

October 2020



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Confirmation Service at OSL Sunday, October 25 ~ 10:45 a.m.



Affirmation of Baptism Worship Service
will be held at Our Savior's.

May God bless the 10th grade Confirmants.

(No reception will be held due to current mandates)



Thank You to those who have agreed
to serve on the newly-formed Covid
Response Team and Tech Committee.

The National Youth Gathering that will be held in Minneapolis has been moved from the summer of 2021 to the summer of 2022.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Joan Peterson
at 218-201-0869 or Pastor Janet at 507-458-1960!

Youth in grades 7 through 11 are eligible to attend.

Watch for details as we will be meeting to
share information and discuss fundraising.



BIBLE & STOLE SUNDAY at MELO and OSL

Third grade students will receive Bibles and
Stoles will be presented to 7th grade students
during worship on
Sunday, October 11th.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Looking for a winter project? If you are a talented person who knits or crochets, we
invite you to help the small group who make prayer shawls for those folks having
medical issues of illness or surgery. If needed, instructions are available in the
church office to help you get started!



**During the past several months, we have received a large
donation of yarn. Please stop at OSL and pick up yarn of
your choosing. Check with the office secretary (745-4478)
to see when you may stop in.**

Thank you to all who are part of this ministry.

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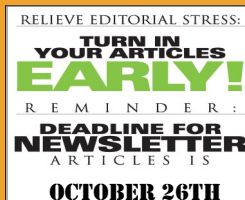
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A video of OSL Sunday Wor-
ship can be seen on Sundays
and Mondays at 3:30 pm on
cable channel 13, and can be
found on YouTube. *You will
find a link on the church
website:*
www.oursaviors-melo.org
Click on 'Sunday Services
Video' tab.

*Archived services may also
be viewed.*





The month of October is upon us and harvesting has begun. We pray for all who labor in the fields, that God keeps them safe and that the harvest goes well. We will have the Blessing of the Harvest on Sunday, October 4th during the service.

On Sunday, October 4th, Youth from the Parish will receive their First Communion. This is to make up for Preparation for Holy Communion that could not take place in Spring of 2020 due to COVID. Welcomed to the Lord's Table are: Melo – Abigail Hamrick and Lexi Knoll; Our Savior's – Brenna Benson, Wyatt Bishop, Destiny Bolton, Sidney Carlson, Gavin Field, Hayden Sellers. Brooke Miller will be receiving her First Communion on October 18th.

Also on October 4th, the Sunday School Staff of Melo will be installed.

On October 11th, we will have Bible and Stole Sunday. Receiving Bibles this year are: Melo – Gabrielle Hamrick and Logan Johnson; Our Savior's – Emma Dahlman and Miela Pierce. Receiving stoles are those in the 7th Grade: Melo: Madeline Hamrick and Ava Wittman; Our Savior's: Breawna Bolton & Elliott Clark.

On October 25th, Confirmation Sunday will be held. This and much more is taking place at church. So let us remember for today and tomorrow our times are in God's hands. God is present, God is leading, God is providing. Blessings this October as the harvest progresses.

Your Friend and Pastor, Pastor Janet Warnes

Reformation Sunday is October 25th.

Thoughts of being a Christian Lutheran continue to echo in my head. Here are core Biblical Lutheran Themes:

- ☐ Justification by grace through faith: "For there is not distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus..." (Romans 3:22-24)
- ☐ Law and gospel: Luther said, "The law says, 'do this' and it is never done. Grace says, 'believe in this' and everything is already done." (Law convicts; grace frees.)
- ☐ Means of grace: Grace happens when the good news of Jesus is preached; when someone is baptized; and when one receives the Lord's Supper.
- ☐ Theology of the cross: God died on the cross rather than leave us in our brokenness.
- ☐ Saint and sinner: A saint is a forgiven sinner. We are both saint and sinner. Our righteousness depends on God's grace.
- ☐ Vocation: We are all part of the priesthood of all believers in that we teach and pray for one another, and our work/profession is a calling from God of one in faith and for the service of neighbor.
- ☐ Faith in context: "A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all".



EDUCATION CORNER: Confirmation Update:

- + 7th & 8th Grade meet Wednesday afternoons at 3:30 & 4:45 pm, beginning October 14.
- + 9th Grade meets Sunday, Oct. 11 at 11:45 am. We begin our class discussion with "What is Faith?"
- + 10th Grade will be confirmed on Reformation Sunday, October 25th.

+ Join in the Adult Bible Study classes:

Men's Bible Study - Wednesdays at 10:00 am at OSL.
The Lydia/Phoebe Circle and Sunday Morning Bible study are not meeting at this time.



PASTORAL ACTS:

Graveside service:

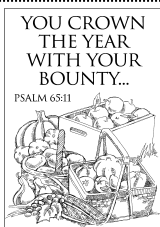
Sept 14 ~ Florence Johnson at Greenwood Cemetery, by Chaplain Jan Lamb.

Special Services in October

Sunday - October 4 Service of Holy Communion

First Communion and Blessing of the Harvest

9:00 am Worship at Melo
with Holy Communion /
Installation of Sunday School Staff



10:00 am Melo Sunday School
9:30 am OSL Sunday School
10:45 am Worship at OSL with Holy Communion
11:45 am 10th Grade Confirmation Class meets at OSL

Sunday - October 11 Bible & Stole Sunday

9:00 am Worship at Melo
9:30 am Sunday School at OSL
10:45 am Worship at OSL
11:45 am 9th Grade Confirmation Class meets at OSL



3rd Grade
Bible
Sunday



Sunday - October 18 No Sunday School at Melo or OSL

9:00 am Worship at Melo
10:45 am Worship at OSL



Sunday - October 25 Reformation Sunday Confirmation Sunday / Holy Communion (Everyone is invited to wear red!)

9:00 am Worship at Melo with Holy Communion
9:30 am Sunday School at OSL
10:00 am 10th Grade Confirmands meet at OSL to robe for pictures
10:15 am Group picture taken of Confirmands
10:45 am Worship at OSL with Holy Communion
and Service of Affirmation of Baptism



RECENT HAPPENINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Jakob Wurtzel has completed his Eagle Scout Project which has been installed on the OSL church lawn:



In October and November, we will have a donation box at OSL for the SHARING TREE PROJECT in Marshall County, when you can donate *NEW* items to be given in gift baskets to benefit children and youth (newborn to age 18) in our local area. **Items needed:** small toys, clothing, gloves & mittens, personal care items, socks, pony-tail holders, colors/markers, coloring or sticker books, diapers & wipes, stocking-stuffer type items. *Items will be picked up on December 2 (or thereabouts).*

Monetary donations will also be appreciated if you're not comfortable going into the church or local banks to drop off items. If you'd like to make a donation, mail to: MCSS—Stacy Urbaniak, 208 E Colvin Ave, Suite 14, Warren, MN 56762. Make checks to: Sharing Tree Project.

August 2020 Our Savior's Council Meeting Minutes

The August 18, 2020, the OSL Council meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Council President Travis Hanel. Pastor Janet opened with devotion and prayer.

Attending: Jim Duckstad, Travis Hanel, Kaitlin Barbosa, Pastor Janet, and Joan Peterson

Absent: Adam Sparby and Tony Johnson

Approval of Agenda and Previous Meeting Minutes:

Jim moved to approve the agenda and previous meeting minutes. Kaitlin seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Pastor Janet provided the treasurer's report, noting ordinary expenses and no concerns at this time. Giving has been faithful. Kaitlin moved to approve the treasurer's report. Jim seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Janet has had a busy schedule, focusing on reconnecting with members. She has completed 12 in-home visits. She plans to do home visits first with those requesting and doing family counseling due to situations related to COVID. There has been one wedding, with one upcoming wedding and two funerals and four baptisms with two upcoming baptisms.

Sunday morning Bible Study and the circles will not be meeting. Men's Bible Study would like to meet starting September 23. All committees have met. The WELCA executive board is making decisions about fall supper. Articles in sheaf, meeting with Warren Ministerial, and nursing home rotation have been completed. Sunday School Rally Day is planned for September 20. Confirmation Sunday will have 9 youth and confirmation dates are planned.

Jim moved to approve the Pastor's Report. Kaitlin seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Stewardship: Conversation about moving forward with money counting.

Worship and Evangelism: Need more people on altar guild.

Education and Youth: Sunday School and Confirmation are planned, with one teacher per class. They are ordering masks for participants.

Property and Management: Mowing is getting done, a tree is getting removed at parsonage, youth will be offered to help deep clean church for fundraising, air conditioning will be checked.

Kaitlin moved to approve the Committee Reports. Jim seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

Organist: Bev Karr will take the fourth Sunday as organist starting on September 27.

Cordless Microphone: Pastor Janet's mic and two handheld mics will be replaced along with two back speakers.

Landscape/cross installation: Installation of cross out front will be completed this week for Eagle Scout project.

New Business

Fall Focus: Pastor Janet is looking into ministries as we start back into in-person worship. Discussion on creating a video committee for projection unit.

Tables and chairs for basement: Committee will meet in future to make decisions.

Office Manager Position: At this time we are still reviewing options.

The next meeting of the OSL Council will be on Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. Kaitlin moved to adjourn the meeting. Jim seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaitlin Barbosa



**We continually remember
before our God
and Father
your work
produced
by faith....**

1 Thessalonians 1:3



October Youth News



October Acolytes

Melo—Aiden Johnson / Jake Cobb
Ava Wittman / Madeline Hamrick
Oct 4 – Annika & Cami Magnusson
Oct 11 – Jackson Woinarowicz
Oct 18 – Savannah Bishop
Oct 25 – Confirmands



Youth Leadership

Youth Leadership Sunday on Oct 25 will feature the 10th grade Confirmands. They meet to plan the service on Oct 20 at OSL following the 7:00 pm Confirmation Gathering.

Confirmation

Oct 4—10th gr. 11:45 am with parents & mentors
Oct 11—9th gr. 11:45 am
Oct 14—7th gr. 3:30 pm; 8th gr. 4:45 pm
Oct 20—10th gr. Confirmation Gathering
Oct 21—7th gr. 3:30 pm; 8th gr. 4:45 pm
Oct 25—10th gr. Affirmation of Baptism 10:45 am
Oct 28—7th gr. 3:30 pm; 8th gr. 4:45 pm



Youth Events will be scheduled for the Fall at the Youth Board meeting on Oct 5 at 6:30 pm. Youth are welcome to attend and share their ideas!!



Yes, we are back to quilting in the basement at Our Savior's! Please come join us on any Tuesday at 1 pm. If you need it, we can provide instruction and find a task for you. This is a very rewarding ministry and we would love to have you take part. If you're looking for a ministry you can become a part of, come join us!

Melo and Our Savior's Quilters



October Birthdays & Anniversaries

2	Veronica Miller	15	Dillon Kasprovicz	27	Yvonne Bossman
3	Shelly Conely		A - Matt & Rosanna Kasprovicz		Todd Dahlman
	Harper Harkness	16	Ron Leverington		Laura Jevning
	Darrell Rindy		Remington LeTexier		Madisyn Knoll
	Minerva Schantzen	18	Mike Cheney	28	Katie Bolton
	Kelsey Schmidt		Rebekah Haugtvedt		Adam Hermanson
5	Pat Bjorgaard		A - Randy & Cathy Pearson		Halle Sparby
	Wayne Johnson	19	Donavon Hamrick	29	Mary Helgeson
	Annika Magnusson	21	Jeremy Bring		Therron Johnson
	Cami Magnusson		Rod Erickson		Jeanie Ulferts
6	Marlene Owens		Bonnie Howard		A - Loren & Deb Zutz
7	Josh Johnston		Char Strickler	30	Rebecca Kasprovicz
	Leona Neegard		A - Jason & Jacquie Clark		
8	Cassie Hermanson	22	Marie Owens		
	Jennifer Nater	23	Lillian Anderson		
	Angela Spidahl		A - Mike & Leanne Novacek		
9	Zach Carlson	24	Katie Failing		
	Willis Grochow		Eric Field		
	Deb Schmidt		A - Rod & Deb Erickson		
11	Alan Maruska	25	Monica Nelsen		
	Kendall McGlynn		A - Richard & Michele Kuzel		
13	A - Austin & Miranda Knoll	26	Katie Jo Marquis		
14	Jo Sorenson		A - Hayden & Hannah Sczepanski		



Celebrating milestones in October are:

Lillian Anderson (85 yrs)

Willis Grochow (85 yrs)

Mike Cheney (70 yrs)

*Rod & Deb Erickson
(50th Anniversary)*

*Richard & Michelle Kuzel
(40th Anniversary)*



Best Wishes and may God Bless You all!

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

OCTOBER 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 HOLY COMMUNION Blessing of the Harvest First Communion Sunday 9:00 AM Melo Worship / Sunday School Staff Installation 9:30 AM OSL Sunday School 10:00 AM Melo Sunday School 10:45 AM OSL Worship 11:45 AM 10th Grade Confirmation	5 5:30 PM Education Cmte 6:30 PM Youth Board	6 1 PM Quilting 	7 10 AM Men's Bible Study	8	9 	10
11 BIBLE AND STOLE SUNDAY 9:00 AM Melo Worship <i>(No Melo Sunday School)</i> 9:30 AM OSL Sunday School 10:45 AM OSL Worship 11:45 AM Gr. 9 Confirmation	12	13 1 PM Quilting	14 10 AM Men's Bible Study 3:30 PM 7th Grade Confirmation 4:45 PM 8th Grade Confirmation	15	16	17
18 <u>No Sunday School-Melo & OSL</u> 9:00 AM Melo Worship 10:45 AM OSL Worship 	19	20 1 PM Quilting 7 PM 10th Grade Confirmation Gathering	21 10 AM Men's Bible Study 3:30 PM 7th Grade Confirmation 4:45 PM 8th Grade Confirmation	22	23	24
25 HOLY COMMUNION REFORMATION SUNDAY CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 9:00 AM Melo Worship / Baptism <i>(No Melo Sunday School)</i> 9:30 AM OSL Sunday School 10:00 AM Confirmants be at OSL 10:45 AM OSL Worship	26 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	27 1 PM Quilting	28 10 AM Men's Bible Study 3:30 PM 7th Grade Confirmation 4:45 PM 8th Grade Confirmation	29	30	31 

OCTOBER SERVANTS

OSL Lector:

Oct 4 Bobbi Mischel
 Oct 11 Caden Benson
 Oct 18 Brian Wurtzel
 Oct 25 Confirmants

Melo Lector:

Ava Wittman, Madeline Hamrick,
 Jacob Cobb, Aiden Johnson

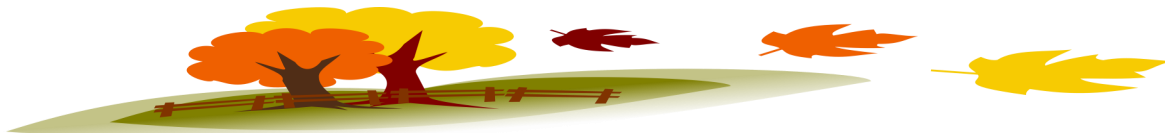
Song Leader:

Melo—Mylo Carlson / OSL—Katie Benson

Melo Custodian:

Oct 4-11 Robert Hamrick
 Oct 18-25 Steve Hamrick

(*No coffee fellowship or ushers currently)



Receipts

General Fund	\$ 11,195.00
Proj 2000/Bldg Fund	\$ 100.00
Mission Fund	\$ 40.00
Endowment Fund	\$ 40.00
Total Income	\$ 11,375.00



Other OSL Accounts (July)

Proj 2000/Bldg Fund	\$ 29,084.87
Mission Fund	\$ 5,396.31
Memorial Fund	\$ 13,369.66
Money Market Fund	\$ 58,091.73
OSL Bell Ringers	\$ 688.47
OSL Servant Group	\$ 7,172.71

Expenditures

Salaries/FICA/SS	\$ 9,155.02
Pastor Pension/Insurance	\$ 5,872.18
Buildings (util/phone/int)	\$ 655.31
Office Supplies	\$ 321.80
Church Repair/Maint	\$ 846.91
Postage	\$ 165.00
ODC Groundskeeping	\$ 830.71
Office Maintenance	\$ 151.19
Worship Supplies	\$ 1,312.13
Bank Service Chg	\$ 7.50

Total Expenditures \$ 19,317.75

Net Ordinary Income (-) \$ 7,942.75

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THANK YOU FOR THIS BOUNTY, GOD

Thank you for this bounty, God, that you give to me,
for grain that grows within the field and fruit upon the tree.
Thank you for the little seeds that in the Spring are sown,
and with your gifts of sun and rain have through the Summer grown.
Thank you for the farmers, Lord, and bless them for their toil,
as now they gather in the Fall this bounty from your soil.

-- Robin L. Gass



August 2020 Financial Report—Offering

August Offering	Simply Giving	8/2/2020	8/9/2020	8/16/2020	8/23/2020	8/30/2020	August Total
General	\$ 3,305.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 3,515.00	\$ 1,635.00	\$ 505.00	\$ 11,110.00
Utilities							
Postage		\$ 390.00					\$ 390.00
Mail—extra			\$ 1,040.00				\$ 1,040.00
Proj. 2000/Bldg	\$ 100.00						\$ 100.00
Endowment	\$ 40.00						\$ 40.00
Mission Fund	\$ 40.00						\$ 40.00
Total	\$ 3,485.00	\$ 840.00	\$ 2,740.00	\$ 3,515.00	\$ 1,635.00	\$ 505.00	\$ 12,720.00

Total to General Fund \$12,540.00

**OUR SAVIOR'S & MELO
LUTHERAN CHURCHES**

220 W Johnson Ave
Warren MN 56762

Lessons for October

October 4

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-15
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

October 11

Isaiah 25: 1-9
Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14



Weekly Devotionals

October 18

Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-9
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

October 25

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 46
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36

