

Osakis Lutheran Church

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***Osakis Lutheran Church
2021 Church Council***

President—Melanie Stier

Past President— Jessie Thornbloom

Secretary—Jacki Harth

Treasurer—Nancy Exley

Financial Secretary—Cindy Christensen

Deacons— Wilma Triebenbach

Worship— Mary Redetzke

Education—Kristen Will

Trustees— Lil Ortendahl

Youth— Lacey Sadlemyer

Stewardship—Mike Curtis

Ex Officio—Pastor Richard Fitzer

Church Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
9 a.m.—2 p.m.

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

Church phone number 859-2350

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 April \$11,094.02. Bills paid in April \$12,512.58. Income to date: \$82,047.95 , Bills paid to date \$43,812.99. \$11,000 currently in the checking account. Mike C. motioned to approve the treasurer's report with Jessie T. seconding. Motion approved.

B. Pastor's Report:

-Two baptisms April 25

- Pathfinder clean-up day will be May 12th

-Pentecost Worship Celebration on May 23rd which will include Seniors in high school recognition.

-Pre-marital sessions with one couple

C. Committees:

Trustees: A second estimate is coming from a Tuck Point Company in Rice, MN for repairs to the bell tower. Lawn mowing sign up is in the lobby. A new motor is needed for the sump pump with cost estimates sought. A new BB hoop has been installed with solar lighting for the flag.

Stewardship: No new news (NNN)

Church in Society: NNN

Education: NNN

Worship: NNN

Youth: NNN

VI. Offer Our Prayers with the Lord's Prayer

VII. Meeting was adjourned with the next meeting on June 7, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

2021 Worship

We plan to continue to offer 'In-Person' services while following the CDC Guidelines, as well as continue them 'Online'. Watch for further announcement for any changes.

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

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

July 11th there will be a Retirement Celebration for Pat Converse to thank her for her 30 years of service here at the Osakis Lutheran Church. More details to come in the July edition of the Action News.



Osakis Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes, Monday, March 1st @ 6:30 pm

Present: Pastor Rich Fitzer, Melanie Stier, Jessie Thornbloom, Nancy Exley, Jacki Harth, Rick Hansen, Mary Redetzke, Lil Ortendahl, Kent Werver, Mike Curtis, Reverend Keith Pearson

- I. President Melanie Stier called the meeting to order.
 - A. Devotions- Pastor Rich
 - B. Sharing joys/concerns, highs/lows
- II. Approval of Agenda
 - A. Mike C. made a motion to approve the agenda, Nancy E. 2nd. Approved.
- III. New Business (OLC vision & new mission & ministry work)
 - A. Pastor Rich reviewed the endowment structure developed and adopted by the congregation in 2009. A large endowment has been bestowed upon OLC from the estate of Sarah Jane Larson. The amount is \$350,000 which is a third of her estate. Pastor met with a smaller group of council members when notified and the group discussed creating a model of giving and financial management with this most generous gift. Tithing, addressing current needs, and long term investment to generate growth were discussed as well as plans to insure congregational input. Keith Pearson from the ELC Foundation presented options for long term management of the funds. A group of council members will meet May 19th at 7:30 to plan an announcement to the congregation during the May 23rd Pentecost Sunday service with a larger congregational meeting in September. 5 people will need to be voted in to serve on the Endowment Committee.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Review of minutes from last meeting: copies of the minutes were not available so this will be addressed at the next meeting.
 - B. Unfinished items from previous meeting(s): Covid updates and protocols. No new guidance from the Synod leadership and the high school as returned to distance learning due to still high rates of the Covid virus. At this time, current restrictions for in-person worship will remain with 50% capacity allowed.

Join Us For Worship

Sunday June 6 Worship Service 10 a.m.

Sunday June 13 Worship Service 10 a.m.

Sunday June 20 Worship Service 10 a.m. - 'Happy Father's Day!'

Sunday June 27 Worship Service 10 a.m.

As of now, we will be offering both 'In-Person' and 'Online' services. If you join us 'In-Person' we ask you to follow the Safe Practice Guidelines. If you wish to join us Online you can find us live on Facebook, or the service can later be viewed on You Tube.

Osakis Lutheran gift announced – May 23

Our congregation recently received a gift from the Sarah J. (&Selmer) Larson estate. It was a large and extremely generous gift. Before mentioning the amount we want to share some things about the gift that the Council has been talking about.

First, we want to give thanks to the Larson family for their kind and generous gift.

Second, we want to honor the fact that this gift represents a lifetime of work for this family. We do not want to squander it or fail to respect the heart, soul, blood, sweat and tears behind this gift.

This gift is not an excuse for any of us to give less or work any less hard than we already do to support the ministry of this congregation.

Third, we want the whole congregation's input to shape how the gift is used. Your council has developed a rough plan, but it's a starting point for conversation, not some a final decision.

Finally, we want to thank you, the members of Osakis Lutheran. It was your work here that inspired this gift. The work you do here seemed to the Larson family to be worthy of such a large, bold and generous gift.

The gift from the Larson estate has a total value of \$350,000. The preliminary plan recommended by your council (intended as a starting point) is as follows:

As we manage this gift we will model Christian giving and sound financial management.

A tithe would be given as a first-fruits offering for the work of God's church beyond our congregation. (possible examples: Luther Crest Bible Camp, NW Minnesota Synod)

A portion of the gift would be used for a limited number of pressing needs in and around our facilities. One of these needs would be automatic doors to make the building more accessible.

The largest portion of the gift would be used to fund an endowment fund, which was established in 2009. By endowing a large portion of this gift, the gift will go to work, and will produce a steady and unending stream of income for things OUTSIDE of the general fund.

The council will use the next 3-4 months to invite and collect your input. Then, at a date yet to be determined, there will be a special congregational meeting to vote on the final plan. Please accept the council's invitation in the coming weeks and join them in discerning God's will in how we receive and use this wonderful gift.



Mission Action

It is good for the Monday Quilters to be back again!

- On April 26th we had 2 brave quilters, Rita & Jackie. They did 4 quilts and 2 others were brought in.
- On May 10th, 4 quilters came in. We were able to do 4 quilts, and 1 more was brought in.

This month we plan to be back on the 7th & the 21st, please join us!



Offering

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| May Income | \$6,731.47 |
| May Expenses | \$10,959.04 |
| Income to date | \$438,996.56 |
| Bills paid to date | \$54,772.03 |

*Stripe Dollars for May \$1,990.00

May 2, 2021

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| Envelopes | \$1,315.00 |
| Loose | \$20.00 |
| Dedicated: Natl. Youth Gathering | \$75.00 |

Total: \$1,410.00

May 9, 2021

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| Envelopes | \$1,219.00 |
| Loose | \$5.00 |
| Sunday School Offering | \$17.47 |
| Dedicated: Tech Fund | \$100.00 |
| Building Repairs | \$200.00 |

Total: \$1,541.47

May 16, 2021

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| Envelopes | \$727.00 |
| Loose | \$20.00 |

Total: \$747.00

May 23, 2021

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| Envelopes | \$957.00 |
| Loose | \$11.00 |
| Dedicated: Natl. Youth Gathering | \$75.00 |

Total: \$1,043.00

May 30, 2021

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| Envelopes | \$612.00 |
| Dedicated: Tech Fund | \$100.00 |

Total: \$712.00

Prayer Concerns

Trenton VanNyhuis, Shelly Engfer-Triebebach, Grace Johnson, Janice Frank, Sue Hoffarth, Marie Larson, Samantha Reeves, and Troy Wolf. Also for the Family, Friends & Co-workers of Kyle Imdieke

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, Marie Larson, Jeanne Jensen, Stella Bender, Audrey Collins

Terrace Heights: John and Peggy Huebner, Alice Sanders

Westview Assisted Living: LaRayne Johnson, Ruby Maus, Lorraine (Ivy) Nomeland, Faye Maus, Madlyn Manders, Don Jensen

Out of Town

Alexandria—Windmill Ponds: Delores Stephens

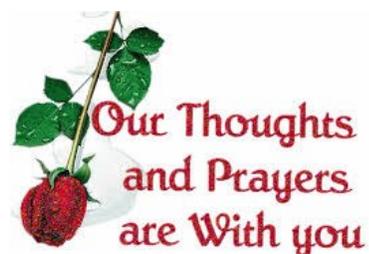
Harding, MN: David Jorgensen

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 family and friends of:

Kyle Imdieke



'June Birthdays'

- 06/01 Marlys Benson, Blake Kleinschmidt,
Brooke Kleinschmidt
- 06/02 John Chalmers
- 06/04 Ryan Strelow
- 06/05 Janice Frank, Mackenzie Staloch
- 06/06 Madison Stier, Marcus Wolf
- 06/07 Michael Gilbert, Emma Kulzer,
Diane Maloney
- 06/08 Taylor Larson
- 06/11 Michael Steinbeisser
- 06/12 Abby Kleinschmidt
- 06/13 Audrey Collins
- 06/14 Carrie Mounsdon, Ryan Wagner
- 06/15 Janna Juntunen, Seth Staloch,
Shelly Triebenbach
- 06/17 Jacey Larson, Ryan Larson,
Travis Redetzke, Jason Schueler
- 06/18 Karlee Hoffarth
- 06/20 Rodger Larson
- 06/22 Brad Hoffarth, Josiah Kapaun
- 06/23 Hillary Bjorstrom, Luke Schmidt
- 06/24 Kirstin Bohm, Judy Reinke,
Michael Woidyla
- 06/25 Jessica Gadbow, Trent Redetzke
- 06/29 Lee VanNyhuis
- 06/30 Bexley Abraham



Church Council Encourages Vaccination

Osakis Lutheran Church Council has unanimously agreed to encourage everyone to seek out and receive the COVID-19 vaccine. It has proven to be more than 90% effective preventing serious infections and is also proving effective in reducing the transmission. This encouragement comes in the spirit of Jesus who tells us to care for the least (most vulnerable) among us. Vaccines are available at all clinics and most pharmacies.

STAY SAFEMN



COVID-19 VACCINE FACTS

The COVID-19 vaccine is free.

You can get the vaccine no matter if you have insurance or what your immigration status is.

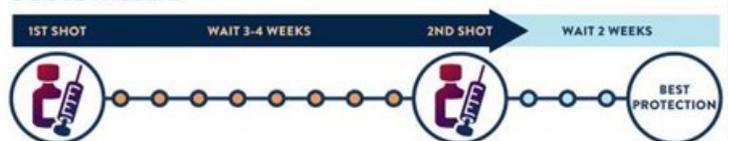
The COVID-19 vaccine is safe.

It has gone through all the same safety steps of any other vaccine.

The COVID-19 vaccine works.

The vaccine is very good at protecting people from COVID-19 disease. It takes some time after your final shot to build up protection against COVID-19. The person giving you the vaccine will let you know if you need one or two doses. If you need two doses, it is important to get both doses for the best protection.

2-DOSE VACCINE



1-DOSE VACCINE



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mn.gov/vaccine

Minnesota Department of Health | health.mn.gov | 651-201-5000 | 425 Robert Street North PO Box 64975, St. Paul, MN 55164-0975
Contact health.communications@state.mn.us to request an alternate format. | 02/24/2021

Rich Reflections

Happy Summertime everyone!

We're moving into those three months of the year when we try to squeeze 12 months of activities. And we may feel like we're making up for lost time from 2020. Please remember to pray for favorable weather after this dry Spring, and for safety on the roads.

Begin to return to normal:

We are inviting everyone to sing again during worship. As of May 28, there are no more state restrictions on seating capacities. So we will remove most of the signs that closed every other row. However, for those who wish to maintain some distance we will keep a few rows of distanced seating in the back of the church. We're trying meet as many needs as possible. In the coming weeks we'll consider when to return to passing the offering plates and coming forward for Holy Communion.

Imdieke family:

Most of you know that Kyle Imdieke, 45, teacher, coach, father of 3 sons (2 confirmed at OLC) died May 6. Kyle's wife passed away in 2016. There has been a memorial fund established to help the boys. Please consider making a donation through First National Bank Osakis. You can drop off a donation at 211 Center Avenue, bank customers may call the bank to transfer money, or if you use the Venmo payment app you can

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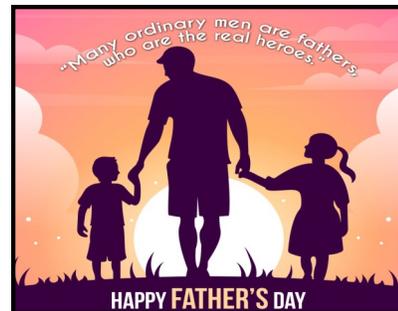
Larson estate Gift:

May 23rd, during our Pentecost worship remembering the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Church Council announced that Osakis Lutheran was named as one of the beneficiaries the Sarah J. (& Selmer) Larson estate. It is a gift with great blessings and great responsibilities. It will NOT be used for General Fund expenses. The Council will invite your input this summer. You can read more details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing you in-person,
Pr. Rich

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Council's Corner: by Melanie Stier

What a beautiful celebration it was on Sunday, May 23rd for the celebration of Pentecost and celebrating our 2021 high school graduates! It was such a joyous time to be together and recognize the accomplishments of the year. We were also able to announce a wonderful financial gift given to our church by Sarah Larson, who passed away in December 2019. We will be going through the process of deciding how to best honor Sarah's life with this gift. We want to be sure we make financially sound and honorable decisions, giving within our ministry and outside our church building. Please help us with this process by sharing your thoughts and ideas with council members. We will be taking the next 3-4 months to decide how to proceed, so we can be sure we have researched all options.

As many of you know, the mask mandate for the state has ended, allowing for those who are fully vaccinated to be unmasked in public indoor spaces. Our church will continue to follow CDC guidelines to keep our congregation members safe.

A couple of opportunities available within our church include:

- *Nomeland Scholarship (for students who have completed a year of post-secondary education)
- *Campership Fund (for students attending Bible Camps)

Please contact the church office if you would like to utilize either of these.

God's Blessings,
Melanie Stier
2021 Council President



For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right, and just, so that the Lord will bring about for Abraham what he has promised.

Genesis 18:19

