

OSL & MELO FAITH CONNECTION

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Our Savior's & Melo Lutheran Churches

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Sunday Worship Times

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

Television

Live on Garden Valley Channel 34
Monday at 3:30 pm on Sjoberg's Channel 13

Online

www.oursaviors-melo.org
Search OSL Warren on YouTube
OSL Facebook

If you'd like to volunteer & help with the Spring Supper reach out to WELCA Chair Deb Schmidt 218-201-1510 or call the office & Shelly will get you connected! Thank you in advance for your support!

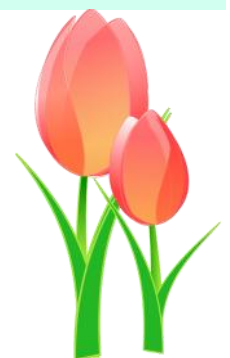


FREE WILL OFFERING
OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
WARREN, MN

SPRING SUPPER
WED. APRIL 22, 2026 5-7 PM

ROAST BEEF, MASHED POTATOES,
GRAVY, CORN, COLESLAW, ROLLS,
AND DESSERT

WALK-IN TAKE OUTS AVAILABLE
ENJOY QUICK SERVICE
THANKS TO
OUR OSL YOUTH!



From the Pastor's Desk

When I visited the Holy Land in 2019, one of the notable places we went to in Jerusalem was the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. The sprawling church is said to contain both the spot where Jesus was crucified and the place where he was buried. The church itself has been destroyed and rebuilt multiple times over the centuries, making the very structure a testament of death and resurrection.

When my tour group from seminary stepped into the church, we made our journey in reverse, going first to the site of Jesus' burial place. The tomb itself was contained in what looked like a miniature basilica, a church within a church. Pilgrims were able to enter in clusters of 5-6, and we were able to stay inside for what felt like half a minute before being ushered out again.

I ended up in a cluster of strangers. When we entered the tomb, my fellow pilgrims quickly knelt down in front of the slab upon which Jesus' body is said to have rested. There was no room for me, so I stood behind them, waiting. A few of the pilgrims ran their hands upon it wonderingly, and others just tentatively rested their fingers on it. It struck me for a moment how odd it was that we were in a tomb, and yet there was no dead body. Jesus' body, if it indeed had once rested here, did so for only a short while before being raised again.

Every other tomb you go to visit, you do so to honor the dead that lie within. But here in this bodiless tomb, we were giving thanks for our living Lord.

When our time ran out and the other pilgrims filtered back into the land of the living, I claimed my moment. I approached, bent low, and pressed my lips to the stone table, both to honor the one who died for our sakes and to give thanks for the new life he has given us.

In this Eastertide, I hope you will also find time to claim your moment, embracing what Jesus, our crucified and risen Lord, has done for you and for all the world.

*Your sister in Christ,
Pastor Amber Kalina*



March Ministry Highlights!

OSL baptism on March 8th for Havana. Welcome into the family of God! Parents are Michael and Kristen Halvorson.



Choir sang beautifully during worship service on March 22nd.

The choir is looking for anyone who would like to share their musical talent to sing in church. They would love to have you!

Contact Joan Peterson at 218-201-0869

Lambs & Lions

April Sunday School

April 5-No Class - Easter Weekend

April 12-Regular Class - Pre K-2nd,
The Wedding Banquet - 3rd-6th

April 19-Regular Class - Pre K-2nd
Jesus Feeds 5,000 - 3rd-6th.

April 26-Regular Class - Pre K-2nd
The Transfiguration - 3rd-6th

April Confirmation

**7th & 8th Grade - No confirmation on
April 1st**

5:45-7 PM Wednesday 8th, 15th & 29th

5:00-7PM - Wednesday April 22nd

9th Grade at Noon - Sunday, April 12th



First Communion Classes!

Wednesdays at 3:30 PM

April 8, 15, 22, 29

First Communion Sunday on
May 3 during worship at Melo and OSL.

April Acolytes

April 5-Brinley Bring & Ava Nybladh

April 12-Kaley Boe & Emma Dahlman

April 19-Sophia Wurtzel &
Olivia Woinarowicz

April 26-Matthew Klassy, Jr. &
Chandler Klassy

**Confirmation Students will be
helping with the Spring Supper
from 5-7 PM at OSL on Wednesday,
April 22nd!**

Feed My Starving Children
Mobile Pack Event
Friday, April 24th in Grand
Forks!

Confirmation aged youth &
families are encouraged to
sign up to help!

We will leave from OSL at 4:45
PM on April 24th.



Ministry on the Horizon



QUILTING! ALL SKILL LEVELS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN ON THE FUN!

The OSL-Melo quilters meet on Tuesdays at 1:00 (Sept to first week in May) to put together & tie quilts to distribute to various causes such as community residents who

are ill or in need of comfort, Marshall County Social Services, Care and Share, & Lutheran World Relief. We currently have only a handful of ladies who participate & would love to have others join us. If you have any questions, please call or text Bobbi at 218-201-0124.



*Resuming regular schedule April 8th
Choir meets on Wednesday
evenings at 7:00 PM & Bell Choir
at 7:45 PM— If you are interested
please join us! We'd love to have
you!*



**Monday Morning
10:00 AM
Bible Study at OSL
April 13th & 27th**

April is the OSL/Melo Month for Delivering Meals on Wheels!

Pick up is at 11 am each weekday. Please call Shelly in the office or sign up on the calendar on the narthex table.

Volunteers are still needed.

Thank you!



Holy Week Schedule

April 2nd – Maundy Thursday
Service - 5:30 pm at Melo and
7:00 pm at OSL

April 3rd – Good Friday Service
at OSL at 7:00 pm

April 5th—Easter Sunday
9:00 am—Melo
10:45 am—OSL



Lydia-Phoebe Circle Meets
on April 11th 1:30 PM at
North Star Manor
Assisted Living Facility

April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 No 7th/8th Grade Confirmation	2 5:30 PM Maundy Thurs. at Melo 6:00 PM Choir at OSL 7:00 PM Maundy Thurs. at OSL	3 7:00 PM Good Friday Service at OSL	4
5 Easter 9:00 AM Melo Worship No OSL/Melo SS 10:15 AM OSL Coffee 10:45AM OSL Worship	6 6:00 PM Ed Committee	7 1:00 PM Quilting	8 1:30 PM Lydia-Phoebe Circle at North Star Manor 3:30 PM 5th Grade First Communion Class 5:45-7:00PM 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 7:00 PM Choir 7:45 PM Bell Choir	9	10	11
12 9:00 AM Melo Worship 9:30 AM OSL SS 10:00 AM Melo SS 10:15 AM OSL Coffee 10:45AM OSL Worship 12:00 PM 9th Grade Confirmation	13 10:00 AM Bible Study OSL Library TBD Worship & Evangelism	14 1:00 PM Quilting	15 3:30 PM 5th Grade First Communion Class 5:45-7:00PM 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 7:00 PM Choir 7:45 PM Bell Choir	16	17	18
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26 9:00 AM Melo Worship 9:30 AM OSL SS 10:00 AM Melo SS 10:15 AM OSL Coffee 10:45AM OSL Worship	27 10:00 AM Bible Study OSL Library	28 1:00 PM Quilting	29 3:30 PM 5th Grade First Communion Class 5:45-7:00 PM 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 7:00 PM Choir 7:45 PM Bells	30		



April Celebrations

Happy Birthday!!!!

- 1- Lindsey Bring
Shirley Hamrick
- 2- Jim Bjorgaard
Bob Conely
- 4- Ziva Dahlman
- 5- Miles Hermanson
- 6- Deb Myrfield
- 10- Mike Goroski
John Johnson
Oliver Seaverson
- 12- Mary Nicholls
- 13- Mark Thompson
Aaron Knoll
- 14- Kairouan Porter
Syndey Olson
- 15- Mick Riopelle
Marlene Carlson
- 18- Tim Conely
- 19- Brodie Wurtzel
- 22- Thea Linder
Evan Monogue
- 23- Dillon Nelson
Jake Reinier
Jean Walker



- 23- Emilia Sparby
- 25- Hattie Lura
- 27- Peder Larson
Mike Novacek
Karen Pearson
Cindy Engelstad

Happy 
Anniversary!

- 9 - Rod & Darla Myrfield
- 13 - Logan & Hannah LeTexier
- 17 - Herb & Jackie Maurstad
- 24 - Bev & Dale Clausen
- 25 - Dustin & Emily Johnson
- 26 -Jeremy & Jaime Woinarowicz
- 27 - Kevin & Lori Hamrick
- 28 - Brian & Sara Wurtzel
- 29 - Pete & Sandra Solvik



APRIL SERVANTS

OSL Lectors:

- April 2 - Peder Larson
- April 3 - Peder Larson
- April 5 - Bev Clausen
- April 12 - Bobbi Mischel
- April 19 - Betty DuBore
- April 26 - Cameron DuBore

OSL Ushers:

- April 2 - Peder Larson
- April 3 - Peder Larson
- April 5 - Randy & Ben Gubrud
- April 12- Peder & Karen Larson
- April 19 - Matt Vongroven & Mike DuBore
- April 26 - Mike & Cameron DuBore

OSL Coffee Hosts:

- April 5 - Wanda Gubrud & Ashley Reinier
- April 12- Leanne Novacek
- April 19 - Ashley Vongroven & Betty DuBore
- April 26- Betty & Erin DuBore

Melo Custodians: March 29-April 5: Pete & Sandra Solvik; April 12-19: Larry & Faith Rud;
April 26-May 3: Karen Pearson

3/16/26 OSL Council March Meeting Minutes

Members present: Donna Miller, Mara Hanel, Wanda Gubrud, Wayne Torgerson, Pastor Amber Kalina. Absent: Betty DuBore, Darrell Rindy.

The meeting was called to order by President Wayne Torgerson at 7:15 pm. Pastor Amber opened with a reading of the duties Council is tasked with as listed in our constitution.

Agenda & Previous Meeting Minutes: Mara moved to approve the previous minutes and this month's agenda, removing 'Rural Revival' from Ongoing Business; Donna seconded; motion carried.

Reports

Treasurer's Report: CD#1 matures on Mar 21. Discussion was held on whether to renew or transfer funds to the money market, as Mara mentioned sometimes interest is higher in MM. She will visit with Amanda and get more info to aid in the decision. Interest earned on the CD is \$4,241.09. In February, there was a deficit of \$12,369.57; worship was cancelled twice due to weather in the last couple months which could account for this. Mara moved to approve the treasurer's report; Donna seconded; motion passed.

Worship and Evangelism: Cmte met Mar 10. Altar guild: April – Bev & Joan, May – Katie Jo. Choir will sing on Mar 18 and 22. The order of service for Maundy Thursday may be changed. New member Sunday went well. We thank Ron Leverington for his many years of service making the baptism/faith boxes and will be looking for volunteers to take over. The community Lenten service on Mar 18 will be at OSL.

Education & Youth: Cmte met Mar 1. Sunday school will present an Easter program on Palm Sunday with brunch for everyone and an egg hunt to follow. Katie will ask Sunday School dads to help with the meal. Shelly ordered palm branches. VBS is scheduled for Aug 3-6. Next meeting is Apr 6.

Property & Mgmt/Tech: The cmte met with designer Shelly Richard on Mar 3; she brought several carpet sample options for the sanctuary. Tim Martine has been asked to look at the ash tree and give an opinion on the condition of it. The fire alarm system was inspected on Mar 16. Pastor Amber will see if there are any interested parties for the pulpit (which will be removed during the sanctuary renovation).

Pastor's Report: Pastor Amber reported that \$500 was received for the Backpack program from the ELCA Daily Bread Feeding Ministry grant and will be used to add applesauce and Easter eggs/candy to the backpacks being filled by the Nat'l Honor Society at WAO; about half of the funds remain. Pastor Amber welcomed new members on Feb 22, and baptized Havanna Halvorson on Mar 8. She shared the message at the Mar 11 community Lenten service at First Lutheran and continues with the Thurs evening study on the promises of Baptism. She'll attend the Great Synod Get Together on Mar 21, leading a breakout on the sacraments. She'll participate in the Conference 2 Summit on Apr 11 and attend Joint Theology Day on Apr 16. She continues with home-bound/hospital visits, Confirmation, worship/Communion at North Star Manor, and her many ongoing monthly activities, including participating in the Marshall County Thrive Together meetings, focusing on mental health in our region. She has two Baptisms coming up, and in April she will be teaching First Communion classes.

Stewardship & Outreach: No report.

Donna moved to receive the committee reports; Mara seconded; motion carried.

Ongoing Business

+Sanctuary Reno Update: Discussion was held on the option being considered for the sanctuary carpet. We'll obtain a few additional samples as a consensus wasn't reached. When finalized, we'll receive an updated expense quote from Comstock and Foss, with an expected date of mid-May/early June to begin construction.

+Council Installation: Dates being considered for council member installation are Apr 12 and 26.

+Streaming License: We have a license with CCLI which covers the regular use of hymns and music in our building. An additional license for use of music during streaming is needed for compliance with copyright laws. Mara moved to purchase an annual subscription with One License at a cost of \$309; Donna seconded; motion passed.

New Business

+FMSC Donation: Donna moved to donate \$1000 to Feed My Starving Children; Mara seconded; motion passed. Packing will take place on Apr 24 & 25 and some of our youth and adults will participate.

+Capital Improvement Notes: We thank Joan Peterson for providing an updated list of capital improvements dating from 1961 to present.

+Church Mutual Insurance: Wayne reported that our insurance premium will increase by 5% on June 4. Mara moved to accept and renew the policy; Donna seconded; motion passed.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Mara moved to adjourn; Donna seconded; motion carried, and meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm. Next meeting: April 20, 2026, at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Wanda Gubrud

Treasurer's Report

WELCA MINUTES

General Account

Receipts

Backpack Program	\$ 500.00
General Offering	\$ 8,839.95
Project 2000/Building Fund	\$ 210.00
Endowment Fund	\$ 40.00
Missions	\$ 30.00
Total Income	\$ 9,619.95

Expenses

Backpack Mission	\$ 1,690.10
Salaries/Pension/FICA	\$ 12,685.21
Groundskeeper-parsonage/OSL	\$ 300.00
Funeral Director	\$ 150.00
Pulpit Supply	\$ 686.20
Pastor's Mileage	\$ 112.23
Pastor's Continuing Ed	\$ 100.00
Utilities/Phone/Internet	\$ 2,034.16
Sunday School Expense	\$ 604.92
VBS Expense	\$ 1,093.89
Worship Supplies	\$ 1,151.43
Staff Development	\$ 296.92
Youth Programming Costs	\$ 55.19
Office Supplies/Postage	\$ 58.44
Office Repair/Maint.	\$ 271.66
Bank Service Chg	\$ 34.50
Custodial Supplies	\$ 45.94
Total Expenses	\$ 21,370.90

Net Ordinary Income \$ -11,750.95

Other Expense-Mission Pastor \$ 250.00

Donations-restricted \$ 368.62

Total Other Expenses \$ 618.82

Net Income \$ -12,369.57

OSL Accounts

General Fund	\$ 65,272.29
Memorial Fund	\$ 23,447.30
Mission Fund	\$ 6,145.91
OSL Bell Ringers	\$ 711.86
OSL Servant Group	\$ 11,403.53
Project 2000/Bldg Fund	\$ 115,272.40
Money Market	\$ 97,875.61
CD #1	\$ 258,749.25
CD #2	\$ 112,383.85
ELCA Investment	\$ 286,583.31
Total	\$ 977,845.31

The Executive Board of Our Saviors Lutheran WELCA met Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 4:00pm. The following board members were present: Deb Schmidt, Virlynn Hanson, Bobbi Mischel, Elva Bustrack, Marilyn Chruszch and Fredryce Sundby.

Deb Schmidt, President, called the meeting to order. The Secretary's report was read and a motion to approve was made by Bobbi Mischel, seconded by Elva Bustrack. Motion carried. The Treasurer's report was presented and will be put on file for audit.

Old Business:

Virlynn read the many thank you's we received from our donations in December. Our Spring Supper will be on Wednesday, April 22.

New Business:

Deb reported the Spring supper plans are in the works. We will again have the roast beef supper with mashed potatoes, gravy and corn. Cookies will again be ordered for the dessert. Work groups will be called to help at the supper with a change this year, we welcome the men to help out if they would like to. Work Group callers for WELCA will begin calling for volunteers. Sara Hedlund is the new caller for Work Group 3. A donation of \$20.00 will be collected if not working or contributing food. Virlynn Hanson will get all the food ordered and check the containers. Sam Conely will update the posters and she will have Shelly print them for Virlynn Hanson to put up. Roger and Bobbi Mischel, along with Deb Schmidt will slice the roast on Tuesday, April 21st around 10:00 am. Pastor Amber will have the youth help also. We will ask Shelly to put a request in the bulletin for ice cream pails.

Dates for the WELCA events in 2026 were set and are as follows:

Spring Supper, April 22, 2026

Deliver meals on wheels in April

LWR deliveries in May

Executive Board meeting, June 3, 2026 @ 3:30PM

Executive Board meeting, September 2, 2026 @ 3:30PM

North Star Manor November Birthday Party, (be set by the North Star Manor,) The North Star Manor will provide food for the birthday party since regulations requires food be prepared in a licensed kitchen.

Executive Board meeting, December 2, 2026 @ 3:30PM

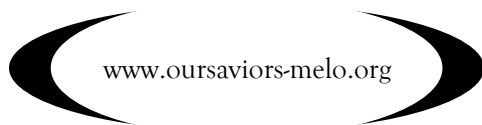
The next WELCA Board meeting will be Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 3:30 pm at the Assisted Living Meeting room or by phone.

The meeting was adjourned

Virlynn Hanson, Secretary

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LUTHERAN CHURCHES

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Lessons for April 2026

**April 2-Maundy Thursday-
Jesus' Last Words**

Psalm 26:1-7
Isaiah 53:7-9
John 19:23-30

**April 3-Good Friday-Jesus the
Passover Lamb**

Psalm 31:9-18
Isaiah 53:10-12
John 19:31-42

**April 5-Easter-Resurrection of
Our Lord**

Psalm 118:21-29
Isaiah 55:10-13
John 20:1-18

April 12-Thomas

Psalm 145:13-21
Acts 2:4, 22-32
John 20:19-31

April 19-Paul's Conversation

Psalm 27:7-14
Acts 9:1-19a
John 21:15-19

April 26-Paul and Silas

Psalm 3
Acts 16:16-34
John 11:38-44

