

Osakis Lutheran Church Action News July 2019



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Youth Group News from Jill

We have four kids and one adult going to Chicago on a mission trip from Luther Crest Bible Camp from July 28—August 4.

Two more boys are going to Luther Crest Bible Camp this summer. One other child is going with his friend to a different camp which is cool to do.

I'm still looking for someone to take over as youth chair.

I have also heard through a friend that the Elks in Alexandria has youth kids for camp. Check it out!

I have been busy thinking about different fundraising for this upcoming year. Maybe a few things will be at the community center so more people will attend.

If anyone would like to join the youth group, you are welcome! Nothing is planned for the summer, but will start again the 2nd Sunday in September from 2-4 p.m.

Contact me if you have any questions:

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Vacation Bible School

Monday July 8th to Thursday July 11th at Osakis Lutheran Church. Contact the church office for registration information, or on the table in the narthex.



***VBS Program Thursday
July 11th at 2:30 p.m.***

Church in Society

Mark your calendars with smiley faces because:

July is Celebrate 70 plus years of age month!

The date is July 14th. There will be flowers and goodies after the service All are welcome!

August Emphasis is ELCA World Hunger. It's the Penny Jar! Begin saving those pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters.

September Emphasis is God's Work Our Hands. The date is September 8th. We had a good group of workers last year. It would be great to have a wonderful response again this year. Please think about participating. There will be a sign up sheet. More information to come later.

Thank you Osakis Lutheran for your continuing mission work! You are the greatest!



***Thank you Joanne Ranum for planting the beautiful flowers in our flower gardens.
Thank you also to those who have been mowing/trimming the church property.***

Rich Reflections

Dear Friends in Christ,

After a loooong, cool, damp spring, the weather (by the time you read this) has finally turned into true summer. During the past two months “camp fires” were necessary to stay warm outside in the evenings. Now those fires will simply provide the atmosphere to enjoy the lingering evenings of mid-summer. And many a story, fish and others, will be shared in those warm circles along with roasted marshmallows.

So as we gather around Word and Table in our worship, it seems appropriate that we get a series of parables (stories) from the Gospel of Luke in the next several weeks; from stories as powerful and unsettling as the Good Samaritan, to the quietly reassuring Friend at Midnight. Jesus was a masterful story teller, teaching profound truths under the guise of quaint anecdotes. These tales are easily accepted upon first hearing, only to upset people’s thoughts about God, neighbor, enemy and self upon further consideration.

Frederick Buechner, the great Presbyterian storyteller describes parables this way:

A parable is a small story with a large point. Most of the ones Jesus told have a kind of sad fun about them. The parables of the Crooked Judge (Luke 18:1-8), the Sleepy Friend (Luke 11:5-8), and the Distraught Father (Luke 11:11-13) are really jokes in their way, at least part of whose point seems to be that a silly question deserves a silly answer. In the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32), the elder brother's pious pique when the returning Prodigal gets the red-carpet treatment is worthy of Moliere's Tartuffe, as is the outraged legalism of the Laborers in the Vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16) when Johnny-come-lately gets as big a slice of the worm as the early bird. The point of the Unjust Steward is that it's better to be a resourceful rascal than a saintly schlemiel (Luke 16:1-8); and of the Talents that, spiritually speaking, playing the market will get you further than playing it safe (Matthew 25:14-30).

Both the sadness and the fun are at their richest, however, in the parable of the Great Banquet (Luke 14:16-24). The beautiful people all send in their excuses, of course—their real estate, their livestock, their sex lives—so the host sends his social secretary out into the streets to bring in the poor, the maimed, the blind, the lame.

So if you love a good story, and who doesn’t, we have some great ones coming our way throughout the rest of summer, and even into the fall. After all, just when we think we have God and the Bible figured out—they tend to jump out and surprise us.

See you in church,
Pr. Rich

Northwestern Minnesota elects new Bishop

Rev. William (Bill) T. Tesch was elected bishop at the Northwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly, June 7-9 in Moorhead. The result of the fifth and final ballot was:

265 – Pr. Bill Tesch, Assoc. to the Bishop, Sioux Falls, SD

161 – Pr. Genelle Netland, Calvary Lutheran, Bemidji, MN

Tesch will begin his six-year term starting September 1, 2019. He will be installed Sunday, September 8, 4pm, at Trinity Lutheran church in Moorhead.

Pastor Tesch has served in South Dakota since his Ordination in 1989. Before his election to Bishop, he served first as Pastor of a two-point rural and small-town congregation (St. Paul and St Peter in Humboldt and Orland) and then as the Founding Pastor and later Sr. Pastor of Messiah New Hope in Sioux Falls, and finally as Director of Evangelical Mission and Associate to the Bishop on the South Dakota Synod staff.

Bishop-elect Tesch also serves as a chaplain in the South Dakota Air National Guard, and is a senior leader holding the rank of Colonel. His responsibilities with the military will come to a close near the end of 2020.

He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Madison and Luther Seminary as well as the USAF Air War College, Air Command and Staff College, the Air Force Basic Chaplain’s Course and Officer’s Training School.

Rev. Tesch is married to Chris Tesch who teaches Nursing at the University of South Dakota. He and Chris have two adult children. In his spare time he enjoys exercise, hunting, fishing, book club, entertaining friends and family... and a host of other hobbies for which he really has no time!

July Birthdays

- 1 Sharon Kummrow
- 2 Kylar Gadbaw
- 5 Jani Helm, Sarah Redetzke
- 7 Jack Converse
- 8 Dave Amdahl
- 9 Ruby Maus, Howard Swenstad
- 10 Janet Johnson
- 11 Pat Ryan
- 13 Connie Spanswick
- 18 Wendy Jennings, Dave Laven, Nancy Muehlenhardt, Troy Reinke, Janice Thull
- 19 Lydell Gayken, Lynell Gayken, Troy Wolf
- 22 Elaine Mattson
- 23 Camryn Hoffarth
- 24 Timothy Gilsrud, Betty Hinrichs
- 25 Daniel Drum
- 26 Ryan Kleinschmidt, Curt Waldvogel
- 27 Noah Nessman
- 28 Ken Twait
- 29 Daniel Field
- 30 Lucille Barber, Marline Johnson
- 31 LaRayne Johnson, Barb Larson



Mission Action Moment

Good news! At the last two work days: 8 quilts finished and 4 by Sheila = 12!

Lil delivered 5 baby blankets, some baby clothes, and a box of toys to Life Connections in Alexandria. A box of men's clothing was taken to the Eagles Nest.

A quilt was donated to a fundraiser for Russ Roelike, and Don Jensen received a quilt on his 90th birthday—congratulations!

Several of our quilters are in special need of our prayers: Bev Schultz, Lois Ketelle, Jeanne Jensen, Carol Marthaler, and Sharon Kummrow whose husband Mike has serious health issues.

Because of Vacation Bible School, in July quilting days will be on Monday the 15th and Monday the 22nd.

Looking ahead to a September event, "God's Work, Our Hands" we will need used white cotton sheets, any condition, for bandage making.

Hint: There are several bed skirts to be taken apart.

Rebekah Circle Minutes 6/11/19

In Attendance: Janice Frank, Ruby Maus, LaRayne Johnson, Madlyn Manders, and Marlys Benson.

Business: LaRayne opened the meeting with a prayer.

Action News was assembled by Ruby Maus, Lorraine Nomeland, Madlyn Manders, Marlys Ferris, Mary Hunter, Loretta Becker, and LaRayne Johnson. The Action News was taken to the Post Office by Kathy LaFrenz. Thank you, ladies!

No new information was received about CMH birthday party for July 30th.

Bible Study: We studied EVE from our guide Women of the Old Testament. The Biblical reading for this study was Genesis 3:1-13. **Our next Bible Study will be "Sarah and Hager."** The Biblical reading will **Genesis chapter 16 and chapter 18 verses 1-15.**

Janice was our hostess. She served a variety of cheese cakes and eclairs. Very Nice! Very Tasty! **July will be Ruby. The birthday girl!**

Treasurer's Report: The bank statement shows a balance of \$216.00. Check #784 for \$15.00 and check # 785 for \$117.00 are still out. With those subtracted our balance was \$84.00. We added \$20.00 on 6/11, so our correct balance is \$104.00.

A reminder: Our **August meeting** will be our Ice Cream Event. Marlys will bring the ice cream. Everyone else will bring toppings, cookies, and/or bars.

Our next meeting will be on 7/9/19 in the dining room of Terrace Heights.

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of these church members who have recently passed away.

Romona Hagen passed away on Saturday, May 25, 2019.

Betty Heuer passed away on Thursday, June 6, 2019.

Virginia Chapman passed away on Saturday, June 15, 2019.

May there be comfort in knowing that someone so special will never be forgotten.

July 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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| | 1 | 2 | 3 CIS & God's Work Our Hands Commit- tee 1:30 p.m. | 4 <i>Independence Day</i> | 5 | 6 |
| 7 Praise Team Prac- tice 8:45 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 11 a.m. | 8 Vacation Bible School 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. | 9 Vacation Bible School 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rebekah Circle @ Terrace Heights 2 p.m. | 10 Vacation Bible School 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. Church Council 6:30 p.m. Rachel Circle 7 p.m. | 11 Vacation Bible School 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. VBS pro- gram @ 2:30 p.m. Bible Study 1 p.m. at Terrace Heights | 12 | 13 |
| 14 Worship 10 a.m. Celebrate ages 70 + Coffee & Fellowship 11 a.m. | 15 Sewing 8 a.m. | 16 | 17 | 18 Bible Study 1 p.m. at Terrace Heights | 19 | 20 Action News Deadline |
| 21 Praise Team Prac- tice 8:45 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 11 a.m. | 22 Sewing 8 a.m. (Sewing is two Mondays in a row due to VBS) | 23 | 24 | 25 Worship @ CMH 10 a.m. Bible Study 1 p.m. at Terrace Heights | 26 | 27 |
| 28 Worship 10 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 11 a.m. | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |

2019-2020 dates from Education Committee:

Rally Day/Backpack Blessing September 15
Bible Sunday October 6
Confirmation Sunday October 27
Christmas Program December 15
Last Day of Sunday School May 17



Osakis Lutheran Church Council Meeting, Wednesday, June 5, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.

Present: Paul Christensen, Diane Zimmel, Jill Ramey, Pastor Rich, Nancy Exley, Jessie Thornbloom, Lil Ortendahl and Kathy Ryan.

President Paul Christensen called the meeting to order.

Pastor Rich gave devotions.

Highs and Lows

Diane Zimmel motioned to accept minutes of the last meeting. Jill Ramey 2nd. Approved.

Committee Reports:

1. Treasurer's report: May bills have been paid. Have March, April & May benevolences to pay however. Three people have signed up for online giving so far. New office computer is paid (\$625.00) which came out of the Tech Fund. Nancy has updated the list of all bank accounts, see attached. Income for May \$8,697.11. Expenses for May \$10,928.97. \$2,231.86 more in expenses than income for May. Income to date \$62,003.65 with expenses to date of \$60,089.93. Lil Ortendahl made a motion to accept Treasurers' report. Jessie Thornbloom 2nd. Approved
2. Trustees' report: See attached sheet. Lil Ortendahl made a motion to donate 4 futons and billiard type game rack to Habitat for Humanity. Kathy Ryan 2nd. Approved.
3. Pastor report: Synod Assembly is June 7-9th. Election of new bishop. Pastor Halvorson will be here to do the service. Need to replace church laptop. We have a benefactor. Looking at Dell XPS. HP Spectre or Lenovo 930. Looking at some changes to Pathfinders program from guide feedback. Online giving – working on getting more participants. Pastor care: 3 hospice, 2 fragile and 1 cancer care. Vacation June 10-12 and July 18 – 28.
4. Church in Society: July 14 is Celebrate Age/Elder Sunday. There has been a work group established for “God’s Work, Our Hands”. Which is Sunday, September 8th.
5. Education report: September 8th “God’s Work, Our Hand”, September 15 Rally Day/Backpack Blessing
October 6 Bible Sunday, October 27 Confirmation, December 15 Christmas program, May 17, 2020 last day of Sunday School.
6. Youth Group: Went bowling on June 1st.

New Business:

- A. Jill Ramey requested help from the Jung Fund \$1,300 for 12 kids attending Luther Crest and 1 child attending another location for camp. Nancy Exley made a motion to transfer and pay \$1,300 (\$830 Luther Crest & \$400 to the other camp) from the Jung Fund. Lil Ortendahl 2nd. Approved.
- B. Jessie Thornbloom discussed a float ride for the Osakis Days parade on June 23. The theme would be to advertise Vacation Bible School on July 8th. Paul Christensen has a utility trailer we can use. Also, Paul said he would take care of parade candy.

A few more complaints about neighbors use of back parking lot/driveway. Pastor Rich will take care of it.

Next meeting: Wednesday, July at 6:30 p.m..

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Kathy Ryan, Council Secretary

Youth Chairperson needed!

Jill Ramey has stated that she will be giving up her chairperson position for our Youth Group. We are looking for someone who would accept this position. Please talk with Pastor or Jill to gather more information.

This position can be shared by two people if interested.

Online Giving!

You can now give your offering online! With “Stripe”, you can set up your contribution to Osakis Lutheran weekly, monthly, quarterly, or even annually. Visit our church website at www.osakislutheranelca.com to enroll. There you will find a button “donate”, click on it, and follow the instructions. Their website is safe and secure.



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Offering

Attendance 5/10/19 **83**

Undesignated \$1,757
Sunday School \$19.11
Easter \$50
Roof Fund \$50
Stoeckel Campership \$67
Nation Youth Gathering \$67

Attendance 5/26/19 **40**

Undesignated \$1,293
Church Rent \$300

Attendance 6/2/19 **48**

Undesignated \$2,391
VBS \$100

Attendance 6/9/19 **52**

Undesignated \$1,377
Luther Crest Campership \$125

Attendance 6/16/19 **51**

Undesignated \$2,217
Stoeckel Campership \$67
Technology Fund \$67
Offering thru Stripe \$25
Betty Heuer Memorials \$110
Vacation Bible School \$140

Income May 2019 \$8,697.11

Expenses May 2019 \$10,928.97

Income to date \$62,003.65

Expenses to date \$60,089.93

Prayer Concerns

Roy Juntunen, Jeanne Jensen, Mike Kummrow, Ray Gabler,
Shelly Enger-Triebebach, Beverly Schultz, Lois Ketelle

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

Shut-in and Health Concerns: Doug Sherman

Those Residing in Care Centers and Rehab

Community Memorial Home: Nancy Muehlenhardt, Elaine
Mattson, Marie Larson, Russ Hevern

Terrace Heights: LaRayne Johnson, Ruby Maus, Lorraine (Ivy)
Nomeland, Bud & Madlyn Manders

Westview Assisted Living: Stella Bender, Joyce Rossi, Audrey &
Lowell Collins

Out of Town

Alexandria:

Alex Assisted Living: Roy Juntunen

Knute Nelson: Altrude Daniels

Windmill Ponds: Delores Stephens

Harding, MN: David Jorgensen

Long Prairie: Ray Gabler, Ruth Sherman

Sauk Centre: Diane Maloney

***Please remember to include those who are our friends,
neighbors, and members of Osakis Lutheran with a
prayer, greeting, or a card!***

PRAYER FOR HEALING

Lord, you created me.

**My body is sick now and
perhaps my soul too. Please heal
me, renew me. Repair the body you
had made. Refresh the soul you
created for eternal existence. You
alone know how to restore my
health, for you created me. Make
me whole again so that I may
live my life for you.**

Amen.

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2019 Church Council

President—Paul Christensen

Past President— Jerry Wiggins

President Elect—Jessie Thornbloom

Secretary—Kathy Ryan

Treasurer—Nancy Exley

Church in Society—Dianne Zimmer

Financial Secretary—Cindy Christensen

Deacons— Wilma Triebenbach

Education—Melanie Stier

Trustees— Lil Ortendahl

Worship—Pat Converse/Shelly Triebenbach

Youth— Jill Ramey

Stewardship—Mike Curtis

Ex Officio—Pastor Richard Fitzer

Church Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday 9 a.m.—2 p.m.

Closed Friday

The deadline for the bulletin is
Thursday at 9 a.m.

Church phone number 859-2350

To contact Pastor Rich:

Pastor Rich will typically be
working Monday—Thursday
with Friday as his day off. His
phone number is 859-3816.