

First Presbyterian Chimes



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September 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.

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Upcoming Events



Sunday, Sept. 3, 9:30 am Worship and Communion with Pastor Freund
in person and via Facebook Live

Sunday, Sept. 10, 9:30 am Worship at Park Osagi with Keven Withers
in person and via Facebook Live

Sunday, Sept. 17, 9:30 am Worship with Pastor Freund in person
and via Facebook Live

Sunday, Sept. 24, 9:30 am Worship with Keven Withers in person
and via Facebook Live

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 5:30 pm Session Meeting



Sept. 2—Keven Withers
Sept. 4—Bill Camp
Sept. 7—Sonya Olson
Sept. 18—Chad Mathews
Sept. 22—Noreen Noyes
Sept. 27—Sheryl Nielsen
Sept. 29—Luella Johnson



Sept. 18—Randy & Barb Neumann
Sept. 24—Keven & Eva Withers

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AUGUST SESSION SUMMARY

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

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

Balance on hand July 1, 2023	\$2,085.45
July Income	1,977.46
July Expenses	-2,872.12
Balance on hand July 31, 2023	\$1,190.79

Clerk's Report:

- The Clerk Records Review held August 10, 2023, was approved without exception.
- Ellen Bangtson's Funeral was held August 2, 2023.

Pastor's Report:

- The baptism of Allis Moline Massmann will be September 17, 2023.
- Met with Love Inc regarding what they do for those in need in our community.
- Keven will be attending the Ministry Leaders' Retreat at Clearwater Forest in September.
- This will be Keven's last term as an Elder; he will continue on Session in a leadership role.
- Keven recently did some home visits and plans to do more.

Items of interest from the meeting:

- Book Study – Session is doing a book study on "Sailboat Church". Chapters 4 and 5 were discussed at this month's meeting.
- Osakis Area Church Sign – It was approved to participate in replacing the sign on Highway 27 coming into Osakis listing participating local churches.
- Separation Agreement – It was discussed that Departing Pastoral Leaders sign an agreement not to return to do services such as weddings, funerals, baptisms, etc.
- Home School request for use of the building was discussed. This was just an inquiry.
- Osakis Lutheran Church request to explore a possibility of sharing a pastoral leader was discussed. This was just an inquiry.
- Sunday/Wednesday School – It was discussed that we could combine efforts with the Lutheran church.
- Marketing/Reaching Out – Door hangers are ongoing – they are still being distributed.

AUGUST SESSION SUMMARY (continued)

- Worship/Music – Sunday, September 10th we are having our Service at Park Osagi with lunch to follow. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in the church.
- Memorials – There were a couple of memorial gifts given in memory of Ellen Bangtson.
- Property – The Kitchen window will be installed in two weeks. The roof work will begin soon. The other windows in the office and children's room need exterior building deterioration repair.

Our next session meeting will be Tuesday, September 26 at 5:30 p.m. in person.

Eva Withers, Clerk of Session

Pastor's Corner

Greetings all,

Hello
september

Summer is coming to an end and soon cooler weather and the fall colors will be among us. With kids and students back in school I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer with lots of activities. My summer and fall schedule have been and will be busy.

As part of my training to become a Commissioned Ruling Elder and being a Pastoral Leader in the church I will be doing Boundary Training in Willmar this month. I will also be attending a much-needed Pastor's Retreat at Clearwater Forest.

This past week a new rubber roof has been put over the area of offices, Sunday school room and Parlor. This area has been leaking each spring when the heavy snow and ice buildup start to thaw. It will be nice to not have to worry about this for years to come. Work on replacing windows will continue into fall.

The Osakis Ministerial Association has been working to get the Osakis area church welcome sign that is located near the Creamery replaced and the new sign should be up before cold weather.

May the love and peace of God be with you all.

Keven Withers





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