

Osakis Lutheran Church

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***Osakis Lutheran Church
2024 Church Council***

President— Kristen Will

President Elect - Stephanie Finnegan

Past President—

Secretary— Sarah Redetzke

Treasurer— Nancy Exley

Financial Secretary— Cindy Christensen

Worship— Shelly Engfer-Triebebach

Education/Youth— Jessie Thornbloom

Trustees— Travis Redetzke

Stewardship/Deacons— Mike Curtis

Church Office Hours:

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday
9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Church phone: 320-859-2350

The deadline for the bulletin is
Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Action News deadline is the
20th of the month.

Committees and the congrega-
tion are welcome to contribute
news!!!

Osakis Lutheran exists to: “Honor Christ, Strengthen believers and Serve others.”

Minister’s Greeting

Dear friends of OLC

April showers bring May flowers, right?

Generosity is not only what we give financially but it is also being generous in our serving.

Pastor Rob Biehard and Pastor Mike Carlson have some wonderful insight on this, and I found helpful as I discerned this topic.

A Heart of Generosity

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances! 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Would you like to be a more generous person, processing a generous heart? Then try embracing gratitude as a spiritual practice. Gratitude and generosity go together. Whether you are a millionaire or middle class, when you are grateful for what you have, you will likely be happier and more satisfied. You will see the world through eyes of abundance and be more likely to give of yourself.

How can we embrace gratitude as a spiritual practice? Paul gives us good advice. Give thanks in all circumstances: Paul says give thanks in all circumstances, not for all circumstances. In tough times, we can be grateful for what is going well and for the resources, relationships and faith that will help us through.

Pray without ceasing: Prayer is in the shower, in the car, on the beach, on your lunch break, at stop light, in grocery lines. God hears all our prayers. Prayer is nonstop and that is what we have been learning about in pathfinders, also there are no fancy words you have to say. It is just talking to God and communicating with God.

Rejoice always: Looking for everyday celebrations every day. Do you have hot water? A car? Clean socks? Food? Friends? Rejoice!

For a disciplined approach, keep a journal of your daily thanks, or gratitude list that you can pray over and revise. Keep it up and it is a good bet that your developing attitude of gratitude will result in you becoming more generous and seeing the world through a lens of abundance.

Let us be in prayer together this month around the theme of a heart of generosity. Let us work this month in being more aware of the generosity shown to us by God and those little ways, every day of our lives. May we grow this month in our hearts of generosity.

The school years winding down with June coming up I am starting to plan a Men's Bible Study, Campfire Vespers, and a Bible Study at the galleon. If any of you would like to help or partake, please let me know.

On May 4th, we will have our rummage sale. Decluttering some of the things of the church. It would be great if you would want to help with that, just see me or Travis.

The youth service is coming up May 5th, so hope to see you there to help support the youth.

Learning with you, go in peace.

Minister George

Other News:

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Minister George Heideman is available
24/7 by phone 763-843-6720.

His email address is:
gheid121212@gmail.com

Osakis Lutheran Church Council Minutes

April 2nd, 2024 at 6 p.m.

Present: Minister George Heideman, President Kristen Will, Nancy Exley, Mike Curtis, Shelly Triebenbach, Stephanie Finnegan, Karen Quistorff, Joe Johnson, Mary Redetzke, Travis Redetzke, and Sarah Redetzke.

The meeting was called to order by President Kristen Will.

Minister George gave devotions.

Highs and lows were shared by all.

Approval of Agenda

Parsonage sale, Call process, and Ice Cream Social were added to the agenda.

Nancy Exley made a motion to approve the agenda, 2nd by Stephanie Finnegan. Agenda approved.

Old Business

March minutes were reviewed. Mike Curtis made a motion to approve the minutes, 2nd by Stephanie Finnegan. Minutes approved.

Rummage sale will take place on May 4th. Anything leftover from the rummage sale can be taken to city wide clean up on May 11th.

New Business

An offer was made on the parsonage. Mike Curtis made a motion to accept the offer, 2nd by Shelly Triebenbach.

Council discussed who would sign the papers at closing. Council decided that President Kristen Will and Head Trustee Travis Redetzke would sign. Stephanie Finnegan made a motion to approve, 2nd by Sarah Redetzke. Motion approved.

President Kristen Will is going to call about the next steps in the call process for a permanent pastor. Ice Cream Social discussion was tabled until the May council meeting.

Reports

Minister- Minister George reported that Mike Barber passed away and talked about the possibility of a Wednesday night campfire service this summer.

Treasurer- Nancy reported that income to date is \$29,914.00 and \$33,327.83 in expenses to date. Bills were paid for March.

Education- May 5th is the youth led service with cake & bars to follow. May 8th the Pathfinder's will clean ditches and this is the last day of Pathfinders for this year. May 12th is Graduation Sunday.

Stewardship- No news

Trustees- Travis stated that Radon mitigation is done and now tests at a good level. The new Carrilon is in place!

Worship- The organ is having problems. Council will call to have it fixed. We are looking for more members for the Praise Team. Also please consider being a lector, an usher, or doing fellowship after church.

Minister George led us in the Lord's Prayer.

Stephanie Finnegan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Shelly Triebenbach. Motion approved and meeting adjourned.

Next council meeting is Tuesday May 7th, 2024 at 6 p.m.

Submitted by Sarah Redetzke, Council Secretary.

Education Committee

April 17, 2024

May 1st - Youth will move up/clean out items from the basement towards the end of Pathfinders

May 4th - Church Garage sale from 8 am - 2 pm

May 5th - Youth Lead Service

Youth arrive at 9 am to practice

Temple Talk - Counselors from Luther Crest will talk during service about the upcoming activities this summer - in place of children's sermon

Birthday Sunday so there will be cake and coffee following the service

May 8th - Last day of Pathfinders • Ditch cleaning night

- Will have extra food for parents and youth
- Stephanie will contact Osakis PD to have an officer patrol the highway
- When complete, put bags by Sponsorship sign on highway

May 12th - Graduation Sunday

Quilts for each graduate. George will place them over each graduate during the service and say a prayer for them.

Melanie will send out the powerpoint for each of the graduates and this will be playing in the Fellowship Hall after Church

Rootbeer floats will be served after service to celebrate the graduates and last day of Sunday School

Summer Movies

June 19th, July 10th and August 14th will be the dates

Movies will be selected at the next meeting

All movies will be shown at the Steir's corner block

Flavor Shack will be at all 3 events

Free Popcorn will be available. There will also be beverages and snacks to purchase with the proceeds going towards the youth fund

Next Meeting

May 19th after church

Following meeting will be in August



Prayer Concerns

Please call 320-859-2350 for your special prayer requests!

Shelly Engfer-Triebebach, Lil Ortendahl,
Grace Johnson and Axel Vik

Community Memorial Home: Elaine Mattson,
Terrace Heights: Alice Sanders

Westview Assisted Living: Madlyn Manders

Please remember to include those who are our friends, neighbors, and members of Osakis Lutheran with a prayer, greeting, or a card!

March 28 (30), 29 (22) 31, (78) 2024 Attendance

Envelopes	\$ 630.00
Loose	223.00
Holy Week & Easter	1,100.00
Dedicated	1,085.00
Online 4-1 -24	70.00

Total: \$ 3,108.00

April 7, 2024 Attendance 29

Envelopes	\$ 620.00
Loose	2.00
World Hunger	2.00
Online 4-8-24	90.00

Total: \$ 714.00

April 14, 2024 Attendance 30

Envelopes	\$ 625.00
Loose	76.00
World Hunger	2.00
Online 4-15-24	70.00

Total: \$ 773.00

April 21, 2024 Attendance 27

Envelopes	\$ 665.00
Church Rent income	75.00
World Hunger & misc.	12.00
Online 4-22-24	220.00

Total \$972.00

Offering thru March 24, \$6,882.00

Bills paid March \$5,524.11

Payroll for March \$4,917.91

Thank you all for your continued support of Osakis Lutheran Church

Financial Update for the Congregation

Offering given in March	\$5,373.00
Online offering	1,265.00
Thrivent receipts	244.00

March bills paid \$5,524.11

March payroll 4,917.91

Thank you for your continued support!

Nancy Exley, Treasurer

'May Birthday'



Birthdays:

05/01 Kearney Frank
05/01 Emily Wolf
05/02 Kadya Triebenbach
05/08 Maddux Kapaun
05/08 Tammy O'Neil
05/09 Cindy Christensen
05/16 Dallas Triebenbach
05/19 Teresa Johnson
05/22 Mara VanNyhuis
05/23 Mary Curtis
05/23 LeaAnn Lyon
05/28 Cooper Nosbush
05/29 Ella Gilbert
05/29 Charlotte Myhre



"Make a joyful sound to the Lord! The praise team is looking for new participation. We rehearse 9 am before the 1st and 3rd Sundays when leading worship. Please contact Shelly Engfer-Triebebach if interested.

shellyet163@gmail.com 320.296.1973."

Funeral Services for Myron (Mike) Barber were held at Osakis Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 20, 2024.

Just a quick note to let you all know that my replacement as church secretary has been found. I have enjoyed being secretary for the last year and then some. Thank you for having me (again). I will be working with our new secretary to show her the ropes. I really feel she will be a great asset to our church community. I will let council introduce our secretary.

I will continue as church treasurer.

Thanks, Nancy Exley

Osakis Lutheran Church

Council President News

Dear Friends,

Happy Spring! (I think it might be safer to say that, now?!))

As a council, we've been making many moves! We have planned a "Church rummage sale" to clean out our clutter. It's amazing how much "stuff" we've accumulated over the years. We hope to see lots of people on the 4th helping us clear everything out. Travis and Mary Redetzke have really been amazing at transforming our spaces to make them more usable and beautiful! Thank you to both of them for all of their hard work! If you haven't been in the basement, lately, the old stage is now visible again, and the temporary walls have been taken down so that the space is completely opened up again. I have personally never seen this space looking so good, so I am extremely impressed!

We also have accepted an offer on the parsonage, with the contingency that the buyers will be able to sell their current home. We will keep you all informed as things move along.

Some members of the Call Committee have had an orientation, and we will be meeting regularly from now on until we have our Ministry Site Profile complete! After that, it is a waiting game to see if we can attract a good fit for our congregation. It's like the dating game, as we will be "woo-ing" each other (our future pastor and us as a congregation)! If anyone would like to join our committee, the more the merrier! If you have thoughts, concerns, or questions, please contact a committee member, or leave an "anonymous note" for us.

We are looking for people to share their hopes and expectations of our next worship leader. We also ask for your prayers during this process.

As always, we are constantly looking for help with lectors, communion helpers, ushers, and treat-bringers/coffee makers for fellowship after services. Please consider joining us for one of these acts of service! It's so nice to see new faces helping out.

I hope that you are all enjoying the new life springing forth around us as the trees are budding, the ice has melted (at least twice, now, haha!), the grasses turn green, and the fields are turned over and planted. Fresh, new life surrounds us, just as God's promise of new life has been celebrated by Jesus rising from the tomb! May your spirits lift with the warming temperatures and longer days full of sunshine!

Kristin Will

Council President



Trustees Update

The Trustees and a host of volunteers have been setting up for our church rummage sale. We found quite an array of items hiding in corners and behind doors.

Thank you to everyone in their help with getting our “rummage sale” item up from the basement, brought down from the highest corners in the church and every other nook and cranny we could clean.

Our new and updated Carillon has been installed.

Thanks

Travis Redetzke

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Luther Crest Vacation Bible School at Osakis Lutheran Church is July 8th through July 11th.

Registration Forms will be available in May.

As Pathfinders and Sunday School come to a close for this year, we wish to thank teachers, mentors, parents and students for their dedication and enthusiasm in bringing Christian learning to our church family. We look forward to your return next fall and will welcome all new students and families.