

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:

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 GREETING**

Happy February Osakis Lutheran Church,

The annual meeting is complete. Decision was made to revise the Endowment Bylaws, and to sell the parsonage. Thank you all that attended.

Ash Wednesday coming February 14<sup>th</sup>. “Marked with death and marked for life.

Where in the world is God? On a Donkey? In a Garden Praying? Under Arrest? On Trial?

Come Wednesday nights during Lent and enjoy the series I will be doing this Lenton season.

The inspiration to reflect, to act, to grow, and to learn as we make our way to Jerusalem alongside Jesus.

Psalm 33 We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.

God Bless,            Minister George

**Other News:**

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

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

His email address is:  
gheid121212@gmail.com

**Osakis Lutheran Church**  
**January 8th, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes**

**Present: Minister George Heidemann, Kristen Will, Mike Curtis, Nancy Exley, Lil Ortendahl, Mary Redetzke, Travis Redetzke, Sarah Redetzke**

**The meeting was called to order by President Kristen Will**

- A. Minister George gave devotions**
- B. Council shared their highs and lows**

**II. Approval of Agenda**

- A. Discussion of Mitch Pease renting the kitchen added to the agenda.**
- B. Mary Redetzke made a motion to approve the agenda, Mike Curtis 2nd, motion approved.**

**III. Old Business**

- A. Minutes were reviewed. Nancy Exley made a motion to approve the minutes from the December meeting, Travis Redetzke 2nd, and motion approved.**

**IV. New Business**

- A. Council discussed increasing the use of the church fees and it was tabled until the February meeting.**
- B. The bake sale did very well. Progress is being made with estimates.**
- C. The main floor, carpets, and garage at the parsonage are cleaned. Radon tests were put in the house.**
- D. At the annual meeting, the congregation will need to vote on selling the parsonage and vote on the changes of the by-laws for the endowment. There will be a potluck following the meeting. Dawn McNeal will call people, reminding them of the annual meeting.**
- E. Mitch Pease would like to rent the kitchen for his freeze dry business. President Kristen Will is going to meet with him later.**

**V. Reports**

- A. Minister- Minister George reported ideas for summer services and having signage at the road inviting people to OLC.**
- B Treasurer-Nancy reported an income of \$13,267 and bills were \$11,497.22. No benevolences were paid. The budgets are done. Offering total for 2023 was \$130,000.**
- C. Education and Youth-Kristen talked about Lent coming up. The Pathfinders will need mentors. Meal sign-up for Lenten suppers will be in the Narthex.**
- D. Stewardship-Mike talked about needing more money, time, and talents.**
- E. Trustees-Travis will email the radon test results from the parsonage to the council. The vents, furnace, and ductwork will need to be cleaned at the parsonage.**
- F. Worship-Mary undecorated the church from Christmas. Shelly Triebenbach would like to have someone else play for the traditional Sunday's. Council discussed possible individuals.**

**VI With no further business, Minister George led us in the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting is on Monday, February 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Submitted by Sarah Redetzke, Council Secretary**

# Osakis Lutheran Church Annual Meeting Minutes

January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Minister George Heidemann opened with a prayer.

President Kristen Will called the annual meeting to order.

Paul Christensen acted as parliamentarian. Charlotte Myhre and Travis Redetzke acted as tellers.

A quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda- Dawn McNeal made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Kearney Frank.

Agenda approved.

Action Items:

Secretary's Report was reviewed. Travis Redetzke made a motion to approve, and it was seconded by Nancy Exley. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Nancy Exley. Income was \$129,983.90 and expenses were \$131,297.14. No benevolences were paid in 2023, however the bills are paid. Mike Curtis made a motion to approve the report and it was seconded by Matt Stier. Motion approved.

2024 Budgets, Nancy Exley stated that not much was changed. Discussion of paying Minister George mileage for visiting members. Doreen Meilke made a motion to approve the budget and it was seconded by Cindy Christensen. Motion approved.

Ballot of Nominations for Council and Committees. Nancy Exley made a motion to approve, and it was seconded by Lil Ortendahl. Motion approved.

Luther Crest Delegate- no nominees

Synod Assembly Voting Members- Dan and Stephanie Finnegan.

Youth representative- McKayla Finnegan

Nominating Committee- no nominees

Pastor Call Committee-Dawn McNeal, Lil Ortendahl, LeaAnn Lyon, and Shelly Treibenbach.

Membership Calling Committee- Stephanie Finnegan, Kristen Will, Minister George Heidemann, Lil Ortendahl, Dawn McNeal, LeaAnn Lyon and Sarah Redetzke.

Council and Committee members were elected. Stephanie Finnegan made a motion to approve, and it was seconded by Nancy Exley. Motion approved.

The congregation voted on the new updated bylaws of the Endowment Committee.

The congregation voted on whether to keep or sell the parsonage.

Reports:

The reports A-D within the packet were reviewed. Reports were received and accepted.

Concluding Actions:

The congregation voted to accept the new bylaws and to sell the parsonage.

Adjournment. Mike Woidyla made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Kearney Frank. Motion approved and the meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Sarah Redetzke, Recording Secretary



*Giving to God*  
Tithes and Offerings

**December 31, 2023 Attendance 31**

Envelopes	\$ 843.00
Loose	20.00
Sunday School	3.00
Church rent & dishcloth	284.00
National Youth	80.00
Online 1/2/24	725.00
<b><u>Total:</u></b>	<b>\$2005.00</b>

**January 7, 2024 Attendance 40**

Envelopes	\$ 260.00
Loose	82.00
Initial	16.00
Online 1/7/24	280.00
<b><u>Total:</u></b>	<b>\$ 638.00</b>

**January 14,2024 Attendance 28**

Envelopes	\$ 680.00
Loose	2.00
Online 1/15/24	500.00
<b><u>Total:</u></b>	<b>\$1,182.00</b>

**January 21, 2024 Attendance 39**

Envelopes	\$1,345.00
Loose	25.00
Church Rent	75.00
Misc	105.00
Online 1/21/24	190.00
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b>\$1,740.00</b>

**Offerings given on 12-31-2023 will be on the 2024 statement, as the deposit was not made to our bank until 1-3-2024.**

You can now give your offering online!  
Go to: [www.osakislutheranelca.com](http://www.osakislutheranelca.com) and click on the "Donate" button to enroll.  
The website is safe and secure.

Thank You!



**Prayer Concerns**

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

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

**Community Memorial Home:** Elaine Mattson,  
Don Jensen, Mike (Myron) Barber

**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 Income for 2023	\$129,983.90
Bills paid for 2023	\$51,781.25
Online offering fee	1,101.70
Payroll for 2023	\$63,545.48

A more complete and detailed breakdown is in the Annual Report Booklet available in the narthex. 2024 Budget is also included. We were unable to any benevolences in 2023

Thank you all for your continued support of Osakis Lutheran Church. Looking forward to a positive 2024. If you have any questions or comments, please let me know.

Nancy Exley, Treasurer

## 'February Birthday'



### Birthdays:

02/05 Pat Converse  
02/06 Casey Nevala  
02/10 Linda Kalpin  
02/17 Remington Ehrenberg  
02/17 Lola Schueler  
02/19 Pam Ellefson  
02/22 Zoey Bjorstrom  
02/22 Elizabeth Floer  
02/24 Luke Nessman

**"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."**

Travis Redetzke has taken the lead for the Trustees Committee. He is looking to include church members to assist in the care of the church building. If you are interested contact Travis at 320-491-0766 or talk to him at church. Thank you.



Let us welcome our new church family member!!

My name is LeaAnn Lyon. I am a new member of Osakis Lutheran Church. I grew up in Sauk Centre and went to Zion Lutheran Church. I was confirmed Lutheran in California.

When I met my husband, Dennis, he had three children from a previous marriage. When we got married in 1982, I decided to become Catholic due to my husband being Catholic and raising our children with the same religion. We had one daughter together, Sarah. She is married to Travis Redetzke. They are both Osakis Lutheran Church members.

Dennis and I raised our children on a farm between Long Prairie and Grey Eagle. After selling our farm in 2006, we moved to Sauk Centre. I worked at the Osakis Nursing Home and Dennis worked at the Todd County Highway Department.

Sadly, I became a widow two years ago. Dennis passed away from a two year battle with cancer, shortly after our 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Sarah and Travis have been a great help to me, adjusting to being a widow.

I am looking forward to getting to know people at Osakis Lutheran. God Bless!

## Education

**If any women are interested in joining the Bible study, please contact Sarah Redetzke 320-293-9484.**

Education Committee - January 31, 2024 meeting

Upcoming dates: Movie Night – April 7 at 1:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Free popcorn, pop and candy can be purchased with proceeds going to the Youth Group.

Spring Youth Service on May 5.

Last day for Pathfinder is May 8, 2024

Last day for Sunday School will be May 12, 2024.

First Communion: March 28, 2024 Maundy Thursday, we have five students. Possibly a Seder Meal on Maundy Thursday with sub sandwiches and chips. Letters will go out for First Communion.

Lent – There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex for meals on Wednesday prior Lenten service. Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. and service begins at 6:15 p.m.

Luther Crest – Vacation Bible School will take place Monday – Thursday, July 8 to the 11<sup>th</sup>. Time will be 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Registration will begin May 5. Temple Talk at the Youth Service on May 5 to get kids excited about VBS. Open to K-6<sup>th</sup> grade. We are looking for a home to host the VBS counselors for the week they are here.

Graduation Sunday will be May 12. We will have a slide show of the graduates. There will be flowers, cake and quilts for the graduates. We will make contact with graduates in April.

Pathfinders – For next year we will keep the \$40 food fee per household. We will also look to food donations such as chips, cookies, string cheese as these will be part of the meal.

Scholarships – will be putting information out for college scholarship money available. Scholarship is \$300, paid directly to the school. Applications available in the church office and due August 1<sup>st</sup>. Camp scholarship are also available, \$100 for Luther Crest Bible Camp and \$50 for other bible camp outside of Luther Crest.

Next Education meeting is March 10 after church.

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**Action News**  
**February, 2024**



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Council President Report - February

To begin with, I'd like to thank everyone who came to the annual meeting and enjoyed the potluck afterward. It was an amazing turnout, and although it was boring (how do you "pep" up an annual meeting? Haha!), we got a lot accomplished! We are going to be moving quickly on the sale of the parsonage with a big thank you (again) to Travis Redetzke and Mary Redetzke for getting it cleaned up and ready to show and sell. It was a lot of work, and many, many hours of labor to get it showing-ready.

The Carillon bell project is progressing, and we are hoping to get that fixed and operational again shortly, as well. A big thank you to Nancy Exley for getting that process moving! Speaking of Nancy, she would really like to "re-retire"! We are currently looking for a new secretary if any of you or someone you know would be interested. The position will be posted on our website and advertised in the paper, soon. A HUGE thank you does not even come close to what Nancy is owed for her recent service. She has truly kept this congregation running smoothly through a very turbulent time, and for that I am extremely grateful.

I am looking forward to convening a new committee interested in reaching out to past and current members! We want to know what you would like to see changed, what you think is going well, and how we can better serve you and your family now and in the future with your spiritual needs. I will be getting in touch with those of you who were interested in this committee soon. If this letter reaches you and you are no longer an active member or are now a member of another church, please let us know and we will remove you from our calling list.

We have an exciting year ahead of us, and Minister George has brought some great ideas for new ways to expand our membership and attendance and also new worship ideas. I am looking forward to working with our AWESOME council again this year, and wish you all many blessings in 2024! Thank you all for what you do and have done to make this church survive and thrive!

Yours in Christ, Kristen Will