



Our Journey

August 2026

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Forty years. The Israelites wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. It rained for 40 days and 40 nights after Noah got the ark built. Anytime you see the number 40, it means a really long, long time. 40 years ago on August 24, I was ordained as a pastor. It should seem like a lifetime ago, but it doesn't. It seems like yesterday.

I remember how absolutely terrified I was in getting ordained and accepting my call as pastor of 'Youth, Young Adults and Leisure'. (No, I didn't have to wear a leisure suit!). But I wondered why

in the world God thought to use me to be a minister. Me. And then to send me 11 hours away from the man that I fell in love with that lived in North Dakota. I was thinking more and more that the offer to interview in Fargo was sounding better and better. That was only one hour away from Steve. But then Bishop Peter Rogness called me up and said that if I only worked three years with Pastor Bob Anderson who was the senior pastor at St. Mary's Lutheran in Kenosha, it would be worth it. And so I came to Kenosha. Scared. Wondering what in the world would lie ahead. Hoping against hope that I didn't mess things up. But trusting the Lord that this was right. (And thinking that after 3 years I could move up to North Dakota and get a call there.)

Forty years later. These years have flown by. When I look at the video from 40 years ago, knowing how anxious and scared, I wish I could tell myself it would be okay. Simply trust the Lord. What I didn't know then was how much I have loved sharing the ministry of Jesus. What I didn't know then was all those sacred times that people shared the greatest joys of their lives but also their deepest pain and grief. What I didn't know then was how much I love the people of God. And what I didn't know then was that even when ministry was difficult or painful, when I felt I had failed, the Lord was there. In ways that I could never imagine.



I know that Steve, John and I all feel so blessed that we are at St. Paul's. This is such an amazing congregation doing the work of the Lord together. I am so thankful for all those who have mentored me and helped to show me the way. I am so thankful for all who have shared their greatest joys and deepest sorrows with me. I am so thankful for our Lord who has guided, directed and shown me that the family of God is pretty amazing.

Forty years. Thank you, Lord, and thank you to all of you. Amen

Pastor Cindy +

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St. Paul's Mission Statement:
Go in peace, devoted to faith, hope and love.



Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Recap of the July 2 meeting:

June minutes were approved at the July council meeting. July minutes will be approved at the August meeting.

Pastor reported she and family enjoyed their vacation. She also reported Maggie's office is looking great with a coat of fresh paint and some organizing.

Christian Ed reported Intergenerational Bible School is July 14 and 28.

Outreach Committee reported the AI presentation by Heather Miles is going to be repeated at noon on July 28. This committee is working on updating the brochure on ministries available. There are 17 ministries within Outreach.

Stewardship reported they are working on the theme for the upcoming campaign.

Property reported quotes are being gathered from Milaegers and Grow Rite for landscaping around the building. Parking lot will be re-sealed and re-striped on July 20 and 21. The quote is in from Carpets Plus for new flooring in Fellowship Hall/ Sunday School supply closet/Janitor closet/Oechler Room in the amount of \$29,045. This would be glued to existing flooring and have a ten year warranty. Motion was seconded and carried. Additionally a motion was made and approved to remove the partitions from Fellowship Hall. Congregational meeting to be held July 19 for flooring approval.

Planning is moving forward to celebrate Pastor Cindy's 40th Ordination Anniversary.

Planning continues to move along for National Night Out.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Complete council minutes are available in the church office in the binder on the counter.

Church Council Members

President/Worship and Music

Ken Wiele, 262-331-3344

Vice President/Memorials

Marilyn Jensen, 262-445-0809

Secretary/Staff Support

Dawn Burford, 262-771-6542

Treasurer/Finance

Lyn Stevens, 262-909-3833

Christian Ed

Megan Ernst, 262-960-5755

Property

Dean Knutson, 262-914-5772

Multi-Media

Cathy Mossman, 262-652-6891

Evangelism

Judy Jankiewicz, 262-705-3977

Stewardship

Jim Janda, 262-948-1792

Outreach

Janet Hogan, 262-652-9415



Operating Update

June Monthly Income \$ 32,704

June Monthly Expenses \$ 23,059

YTD Income \$223,994

YTD Expenses \$211,016

KARING KRAFTERS/CRAFT DAYS

Karing Krafters and Craft Days meetings are being cancelled for July and August. Both will resume in September. The next meeting dates are:

Karing Krafters, September 10, 9:00 a.m. until noon. We meet the second Thursday of every month.

Craft Day, Saturday, September 26, 9:00 a.m. until noon.

Enjoy the summer! See you in September.

BACK PACK AND TEACHER BLESSING

Be sure to bring your back pack and get yourself ready for the new school year to start as the Back Pack and Teacher Blessing will happen on Saturday, August 29 and Sunday, August 30.

Along the Road

I dreamed I walked along the road
And Jesus was leading my way.
Each stepping stone was a guiding light
For a choice of my role to play.

Decisions appeared for me to make -
some seemed so right - others wrong.
And as we walked along the road
I could find where I do belong.

One choice was for earthly wealth
And a glamorous role to play.
The other was just a narrow path,
Loving God and my neighbor each day.

He walked with me, and He talked with me,
There was no fear or strife.
My choice was for the narrow path
With Jesus, Lord of my life.

Edna Massimilla

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND MORE

Birthdays

1 Ronald Place
 5 Nancy Peterson
 6 J. R. Buzzell
 Todd Herstedt
 7 Jon Tetting
 8 Nicholas Lund
 Emily Szabo
 9 Karen Thomas
 11 Robert DeYoung
 12 Galina Ginkowski
 13 Paula Pearson
 17 Chase Krisor
 Lukus Verbeten
 19 Gail Milne
 Briana Talbert
 22 Duane Schmidt
 23 Joshua Specht
 24 Allison Holzer
 25 Alicia Harris
 Barbara Talbert
 26 Megan Holzer
 Diane Krueger
 27 Janet Hogan
 30 Darlene Specht

18

21 Alexis Schaefer
 Ron Schaefer

Anniversaries

2 Greg & Dawn Burford
 3 Kay & Ted Aicher
 Gordon & Patricia Johnson
 5 Linda & Jim Lemke
 6 Bernie & Debra Vash
 Dan & Catherine Mossman
 7 Greg & Teresa Wolf
 Karen Ginter & Karen Richie
 8 Jeremy & Karyn Johnson
 9 Dean & Marilyn Jensen
 12 Kurt & Terri Wruck
 Heidi & Joseph Malsack
 14 Daniel & Sara Chatterton
 15 Russ & Paula Pearson
 21 Bruce & Cheryl Hannah
 27 Brian & Bert Felland
 30 John & Nancy Slye

Worship Schedule

5:00 p.m. Saturday
 Worship with Coffee and
 Fellowship after service

9:00 a.m. Sunday
 Worship with Coffee and
 Fellowship after service

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Pastor's Hours:
 8:00 a.m./Noon
 Monday thru Thursday

Secretary's Office:
 8:00 a.m./Noon
 Monday thru Thursday

Please notify the church
 office:

- When you or a loved one has entered the hospital. The hospitals do not always contact us.
- When you move or have a change in telephone number or email address.

New Members

Ron, Alexis, Colson,
 Graham Schaefer
 8980 – 32 Avenue
 Kenosha 53142

Change of Address

Christine and Kevin
 Mifflin
 1550 Ferndale Place
 Three Lakes, WI
 54562-9060
 Cmifflin64@ gmail.com

Baptized

On Sunday, July
 19:
 Graham Schaefer,
 infant son of Ron and
 Alexis, and brother to
 Colson.
 Sponsors for Graham
 are Jenna Peet, Corrie
 Aldridge, Lindsay
 Schaefer.



PASTOR CINDY
Ordination
40th Anniversary

POTLUCK

SUNDAY ONLY -
AUGUST 23

Name _____

Number attending potluck _____

What can you bring:

Side Dish _____

Salad _____

Entrée _____

IF YOU'D LIKE TO LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR PASTOR CINDY, SEE BELOW. ONCE YOU'VE COMPLETED YOUR MESSAGE, BRING IT TO CHURCH AND PLACE IN THE BOX IN THE NARTHEX

ORDINATION

40TH ANNIVERSARY MESSAGE

Dear friends, family, and beloved members of our St. Paul's church community,

We would like to let everyone know that we are putting together a **memory album keepsake** for Pastor Cindy to present to her as a gift during the **40th anniversary celebration of her ordination**.

We would love to invite you to be part of this special tribute.

Pastor Cindy has a gift for making each person feel seen, valued, and loved. Whether through a handshake at the church door, a late-night hospital visit, or a quiet prayer whispered over someone's burden, she has been there.

As we prepare this memory album, we invite you to help us fill it with your reflections, memories, photos, cards, notes of gratitude, or any special words you would like to share. Your contribution will help create a lasting keepsake that reflects the love and appreciation our congregation holds for Pastor Cindy.

Please submit your memories by August 20, 2026 so we can include them in the album in time for the celebration.

A box will be in the Narthex to deposit these messages. As some may be very personal please know that the committee will NOT be reading these but simply putting them in sleeves and in the book for Pastor Cindy to read at her leisure. This will not be on display.



LUTHER'S LUNCH BOX
CARTHAGE COLLEGE CAMPUS MINISTRY
SNACK DRIVE
AUGUST 1st THRU 16TH

We are collecting Healthy Non-perishable Snacks for Carthage College's

Luther's Lunch Box, which is part of campus ministry.

REQUESTING: granola bars, fruit cups (non-refrigerated),

and peanut butter/cheese filled crackers.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!



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PRESENTS:

INTERACTIONS OF PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND COMMONLY USED SUPPLEMENTS

By *Good Value Pharmacy* Pharmacist

Thursday, September 17, 2026

NOON TO 2 PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

The use of non-prescription dietary supplements is common to most of us. However, simultaneous use of certain supplements and prescription medications can be potentially dangerous. Come join us and learn if the supplements you are taking could potentially interact with your prescription medications. Additionally, learn about PACT medication dispensing system.

Lunch provided (soup and fruit): 12 – 12:30

Presentation and Q & A: 12:30 – 2:00

Registration required; please register on the sign-up sheet on St. Paul's bulletin board or by calling Olga in St. Paul's office.

All are welcome. Program is freely open to everyone. This presentation is being offered again because lack of restrooms in May (sewers were being worked on) limited the number of people who were able to attend.



A JOURNEY THROUGH GERMANY 2027

WITH ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH KENOSHA, WI

September 7-16, 2027

STEP INTO THE HEART OF GERMANY ON THIS UNFORGETTABLE JOURNEY THROUGH THE LAND OF MARTIN LUTHER.

Discover the rich heritage of the Lutheran Reformation while exploring the culture, history, and traditions that make Germany truly unique. From an immersive food tour through the vibrant streets of Berlin to a guided tour of historic Frankfurt, each day offers new experiences and deeper connections to this remarkable country. Come see the places that shaped history, savor authentic German flavors, and experience the beauty and spirit of Germany for yourself.

HOSTED BY: PASTOR CINDY AASEN OF ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Tour Highlights:

- ✳ Journey through Germany's most historic Reformation sites.
- ✳ Explore iconic cities including Frankfurt, Mainz, Leipzig, Berlin, and Potsdam.
- ✳ Visit legendary landmarks like Wartburg Castle, Brandenburg Gate, & Sanssouci Palace.
- ✳ Enjoy authentic German cuisine, rich history, & unforgettable cultural experiences.

and so much more!



**A 10 DAY TOUR
STARTING AT
\$5499/ PERSON**

To Register:

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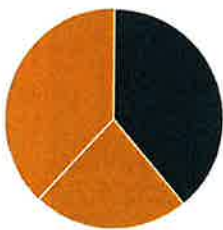
MISSION SUPPORT: WHAT DOES MY OFFERING DO?

Greater Milwaukee Synod

Every week, Lutherans across the country gather to worship. Many of us give to our congregation as part of this experience. ELCA members give about \$1.6 billion annually as regular offerings to ELCA congregations and worshipping communities. When you give your offering, most of it stays with your congregation to fund its vital work. A portion — about 5%, on average — becomes Mission Support, given by your congregation to your synod. In FY2025 the Greater Milwaukee Synod shared \$595,168 in Mission Support for ELCA churchwide ministries. Because of Mission Support, our hands can do God's work in more places than any one person or congregation could alone. Together we experience the way of Jesus; discover community, justice and love; and help more people experience the difference God's grace and love in Christ make for all people and creation.



Your **MISSION SUPPORT** funds a variety of churchwide ministries.

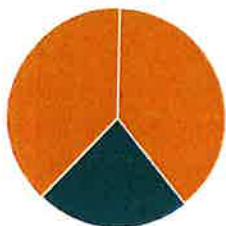


38% BUILDS CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES in the United States by enabling us to:

Thank you for \$226,164 from the Greater Milwaukee Synod for these ministries!

- Plant and support hundreds of worshipping communities.
- Revitalize congregational ministries and reach out to their surrounding communities.
- Promote leadership opportunities, discernment and education through leadership initiatives.
- Support the work of seven ELCA seminaries and 27 ELCA colleges and universities.
- Host events and leadership opportunities for youth and young adults.
- Support regional work through directors for evangelical mission as well as candidacy and leadership managers.

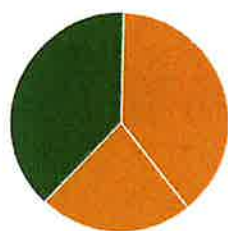




Another **23% GROWS THE GLOBAL LUTHERAN CHURCH** and addresses issues around the world, enabling us to:

Thank you for \$136,889 from the Greater Milwaukee Synod for these ministries!

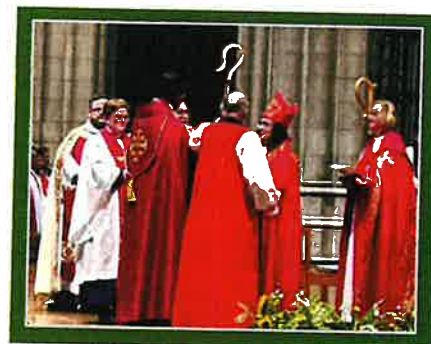
- Accompany new Lutheran churches, expand ministries and train leaders and evangelists.
- Send missionaries to accompany communities around the world.
- Address social inequities and work for justice.
- Cultivate and maintain relationships with 149 other churches through the Lutheran World Federation to strengthen the church and its global work.
- Foster relationships between ELCA synods and 65 companion churches, for a total of 127 official relationships.
- Work with leaders and members of our African-descent, American Indian, Alaska Native, Arab, Middle Eastern, Asian, Pacific Islander and Latiné communities.



Finally, **39% STRENGTHENS AND SUSTAINS THE MINISTRY and MISSION** of the whole church, enabling us to:

Thank you for \$232,116 from the Greater Milwaukee Synod for these ministries!

- Offer ministry resources and opportunities to lay leaders for networking.
- Develop social messages of the ELCA as topical documents to focus attention and action on timely, pressing matters of concern to church and society.
- Sustain ecumenical and interfaith relations.
- Partner with congregations and ministries across the church as they explore new, innovative ways of being church in a constantly changing world.
- Invest in technology and communications.
- Engage in research and strategic planning.
- Create and share resources for faith, discipleship, prayer, stewardship and worship.



Thank you for your ongoing support and faithful partnership! For stories of your impact, visit LivingLutheran.org/SOFIA. To find additional Mission Support resources, visit ELCA.org/SOFIA. Scan the QR code to view the new Mission Support video "What Does My Offering Do?"





Morning of Saturday, September 26

Join all of your friends at the Outreach for Hope 2026 Family Ride Run Walk, and help fundraise \$175K for grants to ministries serving communities experiencing material poverty in the Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA.

FOUR SITE OPTIONS:

Each site offers a **road** (8:30 am) and/or **trail bike ride** (9:30 am) unless otherwise noted, a **5K fun run** and a **walk** (10:30 am), followed by a **picnic** (11:30 am). There are also **fellowship-only participant** and **volunteer** options.

- **Grafton:** Meets at Grace Lutheran Church
- **Kenosha:** Meets at Petrifying Springs Park
- **Milwaukee:** Meets at Washington Park (*no bike rides at this site*)
- **Waukesha:** Meets at Fox River Sanctuary, E. B. Shurts Building

There is **no registration fee** - but we encourage you to donate and/or fundraise towards our \$175K goal! **Every dollar raised supports our Ministry Partners' work** of clothing, feeding and caring for our neighbors in need.

Register + learn more at OFHRRW.org

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SERVING SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2026

1/2

8/9

15/16

22/23

29/30

Assisting Ministers

5:00 p.m.	Heather Miles	John Aasen	Matthew Johnson	Marva Tetting	Heather Miles
9:00 a.m.	Gary Olson	Ron Danielson	Tim Van Berg	Marilyn Jensen	Ron Danielson

Lectors

5:00 p.m.	John Whyte	Heather Miles	Heather Miles	Darlene Specht	
9:00 a.m.	Carla Van Berg	Marie Persinger	Carla Van Berg	Carla Van Berg	Gene Brookhouse

Communion Assistants

5:00 p.m.	Bert Fellend Judy Jankiewicz	Bert Fellend	Rich Miles	Lori Miller Kathy Falcon	
9:00 a.m.	Karen Strangberg Cori Mueller	Karen Strangberg Cori Mueller	Karen Strangberg Ellen Brookhouse	Karen Strangberg Judy Jankiewicz	Linda Smith Ellen Brookhouse

Greeters

5:00 p.m.	Sue Marshall Dee Johnston	John & Steve Aasen		Lori & Jim Miller	
9:00 a.m.	Barb Mason Cori Mueller	Janet & Michael Hogan	Morrey & Kathy LaBelle	Bill & Gina Madrigano Friebus	

Ushers

5:00 p.m.	Dean Knutson	Rich & Heather Miles		Dawn Burford MerriLee Unrath	
9:00 a.m.	David & Cindy Mielke	Jon & Marva Tetting	Dean Knutson	Sandy & Bob Cisler	Morrey & Kathy LaBelle

PowerPoint

5:00 p.m.	Rich Miles		Heather Miles	Marie Persinger	Rich Miles
9:00 a.m.	Marie Persinger	Russ Pearson	Marie Persinger	Russ Pearson	

Video

5:00 p.m.	John Aasen	Dave Glogovsky	Joshua Cook	Joshua Cook	Joshua Cook
9:00 a.m.	John Aasen	John Aasen	John Aasen	John Aasen	John Aasen

Coffee Hour

5:00 p.m.	John & Dorothy Whyte	Heather & Rich Miles	Sue Marshall Dee Johnston	Marilyn Jensen	
9:00 a.m.		Janet & Michael Hogan	Marva & Jon Tetting	Marilyn Jensen	

Counters

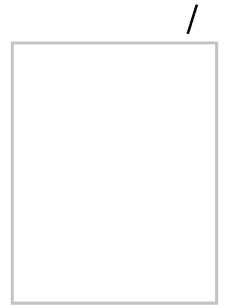
Matt Johnson Kim. Cochran	Lyn Stevens Lori Turner	MerriLee Unrath Dawn Burford	Bob DeYoung Kathy Follak	Pam Mitchell Dean Jensen
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
9:00 a.m. Worship 5pm - Night of Worship @	3pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6pm - Prayer Shawl Group	9am - Finance Committee 9am - Men's Breakfast 10:30am - Staff Meeting 5:30pm - Intergenerational	7pm - Anniversary Ordination	8:30am - Men's Bible Study	OFFICE CLOSED	5pm - Worship
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9:00 a.m. Worship	3pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6:30pm - Properties	National Night Out 9am - Men's Breakfast 10:30am - Staff Meeting		8:30am - Men's Bible Study 6:30pm - Council	OFFICE CLOSED	5pm - Worship
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9:00 a.m. Worship	Machines Come 3pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6pm - Prayer Shawl Group	VOTING 9am - Men's Breakfast 9am - Pastor/Outreach Center 10:30am - Staff Meeting	Machines Go 1pm - Pastor/Anniversary	8:30am - Men's Bible Study 5:30pm - NAMI	OFFICE CLOSED	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 5pm - Worship
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9:00 a.m. Worship	3pm - Prayer Shawl Group 5pm - Worship and Music 6pm - Prayer Shawl Group	9am - Men's Breakfast 10:30am - Staff Meeting 4pm - Christian Ed Team 4:45pm - Evangelism 6pm - Stewardship	5pm - Ladies Night Out	8:30am - Men's Bible Study 6pm - Outreach Committee	OFFICE CLOSED	THIS WEEKEND Pastor/40th 5pm - Worship
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9:00 a.m. Worship THIS WEEKEND Pastor/40th	3pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6pm - Prayer Shawl Group	9am - Men's Breakfast 10:30am - Staff Meeting	3:00 p.m. Thankful Thursday	8:30am - Men's Bible Study 10:15am - Primrose Worship 5:30pm - NAMI	(No title) OFFICE CLOSED	BACK PACK/EDUCATOR 5pm - Worship
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
9:00 a.m. Worship BACK PACK/EDUCATOR	3pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6pm - Prayer Shawl Group	9am - Men's Breakfast 10:30am - Staff Meeting 6:30pm - Properties		8:30am - Men's Bible Study 6:30pm - Council	OFFICE CLOSED 9am - Visual Enhancement	5pm - Worship



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WEATHER-RELATED CANCELLATIONS

of church activities (choirs and committee meetings) will follow
Kenosha Unified school closings.

Announcement will appear on Milwaukee channels NBC and ABC.

Worship services will be a separate decision. Decision will be made by 6:00 a.m., or earlier.

Please call the church office when in doubt for worship closings: 262-694-3101.

Articles or information for the newsletter should be submitted to the church office electronically by the 15th of the month.

(Bulletin deadline is Tuesdays 8:00 a.m.)

The church's e mail address is stplc.office@sbcglobal.net All information may be edited and printed, as space allows.

The home page of our website, www.stpaulskenosha.org, has a link to the current newsletter as well as to the current calendar.