

OUR SAVIOR'S AND MELO LUTHERAN CHURCHES

OSL & Melo Faith Connection

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Sunday Worship Times

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

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

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

March 25

In Person Worship
in February!
9:00 am at Melo
10:45 at OSL



MEMBERS OF OSL & MELO:

The church records for both churches & the OSL Yellow Pages are now being updated and will be published when committee appointments have been made at the February council meeting. Please notify the office with any changes or updates you may have, if **you haven't already done so** (phone #'s, addresses, etc).

If any OSL members would like to change to a different servant month that is more convenient for you to serve, please contact the office by phone or email!



**WARREN FOOD SHELF IS IN NEED
OF VOLUNTEERS FROM OUR
PARISH IN MARCH ON TUESDAYS
FROM 5-7 PM.**

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex at OSL if you are able to help out..
The Warren Food Shelf is located at the WestBridge Center in Warren—use the Northwest entrance.



**ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24
7 PM AT OSL**

From the Pastor's Desk

The Lenten Season is upon us. Both congregations are now having in-person worship. We are glad to finally gather together again. During Lent there are numerous opportunities to grow in our faith.

During Sunday worship services interested members are invited to share a favorite verse or testimonial. These Lenten Testimonials will be shared all through the month of February. See the pastor if you would like to share.

We will also be having a special focus for each Sunday. February 7 – Souper Bowl of Caring. February 14 – Random Acts of Kindness Sunday. February 21 – Signs of the Cross. February 28 – Signs of the Cross.

Also on Sunday mornings there will be a special children's series. "What Do You See at the Cross?"

Wednesday evenings beginning February 17 at 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday followed by a Community Lenten Service "Who Is Jesus?" See the newsletter for details.

A devotional booklet entitled "Places of the Passion" will be available for folks at each of the congregations.

Children and youth will also be participating in the services.

Take time in the Lenten Season to grow your faith.

Your Friend and Pastor
Pastor Janet Warnes



GOD'S PROVISION

"GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD"
Matthew 6:11

For 1,900 years Bible scholars **DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THE GREEK WORD** epiousios, translated in English to **THE WORD "DAILY". THE WORD COULD** not be found anywhere in the Bible **EXCEPT IN THE LORD'S PRAYER. IN THE LATE 1940'S IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT** the word meant — **"FOR THE CURRENT DAY".**

Christ does not teach us to pray — give us what we need for the next month or fifty days. Rather give us what we need for the current day.

If we think of it, God does answer this prayer often, in fact daily. In that answer we see the extravagant love of God in the gift of Jesus his son.

Lord give us all of Jesus — His compassion, his kindness, his forgiveness.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church January Council Meeting Minutes

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Minutes January 12, 2021

The January 12, 2021 meeting was called to order by Council President Travis Hanel. Pastor Janet opened with devotions and prayer.

Attending: Travis Hanel, Adam Sparby, Kaitlin Barbosa, and Tony Johnson

Approval of Agenda and Previous Meeting Minutes: Tony motioned to approve the agenda and the previous meeting minutes. Adam seconded. Motion carried

Treasure's Report: Amanda Liebersbach was present to give the treasurer's report as well as go through the proposed budget for 2021. Adam motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Kaitlin seconded. Motion carried. Discussion was held on the 2021 budget and some changes were made. Travis motioned the approval of the proposed 2021 budget. Kaitlin seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Janet gave her report. She continues outreach to homebound members as well as continuing preparation for services. She recapped the Christmas Eve Service as well as the Live Nativity. Adam motioned the approval. Kaitlin seconded. Motion Carried

Worship and Evangelism: Joan Peterson was present to report. The worship calendar for January and February is complete. She also discussed how the Christmas Service and Live Nativity

were well received and discussion was had on doing something similar for next year. She also gave special thanks to Mara Hanel for all of her work on the Christmas Candlelight Service.

Education and Youth: Discussion was had about how the Virtual Sunday School Program was well received with lots of positive feedback. Thank you cards for the fruit baskets were also read.

Property and management: Miller Electric has replaced/repared the lights in the basement and will fix the office lights. The projection screen proposal is complete and has been passed to the tech committee.

Committee Reports: Kaitlin motioned to approve the committee reports. Adam seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business: Tony will follow up with the tree removal at the parsonage. Council members for 2021 will be Jim, Travis, Tony and Adam. Kaitlin will be retiring from the council and possible replacements were discussed and will be contacted.

New Business: Discussion was had about having the annual meeting available remotely to church members. Year-end reports will be mailed/emailed to members ahead of time and the meeting will be available via Zoom. Adam made the motion to make the annual meeting available remotely. Travis seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion was had about opening the church back up for in-person worship starting February 7th. Tony made the motion to allow in-person worship. Adam seconded. Motion carried.

Next council meeting will be held February 16th, 2021 @ 7pm.

Adam motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kaitlin seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned with Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Tony Johnson



Thanks again to everyone who shared poinsettias with us this Christmas season! If you have not done so and wish to pick up your plant please do so as soon as possible.





February Youth Newsletter

February Acolytes

Feb 7 - McKenzie Slusar &

Breawna Bolton

Feb 14 - Elliot Clark

Feb 21 - Gracie & Lexi Kittleson

Feb 28 - Macey Novacek

For information on Camps and to stay informed

pathwaysbiblecamps.org

parkriverbiblecamp.org



God's Valentine Gift

God's Valentine gift of love to us
Was not a bunch of flowers;
It wasn't candy, or a book
To while away the hours.

His gift was to become a man,
So He could freely give
His sacrificial love for us,
So you and I could live.

He gave us sweet salvation, and
Instruction, good and true--
To love our friends and enemies
And love our Savior, too.

So as we give our Valentines,
Let's thank our Lord and King;
The reason we have love to give
Is that He gave everything.

By Joanna Fuchs

Confirmation Update

7th and 8th Grade

*Confirmands attend the Lenten Services. There will be no fellowships or soup suppers this year.

*Classes will be held via zoom at 4:00 pm

On February 10, 17th and 24th

9th Grade

*Confirmands meet at 11:45 AM at OSL on February 21st

ABBA: To provide leadership that inspires youth to become **ACTIVE BELIEVERS** who care for, feel they **BELONG** to and are **ACCOUNTABLE** to God, their families and their communities.

Youth Board will meet on February 1st at 6:30 PM at OSL



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH TREASURER'S REPORT

December 2020

Receipts

General/Christmas/Other	\$ 20,936.00
Melo—Pastor Salary/Benefits	\$ 1,080.82
Endowment Fund	\$ - 440.00
Project 2000/Building Fund	\$ 1,123.07
Missions	\$ - 685.00
Youth	\$ - 500.00
Food Shelf	\$ - 55.00
Sunday School	\$ - 50.00
The Lutheran Magazine	\$ 20.00

Total Income \$ **23,479.89***(items with a minus sign were received in the general fund/offerings and are paid out to those accounts semi-annually)***Expenses**

Missions	\$ 8,500.00
Pr. Pension/Insurance	\$ 2,830.59
Pr. Mileage/Phone	\$ 500.00
Salaries/FICA	\$ 8,286.54
Christmas	\$ 550.00
Postage	\$ 262.40
ODC Custodial/Grounds	\$ 460.00
Organ/Piano Tuning	\$ 110.00
Utilities	\$ 1003.93
Confirmation	\$ 15.00
Worship/Music	\$ 1,432.30
Office Supplies	\$ 1,279.80
Flowers	\$ 21.43
Office Repair/Maint.	\$ 151.19
Pulpit Supply	\$ 175.00
Bank Service Chg	\$ 7.50
Total Expenses	\$ 25,585.68

**Net Ordinary Income** \$ - **2,105.79****Net Income** \$ - **2,105.79**

December Offering	Simply Giving	12/6/2020	12/13/2020	12/20/2020	12/24/2020	12/27/2020	December Total
General	\$ 2,910.00	\$755.00	\$ 535.00	\$ 8,215.00	\$ 646.00	\$ 1,175.00	\$14,236.00
Utilities							
Postage		\$ 390.00					\$390.00
Mail - extra			\$ 975.00			\$ 5,725.00	\$6,700.00
Thanksgiving				\$ 5.00			\$5.00
Christmas		\$ 25.00		\$ 5.00	\$ 1,565.00		\$1,595.00
Youth Group							
Proj. 2000/Bldg	\$ 40.00			\$ 2,500.00			\$2,540.00
Endowment	\$ 40.00						\$40.00
Mission Fund	\$ 20.00		\$ 100.00		\$ 50.00		\$170.00
Sunday School							
Living Lutheran				\$ 10.00		\$ 10.00	\$20.00
Total	\$ 3,010.00	\$1,170.00	\$1,610.00	\$ 10,735.00	\$ 2,261.00	\$ 1,185.00	\$25,696.00

Total to General Fund \$22,926.00

SUNDAYS IN FEBRUARY YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS:

Sunday, February 7, 2021 – Holy Communion / The Souper Bowl of Caring/Scout Sunday

9:00 am Worship at Melo with Holy Communion /
9:30 am OSL Sunday School
10:00 am Melo Sunday School
10:45 am Worship at OSL with Holy Communion

Sunday, February 14, 2021 – The Transfiguration of our Lord - Random Acts of Kindness Sunday

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

Sunday, February 21, 2021 – Signs of the Cross—1st Sunday in Lent

9:00 am Worship at Melo with Holy Communion
9:30 am OSL Sunday School
10:00 am Melo Sunday School
10:45 am Worship at OSL with Holy Communion

Sunday, February 28, 2021 – Lenten Testimonials/Youth Leadership/Signs of the Cross - 2nd Sunday in Lent

9:00 am Worship at Melo
9:30 am OSL Sunday School
11:045 am Worship at OSL



Fun & Simple Random Acts of Kindness!

- ~Smile
- ~Hold the door open
- ~Give an honest compliment
- ~Thank someone who you appreciate
- ~Be a good listener
- ~Offer your help to someone
- ~Ask the person who's serving you how their day is going
- ~Treat someone to a coffee or tea
- ~Let someone go past you in the line
- ~Send flowers or chocolates to a friend out of the blue

Warren Community Lenten Services 2021

Theme: "Who is Jesus?"

7:00 pm In-person and Live-Streamed

Ash Wednesday Service

February 17 at 7:00 pm
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
With Imposition of Ashes

Wednesday, February 24

Location TBD
Guest Speaker:
Pastor Jim Robberstad
Message: "Our Substitute"
Luke 22:14-20

Wednesday, March 3

Location: St. Peter's and Paul
Catholic Church
Guest Speaker:
Pastor Justin Dietel
Message: "The Agonizing-
Obedient Son"
Matthew 26: 36-39

Wednesday, March 10

Location: Warren Covenant
Guest Speaker: Father Xavier
Ilango
Message: "The Innocent Son of
God"
Mark 14: 60-62

Wednesday, March 17

Location: Our Savior's Lutheran
Guest Speaker: Pastor Ryan
Sarenpa
Message: "Jesus the King"
Matthew 27: 11

Wednesday, March 24

Location: Warren Assembly of
God
Guest Speaker: Pastor Janet
Warnes
Message: "The Victorious
Savior"
Matthew 27: 50-54

COVID-19 Guidelines: *No lunches to be served after the services this year * Wear a Mask * Sit with Family Groupings*

Offering: to be shared between the Warren Area Food Shelf and the Warren Ministerial Assoc.

A big THANK YOU to Jeanie Ulferts for updating the bulleting board in the entry of the church! It is a lovely greeting as you enter our church!
GOD IS LOVE!



Reflective Thoughts

*Never give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid.

*Healing doesn't mean the damage never existed. It means the damage no longer controls our lives.

*Lent draws us toward the cross. This is a season of self-examination and contemplation of Jesus' suffering and death on the cross. This time of year lends itself to reflection

*God loves us with an everlasting love. Jeremiah 31.3

*As a loving parent God is right there with us through the milestones and the mundane. You will see Him if you look, His arms outstretched and His face looking into yours. Take every opportunity to look to Him and fall into those arms.

*No one can match the love God has for you.



*Lord, thank you for choosing me to follow you.

So many nice Thank You notes are posted on the church bulletin board from our parish seniors who received fruit baskets at Christmas time!



Happy Valentine's Day

FEBRUARY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5:30 PM Ed Committee 6:30 PM Youth Board	2	3 	4	5	6
7 HOLY COMMUNION <i>Souper Bowl of Caring—</i> 9:00 AM Melo Worship 9:30 AM OSL Sunday School 10:00 AM Melo Sunday School 10:45 AM OSL Worship	8 1:00 PM Staff Mtg	9	10 4:00 PM 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation via zoom	11	12	13
14 9:00 AM Melo Worship 10:45 AM OSL Worship NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	15 President's Day Office Closed	16 6:00 PM Worship & Evangelism 7:00 PM OSL Council	17 4:00 PM 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation via zoom	18	19	20
21 HOLY COMMUNION 9:00 AM Melo Worship 9:30 AM OSL Sunday School 10:00 AM Melo Sunday School 10:45 AM OSL Worship 11:45 AM 9th Gr. Confirmation	22 1:00 Staff Meeting	23	24 4:00 PM 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Via zoom 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday OSL	25	26	27
28 Youth Leadership Sunday 9:00 AM Melo Worship 9:30 AM OSL Sunday School 10:45 AM OSL Worship	<div> <div> VALENTINES DAY BROWNIES 1/2 cup (115 grams) unsalted butter, melted and slightly cooled 1 cup (200 grams) granulated sugar 2 large eggs , at room temperature 1 teaspoon vanilla extract 1/2 cup (65 grams) all purpose flour (spooned & leveled) 1/2 cup (45 grams) cocoa powder , sifted 1/4 teaspoon salt 1/2 cup (95 grams) semi-sweet chocolate chips 1/2 cup M&M' Preheat oven to 350°F. Line an 8x8-inch baking pan with parchment paper or aluminum foil, leaving some overhang. If using foil, spray well with cooking spray and set aside. </div> <div> In a large bowl, whisk together the butter and sugar. Add in the eggs, making sure to mix well after each one. Mix in the vanilla until combined. In a separate bowl, mix together the flour, cocoa powder, and salt. Add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients and whisk until well combined. Gently fold in the chocolate chips. Pour the brownie mixture into the prepared baking pan (the batter will be very thick). Evenly sprinkle the M&M's over the top. Bake for 25-30 minutes. You will know the brownies are finished when the edges start to slightly pull away and the top looks done. Allow to cool completely and cut into squares. </div> </div>					

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

2 - Abigail Hamrick	12 - Kristal Walen	20 - Michael Jevning
3 - John Amundgaard	13 - Becky Ament	Carter Maruska
Jacob Cobb	Zak Duckstad	21 - Etta Vongroven
Emma Dahlman	Hannah LeTexier	22 - Jan Riopelle
4 - Jon Slusar	Sawyer Reinier	23 - Michael Trudell
5 - Sophia Wurtzel	14 - Ilene Estabrook	24 - Christina Erickson
7 - Maureen Greentree	15 - Gracie Kittleson	Philip Olson
8 - Lana Maruska	16 - Steve Hamrick	26 - Sadie Scherber
Cory Myrfield	Michelle Kuzel	27 - Annabella Seaverson-
9 - Josh Benson	DJ McGregor	Gutierrez
Patrick Maruska	Roger Porter	28 - Stacy Balzum
10 - Kenley Marquis	17 - Verna Jorgenson	
11 - Jeff Chandler	Cris Kalt	
Jennifer Conely	18 - Alisa Warnes	
Gabe Marquis	19 - Jim Myrfield	



Milestone Birthdays!
Jon Slusar
70 Years!



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

February Servants

OSL Lector

Feb 7: Danelle Klassy
Feb 14: Jim Myrfield
Feb 21: Bev Torgerson
Feb 28: Gloria Thompson

OSL Ushers:

Feb 7: Matthew Klassy
Jason Clark
Feb 14: TBD
Feb 21: Jesse & Kirby Kilen
Feb 28:
Gloria Thompson

OSL Song Leaders

Feb 7: Katie Benson
Feb 14: TBD
Feb 21: Darby Boe
Feb 28: Katie Benson

Melo Janitor

Feb 7-14 Pete Solvik
Feb 21-28 Aaron Knoll



Wanda busy teaching Mallory everything to know about the office manager position



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Lessons for February 2021

Feb 7

Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalm 147:1-11 20c

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

Feb 14

2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalm 50:1-6

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9



Feb 21

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalm 25: 1-10

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

Feb 28

Genesis 17: 1-7,15-16

Psalm 25:1-10

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15