

# OSL & MELO FAITH CONNECTION

## NOVEMBER 2025

Our Savior's & Melo Lutheran Churches

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### *God Bless the Memory of:*

*George Owens — 7/13/1940— 12/23/2024*

*Thomas O'Keefe — 1/26/1988—1/13/2025*

*Marcille Anderson — 1/19/1925—2/25/2025*

*Lowell Goplin — 6/19/1942—4/5/2025*

*Irmy Haugen — 6/22/1929—4/30/2025*

*Jacob Rodrigues — 7/31/1947—5/15/2025*

*Belinda Folz — 11/20/1954—5/25/2025*

*Alvina Olson — 5/14/1946—5/31/2025*

*Randy Owens — 6/11/1959—7/31/2025*

*John Carlson — 11/15/1936— 7/26/2025*

*Patricia Rolland— 5/16/1955— 10/23/2025*

*And those who are near and dear to our hearts.*

*Dear God, on this All Saints Day, Nov. 2nd, we thank You for the countless saints who have lived faithfully in Your name. May we be inspired by their holy lives and imitate their virtues of humility, courage, and compassion. Strengthen us to walk the narrow path they chose, always placing our trust in You. Help us honor their legacy not only in word but in action. May their witness spur us on to greater holiness in our own journey. Amen*



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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  
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**SIGN UP**

**To stay up to date  
with all things  
Sunday School  
sign up for remind!  
Text @oslsun to  
81010**

## From the Pastor's Desk

*I was really surprised at church on October 12 when the kids came up bearing flowers for me for "Pastor Appreciation Day". So, I thought I would turn the tables and take a moment to express my appreciation for you all. Just consider it "OSL-Melo Appreciation Day"!*

*There are so many reasons I would like to say THANK YOU:*

*For saying "Yes" to trying new things, even though "new" can be challenging  
For letting me know you care through treats, texts, and notes under my door  
(you don't know how much those mean to me)*

*For the work you do in the church as musicians, teachers, custodians, cooks,  
worship leaders, staff members, and volunteers*

*For generously supporting the ministry of OSL and Melo through sharing time,  
talents, and treasures*

*For gently letting me know when someone could use a visit or should be added  
to our prayer list*

*For asking deep questions that keep me growing in my own faith*

*For the ways you show up in the wider community, making Warren better*

*For the kindness you show to one another*

*For the ways you strive to Seek God, Share God's Gifts, and Love God's People as  
churches and individuals*

*For being part of OSL and Melo*

*I could go on. It has truly been a blessing to serve you as your pastor these last three years (almost four!). I am eager to see how God continues to guide us in the work we do together.*

*Your sister in Christ,  
Pastor Amber Kalina*

**Pastor Amber was presented flowers from  
SS & Council on Pastors Appreciation Day!!**



# October Ministry Highlights!

God Bless OSL's 2025 Confirmation Class, Macey, Leo, Kenley, Malley, and Nora!



God Bless Melo's 2025 Confirmation Class, Abigail and Rielly!



TRUNK OR TREAT FUN!!



# Lambs & Lions



Stoles were given to the 7th grade confirmation class-Matthew, Gabe, Kaley, Loxleigh, & Brinley-on October 5th at OSL. Not pictured is Melo's 7th grader, Madisyn

## CONFIRMATION

7th & 8th Grade on Wednesdays at 5:45 PM.  
No Confirmation on Nov. 19th & 26th.

9th Grade on Sunday Nov. 23 at Noon (going to North Country Food Bank)



3rd Graders receiving their Bibles at OSL on Oct. 5

**Youth Event!**  
 November 9th  
 Youth planning to be at North Star Manor Nursing Home in the afternoon. Ask Katie or Heather for more details!



Trunk or Treat



## OSL Sunday School sang at worship, Oct. 12



More pics of Trunk or Treat. We are very grateful to all who participated. Awesome to see all the great costumes & everyone having an amazing time!

## November Acolytes

- 11/2 - Camdyn Carlson & Chandler Klassy
- 11/9 - Sophia Wurtzel & Ava Nybladh
- 11/16 - Emma Dahlman & Gabe Marquis
- 11/23 - Kaley Boe & Brinley Bring
- 11/30 - Leo Johnson & Loxleigh Myrfield

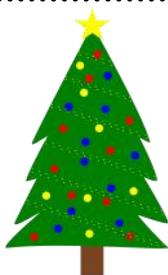
# Ministry on the Horizon



Save the Date!  
Candlelight Service at  
OSL  
Sunday, December 14th  
at 7:00 PM

**Looking for Solos or Ensembles, Vocal or Instrumental**, for the Christmas Candlelight which will be on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. The OSL Choir will be singing and we are looking for other music to add to the service. Please contact the church office, Katie Benson or Joan Peterson!

Sunday School  
Christmas Programs  
Will be held during  
Worship on  
December 21st!



*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!*

We will be collecting donations at OSL in November for Marshall County Social Services Giving Tree.

There will have a box in the narthex for dropping off.

All donations are appreciated but a few ideas include..

- \*Hats & gloves for ages infant to 18 year old
- \*Small toys like markers, board games, dolls, trucks!
- \*Gifts for teenagers such as gift cards, body soaps, things teens like!
- \*Money is always appreciated and used to buy gifts for kids that are not taken off the community trees!



**Lydia-Phoebe Circle**  
**Meets at North Star Manor**  
**Wednesday, Nov. 12th at 1:30 PM**

Quilting!

OSL/Melo Quilters meet on Tuesdays from 1-4 PM at OSL!

All skill levels are welcome to join in on the fun!

**Bible Study!**



Mondays: Nov. 3rd & 17th at 10 AM at OSL!

All are welcome, please join us!



**Have you considered joining church council?**

It is a great way to give back to your church. New members will be added in January during the annual meeting! If you are interested in learning more about what is involved in church council contact Pastor Amber or council members~ Betty Dubore, Katie Benson, or Donna Miller.

# November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2 Holy Communion</b> <b>All Saints Sunday</b> <b>9:00AM</b> Melo Worship <b>9:30 AM</b> OSL Sunday School <b>NO</b> Melo Sunday School <b>10:15 AM</b> OSL Coffee <b>10:45AM</b> OSL Worship	<b>3</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Bible Study OSL Library  <b>6:30 PM</b> Ed (if don't meet on Sunday)	<b>4</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Quilting at OSL	<b>5</b> <b>5:45 PM</b> 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation  <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir <b>7:45 PM</b> Bells	6	7	8
<b>9</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Melo Worship <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School at OSL <b>10:00 AM</b> Sunday School at Melo <b>10:15 AM</b> OSL Coffee <b>10:45AM</b> OSL Worship  <b>2:00 PM</b> Youth Event at North Star Manor	<b>10</b> Worship & Evangelism - TBD  Pastor Amber away <span style="font-size: 2em;">→</span>	<b>11</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Quilting at OSL	<b>12</b> <b>5:45 PM</b> 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir <b>7:45 PM</b> Bells	13	14	15
<b>16 SS Kids Sing During Worship</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Melo Worship <b>9:30 AM</b> OSL Sunday School <b>10:00 AM</b> Melo Sunday School <b>10:15 AM</b> OSL Coffee <b>10:45AM</b> OSL Worship	<b>17</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Bible Study OSL Library  <b>7:00 PM</b> OSL Council	<b>18</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Quilting at OSL	<b>19</b> No 7th & 8th grade confirmation <b>TBD - 10th Grade Confirmation Tea</b>	20	21	22
<b>23</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Melo Worship <b>9:30 AM</b> OSL Sunday School <b>10:00 AM</b> Melo Sunday School <b>10:15 AM</b> OSL Coffee <b>10:45AM</b> OSL Worship <b>Noon</b> 9th Grade Confirmation Class going to North Country Food Bank	24	<b>25</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Quilting at OSL	<b>26</b> <b>No Confirmation</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day!</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Office closed</b>	29
<b>30</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Melo Worship <b>9:30 AM</b> OSL Sunday School <b>10:00 AM</b> Melo Sunday School <b>10:15 AM</b> OSL Coffee <b>10:45AM</b> OSL Worship						



# November Celebrations

*Happy Birthday!!!!*

11/3 - Jeremy Duckstad  
Pete Solvik

11/4 - Cody Goroski  
Sid Carlson

11/5 - Teaira Chandler  
Kirk Hanson

11/9 - AnnaLynn Pollestad

11/10 - Lowell Hamrick  
Max Carlson  
Navy Pahlen

11/11 - Lisa Walker  
Dustin Johnson

11/12 - Karlee Kostrzewski

11/15 - Olin Barbosa

11/16 - Brice Miller  
Maxwell Nelsen

11/17 - Bev Torgerson

11/18 - Nora Otterstetter

11/20 - Belinda Folz

11/21 - Breawna Bolton

Eric Wittman

Nicole Owens

11/22 - Gloria Thompson

11/24 - Nancy Haugen

John Hals

11/24 - Alexis Knoll

11/26 - Loxleigh Myrfield

11/27 - Kyle Kostrzewski

11/28 - Logan Johnson

Macklin Hamrick

11/29 - Ashia Balzum

Heather Goroski

Delores Sedlacek



*Happy Anniversary!*

11/13 - Ron & Jean Leverington

11/22 - Jeremy & Sadie Bring

11/24 - Bob & Shelly Conely

## November Servants!

### November 2

Coffee: Kristen Duckstad  
Lector: Darrell Rindy  
Usher: Darrell Rindy

### November 16

Coffee: Virlynn Hanson  
Lector: Kristen Duckstad  
Usher: Pete Hanson

### November 30

Coffee: Pam Wohlers  
Lector: Darrell Rindy  
Usher: Darrell Rindy

### November 9

Coffee: Clarice Demeyere & Darla Myrfield  
Lector: LuAnn Johnson  
Usher: LuAnn Johnson

### November 23

Coffee: LuAnn Johnson  
Lector: LuAnn Johnson  
Usher: Pete Hanson

If you are willing to join an additional service month, please reach out to Shelly in the office at 745-4478, Email at [osl@oursaviors-melo.org](mailto:osl@oursaviors-melo.org) or text at 218-201-2361!

### Melo Custodians:

Nov 2-9 Lowell & Shirley Hamrick

Nov 16-23 Robert & Gail Hamrick

# OSL Council October 20th Meeting Minutes

Members present: Betty DuBore, Brittney Palm, Donna Miller, Katie Benson, Wanda Gubrud, Wayne Torgerson, Pastor Amber Kalina. Absent: Dustin Marquis.

The meeting was called to order by President Katie Benson at 7:02 pm. Pastor Amber opened with devotions from 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 16:13-14, a favorite Bible verse of hers, with actions we did together. We shared about which of the actions struck a chord with us.

Agenda & Previous Meeting Minutes: Betty moved to approve the previous minutes and this month's agenda; Donna seconded; motion carried.

## **Reports**

Treasurer's Report: Brittney moved to approve the treasurer's report; Wanda seconded; motion carried.

Worship and Evangelism: Committee did not meet; next meeting Nov 10.

Education & Youth: Cmte met Oct 5. Sunday School will sing Oct 12 and will make Christmas ornaments. Confirmation Sunday is Oct 26 with seven confirmands (two at Melo and five at OSL). Flowers and cake will be ordered. Trunk or treat is on Oct 26. Katie Jo will research Christmas programs. Next meeting is Nov 3.

Property/Tech: Paul Oman painting was hung in the fellowship hall. Installation of the new entry doors should happen in the next couple weeks; the threshold on north entry doors needs to be improved for wheelchair access. Pastor Amber, Wanda and Randy met with Comstock (Jason and Jalyn) and Foss (Wade and Shelly) on Oct 8, and Katie also visited with them regarding the sanctuary renovation.

Stewardship/Outreach: Committee will meet in November.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Amber attended Continuing Education in Pittsburgh on Oct 13-17. She continues with homebound/hospital visits, teaching Confirmation and continues with her many ongoing monthly activities. She will officiate at Affirmation of Baptism for seven Confirmands on Oct 26.

Donna moved to approve the committee reports; Wayne seconded; motion carried.

## **Ongoing Business**

+Rural Revival: Pastor Melissa Pickering (NWMN Synod Rural Ministry Mission Developer) preached at worship on Sunday, Oct 12. Following the joint OSL/Melo service there was a guided discussion to explain the program. She will be conducting interviews with some OSL and Melo members and other Warren folks to gain insight into the needs of the community and will report on her findings in December.

+Church Financial Planning: Application for investment of \$275K from the General fund in the Ministry Growth Fund through the ELCA Foundation is in process. CD#2 has reached maturity. Brittney moved to renew the CD including interest earned (\$263,068.63 total) for 5 mo. @ 3.95%; Wayne seconded; motion carried. Next month we'll discuss options for donation of the \$4319 interest earned.

+Sanctuary Renovation: Representatives from Comstock Construction and Foss Architecture came to discuss options for increasing sanctuary space, functionality and accessibility. They are working on plans.

+Church Rental Fees: Discussion was held on possible updates to fees and we'll vote at the next meeting.

## **New Business**

+Mission Spending: There is \$3000 in funds remaining in the 2025 budget for 'other mission' giving.

+New Members: There are a few people/families who may be interested in becoming members of OSL. An announcement will be placed in the bulletin regarding this.

+MCSS Sharing Tree and Food Basket Program: A letter was received asking for contributions. Donna moved to donate \$3000 from the 'other mission' budget to Marshall Co. Social Services to help support the Thanksgiving food basket and Sharing Tree programs for those in need; Brittney seconded; motion carried.

+Snow Removal: Brittney moved to approve hiring Bob Conely to do snow removal at OSL and the parsonage; Betty seconded; motion carried. (Olson Underground has done it the past couple of years but didn't respond to queries made for this year.)

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Wayne moved to adjourn; Donna seconded; motion carried, and meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm. Next meeting: November 17, 2025, at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wanda Gubrud

# September Treasurer's Report

## General Account

### Receipts

General Offering	\$ 7,821.50
Project 2000/Building Fund	\$ 190.00
Endowment Fund	\$ 40.00
Missions	\$ 20.00
Youth Group	\$ 150.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 8,221.50</b>

### Expenses

Salaries/Pension/FICA	\$11,546.33
Pastors Mileage/Phone	\$ 272.82
Utilities/Phone/Internet	\$ 452.06
Church Repair/Maint.	\$ 511.10
Sunday School	\$ 409.39
Confirmation	\$ 6.00
Vacation Bible School	\$ 25.74
Worship Supplies	\$ 2,175.15
Music & Choir	\$ 87.25
Continuing Education	\$ 150.00
Office Supplies/Postage	\$ 364.24
Office Repair/Copier Contract	\$ 217.14
Groundskeeper-Church&Parson.	\$ 734.00
Custodial Supplies	\$ 65.97
Bank Service Chg	\$ 8.50
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 17,025.69</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$- 8,804.19</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>	<b>\$ +137.45</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$-8,666.74</b>

### OSL Accounts

General Fund	\$370,151.18
Memorial Fund	\$ 22,987.68
Mission Fund	\$ 5,893.44
OSL Bell Ringers	\$ 711.58
OSL Servant Group	\$ 11,089.93
Project 2000/Bldg Fund	\$ 95,870.27
Money Market	\$ 97,683.03
CD #1	\$ 254,429.87
CD #2	\$ 110,507.79
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 969,324.77</b>

**New Offering Envelopes!**  
 With Church 360, numbered & dated envelopes are not necessary. We did still order numbered envelopes for members who currently use these. There will be extra boxes available for the congregation to use with no numbers and no dates, so boxes will last longer, but if you do use these & make a CASH offering, you must write your name on the envelope in order for the office to enter this offering to your contribution record. You still may just place your offering in the plate not using any envelope if you wish or mail offerings to the church office. Thank-you!

### Poinsettia Order Form

*Poinsettias are available for \$25 per plant to decorate the sanctuary during the Advent & Christmas season.*

*(Please take them following the Christmas Eve service.)*

*If you would like to share a poinsettia, please complete the form below.*

**Order deadline is November 27th**

Please designate "Poinsettia" on your check (payable to OSL) and put it in the offering plate, or bring or mail to the church office. We will place an order with Evergreen & Ivy.

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

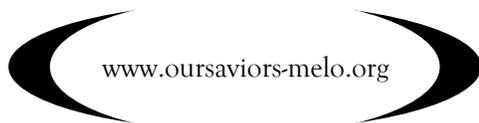
In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Red                      \_\_\_\_\_ White



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## Lessons for November 2025

**November 2-God Speaks to**

**Elijah**

Psalm 46:8-11  
1 Kings 19:1-18  
John 12:27-36

**November 9-Amos: Justice**  
**Rolls Down**

Psalm 33:1-9  
Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24  
John 7:37-39

**November 16-Isiah: A Child is**  
**Born**

Psalm 103:1-8  
Isaiah 9:1-7  
John 8:12-20

**November 23-Jeremiah's Letter**  
**to the Exiles**

Psalm 94:12-15  
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14  
John 14:25-31

**November 30-The Firey**  
**Furnace**

Psalm 18:1-6  
Daniel 3  
John 18:33-38

