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OUR SAVIOR'S & MELO LUTHERAN CHURCHES

OSL/MELO FAITH CONNECTION



"Who Is Jesus?" Community Worship Series & Holy Week Schedule

* All evening services will be held at 7 pm *

March 3: St. Peter & Paul - Pastor Justin Dietel "The Agonizing-Obedient Son"

March 10: Warren Covenant - Father Xavier Ilango "The Innocent Son of God"

March 17: Our Savior's Lutheran - Pr. Ryan Sarenpa "Jesus the King"

March 24: Assembly of God - Pr. Janet Warnes "The Victorious Savior"

March 28: Palm Sunday 9:00 Service at Melo 10:45 at OSL

April 1: Maundy Thursday service at Melo

April 2: Good Friday service at OSL

April 14 ~ Easter Services: 9:00 am Melo 10:45 am OSL



EASTER LILIES



Would you like to share an Easter Lily in honor or memory of a friend or loved one? Lilies are needed to decorate the sanctuary at OSL on Easter Sunday. Check the bulletin in the next few weeks for an order form or use the one on pg. 7.



2 a.m. Sunday, March 14th

You are invited to attend the Warren Community Lenten Services in person or view them virtually on Facebook!

Facebook group "Warren, MN Ministerial Group"

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/warrenmnministerial>

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Sunday Worship Times:

Melo Worship 9:00 am

OSL Sunday School 9:30 am

Melo Sunday School 10:00 am

OSL Worship 10:45 am

A video of OSL Sunday worship can be seen Sundays & Mondays at 3:30 pm on cable channel 13 & on YouTube. The worship service is streamed live on Facebooks. A link can be found on the church website and archived services can be viewed at:

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:
TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!
REMINDER:
DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS
March 25th

FROM THE PASTOR:

During the month of March, we begin with the Lenten Season. We continue the 40-day journey to the cross. Lent finds its end in Holy Week.

This year we are participating in area-wide community services, considering "Who Is Jesus?". Join us for this special series. Each Wednesday service in the series reveals in some way how Christ and his cross leads us to further understanding of God's will for our many experiences in life.

The complete Wednesday Lenten Schedule is included in the newsletter on page 1. It promises to be a rewarding and renewing time of worship.

On Sunday mornings we focus on special readings in Lent. Children will have a special series included in the service.

As Spring begins, renew your faith.

See you in worship!

Your friend and pastor, Pastor Janet Warnes

SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

It is important that we recognize the role we play in caring for creation. As we care for our environment, we ultimately care for people. Our natural resources, given by God, will provide clean air, clean water and tillable land.

Ways to care for our environment:

- (1) Recycle paper and plastic
- (2) Recycle aluminum and glass
- (3) Arrange for an energy audit
- (4) Turn off lights when not in use
- (5) Turn off water while brushing teeth
- (6) Update to natural cleaning supplies

**Note From Pastor Janet:**

Dear Friends,

As many of you have heard I will be moving into a new ministry soon. My last day of full pastoral ministry is March 13, 2021. I am remaining in Warren until Easter to sort and pack. This move will be the "big purge" meaning there will be a lot of down sizing.

I will be providing pulpit supply together with Brian Wurtzel through the rest of March until Easter Sunday, April 4th. My last Sunday with you will be Easter.

We have been together serving the Lord for the past seven years. I have thoroughly enjoyed our ministry together. Our Savior's and Melo is a wonderful parish. Each is gifted with a top notch leaders, a wonderful WELCA, youth program, Sunday School, 4 Confirmation classes, fellowship events, community outreach, Youth leadership program, Bible Studies and more.

We have celebrated Church Anniversaries, resided church buildings, updated sound systems, replaced flagpoles, purchased a new screen for OSL, widened a stair case, painted, fixed up and replaced windows, landscaped and more.

Our stewardship has also grown and we are in good shape — even through COVID.

I am so very grateful to the staff. You are blessed with wonderful organists, Joan and Linda, a top notch office manager in Mallory and Jake who is excellent and diligently cares for God's house. I very much have enjoyed working with them.

Each of you are loved and will remain in my heart. My home is also open to you. I will be serving a two point parish in Ortonville, MN ¾ time. My new address is 117 4th St. SE Ortonville, MN. This call will provide for me the opportunity to be closer to family for the first time in over 30 years. I have always gone where God has called me and now for the first time I will be closer to my daughter, relatives, and my husband's family. I was joking with a good friend and mentioned — truly hope I like my relatives as I have not known them well.

Thank you once again for this opportunity.

Your Pastor and Always Your Friend,

Pastor Janet



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes , February 16, 2021 7:00 PM

This monthly meeting was called to order by Council President Travis Hanel.

Council members present: Travis Hanel, Adam Sparby, Jim Duckstad, Treasurer Amanda Liebersbach and Pastor Janet.

Pastor Janet gave devotions.

Approval of agenda and last month's meeting minutes were approved. M/S/C Adam, Jim

Treasure report was given by Amanda. M/S/C Jim, Adam

Pastor Janet gave her pastor's report. Has been busy working with her regular duties and keeping busy. The Warren Ministerial will be purchasing Easter Baskets from the Boy Scouts and giving them out to the Home Bound members. Lenten services are coming up starting Feb. 24th and will rotate locations with local participating churches as in the past. M/S/C Adam, Jim,

Stewardship: A sign-up sheet is up and are looking for volunteers at the food shelf for the month of March.

Worship & Evangelism: The worship calendar for the month of February and March is out. We are looking for volunteers from Communion and Alter Guild. A discussion about Holden Village & Evening Prayer was discussed to be held at DSL and St. Peter and Paul Church during Lent.

Education & Youth: Sunday School will resume Feb 21st.

Old Business: The tree at the parsonage still needs to be taken down. We are still looking for people to serve on the council. Joan Peterson volunteered to join us on Council.

Officers this year for Council: Travis Hanel President, Tony Johnson Vice President, Amanda Liebersbach Treasurer, Adam Sparby council member, Jim Duckstad council member, Joan Peterson Council member.

Next meeting March 23, 7:00 P.M.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectively submitted by,

Jim Duckstad, Acting Secretary



Florida golfing in February is a little different that Minnesota golfing in February!



BIBLE TRIVIA

- In what city was Jesus born?
- How many books are in the New Testament?
- What kind of insect did John the Baptist eat in the desert?
- Who were the first apostles called to follow Jesus?
- *Check back next month for the answers and more trivia questions!*



March Youth Newsletter

Acolytes

Mar. 7—Max Carlson & Caden Benson

Mar. 14— Brodie Wurtzel

Mar. 21 — Ashley Bishop & McKenzie Slusar

Mar. 28 — Breawna Bolton

*Please remember that if you are unable to acolyte on your scheduled Sunday, it is your responsibility to find a replacement or trade. Try contacting the person before or after you to trade. Thank you.

Confirmation



This year the 7th and 8th grade will continue with class during the Lenten season.

Mar. 17– 4:00 Zoom Class

March 24—4:00 Zoom Class



2021 MELO & OSL SENIORS!!

Please watch the mail for scholarship letters and application; they will be sent out soon and due April 1st. There are several scholarships, so please apply if you'll be going on to more schooling/training!



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

During the final week we hear of Christ's passion, his death and resurrection. From Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on to what the church calls the Triduum – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. All of Holy week focuses on the passion. As his followers we travel Christ's path of servant-hood through the Lord's Supper, the suffering on the cross toward the glory of Easter.

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

9:00 am Worship at Melo

Sunday School Processional

10:45 am Worship at OSL

Sunday School Easter Program

MARCH 31, 2021 7:00 PM

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE AT MELO

Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar

Holy Communion

APRIL 1, 2021 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT OSL

Last Hours in the Life of Christ.

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

EASTER! CHRIST IS RISEN

9:00 am Easter Worship at Melo with

Holy Communion

10:45 am Easter Worship at OSL with

Holy Communion





MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



1 Tim Strickler
 2 Erich Rittmann
 3 Shawn Miller
 4 Dakota Miller
 5 Jean Leverington
 Bernie Pollestad
 6 Savannah Bishop
 9 Rhett Reinier
 10 Ivory King
 Aubrie Roley
 11 Ethan Zutz
 13 Brittney Palm
 Zach Riopelle
 Sandra Solvik
 14 Scarlett Conely
 Bethany Oberg
 Sara Wurtzel
 15 Matt Linder
 Kelly Myrfield
 A- Jim & Diane Johnson



16 Sara Morberg
 Olivia Strickler
 17 Stacy Laudal
 Jesse Pineda
 19 Malley Maurstad
 20 Sophia Hanel
 David Peyton
 21 Kaitlyn Anderson
 IreLynn Pollestad
 22 Ben Gubrud
 Matt Hanel
 24 Dayle Anderson-Scherber
 Alex Hebert
 25 Austin Owens
 26 Mylo Carlson
 Mag Melgard
 28 Kelsey Carriere
 Chuck Greentree
 Nancy Mattson
 Wyatt Myrfield



29 Zoey Boman
 HollyAnn Carlson
 Pete Hanson
 Layla Klassy
 30 Mara Hanel
 Chad Treumer
 31 Brenna Benson
 Dustin Marquis
 Mike Slusar



Milestones:

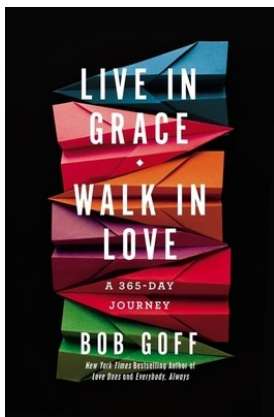
Best wishes and God's Blessings
 to Jean Leverington on her 75th
 Birthday on March 5th!

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

*Happy
 Anniversary*

March

Book Recommendations!



Bob Goff is one of my favorite Christian authors! I recommend his books: "Love Does" and "Everybody Always". I am currently reading his daily devotional and am really enjoying it!

-Mallory Craik

If you have a favorite book that you'd like to recommend call or email the office by March 25th!

NOTES

****The 2021 OSL Yellow Pages will be printed in the first week of April and will be available for pick-up in the OSL narthex. Throughout the year, if you have any changes or corrections to make, please notify the church office. The servant group lists can also be found on the church website and will be updated soon to reflect recent changes and additions. If you'd like to change to a different month that works better with your schedule, please call the office!**

**** The Worship & Evangelism committee is looking for volunteers for Communion and Alter Guild!**

**** If you'd like to join a service group or committee, contact the office for information on how you can get involved!**

GET INVOLVED



A TRIBUTE TO THE QUILTERS

During COVID the quilters did meet at different times. We want to recognize their good work and many ways they reach out to our members, community and world

Friends gather together to cut, sew, iron, and tie.
Quilting until the afternoon goes by.

Lots of stories and laughter keep us amused.
Always a dish to share
from rhubarb recipes well-used.

We're not a bunch of Legos,
a group with interchangeable parts.
We're women; friends with quilter's hearts.

Here we treasure the gifts in each other we discover,

For we know everyone has value,
offering to finish the cover.

We gather scraps, no longer serving usefully.
With vision deep, we see the possibility.

This one with that one and ooh, ahh,
oh, the resulting beauty.

Whether it is by vision, planning, or trial and error,
Each quilt is finished and sent with a prayer.
This is how quilters give hugs near or far.



Saturday, Mar 20, is **National Quilting Day**. To view live feeds from Lutheran World Relief events which celebrate National Quilting Day, check out facebook.com/groups/lwrquilters to see what's happening. National Quilting Day is observed annually on the *third Saturday in March*. It is a day that is celebrated around the country with special quilting shows, classes, open museums and much more.

MARCH SERVANTS

OSL Lector:

Mar. 7— TBD

Mar. 14— Heather Goroski

Mar. 21— Heather Goroski

Mar. 28— Shawn Spidahl

OSL Ushers:

Mar. 7—Randy Engelstad

Mar. 14—Heather and Mike Goroski

Mar. 21—Chad Treumer and Mike Goroski

Mar. 28—Chad Treumer and Wayne Spidahl

OSL Song Leaders:

Mar. 7— Darby Boe

Mar. 14—Katie Benson

Mar. 21—TBD

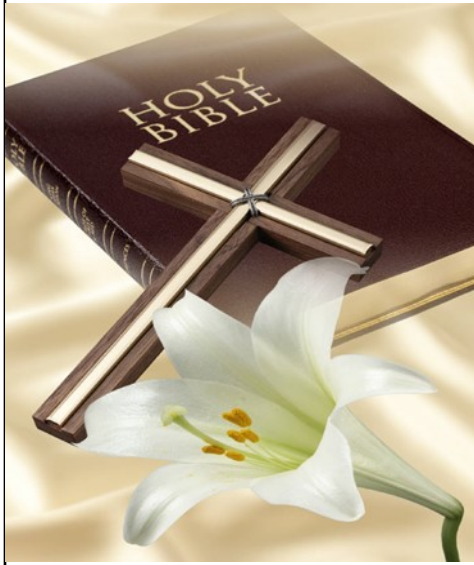
Mar. 28—Travis Hanel

Melo Custodian:

Mar. 7-14—Jim & Karen Pearson

Mar. 21-28—Larry & Faith Rud





Lilies will be ordered to decorate the OSL sanctuary on Easter Sunday. If you wish to share a lily, please complete form. There will be forms in the bulletin and available at the church.

(Cost: \$ 10)

Please take the lily home after the April 4 Easter Service.

Order Deadline is March 15

Name _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Designate 'lily' on your check and place in the offering plate or bring/mail to the church office.

Thank you.

The History of the Easter Lily {Taken from 1800flowers.com}

Known to Christians as the "white-robed apostle of hope," the Easter lily has also been a religious symbol since the birth of the Christian religion. The flower is even mentioned in the Bible quite a few times. It is said that when Eve shed tears of remorse as she and Adam left the Garden of Eden, white lilies sprang up where her tears fell.

Easter lilies are also admired as a symbol of motherhood and the Virgin Mary. In artwork, she is often depicted receiving a bundle of white lilies from the angel Gabriel at Jesus' birth, and the flowers were said to have been found in her tomb after her death.

The most famous biblical reference to the Easter lily is when Jesus told his followers, "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: They toil not, neither do they spin; and yet ... Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." It's also believed that the lilies grew where Jesus' sweat and tears fell to the ground during his crucifixion. Many churches today continue the long-held tradition and commemorate the resurrection of Jesus by adorning their altars with pure white Easter lilies.

SUNDAYS IN MARCH YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS

March 7 - Third Sunday in Lent

Signs of the Cross

9:00 am Worship at Melo with Holy Communion

10:00 am - Melo Sunday School

9:30 am - OSL Sunday School

10:45 am Worship at Our Savior's with Holy Communion

11:45 Private Baptism

March 14 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

Signs of the Cross

(Daylight Savings Time Begins)

9:00 am - Worship at Melo

9:30 am - OSL Sunday School

10:45 am Worship at Our Savior's

March 21 - Fifth Sunday in Lent

Signs of the Cross

9:00 am - Worship at Melo with Holy Communion

10:00 am - Melo Sunday School

9:30 am - OSL Sunday School

10:45 am - Worship at Our Savior's with Holy Communion

March 28 - Palm Sunday

Easter Program at OSL/ Youth Leadership Sunday

9:00 am - Worship at Melo

9:30 am - OSL Sunday School

10:45 am Worship at Our Savior's with Sunday School Easter Program



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH Treasurer's Report—January 2021

Receipts

General Fund	\$ 6,270.00
Proj 2000/Bldg Fund	\$ 40.00
Mission Fund	\$ -780.00
Endowment Fund	\$ 40.00
Total Income	\$ 5,570.00



Expenditures

Pastor Pension/Insur	\$ 7,905.86
Salaries/FICA	\$ 4830.96
Phone/interne/utilities	\$ 1349.46
Church Repair/Maint.	\$ 2661.96
Worship & Music	\$ 401.99
Office Supplies	\$ 53.09
Office Repair/Maint.	\$ 151.19
Custodial Supplies	\$ 217.45
ODC Custodial	\$ 280.00
Postage	\$ 378.20
Pulpit Supply	\$ 243.40
Bank service charge	\$ 7.50
Total Expenditures	\$ 18,481.06



Other OSL Accounts

General Fund	\$ 173,552.45
Mission Fund	\$ 5,451.59
Proj 2000/Bldg	\$ 46,260.48
Money Mkt Fund	\$ 58,094.66
Memorial Fund	\$ 14,730.38
Servant Group	\$ 7,351.56
OSL Bell Ringers	\$ 688.51







Net Ordinary Income **\$ -12,911.06**

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January 2020 Offering	Simply Giving	1/5/2020	1/12/2020	1/19/2020	1/26/2020	January Total
General	\$ 2,860.00	\$ 1,954.00	\$ 971.60	\$ 11,633.50	\$ 1,449.50	\$ 18,868.60
Postage		\$ 390.00				\$ 390.00
Christmas		\$ 50.00				\$ 50.00
Utilities			\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00
Youth Group				\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
Proj. 2000/Bldg Fund	\$ 115.00					\$ 115.00
Endowment Fund	\$ 40.00					\$ 40.00
Mission Fund	\$ 45.00					\$ 45.00
Food Shelf						
Portals of Prayer			\$ 20.00			\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 3,060.00	\$ 2,394.00	\$ 1,191.60	\$ 11,733.50	\$ 1,549.50	\$19,928.60

Total to General Fund \$19,508.00



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1		3 7:00 PM Lenten Service - St. Peter and Paul with Pastor Justin Dietel	4	5	6
7 Holy Communion Third Sunday in Lent 9:00 AM Melo Worship 9:30 AM OSL Sunday School 10:00 AM Melo Sunday School 10:45 AM OSL Worship 11:45 Private Baptism	8 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Education Committee Meeting 6:30 PM Youth Board	9	10 7:00 PM Lenten Service - Warren Cove- nant with Father Xavier Ilango	11	12	13 Daylight Savings Time Begins <i>Turn clocks ahead before bed</i>
14 Fourth Sunday in Lent 9:00 AM Melo Worship 9:30 AM OSL Sunday School 10:45 AM OSL Worship Daylight Savings Time Begins! 	15 1:00 PM Staff Meeting	16 11:30 AM Warren Ministerial Assn	17  7:00 PM Lenten Service—OSL with Pastor Ryan Sarenpa	18 5:00 PM Endow- ment Committee Meeting	19 7:45 AM WAO Pre- school Screen- ing at OSL	20 
21 Holy Communion First Sunday in Lent 9:00 AM Melo Worship 9:30 AM OSL Sunday School 10:00 AM Melo Sunday School 10:45 AM OSL Worship	22 1:00 PM Staff Meeting	23 6:00 PM Worship & Evangelism Cmte Meeting 7:00 PM OSL Council Mtg	24 7:00 PM Lenten Service - Assem- bly of God with Pastor Janet Warnes	25	26	27
28 Youth Leadership Sunday 9:00 AM Melo Worship 9:30 AM OSL Sunday School 10:45 AM OSL Worship with Sunday School Easter program	29 1:00 PM Staff Meeting	30	31			
						

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March 7

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalms 19

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2: 13-22

March 14

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalms 107:1-3 , 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3: 14-21

LESSONS FOR MARCH

March 21

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 51:1-12

Hebrew 5:5-10

John 12: 20-33

March 28

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 14:1-15

