

**Osakis Lutheran Church
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Affirmation of Baptism Sunday October 27th during the 10 a.m. Worship Service.

Scotty Ellefson

Larissa Hoffarth

Issac Maddock

Noah Nessman

Morrigan Reinke

Chrisob Sadlemyer

Marcus Wolf



Operation Bootstrap Africa walk is Saturday October 5th. The walk will begin and end at Shalom Lutheran Church. Registration is at 10:30 a.m. and the walk begins at 11 a.m.

On behalf of Osakis Lutheran Church, I'd like to thank Nancy Exley for her years of service as church secretary (she is remaining on as church treasurer). Thank you Nancy!

-Paul Christensen,
Church Council President



Church in Society

God's Work Our Hands projects went SUPER on September 22nd! Here is what was accomplished to my knowledge...

4 quilts tied

4 picnic tables painted

7 wheelchairs washed

3 letters written (Bread for the World)

Nursery cleaned up

100 bandages rolled

Many kits completed and over 50 Tacos in a Bag served with a couple dozen cookies! Good fun and fellowship was had by ALL with all that was completed! Way to go everyone! Thanks for making the day very successful in every way!

Sincerely, God's Work Our Hands Committee

October is Global Missions for CIS. We will have info on the bulletin for those interested on how our support here at OLC works and also a photo of Chandran Paul Martin whom we support in his Global Missionary work. Thank you.

Youth Group News:

First Youth Group meeting will be October 13th at 3 p.m. All kids grade 4 and up are welcome!

Thank you to Lacey Sadlemyer who has volunteered to be the youth leader!

Faith & Yoga: Wednesdays, October 2, 9, and 23 from 6-7 p.m. at the Yoga Mama Z Studio in Sauk Centre. \$36 (checks payable to Yoga Mama Z). Maximum 18 people. Contact the church office to reserve your spot!

Rich Reflections

October is the heart of season of fall. It's also at the heart of our life as Christians of the Lutheran persuasion. It's the month we commemorate the Reformation: the Holy Spirit working through Martin Luther to reclaim the biblical teaching we that are saved by grace. We don't worship Luther and we don't bash our Roman Catholic sisters & brothers. We thank God that we DON'T get what we deserve. That's grace.

The ancient eastern notion of karma says: "what happens to a person, happens because they caused it with their actions," and determines their fate. Christians would say we don't believe in karma. However, we do say things like, "you reap what you sow" and "what goes around comes around." Hmm, doesn't sound like much of a difference. But when we talk about ultimate consequences or reward, our Christian faith isn't cause and effect.

The following is from an interview with a modern-day philosopher poet. It's a person who was raised in the church and is a follower of Jesus. Even though he does not have a formal education in faith or theology, he has been led to some deep insights and significant action.

"It's a mind-blowing concept that the God who created the Universe might be looking for company, a real relationship with people, but the thing that keeps me on my knees is the difference between Grace and Karma..."

You see, at the center of all religions is the idea of Karma. You know, what you put out comes back to you; an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, or in physics – in physical laws – every action is met by an equal or opposite one. It's clear to me that Karma is at the very heart of the universe. I'm absolutely sure of it.

And yet, along comes this idea called Grace to upend all that "As you sow, so will you reap" stuff. Grace defies reason and logic. Love interrupts, if you like, the consequences of your actions, which in my case is very good news indeed, because I've done a lot of stupid stuff.

That's between me and God. But I'd be in big trouble if Karma was going to finally be my judge. I'd be in deep [trouble]. It doesn't excuse my mistakes, but I'm holding out for Grace. I'm holding out that Jesus took my sins onto the Cross because I know who I am, and I hope I don't have to depend on my own religiosity.

The point of the death of Christ is that Christ took on the

sins of the world so that what we put out did not come back to us, and that our sinful nature does not reap the obvious death. That's the point. It should keep us humbled....its not our own good works that get through the gates of heaven...

If only we could be a bit more like him, the world would be transformed. All I do is get up on the Cross of the Ego; the bad hangover, the bad review. When I look at the Cross of Christ, what I see up there is all my [garbage] and everybody else's. So I ask myself a question a lot of people have asked: Who is this man? And was he who he said He was, or was he just a religious nut? And there it is, and that's the question. And no one can talk you into it or out of it."

That is an expanded description of what woke Luther's soul to true nature of God: "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast." (Ephes.2:8-9)

When we remember the Reformation this is what we celebrate! We are freed in Christ from the ultimate consequences of our sin. We are free to live for the sake of others. We do believe in good works, but NOT to earn God's favor, but to share God's unconditional love & grace. "For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life." (Ephes. 2:10)

The philosopher poet is Paul David Hewson, also known as Bono of the band U2, who is co-founder of the ONE campaign, Product Red, and EDUN which work to build up developing countries.

Celebrating our life in grace,
Pr. Rich

October Birthdays

- 1 Stephanie Finnegan
- 2 Tracy Abraham
- 7 Leah Chalmers
- 10 Scott Abraham
- 11 Riley Mounsdon, Richard Nelson, Hannah Szech
- 12 Paul Christensen, Linda Manders
- 13 Jase Nevala
- 14 Marvel Sandbakken
- 15 Jeffrey Ellefson
- 16 Tia Dkema
- 17 Jame Amdahl, Vicki Hinrichs
- 19 Dawn Juntunen
- 20 Alan Larson, Rosemary Lynch
- 21 Altrude Daniels, Sarah Miller, David Pease, Jill Ramey
- 23 Phoeniz Kasmaker, Stanley Paulson, Brandon Spanswick
- 24 Larry Werder
- 26 Guy Steinbeisser
- 29 Carter Grove, Zoey Thornbloom
- 31 Marie Larson, Linda Paulson, Riley Werven



Mission Action Moment

You know good things are happening when you see action at four double tables plus whatever else is going on in the sewing room and it's a Monday morning quilt making day!

Since last report, 17 quilts were finished. Sheila brought in three, several fleece blankets were completed with Bev's help.

A quilt has been given to Wendy's mother, Cynthia Erickson who is dealing with health problems. A donation of \$100 was made to Operation Bootstrap.

Work days to remember: October 14 and October 28.

Shipping date: October 30.

"Courage is fear that has said it's prayers."

Rebekah Circle Minutes 9/10/19

Members Present: Joyce Rossi, Ruby Maus, LaRayne Johnson, Marlys Benson, and Madlyn Manders

Business: LaRayne opened the meeting with a Jewish prayer for peace from her book Prayers for Peace. It was a really nice prayer.

The Action News was assembled by Ruby and LaRayne and taken to the Post Office by Deb.

October 19th is the CMH penny auction.

Rebekah Circle collected \$110.11 for Operation Bootstrap. Great job!

Our Bible Study was "Rahab, An Unlikely Ally." It was a most interesting discussion. Our next Bible Study is from our book Women of the Old Testament; it is "Ruth, The Cost of Loyalty." The reading for this lesson is Ruth chapters 1 & 2.

Our hostess for September was Madlyn. She served a wonderful "green" dessert.

Our next meeting is on October 8th at 2 p.m. at Terrace Heights in the lunchroom. Marlys will be the hostess.

Treasurer's Report: We began the month with a balance of \$135.00 We added our offering of \$40.00 on 9/10. Our balance is now \$175.00 The bank statement came. We balance.

Progression of the OLC Roof Project by Lil Ortendahl, Trustee Chair

For the last few years OLC has had roof issues so at our 2018 annual meeting a committee was formed to look at option and cost to replace all or part of the church roof. Committee volunteers were trustees Joe Johnson and Travis Redetzke joined by Pat Ryan, Curt Kalpin, and Pastor Rich.

After research and discussion they recommended all roof areas, except the tall, peaked slate roof, be reshingled with high grade products. A black/gray blend of high quality heavier shingles with a 30-40 year warranty was chosen. All materials were bought locally from Osakis builders source and unused materials were returned for credit. Dave Koepp Construction of Alexandria was contracted for the labor, bringing 6-8 workers daily, except on rainy days. Estimated total costs were around \$30,000.

They reported to the council who consented and began strategizing for funds to cover the costs. It was decided to add the Finseth savings account to the recently opened roof account making a total of approximately \$11,000 in Dec. 2018. OLC members were informed that donations were welcome and have been forthcoming. Other resources and funds may need to be tapped to complete payments.

The project began a couple weeks ago and was completed on Wed. Sept. 18, 2019. All old shingles and roof materials were removed and hauled away.

According to foreman Dave, two areas were found to have much water damage and decayed lumber so these areas were replaced with new boards (SW entry to the library wall). New wider Valley tin was installed in all valleys carrying down rain water and melted snow faster to the eaves helping to avoid the ice dams of late. You will notice previous water damage to our brick exterior in places too. Ridge vents were installed on all roof peaks to give proper ventilation. Thus air flow from lower areas to the roof peaks will discharge freely after openings are made in walls within the crawl space above the library to office area. More accurate cost figures and available fund totals will be reported later.

OLC President Christensen delegated me to write this report. Since I was not on the committee and gone when the job started and back when ending, this report is a compilation of conversations with committee members and the Koepp foreman. The Koepp Co. did a superb job and I personally like the color, appearance, and water solutions this new roof cover gives us.

October 2019

Sun

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Sat

		1	2 Church in Society 1 p.m. Pathfinders 5:45 p.m. Church Council 7:30 p.m.	3 Bible Study & Terrace Heights 1 p.m.	4	5 Operation Bootstrap Walk
6 Praise Team Practice 8:45 a.m. Bible Sunday Worship & Sunday School 10 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 11 a.m.	7	8 Rebekah Circle @ Terrace Heights 2 p.m.	9 Pathfinders 5:45 p.m.	10 Bible Study & Terrace Heights 1 p.m.	11	12
13 Worship & Sunday School 10 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 11 a.m. Youth Group 3 p.m. Confirmation Banquet 6 pm	14 Sewing 8 a.m.	15	16	17	18	19 Staloch/Petermier Wedding
20 Praise Team Practice 8:45 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 10 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 11 a.m. Action News Deadline	21	22	23 Pathfinders 5:45 p.m.	24 Worship @ CMH 10 am Bible Study & Terrace Heights 1 p.m.	25	26
27 Affirmation of Baptism Worship & Sunday School 10 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 11 a.m.	28 Sewing 8 a.m.	29	30 Pathfinders 5:45 p.m.	31 Halloween Bible Study & Terrace Heights 1 p.m.		

2019-2020 dates from Education Committee:

Bible Sunday October 6

Confirmation Banquet Sun. Oct 13 @ 5:30 p.m.

Confirmation Sunday October 27

Christmas Program December 15

Last Day of Sunday School May 17



Osakis Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 4, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.

Present: Nancy Exley, Wilma Triebenbach, Diane Zimmer, Pastor Rich, Mike Curtis, and Paul Christensen

President Paul Christensen called the meeting to order.

Pastor Rich gave devotions.

Highs and Lows

Mike Curtis motioned to accept minutes of the last meeting. Nancy Exley 2nd. Approved.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's report: Benevolences paid through April have been paid. May – August have yet to be paid. Income for August: \$17,433.40; Expenses for August: \$15,597.53. Both the August income and expenses include \$5,000 for the roof. Mike Curtis motioned we put “parament account” into memorial fund. Melanie Stier 2nd. Approved.

Pastor report: Laven wedding is September 21. Brustad memorial is September 21 at Presbyterian Church. Fall Theological retreat September 15-17. Pathfinders starts September 11. Bishop Bill Tesch installation Sept. 8 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Moorhead. Our new office assistant is Kristina Roberts.

Trustees' report: All shingles (not including the sanctuary) will be replaced by Dave Koepf crew this fall. Mike Curtis motioned we use Addie Finseth money for roof. Melanie Stier 2nd. Approved.

Education report: Sunday School offering will be given to Operation Bootstrap. Sunday School begins September 15. Seven young people will be confirmed in October. Yoga retreat at Sauk Centre Studio October 2nd, 9th, & 23rd; cost is \$36.00.

New Business:

Committee chairs write annual reports by November XX (need to decide on date). A new laptop will be purchased for Pastor Rich with designated giving funds. Mike Curtis motioned to do this. Nancy Exley 2nd, all in favor.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 7:30 P.M.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Wilma Triebenbach

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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2019 Church Council

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Secretary—Kathy Ryan

Treasurer—Nancy Exley

Church in Society—Dianne Zimmer

Financial Secretary—Cindy Christensen

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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.