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In March 2025, Microsoft made a quiet bombshell announcement in an email that simply stated, “Beginning October 01, 2026, Microsoft Publisher will no longer be supported as part of Microsoft 365. Many common Publisher scenarios are available in other Microsoft 365 apps, including Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Designer.”

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While they did provide about 19 months of lee time for users to work out options and prepare existing files for migration, their “suggestions” of substitutes were less than suitable to replace how Publisher functioned!

Now that the deadline has arrived, I now need to make a final decision about how I will continue creating these journals. Make note, however, that I will still continue producing the journals, but now they are going to be through different software! I have over 14 years of contemporary journals—that is about 150 individual issues—that were all created in Publisher! I will not lose any of them as they were all exported into PDF format, but I will not be able go back to edit any of them either starting in October.



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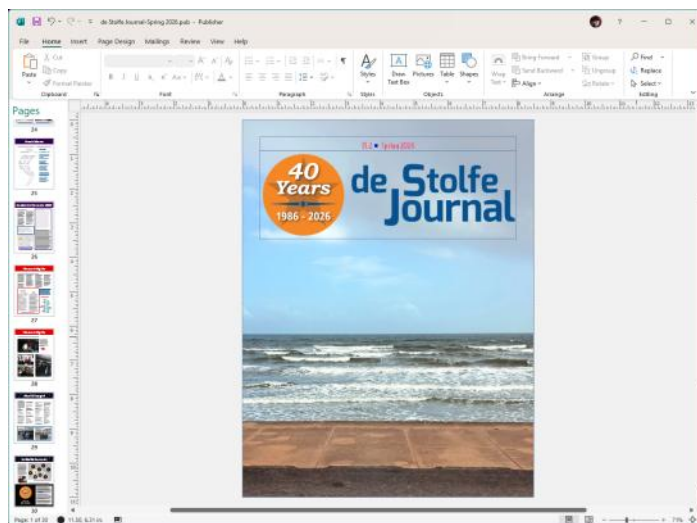
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So, my other options for creating these journals in software more suited for the purpose include InDesign, Illustrator, Affinity, and LibreOffice Draw (which, by the way, will open the native Publisher files but with a little distortion), which are far better options than Word or PowerPoint! I am leaning towards using InDesign or Illustrator, but I will need to be more conscious of how I use images in order not to create files that are hundreds of Megs! But, this also gives me the option to be more creative and flexible in my layouts to be more magazine like instead of “church newsletter” like! I am also throwing around the idea of making smaller issues more often, perhaps back to the monthly idea I originally started with back in 2012.



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At any rate, wherever I go from here, the journals should look better!

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