

Osakis Lutheran Church

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***Osakis Lutheran Church
2023 Church Council***

President— Kristen Will

President Elect -

Past President— Richard Hansen

Secretary—

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:

Monday – Thursday
9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Church phone number #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 congrega-
tion are welcome to contribute
news!!!

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

MINISTERS REPORT:

From the Desk of Minister George Heideman

My faith journey started when I was baptized in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Confirmed at Christ the King in Brookfield, Wisconsin.

In my 20s-30s I read the entire Bible. Felt a calling to ministry.

Married and widowed in my early 30s.

After my dad passed, I became the caregiver to my mom for about 8 years. She passed 4 years ago in April.

Now I am a SAM (Synodical Authorized Minister) here at Osakis Lutheran Church.

Hope to start a Men’s Bible Study.

My door is always open or a phone call away if you need anything.

God Bless

George

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Other News:

Office Hours:

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

**Call the church office 859-2350
For pastoral care.**

Communion by appointment

Osakis Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes, October 8, 2023

Present: Kristen Will, Stephanie Finnegan, Mike Curtis, Mary Redetzke, Travis Redetzke, Rick Hansen, Minister George Heideman, Lil Ortendahl and Nancy Exley

The meeting was called to order by President Kristin Will

Minister George Heideman gave devotions.

Sharing of joys and concerns

Approval of agenda.

Added, Pastor Jeremy request for a BackPack representative from OLC. We will ask. Mary Redetzke made a motion to add to agenda, Stephanie Finnegan 2nd. Motion passed.

Old/Unfinished Business

Minutes were reviewed. Mike Curtis made a motion to approve minutes from September meeting. Stephanie Finnegan 2nd. Motion approved.

Austin Aries of Church of the Pines is looking to rent sanctuary, office space and use of fellowship hall for youth activities, serving a weekly/monthly breakfast. They do a food give away the first Saturday of each month. They have stated they would be sure to clean up our church after use. Currently paying \$500 for where they are at. Council has decided that further discussion with Austin is needed before any determination can be made. Council will meet with him Monday, October 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The treasurer will provide monthly/annual utility and insurance expense dollars for the parsonage.

New Business

Treasurer's report: Offering income for September \$6,585.00 with \$600.00 transferred from Ella Norneland Scholarship Fund to pay two college scholarships. Bills paid for September were \$5,250.42, this does not include any payroll as the month was not over when the treasurer made her report. Total offering income to date is \$70,404.33 with transferred totals being \$11,600.00. Bills paid to date \$82,887.66, not included are amounts paid for Portico for Pastor Rich that did not come from the general fund but the Mission Investment Fund money. Treasurer has asked committee chairs to put together their budgets for 2024. Expenses through September 30, 2023 were available. Nancy asked that you come to council in November with budget numbers for discussion.

Minister's report: Minister George talked about possibly having a Men's Bible Study. It had been requested in the past. George also brought up the possibility of having a Wednesday evening service, summertime.

Committees:

Church in Society: No news.

Education and Youth: Third Grade Bibles will be given out at service on October 8, 2023. Confirmation banquet is Sunday, October 15 at 5:30. Confirmation is Sunday, October 29. More learning for Pathfinder students about Sacraments and using Bibles.

Stewardship: no news.

Worship: Shelly Triebenbach will take over as lead person as of the first of the year, Mary R. will continue to assist. The Sanctuary has been decorated for the fall season.

Trustees: Travis Redetzke and Mary Redetzke have been working at the parsonage to clean things up and to get rid of items left behind by Pastor Rich. The piano is still in the parsonage. Council will discuss the future of the parsonage.

With no further business George lead us in a closing prayer.

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 6:00pm.

Submitted by Nancy Exley, Interim Church Secretary

Join Us For Worship

Sunday November 5 Praise Team will sing Communion Sunday

Sunday November 12 Traditional service

Sunday November 19 Osakis Lutheran Youth will lead service

Sunday November 26 Traditional service with Communion

All services start at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome!!!

Council President Report

President's report:

It has been absolutely WONDERFUL to see so many familiar and new faces, lately! It is such a joy to see the pews fuller, listen to the babies, see the kids go to Sunday School, and be able to rejoice in the Lord together! My heart has been so happy!

Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped in the kitchen for the most delicious potluck to welcome our interim SAM, George and his fiancée Karen Quistorff!

Thank you, also, to Dawn McNeal for donating proceeds from the rummage sale that was held here-a lot of work goes into those sales!

As I write this, we are preparing for confirmation service with 5 young people Affirming their Baptisms. So many good things happening, lately-there's a lot to give thanks for during this season of change!

With all of these things happening, it is hard to believe that we now must form a call committee to look for a permanent replacement pastor. Anyone who is interested, please see Shelley Triebenbach or a council member. We need at least a few more people to help with this important work. Thank you for prayerfully considering being a part of this committee.

There are many other ways that God's Hands can work in and through you as a member of the congregation, as well. We are looking for nominees for positions on the council, committee members, ushers, communion helpers, lectors, and fellowship servers, to name a few. Many hands make light work, and we all appreciate a little help here and there.

I look forward to seeing you all in the pews, and I hope this letter finds all of you happy and healthy. Thanks be to God!

-Kristen Will

We were approached by Pastor Jeremy Peterson of Fahlun, regarding a new church representative for the Backpack Attack program that benefits our school children. Osakis Lutheran has been a large supporter of this necessary ministry, and we would like to see it continue! If you or someone you know would be interested in this position (it is not difficult!) please let one of the council members know, and we will get you in touch with Pastor Jeremy.



<u>October 1, 2023</u>	Attendance	62
Envelopes		\$ 2,253.00
Loose		70.00
Dedicated		506.00
Online		<u>475.00</u>
<u>Total:</u>		\$3,304.00

<u>October 8, 2023</u>	Attendance	71
Envelopes		\$2,028.00
Loose		53.00
Dedicated		361.50
Online		<u>350.00</u>
<u>Total:</u>		\$2,792.50

<u>October 15, 2023</u>	Attendance	55+
Envelopes		\$ 1,008.00
Loose		77.00
Dedicated		240.00
Church rent		75.00
Online		<u>200.00</u>
<u>Total:</u>		\$1,600.00

<u>October 22, 2023</u>	Attendance	25
Envelopes		308.00
Dedicated		128.00
Online		<u>300.00</u>
Total		\$ 736.00

October 29 will be listed in the bulletin for Sunday, November 5.

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.

Thank You!

Prayer Concerns



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

Community Memorial Home: Elaine Mattson,
 Don Jensen

Terrace Heights: Alice Sanders

Westview Assisted Living: Faye Maus,
 Madlyn Manders

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

***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

September offering income **\$6,585.00**

September bills no payroll **\$5,250.42**

Nomeland Scholarships paid **\$600.00**

Mission Investment Fund **19,868.00**

Offering to September: **\$70,404.33**

Transfers to Operating: **11,600.00**

Bills paid to September: **82,887.66**

Nancy Exley – Treasurer

'November Birthday'



- 11/02 Jeremy Floer
Gina Hoffarth
- 11/03 Molly Floer
- 11/04 Dylan Hansen
Thomas Williamson
- 11/06 Laurie Dykema
- 11/08 Scott Nosbush
Christy Werder
- 11/09 Paul Sorum
- 11/11 Brent Werven
- 11/12 Yvonne Christensen
Suzzette Sibell
- 11/13 Kathy Steinbeisser
Christine Werven
Nancy Woidyla
- 11/15 Thomas Finnegan
- 11/16 Daniel Finnegan
- 11.17 Jennifer Gilbert
- 11/19 Jenna Nosbush
- 11/22 Nancy Exley
- 11/24 Zelene Kimball
Matthew Stier
- 11/27 Brian Ramey
- 11/30 Curtis Woidyla



If you have any news to offer for our kids and school, please send to the church office for publication in Action News. We would love to highlight our students!!!

Congratulations to Leah Maddock!! Leah finished 2nd place in the individuals at the Minnesota State Tennis Tournament!!!

Education Committee Meeting Agenda

October 4, 2023 at 7:15 pm after Pathfinders

Follow-up of last meeting:

- Upcoming Dates
 - Confirmation Sunday
 - ☑ 10/29 confirmation
 - Youth Lead Service
 - ☑ Meeting 11/8
 - ☑ Service 11/19
 - Church Program 12/17

Agenda

1. Confirmation
 - a. Sunday October 29, 2023
2. Budget and Report for Annual Meeting
 - a. Run down of the year - Stephanie
3. Pathfinders
 - a. Pathfinders lead church service on 11/19
 - i. Grades 6-12 to help
 - ii. Meeting on 11/8 to organize service, sign up for roles
 - iii. Melanie will write up a letter to send to families
 1. 5:45 Supper provided
 2. 6 pm meeting
 - iv. Have Sunday School kids pick out a song to have during worship
 - v. Coffee and bars (or something) afterwards
 - b. What do we want to do for meals?
 - i. Keep ordering pizzas?
 - ii. Chicken strips, french toast/breakfast for dinner, corn dogs, taco in a bag, build your own subs, pasta, burgers, brats in a croc pot

ii. Change it up now and then

4. Pot Luck on 10/8

a. Had a great turn out!!

5. Other Topics

a. Christmas Program - Kristine is going to work on a program and have the Pathfinders help.

Next Meeting:

December 6th at 7:15 pm after pathfinders

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*"Where there is love,
there is life."*

- Mahatma Gandhi



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On Sunday, October 8, 2023 Third Grade students Jacob Finnegan and Jase Nevala received their new bibles.

Sunday, October 29, 2023 Kalissa Malz, Trent Redetzke, Preston Steinert, Zachariah Sadlemyer and Gabriel Will made their Affirmation of Baptism.

Our first youth lead service will be Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. We welcome all youth to participate. Letters have been sent to those youth, if we have missed you please come and be apart of this service. Youth in grades PreK to 5th will leading a song or two during service. There will be a meeting Wednesday, Nov. 8th at 5:45 p.m. for youth Grade 6 through 12. Supper will be provided. These students will serve as acolyte, usher, serve fellowship, read lessons, lead songs and share a message, anything that they would like to offer.

Delores Mae Stephens, a life long member of our congregation, passed away October 14, 2023. Delores was 99 and just a few months shy of her 100th birthday. Funeral service was held on Saturday, October 21 here at Osakis Lutheran. Please keep Delores and family and friends in your prayers.

We continue to have sign up sheets in the narthex for Ushers, Fellowship Servers and Lectors. Your participation in service is always welcome (and needed). We thank you for this.

Minister George Heideman is available 24/7 by phone 763-843-6720. His email address is: gheid121212@gmail.com