

First Presbyterian Chimes



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October 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.

Keven Withers

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Upcoming Events



Sunday, Oct. 6, 9:30 am Worship and Communion with Keven Withers in person and via Facebook Live

Thursday, Oct. 10, 9:00-11:00 am Toenail Clinic

Sunday, Oct. 13, 9:30 am Worship with Keven Withers in person and via Facebook Live

Sunday, Oct. 20, 9:30 am Worship with Pastor Freund in person and via Facebook Live

Sunday, Oct. 27, 9:30 am Worship with Keven Withers in person and via Facebook Live



Oct. 13—Karen Freund

Oct. 14—Nikki Massmann

Oct. 16—Deb Cody

Oct. 18—Adam Maloney

Oct. 29— First Presbyterian Church
(124 years)

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SEPTEMBER SESSION SUMMARY

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Osakis held their monthly meeting on Monday, September 23, 2024.

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

Balance on hand July 1, 2024	\$6,919.90
July Income	2,599.46
July Expenses	-3,214.97
Balance on hand July 31, 2024	\$6,304.39

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

Balance on hand August 1, 2024	\$6,304.39
August Income	1,379.33
August Expenses	-2,587.74
Balance on hand August 31, 2024	\$5,095.98

Communications and Correspondence

Thank you note from United Way for our gift of \$157.50 to Osakis Backpack Attack.

Communion served August 4th was 5.

Communion served September 1st was 8.

Pastor's Report:

Keven has registered for his next class at the Academy at Lake Okoboji, October 18-20.

Preaching Schedule – Pastor Ernie will preach Sunday, October 20th, then once per month on either the first or third Sunday.

The picnic with Osakis Lutheran on August 14th went well. The service was good, the food was good, attendance was good.

Galeon Services – Keven did a service at Galeon on September 8th, and will be doing services in October and December.

Keven attended a Pastors Retreat at Clearwater Forest from September 15-19. They will be doing another one just after Easter.

Items of interest from the meeting:

Our 125-year Celebration was discussed. We should start planning for next year's celebration: pull anniversary paraphernalia and start making plans.

SEPTEMBER SESSION SUMMARY (continued)

Items of interest from the meeting: (continued)

Spraying for weeds – It was agreed to hire someone in the Spring.

Sunday School to resume in October – Will be whenever the children are in church and not limited to specific Sundays.

Trunk-or-Treat – Will maybe set up in front of the church again like last year.

Nominating Committee – Two people have agreed to be on the Nominating Committee.

Congregational Meeting in November – Will be whichever Sunday Pastor Ernie is preaching.

Marketing/Reaching out (ongoing) – Door hangers were at the Visitors Center over the summer.

Stewardship (ongoing) – The Stewardship letter will be coming up soon.

Additional Committee Reports

Administration/Personnel – Snow Removal -Keven will look into finding people who do snow removal for sidewalks.

Property – Windows project will be completed by the end of October or we will ask to get our down payment refunded.

Memorials – We will be ordering oil-based candles for the communion table.

Our next session meeting will be Monday, November 4 at 5:30 p.m. in person.

Eva Withers, Clerk of Session



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Pastor's Corner

Greetings.

Our summer has sure gone by fast. I hope everyone had a good summer traveling, visiting with friends and family, enjoying the flower gardens as well as the bounties of vegetable gardens. With all the rain everything just flourished this summer. As we move into fall the trees are starting to change colors, cooler weather and less bugs make it to be an enjoyable time of year.

This past summer we started a toenail clinic at church that is doing rather well. Our first clinic had six people come and has grown each month. In September we had twenty people come. People from the community are able to come enjoy coffee and cookies while they wait to get nails clipped and feet checked by trained nurses. Through donations given we have been able to give a nice donation to The Backpack Attack group that helps feed hungry children from our school on weekends. This is a very worthwhile mission project for our church and we are able to give back to the community. The clinic is every second Thursday of the month from 9 to 11. Come check it out. We are also looking for volunteers to help.

On August 14th we did a shared community worship service with the Lutheran Church. While it was a small turnout, our church was well represented. A great potluck meal was shared with a short service following. It was well received by those who attended.

Coming up the weekend of October 18- 20 I will be traveling to Lake Okoboji in Iowa for my last class for the Academy for the year. The class is on the New Testament and actually started a couple weeks ago with small assignments each week until the main class at Okoboji. I continue to ask for prayers as I go through this process to a CRE (Commissioned Ruling Elder) and thank everyone for your support.

On Halloween I will be handing out candy and church information in front of the church to the neighborhood kids. If anyone would like to join me or contribute let me know. It's always a fun evening seeing the kids all dressed up in their costumes.

If anyone is needing Pastoral Care or needs a visit please contact me. 320-808-7271.

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

Keven Withers





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