

First Presbyterian Chimes



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August 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

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Keven Withers

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Upcoming Events



Sunday, Aug. 4, 9:30 am Worship and Communion with Keven Withers in person and via Facebook Live

Thursday, Aug. 8, 9:00-11:00 am Toenail Clinic

Sunday, Aug. 11, 9:30 am Worship with Keven Withers in person and via Facebook Live

Wednesday, Aug. 14, 5:30 pm Evening Picnic in the Park with Osakis Lutheran Church

Sunday, Aug. 18, 9:30 am Worship with Pastor Freund in person and via Facebook Live

Sunday, Aug. 25, 9:30 am Worship with Keven Withers in person and via Facebook Live



Aug. 9—Taye Mathews

Aug. 10—Nona Betts

Aug. 14—Barb Neumann

Aug. 16—Hennessey Longie

Aug. 21—Tanner Mathews

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JUNE SESSION SUMMARY

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Osakis held a special meeting on Thursday, June 6, 2024.

Items of interest from the meeting:

- Preaching Schedule:
 - ◇ Pastor Ernie has requested to cut back his schedule and will only be preaching once a month for the following months so far:
 - ◆ June 16
 - ◆ July 21
 - ◆ August 18
 - ◆ September 1 with Communion
- Window Project Estimate: Session was presented an Estimate from Calmwater Construction LLC.
 - ◇ Session agreed to accept the bid. Pastor Paul asked if Session would like to get additional estimates to compare prices and session declined.
 - ◇ Will remove door and close in instead of replacing door.
 - ◇ Randy will get an estimate on the price of rock and will offer rock at half price to Calmwater Construction.

Our next session meeting will be Monday, July 8 at 6:30 p.m. in person.

Eva Withers, Clerk of Session



JULY SESSION SUMMARY

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Osakis held their monthly meeting on Monday, July 10, 2024.

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

Balance on hand May 1, 2024	\$8,073.13
May Income	14,883.47
May Expenses	-4,834.17
Balance on hand May 31, 2024	\$18,122.43

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

Balance on hand June 1, 2024	\$18,122.43
June Income	2,002.63
June Expenses	-13,205.16
Balance on hand June 30, 2024	\$6,919.90

Communications and Correspondence

Communion served June 2nd was 11.

Communion served July 7th was 12.

Pastor's Report:

- Keven officiated Stan Schultz's Funeral on May 23rd – his visitation brought 500 people to the church.
- Keven co-officiated Lloyd Withers's Funeral with Pastor George at Osakis Lutheran Church on June 2nd.
- Keven officiated Merly Farber's Graveside Service on June 21st.
- Keven participated in the Osakis Festival Hotdish Cookoff. There was no competition this year – no winners were announced.
- Session Endorsement of Keven for CRE Candidate was discussed and approved.
- Evening Picnic in the Park with Osakis Lutheran Church August 14th plan to eat at 5:30 pm with service at 6:30 pm.
- Church Picnic in the Park September 8th is planned.

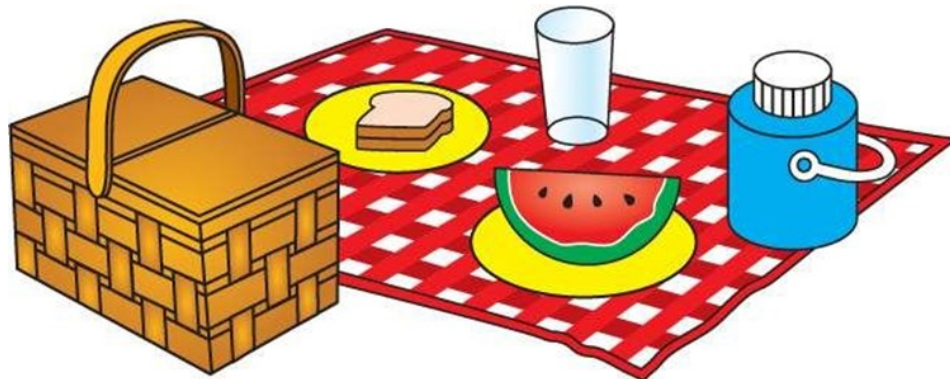
JULY SESSION SUMMARY (continued)

Items of interest from the meeting:

- Session discussed the Future Pastoral Leadership of our church – they discussed the possibility of having Keven commissioned to the church as the pastor when he completes his training at the Academy.
- Pie and Ice Cream Social brought in \$315--\$157.50 each was donated to Meals on Wheels and Backpack Attack.
- Our 125-year Celebration was discussed. We would like to invite former members, former Pastors, friends of the church.
- It was noted that Deloris Paquette passed away.
- It was discussed and agreed to increase Manse Rent.
- Toenail Clipping volunteers for August – the 2nd Thursday from 9-11:00 am were taken.
- Property – We will get an update on the Window Project at our next meeting.

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Pastor's Corner

Greetings.

I hope everyone has been having a good summer. It sure has been moving by fast and we will be into fall before we know it. With all the rain we have had, gardens and crops have been growing well, providing an abundance of produce, and the grass doesn't seem to want to quit growing, all which keeps us busy.

Since the last newsletter I have been approved to officiate Communion at Church. This was made possible with my completing the Worship and Elements Class for the Academy, then approval from Session and COL (committee on leadership) from Presbytery. With both myself and Pastor Ernie being able to serve, we should be able to keep communion consistent with the first Sunday of the month.

I recently completed two classes at Synod School in July. One class was for Church Leadership and the second class was about Church Revitalization, both interesting classes and I learned a lot that I hope we can use at our church.

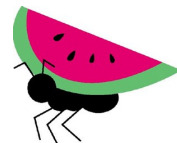
Coming up on August 8, 2024 the toenail clinic will resume at church. This ministry was being done at Redeemer Lutheran Church the past seven years and has since moved to First Presbyterian Church. There are a couple of nurses who come in and you get your feet soaked, toenails clipped and feet and lower legs inspected. This is open to all who reside in Osakis and the time runs from 9 -11 am. There is coffee and cookies provided so you can visit with friends while you wait. We can even arrange rides for those who don't drive.

On Wednesday August 14th we will be sharing a worship service in the park on Lake Street in Osakis with the Lutheran Church. We will eat a potluck picnic at 5:30 and then worship at 6:30. This will be led by Pastor George and myself and we encourage all to attend. This will also be open to the community. It is a good way for small churches to work together to help to be better stewards in the community. We hope to see everyone there.

A reminder that you may call anytime for Pastoral Care or visits. 320-808-7271.

May the love and peace of God be with each and every one of you.

Keven Withers, Pastoral Leader





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