

Osakis Lutheran Church

Action News

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Council's Corner: by Jessie Thornbloom

The past month and the following months council will spend time reviewing, reevaluating, and creating goals for Osakis Lutheran Church. Throughout discussion during last month's meeting, the council agreed that some of our goals were fulfilled, or are starting to be fulfilled, by default. Through these unprecedented times we were forced to go virtual, and quickly found the need to reach out through social media, so that our existing members and possible new members could be involved in the Ministry of our church. We also found that better communication with members and committees include multiple means: bulletin announcements, emails, snail mail, phone calls, and an ever growing popular mean, zoom calls. We will continue to review the goals at the next meeting. Pr. Rich and some council members are attending a goal setting webinar to help with setting congregational goals during the pandemic. The webinar is designed to help set up a few "crisp" goals as we enter the new year. Blessings!

Welcome to a new Sunday School year! We are so excited to see everyone again! It's going to be a fun, grace-filled year of growing in our faith. Our Sunday School time will be very similar to our time together in the past. We will be starting off the year with the Backpack Blessing. Children are invited to bring their backpacks on Sunday, September 13th during the 10:00 worship service. Sunday School letters and registration forms were sent out the other week. Please bring your registration forms with you to worship, send them to the office, or email them to jessianne_15@hotmail.com. This year our collection will go to United Way. Our goal is to raise \$150 that can be used for the Adopt-a Family and the Backpack Attack programs.

The Sunday School teachers are very excited to see everyone again!

Habitat for Humanity Update

Amazing! If you ever have the opportunity to participate in a H4H build—do it! The project is extremely organized, you learn and you are giving someone a hand up (plus you get an awesome T-shirt). The Osakis Lutheran Group worked side-by-side with the home-owner JeriAnn and helped to finish the inside painting.

We also gained knowledge about new construction techniques. The modest 3 bedroom, one-level home is extremely well constructed with several energy-saving features: Outside sheathing is caulked at the seams, 2 foot on-center construction (vs. 16 inch on center) to provide more insulation opportunities, all exterior sheathing is foamed inside along each 2 x 6, and there is an additional 1 inch of insulation under the siding. These features cut down on monthly energy costs, helping JeriAnn AND the planet.

We will be sending the first Habitat for Humanity contribution this week and will hopefully send our second-half contribution next month. Your contribution check should be made out to Osakis Lutheran with a note that it is for the Habitat for Humanity effort.

Thank you for helping to support this extremely worthy, local project!

September Birthdays

- 2 Cassie Halbur
7 Chad Redetzke, Richard Steinbeisser
9 Anna Woidyla
10 Makayla Finnegan
11 Julie Strelow, Katelynn Strelow
12 Scott Triebenbach
14 Aria Kugel
15 Rob Engfer, Anthony Garcia, James Gilbert, Shari Laven
17 Joanne Eason, Tonya Malvin
19 Isaac Maddock, Averie Mounsdon
20 Jason Kreemer, Ryan Maddock
22 Anthony Strelow
24 Richard Harth, Isaac Infanger, Bradley Strelow
26 Arlene Ludwig, John Ramey, Julie Schoeck
28 Dean Johnsen, Leroy Manders
29 Wendy Stephens
30 Chris Grove, Penny Miller, Brooklyn Vik



Quilt making continues: Three quilts were completed and two have been brought in.

The graduating seniors have finally received their quilts. We congratulate them and wish them well.

We ask for blessing on recently baptized: Grant Adolphson and Stella Gales.

Lil has taken several items of men's clothing and three quilts to the Eagle's Nest.

We look forward to working together on August 31, September 14th and 28th.

***“Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.”***

John Wesley



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Offering

July Income \$8,682
July Expenses \$10,504.10
Income through July \$98,898.17
Expenses through July \$88,926.57

July 26, 2020

Envelopes \$397
Loose \$1
Habitat for Humanity \$65
Total \$463

August 2, 2020

Envelopes \$1,402
Habitat for Humanity \$30
Tech Fund \$35
Stoeckel Campership \$35
Total \$1,537

August 9, 2020

Envelopes \$2,435
Loose \$21
Insurance Refund \$4,955.75
Habitat for Humanity \$300
Tech Fund \$70
Total \$7,781.75
Stripe 8/3 \$1,495 & 8/10 \$1,040
Thrivent Deposit \$62

August 16, 2020

Envelopes \$634
Stoeckel Campership \$70
Total \$704

All bills are paid, benevolences through May 2020 are paid. Thank you everyone for your continued support.
Nancy Exley, Treasurer

Prayer Concerns

Lyla Engfer, Shelly Engfer-Triebebach, Grace Johnson, Don Jensen, Family & friends of Joyce Rossi

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, Jeanne Jensen

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

Westview Assisted Living: Stella Bender, Audrey & Lowell Collins, Faye Maus

Out of Town

Alexandria: Knute Nelson: Altrude Daniels

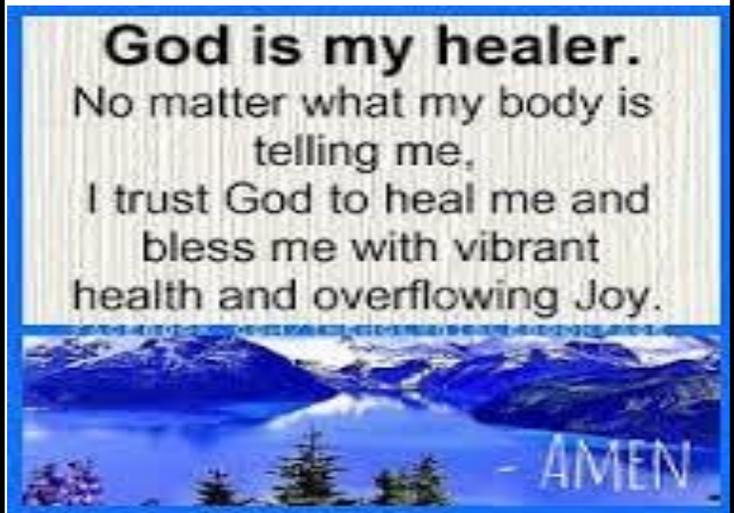
Windmill Ponds: Delores Stephens

Harding, MN: David Jorgensen

Long Prairie: 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!



Sunday September 6 Worship Service 10 a.m. (online only)

Sunday September 13 Worship Service 10 a.m. Backpack Blessing (limited in person)

Sunday September 20 Worship Service & Sunday School 10 a.m. (limited in person)

Sunday September 27 Worship Service & Sunday School 10 a.m. (limited in person)

All Services will be live on Facebook and later can be viewed on You Tube

... unless otherwise announced by church council.

Stewardship update

Thank you for your ongoing support of our ministry. Your dollars are helping us meet our fiscal commitments. Your adaption to our new worship format is also appreciated.

March through July of this year, offerings were \$55,695. Same time frame last year they were \$64,031. This is a decrease of \$5,736. When you consider everything that has happened (No Easter or Lent services, COVID-19 social distancing) this is fantastic!

The payroll protection plan the we received due to COVID-19 has helped keep us on top of our expenses and commitments. These funds are mandated and required to be used for payroll expenses. Your gifts are still crucial and needed for our ministry.

We encourage you to continue with your financial support as your individual situations permit. There are several ways for to submit your support. Look for them in the newsletter, website, and bulletin.

We know there is time and many talents to be shared within our ministry. Please look within yourself and offer to share with our congregational family.

We can not Thank you enough for your support with your time, talent and treasure!

Stewardship committee

Our sympathy to the family and friends of our church member Joyce Rossi, Gina Hoffarth's mom, who passed away on August 22, 2020.



Osakis Lutheran is Faithful & Generous

Thank you! First and most importantly, thank you to all who have continued to give your offerings! Your generosity is inspiring. Keep up the good work! With help from all of us, we will continue to be the church, supporting bible camps, global missions, hunger and more—even if we aren't in the same physical location. Consider which of the following ways are best for you.

Mail a Check: You can mail your offering envelope to: P.O. Box 427, Osakis, 56360

Online Giving: You can make a one-time gift or set up recurring gifts. Go to www.osakislutheranelca.com, click on the "Donate" button, and then provide the information needed.

Prayer: no matter what your situation, please give prayer support to our staff, members, and the mission & ministry of Osakis Lutheran.

Your Stewardship Committee

**Call the church office 859-2350 or
Pastor Rich 859-3816 if needing
pastoral care. Communion by
appointment—contact Pastor Rich.**

Osakis Lutheran Church
In Person and Council Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, August 8, 2020

Present: Mike Curtis, Paul Christensen, Pastor Rich, Jessie Thornbloom, Nancy Exley, Melanie Stier, Lil Ortendahl.

Diane Zimmel present via Zoom

I. President Jessie Thornbloom called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Pastor Rich gave devotions.

Highs and lows.

II. Approval of Agenda:

Added discussion of Carillon to the agenda. Lil Ortendahl made a motion to add, Melanie Stier 2nd. Approved.

III. Old Business:

a) In person worship-have met three times, with approximately 10 each time. Average was over 50. Proper protocol was met. Synod video was good, looking to have another video Labor Day Weekend.

b) Trustees to meet to look into hygiene equipment-plan to meet next week. Lil will look at any Covid money available.

IV. New Business:

Looked at 2020 goals. Combine goal 1 & 2 and keep for now. Goal 3 has multiple means; Committees continue to give information to Action News, members should keep church updated on addresses and contact information. Goal 4 look to revamp new member packets, new member brochure. Goals 5 & 6 to be discussed at a later date. Mike Curtis made a motion to accept the changes made to goals, Melanie Stier 2nd. Approved.

Lil Ortendahl would like Memorial funds to do plaque for OLC Mission Statement. Melanie Stier will contact Dinara Dykema as she does this type of work.

Nancy Exley presented information received from Pat Ryan in regards to the replacement/repair of Carillon. To upgrade our present Carillon to digital the cost would be approximately \$6,000 plus mileage from the cities to here and back. To repair the present Carillon the cost would be approximately \$2,500-\$3,000. This is information for now, can decide at a later date what we should do.

IV. Reports

Treasurer's Report: Income for July, 2020 \$8,862.00, expense for July, 2020

\$10,504.10. Income to date: \$98,898.17 with expenses to date: \$88,926.57. Bills are paid to date, June and July Benevolences are yet to be paid. Received \$4,955 from North State insurance for water damage to parsonage lower level due to sewer back up.

Pastor Rich:

Performed wedding July 24 at Crooked Willow (former parishioner from Onamia). 2 Baptisms: July 26 Aug. 8.

Thanks for vacation July 28 - Aug 3. Graduate Quilt Presentation will be Aug. 9.

Prepping for fall activities, especially Pathfinders.

We're going to purchase permanent video camera, with Synod grant money.

Half of birch tree clump in back of parsonage removed due to splitting trunk.

Water supply pipe in parsonage fixed.

Education Committee is meeting this evening after council. VBS is next week. Sunday School and others and children who attended last year have been invited. Will be online with materials received from Luther Crest Bible Camp.

Trustees will meet next week. There is water damage by the east side entrance near the stairs going to choir loft; will contact someone to look at this. Birch tree at parsonage has been taken care of.

Stewardship will have something for Action News.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Nancy Exley, taking minutes for Kathy Ryan, Council Secretary

Church in Society

Hello congregation!

Church in Society has not been meeting in person but we did get something done over the phone for September.

As of yet we haven't had any current news from OBA. We will try to get some information when it becomes available. We would like to bring your attention to ELCA WORLD HUNGER. This is around the time when Marlys would walk around with the gigantic penny jar and make a lot of noise for the cause! Since we haven't had fellowship the wicker basket is also empty.

We feel that as a congregation who has supported this important cause and would like to have an opportunity to give a monetary gift in a form of a check; if you are wanting to do so the check should be written out to Osakis Lutheran Church, and in your memo are please write ELCA WORLD HUNGER. You can mail it to Osakis Lutheran Church, PO Box 427, Osakis, MN 56360, or if you are n person for a worship hour on Sundays, you can simply put it in the offering plate as you enter or leave. We Thank You for your continuous and generous support in all we do!

One thing to also mention is that the Boot Trophy is back on the church premises! It has been engraved, and the 2020 winners for the MN foodshare competition were the Men! Way to go Guys!!

Our committee will be trying to arrange a safe and social distancing meeting soon. We feel the need to get back to business as usual. If there is anyone from our congregation who would like to be part of our awesome committee please contact the church office or one of us. We are: Marlys, Char, Barb B., Diane.

We would love to get to know You.

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2020 Church Council

President—Jessie Thornbloom

Past President— Paul Christensen

President Elect—Melanie Stier

Secretary—Kathy Ryan

Treasurer—Nancy Exley

Church in Society—Diane Zimmer

Financial Secretary—Cindy Christensen

Deacons— Wilma Triebenbach

Education—Melanie Stier

Trustees— Lil Ortendahl

Worship—Pat Converse/Shelly Triebenbach

Youth— Lacey Sadlemyer

Stewardship—Mike Curtis/Brent Werven

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.