

# OSL/Melo Faith Connection



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## Melo and Our Savior's Lutheran: Who We Are during this time of Pandemic and Violence in our State

### We are a growing, dynamic vibrant worshipping community of faith

- Every Sunday we have on-line worship. This has been viewed by up to 300+ in a single worship setting.
- These services include music, a children's message, a message, prayers and special readings and guests.
- Our worship is live on Facebook, and recorded for You Tube, channel 13 and the OSL/Melo website.
- Every week a bulletin is sent out to members via email or USPS.

### We are growing spiritually

- Daily Scripture readings and prayers along with images and songs are posted.
- Weekly videos are available on-line
- We hold one another in prayer.
- We have the Telecare ministry up and running.

### We are a compassionate community

- Our most vulnerable and isolated members receive regular phone calls, letters, and cards.
- We are intentional about checking on our neighbors who may be struggling at this time.
- We have staffed the Food Shelf and Meals on Wheels.
- We've celebrated Mother's Day, Senior Recognition, Memorial Day & Pentecost.
- We continue to provide on-going Pastoral Care.
- Baptisms, one funeral and a wedding are in the wings.
- Confirmation packets have been sent out.

### What You Can Do

- Follow the services and announcements on Sunday Services.
- Make phone calls, send letters, and cards to others,
- Share the link to the service.

Please continue with your offerings. The ministries and staff of Melo and Our Savior's continue to serve. Our on-going ministries are contingent upon generous support. Thank you for your generous support during this unusual time.

### A Word from the NW MN Synod Bishop – Bishop Bill Tesch

The Bishop is asking that all congregations suspend in-person worship and gatherings until it is safe to do so. Further resources and information is available for viewing on the website: [nwmnsynod.org](http://nwmnsynod.org) and there are numerous topics for your perusal. This means ministry will be done online, by phone, and one-on-one in emergent situations. The church is open and staff is working. Pastor Janet can be reached at anytime at (507) 458-1960.

**\*\*Note from the Office: July & August items should be turned in by June 25th as July & August newsletters are combined in one.**



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A video of OSL Sunday Worship can be seen Sunday at 9:00 am and Monday at 3:30 pm on Warren cable channel 13. Sunday & Archived services can be viewed on the church website:  
[www.oursaviors-melo.org](http://www.oursaviors-melo.org)—click on the 'Sunday Services Video' tab.

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:  
**TURN IN YOUR ARTICLES EARLY!**  
RE M I N D E R :  
**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES IS**  
**June 25th**

## From the Pastor



Dear Friends,

First, please be assured that I am holding each one of you close through prayer. I carry thoughts of you constantly on my heart throughout the day wondering how everyone is getting along. I miss our in-person chats and updates that come during the week and on Sunday mornings.

We are faced with anxious and uncertain times. Not only are we dealing with COVID-19 but now the violence in our state and nation as the result of George Floyd's passing.

Many of us are COVID weary. Our sense of normalcy has changed. We miss family vacations, gatherings, having favorite businesses open. We miss gathering for worship in our church building. We are still the church. We are still worshipping. We are still in prayer. We still are serving our neighbor.

We are comforted to know that we are not alone. Presently most congregations in our area are not yet gathering for in-person worship. In the community of Warren only two have opened for in-person worship at 25% capacity. This means that 8 are still holding worship on-line. (This includes joint parishes).

The Councils of Melo and Our Savior's will be meeting on June 9 at 7:00 pm to re-visit next steps. Staff has prepared for whatever decision is made. A letter will be sent out when a change takes place.

We are also faced with the violence in surrounding communities. Be in prayer for our state, our nation, and world. Often our zip code defines who we are and our well-being. We are thankful for the faithful law enforcement in our community.

Know that we in the church are working tirelessly to discover new ways to provide pastoral care, spiritual guidance and meaningful worship opportunities during this time of physical distancing and quarantine. Much will be offered through various types of technology. We will also be using cards, phone calls, postcards and letters.

May God be our peace and strength.

Let us pray:

God our peace and our strength we pray for our nation and the world as we face new uncertainties around coronavirus.

Protect the most vulnerable among us especially all who are sick or in isolation.

Grant wisdom and clarity to healthcare workers.

Guide us as we consider how to care for our families, workplaces, congregations, and communities.

Give us your peace and courage in these days and in the days ahead

Bring peace to our state, nation, and world.

For Jesus' sake. Amen.

Your friend and pastor,  
Pastor Janet Warnes

### MINISTRY UPDATES:

- \*\* Telecare Ministry continues. Senior members have been paired with members from the church for a call two times a week.
- \*\* Sunday School parents have a link for a resource which follows the lesson each Sunday. These can be printed out at home. They will be highlighted in Children's message.
- \*\* Youth are being contacted by Youth Director Joan
- \*\* Ministerial Outreach – Regular meetings and we are assigned to various organizations in the community.
- \*\* Synod and Conference Zoom Meetings
- \*\* Congregational Zoom meetings
- \*\* Council and some committee meetings

### Those in need of daily prayer:

Curtis Anderson, Carole Haarsager, Florence Johnson, Glenn Johnson, Jan Johnston, Marlene Owens, Pastor Ron Warnes, Tommy Calder, Emily Curry, Elise Davey, Landon LaBine, David Meine, Marla Vasek, Janna Tweten and the families of Bill Bossman, Greg Kilen, Claudia Brooke, Dorothy Palm, and Janice Lenhart.

*Please remember all those people who are even more isolated due to this virus. A prayer, a call, or a short note would be a wonderful way to reach out.*

### In Loving Memory:

Bill Bossman – April 15, 1943 – April 24, 2020

(Funeral to be held at a later date)

Greg Kilen – January 13, 1961 – May 20, 2020

(Funeral—May 26, 2020, by Rev. Janet Warnes)

Janice Lenhart – January 30, 1940— June 1, 2020

(Funeral—Scheduled for June 8, 2020)



We bid farewell to Karen Poverud, who for many years has provided music for worship at OSL & Melo, played for Sunday School and many special services, sang in the Choir, lectured, participated in VBS, Sunday School and children's message, and the list goes on and on! She has blessed us all with her bubbly personality and caring nature. Many are blessed to know her as a wonderful friend, and that won't change, but she is leaving our community and we wish for her God's abundant blessings and care as she begins a new chapter in her life. Karen, we'll miss you more than we can say!

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**  
**May 2020 Council Meeting Minutes (not yet approved)**

The May 19, 2020 OSL Council meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Jim Duckstad. Pastor Janet opened with prayer.

**Attending:** Adam Sparby, Jim Duckstad, Tony Johnson (by teleconference), Pastor Janet, Joan Peterson, Amanda Liebersbach. **Absent:** Travis Hanel, Kaitlin Barbosa.

**This month's agenda and last month's meeting minutes:** Jim motioned to approve and Tony seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** given: We received generous gifts in April as well as the \$20,000.00 small business grant from the Federal Government to cover payroll and utilities. Motion made to accept treasurer's report by Tony seconded by Adam. Motion carried.

**Pastors' Reports:** Pastor Janet has been very busy with on-line services, zoom meetings with the conference, synod, and ministerial. Meals were delivered and the Food shelf was staffed. Regular phone calls, texts, and e-mails are being made. There is 1 funeral, 2 baptisms, and 1 wedding in the wings. Pastor has visited and talked with these families. Pastor is awaiting their decision on dates and times. Pastor has been available to families for urgent and end of life visits. Pastor has sent out the Confirmation packets. Pastor has worked to put together Senior Recognition, Memorial Day, and Pentecost services. All services are being well received. A special thanks to the worship team and to Jim Duckstad for taping the service on Facebook. Pastor is working towards resuming in-person worship. The CDC and MN Health and the Synod produced 13 pages of Guidelines for reopening in-person worship. These have been reviewed and necessary steps have been taken to see that all is in compliance. Pastor has been part of numerous zoom meetings as well as providing guidance in the community. Though ministry has changed it is a very busy time. When a change for in-person occurs a letter will be sent out. Motion made to accept Pastors' reports by Tony, seconded by Adam – Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Stewardship** – Meals delivered and Food Shelf Staffed

**Worship and Evangelism** – Altar guild is planned through December, lectors and song leaders are present for on-line worship. Calendar reviewed.

**Education and Youth** – VBS is on hold as are Youth Events.

**Youth Leader** – Joan Peterson is staffing the office every Tuesday from 10 to 1 pm. Regular calls are being made to youth and their families.

**Property and Management** – Mowing this summer will be done by the ODC. Flowers planted and cared for by Jana Maruska. A new computer has been ordered for the Pastor's Office as the old computer is not able to do zoom and

other meetings. Motion made to approve committee reports by Jim seconded by Tony – Motion carried.

**Old Business** – Karen Poverud has moved to Mayville. Her last Sunday is May 31. After COVID-19 restrictions are lifted a celebration will be held for her thanking her for being organist for 18 years. A gift will be presented to her on May 31. The screen and projection unit is on hold. A committee for basement tables and chairs is in place. ODC will be mowing church lawn and parsonage this summer.

**New Business** – After considerable discussion it was decided to wait two weeks before starting in-person worship as we have active COVID-19 cases in Warren. We will re-visit this on June 9.

The next special Council meeting is June 9 at 7:00 pm at OSL to discuss in-person worship.

Tony made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Adam seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.



**Congratulations** and God's Blessings to the graduating 2020 High School Seniors of our congregations who were recognized on Sunday, May 17th: Ashia Balzum, Isaiah Branch, Sydney Bring, Matt Hanel, Carter Maruska, Brandon Miller, Kelsey Smith. Remember that you will always have a church home with us! Please pray for our graduates as they go on their way!







### EDUCATION CORNER

Confirmation, Bible Studies, Preparation for Holy Communion and VBS are on hold for now. Confirmation packets were mailed out for 7th & 8th grade.

ABBA: To provide leadership that inspires youth to become Active Believers who care for, feel they Belong to and are Accountable to God, their families, and communities.

Youth Events are on hold for now.

#### Noah's Ark – LOCKIN

Hey all, Noah's family was confined 40 days and 40 nights in the Ark. Yup. There were no windows, no balconies, no terraces, no internet, no smart phone, no TV, Netflix, no YouTube or Facebook. They only heard rain. They spent their time praying and loving each other. They cared for the animals God had entrusted to them.

Remember, even though there is an ocean of viruses and life may seem weird and stormy our God is watching over us.

Do not be afraid. The "rain" will stop and the rainbow will come.

When this is all said and done I say we have an AWESOME LOCK-IN at the church!!!

*Pr. Janet*

Youth Director Joan Peterson  
218-201-0869

### SPECIAL SERVICES IN JUNE ~ *Inspirational Worship Times with quite a variety—ENJOY!*

Worship will be taped live on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am; no in-person worship at time of publication.

Every Sunday we have the following:

Inspirational message

Children's message featuring TUK the toucan with link to resource kids can use during worship.

Prayers from around the world

Blessing

**Sunday, June 7, 2020** – Holy Trinity Sunday

9:00 am On-line Interactive Worship.

Taped live at OSL.

**Sunday, June 14, 2020**—Flag Day

9:00 am On-line Interactive Worship.

Taped live at OSL.

*(Please check e-mail and USPS as there may be a change to in-person worship)*



**Sunday, June 21, 2020**—Father's Day

9:00 am On-line Interactive Worship.

Taped live at OSL.

*(Please check e-mail and USPS as there may be a change to in-person worship)*



**Sunday, June 28, 2020**

9:00 am On-line Interactive Worship.

Taped live at OSL.

*(Please check e-mail and USPS as there may be a change to in-person worship)*

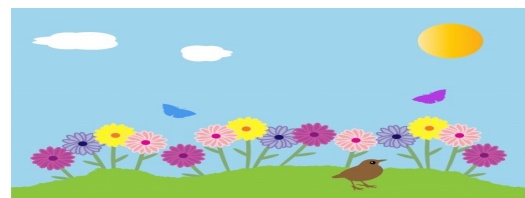
View:

\*On Website at [www.oursaviors-melo.org](http://www.oursaviors-melo.org). Click on 'Sunday Services Video' on Home Page.

\*On YouTube

\*Channel 13 – Sunday at 10:45 am & Monday at 3:30 pm

\*Live on OSL Facebook or Pastor Janet's Facebook



**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**March 2020 Treasurer's Report**

**Receipts**

General Offering	\$ 11,479.00
Melo Pastor Sal/Benefits	\$ 540.41
Project 2000/Bldg Fund	\$ 100.00
Mission	\$ 40.00
Endowment	\$ 40.00
Food Shelf	\$ 55.00
Youth Group	\$ 200.00
Flowers	\$ 88.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 12,542.41</b>

**Expenditures**

Pastor Ins./Pension	\$ 738.39
Salaries/FICA	\$ 9,268.17
Bldgs(utilities/phone/int)	\$ 2,138.26
Parsonage Insurance	\$ 3,252.09
Postage	\$ 165.00
Church Repair/Maint	\$ 1,189.46
Office Repair/Maint.	\$ 151.19
Custodial Supplies	\$ 129.69
ODC Custodian	\$ 280.00
Worship Supplies	\$ 879.73
Music/Choir	\$ 70.50
VBS	\$ 500.00
Office Supplies	\$ 149.56
Sunday School	\$ 39.99
Bank service charge	\$ 7.50
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 18,959.53</b>

**(-) \$ 6,417.12 Net Ordinary Income**

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**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**April 2020 Treasurer's Report**

**Receipts**

General Offering	\$ 62,081.00
Project 2000/Bldg Fund	\$ 100.00
Mission	\$ 40.00
Endowment	\$ 40.00
Flowers	\$ 51.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 62,312.00</b>

**Expenditures**

Pastor Ins./Pension	\$ 3,845.92
Pastor Expense	\$ 584.75
Salaries/FICA	\$ 8,545.31
Bldgs(util/phone/int)	\$ 1,812.22
Special Assessments	\$ 237.90
Postage	\$ 286.00
Parsonage Repair/Maint	\$ 1,426.45
Office Repair/Maint.	\$ 151.19
Custodial Supplies	\$ 81.80
ODC Custodian	\$ 507.50
Groundskeeper	\$ 300.00
Office Supplies	\$ 52.39
Special Assess Parsonage	\$ 78.96
Bank service charge	\$ 7.50
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 17,917.89</b>

**\$ 44,394.11 Net Ordinary Income**




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*April—Other Accounts*

General Fund	\$155,642.97	OSL Servants	\$ 7,281.08
Memorial Fund	\$ 13,094.33	Project 2000/Bldg	\$ 44,650.18
Mission Fund	\$ 5,396.18	Money Market	\$ 58,090.26
Bell Ringers	\$ 688.45		



April Offering	Simply Giving	4/5/20	4/12/20	4/19/20	4/26/20	April Total
General	\$ 2,855.00	\$31,890.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 2,660.00	\$ 825.00	\$ 39,580.00
Utilities				\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
Postage		\$ 390.00				\$ 390.00
Easter		\$ 20.00			\$ 20.00	\$ 40.00
Thrivent Choice				\$ 396.00		\$ 396.00
Youth Group						
Proj.2000/Bldg	\$ 100.00					\$ 100.00
Endowment Fund	\$ 40.00					\$ 40.00
Mission Fund	\$ 40.00				\$ 50.00	\$ 90.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,035.00</b>	<b>\$32,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,350.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,256.00</b>	<b>\$ 895.00</b>	<b>\$ 40,836.00</b>
<b>Total to General Fund</b>						<b>\$40,606.00</b>

JUNE 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> <b>10 am</b> Warren Ministerial Assn <b>7 pm</b> Zoom Meeting Staff meeting	<b>2</b> <b>10 am—1 pm</b> Joan in office	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>9 am—noon</b> Wanda in office	<b>6</b>
	<b>7 Holy Trinity Sunday</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Worship service recorded <b>10:45 am</b> View worship on Cable Channel 13	<b>8</b> <b>7 pm</b> Zoom Meeting Staff meeting	<b>9</b> <b>10 am—1 pm</b> Joan in office <b>7:00 pm</b> OSL & Melo Council meeting at OSL	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>9 am—noon</b> Wanda in office
<b>14 Flag Day</b>  <b>9:00 am TBD</b> - Worship service taped <u>or</u> in-person worship at Melo <b>10:45 am TBD</b> - Either recorded worship <u>or</u> in-person worship	<b>15</b> <b>7 pm</b> Zoom Meeting Staff meeting	<b>16</b> <b>10 am—1 pm</b> Joan in office	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>9 am—noon</b> Wanda in office	<b>20</b>
<b>21 Father's Day</b> <b>9:00 am TBD</b> - Worship service taped <u>or</u> in-person worship at Melo <b>10:45 am TBD</b> - Either recorded worship <u>or</u> in-person worship 	<b>22</b> <b>7 pm</b> Zoom Meeting Staff meeting	<b>23</b> <b>10 am—1 pm</b> Joan in office	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>9 am—noon</b> Wanda in office	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <b>9:00 am TBD</b> - Worship service taped <u>or</u> in-person worship at Melo <b>10:45 am TBD</b> - Either recorded worship <u>or</u> in-person worship	<b>29</b> <b>7 pm</b> Zoom Meeting Staff meeting	<b>30</b> <b>10 am—1 pm</b> Joan in office				

### JUNE SERVANTS

Lector:

June 7 - Brenda Ackerson  
 June 14 - Mike Miller  
 June 21 - Joan Peterson  
 June 28 -

Song Leader:

June 7 -  
 June 14 -  
 June 21 -  
 June 28 -

Melo Custodian:

June 7 — Mylo Carlson  
 June 14 - 21 — Donna Gallagher  
 June 28 — Ed Gulden



## June Birthdays & Anniversaries



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|--|---|--|
| 1 - Jon O'Keefe<br>A- Wayne & Linda Hamrick  | 15 - Jason Kalt<br>Alex Porter  | 27 - John Graham<br>Kacey Green<br>Shadae Myrfield<br>A- Dean & Mary Jo Chandler<br>A- Willis & Janice Grochow |
| 2 - LuAnn Johnson<br>A- Cole & Kathy Wittman   | 16 - Jayce Hapka  | 28 - Cody Kostrzewski<br>A- Wayne & Bev Torgerson  |
| 3 - Keaton Laymon<br>Paisley Solberg   | 17 - Ben Duckstad<br>Earl Johnson<br>JoAnn Laymon   | 29 - Sonny Duckstad<br>Brenna Olson<br>Laura Nybladh<br>A - Darren & Jessica Carlson                           |
| 4 - Gail Hamrick<br>Tony Hamrick   | 18 - Katie Benson<br>Hailey Greentree<br>Gary Owens   | 30 - Kathy Kleinvachter<br>A- George & Marie Owens<br>A- Jake & Ashley Reinier<br>A- Matt & Ashley Vongroven   |
| 5 - Faith Rud  | 19 - Lowell Goplin<br>A- Curt & Deb Myrfield  |  |
| 6 - Leo Johnson<br>Olivia Woinarowicz  | 20 - Austin Roley<br>A- Brian & Kacey Green<br>A- Lowell & Shirley Hamrick<br>A- Phil & Gloria Thompson       |  |
| 7 - Ryan Gallagher<br>Danny Mattson  | 21 - Randy Engelstad  |  |
| 8 - Brenda Myrfield<br>Ariana Porter<br>Heather Treumer<br>A- Jim & Belinda Folz<br>A- Jim & Janice Johnston | 22 - Irmy Haugen<br>Everly Johnson  |  |
| 9 - Oliver Magnusson<br>Hallee Spidahl   | 23 - A- Chuck & Maureen Greentree<br>A- Brian & Denise Laymon   |  |
| 10 - A- Jim & Pat Bjorgaard  | 24 - Eliz Porter  |  |
| 11 - Chandler Klassy<br>Randy Owens  | 25 - Mike Carlson<br>Nate Chandler<br>Vanessa Hacker<br>A- Johnny & Kaitlin Barbosa<br>A- Mike & Donna Miller |  |
| 12 - Emmett Treumer  | 26 - Ashley Bishop<br>Jarrod Peterson<br>A- Jim & Karen Pearson   |  |
| 13 - Ava Wittman<br>A- Randy & Cindy Engelstad   |   |  |
| 14 - Chris Howard<br>Curt Myrfield<br>A- Jack & Delores Sedlacek   |   |  |



Celebrating milestones this month:  
 Wayne & Linda Hamrick—35 years  
 Dean & MaryJo Chandler—40 years  
 Jim & Belinda Folz—45 years  
 Wayne & Bev Torgerson—45 years  
 Phil & Gloria Thompson—50 years  
 Jimmy & Karen Pearson—55 years  
 Jim & Pat Bjorgaard—60 years  
 Curt Myrfield (70 yrs)  
**Best Wishes & God's Blessings to all!**

**YOU WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SAVING LIVES:** Everyone needs to play a role in preventing the spread of coronavirus. Here are simple things you can do:

- \*Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds.
  - \*Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
  - \*If you are sick, stay home
  - \*Wipe down and disinfect surfaces
  - \*Avoid crowds. Remember the 6 feet physical distance.
  - \*Stay hydrated, eat nutritious foods, get plenty sleep, and exercise.
- Symptoms are fever, cough and shortness of breath.

**MN has set up a COVID 19 Hotline**  
 651-201-3920 / 1-800-657-3903



**MANY THANKS** to all who have volunteered in the past several months at our churches! To name a few, this includes Sunday School teachers and staff, Youth event leaders and volunteers, Senior Meal delivery folks, Food Shelf helpers, worship song leaders, servant group worship participants & funeral lunch workers and providers, those donating flowers, altar guild members, and members of the various committees, who have given of their time, talents & resources. *A special Thank-You goes out to those who are helping with the Telecare ministry and participating in and recording the televised worship!*

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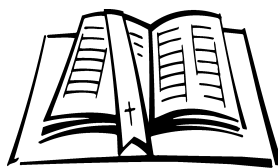
## Lessons for June 2020

### **June 7**

Genesis 1:1—2:4a  
Psalm 8  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
Matthew 28:16-20

### **June 14**

Exodus 19:2-8a  
Psalm 100  
Romans 5:1-8  
Matthew 10:24-39



### **June 21**

Jeremiah 20:7-13  
Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18  
Romans 6:1b-11  
Matthew 10:24-39

### **June 28**

Jeremiah 28:5-9  
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18  
Romans 6:12-23  
Matthew 10:40-42