

Osakis Lutheran Church

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**Osakis Lutheran Church
2024 Church Council**

President— Kristen Will

President Elect - Stephanie Finnegan

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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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It has now been slightly over a month since I have been serving this congregation. It has been a joy to be here and to begin to know you. You have been kind and welcoming and I have greatly appreciated your kindness!

I have spent the month getting routines in place...worship routines, office routines, sermon writing routines, gaining computer software skills, and learning my way around the area.

It is now time to get to know you better as individuals! I will be looking forward to visiting you!

Bible studies are in the plans. Growing in our faith is important, so watch for that email! Don't be shy! None of us knows everything. God created this world full of mystery for us to explore together. We can have fun!

Shalom,

Vicar Mary Anne

Osakis Lutheran Church Council Minutes

December 2nd, 2024

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

The meeting was called to order by Kristen
Mary Anne led us in devotions.
Council shared highs and lows.

Approval of Agenda

Christmas Eve Service and Offering were added to New Business.
Motion made by Stephanie to approve the agenda. 2nd by Mike, motion passed.

Old Business

November minutes were reviewed. Stephanie made a motion to approve. 2nd by Travis, motion passed.

New Business

Christmas Eve service will be a 4:00 p.m. candlelit service.
It seems the organ may be due for a tuning. Lanay will contact Brad about getting the name & number of someone to tune it.
There will be a Temple Talk in January about doing a Seminary offering.

Reports

Minister – Mary Anne was very appreciative of the warm welcome that she received on December 1st. She will be contacting families to get to know the families of the church. Families may also email or call Lanay to set up an appointment with Mary Anne.

Treasurer - Nancy reported that the income for November was \$6,293.71 and expenses for November were \$8,101.07. Bills were paid.

Education - Stephanie reported that there will be a Youth Service Play on December 15, with a bake sale to follow in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to contribute to the bake sale. The proceeds will go to the Youth. The bake sale will be 11:00-1:00.

Stewardship - Mike reported that there was nothing new to report.

Trustees - Travis reported that the AC has been fixed in the fellowship hall. The fellowship hall is planned to be painted in January or February. To help keep the parking lot open for church use, signs were ordered stating “for church use only”.

Worship - Council discussed asking Mary to come back until Shelly returns.

Offer our Prayers

We go out in God's Name

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

Next Council Meeting: January 6th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by Sarah Redetzke, Council Secretary

Council President Report

Happy New Year to all of you! I hope it all feels new and refreshing- a new start with a new year, and a new start for our church with a new pastor!

I urge you all to reach out to Mary Anne, get to know her, and allow her to get to know you! She is honestly interested in each and every one of YOU, just like our Lord knows each of us by name. She is wonderfully easy to talk to, and loves to have fun! We hope to move forward and heal by having every single member reaching out, starting fresh, and feeling hopeful for our new beginning. What are you looking for in a church? What can we do to personalize worship to include you? Who do you know that might be interested in joining in worship with us? I truly feel that the Lord is working through Mary Anne to help us move forward. He has blessed us with an endowment, which is now working as intended, using the interest to help us make improvements to our building, He has blessed us with members who are willing to go above and beyond to make things happen, and He has blessed us with faithful members who want to make each and every service flow as smoothly as possible.

There are so many good things that come with a fresh start, not the least of which is a reconnection not only amongst each other, but to our God, whom makes all things possible. I look forward to seeing you all in the pews, to see you at our upcoming annual meeting, and out and about within the community.

Happy New Year, Happy New Beginnings, and Happy Reconnections to you all!

- Kristen Will

CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 26th



after worship

Tithes + Offerings

December 1, 2024 Attendance 58

Envelopes	\$ 1095.00
Loose	84.00
Church Rent	125.00
Dish Clothes	14.00
Total	\$1318.00

December 8, 2024 Attendance 39

Envelopes	\$ 1550.00
Loose	120.00
Total	\$2056.00

December 15, 2024 Attendance 71

Envelopes	\$ 1100.00
Loose	143.00
World Hunger	8.00
Total	\$1251.00

December 22, 2024 Attendance 39

Envelopes	\$ 1685.00
Loose	80.00
Dedicated Funds	282.00
Church Rent	400.00
Total:	\$ 2447.00

December 24, 2024 Attendance 90

Envelopes	\$ 40.00
Loose	331.00
Christmas	1067.00
Dedicated Funds	320.00
Total:	\$ 1758.00

December 29, 2024 Attendance 21

Envelopes	\$1010.00
Loose	70.00
Total:	\$ 1080.00

Offering thru December 29, 2024 \$9910.00

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

Please call

320-859-2350

for your special prayer requests

CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Jim Heuer Family, Colton Will, Shelly Engfer-Triebebach, Family of Lil Ortendahl, Grace Johnson, David Searcy Family, Curt Kalpin, 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

December Income \$ 14,527.14

Bills/payroll paid December \$ 22,749.56

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

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	James Heuer
01/14	Douglas Lillemoen
01/14	Timothy Thornbloom
01/15	Robin Curtis
01/18	David Dykema
01/19	Hunter Johnson
01/19	Drew VanNyhuis
01/21	Karen Williamson
01/23	Richard Hansen
01/24	Loren Ortendahl
01/26	Barbara Berg
01/27	Hannah Redetzke
01/29	Marissa Hinrichs



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.



**Thank you for all who joined us for the youth led service on December 15th!
The Pathfinder youth were so excited to perform for this service.**

**The bake sale following the service was a huge success! Thank you so much for donating
baked goods and purchasing all the baked goods! We sold out in record time!!!**

Thank you to those who helped decorate the alter and the sanctuary for Christmas.

- Stephanie Finnegan



WORSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

Merry Christmas from the Worship Committee. Hoping your season is merry and bright! It's already the New Year- Time marches (no, flies) on.

So happy to see our new Minister, Mary Anne, settling in. She would be pleased if you stopped by the office or called to talk with her to get to know her better.

Thanks to the Youth and guides for the super Christmas service. So enjoyable! Good job everyone.

Hope all were able to make it to and enjoy the Christmas Eve service. As always, concerns and suggestions are welcome.

See you around in 2025! Let's make it a good one!

-Mary Redetzke

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2024 was a busy year. We sold the parsonage, hired Mary Anne Parker as our new Minister and several other things to be noted in fellow council member reports.

I would like you all to take the time to share your:

- **TIME:** in church in any way and anywhere you see a need. You can make us better and stronger even if it is just getting to church more. Consider serving on a committee, help with services.
- **TALENTS:** music, teaching, bible study leader, council leaders.
- **TREASURES:** monetary gifts, present day needs, endowment gifts.

With everyone's help we will be able to grow and serve in the Lord's work.
Please do all you can to help with your TIME, TALENTS, and
TREASURES!

Sincerely,
Mike Curtis

Other News:



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