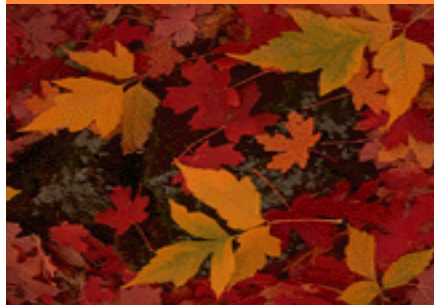


Our Savior's & Melo September 2020



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A video of OSL Sunday Worship can be seen on Sundays at 1 pm and Mondays at 3:30 pm on cable channel 13, on YouTube and You can find a link on the church website home page: www.oursaviors-melo.org and can view archived past services as well. Click on 'Sunday Services Video'.

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:
**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**
REMINDER:
**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS
SEPTEMBER 24**



OSL/Melo Faith Connection



Melo Naming of Names Service

**Sunday, September
13 at 9:00 a.m.**

*Melo Fall Dinner will
not be held this year.*



OSL Fall Supper

Will not be held this year

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NEW THIS FALL

Two new groups are forming in response to the COVID-19 Challenge.

TECH COMMITTEE

Individuals with IT experience will be meeting 1 time per month to review Tech needs of the congregation. This will include taping of the service and preparations for power point on the screen which is going up. These folks will also be helping out on Sunday mornings.

COVID RESPONSE TEAM

We are moving toward digitizing various ministries of the church. We are also expanding our outreach base. This is a brainstorming group which will consider additional ways of doing ministry. They will be meeting once a month.

**IN PLACE ALREADY
IS THE COVID-19
SMART TEAM
ENSURING ALL
SAFETY PROTOCOLS
ARE FOLLOWED.**



Melo Sunday School Rally Sunday

Melo Sunday School will start on September 20th, 2020 at 10 am. We're excited to start a new year with all of you! Melo Sunday School families should watch the mail for more information.

We will have Sunday School every other Sunday.



SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS!

OSL Rally Sunday

**September 20, 2020
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.**

We invite children from
ages 3 thru 6th grade.

*Classes will be small to
follow safety protocols.*

****OSL is in need of
Sunday School staff;
please contact Heather
(201-0019).**

A special word of thanks to all who have and continue to reach out to our family since the passing of Pastor Ron on July 3, 2020. A lovely Committal Service was held in Center City, MN on July 15, 2020. I am presently awaiting further word from the Bishop of the Synod regarding a Memorial Service.

Many thanks to all for the cards, prayers, and support.

With love, Pastor Janet and Alisa Warnes



Dear Friends,

The new school year is upon us. It has been a challenging summer with the COVID -19 adjustments.

Now we begin the change of the season and the Fall. No football or volleyball this Fall at school but many of the congregations' ministries will be starting again. With all protocols in place we are assured we can safely resume a number of activities.

I think of the verse from the book of Hebrews. "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses let us lay aside every sin which clings so closely and entangles us and let us run the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith." Hebrews 12: 1&2

Even back in Biblical times there was a race to be run. Folks would gather in market places and in arenas for games. Fathers, mothers, uncles, aunts, neighbors and friends would sit in "the stands" and watch athletes compete. They would cheer them on. This is the meaning for the witnesses that surround us. They are the heroes from the past and present mentioned in Hebrews 12 who cheer us on in our walk with the Lord.

Think of it. Not only do we have family, neighbors and friends to encourage us on in our walk with Jesus but a whole host of people of great faith from the past.

In doing so they encourage us to regular prayer and devotions. They encourage us to worship and regular fellowship times with each other. They literally stand beside us as we run the race that is set before us.

Every opportunity is offered in our parish to help us to grow and run the race. Take advantage and nurture your faith this fall with worship, fellowship, some Bible studies offered and of course devotion.

Running the race with you,

Your Friend and Pastor,

Pastor Janet Warnes



Summer has been different this year with COVID-19. We are interested in how you spent the summer. Submit pics from summer events. We will post on bulletin board. Celebrate family, relaxation and fun! Share the joy!



Pastoral Acts:

Weddings:

August 8 at Holiday Park —

Bernie Pollestad & Rosalia Kindler,

by Pr. Janet Warnes

August 22 at OSL — Dillon Kasproicz & Becky Hamrick,

by Pr. Janet Warnes

Committals:

July 9 at Greenwood Cemetery for Russell Demeyere,

by Pr. Deb Hanson

July 15 at Center City, MN for Pastor Ron Warnes

Funerals:

July 31 at OSL for Curtis Anderson,

by Pr. Janet Warnes

August 7 at OSL for Bill Bossman,

by Pr. Janet Warnes



Baptisms:

by Pr. Janet Warnes

July 19 - Charli Marie Klassy,
daughter of Matthew, Sr. &
Danelle Klassy (OSL)

July 25 - Collins Lorraine Reinier, daughter of
Jake & Ashley Reinier (OSL)

July 26 - Hattie Faye Lura, daughter of Austin Lura
& Sarah Kleinvachter (OSL)

August 30 - Theodore Eugene LeTexier, son of
Logan & Hannah LeTexier (Melo)





FALL SCHEDULE



September Acolytes

Sept 13: Evan Monogue
 Sept 20: Austin Wittman
 Sept 27: Ethan Zutz
 Melo Acolytes: Aiden J & Jake C,
 Madeline Hamrick & Ava Wittman

Confirmation Schedule

Sept 20, 11:45 am—9th Grade & parents at OSL; notify Pr. Janet of a mentor you've chosen

Sept 30, 6:30 pm—7th & 8th Grade Orientation meeting at OSL (with parents) & Acolyte training (distance learning option)

Beginning Wednesday, Oct 14—7th Grade at 3:30 pm / 8th Grade at 4:45 pm at OSL

Oct 4—10th Grade meets following the service at OSL

Oct 25—10th Grade will be confirmed on Reformation Sunday

YOUTH ALERT!

September:

A drive-in event is being planned. Also fundraising will begin for the National Youth Gathering in 2022.



Sept 27 ~ Youth Leadership

Sept 27 ~ 11:45 am 6th Grade & a parent meet at OSL basement for Preparation for Holy Communion (distance learning option available)

October:

Oct 4 ~ 9:00 am / 10:45 am 6th Grade First Communion during the worship services

Oct 11 ~ 3rd graders receive Bibles & 7th graders receive Confirmation stoles during worship

Oct 20 ~ Confirmation rehearsal for 10th grade / Read faith statements

October 25 ~ Confirmation Sunday

November:

Blessing Bags will be assembled by the Confirmation classes to be given out by members of the congregations in December

December:

December 9 ~ 3:30 pm Christmas Party for the 7th & 8th grade Confirmation Classes

Joan Peterson, Youth Director 201-0869

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Special Services in September

Sunday, September 6 — Outdoor Service of Holy Communion on the lawn at OSL Eco-friendly balloon release and free Dilly Bars

Testimonials from folks as to how faith has impacted them in the workplace

10:45 am OSL & Melo Joint Worship at OSL with Holy Communion

Sunday, September 13 — God's Work/Our Hands Sunday

School Supply Collection (please place in box in Narthex)

9:00 am Worship at Melo ~ Naming of Names Service

10:45 am Worship at OSL

Sunday, September 20 — OSL & Melo Rally Day / Backpack Blessing

9:00 am Worship Service at Melo

9:30 am OSL Sunday School

10:00 am Melo Sunday School

10:45 am Worship at OSL

11:45 am 9th Grade Confirmation



Sunday, September 27 — Youth Leadership Sunday / Sunday School Staff Installation

9:00 am Worship Service at Melo

9:30 am OSL Sunday School

10:45 am Worship at OSL

11:45 am Preparation for Holy Communion Class at OSL

Take a peek at some of the newest members of our church family!



Charli Marie



Theodore Eugene



Collins Lorraine

July 2020 OSL Council Meeting Minutes

The July 21, 2020 OSL Council meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Council President Travis Hanel. Pastor Janet opened with devotion and prayers.

Attending: Amanda Liebersbach, Pastor Janet, Jim Duckstad, Kaitlin Barbosa, Travis Hanel, Tony Johnson. Absent: Adam Sparby

Approval of Agenda and Previous Meeting Minutes: Tony made a motion to approve the agenda and previous meeting minutes. Jim seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Amanda presented the financials for May and June. Insurance was paid in full for the year. General fund is doing well with no concerns. Jim made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Tony seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor Janet's Report: Visitation has been completed by phone, cards, email or text, but Pastor Janet will now begin some visitation in person. There are two upcoming weddings: one outdoors and one planned within our sanctuary. Travis made a motion for upcoming services to adhere to Minnesota Department of Health, CDC Guidelines and synod recommendations for church gatherings to be no more than 100 people in our sanctuary, which is 50% of the fire code capacity and for adhering to social distancing and required mask wearing. Jim seconded. Motion carried.

There was one funeral, two baptisms and there are two upcoming baptisms. Pastor Janet has been doing outreach in the

community through the Warren Sheaf, Food Shelf, Warren Ministerial and nursing home. Confirmation is planned to start in the fall.

Sunday morning worship continues by video on Sunday morning and shared through Facebook, Channel 13, YouTube and the church website. We continue to pray for the world around us and give thanks for the financial gifts that are greatly appreciated.

With Pastor Ron's passing, Pastor Janet would like to continue his ministry and visitation by taking over his position. Tony made a motion for Pastor Janet to take on the additional responsibilities and pay of Pastor Ron, with a monthly update provided by Pastor Janet. Jim seconded. Motion carried.

Jim made a motion to approve the pastor's report. Tony seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Stewardship: No report.

Worship & Evangelism: Worship calendar set for August. Online services are well-received.

Education & Youth: They have met and will hold off on summer programming and VBS.

Property & Management: Mowing of church and parsonage continues. Jake has been doing deep cleaning while the church has been closed. Office has been staffed by Joan, Pastor Janet and Wanda.

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

Old Business

The organist vacancy was discussed. Pastor Janet has a back-up if needed.

Secretary/Office Mgr. Vacancy: Wanda will continue to fill-in as needed until August 31 following her retirement in July. Several people have been approached but we will continue to look and start advertising.

Computer needs: A new computer and printer will be purchased for the youth director. Projection Unit is on hold.

Basement Tables & Chairs: A committee has formed and is looking at options.

New Business

In-Person Worship: Return to in-person worship was discussed. Travis made a motion to begin in-person worship on August 16 with mandatory masks, social distancing and at 50% capacity. Jim seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the OSL council will be on Tuesday, August 18 at 7:00 p.m. Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Tony seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaitlin Barbosa





"It Is Going To Be Weird"

Most of us are COVID weary. But it is here to stay at least for now. So we will need to be vigilant. As Fall approaches we need your help so that the in-person ministries of the church are effective.

- 1) In all public settings - Worship, Bible Study, Confirmation, Preparation for Holy Communion, committee meetings, council, youth etc. - please wear a mask.
- 2) Practice social distancing
- 3) Sanitize your hands.

In short, love your neighbor as yourself.

For worship: If we have a parish outbreak we will need to hold only on-line services for a short time. If this occurs we will run the change through the prayer chain (Melo) and put on facebook for OSL and Melo.

For Confirmation: We will be meeting in the basement or larger space for social distancing purposes. A monthly home packet will be put together on the first Wednesday of the month and available Wednesday night for pick-up if parents have concern about in-person classes.

For Preparation for Holy Communion: A home packet will also be available.

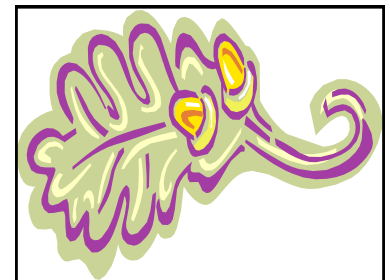
Thank you to all for social distancing and masking up for committee meetings and councils.

Safety is a primary concern as we want everyone to be as safe and healthy as possible.

The Church is here to stay. We never closed. We are diligently working to meet the needs of the parish and each of your families. We are here to stay.

Thank you to all of our teachers and staff at our schools and churches who give of their time, talents, resources and love to our children!

May God bless all of our students, teachers and staff as together we begin a new year at church and school and meet the new challenges ahead.



**THANK YOU GOD FOR OUR
TEACHERS & STAFF**

Join in the Adult Bible Study Classes:

Sunday morning Adult Bible Study is on hold for now.

Men's Bible Study: meets on Wednesday, September 23 at 10:00 am in the OSL Library.

Lydia and Phoebe Circle is on hold for now.

The Quilter's Group will resume quilting on Tuesday, October 6 at 1 pm in the OSL basement. New members are always welcome!

Thank you, Wanda! As many of you know, Wanda Gubrud is retiring. She has done a tremendous job here at church. We will recognize her in September. She is continuing on a part-time basis for a few more weeks.

Now open:

OSL/Melo Office Manager, 20-32 hours/week. Pay is dependent on experience. Job description and application are available in the office.

SEPTEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	** GO OUT AND ENJOY THESE BEAUTIFUL FALL DAYS**	1	2	3	4	5
6 Holy Communion 10:45 AM Joint OSL & Melo Lawn Chair Service at OSL Eco-friendly balloon release & free Dilly Bars	7 LABOR DAY Office Closed	8	9	10 5:00 PM Endowment Committee	11	12
13 God's Work—Our Hands Sunday School Supply Collection 9:00 AM Melo Worship Naming of Names Service 10:45 AM OSL Worship	14 5:30 PM Education Committee 6:30 PM Youth Board	15	16	17	18	19
20 Sunday School Rally Day—Melo/OSL Blessing of the Backpacks 9:00 AM Melo Worship 9:30 AM OSL Sunday School 10:00 AM Melo Sunday School 10:45 AM OSL Worship 11:45 AM 9th Grade Confirmation	21	22 6:00 PM Worship & Evangelism 7:00 PM OSL Council	23 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study	24 Newsletter Deadline	25	26
27 Youth Leadership Sunday Sunday School Staff Installation 9:00 AM Melo Worship 9:30 AM OSL Sunday School 10:45 AM OSL Worship 11:45 AM Preparation for Holy Communion at OSL	28	29	30 6:30 PM 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Orientation Meeting & Acolyte Training			
						

Coming in October:

The 10th Grade Confirmation Class will meet on Sunday, October 4 in the OSL basement at 11:45 am, along with parents & mentors.

Sunday, October 25th, is Confirmation Sunday. The 10th Grade Class will be confirmed @ 10:45 am worship at Our Savior's. The confirmands will read faith statements and have rehearsal on October 20.

Sunday, October 11 is Bible and Stole Sunday for the 3rd grade and 7th grade classes at Melo and OSL.

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH TREASURER'S REPORT June 2020

Receipts

General Offering	\$ 32,620.00
Project 2000/Bldg Fund	\$ -1,756.39
Melo Reimbursement	\$ 1,080.82
Mission	\$ 65.00
Endowment	\$ 40.00
Total Income	\$ 32,049.43



Expenditures

Salaries/FICA	\$ 8,702.47
Pr. Insurance/Pension	\$ 7,691.84
Bldgs (util/phone/int)	\$ 925.60
Youth Programming	\$ 111.99
Worship Supplies	\$ 592.78
Flowers	\$ 149.50
Custodial Supplies	\$ 106.18
Church Maint/Repair	\$ 75.00
Office Maint/Repair	\$ 151.19
Groundskeeping	\$ 105.00
Office Supply/Postage	\$ 355.76
Financial Treas Supply	\$ 282.98
Bank Service Chg.	\$ 7.50
Total Expenditures	\$ 19,257.79



June 2020

Net Ordinary Income \$ 12,791.64

Net Income \$ 12,791.64

June 2020 Financial Report—Offering

June Offering	Simply Giving	6/7/2020	6/14/2020	6/21/2020	6/28/2020	June Total
General	\$ 3,305.00	\$ 355.00	\$ 275.00	\$23,850.00	\$ 1,295.00	\$ 29,080.00
Utilities						\$ 200.00
Mail—extra		\$2,650.00				\$ 2,650.00
Postage		\$ 390.00				\$ 390.00
Youth Group						
Proj 2000/Bldg Fund	\$ 100.00					\$ 40.00
Endowment Fund	\$ 40.00				\$ 25.00	\$ 65.00
Mission Fund	\$ 40.00					\$ 40.00
Total	\$ 3,485.00	\$3,395.00	\$ 275.00	\$23,850.00	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 32,325.00

Total to General Fund \$32,120.00

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH TREASURER'S REPORT July 2020

Receipts

General Offering	\$ 8,880.00
Project 2000/Bldg Fund	\$ 115.00
Melo Reimbursement	\$ 1,080.82
Mission Fund	\$ 45.00
Endowment Fund	\$ 40.00
Total Income	\$ 10,160.82

Expenditures

Salaries	\$ 9,078.86
Church Maint/Repair	\$ 411.30
Bldgs (util/phone/int)	\$ 731.90
Office Supplies	\$ 59.17
Office Maint/Repair	\$ 151.19
Postage	\$ 220.00
Groundskeeping	\$ 529.15
Custodial Supplies	\$ 7.99
Bank Service Chg	\$ 7.50
Total Expenditures	\$ 11,197.06



July 2020

Net Ordinary Income (-) \$ 1,036.24

Net Income (-) \$ 1,036.24

July 2020 Financial Report—Offering

July Offering	Simply Giving	7/5/2020	7/12/2020	7/19/2020	7/26/2019	Total for July
General	\$ 3,360.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 2,225.00	\$ 1,075.00	---	\$ 7,360.00
Utilities						
Mail - extra		\$ 280.00				\$ 280.00
Postage		\$ 390.00				\$ 390.00
Proj2000/BldgFund	\$ 115.00					\$ 115.00
Endowment Fund	\$ 40.00					\$ 40.00
Mission Fund	\$ 45.00					\$ 45.00
Youth Group						
Total	\$ 3,560.00	\$ 1,370.00	\$ 2,225.00	\$ 1,075.00	---	\$ 8,230.00
Total to General Fund		\$ 8,030.00				



Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I ...
MATTHEW 18:20

It's Back-to-School time! On Sunday, September 20, there will be a special blessing of all school-aged children and their parents as part of our regular worship services. Children should bring along their school backpack for a special Backpack Blessing event. Children and parents will come forward for a special moment of prayer and blessing.

Let's send our kids into the new school year assured of God's promises and our loving support! Be sure to include all of our young people and school staff in your prayers as they begin a new school year!

September Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 1 Ashley Vongroven
- 3 A - Randy & Wanda Gubrud
Retten Kostrzewski
- 4 A - Todd & Kathy Kleinvachter
- 5 Jesse Kilen
Herb Maurstad
Traci Pollestad
- 6 Christina Donarski
RuthAnn Johnson
- 7 Sarah Kleinvachter
Grant Peterson
- 8 A - Mylo & Marlene Carlson
- 10 Wayne Torgerson
- 11 Betty Evin
Chris Johnson
Easton Johnson
Mason Wang
- 12 A - Robert & Gail Hamrick
Bev Clausen
Canda Higdem
- 14 Tony Johnson



- 15 A - Ed & Jodi Gulden
A - Pete & Virlynn Hanson
A - Matt & Ally Linder
Mike DuBore
- 16 Brady Green
- 17 A - Maynard & JoAnn Laymon
A - Dustin & Katie Jo Marquis
Mike Flaten
Journey Kalt
Carol Kilen
Brandon Myrfield
- 18 Ava Nybladh
Shirley Vansickle
- 19 Elva Bustrack
Jeremy Maurstad
- 20 A - Jennifer & Ken Palm
Lola Vongroven
- 22 A - Matt & Kendall Bergh
Arlys Trudell
- 23 Grace Evans
Casey Pierce



- 25 A - Rick & Bette Solberg
Joan Engelstad
Erika Hedlund
- 26 A - Ben & Kylie Hamrick
A - Jim & Patti Myrfield
Julie Dahlman
- 27 A - Tim & Bonnie Howard
Brad Johnson
Roger Mischel
Bruce Nelson
- 29 A - Daniel & Carrie DeLisle
Linda Conely
Don Stinar
Loren Zutz
- 30 A - Aaron & Brenna Olson

September Milestones:

Birthdays -

Grace Evans (80)

Anniversaries -

Kenny & Jennifer Palm (40)

Tim & Bonnie Howard (45)

Maynard & JoAnn Laymon (60)

Best wishes and may God bless you!



September Servants

Lector:

Sept 6 - Yvonne Bossman

Sept 13 - Mike Miller

Sept 20 - Laura Nybladh

Sept 27 - Ron Leverington



Ushers:

September - *No Ushers at this time*

Coffee Hosts/Flowers:

September - *No Coffee Fellowship at this time*

Melo Custodians:

Sept 6—13 - Kevin Hamrick

Sept 20—27 - Lowell Hamrick

Communion Servers:

Sept 6 -

Communion Bread:

Sept 6 - individual packets



Song Leader:

Sept 6 -

Sept 13 -

Sept 20 - Katie Benson

Sept 27 - Katie Benson



Nursery:

Not in use at this time



MISSION ACTION

The OSL & Melo Tuesday Quilter's Group will resume our quilting afternoons on Tuesday, October 6th at 1:00 pm in the lower level of Our Savior's. We are always looking for new people to join us, or maybe those who were formerly a part of the group to come once again on Tuesdays, as we enjoy fellowship and work on quilts for babies, children & adults in our local area and for world-wide distribution. You are more than welcome to come and join us; we will train you if needed!

Blessings,
Mission Action



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September 6:

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Psalms 119:33-40

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

September 13 :

Genesis 50:15-21

Psalms 103:8-13

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35



September 20:

Jonah 3:10—4:11

Psalms 145:1-8

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

September 27:

Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

Psalms 25:1-9

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32