

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 GREETING:**

OLC FRIENDS

Happy January to our Osakis Lutheran Church family. Hope your Holidays were merry. "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good" Psalms 106:1.

I thought I would talk a little about Stewardship this month.

Rev Charles Cloughen says Stewardship is thanksgiving. Thanks for all that God has given us. Our time, our abilities, and our money. Stewardship is the way we manage all our time, abilities, and money. Nothing happens in human life without these three currencies.

Nothing of value happens in the life of a church without these three currencies. Some think stewardship is what we give or return to God for his work through the church.

Stewardship:

Decision on how to live and manage your entire life.

What you return to God through the church is the only part of it.

We are given by God freedom to manage.

Time

Ability

Money

This process of management is called Stewardship.

“Offer to God a sacrifice of Thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.” Psalms 15:14

There are some places in the church we can use some help like Technology, Musicians, Vice President, Secretary, Choir, etc.

If you feel called or know anyone for these areas let us know.

Thank you,

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

Council Meeting Minutes, December 5, 2023

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

The meeting was called to order President Kristen Will  
Shared our Highs and Lows  
Minister George gave devotions

### **Approval of agenda.**

Parsonage future added to agenda for this meeting. What do we do?

### **Old/Unfinished Business**

Minutes were reviewed. Mike Curtis made a motion to approve minutes from November meeting, Mary Redetzke 2<sup>nd</sup> and motion approved.

### **New Business**

Treasurer's report: Income for November \$6,527.68 and expenses of \$4,814.09 does not include second payroll of November. Income to date of \$87,029.51, gifts & savings transfers \$18,087.39. Bills paid to date of \$118,659.86.

Minister's report: Mike Barber has moved to Galeon. Next Thanksgiving we could possibly participate in the Thanksgiving Meal provided in our community. Participate in the Holiday Parade, offer goodies and hot chocolate to parade participants and parade goers. There is a zoom meeting. We need to welcome new members and include their bio on Action News. Going live on Facebook, and posting on YouTube for service; also on church website.

Sarah Redetzke has volunteered to be Council Secretary. Thank you Sarah!!  
The Personnel Committee will be doing performance reviews.

### **Committees:**

Church in Society: No news.

Education and Youth: Kristen talked about the Sunday School Program on 12/17/2023.

Stewardship: A Stewardship letter after the first of the year.

Worship: Discussed the Bake Sale. Do up signage for the sale and hang flyers about town.

Trustees: Travis spoke about the parsonage. He has contacted and did a quick walk through at the parsonage with an area realtor. The realtor estimates the parsonage could be valued at between \$225,000 and \$250,000. He will present a more accurate estimate in a week or so. Travis will put together a list of items needing attention at the parsonage, there is a closet door at the entryway that needs replacing. Travis will get Radon testing kits and perform those. Will also look at outdoor landscaping, shrubs. Lil spoke about communication and sending cards to members. She has many cards to donate, call church ladies to assist.

Annual meeting is January 28, 2024 during service. All committee chairs are asked to submit their annual report to the secretary on or by January 10.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 6:00pm.

Council wishes to thank Mary Redetzke for hosting Church Council in your home. We had a delightful evening and the food brought by all was delicious.

Submitted by Nancy Exley, Interim Church Secretary

## Join Us For Worship at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday

Sunday January 7 Praise Team will sing Communion Sunday

Sunday January 14 Traditional service

Sunday January 21 Praise Team will sing

Sunday January 28 Traditional service **ANNUAL MEETING!!!!!! POTLUCK**

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

## OSAKIS LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting for the Osakis Lutheran Church is set for Sunday, January 28, 2024. Many items will be discussed and voted on.

- The future of the parsonage will be on the agenda.
- The Endowment Committee has updated the bylaws for the committee. The current bylaws and the requested updated bylaws will be available to members prior to the meeting for review.
- Budget approval for 2024 will be voted in.
- We are looking for a Council Secretary, Council President Elect going forward. We have committees that can always use new members.
- Other agenda items are welcome.
- All committee chairs are required to submit a report for our annual report and that it be into the office on or by January 10, 2024. This will allow the secretary to complete and print the annual booklet for members prior to the meeting.

**Council looks forward to this meeting!! Participation by members is key!!!**

**We are planning a “potluck” lunch after the annual meeting. Sign up sheet in narthex.**



*Giving to God*  
Tithes and Offerings

<b><u>December 3, 2023</u></b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>45</b>
Envelopes	\$3,278.00	
Loose	32.00	
Dedicated	10.00	
Church rent & misc.	435.00	
Online 12/4	355.00	
<b><u>Total:</u></b>	<b>\$4,110.00</b>	

<b><u>December 10, 2023</u></b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>40</b>
Envelopes	\$ 908.00	
Loose	44.00	
Church rent	100.00	
Online 12/11	200.00	
<b><u>Total:</u></b>	<b>\$1,252.00</b>	

<b><u>December 17, 2023</u></b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>59</b>
Envelopes	\$	
Loose		
Memorial-Janice Frank		
Dedicated		
World Hunger		
Online 12/18	995.00	
<b><u>Total:</u></b>	<b>\$</b>	

<b><u>December 24, 2023</u></b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>22 &amp; 72</b>
Envelopes	\$2,048.00	
Loose	136.00	
Anchor Ad	120.00	
Christmas	275.00	
Online 12-26-23	465.00	
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b>\$3,044.00</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, Mike Barber

**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!***

Faye Maus passed on December 26, 2023.

Her funeral service was held at OLC on Saturday, December 30. She will be greatly missed by her family and her friends.

**Financial Update for the Congregation**

Offering Income November	\$6,527.68
Bills paid November	12,766.69

Year to date:

Offering thru November	\$87,029.51
Endowment Gift	18,087.39
Campership Gift	2,560.41
Transfers to operating	11,600.00
Bills pd thru November:	95,654.35
Bills pd by Mission Investment	19,868.71

## 'December Birthday'



Happy Birthday to you!!! We wish you a great day!!!

### Birthdays:

01/02 Debra Mensen  
01/06 Nichol Nessman  
01/06 Darcy Staloch  
01/07 Dawn McNeal  
01/09 Chrisob Sadlemyer  
01/09 Kellie VanNyhuis  
01/10 Mark Nessman  
01/11 Benjamin Ehrenberg  
01/14 Douglas Lillemoen  
01/15 Robin Curtis  
01/18 David Dykema  
01/19 Drew VanNyhuis  
01/21 Karen Williamson  
01/23 Richard Hansen  
01/24 Loren Ortendahl  
01/26 Barbara Berg  
01/27 Hannah Redetzke



Be sure to check out our new revised church ad in the Osakis Anchor. It looks pretty good.

### STEWARDSHIP

Offering Envelopes for 2024 are available in the narthex. Please pick your packet up today!!!

If you need a print out of your offering for 2023, call or email the church office and the statement will be sent when available.

Online Giving:

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 to our congregation for their financial support this past year.**

**Nancy Exley, Treasurer**

## Council President Report - January

As I write this, I have just enjoyed an adorable Christmas program by our Sunday School children, and munched on (too many!) delicious baked goods from our bake sale. The wind is howling, we are all tucked into blankets, and even though there is no snow, it's starting to feel like Christmas! As I look back on this past year, I am proud of how we have weathered all of our changes, and I am hopeful that we will continue to move forward in a way that we are all proud of. I am watching a "revival" of our congregation, and as I look around during services, I see how so many of you are giving back to our church. It is truly inspiring to see people giving of themselves for the good of the church. I am thankful for Minister George (and Karen) for creating a loving atmosphere, and for their enthusiasm to lift us up in the Lord. I am thankful for the children that come to Sunday School, the Pathfinders who are learning and serving in so many ways, and the babies that coo and babble during services. I am thankful for our elders, who lead us by their example, and who provide wisdom that is priceless. I am thankful for the parents, the aunts and uncles, the neighbors and friends who greet us and make us feel welcome.

I hope that we can all look within ourselves this coming year, and find one or two things that we can do to help our neighbor. Where can we be of use? What does Jesus want us to do in order to live out his word? How can we share our gifts? As we make our "New Year's Resolutions" I wish for all

of us to make a resolution to help serve in *one more way* or *one different way* than we did last year. Let's see where Jesus sends each of us this year-I'd love to hear some of your plans to serve!

As for church business, we have our annual meeting coming up on January 28<sup>th</sup>. We need **ALL** of you there to make some very important decisions regarding our congregation, our assets, and our future. Please help us to "clean up" our records-if there are new addresses, email addresses, phone numbers, family additions, etc., please let us know! If you are receiving our mailings/emails and no longer attend our facility, or have found a new church home, we would like to know that as well. If you would like a visit from George or are in need of any kind of assistance, let us know and we will do our best to lift you up spiritually, physically, mentally, or with meals, etc., as needed!

We continue to search for people to fill open positions on our council. Most notably, the president and president-elect positions.

I pray that you were able to rest and rejoice in the Lord over the holiday season, and may God bless you throughout this new year!

Yours in Christ, Kristen Will

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**Action News**  
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Thanks to all who made the Bake Sale a great success! To those who “brought”, to those who “bought”, to those who donated money and to the workers.

We needed all of you!!! And you did not disappoint!!

Thank you again and Merry Christmas

Baked goods sold/donations	\$872.00.
Memorial Ruby Maus	\$584.00
Kearney Frank	<u>\$6,000.00</u>
	\$7,456.00

Kearney Frank has generously given a gift of \$6,000.00 to Osakis Lutheran Church for our Carillon Bells.

Thank you to Kearney Frank, the memorial for Ruby Maus and our great congregation for your awesome gifts and support!!!

Thank you all for attending our Sunday School Christmas program! A special thanks to all of the kids who could help make this possible and the Pathfinders for helping lead Sunday School lessons this year!

Jesus is the reason for the season-enjoy the Gift of Jesus this year!

