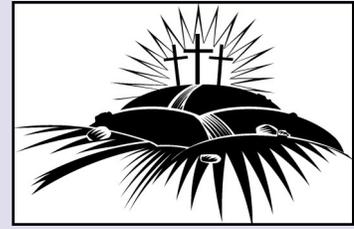


The Parish Pulse

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

March 2026



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**Lenten services will be at
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church**
Wednesdays during Lent
5:15 p.m. soup supper
6:00 p.m. service

Palm Sunday Joint Service, March 29
9:00 a.m. at St. Paul's

Maundy Thursday at Our Saviour's, April 2
5:15 p.m. soup supper
6:00 p.m. service

No Good Friday Service

Easter Sunday, April 5
8:00 a.m. Our Saviour's 9:15 a.m. St. Paul's

Message from Barb Krug

March into Lent with us.

Our mid-week Lenten services are held at Our Saviour's with a soup supper beginning at 5:15 p.m. and Confirmation Teacher/Student led worship beginning at 6:00 p.m. Soup will be provided. Members are asked to bring sandwiches or desserts to complete the potluck. *However, if your busy schedule doesn't allow you to make something, come and be our guest. There will be plenty.*

Lent is more than mid-week worship, though. We, as Christians start this annual 40-day journey on Ash Wednesday. This year's Lenten theme is based on the Seven Statements Jesus made while on the cross. We began with, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." (I invite you to check out the message on St. Paul's Facebook Page)

Along this journey, we remember the three pillars of Lent: fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. We invite you to join us this Lenten season as we focus on repentance and renewing our baptismal call to service. Our journey's destination is the cross and the resurrection. We would love to have you travel with us on this most wonderful of journeys and be transformed by Jesus' love.

Blessings, Barb Krug – SAM

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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, March 29, at St. Paul's.

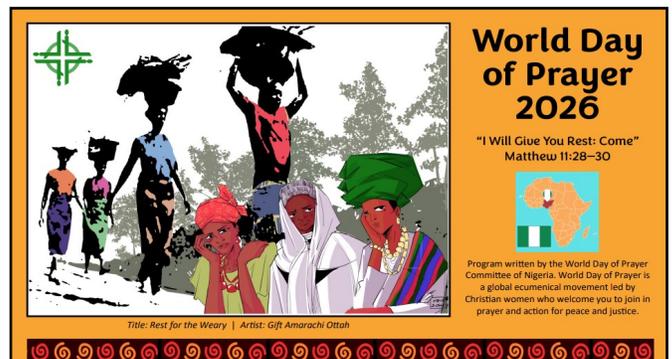
World Day of Prayer Event on Friday, March 6

Our Saviour's Lutheran of Holway, will host this year's World Day of Prayer service on Friday, March 6, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March. Each year a different country serves as the writer of the World Day of Prayer worship service. For 2026, the World Day of Prayer Committee of Nigeria developed the theme, "I Will Give You Rest: Come," from Matthew 11:28-30.

Remarks will be made by Dr. Ngozi "Jackie" Ekwueme, a physician at Aspirus Medford. Dr. Jackie grew up and completed some of her medical studies in Nigeria.

A free will offering will go toward the work of World Day of Prayer. Both men and women are invited to this ecumenical service.



A note from Joint Council: We are excited to inform you and invite you to a multi-generational adventure, Dish with a Bish, planned for the afternoon of Sunday, May 3.

Bishop Martin, along with some synod staff members, will visit our conference within the synod, right here at St. Paul's. A video, discussion, and question / answer session will be Bishop Martin's portion of the afternoon so we can all learn more about roles and responsibilities, as well as the happenings of the synod.

We will share a meal and work together on a community service project, open to all. We have an overall 'growing or gardening' theme for the afternoon.

Again, all are welcome. Please consider inviting members from all generations!

To make this all happen, we are asking for a volunteer or 2 or 3 from St. Paul's and Our Saviour's to join in the detail planning to make this event one that our congregation and entire conference, from Phillips to Marshfield, Edgar to Owen and beyond, will enjoy and grow from.

Contact Nancy in the office, or Barb for further details or to join the committee! Hope to see you on May 3! Thank you for considering your part in this project!

**Joint Worship Service at St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Sunday, March 29, 2026**

9:00 a.m.

Pastor Randy Olson of the Northwest WI Synod, will be our guest
Pastor for this service.



EVERY SHEEP COUNTS!
IS YOUR CONTACT INFO UP TO DATE?

2026 JOINT PARISH FINANCIAL

	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
Income													
OS Income	1480.11												1480.11
SP Income	3549.84												3549.84
Misc Incom													0.00
OS Lawn Inco													0.00
OS Jator Inco	782.64												782.64
Total Income	5812.59	0.00	5812.59										
Expenses													
Joint (ex: checks, resources, tools, etc)													0.00
Workman C													0.00
SP Parish Adm	1059.50												1059.50
OS Secretary	263.17												263.17
OS Custodian													0.00
SP Custodian	182.43												182.43
OS Watchman													0.00
SAM	720.00												720.00
Lay Leaders	150.00												150.00
SP Music	200.00												200.00
OS Music	225.00												225.00
Pastor Bob	293.50												293.50
Busin. Tax Reg													0.00
Pastor Nancy	287.70												287.70
OS Lawn Care													0.00
State Quarterly	87.20												87.20
Fed Quarterly	1625.72												1625.72
Misc Expense													0.00
Total Expense	5094.22	0.00	5094.22										

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 March 29. The cost for each Easter Lily is **\$22.00**. Flowers can be taken home after Easter Sunday worship on April 5. 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 _____



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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February 2026 Attendance

February 1	33
February 8	29
February 15	84
Ash Wednesday	42
February 22	34



Sunday, March 8

March 2026 Calendar for Our Saviour's

Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m.

- March 1: Worship w/communion, Barb Krug, SAM
No Sunday School
Viewing of *The Chosen* - 9:00 a.m.
Joyful Chimers - 5:00 p.m.
- March 4: Confirmation & Sunday School - 4:00 p.m.
Soup Supper 5:15 p.m., Lenten Service 6:00 p.m.
WELCA - 6:30 p.m. fellowship, 6:45 p.m. program, 7:00 p.m. meeting
- March 5: Bible Study - 3:00 p.m.
- March 6: World Day of Prayer
- March 8: Worship w/communion, Pastor Rachel Sieja
Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.
Viewing of *The Chosen* - 9:00 a.m.
Joyful Chimers - 5:00 p.m.
- March 11: No Confirmation or Sunday School
Soup Supper 5:15 p.m., Lenten Service 6:00 p.m.
- March 12: Bible Study - 3:00 p.m.
- March 15: Worship w/communion, Mike Kesling, SAM
No Sunday School
90th Birthday Celebration
Joyful Chimers - 5:00 p.m.
- March 18: Confirmation & Sunday School, 4:00 p.m.
Soup Supper 5:15 p.m., Lenten Service 6:00 p.m.
Church Council after Lenten Service
- March 19: Bible Study - 3:00 p.m.
- March 22: Worship w/communion, Barb Krug, SAM
Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.
Viewing of *The Chosen* - 9:00 a.m.
Joyful Chimers - 5:00 p.m.
- March 25: Confirmation, 4:00 p.m.
No Sunday School
Soup Supper 5:15 p.m., Lenten Service 6:00 p.m.
- March 26: Bible Study - 3:00 p.m.
- March 29: Joint Service at St. Paul's, 9:00 a.m.
No Sunday School

Bible Study
every Thursday afternoon.
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Contact Mike Kesling for additional information.

90th Birthday Celebration
Sunday, March 15
after the service.
 Honoring
 Gweneth Lavin
 Jo Lavin



Card bags will be available in the Fellowship Hall.

Our Saviour's Ladies Luncheon
Watch for calendar page in the bulletin for the next luncheon date.

Prayers of comfort and healing for Ruth Schmidt.

WELCA ladies, remember to bring your 3 slips with "Facts about yourself that other's may not know" for our program on March 4.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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

For me, February has seemed to have flown by, and now we find ourselves already stepping into March. March in Wisconsin is always an amazing month — one day brings the cold and snow of winter, and the next brings the warmth and sunshine of Spring. There are so many weather metaphors that beautifully align with our Lenten journey and the rebirth we receive through Jesus Christ on the cross.

As a church, we are probably in that same in-between space. Though we have been without a Pastor for a while, we have continued to flourish in many ways as we carry on God's work. As we navigate the journey ahead, we have a tremendous opportunity to continue transforming our church from what it once was into the incredible possibilities of what it can be.

Along the way, important questions will naturally arise — what do we look like with and without a Pastor? What will the long-term role of SAMs be? How can we strengthen and grow our ministries both within the church and out in the community, on Sundays as well as throughout the week? These are big questions, and the answers may not always be immediate or clear. But one thing I am confident in: with God on our side, we will be just fine.

God's blessings, friends!

March 2026 Worship Assistants

March Altar Guild: Barb Krug & Nicole Worden

DATE	MESSAGE	USHERS	LITURGIST	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	COUNTERS	ACOLYTE
March 1	Barb Krug	Nancie & Rod Adams	Ed Rowe	Marian Nernberger	Nancie Adams	Chloe Krueger
March 8	Rachel Sieja	Marian & Ken Nernberger	Marian Nernberger			Jackson Brunner
March 15	Mike Kesling	Karen Frosch Julie Janke		Karen Frosch	Karen Frosch Julie Janke	John Neitzel
March 22	Barb Krug	Echo Buehler Paula Stroinski	Ed Rowe	Josey Krug	Echo Buehler Paula Stroinski	Alyssa Pagel
March 29 Palm Sunday	Pastor Randy Olson	Joint Service at St. Paul's				

Our Saviour's WELCA Minutes – February 4, 2026

The meeting was called to order by president Echo Buehler. In attendance were Barb Krug, Echo Buehler, Carol Lekies, Juanita Krug, Heidi Bower, Meagan Neitzel, Marian Nernberger, Paula Stroinski, Karen Frosch, Julie Janke, and Amie Marzinske.

Devotion: Echo asked everyone to write three things about themselves they don't think others are aware of and bring them to the March meeting. Don't sign. The activity will help us get to know one another better during devotions.

Purpose statement was recited by all.

Secretary's Report: The November minutes were approved as in the newsletter. Karen made the motion to accept, seconded by Marian. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Marian made a motion to approve the report, Karen seconded, carried.

Stewardship: Deb Marrier dropped by church with two rolls of batting for our veterans quilting projects. Sewing group plans to visit Annabelle next Tuesday during sewing time. She has been home bound because of low oxygen levels.

Old Business:

Review Christmas party @ 64 North: Good food, good service. Booked again for July. Will pre-order pizzas and appetizers. 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. July 28. Let Heidi know if you plan to attend.

Candles for All Saints Sunday: WELCA will purchase candles for members. Echo will take care of purchasing them for Our Saviour's to have on hand.

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Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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Shut-ins: Make sure we as a congregation are checking in on them. Let Barb know if you would like to be a part of this ministry. Do you have a friend or family member that could use a visit?

New Business:

Wreaths for windows: New Christmas wreaths donated by Heidi & Mike Kesling.

Women's lunch, 11 a.m., Medford Café, February 26: Need to contact Karen if you plan on attending.

Maundy Thursday – Heidi will make appetizers.

Soup makers for Lenten Services. Worshipers are asked to bring sandwiches and desserts.

February 18 – Kelly Adams, February 25 – Barb & Kaci, March 4 – Nancie and Amie,

March 11 – Amber Larson, March 18 – Meagan & Echo, March 25 – Nikki & Barb,

April 2 (Maundy Thursday) - Heidi

World Day of Prayer: March 6 at Our Saviour's, hosting church. Featured country – Nigeria. Dr. Jackie Ekwueme will give the message. She is from Nigeria. Heidi and Marian volunteered to read. Marian & Heidi – bars; Barb K. cheese & crackers.

Honoring 90th birthdays, Sunday March 15, Gweneth Lavin & Jo Lavin celebrating 90th birthdays. Heidi will contact Gweneth and Jo. Echo will contact their families. Mike will be preaching. Warren will serve communion.

Cupcakes will be ordered for fellowship following worship. Card bags will be available in the fellowship hall.

Increase in wages for our janitors. Echo made a motion to increase the pay for our janitors to \$600.00 per quarter each. Karen seconded. Motion passed.

Next meeting March 4, at Our Saviour's after Lenten worship. Bring information slips for devotions with three things about yourself that you don't think anyone knows. Don't include your name.

Dates to Remember:

February 15 – 1st Communion

March 29 – Joint Worship at St. Paul's (Palm Sunday)

Tent. May 2 – WELCA Chequamegon Conference Spring Rally, Trinity Lutheran Church, Unity

May 3 – Confirmation

May 10 – Honors Day, Graduating Seniors

July 19 – Joint Worship 9:00 a.m., Medford City Park, Breaking Chains leading worship.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting - Marian. Seconded. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Carol Lekies, Secretary

Congratulations to the following youth who received their 1st Communion on Sunday, February 15.

Cason Balsis	Jason Gudmundson
Haven Balsis	Ryan Larson
Kaydence Buehler	Brooklyn Nernberger
Amara Gudmundson	



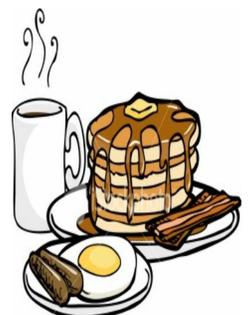
EASTER BREAKFAST at Our Saviour's

Where does the time go? Once again, we're excited to announce this year's Easter Breakfast.

Easter Sunday, April 5, from 6:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Holway

A free-will offering will be accepted at the door. The men serving the Easter Breakfast is a long-standing tradition. Men, boys, and young people of all ages are encouraged to volunteer to make this meal a success. If you can help Saturday morning, April 4, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., setting up or Sunday morning, April 5, contact Rod Adams 678-2397, Echo Buehler 748-3928, or Paula Stroinski 748-6280.



Proceeds go to Our Saviour's Cemetery Association.

Our Saviour's January Financial Report: 2026

EXPLANATIONS:

This report shows the normal, ongoing bills that are paid on a regular basis each month. I have detailed the Income, as well as the line items expenses. Nancie

Income Section:

General	\$3882.35
Hunger	\$210.00
Scrip	\$2175.00
Special Offering/ <u>lnOut</u>	\$10.00(purchased church directory)

TOTAL INCOME: **\$6277.35**

Expense Section

Benevolence	\$154.08(to NW Synod of WI General Mission Support – 4%)
Hunger	\$210.00(to Northwest Synod of WI for ELCA World Hunger)
Internet Service (Clark Electric)	\$61.94
Phone (TDS)	\$32.85
Electricity (Taylor Electric)	\$179.75
Dumpster (GFL Environmental)	\$59.99
LP Gas (Budget-Medford Coop)	\$286.00
Worship/Dev/Resources	\$84.38(Christmas Eve candles)
Janitor Supplies	\$15.48 (garbage bags)
Insurance (Church Mutual)	\$572.37
Office/Computer Supplies	\$104.59(paper and newsletter stickers)
Newsletter Postage	\$32.46
Payroll	\$529.51(watchman \$80.00—sec \$371.25, 4 th <u>qu</u> taxes \$78.26)
Church Administrator	\$200.00
Supply Pastors	\$525.60
Snow Plowing (Bruce Krug)	\$243.75 (Dec plowing)
Music (Organist)	\$225.00
Copier Lease (E.O. Johnson)	\$142.91
Mis/Special Events	\$49.84(kitchen supplies)
VANCO charge	\$7.45
Script Cards	\$1344.00(Co. Market)

TOTAL EXPENSES: **\$5061.95**

Savings Account: **\$8999.62**

Script sales profit for January 2026 \$56.00

Mission Investment Fund:

Term Investment Fixed 4 Year – 3847 Rate 4.3290% Matures 9/23/2029
09/31/2025 Balance: \$17,127.95
Interest **12/31/2025** \$186.89
New Balance \$17,314.84

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

INCOME - Our Saviour's	January	YTD 2026		
General	3,882.35	3,882.35		
Hunger	210.00	210.00		
Sunday School/VBS/Camp				
Change the World/Special Offering	10.00	10.00		
Scrip	2,175.00	2,175.00		
TOTAL INCOME	6,277.35	6,277.35		
Expenses:	January	YTD	Monthly/Budget	Year/Budget
Benevolence	154.08	154.08	250.00	3,000.00
Hunger In/Out	210.00	210.00	0.00	
Special Offering In/Out		0.00	0.00	
Internet Service	61.94	61.94	62.50	750.00
Phone	32.85	32.85	60.42	725.00
Electricity	179.75	179.75	166.67	2,000.00
LP Gas	286.00	286.00	333.33	4,000.00
Dumpster - GFL	59.99	59.99	58.33	700.00
Holding Tanks		0.00	20.83	250.00
Snow Plowing	243.75	243.75	100.00	1,200.00
Janitor Supplies	15.48	15.48	18.75	225.00
Clear Country Water Solutions		0.00	18.75	225.00
Building Repairs/Maintenance		0.00	83.33	1,000.00
Worship/Devotionals/Resources	84.38	84.38	50.00	600.00
Organ/Piano Maintenance		0.00	25.00	300.00
Insurance	572.37	572.37	508.33	6,100.00
Office & Computer Supplies/parts/ink	104.59	104.59	25.00	300.00
Postage and Stamps		0.00	16.67	200.00
Computer Maintenance/Repair		0.00	16.67	200.00
Treasurer Supplies		0.00	8.33	100.00
Newsletter Postage	32.46	32.46	37.50	450.00
Copier Lease	142.91	142.91	125.00	1,500.00
Supply Pastors	525.60	525.60	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	529.51	529.51	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	49.84	49.84	41.67	500.00
Scrip Cards	1,344.00	1,344.00	0.00	
VANCO Charge	7.45	7.45	0.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,061.95	5,061.95	4,072.08	49,365.00
Checking Account:			Savings Account:	8,923.88
Camping Fund	873.54		Deposit	75.74
Sunday School/VBS	3,222.53		Total	8,999.62
General	69,464.28			
TOTAL	73,560.35	<i>Submitted By:</i>	<i>Nancie Adams,</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Greetings to you all!

Over my life, I have been part of a variety of churches. My first 35 years were spent in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod where my mother was a member. My dad was a Catholic as were most on his side of the family. I learned at a young age that church could be a place that not only provides hope and love, but a place that could put wedges between people. The church that my father belonged to was not happy at all that he married my mother, a Lutheran. In fact, they told him that he could stay a member of their catholic parish, but he was not allowed to commune. He and my mom quietly accepted that for many decades. Looking back now, I think what a horrible situation that must have been for them. Eventually, when my dad was in his 60s, he became a member of my mom's church. It was a blessing for them as a couple and for their faith journey together.

I have been part of churches with young pastors, some with old pastors, some with a pastor and a vicar, some with interim pastors, some big enough to have full-time music directors, or full-time youth directors, and some where the lay people led the services and did the bulk of the ministry. It is quite amazing that God's love flourished in all of these settings and the members were still able to serve each other and their communities despite different approaches. There is a wonderful lesson to be remembered from that.

For about the last 20 years, my wife Kathy and I have been members here at St. Paul's. It has been gratifying being part of this caring body of people. Our children, Douglas and Elaine, went through Sunday school and confirmation here and still hold the values and faith that was nurtured here close to their hearts in their adult life.

So, with that all in mind, I am thankful to be serving as your council president at St. Paul's. We have a busy year ahead. Besides continuing all of our normal ministries, we will be tackling the large asbestos removal project in our church building, getting a new video projector system, and also looking at some sort of a furnace / heating system upgrade. We will be putting in fresh landscaping on the east side of the building this spring (can't wait for that)! And we will continue to be open for whatever God has in mind for our SAMs, fill-in pastors, or potential called pastor situation.

Please reach out to me or another council member with suggestions or concerns. We are here to receive and share God's grace together!

Blessings to you,
Tony Schumacher

St. Paul's Sunday School

The children spent 2 weeks learning all about the Battle of Jericho. This was an interesting lesson for them, as they were able to relate to God's instructions to march around the walls for 7 days, even though it had been unconventional. Joshua and his army trusted God's plan. The kids now understand that it is important still today to trust in God, as he has a plan for each of us that we may not even see.

They had also started to learn about Ruth's story and will continue to do so for another week. They baked cinnamon rolls as they discussed her journey with Naomi. Next week, they will watch a movie, that fits the topic as well.

Some important news for March... Due to spring break and a joint service with Our Saviour's, there will be no Sunday School on March 8, 15, or the 29.

Sam Cook and Heidi Haynes



St Paul's WELCA

Please note that our meeting day has changed. We will be meeting on the third Monday of the month. The time stays the same at 5:45 p.m. All gals are welcome!

WELCA Chequamegon Conference Spring Rally will be Sunday, April 26, from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. It will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Unity. More info to follow.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Confirmation

Confirmation classes are winding down and students have been focusing on learning and dissecting the Apostles Creed and the Lord's prayer in these last two months. The students also traveled to Our Saviour's to participate in a fun exploration into the book of Proverbs. It just goes to show that Proverbs has advice for every situation!

Important dates to remember for Confirmation students:

- No class March 11
- Confirmand students to submit their selected Bible verse by March 25 (this verse will be read during the Rite of Confirmation and printed on their confirmation gift)
- April 8 -- Last night of class for 7th graders
- April 15 -- Confirmation Photos taken at 4:15 p.m. Confirmation interviews begin (confirmands to complete the interview questions prior to April 8).
- April 22 -- Confirmation practice, completion of interviews, last night for 8th grade confirmands
- April 29 -- RITE OF CONFIRMATION. Students to be at church no later than 9:00 a.m. to get into their robes and have flowers pinned on.

Congratulations to our four confirmands: Nicole Dassow, Crandel Harder, Maddie Johnas and Owen Machon. What an exciting time for these young adults who are now entering into their next phase of their faith journey.

Needles for Needs

We recently received some great donations to our group. A couple weeks ago a large denim (blue jean) donation came in - the bags and boxes filled 2 shopping carts! This will definitely give us enough jeans to complete this season and give us a good head start on next season (starting October). We also received a large donation of navy blue flat sheets for our Homeless Veteran Quilts; there wasn't a note to say who they are from, but I think it's from our very generous previous donor - THANK YOU! We also were given \$100 donation recently; it will be put to very good use!

We have been busy completing quilts for Homeless Veterans, and have 38 quilts ready to go out for distribution. Combined with our previous shipment, our total is now 85 quilts completed! We will continue to work on these quilts through April. We will be starting Lutheran World Relief quilts soon, so if you come across any embroidery floss or cotton or cotton blend flat sheets, we'd love the donations.

If you'd like to see our process for quilt construction, or if you would like to come and help, we meet every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All skill levels welcome!

Comfort Quilts

What a blessing for us but a hardship for others. The Comfort Quilters have been busy with fire victims, people that need a little love shown to them, and also with the ADRC at this time helping us hand out to people we feel that were not being reached with the warmth of a quilt.

This has all been a blessing to us because we are on the giving side, not the receiving, which warms our hearts. That being said we are welcoming Val Higgins, Lori Eisch, Lisa Kerber and Barb Deml to our busy hands. We keep thinking that we will catch up once summer comes, but then we all want to be outside, like the rest of our town to enjoy the beauty of God's world.

Just for the month of January we have handed out more than 10 quilts from our small group of three, so we are so happy to have more people interested in keeping our community warm. If you are interested in helping but do not sew, we can always use 100% cotton fabric or monetary donations for the borders to bring our pieces together. We are all a bunch of scrapers, so we use from our stash and donations to keep us going. When I started I stated that if I ran out of fabric that is God's way of telling me that my job is done. We all know God has a humor because sometimes it is hard to keep everything organized to keep up with His plans.

Until next time, faithfully submitted by Kim Gasek.



Thank you to Dawn & Jeff Harder for sponsoring St. Paul's portion of the March Newsletter in memory of James Kasper.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

The Mobile Food Pantry served 74 households on February 19, 2026.



36 individuals ages 0-17
 60 individuals ages 18-59
 64 individuals ages 60+
 160 total number of individuals
 74 households

**The next Mobile Food Pantry
 will be on Thursday,
 March 19, 2026.**

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

Food Distributed: potatoes, bread, apples, bakery, onions, apples, margarine, pancake mix, pancake syrup, dish soap, chickpeas, chicken broth, cereal, ground chicken, chicken thighs, canned vegetables, canned fruit/juice, crackers, eggs, and rice.

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 **Carol O'Leary** for sponsoring the February Mobile Food Pantry.

St. Paul's 2026 Church Council

Congratulations to the 2026 Church Council.

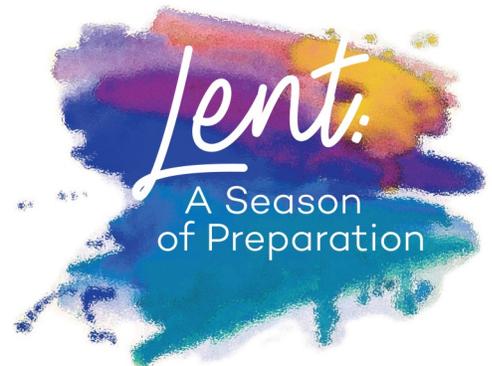
- Deb Bender
- Harley Cook
- Stacey Dassow
- Amber Fettes
- Kathy Hackbarth
- Gail Heurung
- Marie Koerner
- Chris Konieczny
- Tony Schumacher
- Carrie Zirngible
- Tina Dassow



Thank you to our many volunteers that help make our church services run smoothly, help with the upkeep of the building and grounds, and to those individuals who work tirelessly on the mission work of the church.

We could always use more volunteers. Listed below are just a few of the ways you could be involved in your church. Please contact the church office or talk to a council member on how you can help.

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| Church Council Member | Lawn mower |
| Liturgist | Snow shoveler |
| Communion server | Gardener |
| Choir member | Maintenance person |
| Acolyte | Mailing team |
| Usher | Worship committee |
| Fellowship provider | Quilter |
| Sunday School Teacher | Mobile Food Pantry |
| Confirmation Teacher | Worker |



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

St. Paul's Church Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Heidi Haynes, Kathy Hackbarth, Tony Schumacher, Marie Koerner, Gail Heurung, Harley Cook, Amber Fettes, and Stacy Dassow. Members not able to attend: Carrie Zirngible, Chris Konieczny, and Deb Bender. Guests present: Nancy Jones, Barb Krug and Tina Dassow.

Meeting was called to order by Heidi Haynes at 6:00 p.m. Opening prayer was led by Barb Krug.

Motion to accept the meeting agenda by Marie, seconded by Kathy – carried.

Motion to accept the meeting minutes from January by Tony, seconded by Amber – carried.

Business:

Welcome to Deb Bender to the council. Thank you to Marie for agreeing to another term and thank you to Tina for agreeing to continue as our Treasurer.

Election of Officers:

A motion by Marie, seconded by Gail for Tony Schumacher to be our 2026 Council President – carried. Amber agreed to be Vice President so a motion by Marie, seconded by Gail for Amber to fill the position – carried. We are in need of a Financial Secretary. This was tabled at this time. Gail agreed to remain as secretary – a motion by Kathy, seconded by Marie – carried. Heidi left following the election of officers and Tony took over the meeting.

Reports:

Treasurer's report was presented – Motion by Amber, seconded by Gail to approve – carried.

Nothing new from the Financial Secretary

Barb Krug, SAM – talked about the Walking Together program on March 21, at Bethany. She also talked about some discussions in regard anonymous complaints and different ways to handle them.

Worship team – just met – music selected through the middle of April.

Joint Parish Council – meeting next week.

Sunday School – going well – small crowd right now. Confirmation going well. Nothing to report yet on VBS 2026.

Benevolence – after a discussion on our Church giving – a motion by Marie, seconded by Gail to raise our current quarterly giving from \$2500 to \$3000 – carried.

Thank you to Clem for purchasing a new TV for the fellowship hall downstairs – Randy Haynes will be installing it.

Discussion on CD rates and options. Tina reminded us that the FDIC insures accounts up to \$250,000. After looking at our options – A motion by Gail, seconded by Amber to place \$75,000 from our checking account into a 6 month CD. After determining throughout the year what our needs are for current repair plans, we will again address in the future whether to more of the funds. Motion carried.

Tony and Kathy Schumacher will be attending the Northwest Synod meeting in June. Thank you for filling this important roll.

Installation of council – set for Sunday, February 15, during the church service.

Next meeting is set for Wednesday, March 11, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Gail, seconded by Marie to adjourn – carried.

The council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Heurung, Secretary

February 2026 Attendance	
February 1	75
February 8	62
February 15	76
Ash Wednesday	25
February 22	70

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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

	2026		2025		YTD % of Change
	January	YTD	January	YTD	
Total General Giving	9,339	9,339	16,228	16,228	-42.5%
Total General Expenses	6,008	6,008	6,273	6,273	-4.2%
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$3,331	\$3,331	\$9,954	\$9,954	
Designated Giving	3,574	3,574	5,225	5,225	-31.6%
Designated Giving - Building	4,105	4,105		-	
Total Designated Giving	7,679	7,679		5,225	
Designated Expenses	1,676	1,676	3,854	3,854	-56.5%
Designated Expenses - Building		-		-	
Total Designated Expenses	1,676	1,676		3,854	
Net Designated Income	6,004	6,004	1,371	1,371	
Interest Income	\$130	130	\$130	130	
Net Combined Income (Deficit)	\$9,465	\$9,465	\$11,456	\$11,456	

Bank Accounts - As of:	12/31/25	1/31/26	YTD Change	1/31/25	Comments
<u>Fund in SPOS Joint Checking</u>	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	
<u>General Checking</u>	\$234,072	\$237,573	\$3,501	\$190,727	
<u>Designated Funds in Checking</u>			\$0		
Building Fund	33,523	37,628	\$4,105	2,155	
Comfort Quilts	1,805	1,905	\$100	1,049	
Community Benevolence Fund	355	355	\$0	133	
Designated Memorials	4,510	4,510	\$0	4,240	
Fair Trade Sales	196	196	\$0	476	
Thrivent Choice	2,100	2,100	\$0	1,230	
Mobile Food Pantry	22,461	24,149	\$1,688	10,242	
Sunday School	640	711	\$71	735	
Youth Group	11,735	11,735	\$0	11,572	
Total Funds in Checking	\$312,398	\$321,863	\$9,465	\$223,560	
<u>Other Accounts</u>					
Events/Fund Raiser Acct	3,180	3,181	1	3,165	
Needles for Needs Acct	1,329	1,330	1	1,411	
Scrip Acct	8,814	9,264	450	8,819	
Total Other Accounts	\$13,323	\$13,775	\$452	\$13,396	
Total - All Accounts	\$325,721	\$335,638	\$9,917	\$236,956	

2026 Pastor Expense - Budgeted
2026 YTD Supply Pastor Expense

\$67,960
\$726

St. Paul's Giving Options

Mail your check to St. Paul's Lutheran Church,
321 N. Park Ave., Medford, WI 54451

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Giving via St. Paul's Website

E-Giving Download the app "GivePlus Church"



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March 2026 Worship Assistants – St. Paul's

DATE	MESSAGE	LITURGIST	COMMUNION SETUP	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
March 1	Barb Krug, SAM	Gail Heurung	Jo Cypher	Jo Cypher Marguerite Jochimsen Tina Machon
March 8	Rachel Sieja	Tont Schumacher	Kathy & Dan Higgins	Chris Finkler Marie Koerner Tina Machon
March 15	Dawn Harder	Val Bach	Kathy & Dan Higgins	Val Bach Dawn Harder ?
March 22	Barb Krug, SAM	Dawn Harder	Kathy & Dan Higgins	Kim Gasek Dawn Harder Michele Lekie
March 29 Palm Sunday Joint Service	Pastor Randy Olson	Justin Zirngible	Jo Cypher	Jo Cypher Carrie & Justin Zirngible

St. Paul's March 2026 Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAY	BIRTHDAY	BIRTHDAY	ANNIVERSARIES
Mar. 1 Jo Cypher Chris Konieczny	Mar. 14 Michael Ecklund Kevin Egle	Mar. 24 Crystal Ecklund	March 1 Nikki & William Sherman
Mar. 3 Ariella Lubahn	James Peterson	Mar. 25 Quinton Tlusty	March 10 Leslie & John Konrad
Mar. 4 Jack Rodman	Mar. 15 Kyra Scheithauer	Mar. 27 Jessica Frahmman Easton Gebert	March 17 Kathryn & Brian Nutting
Mar. 5 Owen Machon Blake Schilling	Mar. 19 Stephanie Born Samantha Doberstein	Kyle Gebert LuElla Hoefs	
Mar. 6 Jonathan Frahmman	Scott Jensen	Mar. 28 Erin Wojcik	
Mar. 7 Stacy Doriot Kira Huotari	Mary Orava	Mar. 29 Stella Alexander Gary Carlson	
Mar. 8 Mark Glamann	Benjamin Ortengren	Keagan Gehrke	
Mar. 10 Alyssa Doriot Cory Tlusty	Mar. 20 Mark Born Jennifer Krauss	Carla Huston Pamela Kennedy	
Mar. 11 Scott Waldhart	Mar. 21 Jason Anderson Amber Fettes	Michele Lekie Kaitlyn Pester	
Mar. 12 Vanessa Hillebrand	Payton Nelson	Mar. 30 Ken Coyer	
Mar. 13 Tina Cederholm Corey Faber Craig Zirngible	Mar. 22 Oliver Nuernberger		

**St. Paul's Ladies Lunch Bunch
Wednesday, March 18, 2026**

**Location: VFW
240 South 8th Street
Medford**

Time: 11:15 a.m.



All are welcome to enjoy fun and fellowship.

For more information, contact Michelle Danen at 715-748-4397 or Chris Finkler at 715-748-6848.

Check the Welcome Hall information board for opportunities to sponsor different ministries in the church, such as the Mobile Food Pantry and the Newsletter.



Choir rehearsals will be on the following Sundays at 8:00 a.m.
March 8 & 29.
All singers welcome.

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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St. Paul's March 2026 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:15 a.m. Worship / Communion Sunday School	2 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts	3 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts	4 4:00 p.m. Confirmation 6:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Our Saviour's	5	6 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting 6:00 p.m. World Day of Prayer	7
8 8:00 a.m. Choir 9:15 a.m. Worship / Communion No Sunday School	9	10 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs 6:00 p.m. Cub/Boy Scouts	11 No Confirmation 6:00 p.m. Church Council 6:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Our Saviour's	12	13 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	14
15 9:15 a.m. Worship / Communion No Sunday School	16 5:45 p.m. WELCA 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts	17 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts	18 4:00 p.m. Confirmation 6:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Our Saviour's	19 1:00 p.m. Mobile Food Pantry	20 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	21
22 8:00 a.m. Choir 9:15 a.m. Worship / Communion Sunday School	23 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. SAM Cohort Meeting	24 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs 6:00 p.m. Cub/Boy Scouts	25 4:00 p.m. 2nd year Confirmation 6:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Our Saviour's	26 6:00 p.m. Scouts parents meeting	27 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	28
29 9:00 a.m. Joint Worship w/communion No Sunday School 6:00 p.m. Suicide Support Group	30 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts	31 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs				

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March 2026

Sunday Worship

Our Saviour's Worship - 8:00 a.m.
St. Paul's Worship - 9:15 a.m.

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