



Our Journey

September 2026

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I am still so overwhelmed by the celebration this weekend in honor of the 40th anniversary of my ordination. I wish I could have gone back and told my scared, worried, and “wet behind the ears” self all those years ago about the incredible people with whom I would have the privilege of sharing ministry throughout these years.

What a celebration! Thank you to Marilyn Jensen and Olga Kowalski for leading the huge committee that did such an amazing job! From the music during the service, to the beautiful balloon arch, the decorations, to the incredible food, to the presence of so many people—and so much more—I have felt so deeply blessed by all of you. I am so deeply grateful to the Lord, that we have been brought together in ministry over the last 40 years.

I find myself returning again to the words of Gerhard Frost:

Yes, Father, it does run over, it really does. The cup, I mean. But God, I didn't know, I couldn't guess how big the cup would be, how much of pain, but more of joy, it someday would contain.

I'm glad today, and thankful for that early blindness. For had I seen what fills it to the brim, I would have spurned the cup. I wouldn't have dared touch cup to lip.

I offer now my tear-stained praise. Amen.

Takk for alt. Thanks for everything!

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.

The July meeting minutes were approved at the August 6 council meeting. August minutes will be approved at the September meeting.

Finance reported that revenue is 41% over forecast and the expenses less the special projects is at 92 % of budget. No investments are up for renewal. The report was approved.

Pastor reported the church is at its best when the members are helping one another through tough times - and there have been many instances of that in our congregation.

A pop up art fair will happen on September 19, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. - members of St. Paul's will have their art on exhibit and for sale.

Christian Ed reported two nights of VBS were completed with a decent attendance at each night. The lessons will carry over to Sunday School.

Outreach is working on a new brochure. This brochure will highlight St. Paul's various ministries and indicate ways for people to get involved.

Stewardship is working on the upcoming campaign.

Properties is working on quotes relative to current and new landscaping plans. The new flooring will be installed beginning August 26, completed in approximately two weeks. A quote for a new electronic sign on 39th Avenue was received. However, no action was taken.

National Night Out had approximately 400 people in attendance. School supplies, 52 baskets, two bikes, and two tri-cycles were given away.

A gift from the Council and the Congregation has been decided upon in recognition of Pastor Cindy's 40th Ordination Anniversary.

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

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Outreach

Janet Hogan, 262-652-9415



Operating Update

July Monthly Income	\$ 31,417
July Monthly Expenses	\$ 37,771
YTD Income	\$ 265,412
YTD Expenses	\$ 249,736



ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL PET BLESSING

This event is held annually at St. Paul's and this year it will be held on Sunday, October 11 at 1:00 p.m.

We do pet blessings for many reasons including to thank God for the joy pets bring, to pray for the health and safety of companion animals, and to honor the memory of St. Francis of Assisi and his love for nature.

The pet blessing is open to dogs, cats, birds reptiles, and other pets. Please be sure your animal is able to be restrained - in a cage, on a leash, however you restrain your animal safely.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Thursday morning Bible Study will resume on September 17th at 10:00 a.m. in the Oechler Room.

This fall's study will be using Adam Hamilton's book, "When Christians Get It Wrong."

Chapters include: When Christians are UnChristian, Science, Politics and Christians, When Speaking of Other Religions, When Bad Things Happen, In Dealing with Homosexuality, God and Public School. We will end the study discussing When Christians Get it Right.

We meet the first and third Thursday of the month. Each session is a little over an hour and each stands by itself. If you cannot make all studies, no problem - come when you can. No one ever has to read aloud or even contribute orally. Each of us discusses as the Spirit moves us or you can just sit and listen.

Books will be available in the church office starting in September. We are always welcoming new members, so give us a try. Any questions contact Merrilee Unrath at mleeu@wi.rr.com, 262-694-7424.

St. Paul's Annual Ladies Advent Tea

Save the date: This event will take place on Saturday, December 5 beginning at 1:00 p.m. Would you like to host a table? Or, would you like to be a guest at a table? Watch the Narthex for sign up sheets - to be a hostess or to be a guest.

PLANTS IN THE BUILDING

Our custodian takes care of watering the plants, so we ask that you NOT water them - even if you feel they need watering. Jim has a regular schedule and will be sure to take care of them. Your help is needed however, in cleaning out dead leaves - feel free to do this anytime you see that it is necessary.

LITTLE LIBRARY

We have a Sharing Library - in the Oechler Room. We have book shelves full of not only books, but DVDs and puzzles. Let's help each other in our faith/life journey. Leave a book, if you think it's worth sharing. Take a book if you think you would benefit. No need to check anything out - just enjoy.

DEVOTION BOOKLETS/NEWSLETTERS

On the table in the Narthex near the office windows you will find a number of devotion booklets, both seasonal and ongoing. Please feel free to take what you need - for yourself, or to share with others.

You also will find the latest newsletter in that same rack - help yourself!

PRAYER SHAWLS AND PRAYER SQUARES

The shawls and squares are always available on the table near the office windows. Take whatever you need, for whoever need. We ask that you please complete basic information of your shawl recipient.

Prayer squares are wonderful - to include in a card - birthday, get well, thinking of you - whatever the occasion. Help yourself.....and many thanks to all who are a piece of this ministry.

That was quite a wonderful Anniversary Celebration of Pastor Cindy's ordination! Forty years of anything is worth celebrating but Forty years of service as a Pastor is Amazing.

There are many people who worked to make this celebration a resounding success! We want to thank you all. Doing a thank you for such an event is intimidating because you do not want to offend anyone by not extending a thank you to everyone involved.....So if you are not included here, do not be offended but give yourself a pat on the back....it was a success because of you.

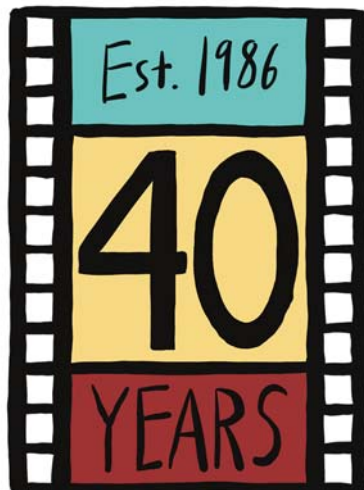
Firstly, thank you Pastor Cindy for being our Shepard. Thanks also to Steve and John, her closest support team. Thanks to Marilyn and Olga for being ring leaders and to the organizing committee (this had to be a huge responsibility and commitment.) Thanks, also, to those who made decorations, setup the environment, those who cleaned up our mess, who ever donated the use of table coverings and napkins.....the unsung workers who made sure the kitchen and meal line were well taken care of, your efforts did not go unnoticed.

A potluck can not happen without donated meals. I have to say I have never seen a potluck with so many fine choices and volume of choices before. It was scrumptious; no body could have left without feeling satisfied. Thank you for your contribution.

The whole service was wonderful. I do not want to leave out the music aspect of the celebration. Maggie, the Brass, the hand bells, the choir and the music selection, all Wonderful! I can't miss recognizing that someone was playing the drums!

It was a wonderful celebration of a wonderful pastor. Thank you to all who had a finger in the pie for it!

Anonymous



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		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
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:00 a.m. Worship	LABOR DAY	12:15/6 The Chosen Secretaries to Breakfast 9am - Men's Breakfast 9am - Pastor/Outreach Center 10:30am - Staff Meeting	Kenosha ELCA Pastors to	8:30am - Men's Bible Study 9am - Karing Krafters 5:30pm - NAMI	OFFICE CLOSED	Dick Brown funeral and 5pm - Worship
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:00 a.m. Worship	3pm - Prayer Shawl Group 5:30pm - Southport Quilters 6pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6:30pm - Choir	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 9am - Men's Breakfast 10:30am - Staff Meeting 11:30am - Hall in Use 5:30pm - Christian Ed Team	6pm - Bells	8:30am - Men's Bible Study 10am - MerriLee's Bible Study 12pm - Lunch and Learn 6pm - Outreach Committee	OFFICE CLOSED Set up for Pop Up Art Fair	9am - Pop Up Art Fair 5pm - Worship
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9:00 a.m. Worship 12pm - Hall in Use	3pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6:30pm - Choir	12:15/6 The Chosen 9am - Men's Breakfast 10:30am - Staff Meeting	3:00 p.m. Thankful Thursday 6pm - Bells	8am - Thankful Thurs. addl. 8:30am - Men's Bible Study 10:15am - Primrose Worship 12:30pm - Thankful Thurs. 5:30pm - NAMI	OFFICE CLOSED	9am - Craft Day 5pm - Worship
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
9:00 a.m. Worship	3pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6:30pm - Choir	9am - Men's Breakfast 10:30am - Staff Meeting	6pm - Bells			

Church Calendar 2026/2027

October 11	1:00 p.m. Pet Blessing
November 26	12:15 p.m. Thanksgiving Worship followed by pie 6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Worship followed by pie
December 24	3:00 p.m. Worship 5:00 p.m. Worship 10:00 p.m. Worship
December 25	9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship
March 27	5:00 p.m. Easter Worship
March 29	9:00 a.m. Easter Worship
May 2	Bike Blessing
August 3	National Night Out

OTHER KEY EVENT DATES

Saturday/Sunday December 12/13	Santa Lucia Weekend
Tuesday, February 9	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday, February 10	Ash Wednesday Worship
Wednesdays in Lent	Soup Lunch
	Midweek Lenten Worship
	Soup Supper
	Midweek Lenten Worship
Thursday, March 25	Maundy Thursday Worship
	Maundy Thursday Worship
Friday, March 26	Good Friday Community ELCA Worship
	Good Friday Tenebrae Worship

SERVING SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER					
	5/6	12/13	19/20	26/27	
Assisting Ministers					
5:00 p.m.	John Aasen	Matthew Johnson	Heather Miles	Matthew Johnson	
9:00 a.m.				Gary Olson	
Lectors					
5:00 p.m.	John Whyte			Rich Miles	
9:00 a.m.	Terry Sorenson	Pam Mitchell	Marie Persinger	Terry Sorenson	
Communion Assistants					
5:00 p.m.	Dawn Burford	Dawn Burford		Rich Miles Crystal Toms	
9:00 a.m.	Pam Hubbard		Pam Mitchell		
Greeters					
5:00 p.m.	Carol LaFayette	Bonnie, Paul, Josh Schulz		Nick/Donna Gorr	
9:00 a.m.	Janet/Michael Hogan				
Ushers					
5:00 p.m.	Nancy Metzger Ruby Glogovsky				
9:00 a.m.			Kathy/Morrey LaBelle		
PowerPoint					
5:00 p.m.			Rich Miles	Heather Miles	
9:00 a.m.	Marie Persinger				
Video					
5:00 p.m.	Dave Glogovsky	Joshua Cook	Matthew Johnson	Joshua Cook	
9:00 a.m.	John Aasen	John Aasen	John Aasen	John Aasen	
Coffee Hour					
5:00 p.m.	NO COFFEE HOUR		Heather/Rich Miles		
9:00 a.m.	NO COFFEE HOUR	Janet/Mike Hogan			
Counters					
	Lyn Stevens Lori Turner	Pam Mitchell Matt Johnson	Bob DeYoung Kathy Follak	MerriLee Unrath Dawn Burford	

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND MORE

Birthdays

3 Clayton Tetting
7 Robert Cisler
9 Naria Ciotti
10 Crystal Toms
13 Gabriella Ciotti
15 Jim Miller
16 James Ballard
Dustin Glenn
17 Chandler Sneesby
18 Nick Gorr
19 Thomas Erickson
20 Michael Holzer
Roger Nelson
21 Tara Kaelber
22 Kay Aicher
Nancy Metzger
Christine Mifflin
23 Deanne Sukus
24 Jim Fulghum
Larry Kreuser
Bonnie Place
25 Bexley Herstedt
Diana Schillinger
26 Nancy Slye
27 Todd Krueger
28 Janet Rendler
29 Michael Trnovec
30 Marilyn Holm
Terri Wruck

27 Colson Schaefer

Anniversaries

2 Shari Krezinski-Werve &
Matt Werve
4 Madisen & Tyler Nitsch
7 Christine & Kevin Mifflin
Emily & Joe Szabo
11 Tom & Patti Ginnow
12 Michael & Janet Hogan
13 Paul & Elizabeth Rugg
17 Roger & Virginia Nelson
18 Sandy & Henry Schmidt
Donna & Jerry Plunkett
21 Dennis & Lynda Eirich
25 Nicole & Tim Harris
26 Sue & Donald Van Besien

New Member

Sue Pergande
1104 Berwick Avenue
Silver Lake, WI
53170
262-889-8631
847-507-9107

New Contact Information

Florence Jensen
3524 Seventh Avenue
Kenosha, WI 53140
262-496-6994

Shari Werve
262-484-7808

Matt Werve
262-287-3330

NO house telephone

Our Sympathy To

The friends and family of:

Richard Brown who passed away on August 7. His funeral will be held on September 12.

Gary Allen who passed away on August 7. Funeral plans are pending.

Beverly Oechler who passed away on August 10. Her funeral was held on August 24.

Ralph Morrison who passed away on August 12. His funeral was held on August 20.

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.



2026 St. Paul's Coat/Hoodie-Sweatshirt Drive

The entire month of September (1st thru 30th) will be our Annual Coat Drive for the benefit of the ELCA Outreach Center. We are collecting **new or “gently” used winter coats**. We are also collecting **new or “gently” used hoodie-sweatshirts**. Please place the coats and hoodie-sweatshirts in the donation box in the Narthex.

Thank you for supporting the **ELCA Outreach Center** with your donations of coats and hoodie-sweatshirts!!!





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



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

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.

To Register:



ST PAUL'S



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.

St. Paul's Pop-up Art Fair

Saturday,
September 19
9 a.m. until 11 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran
8760 37th Ave
Kenosha, WI
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photography, woodworking, carving,
beaded bracelets, ceramics, knitting,
quilting, welding and more!





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Milwaukee WI 53234
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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.

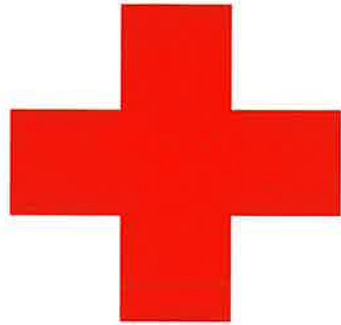
FOUR SITE OPTIONS:

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



American Red Cross

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This event with the Red Cross on July 31 was a great success. We had 29 presenting donors, 4 deferred donors, 18 whole blood donations, 12 Power Red cell donations for a total of 30 donations. The goal the Red Cross set for us was 25 donations, so Red Cross and St. Paul's were thrilled that we met the goal.

There were several donors from St. Paul's - thanks so much to you! Perhaps next time we can have and meet a larger goal.

Again, thanks for helping others in such a great way.



We would like to honor our Veterans at the services on Saturday, November 7 and Sunday, November 8. Please fill out the following form, and return to the church office by Sunday, October 25. IF WE HAVE YOUR INFORMATION FROM OTHER YEARS, it is not necessary to complete this form as we will use that information.

Name _____

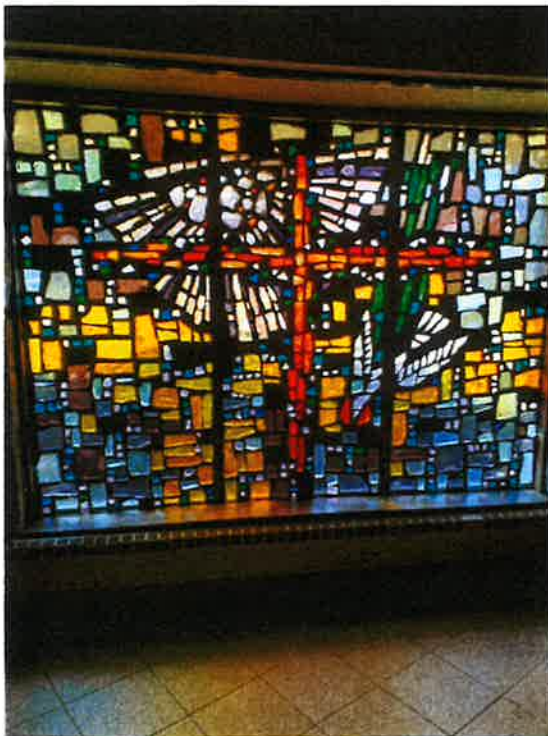
Branch of Service _____

Where did you serve and when _____



ST. PAUL WINDOW

St. Paul is represented by the red sword of faith, turned down in peace instead of upheld for war. The open bible with the words "Spiritus Gladius" (Sword of the Spirit) also represent his new battle for the faith. The red crosses in the surrounding background signify the Seven Churches of Asia to whom he carried Christ's message.



HOLY TRINITY WINDOW

The three persons of the Holy Trinity are represented by a sunburst of light (God the Father,) a cross (God the Son,) and a dove with rays (God the Holy Ghost.)

Both windows contain a golden field of color against a silver background. Gold is symbolic of praise and joy....our thanksgiving for being children of God.



THRIVENT CHOICE® UPDATE

A Stronger Thrivent Choice Experience—Built for Greater Impact

Important program enhancements for enrolled organizations—and action items to ensure your organization is ready.

\$660M+

We've made a BIG impact with Thrivent Choice. Over \$660 Million in grant funding has been sent to enrolled organizations since 2010.

PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS

What's New—and Why It Matters

The Thrivent Choice® program has been upgraded, making it even easier for Thrivent clients with membership to live generously and support organizations like yours.



More members can support you

BEFORE

Select Thrivent members received Choice Dollars®

NOW

All 1.9M members receive Choice Dollars

More members → More Choice Dollars → More impact.
\$1 granted by Thrivent for each Choice Dollar directed.



Members can act sooner

BEFORE

Choice Dollars accrued over time

NOW

Available in full at the start of the year

All 2026 Choice Dollars are available to direct now.
Encourage members to act today.



Intuitive calendar year

BEFORE

Directions due by Mar 31

NOW

Members can direct anytime through Dec 31

Support for your mission when it matters most
— anytime during an intuitive calendar year.



EFT deposit date change

Electronic fund transfers will now be issued on the **10th of the month** (or next business day), instead of the 5th. Please share this with your finance person.

ACTION REQUIRED

Confirm Your Organization's Information

ORG NAME

St Paul Lutheran Church

THRIVENT ID

501980378

EMAIL ON FILE

stpplc.office@sbcglobal.net

BANK ON FILE

JOHNSON BANK
*****0248

Four things to verify now

1

Your catalog listing

Check your organization's description in our Thrivent Choice catalog at [Thrivent.com/organizations](https://thrivent.com/organizations)

2

Your landing page

We've updated our catalog experience. Bookmark your new landing page URL.

3

Email address

Confirm the email shown above is active and monitored. If 'None' is listed, please provide one.

4

Bank account

Verify your account on file for EFT deposits shown above is accurate.



To request updates, complete our form at bit.ly/orgupdateform or scan this QR code.

Something special is coming...

Giving Tuesday · Dec 1, 2026

Thrivent has something exciting planned. Now is the perfect time to ensure donors and members can easily find your organization, and funds can reach you without delay. Details coming soon.

EMAIL AND TEXT SPOOFING AND SCAMS

More and more congregations, and ministries are being targeted by scammers and phishing attacks. These emails or text messages often pretend they are a pastor or bishop and ask for private conversation, or the need to for a favor, or to purchase gift cards.

These attacks are a phishing or spoofing scam. This means that the email account or phone number has probably NOT been hacked. Attackers are using an alternate email address or phone number and contacts found using A.I. software.

This kind of attack is often called CEO Phishing or Business Email Compromise. In 2019, the FBI reported that this is a \$26 billion scam.

HOW TO AVOID OR STOP SCAMS

- 1. Check the email address or phone number that sent the message.** Modern email programs often only display the name as a default and not the email address. The attackers use this to their advantage and create addresses with the real name but use a bogus email address. Often using gmail or yahoo accounts. Text scammers will use area codes that are in the area you are in, claiming it is a new phone number.
- 2. Look for red flags in the tone and grammar of the email or text.** Attackers will want to create a sense of urgency, to prey on your desire to help. They will often claim the bishop or pastor needs something and is in a meeting. Or needs to urgently have a private conversation. These emails will often contain misspellings, strange punctuation, or grammar that is just "off" a bit. Read messages with requests carefully.
- 3. Ask someone.** Have someone else read the message for you to see if they notice anything weird. Call or email the church or synod office to check what the email address or phone number of person actually is.
- 4. Do not purchase gift cards or give out information.** These scams often ask for the purchase of gift cards or want you to provide further information (for more scams). Never share information or make purchases from a text or email request without verifying information.
- 5. Report it.** Report it to the person or leadership, the chances good that if you received a scam email or text, someone else did too. Also report it to the FCC. If you are the victim of a scam, report it to local law enforcement.

HOW IT WORKS



The attackers decide on a target (a congregation, ministry or synod) and does a search for names and email addresses of leadership.



The attackers create email addresses with a convincing name or domain to look similar to that of the leadership.



They then use software to find email addresses or phone numbers associated with their target.



They send emails or texts to the found addresses posing as a pastor or bishop to solicit money or information.

SOME EXAMPLES

These are scam emails and texts

From: Bishoo Paul Erickson <bishoopaulerickson@gmail.com>

To:

Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020, 09:34:34 AM CST

Subject: GREETINGS TO YOU IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

This is not an @gmseica.org email address but a very good fake of an email that could be the bishop's

Hello ! Do you have a moment I have a request I need you to handle discreetly. I am in a meeting no calls so just reply my email .

Notice the punctuation and grammar that is "off"

God bless

Notice the punctuation and grammar that is "off"

Bishop Paul erickson

Greater Milwaukee Synod (ELCA)

Notice the punctuation and grammar that is "off"

This is how one of these fake emails looks in a mail app on a phone, notice that the email address isn't displayed

Bishop Paul Erickson

5:10 PM

Hi Brian, I need a favor from you. Text me back as soon as you get my message. -Pastor

This is a scam text. Notice the sense of urgency. This text came from an unknown number.

RESOURCES

- [From the FBI: Business Email Compromise](#)
- [From the FBI: Gift Card Scams](#)
- [From the ELCA: Tips for Computer and Internet Security](#)
- [From the ELCA: Information Security Webinar](#)
- [Security Awareness: Article about messaging attacks](#)
- [Blog post with more examples of phishing attacks](#)

REPORT SCAMS

- [Report spoofed or fake gmail addresses to Google](#)
- [File a complaint to the FCC](#)
- If you are a victim of one of these scams contact local law enforcement and file a claim with the [FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center](#)

With thanks to Bishop Amy Current and the Southeastern Iowa Synod for permission to use and edit for the Greater Milwaukee Synod.

Our Synod's Shared Generosity & Impact in 2025

We thank you for your generosity and support!

General Mission Support

In fiscal year 2025 (2/1/25-1/31/26),
Congregations in our synod shared

\$1,487,921

in Mission Support!

40% or \$595,169

was shared with ELCA Churchwide ministries

- \$88,915 shared w/Lutheran Campus Ministry
- \$18,772 shared with GMS ministries
- \$56,964 was shared with partner ministries

Designated Support (gifts and grants)

Meru Diocese in Tanzania Partner Ministry	\$208,764
El Salvador Partner Ministry	\$195,336
The Table Worshipping Community	\$195,080
GMS Endowment/Urban Internship Fund	\$86,789
Lutheran Church of the Great Spirit	\$78,925
Equipping the Saints Mission Appeal	\$70,274
GMS Flood/Disaster Relief	\$64,880
ELCA World Hunger & Lutheran World Relief	\$58,840
Mission Partner Churches	\$53,710
ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response	\$34,661
Equipping the Saints - Annual Fund	\$29,150
Breaking the Chains Church	\$25,755
ELCA Missionaries & Good Gifts	\$21,429
Lutheran Camps	\$20,873
Be Still Ministry	\$19,439
Wild Church	\$16,612
Outreach for Hope	\$13,770
Latino Ministry Fund	\$11,177
Lutheran Social Services	\$9,693
Lutheran Campus Ministry	\$8,713
ELCJHL Church-Jordan/Holy Lnd	\$7,107
Tosa Cares	\$3,681
ELCA Lutheran Seminaries	\$3,177
Authentic Diversity	\$2,689

Other Giving \$153,241 *

Total \$1,393,766

* Includes other small funds not listed here. Does not include funds sent by congregations directly to ministries or to the ELCA Churchwide Organization.



Grants \$232,509
Food Drive \$21,676
Coat Drive \$6,069
Emergency \$4,344

Mission support dollars and special gifts provide support for our Synod Authorized Worshipping Communities and Synod Authorized Outreach Ministries. Our newest Outreach Ministry is Milwaukee Wild Church, a nature spirituality community led by the Rev. Larry Harpster. Your mission support dollars continue to support Be Still, a coffee shop ministry led by Tracy Gingrass. Mission support dollars also enable strategic congregations to serve their neighborhoods. Strategic congregations include All Peoples Gathering Lutheran Church, Cross Lutheran, Hephatha Lutheran, and Lutheran Church of the Great Spirit.

Equipping the Saints Annual Fund

Launched in the autumn of 2025, the Equipping the Saints Annual Fund (ETS) invites individuals to share generously with the Greater Milwaukee Synod in three vital ministry areas: Authentic Diversity, Outreach for Hope, and Lutheran Campus Ministries. ETS funds are above and beyond a congregation's mission support.



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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.