

January 2012

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

Sunday Worship Times
Melo 9:00am
Sunday School 9:30am
Adult Bible Study 9:30am
Our Savior's 10:45am

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:
**TURN IN
 YOUR ARTICLES
 EARLY!**
 REMINDER:
**DEADLINE FOR
 NEWSLETTER
 ARTICLES IS**
January 20

OSL/Melo Faith Connection

Pastor Dave's Reflection

Then the one seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Revelation 21:5a

Part of the gifting process during the Christmas holidays, is giving a gift that is new to the person receiving it. As time was set aside to remember, tell and celebrate the gift God provided of his Son, Jesus, it is a gift that was certainly new when first given at the manger in Bethlehem and a gift that comes new to us every day. For God did not simply send yet one more messenger. God sent his Son. All we need do is open and be open to this gift with the same eagerness, wonder and amazement seen in the faces of children and each other as gifts are opened.

The struggle we have though is that it is not always easy to step away from the challenges, struggles, and events that have impacted or impact our lives, some of which we might consider old that seem to want to tenaciously hold on to us or our lives. No matter the circumstance, they can also become a wall of separation between ourselves and God and one another. Enough of the old!

In a few days something new is going to be happening. The NEW year will start unfolding before and around us. In fact the first opportunity for worship as 2012 opens will be NEW YEAR'S DAY at 10 a.m. at Our Savior's. What this new year will look like we do not know. Each day will be new, as with every year that has gone before.

MAY YOU HAVE
A RICHLY
BLESSED AND
HAPPY NEW
YEAR!

Even though the verse above speaks to a time fulfillment and completion that is still yet to be, I believe it also is a promise each and every day to and for all who believe. This is not the only time in scripture

that God speaks of doing something new, wonderful, and life promoting. This is God's commitment to make all things new. Even though we do find it necessary to carry into 2012 reminders and events from the past; by the Spirit, grace and strength of God may we live expectantly with our hearts, minds and lives as willing recipients of all that God has that is new to and for us.

Pastor Dave

Time Away for Vacation

From January 20-29 Pastor Rena and I will be taking time for vacation. More information about that time, who will be covering for emergencies and leading worship on January 22 and 29, will be shared in the Sunday bulletins.



Council Meeting Minutes of Our Saviors Lutheran Church

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November 21, 2011

Members Present: Pastor Dave,
Julie Hille, Janice Grochow, Kairouan
Porter, Jason Clark and Ilene Es-
tabrook

Members Absent: Dean Maruska,
and Carol Anderson

Treasurer's report was reviewed
motion made to accept them for audit.

Devotions read by Ilene Estabrook,
next month Julie Hille

Minutes from October 24, 2011,
council meeting were reviewed and
approved as written.

Pastors Report:

5 Hospital visits, 4 in Grand Forks
and 1 in Crookston

2 Nursing home visits

5 Home visits – 3 included Com-
munion

Ministerial meeting

Pathways Board meeting – will look
different in the future, restructuring
due to reduced attendance. Most kids
go north to Park River; it is cheaper
and closer.

Attended the Middle School (6-8)
Youth gathering in Grand Forks

2 Funerals

Oral Communications

0 to report

Committee Reports

Stewardship and Mission:

Pledge Cards & Stewardship – Not
as many turned in, as we would have
liked, will go with what we have; give
people an opportunity to get used to
process.

Worship and Evangelism:

Pew candles will be painted in Janu-
ary; church to be decorated this com-
ing Saturday.

New Member Sunday will be some-
time in January 2 new members and
possibility for two more.

Advent book – being printed 11/26

Thanksgiving Service November 23
7:00 p.m.

Communion Servers – December 4-
Ilene Estabrook, Julie Hille and
Kairouan Porter

December 18 – Ilene Estabrook,
Jason Clark and Karen Rittmann

December 24 – Jason Clark

Education and Youth:

Christmas program practice has be-
gun. Youth going to New Orleans will
serve a Pot-luck style meal following
the program.

Property and Management:

Parsonage Basement – Met with
Jon Gerszewski; mold in basement,
deck will have to be pulled away from
the house and trenching would need
to be done. Cost should be between
\$3000- \$4000.

Thermostat at Parsonage – Plumber
has looked, furnace is very old and
should be replaced. Plumber did per-
form maintenance on the furnace and

is seems to be working better for now.

Church signs are completed, area
cleaned up. Thank you John Ger-
szewski and Randy Trudell.

Memorial Trees have been planted.

Unfinished Business:

Staff Support Update – Kairouan
spoke with a few members and is
hopeful a regular monthly meeting will
be scheduled.

Part- time custodial position; it was
decided the maximum starting pay for
candidate will be \$700, pay will de-
pend on experience.

A conversation regarding time to lock/
unlock the building, no decision made.

Interviewing of candidates will be
Tuesday November 22, beginning at
6:30 p.m.

ODC Cleaning Duties – Duties have
been modified, Emily spoke with ODC.

Servant Group Leader Position – No
one has stepped forward, Emily will
post again in the bulletin.

New Business

December's council meeting will be-
gin at 6:00 to meet with a representa-
tive from the Synod prior to the regular
meeting.

Annual meeting date set for February
5, starting at 10:45am

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted

Ilene Estabrook



JANUARY YOUTH NEWS LETTER

Acolyte

- Jan 1 - Ushers
- Jan 8 - Danny Schmidt
- Jan 15 - Cody Goroski and Jesse Pineda
- Jan 22 - Cameron DuBore
- Jan 29 - Alex Hamrick

Confirmation

- Every Wednesday in January—
- 7th grade will meet at 3:30pm
- 8th grade will meet at 4:45pm
- 9th grade will meet at 6:00pm

M.O.O.S.E

What is a MOOSE meeting? MOOSE (Meetings Occurring On Sunday Evenings -or afternoons) meetings are youth group meetings. Sometimes we do a fun day, sometimes we do a service project and sometimes we have a lesson. We also play games and have snacks.

January 22– 12:30- 2:30 pm 6-8th grade. See you there!

Coming in April...

Senior High Gathering (grades 9-12)

March 31 - April 1, 2012 at Young Life's Castaway Club - Detroit Lakes, MN

Look for these web sites to stay informed...

- pathwaysbiblecamp.com
- parkriverbiblecamp.org
- www.oursaviors-warren.com



Buena Vista **Ski Resort!**



Youth 6th grade -12th grade get ready because our annual ski day will be here soon! We will go skiing at Buena Vista Ski Resort in Bemidji MN sometime in Feb (possibly the 25th) or March. (possibly the 17th) This time a year has always worked out well for us. The weather has always been beautiful and the roads good. Continue to watch the newsletter, bulletin and the mail for further information.

Upcoming Fundraising Event



January 29th the Youth going to New Orleans will be putting on a chili fundraiser after church. A Pre-Super Bowl party so to speak! We hope to see you there.

Upcoming Fundraising Event



The youth going to New Orleans will be serving soup and sandwiches during Lent again this year. Please continue to watch for further info.

Youth Director-Heather Goroski oslyouth@invisimax.com

Phone: 745-4478 & leave a voice mail.

The church will be unlocked from 8:00am-6:00pm, unless there are activities at night. If you need to drop something off after those hours, the office alley door is always unlocked.

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

1	Nicole Axdahl	Alex Hamrick	Micah Hamm
	Danny DeLisle	Larry Laymon	21 Jackie Maurstad
	Deborah Erickson	Preston Solberg	Brooke Miller
	Kim Kostrzewski	8 Florence Johnson	A- Milo & Lois Monroe
	Patti Myrfield	Alice Swanson	23 Leonard Riopelle
	A- Jim & Tammy Duckstad	9 Shannon Hamrick	24 Julia Goroski
	A- Mike & Donna Franks	10 Logan Donarski	Joan Peterson
	A- Jack & Ilayne Potucek	13 Allyson Hebert	Jeremy Solvik
	A- Jeff & Pam Wohlers	Greg Kilen	26 Roger Hille
2	Mark Lydeen	Pam Wohlers	Evan Mattson
	Anthony Skjerven	15 Gerald Nelson	Tom O'Keefe
	A- Roger & Kairouan Porter	17 Lori Hamrick	28 Glenn Johnson
3	Kevin Hamrick	Virlynn Hanson	30 Cory Bartels
4	Hollie Cheney	18 Betty Gustafson	Janice Lenhart
5	Carmen Strickler	Damien Scherber	31 A- Jon & Ilene Slusar
7	Maddie DuBore	19 Marcielle Anderson	
	Jim Folz	Audrey Cheney	



Our Three Expressions

We are all the ELCA

Since our beginning in 1988, this church has been one church body organized in three expressions that enable and support us all to grow in faith and put faith into action.

Congregations

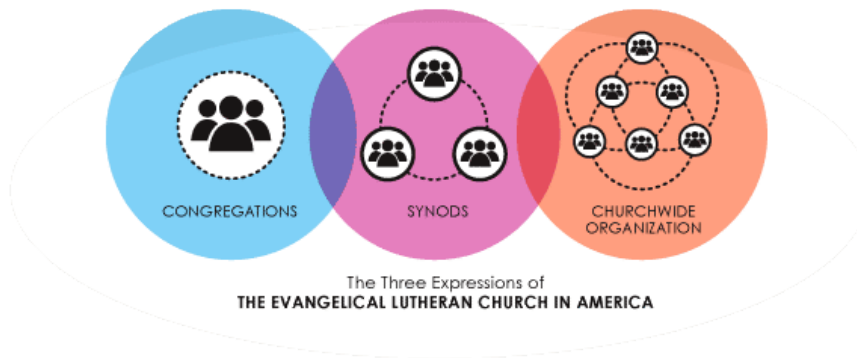
More than 10,300 congregations across the United States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands are local communities of faith-filled people celebrating, learning and connecting through weekly worship and various ways to serve others.

Synods

Sixty-five synods throughout the country unite the work of congregations within their areas, serving as regional support and guiding pastoral and other staff candidates through the call process.

Churchwide Organization

The churchwide expression includes the ELCA Churchwide Assembly, Church Council, officers, offices and churchwide units. Churchwide staff work from the Lutheran Center in Chicago, Ill., and from locations around the globe.



OSL/Melo Faith Connection

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Holy Communion New Year's Day 9:00 AM <i>Melo Worship</i> 9:30 AM <i>Adult Bible Study</i> 9:30 AM <i>Sunday School</i> 10:45 AM <i>OSL Worship</i>	2 5:30 PM <i>Education Committee Meeting</i> 2:00pm Alvin Swanson Funeral	3 9:00 AM ODC Bible Study	4 9:30 AM <i>Staff Meeting</i> 3:30 PM 7th Grade Conf. 4:45 PM 8th Grade Conf. 6:00 PM 9th Grade Conf.	5 10:30 AM Men's Bible Study	6 Epiphany	7
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15 Holy Communion 9:00 AM <i>Melo Annual Meeting</i> 9:30 AM <i>Adult Bible Study</i> 9:30 AM <i>Sunday School</i> 10:45 AM <i>OSL Worship</i>	16 Martin L. King, Jr. Day 6:00 PM W&E Committee Meeting 7:00 PM <i>OSL Council Meeting</i>	17 9:00 AM ODC Bible Study 1:00 PM Quilting	18 9:30 AM <i>Staff Meeting</i> 3:30 PM 7th Grade Conf. 4:45 PM 8th Grade Conf. 6:00 PM 9th Grade Conf. 7:00 PM <i>Choir</i>	19 10:30 AM Men's Bible Study	20	21 Pastor on Vacation
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Re-rooting in God's Mission: *A Missional Spiritual Discovery Journey for Congregations*

Beginning February 25, 2012

Saturdays: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

(Location to be announced later)

Re-rooting in God's Mission is a renewal journey and process for congregations seeking to move from maintenance to mission and from survival to striving. This is not a magic bullet, program or a project. Re-rooting in God's Mission is a process designed to unfold over an 18 to 24 month period of time. The process involves four or more Saturday equipping events throughout these months. These equipping events will revolve around listening to God through prayer, scripture, each other and our neighbors, and three key ingredients for congregational renewal:

1. **Discovering a shared purpose** for participating in God's mission locally and beyond
2. **Willingness to change** for the sake of the Gospel
3. **Shared leadership** between pastor and congregational leaders (A major study done by the ELCA research unit identified these three key ingredients for renewal)

This process of renewal seeks to engage and involve the whole congregation. It begins and continues with prayer and in-depth engagement with God's word. A team of at least four, including pastor, selected by the congregation and pastor, attend the training opportunities in order to be equipped to engage their congregation in a renewal process.

Teams attending can expect to:

- Be immersed in prayer and God's word
- Receive tools, best practices, resources, and be equipped to utilize and adapt them to their congregation's context
- Be accompanied by a coach throughout the whole journey
- Receive additional training as needed, tailored to specific issues along the way

Registration Deadline: February 10, 2012

Registration and questions: Pr Keith Zeh (218) 299-4447 or keith.zeh@elca.org



St. Olaf Choir Concerts

Sunday, January 22, 2012

3:00 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church - Moorhead, MN

As a part of their Centennial Celebration Tour the St. Olaf Choir from Northfield, Minnesota will present concerts in our area.

For more information:

Contact Sarah Gingerich, St. Olaf Public Relations Assistant for Music Organizations gingeric@stolaf.edu (507)786-3650

www.stolaftickets.com, www.stolafchoir.com



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Lessons for January



January 1 -
Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Psalm 148
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:22-40

January 8 -
Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

January 15 -
1 Samuel 3:1-10
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

January 22 -
Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 62:5-12
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

January 29 -
Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28