

# First Presbyterian Chimes



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***April 2024***

## SESSION

Rev. Dr. Paul Snyder, Moderator

Eva Withers, Clerk of Session

### *Class of 2024*

Eva Withers

Noreen Noyes

Randy Neumann

### *Class of 2025*

Shirley Helberg

Nikki Massmann

### *Pastoral Leader*

Keven Withers

## SESSION COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Administration/Personnel: Shirley Helberg

Christian Education: Shirley Helberg, Shari Maloney

Memorials: Noreen Noyes, Nikki Massmann

Mission: Session

Parish Life: Session

Property: Randy Neumann

Stewardship: Session

Worship & Music: Noreen Noyes, Nikki Massmann

## PASTORAL CARE

For Pastoral Care Please Contact Keven Withers.

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# Upcoming Events



Sunday, Apr. 7, 9:30 am Worship and Communion with Pastor Freund in person and via Facebook Live

Sunday, Apr. 14, 9:30 am Worship with Keven Withers in person and via Facebook Live

Sunday, Apr. 21, 9:30 am Worship with Pastor Freund in person and via Facebook Live

Sunday, Apr. 28, 9:30 am Worship with Keven Withers in person and via Facebook Live



Apr. 3—Pastor Paul Snyder  
Apr. 6—Elmer Johnson  
Apr. 17—Ilene Olson  
Apr. 25—Shari Maloney

**Per Capita:** Our church has paid \$1,035 in annual Per Capita to Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys. Please, if you are able, pay your \$45.00 per member Per Capita payment.

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## MARCH SESSION SUMMARY

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Osakis held their monthly meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2024.

The financial report for January 2024 was **received for review**, summarized, and approved, and is reported as follows:

Balance on hand January 1, 2024	\$15,859.55
January Income	2,181.97
January Expenses	-3,646.90
Balance on hand January 31, 2024	\$14,384.62

The financial report for February 2024 was **received for review**, summarized, and approved, and is reported as follows:

Balance on hand February 1, 2024	\$14,384.62
February Income	9,941.00
February Expenses	-4,583.83
Balance on hand February 29, 2024	\$19,741.79

### Communications and Correspondence

- Communion served January 7<sup>th</sup> was 8.
- Communion was not served in February.
- Communion served March 3<sup>rd</sup> was 6.

### Pastor's Report:

- Good Friday Service with Osakis Lutheran Church – we were invited and will participate in a joint service at Osakis Lutheran Church at 7:00 pm.
- Our 125 years Celebration is in October 2025. We will begin to plan for a Celebration Event.
- Schooling – Keven just finished one class during the month of March via Zoom. He has Academy class April 7-9 in Iowa. He will register in April for Synod School classes in July.
- Home visits – Pastor Ernie was visited this month after his recent surgery.
- A grant will be applied for to help with costs of window and roof replacement.
- Elizabeth Tot – She is a Sudanese Pastor with a ministry out of the St. Cloud Presbyterian Church. It was decided we will maybe support with care packages.

## MARCH SESSION SUMMARY (continued)

Items of interest from the meeting:

- Keven will be attending the Presbytery Meeting in Renville on April 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Blessings Notes – it was decided that we will participate in this. They are cards to be distributed to those with developmental disabilities or those in recovery by Rev. Dr. Candace Adams in our New Worship Community.
- Toenail Clipping once a month in the Fellowship Hall – it was approved to do this and agreed that we can make this work.
- There will be a Graduation party for Shelby Longie with cake after church on a Sunday that works for Nikki and Shelby.
- Community meals with other church involvement – we will continue to discuss options.
- Marketing/Reaching out – On April 16<sup>th</sup> the Lakes Association will be at the High School. We will have a group put door hangers on the cars.
- Property – We received the Warranty for the roof work that was done.

Our next session meeting will be Thursday, May 16 at 5:30 p.m. in person.

Eva Withers, Clerk of Session



## Pastor's Corner

Greetings.

Spring is here, hopefully; The Holy Week snowstorm finally gave us a reminder of what winter is supposed to be like in Minnesota. We have had such a mild warm winter, but I am certainly ready for nicer weather to be here and to be more active outside. With spring, with the new growth of plants and trees budding, we are reminded of the new life of the Resurrection on Easter morning.

During our Lenten journey this we year we started with the Ash Wednesday service with the imposition of Ash's. We followed Jesus' journey to the Cross during our Sunday worship. We started Holy Week with Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday. We did a shared a Good Friday Service with the Lutheran Church and Easter Sunday. The Ash Wednesday service and Holy Week services were very well attended.

My journey with becoming a Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) has been busy. I took a class called Engaging Leaders during lent via zoom and I recently traveled to Lakeshore Center on Lake Okoboji in Milford Iowa. It was a long weekend with lots of worshipping. We learned how to put worship services together. We learned about the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism. It was very uplifting to serve communion to the class. Overall, a very uplifting experience. I am registered for Synod School with two more classes in July. I ask for your continued prayers as I navigate through this process. The Osakis Ministerial Association will be working in the coming weeks preparing for Baccalaureate on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM in the High School auditorium. All are welcome to attend this service.

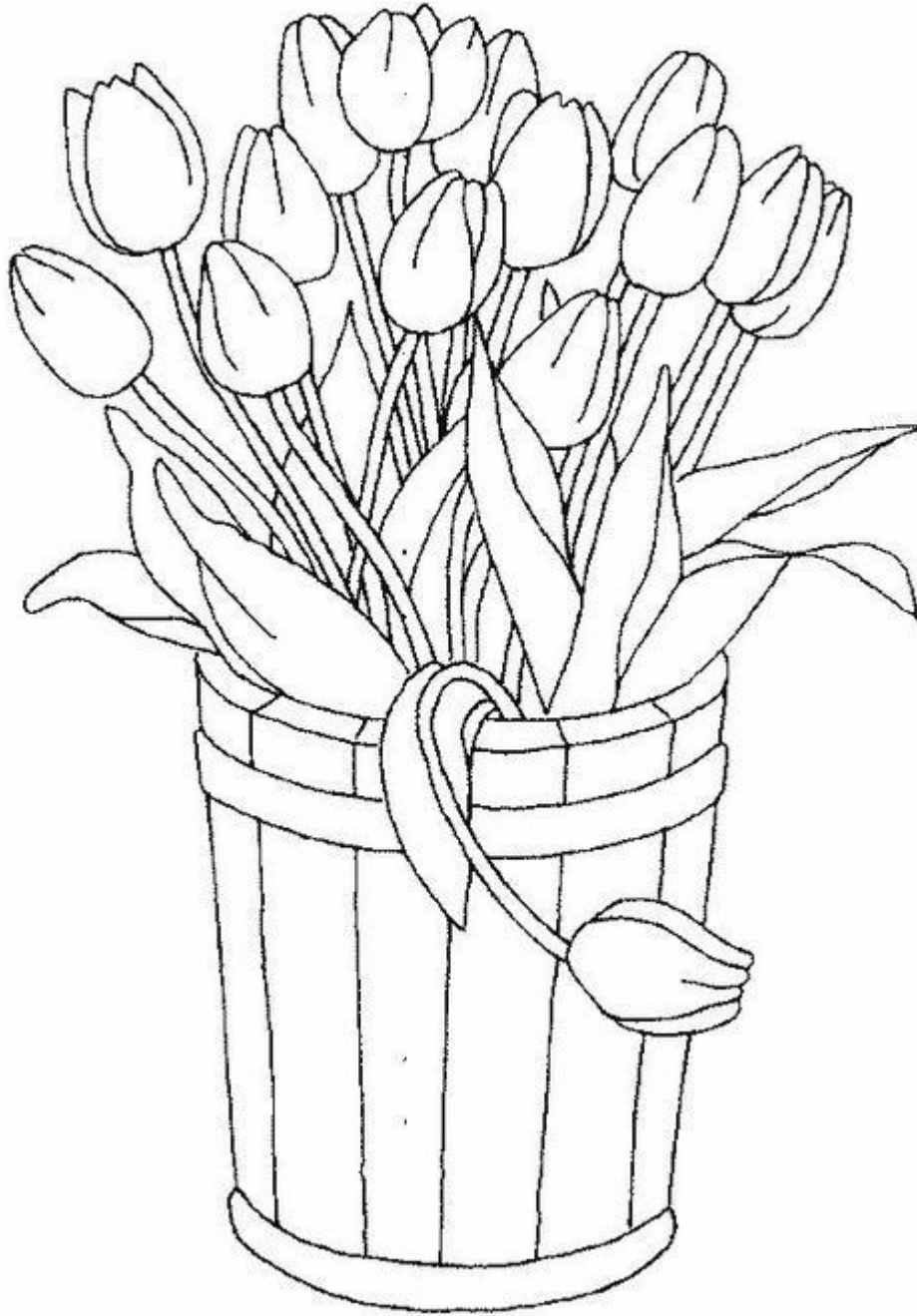
A new community ministry for our church will be starting in May. This morning the toenail ministry that has been done at Redeemer Lutheran for the past several years moved to First Presbyterian Church Osakis. While we have some volunteers lined up to help with this new ministry, we are looking for other volunteers. If you would like to help with this, please let the church know. The second Thursday of each month from 9AM to 11AM is when this Toenail Ministry will be happening.

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

Keven Withers



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