

# OSL/Melo Faith Connection

## Lenten Service Schedule

### 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.

### Theme "The Journey to the Finish"

Wednesday, March 4th 7:00pm at Our Savior's  
Wednesday, March 11th 7:00pm at 1st Lutheran  
Wednesday, March 18th 7:00pm at Grace United  
Wednesday, March 25th 7:00pm at Sts. Peter and Paul  
Wednesday, April 1st 7:00pm at Our Savior's



## Pastoral Acts

### Funeral Service For:

*Selvin Aase on Jan. 7, 2009*  
*Grace Swanson on Jan. 14, 2009*  
*Kyla Kostrzewski on Jan. 19, 2009*  
*Donald Boman on Jan. 21, 2009*  
*Margaret Stafslie on Feb. 13, 2009*

### Baptism Of:

*Kaylee Beth Kurz on Jan. 25, 2009, daughter of Marc and Bethany Kurz*  
*Brooke JoAnn Miller on Feb. 22, 2009, daughter of Mike and Donna Miller*  
*Sidney John Carlson on Feb. 22, 2009, son of Darren and Samantha Carlson*

## New Member Recognition and Upcoming Class

We welcome Samantha Carlson to the Melo Church Family.

There will be a New Member Class starting in March. Please contact the church office if you are interested in joining or for more information.



## Old Green LBW Hymnals

The old hymnals are not being used anymore and are in need of new homes. If you would like to have a hymnal please take one. They will be placed out in the Narthex for the next few weeks. Any hymnals that are left over will be donated to a local congregation in need.



## Pastor Dave's Reflections

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what his rising from the dead could mean. Mark 9:9-10.

*The quickest way to get a message shared, many have found, is to tell people NOT to say anything about the message until a specified time. You may have had the kind of experience when you really need to share with others what has you confused or so excited. Somewhere along the line someone accidentally tells what they have been told and then it seems that before long everyone knows about it, including those who were not supposed to hear it. Why a message is not to be shared is because either the one who is told and/or those who might hear will not or can not fully understand or comprehend the contents.*

*It would seem that Peter, James and John fall into this group. Not only did Peter misunderstand what was happening as he and the other two disciples witnessed Jesus' transfiguration; Peter wanted to physically capture the moment. They were filled with wonder as they tried to get a handle on what Jesus might mean as he spoke about rising from the dead. The reader of Mark can almost see the disciples scratching their head as they are coming down the mountain trying to understand what this means and keep things to themselves.*

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*It is through the lens of Jesus' life, death and resurrection that we encounter the fullness of what Jesus rising from the dead means.*

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*As we prepare to enter the season on Lent on Ash Wednesday, we do so with a similar kind of wonder and at times perhaps more than just a little confusion. We enter a season that offers all the opportunity to reflect upon the faith relationship between ourselves and God through the lens of Sunday morning and the Wednesday evening services as events with Jesus at the center are considered, and how that influences the relationship between ourselves and others. Even though we may not literally climb a mountain to experience the vision we may attain from that vantage point, we do find ourselves on a kind of mountain top whenever we worship and especially when the celebration of a baptism or holy communion is included.*

*The reality though is that we, like the disciples, cannot remain on the mountaintop forever. Nor can we travel to where we think the mountaintop might be to get a refill of faith sustenance or the kind of awe and wonder the disciples may have experienced. Rather we may find ourselves as Peter, James and John did as they came down the mountain, facing the brokenness of a world, steeped in Sin, that clamors for attention and resolution. For the disciples the return from the top of the mountain happened in and with the presence of Jesus. The understanding of what Jesus meant when he spoke of rising from the dead that for the moment escaped them, became more complete following Jesus' resurrection.*

*For us the same is true. It is through the lens of Jesus' life, death and resurrection that we encounter the fullness of what Jesus rising from the dead means. It means healing for creation, forgiveness for the ill people perpetrate against God and each other, and grace to sustain the people of God as they reach out to a world in pain. I invite you to step into the fullness this season, of faith journeying, has to offer. For along with the worship opportunities, there is the Sunday morning Sunday School class, the new Men's Bible Study that is beginning, and later in March the beginning of a New Member Class. May you be enriched as you journey*



## Memorial Gifts

### In Memory of Selvin Aase

To the Endowment Fund by:

*Jeanie Ulferts*  
*Randy and Wanda Gubrud*  
*Larry and Linda Johnson*  
*Joe and Liz Yeado*  
*Elva Bustrack*  
*Leona Neegard*  
*Betty Evin*  
*Marcielle Anderson*  
*Peder and Karen Larson*

To the Memorial Fund by:

*Alvin and Hazel Hendrickson*  
*Dorothy Johnson*  
*David and Beverly Duckstad*

### In Memory of Grace Swanson

To the Endowment Fund by:

*Evelyn Engh*  
*Peder and Karen Larson*

### In Memory of Byron Ostgard

To the Endowment Fund by:

*Elva Bustrack*  
*Jeanie Ulferts*  
*Larry and Linda Johnson*

### In Memory of Denis Vesey

*Dennis and Dorothy Evavold*

### In Memory of Mae Graga

To the Quilters by:

*John and Delores Sedlacek*  
*Janice Lenhart*

To WELCA by:

*Walter and Helen Lutnes*

To the Building Fund by:

*Jack and Ilayne Potucek*

To the Sunday School by:

*Betty Evin*

To the Memorial Fund by:

*Dorothy Johnson*  
*John and Rita Walker*  
*Alvin and Hazel Hendrickson*  
*Arlett Hart*  
*Roger and Roxanne Hagen*  
*Warren and Margaret Saetre*

To the Endowment Fund by:

*Elva Bustrack*  
*Ida Nelson*  
*Leona Neegard*  
*Leola Knudsen*  
*Don and Phyllis Stinar*  
*Gladwin and Mary Lynne*

### In Memory of Margaret Stafslie

To the Endowment Fund by:

*Elva Bustrack*

To the Sunday School by:

*American Legion Auxiliary*

February 2009

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>OFFERING</u>
February 1	103	\$3,155.00
February 8	81	\$2,974.00
February 15	64	\$2,770.00
February 22	110	\$1,934.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>\$10,833.10</b>

General	\$10,105.10
Missions	\$120.00
Project 2000	\$30.00
Endowment	\$130.00
Youth & Family Min	\$304.00
Building Fund	\$30.00
NW MN Synod	\$54.00
Sunday School	\$15.00
Rent	\$45.00

Treasure's Report January 2009

**Balance on Hand** \$30,211.24

**Receipts**

Offerings	\$15,078.88
Special	\$0.00
Rent	\$0.00
Project 2000	\$0.00
Reimbursements	\$64.25
Youth and Family	\$0.00

**Total Available** \$45,354.37

**Less Expenditures** \$11,184.65

**Balance on Hand** \$34,169.72

**Expenditures**

Our World Mission	\$0.00
Salaries	\$7,653.12
Buildings	\$2,847.07
Education	\$0.00
Activity	\$216.36
Office	\$366.71
Custodial	\$101.39
Parsonage	\$0.00

**Total Expenditures** \$11,184.65

Youth & Family Offering \$1,350.00

Youth & Family Fund \$4,546.40

Project 2000 Offering \$70.00

Project 2000 Balance \$1,924.20

Mission Offering \$40.00

Mission Fund Balance \$1,933.37

L.B. Fund \$0.00

Bremer CD \$67,951.55

Bremer MM Fund \$8,982.23

Notes:

Mark your calendars- Vacation Bible School will be June 15-18, 2009. If you are able to help in ANY way please contact either LeAnne at 201-1064 or Shawn at 201-0312.

The American Cancer Society Daffodil Days are March 8-15th. Orders will be taken on March 1st and will be delivered on March 8th. There will be extra daffodils for purchase on March 8th. If you have any questions, or would like to place an order, please contact Bobbi Mischel at 745-4084.

There will be a WELCA Board Meeting on Wednesday, March 4th at 5:15pm.



## MARCH YOUTH NEWS LETTER



### Buena Vista Ski Trip!

Youth 6<sup>th</sup> grade-12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to go skiing on **March 7<sup>th</sup> 2009** at Buena Vista Ski Resort in Bemidji MN. You can bring money for lunch or pack a lunch. The youth Group will buy supper at Happy Joes in Crookston the way home. Chaperones are needed. Please call Heather or e-mail me if you are interested. Lift ticket any age is \$20

Ski rental all ages \$15

Snowboard and boots \$26

Tubing \$10 for 2 hours

### Confirmation

**March 4** - Our Saviors 7pm

**March 11** - 1st Lutheran 7pm

**March 18-** Grace United Methodist - 7pm

**March 25-** St Peter and Paul - 7pm

**Please remember that Lent begins in March and that you should be attending church on Wed as there isn't class.**

### Acolyte Schedule

**March 1** - Cody and Cortney Kostrzewski

**March 8** - Rebekah Haugtvedt

**March 15** - Ben Estabrook, Zach Riopelle

**March 22** - Jeremy Duckstad

**March 29** - Conner Anderson

### M.O.O.S.E

MOOSE meeting's are for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. We meet one or two times a month in the afternoon or evening. We have lessons, play games, do service projects, have snacks and fellowship with each other. The meeting this month will be on...

**March 29<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm**

### Soup and Sandwich

The youth going to New Orleans in July will be hosting a soup and sandwich supper on **March 4<sup>th</sup>** before the Lent service in the church basement from 5:45pm to 6:45pm. It will be a free will donation.

### Sr. High Youth Gathering

The Sr. High Youth Gathering will be held April 17-19<sup>th</sup> at Creagen Resort in Brainard, MN. The House band will be **Temple Band**, a Concordia College worship band. There will be a dance, games, crafts, open mic, and much more. The gathering of course will include gatherings, worship, singing, faith and relationship building as well as breakout sessions. This year the theme is Soul2Sole. You may have heard from the Jr. High Gathering that some things have changed. We pay the registration fee to the Synod and set up our own room with the resort and then pay the resort. You don't need to worry about this. I will set it up and you will, as in the past, write the check to OSL. The cost of the gathering is \$80.00 with a non refundable deposit of \$50.00. The cost of the room is \$91.00/person per 4 people in a room. Registration opens March 1 and closes April 1. Please let Heather know by March 20<sup>th</sup> if you would like to attend. If you have money in your account you can use it; if you have a friend from another church that wants to come let me know and I will get the info to them; if you want to go but can't afford it talk to me and we will work something out.

Youth Director \* Heather Goroski

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# March 2009 Birthday's and Anniversary's

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Austin Owens Tim Strickler	2 Erich Rittmann	3	4	5 Jean Leverington	6	7	
8 Brody Andrzejewski Grace Loeslie	9 Bill Porter	10 Aubrie Roley	11 Ethan Zutz	12 Tia Heffernan Ernie Slusar	13 Brittney Palm O.J. Peyton Zach Riopelle	14 Bethany Oberg	
15 Kelly Myrfield A- Jim and Diane Johnson	16 Karen Dunkelberger Sara Flaten Sarah Heffernan Olivia Strickler	17 Stacey Anderson	18 Evelyn Engh Gary Olson	19 Doris Aase Joan Rokke	20	21 Kaitlyn Anderson	
22 Ben Gubrud	23 Joel Flaten	24 Dayle Anderson-Scherber Alex Hebert	25 Evelyn Engstrom	26 Maggie Melgard Mylo Carlsson	27 Jim Graham	28 Kelsey Carriere Nancy Mattson	
29 HollyAnn Carlson Pete Hanson A- Dave & Lori Giles	30 Mike Roggenbuck Mara Wittman	31 James Nicholls Michael Slusar					

# OSL/Melo Parish Calendar March 2009

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 Holy Communion Melo 9:00am Sunday School 9:15am Adult Bible Study 9:15am OSL 10:30am 10th gr. Conf. 11:30am KOK 2:00pm	2 Weight Watchers 5:00pm Education Committee Meeting 6:00pm	3 ODC Bible Study 9:00am Quilting 1:00pm	4 WELCA meeting 5:15pm Soup & Sandwich Supper 5:45-6:45pm Choir Practice 6:15pm Conf. attend service 7pm Lenten Service 7:00pm at OSL	5 Men's Bible Study 10am	6	7 Ski Trip
8 Melo 9:00am Sunday School 9:15am Adult Bible Study 9:15am OSL 10:30am	9 Weight Watchers 5:00pm Youth & Family Com- mittee Meeting 7:00pm	10 ODC Bible Study 9:00am Quilting 1:00pm	11 Priscilla/Ruth Circle 1:00pm Choir Practice 6:15pm Conf. attend service 7pm Lenten Service 7:00pm at 1st Lutheran Sarah/Dorcus Circle 7:30pm	12 Lydia/Phoebe Circle 9:30am Men's Bible Study 10am	13	14
15 Holy Communion Melo 9:00am Sunday School 9:15am Adult Bible Study 9:15am OSL 10:30am	16 Weight Watchers 5:00pm	17 ODC Bible Study 9:00am Quilting 1:00pm	18 Choir Practice 6:15pm Conf. attend service 7pm Lenten Service 7:00pm at Grace United Methodist	19 Men's Bible Study 10am	20	21
25 Melo 9:00am Sunday School 9:15am Adult Bible Study 9:15am OSL 10:30am	23 Weight Watchers 5:00pm Worship & Evangelism Comm. Mtg 6:00pm OSL Council Meeting 7:00pm	24 ODC Bible Study 9:00am Quilting 1:00pm	25 Choir Practice 6:15pm Conf. attend service 7pm Lenten Service 7:00pm at Sts. Peter and Paul	26 Men's Bible Study 10am	27	28
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# OSL/Melo Sunday School Informer



## Sunday School to Sing



Sunday School classes are excited to share the music they have been learning the last several weeks. Please join us, as we share on Sunday, March 8!

## Schedule of Events

\*\*Kids of the Kingdom  
March 1  
April 19  
Both meet 2p-4:30p

\*\*NO SUNDAY SCHOOL on  
Easter Sunday April 12

\*\*Last day of Sunday  
School May 10

*A Sunday school teacher asked the children just before she dismissed them to go to church, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"*

*Little Johnny replied, "Because people are sleeping."*

*A young boy came to Sunday School late. His teacher knew that he was usually very prompt and asked him if anything was wrong. The boy replied no, that he was going fishing but his dad told him that he needed to go to church. The teacher was impressed and asked the boy if his dad had explained to him why it was more important to go to church than to go fishing? The boy replied, "yes he did. Dad said he didn't have enough bait for both of us."*

# No Sunday School

No Sunday School on  
April 12  
Easter Sunday

Leaders:

Tim and Linda Conely  
Heather and Mike Goroski

Acolytes:

March 1- Cody and Cortney Kostrzewski  
March 8- Rebekah Haugtvedt  
March 15- Ben Estabrook, Zach Riopelle  
March 22- Jeremy Duckstad  
March 29- Connor Anderson

Ushers:

March 1- Loren Zutz, Larry Laymon, Jean and John Walker  
March 8- Dean and Nate Chandler, Myron Haynes  
March 15- Larry Laymon, Philip Olson, Jean and John Walker  
March 22- Dean and Nate Chandler, Myron Haynes, Philip Olson  
March 29- Philip Olson, Brad Nelson, Jean and John Walker

Lectors:

March 1- Jean Walker  
March 8- Liza Zutz  
March 15- Jean Walker  
March 22- Casey Conely  
March 29- Jean Walker

Psalm Readers:

March 1- 6th grade  
March 8- 4th grade  
March 15- 5th grade  
March 22- 6th grade  
March 29- 4th grade

Flowers:

March 1- Tim Conely  
March 8- Michelle Kuzel  
March 15- Tim Conely  
March 22- Tim Conely  
March 29- Tim Conely

Coffee Hosts:

March 1- Deb Zutz, Mary Laymon  
March 8- Mary Jo Chandler, Michelle Kuzel  
March 15- Mary Laymon, Heather Goroski  
March 22- Michelle Hebert, Heather Goroski  
March 29- Tim and Linda Conely

Nursery:

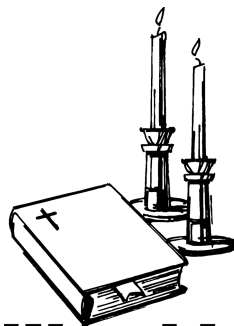
March 1- Julia Goroski  
March 8- Mary Jo and Teaira Chandler  
March 15- Linda Conely  
March 22- Mary Jo and Teaira Chandler  
March 29- Linda Conely

Communion Servers:

Dayle Anderson-Scherber, Jim Folz, Mike Knoll

Melo Custodians:

Pete Solvik	Feb 22- March 1	(White/Purple)
Wayne Strickler	March 8-15	(Purple)
Mylo Carlson	March 22-29	(Purple)



**Worship  
Leaders**

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