



MT. OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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- ***October** – Pastor Appreciation Month!
- ***October 4th** – World Communion Sunday
- ***October 7th** – Elders Meeting @ 6:30PM
- ***October 11th** – Pastor Appreciation Sunday
- ***October 12th** – Columbus Day
- ***October 12th** – WOMO Meeting @ 10AM
- ***October 14th** – Leadership Meeting @ 6:30PM
- ***October 18th** – Mite Sunday
- ***October 24th** – Painting Class 10AM-Noon
- ***October 25th** – Reformation Sunday



Thank you Pastor for pointing hearts toward Christ through your example, teaching and care.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Every year at churches across our nation, the month of October is a time when many denominations take time to specially acknowledge and show appreciation for members of the clergy. Of course, it is hoped that members of the congregation appreciate Pastor Michalk all throughout the year!

Mt. Olive is blessed to have Pastor Michalk caring for the flock, especially at a time when many churches are struggling to find a pastor.

There will be a basket in the narthex for you to place notes of appreciation/gifts for Pastor Michalk during the month of October.

Please say extra prayers of thanks this month for all that Pastor does to serve the congregation as well as the community.

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A Message from Pastor Mike

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor, you're looking at the wrong month of the calendar – it's October, not April.

No, it's not just an Easter greeting, but our glad confession throughout the year – especially when leaves fall and frost kills the last of the tomatoes and the daylight is fading away. Christ is risen!

I can hear you at home chiming in...

In the face of death, we proclaim that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, and we too will live with Him forever. We experience the new creation even now by faith as we will experience it fully, body and soul, mind and spirit, when Christ comes again. Our expectation of heaven is even stronger than our expectation of the seasons continuing to change, because our hope is anchored in Christ.

Acts 14:8–10 (ESV) — 8 Now at Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. He was crippled from birth and had never walked. 9 He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well, 10 said in a loud voice, “Stand upright on your feet.” And he sprang up and began walking.

“He listened to Paul speaking” – and Paul was speaking the Gospel, preaching that Jesus had died for all and risen for all. Perhaps it was at the moment when Paul proclaimed the resurrection of Jesus that he looked at the man and saw “that he had faith to be made well”. The man believed what Paul was speaking and he believed that he would be made new and whole by Jesus.

In his case, his faith was rewarded with a miraculous healing. For most of us, that is not the case. Not because our faith isn't strong enough but because God wants to make it stronger! He wants our faith to become big enough to receive all that He has promised to give us – not health and wealth in this world but the true health and wholeness of life with Him and the true treasures of His kingdom. God would have us believe that we too will be made new and whole by Jesus, and that this new creation begins now.

Romans 6:4 (ESV) — 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

We experience “newness of life” when we remember that the risen Jesus is living in us even now by the power of His Holy Spirit. The new life is HIS life in us - Jesus living in us by His Holy Spirit is our daily experience of new life and new obedience.

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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Gene Hanson	10/11
Brian Gustafson	10/13
Marianne Meyer	10/14
Brad Gustafson	10/15
Lindsey Eccles	10/15
Heather Berthiaume	10/24
Eli Klein-Wyman	10/27
Brayden Wyman	10/28

Wally & Gloria Brehm	10/2
Rob & Melanie Kamps	10/4
David & Kathy Smith	10/4
Don & Betsy Kohls	10/13
Paul & Marianne Meyer	10/14
Darryl & Shelley Frederickson	10/22

*Contact the office if you have a change in personal information.

ARCHIVES

We are looking for someone to take over the archives. Please reach out to Pastor if you are interested and willing to do this for our church!

MITES/MITE BOXES

You probably see "Mite Sunday" on the church calendar each month but may not know what to do with your Mite box full of coins. You may give your Mite box to WOMO President, Jan Preble at any time. All Mite funds collected go to LWML to support a wide array of missions and nonprofit organizations across the country and throughout the world. If you need a Mite box, they are available in the narthex on the shelves where the cards are.

Treasuring God's Truth, Living Out His Love

- Thanks to Rona Peterson for sending estate gifts from Randy Senske that allows Mt. Olive to host the Jolly Ramblers in memory of Randy and Myrtice Senske.
- Thank you to Don & Sandi Woytcke for ordering, purchasing and donating the three sheet cakes that were served after the Jolly Ramblers service and for the open house on September 13th!
- Special thanks to Aaron Boser and Jan Preble for helping with serving the cake for the open house!
- Thank you to Jim Merchant for painting the angled hallway wall in the education wing! It looks great!
- Thank you to EVERYONE in the congregation that donated items or funds for the Lutheran World Relief school kits!

October 31st: All Hallows' Eve/Reformation Day/Halloween

All Hallows' Eve is historically a time of prayer and preparation for celebrating All Saints' Day, when we remember those that have departed this earthly life.

In most Protestant churches, **Reformation Day** is celebrated because it marks the day in 1517 when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the door of a church in Germany. He chose this day to post them publicly on the church door because he knew there would be large crowds of people gathering at the church the next day for the celebration of All Saints' Day.

Many children are getting excited at this time of year for costumes, going "trick-or-treating" and gathering **Halloween** sweets. The name **HALLOWEEN** is derived from **ALL HALLOWS' EVE**. Remember this when saying the word HALLOWEEN. It is NOT pronounced HOLLOWEEN. 🎃

Sunday Treats

Fellowship time after church is back in full swing, so please help out by signing up and buying or baking treats to share with fellow members of the congregation. It would also be helpful if you would be willing to donate bottles of liquid coffee creamer. The free-will offering collected on Sundays is used for purchasing plates, utensils, cups, napkins, coffee and juice and the funds collected are not enough to cover the costs of these items.

Musicians Wanted!

Vocal soloists, duets or any combination of vocalists to sing during a worship service would be welcomed. Consider providing a song during communion or at another point in the service. Instrumentalists could do the same! See Jan, Sandi, or Pastor if you can provide special music during a Sunday worship service.

Applying Biblical Teachings

"Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God" (2 Cor. 9:10-11).

The Apostle Paul, in his second letter to the Corinthians, wants his readers to understand that having been justified and pronounced not guilty on all counts of sin, we are free to grow in the grace of giving, that is, to grow in generosity. The Apostle also states his conviction that no one is the poorer for being generous. He points to God's promise that God is able to give in abundance and to provide what is needed for the task at hand.

The Apostle makes the point that God will make the offering a blessing for the cheerful giver. It is God who provides the seed, and it is God who provides the giver with money and wealth as the means to give. It is God who blesses the seed so that it brings forth a bountiful harvest. In a similar way, our gifts of money bring glory and honor to God and produce thanksgiving because of what He has done for us through Jesus Christ. And it is God who strengthens us in our lives of sanctification so that we may grow in this grace of cheerful giving.

God gives us the means to give so that He may be glorified and be given thanks! Would God cause believers who have given for His glory and who are abounding in thanksgiving to then be penniless? The Apostle puts to rest this senseless question as he states God's promise: "You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion" (2 Cor. 9:11).

You see, God has already provided the seed, that is, He has made the financial provision for us to be able to give. He is our source. With what He provides, all believers can afford to be generous in meeting the needs which God has set before them.

That which is given as an act of love towards God, brought about by His grace in Christ, will be blessed, even though on the surface, to our eyes and to our pocketbooks, it may not always seem to be. But, trusting in God, we take Him at His Word that we are a people who are being enriched in every respect, both spiritual and temporal, for the purpose of generosity.

We hold the seed which God has provided in our hands. How we use it is up to us. "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly, or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:6-7)



JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY

- ❖ **Tuesday's 7:00 AM -**
Men's Bible Study
- ❖ **Wednesday's 10:00 AM -** Women's Bible Study (Sep-Apr)
- ❖ **Friday's 10:00 AM -**
Adult Bible Class – @
Lake Minnetonka
Shores or by Phone
- ❖ **Sunday School 10:00 AM (Sept – May)** Ages
3yr-6th Grade
- ❖ **Confirmation –**
Thursday's - 6:00 PM
7th Grade and Older

FAITH OVER FEAR

Trusting God in Uncertain Times

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Painting Class Sign Up Deadline is October 18th!

Bring a friend and have some fun on **Saturday, October 24th from 10 am – 12 noon.**

A canvas painting class is open to anyone age 16 and older. All materials and art instruction will be provided.

Pictures of the painting options may be seen below and sign-up sheets are in the narthex.

There are 3 price options (\$30, \$35, and \$40) depending on the size of the canvas you choose. You must pre-register so that we have adequate supplies & the right size canvas for you. Payment is due on the day of the class.

This is a great couples, mother/daughter, girlfriends, family & friends' event to do together. Invite guests, sign them up and come and create!



Women of Mount Olive

The next WOMO meeting is scheduled for **Monday, October 12th at 10AM** in the fellowship lounge. Please plan to attend as we get things lined up for the Bazaar and discuss important details.

The **Annual Bake Sale & Bazaar** is looming fast, and it is important that people sign up to help and/or donate items. The sign-up board is in the narthex on the easel by the elevator.

Help promote the Bazaar: There are flyers in the narthex and your help with promotion would be appreciated. Please post a flyer at your housing complex, place of work, on community bulletin boards or anywhere else you think could help draw people to Mt. Olive on November 7th.

Upcoming Dates of Importance

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- October 24th – Painting Class for men and women 10AM-Noon (Sign up in the Narthex!)
- November 2nd – Potential Spruce Tip Planter Assembly @ 10AM
- November 6th – Bazaar set up – 4-6PM
- November 7th – Bazaar 9AM-1PM
- November 16th – Post Bazaar Meeting @ 10AM in the Fellowship Lounge
- December 5th – Holiday Party @ 11:30AM (Potluck, Cookie exchange – bring 2-3 dozen if you want to participate. Gift exchange \$10-20 optional if you want to participate.)

OCTOBER



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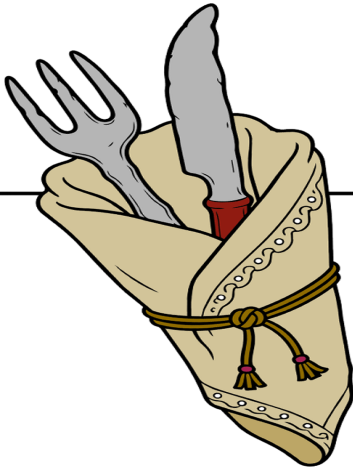
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
*Pastor Appreciation Month!				1	2 -Happy Anniversary Wally & Gloria Brehm!	3
4 -Happy Anniversary Rob & Melanie Kamps! -Happy Anniversary David & Kathy Smith! World Communion Sunday	5	6 -Elders Meeting @ 6:30PM	7	8	9	10
11 -Happy Birthday Gene Hanson! Pastor/Clergy Appreciation Sunday	12 -WOMO Meeting @ 10AM Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples Day Canadian Thanksgiving	13 -Happy Birthday Brian Gustafson! -Happy Anniversary Don & Betsy Kahls!	14 -Happy Birthday Marianne Meyer! -Happy Anniversary Paul & Marianne Meyer -Leadership Meeting @ 6:30PM	15 -Happy Birthday Brad Gustafson! -Happy Birthday Lindsey Eccles!	16	17
18 -Mite Sunday	19	20	21	22 -Happy Anniversary Darryl & Shelley Frederickson!	23	24 -Happy Birthday Heather Berthiaume! -Painting Class 10-Noon
25 Reformation Sunday	26	27 -Happy Birthday Eli Klein-Wyman!	28 -Happy Birthday Brayden Wyman!	29	30	31 Reformation Day

Puzzle!



A MIRACLE DINNER

Matthew 14:15–21 & John 6:1–14
is a Bible story about a special dinner.
Below is a poem about that story.



Complete the poem by filling in the blanks with the correct pairs of words.

then / men
true / you
late / ate
lunch / bunch

rest / quest
began / ran
faces / spaces
done / ton

Jesus was tired and went to find _____,
So away from the crowd he started his _____.
It came to an end before it _____,
The crowd followed Jesus; they walked and
they _____.
His boat pulled ashore and he looked at
their _____ —five thousand men, plus families
filled all open _____.
And so Jesus spoke and he taught until _____.
The disciples told him it was time they
all _____.
Jesus said, “Yes, that is certainly _____,
and feeding this crowd is now up to _____.”
Feeding five thousand! It could not be _____!
What would they do? They’d need a
whole _____!
But then a young boy came and offered
his _____ —five loaves and two fish to
feed this big _____.
Jesus gave thanks and blessed it and _____
it fed all the women, the children and _____!

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for His children who give cheerfully
and makes them a people
who are being enriched in every respect.
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will also supply and increase your store of seed
and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness” (2 Cor. 9:10).

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Leadership Team

President: Andrew Reinitz

Vice President: George Betts

Recording Secretary: Lindsey Eccles

Treasurer: Kevin Larson

Elders: Arlee Mueller and Joel Reinitz

Trustees: Jim Merchant & Darryl Frederickson

Directors: Linda Verkenne and Phil Holmen

Committees

Education: Arlee Mueller, Andrew Reinitz

Finance Secretary: Shelley Frederickson

Offering Counters: Shelley Frederickson, Leona Shore, Rita Kaiser, Brian Podratz, Terry Podratz, Jan Preble, Linda Verkennes, and Kevin Larson

Thank You Cards: Rita Kaiser

Outreach: Vacant

Women of Mount Olive - President: Jan Preble, **Secretary & Treasurer:** Lindsey Eccles

Worship: Sandi Woytcke and Jan Preble