



4th Quarter  
Congregational Meeting  
3/3/2024

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## **4th Quarter Congregational Meeting 3/3/2024**

## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Meeting dated 11/19/23
5. Reading of correspondence:

### **Unfinished Business:**

- 6.

### **New Business:**

7. Becca Boser joined the Education Committee
8. “Reinstall” Jim Merchant as Trustee and Linda Verkennes as Board of Directors

### **Reports:**

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

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **➤ March**

- **3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Q Congregational Meeting**
- **6<sup>th</sup> – Lenten Service @ 10AM**
- **6<sup>th</sup> – Elders Meeting @ 6:30PM**
- **13<sup>th</sup> – Lenten Service @ 10AM**
- **13<sup>th</sup> – Leadership Meeting @ 6:30PM**
- **17<sup>th</sup> – Mite Sunday**
- **20<sup>th</sup> – Lenten Service @ 10AM**
- **24<sup>th</sup> – Last day for Easter Garden Sign-Up**
- **28<sup>th</sup> – Maundy Thursday Service @ 10AM & 6PM**
- **29<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday Service @ 6PM**
- **30<sup>th</sup> – Last day to deliver Easter Garden Flowers to Church**
- **31<sup>st</sup> – Easter Service**

#### **➤ April**

- **3<sup>rd</sup> – Elders Meeting**
- **6<sup>th</sup> - New Member Orientation**
- **7<sup>th</sup> – New Member Sunday**
- **10<sup>th</sup> – Leadership Meeting**
- **13<sup>th</sup> - LWML Spring Gathering**

**Adjournment with prayer**

**Next meeting:** is tentatively scheduled for May 2024



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Congregational Meeting Minutes

**Board, Committee, or Group:** Congregational Meeting

**Who attended:** See attendance sheet

**Location:** Fellowship Hall

**Date & Time:** November 19, 2023 at 10:30 AM

**Purpose of Meeting:** Regular Quarterly Meeting

1. **Opening Scripture and Prayer**
2. **Review and Approval of this Agenda:** Arlee Mueller motioned approval, Pastor Mike seconded. Approved
3. **Review & Approval of minutes of June 4th, 2023 meeting:** Linda Verkennes motioned approval, Harriet Gustafson Seconded. Approved.
4. **Readings of Correspondence:** N/A

### Unfinished Business:

5. N/A

### New Business:

6. Stewardship
7. Budget

### Reports:

- **Pastor's Report**
  - Marilyn Mulvanny made a motion to accept the transfer of Jon & Heidi Theis, Linda Verkennes Seconded. Approved.
  - Carol Meyer is moving to memory care in Plymouth.
  - We will discuss ways of outreach (Bingo etc.) at our next directors meeting.

### **Reports of Boards: Directors, Education, Elders, Finance – Treasurer, Trustees**

- **Directors Report**
  - Stewardship – we have positions open including Treasurer, Director, Trustee and Elder.

- **Education**
  - Any interest in a nighttime in person/zoom bible study for those who work during the day?
- **Elders**
  - We will have a monthly speaker for our year-round stewardship program.
- **Finance**
  - Budget will actually increase due to insurance quote.
- **Trustees**
  - Jim is working on insurance quotes. Our current company Grinnell wants to double our annual premium. He is looking into Church Mutual and Brotherhood Mutual. We need to renew or replace it before March 2024. We are receiving a “value” for the church of 8.2 million which is causing our insurance premiums to skyrocket.
- **Other**
  - Could we start a craft day/night monthly/quarterly and utilize the items to sell at the bazaar? This way when November comes, we aren't scrambling for items to sell. Does someone want to lead this?

**Upcoming Events:**

- **December**
  - **December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Christmas Decorating at 9AM**
  - **December 2<sup>nd</sup> – WOMO Christmas Party**
  - **December 6<sup>th</sup> – Elders Meeting 6:30PM**
  - **December 13<sup>th</sup> – Leadership Meeting 6:30PM**
  - **December 23<sup>rd</sup> – Christmas Eve Night Service 6-7PM**
  - **December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Morning Service 9-10AM**
- **January**
  - **January 3<sup>rd</sup> – Elders Meeting 6:30PM**
  - **January 10<sup>th</sup> – Leadership Meeting 6:30PM**

**Next meeting:** February 2024

**Close with the Lord's Prayer** Linda Verkennes motions to adjourn. Mike Mulvanny Seconds. Adjourned at 11:15 AM.

## January 2024 - December 2024

**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 <sup>nd</sup> 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				
Directors - 3	3 years	Harriet Gustafson 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term	2020	1/12/2020	2026
		Linda Verkennes 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term	2021	1/1/2021	2027
		Michael Peterson	2022	1/1/2022	2025
Elders - 3	3 years	Arlee Mueller* 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term	2020	1/12/2020	2026
		Nathan Betts	2023	1/8/2023	2026
Trustees - 3	3 years	Jim Merchant* 3 <sup>rd</sup> Term	2018	2/4/2018	2027
		Darryl Frederickson 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term	2022	1/1/2022	2025
Education - 3 Committee		Arlee Mueller*			
		Dawn Audette			
		Andrew Reinitz			
		Becca Boser			
Finance - 3 Committee	Envelopes & Vanco				
	Secretary	Shelley Frederickson			
	Thank you Notes	Rita Kaiser			
Outreach - 3 Committee		<i>Vacant</i>			
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Worship - 3 Committee	Music	Jan Preble			
	Kitchen Manager	Sandi Woytcke			
Women of Mount Olive (WOMO) - 3 Committee	President	Jan Preble	2023		
	Secretary	Lindsey Eccles	2023		
	Treasurer	Claudia Bullock			

\* Asterisk indicates Board chairperson

Elections are held at the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



## **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Congregational Meeting 3/3/2024**

## **Pastor's Report**

For the time period November 2023 – February 15, 2024

### Official Acts - baptisms, confirmations, weddings, funerals

Baptisms: none for this time period

Confirmations: none for this time period

Funerals: David Skochenski, Jr., grandson of Harvey Schultz, January 12, 2024

Donna Claire Smith passed away Dec. 31, 2023. Service will be at the Gillespie Center, Saturday, March 30, 11 AM

Weddings: None for this time period

### Members received or released:

John Skaret and Sondra \_\_\_ were received as members on November 5, 2023 by Profession of Faith.

### 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. John & Millie Morrison (Mound)
9. Darlene Tanke

### Current Statistics

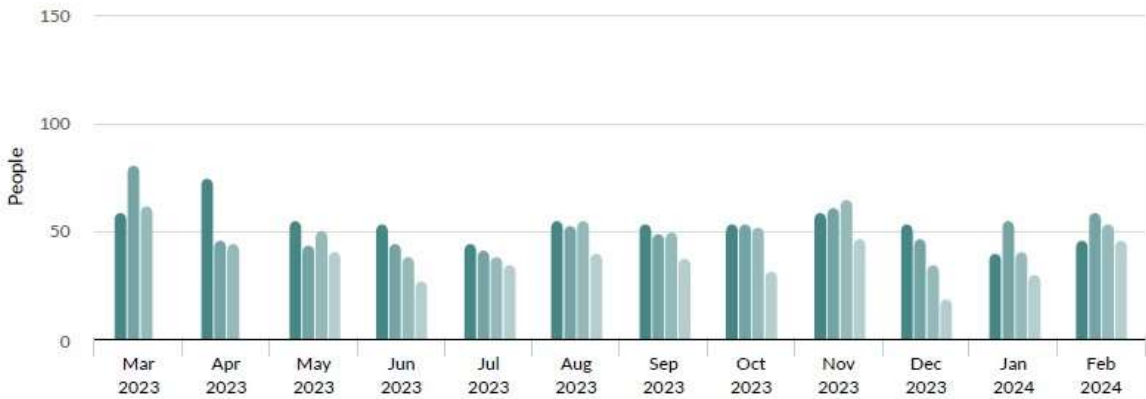
Active Members: 94 (Have attended worship at least once in the past year) (Previous report: 92)

Inactive Members: 31 (same as last report)

Prospects: 27 (Previous report: 28)

# Worship Attendance Trends

Trends Report



		Mar 2023	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	
● Attendance of Everyone at Worship	Mar '23 - Feb '24	59	75	55	54	45	55	54	54	54	59	54	40	46
● Attendance of Everyone at Worship	Mar '22 - Feb '23	81	46	44	45	42	53	49	54	61	47	55	59	
● Attendance of Everyone at Worship		62	45	51	39	39	55	50	52	65	35	41	54	
● Attendance of Everyone at Worship		0	0	41	27	35	40	38	32	47	19	30	46	

### Worship Attendance Trends Chart

Comments: We've been slipping in Jan and Feb! (Hopefully Feb 18 and 25 services will bring up the Feb number.)

### Bible Studies

Tuesday morning men's study: Romans. Avg. attendance - 4

Wednesday morning women's study: Romans. Avg. attendance 12

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

Thursday morning combined: Daniel. Avg. attendance – 6

Friday: Harrison Bay Bible Study in Community Room, The Gospel of Luke, avg. attendance – 6

### Circuit/District/Synod Involvement

Chapel at Our Savior Lutheran Daycare and Preschool

Chapel at Redeemer Christian Academy, Wayzata

Patristics (Church Fathers) study at University Lutheran Chapel, monthly

Recorded service for Main Street Living which will be aired on Mother's Day, May 12, on WFTC



(Fox) Channel 29 at 9:00 AM or online

Personal

Ask us about our vacation the past two weeks!

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**Directors Report by David Miller**

I have to repeat from some previous reports. Which is: THANK YOU for stepping up and making a difference in our congregation, in our families, and with friends and neighbors. That includes participating in worship, Bible studies, in helping neighbors, and families. For instance: VBS was revived and successful in reaching into the community. The parking lot looks great. Members of another church were impressed with our facility.

Uncertain inflationary increases in costs require diligence in managing the budget. Members are asked to help as much as they are able to do. Many of you gave extra for the parking lot. Many thanks for that.

We still are in need of volunteers.

Look for small things. Look for ways you can help and participate. There are many needs in the world around us and maybe some small thing can make a huge impact on someone.

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**Education Report by Arlee**

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: Need leader.

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**Elders Report by Arlee Mueller**

Worship service attendance is increasing.

We have scheduled new member orientation for Saturday, April 6, and New Member Sunday on April 7.

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**Verkennes**

**Finance Report by Linda**

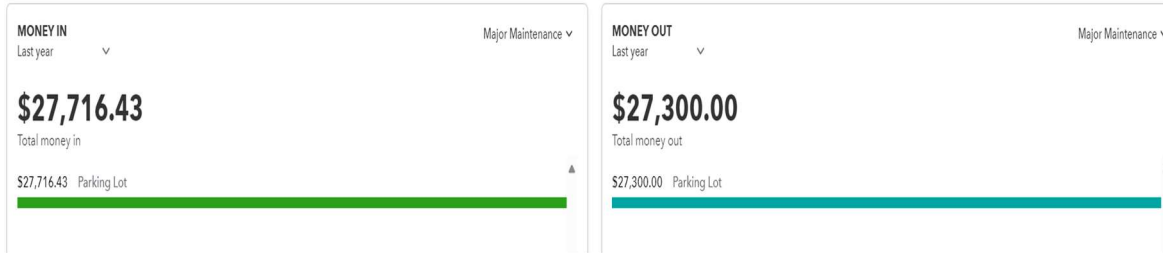
Thank you to all members for their financial support of MOLC.

Below is a snapshot of income vs. budget for 2023. We ran short by (\$49,739) in 2023.

We have received 21 pledges for 2024 totalling \$93,584.

Our budget for 2024 is \$270,289 As you can see, we will fall short.

Our biggest expense this year was the parking lot. A big thank you to everyone who helped make this happen by donating to our parking lot fund!!



2023 MONTHLY GENERAL OFFERINGS		NEEDED MONTHLY	PROFIT/DEFICIT
JAN	\$15,185	\$20,321	(\$5,136)
FEB	\$11,937	\$20,321	(\$8,384)
MAR	\$16,330	\$20,321	(\$3,991)
APR	\$21,833	\$20,321	\$1,512
MAY	\$11,724	\$20,321	(\$8,597)
JUN	\$15,658	\$20,321	(\$4,663)
JUL	\$16,869	\$20,321	(\$3,452)
AUG	\$14,037	\$20,321	(\$6,284)
SEP	\$13,615	\$20,321	(\$6,706)
OCT	\$16,638	\$20,321	(\$3,683)
NOV	\$17,327	\$20,321	(\$2,994)
DEC	\$22,962	\$20,321	\$2,641
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>194,115</b>	<b>243,854</b>	<b>(\$49,739)</b>

**DON'T FORGET** - If you are approaching the age of 73 in 2023-24 and are forced to take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) out of your IRA or 401K, did you know you can gift it to your church and not have to claim it as taxable income? It is very easy. We received a donation from a member thru RMD in 2023. Thank you to that very generous member donation.

ACCOUNT	VALUE	PURPOSE	COMMENTS
MNLB checking as of 12/31/23	\$ 39,255.37	General	MNLB checking as of 2/18/24 \$ 33,765.46
LCEF Savings -9409	\$27,972.52	Used for donor restricted funds .63% Interest rate	Value Increase \$229.64
LCEF - CD4004	\$ 30,852.85	Used for donor restricted funds 4% Interest rate-1yr	Increased \$853 since April 2023 when first converted
LCEF - CD1441 Ganglehoff	\$ 45,298.38	Higher Education-Interest Only 4% Interest rate-1yr	Value Increase \$1,658.44
Thrivent-Kopp 4196	\$ 19,131.59	Elevator & Maintenance	15.67% This year Int Rate Value increase of \$2592
Thrivent-Elevator 4191	\$ 39,972.29	Elevator & Maintenance	6.27% This year Int Rate Value increase of \$2359
Thrivent-Elevator 4194	\$ 45,201.65	Elevator & Maintenance	15.67% This year % Int Rate Value increase of \$6125
TOTAL			
	\$242,194.74		

Mortgage 3508	217,212.02	Mortgage balance 12/31/23
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#### 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Congregational Meeting 3/3/2024 Trustees Report by Jim Merchant

I would like to start out by giving thanks to God for all of you members in our family here at Mt. Olive who continue to support Gods work here and in our community. We know that many hands make lite work of it and being part of Gods mission gives me great joy and I hope it does for you as well.

We have some projects that are on our list this year that have been waiting to get done. We have budgeted for a new roof on the parsonage that is over due for replacement as well as a repair to the wood surround at the swing set. Our gardens around the facility are due for some rejuvenation and maybe some new layouts or design thoughts. If we can think about less weeding and more naturals that might make it easier to maintain.

Please continue to keep Mt. Olive in your prayers as we begin our 2024 seasons and remember to spread the joy of the Lord as often as you can.

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church Trustees and Volunteers