

**Osakis Lutheran Church
Action News
June 2019**



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Luther Crest Vacation Bible School at Osakis Lutheran Church

Everlasting Love "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your might." Deuteronomy 6:5

When: Monday, July 8th-Thursday, July 11th from 8:45 am - 3:00 pm

There will be a short program on Thursday at 2:30.

Who: Students who have completed Kindergarten - 6th grade

Where: Osakis Lutheran Church, 320 First Ave. E., Osakis

Cost: \$20 per child with a \$40 family maximum

*Scholarships can be available if you stop and apply in the church office.



For offering during VBS, we will be collecting school supplies to donate to the local schools for families in need. Any money taken in for offering will go to buy backpacks and school supplies.

Latchkey (SACC) is available at Osakis Public School across the street if you need child care before or after VBS. Be sure you have already registered for Latchkey with the school. If you would like this option, please specify on your registration form. We will have someone available to get the children from Latchkey before VBS and bring them back over to school after.

Lunch and a snack will be provided for the children each day. Please specify on the registration form if your child has any food/allergy/health concerns.

Return **registration and health forms** to church office by June 23rd. Contact church with questions: 859-2350.

Child's Name: _____ Grade just finished in school: _____ Shirt size _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone Number: _____

Health Concerns/Allergies/Information: _____

Other Information: _____

Rich Reflections

Just as people celebrate birthdays, the church celebrates its birthday on Pentecost Sunday, June 9th this year. Pentecost is the 50th day of Easter. The Old Testament backdrop is the Festival of Weeks (Exodus 34:22). This festival occurs 50 days after the Passover. Passover celebrates God's deliverance of Israel from slavery in Egypt.

The Festival of Weeks celebrates God's giving the Ten Commandments to Moses at Sinai for his people. Just as the Law came down from heaven to Israel, so the Spirit of God came down from heaven to the church on Pentecost, fifty days after Jesus' resurrection. One might argue that Israel began as a nation with the giving of the Law at Sinai. So, too, the church began its history with the gift of the Spirit at Pentecost.

The Festival of Weeks marks the first wheat harvest with the beginning of summer. So, the church is to begin its harvest of Great Commission witness 'today' (Matthew 28:18-20). We see evidence of the first-fruits of that harvest at Pentecost as 3,000 believed and were baptized into the church. The Messianic Age, which dawned in the person of Jesus, has come in its fullness with the descent of the Spirit (Acts 2).

Rather than living off the fumes of the past, we need to tend the flame of the Spirit in our lives. Just as the believers were filled with the Spirit and proclaimed the good news of Jesus, we must wait on God in prayer, long for the Spirit's movement, then tell and live the good news of the kingdom as led by the Spirit. This is especially true as our Northwestern Minnesota Synod meets in assembly June 7-9, to elect a new bishop. Please take time to pray for our assembly and those who've been nominated.

It is very easy for churches to look back nostalgically as the Spirit moved in their midst when they were born. After a few years, church anniversaries can easily move from celebrating the Spirit's ongoing movement to cemented monuments. The classic hymn by C. Michael Hawn "Spirit of the Living God" is an appropriate one to sing this day, as we seek to guard against turning Pentecost and church movements into monuments:

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

How can we become more sensitive to the Spirit, seek not to grieve the Spirit (Ephesians 4:30), not take the Spirit for granted, and be filled with the Spirit, as we seek as churches to be and remain missional movements every year of our lives? The answers we give will either help or hinder us in our efforts to guard against turning the celebration of the church's birth into a memorial monument.

Waiting & seeking the Spirit,

Pr. Rich Fitzer

2019 Bishop Election Pre-Nomination List

As of February 15, 2019 – in alpha order by last name

- 1 Pr. Genelle Netland, Senior Pastor, Calvary Lutheran Church, Bemidji, Minn.
- 2 Pr. Susan Peterson-Koesterman, Executive Director/CEO, Churches United for the Homeless, Moorhead, Minn.
- 3 Pr. Bradley Skogen, Pastor, First Lutheran Church, Battle Lake, Minn.
- 4 Pr. Jill Steichen, Pastor, Comstock-Hoff Lutheran Parish, Comstock, Minn.
- 5 Pr. William "Bill" Tesch, Director for Evangelical Mission and Associate to the Bishop, South Dakota Synod ELCA, Sioux Falls, SD
- 6 Pr. Kristina Weber, Senior Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, Jamestown, N.D.

More biographical information can be found here:

<http://nwmnsynod.org/assets/Bishop-Bio-Forms.6-Pre-nominees.pdf>

June Birthdays

- 1 Marlys Benson, Blake Kleinschmidt, Brooke Kleinschmidt
- 2 John chalmers
- 3 Lowell Collins
- 4 Ryan Strelow
- 5 Janice Frank, Mackenzie Staloch
- 6 Madison Stier, Marcus Wolf
- 7 Michael Gilbert, Emma Kulzer, Diane Maloney
- 8 Taylor Larson
- 11 Michael Steinbeisser
- 12 Abby Kleinschmidt
- 13 Audrey Collins
- 14 Carrie Mounsdon, Ryan Wagner
- 15 Janna Juntunen, Seth Staloch, Shelly Triebenbach
- 17 Jacey Larson, Ryan Larson, Travis Redetzke
- 18 Karlee Hoffarth
- 19 Paul Roman
- 20 Rodger Larson
- 22 Brad Hoffarth, Josiah Kapaun
- 23 Hillary Bjorstrom, Luke Schmidt
- 24 Kirstin Bohm, Judy Reinke, Michael Woidyla
- 25 Jessica Gadbow, Trent Redetzke
- 29 Lee VanNyhuis
- 30 Bexley Abraham



Mission Action Moment

Monday quilters are pleased to report the completion of six quilts at our last workday, plus one made by Sheila and a “mystery” quilt that appeared on our table—thank you!

Almighty God, You have promised that if Your people will humble themselves, seek Your face and pray, You will answer and heal our land. Lord, as believers in You, we are Your people. You have called us to be salt in any bland neglect of our spiritual heritage and light in the darkness of what contradicts Your vision for our nation. Give us courage to be accountable to You and Your Commandments. We repent of the pride, selfishness, and prejudice that often contradict Your justice and righteousness in our society.

Lord of new beginnings, our nation needs a great spiritual awakening. May this day be the beginning of that awakening for us. We urgently ask that our honesty about the needs of our land and our humble confession of our spiritual hunger for You may sweep across this nation. Hear the prayers of Your people and continue to bless our country. In Your holy name, Amen.

from “Quiet Moments with God” by Lloyd John Ogilvie

Rebekah Circle Minutes 5/14/19

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

LaRayne opened the meeting with a prayer reading from Quiet Moments With God by Lloyd John Ogilvie.

The SUNSHINE FUND, that contained \$14.59 was switched over to the KIT FUND which will run through the end of October.

A get well card was written Mike Kummrow.

Action News was assembled by Ruby Maus, Ivy Nomeland, Mary Hunter, Madlyn Manders, and LaRayne Johnson. They were taken to the Post Office by Mary LaFrenz.

Articles from the May edition of the Gather magazine were discussed and the Bible Study guide, **Women of the Old Testament** was introduced. Our Bible Study for June will be "The First Woman: A Far Reaching Choice" from our new Bible Study Guide.

Madlyn and Marlys were hostesses. Madlyn served a yummy rhubarb dessert and Marlys served brownies. **Janice will be hostess in June.**

July Project: Rebekah Circle will help supply goodies for the CMH Birthday Party. We should receive a list of what is needed from the Circle planning the party. More to come.

Treasurer's Report: We began the month with a balance of \$84. There are still two outstanding checks #784 for \$15 and #785 to OLCW for \$117 which makes the bank's balance \$180. We added \$36 in offerings so our correct balance is now \$84.

Thank you Janet for doing the counting!

Our next meeting is on Tuesday June 11th in the Terrace Heights lunchroom at 2:00 p.m.

3HAPPY3
Father's
3DAY3

AS A FATHER
HAS COMPASSION
ON HIS CHILDREN,
SO THE LORD
HAS COMPASSION
ON THOSE WHO
FEAR HIM.

PSALM 103:13

June 2019

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2 Praise Team Practice 8:45 Worship 10 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 11 a.m.	3	4	5 CIS 2 p.m. Church Council 6:30 p.m.	6 Bible Study @ Terrace Heights 1 p.m.	7 Synod Assembly	8 Synod Assembly
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16 Father's Day Praise Team Practice 8:45 Worship 10 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 11 a.m.	17	18	19	20 Bible Study @ Terrace Heights 1 p.m. Action News Deadline	21	22
23 Worship 10 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 11 a.m.	24 Sewing 8 a.m.	25	26	27 Worship at CMH 10 a.m. Bible Study @ Terrace Heights 1 p.m.	28	29
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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, May 1, 2019 @ 7:30 p.m.

Present: Paul Christensen, Lil Ortendahl, Diane Zimmel, Kathy Ryan, Wilma Triebenbach, Nancy Exley, Mike Curtis, Jill Ramey, Vicki Grove and Jessie Thornbloom

President Paul Christensen called the meeting to order.

Pastor Rich gave devotions.

Highs and Lows

Wilma Triebenbach motioned to accept minutes of the last meeting. Diane Zimmel 2nd. Approved.

Committee Reports:

1. Treasurer's report: All April bills have been paid. March & April benevolences are left to pay. New office computer installed 4-30-19. Amount to pay for computer \$625.00. Total income for April, 2019 \$16,934.03, expenses \$17,136.89. Income to date \$51,212.46 and expenses to date \$49,160.96. We received a deposit of \$4,008.00 from Thrivent Choice Dollars. Jessie Thornbloom and Paul Christensen will be signers on the Operating Account, Safe Deposit Box, Jung Account, and the Parsonage checking account. Jerry Wiggins and Brent Werven will be removed. A new savings account will be opened in the name of the National Youth Gathering. Nancy Exley will be signer on that account.

2. Trustees' report: See attached sheet. Also planning to move more things out of the basement that are not being used (futons, dart board/game, etc.).

3. Pastor report: 2 households joined the church recently. There will be a couple more joining later. Thank you to Emily Wolf for making the chalices used for first communion. On May 17 there will be a meet and greet with those being considered for our new synod bishop in June. Paul Christensen may attend the meeting in Detroit Lakes with Pastor Rich. Will be attending a week long continuing ed program (May 13, 2019) in the cities "The Festival of Homiletics".

4. Stewardship: Mike Curtis made a motion to go ahead with a plan for electronic giving/automatic bank withdrawals to make church giving more convenient. Jessie Thornbloom 2nd. Approved. Melanie Stier will work with Nancy to get this up and running soon. The program to be used is "Stripes".

New Business:

For the months of June, July, August and September we would like to change meeting time to 6:30 p.m..

Adam Hjelm let us know that one of our neighbors has been using the west side church alley (instead of the north alley) to access their garage. At this time, we will ask them to stop using it because it is narrow and there could building damage or car damage/pedestrian safety issues.

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 5 at 6:30 p.m.. The July meeting is set for July 10th at 6:30 p.m. changed because of the July 4th holiday.

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 Maundy Thursday 38

Good Friday 18

Easter Sunday 155

Undesignated \$1,468
Easter \$836
Maundy Thursday \$434
Good Friday \$145
Stoeckel Campership \$35
Tech Fund \$35
National Youth Gathering \$35

Attendance 4/28/19

Undesignated \$665
Lent \$50
Easter \$20
Tech Fund \$65
Stoeckel Campership \$65
Youth Gathering \$65

Attendance 5/5/19 88

Undesignated \$2,379
Sunday School Offering \$11

Attendance 5/12/19 83

Undesignated \$1,853
Sunday School Offering \$4
Luther Crest Campership \$100
World Hunger \$67

Income April 2019 \$16,943.03

Expenses April 2019 \$17,136.89

Income to date \$51,212.46

Expenses to date \$49,160.96

Prayer Concerns

Roy Juntunen, Jeanne Jensen, Mike Kummrow, Ray Gabler

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, Virginia Chapman, 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.