

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church
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2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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Teach us to number our days in such a way that we bring a heart of wisdom. (Psalm 90:12)

It seems like yesterday—OK, maybe a few years ago—that it was Dec. 31, 1999. Kristine and I were watching on TV various countries in the eastern hemisphere, like Japan and Australia, welcoming not just the new year, but the 21st century and a new millennium besides. Now here we are, January of 2026. A whole quarter of the “new” century is behind us! Maybe it’s time I start getting used to the 21st century instead of still thinking it’s the 20th century 😊.

In Psalm 90, Moses wrote that the “days of our lives add up to seventy years, or eighty years if we are strong” (v. 10a). (Moses lived to be 120, but he was the exception to the rule.) When you’re young, you think it will take forever to get to adulthood, and then to old age; when you reach the senior years, you realize that Moses was right: Our years “disappear quickly, and we fly away” (v. 10b). Such observations lead us to pray as Moses did: “Lord, teach us to number our days” rightly, to gain wisdom and not fritter away our time.

For over a century and a quarter, the Lord has blessed his little flock of St. Paul’s in North Freedom. Thousands of worship services, hundreds of baptisms and confirmations, and many weddings have taken place within the walls of St. Paul’s. Children have been fed God’s Word in Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and confirmation class. We’ve seen many changes in the world around us. The founders of St. Paul would be astounded to see fast cars on the road, personal computers and laptops in our homes, and cell phones in most people’s pockets. But they would still recognize the message of Jesus Christ being proclaimed on Sundays. The gospel message has not changed.

The 2025 annual report will remind us of some of those blessings over the past year. Membership declined just a bit, but the average attendance on Sundays improved over the past year. These are not just statistics. They reflect the souls of members and visitors who have been touched by the gospel, attending church, getting baptized and confirmed, and one soul, Faith Verstein, getting transferred to the Church Triumphant in heaven.

God willing, our congregation will continue to bring this gospel to the people of North Freedom for another year, another quarter of a century, and beyond, unless the Lord returns first. The task may seem overwhelming at times. But let’s do as Moses teaches us, to count our days one at a time and continue to walk in the Lord each day. May the Lord grant us his blessings as we number our days aright, each day with the Lord.

--Pastor Timothy Blauert

Annual Report 2025 St. Paul's Lutheran, North Freedom

Statistics

Church membership, Dec. 31, 2025: 136 baptized members, 119 communicant members
(2024: 139 baptized, 120 communicants)

Additions: By baptism: Lincoln Shimniok, November 9, 2025

Addition to communicant membership: Cooper Hehenberger, May 4, 2025

Colson Zimmerman, May 4, 2025

Rylee Zeman, May 4, 2025 (confirmed at St. John's, Baraboo)

(+ 1 baptized, + 3 communicant)

Losses: By death: Faith Vertein, May 10, 2025

By release/removal: Michelle Henke, January 12, 2025

Richard Galston, April 6, 2025

Chadd Seaton, April 6, 2025 (non-communicant)

(-4 baptized, -3 communicant)

Average Sunday Church attendance: 48.8 (2024: 46.1) Other service attendance ave.: 25.4.

Sacred Acts

Baptism Lincoln John Shimniok, November 9, 2025

Confirmation Cooper Adam Hehenberger, May 4, 2025

Colson Tanner Zimmerman, May 4, 2025

Funerals Faith B. Vertein, May 20, 2025

Education: Sunday School enrollment: 6 students; 2 teachers. Regular attendance: 4.

Vacation Bible School enrollment: 12 students; 3 teachers

Bible Class average attendance: 5 adults.

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President: Jim Dohner

Vice-President: Dave Zimmerman

Secretary: Paul Fuller

Treasurer: Mark Shimniok

Financial Secretary: Jeremy Zimmerman

Head Usher: Roy Schneider

COUNCILMEN: At our Congregation Meeting on January 11, 2025, Bill Page and John Shimniok were elected to the Church Council. Thank you to Paul Fuller and Roy Schneider for their service the past six years.

LADIES AID: Ladies Aid group members are Elaine Shimniok, President; Kristine Blauert, Secretary; Elaine Shimniok, Treasurer; Linda Ennis, LWMS Reporter; Mary Klemm, Sunshine Lady; and members Ann Fuller, Lynn Zimmerman, Louise Crisman and Suzanne Dohner. All ladies are welcome to join us at our meetings, which are mostly held on the second Tuesday of the month except for special occasions and the months of June and July when we don't meet.

ORGANIST: Susan Grossenbacher

SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF: Lori Cook taught Pre-K – 2nd grade and Lynn Zimmerman taught 3rd through 6th grade.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS: Mary Klemm and Kristine Blauert continue to beautify our church with flower arrangements. If anyone has an abundance of flowers in their gardens during the spring and summer months, please contact Mary or Kristine. There is a sign-up sheet on the table for anyone who would like to provide altar flowers throughout the year for a special occasion such as birthday, anniversary or special remembrance. Speak with Mary or Kristine if you are interested. Vases are provided. Thanks also to members who provided lilies and spring flowers for Easter and the poinsettias for Christmas.

ALTAR GUILD COORDINATOR: Rose Vertein is our Altar Guild Coordinator.

Women of the congregation can sign up for a one- or two-month period to set up

communion and change the banners and paraments. If you have any questions, or would like to help, please speak with Rose. The sign-up sheet is located on the table in the fellowship area.

CUSTODIAN/GROUNDS KEEPERS: Vonnie Leifer is the custodian of St. Paul's. Walter Klaetsch, Brad Verstein and David Zimmerman kept the lawn mowed and the snow shoveled. If you are able and willing to help in any way, please speak to one of them.

BAPTISMS: Lincoln John Shimniok, son of Brendon and Carrah Shimniok was baptized on November 9, 2025.

WEDDINGS: There were no weddings in 2025.

NEW MEMBERS: Lincoln Shimniok

RELEASES: Michelle Henke was released at the January 12, 2025 Congregation meeting. On April 6, 2025, Chadd Seaton and Richard Galston were released at their requests.

CONFIRMATIONS: On May 4, 2025, Cooper Hehenberger and Colson Zimmerman were confirmed at St. Paul's. Rylee Zeman was confirmed with her class at St. John's, Baraboo. They were welcomed as a confirmed member of St. Paul's on June 1, 2025.

GRADUATIONS: No members graduated from high school in 2025.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Vacation Bible School was held August 4 to 7, 2025. The theme for this year was "Space Station Salvation". 12 children attended, with 3 teachers and 1 craft coordinator. Thank you to all who helped in any way.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Mary Klemm is St. Paul's Sunshine Lady. During the year, Mary mailed out a total of 81 cards. These consisted of 3 Get Well cards; 13 Sympathy cards; 12 Thinking of You cards; 42 Birthday cards; 1 Thanksgiving card; 6 Anniversary cards; 1 Wedding card and 1 Graduation card. 13 Christmas cards were put in the Christmas bags and Christmas cards were mailed to the two missionaries. Please contact Mary or Pastor if anyone you know needs a card for any occasion.

CALLED TO REST: On May 10, 2025, Faith Verstein was called to Rest. Her funeral was held at St. Paul's on May 20, 2025. Burial was at Oak Hill Cemetery, in North Freedom.

ADULT CHOIR: St. Paul's doesn't have a formal adult choir, however, there are a few members who get together and sing on Easter and Christmas. Susan Grossenbacher directs the choir. If you are interested in joining them, please speak with Susan.

YOUTH CHOIR: We look forward to hearing the children sing at the Christmas program on Christmas Eve. Thank you goes out to the parents who work with their children to make the program enjoyable.

CRADLE ROLL: Pastor and Vonnie Leifer maintain the Cradle Roll. This involves mailings which are sent out on anniversary dates of a child's baptism to encourage the parents to follow through on the promise they made at the baptism. Currently we have these children on our Cradle Roll: Ruby Schneider, Evelyn Shimniok, Lincoln Shimniok and Archie Weber.

GREETING CARDS: There are a variety of cards available for purchase for every occasion and age group. All cards are only 50 cents each. Boxes of Christmas cards are also available for \$5.00. If you have any suggestions regarding cards, please speak with Elaine Shimniok.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: St. Paul's has six children enrolled in our Sunday school for the 2025/2026 school year. Three are in public school and three attend St. John's, Baraboo. Sunday school is held between the services and begins the first Sunday of September and ends in May. The average attendance was four children. Please encourage the children to attend Sunday school and keep them and their families in your prayers.

BIBLE STUDY: Bible Class is held on Sundays between the two services and occasionally after the fellowship on the first Sunday of each month. No class is held when the Church Council meets, usually on the second Sunday of the month or when Congregational meetings are held. The average attendance was 5 adults.

ST. PAUL'S CONGREGATION – JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2025

The year began with our first Voter's meeting being held on January 12, 2025. The budget for 2025 was approved. John Shimniok and Bill Page were elected to the Council.

Our Ash Wednesday soup supper was held on March 5, 2025. Circuit Pastors rotated churches for Wednesday evening Lent services. Treats were served after the Lent services. Thank you to everyone who provided delicious treats. We held our Easter breakfast following the Sunrise Service on April 20th. Members enjoyed delicious breakfast items.

We began the year with 139 baptized members and 120 communicants. We closed the year with 136 baptized members and 119 communicants.

Holy Communion is served to our confirmed members on the first and third Sundays of each month as well as Maundy Thursday. Pastor provides private communion to members at their homes, in nursing homes, assisted living facilities and hospitals as needed.

Sunday services are held at 8:30 a.m. the first Sunday of each month and at 7:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. on all other Sundays. The average attendance at the early services was 31 people, at the late services was 19 people, and at the 8:30 a.m. services we averaged 48 people. Lent services were held on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. with the Pastors from our circuit rotating churches. The average attendance for the Lent services, including Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, was 21 people. Sunrise Easter service at 7 a.m. had 48 attendees and the 10 a.m. service had 30 in attendance. The Thanksgiving service, held the night before, had 17 people attend. 49 people attended the Children's Christmas program which was held on December 24th at 3:30 p.m. A Christmas Eve candlelight service was held that evening at 6 p.m. with 56 attendees. Christmas morning service was held at 8:30 a.m. and had 15 people in attendance.

We held our Spring bake sale on March 2nd and raised \$314.50.

A web site for St. Paul's was created by Jeremy Zimmerman in 2023. It is www.stpaulslutheran-nf.org. The monthly newsletter and weekly sermons are posted on the site, along with other information concerning our church. Look at it sometime, if you haven't already done so. Jeremy is also working on setting up on-line donations. More to come on this.

Our annual Craft and Bake sale, which was held on November 2, 2025, raised \$365.00.

The 2025 Financial report shows that we again finished the year in the black. Our actual expenses were \$12,634.47 less than what was budgeted. The total offerings of \$121,158.00 were \$2,659.92 more than what was given in 2024.

St. Paul's would like to thank Pastor Blauert; the Sunday School teachers; the Altar Guild ladies; the custodian and groundskeepers; the Ladies Aid group and all who help with funerals and projects throughout the year; all who visit members who are shut in at home, in assisted living facilities, nursing homes and hospitals; the men who serve on the Church Council; the volunteers who helped with Vacation Bible school; and those who generously donate to our church to help keep our church body together. Our future is dependent on the actions of our church members and the support given every year.

CHURCH BUDGET: The expenses for 2025 and the proposed budget for 2026 can be found on the next two pages. God has continued to bless us with generous offerings throughout the year. We give many thanks to our God for blessing us with the desire and ability to support our church and the missions. We pray that God will continue to move our hearts to honor Him with generous offerings in 2026.

Total 2025 Expenses

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church					
	2024	2025	Difference		
INCOME - thru December	\$118,498.08	\$121,158.00	\$2,659.92		
	2025	2025	2025	2025	Amount
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	Prop. Budget	Actual	Difference	% Met	Donated
Bank Charge - Debit Card	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	100.00%	
Church Maintenance	\$2,000.00	\$6.00	\$1,994.00	0.30%	
Church Phone & WiFi	\$1,400.00	\$1,201.16	\$198.84	85.80%	
Church Utilities	\$4,000.00	\$3,455.37	\$544.63	86.38%	
Conventions & Dues	\$700.00	\$371.00	\$329.00	53.00%	
Gifts	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	100.00%	
Guest Pastor	\$600.00	\$350.00	\$250.00	58.33%	
*Health Insurance	\$19,308.00	\$19,308.00	\$0.00	100.00%	
Janitorial Supplies	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	0.00%	
Mileage Reimbursement	\$2,000.00	\$982.50	\$1,017.50	49.13%	
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$400.00	\$493.33	-\$93.33	123.33%	\$300.00
Missions	\$7,800.00	\$7,800.00	\$0.00	100.00%	\$535.00
Multi-Peril Insurance	\$5,000.00	\$5,397.00	-\$397.00	107.94%	
Office Supplies	\$1,600.00	\$1,044.22	\$555.78	65.26%	
Organists	\$3,000.00	\$2,600.00	\$400.00	86.67%	
Parsonage Maintenance	\$2,000.00	\$3,838.59	-\$1,838.59	191.93%	\$3,100.00
Pastor's Salary	\$52,903.00	\$47,598.98	\$5,304.02	89.97%	
Pastor's Pension	\$4,528.00	\$4,528.00	\$0.00	100.00%	
Postage	\$500.00	\$320.00	\$180.00	64.00%	
Post Office Box Rent	\$100.00	\$106.00	-\$6.00	106.00%	
**Social Security Allowance	\$4,200.00	\$1,932.89	\$2,267.11	46.02%	
St. John's Tuition	\$9,000.00	\$7,766.25	\$1,233.75	86.29%	\$3,204.00
Utility and Phone Allowance	\$2,460.00	\$2,460.00	\$0.00	100.00%	
WELS Connection	\$105.00	\$0.00	\$105.00	0.00%	
Worker's Comp Insurance	\$600.00	\$526.00	\$74.00	87.67%	
Worship Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$2,584.24	\$415.76	86.14%	
TOTALS	\$127,714.00	\$115,079.53	\$12,634.47	90.11%	

IMPROVEMENT FUND			EDUCATION FUND	CONTINGENCY FUND	
Beginning Balance	\$18,350.77		\$1,338.00	CD Balance	\$20,813.54
Deposits - memorials & donations	\$10,285.00	Deposits	\$177.00	Gains 3rd qtr	\$207.05
Balance	\$28,635.77		\$1,515.00	CD Balance	\$21,020.59
Checks written	\$0.00	Trsf to Gen. Fund	\$0.00	BORROWED FOR BILL PAYING	
Transfer to Gen Fund	\$0.00	Education Balance	\$1,515.00	Begin Balance	\$10,000.00
Improvement Fund Balance	\$28,635.77	MLC Donation Pd	\$0.00	Borrowed	\$0.00
IMP & ED FUND TOTAL	\$30,150.77	Balance	\$1,515.00	Paid Back	\$10,000.00
				Balance Due Imp.	\$0.00
* Health Insurance is portion that church pays. \$204.00 is deducted from each of Pastor's salary checks for his portion.					
**Social Security Allowance is for 2024.					
Balance in General Fund is \$10,267.25 and the Improvement Fund is \$30,150.77 as of 12/31/25.					
CD Renewed on 9/29/25 at 4.05%. Matures on 3/29/26.					

Proposed Budget for 2026

Year 2026 Proposed Budget	St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church				
	2025	2026	2026	2026	2026
INCOME -	\$121,158.00				
	2025	2026	2026	2026	2026
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	Prop. Budget	Prop. Budget	Actual	Difference	% Met
					Amount
					Donated
Bank Charge - Debit Card	\$10.00	\$10.00		\$10.00	0.00%
Church Maintenance	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00	0.00%
Church Phone & WiFi	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00		\$1,400.00	0.00%
Church Utilities	\$4,000.00	\$4,200.00		\$4,200.00	0.00%
Conventions & Dues	\$700.00	\$700.00		\$700.00	0.00%
Gifts	\$400.00	\$400.00		\$400.00	0.00%
Guest Pastor	\$600.00	\$600.00		\$600.00	0.00%
*Health Insurance	\$19,308.00	\$19,692.00		\$19,692.00	0.00%
Janitorial Supplies	\$100.00	\$100.00		\$100.00	0.00%
Mileage Reimbursement	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00	0.00%
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$400.00	\$600.00		\$600.00	0.00%
Missions	\$7,800.00	\$7,800.00		\$7,800.00	0.00%
Multi-Peril Insurance	\$5,000.00	\$6,000.00		\$6,000.00	0.00%
Office Supplies	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00		\$1,600.00	0.00%
Organists	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00	0.00%
Parsonage Maintenance	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00		\$4,000.00	0.00%
Pastor's Salary	\$52,903.00	\$54,071.00		\$54,071.00	0.00%
Pastor's Pension	\$4,528.00	\$4,528.00		\$4,528.00	0.00%
Postage	\$500.00	\$500.00		\$500.00	0.00%
Post Office Box Rent	\$100.00	\$110.00		\$110.00	0.00%
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St. John's Tuition	\$9,000.00	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00	0.00%
Utility and Phone Allowance	\$2,460.00	\$2,460.00		\$2,460.00	0.00%
WELS Connection	\$105.00	\$105.00		\$105.00	0.00%
Worker's Comp Insurance	\$600.00	\$700.00		\$700.00	0.00%
Worship Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00	0.00%
TOTALS	\$127,714.00	\$133,776.00	\$0.00	\$133,776.00	0.00%

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Beginning Balance	\$28,635.77		\$1,515.00	CD Balance	\$21,020.59
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Improvement Fund Balance	\$28,635.77			Borrowed	\$0.00
IMP & ED FUND TOTAL	\$30,150.77			Paid Back	\$10,000.00
				Balance Due Imp.	\$0.00
* Health Insurance is portion that church pays. \$206.31 is deducted from each of Pastor's salary checks for his portion.					
**Social Security Allowance will be for 2025.					

St. Paul's Ladies Aid Annual Report
2025 Officers: President – Elaine Shimniok, Treasurer – Elaine Shimniok,
Secretary – Kristine Blauert

Appointments: LWMS Reporter – Linda Ennis
Altar Flowers – Mary Klemm and Kristine Blauert
Altar Guild Coordinator – Rose Verstein Kitchen – Elaine Shimniok
Sunshine Reporter – Mary Klemm

Members: Ann Fuller, Kristine Blauert, Suzanne Dohner and Louise Crisman.

In January Kristine Blauert was elected secretary. We give thanks to Lynn Zimmerman for her many years of serving. Linda Ennis shared our new list of missionaries to befriend for 2025-2026. It was also decided that we'd collect money for the victims of the California fires. Mary let us know plans for our village to have North Freedom Days in late June.

In February we considered selling cookies during North Freedom Days and possibly also having a float in the parade.

In March we decided we would sell cookies and water, with the money collected going toward the village park, for North Freedom Days. We decided to leave the float to the men. We decided not to pursue selling the blue dishes at this time. We decided to buy houseplants for the shut-ins for Easter. We stopped collecting for the disaster relief at the end of March and continued to collect for the food pantry throughout Lent.

In April we voted for our LWMS board members and both the home and foreign mission projects. Linda Ennis attended the LWMS circuit rally.

In May plans were finalized for our cookie sale. We donated money to New Beginnings in memory of Faith Verstein.

We had no meetings in June or July.

In August we planned to invite St. John's – Rock Springs, Trinity – Lime Ridge and St. John's – Hillpoint ladies to our appetizer and salad luncheon.

In September we had our luncheon. It was well attended and enjoyable.

In October we began collecting hats and mittens, helped with our Fall church cleaning and held a spaghetti dinner. Linda Ennis, Kristine and Pastor attended the LWMS Fall rally.

In November we decided to have a cookie exchange in December. We also made decisions about the church decorating for Christmas, the Christmas bags, and various

other donations we would make including the Baraboo Food Bank, Beyond Blessed food bank, the WELS committee on Relief and to Builder's for Christ. We also gave gift money to our BAM missionaries.

In December we went out for our annual Christmas dinner.

Throughout the year, Linda Ennis keeps us informed about the LWMS. Mary Klemm continues to send cards for the Sunshine they bring and Lynn Zimmerman bakes cookies which she brings to the newcomers to North Freedom when she and Pastor Blauert make "Welcome" visits. Elaine holds both hats of President and Treasurer for our group. We are happy to have eight active members but would love to see more of you ladies! You are already members of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society. Come join us at St. Paul's Ladies Aid.

Kristine Blauert, Secretary

Ladies Aid Treasurer's Report 2025

Beginning Balance \$ 657.61

INCOME

Linda Faivre Memorial	\$ 300.00
Faith Vertein Funeral & Memorial	\$ 150.00
Ash Wednesday Soup Supper	\$ 37.00
Easter Breakfast	\$ 44.00
Spring Bake Sale	\$ 314.50
Cookbook Sales	\$ 5.00
Cards	\$ 77.00
Fall Bake & Craft Sale	\$ 365.00
Meeting Offerings	\$ 84.00
LWMS Mission Offerings	\$ 137.00
Spaghetti Supper	\$ 274.00
Giving Tree	\$ 190.00
Sale of Kitchen & Closet Items	\$ 115.00
Donations for California Fires	\$ 78.00
Cookie & Water Sales at N.F. Days	<u>\$ 378.00</u>
Total Income	\$2,548.50

EXPENSES

LWMS – Dues for 2025	\$ 120.00
Kristine Blauert - Easter Plants	\$ 40.00
US Postmaster – Stamps	\$ 73.00
New Beginnings – Faith Vertein Memorial	\$ 25.00
Wild Apples – Palms	\$ 15.00
LWMS Spring Rally	\$ 89.00
Sauk County Right to Life – Carnations	\$ 30.00
WELS – Fire Aid	\$ 78.00
Village of North Freedom – Cookie & Water Sales	\$ 378.00
LWMS Fall Rally	\$ 43.00
LWMS – Dues for 2026	\$ 120.00
Pastor Blauert – gift	\$ 150.00
WELS - Disaster Donation	\$ 300.00
Beyond Blessed Pantry – Donation	\$ 200.00
Baraboo Food Pantry – Donation	\$ 200.00

Expenses continued

Builders for Christ – Donation	\$ 200.00
Pastor Mark Zendag – Missionary Donation	\$ 50.00
Pastor Cole Mead – Missionary Donation	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$2,161.00

Ending Balance **\$1,045.11**

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Shimniok, Treasurer

LWMS Report 2025

The Spring Rally was at Trinity, Lime Ridge on Saturday, April 26, 2025. The speaker was Pastor Souksamay Phetsanghane: Germany Luther Prep Project. He teaches German at Luther Prep High School. In the summer some of his students and Pastor Souk take a trip to Germany. There were 38 in attendance and there was \$434.00 collected for the offering. Our church collected \$89.00 for the Spring Rally.

The National LWMS Convention was held in Tulsa, Oklahoma June 26-29, 2025. There were 132 delegates present and 33 alternates. There were 617 registered attendees. Circuits represented 55 of 60. Current LWMS membership: 783 congregations and 24 individuals. Opening worship attendance was 682.

Mission projects selected (2024-2025) Project #WM-2024-09 Bangladesh \$66,143.46. Project #HM-2024-10 Campus Ministry \$66,143.46. Kids C.A.R.E Antigua \$43,530.38. Worship offerings \$44,030.26 will be split between Project #HM-2024-05 Tools for Outreach \$22,015.13, Project # WM 2024-11 Hmong Outreach in Vietnam \$22,015.13.

Looking ahead, the next LWMS convention will be held on June 25-28,2026 in Madison, Wisconsin.

The Fall Rally was held on Saturday, October 18, 2025, at St. Paul's, Mauston. Speaker Pastor Nathan Schulte spoke on Academia Cristo. He spoke about his missionary work. The attendance was 54 and the offering was \$421.00. Our church collected \$43.00 for the Fall Rally.

The Spring Rally of 2026 will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2026 at St. Luke's Church, New Lisbon. Registration will be at 9 a.m.

Thank you to all who donate throughout the year and pray for our Missionaries. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with me at any time.

Submitted by Linda Ennis, LWMS Reporter

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