

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.



Senior Recognition Sunday May 17th

Help Congratulate the OSL/Melo Senior Class as they graduate and prepare for new adventures. There will be a cake and coffee reception before the service in their honor

- Zach Carlson
- Ben Gubrud
- Jordan Haugtvedt
- Amerae Knoll
- Canda McGregor
- Kacey Myrfield
- Austin Owens
- Brandon Polchow
- Lacey Riopelle

1st Communion to be Celebrated on May 3rd

Congratulations to the OSL/Melo 5th graders who recently completed classes and will receive their 1st communion on May 3rd.

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| Alyssa Bartels | Hannah Hamrick | Brice Miller |
| Nathan Roggenbuck | Maison Carlson | Rebecca Hamrick |
| Sydney Moug | Sadie Scherber | Angela Spidah |
| Sarah Kostrzewski | | |



OSL Library

Have you visited the OSL Library lately? There is a wonderful selection of books and movies in the library. There is no charge to check out any of the items and is open to anyone who wishes to use it. Your input is greatly appreciated as to member usage and how to improve the library.



New Member Class- PLEASE NOTE CHANGE

A new member class is being offered on **consecutive WEDNESDAY evenings, April 29 and May 6, 13, 20, 27 from 7:15-8:30 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



Pastor Dave's Reflections

“And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissention and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders” Acts 15:2

The meeting Paul, Barnabas, and others were heading to Jerusalem for had as its focus an issue that for the early church was seen as critical for its identity and ministry. On some notable occasions Gentiles had heard the story, expressed belief and received the Holy Spirit WITHOUT having to become Jewish converts first. This was very upsetting for some of the early church leaders who viewed these Gentile converts as a kind of second class believer or Christian because they had not become part of the Jewish faith and practice. In order to be a true or first class Christian the understanding of the day was they had to become faithful Jews; they had to become circumcised and keep the law of Moses. For the day this was an issue that threatened the fabric of the church.

Since that first assembly of Christian leaders to consider a question of faith and practice, many such gatherings have taken place. For Northwestern Minnesota Synod congregations, such a gathering takes place annually. This year our assembly is Saturday to Sunday, May 16-17. During this time voting members from the congregations of the synod will be gathering at Concordia College in Moorhead around the theme, “You Are What You Eat”, to wrestle with and make decisions about issues that challenge and sometimes help shape how the church will continue to do ministry. Later, in August, voting members from all the synods of the ELCA will gather at the church wide assembly to do much the same. Make no mistake about it, some of the questions and issues discussed and voted on will tug, pull and threaten the fabric of the church and the shape of its ministry, just as that first meeting in Jerusalem did for the church then.

As these two gatherings take place I ask for your prayers on behalf of all lay and clergy voting members sent by Our Saviors, Melo and the congregations of our synod heading to Moorhead and the voting members from the synods to the church wide assembly as they wrestle with topics and issues and make decisions about the shape and direction ministry will take down the road. Doing ministry will not always be easy, but will always be larger than any one topic or issue.

Aside from the upcoming synod assembly, dates to consider and add to calendars are:

- New Member Sunday on May 31st at both Melo and OSL
- Confirmation Camp, July 12-17 at Lake of the Woods Bible Camp for the pastor and students in grades 8 & 9. Please refer to the letter that was sent out in March for the cost information. The latest date I would like registrations turned in by is Sunday, May 31st so that the Bible Camp will know how many to plan for.
- The 125th Anniversary celebration is scheduled for Sunday, June 13, 2010.
- For persons who would like to consider seeing first hand some of the places the apostle Paul did ministry, Pastor Rena and myself along with Pastor Dan Carlson and his wife Patricia, will be co-hosting a trip to Greece and Turkey February 1-12, 2010. If you are interested or would like to know what places are being visited I have brochures available.

I would like to use this time and space to thank all the Sunday School teachers along with the Youth and Family and the Education Committees for the dedication and time you have given to providing Christian education and direction for the youth of these congregations. May the efforts of all members of these congregations continue to proclaim and demonstrate the presence of God's kingdom in the world.

Pastor Dave

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

Members Present: Dayle Anderson-Scherber, Mike Miller, Jim Folz, Nick Johnson, Joan Peterson, Carol Anderson, Rod Myrfield, Pastor Dave

Members Absent: Ilene Estabrook, Mike Knoll

Devotions were lead by Joan Peterson.

Treasurer's Report: submitted by Phil Thompson and read by Dayle Anderson-Scherber. Motion to approve by Joan Peterson, seconded by Rod Myrfield. Voted and approved.

Secretary's Report: approved. Motion to approve by Joan Peterson, seconded by Rod Myrfield. Voted and approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Dave report on Pathways annual meeting. Change in fees at Lake of the Woods camp lowered to \$125/week. July 12-19 camp for 8TH & 9TH Grade confirmation youth.

1ST communion proposed study March 31, April 7, April 21, and April 28. 1ST communion given on Sunday May 31.

New member - April 23, 30,- May 7,14, 31. New member Sunday - May 31 or June 7.

Synod Assembly - May 16 - 17 at Concordia College in Moorhead.

Oral Communications: Carol Anderson - Megan Torgerson will be preaching at the national synod assembly.

Committee Reports:

Stewardship & Missions: No Report.

Worship & Evangelism: Discussed Easter service schedule.

Education: VBS update was given. Volunteers are needed. Scholarship letters have been sent out.

Youth & Family: Report on New Orleans youth trip. The youth have agreed to Church cleaning to raise \$500.00.

Rod Myrfield reported on the youth dinner. \$200 council - Motion by Dayle Anderson-Scherber, seconded by Jim Folz. Voted and approved.

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

Discussed repairs needed in the education room, deterioration around stained-glass windows, and kitchen cupboard door in need of repair.

New Business: Church picture directory - 1. Online directory updated by the church. 2. OSL would create and maintain the directory. Possible timeframe to create new directory in August.

Wedding service book - discussed possible changes. Ask former wedding coordinators to form a committee for suggestions. It was suggested that it be printed that the church décor will be dictated by the season. Coordinator fee - motion was made to raise fee to \$100.00. Motion by Jim Folz, and seconded by Joan Peterson. Voted and approved.

Old office items - donate to repair the fair auction. Church secretary - contact Ron Leverington to pick up.

Old Business: Discussed 125TH Anniversary date of June 13TH - Sunday service at 10:00 AM. Plan RSVP from congregation. Plan pot-luck at 3:00 PM and cake.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Monday April 27, 2009.

May meeting will be May 18TH at 7:00 PM

June meeting will be June 29TH at 7:00 PM

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Johnson

Women of the ELCA

**NW MN Synodical Women's
Organization 2009 Convention
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
Moorhead, MN**



Friday, June 12

Registration 3-5pm

Banquet 5:30pm

Music and Business Session

Saturday, June 13

Registration & Coffee 8am

Morning Worship 9am

Bible Study Leader- Pastor from Our Savior's

Keynote Speaker Ruth Werner

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!

Pastoral Acts for April

Wedding Service on April 25th for

Dustin Johnson and Emily Edgar

Congratulations Dustin and Emily!



In Memory of Byron Ostgard

To the Memorial Fund by:

Hazel & Alvin Hendrickson

In Memory of Margaret Stafslie

To the Memorial Fund by:

Hazel & Alvin Hendrickson

In Memory of Grace Swanson

To the Memorial Fund by:

Hazel & Alvin Hendrickson

In Memory of Doris Johnson

To the Endowment Fund by:

Larry & Mary Laymon

In Memory of Lea Peyton

To the Memorial Fund by:

Jay Peyton on their Wedding Anniversary

In Memory of Adrienne Sulerud

To the Sunday School by:

Ida Nelson

John & Jean Walker

In Memory of Darold Sundby

To the WELCA by:

Betty Evin

To the Endowment Fund by:

Larry & Mary Laymon

To the Memorial Fund by:

Hazel & Alvin Hendrickson

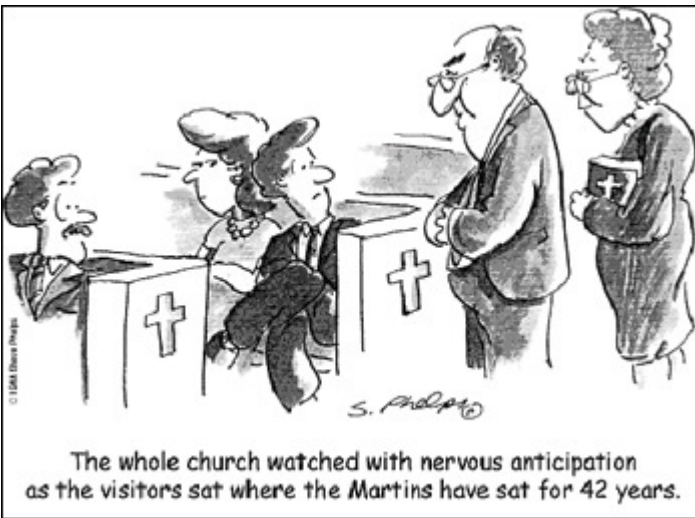
To the Youth Group by:

Glenn Johnson

April 2009

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>OFFERING</u>
April 5	132	\$5,499.42
April 9	30	\$70.00
April 12 Sunrise		\$1,508.00
April 12	138	\$2,879.26
April 19	83	\$2,939.95
April 26		\$2,459.01
Total		\$15,355.64

General	\$12,904.23	Rent	\$
Missions	\$45.00	Sunday School	\$20.00
Project 2000	\$30.00	Endowment	\$90.00
Y & F Min	\$225.00	Easter	\$1,677.26
Building Fund	\$30.00	Youth Group	\$10.00
Misc.	\$204.15	WELCA	\$10.00
Memorial	\$110.00		



Treasure's Report March 2009

Balance on Hand	\$19,138.80
Receipts	
Offerings	\$12,926.00
Special	\$0.00
Rent	\$60.00
Project 2000	\$0.00
Reimbursements	\$58.90
Youth and Family	<u>\$433.30</u>
Total Available	\$32,617.00
Less Expenditures	\$11,450.28
Balance on Hand	\$21,166.72

Expenditures	
Our World Mission	\$0.00
Salaries	\$7,608.44
Buildings	\$2,978.70
Education	\$0.00
Activity	\$330.06
Office	\$480.48
Custodial	\$52.60
Parsonage	\$0.00
Total Expenditures	\$11,450.28

Youth & Family Offering	\$500.00
Youth & Family Fund	\$4,106.21
Project 2000 Offering	\$60.00
Project 2000 Balance	\$2,044.20
Mission Offering	\$120.00
Mission Fund Balance	\$2,113.37
L.B. Fund	\$0.00
Bremer CD	\$67,951.55
Bremer MM Fund	\$13,892.23
Transfer to MM Fund	\$5,000.00
Balance on Hand- Checking Acct.	\$16,166.72

Notes:

HOLY WEEK REFLECTION:

Palms in Costa Rica

By: Stephanie Quick

ELCA Missionary in Costa Rica

“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord

- the King of Israel!”

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When I was a little girl, I loved Holy Week. I loved Palm Sunday when we processed into the church waiving huge palms, shouting “Hosanna! Hosanna! I loved going to worship with my dad on Good Friday late at night and listening to him sing, “Where you there when they crucified my Lord?...Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.” Saturday, I loved dying Easter eggs and helping my mom bake hundreds of banana bread muffins for our congregation’s Easter breakfast. My job was mashing all the bananas! Then Sunday morning, I would go with my dad and get everything ready for our congregation’s Easter breakfast. At 5 am, we would turn on all the ovens to pre-heat and sit back and admire all of our work from the past few days, beautiful spring decorations filled the fellowship hall with an area for an Easter Egg Hunt. Then in worship, my sister and I would sit in beautiful, frilly new Easter dresses between our parents, and listen to the choir sing, “Lift High the Cross.” I would count how many lilies adorned the altar while worship ended with the Hallelujah chorus. Then was the part I loved most, we would all go to my grandparent’s house. Every aunt and uncle and cousin would be there for my Grandma’s yummy breakfast of an egg bake, cinnamon rolls, fresh fruits and more! Then the cousins got together to trade the candy we received in our Easter’s baskets, find eggs my grandparents had hidden, and fly new kites. Our brand new, sparkling white tights always ended up with giant grass stains on the knees. I loved Holy Week when I was a little girl....

But then something changed. My congregation and congregations all over stopped using huge palm branches to shout out, “Hosanna! Hosanna!” on Palm Sunday. Instead we were given something that looked like a large blade of grass. Somehow the thrill and excitement of Jesus entering Jerusalem wasn’t the same with that blade of grass. Then I began to grow up. I had to work on Good Friday and couldn’t go to worship with my dad. My sister and I were too big for Easter baskets, dresses, and egg hunts. I moved away and couldn’t go to my grandparent’s home anymore. Holy Week just wasn’t the same. I think it was those stupid blades of grass that ruined it for me.

In Costa Rica, Holy Week is vacation week. In the U.S., we see the largest number of worshippers on Christmas and Easter. It is the exact opposite here. Holy Week is time for the beach. Since most of the children in my congregation can’t afford to go anywhere during vacation time, I took them to the natural pool at the church camp in the rainforest. While we were there, enjoying the fresh, cool water on a hot, steamy Costa Rican afternoon, I noticed that we were totally surrounded by hundreds of palm trees. Luckily I had a scissors with me. I began cutting tons of giant, leafy palm branches and the kids helped me haul them to the car.

The next day, Palm Sunday, we celebrated Jesus’ triumphant journey to Jerusalem. We reenacted the story – once of the boys was Jesus and another was the donkey. The other children lined the street, shouting, “Hosanna! Hosanna!” as they waved their palm branches. Suddenly the excitement of Holy Week grabbed me. Maundy Thursday, we celebrated the Santa Cena (Holy Communion) together picnic style on the grass in front of the church. Saturday I showed the kids how to dye Easter eggs. They squealed with delight, as they had never dyed an egg before. I then hid all the eggs and enjoyed the laughter as the children hunted for the first Easter eggs. Sunday, we remembered how the women and disciples ran from the tomb to tell the others the Good News. We ran twelve laps (for the 12 disciples) in the community square. Then we worshipped together and sang the Good News that our Lord Jesus had risen. I loved Holy Week again!

The reason that I loved Holy Week again was that we celebrated in a BIG way. Holy Week is a BIG deal! It is not an ordinary week. It is a week where we celebrate the miracle of Jesus, who lived among common people, died to save us from our sins, and rose to give us new life. This is an amazingly HUGE event! We need to celebrate it in a way that stresses the importance of what Jesus did for us. “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord - the King of Israel!”

P.S. This means don’t use a big blade of grass to celebrate Palm Sunday!

Northwestern Minnesota Synod Connections

Connecting the Congregational, Synodical, and Churchwide Expressions of the ELCA

In healthy congregations, leaders challenge people

“Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, ‘You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.’ When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.” Mark 10:21-22

Do you ever wonder what it would be like to converse with Jesus, face to face? The gospels offer some pretty strong clues about how Jesus related to people. For one thing, Jesus seems utterly comfortable in his own skin—he knows who he is and what he is about. Jesus also is “transparent” and brutally honest with others. If I were in a conversation with Jesus I’d expect him to look me right in the eye and say exactly what he’s thinking, even if that troubled me.

This means that Jesus can comfort or challenge others, depending on what they most need. In the familiar story of the rich man (quoted above), Jesus has an extended conversation with an earnest fellow who hankers for eternal life. He knows his Bible, but he lacks one thing. Gazing deeply into his heart, Jesus challenges him to give up the only thing standing between him and full life in God’s Reign: his possessions.

Jesus did not hesitate to challenge this man on the profound subject of wealth. Jesus upset the man’s equilibrium by naming the “elephant in the room.” Did Jesus do this simply to be provocative or unnerving? No. The text says that, just before Jesus issued his challenge, he looked at the man and *“loved him”* (Mark 17:21).

Leaders in Christ’s church love God’s people enough to look them right in the eyes and name uncomfortable truths. Leaders of disciples don’t shirk from upsetting the equilibrium in their relationships with others—even to the point of challenging them to address issues and respond healthily to changing circumstances.

Of course, we’d never need to challenge one another if two things were true: (1) if sin and its effects did not exist and (2) if nothing ever changed. But because sin persists, because change is relentless and because we live our lives trying to ignore these realities we need to be challenged to “wake up and smell the coffee.”

In healthy congregations leaders challenge people. Indeed, that is a central role for leaders—to be “challengers.” However, this is not for the faint of heart. Most of us would rather avoid rocking the boat. But that “strategy” works only in a perfect world!

So in this imperfect world, where things are always changing, effective leaders of Christian communities will be “challengers.” What does that look like, though?

- Such leaders realize that **people naturally react to change, which usually provokes anxiety in the congregation.** Such anxiety is a normal reaction to change; the issue is how this anxiety is managed.

- Such leaders **understand people’s natural desire to get rid of anxiety at any cost.** As Peter Steinke puts it, “Instead of analyzing the circumstance, seeking clarity, exploring a number of responses, and planning new directions, the congregation is overfocused on its discomfort.”

Such leaders **cultivate the capacity to tolerate pain both in themselves and in others.** Rather than making decisions on the basis of other persons’ current “emotional temperature,” healthy leaders function on the basis of their beliefs and convictions.

Such healthy leaders are also **able to take the long view of things.** They realize that if others initially resist being challenged—things may change down the line. Mark 10:17-22 ends with the rich man walking away from Jesus “grieving.” But are we sure that’s how his story finally ended? What if our Lord’s stark challenge planted a seed in the rich man’s heart that took days, weeks, months or even years to germinate?

We may never know the answer to that question. But we certainly do see congregations that flourish because they had tenacious, far-sighted leaders willing to issue mission-driven challenges that **did** eventually bear good fruit.

Bishop Larry Wohlrahe

Questions for reflection and discussion

1. Recall a time when you or your congregation were challenged by a Christian leader. How did you or your congregation respond to this challenge? What were the outcomes of this encounter?
2. What forces are producing anxiety in your congregation right now? How is your church responding to changes that are coming your way?

Northwestern Minnesota Synod Connections

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In Healthy Congregations, People Develop Caring Relationships and Empower Others

“We now want to return to the gospel, which gives guidance and help against sin in more than one way, because God is extravagantly rich in his grace: first, through the spoken word...second, through baptism; third, through the holy Sacrament of the Altar; fourth, through the power of the keys and also through the mutual conversation and consolation of brothers and sisters.” Martin Luther, Smalcald Articles, III:4.

When Luther wrote these words in 1537 he came close—very close—to placing our relationships within the Body of Christ on a par with Holy Baptism and Holy Communion. Caring relationships and loving conversations with other Christians are almost sacramental in the life of the church.

A Network of Connections

In itself the church is a gathering together of God’s people—a sharing of goodwill, energy, and gifts of the Spirit. It’s not far-fetched to define the congregation as a “network of connections.” This tracks with the language of the New Testament, which consistently favors *organic*—not mechanistic—images for describing the church, most notably as “the Body of Christ and individually, members one of another.” (I Corinthians 12:27).

Yet even within this lovely image there is place both for differentiation and togetherness. God doesn’t fuse us into a formless “blob.” The Body of Christ consists of *members* who are wonderfully diverse, but also *connected* inextricably, one to another.

Our challenge is to find balance between our identities as members of one another and the relationships that give us life. “How can a separate self relate with others in a healthy way?” asks Dr. Peter Steinke, in his *Healthy Congregations* training materials.

Steinke points to four ways that *members* of the Body of Christ relate to one another:

Playing together. “If you cannot get connected to others through relaxation, spontaneity, and letting go,” notes Steinke, “the only alternative is to connect through hostility or ‘dead seriousness.’”

Touching one another, verbally as well as physically. Words we share are “touching” when they convey support, care, and comfort.

Mirroring—simply looking into one another’s faces so we can tell whether we regard one another as important, noticed, and valued. How vital it is for us to know one another’s names and call each other by name!

Nurturing connects people. There’s a reason why church suppers are so popular. “Half of Jesus’ parables,” observes Steinke, “are about food, feasts or farming.”

The Difficult Business of Helping

Helping one another, though, isn’t always as simple as you’d think. There are ways of “helping” that wind up hindering the growth of both the helper and the one being helped.

If our helping of one another always takes the form of fixing or rescuing someone, we could be tending to our own needs more than to the needs of the one being helped. Ask yourself: Am I driven by compassion or by my own anxiety at seeing someone who is hurt?

There is a kind of helping that dis-empowers the one being helped. Some helpers have a sick “need to be needed.” Their tendency to over-function can foster an unhealthy dependency in the one being “helped.”

It’s important to watch for this sort of behavior in our congregations. Peter Steinke suggests that overly-needy helpers can be spotted by their tendency to

- Listen *ad infinitum* to a friend’s problems
- Volunteer for every job that needs doing
- Stay up all night to do a project
- Do others’ work for them
- Try to provide the perfect environment
- Please others at the expense of their own well-being.

Another example of unhealthy helpfulness is when leaders of a congregation adapt to the weakest or most disgruntled members of the church. When such leaders try to appease or satisfy the chronically anxious or complaining, the whole congregation usually suffers. Writes Steinke: “Healthier functioning on the part of leaders involves keeping their focus on a goal, a direction, not the noise of the needy.”

So what should be our goal in helping others? The founder of the modern servant leadership movement, Robert Greenleaf, has provided this helpful test: “Do those served grow as persons? Do they, while being served, become healthier, wiser, freer, more autonomous, more likely themselves to become servants?”

Bishop Larry Wohlrabe

May 2009 Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Catie Blanchard	2 Tim Howard
3 Pat Williams	4 Robin Johnson	5 Sydney Bring Cole Nowacki Rick Roley Wayne Spidahl	6 Jenny Fillipi Leanne Novacek Grace Rosten Shirley Sinn	7 Jared Jevning Harriet Kujava Blake Owens	8 Ross Peterson	9 Larry Johnson
10 Donna Gallagher Gail Knutson	11 Jamie Woinarowicz	12	13 Darlene Beck	14 Cindy Filipi Kelsey Zutz	15 Madeline Hamrick Lori Jevning Makayla Ptacek	16 Curt Anderson Patty Rolland A- Michelle & Brent Strickler
17 DeeDee Carlson Jodi Tescher	18 LaDonna Bannach Betty DuBore	19 Tracy Anderson Brooklyn Porter Lisa Zutz	20 Bobbi Mischel	21 Ashlee Johnson	22 Maison Carlson Cameron DuBore	23 Dawson Kostrzewski
24 Mary Myrfield	25 Craig Carriere Jason Clark	26 Megan Lydeen	27 Tammy Duckstad A- Dan & KoKo Nowacki	28 A- Mike & Rachel Roggenbuck	29 A- Mike & Hollie Cheney	30 Don Vansickle



OSL/Melo Sunday School Informer



Last Day of Sunday School May 10

Rachel Roggenbuck
superintendent

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May 2009

You are cordially invited to
The Sunday School Parents Day Program On

Sunday, May 10 at 9am

In the Fellowship Hall

Please stay for church during which time the children will share some of their favorite songs from this year.

No need to RSVP.

Calling all youth to:

Vacation Bible School 2009
June 15-16-17-18

Let's worship the Lord with music, lessons, crafts,
games and FUN!

Open to children ages K-6th grade (2008/2009 school year)

LOOKING FOR ADULTS AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

TO HELP IN MANY DIFFERENT AREAS

Contact Leanne @ 218-201-1064 OR Shawn @ 218-201-0312



May Youth News Letter

Confirmation

10th graders there will not be a Mentor meeting this month since we went to the Mission in April.

May 2 – 8th & 9th grade

We will be going to the "Great Sleep Out" put on by the Northlands Rescue Mission in Grand Forks ND on May 2nd 2009. This is an opportunity to sleep out under the stars to impact the lives of the homeless men and women in the Northlands. You are also getting a copy of the pledge sheets. Ask your family and neighbors and friends to help you. You will ask them to pledge or make a donation of their choice. This money will go to the Mission to help provide the homeless with food, shelter, Bible studies and much more. We need to be to the Mission shortly before 5pm so we will leave the church around 4:15pm. We will register and then have dinner with the homeless. Next we will have a tour and hear testimonies from residents. Then we are off to the Faith Evangelical Free Church to create tents out of boxes and blankets, see a presentation on why people become homeless, a poverty simulation and see the band Hybrid Soul. There will also be a feature movie and then the sleep out begins at 12 midnight. At 8am we will have a homeless breakfast. You will need your comfy, warm clothes. I will let you know closer to the date what else you will need to bring. There will be prizes awarded for the youth that raise the most money. They are a Wii, iPod Nano, and \$50.00 iTunes gift card. I am also looking for parent volunteers to drop off and pick up. Please contact Heather to let her know that you can drive or if you have questions.

MOOSE MEETING

The last MOOSE meeting will be May 17th from 1-3pm. We will resume the meetings in Sept when school starts.

Parents Day

Please note that the last day of Sunday School is May 10th. The Sunday School youth will have their program at 9:15 in the basement.



New Orleans Fundraisers

The Youth going to New Orleans will meet on May 9th at the church to do the spring cleaning of the church. We will begin at 9am, have lunch at noon and work until we are done. We have a lot to do and need everyone there if possible.

Also we will be having a car wash from 12-4 on Wed June 3rd to raise money for our trip. Look for more information on the details.



Senior Recognition Sunday

Congrats to our seniors who are graduating this year! Senior Recognition Sunday is on May 17th at 10:30am.

Check out these web sites for more info!

pathwaysbiblecamp.com

parkriverbiblecamp.org

www.oursaviors-warren.com

-Youth Director-

Heather Goroski oslyouth@invisimax.com

May 2009 Parish Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 "Great Sleep Out" 8 & 9th Grade
3 1st Communion Melo 9:00am Sunday School & Bible Study 9:15am OSL 10:30am	4 Ed. Committee Meeting 6:00pm	5 ODC Bible Study 9:00am Quilting 1:00pm	6 Choir 7:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm New Member Class 7:15pm	7	8	9 Church being cleaned
10 Last Day of SS/ Parents Program Melo 9:00am Sunday School & Bible Study 9:15am OSL 10:30am	11 Youth & Family Committee Meeting 7:00pm	12 ODC Bible Study 9:00am Quilting 1:00pm	13 Priscilla/Ruth Circle 1:00pm Choir 7:00pm New Member Class 7:15pm Sarah/Dorcus Circle	14	15	16 NWMN Synod Convention 16-17th
17 Senior Recognition Melo 9:00am OSL 10:30am MOOSE Meeting 1-3pm	18 W&E Committee Meeting 6:00pm OSL Council Meeting 7:00pm	19 Quilting 1:00pm	20 Choir 7:00pm New Member Class 7:15pm NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21	22	23
24 Holly Communion Melo 9:00am OSL 10:30am	25	26 Quilting 1:00pm	27 Choir Practice 7pm New Member Class 7:15pm	28	29	30
31 New Member Sunday Melo 9:00am OSL 10:30am						

Leaders:

Janice Lenhart 745-4012
Pat Williams 745-4035

Acolytes:

May 3- Keaton and Colton Laymon
May 10- Cory Myrfield
May 17- Allyson Hebert
May 24- Jon O'Keefe and Julia Goroski
May 31- Justin Haugtvedt

Ushers:

May 3- Peder and Karen Larson
May 10- Peder and Karen Larson
May 17- Senior Class and Peder Larson
May 24- John Carlson and Janice Lenhart
May 31- Jack Sedlacek and John Carlson

Lectors:

May 3- Peder Larson
May 10- Karen Larson
May 17- Senior Class
May 24- Jeanie Ulferts
May 31- Army Haugen

Flowers: Myron and Army Haugen

Psalm Readers:

May 3- 5th Grade
May 10- 6th Grade
May 17- Senior Class

Coffee Hosts:

May 3- Janice Lenhart and Jeanie Ulferts
May 10- Janice Lenhart
May 17- Deloris Sedlacek and Pat Williams
May 24- Jeanie Ulferts
May 31- Deloris Sedlacek and Sharon Carlson

Nursery:

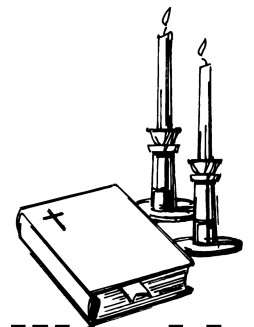
May 3- Emily Swope
May 10- Emily Swope
May 17- Emily Swope
May 24- Emily Swope
May 31- Emily Swope

Communion Bread: 5th Grade Class

Communion Servers:

Melo Custodians:

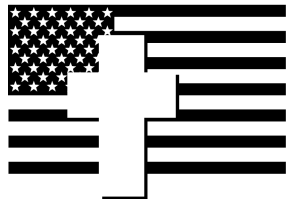
Duane Filipi May 3-10 (White)
Mike Gallagher May 17-24 (White)
Ed Gulden May 31-June7 (Red/White)



**Worship
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MEMORIAL DAY



Highlights in May

First Communion for OSL/Melo 5th Graders May 3rd

Last day of Sunday School with Parent's Program 9:15am at OSL May 10th

Senior Recognition Sunday May 17th

New Member Sunday May 31st

