



St. Paul's Messenger

A monthly newsletter for friends and family

October 2024

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EVENTS

- October 6 Confirmation Skit
- October 9 Church Council
- October 13 Bible Sunday
Our Saviour's Anniversary Dinner
- October 17 Mobile Food Pantry
- October 21 Newsletter deadline

Attendance

September 1	32
September 8	122
September 15	96
September 22	72
September 29—Joint Service at Our Saviour's	

The October newsletter is sponsored by Chris & Dave Konieczny.

A MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT VAL BACH

Well, my life is looking a little different now that I am officially retired (can you tell I'm smiling as I say this)? Instead of sitting behind a computer all day, I am able to get outside and get some much-needed exercise and start working on some long-awaited projects. I've started out each of my days since official retirement with a 3-mile walk; something I haven't done in many years. I even started drinking water instead of my beloved Mountain Dew. Now that is a life-style change I hope to continue with!

Any time we turn on a TV or go on social media, we hear about some life-changing drug; some quick-fix diet; multiple ways to improve our health and longevity; etc. If you notice, all of these advertisements focus on our earthly life. And, I have to admit...I have an entire box of some metabolism enhancing gimmick that I bought off the Internet. Did they work? I really don't know since I haven't been able to take them since they upset my stomach too much. That was \$160 that went down the drain (well, not yet, but soon).

Many of us get sucked into buying these "as seen on TV" gimmicks or pursuing these quick fix schemes; but just think what an infomercial would look like for a quick fix for eternal life; which is NO GIMMECK at all. I'm guessing it would sound something like this:

"Have you been toying with the idea of what is going to happen to you after you die? Are you wondering if maybe God and heaven actually are real and that now may be the time to start changing your ways and focusing on God vs. the day-to-day temptations that steer you away from Him? Why wait any longer? Why take any unnecessary chances? Reach out today! Do it now. What are you waiting for? No, this amazing offer doesn't expire; it's a lifelong deal. And what does this remarkable offer cost you? No money at all. I know what you're thinking. This is too good to be true. But believe me, there are countless testimonials from people just like you and me who have opened their hearts up and who put their trust in the Word of God; you will see immediate benefits. You, too, can experience the peace and tranquility of God's grace and His promise of eternal life. Don't wait; accept His gift of eternal life; reap the benefits of Jesus dying on the cross to wash away our sins. We can get you set up with a life-long prescription today. All you need to do is BELIEVE."

Just think what it would be like to hear the same excitement in a commercial about God and eternal life as the ones you hear about for an Insta-Pot or a Weight-Loss Supplement or shot? Maybe, just maybe, we could get some more people's attention if we started jumping on this band wagon!

Don't be afraid to share your excitement and love for God with others who may

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not yet have been blessed with the gifts of God. If you're not comfortable speaking to this fabulous opportunity, share this newsletter. St. Paul's has a fabulous group of disciples with welcoming arms. We can help others to cash in on this amazing deal from God. All are welcome here, and we mean it.

Remember -- God's Work, Our Hands.

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

The Mobile Food Pantry served 95 households on September 19, 2024.

- 48 individuals ages 0-17
- 81 individuals ages 18-59
- 92 individuals ages 60+
- 221 total number of individuals
- 1st visit in 2024: 43 individuals

The next Mobile Food Pantry will be on Thursday, October 17.

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

Feed My People delivered 4000 pounds of the following food: ground beef, watermelon, crackers, oatmeal, apples, corn on the cob, carrots, cheese, bakery, mac and cheese, potatoes, and miscellaneous canned goods.

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 *Cathy Retzer* for sponsoring the September Mobile Food Pantry and to the many volunteers that came to help distribute the food.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school is up and running for the 2024-25 year! We have a wonderful group of children from PreK through 6th grade. Our first Bible story was about the first sin as the children talked about Adam and Eve making choices. They realized we all sin, but if we repent God will forgive us. We will finish September with learning about Isaac and Rebekah, talking about how no one is perfect and God uses imperfect people to help fulfill his plans.



We are always looking for more people to help teach Sunday School so if you are interested or are able to sub when needed please reach out to Heidi Haynes or Kathy Hackbarth.

Thank you!
Sunday School Coordinators,
Heidi Haynes and Kathy Hackbarth



Mark your calendar for October 13, as our kindergarteners and 4th graders will be receiving their Bibles during the children's message.



**Choir rehearsals will be on the following Sundays at 8:00 a.m.
October 13 and October 27**

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



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CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, October 2
Wednesday, October 9
Wednesday, October 16 - No Class
Wednesday, October 23
Wednesday, October 30

Congratulations to . . .

Kala Albers & Matthew Siroin on the baptism of their son, Oakley Michael on September 8, 2024.

Jessica & Nathan Bunkelman on the baptism of their daughter Zoey Jean on September 15, 2024



Thank you to Rita Emmerich for creating our beautiful baptismal cloths.

ST. PAUL'S LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

Wednesday, September 18

Location: 64 North

2993 County Road E, Medford

Time: 11:15 a.m.

All women welcome.

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



A Meditation Moment

Courtesy of the Kuse Farm Museum and Nature Preserve webpage

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



Silver Maple "Soft Maple" "White Maple"
(Acer saccharinum)

Our Saviour's Lutheran of Holway

Anniversary Dinner

Sunday, October 13, 2024



Centennial Community Center
Stetsonville, WI.



Serving 10:30 am - NOON or while supplies last

5-11 yrs. \$7.00, 12+ \$12.00

Children 4 years & under - Free

Carry Outs Available. Call or text Amie @ 715-965-5956 by 5 PM 10/12

** Open to the entire community, please join us!**

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

Country Store Basket Raffle* Bake Sale

need not be present to win

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

December 8

We will be having a Christmas Pageant this year. It will be held Sunday, December 8, at St. Paul's as a joint service with Our Saviour's. That Sunday, there will be a short church service, the pageant, and then a potluck to follow.

If you are interested in being a part of the pageant, please contact Dawn Harder at dawnharder65@gmail.com or text her at 715-965-1487.

Merry Christmas!

Dawn Kasper-Harder



God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Genesis 1:29-31

If you are raking leaves under a tree that has bright yellow, sharply lobed leaves with deep notches, it is likely that you are near a Silver Maple which is also sometimes called a Soft Maple, Water Maple, or White Maple. This is one of the most common shade trees in many communities.

Heavenly Father: When you created your world you saw that it was good. Thank you for letting us see the wonderful ways in which plants and animals use your creation. Help us to care for it wisely. Amen. @Dr. Hildegard Kuse and Dr. Loretta Kuse

OCTOBER 2024 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

DATE	MESSAGE	LITURGIST	COMMUNION SETUP	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	USHER
October 6	Barb Krug	Gail Heurung		Dawn Harder Marguerite Jochimsen ?	Saige Fettes	Carmyn Alexander
October 13	Bob Giese	Tony Schumacher	Jo Cypher	Jo Cypher Alise Shore Jeremy Sperl	Kyra Scheithauer	Trista Shore
October 20	Val Bach	Dave Hruby		Dave Hruby Tina Machon ?	Savanna Brunner	Owen Machon
October 27	Nancy Amacher	Sally Lemke		Sally Lemke ? ?	Austin Faber	Crandel Harder

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2024

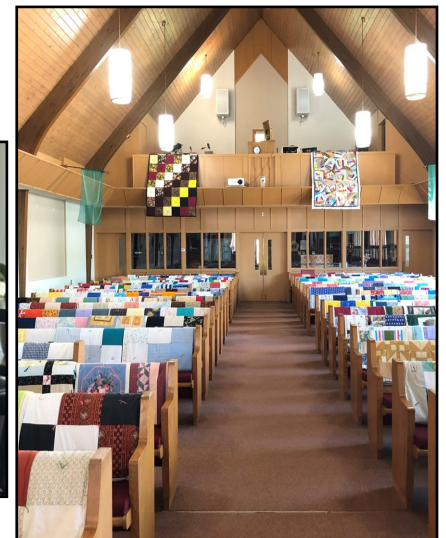
BIRTHDAY				ANNIVERSARIES	
October 2	Braelyn Anderson	October 17	Wyatt Born	October 1	Karyn & Bradley Gebert
October 3	Colt Sackmann		Ryan Brandner		Michelle & Troy Hoffman
	Jason Steliga	October 18	Connie Riggle	October 3	Pat & Lee Paustenbach
October 4	Lauryn Anderson		Hayden Koester	October 4	Betty & Terry Holbach
	Tyler Ludwig	October 20	Casey Rodman	October 5	Kathy & Mark Perrin
October 5	Shakira Brockhaus		Katie Brehm		Tiffany & Jeff Nuernberger
	Lucas Ortengren		Karli Higgins	October 6	Juli & Larry Johnson
	Kyle Ranum		Jordan Lavin	October 10	Sarah & James Imbach
October 6	Lennon Kalmon		Marcy Razink		Sheryl & Bill Riemer
October 7	Emily Lybert	October 21	Justin Zirngible	October 11	Sue & Kenneth Kraus
October 8	Clara Krawczyk	October 22	Benjamin Meier	October 12	Kim & Leon Gasek
October 9	Dean Brost	October 23	Jeremy Sperl	October 17	Jenn & Gerald Knippel
	Katie Lybert		Nicole Poetzl	October 21	Sherry & Mark Born
October 10	Kathy Hackbarth	October 25	Myla Reisdorf		Stacy & Clint Doriot
	Wayne Miller	October 26	Amy Melvin		Tori & Jacob Borman
	Lisa Walworth	October 27	Duane Glamann	October 22	Sue & Dan Thiede
October 11	Bradley Gebert	October 30	Noah Waldhart	October 26	Lisa & Jim Gilles
October 12	Gerald Knippel		Gary Gehrke		
	Ryan Perrin		Jim Gilles		
October 13	Otto Ranum		Carly Mildbrand		
October 14	Nicholas Steliga		Matthew Sislo		
	Shannon Williams	October 31	Hannah Tabbert		
October 15	Kimberly Emmerich		Sigrid Czerniak		
			Brian Doberstein		
			Scott Scheithauer		
			Scott Woller		

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



BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

Sunday, September 22, 2024



Needles for Needs Quilters

Tonya Albers
 Patty Ecklund
 Rita Emmerich
 Chris Finkler
 Wanda Gustafson (d. 2024)

Pat Hov
 Jerry Ann Maldonis
 Patsy Paustenbach
 Connie Riggle
 Susie Shattuck
 Dorothy Smith

Comfort Quilts Quilters

Sue Draeger
 Kim Gasek
 Chris Konieczny

**Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 11, 2024**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Val Bach. Members present were Leon Gasek, Tony Schumacher, Val Bach, Marie Koerner, Kathy Hackbarth, Carrie Zirngible, Dave Hruby, Heidi Haynes and Gail Heurung. Dan Higgins was unable to attend. Guests were Nancy Jones and Barb Krug. SAM Barb led the group in an opening prayer.

There was not a quorum last month, so action was taken on the reports for two months. A motion to approve the agendas was made by Marie, seconded by Tony. Motion carried. A motion to approve the July 10 and August 14 meeting minutes was made by Kathy, seconded by Heidi. Motion carried.

There was a discussion regarding the contributions being down. We need to make the effort to inform the congregation that even though it looks like we are financially fit right now...they need to realize that we are not currently paying a Pastor. We need to remember the importance of being able to show prospective Pastors that we are able to support them. Leon agreed to speak to the Congregation in the upcoming weeks regarding the importance of financial support even though our expenses are down, and speak to the fact that our mortgage has been greatly reduced due to a generous donation from an anonymous member. This donation will cease upon the mortgage ending. A motion to accept the July Treasurer's report by Dave, seconded by Carrie, motion carried. A motion to accept the August Treasurer's report by Gail, seconded by Marie, motion carried. Financial Secretary had nothing new to report.

Barb gave her SAM report and informed the group about the Breaking Chains concert being lined up at the Holway Town Hall. More information to come.

Worship team had no new information.

Sunday cShool off to a good start with 20+ children registered. Are looking for more staff to assist the ones we have so far.

Confirmation started tonight. 14 are registered...there are several more 7th graders that are eligible to attend.

Next joint service is set for September 29.

The next Joint Council meeting is set for September 23.

Justin will be holding the Quilter Picnic on September 24, at noon.

Some of the work will be done on the flower bed on the east side of the church...so it will be ready in spring.

Joint newsletters were discussed. Motion by Gail, seconded by Kathy to move forward with a joint newsletter – pending Our Saviour's agreement. This will give enough for the mailing permit and save some money.

The current benevolence payment was discussed. Motion by Marie, seconded by Tony to make the current planned payment of \$1250 and to plan to look at other contribution options for the end of the year. Motion carried.

No further business to discuss. Motion by Gail, seconded by Kathy to adjourn, motion carried.

The council adjourned at 6:43 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Next council meeting is set for October 9, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Heurung, Secretary

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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

	2024		2023		YTD % of Change
	August	YTD	August	YTD	
General Giving	7,877	74,170	8,280	81,506	-9.0%
Mortgage Giving	1,270	12,524	1,515	15,835	-20.9%
Total Giving	9,147	86,694	9,795	97,341	-10.9%
General Expenses	3,870	61,527	4,349	49,917	23.3%
Mortgage Expense	2,782	22,256	2,782	22,256	0.0%
Total Expenses	6,652	83,783	7,131	72,173	16.1%
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$2,495	\$2,911	\$2,664	\$25,168	
Designated Giving	3,097	34,280	5,378	125,286	-72.6%
Designated Expenses	3,512	64,748	3,565	102,520	-36.8%
Net Designated Income	(415)	(30,468)	1,812	22,766	
Interest Income	\$157	1,156		-	
Net Combined Income (Deficit)	\$2,236	(\$26,401)	\$4,476	\$47,935	

Bank Accounts - As of:	8/31/24	YTD Change	Comments
<u>Fund in SPOS Joint Checking</u>	\$1,000	\$1,000	
<u>General Checking</u>	\$159,050	\$2,659	\$137,990
<u>Designated Funds in Checking</u>		\$0	
Building Maintenance	0	(\$31,176)	37,678
Comfort Quilts	726	\$0	516
Community Benevolence Fund	116	\$0	
Designated Memorials	4,953	\$0	3,298
Fair Trade Sales	566	\$279	673
Mortgage Fund	0	\$0	0
Thrivent Choice	1,151	\$819	332
Mobile Food Pantry	9,114	(\$282)	5,828
Sunday School	912	(\$165)	1,102
Youth Group	11,506	\$58	11,407
<u>Total Funds in Checking</u>	\$189,095	(\$26,808)	\$198,825
<u>Other Accounts</u>			
Events/Fund Raiser Acct	3,349	(678)	3,330
Needles for Needs Acct	880	(1,838)	1,788
Scrip Acct	4,790	(3,836)	6,265
<u>Total Other Accounts</u>	\$9,018	-\$6,353	\$11,383
<u>Total - All Accounts</u>	\$198,113	-\$33,161	\$210,209
Mortgage Balance	\$17,244	-\$39,661	\$85,563

**The noisy offering collected on Sunday, September 8,
raised \$307.82 for Community Mission With Jesus.**

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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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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
Our Saviour's	8:00 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, December 8,**



Please read the prayer list in the weekly service. If there is someone that needs to be added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at **715-748-4909** or send an email to: **stpaulslutheranmedford@gmail.com**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs 6:00 -7:30 p.m. Girl Scouts	2 4:00 p.m. Confirmation	3	4 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	5 Women's Fall Retreat—Faith Lutheran, Marshfield
6 9:15 a.m. Worship / Communion / Sunday School Confirmation Skit	7	8 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs	9 4:00 p.m. Confirmation 6:00 p.m. Church Council	10	11 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	12
13 Bible Sunday 8:00 a.m. Choir 9:15 a.m. Worship / Communion / Sunday School	14	15 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs 6:00 -7:30 p.m. Girl Scouts	16 11:15 a.m. Ladies Lunch Bunch No Confirmation	17 1:00-5:00 p.m. Mobile Food Pantry	18 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	19
20 9:15 a.m. Worship / Communion Sunday School	21 Newsletter deadline	22 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs	23 4:00 p.m. Confirmation	24	25 6:00 p.m. AA Meeting	26
27 Reformation 8:00 a.m. Choir 9:15 a.m. Worship / Communion / Sunday School 6:00 p.m. Suicide Support Group	28	29 9:00 a.m. Needles for Needs	30 4:00 p.m. Confirmation	31		

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