesling		Braxton Larson
June 15	Barb Krug	Karen & Harry Frosch		Karen Frosch	Karen Frosch	Jay Worden
June 22	Nancy Amacher	Marian & Ken Nernberger	Marian Nernberger		Marian Nernberger	Xander Cynor
June 29 Joint Worship	Breaking Chains					

**A BIG
Thanks!**

Thank You Jason and Brenda! As we have been honoring and celebrating Confirmation students and their teachers, Graduates and their accomplishments and plans, we completely missed recognizing Jason Borman and Brenda Nernberger as our Sunday School teachers. These two are the reason we have a Sunday School program. So although it's late, thank you for your time, dedication and the love you show these kids! We sure appreciate you both!

Our Saviour's Confirmation Class 2025

CONGRATULATIONS



Back row: Meagan Neitzel, Braxton Larson, Barb Krug, Coraline Neitzel, Heidi Bower-Kesling
Front row: Jay Worden, Xander Cynor, Stormie Dums

Our Saviour's WELCA May 7, 2025 meeting minutes

Marian was our hostess and served a delicious dessert. Marian was also our program leader and shared letters about a quilt that Deborah Larson initiated 20 years ago. The project had quilt squares from various churches (most of them had some form of Our Savior's in their name) around the United States. It was very interesting, and the squares were put together with meaning and care.

The meeting was called to order by Echo Buehler, coordinator. Present were Julie Janke, Karen Frosch, Marian Nernberger, Heidi Bower, Amie Marzinske, Juanita Krug, Meagan Neitzel, Barb Krug, and Dawn Harder (from St. Paul's). Our purpose statement was recited.

Heidi made a motion, seconded by Marian, to accept the Secretary's report as printed. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was given by Amie. There is a balance of \$6060.92. Karen made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Juanita. Motion carried.

Karen reported there weren't many changes for Stewardship, but Heidi reported on the items, on hand, for the backpack project. A discussion followed to ask for monetary donations to purchase the remaining items needed to fill about 100 backpacks. Heidi will get a display ready for that donation.

OLD BUSINESS:

The WELCA Summer retreat is June 4 and 5 at Luther Park Bible Camp. Echo made a motion, seconded by Julie, to send a \$100.00 offering for the event. Motion carried.

Heart for Luther Park, Art, Craft & Quilt auction will be held on Saturday, August 2 with the auction starting at noon. There will be food before and during. There will be a silent auction as well. The twin size quilt that Janet Cypher made will be donated for this event.

The ornament project was discussed. Pictures are in the process of being collected to get to the company.

Barb made a motion, seconded by Marian to purchase, through Good Gifts, the items Heidi presented. The donation

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Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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was approved at last month's meeting. Motion carried.

The joint service was discussed to let everyone know what is in the works. Holway Sluggers organization will be asked to cook the food in exchange for a donation from the church. We will have a free will offering to help offset the cost of food and supplies. The loose (undesignated) offering collected during the worship service, presented by Breaking Chains Musical group, will go to Breaking Chains. Members can still put their offering envelopes in the offering plate to go to their respective church. Heidi is asking for prayers of good weather, so everything can happen outside and not in the town hall building.

NEW BUSINESS:

Echo began a discussion about purchasing Bibles for the Sunday School class to have. The ones we have now are small print with terminology for adults, not children. Jason and Brenda have been going "to the Bible" each week as part of the lesson plan. The Sunday School kids are excited about it, but child-friendly Bibles would be much nicer. The three Bible choices were presented. Juanita made a motion, seconded by Heidi to purchase 10 Bibles for Sunday School. Motion carried.

There was an informal discussion about our candles and the problems associated with them. The council will be looking at this.

Marian shared that CMWJ will be having a Brat Sale at Fourmens on May 15th. There is also a person that may need some help boxing up their household items for a move at the end of the month. Marian also mentioned that on June 13 there will be a Christian Comedian at Bugged Out Bar & Grill (old Rodeo grounds) @ 7:00 p.m. with the proceeds going to CMWJ.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Honor's Day is Sunday, May 11 – Honoring our High School graduates
James Kauffman and Damian Dums
- Church Directory Pictures on July 22 & 23. If you can't make these dates, we can have pictures taken at St. Paul's but be in our directory.
- Ladies' Evening at Cindy's June 26 at 5:00 p.m.
- Joint Worship on June 29 at 9:00 a.m. at the Holway Town Hall.
- VBS on July 30 with A Mystery Theme.
- Non-church item – Heidi let us know that we are invited to the High Ground in Neillsville on June 14, at 2:00 p.m., when an Honor Stone will be placed to recognize Mike's service.

Our next meeting is on August 6. Heidi is our hostess. Refreshments begin at 6:30 p.m.. A volunteer is needed for the program which begins at 6:45 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. All women are welcome.

Heidi made a motion, seconded by Julie to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Barb Krug in Carol's absence as she is still galivanting around England with her grandchildren.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2025

Mike called the meeting to order and opened with a prayer.

Present: Mike Kesling, Nancie Adams, Clarice Zenner, Echo Buehler, Paula Stroinski, and Barb Krug

Our Mission Statement was recited.

Echo made a motion, seconded by Paula to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Echo made a motion, seconded by Clarice to approve April's meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Nancie presented the Treasurer's Report for April. Echo shared her observation with us. "How would we ever afford a Pastor with our current finances?" Echo made a motion, seconded by Clarice to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports

Education & Youth: Echo commented how great Jason and Brenda handled the Sunday School awards and having the fun kid songs in the service. Vacation Bible School will be held on July 30.

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Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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Standing Committee Reports

Property: We are waiting to finish installing the lights in the fellowship hall to get the credits from Taylor Electric. Mike and Jim will work on installing the sheet rock for the basement.

WELCA : Children's Bibles were donated to the Sunday School. June 4 and 5 is the retreat in Chetek. The Fall retreat for our conference will be held at St. Paul's in Medford.

Worship: The Joint Worship service will be held on June 29. Nancie will set up a meeting with Heidi and Sarah Holtz, from the Holway Sluggers ball club to finalize the day. Our Saviour's will provide hamburgers, brats, and hot dogs with buns. The remainder of the meal will be potluck. Echo made a motion, seconded by Paula to offer \$250.00 to the ball club if they would have someone cook and help serve food after the worship service. Motion carried

Old Business:

Barb reported on the Synod Assembly that was held on April 26, in Rice Lake.

The Meditation Garden in the cemetery was discussed. Donations will be asked for to complete this project. 10x8 foot concrete slab over by the "Roy Jaslowski" sign, along with an 8-foot concrete bench. The cost is approximately \$3000.00 dollars. Any size donation will be recognized in the garden. Donations can be sent to the church clearly marked for the Meditation Garden and who it is given in memory or honor of.

No one has offered to be on a sub-committee to research the church's Insurance policy. We will continue with Church Mutual.

The lights in the basement will be converted to LED ones as soon as manpower is available.

The Church Directory process has started with sign-ups online or in person on Sundays. Remember photography sessions can be at either church, but we will have separate directories. The dates are July 22 - 23 for Our Saviour's and July 15 - 19 at St. Paul's. If you have any questions, contact Heidi Bower, Nancie Adams or Barb Krug.

A discussion followed on the candles, that are not working properly. Nancie and Barb will work on ordering the correct size LED candles.

Clarice let us know that Jim Zenner will check out the eaves troughs that Mike is concerned about, to be good stewards of the church property.

New Business:

Barb presented Bishop Martin's request for donations to Neighbor-to-Neighbor. A discussion followed and we will table this until the end of the quarter, when script proceeds are totaled, and decide on a designated amount.

Our next council meeting is June 18. Echo made a motion, seconded by Nancie to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Barb Krug in Meagan's absence



Damian Dums



James Kauffman

Our Saviour's April 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	\$6219.91
Hunger	\$335.00
Change/World Special offerings/In-Out	\$560.00(lent giving \$257.00, confirmation class cash donations \$303.00)
Special Offerings/In-Out	\$25.00(reimbursement from St Paul's for shared delegate registration)
Special Offerings/In-Out	\$66.00(purchased lilies)
Scrip	\$6730.00

TOTAL INCOME: **\$13935.91**

Expense Section

Benevolence	\$247.52(to NW Synod of WI General Mission Support – 4%
Hunger	\$335.00(to Northwest Synod of WI for ELCA World Hunger
Special Offering/In-Out	\$176.00(Laurie's for lilies),
Special Offering/In-Out	\$915.00(Confirmation class Good Gifts donation-\$729, Council donation \$186.00)
Special Offering	\$100.00(donation to Community Mission with Jesus)
Internet Service (Clark Electric)	\$61.94
Phone (TDS)	\$32.64
Electricity (Taylor Electric)	\$153.29
Dumpster (GFL Environmental)	\$25.92
LP Gas (Budget-Medford Coop)	\$286.00
Insurance (Church Mutual)	\$509.10
Worship/Dev/Resources	\$20.00(palms)
Building Repairs/Maintenance	\$384.68(Zenners- water valve \$344.68, 2 hrs labor \$40.00)
Newsletter Postage	\$29.79
Payroll	\$968.27(watchman \$80.00--sec \$346.50, 1 st qu taxes \$541.77)
Church Administrator	\$200.00
Supply Pastors	\$302.94
Assembly Delegates	\$150.00
Music (Organist)	\$484.52
Copier Lease (E.O. Johnson)	\$128.14
Website (go daddy)	\$155.88 (1 yr renewal)
Miscellaneous-Special Events	\$38.99(paper towels, to go containers)
VANCO charge	\$7.45
Script Cards	\$8483.30(Co. Market \$1344.00, Raise Right \$7139.30)
TOTAL EXPENSES:	<u>\$14,196.37</u>

Savings Account: **\$8804.94**

Script sales profit for April \$577.70 Current Inventory \$4050

Mission Investment Fund: Term Investment Fixed 4 Year – 3847Rate 1.49% Matures 9/24/2025
12/31/2024 Balance: \$16,937.53
Interest 03/31/2025 \$62.31
New Balance \$16,999.84



Support the church missions by purchasing Scrip cards for many of your shopping needs: groceries, gasoline, clothing, entertainment, and / or gifts. We can order any card you are looking for in any denomination. Contact Brenda Nernberger or Nancie Adams to order.

Our Saviour's April 2025 Financials

INCOME - Our Saviour's	April	YTD 2025		
General	6,219.91	19,665.17		
Hunger	335.00	1,090.00		
Sunday School/VBS/Camp		250.00		
Change the World/Special Offering	676.00	1,230.00		
Scrip	6,730.00	11,725.00		
TOTAL INCOME	13,960.91	33,960.17		
Expenses:	April	YTD	Monthly/Budget	Year/Budget
Benevolence	247.52	781.52	250.00	3,000.00
Hunger In/Out	335.00	1,090.00	0.00	
Special Offering In/Out	1,191.00	1,441.00	0.00	
Internet Service	61.94	247.76	62.50	750.00
Phone	32.64	107.10	60.42	725.00
Electricity	153.29	669.44	166.67	2,000.00
LP Gas	286.00	1,144.00	333.33	4,000.00
Dumpster - GFL	25.92	137.75	58.33	700.00
Holding Tanks		0.00	20.83	250.00
Snow Plowing		562.50	100.00	1,200.00
Janitor Supplies		93.82	18.75	225.00
Clear Country Water Solutions		0.00	18.75	225.00
Building Repairs/Maintenance	384.68	514.67	83.33	1,000.00
Worship/Devotionals/Resources	20.00	71.87	50.00	600.00
Organ/Piano Maintenance		115.00	25.00	300.00
Insurance	509.10	2,036.40	508.33	6,100.00
Office & Computer Supplies/parts/ink		594.47	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	29.79	151.33	37.50	450.00
Copier Lease	128.14	512.56	125.00	1,500.00
Supply Pastors	302.94	1,987.18	600.00	7,200.00
Conference Dues		0.00	3.33	40.00
Assembly Delegates	150.00	150.00	41.67	500.00
Joint Account		0.00	41.67	500.00
Payroll-Secretary-Property Manager	968.27	2,819.05	650.00	7,800.00
Website	155.88	155.88	16.67	200.00
Music	484.52	1,234.52	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	800.00	200.00	2,400.00
Miscellaneous- Special Events	38.99	65.64	41.67	500.00
Scrip Cards	8,483.30	13,091.30	0.00	
VANCO Charge	7.45	25.65	0.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	14,196.37	30,688.00	4,072.08	49,365.00
Checking Account:		Savings Account:		8,450.22
Camping Fund	873.54		Deposit	354.72
Sunday School/VBS	1,822.53		Total	8,804.94
General	53,776.16			
TOTAL	56,472.23	<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

I hope this message finds you well. As summer is now in full swing, our family is excitedly embracing the season with activities like baseball and camping. However, amidst the fun, we find ourselves watching church services on Facebook more often than we would like. I understand that this time of year can be quite busy for many of us. Yet, it is essential to take a moment to pause and remember the importance of our faith in our lives. Let us not become too preoccupied with our schedules that we forget to connect with God.

James 4:8: "Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you."

As we conclude another year of Sunday school and confirmation, I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the dedicated teachers and volunteers who have contributed to making this another great year. Your support and commitment have made a significant difference, and we truly could not have achieved this without your hard work and dedication. Thank you once again for everything you do. Your efforts are deeply appreciated.

Matthew 4:19: "Then he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

I would like to kindly remind you to sign up for the church directory pictures. You can register either after church services or online at your convenience. For more information, please visit our Facebook page, where you will find all the details regarding the sign-up process.

Needles For Needs

We've decided to switch our workdays to Lutheran World Relief quilts, having ended our season for Homeless Veteran Quilts at 99 quilts made since October. We also have completed 102 LWR quilts since shipping our quilts to the Minneapolis Warehouse. That's over 200 quilts completed by this amazing group of ladies!! They have been working so hard to replace all the work Wanda used to do for our group. Rita and Dorothy have been sewing denim tops, and Connie and Carol have been cutting all the denim jeans to size. Sue has been sewing tops for LWR from our multitude of scraps (and yardage being purchased by Pat). Our other dedicated ladies have been tying the quilts at top speed. It's truly been awe inspiring to see how much they complete each workday. If you'd like to join us in working on quilts (and prepping supplies), we are still getting together every Tuesday from 9-2. If you'd like to take top bundles or other supplies home to complete, that would be a huge help as well!!

Since it's prime garage sale time again, please keep us in mind when you shop! Cotton and cotton/poly blend flat sheets are such an important part of our ministry and we could use as many as we can get!

Thank you for all your faithful support of our ministry - we couldn't do it without you!!

God's Work, Our Hands!

Tonya Albers

Women of the ELCA Chequamegon Conference held their Spring Rally this past April. This was my first time attending and it was fun! I met so many super nice people! During the Spring Rally, elections are held for Board positions replacing members whose terms are up. I was voted in as Coordinator and Deb Bender was voted in as Financial Secretary. Deb and I attended our first meeting May 18. We are both looking forward to our new journey. There will be a Fall Rally coming up. We will keep you posted! Submitted by Dawn Kasper-Harder

June 2025 Worship Assistants

DATE	MESSAGE	LITURGIST	COMMUNION SETUP	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
JUNE 1	Barb Krug	Gail Heurung	Kathy & Dan Higgins	Marguerite Jochimsen
JUNE 8	Bob Giese	Tony Schumacher	Jo Cypher	Jo Cypher
JUNE 15	Barb Krug	Dawn Harder	Kathy & Dan Higgins	Dawn Harder
JUNE 22	Nancy Amacher	Cathy Retzer	Kathy & Dan Higgins	Chris Konieczny
JUNE 29 Joint Service	X	X	X	X



Congratulations to the following graduates:

Kaedence Ecklund, Ian Emmerich, Mattie Gebert, Grace Johnas, Hayden Koester, Allison Nutting, Sydnie Peterson, Natalie Preuss, Tana Rappe, Sydney Sperl, and Jason Woller.

The Mobile Food Pantry served 68 households on May 15, 2025.

24 individuals ages 0-17
60 individuals ages 18-64
69 individuals ages 65+
153 total number of individuals

First visits in 2025 = 7

The next Mobile Food Pantry will be on Thursday, June 19, 2025.

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

Feed My People delivered 5,790 pounds of food. Food distributed included: Mac and cheese, canned peas, ground pork, bakery, cereal, onions, watermelon, carrots, apples, oranges, potatoes, frozen entrees, tomato soup, ground turkey, and frozen chicken. Diapers were also available to families that needed them. 423 pounds of perishable food was redistributed to the Baptist Church, Indianhead, and Taylor House. 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 **Weather Shield Lite** for sponsoring the April Mobile Food Pantry and to the volunteers that came to help distribute the food.

June 2025 Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAY

June 1 Adalyn Hackbarth
Mason Mueller
Myles Mueller
June 2 Michelle Kalmon
June 3 Doug Meier
June 5 Kroix Borman
June 6 Ken Corley
June 9 Debra Bender
Karli Nelson
June 13 Donald Koerner
Barbara Krizan
June 14 Noah Krawczyk
June 15 Lawrence Schreiner
Kris Seifert
June 16 Kenneth Rodman
June 17 Saige Fettes
Terry Holbach

BIRTHDAY

June 19 Zoey Bunkelman
Aubrey Carter
Sophie Koester
Marney Richling
McKenzie Waldhart
June 20 Linda Sackmann
June 21 Dawn Harder
Stephanie Nicks
Allison Nutting
Madisyn Pilgrim
June 23 John Bauer
Natalie Preuss
June 25 Jerrell Carstensen
Lanny Dassow
Karyn Gebert
June 26 Taylor Harris
Rhonda Seidl
Taylor Sherman

BIRTHDAY

June 27 Michelle Hoffman
Liam Kalmon
Lori Nelson
June 28 Jack Schafer
Carrie Zirngible
June 29 Sarah Imbach
Chris Shore
June 30 Tyler Kmosena
Jodie Metz

ANNIVERSARIES

June 1 JoAnne & Scott
Scheithauer
Michelle & Stephen
Schreiner
June 2 Alise & Chris Shore
June 3 Carrie & Charles
Peterson
June 5 Krista & Doug Meier
June 8 Dawn & Jeff Harder

ANNIVERSARIES

June 9 Maranda & Steve
Balciar
Nicole & Matthew
Harder
June 12 Richelle & Scott
Woller
June 13 Sharon & Clarence
Ludwig
June 16 Nicole & Sean Ludwig
June 19 Jill & Terry Lybert
June 20 Val & Dave Bach
June 21 Narie & Don Koerner
June 22 Marlis & Gary Carlson
June 23 Michael & Gale
Raasch
Sue & Wayne Miller
June 24 Tracy & Dave Hrab
June 28 Nellie & Paul Carlson
June 29 Denice & Mike Poetzl

St. Paul's Church Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Heidi Haynes.

Members present: Heidi Haynes, Tony Schumacher, Carrie Zirngible, Gail Heurung, Harley Cook, Dawn Harder, and Amber Fettes. Guests: Nancy Jones and Tina Dassow. Absent were Dave Hrab, Kathy Hackbarth, Chris Konieczny, Marie Koerner and Stacy Dassow.

Heidi opened the meeting in prayer.

Motion by Dawn, seconded by Carrie to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Amber, seconded by Tony to accept the April meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report – nothing new – reminder per our email vote, we went with the new insurance. A copy of the email chain discussion is on file. Motion by Dawn, seconded by Amber. Motion carried.

Financial secretary – Marie was out, but Gail mentioned that nothing new had come up.

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church

(Church Council minutes continued from the previous page.)

Barb Krug was unable to attend – but thru Heidi she let us know things are going well...seems like there are more visit requests coming thru.

Worship Team – nothing new at this time.

Sunday School is done for the year. Confirmation is done for the year. VBS is being handled secretly by Barb.

The Public Health outreach is still planning on outdoor booths for the summer during our mobile food pantries.

The discussion on the agreement for usage of church property tabled until next month per Marie's request.

The church directory committee of Lynn Glamann, Kyle Firnstahl, Marguerite Jochimsen and Cathy Retzer had their first meeting on 5/13 and are getting things rolling.

Jean Flood sent an email requesting that St. Paul's consider taking over the Beds For Christ program. Will put it out to the congregation and see if there is someone who might be willing to head that outreach.

Cleaning at the church has prompted a request for a church garage sale after church in August...just items from the church.

Randy Haynes is working on the front flower bed logistics so we can get that project handled.

Graduation Sunday – we have a possible 11 grads. Nancy has heard from only 6. Showed us the gift that they are given when they are recognized.

Next meeting will be June 11 at 6:00 p.m. Motion by Dawn, seconded by Amber to adjourn, motion carried.

The council closed with the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted, Gail Heurung, Secretary.

	2025		2024		YTD % of Change
	April	YTD	April	YTD	
General Giving	11,240	46,058	9,002	39,510	16.6%
Building Giving		-	1,735	6,859	-100.0%
Total General Giving	11,240	46,058	10,737	46,369	-0.7%
General Expenses	8,041	22,562	22,948	36,531	-38.2%
Building Expense		-	2,782	11,128	-100.0%
Total General Expenses	8,041	22,562	25,730	47,659	-52.7%
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$3,200	\$23,496	(\$14,993)	(\$1,291)	
Total Designated Giving	1,852	22,507	4,048	18,802	
Total Designated Expenses	548	8,566	35,242	48,563	
Net Designated Income	1,304	13,941	(31,194)	(29,761)	
Interest Income	\$142	534	\$203	524	
Net Combined Income (Deficit)	\$4,646	\$37,971	(\$45,984)	(\$30,528)	

Bank Accounts - As of:	4/30/25	YTD Change	Comments
Fund in SPOS Joint Checking	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
General Checking	\$204,693	\$24,051	\$154,217
Designated Funds in Checking		\$0	
Building Fund	13,245	\$11,885	0
Comfort Quilts	1,049	\$323	726
Community Benevolence Fund	133	\$0	116
Designated Memorials	4,290	\$150	4,953
Fair Trade Sales	744	\$268	566
Thrivent Choice	1,952	\$722	1,071
Mobile Food Pantry	10,631	\$719	9,987
Sunday School	735	(\$177)	862
Youth Group	11,602	\$30	11,469
Total Funds in Checking	\$250,075	\$37,971	\$184,968
Other Accounts			
Events/Fund Raiser Acct	3,169	5	3,325
Needles for Needs Acct	1,639	229	2,336
Scrip Acct	1,623	(7,410)	2,946
Total Other Accounts	\$6,431	-\$7,177	\$8,606
Total - All Accounts	\$256,506	\$30,795	\$193,574
Mortgage Balance		\$0	\$117,168

2025 Pastor Expense - Budgeted \$67,960
2025 YTD Supply Pastor Expense \$3,002

May 2025 Attendance

May 4	93
May 11	48
May 18	85
May 25	51



The choir will rehearse on June 8 at 8:15 a.m. We will be singing during the service on that day.

St. Paul's Ladies Lunch Bunch Wednesday, June 18

Location: Munson Bridge Winery
W6462 Bridge Rd, Withee, WI

Time: 11:15 AM

All women welcome.

Please contact
Michelle Danen at 715
748-4397 if you'd like
to be involved.



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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June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:15 a.m. Worship / Communion	2	3 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs	4 WELCA Retreat	5 WELCA Retreat	6 No Office Hours 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	7
8 8:15 a.m. Choir rehearsal 9:15 a.m. Worship / Communion	9	10 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs	11 6:00 p.m. Church Council	12	13 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	14
15 9:15 a.m. Worship / Communion	16	17 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs	18 11:15 a.m. Ladies Lunch Bunch	19 1:00-5:00 p.m. Mobile Food Pantry	20 Newsletter Deadline 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	21
22 9:15 a.m. Worship / Communion	23	24 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs	25	26	27 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	28
29 9:00 a.m. Joint Worship Service 6:00 p.m. Suicide Support Group	30			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> The June Newsletter is sponsored by Jerry Ann Maldonis </div>		

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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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