

November 2019

OUR SAVIOR'S & MELO LUTHERAN CHURCHES



OSL/Melo Faith Connection

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Sunday Worship Times

9:00 am Melo Worship
9:30 am Adult Bible Study
& OSL Sunday School
10:00 am Melo Sunday
School & Coffee Fellowship
10:15 am OSL Coffee
Fellowship
10:45 am OSL Worship

A video of OSL Sunday
Worship can be seen on
Monday at 3:30 pm on
cable channel 13 and on
YouTube. The service is
now being streamed live
also. A link to the ser-
vices can be found on the
OSL/Melo church
website, and archived
services can be viewed as
well: www.oursaviors-melo.org.



On November 3, All Saints Sunday, we remember our loved ones who have died, and pray that we may be found faithful. Prayer for All Saints: O God, we give thanks for all the saints who now rest from their labors and dwell in your eternal light. With affection and love, we remember those dear to us who have died in this past year. May their memory stir our hearts and deepen our hope of sharing with you, and with all those we love, the joy of the life that is to come. Amen.

*Those for whom services and/or committal were held
in the past year, since Nov 4, 2018:*

Mary Kathryn Lynne - d. 11/7/2018

Delores 'Dolly' Kaml - d. 6/13/2019

Roger 'Buzz' Lee Omdahl - d. 11/10/2018

Barbara Ann Kostrzewski - d. 7/26/2019

Mary Ann Laymon - d. 1/29/2019

Rodney Troy Jones - d. 8/10/2019

Carolyn Ann Eklund Nelson - d. 2/8/2019

Sandra Marie Forslund - d. 9/21/2019

Thomas 'Tom' Ritoch - d. 3/28/2019

Joel Andrew Flaten - d. 10/2/2019

Dorothy M. Johnson - d. 4/19/2019

Junice Genevieve Horgen - d. 10/18/2019



Poinsettias will be available to order for those who would like to share them at OSL in honor or memory of loved ones during the Advent and Christmas season. Watch for details and an order form in your bulletin in the month of November. Forms will also be available on the table in the narthex.



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GATHERING

NOV 22/23 or 23/24



at Luther Crest Bible Camp in Alexandria, MN for grades 6-8. Contact Heather (201-0019) a.s.a.p. if you want to attend. Adult volunteers are needed to drive and/or help chaperone.

Registration Cost: \$145 (until Nov 13) which includes meals, lodging, & t-shirt.

Scholarship help may be available if cost is an issue; funds from your youth account may also be used for this event.

As always, you're welcome to bring a friend!

Happy Thanksgiving



Please note:
Thanksgiving week, the church office will be closed on November 28 & 29. The church office will be open on November 25 & 27.



If you are upgrading your TV or just have an extra one you no longer need, OSL could use a newer lighter-weight, flat screen TV (on a base) for occasional use to play a video for a presentation or for Confirmation class, etc., that can fit on a cart. Would you consider donating??

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

REMINDER:

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS
November 22**

From the Pastor's Desk



The season of November is upon us. November brings many opportunities to share God's love and encouragement with others. On November 3 we light a candle in loving memory of those who have gone before us. On this All Saint's Sunday we celebrate their lives and witness. On November 10 we gather to recognize those who have served and are serving in the military as November 11 is Veterans Day. On November 24 we celebrate Christ the King.

November is also a month where this year we are finishing the harvest. It has been a difficult harvest this year. The wet and cold has made it hard to get out into the fields in a timely manner. Farming brings with it many circumstances which are very much out of our control. For many what is needed is a word of hope.

God's Word brings us hope when no one else can. The Word of God says there is no hopeless situation, no hopeless illness, no hopeless marriage, no hopeless circumstance. Having a Savior in Christ means that the hopeless have hope, the dead have life. In a very time when things are hard we must remember that God is still in control and working behind the scenes. He is greater than every circumstance we face. He will never fail or forsake us. Hope in God - Psalm 42:11.

Your friend and pastor,

Pastor Janet Warnes

MINISTRY UPDATES

- Bible studies continue with the Men at 10 am on Thursday, Adults at 9:30 am on Sunday and Lydia/Phoebe Circle on Wednesday, Nov 13 at 2 pm.
- Visitations continue in earnest. If you would like the pastor to stop sooner than when you fall in the rotation, please let Pastor Janet know.
- The Sunday Schools will be starting practices for their Christmas programs. Youth will participate in service projects & field trips.

EDUCATION CORNER

Confirmation Update: Classes for the 7th and 8th Grades continue on Wednesdays, studying the Old Testament. Class time includes: presentation, skits, drama, small groups, music, and lunch. Many thanks to the parents & youth for bringing the lunch! 9th Grade Confirmation meets on Sunday, November 3 at 11:45 am. We continue our study and discussion about our faith. Note: 9th Graders, remember to choose your mentors. Remember the kids as they learn more about *God's X-Treme Gift of Grace*.

OUTREACH

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH: Nobody has to feel alone. Often many people feel overwhelmed. Our Savior's and Melo Parish is the place to belong!

During the month of November folks around the community will be invited to share in November services and events at the churches. If you see a new face on Sunday morning, take a few minutes to greet them.

NEW MEMBERS

If you'd like to join one of the churches or know of someone who would, let Pastor Janet know. Members may be received in December.

PASTORAL ACTS

Confirmation:

Congratulations and May God Bless those who affirmed their faith (10/27/19):

+Lindsey Rae Bring
+Patrick Dean Maruska

Funeral of Joel Flaten, Oct 14 at OSL by Pastor Dick Luedtke. Interment at Melo Lutheran Church cemetery.



November YOUTH NEWSLETTER

Acolytes

Melo: Jake Cobb/Aiden Johnson
Nov 3 – Max Carlson, Brodie Wurtzel
Nov 10 – Jackson Woinarowicz
Nov 17 –
Annika Magnusson, Macey Novacek
Nov 24 – Gracie Kittleson

Confirmation

Nov 3

11:45 am - 9th grade

Nov 6 -

3:30 pm - 7th gr / 4:45 pm - 8th gr

Nov 13 -

3:30 pm - 7th gr / 4:45 pm - 8th gr

Nov 20 -

3:30 pm - 7th gr / 4:45 pm - 8th gr

There will be no class on Nov 27 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.



YOUTH NEWS

* Any Youth grades 6-8 who are interested in the Middle School Youth Gathering in Alexandria on Nov 22/23 or 23/24, please see the info on page 1. Contact Heather a.s.a.p. if so!! Adult volunteers are needed to drive and/or help chaperone.

* Youth Leadership Sunday will be November 24. We usually meet to practice and plan the service on the Wednesday prior, following Confirmation classes. Watch for the date!

* There will be a Youth Fundraiser Meal at OSL following the Sunday School Christmas Program on Dec 15. Watch for details!

* Looking to December: Dec 4— Christmas party at OSL for 7th & 8th grade OSL/Melo Confirmation students at 3:30 pm.

* Watch for news about the 2021 Nat'l Youth Gathering in Mpls. We will begin planning soon!

September 2019 OSL Treasurer's Report

Receipts

General Offering	\$ 60,686.00
Melo Share	\$ 540.41
Proj. 2000/Bldg Fund	\$ 100.00
Mission Fund	\$ 40.00
Endowment Fund	\$ 90.00
Rent	\$ 150.00
Living Lutheran	\$ 40.00
Total Income	\$ 61,646.41



Expenditures

Salaries	\$10,015.23
Pastor Pension/Ins	\$ 7,402.62
Bldgs/Phone/Internet	\$ 656.85
Church Repair/Maint	\$ 81.00
Education/Youth	\$ 616.48
Worship & Music	\$ 278.28
Office Supp/Postage	\$ 109.74
Office Repair/Maint	\$ 137.44
Parsonage Repair/Maint	\$ 1,850.00
ODC Custodial	\$ 258.57
Groundskeeping	\$ 287.91
Custodial Supplies	\$ 21.77
Bank Service Charge	\$ 7.50
Total Expenditures	\$ 21,723.39



Net Ordinary Income \$ 39,923.02
Net Income \$ 39,923.02

OSL Accounts

General Fund	\$ 95,447.21
Mission Fund	\$ 4,935.27
Proj 2000/Bldg	\$ 29,084.85
Money Market	\$ 58,076.18
Memorial Fund	\$ 13,043.56
Servant Group	\$ 6,972.25
OSL Bell Ringers	\$ 688.41

If you're interested in the
Simply Giving program and
 would like more information,
 or if you already participate
 and would like to increase
 your giving or make changes at any time,
 please contact the church office.



September Offering	Simply Giving	9/1/2019	9/8/2019	9/15/2019	9/22/2019	9/29/2019	September Total
General	\$ 2,780.00	\$ 1,774.00	\$ 2,240.00	\$ 1,457.00	\$ 50,641.00	\$ 1,214.00	\$ 60,106.00
Postage		\$ 380.00					\$ 380.00
Utilities				\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00
Youth Group							
Proj.2000/Bldg Fund	\$ 100.00						\$ 100.00
Mission Fund	\$ 40.00						\$ 40.00
Endowment Fund	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00					\$ 90.00
Living Lutheran		\$ 25.00		\$ 15.00			\$ 40.00
Total	\$ 2,960.00	\$ 2,229.00	\$ 2,240.00	\$ 1,672.00	\$ 50,641.00	\$ 1,214.00	\$ 60,956.00
Total to General Fund		\$ 60,686.00					

September 2019 OSL Council Meeting Minutes

The September 3, 2019, OSL council meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Travis Hanel. Pastor Janet opened with a devotion and prayer.

Attending: Jim Duckstad, Travis Hanel, Kaitlin Barbosa, Mike Miller and Kaitlin Barbosa.

Absent: Sharon Nelson, Amanda Liebersbach, Tony Johnson.

This month's agenda and last month's meeting minutes:

Jim made a motion to approve the previous month's minutes and the agenda. Mike seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Nothing unusual with good income and only typical expenses for July. General fund looks good. Mike made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Jim seconded. Motion carried.

Pastors' Reports: Pastor Janet made six nursing home visits, 4 hospital visits, 4 homebound seen and there are two prospective member families. There is one upcoming wedding and three baptisms. Pastor Janet is working with the stewardship committee on a church directory. She is also working with the Education Committee for the start of Sunday School on September 15 and Confirmation. At the church-wide assembly, a new bishop was chosen. Congregations are also asked to discuss what it means for them to be a Sanctuary Church Body.

Jim made a motion to approve the pastors' reports. Kaitlin seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Stewardship: Working on organizing a church directory.

Worship and Evangelism: Planned through December.

Youth: Upcoming events and meetings are being planned for the National Youth Gathering in 2021. D.J. McGregor submitted his letter of resignation.

Education Committee: Sunday school teachers are set for Sept. 15 start and Sunday School will sing in church.

Property and Management: Flag poles have been straightened. Repair on the west entry stairs has been completed. Spraying for ants has been completed.

Upcoming plans: replacement of basement tables & chairs and painting of alley windows.

Mike made a motion to approve committee reports, Jim seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Projection Unit: Discussed putting in a projection unit and are exploring options to project during services.

Fall Supper is September 18.

New Business:

Youth Director: Job will be posted.

ELCA Assembly Information:

Sanctuary Church: Churches are asked to discuss what it means to be a sanctuary church. Next month, we will discuss further what this means for OSL.

Communion Servers: Oct. 6 - Jim, Mike, Sharon; October 27 - Jim.

The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 1 at 7:00pm.

Adjournment: Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm, Mike seconded. Motion carried. Pr. Janet closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kaitlin Barbosa



**SEPTEMBER
2019 MINUTES**

GIVING THANKS... *Thank you to the many folks whom have given generously of their time and funds in the past months towards special offerings for Youth, VBS-Sunday School, Melo & OSL church functions & fundraisers, building and endowment funds, 3rd grade bibles, faith boxes, cross-in-my-pocket, prayer shawls, quilts, memorials, servant group & WELCA events, as well as your regular offerings. We are so fortunate to have such caring people as part of our church family. Happy Thanksgiving!*



We're thankful for you!

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

(Please notify office if dates are incorrect or missing)

1 - Sydney Moug

Gary Peterson

Joe Pierce

2 - Rhett Pierce

3 - Jeremy Duckstad

Gabriel Field

Pete Solvik

A - Don & Shirley Vansickle

4 - Sidney Carlson

Ben Estabrook

Cody Goroski

5 - Teaira Chandler

Kirk Hanson

Ryler Solvik

7 - Kaden Pierce

8 - Isaiah Branch

9 - Jack Anderson

Kayla Hamrick

Marlys Kohlhasse

AnnaLynn Pollestad

10 - Maxwell Carlson

Lowell Hamrick

James Johnson

11 - Bev Duckstad

Thomas Helgeson

Dustin Johnson

Lisa Walker

12 - Karlee Kostrzewski

Jason Perry

13 - A - Ron & Jean Leverington

15 - Olin Barbosa

John Carlson

Christina Norton

16 - Brice Miller

Maxwell Nelsen

17 - Bev Torgerson

18 - Aaron DeLisle

19 - Corey Trudell

20 - Belinda Folz

21 - Breawna Bolton

Eric Wittman

22 - Gloria Thompson

A - Jeremy & Sadie Bring

23 - Jeramiah Oberg

24 - Janice Berndt

John Hals

Nancy Haugen

A - Bob & Shelly Conely

25 - Alexis Knoll

27 - Sierra Branch

Kyle Kostrzewski

28 - Logan Hjelseth

Logan Johnson

29 - Ashia Balzum

Heather Goroski

Delores Sedlacek



*Celebrating milestones
this month:*

*John Hals (70 yrs)
and
Delores Sedlacek (80 yrs),
and
Bob & Shelly Conely
will celebrate their
40th wedding anniversary.*

*Best wishes to you all and
may God bless you!*



THANK YOU to all who donated items for the Marshall County Sharing Tree Project during October. The items will be used for the gift baskets that go out to families in the area in December. You may also take an ornament from trees in area banks and purchase a gift.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	 2:00 pm Funeral of Junice Horgen at OSL
3 Holy Communion All Saints Day 9:00 am Melo Worship 9:30 am OSL Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:00 am Melo Sunday School/Coffee Fellowship 10:15 am OSL Coffee Fellowship 10:45 am OSL Worship / Baptism 11:45 am 9th Gr Conf	4 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Education Cmte 6:30 pm Youth Board	5 9:00 am ODC Bible Study 1:00 pm Quilting 6:30 pm Choir	6 3:30 pm 7th Grade Confirmation 4:45 pm 8th Grade Confirmation	7 10:00 am Men's Bible Study	8	9 12:00-4:00 pm Fall LWR Pickup in TRF 
10 Veterans Recognition 9:00 am Melo Worship 9:30 am OSL Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:00 am Melo Sunday School/Coffee Fellowship 10:15 am OSL Coffee Fellowship 10:45 am OSL Worship	11 1:00 pm Staff Meeting  Veterans Day	12 9:00 am ODC Bible Study 1:00 pm Quilting	13 2:00 pm Lydia/ Phoebe Circle at North Star Manor 3:30 pm 7th Grade Confirmation 4:45 pm 8th Grade Confirmation 7:00 pm Choir	14 10:00 am Men's Bible Study	15	16
17 Holy Communion 9:00 am Melo Worship / Sunday School sings 9:30 am OSL Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:00 am Melo Sunday School/Coffee Fellowship 10:15 am OSL Coffee Fellowship 10:45 am OSL Worship / Sunday School sings	18 1:00 pm Staff Meeting	19 9:00 am ODC Bible Study 1:00 pm Quilting 6:00 pm W&E 7:00 pm OSL Council Meeting	20 3:30 pm 7th Grade Confirmation 4:45 pm 8th Grade Confirmation 7:00 pm Choir	21 10:00 am Men's Bible Study	22 Newsletter Deadline	23 Middle School Youth Gather- ing at Luther Crest Bible Camp, Alexan- dria, MN
24 Christ the King Sunday Youth Leadership Sunday 9:00 am Melo Worship 9:30 am OSL Adult Bible Study / Sunday School 10:00 am Melo Coffee Fellowship/Sunday School 10:15 am OSL Coffee Fellowship 10:45 am OSL Worship	25 1:00 pm Staff Meeting	26 9:00 am ODC Bible Study 1:00 pm Quilting	27 No Confirmation	28 HAPPY THANKSGIVING  Office closed	29 Office closed	30

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE FOLLOWING DECEMBER EVENTS: December 15–Sunday School Christmas Programs will be held during worship at Melo (9:00 am) and OSL (10:45 am), and the Christmas Candlelight Service featuring the OSL/Melo Choir and other special music will be at 7 pm at OSL. Christmas Eve worship for both Melo and OSL will be on Tuesday, December 24 at 4:30 pm at OSL.

Sundays in November You Won't Want to Miss

Sunday, November 3

Holy Communion

**All Saints Sunday ~
Candles lit in memory of
those who have passed
away in the past year
(Turn clocks back)**

9:00 am Worship at Melo
10:00 am Melo Coffee
Fellowship & Sunday School
9:30 am OSL Sunday
School & Adult Bible Study
10:15 am Coffee Fellow-
ship at OSL
10:45 am Worship at OSL /
Baptism
11:45 am 9th Grade Con-
firmation

ALL SAINTS
DAY



Sunday, November 10

Recognition of Veterans

9:00 am Worship at Melo
10:00 am Melo Coffee
Fellowship & Sunday School
9:30 am OSL Sunday
School & Adult Bible Study
10:15 am Coffee Fellow-
ship at OSL
10:45 am Worship at OSL



Sunday, November 17

Holy Communion

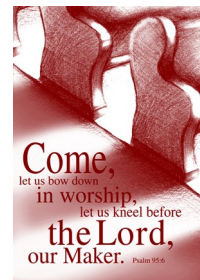
9:00 am Worship at Melo—
Sunday School sings
10:00 am Melo Coffee
Fellowship & Sunday School
9:30 am OSL Sunday
School & Adult Bible Study
10:15 am Coffee Fellow-
ship at OSL
10:45 am OSL Worship—
Sunday School sings



Sunday, November 24

Christ the King Sunday Youth Leadership Sunday

9:00 am Worship at Melo
10:00 am Melo Coffee
Fellowship & Sunday School
9:30 am Adult Bible Study
at OSL & Sunday School
10:15 am Coffee Fellow-
ship at OSL
10:45 am Worship at OSL



November Servants

Lector:

Nov 3 - Shayla Miller
Nov 10 - Kristen Duckstad
Nov 17 - LuAnn Johnson
Nov 24 - Youth

Ushers:

Nov 3 - Carol Anderson
Nov 10 - Carol Anderson, Pete Hanson
Nov 17 - Pete Hanson, Darrell Rindy
Nov 24 - Youth, Darrell Rindy

Song Leader:

Nov 3 - Bobbi Mischel
Nov 10 - Darby Boe
Nov 17 - Katie Benson
Nov 24 - tbd



Coffee Hosts/Flowers:

Nov 3 - Carol Anderson
Nov 10 - Kristen Duckstad, Virlynn Hanson
Nov 17 - Diane Bjorgaard, Darla Myrfield
Nov 24 - LuAnn Johnson

Melo Custodian

Nov 3-10 - Tony Hamrick
Nov 17-24 - Wayne Hamrick

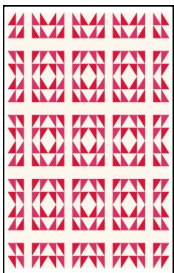
Communion Bread:

Nov 17 - Carol Anderson

Communion Servers:

Nov 13 - Jim Duckstad, Mike Miller
Sharon Nelson
Nov 17 - Kaitlin Barbosa,
Jim Duckstad, Travis Hanel

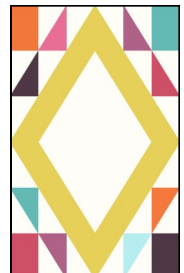
MISSION ACTION



We 'sew' enjoy our time together on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm in the lower level of Our Savior's. Come join us and share in the fun and fellowship, and work to benefit those less fortunate. We'd love to see you. If you've quilted with us in the past, or even if you've never quilted, please come on down. With some of our group heading south for the winter, we could really use the help!

Mission Action

PLEASE NOTE: We are working on quilts to donate to the Care & Share in Crookston and Marshall County Social Services in December, but won't be collecting other items this year.



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Lessons for November

November 3

Daniel 7:1-3,15-18

Psalms 149

Ephesians 1:11-23

Luke 6:20-31

November 10

Job 19:23-27a

Psalms 17:1-9

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17

Luke 20:27-38



November 17

Malachi 4:1-2a

Psalms 98

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

November 24

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalms 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43