

Osseo Evangelical Lutheran Church Council  
Wednesday, October 11, 2023

1. Meeting called to order by President Ryan Olson at 7:00pm

Roll call- Ryan Olson, Jill Welke, Pastor Dave Hoadley, Deb Gregory, Mark Hoffman, Marv McCune, Michael Scheller, Don Erickson, Molly Vold, Carissa Apland, Pastor Terry Lorenz, Donna Fonner

Devotions & Treats- Jill Welke- Be patient and have faith that things will be the way they are supposed to be.

2. Topics of the day:
3. Secretary's minutes presented  
September 13, 2023-
  - **\*\*Motion made by Michael to accept minutes with devotion date correction. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carissa. Motion passed.**
4. Staff reports
  - **Administrator, Molly**
    - Bills paid
    - Financial report

**\*\*Motion made by Marv to accept reports. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don. Motion passed.**

- **Pastor's report-**  
Pastor Terry presented information on cooperative ministry models and asked the council to consider whether this might be the time to begin a conversation about bringing several area churches together in order to help provide leadership to other churches who cannot find a pastor to call while reducing the financial burden of supporting two full time pastors at OELC. This is simply an exploratory exercise at this point. More discussion will take place at the November meeting.  
He also shared that since confirmation started on mid-September, 5 additional students have approached OELC and inquired about joining the confirmation class.
- **Associate Pastor report**  
Adopt-A-Highway clean-up is scheduled for this Saturday the 14th beginning at 10:00, depending on weather. If the weather is bad, we will attempt again on the 21<sup>st</sup>.  
TGIF for middle school youth is set for Sunday the 15th from 6:00 to 8:00. We'll be painting rocks with encouraging words, then deciding where to place them around Osseo.  
Empty-nest dinner is planned for next Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall. Plan is for Burly & Bucks to bring in pulled pork sandwiches and sides. E-mails were sent to seven OELC families who became empty-nesters this past spring, plus a flyer was sent to ELCA churches in the conference.  
ASP 2024 kick-off meeting is next Wednesday following Wednesday Night Worship. As recommended by ASP, we are registered for one crew of five youth and two adults right now and can add more as long as there is room. Jessica Berg from Elk Creek thinks she may have some kids interested. Our requested week would mean the trip would leave June 21

and return June 30; we should be hearing soon whether we were assigned that week. Depending on when the school's Europe trip departs, there may be date conflicts. Next senior high event is scheduled for November 1 following WNW. I'm checking with Boards & Bricks regarding a game night in their basement that night.

### **Committee reports/Ministry Update**

- Committee appointments
    - a. Christian education- Youth and Adult Carissa
    - b. Endowment- Ryan
    - c. Harvest supper- Deb- Council is expected to be the clean-up crew.
    - d. Evangelism- Michael & Shannon
    - e. Property- Mark H.-chair, Ryan, Don
      - snow removal- Sanford contract signed, sealed & done. Questions were asked about plowing the back lot.
      - boiler- flushed, filled, one pump needs to be replaced. Hovland's will return for the pump. 2<sup>nd</sup> boiler won't light.
      - sewer- fixed and running. Plumber was needed to fix drain- bill incurred.
      - parsonage- Pastor Dave installed some river rock by the garage. Gutters need cleaning.
      - water heater- will be replaced next week.
      - sign- posts are in. Help needed to hang.
      - fans- lift is not tall enough to reach. Need to rent one big enough to reach and then install fans.
      - heat tape- 200 feet each side ordered
      - phones- not currently working
    - f. Special gifts- Jill
    - g. Staff support/personnel- Shannon
    - h. Stewardship/finance- Michael, Shannon
    - i. Worship- Donna, Terry, Dave
    - j. Youth- Dave, Orion
    - k. Food Pantry- Deb
    - l. Vision- All
    - m. Nominating- Don, Shannon, Ryan, Jill
5. Old business:
- Quarterly gatherings- winter- Pre-Super Bowl- activities- Bingo, open gym, indoor picnic?? Carissa, Michael, Don on committee
6. New business:
- Annual meeting January 28, 2024 – reports due December 1
  - Committees need to meet for year-end reports & budget information
7. Devotions & treats for November- Deb Gregory
8. Don adjourned meeting at 8:10
9. Adjourned meeting with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Welke, Secretary