

**Osakis Lutheran Church  
Action News  
November 2018**



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**Youth Chili Cook Off**

***Is chili your specialty? The OLC Youth Chili Cook Off will be Sunday November 18th right after church. Try 10 different kinds and vote for your favorite! Please sign up in the church narthex or call the church office to register your delicious chill!***



Church in Society

This year for our Alternative Giving Campaign, we will be working with the congregation to help fund a clean water well for a community somewhere in the world. This will be for November and December. We will still have the catalogs for regular "Chick for a check" for those who prefer this choice. We will not be collecting for the Food Shelf in November.

Youth Group Christmas cookies- \$5 dozen



- Russian Tea Cakes
- Monster Cookies
- Chocolate Mint Cookies
- Peanut Blossoms
- Chocolate Chip Cookies
- Ginger Snaps
- Peanut Butter Ritz (dipped in almond bark)

**Other Items:**

- Take and bake lasagna in big pan \$10
- Smaller pan lasagna (for one/two people) \$6
- Chicken Noodle Soup in a jar \$5
- Brownies in a jar \$5

***All orders are due with payment by December 4th. Checks payable to Osakis Youth Group***

***Turn your order into the church office, cookie box in church narthex or mail to Osakis Lutheran Church.***

***\*\*Pick up date is Sunday December 16th at Osakis Lutheran Church 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. \*\****

***Jill will deliver to those that live in the Assisted Living/Galeon, just add a note to the bottom of your order.***

***Thank you, the youth group appreciates your support!***

*There is always something for which to be*



Poinsettias are available to order to decorate our church for Christmas. They will be delivered to the church by Anderson Florist and you can take yours home after the Christmas Eve service.

- Pixie 4 blooms \$6.39
- Regular 6-8 blooms \$12.39
- Large 8-12 blooms \$19.39

Color choices are red, white, and pink.

Please have your order in the church office by Sunday December 2nd along with payment. Please include details with your order if it is in

honor of someone or in memory of someone, size of plant, and color choice.



## Rich Reflections

November means the end of daylight saving time, and the coming of Thanksgiving, along with many other things. The first can bring the reminder of heading into the darker time of year, the other helps us to pause and remember the good things in life.

So first let me share a note from one of our ELCA bishops, Rev. Michael Rinehart, Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod.

*“A word of encouragement. As the days get shorter, and the darkness gathers (for those of us in the northern hemisphere), light some candles and give thanks to God for your life and work.*

*This time of year, we can slip imperceptibly into depression or anxiety, both pastors and people. You wake up one day feeling unsettled, and it seems like everything is going to hell in a handbasket, and the world is closing in on you. Take a deep breath; smile at the sky.*

*Keeping my spirits up is a matter of utmost importance, not just for me, but for my family, and for the life of my church. If my spirits are up, theirs will be too. If I pay attention to lifting spirits, others benefit. If I get anxious, my congregational system becomes anxious too.*

*So make time for daily prayer, and daily exercise. Go for walks. Do yourself, your family and your congregation a favor: Make weekly sabbath a priority. No house work on your sabbath day. If you have anything you have to do, you're doing it wrong. If you're worried about time, you're doing it wrong. ☺ Play with your kids and your pets if you have some. Spend time with friends. Waste time. Frolic. Tend to your soul.”*

Jesus said, “love your neighbor as yourself.” Apparently Jesus knew the wisdom of putting on your own oxygen mask first. If we take care of ourselves, we’ll be much more able to follow our Christian calling and care for our neighbors.

Here’s the connection between keeping your spirits up and giving thanks. Several well-documented studies have reported that showing gratitude helps us feel more joyful, or happier.<sup>1</sup>

There’s an even more interesting connection to note. “Grace” and “gratitude” come from the same root word in Latin. Evidently, being aware of God’s grace and giving thanks go hand in hand. That’s a pretty sweet connection if you ask me.

I don’t know about you, but even when things are going well, it can be easy for me to overlook the overflowing blessings and gifts that God showers upon us. Of course, there are times when life is not so happy, nor easy. But we can still remind ourselves of the good things in life, give thanks, and experience a deeper feeling than happiness: joy.

Joy is a fruit of the Spirit, and it’s not about pretending to be jolly when life is a challenge. God’s desire to give us joy is like an underlying current in our lives to satisfy and quench our thirst for receiving, responding, celebrating and thanking—even in the midst of darker days.

May grace, gratitude, joy and thankfulness be yours in the days and months to come,

Pr. Rich

## November Birthdays

- 1 Ariel Chalmers
- 2 Gina Hoffarth, Jeremy Floer
- 4 Thomas Williamson, Dylan Hansen
- 5 Kaden Gadbow
- 6 Laurie Dykema, Stephanie Person, Nathan Kulzer
- 8 Christy Werder, Karen Gilsrud
- 9 Richard Fitzer, Paul Sorum
- 11 Brent Werven, Cody Helm
- 12 Suzzette Sibell, Yvonne Christensen
- 13 Kathy Steinbeisser, Nancy Woidyla, Christine Werven
- 14 Brittany Johnson
- 15 Melissa Engfer, Bethany Schultz, Thomas Finnegan
- 16 Daniel Finnegan
- 17 Stacy Betsinger, Jennifer Gilbert
- 19 Gail Ann Holt, Guy Swenson
- 22 Nancy Exley
- 24 Matthew Stier
- 25 Mya Garvin
- 26 Marjorie Swor
- 27 Brian Ramey
- 30 Curtis Woidyla



### **Mission Action Moment**

**The quilting workers met three times in October, 12 quilts were completed plus 3 made and brought in. Beautiful quilt tops are appearing from an anonymous donor and we are grateful for those.**

**Thanks to Lil who made a delivery to Place of Hope in St. Cloud, mostly bedding and including 10 quilts for youth and adults. Also 5 baby quilts were taken to "Life Connections" in Alex.**

**On the 31st all the boxes of kits and quilts were taken to Hensley Trucking to be delivered to Lutheran World Relief and Global Health Ministries in the Twin Cities. Look for details in the Sunday bulletin and next Action News.**

**We express our thanks to the family of Joyce Engstrand for the gift given to the Monday Quilters in her memory.**

**The last two days of quilt making in 2018 will be on the 12th and 26th of November. Come, check us out; have coffee, chat, see how much fun we have!**

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

## Rebekah Circle Minutes 10/9/18

**Members present:** Ruby Maus, LaRayne Johnson, Janice Frank, Madlyn Manders, and Marlys Benson

**Guest:** Marilyn Johnson

**Business:** LaRayne read devotions from a book by Joyce Meyer about how to treat others, our mission of service, and about being a blessing to others.

Action News was assembled by Mary Hunter, Loretta Becker, Madlyn Manders, and LaRayne Johnson. LaRayne also mailed them.

Our Bible Study for this month was from A Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren days 28, 29, and 30. Our next Bible Study will be from the same book but for days 31, 32, 35, and 36.

We wrote out cards for the 10 Confirmands and the cards and gifts have been delivered to the church.

LaRayne will check with the Sunday School to find out if they are going to do the Samaritan's Purse project again this year.

Marlys will check for more information about the books we might choose for next year's Bible Study.

**Treasurer's Report:** We began the month with a balance of \$74.00. A check was written to Barb Larson (OLCW) for \$44.00 which left us with a balance of \$30.00. Our offering for 10/9/18 was \$15.00 so now we have a balance of \$45.00. The bank statement balanced.

**Hostess:** Madlyn was the hostess. She served yummy bars that flew off the serving platter. Marlys will be the hostess for November. No comment!

**Our Next Meeting will be on 11/13 at 2:00 p.m. in the Terrace Heights Lunchroom.**

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.



Congratulations to Abby Greenwood and Chad Zimmel who were married here at Osakis Lutheran Church on October 20, 2018.

May God grant you all of life's blessings and love's joys.



Thank you Jason Wiggins, his crew, his dad Jerry Wiggins, and his grandparents for their work in renovating our east entryway. Everyone worked very hard with long hours together to get this task accomplished. Stop and take a look; the inside and the outside all looks wonderful! We appreciate you!!!

# November 2018

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					Bible Study @ Terrace Heights 1 p.m. Church in Society 2 p.m.		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Praise Team Practice 8:45 a.m. Worship w/communion, Sunday School 10 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 11 a.m.		OLCW Annual Board Meeting 2 p.m.	Pathfinders—learning 5:45 p.m. Church Council 7:30 p.m.	Bible Study @ Terrace Heights 1 p.m.			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
Worship & Sunday School 10 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 11 a.m.	Sewing 8 a.m. Girl Scouts 5:45 p.m.	Miriam Circle 2 p.m. Rebekah Circle @ Terrace Heights 2 p.m. Trustees 7:30 p.m.	Pathfinders—service/fellowship 5:45 p.m. Rachel Circle 7 p.m.	Worship @ CMH 10 a.m. Bible Study @ Terrace Heights 1 p.m.	Boy Scout Lock-In Friday night to early Sat. morning		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
Praise Team Practice 8:45 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 10 a.m. <b>Sunday School Sings</b> Coffee & Fellowship 11 a.m.			NO Pathfinders	<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>		Shelly Triebenbach Event	
25	26	27	28	29	30		
Praise Team Practice 8:45 a.m. Worship w/communion, Sunday School 10 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 11 a.m. <b><u>Action News Deadline</u></b>	Sewing 8 a.m. Girl Scouts 5:45 p.m.		Pathfinders—learning 5:45 p.m.	Bible Study @ Terrace Heights 1 p.m.			

December 2—First Sunday in Advent

December 24—Christmas Eve: Carols, Communion, and Candlelight 4 p.m. & 9 p.m.

Osakis Lutheran Church Council Meeting, Wednesday, October 3, 2018 7:30 p.m.

Present: Pastor Rich, Nancy Exley, Wilma Triebenbach, Paul Christensen, Mike Curtis, Lil Ortendahl, Jerry Wiggins, Melanie Stier and Jill Ramey.

President Elect Paul Christensen called the meeting to order. Jerry Wiggins resumed meeting.

Pastor Rich gave devotions.

Highs and Lows

Lil Ortendahl motioned to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Paul Christensen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved.

Committee Reports:

1. Treasurer's report: September bills have been paid. Benevolences and Sept Portico still need to be paid. Mike Curtis motioned to accept report. Paul Christensen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved.

2. Trustees' report: The lawn was treated again. Pat Ryan checked the south entryway as to why water has ruined part of the ceiling, he found a hole and has fixed it. Pat also replaced the battery on the door opener in Fellowship Hall and is working on the opener on the door from Sanctuary to Fellowship Hall. The window in Fellowship Hall has been measured and is ordered. To be replace as is broken.

3. Pastor report: Third Grade Bibles will be given October 7<sup>th</sup>, there are 5 children. Stewardship emphasis "Share the Bread" this month of October with 3 preachers (2 guests). Wedding Zimmel/Greenwood on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Faith Statements Projects – Conversations re: Papers. Confirmation dinner October 24<sup>th</sup> and Affirmation of Baptism October 28 with 10 youth. 3 days continuing ed retreat Process Theology with Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen at Spent Dandelion Retreat Center. Finishing Ephesians bible study this month at Terrace Heights. Taking a first look at Christmas.

4. Education: Five third graders to get bibles October 7<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation is October 28<sup>th</sup>. Ryan Larson will do a refresher on the AED here at church on October 14<sup>th</sup> after service. Paul Christensen will talk on fire safety and safety in general at service on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.

5. Youth: Youth will meet October 14<sup>th</sup>.

6. Stewardship: Estimate of giving cards. Sample card on October 7<sup>th</sup> and cards for completion October 14<sup>th</sup>. Cards will also be available after the 14<sup>th</sup>.

New Business: Discussed the Addie Finseth CD. Name has been changed and options given as to how to invest funds. Paul Christensen motioned to invest in 6 month CD through the ELCA Mission Investment. Mike Curtis 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved. Nancy Exley also handed out committee budgets for 2019. Please hand in on or by November so numbers can be brought to next council meeting.

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 7 @ 7:30 p.m.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Wilma Triebenbach.



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## Offering

### Attendance 9/23/18 93

Undesignated \$1,220

Sunday School \$5

Praise Team Hymnals \$77

Stoeckel Campership \$65

### Attendance 9/30/18 100

Undesignated \$1,041

Sunday School Offering \$9

Tech Fund \$65

### Attendance 10/7/18 114

Undesignated \$4,503

Sunday School Offering \$3

Roof Fund \$100

Operation Book Strap \$50

National Youth Gathering \$250

Monday Quilters \$100

### Attendance 10/14/18 102

Undesignated \$1,279

Sunday School \$32

Church Rent \$75

World Hunger \$184.81

### Attendance 10/21/18 122

Undesignated \$1,655

Sunday School Offering \$10

**September Income \$11,235.44**

**September Expenses \$12,196.77**

**YTD Income \$105,367.02**

**YTD Expenses \$103,943.33**

## Prayer Concerns

Stella Bender, Helen Bruder, Ray Gabler, Lil Ortendahl

**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

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, Helen Bruder

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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***Osakis Lutheran Church  
2018 Church Council***

President—Jerry Wiggins

Past President— Brent Werven

President Elect—Paul Christensen

Secretary—Kathy Ryan

Treasurer—Nancy Exley

Church in Society—Dianne Zimmer

Financial Secretary—Cindy Christensen

Deacons— Cindy Christensen

Education—Melanie Stier

Trustee— Lil Ortendahl

Worship—Pat Converse and 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.