

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:

‘Summer’ Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday

8:00 A.M. - 1:00 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 June \$13,089.00 that included a \$5,000 donation from a member. Bills paid in June \$17,386.39 which includes payroll. Income to date for 2022 \$100,185.59, Bills paid to date \$92,826.79.

B. Pastor's Report: on leave

C. Committees:

Trustees: Lil had two estimates for the gutters for \$1000 and \$952. The council approved the work using the lowest bid. Thank you to the Will family for power washing the bricks on the west side. Lil would like to see the bell tower/tuck pointing project completed by fall which was previously approved.

Stewardship: Mike will coordinate the writing of a letter that indicates the need for monetary needs but also the significant need for members to sign up for jobs and committees. Kristen will get the time and talent information to Mike to include in the letter.

Church in Society: not active

Education and Youth: VBS is this week with assistance from Luther Crest Counselors and 30 children. There has been no one interested in taking over for Sunday School and the council discussed possibly paying someone. The group is planning an outdoor movie night that was well attended last year. Kristen will call the Synod to get some direction on resources to fill this position.

Worship: Planning for Brunch church.

Offer Our Prayers with the Lord's Prayer.

VI. Meeting was adjourned with the next meeting on Monday August 1st at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Jacki Harth, Council Secretary

Other News:

'Summer' Office Hours:
Monday – Thursday 8:00 A.M. - 1:00 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 June 6th, 2022

Special Council meeting minutes June 28th

A special meeting was held to approve a sick leave request from Pastor Rich. A motion was made by Mike C. and seconded by Nancy E. and approved. He will be on leave from 7/5 to 7/25.

Council Meeting Minutes, Monday, July 11th, 2022

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

I. President Rick Hansen called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of agenda.

Nancy E. made a motion to approve the agenda with additions, Mary 2nd.

Approved.

III. Old/Unfinished Business

Minutes: Lil made a motion to approve the minutes, Mike 2nd

Coffee and lector sign up. There was some feedback that the sign up and assignment process was unclear. Will check with pastor when he returns and possibly assign one person to organize.

Easter Appeal letter: A new letter will need to be sent as many members did not receive the last letter. Mike will write a new letter (see Stewardship committee report) and Nancy will check on the status of the mailing lists in the church office.

Gutters on west side. See trustee committee report.

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

The air conditioner in the fellowship hall is not working. Lil said she will call someone to fix it this week.

Discussion took place regarding the need for on-line live feed and uploading to You Tube now that churches are open for worship in the church building. We commend Pastor Rich and Pat Ryan for making this possible throughout Covid.

Office needs: The mailing lists will need to be updated to include members on all past lists (unless deceased) and members who have been confirmed should also go on the list. The council will also need to revisit the fee schedule for weddings etc.

Social activities: Pastor Rich wants the council to talk about potential social activities such as movie night or game night. At this time the youth committee is planning a movie night.

Join Us For Worship

Sunday August 7 Worship Service 10 a.m.
Sunday August 14 Worship Service 10 a.m.
Sunday August 21 Worship Service 10 a.m.
Sunday August 28 Worship Service 10 a.m.

School will be starting again soon, so watch your mailboxes!



The OLC will be sending out letters to families regarding Pathfinders, as well as Sunday School, so please watch your mailboxes for these important notices!



In Search Of:

A core group of volunteers for Lectors, Ushers, Coffee Hour, and Lawn Care. Please see sign-up sheets on the back table in the Narthex.

And 'Thank You' to those who have already volunteered!



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

July Income to date:	\$4,141.50
General Fund thru June	\$100,185.59
Expenses thru June	\$92,826.79

July 3, 2022

Envelopes	\$813.00
<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$813.00</u>

July 10, 2022

Envelopes	\$1,093.00
Loose	\$1.00
Local Bills	\$250.00
<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$1,344.00</u>

July 17, 2022

Envelopes	\$911.00
Loose	\$.50
VBS Registration	\$120.00
<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$1,031.50</u>

July 24, 2022

Envelopes	\$758.00
Memorials	\$65.00
Dedicated Funds:	
Anchor Ad	\$100.00
Easter Appeal	\$30.00
<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$953.00</u>

Prayer Concerns

Shelly Engfer-Triebebach, Janice Frank, Marie Larson, LaRayne Johnson, Amanda Steinbeisser, Jim Heuer, Peter Moberg, Renee Muehlenhardt, Marge Swor, Lois Ketelle, Grace Johnson, friends and family of Ruby Maus

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, Marge Swor

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 family and friends of Ruby Maus. Ruby passed away on Friday July 8th, 2022, 1 day short of her 105th birthday. Her funeral service was Friday July 15th at the Osakis Lutheran Church. Ruby lived a full and long life, and was blessed with a big family. She will be dearly missed.



'August Birthdays'

- 08/01 Karen Larson
08/02 Matthew Ramey
08/03 Timothy Schoeck, Tyler Stier,
Katie Wiggins
08/05 John Swenstad,
Spencer Wolbeck
08/06 Riley Kreemer
08/08 Michael Kugel, Lisa Watnaas
08/10 Ty Werven
08/11 Harold Norris
08/14 Conner Person, Jace Person
08/16 Christy Helm, Mandy Kapaun
08/17 Scotty Ellefson, Melanie Stier
08/18 Kristin Barrett
08/19 Brenda Tvrdik
08/21 Linette Forsell, Gloria Jensen
08/22 Ruslan Dykema, Faye Maus
Pamela Sherman
08/23 Joshua Kapaun,
Marvin Mensen, Don Peterson,
DeAnna Vik
08/24 Jane Field
08/26 Gina Wagner
08/27 Bradley Forsell
08/28 Angela Wells



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,

Many of you know I've been on sick leave for most of the month of July. Following two plus years of pandemic, racial strife, divisive politics, roller coaster economics and global tensions over Ukraine I was feeling a bit worn. Starting at Christmas last year I also experienced a series of personal stressful events during the first six months of this year that left me depleted mentally and physically.

I've thought of the prophet Elijah recently. Following his defeat of the prophets of the idol Baal on Mt. Carmel, he fled for his life under threat of death from Queen Jezebel. He retreated to Mt. Sinai for 40 days. Then the "word of the Lord came to him..."

¹¹ The LORD said, "Go out, stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way..."

—1Kings 19:11-15

Elijah couldn't perceive God in all the commotion, but in the "sheer silence," or the "still small voice" as it has often been translated.

When I began this time away, I planned to approach it somewhat like a person who has been hospitalized and has physical, and occupational therapy twice a day for maybe a total of two hours. Then spend much of the day recuperating and hopefully having some time with family and friends.

My three areas of focus have been rest, relax, and reconnect. So I've been taking time to get more adequate rest, enjoy some low-stress or no stress activities, and I've dedicated time to reconnecting: with family members and friends; and just as importantly to faith practices which help me be connected to God.

July 31 is when I'll be returning to preach as we have our quarterly Prayers for Healing. Rather timely I would say. It is then that I'll share some more of my experiences and whatever insights I can about these past few weeks and the past several months. Until then I hope that you'll support me in prayer, as I will be praying for you as people of faith at Osakis Lutheran.

A Word of Thanks to our church council who helped to facilitate this time; to Pastors John Martinson, Kathryn Rothman and Jeremy Pederson who've led worship and offered pastoral care; to Debbie Bulfer and Nancy Exley in the office for picking up extra tasks; to Vicki Hinrichs and musicians for their leadership; and to Sarah Maddock, Pat Ryan, and Melanie Stier who've provided technology skills on Sunday mornings. And thanks to anyone else who has stepped up to fill any gaps during the month of July.

Looking forward to reconnecting with all of you,

Pr. Rich Fitzer



Council's Corner
By: Rick Hansen

Hello and peace be with you! It's been great seeing our congregation get back into the swing of things, including those who have signed up to be Lectors, Ushers, help with coffee/snacks, and such... and we are always open to receiving more, so be sure to let us know if you are willing!

God Bless!
Rick Hansen
2022 Council President

Needed:
Sunday School
Director



This summer has just flown by and soon we will begin another year of School! We are still searching for a Sunday School Director, so if you feel called to this position please let us know! I am here and willing to help the new director with any questions you might have, and also in getting things ordered for the 2022-2023 Sunday School year.

If this is a position 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



Vacation Bible School
at the
Osakis Lutheran Church

Vacation Bible School was held at the OLC last month from the 11th - 14th. It was wonderful hearing our church filled full again with the sounds of children singing, laughing, and worshipping our Lord. We had a great turn-out and would like to say 'Thank-You' to all who helped and donated!

