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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
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!!!

The

VICAR'S

VOICE

February 4, 2025

Dear Siblings in Christ,

February 1 began my third month at Osakis Lutheran. I am here to serve you both as an individual and as a member of the body of Christ at Osakis Lutheran Church. I am here to walk with you in both the good and not so good times of life.

As I was reflecting on this, I realized you do not have my contact information. If I can't be reached at church, I can be reached at 361-571-2092. Because my phone company put a block on my phone for numbers not in my contact list, you will need to leave a message, and I will call you back.

My ordination date has been set. It will be on March 29, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Victoria, Tx at 2 pm. I expect it will be livestreamed. I will send a link later if one is available.

You are in my thoughts and prayers!

Vicar Mary Anne

Osakis Lutheran Church Council Minutes

January 6, 2025

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

The meeting was called to order by Kristen Will.

Mary Ann led devotions.

Council shared high's and low's.

- Approval of Agenda

Ballot approval was added to New Business and the Annual Meeting is January 26th.

Motion made by Mike to approve the agenda, 2nd by Mary.

- Old Business

Review of minutes was tabled until the next meeting, due to them not being printed out at this meeting.

- New Business

Council looked over the 2025 Budget. A motion was made by Mike to approve the budget, 2nd by Stephanie.

Council looked over the ballot for the Annual Meeting.

- Reports

Pastor- Mary Ann reported that she is getting accustomed to her routine of the day and worship service. She did nursing home visits. She is offering a Bible Study to those who are interested.

Treasurer- Nancy reported that the income for December was \$14,527.14 and the bills were \$22,749.56. All bills were paid. We also received a donation of \$5,000 from an anonymous donor.

Education- Stephanie reported that the Youth Service was amazing! The bake sale did very well. The education committee's next meeting is February 9th after church.

Stewardship- Mike had nothing new to report.

Trustees- Travis reported that painting will start in January. The insurance deductible has recently increased.

Worship- Mary reported that they will be taking down the Christmas decorations soon. She will also be having a Worship meeting soon, but didn't have a date set yet.

Offer Our Prayers.

We Go Out in God's Name

Mary Ann led us in the Lord's Prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Next Council Meeting: February 3, 2025 @ 6 p.m.

Submitted by: Sarah Redetzke, Council Secretary

Osakis Lutheran Church Annual Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2025

Preliminary Actions

Paul Christensen was appointed as a Parliamentarian.

A quorum was not met, due to low numbers.

The meeting was called to order at 10:53 a.m. by Kristen Will.

Reports

Treasurer-Nancy Exley reported that there was \$84,300 in revenue and that bills and benevolences were paid. The sale of the parsonage brought in \$236,525.00. \$100,000 of that went into savings, 2- \$50,000 CDs were purchased and the remaining \$36,525.00 was put into our operating account.

Trustees- Travis Redetzke reported that in 2024 we sold the parsonage. The bake sale, along with a generous donation from Kearney Frank allowed us to purchase a new bell system. The Endowment committee matched half of the funds for items to improve the fellowship hall: a new AC unit, painting, and acoustic panels. The refrigerator in the Fellowship Hall was also repaired and blinds were put up in there as well.

Youth- Stephanie Finnegan reported that Vacation Bible School was July 7-10. There were movies 3 times in the summer. Currently, we have 12 Pathfinders, 8 of them will be confirmed next fall. We are also looking for volunteers to help with Pathfinders and a volunteer to head the Education committee.

Discussion

A discussion was held about for a quorum, going by a percentage and not a specific number. Council will discuss at their next meeting.

Dawn McNeal asked about membership, active/nonactive members. After 2 years of inactivity, the member is considered inactive.

Meeting Concluded

Submitted by Sarah Redetzke, Council Secretary

CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, February 23rd



during worship

Tithes + Offerings

January 5, 2025 Attendance 33

Envelopes	\$ 845.00
Loose	78.00
Initial	103.00
World Hunger	1.00
Total	\$1027.00

January 12, 2025 Attendance 34

Envelopes	\$ 5945.00
Loose	81.00
World Hunger	2.00
Tax Refund	1814.94
Total	\$7842.94

January 19, 2025 Attendance 19

Envelopes	\$ 990.00
Loose	50.00
Local Expenses	400.00
Anchor Ad	120.00
Total	\$1560.00

January 26, 2025 Attendance 43

Envelopes	\$ 920.00
Loose	85.00
World Hunger	1.00
Dedicated Funds	300.00
Church Rent	250.00
Total:	\$ 1576.00
January Vanco	\$ 313.67

Offering for January 2025 \$12,319.61

**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-Triebebach, Curt Kalpin, Grace Johnson, Family of Lil Ortendahl, David Searcy Family, and Matt Hass Family.

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

January Income \$ 12,319.61

Bills/payroll paid January \$ 11,997.41

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

Thank you.

Nancy Exley, Treasurer



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

02/01	Grace Wells
02/01	Jesse Wells
02/05	Pat Converse
02/06	Casey Nevala
02/10	Linda Kalpin
02/13	Shirley Laven
02/17	Remington Ehrenberg
02/19	Pam Ellefson
02/22	Zoey Bjorstrom
02/22	Elizabeth Floer
02/25	Luke Nessman

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!

Christmas decorations are down and packed away for another year. It's hard to see that happen as it does add to the joy of the services.

Our committee met on January 16th at 2:30 p.m. with 5 members present. We discussed what we'd like to see happening in the near future. Ash Wednesday is March 5th already, so Lent is coming soon. Easter is a most important event in our church year and of course we would like to make it special. Our Minister Mary Anne has some new materials for the upcoming Easter services.

We are still in need of a piano, organ, or keyboard player for one or two Sundays a month.

We've been so grateful for our talented musicians. You bring life and joy to every service! Our next meeting is February 21st at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mary Redetzke

Committee Co-Chair

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Hello Everyone,

Painting of the fellowship hall been completed in January. My brother Chad and I put a little over 18 gallons of paint on the walls. We have a couple of small adjoining spaces to do yet, the hall to the bathrooms and the entry. The light bulbs in the fellowship hall were also all replaced. Now all the bulbs are the same color of light. The final measurements were taken by the acoustic panel vendor, and he will be putting in the order to have the panels made. I am hoping to see those get installed either in February or March. Once the panels are installed, we will be able to do some finishing touches and decorating. I am thinking the next project is going to be fixing up the south entry. There was some water damage to the ceiling many years ago that resulted in some ceiling tiles being removed, and painting the walls will make it brighter and more inviting.

Thanks,

Travis Redetzke

Other News:



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