

Osakis Lutheran Church

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***Osakis Lutheran Church  
2024 Church Council***

President— Kristen Will

President Elect - Stephanie Finnegan

Past President—

Secretary— Sarah Redetzke

Treasurer— Nancy Exley

Financial Secretary— Cindy Christensen

Worship— Shelly Engfer-Triebebach

Education/Youth— Jessie Thornbloom

Trustees— Travis Redetzke

Stewardship/Deacons— Mike Curtis

**Church Office Hours:**

Office Hours:

M, Tu, Th, Fri

9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Church phone: 320-859-2350

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

Action News deadline is the  
20th of the month.

Committees and the  
congregation are welcome to  
contribute news!!!

Osakis Lutheran exists to: “Honor Christ, Strengthen believers and Serve others.”

**Minister’s Greeting**

Happy July to all you OLC folks!

- July 10<sup>th</sup> is Movie Night.
- July 13<sup>th</sup> is our Pie and Ice cream Social.
- August 14<sup>th</sup> is Movie Night.
- August we are planning a picnic worship and potluck.
- September 15<sup>th</sup> is Global Missions Sunday and the theme is ‘Welcoming’.
- November 23 Afternoon we are having a Piano and Violin Dual Concert. Kurt Weber/St John. This will be a free will offering.

**2 Corinthians 8:11-12 “Now finish doing it so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there the gift is acceptable according to what one has- not according to what one does not have.”**

Stewardship is giving of yourself. Encouragement to give generously of your time and talents. Please consider helping out by being a reader, greeter, communion assist, acolyte, usher, technology, building & grounds, or whatever you feel capable of helping with.

For those that don’t know, Karen and I are getting married July 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be on our honeymoon for 2 weeks. The 3 Sundays we are gone, Pastor Don will fill in.

Any emergencies please contact Lanay.

God Bless OLC Folks,

Minister George

**Other News:**

New Logo



Minister George Heideman is available 24/7 by phone 763-843-6720.

His email address is:  
gheid121212@gmail.com

Osakis Lutheran Church Council Minutes  
June 18, 2024 at 6 p.m.

Present: Minister George Heideman, President Kristen Will, Mike Curtis, Nancy Exley, Lanay Asmus, Travis Redetzke, and Sarah Redetzke.

The meeting was called to order by President Kristen Will

Minister George gave devotions  
Highs and lows were shared by all.

Approval of Agenda

Mobile Food Shelf, Rural Revival, and the new OLC logo were added to New Business.  
Mike Curtis made a motion to approve the agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nancy Exley. Agenda was approved.

Old Business

Minutes were reviewed from previous meeting. Mike Curtis made a motion to approve the minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Travis Redetzke. Minutes were approved.  
OLC Church Council will meet with Esther Lutheran Church Council in Rose City to discuss a possible partnership on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30.  
Osakis Lutheran Church will have a float in the Osakis Day's parade. Banners were purchased to put on the float.

New Business

The mobile food shelf will be in Osakis every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month. There will be a cart at the church to drop off food donations. They need to be put in the cart by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday before 11:30 AM. After 11:30, the food shelf will hand out food to whoever may need it.  
Rural Revival is an 8 week process to help revive rural churches. Minister George will set up for them to come to Osakis Lutheran in August.  
Our new administrative assistant, Lanay Asmus, designed a new logo for Osakis Lutheran. Keep an eye out for the new logo! Thank you Lanay!

Reports

Minister- Minister George reported that there were three funerals. He is starting a Men's Bible Study on Saturdays at 9:00 AM. There will be a Kurt Weber concert on November 23<sup>rd</sup> in the afternoon at Osakis Lutheran. Coffee and cookies will be served. Kurt plays worship and gospel music.

Treasurer- Nancy reported that the income for May was \$6,596.50. \$100 was transferred to send someone to Luther Crest and \$ 300 was transferred for a scholarship. Expenses for May were \$8,387.72

Trustees- Head Trustee Travis Redetzke reported that the Parsonage has a tentative closing date of June 24<sup>th</sup>. Blinds were put up in the Fellowship Hall. He is waiting to hear back from a company about refrigerator repairs in the kitchen. Mission Mechanical, formerly True Service, came and looked at the air conditioning problems and will send an estimator. If you would like to be on the trustees committee, please contact Travis Redetzke.

Worship-We will have a guest pastor on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Her name is Pastor Sarah Kretschmann. Minister George will be gone on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>.

Education- Stephanie Finnegan brought it to Kristen's attention that Mary Redetzke should have more help for funerals. There will be a movie night each month this summer at Matt & Melanie Stier's back lot. Vacation Bible School will be July 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>.

Stewardship- Mike reported that he and Minister George will be getting together to discuss things for stewardship.

We offer our prayers to Colton Will, a little boy who has just been diagnosed with leukemia.

Minister George led us in the Lord's Prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Next Council meeting is tentatively set for Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by Sarah Redetzke, Council Secretary.

# **PIE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> 11am- 3pm

- Ice cream
- Pies
- Root Beer Floats
- Sloppy Joes
- Ham Sandwiches
- Potato Chips
- Pickles
- Beverages

Osakis Lutheran Church  
310 East 1<sup>st</sup> Ave

## **We are calling for pie makers and workers!**

If you would like to volunteer or make a donation please call Mary Redetzke @ (320)859-3574 or the church office and speak with Lanay (320)859-2350 9am-1pm Mon-Tue, Thur-Fri.

**Thanks to everyone in advance. You always come through.**

**We haven't done this in a while so let's go for it and make it a big success!**

**See you there!**



**May 26, 2024 Attendance 23**

Envelopes	\$ 555.00
Loose	1.00
Anchor Ad	120.00
Dedicated Funds	300.00

**Total: \$ 976.00**

**June 2, 2024 Attendance 43**

Envelopes	\$ 745.00
Loose	55.00
Church Rent	250.00

**Total: \$ 1050.00**

**June 9, 2024 Attendance 25**

Envelopes	\$ 1320.00
Loose	30.00
World Hunger	19.00
Church Rent	600.00

**Total: \$ 1969.00**

**June 16, 2024 Attendance 28**

Envelopes	\$1130.00
Loose	95.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1225.00</b>

**June 23, 2024 Attendance 26**

Envelopes	\$ 520.00
Loose	23.00
Anchor Ad	120.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$663.00</b>

**Offering thru May 26, 2024 \$5883.00**

**Thank you all for your continued support of  
Osakis Lutheran Church**



**Prayer Concerns**

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

Colton Will, Shelly Engfer-Triebebach, Lil  
Ortendahl, Grace Johnson and Axel Vik.

Family and friends of Janice Flolid, Lloyd  
Withers, and Larry Frisch.

**Community Memorial Home:** Elaine Mattson,

**Terrace Heights:** Alice Sanders

**Westview Assisted Living:** Madlyn Manders

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

**Financial Update for the Congregation**

Offering given in May	\$6,596.50
Online offering	290.00
May bills paid	\$2,842.79
May payroll	5,531.66

Thank you for your continued support!

Nancy Exley, Treasurer

## 'July Birthdays'



### Birthdays:

<b>07/01</b>	Max Weisser
<b>07/05</b>	Sarah Redetzke
<b>07/07</b>	Jack Converse
<b>07/10</b>	Janet Johnson
<b>07/11</b>	Patrick Ryan
<b>07/13</b>	Jenna Reilly
<b>07/19</b>	Troy Wolf
<b>07/23</b>	Camryn Hoffarth
<b>07/24</b>	Betty Hinrichs Bella Weisser
<b>07/26</b>	Ryan Kleinschmidt
<b>07/27</b>	Noah Nessman
<b>07/28</b>	Kenneth Twait
<b>07/30</b>	Lucille Barber Marline Johnson
<b>07/31</b>	Barbara Larson



**Mobile Food Shelf** takes nonperishable food donations the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month until 11:30am. Drop off donations anytime in our shopping cart located in the Narthex and we'll deliver them!

**"Make a joyful sound to the Lord! The praise team is looking for new participation. We rehearse 9 am before the 1st and 3rd Sundays when leading worship. Please contact Shelly Engfer-Triebebach if interested.  
shellyet163@gmail.com 320.296.1973."**

### **News from the Endowment Committee:**

We will have two CDs recently come due and will add that to the savings account and will be investing \$25,000 in the ELCA Ministry Growth Fund the end of June. There are no penalties to withdraw or to deposit.

The Endowment Committee has funds available for our churches projects. Look for a NEW form in the narthex soon!

## Osakis Lutheran Church Council President News

Greetings Osakis Lutheran Church members!

What a crazy summer, so far! From super hot to super cold, to raining cats and dogs...I guess that's why we live in Minnesota! Always an adventure! I'd like to update you all on the goings-on, recently, as there has been quite a bit going on behind the scenes!

First of all, our call committee has done amazing work on a massive paper called the "Ministry Site Profile." It is basically an advertisement for ordained ministers looking for a new call to browse through to see if they would be a good fit for our congregation. We are hoping that we made ourselves look good to prospective Pastors! We are currently in a "holding pattern" however, because our church council will be meeting on July 2nd with Bishop Tesch, congregational support pastor, Dennis Preston, and the council from Esther Lutheran Church regarding possibly "sharing" a pastor between the two congregations. We are only in discussion mode at the moment, to see if we can work together, and if all works out, we could each share the expenses of maintaining a full-time, ordained pastor. This would be beneficial for both congregations, in that neither of our congregations can "afford" to maintain a full-time pastor on our own. We have lost many of our elders over the past couple of years who had sustained us through thin financial giving years, and we have come to the point that our current membership is, while doing the best that we all can, not in a position to financially support our leadership, missions, and utilities/upkeep of our building. We hope that as we shift from a full time leader to a part time leader, we can also shift some of our expectations of "what has worked in the past" to "what will work for our future."

Our parsonage has been sold! However, the buyer's lender is being picky regarding the status of our property, so we are lucky in that we accepted the offer from current members, Mike and Amanda Steinbeisser! Congratulations on your new home, Mike, Amanda, and Guy! We are grateful that Mike and Amanda are willing to pay for requested/required repairs out of pocket in order to satisfy their lender, as we would have probably run into the same problems with the other offers that we received, and any one of them could have backed out of the deal and left us hanging with more bills and no income! In exchange for their good faith offer to rectify the lender issues, we have allowed them to "move in early" knowing that they will be true to their word and we will be getting our money as soon as feasible. They have been working so hard at getting everything in order and I hope that they will be able to rest a little easier knowing they aren't homeless! Haha!!! Thanks to everyone who has been instrumental in the cleanup and sale of the parsonage (especially Mary Redetzke and the Travis Redetzke family!), and we are eagerly awaiting the money from the sale in order to start fixing several issues on our church building! These will include heating and air conditioning issues, water leakage into the basement, and sound absorbing materials for the Fellowship Hall, among possible other issues.

We will once again be hosting the Luther Crest counselors for VBS this July 8th-11th and anticipate another great turnout for this awesome ministry! There is a sign up for donations to feed the children during the event in the Narthex. Movie nights for the community have already started and our next one will be Wednesday, July 10th, with a visit from the Flavor Shack for a delicious night out for supper! Such a wonderful time had by so many families on these nights! Bring your own chair, and we'll even provide the bug spray!!! (Believe us-you'll need it! Hahaha!) Thank you to everyone who continues to support Osakis Lutheran Church and our wonderful congregation-it's been such an honor for me to help lead us through our many recent changes, and I look forward to a bright future! Happy July and see you on Sundays!

Kristen Will, Council President



Trustees Update

As some of you may have noticed, there is a SOLD sign at the parsonage. We have not actually closed on it yet, as there have been a few roadblocks along the way. I feel pretty confident we will see closing happen in July though! If you notice some activity over there, it is because we have allowed the buyers to move in early.

I have purchased and installed blinds for the 8 windows in the fellowship hall area, including the nursery & former sewing room. A couple of new pictures were also hung up in the fellowship hall thanks to Mary Redetzke.

True Service/ Mission Mechanical was out recently to check out our heating and cooling systems. They were able to fix two of our A/C units and will be getting us a quote to replace the one that is not repairable. I also have a call in to get our refrigerator checked out, as it has gotten louder than it should be.

There are still several projects in progress and some that will be started once we have the funds to do them.

Thanks

Travis Redetzke

**Ice Cream Social**

Ice Cream Social July, 13th -11 A.M. through 3 P.M.

**\*Please contact Mary (320)859-3574 or the church office to volunteer or donate\***

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Luther Crest Vacation Bible School at Osakis Lutheran Church is July 8<sup>th</sup> through July 11<sup>th</sup>. **Help with Vacation Bible School**- Sign up to help supply food for the kids. Sign up sheet located in the Narthex.

Registration Forms have been sent out to families. Extra forms are available in the churches Narthex. Please complete and return ASAP.

**SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS**

**July 9 – Ferdinand**

**Aug 14 – Lady and the Tramp (live action)**

We had a great turn out for our first movie night this summer! Come and join us for one and enjoy **Free Popcorn!** There will also be beverages and snacks to purchase with the proceeds going towards the youth fund.