

Osakis Lutheran Church

P.O. Box 427

Osakis, MN 56360

***Osakis Lutheran Church
2022 Church Council***

President— Rick Hansen

President Elect -

Past President— Melanie Stier

Secretary— Jacki Harth

Treasurer— Nancy Exley

Financial Secretary— Cindy Christensen

Worship— Mary Redetzke

Education— Kristen Will

Trustees— Lil Ortendahl

Youth— Lacey Sadlemyer

Stewardship— Mike Curtis

Church Office Hours:

‘Fall/Winter’ Office Hours:
Tuesday – Thursday
9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Church phone number #859-2350

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

To contact Pastor Rich:

Pastor Rich will typically be
working Monday—Thursday
with Friday as his day off.

His phone number is:
#859-3816.

V. Reports

- A. Treasurer: Income for August: \$8,422.49 Bills paid in July \$14,603.83 which includes payroll. Three college scholarships were sent out. \$5,000 in checking account. The endowment money continues to be in the Mission Investment Fund and the Endowment committee has not met yet as of this date.
- B. Pastor's Report: Pathfinders starts this week with a parent meeting and ditch clean up. Janice Frank's funeral was last week with Marie Larson's this week. Working with education and youth committees to plan for confirmation and Rally Sunday. Pastor is planning on a book study and movie nights with plans to follow. Pastor will invite Debbie B. to the council meetings as many of the tasks following up council meetings involve her, and to streamline communication with her and the council.

C. Committees:

Church in Society: Marlys Benson is working on Operation Bootstrap

Education and Youth: There are 3 Sunday school teachers who will be rotating Sundays (Kristen, Laci, Kristin N.). Still looking for a Sunday school superintendent.

Stewardship: Mike C. will meet with Pastor this week for a plan on emailing and mailing out the appeal letter and Time and Talent form.

Worship: Brunch Church was held. They will begin decorating for Fall.

We will continue to have weekly music with the Praise Team singing the 1st and 3rd Sunday. Other options for music were discussed.

At this time no new job descriptions for musicians were presented to be changed.

Trustees: A strong gas smell was reported and Lil will arrange to have that checked. Dick the custodian has fixed many, many small issues that have been on the list including cracks in the concrete driveway, filled in the hole in the boulevard with sod. Lil brought up the outdoor sign light and a solar light will be looked into.

Offer Our Prayers with the Lord's Prayer.

- VI. Meeting was adjourned by a motion from Kristen with a second by Nancy with the next meeting on Monday October 3rd, at 6:00 p.m.

Other News:

'Fall/Winter' Office Hours:
Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Worship: We plan to continue to offer
'In-Person' & 'Online' worship services.

**Call the church office 859-2350
or Pastor Rich 859-3816 if
needing pastoral care.**

**Communion by appointment -
contact Pastor Rich.**

Osakis Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes - Monday September 12th, 2022

Present: Pastor Rich, Rick Hansen, Jacki Harth , Mary Redetzke,
Nancy Exley, Lil Ortendahl, Mike Curtis, Kristen Will

- I. President Rick Hansen called the meeting to order.
 - A. Pastor Rich led devotions “we all need forgiveness”

- II. Approval of agenda.
 - A. Kristen made a motion to approve the agenda with additions, Nancy 2nd.
Motion carried.

- III. Old/Unfinished Business
 - A. Minutes from last meeting was reviewed. No additions or corrections.
 - B. Appeal letter: One version of the letter was put in the bulletins and the action news. The letter identified for mailing and the Time and Talent has yet to be mailed or emailed out. Pastor Rich will follow up with Debbie to distribute the other letters. No time and talent forms have been turned in yet.
 - C. Rental of Fellowship hall: Just for Kix is renting the hall on Thursdays. Kristen will clarify with the dance teacher to see if all of the tables and chairs need to be taken down.
 - D. Air conditioner: one AC is working and sufficiently cooling at this time
 - E. On-line worship: Pat Ryan will be moving so there was discussion regarding the continuation of the on-line services which he helped with each Sunday. There was a consensus that he you tube link be posted after the service but there will be no FB live as of 10/2

- IV. New Business (OLC vision & new mission & ministry work)
 - A. Youth Pastor: Kristen W. and Melanie S. are working to place an ad for a youth pastor on Synod and local sites. There is a local option that Pastor Rich and the Youth Committee will check into as well.

Join Us For Worship

Sunday October 2 Worship Service 10 a.m.

Sunday October 9 Worship Service 10 a.m.

Sunday October 16 Worship Service 10 a.m.

Sunday October 23 Worship Service 10 a.m.

Sunday October 30 Worship Service 10 a.m.

Time & Talent Form!

Please check at least 2 options that you are willing to participate in!

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____
ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL: _____

Committees/Council

- Church in Society (recreate)
- Council President/Vice President – for more information, contact Rick Hanson or Melanie Stier
- Education – for more information, contact Kristen Will
 - SS Superintendent
 - SS Teacher/Helper
 - Christmas Program Director
 - Pathfinders/Confirmation Guide
 - Pathfinders mentor
 - Adult Education/Bible Studies
- Pastoral/Parish Relations (recreate)
- Stewardship – for more information, contact Mike Curtis
- Trustees – for more information, contact Lil Ortendahl
 - Serve on Committee
 - Mow Lawn/Yard work
 - Snow Shoveling
 - Painting (occasional needs)
 - General Repairs
- Financial Assistant (count offering, etc.) – for more information, contact Cindy Christianson
- Worship
- Youth – for more information, contact Lacei Sadlemeyer
 - Leader
 - Chaperone/Driver



Worship/Music -for more information, contact Mary Redetzke

- Usher
- Communion Helper
- Communion Prep/Bread baker
- Lector
- Sound System
- Choir
- Praise Team
- Special Music

Fellowship

- Serve Coffee/Treats after Worship

Prayer Ministry

- Prayer Ministry Group
- Prayer Chain

Other ways I am able to share my time or talents: _____

Please drop this in the 'YELLOW' box on the back table in the Narthex, or return it to Debbie in the church office, or by mail to: OLC P.O. Box 427, Osakis, MN 56360.

Thank you for your willingness to be a part of our church community!



September Income:	\$6,179.00
General Fund thru August	\$114,564.08
Expenses thru August	\$121,036.70

September 4, 2022

Envelopes	\$1,015.00
Dedicated Funds:	
Stoeckel Campership	\$75.00
Natl. Youth Gathering	\$75.00
Tech Fund	\$75.00
Church Repair	\$250.00
Total:	<u>\$1,490.00</u>

September 11, 2022

Envelopes	\$1,710.00
Dedicated Funds:	
Memorial - Janice Frank	\$50.00
World Hunger	\$6.00
Total:	<u>\$1,786.00</u>

September 18, 2022

Envelopes	\$743.00
Loose	\$35.00
Initial	\$14.00
Dedicated Funds:	
Tech Fund	\$75.00
Pathfinders Meals	\$400.00
Anchor Ad	\$100.00
World Hunger	\$8.00
Total:	<u>\$1,375.00</u>

September 25, 2022

Envelopes	\$1,309.00
Loose	\$89.00
Church Rental	\$50.00
Dedicated Funds:	
Stoeckel Campership	\$75.00
World Hunger	\$5.00
Total:	<u>\$1,528.00</u>

Prayer Concerns

Shelly Engfer-Triebebach, Amanda Steinbeisser, Jim Heuer, Peter Moberg, Renee Muehlenhardt, Lois Ketelle, Grace Johnson, Neil Ranum, Cindy Christensen, LaRayne Johnson, Delores Stephens

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

Shut-in and Health Concerns: Doug Sherman

Those Residing in Care Centers and Rehab

Community Memorial Home: Elaine Mattson, Jeanne Jensen, Don Jensen, Stella Bender, Audrey Collins, LaRayne Johnson

Terrace Heights: Alice Sanders

Westview Assisted Living: Faye Maus, Madlyn Manders, Delores Stephens

Out of Town

Harding, MN: David Jorgensen

Long Prairie: Ruth Sherman

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

Our sympathy to the families and friends of:

**** Janice Frank. Janice passed away on Sunday August 28th, 2022. Her funeral service was Saturday September 10th at the Osakis Lutheran Church.***

**** Marie Larson. Marie passed away on Sunday August 28th, 2022. Her funeral service was Saturday September 17th at the Osakis Lutheran Church.***



'October Birthdays'

- 10/01 Stephanie Finnegan
10/02 Tracy Abraham
10/05 Jessica Thornbloom
10/07 Leah Chalmers
10/10 Scott Abraham
10/11 Riley Mounsdon, Richard Nelson
10/12 Paul Christensen,
Linda Manders
10/13 Jase Nevala
10/15 Jeffrey Ellefson
10/16 Tia Dykema
10/17 Jane Amdahl, Vicki Hinrichs
10/19 Dawn Juntunen
10/20 Alan Larson, Rosemary Lynch,
David Pease
10/21 Sarah Miller, Jill Ramey
10/23 Phoeniz Neal, Stanley Paulson,
Brandon Spanswick
10/24 Larry Werder
10/26 Guy Steinbeisser
10/29 Carter Grove, Zoey Thornbloom
10/31 Remi Chapman, Linda Paulson,
Riley Werven



Search for a President-Elect

The Nominating Committee is still in search for a President-Elect for this year who would then be our Church President in 2023.

If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact: Kathy Ryan #320-491-1820 or Pr. Rich Fitzer #859-3816.

Thank You.

Self-care and Wellness

Here are some resources if you know of anyone who may need some further help.

Counseling:

Lutheran Social Services:
(320) 762-5124

Lakeland Mental Health:
(320) 762-2400

Village Family Service Center:
(320) 762-8851

Online Giving

You can now give your offering online!

Go to: www.osakislutheranelca.com and click on the "Donate" button to enroll. The website is safe and secure.

Or mail in your offering to:

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Rich Reflections

Dear Friends in Christ,

I shared the following devotion with the Church Council at our last meeting. It was very well received, especially the “waterfall of mercy” image. We all know we need to give and receive forgiveness, but it’s often hard to do. That’s primarily because no one can earn or deserve it. I hope you enjoy this spiritual gift.

“We All Need Forgiveness”

Richard Rohr reminds us of the radical and transformational power of forgiveness:

When all is said and done, the gospel comes down to forgiveness. It’s the beginning, the middle, and the end. People who know how to forgive have known how good it feels to be forgiven, not when they deserved it, but precisely when they didn’t deserve it.

If we’re Christian, we’ve probably said the “Our Father” thousands of times. The words just slide off our tongues: “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” By saying this prayer, we’ve asked and prayed for forgiveness. Notice the full correlation between how we give and how we receive: “Forgive us as we forgive.” They’re the same movement. We need to know that we need mercy, we need understanding, and then we also need to know how to give it. Each flows with the energy of the other.

I have often found people in 12-step programs or in jail were quite forgiving of other people’s faults because they’d hit the bottom. They knew how much it hurt to hurt. They knew how terrible it is to hate yourself and accuse yourself. When someone with a generous heart and a loving spirit entered their lives and forgave them, it was like being reborn. Someone else loves a part of me that I can’t love myself! They just taught me how to do it!

I remember when I was jail chaplain in, I would read in the newspaper the stories of criminals in our city and I would form an opinion about how terrible they were. Years ago, a young woman committed murder to steal a baby. Everybody in the city hated her, I think. I went to the jail the very next day, and they told me that she wanted to see a priest.

I didn’t want to go in the cell because I knew I wouldn’t like her. I knew I would judge her because I’d already judged her. I can’t tell the whole story, but I will share this much: when I left that cell, I had nothing but tears and sympathy for the suffering of that young woman.

You see, the One who knows all can forgive all. But all we know is a little piece—the part that has offended us. Only God knows all, and so God is the One who can forgive all.

If we’re honest, none of us have lived the gospel. None of us have loved as we could love, or as we have been loved by God. I talk about it from the pulpit much better than I live it. And yet that very recognition—that I have not yet lived love—allows me to stand under the waterfall of infinite mercy. It’s only then that I know how to let mercy flow through me *freely*. That I receive it undeservedly allows me to give it undeservedly.

Adapted from Richard Rohr, [“Make Sure You Are in Need of Forgiveness.”](#) homily, September 16, 2017.

See you in church,
Pr. Rich



**Council's Corner
By: Rick Hansen**

Hello and peace be with you! We'd like to thank those who have signed up to be Lectors, Ushers, help with coffee/snacks, and such. We are also looking for folks to be a part of other church groups as well! We have a 'Time & Talent' sheet available on the table in the Church Narthex, and there is one in this issue of the Action News as well. Please feel free to fill it out, and return it to the church! Thank You!

God Bless!
Rick Hansen
2022 Council President

Sunday School News!

We are still in search of someone to help with organizing and supporting our Sunday School program as the Sunday School Director, and/or help with the Christmas program, until our Youth Pastor is hired. If you have a heart for children & volunteering, please contact Kristen Will at: kristenlynnwill@yahoo.com
or #507-696-8830
We'd love to hear from you!

From Our Education Committee

Sunday School students from last year designated their offering for 2021 be sent to The United Way for the 'Backpack Attack' program. A check for \$58.72 has been sent. Thank You to our Sunday School for your generous and heartfelt donation.
-Nancy Exley, Treasurer

Our Education Committee is happy to announce that three Ella Nomeland Scholarships have been awarded to members of our congregation. Logan Grove, Tia Dykema and Kadyn Triebenbach have each received \$300.00 towards their college education. Checks were sent this past week to their school. This scholarship is available to students who have completed their first year of higher education.

Thank you,
Nancy Exley - Treasurer

