

Osakis Lutheran Church

P.O. Box 427

Osakis, MN 56360

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

President—Rick Hansen

Past President—Melanie Stier

Secretary—Jacki Harth

Treasurer—Nancy Exley

Financial Secretary—Cindy Christensen

Worship—Mary Redetzke

Education—Kristen Will

Trustees—Lil Ortendahl

Youth—Kristen Will

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

Treasurer:

- Two camperships applications were received and approved for Luther Crest camp for \$100 each.
- Income for April \$8,736.25 , Bills paid in April \$8,846.55. Income to date for 2022 \$52,811.24, Bills paid to date \$58,131.92 but still more to be paid.

Pastor's Report: The First Communicants made their first communion on Maundy Thursday, The highlight of the Easter Season was a nearly full church on Easter Sunday. Eight high school seniors will be recognized at Graduation Sunday, the second Brunch church will be held on May 22nd, the Synod Assembly meeting will be held virtually again this year on May 21st.

Committees:

Trustees: Dick the new custodian is doing an exceptional job which the council acknowledged.

Stewardship: Easter Appeal letter will be sent out ASAP.

Church in Society: not active

Education and Youth: have been meeting to plan VBS and other activities for the youth. We are still looking for a Sunday School director.

Worship: Thank you for people donating flowers for Easter.

Planning for Brunch church.

Women's groups: there is a core group of women faithfully volunteering and they will gradually add more women. If anyone wants to be included in this group, please contact Mary Rasmussen.

Offer Our Prayers with the Lord's Prayer.

VI. Meeting was adjourned with the next meeting on Monday June 6th, 2022 at 6:00 pm. Submitted by Jacki Harth, Council Secretary

Other News:

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 May 2nd, 2022**

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

I. President Rick Hansen called the meeting to order.

Devotions- Pastor Rich
Sharing

II. Approval of agenda.

Nancy E. made a motion to approve the agenda with no additions, Mike 2nd. Approved.

III. Old/Unfinished Business

Minutes: Nancy made a motion to approve the minutes, Mary 2nd Custodian. The executive committee approved the hiring of Richard Steinbeisser in April. A motion to approve the hire and updated job description was made by Lil and 2nd by Nancy.

Newspaper Ad: Nancy will put the ad in this month

Goals for 2022: Reviewed quarterly

Coffee and lector sign up. Folks have signed up and pastor will work with them to get one of the volunteers take care of one week a month

IV. New Business (OLC vision & new mission & ministry work)

Easter Appeal: The Stewardship committee met to develop an Easter appeal letter that will go out ASAP. The council approved and signed the letter.

On-line giving cards will be placed in the pews for those who give on-line to put in the offering plate when it is passed around.

Join Us For Worship

Sunday June 5 Worship Service 10 a.m. - Pentecost

Sunday June 12 Worship Service 10 a.m.

Sunday June 19 Worship Service 10 a.m. - Father's Day

Sunday June 26 Worship Service 10 a.m.

New Sunday School Director needed.

After many years of directing and leading weekly Sunday School classes, I have decided to pass this position on to a new person. It has been amazing working with so many parents and helping the children strengthen their faith. I am willing to help the new director order supplies and get things ordered for the 2022-2023 Sunday School year. If this is a position (one or both) that you feel you would be interested in, please contact Debbie in the office, Pr. Rich, or myself at jessianne_15@hotmail.com
Blessings! Jessie Thornbloom



In Search Of:

A core group of volunteers for Lectors and Coffee Hour. Please see sign-up sheet on the back table in the Narthex. Thank You!

Mission Action Monday Quilter's Group



We still have a few things for sale so please let us or Debbie in the office know if you are interested.

Thank you!

- Necchi Sewing Machine, \$50
- - 2 Ironing Boards, \$10 each



Offering

May Income to date:	\$4,446.35
Online Giving for April to date:	\$2,390.00
General Fund to date	\$52,811.24
Bills paid to date	\$58,131.92

May 1, 2022

Envelopes	\$1,328.00
Loose	\$40.00
VBS	\$20.00
Dedicated Funds:	
Anchor Ad	\$100.00
<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$1,488.00</u>

May 8, 2022

Envelopes	\$933.00
Loose	\$43.00
Local Bills	\$300.00
<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$1,276.00</u>

May 15, 2022

Envelopes	\$655.00
<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$655.00</u>

May 22, 2022

Envelopes	\$876.00
Loose	\$10.00
Library Refund	\$6.35
Dedicated Funds:	
Stoeckel Campership	\$75.00
Easter Hope Appeal	\$60.00
<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$1,027.35</u>

Prayer Concerns

Shelly Engfer-Triebebach, Janice Frank, Marie Larson, LaRayne Johnson, Amanda Steinbeisser, Jim Heuer, Sonja Kerber, Peter Moberg, Renee Muehlenhardt, Kristen Will, and Marge Swor

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, Don Jensen, Stella Bender, Audrey Collins, LaRayne Johnson, Ruby Maus

Terrace Heights: Alice Sanders

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

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!



Way of Peace

'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
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
06/24 Kirstin Bohm, Judy Reinke,
Michael Woidyla
06/25 Jessica Gadbow, Trent Redetzke
06/29 Lee VanNyhuis
06/30 Bexley Abraham



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.



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

-Just as people celebrate birthdays, the church celebrates its birthday on Pentecost Sunday, June 5th this year. Pentecost is the 50th day of Easter. The Old Testament backdrop is the Festival of Weeks (Exodus 34:22). This festival occurs 50 days after the Passover. Passover celebrates God's deliverance of Israel from slavery in Egypt.

The Festival of Weeks celebrates God's giving the Ten Commandments to Moses at Sinai for his people. Just as the Law came down from heaven to Israel, so the Spirit of God came down from heaven to the church on Pentecost, fifty days after Jesus' resurrection. One might argue that Israel began as a nation with the giving of the Law at Sinai. So, too, the church began its history with the gift of the Spirit at Pentecost.

The Festival of Weeks marks the first wheat harvest with the beginning of summer. So, the church is to begin its harvest of Great Commission witness 'today' (Matthew 28:18-20). We see evidence of the first-fruits of that harvest at Pentecost as 3,000 believed and were baptized into the church. The Messianic Age, which dawned in the person of Jesus, has come in its fullness with the descent of the Spirit (Acts 2).

Rather than living off the fumes of the past, we need to tend the flame of the Spirit in our lives. Just as the believers were filled with the Spirit and proclaimed the good news of Jesus, we must wait on God in prayer, long for the Spirit's

movement, then tell and live the good news of the kingdom as led by the Spirit.

It is easy for churches to look back nostalgically as the Spirit moved in their midst when they were born. After a few years, church anniversaries can easily move from celebrating the Spirit's ongoing movement to cemented monuments. The classic hymn by C. Michael Hawn

“Spirit of the Living God” is an appropriate one to sing this day, as we seek to guard against turning Pentecost and church movements into monuments:

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

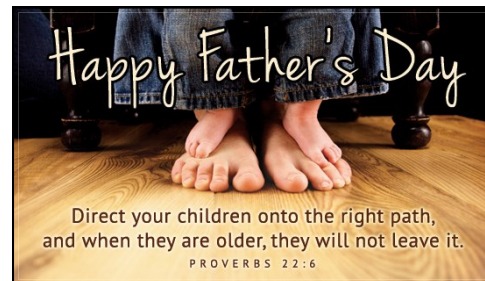
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

How can we become more sensitive to the Spirit, seek not to grieve the Spirit (Ephesians 4:30), not take the Spirit for granted, and be filled with the Spirit, as we seek as churches to be and remain missional movements every year of our lives? The answers we give will either help or hinder us in our efforts to guard against turning the celebration of the church's birth into a memorial monument.

Waiting & seeking the Spirit,
Pr. Rich

**Osakis Lutheran Church
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**Council's Corner:
by Rick Hansen**

Hello and peace be with you! The year keeps moving on, and summer is finally upon us. School is out, and Graduation Sunday went quite well at our church. Our calendar was pretty busy this past month, and I am happy to see people getting back out there. Coffee after church is in the works, and we plan to get our congregation people back into being lectors and such. Be sure to let us know if you are willing!

Have a great summer!

God Bless!

Rick Hansen

2022 Council President



Nomeland Scholarships

For all 1st year College Students, we invite you to come pick up a form to fill out to register for a Scholarship.

Congratulations Class of 2022!



**SAVE THE DATE!!!
Luther Crest
Vacation Bible School
at Osakis Lutheran Church**

When: Monday, July 11th-Thursday, July 14th from 8:45 am – 3:00 pm

Who: Students who have completed Kindergarten - 6th grade

Cost: \$20 per child with a \$40 family maximum

*Lunch and snack provided each day!

Registration forms will be mailed out soon