

OSL/MELO FAITH CONNECTION

JULY & AUGUST 2020

OUR SAVIOR'S & MELO LUTHERAN CHURCHES

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**A video of OSL Sunday Worship
can be seen on Sundays at
10:45 a.m. and Mondays at
3:30 pm on cable channel 13,
and is posted on YouTube.**

**You can find a link at
www.oursaviors-melo.org -
click on 'Sunday Services**

**Video' tab on the home page.
Archived services can also be
viewed if you wish.**



August 25th

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; it has been viewed by up to 300+ in a single worship setting.
- The services include music, a children's message, a message, prayers, 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:

nwmnynod.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.

FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Friends,

The month of July brings memories of times when I would gather with family (uncles, cousins, aunts, and parents) as we would share stories, laugh and enjoy the festivities of the 4th of July. We would eat delicious sweet corn, hot dogs, hamburgers, a variety of desserts and salads. It was a Tengbom/Warnes tradition. Then off to see the fireworks.

As we enter the month of July in 2020, change is ever before us in what we do, where we go and how we do it. We are currently adapting to change as the result of COVID-19 and civil unrest in our country. We have had wonderful on-line services, ZOOM meetings and technology is moving us ahead at warp speed. We hang on for the ride!

We still enjoy our summer-time routines. Mowing, weeding, picking fresh veggies, going to the lake, fishing and more.

Here at Our Savior's and Melo the church has never closed. Our doors are open and ministries continue.

The church councils will be meeting again in July to assess the start of in-person worship. We are hoping to begin on August 2. A letter will be sent out to every member following the council meetings as to council's final decision.

Enjoy these summer months. Enjoy the warmth. Enjoy family and friends.

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 corona-

virus.

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 Peterson.

** Ministerial Outreach – Regular meetings and we are assigned to various organizations in the community.

** Synod & Conference Zoom Meetings and Congregational Zoom meetings

** Council and some committee meetings

PASTORAL ACTS:

Funerals:

June 8, 2020:

Funeral service of Janice Lenhart (1/20/40—6/1/20) at OSL
(Pastor Janet Warnes)



June 18, 2020:

Graveside service for Michael Gallagher (7/27/57—6/12/20) at Melo Lutheran Cemetery
(Pastor Janet Warnes)

Note:

The funeral service for Bill Bossman (4/15/43-4/24/20) is scheduled for Aug 7 at OSL.

The service for Greg Kilen (1/13/61-5/25/20) was held on May 26 at OSL.

+ Please keep the families of the dearly departed in your prayers. +

Baptism:

June 28, 2020:

Sonny John Duckstad at OSL ~ Son of Ben and Kristen Duckstad
(Pastor Janet Warnes)



Those in need of daily prayer:

Curtis Anderson,
Yvonne Bossman,
Florence Johnson, Glenn Johnson, Jan Johnston,
Marlene Owens,
Pastor Ron Warnes, Don Vansickle,
Tommy Calder,
Emily Curry,
Elise Davey,
Carole Haarsager,
Landon LaBine,
David Meine,
Marla Vasek,
Janna Tweten.

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.





**Inspirational worship times
with quite a variety—ENJOY!**



**Sunday, July 5 – A Service for the
4th of July**

9:00 am Online Interactive Worship.
Taped live at OSL.

Sunday, July 12 –

6th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Online Interactive Worship.
Taped live at OSL.

Sunday, July 19 –

**7th Sunday after Pentecost /
Baptism**

9:00 am Online Interactive Worship.
Taped live at OSL.

Sunday, July 26 –

**8th Sunday after Pentecost /
Baptism**

9:00 am Online Interactive Worship.
Taped live at OSL.

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

In July:

Worship will be taped live on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.; no in-person worship in July.

In August:

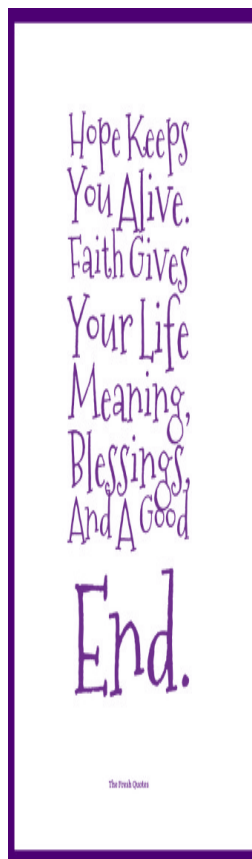
The worship schedule and in-person worship has yet to be determined.

View the Worship Service:

* On the church website at www.oursaviors-melo.org. Click on 'Sunday Services Video' tab on the home page.

* On Warren Cable Channel 13 at 10:45 a.m. on Sundays and 3:30 p.m. on Mondays.

* On YouTube.



Administrative Notes:

* Beginning this month, those households that have been receiving the newsletter by email and regular mail will be receiving it by email only unless the office has been notified to continue sending in the mail.

* Important:

Supermarket Foods no longer itemizes receipts on billing statements. If you charge anything for OSL events/supplies at SMF, please make sure to get a receipt and turn it in to the office or the appropriate person! For example: supplies for a supper/funeral, etc. Thanks!

* Until further notice,

the church office will be open generally on Fridays, and some evenings as well. You may always leave a message on the answering machine, if needed.

An Excellent Job – Well Done!

Wanda Gubrud is retiring. We are so very thankful for her service to Our Savior's & Melo Lutheran Churches. She has been an outstanding addition to the staff. Her last day is July 15. Randy hopes to retire in August.

A special day of recognition will be held in September when we hope to have in-person worship again. She will be presented with a gift on July 15.

The Council is presently looking for a replacement.



JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2 - Alyssa Bartels | 15 - Guthrie Sappington | 22 - Joshua Hamm |
| 3 - Bob Bossman | Zevon Sappington | Brent Strickler |
| 4 - Wanda Gubrud | A - Roger & Bobbi Mischel | Jakob Wurtzel |
| Tyler Helgeson | 16 - Randy Gubrud | 23 - Kelli Knoll |
| Macey Novacek | Aiden Johnson | Brian Laymon |
| 5 - Linda Hamrick | Alexis Kittleson | Emilie Nelson |
| 6 - Johny Barbosa | Julie Rittmann | Jackson Woinarowicz |
| Matthew Kasprowicz | Jeremy Woinarowicz | 24 - Adam Sparby |
| Charlotte Nelsen | 17 - Ashley Reinier | 25 - Timothy Erickson |
| 7 - Rosanna Kasprowicz | Pastor Janet Warnes | Miela Pierce |
| Aubree Lynn Thompson | A - Mike & Deb Schmidt | 26 - Adrian Hamm |
| 8 - Derek DeLisle | 18 - Brandon Miller | Sharon Nelson |
| Jimmy Pearson | A - John & Jean Walker | Karen Poverud |
| 9 - Jacob Pollestad | 19 - Deanne Bossman | A - Josh & Katie Benson |
| 10 - Brinley Bring | Kendall Bergh | 27 - Jessie Johnson |
| Casey Rolland | Allison Johnson | 28 - Frances Petersen |
| 11 - Mary Jo Chandler | 20 - Todd Kleinvachter | A - David & Kim Kostrzewski |
| 12 - Logan LeTexier | Gladwin Lynne | 29 - Tyler Solberg |
| Lois Monroe | Jana Maruska | 30 - Becky Boe |
| Rod Myrfield | Sophia Maruska | Brian Wurtzel |
| Danny Schmidt | John Peterson | A - Gary & Joan Peterson |
| A - Chad & Heather Treumer | A - Dean & Jana Maruska | 31 - Silas Johnson |
| 13 - Denise Laymon | 21 - Dustin Anderson | Darla Myrfield |
| George Owens | Zoe Berndt | Jennifer Palm |
| 14 - Elizabeth Hammerback | Elsie Linder | |
| A - Mike & Betty DuBore | 22 - James Duckstad | |



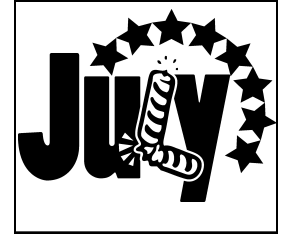
Celebrating a milestone birthday on July 13th is George Owens (80 yrs)!! We wish him all the best, and God's continued blessings!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1 - A - Adam & Ashley Sparby | 14 - Tanner Conely | 22 - Janice Grochow |
| 2 - Sara Hedlund | Robert Hamrick | 23 - Conner Anderson |
| Tyson Kostrzewski | 15 - Ken Magnusson | Charlie Noland |
| Rick Mattson | 16 - Jodi Abrahamson | A - Bob & Deanne Bossman |
| 3 - Addison Olson | Nathan Borud | 25 - Wayne Hamrick |
| A - John & Sharon Carlson | 17 - Billy Franks | 26 - Camdyn Carlson |
| A - Matt & Shadae Myrfield | Karen Larson | Donna Miller |
| 4 - Eileen Baird | 18 - Dean Maruska | 27 - Sadie Bring |
| Diana Hermanson | 19 - Lois Andeen | Michael McGrath |
| Evelyn Olson | Taylin Johnson | 28 - Hunter Kasprowicz |
| 5 - Linda Johnson | Kaylee Olson | 29 - Morgan Bartels |
| Paul Knutson | 20 - Marilyn Chruszch | Jodi Gulden |
| A - Joe & Casey Pierce | Delbert Erickson | Maynard Laymon |
| 10 - A - Charles & Elizabeth Hammerback | Diane Johnson | Ashley Sparby |
| A - Paul & Gail Knutson | A - Casey & Samantha Conely | A - Shannon & Steve Hamrick |
| 11 - Ben Hamrick | A - Kelli & Aaron Knoll | 30 - Kaitlin Barbosa |
| 12 - Casey Conely | 21 - Darby Boe | A - Adam & Cassi Hermanson |
| Farrah Pierce | Tess Harkness | 31 - Spencer Wittman |
| A - Julie & Todd Dahlman | Melanie Kalt | |



JULY SERVANTS

Lector:

July 5 - Carol Anderson

July 12 - Dean Maruska

July 19 - Brenda Ackerson

July 26 - Sophia Maruska

Song Leader: tbdMelo Custodians:

July 5 Ed Gulden

July 12–19 Veronica Miller

July 26 John Halsä

Please note:

There will be no in-person worship for Melo and OSL during July.

AUGUST SERVANTS

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SERVANTSLector:

Aug 2 - Grant Peterson

Aug 9 - Carol Anderson

Aug 16 - Kaitlin Barbosa

Aug 23 - Sara Hedlund

Aug 30 - Joan Peterson

Song Leader: tbdMelo Custodians:

Aug 2 John Halsä

Aug 9–16 Ben Hamrick

Aug 23–30 Donavon Hamrick



JULY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Office closed	4 
5 9:00 AM Worship Service recorded 10:45 AM View worship on Cable Channel 13	6 5:30 PM Ed Cmte 6:30 PM Youth Board 7:00 PM Zoom Meeting Staff Meeting	7	8	9 Private committal service for Russell Demeyere	10 	11
12 9:00 AM Worship Service recorded 10:45 AM View worship on Cable Channel 13	13 7:00 PM Zoom Meeting Staff Meeting	14	15	16	17	18 
19 9:00 AM Worship Service recorded / Baptism 10:45 AM View worship on Cable Channel 13	20 7:00 PM Zoom Meeting Staff Meeting	21 7:00 PM OSL Council Meeting	22	23	24	25 Baptism
26 9:00 AM Worship Service recorded / Baptism 10:45 AM View worship on Cable Channel 13	27 7:00 PM Zoom Meeting Staff Meeting	28	29	30	31	



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 You Tube 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

NEWS FOR FAMILIES:

The Education Committee and the Youth Board will be meeting on Monday, July 6, to make plans for the coming months.

Joint Council Meeting Minutes for Our Savior's and Melo Lutheran Church Councils June 9, 2020 (not yet approved)

The June 9, 2020 Joint Council Meeting was called to order by Travis Hanel. Pastor Janet opened with devotions and prayer.

Attending: Adam Sparby, Tony Johnson, Pastor Janet, Joan Peterson, Travis Hanel, Kaitlin Barbosa – from OSL (*Absent:* Jim Duckstad)

Attending: Wayne Hamrick, Aaron Knoll, Shannon Hamrick, Donavon Hamrick, Randy Owens, Cole Wittman, Sandra Solvik – from Melo (*Absent:* Larry Rud)

The month's agenda and last month's minutes for OSL were approved.

The meeting had a single purpose: to discuss the start of in-person worship.

After a lengthy discussion a motion was made by Travis Hanel and seconded by Aaron Knoll to wait to start in-person worship until August 2. The motion passed unanimously.

The OSL Council will re-visit the decision at their regular Council meeting on Tuesday, July 21 at 7:00 pm. Melo will have a Council meeting on August 4 at 7:00 pm at Melo.

With no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.



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. If symptoms worsen, see a doctor.
- *Wipe down and disinfect surfaces.
- *Avoid crowds. Remember the 6 feet physical distance.
- *Stay hydrated, eat nutritious foods, get plenty sleep, and exercise.

Common symptoms include fever, cough and shortness of breath.

MN COVID -9 Hotline: 651-201-3920 / 1-800-657-3903

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LESSONS FOR JULY & AUGUST

July 5 -

Zechariah 9:9-12

Psalms 145:8-14

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 26 -

1 Kings 3:5-12

Psalms 119:129-136

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

August 16 -

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Psalms 67

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15:21-28

July 12 -

Isaiah 55:10-13

Psalms 65:9-13

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

August 2 -

Isaiah 55:1-5

Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

August 23 -

Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalms 138

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

July 19 -

Isaiah 44:6-8

Psalms 86:11-17

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

August 9 -

1 Kings 19:9-18

Psalms 85:8-13

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33

August 30 -

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalms 26:1-8

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28



***THIS
MONTH'S
BIBLE
LESSONS***

