



**First Presbyterian Session Members**

Barb Dewey – Clerk of Session  
Troy Johnson  
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Kim Bailey  
Ron Bowman  
Gwyn Risbrudt  
Jim Rylander  
Jim Risbrudt – Treasurer

**Shared Ministry Council**

Troy Johnson- Vice President  
Kim Bailey  
Jim Rylander  
Jim Risbrudt- Treasurer  
Jerry Thormodson- President  
David Olson  
Joan Helgeson- Secretary  
Julie Olson



**OS-TML Church Council Members**

Julie Walvatne  
Danielle Schroeder  
Stacy Hansel- Secretary  
Debbie Wilke - Treasurer  
Dave Olson- Vice President  
Ted Frigaard  
Kyle Frigaard - President  
Jerry Thormodson

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Dean Thorsen  
Gaylan Thormodson  
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## **From the Pastor's Desk**

***“I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”***

***Ephesians 3:16-19***

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Paul prays this beautiful prayer for the people of the church of Ephesus, and it is my prayer for all of you as well. This is election month and I continue to pray for our country during this deeply divided time in our history. This has been an especially hard election season with so much negativity and fear being spoken from all sides. I pray for healing in our country because no matter who wins there is the hard work of healing and trying to work together for the good of the country and for each other.

As we face uncertain times and are weary from all the political jargon, let us be reminded that we are being strengthened in our inner being through His Spirit. Let us be reminded that Christ dwells in our hearts through faith as we are being rooted and grounded in love. While the way of the world is negativity and fear, God's way is love. The only thing that conquers negativity, fear, division and hatred is love. That is why Jesus came to give up his life so that we could be free from sin. Love is always God's way.

The first Sunday of November we celebrate All Saints' Sunday and I give thanks for the saints of our congregations who are now with God. I think of the saints in my family and saints who have mentored me in faith along my faith journey and I give thanks. These saints have been through many election cycles, and our country continues to be one of the best places in the world to live. I give thanks for the leaders of the past, and I pray God will raise up new leaders for the future.

The fourth Thursday of the month is Thanksgiving. We will celebrate Thanksgiving together among our four congregations who worship together during Lenten seasons. This year our service will be at OS-TML on Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. I encourage you to take the time to join us for a community thanksgiving service. While we have much to worry about nationally, I feel much more positive about our local community and how well we work together for the good of one another.

While there are always things to worry about, when we work together in God's love everything is better. Let us lay our worries at Jesus' feet and work together for the better of our community. This year I give thanks that we have congregations who work together, worship together, and pray together. Let us give thanks for the many blessings we have been given. Most of all let us be thankful that Christ dwells within us even during uncertain and divisive times. Let us trust in God always so we may be filled with all the goodness of God in the days ahead!

In Christ,  
Rev. Dr. Paul Snyder

## *November 2024 Newsletter Articles*

**Pastor Paul's Office Hours** Pastor Paul tentatively plans to be in the office from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. at OS-TML on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays and at First on Thursdays. There may be days the pastor won't be in the office because of visitation, so please make an appointment if you need to see him or stop by if his car is at church. Pastor Paul's email is [psnyder100@gmail.com](mailto:psnyder100@gmail.com) and his cell number 218-230-4081. Pastor Paul would love to hear from you, so don't hesitate to be in touch!!

**Worship Times** will continue to be OS-TML worship at 9:00 a.m. and First worship at 10:30 a.m. Our Facebook Live service will continue to be at 9:00 a.m.

**Communion** will be celebrated on November 3rd and November 24th in both congregations. We will receive Communion by continuous Communion in person and those watching online are encouraged to prepare elements in your homes. All are welcome to the table!

**All Saints' Sunday** will be celebrated on November 3rd at both services and on Facebook Live. We will honor those members who have died and those whose funerals were in our churches this past year. Please join us for this special service.

**Community Thanksgiving Service** will rotate between Peace, Grue, First and OS-TML. This year it will be at OS-TML in Dalton on Tuesday, November 26th at 7:00 p.m. Please join us as we give thanks!

**Coffeehouse Worship** We look forward to having coffeehouse worship again on Sunday, November 17th in both congregations. This is a very family friendly style of worshiping. Please come and enjoy worshiping God in a more relaxed and less formal service!

**Confirmation** class will meet every Wednesday this month except Wednesday, November 27th which is the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. and class will begin at 6:00 p.m. all other Wednesdays.

**W.O.W.** will meet at 6:00 p.m. in Ashby every Wednesday in November except on Wednesday, November 27th which is the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. All children in grades K-6th are welcome to join us. Come join the fun!

**W.O.W. Sings** at OS-TML on Sunday, November 17th at their coffeehouse worship service.

**Little Lights** at First, will be held each Sunday following the children's sermon. There is a sign up in the narthex to teach. They will meet every Sunday in November except November 17th which is the Sunday W.O.W. sings at OS-TML.

**Ashby Living Center Bible Study** Pastor Paul will be leading this on November 13th at 2:00 p.m.

**Council** will meet on Thursday, November 7th at 6:30 p.m.

**Shared Ministry, Council, and Session Council** will meet on Tuesday, November 12th at 6:30 p.m. in Ashby to recommend a budget for next year.

**Session** will meet on Monday, November 25th at 7:00 p.m.

**OS-TML Threshing** will be meeting on Wednesday, November 20th at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the disbursements of the proceeds from threshing.

**Habitat for Humanity** is building a house in Dalton this fall. They are looking for local volunteer builders to help them complete the house. All skills are welcome to help. Everyone is useful. Must be 17 years old or older. They also are recruiting individuals and groups to provide meals for volunteer builders during the lunch hour. They are now in need of volunteers every week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If anybody or group would be interested in helping, please contact Paul Shol. His contact information is paul@ffhabitat.org or (office) 218-736-2905 (cell) 218-205-5739. Let's support this local project!

**Prayer Concerns:** Ron Breuer, Pastor Randy Knuth, Cookie Williams, Al Larson, Wes Kilker, Darcy Rylander, Pastor Paul Snyder, Marilyn Stevens, Darlene Akerman, and Lyle Skinnemoen.

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### Directory of Contacts

Please take the time to update your contact information to be compiled into a contact list booklet by completing the Google form [HERE](#). We'd appreciate this being completed no later than November 15th.

There are also paper forms at each church that can be completed and left on the office desks for Jaime to gather.

Booklets will be available no later than Annual Meetings in January.



**Our Saviors Ten Mile Lake Church**  
**Council Meeting—October 14, 2024 at 6:30pm**

Present: Pastor Paul, Kyle, Jerry, Teddy, Julie, Debbie and Stacy

Absent: Danielle and Dave

Devotions and prayer given by Debbie.

The **Secretary's report** was reviewed, Jerry made a motion to approve the minutes, Stacy second, motion carried.

Debbie presented the **Treasurer's Report**. The beginning balance at our last meeting on June 10 was \$3,063.85 total income was \$9,395.70 total expenses were \$9,927.90 leaving a balance of \$2,573.98. Julie made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Jerry second, motion carried.

Trustee's Report – discussed in Old Business

Deacon's Report – Stacy will help with communion on October 27th and Julie on November 3rd.

Shared Ministry Report – nothing to discuss

**Old Business:**

We had a discussion about chapter 4 in the Sailboat Church.

Habitat for Humanity – work is continuing on the habitat house. We are looking to organize a church day to help.

Bell Tower – the bell tower will hopefully be sealed on the outside yet this fall. We may need to replace insulation and some boards.

New Banner – the banner will have the verse John 3:16. The banner will be ordered with funds from the memorial account. Debbie made a motion to purchase a new banner, Julie second, motion carried.

**New Business:**

The Cemetery CD #7601880 matured on October 9, 2024. Jerry made a motion to renew the CD with a Special rate 4%, 54 month CD, Stacy second, motion carried.

**Calendar Items:**

Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. Threshing Follow-Up Meeting

Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> Coffeehouse Worship

Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> Reformation Sunday and Confirmation

Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> First Hotdish Supper 5-7 p.m.

Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> All Saints' Sunday and Communion

Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. Council, Session, Shared Ministry Meeting

Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> Coffeehouse Worship and W.O.W. sings

The next Council meeting will be November 7th at 6:30 p.m. We closed with The Lord's Prayer.

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## Our Savior's-Ten Mile Lake Financial Review

Year to Date as of October 22, 2024

### Income

Offerings	\$ 63,360.94
Lenten Offering/Meals	973.00
Easter Breakfast	122.00
Coffee Money	303.35
Transfer from General Savings	14,556.41
Transfer from Memorial Fund	438.00
Otter Tail Power Rebate - lights	2,884.80
Donations	1,979.00

**Total Income** **\$ 84,617.50**

### Expenses

Staff Ministry	\$ 60,545.67
Missions	4,458.20
Worship and Service	982.94
Church Home	14,749.95
Maintenance	12,823.40
Miscellaneous	715.45

**Total Expenses** **\$ 94,275.61**

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Account Balances:	October 22, 2024
Checking	\$ 4,278.98
General Savings	107,630.25
Memorial Savings	4,465.06
Ellen & Pat Welch Scholarship Fund	530.00
Our Savior's Cemetery	52,210.60

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## **Regular Session Meeting October 28, 2024**

The regular Session meeting of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Ashby was held October 28, 2024 at 7PM. Those present: Moderator Rev. Dr. Paul Snyder, Ruling Elders: Jim Rylander, Ron Bowman, Troy Johnson, Donna Fay Grover, Gwyn Risbrudt, Treasurer: Jim Risbrudt, Clerk Barb Dewey. Absent with excuse Kim Bailey. The meeting was opened in prayer and reflections from 1 Corinthians 12. Sailboat Church book discussion. Shared Ministry Mission Statement read by all. A quorum present and docket voted approved. Presentation by West Central Community Action on the 2025 Cares Camp coming to Ashby June 22-28, 2025 which are high school age groups doing Mission work in the area to help area people do repairs to their homes. Applications and brochures left at church.

**Treasurer's Report:** Checking: \$2,166.01; Savings: \$20,964.86; Memorial Fund: \$3,331.88; Music: \$7,962.51; Dishwasher: \$2,034.98; L&L Camp: \$1,481.13; Grover Bible: \$401.77; Building/Maint: \$9,701.33, Starnar: \$2,764.39. The insurance bill due in November is \$7,120.55-which is a large increase. The Fall Supper total is not available yet. The treasurer's report was voted approved. The minutes of the September meeting were read and voted approved.

**Report of the Pastor:** Communion was celebrated with Rev. Dr. Paul Snyder at Sunday Services September 22, 2024 with 44 communicants, October 6, 2024 (was a First Communion and World Communion Sunday) with 70 communicants and Sunday, October 27, 2024 with 33 communicants and those on Facebook live. Pastor reports feeling better and able to do more visitations in homes and care centers, leading Bible Study at Ashby Living Center, attended Pastor's breakfast at Shoreline and Presbytery Meeting at Federated church in Fergus. Report voted approved.

**Communications:** Letter from City on testing water for lead, not necessary as our building is newer.

**Committee Reports:** Annual Shared Ministry, Session and Council will meet Tuesday November 12 at 6:30 PM in Ashby. Community Churches' Thanksgiving Service will be Tuesday November 26 at 7 PM at Our Savior's Ten Mile Lake Lutheran in Dalton.

**Christian Education:** WOW Christmas program and Hanging of the Greens on December 8. Christmas tree can go up before December 1 service.

**Worship:** All Saint's Sunday November 3- Barb will gather pictures of those being remembered.

**Stewardship:** Review of the active membership Roll. Per capita this year is \$46 per active member, total for the church due in January is \$4,370.

**Old Business:** Still look for helpers Tue, Wed, Thursdays for construction in Dalton or prepare a meal.

**New Business:** Donna Grover, our Delegate, reported on attending Presbytery meeting at Federated Church in Fergus October 12 with Pastor Paul and Barb Dewey. Jim Rylander will fix or replace leaking faucet and Janet Larson will purchase 8 new coffee servers.

**Next meeting:** November 25, 2024 at 7 PM. The meeting was voted adjourned and closed by all praying the Lord's prayer.

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Paul Snyder

Clerk of Session: Barb Dewey

**November**  
**OS-TML Worship Leaders**  
Danielle Schroeder

**November**  
**First Disciple Team**  
Janet & Al Larson

**Altar Guild**  
Mary Jo Schroeder

***\*\*Confirmands will begin reading scriptures during the school year.\*\****

**OS-TML**

November 3 – OPEN  
November 10 – Alison Heeter  
November 17 – OPEN  
November 24 – Chase Hansel

**FIRST**

November 3 – Saoirse Stevens  
November 10 – Brooks Rylander  
November 17 – Henry Olson  
November 24 – Brynn Jensen

**November Birthdays**

1 Mary Moebius  
2 Tammy Heeter  
2 Michael Boren  
3 Roric Hage  
3 Lisa Williams  
8 Ardel Sterns  
9 Trevor Boe  
9 Christina Saurer  
9 Harvey Hirning  
11 Lori Thorsen  
14 Greyson Ecker

16 Kelly Walvatne  
17 Anita Rylander  
18 Marwood Rude  
18 Joshua Schroeder  
22 Bristol Henningsen  
23 Robert Sterns  
23 Gaylan Thormodson  
26 LeVonne Hanson  
28 Shirley Jensen  
28 Eric Mounts





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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SCHEDULE                      September-December 2024**

#### **9:00am – Our Savior's-Ten Mile Lake Worship**

Holy Communion the 1st & 4th Sunday

3rd Sunday Coffeehouse Worship

#### **10:30am – First Presbyterian Worship**

Holy Communion the 1st & 4th Sunday

3rd Sunday Coffeehouse Worship

**ONLINE SERVICES live at 9:00am on Facebook**