



Our Journey

March 2026

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When I was a canoe guide up in the Boundary Waters in northern Minnesota, we would take groups out into the wilderness for a week at a time. For many of the youth and adults, it was the first time that they were really out in the wilderness. No running water. No flush toilets. No televisions or radios or phones or watches.

One of my favorite times of all was doing an afternoon of solitude. I would take all the members of the group out to different places (but where I could see everyone from a certain vantage point) and leave them there for the afternoon. That time of complete solitude was very powerful. I encouraged people to take time to think, to pray, to reflect on their lives. To listen for God speaking to them.

When we would gather again we would gather around the campfire to talk about that time of solitude. Many talked about how frightening it was at first to be all alone. But as the time would go on, they would realize that they were not alone. That the Lord was with them. Some talked about how they never had taken that time to be still and listen to God. And when they were no longer frightened, no longer running (either physically or emotionally) they encountered God. They listened.

The journey of Lent is often that time of being in the wilderness. The trick for me is to be away from all the distractions and busyness of life. To take time to stop, be still and listen to God.

May this time of Lent be a time when you will take time to be still and listen. For we are not alone. No matter what you are facing, no matter what you are going through. For the Lord is here with you. Right now.

"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

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.

January 7 meeting minutes were approved by Council (at the February 4 meeting.)

It was noted that we continue to take in more receipts than budgeted. The budget for the period 7-1-2024/12-31-2025 shows that we have grown our finances.

Pastor reported Advent season was amazing throughout with decorations, the mural, and the services.

It was noted once again that we need people to sign up to volunteer, and Pastor continues to ask us to use Sign Up Genius. (Any questions, see Pastor.)

Property reported they are in the process of getting a second bid for the sewer repair. They have had the bearings in the air handling room replaced, and there is a noticeable difference in the sound they were making. The heater in the air lock has been replaced.

The February 4 meeting minutes have not yet been approved.

Finance reported we are at 102% of giving.

Pastor reported moving out of Advent and into the busy time of Lent. St. Paul's will host the Community ELCA Good Friday service at noon.

Outreach reported \$1,210.24 was collected for motel vouchers to be used b Kenosha Human Development Services and Immanuel Methodist.

Multi Media reported a few more people were trained to help with video and power point. New track lighting is in the Sanctuary, and there is work going on relative to moving the TV screens.

The 36th Annual Bike Blessing is planned for May 3.

All council meetings adjourn 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

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Judy Jankiewicz, 262-705-3977

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Outreach

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Operating Update

January Monthly Income

\$ 27,640

January Monthly Expenses

\$ 23,931

YTD Income

\$ 27,640

YTD Expenses

\$ 23,931

LADIES LUNCH

It has been decided that, due to conflicts with the Lenten Soup Lunch and with The Chosen Bible Study dates, the Ladies Lunch for March will be held at church as part of St. Paul’s Lenten Soup Lunches. The dates for the Ladies Lunch will be Wednesday, March 25. The time that lunch will be served will be the same as that for everyone else (11:30 a.m.) who attends. We will have specially designated tables for Ladies Lunch. All ladies of the church are invited to join.

CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY

On March 21, Properties Committee invites all to join in on Church Clean Up Day. All abilities are welcome – there is some kind of work for everyone!

The plan is to begin at 9:00 a.m., rain or shine, and go for as long as folks are available. The success of this day is limited only by the number of people that attend.

Please join in on March 21 - not only to help beautify St. Paul’s (for the Easter season,) but also to enjoy fellowship with members of your St. Paul’s family.

EASTER GARDEN

To order a flower for our Easter Garden, please fill out the information below as you wish it to appear in the Easter bulletin. The cost is \$12 payable to St. Paul’s. Payment must accompany order form, and should be left in the church office no later than March 15, 2026.

Name of Giver(s) _____

Dedication in Memory of _____

Dedication in Honor of _____

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Upcoming dates and projects - materials and instruction will be provided:

3-12	Rag quilts
4-9	Fleece mittens

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. Thanks.

PRAYER SHAWLS AND PRAYER SQUARES

Just a reminder - prayer shawls are available in the Narthex, under the table near the office windows. Anyone may take what is needed, for whoever they feel would benefit from the shawls. The only request we have is that you fill out the information on the clipboard, near the shawls.

Prayer Squares are also available, on the top of that same table in the Narthex. These are very nice to give to someone you are thinking of - perhaps to include in a card - birthday, get well, thinking of you.....

Many thanks to all the folks who are a piece of this ministry. Everyone who has benefited from your ministry has been so thankful and blessed.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 a.m. Worship	2 10:30am - Staff Meeting 3pm - Prayer Shawl Group 5:30pm - Southport Quilters 6pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6:30pm - Choir	3 9am - Men's Breakfast	4 11:30am - Soup Lunch 12:15pm - Worship 5pm - Soup Supper 6pm - Worship 6:30pm - Bells	5 8:30am - Men's Bible Study 10am - Bible Study 5pm - Hall in use	6 OFFICE CLOSED	7 9am - Craft Day 5pm - Worship
8 9:00 a.m. Worship 10am - Sunday School	9 10:30am - Staff Meeting 3pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6:30pm - Choir	10 12:15 6:00 p.m. Chosen 8am - ELCA Secretaries to 9am - Men's Breakfast 9am - Outreach Center Bible	11 11:30am - Soup Lunch 12:15pm - Worship 5pm - Soup Supper 6pm - Worship 6:30pm - Bells	12 8:30am - Men's Bible Study 9am - Karing Krafters 5:30pm - NAMI	13 OFFICE CLOSED	14 5pm - Worship
15 9:00 a.m. Worship NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16 10:30am - Staff Meeting 3pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6:30pm - Choir	17 9am - Men's Breakfast 4:45pm - Evangelism 5:30pm - Christian Ed Team 7pm - Multi Media	18 11:30am - Soup Lunch 12:15pm - Worship 5pm - Soup Supper 6pm - Worship 6:30pm - Bells	19 8:30am - Men's Bible Study 10am - Bible Study	20 OFFICE CLOSED	21 9am - Church Clean Up Day 5pm - Worship
22 9:00 a.m. Worship 10am - Sunday School	23 10:30am - Staff Meeting 3pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6:30pm - Choir	24 12:15 6:00 p.m. Chosen 3:00 p.m. Thankful Thurs. 9am - Men's Breakfast	25 11:30am - Soup Lunch 12:15pm - Worship 5pm - Soup Supper 6pm - Worship 6:30pm - Bells	26 8am - Thankful Thurs. addl. 8:30am - Men's Bible Study 10:15am - Primrose Worship 12:30pm - Thankful Thurs. 5:30pm - NAMI	27 OFFICE CLOSED 9am - Visual Enhancement	28 5pm - Worship
29 9:00 a.m. Worship	30 9am - Visual Enhancement 10:30am - Staff Meeting 3pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6pm - Prayer Shawl Group 6:30pm - Choir	31 9am - Men's Breakfast	1 6pm - Bells	2 MAUNDY THURSDAY 8:30am - Men's Bible Study 9am - Visual Enhancement 12:15pm - 6:00 pm Worship	3 GOOD FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED 12pm - Joint ELCA Worship 6pm - Tennebrae Service	4 EASTER 9am - Visual Enhancement 5pm - Worship

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SERVING SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2026					
	7/8	14/15	21/22	28/29	
Assisting Ministers					
5:00 p.m.	Matthew Johnson	Heather Miles	John Aasen	Matthew Johnson	
9:00 a.m.	Tim Van Berg	Marilyn Jensen	Tim Van Berg	Marilyn Jensen	
Lectors					
5:00 p.m.	John Whyte	John Aasen	Marilyn Jensen	-----	
9:00 a.m.	Carla Van Berg	Eugene Brookhouse	Terry Sorenson	-----	
Communion Assistants					
5:00 p.m.	Kathy Falcon Rich Miles	Bert Felland	Steve Aasen Bert Felland	Steve Aasen	
9:00 a.m.	Linda Smith		Kim Cochran		
Greeters					
5:00 p.m.	Sue, Dee, Isaiah	Heather/Rich Miles	Sue, Dee, Isaiah		
9:00 a.m.	Dave/Cindy Mielke	Gene/Ellen Brookhouse			
Ushers					
5:00 p.m.	Dean/Marilyn Jensen		Dean/Marilyn Jensen		
9:00 a.m.	Dean/Marilyn Jensen	Kim Cochran Dean Jenen	Dean/Marilyn Jensen	Dean Jensen	
PowerPoint					
5:00 p.m.	Heather Miles		Dean Jensen	Heather Miles	
9:00 a.m.					
Video					
5:00 p.m.	Joshua Cook	Matthew Johnson	Joshua Cook		
9:00 a.m.	John Aasen	John Aasen	John Aasen	John Aasen	
Coffee Hour					
5:00 p.m.	John/Dorothy Whyte	Heather/Rich Miles	Aasen Family	Heather/Rich Miles	
9:00 a.m.	Lyn Stevens				
Counters					
	Bob DeYoung Kim Cochran	Lyn Stevens Lori Turner	Matt Johnson Jean Sevey	Pam Mitchell Dean Jensen	

SERVING SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAYS						
	Ash Wednesday	FEB 25	MARCH 4	MARCH 11	MARCH 18	MARCH 25
Assisting Ministers						
12:15	Tim Van Berg	Matt Johnson	Tim Van Berg	Heather Miles	Marilyn Jensen	Marilyn Jensen
6:30	Heather Miles	Marilyn Jensen	Gary Olson			Heather Miles
Lectors						
12:15	Carla Van Berg	Carla Van Berg	Carla Van Berg	Olga		
6:30	Darlene Specht	Heather Miles	Cathy Mossman			
Communion Assistants						
12:15	Pam Hubbard Kathy Falcon					
6:30	Karen Strangberg Gary Olson					
Greeters						
12:15	Andrea/Jim Janda		Pam Whyte		Pam Whyte	
6:30	Isaiah, Dee, Sue	Sue, Isaiah, Dee				
Ushers						
12:15	Dean/Marilyn Jensen	Pam Whyte	Dave/Cindy Mielke	Pam Whyte	Dean Jensen	Pam Whyte
6:30	Dean/Marilyn Jensen	Heather Miles	Dean/Marilyn Jensen			
PowerPoint						
12:15	Matt Werve		Heather Miles		Heather Miles	
6:30	Shari Werve	Dean Jensen		Dean Jensen		Dean Jensen
Video						
12:15	Dave Glogovsky	Dave Glogovsky	Dave Glogovsky	Dave Glogovsky	Dave Glogovsky	Dave Glogovsky
6:30	John Aasen	Joshua Cook	Joshua Cook	Joshua Cook	Joshua Cook	Joshua Cook

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND MORE

Birthdays

- 2** Riley Peterson
Robin Peterson
- 3** Nancy Beilke
- 5** Marvin Kellerman
Samuel Krerowicz
Connie Solberg
- 6** Suzanne Dishno
- 7** Bonnie Schulz
- 9** Jan Fenske
Carol Slovachek
- 10** Bill Friebus
- 11** Jackson Smith
- 13** Russ Pearson
- 14** Marianne Eggert
- 16** Jim Lemke
- 17** Rory Ernst
Ansyia Kimberly Vargas
- 18** Linda Duprey
Kayci Krucas
- 20** Janet Anderson
- 21** Cynthia Aasen
Sue Van Besien
- 24** James Larsen
Jon Mason
- 25** Linda Lemke
- 26** Kenneth Brown
Patti Ginnow
- 27** Elizabeth Rugg
Paul Rugg
- 28** Dianne Wilde
- 29** Karl Erickson
Luke Rathburn
- 31** Tim Harris
Marilyn Jensen
Karen Wiele

Anniversaries

- 24** Robert & Sharon Schiller
- 26** Dustin & Whitney Glenn

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.

Worship Schedule

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

9:00 a.m. Sunday
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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

New Members

Jack and Stef Rhoades
(Jackson and Katherine)
3309 - 13 Place
Kenosha 53144
262-716-6188

Lori and Jim Miller
6112 Springbrook Road
Pl. Prairie 53158
262-694-4174

Our Sympathy To

The family and friends of Kelly Anne O'Hanlon, who passed away on January 1.

The family and friends of Joseph Glogovsky, who passed away on January 26.

The family and friends of Janice Daniels, who passed away on February 10.

Thank You

To all those who made St. Paul's their Thrivent Choice. In 2025 St. Paul's received \$2,544 thru this program. Many thanks!



Holy Week at
 St. Paul's
 8760 37th Ave
 March 28 - April 5

Palm Sunday
 March 28 5:00 p.m.
 March 29 9:00 a.m.



Maundy Thursday
 12:15 p.m.
 6:00 p.m.



Good Friday
 Noon Community Service
 at St. Paul's

Tennebrae
 6:00 p.m.



Easter Services

Saturday
 5:00 p.m.

Sunday
 9:00 a.m.



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I don't know why some people change churches;
what difference does it make which one you stay
home from?

ALL of MARCH 2026

SHARE THE LOVE: PERSONAL CARE ITEMS COLLECTION

For the entire month of March, we will be collecting **Personal Care Items** for the benefit of the ELCA Outreach Center, the Shalom Center and Kenosha Welcome Center.

A suggested list of **Personal Care Items** includes (most needed are in red):

- Soap (hotel size)
- Toothpaste (small tubes)
- Toothbrushes
- Combs / small hairbrushes
- Dental floss
- Mouth wash (travel size)
- Deodorant
- Lotion (Travel size)
- Shampoo / Conditioner (Travel size)
- Razors / Shaving cream
- Band aids (in small snack size bags)
- Safety pins (in small snack size bags)
- Q-tips (in small snack size bags)
- Chapstick and sun screen
- Feminine Hygiene products
- Foot powder
- Small packages of tissues
- Toilet paper
- Small bottles of hand sanitizer
- Antibacterial ointment

Note: Items that the Shalom Center needs for their residence are:

- Boxes of tissues,
- Bottles of body wash, and
- Shampoo (regular size bottles)

Please put **Personal Care Items** in the donation box in the Narthex.
The last weekend (Saturday and Sunday) for donating **Personal Care Items** is **March 28th and 29th** .



Global Mission

"As the ELCA, we work in these contexts, addressing people's lives for the betterment of human living and the flourishing of communities; we work to represent you in the world."

—Chandran Paul Martin,
ELCA Regional Representative for Asia

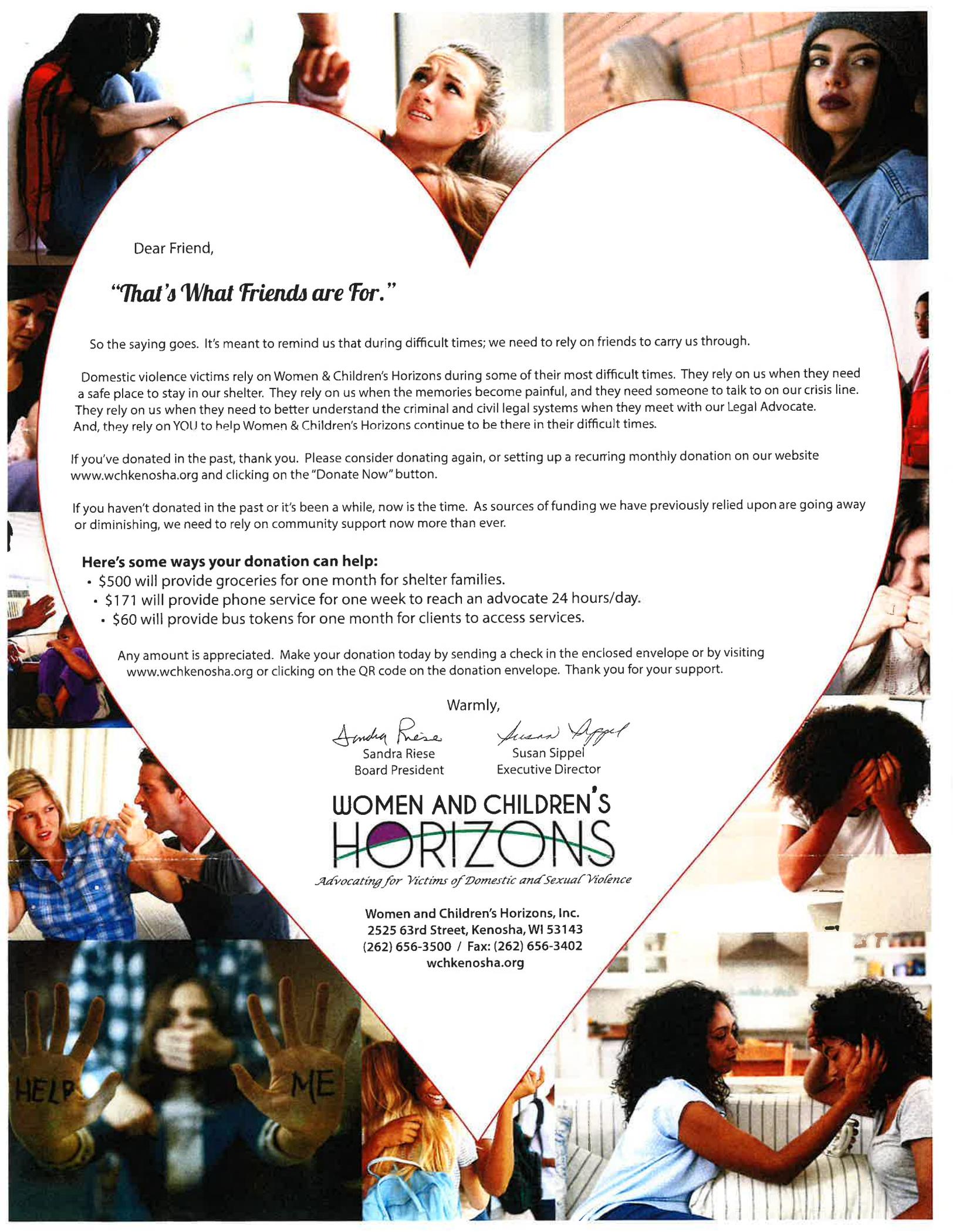
Lutheran Disaster Response

"We thought we were not ever going to be able to use this fellowship hall again. And now it is renewed, and it's so beautiful, and we're hoping now that people will have funeral dinners and wedding receptions here, and we all feel just reenergized now. The donation [from Lutheran Disaster Response] actually brought us to tears when we found out we were going to get it, and you guys got a standing ovation in our church."

—Joann,
Canton Lutheran Church member



In 2024, about a foot of water flooded into the basement fellowship hall of Canton Lutheran Church in Canton, S.D., rendering it unusable. Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response empowered this small congregation to repair the space and restore it as a busy community hub.



Dear Friend,

“That’s What Friends are For.”

So the saying goes. It’s meant to remind us that during difficult times; we need to rely on friends to carry us through.

Domestic violence victims rely on Women & Children’s Horizons during some of their most difficult times. They rely on us when they need a safe place to stay in our shelter. They rely on us when the memories become painful, and they need someone to talk to on our crisis line. They rely on us when they need to better understand the criminal and civil legal systems when they meet with our Legal Advocate. And, they rely on YOU to help Women & Children’s Horizons continue to be there in their difficult times.

If you’ve donated in the past, thank you. Please consider donating again, or setting up a recurring monthly donation on our website www.wchkenosha.org and clicking on the “Donate Now” button.

If you haven’t donated in the past or it’s been a while, now is the time. As sources of funding we have previously relied upon are going away or diminishing, we need to rely on community support now more than ever.

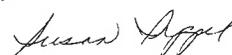
Here’s some ways your donation can help:

- \$500 will provide groceries for one month for shelter families.
- \$171 will provide phone service for one week to reach an advocate 24 hours/day.
- \$60 will provide bus tokens for one month for clients to access services.

Any amount is appreciated. Make your donation today by sending a check in the enclosed envelope or by visiting www.wchkenosha.org or clicking on the QR code on the donation envelope. Thank you for your support.

Warmly,


Sandra Riese
Board President


Susan Sippel
Executive Director

**WOMEN AND CHILDREN’S
HORIZONS**

Advocating for Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence

Women and Children’s Horizons, Inc.
2525 63rd Street, Kenosha, WI 53143
(262) 656-3500 / Fax: (262) 656-3402
wchkenosha.org



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Attendance is limited so register ASAP.



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(If you need to miss a Monday, a viewing of the missed video can be arranged.)

Time: 1 pm - 3 pm

Facilitator: Sue, Parish Nurse

Cost: Free, and includes a workbook

Location: Lord of Life Lutheran Church
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Held in Fellowship Hall

Any questions or to register, contact Nurse Sue at 262-799-4003



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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: Bishop Paul Erickson <bishoppaulerickson@gmail.com>
To: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020, 09:04:34 AM CST
Subject: GREETINGS TO YOU IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

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

Hello [Redacted] ! 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"

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God bless ,

Bishop Paul erickson
Greater Milwaukee Synod (ELCA)

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

Tuesday >

TO [Redacted]

Hello, I need a moment of your time, I have a request and I need you to handle it discreetly. I am currently busy, no calls for now, so just reply by email. Thanks

6:10 PM

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

2 min

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.

ELCA Outreach Center's Summer Camp 2026

Dear Friends,

For more than **25 years**, the **ELCA Outreach Center's Summer Camp** has been a place of joy, growth, and opportunity for children in our community.

Today, that tradition is at risk.

Due to a **\$25,000 reduction** in grant funding, **we face the heartbreaking possibility of canceling our 2026 Summer Camp at Brass Community School.**

Each summer, 60–75 elementary students count on this program.

In partnership with the Kenosha Unified School District, Kenosha Public Library, and the YMCA, we provide a safe, nurturing environment where children build friendships, explore STEM activities, take field trips to places like Hawthorn Hollow and the Racine Zoo, and gain critical water safety skills through YMCA swimming lessons. **For many of these children, camp is the highlight of their year. It encourages summer school attendance, supports academic growth, and gives kids a place where they feel seen, supported, and inspired.**



"I loved everything about camp! I loved the teachers, field trips, and activities we did at Brass!"
-2025 Camper

We cannot let this opportunity disappear.

We are asking our community to help us bridge this \$25,000 gap. A gift of \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500, or any amount will help ensure that Summer Camp continues for the children who depend on it.

Please consider making a donation today below!
Together, we can protect a program that has shaped young lives for two decades — and make sure this summer is filled with learning, laughter and possibility.

With gratitude,
Karl Erickson

Contact Info: summercamp@elcaoutreachcenter.org





8760 37th Avenue
Kenosha, Wisconsin 53142

Address Service Requested



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP TIMES

Maundy Thursday, April 2	12:15 p.m., 6:00 p.m.
Good Friday, April 3	Noon ELCA Community Service, 6:00 p.m. Tennebrae
Easter	Saturday, April 4, 5:00 p.m. Sunday, April 5, 9:00 a.m.

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.