

OSL/Melo Faith Connection

Our Savior's and Melo Lutheran Churches

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A video of OSL Sunday worship can be seen on Mondays at 10:00am on cable channel 13.

Synod Assembly

The Northwestern Minnesota Synod assembly is scheduled for May 16-17, 2009 at Concordia College in Moorhead. Among the topics on the agenda will be the proposed social statement, "Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust" and the "Report and Recommendation on Ministry Policies Task Force for ELCA Studies on Sexuality" to be voted on at the church wide assembly in August. To provide opportunity for persons interested to look at and know what is being voted on, Pastor Mark Rittmann, Pastor Rena Peterson, and myself are looking at setting up times in April to do this. Announcements about times and places will be posted in the Sunday bulletins. If you would like a copy of the proposed statements, contact Pastor Dave.

1st Communion to be Celebrated on May 3rd

Currently the 5th graders are being prepared to celebrate their first communion. The classes are scheduled to meet on the following Tuesday evenings in April from 7-8: April 7, 21, & 28 (please note that we will not be meeting on the 14th.) On the 28th the class will be making the unleavened bread to be used on Sunday, May 3rd when 1st Communion is celebrated.



Meals on Wheels

Our Savior's is responsible for delivering Meals on Wheels in April. There is a sign up sheet posted on the church office door. Please put your name on the sheet if you are able to help deliver.



New Member Class

A new member class is being offered on six consecutive Thursday evenings, April 23 & 30 and May 7, 14, 21, & 28 from 7-8 pm. This class is for any who might be considering Our Savior's or Melo as their church homes or for any who would like to learn about faith and faith practice from a Lutheran perspective. No prior knowledge about the Bible or Lutheran teachings is needed. New members will be officially received into the congregations on Sunday, May 31st (or June 7 if conflict with schedules happens.)



Pastor Dave's Reflections

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.

Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress.

Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. Psalm 25:16-18

In a couple weeks, on April 12, we will be celebrating the victory of God over the forces of sin and death as we gather to observe and rejoice at the resurrection of our Lord, known also as Easter. In order to arrive at this moment, we need to follow Jesus through the final days leading up to his crucifixion; especially as he endured being abandoned by his disciples, the mockery of the trial and the death sentence handed down by Pilate and carried out by the Roman soldiers. It is no secret that Jesus' family, disciples and others accompanied him on a roller coaster type of ride during that week.

“As the flood waters recede and the need for help in cleanup begins, maybe as congregations we can lend a hand in some fashion.”

You also are familiar with roller coaster rides, whether personally or knowing someone who has experienced such in life. The reasons for the rides are many. The reasons may be related to job and finances, health, nature related crises, or emergencies. For all who live in the Red River Valley this year has been filled with all kinds of roller coaster rides, especially as the waters of the river have been rising, cresting and falling as this year's snow melt and early spring rain continues to flow down the valley.

On Friday, March 27th, our son Michael and I made a flying trip to Moorhead to help evacuate my mother from her home which is within one of the zones where evacuations were being highly recommended and in some cases mandated. We did succeed getting her moved over to my brother's house, getting belongings moved and doing what we could to keep the water outside her house. As Michael and I were traveling to Moorhead and as we returned later that day we heard stories of exhaustion, frustration, and agony as families surrendered homes to the waters and in one case to fire that the fire department could not get close enough to fight. These stories along with their physical, emotional and spiritual wounds and faith questions will be repeated as the waters continue to surge downstream.

Seeing the water, hearing the calls for help, and knowing that when the water finally does go down, there will be the need for extensive clean up brings back memories of 12 years ago. Many of you remember that experience and may be facing similar circumstances this year or have family or friends that are. In any case it is not just people who are directly affected by the flood waters who are hurting. Anyone and everyone who has a family member, friend, or acquaintance affected who hurt also, albeit a bit differently. The psalmist knew something of this as God was/is asked to for help in time of trouble.

Knowing the pain that is being experienced and felt our synod bishop, Rev. Larry Wohlrabe, encourages all to keep the people affected by the flood in their prayers and to whenever and wherever possible lend a helping hand. (One of the ways to do this would be to offer people displaced by the water somewhere to stay while they are trying to get their lives back in order.) To all who have been about this already I will say “THANK YOU.” As the flood waters recede and the need for help in cleanup begins, maybe as congregations we can lend a hand in some fashion. If you have ideas please share them. For any assistance given may be all that is needed to bring the kind of light and hope to a family's or individuals life that the resurrection brought for all people in every time and place.

Pastor Dave

Council Meeting Minutes of Our Savior's
Lutheran Church
February 23, 2009 7:00pm

Members Present: Dayle Anderson-Scherber, Ilene Estabrook, Mike Knoll, Mike Miller, Jim Folz, Nick Johnson

Members Absent: Joan Peterson, Carol Anderson, Joan Peterson

Devotions were lead by Dayle Anderson-Scherber.

Treasurer's Report: read by Phil Thompson. Motion to approve by Mike Knoll, seconded by Jim Folz.

Secretary's Report: approved. Motion to approve by Jim Folz, seconded by Mike Miller.

Pastor's Report: In January Pastor Dave had 3 hospital visits, 5 private visits, 4 funerals, and 3 nursing home visits.

Sunday March 1 Pathways annual meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church in Crookston. Registration 2:00pm. Meeting 2:30pm. Agenda: Future considerations for Lake of the Woods camp.

Sunday March 1 installation of new council members

Oral Communications: No report.

Committee Reports:

Stewardship & Missions: Suggestion to give \$200.00 toward Vanessa Chandler's nursing mission trip to Peru. Motion to approve by Jim Folz, seconded by Mike Knoll.

Worship & Evangelism: Discussion on church bell programming.

If you have not picked up your church offering book, they are in a box in the narthex. Please contact the church office if you would like to have it mailed to your home.

New Members: Suggestion of church member mentors for new members. Discussion on new member introduction prior to Easter Sunday.

Education: VBS update was given. VBS Chairs will be LeAnn Novacek and Shawn Spidahl.

Discussion on first communion date. Pastor Dave will coordinate with the families.

Youth & Family: Report on meatball dinner fundraiser for the youth group's New Orleans.

Property & Management: Discussion of repairs to a cracked glass above the narthex door, as well as a rotting wood door frame.

Jim Folz gave an update on road signs listing the Warren community churches.

Old Business: Old church hymnals to be passed along to a church in need of hymnals. Motion by Jim Folz, seconded by Ilene Estabrook.

Amended hymnal motion: Prior to donating the hymnals will be put out in the church for 3 weeks if anyone would like to take hymnals that have family names on them.

Discussed possible 125TH Anniversary date of June 13TH.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Monday March 23, 2009.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Johnson

Pastoral Acts

Funeral service for *Anna Jagol* on March 13, 2009

Funeral service for *Darold Sundby* on March 21, 2009

Baptism of *Alexis Elaine Hamrick* on March 8, 2009

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCA SECRETARY
MINUTES

March 4, 2009

The Executive Board of Our Savior's Lutheran Church WELCA met March 4, 2009 at 5:15pm with the following in attendance: Bev Lydeen, Bobbi Mischel, Pat Williams, Bev Duckstad, LaVonne Narlock, Elva Bustrack, Gloria Thompson, and Kay Anderson.

Minutes were accepted as printed. Treasurer's report accepted as printed.

Correspondence was presented for members to read.

Old Business

The slate of officers for 2009-2010 was presented.

President: Bev Lydeen

President Elect: Bobbi Mischel

Secretary-Treasurer: Gloria Thompson

Mission Action: Kay Anderson

Pat Williams made a motion to accept the slate of officers. Bev Duckstad seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Prayer Breakfast. First Lutheran does not want to continue co-sponsoring it. Bev Lydeen will contact other churches to see if they are interested. A good speaker needs to be found. A motion was made by Gloria Thompson to give the 2008 Prayer Breakfast offering (\$136) to the Warren Food Shelf and the Warren Senior Meals. Each group will receive half. Kay

Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried

A motion was made by Elva Bustrack to have "free will donation" for anyone buying the old cards and to donate the remaining old cards to a worthy cause by mid May. Bobbi Mischel seconded the motion. Motion carried

More teaspoons of the church silverware have been ordered. Coffee Filters and dish washer soap have been purchased.

The synod dues have been paid for 2008.

New Business

The Baptismal Penny Fund will also be the Children's Mission Fund. The funds will be used for Baptismal quilts, layettes, school kits and other projects for children as needed. This motion was made by Bobbi Mischel and seconded by Bev Duckstad. Motion carried.

The Yellow Pages of the church were updated. New members for some committees and the suppers will be contacted.

The next WELCA Board meeting will be June 3, 2009 at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Thompson, Sec-Treas.

OSL WELCA FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCES 3-04-2009

Card Fund	\$ 354.69
Baptismal Penny/Children's Mission Fund	\$ 852.93
Quilting Fund	\$ 621.69
Lucinda Pins	\$ 37.00
General Account	\$6282.67

March 2009

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>OFFERING</u>
March 1	72	\$3,704.00
March 4	104	\$195.00
March 8	100	\$2,301.00
March 15	111	\$2,803.00
March 22	99	\$2,670.00
March 29	98	\$2,306.90
Total	584	\$14,249.90

General	\$12,906.00	Rent	\$60.00
Missions	\$60.00	Sunday School	\$150.00
Project 2000	\$30.00	Food Shelf	\$145.00
Endowment	\$70.00	Easter	\$20.00
Y & F Min	\$500.00	Youth Group	\$10.00
Building Fund	\$30.00	Misc.	\$58.90
Vanessa Chandler	\$200.00	Memorial	\$10.00

Easter Lilies can be purchased in memory or in honor of a loved one. The cost is \$14.45 and need to be ordered by Monday, April 6th. Please contact the church office if you would like one.

Corrections to 2009 Yellow Pages

Gerald Hamm is in the December servant group not July.

Alice Flaten is in the September servant group.

*Joan Rokke is in the September servant group.

SIMPLY GIVING

Simply Giving is an automated giving program through Thrivent Financial that is designed to help you conveniently and consistently contribute to your congregation. If you would like more information on this program, please stop in or call the church office. It only takes minutes to sign up!

Treasure's Report February 2009

Balance on Hand	\$34,169.72
Receipts	
Offerings	\$10,105.10
Special	\$0.00
Rent	\$45.00
Project 2000	\$0.00
Reimbursements	\$0.00
Youth and Family	<u>\$810.89</u>
Total Available	\$45,130.71
Less Expenditures	\$25,991.91
Balance on Hand	\$19,138.80

Expenditures

Our World Mission	\$12,200.00
Salaries	\$7,715.60
Buildings	\$2,895.14
Education	\$275.34
Activity	\$2,189.96
Office	\$611.50
Custodial	\$104.37
Parsonage	\$0.00

Total Expenditures **\$25,991.91**

Youth & Family Offering	\$304.00
Youth & Family Fund	\$4,039.51
Project 2000 Offering	\$60.00
Project 2000 Balance	\$1,984.20
Mission Offering	\$120.00
Mission Fund Balance	\$2,053.37
L.B. Fund	\$0.00
Bremer CD	\$67,951.55
Bremer MM Fund	\$8,982.23

Notes:



April Youth News

Letter

Confirmation

April 1- Lent Service at OSL - 7pm

April 8 – Easter Sunrise Service Practice – 6pm

April 15 – No Confirmation

April 22 – Class 8th and 9th @ 6pm

April 29 – Class 8th and 9th @ 6pm

***Note If you are in confirmation classes please attend the Lent service on the 1st of April.**

April Acolytes

April 5, Danny Mattson and Dalton Rolland

April 12, Emilie Nelson

April 19, Casey Conely and Jayce Hapka

April 26, Madeline DuBore

M.O.O.S.E.

Moose meetings are for 6th-12th grades. The meeting this month will be...

April 19th - 12:30-2:30pm

Easter Sunrise Service Practice

Easter Sunrise Service Practice will be held on April 8th from 6pm until 7:15pm. All youth 6th - 12th grade are encouraged to participate.

The youth of the church put on the 7am service on Easter Morning. At the meeting we will pick out things like ushers, lectors, actors prayer leaders and songs. We will also go over the breakfast menu.

This fun and fulfilling event, is a service that we provide to the congregation of our church. I hope to see you on April 8th at 6pm!



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

April 12th is Easter Sunday and the youth will be putting on the Early Sunrise Service. I am hoping for a great turnout of our youth. Parents are needed to help serve in the kitchen after the service.

ATTENTION!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The Senior High Youth Gathering has been canceled due to low registration.

The Youth Going to New Orleans

The youth going to New Orleans will be having a hot-dish lent supper on April 1st in the church basement from 5:30- 6:30pm. This is a fundraiser to help support their trip. We hope to see you there!

Check out these web sites for more info!

pathwaysbiblecamp.com

parkriverbiblecamp.org

www.oursaviors-warren.com

Remember... The beauty of Easter is that Jesus lives and so will you, forever in Heaven with him.

Youth Director * Heather Goroski

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April 2009 Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Lindsey Bring Shirley Hamrick	2 Jim Bjorgaard Bob Conely Cindy Engelstad	3 Jessica Mangalin Orpha Tverstol	4 Tyson Giles
5 A- Glenn & Marion Halvorson A- Mike & Joyce Knoll	6 Joel Jevning Deb Myrfield	7 Myron Haugen Emily Hendrickson Cortney Kostrzewski	8	9 Linda Edgar A- Rod & Darla Myrfield	10 Cameo Ahala Mike Goroski John Johnson Quincey Olson	11 Maylie Solberg
12 Mike Erickson Mary Nicholls A- Christina & Shawn Donarski A- Randy & Debbie Owens	13 Mark Thompson	14 Kairouan Balvik-Porter Sydney Olson	15 Bill Bossman Marlene Carlson Rylan Fredrickson Mick Riopelle	16 Colton Laymon Randy Trudell	17 A- Herb & Jackie Maurstad	18 Tim Conely Patrick Porter
19 Jason Swope	20 KayleighAnn Heffernan	21 Julie Hille Hilary Olson	22 Bennie Evin	23 Dillon Nelson Vanessa Royer Jean Walker	24 Mick & Jan Riopelle	25
26 Tyler Estabrook Charles Hammerback A- Jeremy & Jamie Woinarowicz	27 Peder Larson Mike Novacek Karen Pearson A- Kevin & Lori Hamrick	28	29 Sarah Mischel A- Pete & Sandra Solvik	30 Donna Franks		

April 2009 Parish Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Choir 6:15pm Lenten Supper 5:30-6:30pm Conf. attend service 7pm Lenten Service 7:00pm at OSL	2 Men's Bible Study 10am	3 Family Fun Night 7pm	4
5 Palm Sunday Holy Communion Melo 9:00am Sunday School 9:15am Bible Study 9:15am OSL 10:30am	6 Weight Watchers 5:00pm Education Committee Meeting 6:00pm	7 ODC Bible Study 9:00am Quilting 1:00pm 1st Comm. Class 7:00pm	8 Priscilla/Ruth Circle 1:00pm Choir 6:15pm Conf. 6pm Maundy Thur. Service at Melo 7pm Sarah/Dorcus Circle 7:30pm	9 Maundy Thur. Lydia/Phoebe Circle 9:30am Men's Bible Study 10am Maundy Thur. Service at OSL 7pm	10 Good Friday Good Fri. Service at OSL 7pm	11
12 Easter Sunrise Service 7am Breakfast 8am Melo 9:00am No Sunday School Bible Study 9:15am OSL 10:30am	13 Weight Watchers 5:00pm Y&F Comm. Meeting 7:00pm	14 ODC Bible Study 9:00am Quilting 1:00pm	15 NO CONFIRMATION Choir Practice 7pm	16	17	18
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19 Holy Communion Melo 9:00am Sunday School 9:15am Bible Study 9:15am OSL 10:30am MOOSE 12:30pm KOK 2-4:30pm	20 Weight Watchers 5:00pm	21 ODC Bible Study 9:00am Quilting 1:00pm 1st Comm. Class 7:00pm	22 WELCA Spring Dinner Confirmation 6pm Choir Practice 7pm	23	24 Preschool Screening Wedding Rehearsal	25 Dustin Johnson/ Emily Edgar Wedding
26 Melo 9:00am Sunday School 9:15am Bible Study 9:15am OSL 10:30am	27 WW 5:00pm W&E Comm. Mtg. 6:00pm OSL Council Mtg. 7:00pm	28 ODC Bible Study 9:00am Quilting 1:00pm 1st Comm. Class 7pm	29 Confirmation 6pm Choir Practice 7pm	30		

Leaders:

Maynard and JoAnn Laymon 745-5553
Carol Anderson 745-5153

Acolytes:

April 1- Carol Anderson and Maynard Laymon
April 5- Danny Mattson and Dalton Rolland
April 12- Emilie Nelson
April 19- Casey Conely and Jayce Hapka
April 26- Madeline DeBore

Ushers:

April 5- Kenny Palm, Michael Palm, Carol Anderson, Mike Flaten
April 12- Kenny Palm, Maynard Laymon, Carol Anderson
April 19- Mike Flaten, Maynard & JoAnn Laymon, Ida Nelson
April 26- Randy Blanchard, Ryan Blanchard, Carol Anderson, JoAnn Laymon

Lectors:

April 5- Carol Anderson
April 12- Bev Clausen
April 19- Bev Clausen
April 26- Carol Anderson

Flowers: Bev Clausen

In Memory of Byron Ostgard

To the Sunday School by:
Al and Marilyn Chruszch

To the Endowment Fund by:
Liz and Joe Yeado

In Memory of Selvin Aase

To the Youth Group by:
Glenn Johnson

In Memory of Margaret Stafslie

To the Sunday School by:
Lola Hedlund

Sara Hedlund
Marlys Kohlase

John and Sharon Carlson

In Memory of Darold Sundby

To the Sunday School by:
Rex Olson and Ida Nelson

Marlys Kohlase
To the Endowment Fund by:

Larry and Linda Johnson
To the Memorial Fund by:
Don and Phyllis Stinar

Psalm Readers:

April 5- 5th Grade
April 12- 6th Grade
April 19- 4th Grade
April 26- 5th Grade

Coffee Hosts:

April 5- Jennifer Palm, Brittany Palm
April 12- NO COFFEE
April 19- Minerva Schantzen and Elaine Myrfield
April 26- Deb Blanchard and DeDe Flaten

Nursery:

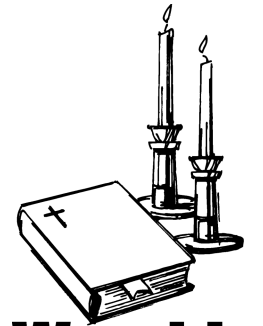
April 5- Jennifer Palm and Brittany Palm
April 12-
April 19- DeDe Flaten
April 26-

Communion Bread: Ida Nelson

Communion Servers:

Melo Custodians:

Michael Carlson April 5-12 (Purple)
Gary Engstrom April 19-26 (Purple)



Worship Leaders

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Return Service Requested



Lenten/Easter Service Schedule

Wednesday, April 1st	7:00pm at Our Savior's
Sunday, April 5th	Regular service times
Wednesday, April 8th	7:00pm Maunday Thursday at Melo
Thursday, April 9th	7:00pm Maunday Thursday at Our Savior's
Friday, April 10th	7:00pm Good Friday at Our Savior's
Sunday, April 12th	7:00am Easter Sunrise Service

Breakfast to follow service in church basement.

9:00am at Melo

10:30am at Our Savior's

