

Osakis Lutheran Church

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***Osakis Lutheran Church
2023 Church Council***

President— Kristen Will

President Elect -

Past President— Richard Hansen

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.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Rich moving forward on the Jeremiah Project. Possibly a community service for Good Friday. Maundy Thursday service at 6:30 p.m. Putting notice in the bulletin for the Lenten meals. Mentors are complete. First Communion class is Sunday, March 26 after service

Committees:

Church in Society: NNN

Education and Youth: Kristin reported that she has been given some great ideas for community involvement.

Stewardship: There are videos available for use for stewardship. Spring is a good time for Stewardship.

Worship: Pastor Rich talked on good film series for Sundays, John with scripted readings.

Trustees: no report.

Offer Our Prayers with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting is on TUESDAY March 7, 2023 at 6:00pm.

Submitted by Nancy Exley for Jackie Harth

Other News:

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

Worship: *Video Worship: Service will be recorded & posted on YouTube by Noon on Sunday.

**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: Tuesday 7, 2023

Present: Kristin Will, Travis Redetzke, Rick Hansen, Pastor Rich and
Nancy Exley

The meeting was called to order by President Kristin Will
Pastor Rich led devotions

Shared joys and concerns

Approval of agenda.

Add to agenda – Special Meeting and Holy Week.

Old/Unfinished Business

Minutes were reviewed. Rick Hansen made a motion to approve,
Nancy 2nd, motion carried.

New Business

Special Meeting – need to clarify the wording for the March special
meeting. Kristin and Pastor Rich will meet on this.
Holy Week services – no early service on Easter Sunday, only 10:00
a.m.

Treasurer: Income for January: \$9,166.58. Expenses were
\$9,010.83. Concerns for funds to pay expenses, still some funds
available if needed in MIF outside of Endowment. Had talked with
Travis Redetzke in regards to the North Star Building Insurance for
2023. Travis had spoken with North Star and they will respond.
Also, will check into other companies as well. Our North Star in-
surance renewal increased by \$562 for 2023.

Join Us For Worship

Sunday March 5 Worship Service - 10 a.m.

Sunday March 12 Worship Service - 10 a.m.

Sunday March 19 Worship Service - 10 a.m.

Sunday March 26 Worship Service - 10 a.m.

Please join us for a meal and service on Wednesdays during Lent.
Our meal starts at 6:00 p.m. and service is 6:30 p.m.





February Income: \$ 7,758.05
 Expenses For February \$11,034.30

February 5, 2023

Attendance	51	
Envelopes		\$882.00
Loose		32.00
Sunday School		1.00
Tech Fund		75.00
Stoeckel Campership		75.00
Local Bills		300.00
Custodial		100.00
National Youth		75.00
World Hunger		12.00
Online		730.00
Total:		\$2,282.05

February 12, 2023

Attendance	48	
Envelopes		\$1,090.00
Loose		40.00
Church Use		100.00
World Hunger		5.00
Online		360.00
Total:		\$1,595.00

February 19, 2023

Attendance	37	
Envelopes		\$ 538.00
Loose		25.00
Ash Wednesday		100.00
Online		480.00
Total:		\$1,143.00

February 26, 2023

Attendance	33	
Envelopes		\$1,023.00
Loose		\$45.00
Ash Wednesday		55.00
World Hunger		10.00
Memorial		1,000.00
Anchor Ad		120.00
Online		485.00
Total:		\$2,738.00

Prayer Concerns

Shelly Engfer-Triebebach, LaRayne Johnson,
 Lil Ortendahl, Delores Johnson



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

Those who are Shut-in and with Health Concerns

Those Residing in Care Centers and Rehab

Community Memorial Home: Elaine Mattson,
 Jeanne Jensen, Don Jensen, LaRayne Johnson

Terrace Heights: Alice Sanders, Delores
 Stephens

Westview Assisted Living: Faye Maus, Madlyn
 Manders

Out of Town

Harding, MN: David Jorgensen

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

There are still offering envelopes in the entryway for those who have not gotten them.

We encourage you to do so as soon as possible.

'March Birthdays'

- 03/01 Remington Nevala
03/03 Nash Vik
03/04 Paisley Adolphsen
03/08 Larissa Hoffarth
03/13 Katie Helm, Hunter Infanger
Jacqueline Ramey
03/15 Anna Wolf
03/16 Donald Watschke
02/16 Ricky Spanswick
03/18 Morrigan Reinke
03/21 Hailey-Rose Sherman
Denise Waldvogel
03/22 Coraline Floer
Blake Johnson
03/23 Sarah Maddock
03/25 Carter Betsinger
03/27 Kimberly Floer
03/28 Bria Hoffarth, Judy Traulich
Matthew Staloch,
Jason Wiggins
03/29 William Garvin
Kristine Nevala
03/31 Jacob Finnegan,
Mason Grove



Please remember our members Lois Ketelle and Ruth Sherman in your prayers.

Lois passed away February 16, 2023 and her family is planning a memorial service for her.

Ruth passed away February 27, 2023. Her family has planned a memorial service for her on May 6, 2023

Rich Reflections

Friends in Christ:

The word “Lent” itself and the time of the year mean “Spring.” And none too soon I might add! It’s time of new life, repentance (unburdening), and most of the season is focused on discipleship. What does it mean to live as a follower of Jesus? It’s only when we get to Holy Week that focus turns to Christ’s Passion

Lenten Suppers

Please take advantage of the opportunity—yes, opportunity to delight in Food, Fellowship, Fun on Wednesdays beginning at 6:00pm There will be favorites like Sloppy Joe’s and lasagna, ice breakers to interact with people, and some fun trivia.

Holden Prayer Around the Cross

Our worship begins at 6:30pm, and will be a time of song and reflective prayer. It gives us a change of pace from the rest of the year; more deliberate and thoughtful, promoting an openness to God and care for others.

Midweek Messages:

“A New Family: Throwing Open the Doors of the Sanctuary” with Rachel Held Evans Rachel’s work opened a safe space for people to examine their beliefs and doubts. She was a voice of inclusion and social justice. She strived to be grace-full while admitting her imperfection.

She wanted people to experience the heart of God, which is for the people of God. All people, a diverse bunch of clumsy-yet-beautiful people of different races, cultures, beliefs, faiths, genders, and sexual orientations just doing our best to be human.

She was a person who reached for the outsider and brought their voice and perspective into the fold. Her hope was to start more conversations than end them.

Tragically, Rachel died on May 4, 2019 at the young age of 37.

Many felt loved for the first time because of her words, many found courage and found liberation within the holding of that love.

Where the church or culture closed the doors to the people of God because of their circumstance, she became a sanctuary herself.

Sunday Gospel readings in March

“Who are We Listening To?” – four conversations with Jesus that help us listen to him and to people we meet.

Nicodemus – a religious insider comes to Jesus at night and realizes that he’s been living in the dark.

Samaritan Woman – a despised, outcast member of a minority community becomes a life changing messenger of good news when she meets Jesus.

Man Born Blind – it turns out that those who thought sin caused this disability, are really the ones who lack true vision.

Jesus’ friend Lazarus Dies – Mary & Martha seek comfort from Jesus while mourning their brother.

Lent: It can be the best time of year when we open ourselves to things practiced by the first Christians:

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” —Acts 2:42

See you in church,
Pr. Rich Fitzer



Stewardship Committee

2022 held many challenges. Although, we worked on them by sharing our many talents, time and precious treasures, we did fall short with monetary giving. We had to resort to using reserves from past gifts to meet the shortfall. This is not a sustainable option for 2023.

For 2023 we really need to have more involvement from the congregation. Our committees need refreshing. We must stop relying on the same people year after year. Fresh ideas and involvement will help us to grow and nourish the congregation. Many thanks to everyone who has stepped forward to serve. We need 100% involvement to keep our congregation alive. I look forward to seeing people serving and building our congregation back up.

Mike Curtis

Education Committee

There was an interest meeting for a possible mission trip for the summer of 2023, but it was decided that it was too short of a time frame for adequate planning. We will continue to look into this possibility for future planning for a trip in 2025!

We are continuing to look for a youth leader with energy and excitement for our Lord, who would be willing to light a fire of excitement for Jesus in our youth and their families! We, as a committee, feel strongly that if we are able to excite our youth, they will invite other friends to join our church activities which will, in turn, bring in more young families. This is one way that we are hoping to help turn our declining membership around. We are asking the congregation to help us to support this new position with a little extra giving, so that eventually, the new membership will be able to help support this new role. We've been trying to keep our Sunday School and youth activities going strong until we find a new and amazing leader! Please pray that we will find an appropriate new staff member that will lead us in the direction our Father wants us to go! If you have any leads or ideas, we are always glad to listen...it takes a village to raise our children.

Respectfully submitted, Kristen Will, Education Committee Chair