

May

2026 Newsletter Articles

Worship Times for May through August are, unless communicated differently:



- 9:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian in Ashby
- 10:30 a.m. at Our Savior's-Ten Mile Lake Lutheran in Dalton
- Facebook Live service continues to be at 9:00 a.m.

Pulpit Supply

- **May 3** – Kathy Terpstra (*Communion*)
- **May 10** – John Waller III
- **May 17** – Terry Brant (*Coffeehouse*)
- **May 24** – John Waller III
- **May 31** – El J Arntson (*Confirmation & Communion*)



- **Council** will meet on Monday, May 4th at 6:00 p.m.
- **Session** will meet on Monday, May 18th at 6:30 p.m.
- **Shared Ministry, Council, Session** meets Weds., May 27th around 7:00p.m. in Dalton following the Confirmation faith statements.

Communion will be celebrated May 3rd and May 31st in both congregations.

W.O.W. will meet Wednesday, May 6th to deliver May baskets to the Ashby Living Center. This will be their final gathering for the school year!

Confirmation will meet on Wednesday, May 6th and May 13th with supper at 5:30 p.m. and class at 6:00 p.m.

- 2nd year students ONLY and parents will meet with the Session and Council to hear your faith statements on Wednesday, May 27th at 6:00 p.m. at OSTML in Dalton.

First Women's Bible Study meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 1:00pm led by BJ.

Graduation Recognition at First this year we have two high school graduates, Reed Jensen and Lillian Tollefson. We will recognize them during our worship service on Sunday, May 10th.

Coffeehouse Worship in both congregations will be on the third Sunday, May 17th. Please join us for a more casual and relaxed worship atmosphere.

Graduation Recognition at OS-TML this year we have one high school graduate, Bradley Schroeder. We will recognize him during our coffeehouse worship service on Sunday, May 17th and the quilters have made a wonderful quilt for him.

Ashby High School Baccalaureate will be held in the school auditorium on Wednesday, May 20th at 7:00 p.m. We have three graduating seniors from our congregations.

Synod Assembly will be held on Saturday, May 30th. It is going to be virtual with local churches gathering at First Lutheran in Battle Lake for our delegates to attend if they wish. This year's theme—Grace in the Digital Space—invites us to reflect on how God's grace moves through the digital spaces we inhabit — from livestream worship to Zoom Bible studies, from Instagram prayers to text-message pastoral care.

Confirmation Sunday will be a joint service between both congregations on Sunday, May 31st at 10:30 a.m. at OSTML in Dalton. We will celebrate with communion and the service led by El. J Arntson who had graciously come back to complete this faith journey after Easter with this group of students. Please join us as we celebrate with our Confirmands in this festive and joyous service!

WELCA Quilters meet Wednesdays at 9:00am in Dalton with coffee & treats.

Food Shelf Donations There is now a donation box at Rylander Insurance Agency in Ashby to accept donations for Grant County Food Shelf.

Prayer Concerns: Kris Williams, Cookie Williams, Cari Ripley, Ashtyn Lill, Corlin (Debbie Wilke's brother), Karen Hansel, Eileen Rubish, Ron Breuer, family of Don Moen, Steve Alvsted.

Please let Jaime know if individuals need to be added or removed.

**Our Saviors Ten Mile Lake Church
Council Meeting—April 6, 2026**

DEVOTIONS led by: Julie

PRESENT: Jerry Christy
 Debbie Scott
 Julie Sonja

SECRETARY'S REPORT REVIEW:

Motion to Approve by: Debbie

Seconded by: Christy

Motion carried:

TREASURER'S REPORT REVIEW:

General Checking Beginning Balance (3/5/2026): \$ 8,412

Income: \$ 8,006

Expenses: \$ 4,361

Balance (4/6/2026) : \$ 12,057

Motion to Approve by: Sonja

Seconded by: Christy

Motion carried:

PASTOR'S REPORT: No report this month

TRUSTEE'S REPORT:

- Storm broken on basement window, midway down south side
- Windows need scraping & painting
- Outlet below Sanctuary thermostat needs replacement
- Emergency Exit signs for SE exit and bottom of basement stairs
- Chair on south side of Altar needs repair/gluing

DEACON'S REPORT:

- April 26th - Julie
- May 3rd - Sonja

OLD BUSINESS

- Pianist – April 19th (3 songs) Sonja to look into YouTube videos with lyrics
- Pastoral Services/Confirmation – Jaime working on schedule. El J doing confirmation
- AED monthly check – Julie to connect with Donald Rochol
- Electronic Deposits – on hold for now
- Elevator power unit – Jerry spoke with rep. No need to do anything now.
- ELCA Synod Convention delegates – May 30, 2026, Jerry signed up to attend Synod Convention
- Call Committee was mentioned but no decisions at this time

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion of dissolution of shared ministry. Jerry has reached out to Dennis Preston. More details to come.
- Thank you to Josh Schroeder for snow removal to be sent
- Parsonage – Billing of LP Gas, Electric, City Utilities will need to be changed to OSTML Church when Thormodsons vacate. Garbage service should be cancelled.
- Lawn Mowing and maintenance of the parsonage – Jerry will verify that Elroy Finkelson will continue
- Idea of adding more council members for a one-year or two-year term was mentioned
- Jerry will present Bible to Kylee Mounts – 4/12

CALENDAR ITEMS:

- April 12th – Bible presentation – Kylee Mounts
- May 4th – 6 pm Next council meeting (Christy devotions)
- April 27th – Shared Ministry combined meeting 6:30 in Ashby

MEETING CLOSED WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sonja Lien

Secretary

Regular Session Meeting **April 13, 2026**

The regular Session meeting of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Ashby was held on April 13, 2026 at 6:30 PM. Those present were: Moderator Rev. Dr. Doug Dent, Ruling Elders: Troy Johnson, Janet Larson, Jim Risbrudt, Jill Amundson, Gwyn Risbrudt and Clerk Barb Dewey. Donna Fay Grover was absent with excuse. The meeting was called to order and opened in prayer by Rev. Dr. Dent. A quorum present and Docket voted approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Risbrudt reported: Checking: \$11,803.65, Savings: \$15,509.49, Memorial: \$5,030.04; Music: \$8,537.63; Dishwasher: \$2,040.99; L&L Camp: \$1,485.50; Grover Bible: \$479.10; Building/Maint: \$7,678.88; Insurance (water damage) \$17,060.80, Starner: \$682.43. He reported good balance due to having no Shared Ministry payment as we pay pulpit supply vs paying full time pastor. The Session voted to gift the Easter Breakfast donations to Cari Ripley for her medical expenses. The March Session and combined 1st Presbyterian Session/Shared Ministry/ OSTML Council minutes were voted approved.

Pastor's Report: Communion was celebrated on Maundy Thursday services with the 4 community churches at 1st Presbyterian Church on April 2, 2026 with Rev. Julie Carlson and 19 communicants and on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026 with Rev. Jean Ohman and 23 communicants.

Committee Reports:

- **Shared Ministry-** reviewed the minutes from the March 23, 2026 meeting with the next scheduled meeting on April 27, 2026, at 6:30 PM at 1st Presbyterian Church in Ashby. Awaiting a decision by Our Savior's Ten Mile Lake Lutheran if they are interested in resuming a Shared Ministry relationship. Rev. Julie Carlson will be paid for doing Lenten services in our 1st and OSTML churches. Session assured WOW and VBS could continue to use our facilities for their programs.
- **Buildings and Grounds:** Jim Risbrudt has completed the wall repair, baseboard on, repaired water heater and fixed hot water system under kitchen sink. THANK YOU Jim!! Discussion on outdoor sign-the metal one won't work-Janet will research on what can we use to fix the issue.
- **Christian Education:** WOW and Confirmation classes resumed April 8, El J. Arntson, SAM teaching confirmation classes. Expectations of what the Session would like to see in Faith Statements for confirmation discussed. VBS leaders, Kelli and Jamie, asked for assistance in setting up Sound System next summer-Troy will help coordinate. The VBS budget questions will be discussed at upcoming Shared Ministry meeting. Women's Bible Study still well attended.
- **Worship:** Pulpit supply for April: April 12, John Waller III; April 19, Kathy Terpstra CRE; April 26, Rev. Dennis Preston with communion; Change to 9 AM services at 1st Presbyterian, OSTML at 10:30 AM beginning in May. May 3-Kathy Terpstra CRE with communion; May 10 John Waller III; May 17 Terry Brandt; May 24 John Waller, May 31 Confirmation with one service at Our Savior's Ten Mile Lake Lutheran in Dalton with El J. Arntson, SAM. There will be no service in Ashby. Rev. Dent informed us Confirmation students may assist with communion on that day. If needed he also said there are technology funds available from Presbytery if we need a camera for Facebook broadcasts.

New Business: Jill will contact mothers of HS graduates Reed Jensen and Lily Tollefson to choose a Sunday to honor them. Jill Amundson has finished the survey of the congregation which determined their feelings regarding our church-what they would like to see, what they want from a pastor, what they want to keep. This will be given to the congregation for information and discussion. The next Session meeting was set for April 18, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

Rev. Dr. Doug Dent did further Communion training and provided liturgy guides for those present-Troy Johnson, Janet Larson, Jim Risbrudt, Jill Amundson, Gwyn Risbrudt and Barb Dewey where they can serve communion to the congregation on a Sunday when there is not at an ordained pastor, CRE or SAM present. The certification of these people is for one year and then can be renewed by Presbytery.

The meeting was voted adjourned and closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Dent.

Dr. Dent. Rev. Dr. Doug Dent, Moderator

Barb Dewey, Clerk of Session

OS-TML Worship Leaders

May

Dean & Lori Thorsen

First Disciple Team

May

Anita Rylander
Kathleen McNeely

Altar Guild

Joan Helgeson

*****Confirmands will assist with reading scriptures during the school year.*****

OS-TML

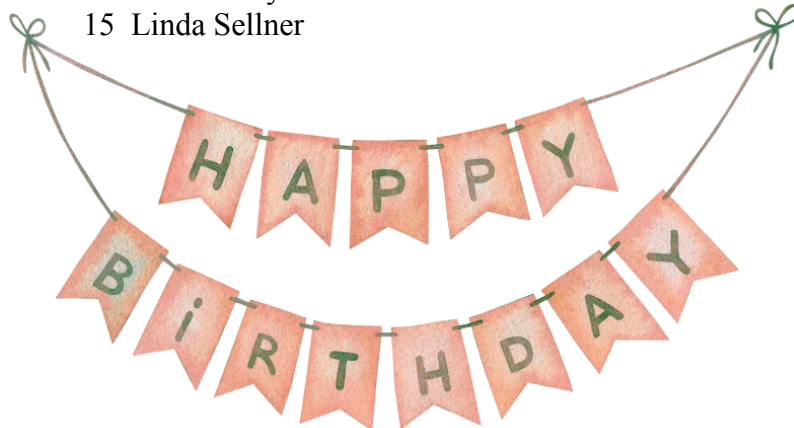
May 3 – Ruth Karlgard
May 10 – Kyle Frigaard
May 17 – Sara Hage
May 24 – Vanessa Sellner/ Addisyn Pikop
May 31 – Kyle Frigaard

FIRST

May 3 – Kosa Lewis
May 10 – OPEN
May 17 – Grace Dickey
May 24 – OPEN
No Service- Joint Service at OSTML

May Birthdays

1 Becky Saurer	17 Emily Frigaard
1 Tadhg Stevens	18 Joan Swendsrud
1 Mitchell Thorsen	21 Stella Dewey
3 Blaine Hansel	21 Barb Ness
4 Peggy Lien	22 Elynn Lee
7 Levi Smith-Schroeder	24 Luke Anderson
11 Russ Dewey	24 Joel Thormodson
15 Linda Sellner	





First Presbyterian Session Members

Barb Dewey – *Clerk of Session*
Jim Risbrudt – *Treasurer*
Donna Fay Grover
Jill Amundson
Troy Johnson
Gwyn Risbrudt
Janet Larson

Shared Ministry Council

Troy Johnson- *President*
Kyle Frigaard- *Vice President*
Jim Risbrudt- *Treasurer*
Jill Amundson- *Secretary*
Joan Helgelson
Debbie Wilke

OS-TML Church Council Members

Jerry Thormodson - *President*
Julie Walvatne- *Vice President*
Debbie Wilke - *Treasurer*
Scott Boe
Sonja Lien
Christy Frigaard

Women of the ELCA President

Peggy Lien

Board of Education

Ashley Lee

Endowment Fund Board

Deb Thormodson
Julie Olson

Our Savior's Cemetery Board

David Schroeder, *Sexton*
Kyle Frigaard
Dean Thorsen
Gaylan Thormodson
Larry Sonmor

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SHARED MINISTRY STAFF

Supplemented by Local Pulpit Supply

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SCHEDULE May–August 2026

9:00am – First Presbyterian Worship- Ashby, MN

Holy Communion the 1st & 4th Sunday

3rd Sunday Coffeehouse Worship

10:30am – Our Savior's-Ten Mile Lake Worship- Dalton, MN

Holy Communion the 1st & 4th Sunday

3rd Sunday Coffeehouse Worship

ONLINE SERVICES live at 9:00am on Facebook