

November 2020

OUR SAVIOR'S &amp; MELO LUTHERAN CHURCHES



# OSL/Melo Faith Connection

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## Sunday Worship Times

9:00 am Melo Worship  
9:30 OSL Sunday School  
10:45 am OSL Worship

Please check our website  
and Facebook pages for  
schedule updates due to  
Covid-19

A video of OSL Sunday  
Worship can be seen on  
Monday at 3:30 pm on  
cable channel 13 and on  
YouTube. The service is  
now being streamed live  
also. A link to the ser-  
vices can be found on the  
OSL/Melo church  
website, and archived  
services can be viewed as  
well: [www.oursaviors-  
melo.org](http://www.oursaviors-melo.org).

Please note:

Thanksgiving week, the  
church office will be closed  
on November 26 & 27. The  
church office will be open  
on November 23 & 25.

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

TURN IN  
YOUR ARTICLES  
**EARLY!**

RE M I N D E R :

DEADLINE FOR  
NEWSLETTER  
ARTICLES IS  
November 23



On November 1, All Saints Sunday, we remember our loved ones who have died, and pray that we may be found faithful. Prayer for All Saints: O God, we give thanks for all the saints who now rest from their labors and dwell in your eternal light. With affection and love, we remember those dear to us who have died in this past year. May their memory stir our hearts and deepen our hope of sharing with you, and with all those we love, the joy of the life that is to come. Amen.

*Those for whom services and/or committal were held  
in the past year, since Nov 3, 2019:*

Nancy Ann Wurtz - d. 11/15/2019

Verna Mae Jorgenson - d. 4/17/2020

Margaret Ann Sommers - d. 11/30/2019

Arthur (Bill) Bossman - d. 4/24/2020

Rev. Mark Rittmann - d. 11/28/2019

Greg Roger Kilen - d. 5/20/2020

Robin Patrick Johnson - d. 12/4/2019

Janice Ann Lenhart - d. 6/1/2020

Gary James Peterson - d. 1/15/2020

Michael Patrick Gallagher - d. 6/12/2020

Nicholas Robert Boman - d. 1/18/2020

Rev. Ronald Warnes - d. 7/3/2020

Russell Demeyere - d. 2/4/2020

Curtis Rae Anderson - d. 7/26/2020

## Poinsettia Order Form

Poinsettias are available for **\$10** 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 25<sup>th</sup>.**

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

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

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

Please designate 'Poinsettia' on your check (payable to OSL) and put in the offering plate or bring or mail to the church office.

Please indicate the color you would like:

\_\_\_\_ Red

\_\_\_\_ White

## Guidelines for In-Person Worship

At the October 27th OSL Council Meeting a motion was made and passed that if the school in town moves to distance learning the church will not have In-Person worship, no Sunday School, Confirmation packets will be sent home and the quilters and Bible Studies will not meet. This matter will be revisited on a monthly basis. This has occurred and a notice will go out to the congregation via email that there will be **no In-person service at OSL on Nov 8th**. Information will be posted on Facebook and the church website. The church buildings will continue to be open during the week. The staff will continue to work. Sunday services will be on Facebook, YouTube, on the church's website and Channel 13 at 3:30 pm on Sunday and Monday. **Melo will continue in-person service.**

## From the Pastor's Desk



### THANKFULNESS

This will be our first Thanksgiving during the COVID-19 Global Pandemic of 2020. So what are your plans? Many conversations have been held regarding the Thanksgiving Celebration. For most the response is that it is going to be different. At this time of year folks travel far and wide to be with family and friends. Likely more will be staying home and gatherings will not be as large. We will gather when things calm down and life is "back to normal".

Thanksgiving itself is linked to a public celebration at Plymouth, among the Plymouth colony and the Wampanoag Native Americans. It literally means "the giving of thanks" for the "public celebration of divine favors".

During the past weeks in worship we have been reflecting on all that we can be thankful for. Do you remember the pumpkin upon which we wrote the many blessings in our lives? A symbol that could be placed on our kitchen tables.

Daily we receive the gift of life, the gift of family, housing, food and more. Even as we may be socially distancing ourselves this Thanksgiving let us also give thanks for the many blessings God bestows upon us. A simple "Thank You" is powerful.

Thank you for all you do in witnessing the light of Christ!

Blessings!

Pastor Janet Warnes

### MINISTRY UPDATES

- VISITATION continue in earnest. In-Person visits are not allowed at this time so the Pastor is visiting by phone, text and email.
- OSL SUNDAY SCHOOL is planning a virtual Christmas program.

- BLESSING BAGS—Be a part of a congregation wide service project as we collect small winter items—ie Chapstick, mittens, jerky, protein bars and other items that can be put in a quart size bag. During the Christmas season you are welcome to pick up assembled bags to give to someone in need. This is sponsored by the Confirmation Classes.

### EDUCATION CORNER

#### Confirmation Update:

(When school is in session) Classes for the 7th and 8th Grades continue on Wednesdays. The youth are studying the The Lord's Prayer. Class time includes: Presentation, Skits, Drama, Small Groups, Music. 9th Grade Confirmation meets on Sunday November 8 at 11:45 am. We continue our study and discussion about our faith. So What Difference Does It Make? Note: 9th Graders remember to choose your mentors. Remember the kids as they learn more about God's X-Treme Gift of Grace

### OUTREACH

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH: Nobody has to feel alone. Often many people feel overwhelmed. Our Savior's and Melo Parish is the place to belong!

During the month of November folks around the community will be invited to share in November services and events at the churches. If you see a new face on Sunday morning, take a few minutes to greet them.



### NEW MEMBERS

If you'd like to join one of the churches or know of someone who would, let Pastor Janet know. Members may be received in December.



### PASTORAL ACTS

#### Confirmation:

*Congratulations* and May God Bless those who affirmed their faith (10/25/20):

Savannah Jewell Bishop  
Annika Rose Magnusson  
Cami Ruth Magnusson  
Evan Monogue  
Zoe Ilene Slusar  
Austin Ford Wittman  
Jackson John Woinarowicz  
Ethan Donald Zutz

#### Baptisms

*Congratulations and God Bless:*



10/22/20 Miles Monte Hermanson, son of Adam and Cassie Hermanson



10/25/20 Brody James Knoll, son of Aaron and Kelli Knoll



## September 2020 OSL Treasurer's Report *Not Available*

Happy Thanksgiving! Here are some suggestions to inspire meaningful conversation during or after your Thanksgiving meal as you gather with loved ones to celebrate God's many gifts and blessings!

List three things you are thankful for.

Which 2 famous people would you invite to dinner and why?

What is your favorite Thanksgiving tradition?

Who has made a positive impact in your life?

What is better today than a year ago?

What is your favorite memory of your grandparents?

What random act of kindness have you received this year?

What family member or friend do you wish was with us today?

Name 3 blessings God has given you in the past year.

Tell one person at the table what you appreciate about them.

Share a time when God answered one of your prayers.

What have you enjoyed most about today?



## Confirmation Class 2020



If you're interested in the **Simply Giving** program and would like more information, or if you already participate and would like to increase your giving or make changes at any time, please contact the church office.



September Offering	Simply Giving	9/6/2020	9/13/2020	9/20/2020	9/27/2020	September Total
General	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 20,200.00	\$ 925.00	\$ 1,145.00	\$ 1,320.50	\$ 26,790.00
Postage		\$390.00				\$ 390.00
Utilities				\$200.00		\$ 200.00
Mail—extra		\$680				\$ 680
Youth Group						
Proj.2000/Bldg Fund	\$ 85.00					\$ 85.00
Mission Fund	\$35.00		\$50			\$ 85.00
Endowment Fund	\$40.00					\$ 40.00
Living Lutheran					\$10.00	\$ 10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,360.00</b>	<b>\$21,270.00</b>	<b>\$975.00</b>	<b>\$1,345.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,330.50</b>	<b>\$ 28,270.50</b>
Total to General Fund		\$ 28,060.00				



## September 2020 OSL Council Meeting Minutes

### Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

The September 15, 2020 OSL Council meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Council President Travis Hanel. Pastor Janet opened with devotion and prayer.

**Attending:** Kaitlin Barbosa, Travis Hanel, Jim Duckstad, Tony Johnson, Joan Peterson, Pr. Janet.

**Absent:** Adam Sparby.

**Youth Report:** Joan presented the youth director board report. Youth committee met last night. They will hold a Papa Murphy's fundraiser in the upcoming weeks to raise funds for the National Youth Gathering in 2022. They are discussing other fundraising options. Joan is preparing a letter to inform families of the National Youth Gathering and upcoming events. They are also planning a bonfire with s'more and hot dog roasting. Youth leadership Sunday will move to the second Sunday rather than the fourth Sunday.

**Approval of Agenda and Previous Meeting Minutes:** There was an addition to New Business to discuss visitation pastor salary. Jim moved to approve the agenda with additions and the previous meeting minutes and Kaitlin seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's report:** FICA was paid, but most expenses were standard. Income was ahead in June and July, but we are now slightly behind for the month of August. However, general fund looks good overall. Tony motions to approve the treasurer's report. Jim seconds. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:** This is a busy time of year with Rally Day. Pastor Janet has completed nine in-home visits. Apartment visits are difficult at this time, but has followed up with others by phone, text, cards or emails. There were two weddings, two funerals, one committal and four baptisms.

WELCA did not meet this month but will not be doing the Fall supper. Men's Bible Study will begin on September 23. Confirmation is planned. A new Tech Committee has formed:

Josh and Katie Benson, Jim Duckstad, Adam Sparby, Brian Wurtzel, Mike Miller. This committee will work on recording, sound and projection needs within the congregation. A COVID response team has also formed: Sharon Nelson, Heather Goroski, Phil Thompson, Joan Peterson. This committee will consider needs of the church during COVID.

The upcoming worship schedule has been planned through October with blessings of backpack on September 20, bibles and stoles presented on October 11, and Confirmation Sunday on October 25.

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

### Committee Reports

**Stewardship:** Blessing of the Harvest is planned for October 4, food shelf is staffed in September, and still considering pictorial directory.

**Worship & Evangelism:** Hymns are planned through the end of October and altar guild is set. Joan is looking into additional music for services. New liturgy will begin on Confirmation Sunday. Jeanie Ulferts submitted her resignation from the Narthex Committee which was accepted with great appreciation for her service.

**Education and Youth:** Rally Day is set for September 20. All classes are covered for teachers and has a substitute list. 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation will meet October 4. 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation begins September 20. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation will begin on September 30 with orientation and acolyte training.

**Property:** Mowing is wrapping up. A tree is to be removed at parsonage and ballasts to be replaced in offices and kitchenette. The paving circle has been completed by Jakob

Wurtzel's Eagle Scout Project in front of the church. A cross will be displayed on the pavers.

Tony moved to approve committee reports. Kaitlin seconded. Motion carried.

### Old business:

Office Manager position: Reviewed applications and formed interview committee.

Technology/Computer Needs: Looking at cordless mic for Pastor Janet

Landscape/Cross Installation: Jakob Wurtzel for his Eagle Scout project installed pavers and will add a cross later.

### New Business

Fall Focus: Two new committees formed for technology and COVID response.

Channel 13: We would like to have worship livestreamed onto Channel 13 at 10:45 a.m., but our technology cannot accommodate livestreaming. The service will be played on Sundays and Mondays at 3:30 p.m.

Quilting: Quilters will begin on October 6 with social distancing and masks.

Visitation Pastor: Council followed up with Pr. Janet about the visitation needs and the pay raise for the additional responsibilities of visitation through the end of the year. This will be reviewed as part of the budgeting process for the 2021 budget year and compared to synod guidelines for her total salary.

Kaitlin moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Jim seconded. Motion carried. The next meeting of the OSL Council will meet on Tuesday, October 27 at 7:00 p.m.

## November Birthdays & Anniversaries

(Please notify office if dates are incorrect or missing)

- |                             |                                 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 - Sydney Moug             | 13 - A - Ron & Jean Leverington |
| Joe Pierce                  |                                 |
| 2 - Rhett Pierce            | 15 - Olin Barbosa               |
| 3 - Jeremy Duckstad         | John Carlson                    |
| Gabriel Field               | Christina Norton                |
| Pete Solvik                 | 16 - Brice Miller               |
|                             | Maxwell Nelsen                  |
| A - Don & Shirley Vansickle | 17 - Bev Torgerson              |
| 4 - Sidney Carlson          | 18 - Aaron DeLisle              |
| Ben Estabrook               | 19 - Corey Trudell              |
| Cody Goroski                | 20 - Belinda Folz               |
| 5 - Teaira Chandler         | 21 - Breawna Bolton             |
| Kirk Hanson                 | Eric Wittman                    |
| Ryler Solvik                | 22 - Gloria Thompson            |
| 7 - Kaden Pierce            | A - Jeremy & Sadie Bring        |
| 8 - Isaiah Branch           | 23 - Jeramiah Oberg             |
| 9 - Jack Anderson           | 24 - Janice Berndt              |
| Kayla Hamrick               | John Hals                       |
| Marlys Kohlase              | Nancy Haugen                    |
| AnnaLynn Pollestad          | A - Bob & Shelly Conely         |
| 10 - Maxwell Carlson        | 25 - Alexis Knoll               |
| Lowell Hamrick              | 27 - Sierra Branch              |
| James Johnson               | Kyle Kostrzewski                |
| 11 - Bev Duckstad           | 28 - Logan Hjelseth             |
| Thomas Helgeson             | Logan Johnson                   |
| Dustin Johnson              | 29 - Ashia Balzum               |
| Lisa Walker                 | Heather Goroski                 |
| 12 - Karlee Kostrzewski     | Delores Sedlacek                |
| Jason Perry                 |                                 |



*Celebrating milestones  
this month:*

*Lowell Hamrick (85 yrs)*

*Ron & Jean  
Leverington  
will celebrate their  
55th wedding anniversary.*

*Best wishes to you all and  
may God bless you!*



Through November, we will have a donation box at OSL for the **SHARING TREE PROJECT** in Marshall County, where 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 around December 2nd. **Monetary Donations** will also be appreciated if you're not comfortable going into 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.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 Holy Communion ~ All Saints Day</b> <b>9:00 AM Melo Worship</b> <b>9:30 AM OSL Sunday School</b> <b>10:00 AM Melo Sunday School</b> <b>10:45 AM OSL Worship</b> <b>Turn Clocks Back</b>	<b>2</b> <b>1:00 PM Staff Meeting</b>  <b>5:30 PM Education Cmte</b>  <b>6:30 PM Youth Board</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>  <b>Veterans Recognition</b> <b>9:00 AM Melo Worship IN PERSON</b>  <b>10:45 am OSL Worship ONLINE ONLY</b>	<b>9</b> <b>1:00 PM Staff Meeting</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>9:00 AM Melo Worship</b> <b>9:30 AM OSL Sunday School</b> <b>10:00 AM Melo Sunday School</b> <b>10:45 AM OSL Worship</b>	<b>16</b> <b>1:00 PM Staff Meeting</b>	<b>17</b> <b>1:00 PM Quilting</b>  <b>6:00 PM W&amp;E</b> <b>7:00 PM OSL Council Meeting</b>	<b>18</b> <b>10 AM Men's Bible Study</b> <b>3:30 PM 7th Grade Confirmation</b> <b>4:45 PM 8th Grade Confirmation</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22 Christ the King Sunday</b>  <b>9:00 AM Melo Worship</b> <b>9:30 AM OSL Sunday School</b> <b>10:45 AM OSL Worship</b>	<b>23</b> <b>1:00 PM Staff Meeting</b>  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>24</b> <b>1:00 PM Quilting</b>	<b>25</b> <b>10 AM Men's Bible Study</b>  <i>No Confirmation</i>	<b>26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING</b> <b>Office Closed</b>  	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>9:00 AM Melo Worship</b> <b>NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> <b>10:45 AM OSL Worship</b>	<b>30</b> <b>1:00 pm Staff Meeting</b>					

## November Servants

### Lector:

Nov 1 LuAnn Johnson  
 Nov 8 Youth  
 Nov 15 Kristen Duckstad  
 Nov 22 Clarice Demeyere  
 Nov 29 Kristen Duckstad

### Song Leaders:

Nov 1 Darby Boe  
 Nov 8 Katie Benson  
 Nov 15 Darby Boe  
 Nov 22 Katie Benson  
 Nov 29 Katie Benson  
 Melo— Mylo Carlson

### Melo Custodian

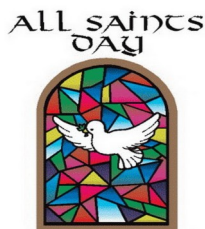
Nov 1-8 Tony Hamrick  
 Nov 15-22 Wayne Hamrick  
 Nov 30-Dec 6 Dustin Johnson



## Sundays in November You Won't Want to Miss

### Sunday, November 1

**All Saints Sunday ~ Holy Communion**  
Candles lit in memory of those who have passed away in the past year (Turn clocks back)  
9:00 am Worship at Melo  
10:00 am Melo Fellowship & Sunday School  
9:30 am OSL Sunday School  
10:45 am Worship at OSL



**Schedule subject to change due to Covid-19**

### Sunday, November 8

**Recognition of Veterans**  
9:00 am Worship at Melo  
10:00 am Melo Fellowship  
10:45 am Worship at OSL ONLINE ONLY

### Sunday, November 15

**Holy Communion**  
9:00 am Worship at Melo  
10:00 am Melo Fellowship & Sunday School  
9:30 am OSL Sunday School  
10:45 am OSL Worship

### Sunday, November 22

**Christ the King Sunday**  
9:00 am Worship at Melo  
10:00 am Melo Fellowship  
9:30 am OSL Sunday School  
10:45 am Worship at OSL

### Sunday, November 29

**1st Sunday Advent**  
9:00 am Worship at Melo  
10:00 am Melo Fellowship  
No Sunday School at Melo or OSL  
10:45 am Worship at OSL

## GIVING THANKS

Thank you to the many folks whom have given generously of their time and funds in the past months towards special offerings for Youth, Sunday School, Melo & OSL church functions & fundraisers, building and endowment funds, 3rd grade bibles, faith boxes, cross-in-my-pocket, prayer shawls, quilts, memorials, servant group & WELCA events, as well as your regular offerings. We are so fortunate to have such caring people as part of

## NOVEMBER YOUTH INFO

### Acolytes

Nov 1 – Macey Novacek  
Nov 8 – No in-person OSL Service.  
Nov 15 – Elliott Clark & Caden Benson  
Nov 22 – Ashley Bishop  
Nov 29 – Mackenzie Slusar



**7th/8th/9th Gr Confirmation classes— Please watch for updates on classes and at-home packets on our Facebook page, website and via email.**



There will be no class on Nov 25 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.



We're thankful for you!

### A PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING

O God, when I have food, Help me to remember the hungry; When I have work, Help me to remember the jobless; When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all; When I am without pain, Help me to remember those who suffer, And remembering help me to destroy my complacency; Bestir my compassion, And be concerned enough to help; By word and deed, Those who cry out for what we take for granted. Amen



**Many Thanks to Wanda Gubrud** who so faithfully has served as Office Manager over the past years! Wanda, together with her husband Randy are now retired. A celebration of thanks for Wanda will be held during the Christmas Season. We thank Wanda for all she has done for the mission and ministry of Christ!

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## Lessons for November

### November 1

Revelation 7:9-17

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

### November 8

Amos 5:18-24

Psalm 43

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Matthew 23:1-12

### November 15

Zeph 1:7, 12-18

Psalm 90:1-12

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

### November 22

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 95:1-7a

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

### November 29

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19

1Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

