



2nd Quarter
Congregational Meeting
9/17/2023

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Proposed Agenda

1. Opening Scripture and Prayer
2. Taking of Attendance – Please sign the attendance sheet
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes of 1st Quarter Meeting dated 6/4/23
5. Reading of correspondence:

Unfinished Business:

6.

New Business:

7.

Reports:

8. Pastor's Report
9. Reports of Boards: Directors, Education, Elders, Finance – Treasurer, Trustees

Upcoming Events:

- **September**
 - **September 18th** – Last day to donate School Supplies for LWR
- **October**
 - **October** – Pastor Appreciation Month
 - **October** – Stewardship Month
 - **October 1st** – World Communion Sunday
 - **October 3rd** – Elders Meeting at 6:30PM
 - **October 7th** – LWML Fall Conference Rally
 - **October 11th** – Leadership Meeting at 6:30PM
 - **October 29th** – Reformation Sunday
- **November**
 - **November 2nd** – Make Spruce Tip pots for Bazaar at 10AM
 - **November 3rd** – Drop off labeled and priced items for Bazaar
 - **November 4th** – WOMO Bazaar and Bake Sale 9-Noon
 - **November 4th** – New Member Sunday Orientation
 - **November 5th** – New Member Sunday
 - **November 6th** – WOMO meeting at 6PM
 - **November 21st** – Thanksgiving Worship at 6PM

Adjournment with prayer

Next meeting: is tentatively scheduled for November 2023



Minutes of 1st Quarter Congregation Meeting, 6/4/2023

Board, Committee, or Group: Congregational Meeting

Who attended: See attendance sheet

Location: Fellowship Hall

Date & Time: June 4, 2023 at 10:15AM

Purpose of Meeting: Regular Quarterly Meeting

Opening Scripture and Prayer – Sending the Boser family our thoughts and Prayers in this time of recovery for Becca.

Review and Approval of this Agenda: Jerry Babb motioned approval, Don Woytcke seconded.

Review & Approval of minutes of February 26, 2023 meeting: Harriet Gustafson motioned approval, Jim Merchant seconded.

Readings of Correspondence: Revised Articles of Incorporation and update on the Constitution have been approved from MN Secretary of State.

Unfinished Business:

Voting on Revised Articles of Incorporation and update on Constitution: Approved by MN Secretary of State

New Business:

- 7. Lindsey Eccles - reinstatement as member (Baptized and Confirmed at Mount Olive)** – Pastor asks for a motion to reinstate Lindsey as a member. Jan Preble motioned approval, Sandi Woytcke seconded. Motion Approved.

Reports:

- 8. Pastor's Report:** – Pastor asks for a motion to approve Arvin & Linda Senne release of membership as well as The Snyder's release of membership. Brian Podratz motioned approval, Linda Verkennes seconded. Motion approved.

*Question for Pastor from Linda Verkennes – Will we be recording and uploading the services again? – Yes, that is our goal however, Pastor needs a couple people to step up and record the services with their phone or camera and then upload them to YouTube, our website and to Facebook. He is willing to teach them how to do so.

- 9. Reports of Boards: Directors, Education, Elders, Finance – Treasurer, Trustees**

* **Education** – We currently have 3 volunteers for VBS but would ideally like to have around 15 volunteers.

***Elders** – Can we get some volunteers to assist with setting up and going on visits to our visitors? Pastor, Arlee Mueller, and David Miller are willing to go but would like additional help.

***Trustees** – Don't have a set date yet for the parking lot but will let Lindsey and the congregation know as soon as he does. Also, the AC stopped working in Pastor and Lindsey's offices. Tonka Plumbing, Heating and Cooling was able to get it fixed within the week.

Upcoming Events:

➤ **June**

- **June 4** - Congregational Meeting
- **June 6** - Elders Meeting
- **June 14** - Leadership Meeting

➤ **July**

- **July 5** - Elders Meeting
- **July 12** - Leadership Meeting

➤ **August**

- **August 1** – Elders Meeting
- **August 7** – WOMO Meeting
- **August 9** – Leadership Meeting

Next meeting: August 2023

Close with the Lord's Prayer Sandy Wilsey moves to adjourn, Sandi Woytcke seconds. Adjourned at 11:10 AM.

January 2023 - December 2023

From the constitution: The terms of office for all board members shall be three (3) years, officers two (2) years. The terms of the members of the boards shall be so arranged that as close as possible an equal number are elected to each board each year.

| Board Positions / Committees | Term / Duty | Held By | Install Year | Install Date | Term Expires January of |
|--|-------------------|--|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| President - 1 | 2 years | David Miller 2 nd Term | 2021 | 1/1/2021 | 2025 |
| Vice President - 1 | 2 years | George Betts | 2023 | 1/8/2023 | 2025 |
| Recording Secretary - 1 | 2 years | Lindsey Eccles | 2023 | 4/2/2023 | 2025 |
| Treasurer - 1 | 2 years | Linda Verkennes 2 nd Term | 2020 | 1/1/2020 | 2024 |
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| Directors - 3 | 3 years | Harriet Gustafson 2 nd Term | 2020 | 1/12/2020 | 2026 |
| | | Linda Verkennes | 2021 | 1/1/2021 | 2024 |
| | | Michael Peterson | 2022 | 1/1/2022 | 2025 |
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| Elders - 3 | 3 years | Arlee Mueller* 2 nd Term | 2020 | 1/12/2020 | 2026 |
| | | Nathan Betts | 2023 | 1/8/2023 | 2026 |
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| Trustees - 3 | 3 years | Jim Merchant* 2 nd Term | 2018 | 2/4/2018 | 2024 |
| | | Darryl Frederickson 2 nd Term | 2022 | 1/1/2022 | 2025 |
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| Education - 3 | | Arlee Mueller* | | | |
| Committee | | Danette Isaacs | | | |
| | | Dawn Audette | | | |
| | | Andrew Reinitz | | | |
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| Finance - 3 | Envelopes & Vanco | Linda Verkennes* | | | |
| Committee | Secretary | Shelley Frederickson | | | |
| | Thank you Notes | Rita Kaiser | | | |
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| Outreach - 3 | | Vacant | | | |
| Committee | | Vacant | | | |
| | | Vacant | | | |
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| Worship - 3 | Music | Jan Preble | | | |
| Committee | Kitchen Manager | Sandi | | | |
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| Women of Mount Olive (WOMO) - 3 | President | Vacant | | | |
| Committee | Secretary | Sandi Woytcke | | | |
| | Treasurer | Claudia Bullock | | | |

* Asterisk indicates Board chairperson

Elections are held at the 3rd quarter voters meeting; installation is in Jan of the following year.

Elected Jan-June, given credit for election year, Elected July-Dec, credit starts following Jan.

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Pastor's Report

For the time period 5/16/23 – 8/29/23

Official Acts - baptisms, confirmations, weddings, funerals

Baptisms: Eli Klein-Wyman and Grayson Wyman, July 16, 2023.

Funerals: None for the time period – Vicky Ferestad passed away Sunday, June 25, 2023.

Funeral service was held at Hillside Cemetery, Minneapolis, on June 29. Pastor Mike did not officiate. I visited her with The Lord's Supper a week or two before she died.

Weddings: None for this time period

Confirmations: Aaron and Becca Boser (also on previous report)

Members received or released: Aaron and Becca Boser, and Sawyer, received on May 28th, 2023. (also on previous report)

Homebound Members

1. Janice Beise (Auburn in Chaska)
2. Cheryl Blue (Spring Park)
3. Marlene Gehring (Mound)
4. Sharon Hoeft (LMS)
5. Marilyn Lemke (Maple Plain)
6. Susie McKee (Waconia)
7. Carol Meyer (but don't tell her!)
8. Donna Smith (Trouvaille Memory Care Suites, Excelsior)
9. Darlene Tanke

Current Statistics

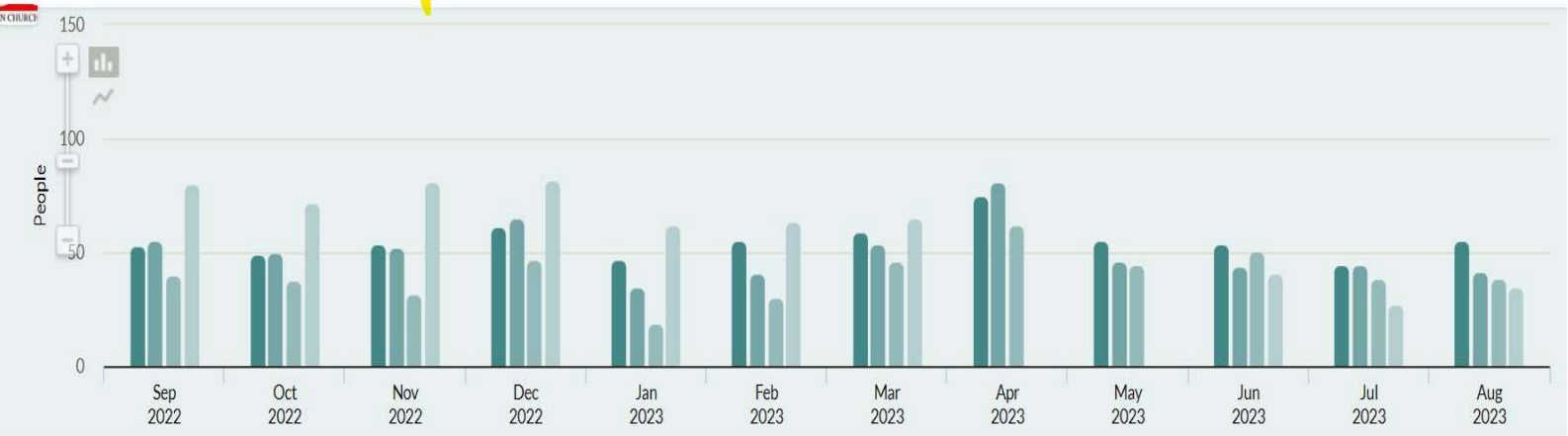
Avg. worship attendance, May – August: 52 (note increasing numbers for the past four months in comparison with previous years)

Active Members: 93 (Have attended worship at least once in the past year)

Inactive Members: 31

Prospects: 28

Worship Attendance Trends



| | Sep 2022 | Oct 2022 | Nov 2022 | Dec 2022 | Jan 2023 | Feb 2023 | Mar 2023 | Apr 2023 | May 2023 | Jun 2023 | Jul 2023 | Aug 2023 |
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| ● Attendance of Everyone at Worship (2022) Edit Delete | 53 | 49 | 54 | 61 | 47 | 55 | 59 | 75 | 55 | 54 | 45 | 55 |
| ● Attendance of Everyone at Worship (2021) | 55 | 50 | 52 | 65 | 35 | 41 | 54 | 81 | 46 | 44 | 45 | 42 |
| ● Attendance of Everyone at Worship (2020) | 40 | 38 | 32 | 47 | 19 | 30 | 46 | 62 | 45 | 51 | 39 | 39 |
| ● Attendance of Everyone at Worship (2019) | 80 | 72 | 81 | 82 | 62 | 64 | 65 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 27 | 35 |

Other Recent Activities

Vacation Bible School, August 7 – 11, 2023.

Bible Studies

Sunday morning Bible Study: Inactive

Tuesday morning men's study: Reading through the book of Acts. Avg. attendance - 4

Wednesday morning women's study: Starting again soon

Once/month Wed. afternoon at LMS: Portals of Prayer. Avg. attendance – 6

Confirmation Class has been on summer break

Thursday morning combined: Avg. attendance – 6

Friday: Harrison Bay Bible Study in Community Room, The Gospel of Luke, avg. attendance – 10.

Circuit/District/Synod Involvement

I represented our Circuit at the LCMS Synodical Convention in Milwaukee July 29 – Aug 3, 2023. Overall it was inspiring, especially to see so many Lutherans from so many different places in the world!

I serve as Pastoral Counselor for the Lake Minnetonka LWML Zone (includes the same churches as the circuit). A Prayer Service was held at Our Savior Lutheran in Excelsior on Tuesday August 15. I hope many of you, women and men, will consider attending the Fall Mission Gathering at St. John's in Chaska on Saturday October 7. The presenter will be Pastor Mark Moss talking about the publishing work of the Lutheran Heritage Foundation.

Community Involvement

Personal

We had a good trip to and from the Michalk Family Reunion at Trout Lodge YMCA, near Potosi, Missouri.

My mother is “home alone” again at her apartment in Tucson and seems to be content.

We are selling Kathy's dad's house in Brooklyn Center, so that requires many hours of cleaning, etc. He had quite a bit of woodworking equipment and tools and I am bringing some of that home for the Family Altar project.

I was diagnosed with sleep apnea and have been using a CPAP machine for about 3 weeks now. It's working – I have more energy and don't get so sleepy during the day (usually).

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First, a big THANK YOU for stepping up and making good things happen this summer. Things like the parking lot up-grade, the successful VBS, good summer attendance and tithing during the typically slack time of the year. (Mt Olive does come through when needed).

We are beginning talks about “if and What” we should do for a stewardship month and program this year. We need some fresh members on a number of Boards and Committees. There are desperate needs. More to come.

There has been meetings with various groups and individuals regarding the “family altar” project. More to come in that area also.

The process of establishing next year's budget is in the beginning stages. As everyone is aware, the cost of living will require some prayerful decisions. Extra financial help is also needed by the Minnesota South District office. Many churches in the district and beyond are seeking ways to collaborate, share costs, share pastors, share facilities, and other ideas. The District Staff can provide guidance and point us to resources.

Both the wedding and funeral procedure packets have been updated. Pastor Mike invites you to discuss your plans or concerns with him.

We are looking at the schedules for both the Thanksgiving and Christmas services. Your thoughts are welcome. Thanksgiving Service will be held Tuesday the 21st at 6PM with a possibility of a pie social afterwards. Lindsey will create a sign up sheet - Pecan, Apple, Pumpkin, Cherry, Ice Cream, whipped cream, Eggnog (Pastor), Milk. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held on Saturday December 23rd at 6PM, Sunday December 24th we will have our morning service at 9AM with a candlelight service . We would like to know your thoughts on these days and times, please reach out to Pastor, Arlee or Dave Miller.

2nd Quarter Congregational Meeting 9/17/2023 Education Report by Arlee Mueller
Bible studies: Mixed, Sunday morning; Men, Tuesday morning; Women, Wednesday morning; Mixed, Thursday morning; Lake Minnetonka Shores; Harrison Bay. **How many people are interested in an evening class for those who work during the daytime?**

VBS week went very well. We had some kids that haven't attended in the past. 28 kids attended.

Confirmation: 2 students enrolled.

Sunday school: We are looking for someone to take over as superintendent. Start date September 17.

Youth activities: ????????????

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Worship service attendance is increasing, and we are having some new visitors too. What can we do to motivate visitors to join our church?

We need to be thinking of nominees for officers, etc.

New Member Sunday: November 5th

Stewardship: Looking at year-round program from KLV Enterprises – we have used this program before which was founded by Ken Williams.

Elder care: We are increasing our contact with members.

Missions: We want to support MN South District in 2024.

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Attachment will be given at meeting

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This year we will be working on our budget for the replacement of the remaining furnaces that are over 30 years old. Supply chain issues are becoming hard to just replace them as they fail. The time it takes to get them could leave us without a working furnace or ac for quite some time.

We completed the first phase of the parking lot and will continue to raise funds for the next phase. If you want any information about the next phase, please let us know.

We will be repairing the elevator roof scupper and repainting the wood windows on the upper floors along with all the fascia wood. This requires a boom lift rental and delivery for one week.

Thanks to the members who have been helping with the clean-up of unused spaces and stuff. There's always things that need to be done so if you want information on how you can help, please let us know.

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church Trustees and volunteers