

First Presbyterian Chimes



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November 2023

SESSION

Rev. Paul Snyder, Moderator

Eva Withers, Clerk of Session

Class of 2023

Shirley Helberg

Keven Withers

Class of 2024

Eva Withers

Noreen Noyes

Randy Neumann

SESSION COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Administration/Personnel: Shirley Helberg

Christian Education: Shirley Helberg

Memorials: Keven Withers (chair), Noreen Noyes

Mission: Session

Friendship Table: Shirley Helberg

Parish Life: Session

Property: Keven Withers & Randy Neumann

Stewardship: Session

Worship & Music: Keven Withers, Noreen Noyes

PASTORAL CARE

For Pastoral Care Please Contact Keven Withers.

Keven Withers

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Upcoming Events



- Sunday, Nov. 5, 10:00 am Worship and Communion with Pastor Freund
in person and via Facebook Live
- Sunday, Nov. 12, 10:00 am Worship and with Keven Withers in person
and via Facebook Live
- Sunday, Nov. 19, 10:00 am Worship with Pastor Freund in person
and via Facebook Live
- Sunday, Nov. 19, 11:00 am **Congregational Meeting**
- Sunday, Nov. 26, 10:00 am Worship with Keven Withers in person
and via Facebook Live
- Tuesday, Nov. 28, 5:30 pm Session Meeting



Nov. 5—Marilyn Eidem
Nov. 17—Chevy Masssmann
Nov. 19—Paul Krmpotich

Would you like to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas this year? We will be ordering Poinsettias from Colorful Seasons Garden Center. The price to order is \$11.89.



Online giving is available on our website: osakispresbyterian.org
Click on the **Give Now** button in the upper right corner
You will be directed to a secure page set up by Presbytery

OCTOBER SESSION SUMMARY

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Osakis held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 24, 2023.

The financial report for September 2023 was **received for review**, summarized, and approved, and is reported as follows:

Balance on hand September 1, 2023	\$4,192.07
September Income	3,177.11
September Expenses	-3,539.92
Balance on hand September 30, 2023	\$3,829.26

Clerk's Report:

- ◇ Communion served October 8th was 7.

Pastor's Report:

- ◇ The Graveside Service for Iva Hevern was October 6 at Pleasant Mound Cemetery.
- ◇ Keven shared about the Presbytery Meeting on October 21st. Keven participated in the Installation Service for Laura Messer at Faith Presbyterian Church in Silver Lake on October 22nd.
- ◇ Keven will be attending the Academy October 27-29. His class is Spiritual Formation.
- ◇ Keven will begin doing Chapel Services at Galeon beginning in November: November 4 at 2:00 pm and December 24 at 2:00 pm.
- ◇ Keven will be going on the Commission for Presbytery Life. It is a Presbytery Committee.
- ◇ It was decided that December 24 we will have the usual morning Service **and** the Candlelight Service.

Items of interest from the meeting:

- ◇ Book Study – Session is doing a book study on “Sailboat Church”. Chapters 8 and 9 were discussed at this month's meeting.
- ◇ Osakis Area Church Sign – The sign is finished and will be installed sometime in November.
- ◇ Sunday School – has started. Shari will teach on the Sundays that Keven preaches. (Usually, the second and fourth Sundays of each month).
- ◇ Trick or Treat – Will be in front of the main entrance of the church.
- ◇ Osakis Lutheran Church – we reached out to them and they did not respond.
- ◇ Nominating Committee – the following will be presented by the Nominating Committee at the Annual Meeting
 - Elders: 2-year term
 - ◆ Nikki Massmann
 - ◆ Shirley Helberg

OCTOBER SESSION SUMMARY (continued)

- Auditor: 2-year term
 - ◆ Marvin Noyes
- Nominating Committee: 1-year term
 - ◆ Shari Maloney
- Memorials: 3-year term
 - ◆ Shari Maloney
- ◇ Date of Annual Congregational Meeting (Election) in November – November 19
- ◇ Bylaw changes for Congregational Meeting:
 - From January 2023 Minutes: A revision to the church bylaws was discussed. The two changes proposed are:

#3 removing specific months in which the congregational meetings would be held

Proposed language:

Meetings:

There shall be two meetings for the congregation/corporation, per session action, held annually, in the church edifice for the following purposes:

Election of officers and the transaction of any business properly coming before such meeting, and

Receiving of annual reports and budgets and the transaction of any business properly coming before such meeting.

#5 adding a quorum of 1/3rd session members present to conduct business

Proposed language: regularly

...The session shall ordinarily meet ~~monthly~~, with a quorum of one third. (2 people)

- ◇ Stewardship – Keven will work on a Stewardship letter.
- ◇ Administration/Personnel – An increase of salary was approved for the secretary of \$50 per month starting January 1, 2024. (Keven and Eva abstained from voting).
- ◇ Property – The roof work has been completed. Work on windows continues.
- ◇ Memorials – It was approved to look into getting oil-filled Candles for the Communion Table.

Our next session meeting will be Tuesday, November 28 at 5:30 p.m. in person and via Zoom.

Eva Withers, Clerk of Session

Pastor's Corner

Greetings.

I hope everyone has been able to enjoy the little bit of Fall that we have had. Yes, the snow and cold put a damper on things. I am still hoping for an Indian Summer as there is a little bit of yard work to be done.

October was a busy month, and I didn't get out to visit as many people as I would have liked. I did attend the Presbytery Meeting in Willmar on Saturday October 21st, which began with a wonderful worship service called "Light of the World" written by Carol Meier. It was service to help us reflect and pray for all that is going on the world, especially the Middle East. On Sunday October 22nd, I was on the Administration Commission for the installation of Rev. Laura Messer at Faith Presbyterian in Silver Lake, Minnesota.

October 27, 28, & 29th I traveled to Iowa to the Lakeshore Center on Lake Okoboji for my 3rd Academy Class which was on Spiritual Formation. It was a wonderful and meaningful weekend, even though it snowed on Saturday, and I have more homework to do. I continue to give thanks to all, especially the church, for your support and prayers as I travel on this journey.

On Halloween we handed out bags candy with our church information to area kids and families. While it was cold, it was fun to see all the kids dressed up in their costumes.

Our church will be participating in the Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the VFW.

Sunday December 3rd we will begin our Advent journey and I encourage all to reflect on where you are at in your journeys with our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ.

May the Grace and Peace of God be with you all.

Keven Withers



Osakis Community



Dinner

At the Osakis VFW on Thanksgiving Day
701 E. 8th Avenue

Freewill donation will benefit
Douglas County Outreach Food Shelf
and the Todd County Food Shelf

Menu: Turkey dinner with stuffing, potatoes, gravy, corn, green beans, cranberries, coleslaw, buns, and pie!

Drive up take out: starts at 11am by reservation only

Dine in: 11:30 am to 1:30 pm - Reservations are not required for dining at the VFW, but would be appreciated

Please call:

First Presbyterian Church at 320-859-4550 and leave a message;
or call Steve and Sharon Fredrickson: 320-859-4151
or Lois Neumann: 320-859-4476



Happy
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