



# OSL/Melo Faith Connection

Our Savior's & Melo Lutheran Churches

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## Update on In-Person Worship and Gatherings from Pastor Janet

I have been part of numerous zoom meetings with the Synod. The Synod has been in touch with the MDH and the CDC. As May 4 approaches, in-person worship and gatherings will be considered according to the following without specific dates as yet:

- \* First, in-person worship and small gatherings (10 or less) which does not include vulnerable (over age 60) individuals present may be held.
- \* Second, in-person worship and small gatherings (20 or less) which does not include vulnerable (over age 60) individuals present may be held.
- \* Third, in-person worship and small gatherings (50 or less) which does not include vulnerable (over age 60) individuals present may be held.
- \* Parking lot services where people remain in their cars may be permitted at a later date. No Outdoor services are to be held at this time.

So this will put us, both Melo and OSL, out to the middle or end of May at the earliest.

Next Tuesday, May 5, we will have a more firm update.

We will continue on-line services and all virtual ministries at this time.

The church councils will be making the final decisions as things open up.



Senior Recognition Sunday ~ May 17th at Our Savior's  
(Seniors will be recognized; in-person worship may not have resumed)

*Congratulations and May God Bless the Class of 2020*

~ Ashia Balzum ~ Isaiah Branch ~ Sydney Bring ~

~ Matthew Hanel ~ Carter Maruska ~ Brandon Miller ~



**++ NW Minnesota 2020 Synod Assembly has been cancelled ++**

**Find the HERO in You!** GFWC Mawami Club is sponsoring the Warren Blood Drive on Wednesday, May 13 from 12:30 pm - 6:00 pm at the Warren American Legion.



If you have questions concerning donations or to schedule an appointment, please call Bobbi Mischel at 218-201-0124 or go to [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) and use sponsor code warren.

Vitalant is the only blood provider to nearly 70 regional hospitals, including North Valley Health Center. About 30 percent of Vitalant's blood supply goes to cancer patients and one in seven people entering the hospital will need blood. There is an urgent need for blood donors at this time. FEMA has specifically identified blood donation as an "essential and integral component of the emergency support function". If you are healthy, please consider being a donor. Your donation could save the life of a family member, friend or neighbor.



RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:  
**TURN IN YOUR ARTICLES EARLY!**  
REMINDER:  
**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES IS May 27th**

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A video of OSL Sunday Worship can be viewed on Sunday at 10:45 am & Monday at 3:30 pm on Warren cable channel 13. Sunday services and archived services can be viewed on the church website: [www.oursaviors-melo.org](http://www.oursaviors-melo.org)  
Click 'Sunday Services Video' tab on the home page.

**From the Pastor*****Celebrating Small Town Heroes***

This year, 2020 is one we will never forget. Years from now, we will tell our children of the Covid-19 virus and the Stay at Home order. We all hope that we will look back and be proud of how we navigated this time.

I saw a bumper sticker the other day. It had the Covid-19 virus symbol on it and it read "Practice Random Acts of Kindness and Senseless Acts of Beauty". It was wonderful to reflect on as I stood at the stop sign.

Practicing random acts of kindness is an effective way to get in touch with the joy of giving without expecting anything in return. It is a good way to take our thoughts off our problems and on to others.

It happened in the grocery store. As we stood in line the man in front offered to pay for the food items of the one behind. I doubt he knew this person. I also noted that the purchase was manageable. Yet it was an act of kindness.

There is no prescription for how to practice random kindness. It is an act of the heart. Your gift in these Covid-19 days might be to pick up winter litter in your neighborhood, give cash in an unmarked envelope to someone in need, take a lost animal to a shelter, or volunteer to deliver meals. The point is, giving is fun and doesn't have to be expensive.

It is really how Jesus lived. Reaching out and touching one person at a time with acts of kindness and grace. As we pass through these times may we be proud of how we navigated them.

Your friend and pastor, *Pastor Janet Warnes*

**WITH SPECIAL THANKS:**

Much ministry took place in the month of April!

Many thanks to all who were part of telecare mission

opportunities and the delivering of senior meals on wheels. Thank you to all who have participated in the recorded worship during the cancellation of in-person services.

***A Corona Virus Prayer***

by Kerry Weber (shared by Carol Anderson)

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages 'curing every disease and illness'. At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare.

In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us.

**PASTORAL ACTS:****Graveside Service:**

Verna Jorgenson—April 24, 2020 at Greenwood Cemetery  
by Pastor Jim Robberstad





### Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

The March 31, 2020 OSL Council meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Council President Travis Hanel. Pastor Janet opened with a devotion and prayer.

**Attending:** Adam Sparby, Travis Hanel, Jim Duckstad, Tony Johnson, Kaitlin Barbosa, Pastor Janet, Joan Peterson, Josh Benson.

**Absent:** Amanda Liebersbach.

This month's agenda and last month's meeting minutes: Jim motioned to approve the agenda and previous meeting minutes. Adam seconded. Motion carried.

#### **New Business:**

Recording service: Josh reported on the problems occurring with getting the Sunday Service aired on channel 13. It has been an ongoing problem and Sjoberg's Cable has been notified to fix the issue on their end. Pastor Janet and Wanda are working with members who aren't able to view the service. The Sunday Service will now be recorded at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday morning and uploaded to YouTube immediately following. Sjoberg's will be asked to play the service at 3:30 p.m. on Mondays. The bulletin will be emailed and mailed out to members beforehand. Pastor Janet is in need of a new computer.

April Newsletter: The April newsletter will be sent out with options to view worship.

#### **Staffed Office Hours:**

Wanda will staff the office from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Fridays.

Joan will staff the office from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Pastor Janet Reported that the 50 members on the homebound list have been matched with other members to provide ongoing telecare. Joan is touching base with youth. A few spots still need to be filled on senior meals. The Warren Ministerial has been meeting and continues to provide support in the community. Pastor Janet is also looking into

alternative worship formats with a shorter length. She has been very active in the community through video and phone calls.

Upcoming Worship: We will take a Sabbath from communion for the time being. Holy Week Worship will be done by the NW Minnesota Synod Bishop and uploaded onto our website.

Confirmation: Packets will be sent in May for youth to continue their confirmation studies from home.

Communion classes are postponed until the fall.

Bible studies are cancelled until further notice. Synod assembly is cancelled.

We are exploring grants who offer some additional funding during the pandemic.

A time and talents interest survey will be considered in the fall.

The next council meeting will be held on April 21.

Tony motioned to adjourn the meeting. Adam seconded. Motion carried.



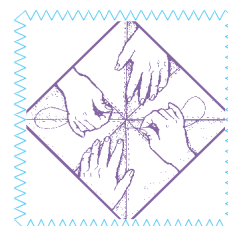
Respectfully submitted,  
Kaitlin Barbosa

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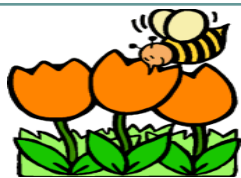
### **MISSION ACTION**

We've had a productive year, thanks to the dedication of our members. We'll try and meet to wrap up the year, when it is deemed safe to do so. Until then, take care and stay safe!

*Mission Action*







## MAY YOUTH NEWSLETTER

### May Acolytes (if worship has resumed)

Melo - Jake Cobb & Aiden Johnson

May 3 – Gracie & Lexi Kittleson

May 10 – Macey Novacek

May 17 – Seniors

May 24 - Brodie Wurtzel

### Confirmation

Will our children have faith? Confirmation is an important Educational Ministry of our Parish. It means that you as parents care enough to place the Holy Scriptures into the hands of your kids. It means that you want your children to know Christ in a deeper way. It means that you love your kids enough to give them the very best.



### FIRST COMMUNION:

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade class will have First Communion Classes in the Fall of 2020. Please watch for details at that time.



### Sunday School

will resume in September. VBS may be held in July or August if possible. (Unfortunately, Pathways VBS scheduled for June has been cancelled.) Sunday School families will be notified when we have more information.



### SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY:

Congratulations to our Seniors graduating this year: **Ashia, Isaiah, Sydney, Matt, Carter, & Brandon.** Recognition Sunday will May 17 but may only be a recorded service. Please provide Joan with a picture of yourself if you've not already done so. The scholarships will be awarded at this time, or you will be notified by mail. *Good luck with your future plans, and may God bless you all!*

### EDUCATION CORNER:

*Confirmation Classes were suspended in March when in-person worship was cancelled. A packet will be sent out to the 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Classes to complete the year. 9th Grade Confirmation will resume in Fall 2020.*



### VBS & Bible Camp Summer 2020

News from Chris Andreasen, Executive Director of Pathways: I want to share some important information with you about our summer plans. At our board meeting last week, we made the difficult decision to cancel all of our Day Camps/VBS programs for this summer. We have also cancelled all of our June programs at Camp Emmaus. We hope to resume camp operations on-site in July with an altered schedule following group size recommendations and social distancing measures.

*If anyone is interested in attending bible camp in July or August, please contact Joan or Pastor Janet. There are scholarship funds available to help with the cost.*

### Look for these websites to stay informed:

[www.pathwaysbiblecamps.org](http://www.pathwaysbiblecamps.org)  
[parkriverbiblecamp.org](http://parkriverbiblecamp.org)



Youth Director—Joan Peterson  
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When we are allowed to gather once again, we will meet to make further plans for the 2021 National Youth Gathering. Joan will be in touch!!



## May Birthdays & Anniversaries

2 Rielly Clark  
Tim Howard  
3 Pat Williams  
4 Kaley Boe  
Emily Johnson  
Matthew Owens  
5 Destiny Bolton  
Sydney Bring  
Kyle Kleinvachter  
Rick Roley  
Wayne Spidahl  
A - Cathie & Nate Borud  
6 Caylee Bolton  
Leanne Novacek  
Shirley Sinn  
7 Jared Jevning  
Harriet Kujava  
Blake Owens  
9 June Vongroven  
10 Donna Gallagher  
Gail Knutson  
Lanie Olson  
11 Jaime Woinarowicz  
A - Kristen & Ben Duckstad



14 Gabrielle Hamrick  
Kelsey Zutz  
15 Cathie Borud  
Madeline Hamrick  
Lori Hanson  
Alec Nyblad  
16 Curt Anderson  
Solvi Barbosa  
Patty Rolland  
17 DeeDee Budge  
Ally Linder  
Jodi Tescher  
18 Betty DuBore  
19 Tracy Anderson  
Brooklyn Porter  
Lisa Zutz  
20 Bobbi Mischel  
22 Maison Carlson  
Cameron DuBore  
23 Dawson Kostrzewski  
Aubrey Lydeen  
24 Clarice Demeyere  
Matt Vongroven  
A - Mara & Travis Hanel



25 Jason Clark  
26 Megan LaTourelle  
A - James & Tammy Duckstad  
27 Tammy Duckstad  
29 A - Hollie & Mike Cheney  
30 Don Vansickle  
31 Matthew Klassy, Jr.  
Fredryce Sundby



*Celebrating milestones this month are:  
65 years—Rick Roley and Patty Rolland  
70 years—Bobbi Mischel  
85 years—Shirley Sinn  
May God Bless you all on your special day!*




*(\*If your birthday or anniversary is omitted or incorrect please contact the church office.)*

## May Servants

**Lector:****May 3—** Joan Peterson**May 10—** Mara Hanel**May 17—** Jim Myrfield**May 24—** Joan Peterson**May 31—** Bobbi Mischel**Song Leader:****May 3—** Wayne Torgerson**May 10—** tbd**May 17—** tbd**May 24—** tbd**May 31—** tbd**Melo Custodian:****May 3 - 10—** Randy Owens**May 17- 24—** Gary Owens**May 31—** Mylo Carlson

**Please note:** No in-person worship until further notice. Please see info on page 1.



MAY 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Try some new activities during social distancing	<b>*Tuesdays*</b> <b>10am-2pm</b> <b>Joan is in office</b>	~ Every Day ~ Have Noon prayer time	<b>*Fridays*</b> <b>9am-1pm</b> <b>Wanda is in office</b>	<b>1</b> Wash the car	<b>2</b> Plant a shrub
<b>3 4th Sunday of Easter</b> Call a friend and visit while drinking your morning coffee <b>9:00 am</b> Livestream on facebook <b>10:45 am</b> OSL/Melo Worship on Cable Channel 13, on the church website 'Sunday Services Video' tab on home page at <a href="http://www.oursaviors-melo.org">www.oursaviors-melo.org</a>	<b>4</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> Zoom Meeting Cook on the grill	<b>5</b> <b>1:00 pm</b> Zoom Meeting Call a friend	<b>6</b> Bake cookies	<b>7</b> Watch a movie	<b>8</b> Order food to take out	<b>9</b> Mow the grass
<b>10 Mother's Day</b> Call your mother or a friend while drinking your morning coffee <b>9:00 am</b> Livestream on facebook <b>10:45 am</b> OSL/Melo Worship on Cable Channel 13, on the church website 'Sunday Services Video' tab on home page at <a href="http://www.oursaviors-melo.org">www.oursaviors-melo.org</a>	<b>11</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> Zoom Meeting Wash windows	<b>12</b> <b>1:00 pm</b> Zoom Meeting Enjoy ice cream	<b>13</b> Read a book	<b>14</b> Send a card	<b>15</b> Call a neighbor	<b>16</b> Have a picnic
<b>17 Senior Recognition</b> Call a friend and visit while drinking your morning coffee <b>9:00 am</b> Livestream on facebook <b>10:45 am</b> OSL/Melo Worship on Cable Channel 13, and on the church website 'Sunday Services Video' tab on home page at <a href="http://www.oursaviors-melo.org">www.oursaviors-melo.org</a>	<b>18</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> Zoom Meeting Toast marshmallows	<b>19</b> <b>1:00 pm</b> Zoom Meeting Feed the birds	<b>20</b> Take a walk	<b>21</b> Call a friend	<b>22</b> Congratulate a Graduate 	<b>23</b> Go fishing
<b>24 Memorial Day Service</b> Call a friend and visit while drinking your morning coffee <b>9:00 am</b> Livestream on facebook <b>10:45 am</b> OSL/Melo Worship on Cable Channel 13, and on the church website 'Sunday Services Video' tab on home page at <a href="http://www.oursaviors-melo.org">www.oursaviors-melo.org</a>	<b>25</b> Visit a cemetery  Office Closed	<b>26</b> <b>1:00 pm</b> Zoom Meeting Go for a bike ride	<b>27</b> Plant flowers	<b>28</b> Write a letter	<b>29</b> Do a puzzle	<b>30</b> Plant a garden
<b>31 Pentecost</b> Call a friend and visit while drinking your morning coffee <b>9:00 am</b> Livestream on facebook <b>10:45 am</b> OSL/Melo Worship on Cable Channel 13, and on the church website 'Sunday Services Video' tab on home page at <a href="http://www.oursaviors-melo.org">www.oursaviors-melo.org</a>						

**COMING THIS SUMMER:**

We hope to have the annual OSL & Melo Lawn Chair Service at Island Park in Warren later in the summer; watch for a date.



Bring a lawn chair and a dish to pass for a brunch to follow. Paper goods and drinks are provided.



## SPECIAL SERVICES in May: *Inspirational Services You Won't Want to Miss*

***(Please note : there will be no in-person worship until further notice.)***

**\*\*** You may view the worship service on Warren Cable Channel 13 at 10:45 a.m. on Sundays and at 3:30 p.m. on Mondays or view by clicking on the "Sunday Services Video" tab on the church website home page: [www.oursaviors-melo.org](http://www.oursaviors-melo.org). (You may also view archived services on the website 'Sunday Services Video' page. ) The service is also streamed live on James Duckstad's facebook page.

### **Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4th Sunday of Easter**

9:00 am Live worship on facebook (Jim Duckstad)  
10:45 am OSL/Melo recorded worship on Warren cable channel 13  
(Worship also may be viewed on church website, youTube and Mondays at 3:30 pm on Warren cable channel 13)



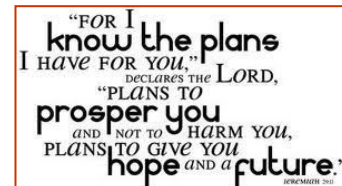
### **Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> – 5th Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day**

9:00 am Live worship on facebook (Jim Duckstad)  
10:45 am OSL/Melo recorded worship on Warren cable channel 13  
(Worship also may be viewed on church website, youTube and Mondays at 3:30 pm on Warren cable channel 13)



### **Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> – 6th Sunday of Easter / Graduate Recognition**

9:00 am Live worship on facebook (Jim Duckstad)  
10:45 am OSL/Melo recorded worship on Warren cable channel 13  
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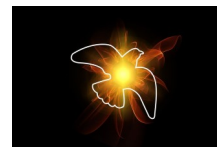
### **Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> – 7th Sunday of Easter / Memorial Day Weekend Service**

9:00 am Live worship on facebook (Jim Duckstad)  
10:45 am OSL/Melo recorded worship on Warren cable channel 13  
(Worship also may be viewed on church website, youTube and Mondays at 3:30 pm on Warren cable channel 13)



### **Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> – Day of Pentecost**

9:00 am Live worship on facebook (Jim Duckstad)  
10:45 am OSL/Melo recorded worship on Warren cable channel 13  
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March Offering	Simply Giving	3/1/2020	3/8/2020	3/15/2020	3/22/2020	3/25/2020	3/29/2020	March Total
General	\$ 2,730.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$1,557.00	\$ 1,924.00	\$ 1,730.00	No Lenten	\$ 1,255.00	\$ 11,796.00
Utilities				\$ 200.00		service		\$ 200.00
Postage		\$ 390.00			\$ 17.00			\$ 407.00
Lent								
					No service		No service	
Youth Group		\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00				\$ 200.00
Proj 2000/Building	\$ 100.00							\$ 100.00
Endowment	\$ 40.00							\$ 40.00
Mission Fund	\$ 40.00						\$ 50.00	\$ 90.00
VBS/Bible Camp							\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Total	\$ 2,910.00	\$ 3,090.00	\$ 1,577.00	\$ 2,224.00	\$ 1,747.00	—	\$ 1,405.00	\$ 12,933.00
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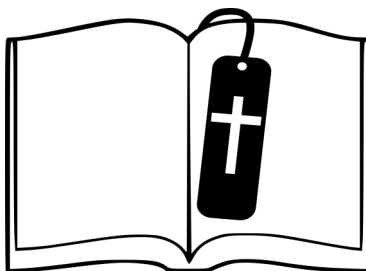
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## Lessons for May 2020

**May 3**

Acts 2:42-47  
Psalm 23  
1 Peter 2:19-25  
John 10:1-10



**May 24**

Acts 1:6-14  
Psalm 68:1-10,32-35  
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11  
John 17:1-11

**May 10**

Acts 7:55-60  
Psalm 31:1-5,15-16  
1 Peter 2:2-10  
John 14:1-14

**May 17**

Acts 17:22-31  
Psalm 66:8-20  
1 Peter 3:13-22  
John 14:15-21

**May 31**

Acts 2:1-21  
Psalm 104:24-34,35b  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13  
John 20:19-23

