Our Savior's & Melo Lutheran Churches **April 2020**

OSL/Melo Faith Connection

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Sunday Worship Times:

During the month of April, the worship service will be recorded with only worship team members in attendance.

OSL/Melo Worship—10:45 a.m. The bulletin will be emailed to people we have addresses for.

A video of OSL Sunday worship can be seen on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. on cable channel 13.

To view online, follow the link at www.oursaviorsmelo.org—click on the "Sunday Services Video" tab. Archived services are also available for viewing. To view on YouTube, search

'Our Saviors Warren'.

ATTENTION!

DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL, THERE WILL BE NO IN-PERSON WORSHIP AT THE CHURCHES. THE BULLETIN WILL BE SENT BY EMAIL TO ALL THAT WE HAVE ADDRESSES FOR. IF YOU AREN'T RECEIVING IT AND WOULD LIKE TO, PLEASE EMAIL THE OFFICE (osl@oursaviors-melo.org) OR CALL (745-4478) THE CHURCH OFFICE WITH AN EMAIL ADDRESS. (You can also unsubscribe if you don't wish to receive it....) The bulletin will be mailed to those on the homebound/visitation list and anyone else who doesn't have email and requests it to be sent in the regular mail. Call the office & leave a message.

++ The worship service broadcast on Cable Channel 13 will now be at 10:45 a.m. on Sundays. ++

Please be patient with us as we've been having some difficulty with the broadcast on Cable. Hopefully the issues have now been resolved. Thank you!

Office phone hours in April: Tuesdays (Joan -10am to 2pm) and Fridays (Wanda - 9 am to 1 pm). You may also leave a message.

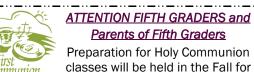
THE PALM SUN-DAY BRUNCH THAT WAS **SCHEDULED AT OSL HAS BEEN** CANCELLED.



WARREN FOOD SHELF

Thank You to all who have contributed through gifts of food, personal care items & monetary gifts in March.





those who desire to begin receiv-

ing Holy Communion. You will be notified at that time when the classes and First Communion Sunday have been scheduled.



VOLUNTEERS FOR SENIOR MEALS **DELIVERY IN APRIL**

have been lined up. Thank You to volunteers who are helping with this need.



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 inperson chats and updates that come during the week lies, workplaces, congregations, and communities. and on Sunday mornings.

About a week ago I noticed my first sighting of robins! Excitement filled my heart that the season of Spring is at our door. A few seconds later I received a further update as the COVID-19 pandemic continued to sweep our country and world. A chill guickened by heart. It felt like we were now entering a season of winter and not spring.

We are faced with anxious and uncertain times. In difficult situations there are always choices and new opportunities. I often pray and wonder what new thing is God doing.

Our lives are still as real as before. School is ongoing through on-line learning. Restaurants are open for delivery. Worship is on-line. Bills come in the mail. But in this unprecedented time we are finding new ways of being the church scattered. Since we cannot have in-person worship and gatherings it is important that we all stay connected through the phone, emails, FaceTime, facebook, Youtube, letter writing, Zoom and other means.

Weekly I will be posting on my facebook page words of encouragement. I also hope to offer a pastoral zoom meeting on Sundays at 1:00 pm. (See newsletter page 3 for details).

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.

It is an adventure as now we are researchers, public health officials, educators, chaplains, technology gurus and pastors.

We will get through this and be better for it. A special word of thanks to the staff at OSL and Melo and all who are helping out in this time.

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 fami-

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

May our lives reflect you in this Easter Season. May our acts be those of care, concern and compassion.

May the risen Christ shine in and through us. For Jesus sake. Amen.

MINISTRY UPDATES:

- ** Telecare Ministry is up and running. Senior members have been paired with members from the church for a call 2 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 the Children's message
- ** Youth are being contacted by Youth Director Joan.
- ** We completed our month at the Food Shelf. Special thanks to the Chandlers
- ** In April we are delivering Sr. Meals
- ** Ministerial Outreach Regular meetings and we are assigned to various organizations in the community
- ** Synod and Conference Zoom Meetings
- ** Congregational Zoom meetings
- ** Council and committee meetings
- ** Regular facebook devotionals by Pastor Janet on her facebook page-just friend her

Those in need of daily prayer:

Curtis Anderson, Bill Bossman, Bev Duckstad, Glenn Johnson, Jan Johnston, Marlene Owens, Pastor Ron Warnes, Tommy Calder, Elise Davey, Landon LaBine, David Meine, Marla Vasek, and the family of Gary Kolstad.

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.

PASTORAL ACTS:

Wedding:

Dakota Miller & Michael McGrath ~ March 14 at Melo by Pastor Janet



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Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

The March 17, 2020 OSL Council meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Council President Travis Hanel. Pastor Janet opened with devotion and prayer.

Attending: Travis Hanel, Adam Sparby, Jim Duckstad, Joan Peterson, Tony Johnson, Pastor Janet, Brian Wurtzel, Wayne Hamrick, Kaitlin Barbosa. Absent: Amanda Liebersbach.

Treasurer's Report: Finances overall look good with typical expenses. General fund is excellent. Jim made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Adam seconded. Motion carried.

Technology Update: Brian Wurtzel presented options for streaming church services. We will continue to record the Sunday morning service, upload to YouTube, and broadcast to cable. We will look into streaming through Facebook live for future services.

Pastors' Report: Pastor Janet reported she had eight hospital visits, 12 homebound visits, eight member visits and two prospective members. There was one wedding, one funeral, and many community meetings including the Warren Ministerial Association and Food Shelf. She continues to work with Stewardship, Ed, Worship and Evangelism and Youth Committees.

Pastor Ron reports that he continues to recover and is doing visitation along with Pastor Janet. There are 52 on the homebound list.

Tony made a motion to approve the Pastors' Reports. Adam seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Stewardship: Church directory is on hold. April Meals on Wheels is expected to increase. Looking at community partners to ensure everyone is served.

Worship & Evangelism: No choir until further notice. No youth leadership Sunday in March, but hoping for April.

Education & Youth: Joan is setting up Remind text messaging to connect with youth. No Easter lilies. No Sunday school until further notice. There is interest in National Youth Gathering. No youth service in March.

Property & Management: Looking into new paper towel dispensers for the bathrooms and door handles to the sanctuary.

Jim made a motion to approve the committee reports. Tony seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Projection Unit is tabled.

Basement tables and chairs: Committee has formed.

New Business:

Coronavirus and Cancellation Policy: Pastor Janet and Tony met with the Bishop of the Northwest-

ern Minnesota Synod by teleconference. A letter was reviewed to the congregation regarding upcoming cancellation of in-person worship, Sunday School, small groups and other pastoral acts. Tony made a motion to approve the letter to the congregation. Jim seconded. Motion carried.

Organist Vacancy: Karen Poverud has submitted her resignation as she is moving and we will have an opening for an organist. She will be done at the end of May.

Cub Scout Meetings: None.

The next council meeting will be held on Thursday, April 2, at 7:00 p.m. Jim made a motion at 8:15 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Tony seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Kaitlin Barbosa

A Word from the Bishop - Bishop Bill Tesch

The Bishop is asking that all congregations suspend inperson worship and gatherings until the middle to end of May. This means ministry will be done on-line, by phone, and one-on-one in emergent situations.

The church is open. The staff is working, albeit during varied hours. Pastor Janet can be reached at anytime at (507) 458-1960.

Pastoral Zoom Meeting:

Sundays at 1:00 pm

Beginning Easter Sunday, April 12, and all subsequent Sundays at 1:00 pm, I will be available for an hour and you are free to zoom in as you would like. In order to zoom, you will need to receive an email invitation/link to video conference. Please email me at pastorjanetw@gmail.com and I will send you an email invitation and the link. I would love to hear from you.

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 & 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

Hosanna!

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HOSANNA!

<u>Inspirational Worship Times with quite a</u> <u>variety—ENJOY!:</u>

Sunday, April 5 - Palm/Passion Sunday

10:45 am On-line Interactive Worship, taped live at OSL.

Palm Processional/Blessing

Inspirational message

Children's message featuring TUK the toucan with link to resource kids can use during worship. Special music & Prayers from around the world Blessing

Palms are available at the church in the narthex if you would like to pick one up after the service.

Sunday, April 12 – Easter Sunday

10:45 am On-line Interactive Worship, taped live at OSL.

Inspirational message

Children's message featuring TUK the toucan with link to resource kids can use during worship. Special music & Prayers from our community Blessing

Sunday, April 19 -

10:45 am On-line Interactive Worship, taped live at OSL

Inspirational message

Children's message featuring TUK the toucan with link to resource kids can use during worship. Special music & Prayers from our leadership Blessing & Blessing of the Seed

Sunday, April 26 -

10:45 am On-line Interactive Worship, taped live at OSL.

Inspirational message

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

Special music & Prayers from our youth Blessing

View:

- *On Website at www.oursaviors-melo.org ~
- 'Sunday Services Video' tab
- *On You Tube (search Our Saviors Warren)
- *Channel 13 Sunday at 10:45 a.m.
- *Live on OSL Facebook or Pastor Janet's Facebook



HELPFUL INFORMATION

<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL/CHOIR/CONFIRMATION/PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION/YOUTH EVENTS/SMALL GROUP and COMMITTEE MEETINGS</u>:

The Sunday School will not be meeting until further notice; watch for a letter from Pastor! There will be no Choir practices or Youth Leadership this month.

Confirmation classes, Youth events and VBS are all on hold.

The Men's Bible Study, Adult Sunday morning Bible Study, Lydia/Phoebe Circle, Quilters, and other committees will not meet this month.

The Councils will continue to meet as needed, possibly by teleconference.

We will continue to serve our community with Senior Meals delivery.

Preparation for Holy Communion classes will be rescheduled in the Fall.

PROPERTY:

Most projects will be put on hold.

VISITATION:

Complying with the CDC & MDH, Pastor Janet will be doing only end-of-life and emergency visits. However, she will be reaching out to you by phone, mailings, facebook, and other means.

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April Youth Newsletter

Youth Events:

Youth Events are on hold for now, due to the Shelter-in-Place order now in effect.

Noah's Ark - LOCK-IN

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!!!



High School Seniors:

Remember to turn in your scholarship applications a.s.a.p. if you haven't done so!!





LISTEN TO **PODCASTS** and DOWNLOAD DISCUSSION **GUIDES** at www.nemn synod.org/ mental-healthresources.html and there is also a link to click on for Mental Health Resources to Understand and Address COVID-19.

NEED HELP?

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

Crisis Text Line:
www.crisistextline.org
Text HOME to 741741 for
free 24/7 crisis support
in the US.

MN Farm & Rural Help Line:

1-833-600-2670 x 1

Free, confidential help for stress, anxiety, depression and suicidal thoughts. Available 24/7.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE!!

You may also call Pastor Janet (507) 458-1960.



April 22 is Earth Day!!

Get outside for some fresh air and pick up litter (use gloves), plant a tree, or just celebrate our beautiful Earth in some way.



Part-time Youth Director—Joan Peterson
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OSL/MELO FAITH CONNECTION



MISSION ACTION

Spring is in the air, and we are really looking forward to some beautiful and warmer days. With the shelter-in-place order now in effect, unfortunately we are unable to gather at this time. We look forward to resuming our quilting activities soon! Happy Spring!



Mission Action

THIS AND THAT

Newsletters:

In the next couple of months, we will begin sending the newsletter by email to all those that we have email addresses for.

*** If you would still like to
receive the newsletter by mail,
as well, please notify the office.
This is a way to save on paper
and stamps, but if you request it
the printed version will also be
mailed to you. Of course, those
folks who don't

have email will still receive it in the mail, as always!! Lost and Found: There are a few items that have been found at OSL. Are you missing anything? Items left behind are in the office windowsill and can be claimed if they belong to you! There are a few jackets hanging in the coat area, as well as some hats & mittens. There are also a few insulated mugs in the cupboard above the sink in the upstairs kitchen.



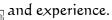
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tact info: If you've recently changed your phone number, email address, dropped your



landline, or moved to a new location, it would be appreciated if you would notify the office so that our records are current.

Would you like to be more involved in your church?: There are a number of committees that could use more members to bring new ideas, an extra pair of hands, and sharing of expertise





Check out the list in the Yellow Pages!!

- + The church councils of OSL & Melo want to encourage you to continue to give your support to the churches (as you are able) as we go through these times of uncertainty. When we don't hold in-person worship (out of necessity to maintain social distancing), consequently our offerings suffer as a result.
- + Gifts can be mailed to Melo (Donavon Hamrick, Treasurer, 519 E Ross Ave in Warren) or OSL (220 W Johnson Ave in Warren).
- + Another option at OSL is "Simply Giving", which is online giving which can be set up in the church office. Forms were sent with the congregational letter; the completed form can be mailed to the church. Extra forms are available in the office; changes can be made anytime.
- + Thank you for your continued support! We look forward to when we can gather once again!!

Money Market

Memorial Fund

Servant Group

OSL Bell Ringers

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH		Expenditu	res
Treasurer's Report - February 2020		Pastor Pension/Insurance \$ 4,584	.31
<u>Receipts</u>		Pastor Expenses \$ 780	1.25
General Fund Offering	\$ 45,099.00	Salaries/FICA \$ 9,079	.32
Project 2000/Bldg Fund	\$ 100.00	Buildings \$ 2,390	1.26
Mission Fund	\$ 90.00	Sunday School \$ 265	.57
Endowment Fund	\$ 40.00	Worship/Music \$ 194	.51
Youth Group	\$ 100.00	Telephone/Internet \$ 123	.75
Melo Pr. Salary	\$ 299.91	Groundskeeper/Snow Removal \$ 250	00.0
Melo Pr. Pension/Ins.	\$ 240.50	Parsonage Insurance \$ 3,252	2.09
Melo Parish Expense	\$ 4,161.52	Office Repair/Maintenance \$ 157	.98
Sunday School	\$ 50.00	Office Supplies/Postage \$ 217	.54
Total Income	\$ 50,180.93	Custodial Supplies \$ 34	1.84
		Bank Service Chg \$ 22	2.50
		Total Expenditures \$ 21,352	.92

Other OSL Accounts		Net Ordinary Income	\$ 28,828.01
General Fund	\$117,769.25	Net Income	\$ 28,828.01
Mission Fund	\$ 5,376.09		,,

\$ 5,376.09 Project 2000/Building Fund \$ 28,628.36 \$ 58,088.27 \$ 13,094.11 \$ 7,443.31 \$ 688.44





Total to General Fund \$ 44,400.00

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Lindsey Bring Shirley Hamrick
- 2 Jim Bjorgaard Bob Conely Cindy Engelstad
- 4 Ziva Dahlman Alexander Johnson
- 6 Joel Jevning Deb Myrfield
- 7 Cortney Kostrzewski
- 9 Linda Edgar Pastor Ron Warnes A—Rodney & Darla Myrfield
- 10 Mike Goroski
- John Johnson Mackenzie Slusar
- 11 Knox Kalt Maylie Solberg
- 12 Mary Ann Nicholls
- 13 Aaron Knoll Mark Thompson
- A-Hannah & Logan LeTexier

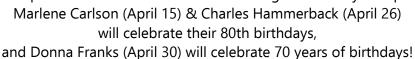
- 14 Sydney Olson Kairouan Porter
- 15 Bill Bossman Marlene Carlson Mick Riopelle Zoe Slusar
- 16 Colton Laymon Randy Trudell
- 17 A-Herb & Jackie Maurstad
- 18 Tim Conely Patrick Porter
- 19 Brodie Wurtzel
- 21 Anna Johnson
- 22 Thea Linder Evan Monogue
- 23 Dillon Nelson Jake Reinier Emilia Sparby Jean Walker
- 24 A—Bev & Dale Clausen A—Mick & Jan Riopelle
- 25 A-Dustin & Emily Johnson

- 26 Tyler Estabrook Charles Hammerback
 - A-Jeremy & Jaime Woinarowicz
- 27 Peder Larson Mike Novacek Karen Pearson
- 28 A-Brian & Sara Wurtzel
- 29 Sarah Mischel
 - A-Pete & Sandra Solvik
- 30 Donna Franks

*If your birthday or anniversary is missing or incorrect please notify the church office. Thank you!



Mick & Jan Riopelle will celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary on April 24.



We wish them well and

God's Blessings on their special day!!



April Servants

Lector: Song Leader: Melo Custodian:

April 5— Bev Clausen April 5— Wayne Torgerson Apr. 19-26— Marlene Owens

April 12, 19, & 26— April 12, 19, & 26— to be determined to be determined

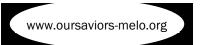
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APRIL 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SENIOR MEAL DELIVERY MONTH	Try some new activities during social distancing	Every Day ~ Have Noon prayer time	Journal Plant some seeds and watch them grow	Enjoy PB&J on National Peanut Butter Day	3 Do a puzzle	Watch a movie
Call a friend and visit while drinking your morning coffee 10:45 am OSL/Melo Worship on Cable Channel 13, as well as on the church website, 'Sunday Services Video' tab on the home page at www.oursaviors-melo.org, and on YouTube (search Our Saviors Warren)	6 Call a family member	7 Call Grand- parents	8 Salute the Flag	9 Color Eggs MAUNDY THURSDAY	Pause Good Friday	11 Pray
12 EASTER SUNDAY Call a friend and visit while drinking your morning coffee 10:45 am OSL/Melo Worship on Cable Channel 13, as well as on the church website, 'Sunday Services Video' tab on the home page at www.oursaviors-melo.org, and on YouTube (search Our Saviors Warren) 1 pm Zoom with Pastor Janet	13 Enjoy some fruit	14 Organize your closet or pantry	15 Scrapbook	16 Start a new hobby	17 Read a book	18 Call home
19 Call a friend and visit while drinking your morning coffee 10:45 am OSL/Melo Worship on Cable Channel 13, as well as on the church website, 'Sunday Services Video' tab on the home page at www.oursaviors-melo.org, and on YouTube (search Our Saviors Warren) 1 pm Zoom with Pastor Janet	20 Breathe Deep	21 Take a walk	Pick up litter **EARTH DAY	Color a picture	Pray	25 Send a card
26 Call a friend and visit while drinking your morning coffee 10:45 am OSL/Melo Worship on Cable Channel 13, as well as on the church website, 'Sunday Services Video' tab on the home page at www.oursaviors-melo.org, and on YouTube (search Our Saviors Warren) 1 pm Zoom with Pastor Janet	Transplant your seedlings into a bigger container	28 Garden		30 Paint	Noon prayer time ~ Pray for those on the prayer list and for our com- munity and world	

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Lessons for April

<u> April 5</u> -

Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippians 2:5-11 Psalm 31:9-16 Matthew 26:14—27:66

April 12 -

Acts 10:34-43 Colossians 3:1-4 Psalm 118:1-2,14-24 Matthew 28:1-10

<u> April 19</u> -

Acts 2:14a,22-32 1 Peter 1:3-9 Psalm 16 John 20:19-31

<u> April 26</u> -

Acts 2:14a,36-41 1 Peter 1:17-23 Psalm 116:1-4,12-19 Luke 24:13-35