

OSL & MELO FAITH CONNECTION

Our Savior's & Melo Lutheran Churches

JULY &
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Sunday Worship Times

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10:45 am OSL Worship

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Channel 13

Online

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




MARSHALL COUNTY FAIR
WORSHIP
Service
SUNDAY, JULY 26

-  **Vonasek Free Stage**
-  **9:45 a.m. – Prelude Praise**
-  **10:00 a.m. – Worship Service**
Message by Pastor Eric McNeil
Pastor at Harvest Church
-  A free will offering will be received.
-  Sponsored by the Warren Ministerial Association



INCLEMENT WEATHER LOCATION:
First Lutheran Church
105 St 6th St – Warren



Theme for OSL's float for the fair will be "Rockin for Jesus through Generations" with rocking chairs on the float. Volunteers willing to rock in the rocking chairs, from young to old, on the float, & youth & families to walk & hand out crosses & candy are needed. If there is anyone interested in helping, please contact Shelly at the office. Donations of parade candy will be very much appreciated from our congregation!! Come & join the fun! Thank you!

From the Pastor's Desk

Toward the end of June, I went on a ten-day pilgrimage to the land of Greece, home of many of the earliest churches named in the New Testament that were started and ministered to by the Apostle Paul. Many of the letters of Paul that we have in our Bibles were written to these particular churches, including 1 and 2 Corinthians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians, and Philipppians.

As the group I was part of journeyed through Greece, we were met with lots of mesmerizing sites, both natural and manmade: groves of millions of olive trees; towering ancient ruins; the bluest sea I have ever seen; architectural feats which shouldn't have been possible without modern machinery.

However, the site that captured my attention most during the pilgrimage was much plainer than any of these. It is in the city of Athens, the largest city in Greece, and it sits in the shadow of the Parthenon, a giant temple on one of the highest hills in the city, dedicated to the Greek goddess Athena. The site I'm talking about is the Areopagus, and really... it was just a rock. A tiny hill with stone steps etched in the side. In other words, it was nothing profound to look at. Yet, on this little hill, Paul dared to preach a powerful sermon.

We hear it in Acts 17. On that hill, Paul dared to say that the God who is Lord of heaven and earth doesn't live in temples made by human hands. Rather, it is because of this God that we live and that we have all that we need (life and breath and all things). In the shadow of the temple of Athena, Paul spoke of the one true God in whose image all of us were made, and of his Son who died and rose from the grave.

The boldness of Paul on that humble hill reminded me of the calling that all of us as Christians have: we, too, are called to proclaim the good news of God in Christ, both in word and deed. All of us (not just pastors) are called to lend our voices to telling others that they are made in the image of the one true God.

I hope we can be inspired by Paul's example to be courageous in sharing God's Good News, so that all may know the goodness of God.

*Your sister in Christ,
Pastor Amber Kalina*

June Highlights and Ministry on the Horizon



Monday Morning Bible Study at OSL
All are Welcome to Join!
10:00 AM - July 6, 20,
August 10, 24

REMINDER - There will be no worship service at Melo or OSL on **Sunday, July 26th!**
Please join us for community worship at the Marshall County Fair at the Vonasek Free Stage at 10 AM.



A Celebration of Life was held for Minerva Schantzen on June 9 at OSL. Remembering with love, Minerva, 1923-2026



Celebrations of Life were held for Curt Myrfield on June 30 & Marilyn Chruszch on July 1, hosted at First Lutheran Church. God Bless the memory of Curt & Marilyn.

Curt -- 1950-2026

Marilyn -- 1936-2026



Vacation Bible School at OSL
August 3-6th, 5:45-8:15 pm

Register your children or get involved as a volunteer! Call the office or follow the link on the OSL Facebook page to register! Early registration is not required but appreciated!

Scan the QR code to preregister.
Thank you!



July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 Holy Communion 9:00 AM Melo Worship 10:45AM OSL Worship	6 10:00 AM Bible Study OSL	7	8	9	10	11
12 9:00 AM Melo Worship 10:45AM OSL Worship	13 TBD Worship & Evangelism 6:00 PM Evening Worship at OSL with Communion 7:00 PM Ed Committee Mtg.	14	15	16	17	18
19 Holy Communion 9:00 AM Melo Worship 10:45AM OSL Worship	20 10:00 AM Bible Study OSL 7:00 PM OSL Council	21	22 Marshall County Fair 22nd-26th 	23	24	25
26 Community Worship Service at Marshall County Fairground Vonasek Free Stage 9:45 AM Music 10:00 AM Worship Pr. Eric McNeil Presiding 	27	28	29	30	31	

July Celebrations

3 - Bob Bossman
 4 - Wanda Gubrud
 Macey Novacek
 5 - Linda Hamrick
 6 - Johny Barbosa
 Matthew Kasprowicz
 7 - Rosanna Kasprowicz
 10 - Brinley Bring
 11 - Mary Jo Chandler
 12 - Lois Monroe
 Rod Myrfield
 Daniel Schmidt
 Logan LeTexier
 16 - Randy Gubrud
 Jeremy Woinarowicz
 Aiden Johnson
 17 - Ashley Reinier
 18 - Brandon Miller
 19 - Deanne Bossman
 Allison Johnson
 20 - Todd Kleinvachter
 Gladwin Lynne
 Jana Maruska
 Sophia Maruska
 John Peterson

21 - Elise Linder
 22 - Jim Duckstad
 Brent Strickler
 Jakob Wurtzel
 23 - Jackson Woinarowicz
 Kelli Knoll
 24 - Adam Sparby
 26 - Sharon Nelson
 Mason Treumer
 27 - Jessie Johnson
 28 - Frances Peterson
 30 - Brian Wurtzel
 Emersyn Olson
 31 - Darla Myrfield
 Jennifer Palm



1- Chad & Heather Treumer
 14-Mike & Betty DuBore
 15-Roger & Bobbi Mischel
 17- Mike & Deb Schmidt
 18- John & Jean Walker
 20-Dean & Jana Maruska
 26- Josh & Katie Benson
 28- David & Kimberly Kostrzewski

OSL Servant Group is looking for someone to be the chair person of July & August. If anyone from our congregation is interested in volunteering, please call the office to let Shelly know. Of note, coffee is paused during these months, so it would be to call for lectors, ushers, and funerals.

Ushers

5 - Rick Mattson
 12 - Need a volunteer
 19 - Need a volunteer
 26 - Fair Service

Lectors

5 - Bev Clausen
 12 - Peder Larson
 19 - Bev Clausen
 26 - Fair Service

Melo Custodians: July 5-12 Mylo & Marlene Carlson
 July 19-26 Lowell & Shirley Hamrick

August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Holy Communion 9:00AM Melo Worship 10:45AM OSL Worship Pastor Amber out of office	3 Vacation Bible School at OSL	4	5	6 6:00 PM - Picnic & VBS program. All are welcome!	7	8
9 9:00 AM Melo Worship 10:45AM OSL Worship	10 10:00 AM Bible Study OSL TBD Worship & Evangelism Mtg. 6:00 PM Evening Worship at OSL with Communion 7:00 PM Education Committee Mtg.	11	12	13	14	15
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30 9:00 AM Melo Worship 10:45 AM OSL Worship	31					

August Celebrations

Happy Birthday!!!!

2 - Sara Hedlund
Tyson Kostrzewski
Eric Mattson
Charli Klassy
4 - Eileen Baird
Diana Hermanson
Evelyn Olson
Charlie Sparby
5 - Linda Johnson
Paul Knutson
11 - Sutton Olson
Ben Hamrick
12 - Casey Conely
14 - Robert Hamrick
15 - Ken Magnusson
17 - Karen Larson
18 - Dean Maruska
19 - Taylin Johnson
20 - Marilyn Chruszch
20 - Diane Johnson
21 - Darby Boe
22 - Janice Grochow

25 - Wayne Hamrick
26 - Donna Miller
Camden Carlson
27 - Sadie Bring
28 - Hunter Kasproicz
29 - Maynard Laymon
Ashley Sparby
Jodi Gulden
30 - Kaitlin Barbosa
31 - Spencer Wittman



Happy Anniversary!

1 - Adam & Ashley Sparby
8 - Bernie & Rosalia Pollestad III
12 - Julie & Todd Dahlman
20 - Casey & Samantha Conely
Kelli & Aaron Knoll
22 - Becky & Dillon Kasproicz
23 - Bob & Deanne Bossman
29 - Steve & Shannon Hamrick
30 - Adam & Cassandra Hermanson

August Servants

Lectors

2 - Sara Hedlund
9 - Grant Peterson
16 - Bobbi Mischel
23 - Joan Peterson
30 - Joan Peterson

Ushers

4 - John Peterson
11 - John Peterson
18 - Mike Cheney
23 - Need a volunteer
30 - Need a volunteer



Melo Custodians:

Gary & Nicole Owens - August 2-9
Donna Gallagher - August 16-23
Ed & Jodi Gulden - August 30 - Sept. 6

OSL Council June 8th Meeting Minutes

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

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Betty DuBore at 7:05 pm. Pastor Amber referenced the Book of Ruth with an invitation to share about instances of abundance we've experienced recently.

Agenda & Previous Meeting Minutes: Mara moved to approve the previous minutes and this month's agenda, with addition of NWMN Synod Assembly Report to New Business; Donna seconded; motion carried. Darrell suggested adding "Other" to New Business on the agenda in future to cover any additional topics.

Reports

Treasurer's Report: CD#2 matures on June 26. May expenses were up due in part to the \$16K payment to Church Mutual. Income/giving was down as often happens in summer months. Darrell moved to approve the treasurer's report; Donna seconded; motion carried.

Worship and Evangelism: Adjustments to regular and online worship during the sanctuary reno may need to be made. Summer Monday evening worship went well on June 1; next evening services will be on July 13 & Aug 10. Linda Hamrick will play for worship on June 14. Joan sorted music in the file cabinets and removed some for recycling/disposal. Darrell suggested continuing to have the opportunity to make the sign of the cross to remember our baptism at the back of the sanctuary. Next meeting will be Aug 10.

Education & Youth: Cmte met June 1. Plans are continuing for VBS, scheduled for Aug 3-6 with a Rainforest Falls theme. Decorating needs are: blue fabric, brown paper, artificial trees, greenery and rainforest animals.

Property & Mgmt/Tech: Andy from Northern Fire Equipment inspected and tagged the fire extinguishers on June 2; two additional extinguishers have been purchased and some need to be disposed of. Tim from Garden Corner will grind the tree stump and plant a basswood; the Duckstad family wish to donate the tree in memory of their parents, Bev and David. The pulpit was disassembled and removed by Bob C and Mike Cheney. Amanda L has planted flowers at the church and will care for them and we thank her for doing this once again. An exterior door and steel frame in the narthex janitor closet needs replacing.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Amber attended Lead Pastor Development training and attended the virtual Synod Assembly. She led summer evening worship on June 1. She concluded pre-marital counseling with a couple and presided at the funeral of Minerva Schantzen. She continues with homebound/hospital visits, worship/Communion at North Star Manor and EGF Heritage Homes and her many ongoing monthly meetings and activities. She'll participate in Synod Candidacy Committee on June 11. She'll take vacation June 12-24 and has lined up Pastors Darrell Cory and Joy Grainger for pulpit supply.

Stewardship & Outreach: The cmte met on May 27 and June 8. They would like to encourage new members to join them, including some men if possible.

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

Ongoing Business

+**Sanctuary Reno Update:** Construction on phase 1 (the altar area) is now set to begin on June 15.

+**Donation:** Discussion was held on ways to help meet needs and bless others in the community and within our churches. It was suggested to have a separate meeting. Each council member should approach three people for ideas, as well as have an open call for any members to reach out with ideas. Mara moved to move the gift from general fund to a dedicated money market account; Darrell seconded; motion carried.

+**School Meal Funding:** Further discussion was held on how we can feed kids this summer. Sandra Solvik offered help from Melo members. Katie B and Brittney will be asked to check if non-perishable food could be picked up from an entryway or common area at the school. Brenna Benson reported that the NHS would like to assist in this if we can find a way to do it.

+**AED:** Darrell polled several organizations as to the brand they've purchased. He estimates a cost of \$2500 and will bring accurate info to next meeting. He mentioned we should think about where to locate an AED.

+**Education Wing Artwork:** Tabled to next meeting.

New Business

+**Council Goals:** Mara moved Council goals are to be 1) Draft a gift policy document, and 2) Redefine committee definitions and objectives as listed in our constitution; Donna seconded; motion carried.

+**Decisions Re: Events during Construction:** Pastor/Council may need to move events when the sanctuary is unavailable. Donna moved OSL cover the cost of church rental for a funeral; Darrell seconded; motion carried.

+**CD#2:** Mara moved to renew CD#2 at best available rate on June 26; Wanda seconded; motion carried.

+**Synod Assembly Report:** OSL/Melo are Conference 2 members. The virtual assembly theme was 'Grace in a Digital Space' and was led by Bishop Bill Tesch. There were several resolutions discussed. Pastor Amber was part of a five-member technology team. We thank Pastor Amber, Darrell and Wayne for attending.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and was adjourned at 8:50 pm. Next meeting: July 20, 2026, at 7 pm.
Respectfully submitted, Wanda Gubrud

May Treasurer's Report

General Account

Receipts

General Offering	\$ 10,420.89
Project 2000/Building Fund	\$ 80.00
Endowment Fund	\$ 15.00
Missions	\$ 15.00
Total Income	\$ 10,530.89

Expenses

Backpack Mission	\$ 2,014.31
Salaries/Pension/FICA	\$ 11,896.80
Utilities/Phone/Internet	\$ 2,446.37
Mileage	\$ 456.70
Pulpit Supply	\$ 269.23
Grounds Keeper	\$ 345.00
Workman's Comp Ins.	\$ 1,190.00
Church Liability Ins.	\$ 16,274.00
Church Repair/Maint.	\$ 1,575.20
Sunday School Expense	\$ 185.42
Organ/Piano Tuning	\$ 140.00
Worship Supplies	\$ 126.50
Flowers	\$ 705.00
Youth Programing Costs	\$ 166.50
Office Supplies/Postage	\$ 252.65
Office Equip.(copier/fax)	\$ 250.84
Bank Service Chg	\$ 3.00

Total Expenses \$ 38,297.52

Net Ordinary Income \$ -27,766.63

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OSL Accounts

General Fund	\$ 1,045,328.62
Memorial Fund	\$ 23,458.21
Mission Fund	\$ 6,147.46
Bell Ringers	\$ 712.04
Servant Group	\$ 11,672.12
Project 2000	\$ 115,286.61
Money Market	\$ 97,975.53
CD #1	\$ 262,990.34
CD #2	\$ 112,383.85
ELCA Invest.(April)	\$ 292,398.18

Total \$ 1,968,352.96

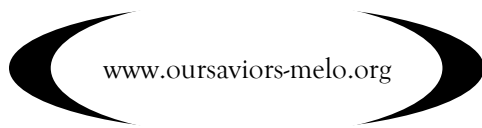
Thank you

OSL's Education Committee is always looking for Sunday School teachers/helpers. Help is in high demand as our Sunday School is growing & can use the extra help where needed. OSL wants to continue to provide this service to our children. Please contact Katie Benson or Katie Marquis. Thank you!



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Lessons for July & August 2026

July 5 - From Sadness to Joy

Psalm 30:8-12
Esther 7:1-10, 9:1-2, 20-22, 29-32
Luke 1:68-75

July 12 - Have Confidence in the Gospel

Psalm 86:1-7
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:4-7

July 19 - Take Hold of Eternal Life

Psalm 130:1-8
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:27-30

July 26

Worship at MC Fairgrounds

August 2 - Rekindle the Gift of God

Psalm 40:1-5
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-6

August 9 - Remember Jesus Christ, Raised from the Dead

Psalm 31:19-24
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

August 16 - The Lord Stood By Me

Psalm 65:1-4
2 Timothy 3:14; 4:8, 16-18
Luke 18:1-8

August 23 - Nineteen Comes Before Twenty

Psalm 89:8; 11-16
Exodus 19:1-6; 20:1-3
Matthew 22:34-40

August 30 - Tuned into God

Psalm 103:1-5
Exodus 20:4-11
Matthew 22:34-40

