



St. Paul's Messenger

A monthly newsletter for friends and family

March 2024

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EVENTS

March 1	World Day of Prayer at CUCC
March 9	Central Chamber Chorale Concert
March 10	Installation of the Church Council
March 21	Mobile Food Pantry
March 31	Easter Breakfast & Worship

Attendance

February 4	70
February 11	85
February 14	34
February 18	84
February 25	101

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A MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT VAL BACH

Hello everyone,

This time of year, for me, is kind of my slump time. This long period of the seasons where we're hoping for the snow to melt, the grass to turn green, the trees to start budding, the flowers to start popping up. Well, with the crazy weather we've had this February, we had an early teaser; these unseasonably warm temperatures even tricked the maple sap to start running. Yes, February in Wisconsin. In all my years, I have never seen such a thing, and apparently, neither has anyone else. The winter months of December, January and February of this year are officially on track to be the warmest winter ever recorded for Wisconsin.

While I have no idea what this all means, I do know that the weather this year has stirred a lot of conversations and is triggering concerns, especially as we realize the spring thaw is not going to yield the typical amount. So, to look at the bright side of things, this means less chance of basements flooding, right?

If there is a lack of topics for conversation, weather is always something we can fall back on. When you think about the weather and how it can affect your mood overall (not to mention the many people who are financially impacted by the weather conditions), it's no wonder why the weather is such a popular topic.

Let's think of some of the feelings and emotions the weather brings to us. For instance, step outside on a sunny day and feel the warmth embrace your skin. Or stand in the midst of a rain shower and let the droplets wash away your worries. Look up at the dark clouds looming overhead and sense their power as they unleash thunder and lightning. Or think of those 20 below days where the cold freezes your nostrils and recall how that takes your breath away. Weather captivates us; it stirs emotions deep within our souls.

Every day millions of people check the weather forecast to organize their activities and plan for the future. So many people want to know every day what the weather will be like tomorrow. For some, checking the forecast is a professional necessity, since many sectors, like agriculture and tourism, are truly "weather dependent." For others, who might be considered "weather sensitive," health may be influenced by the weather. And then there are those who develop a real addiction to the forecast. The "forecast addict" tunes in several times a day to the forecast and can create a certain level of anxiety. Is this, perhaps, a bit of an OCD? A desire to try and control everything, to foresee everything, to master the future? This is where we need to lean on our spiritual strength; we need to put our trust in God's plan.

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We are now in the Lenten season, such a deep and emotional time in our spiritual lives. This is certainly a perfect time for us to reflect on the true meaning of Easter and how Jesus willingly accepted the torment involved with his crucifixion...all for US, so that our sins are forgiven! Remember the sacrifices Jesus made, and reflect on the sacrifices we can make to help others. Pay it forward, not just during this Lenten season, but throughout the year. And while we can't control the weather, we can control our actions and responses to whatever "weather" is occurring in our day to day lives.

Think about how our reactions affect those around us; look to make each day brighter—even if it's already a sunny day; but especially when the dark clouds are looming. God's light shines through each and every day, clear and sunny or cloudy and stormy!

God's Work – Our Hands.

A MESSAGE FROM BARB KRUG (SAM)

My aunt, Juanita, found an old obituary in a drawer and shared it with me. She sent it to me the day after I officiated at a funeral at Our Saviour's. An obituary can tell a lot about a person, but it really doesn't tell the whole story. Family and friends can tell a lot about the person, but they don't really know the whole story either. Looking at old confirmation pictures and hearing how the families were woven together in that little country church was a lesson in history and a realization that I'm in one of those OLD pictures. I'm history. Someday people will look through those books at my funeral. That could be a morbid thought, but it is also a comforting thought to think that I'm part of that congregation. I'm a part of God's family in that church. I never wandered very far from where I was born and don't have lavish, exciting stories to share, but I do have my faith and my family, and I couldn't ask for anything more. I'm not sure what my obituary will say (I haven't written it yet), but I know that it won't tell it all. It won't even come close to telling how much of my life centers around Jesus Christ. There are some things that I've done that won't be in the obituary. Things I'm not proud of and would like to forget. God never forgets, but he does forgive and for that I am truly grateful. Our risen Savior died for our sins. He knows our story and still loves us. During this season of Lent, reflect on your personal relationship with God. Talk to God. Listen to God. Live your life for God so when your story is told, it will be the whole story in Christ Jesus.

The obituary that was shared with me: **Calvary**

Jesus Christ, 33, of Nazareth, died Friday on Mount Calvary, also known as Golgotha, the place of the skull. Betrayed by the apostle Judas, Jesus was crucified by the Romans, by order of the Ruler Pontius Pilate. The causes of death were crucifixion, extreme exhaustion, severe torture, and loss of blood.

Jesus Christ, a descendant of Abraham was a member of the house of David. He as the Son of the late Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth, and Mary, His devoted Mother. Jesus was born in a stable in the city of Bethlehem, Judea. He is survived by His mother Mary, His faithful Apostles, numerous disciples, and many other followers.

Jesus was self-educated and spent most of his adult life working as a Teacher. Jesus also occasionally worked as a Medical Doctor, and it is reported that he healed many patients. Up until the time of His death, Jesus was teaching and sharing the Good News, healing the sick, touching the lonely, feeding the hungry, and helping the poor.

God bless your amazing story,

Barb Krug - SAM



Rehearsals will be held at 8:10 a.m.
on Sunday, March 10, and 24.
We will be singing during each of
those services.



March 20, 2024

Please contact the church
office if your contact
information has changed.



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Easter 2024 A Message from Bishop Laurie

AN INCOMPLETE SENTENCE Mark 16:8

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

The gospel of Mark begins with this verse, Mark 1:1, *The beginning of the good news^s of Jesus Christ. Then it ends with an incomplete sentence. Mark's Easter Story ends with an incomplete sentence. What was the editor thinking? Where are the punctuation police when you need them? Look at it for yourself. Mark 16:8 in Greek*

καὶ ἐξεληθοῦσαι ἔφυγον ἀπὸ τοῦ μνημείου, εἶχεν γὰρ αὐτὰς τρόμος καὶ ἔκστασις· καὶ οὐδενὶ οὐδὲν εἶπαν, ἐφοβοῦντο γάρ

See, it ends with the word “gar” which can be translated “for or because.” Why did the writer of Mark end the gospel with the word “because?” Word-for-word the last part of the verse reads *to none nothing they spoke they were afraid because*

So just to be clear, the purpose of the gospel of Mark is to tell the good news of Jesus Christ and then it ends with an empty tomb and the only witnesses to it run away in fear saying nothing to anyone because...

It should be noted there is no punctuation in the original Greek and we can of course rearrange the English words and make a sentence, but still the incompleteness of the Greek sentence, abrupt ending and the incompleteness of story itself are telling.

Matthew, Luke and John end their Easter story with Jesus appearing to the disciples after the resurrection. These gospels end with proof of the resurrection that others see with their own eyes and some even touch Jesus. Mark has no proof of the resurrection. He doesn't even finish his last sentence.

Mark 1 was intended to be just **the beginning** of the story of the good news of Jesus. It can't be completely recorded with paper and pen because it is still being written in the lives of the believers today. Friends, the story of Easter didn't end with the frightened women. If it did we wouldn't be here today. Some of Mark's Easter story will be written by your life, my life, our witness to the empty tomb and the transforming power of God's love in our life. The rest of the story will be written by those who come after us and whose lives bear witness to God's power to transform death to life. We are proof of the resurrection. Our lives transformed by the power of God's love and forgiveness are proof that Jesus rose from the dead. We are writing new verses and chapters for Mark's gospel, so that the next generation will come to know and love Jesus and all generations will experience God's grace.



Mark 16 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 2And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3 They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” 4When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. 5As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. 6 But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” 8 So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

¹ McCoy and Fistler, Pulpit Fiction Podcast #540, Easter 2023

² Mark has two alternative endings (Mark 16:9-20) which many biblical scholars believe were added at a much later date by those who couldn't tolerate ending with an incomplete sentence!

³ Image by Gerd Altmann from Pixabay



Thank you to the families that donated towels for the Taylor House. Over 20 towels were collected. Chris Finkler

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School children have been learning about The Banquet with Simon where they discover that God forgives our sins. The other Bible story was The Lost Sheep and The Lost Coin. This parable allowed the children to understand that God loves us very much and will NEVER stop searching for us just like the shepherd and the woman in the story.

The church council asked the Sunday School children to decide what to purchase with the Global Mission funds raised from the Christmas bake sale. The children decided to use the money to purchase a "Family Farm" through ELCA Good Gifts. The package includes: 1 cow, goats, chicks, pigs, farming tools, seeds, and agricultural training.

We will not be holding Sunday School February 26, and March 3, due to Spring Break so please enjoy time with your family and enjoy going to the church service together. See everyone back March 10, to begin talking about Holy Week and Easter!

Sunday School Coordinators,
Heidi Haynes and Kathy Hackbarth



CONFIRMATION

Classes will be completed by the end of March providing we have no bad weather days during the month. We will be having a joint class with Our Savior's confirmands on April 24, with Bishop Laurie providing the main lesson. We will have a demonstration of a skit, along with the Confirmation staff providing the meal on that day. We invite all parents to show your support of the program. Thanks to all for your assistance in this endeavor.

Submitted by: Leon Gasek

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We have two sessions of Life Lessons from Mark to be completed in early March. We will take some time off, starting back up using a DVD by Mark Allan Powell, a Lutheran Pastor and Bible Professor, in a discussion for laity about how Lutherans interpret the Bible. The seven sessions will include the following: The word of God, What Lutherans say about the Bible, Where the Bible comes from, Interpreting the Bible in context, Determining right from wrong, The many meanings of the Bible, and Devotional Bible reading. More information to appear in next month's newsletter.

Submitted by: Leon Gasek

BOOK STUDY

Our Bible study on "Human Trafficking" brought good discussion for our group. We realized there is much to be aware of now and also what was recorded in the Bible. We are now done with the six week study. On February 22, the Catholic Church sponsored a speaker who discussed human trafficking. What a nice way to finish since we had participants from other churches showing interest in learning with us.

We will be starting our next Bible study after Easter. The subject will be on how the Bible supports same sex marriage, or does it? That is the question we will be finding out. It should be another interesting study for us to dig into.

Title: *Does the Bible Support Same-Sex Marriage?* by Preston Sprinkle.

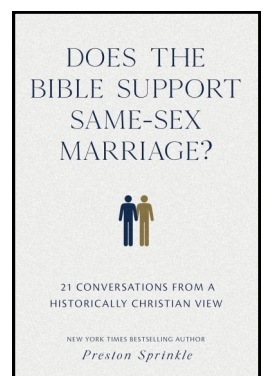
Start date: Monday, April 1

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Please contact Kim Gasek or the church office if you are interested in attending so books can be ordered. The price of the book is \$8.50.

Faithfully submitted by Kim Gasek



Easter Breakfast

SUNDAY, MARCH 31
Fellowship Hall
8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.
 Bring a dish to pass. *All are welcome.*



Easter Lilies



Please contact the church office or sign up on the board in the Welcome Hall if you are interested in sponsoring an Easter Lily for Easter Sunday.

March 2024 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

DATE	MESSAGE	GREETERS	COMMUNION SETUP	ACOLYTE	LITURGIST	USHERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	AV
3/03/24	Val Bach		Kathy & Dan Higgins		Gail Heurung		Kathy & Dan Higgins Marguerite Jochimsen	Cathy Retzer
3/10/24	Nancy Amacher	Saige Fettes	Kathy & Dan Higgins	Brock Anderson	Sally Lemke		Deb Bender Sally Lemke Jeremy Sperl	Cathy Retzer
3/17/24	Mike Kesling		Kathy & Dan Higgins		Dawn Harder	Harley Cook	Sam Cook Chris Finkler Dawn Harder	Ross Hackbarth & Cathy Retzer
3/24/24	Nancy Amacher		Jo Cypher	Kyra Scheithauer	Tony Schumacher	Saige Fettes Carmyn Alexander	Chris & Dave Konieczny Kathy Schumacher	Ross Hackbarth & Cathy Retzer
3/31/24	Bob Giese		Kathy & Dan Higgins		Justin Zirngible		Carrie, Conner & Justin Zirngible	Ross Hackbarth & Cathy Retzer

A Meditation Moment

Courtesy of the Kuse Farm Museum and Nature Preserve webpage

<http://www.kusemuseum-naturepreserve.org>



Blossoms

Blossoms are a sign
 Of fruit that's yet to be.
 A branch can only bear it
 When connected to the tree.

Stay connected to the tree.
 Jesus' promises are true
 The Easter message
 Truly sets us free!

Fruits we can be bearing
 Are hope and love and care,
 These we can be sharing
 With people everywhere.

Loretta Kuse

⁴Abide in me as I abide in you.
 Just as the branch cannot bear
 fruit by itself unless it abides in
 the vine, neither can you unless
 you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine,
 you are the branches. Those who
 abide in me and I in them bear
 much fruit, because apart from
 me you can do nothing. John 15:4
 -5 NRSV

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First Communion Class

Wednesday, April 10

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: St. Paul's Lutheran

Open to children in grades 4-6 or any older children who haven't had instruction. Contact the church office to register.

Central Chamber Chorale Concert

"From the Old World to the New World"

Saturday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Medford

Sunday, March 10, at 3:00 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church

1208 W. 14th St., Marshfield



LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

Wednesday, March 20

11:15 a.m.

Meet at **El Jovenaso**
507 8th Street, Medford



All women are welcome.

Call Chris Finkler at 715-748-6848 or
Michelle Danen at 715-748-4397
for reservations.

Time to Spring Clean?

Here's a Solution!



Church Rummage Sale

May 9-11

- Donations welcome (no returns).
- Proceeds going to Community Mission with Jesus, a group of churches who help people in need.
- Direct questions to Michelle Danen (715-748-4397) or Chris Finkler (715-748-6848.)

Donation drop-off will be at St. Paul's Welcome Hall
on Monday, May 5, & Tuesday, May 6, from
10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

The Mobile Food Pantry served 73 households on February 15, 2024.

42 individuals ages 0-17

78 individuals ages 18-59

66 individuals ages 60+

186 total number of individuals

There were 53 individuals visiting the pantry for the first time.

Feed My People delivered 3,426 pounds of the following food: bread, peanut butter, carrots, green beans, apples, crackers, yogurt, cherries, cheese, oatmeal, sour cream, strawberries, celery, chicken, ice cream, miscellaneous produce and frozen items, and soup broth.

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 and to the many volunteers that came to help distribute the food.

The next Mobile Food Pantry
will be on **Thursday, March 21.**

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



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

Daily Devotionals

St. Paul's offers free devotional books to assist you with your daily meditations.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Our Saviour's Lutheran 8:00 a.m.
St. Paul's Lutheran 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 30, 2024.

Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 21, 2024

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

Council members present – Val Bach, Marie Koerner, Heidi Haynes, Kathy Hackbarth, Leon Gasek, Dan Higgins, Tony Schumacher and Gail Heurung. Carrie Zirngible came later. Missing was Dave Hraby. Guests present – Nancy Jones and Barb Krug.

Barb Krug led the group in an opening prayer.

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

Motion by Heidi, seconded by Dan to accept the January 10 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Business:

Treasurer's Report - Val expressed concern about the giving being down. Need to emphasize to the congregation that even though we are doing well it is because we do not currently have a pastor to pay. Motion by Marie, seconded by Tony to accept the report. Motion carried.

Financial secretary – nothing new to report.

Barb Krug – nothing new that has not been addressed during services.

Election of Officers – Motion by Marie, seconded by Gail to retain the current officers - Val Bach, President; Leon Gasek, Vice President; Marie Koerner, Financial Secretary; Gail Heurung, Secretary. Motion Carried. Council will be installed on March 10.

Discussion on Script proceeds and where to donate the funds. The 2023 balance is \$2579. After discussion, a motion was made by Leon, seconded by Tony for the 2023 proceeds to be split 50/50 between the CARES program and Community Mission with Jesus. Motion carried.

Sunday school decided to sponsor a family of animals for the Global Missions. They were \$25 short so that was taken from the Sunday School funds.

Bishop Lori will be here to visit the confirmands on April 24. Confirmation will be held on May 5.

Bible studies are still going well.

Val asked how the visitation committee is doing – Nancy said they have a schedule and things are going well.

Still looking for two people to attend the Synod Assembly to represent St. Paul's. Does not have to be a council member. Council will contact prospective attendees.

Roof repairs—Concerning the roof repairs, rain gutters and leaf guards – After discussion, the council decided that leaf guards are not needed on the south side (parking lot) of the church. They also determined Comstock is the company they would like to use. A motion was made by Tony, seconded by Marie to request a revised quote without the south side leaf guards. Then the council can determine via email what to do. Motion carried.

Joint parish council's next meeting is Tuesday, March 12. Barb Krug has stepped down from the joint council because of her new duties for the two churches. Mike Kessler will be taking her place on the joint council. Gary Jensen has stepped down as treasurer of the joint council. Looking to fill that position. Brenda Nernberger will cover that position until it is filled.

The next Joint Worship will be held on June 30 at St. Paul's. Easter will be held at each individual church.

Emergency contacts remain: Barb Krug, Bob Giese, Nancy Amacher and Elizabeth Biers. Barb Krug is the first to be contacted.

Benevolence—Council discussed quarterly benevolence payments. A motion by Marie, seconded by Leon to pay \$1250 in March for the first quarter. Motion carried. The next quarterly payments will be determined each quarter.

No current vacations planned. Some remote work coming up for Nancy.

Discussed the possibility of Show Ops concerts in May, June and July as requested by Heidi Bower. Determined that we cannot provide the equipment needed for the concerts so we will not participate.

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Other business:

Nancy requested a payment to ICON – the program for membership we use at the church. The amount of \$792. A motion by Gail, seconded by Kathy to make the annual payment. Motion carried.

Nancy presented the ad for the Star News Directory – cost of \$109. Motion by Marie, seconded by Tony to place the ad in the finger tip directory. Motion carried.

A company that does directories contacted the church about a new directory. Though ours had been some time ago, the council decided not to go that route right now.

The Central Chamber Choir will be using St. Paul’s for a concert on March 9.

The Ladies Lunch bunch is planning a rummage sale May 9 thru 11; the proceeds are going to the Community Mission with Jesus.

Barb is planning a First Communion class which will be held on April 21.

Next meeting is set for March 13, at 6:00 pm.

A motion by Leon, seconded by Dan to adjourn – motion carried.

The council closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Heurung, Secretary

- *The Church Council is looking for a youth from the church who would like to be the youth representative on the council. The requirement for this position is that this individual would need to have been confirmed. Please talk to one of the council members or contact the church office if interested.*
- *The Council is also looking for representation to the **Synod Assembly** on June 7–8, 2024. The Assembly will be held at Davies Center on the UW-Eau Claire campus. Please contact the church office if you are interested.*

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2024

March 1	Jo Cypher Chris Konieczny
March 3	Ariella Lubahn
March 4	Jack Rodman
March 5	Kash Cederholm Owen Machon Blake Schilling
March 7	Stacy Doriot Kira Huotari
March 8	Mark Glamann
March 10	Alyssa Doriot Cory Tlusty
March 11	Scott Waldhart
March 12	Vanessa Hillebrand
March 13	Tina Cederholm Corey Faber Craig Zirngible
March 14	Michael Ecklund Kevin Egle James Peterson
March 15	Terry Gebert
March 15	Kyra Scheithauer Brigitte Wickersham
March 19	Stephanie Born

March 19	Samantha Doberstein Scott Jensen Mary Orava Benjamin Ortengren
March 20	Mark Born Jennifer Krauss
March 21	Jason Anderson Amber Fettes Payton Nelson
March 22	Oliver Nuernberger
March 24	Crystal Ecklund
March 25	Mark Temme Quinton Tlusty
March 27	Olivia Berry Easton Gebert Kyle Gebert LuElla Hoefs
March 28	Erin Wojcik
March 29	Stella Alexander Gary Carlson Keagan Gehrke Carla Huston Pamela Kennedy Michele Lekie

March 29	Kaitlyn Pester
March 30	Ken Coyer Melissa Gehrke Benjamin Johnson Ethan Kraemer Sara Nuernberger
March 31	Hannah Egle

Anniversaries

- March 1 Nikki & William Sherman
- March 10 Leslie & John Konrad
- March 17 Kathryn & Brian Nutting



TREASURER'S REPORT

	2024		2023		YTD % of Change
	January	YTD	January	YTD	
General Giving	9,319	9,319	12,066	12,066	-22.8%
Mortgage Giving	1,925	1,925	2,895	2,895	-33.5%
Total Giving	11,244	11,244	14,961	14,961	-24.8%
General Expenses	5,349	5,349	10,607	10,607	-49.6%
Mortgage Expense	2,782	2,782	2,782	2,782	0.0%
Total Expenses	8,131	8,131	13,389	13,389	-39.3%
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$3,113	\$3,113	\$1,572	\$1,572	
Designated Giving	3,185	3,185	5,018	5,018	-36.5%
Designated Expenses	3,691	3,691	4,615	4,615	-20.0%
Net Designated Income	(505)	(505)	404	404	
Net Combined Income (Deficit)	\$2,607	\$2,607	\$1,975	\$1,975	

Bank Accounts - As of:	1/31/24	YTD Change	Comments
Fund in SPOS Joint Checking	\$1,000	\$1,000	
General Checking	\$158,096	\$1,706	\$112,684
<u>Designated Funds in Checking</u>			
Building Maintenance	31,176	\$0	6,171
Comfort Quilts	726	\$0	516
Community Benevolence Fund	116	\$0	
Designated Memorials	4,953	\$0	2,878
Fair Trade Sales	287	\$0	493
Mortgage Fund	0	\$0	0
Thrivent Choice	460	\$128	11,279
Mobile Food Pantry	8,952	(\$443)	6,218
Sunday School	887	(\$190)	1,077
Youth Group	11,448	\$0	11,315
Total Funds in Checking	\$218,103	\$2,200	\$152,633
<u>Other Accounts</u>			
Events/Fund Raiser Acct	4,029	2	3,321
Needs for Needs Acct	1,963	(755)	3,110
Scrip Acct	10,676	2,050	7,853
Total Other Accounts	\$16,668	\$1,297	\$14,284
Total - All Accounts	\$234,771	\$3,497	\$166,917
Mortgage Balance	\$57,056	-\$5,600	\$145,415

St. Paul's Giving Options

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

Simply Giving contributions are deducted from your checking or savings account.

Giving via St. Paul's Website

E-Giving Download the app "GivePlus Church"



SCRIP cards make great gifts for weddings, graduations, or other special occasions. A portion of each gift card purchase enables St. Paul's to do ministry. Check at the SCRIP counter on Sunday morning or call the office and someone will help you.

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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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Church Council

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Additional Information

Sunday Service:	9:15 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m. (during school year)
Office Hours	Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Facebook:	StPaulsMedford
Website:	www.stpaulsmedford.org



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Lenten Services will be held at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, 13, 20, and Thursday, March 28 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.					1 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting 6:00 p.m. World Day of Prayer at CUCC	2
3 9:15 a.m. Worship / Communion No Sunday School	4	5 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs Work Day 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts	6 4:00 p.m. Confirmation	7 6:00 p.m. Cub Scout Den Meeting 6:30 p.m. Bible Study: <i>Life Lessons from Mark</i>	8 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	9 7:30 p.m. Central Chamber Chorale Concert
10 8:10 a.m. Choir 9:15 a.m. Worship / Communion / Installation of Church Council 9:15 a.m. Sunday School	11	12 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs Work Day 5:00 p.m. Joint Council at Our Saviour's	13 4:00 p.m. Confirmation 6:00 p.m. Church Council	14	15 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	16
17 9:15 a.m. Worship / Communion 9:15 a.m. Sunday School	18	19 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs Work Day 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts	20 11:15 a.m. Ladies Lunch Bunch 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Newsletter Deadline	21 1:00-5:00 p.m. Mobile Food Pantry 6:00 p.m. Cub Scout Den Meeting	22 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	23 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pinewood Derby
24 Palm Sunday 8:10 a.m. Choir 9:15 a.m. Worship / Communion 6:00 p.m. Suicide Support Group	25	26 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs Work Day	27 4:00 p.m. Confirmation	28	29 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	30
31 Easter Sunday 8:00-8:45 a.m. Breakfast 9:15 a.m. Worship / Communion No Sunday School						

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