

OUR SAVIOR'S & MELO LUTHERAN CHURCHES

OSL/MELO FAITH CONNECTION

The Parables of Lent Community Worship Series
& Holy Week Schedule

* All services will be held at 7 pm *

March 7: OSL - Pastor Matt Howe **"Receive Mercy"** (6:00 pm Soup Supper)March 14: Sts. Peter & Paul - Pastor Ron Warnes **"Receive Grace"**March 21: First Lutheran - Pastor Jim Robberstad **"Receive Forgiveness"**
(Lenten service offering for March will go to the Warren Food Shelf)March 25: Palm Sunday - Sunday School Programs at Melo & OSLMarch 28: Maundy Thursday service at MeloMarch 29: Maundy Thursday service at OSLMarch 30: Good Friday service at OSLApril 1st **Easter Services** - 9:00 am Melo/10:45 am OSL

Easter Breakfast at OSL - 9:30 am



Pr. Orval Moren's wife, Bernell, passed away on Feb 23. Funeral is to be held Saturday, Mar 3 in Arden Hills. Condolences may be sent to family at Washburn-McReavy Chapel, 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433.

SENIOR MEALS DELIVERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There will be a sign-up sheet on the office door for people to sign up for Senior Meal delivery for the month of April. Please check your schedule and sign up if you're able to help out!

LENTEN SERVICE SOUP SUPPER

On March 7 at 6 pm at OSL, the 7th & 8th grade Confirmation youth will host a Soup and Sandwich supper.

* Free will donation *

**EASTER LILIES**

Would you like to share an Easter Lily in honor or memory of a friend or loved one? Lilies are needed to decorate the sanctuary at OSL on Easter Sunday. Check the bulletin in the next few weeks for an order form or see pg. 7.

A video of OSL Sunday worship can be seen Mondays at 3:30 pm on cable channel 13 & on YouTube. The worship service is streamed live also. A link can be found on the church website and archived services can be viewed as well:

www.oursaviors-melo.org

2 a.m. Sunday, March 11th



FROM THE PASTOR:

During the month of March, we continue with the Lenten Season. We continue the 40-day journey to the cross. Lent finds its end in Holy Week.

This year we are participating in area-wide services considering the Parables of Lent. Join us for a special series. Each Wednesday service in the series reveals in some way how Christ and his cross leads us to further understanding of God's will for our many experiences in life.

The complete Wednesday Lenten Schedule is included in the newsletter on page 1. It promises to be a rewarding and renewing time of worship.

On Sunday mornings we focus on the last days in the life and ministry of Jesus. Children will have a special series and bulletin included in the service.

As Spring begins, renew your faith.

See you in worship!

Your friend and pastor, Pastor Janet Warnes

SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

In the church we celebrate The Blessing of the Seed on Sunday, April 15. It is important that we recognize the role we play in caring for creation. As we care for our environment we ultimately care for people. Our natural resources, given by God, will provide clean air, clean water and tillable land.

Ways to care for our environment:

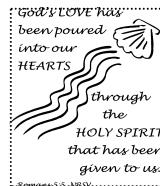
- (1) Recycle paper and plastic
- (2) Recycle aluminum
- (3) Arrange for an energy audit
- (4) Turn off lights when not in use
- (5) Update to natural cleaning supplies
- (6) When renovating, consider using recycled building materials

SPIRITUAL GIFTS:

What are yours? Please go online and take the inventory at: http://elca.org/dem/evangelism/leaders/assess4int_spiritgifts.html and see where you come out. Then come visit the Pastor about the results.

**OUTREACH:**

If you would like to join one of the churches or know of someone who would, please let the Pastor know.

**PASTORAL ACTS:**

Baptism: Feb 4, 2018 -

Rhett Jeffrey Pierce,
son of Joe & Casey Pierce (OSL)

AFTERTHOUGHTS:

**The 2018 OSL Yellow Pages will be available for pick-up in the file folders in the Narthex. If you have any changes or corrections to be made please notify the church office. The servant group lists can also be found on the church website and will be updated soon to reflect recent changes and additions.

**A Special Word of Thanks**

Thank You to all for the texts, e-mails, and cards at the passing of my Dad, Rev. Dr. Luverne Tengbom. My father was a wonderful pastor, global leader, author, missionary, and professor in the ELCA. He served the Lord and the church well.

Some have asked about his life. His obituary can be found on the Grandstrand Funeral Home (Lindstrom, MN) website.

But most of all, he was Dad and an exceptional dairy farmer.

This is not only a wonderful parish but a loving community.

With thanks,

Pastor Janet

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes (unapproved)

The February 13, 2018 OSL council meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by vice president, Tony Johnson. Pastor Janet opened with a devotion and prayer.

Attending: Pastor Janet, Amanda Liebersbach, Tony Johnson, Mike Miller, Kaitlin Barbosa. **Absent:** Sharon Nelson, Katie Benson, Travis Hanel.

Agenda and previous meeting minutes: Mike made a motion to approve this month's agenda and previous meeting minutes and Kaitlin seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Nothing out of ordinary. Melo's contribution came in this month. Pension and healthcare have increased for 2018. Mike made a motion to accept treasurer's report. Kaitlin seconded. Motion carried.

Pastors' Report: Due to Pastor Janet out on sick leave, Pastor Ron completed most of the visits. Pastor Ron made 6 nursing home visits, 5 hospital visits, homebound seen, and 2 prospective member families. There was one baptism, one funeral and one wedding. Worship calendar is planned through Lent. Kaitlin made a motion to accept Pastors' report. Mike seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Stewardship: They will meet next month.

Worship & Evangelism: We are looking for volunteers for April altar guild. Choir is practicing for upcoming services. Sunday School will continue to sing on last Sunday of the month. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services are planned. Conversation continues on speaker system in sanctuary.

Education & Youth: Easter program will be on Palm Sunday. Sunday School continues to sing on the fourth Sunday of each month. Events planned through March. Youth are thinking about an upcoming mission trip summer 2019. Youth interested in going to National Youth Gathering are working with Sharon Lutheran.

Property & Management: Internet is installed at the front of church. Committee meeting on new table in narthex. Doors into sanctuary will be refinished.

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

New Business

Annual Report: The annual report will be available one week before the annual meeting in 2019.

Communion Servers: Kaitlin, Tony, Katie serve on March 4. Sharon, Travis, Mike serve on March 18.

Missionary visit: The Bencke Family who are missionaries in Japan would like to join us for worship. Tabled until March.

Election of Council Officers: Tabled until next meeting.

The next meeting will be on March 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Kaitlin seconded. Motion carried. Pastor Janet closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Kaitlin Barbosa

LOOKING AHEAD TO HOLY WEEK:

PALM SUNDAY:

+SUNDAY, MARCH 25

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

9:00 AM WORSHIP AT MELO—

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

10:45 AM WORSHIP AT OSL—

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

MAUNDY THURSDAY:

HOLY COMMUNION / FOOT WASHING AND STRIPPING OF ALTAR

+WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28,

7 PM AT MELO

+THURSDAY, MARCH 29,

7 PM AT OUR SAVIOR'S

GOOD FRIDAY:

DRAMA/DIALOGUE WITH MARY, THE MOTHER OF JESUS WITH A POWER POINT PRESENTATION

+MARCH 30, 7 PM AT OSL

EASTER SUNDAY:

+SUNDAY, APRIL 1

CHRIST IS RISEN

9:00 AM - MELO WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

9:30 AM -

EASTER BREAKFAST AT OSL

10:00 AM -

MELO COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

10:15 AM -

OSL COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

10:45 AM - OSL WORSHIP





March Youth Newsletter

Acolytes

Mar. 4—Savannah Bishop & Hunter Kasprowicz

Mar. 11—Sophia Maruska

Mar. 18—Austin Wittman & Spencer Wittman

Mar. 25—Brooklyn Porter

Mar. 7—(Lenten Service) Kyle Kleinvachter

Mar. 29—(Maundy Thursday) Lindsey Bring

Mar. 30— (Good Friday) Jakob Wurtzel

*Please remember that if you are unable to acolyte on your scheduled Sunday, it is your responsibility to find a replacement or trade. Try calling the person before or after you to trade. Thank you.

Confirmation

Mar. 11— 11:45 am 9th grade **Note:** Confirmation students, please attend Lenten services.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP PRACTICE

On scheduled Wednesdays at 5:50 pm, the 6 - 12th grade Youth are invited to meet at OSL to help plan & practice for our Youth Leadership Sundays. We meet and you get to choose the music, who is going to read, usher, do special music, etc. The Youth will help lead worship on **March 25**. Come join us!

SOUP AND SANDWICH SUPPER

The 7th & 8th grade youth will be serving soup and sandwiches at 6 pm, (prior to the Lenten service) on March 7th at OSL. Students should be at the church at 5:30 pm. Please remember the bars or sandwich filling you were asked to bring! The church will provide the soups, buns, beverage and paper goods.

Contact Pastor Janet with any questions.



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wich filling for 24

of bars Sand-

Lindsey B, Annika M,

Savannah B, Zoe S,

Cami M, Patrick M,

Austin W, Jackson W,

Evan M

Ethan Z

SCOUTING FOR FOOD ON MARCH 24



Youth will meet at 9 am at OSL on Saturday, March 24 for the annual Food Drive with the Scouts.

If anyone can help hang door tags on March 17, we need you then as well; meet at 9 am at OSL!
(We'll gather at OSL after the food drive for cocoa.)

SR. HIGH YOUTH GATHERING

The High School (9th – 12th) Youth Gathering will be held Friday, April 13th – Sunday April 15th at Luther Crest Bible Camp, near Alexandria, MN. Cost: Early bird is \$160 by 5 pm March 28th; registration March 29 - April 9 is \$200. There will be awesome presenters, music, dance, food, fellowship, a t-shirt and much more! Please let Heather or Pr. Janet know if you are interested in attending. More info will follow once you are registered.



YOUTH NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

On Friday, March 16 there will be a Night at the Movies for Youth (gr. 6-12) to view "I Can Only Imagine". Watch for details and a sign-up sheet!

LOOKING AHEAD

Looking ahead to May, Senior Recognition Sunday will be held on Sunday, May 20th. Scholarship apps will be mailed out shortly and are due in the office by April 1st. Please consider applying!

Look for these web sites to stay informed...

pathwaysbiblecamp.com

parkriverbiblecamp.org



Part-Time Youth Director—Heather Goroski

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Like us on FaceBook and check out the church website:

www.oursaviors-melo.org

MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1 Tim Strickler	16 Olivia Strickler	28 Kelsey Carriere
2 Erich Rittmann	17 Stacy Laudal	Chuck Greentree
3 Shawn Miller	Jesse Pineda	Nancy Mattson
4 Dakota Miller	19 Malley Maurstad	Wyatt Myrfield
5 Jean Leverington	20 Sophia Hanel	29 Zoey Boman
Bernie Pollestad	David Peyton	HollyAnn Carlson
6 Savannah Bishop	21 Kaitlyn Anderson	Pete Hanson
8 Brody Andrzejewski	IreLynn Pollestad	Layla Klassy
Grace Loeslie	A-Russell & Clarice Demeyere	30 Mara Hanel
9 Rhett Reinier	22 Ben Gubrud	Chad Treumer
10 Ivory King	Matthew Hanel	31 Brenna Benson
Aubrie Roley	23 Joel Flaten	Dustin Marquis
11 Ethan Zutz	24 Dayle Anderson-Scherber	Mike Slusar
12 Brittney Palm	Alex Hebert	
Zach Riopelle	25 Austin Owens	
Sandra Solvik	26 Mylo Carlson	
14 Bethany Oberg	Maggie Melgard	
Sara Wurtzel		
15 Kelly Myrfield		
A-Jim & Diane Johnson		



Happy Anniversary



If your birthday or anniversary is missing or incorrect, please notify the church office.

Parents, please note: First Communion Classes: Fed and Forgiven

Classes for the 5th grade will be offered at OSL for those desiring to have their First Communion this Spring. Please watch for more details.

7TH & 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION students & parents:

Confirmation classes attend Lenten services. Wednesday, March 7, the 7th & 8th grade serve the Soup Supper at OSL. Be at the church at 5:30 pm. The students should bring the item assigned to them; See pg. 4. A post card has been sent out as well. Thank You!!



FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES to be scheduled for 5th grade.

9TH GRADE CONFIRMATION students:

9th grade Confirmation class meets on Sunday, March 11 at 11:45 am to continue our Faith Journey.

SENIORS:

Please watch the mail for scholarship letters & application; they will be sent out soon and due April 1st.



A TRIBUTE TO THE QUILTERS

Friends gather together to cut, sew, iron, and tie.
Quilting until the afternoon goes by.

Lots of stories and laughter keep us amused.
Always a dish to share
from rhubarb recipes well-used.

We're not a bunch of Legos, a group with
interchangeable parts.
We're women; friends with quilter's hearts.

Here we treasure the gifts in each other we discover,
For we know everyone has value,
offerings to finish the cover.

We gather scraps, no longer serving usefully.
With vision deep, we see the possibility.

This one with that one and ooh, ahh,
oh, the resulting beauty.

Whether it is by vision, planning, or trial and error,
Each quilt is finished and sent with a prayer.
This is how quilters give hugs near or far.

Simply quite amazing,
their hugs may even reach from heaven above,
If only you'll wrap yourself
in a quilt handmade with love.

MARCH SERVANTS



Lector:

Mar. 4—Janice Grochow
Mar. 11—Karen Poverud
Mar. 18—Shawn Spidahl
Mar. 25—Youth
Mar. 7—Holden Evening Prayer
Mar. 29—
Mar. 30—

Coffee Hosts/Flowers:

Mar. 4—Heather Goroski, Ilayne Potucek
Mar. 11—Deb Schmidt, Shawn & Wayne Spidahl
Mar. 18—Linda Conely, Janice Grochow
Mar. 25—Julie Rittmann, Deb Zutz
Mar. 7—Linda C, Janice G, Heather G/Shawn S



Song Leader:

Mar. 4—Wayne Torgerson
Mar. 11—Travis Hanel
Mar. 18—Darby Boe
Mar. 25—Betty DuBore
Mar. 7—Travis H, Katie B,
Wayne T, Phyllis Nowacki
Mar. 29—Mylo Carlson
Mar. 30—Katie Benson

Ushers:

Mar. 4—Curt Anderson, Janice & Willis Grochow, Erich Rittmann
Mar. 11—Curt Anderson, Janice & Willis Grochow
Mar. 18—Casey Conely, Tim Conely, Mike Goroski, Erich Rittmann
Mar. 25—Loren Zutz, Youth
Mar. 7—(Lenten Service) Casey Conely, Tim Conely
Mar. 29—Tim Conely, Mike Goroski
Mar. 30—

Nursery:

Mar. 18—Samantha Conely
Mar. 4, 11, 25—attend your own children

Melo Custodian:

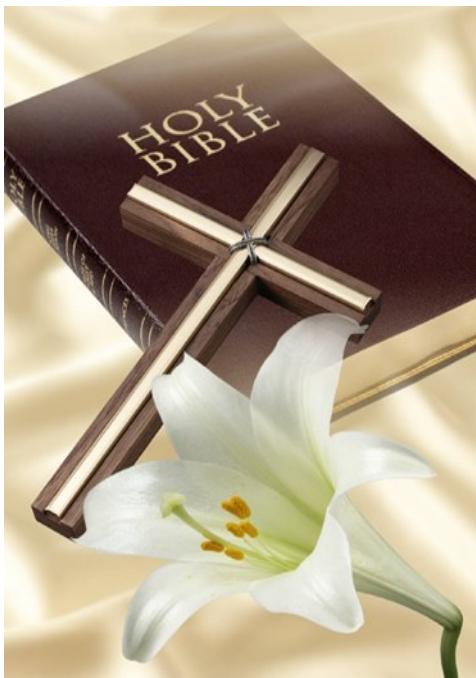
Mar. 4—Cole Wittman
Mar. 11-18—Austin Owens
Mar. 25—Blake Owens

Communion Servers:

Mar. 4—Kaitlin Barbosa, Katie Benson, Tony Johnson
Mar. 18—Travis Hanel, Mike Miller, Sharon Nelson

Communion Bread:

Mar. 18—



Lilies will be ordered to decorate the OSL sanctuary on Easter Sunday. If you wish to share a lily, please complete form. There will be forms in the bulletin and available at the church. (Cost: \$10)

You may take the lily home after the April 1 service.

Order Deadline is March 19th

Name _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Please designate 'lily' on your check and place in the offering plate or bring/mail to the church office.

Thank you.

SUNDAYS IN MARCH YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS

March 4 - Third Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion

9:00 am - Worship at Melo / Baptism / Sunday

School sings

10:00 am - Melo Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship

9:30 am - OSL Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

10:00 am - Youth Choir at OSL

10:15 am - OSL Coffee Fellowship

10:45 am Worship at Our Savior's

March 11 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

Daylight Savings Time Begins

9:00 am - Worship at Melo

10:00 am - Melo Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship

9:30 am - OSL Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

10:00 am - Youth Choir at OSL

10:15 am - OSL Coffee Fellowship

10:45 am Worship at Our Savior's

11:45 am 9th Gr. Confirmation

2:30 pm Nursing Home Service

March 18- Fifth Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion

9:00 am - Worship at Melo

10:00 am - Melo Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship

9:30 am - OSL Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

10:00 am - Youth Choir at OSL

10:15 am - OSL Coffee Fellowship

10:45 am - Worship at OSL-SS Sings

March 25 - Palm Sunday

Sunday School Easter Programs & Youth Leadership

9:00 am - Worship at Melo

10:00 am - Melo Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship

9:30 am - OSL Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

10:00 am - Youth Choir at OSL

10:15 am - OSL Coffee Fellowship

10:45 am Worship at Our Savior's





OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH Treasurer's Report—January 2018

Receipts

General Offering	\$ 11,677.00
Utilities	\$ 200.00
Postage	\$ 370.00
Portals of Prayer	\$ 10.00
Proj 2000/Bldg Fund	\$ 40.00
Mission Fund	\$ 20.00
Endowment Fund	\$ 40.00
Youth Group	\$ 100.00
Living Lutheran	\$ 10.00
Total Income	\$ 12,467.00

**Expenditures**

Pastor Pension/Insur	\$ 3,096.53
Pastor Expenses	\$ 601.05
Salaries/FICA	\$ 8,557.59
Buildings	\$ 1,353.46
Education & Youth	\$ 659.33
Worship & Music	\$ 131.16
Office Supp/Postage	\$ 379.37
Office Repair/Maint	\$ 130.02
Custodial Supplies	\$ 63.85
Grounds/ODC Cust	\$ 422.00
Bank Service Charges	\$ 7.50
Total Expenditures	\$ 15,401.86
Net Income	(-) \$ 2,934.86

**Other OSL Accounts**

General Fund	\$ 31,503.26
Mission Fund	\$ 4,907.95
P.2000/Bldg Fund	\$ 23,713.33
Money Mkt Fund	\$ 57,989.39
Memorial Fund	\$ 11,301.56
Servant Group	\$ 7,518.39
OSL Bell Ringers	\$ 688.30

Direct Choice Dollars® We pause to reflect on all that we have to be thankful for. Family, friends, faith ... If you're a Thrivent member who has Choice Dollars, take this opportunity to recommend where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable outreach funds by directing them to their favorite charitable Organization. Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about. *Don't let Choice Dollars expire.* Eligible Thrivent members have until March 31st to direct Choice Dollars from 2017. They expire after March 31, 2018. If you need assistance in directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars or have questions, call (800) 847-4836 or or send an email to: Thrivent.com.

January 2018 Offering	Simply Giving	1/7/2018	1/14/2018	1/21/2018	1/28/2018	January Total
General	\$ 1,385.00	\$ 4,308.00	\$ 2,334.00	\$ 1,063.00	\$ 1,012.00	\$ 10,102.00
Utilities				\$ 200.00		\$200.00
Postage		\$ 370.00				\$370.00
Youth Group		\$ 50.00				\$50.00
Proj. 2000/Bldg Fund	\$ 40.00					\$40.00
Endowment	\$ 40.00					\$40.00
Mission	\$ 20.00					\$20.00
Living Lutheran			\$ 10.00			\$10.00
Portals of Prayer			\$ 10.00			\$10.00
Total	\$ 1,485.00	\$ 4,728.00	\$ 2,354.00	\$ 1,263.00	\$ 1,012.00	\$10,842.00

Total to General Fund **\$10,672.00**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study	2	3
4 Holy Communion 9:00 AM Melo Worship/Baptism— SS 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	5 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Education Committee Meeting 6:30 PM Youth Board	6 9:00 AM ODC Bible Study 1:00 PM Quilting	7 5:50 PM Youth Leadership 6:00 PM Choir 6:00 PM Soup Supper at OSL 7:00 PM Lenten Service - Pr. Matt Howe at OSL	8 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study 5:00 PM Endow- ment Committee Meeting	9 2:00 PM Lydia/ Phoebe Circle	10 Daylight Savings Time Begins Turn clocks ahead
11 9:00 AM Melo Worship 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study & OSL Sunday School 10:00 AM Melo Coffee Fellowship and Sunday School 10:15 AM OSL Coffee Fellowship 10:45 AM OSL Worship 11:45 AM 9th Grade Confirmation 	12 1:00 PM Staff Meeting	13 9:00 AM ODC Bible Study 11:30 AM Warren Ministerial Assn 1:00 PM Quilting 6:00 PM Worship & Evangelism Crntr Meeting 7:00 PM OSL Council Mtg	14 5:50 PM Youth Leadership 6:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Lenten Service - Pr. Ron Warnes at Sts. Peter & Paul	15 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study	16 Youth Night at the Movies ~ "I Can Only Imagine"	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day  9:00 AM Hang door tags for Food Drive
18 Holy Communion 9:00 AM Melo Worship 9:30 AM OSL SS & Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Melo Coffee Fellowship and Sunday School 10:15 AM OSL Coffee Fellowship 10:45 AM OSL Worship	19 1:00 PM Staff Meeting	20 9:00 AM ODC Bible Study 1:00 PM Quilting 	21 5:50 PM Youth Leadership 6:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Lenten Service - Pr. Jim Robberstad at First Lutheran	22 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study	23	24 9:00 AM Meet at OSL Youth Scouting for Food 
25 Palm Sunday Sunday School Easter Programs 9:00 AM Melo Worship 9:30 AM OSL SS & Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Melo Coffee Fellowship 10:15 AM OSL Coffee Fellowship 10:45 AM OSL Worship	26 1:00 PM Staff Meeting	27 9:00 AM ODC Bible Study 1:00 PM Quilting	28 6:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service at Melo	29 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service at OSL	30 7:00 PM Good Friday Service at OSL	31

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March 4

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

March 11

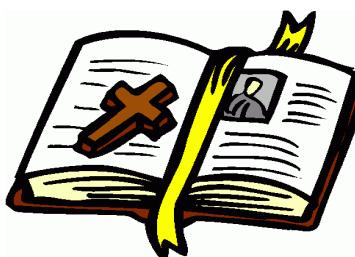
Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 107:1-3,17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

**LESSONS FOR
MARCH**



March 18

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 51:1-12

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33

March 25

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 14:1-15:47

