

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— Stephanie Finnegan

Trustees— Lil Ortendahl

Youth— Lacey Sadlemyer

Stewardship— Mike Curtis

**Church Office Hours:**

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 spoke more on the Jeremiah 29 Project. Talked about possibility of Osakis Lutheran giving to the community by paying the unpaid lunch accounts for students at Osakis School. Kristin will check with school on the accounts. There are families who for whatever reason cannot pay this for their children. Pastor will begin worship again at Galeon, service to be held on Sundays. First Communion class will be the end of March. Has received several applications for the secretary's position and one interview done.

**Committees:**

Church in Society: No news

Education and Youth: Nothing new

Stewardship: No news

Worship: Mary Redetzke will change paraments to Lent.

Trustees: Travis Redetzke did make inquires into our current building insurance, our current carrier is North Star/Larson Insurance. Increasing deductibles will not make much of a difference in our premiums. Changing deductible from \$500 to \$1,000 only about \$90.00 per year. Increasing to \$2,500 only about \$357/year. Travis also contacted Church Mutual and their quote was approximately \$3,000 higher than what we have now. We will revisit this towards year end as our policy will renew again in February, 2024.

Offer Our Prayers with the Lord's Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Next meeting is on TUESDAY April 4, 2023 at 6:00pm.

Submitted by Nancy Exley for Jackie Harth

**Other News:**

Office Hours:

Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

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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 March 7, 2023**

Present: Kristin Will, Rick Hanson, Pastor Rich, Mike Curtis, Nancy Exley, Travis Redetzke,  
Mary Redetzke, and Lil Ortendahl

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

Shared joys and concerns

Approval of agenda.

Add to agenda in unfinished items: Review of Congregational Meeting March, 12, 2023 and the continued discussion of Jeremiah 29 Project. Motion to approve agenda by Mary Redetzke and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lil Ortendahl.

Old/Unfinished Business

Minutes were reviewed. Mike Curtis made a motion to approve, Nancy 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

President Kristin Will gave a detailed explanation of the upcoming Congregational meeting for Sunday, March 12, 2023. Questions were asked and answers given. Talked about the financial aspects of the proposal of hiring a youth pastor/lay person. A reminder email will be sent out yet this week to the congregation. Kristin will prepare paper ballots and the a count will done right away. The results will be presented.

New Business

Treasurer report: Income for February \$7,758.05. Bills paid \$11,034.30. Total income to date in 2023 \$16,924.63 and total bills paid \$20,045.13. Made \$500 downpayment to Luther Crest Bible Camp for this summer VBS. That money moved from Jung Fund to Operating, this amount not included in income for February. Moved \$2,500 from Memorial Fund to Operating to cover Portico for January; this amount not included in income for February. Motion was made by Lil Ortendahl and approved by Mike Curtis for the moving the above stated funds (Jung and Memorial).

## Join Us For Worship

Sunday April 2 Palm Sunday Worship Service - 10 a.m.

Thursday April 6 Maundy Thursday 6:30 p.m.

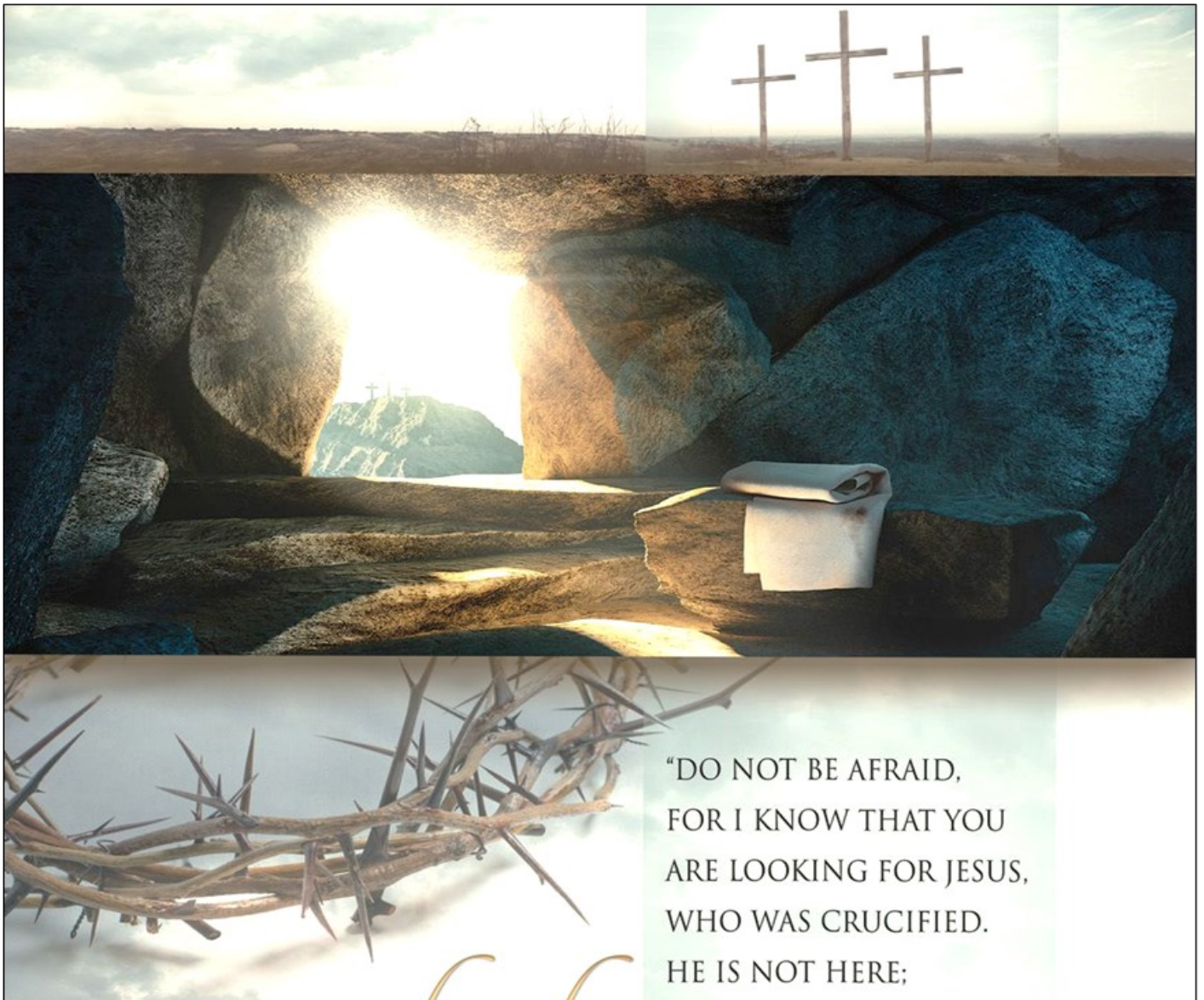
Friday April 7 Community Good Friday Service NOON

Sunday April 9 Easter Sunday Worship Service - 10 a.m.

Sunday April 16 Worship Service - 10 a.m.

Sunday April 23 Worship Service - 10 a.m.

Sunday April 30 Worship Service - 10 a.m.



“DO NOT BE AFRAID,  
FOR I KNOW THAT YOU  
ARE LOOKING FOR JESUS,  
WHO WAS CRUCIFIED.  
HE IS NOT HERE;



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

**March 5, 2023**

**Attendance                   46**

Envelopes                   \$1,163.00  
Loose                         40.00  
Lent                         20.00  
Dish Cloth Sales             40.00  
Food Shelf                  300.00  
Online                        780.00

Total:                        \$2,343.00

**March 12, 2023**

**Attendance                   26**

Envelopes                   \$ 523.00  
Loose                         20.00  
Lent                         60.00  
Church Use                  100.00  
Custodial Pay                100.00  
Dish Cloth Sales             20.00  
Online                        370.00

Total:                        \$1,193.00

**March 19, 2023**

**Attendance                   42**

Envelopes                   \$ 1,123.00  
Loose                         30.00  
Lent                         214.00  
Dish Cloth Sales             44.00  
World Hunger                7.00  
Anchor Ad                   120.00  
Online                        390.00

Total:                        \$2,033.00

**March 26, 2023**

**Attendance                   56**

Envelopes                   \$1,058.00  
Loose                         \$40.00  
Ash Wednesday             30.00  
World Hunger                2.25  
Dish Cloth Sales             20.00  
Online                        735.00

Total:                        \$1,885.25

**Prayer Concerns**

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



**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,  
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!***

## 'April Birthdays'



04/01 Gregory Johnson  
04/02 Larry Frisch,  
Darren Redetzke  
04/03 Choloe Bjorstrom  
04/04 Logan Grove  
04/06 Annabelle Redetzke  
04/09 Kali Schoeck  
04/10 Jon Hinnenkamp,  
Joy Larson  
04/12 Laurie Garcia  
04/15 Carol Nack,  
Amanda Steinbeisser  
04/18 Myron Barber,  
Jason Mounsdon,  
Abby Will and Morgan Will  
04/20 Trenton VanNyhuis  
04/21 Katie Malvin  
04/22 Linda Blake  
04/24 Michael Curtis,  
Lawrence Lewin



04/25 Darcy Larson  
04/27 Andi Johnson,  
Beverly Schultz  
  
04/28 Vicky Grove,  
Morgan Staloch,  
Seth Strelow  
  
04/29 Dinara Dekema,  
Leah Maddock,  
Madlyn Manders  
04/30 Joe Johnson,  
Jordan Judd, Charles Miller,  
Mary Redetzke, Ethan Wiggins

## Rich Reflections

*"Come & See! There's still time!"*

No it's not a President's Day mattress sale, neither is it the Toyota Year End Sales Event.

**But it IS the best week (time) of the year**--even if it isn't Christmas and doesn't look like Spring. We've been eating, opening new doors, mentoring, praying & lighting candles together.

Sunday, March 26 we saw our largest post-pandemic attendance... so far, with both familiar & new faces!

We've heard the words *"come & see"* many times in the Gospel of John: Disciples telling their siblings, an outcast Samaritan woman to her village, Mary telling Jesus about her dead brother Lazarus. Jesus has been finding doubting, rejected, grieving people and bringing them out of dark times and into the light of a new day--helping them see the re-born, new life that He brings.

And whether you're excited, weary, wary, fearful or uncertain--Jesus, and we, are here with and for you.

Holy Week offers many opportunities to make these **the most important days of the year** as we follow Jesus:

April 2

Palm Sunday 10am: we see Jesus welcomed as a hero by ordinary people hungry for something better.

April 6

Holy Thursday 6:30pm: we surround and support our 5th graders in hearing again for the first time those words of promise:

"This is my body broken, my blood shed for you" reassuring words that nothing can separate us from God's love.

April 7

Good Friday 12noon: a new community worship service, with several congregations, helping us to see even in the shadows and darkness of the cross, there is no limit to God's love for you and me. A recorded version of it will be on YouTube and Facebook, by 3pm.

April 9

Easter Sunday 10am: a joyful, boisterous celebration of that best news:

Not even death can hold or stop God's new life for

us in Jesus. "Alleluia, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!"

**During our Wednesday worship during Lent we listened** to Christian leader and author Rachel Held Evans from a series called "*A New Family: Throwing Open the Doors of the Church*"

Here's some of what she had to say in this season of death and resurrection.

*The role of the church is to preach death and resurrection, to teach that Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Jesus said that the gates of hell will not prevail against the church and I take him at his word in that. I think if the gates of hell will not prevail against the church, it's going to survive the loss of cultural Christianity in the US. We know the church will survive, because the church is about death and resurrection. It may die, but Jesus will make something new of it.*

*So I don't worry about the future of the church. A lot of people are talking about the death of the church, like it's this big horrible thing that we're on the precipice of doom. And, we see the numbers changing, at least in North America, and shifting, the demographics shifting. And I can't help but think to myself, maybe a little death and resurrection is exactly what the church needs right now.*

*Maybe this means that for Christians in North America, we're learning that Christianity isn't about empire. Maybe our empire building days are over. And maybe that's a good thing. Maybe the church isn't about power and money and numbers. Maybe being the church is about something else. And maybe dying to those old ways of doing things is exactly what needs to happen.*

See you in church as we celebrate the surprising new life we have in Jesus.

See you in church,  
Pr. Rich Fitzer

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**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**

Elizabeth Floer and Thomas Finnegan will be receiving their First Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 6, 2023

**“SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS”** Osakis Lutheran Church will again host Luther Crest Vacation Bible School. Dates are July 10th through the 13th.

A reminder to all students completing their first year of college. You are eligible for a scholarship of \$300 going into your second year. Contact the Nancy at the church office for an application. The deadline is August, 2023.

Graduation Sunday is May 7th!! Seniors - watch your email for the slideshow information coming from Melanie Stier in mid April.

Luther Crest Bible Camp campers - there is a \$100 scholarship available for anyone attending. Again, contact Nancy at the church office for an application.

Next Education Meeting is May 3rd at 7:15 p.m. after Pathfinders.

Respectfully submitted, Kristen Will, Education Committee Chair