



OSAKIS

Lutheran Church

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Osakis Lutheran Church 2024 Church Council

President— Stephanie Finnegan

President Elect -

Past President— Kristen Will

Secretary— Sarah Redetzke

Treasurer— Nancy Exley

Financial Secretary— Cindy Christensen

Worship— Mary Redetzke

Education/Youth—

Trustees— Travis Redetzke

Stewardship/Deacons— Mike Curtis

Church Office Hours:

Office Hours:
M, Tu, Th, Fri
1:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

Church phone: 320-859-2350

The deadline for the bulletin is
Thursday at 1 p.m.

Action News deadline is the 20th
of the month.

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

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Dancing in the Darkness

By Rev. Otis Moss III

Summary by Rev. Mary Anne Parker

Otis Moss told about a time when his daughter was about 4 or 5. His wife heard a noise in the middle of the night. It happened to be a Saturday night. He got up to investigate the noise. Finally he came to his daughter's room and he heard the noise. He opened the door and the room was totally dark. She said, "Look daddy, I can dance." And there she stood twirling around and around in the very dark room.

He said in his "fatherly voice" go back to bed. She kept twirling, "look daddy, I can dance. He said he was about to tell her again to go to bed when the Holy Spirit stopped him.

"Your daughter is dancing in the dark. But there is no darkness in her!"

He said he went downstairs to rewrite his sermon.

How about you? Can you dance in the dark? Are you dancing in the dark? What do you need to do to dance in the darkness?



**Newly Ordained,
Pastor Mary Anne
Parker high-fives
Bishop Bill Tesch at
her ordination in
Victoria, TX last
month.**

Osakis Lutheran Church Council Minutes

March 3rd, 2025

Present: Mary Ann Parker, Stephanie Finnegan, Mike Curtis, Nancy Exley, Lanay Asmus, Kristen Will, Mary Redetzke, Travis Redetzke, and Sarah Redetzke.

The meeting was called to order by Stephanie.

Mary Ann led devotions.

Council shared high's and low's.

Approval of Agenda

Add ditch clean up discussion to the agenda.

Mary made a motion to approve the agenda, 2nd by Kristen. Agenda approved.

Old Business

Minutes were approved from the last meeting. Kristen made a motion to approve, 2nd by Travis. Minutes approved.

New Business

We received a letter from Adopt-A-Highway inquiring whether we would be continuing our Ditch clean up. Council discussed and have decided that we will no longer do the ditch clean up.

Reports

Mary Ann reported that she will be ordained on March 29 at 3 p.m. She will be gone from March 26-April 3. Pastor Jeremy Pederson requested donations for the Foodshare Program. Maybe we could use one of the offerings to donate. We need a delegate to go to Conference 8 meetings. They are monthly and have been at 12 p.m. or 1 p.m.

Nancy reported the income for February was \$5,519.30 and bills were \$8,805.88. Bills were paid. Council discussed cancelling Spark magazine and the large print Christ in Our Home.

Stephanie reported that the next Education meeting is on April 13. May 4th will be the Youth Led Service. May 14th is the Pathfinders last day.

Mike reported that there was nothing new for Stewardship.

Travis reported that the acoustic panels will be installed this month. The soundboard is having some issues.

Mary reported that we will have an Easter breakfast, a half an hour before the service, on Easter Sunday. Breakfast will be: rolls, juice, milk, and coffee. The worship committee meeting is on March 14 at 1:00.

Offer Our Prayers

We Go Out In God's Name

Mary Ann led us in the Lord's Prayer.

Nancy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Kristen. Meeting adjourned.

Next council meeting: April 7th @ 6 p.m.

Submitted by Sarah Redetzke, Council Secretary

OLC 2nd Annual Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2025

Preliminary Actions

Paul Christensen was appointed as a Parliamentarian.
A quorum was met
Travis Redetzke and Charlotte were appointed as tellers.

Approval of Agenda

Remove F & G from the Annual Report.
Dawn McNeal motioned to approve the agenda, 2nd by Stephanie Finnegan.
Agenda approved.

Budget

Stephanie motioned to approve the budget, 2nd by Travis. Budget was approved.

New Council

Stephanie will be the new Council President.
Currently, we do not have a President Elect
Nancy will continue to be the Treasurer.
Mike Curtis will continue to be the head of Stewardship.
Travis will continue to be the head Trustee, Dan Finnegan will also be on the
Trustee committee
The Worship Committee will be led by Mary Redetzke
The Synod Assembly Voting Members will be the Finnegan Family.
Sarah Redetzke will continue to be the Council Secretary.
We are looking for someone to be head of the Education committee.
Nancy made a motion to accept the nominations, 2nd by Stephanie.

Voting

Members voted on lowering the number for a quorum. The vote was passed
with 38 Y and 3 N.

Meeting Concluded

Stephanie motioned to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Dawn. The Annual meeting
was adjourned.

Tithes + Offerings

<u>February 2, 2025</u>	Attendance	31
Envelopes	\$	975.00
Loose		20.00
Initial		60.00
World Hunger		6.00
Dedicated Funds		150.00
Total		\$1211.00
<u>February 9, 2025</u>	Attendance	28
Envelopes	\$	1255.00
Loose		46.00
World Hunger		2.00
Church Rent		100.00
Total		\$1403.00
<u>February 16, 2025</u>	Attendance	33
Envelopes	\$	470.00
Loose		112.00
Church Rent		375.00
Total		\$ 957.00
<u>February 23, 2025</u>	Attendance	51
Envelopes	\$	1419.00
Loose		68.00
World Hunger		3.00
Total:		\$ 1490.00
February Vanco		\$ 442.30
Offering for February 2025		\$5,519.30

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

Please call

320-859-2350

for your special prayer requests

**CURRENT
PRAYER
CONCERNS**

Colton Will, Shelly Engfer-Triebenbach, Curt Kalpin, and Grace Johnson.

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

February Income \$ 17,838.91

Bills/payroll paid February \$ 8,805.88

I would like to thank everyone for their continued support of our church.

Thank you.

Nancy Exley, Treasurer



April Birthdays!

04/01	Gregory Johnson
04/03	Chole Bjorstrom
04/04	Alexis Thornbloom
04/15	Carol Nack
04/15	Amanda Steinbeisser
04/18	Abby Will
04/18	Morgan Will
04/20	Trenton VanNyhuis
04/22	Linda Blake
04/24	Michael Curtis
04/24	Lawrence Lewin
04/25	Darcy Larson
04/27	Beverly Schultz
04/28	Morgan Staloch
04/29	Dinara Dykema
04/29	Leah Maddock
04/29	Madlyn Manders
04/30	Joe Johnson
04/30	Mary Redetzke

Meet with Mary Anne

Call the office to set up a meeting with Vicar Mary Anne and share your ideas, concerns or joy's to help her build a better relationship with our community!

(320) 859-2350

Mobile Food Shelf



takes nonperishable food donations the 3rd 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.



WORSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

Hello from the Worship Committee!

We had our meeting on Friday, March 14 with 4 members present. We had a beautiful, sunny, 67 degree day with a blizzard warning for the next day! Possible 5-8 inches of rain, ice, and snow. Very windy, too! No matter the weather, Easter is approaching fast. Onto business;

Lenten season is well under way. The Education Committee served Tacos in a Bag the 2nd Wednesday night. Yum! Thank you!!

Pat will be gone on Wednesday the 19th, so Rick Hansen said he would do the music for that night. Thanks, Rick! Pastor Mary Anne was gone from March 26- April 3 for her ordination. During her absence there was fill-in ministry. We picked out songs for the month of April, of course many familiar Easter songs. Palm Sunday was discussed. Lanay will order the palms and we will have them in plenty of time to decorate with them also. We will also be decorating for Easter, so we ask that you bring spring flowers to help make the church even more beautiful. Easter breakfast will also be starting from around 9:15 or so and pastries, fruit, juice, milk and coffee will be served until the service begins.

Well, we accomplished a lot, however we were all busy! Barb was going to a Johnny Cash concert (or perhaps a similar 'Man in Black')! Pat was anxious to get home to her Gopher star grandson who was there to visit! Nancy's grandson is also taking after his grandma as he is on his way to becoming an amazing bowler. He's had some really high scores and he's only 11! And me, well I have Ginger Snap cookie dough waiting in the fridge ready to be baked, but first I'll stop by the Fellowship Hall entry way to see how my son is doing on painting! We are all busy... but I'm so grateful for this group. We always have some fun! I couldn't do it without them.

Join us anytime! We plan on meeting again on April 25th at 1pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mary Redetzke

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Lanay Asmus, Editor



Hello Everyone,

The acoustic panels have been installed in the fellowship hall, and it has greatly reduced the echo in the room. There is a solid band that goes around the upper part of the walls, as well as some hanging at the center of the ceiling. I am continuing to work on some smaller items in the fellowship hall when I have time. As summer approaches, I won't be spending as much time at the church working on projects. As always, if you see something that needs attention, please let me know.

Thanks,
Travis Redetzke

As Easter approaches, we would like to remind you that all are welcome to bring in flowers to be displayed during services for Easter. They may be dropped off as early as 3 days before but should be dropped off no later than Saturday, April 19th.



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