



# MT. OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

May 2024

## What's Inside

- 2 May Birthdays
- 2 May Anniversaries
- 2 Treasuring God's Truth, Living Out His Love
- 2 Joining Jesus on His Mission
- 2 Updates, Reminders & Reading Materials
- 2 Give & Grow
- 2 Memorials
- 3 Applying Biblical Techniques
- 3 Bible Studies
- 4 May Calendar
- 5 Puzzle
- 6 Contact Us
- 6 Office Hours
- 6 Who is Serving the Lord Within Mount Olive



- \*May 1<sup>st</sup> – Elders Meeting @ 6:30PM
- \*May 2 – National Day of Prayer
- \*May 8<sup>th</sup> – Leadership Meeting @ 6:30PM
- \*May 9<sup>th</sup> – Ascension Day
- \*May 12<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day
- \*May 18<sup>th</sup> – Armed Forces Day
- \*May 19<sup>th</sup> - Pentecost
- \*May 19<sup>th</sup> – Mite Sunday
- \*May 19<sup>th</sup> – WOMO Meeting @10:15 AM
- \*May 26<sup>th</sup> – Trinity Sunday
- \*May 27<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day

## A Message from Pastor Mike

### Mt. Olive Memories

Did you know that our congregation is almost 100 years old? In September 2027 we hope to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of our congregation. God called a group of people to start a Lutheran church in Mound, and for almost 100 years God has blessed this church and made it possible for us to gather to hear God's Word, receive His sacraments, and make disciples for Jesus.

None of us has been here for that whole time, but some have been here for their whole life. Whether you became a member of Mt. Olive many decades ago or just recently, I want to know your story. What are your Mt. Olive memories? How has being part of this congregation impacted you? What do you hope Mt. Olive will continue to do for those who are coming after us?

In the months ahead I hope to visit all of our members and collect your stories – funny stories, emotional events, memorable moments, stories that show how God has been at work here. Here are some Bible passages that can help you prepare to tell your stories:

**John 15:5 Jesus said, "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."**

What does it mean to you to "abide" in Jesus? How have your experiences at Mt. Olive helped you to be aware that Jesus is abiding in you? What examples of "fruit" have you seen?

**John 15:11 Jesus said, "These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."**

What particularly joyful experiences have you had at Mt. Olive? How has Jesus spoken to you?

**John 15:12 Jesus said, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."**

How have you experienced the love of Jesus at Mt. Olive? What have you learned about loving others?

**John 15:26–27 Jesus said, "But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning."**

How has the Holy Spirit taught you about Jesus and brought you closer to Him? How has God used you to witness to others both inside and beyond the congregation?

I am excited to hear your stories! Sharing our stories helps us to see and celebrate that Mt. Olive is not just a human institution, but a work of God.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Mike Michalk

# MT. OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER



Anna Skaret	5/1
Tina Zylman	5/3
Paul Meyer	5/5
Randall Berthiaume	5/12
Noah Kamps	5/12
Deb Reichert	5/16
Julia Skaret	5/16
Mike Peterson	5/18
Jean Westergaard	5/21
Janice Beise	5/23
Colleen Gonior	5/23
Denise Zimmerman	5/23
Shawn Andres	5/25
Sue McKee	5/28
Rita Kaiser	5/29



Jay & Deb Reichert	5/1
Jerry & Claudia Bullock	5/13
George & Linda Betts	5/14
Stephen & Dawn Audette	5/15
Gerald & Heather Berthiaume	5/17
Mike & Kathy Michalk	5/24
Shawn & Charlotte Andres	5/31

## Treasuring God's Truth, Living Out His Love

- Thank you to all that provide treats and snacks for Sunday fellowship.
- Thank you to Don and Sandi Woytcke for continuing to set up/make the coffee every Sunday.
- Thank you to Brian Podratz and Fawn Gage for consistently taking care of sound and media every Sunday.
- Thank you to Rita Kaiser for sending Thank you cards for special offerings / donations.

## Joining Jesus on His Mission

- Harriet and Phil led chapel a day in April for Lake Minnetonka Shores!

## Updates, Reminders, & Reading Materials

Please check out our bulletin board area near the Narthex. This is where all our updates, reminders and reading materials will be! Including Newsletters, Portals of Prayer, Lutheran Witness Magazines, Information about upcoming events around the church and the community, Updates about our boards and committees, other reading materials, etc. Please let Lindsey know if there is something else you would like to see on the bulletin board.

## Give & Grow

Otten Bros. Garden Center & Landscaping is proud to present our community fundraising program called GIVE & GROW. Our goal is to provide an easy way to help local clubs, schools, churches, and other community organizations earn money. Shop with us April 15th thru May 31st and 10% of each pre-taxed dollar you spend at any of our two locations and 5% of all signed landscape projects will go to Mount Olive Lutheran Church. It is an easy way to raise funds for your group. Present the flyer that is in the Narthex to the cashiers upon checking out. We take care of the rest. Take advantage of the GIVE & GROW program as many times as you like until May 31st.

## Memorials

- \$140 in offerings in loving Memory of Regina Hoffman.



## Applying Biblical Teachings

Because of God's love for us, as shown through the redemptive work of Christ, we as Christians are moved to respond with great generosity. For God the Father ". . . did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all — how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?" (Rom. 8:32). God's love is unconditional and unselfish.

Think about some of God's good gifts:

God gives the seed (Gen. 1:11). God gives the rain (Job 5:10). God gives life (Acts 17:25). God gives health (Jer. 30:17). God gives strength (Isa. 40:29). God gives riches (1 Chron. 29:12). God gives forgiveness (Col. 2:13). God gives eternal life (Rom. 6:23).

Christians have been given the most precious gift, eternal life. We have also received countless other spiritual and earthly blessings.

Perhaps you have heard the oxymoron, "stingy Christian." These two terms are contradictory. "Stingy" and "Christian" when used together make a sad commentary.

At times we give good reason for the term "stingy Christian" to be applied. We often find it difficult to give. We are constantly tempted, through our wants and fears, to accumulate for this life. Our human nature has difficulty putting its undivided trust in the Lord.

St. Paul reminds us in Ephesians 2:10 that ". . . we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works. . . ." Through the Holy Spirit, we are filled with Christ's love. Our trust and confidence in our Lord are constantly encouraged. We Christians are stimulated by the Holy Spirit through Word and the Sacraments to do the good works for which we were created. In Christ's wonderful love, we are freed to give generously. The term "stingy Christian" has no place in our lives.



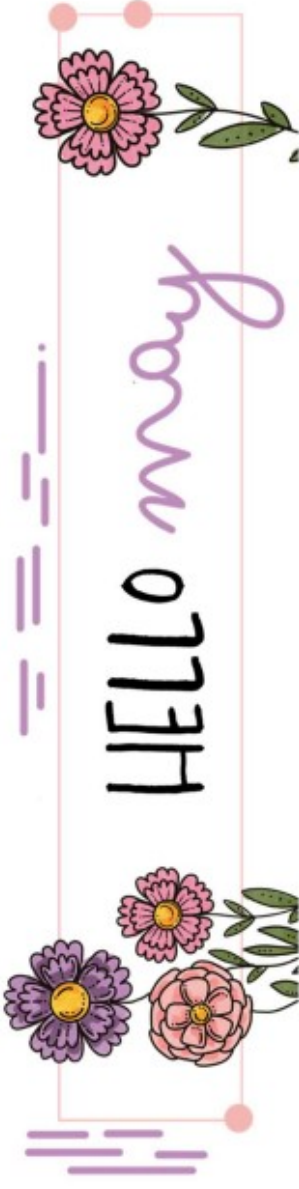
## JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY

- ❖ **7:00 AM Tuesday's -**  
Men's Bible Study
- ❖ **10:00 AM**  
**Wednesday's -**  
Ladies' Bible Study
- ❖ **1:00 PM 1st**  
**Wednesday of the**  
**month - @ Lake**  
Minnetonka Shores
- ❖ **9:00 AM Thursday's -**  
Adult Bible Class
- ❖ **2:00 PM Friday's -**  
Harrison Bay Bible  
Class



*God is good!*





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 -Elders Meeting @ 6:30PM *Happy Birthday -Anna Skaret *Happy Anniversary -Jay & Deb Reichert	2 National Day of Prayer	3 *Happy Birthday -Tina Zylman	4
5 -ALL YOU CAN EAT Pancake Breakfast @ Grandview *Happy Birthday -Paul Meyer	6	7 -Leadership Meeting @ 6:30PM	8 -Leadership Meeting @ 6:30PM	9 Ascension Day	10	11
12 *Happy Birthday -Randall Berthiaume -Noah Kamps Mother's Day	13 *Happy Anniversary -Jerry & Claudia Bullock	14 *Happy Anniversary -George & Linda Betts	15 *Happy Anniversary -Stephen & Dawn Audette	16 *Happy Birthday -Deb Reichert -Julia Skaret	17 *Happy Anniversary -Gerald & Heather Berthiaume	18 *Happy Birthday -Mike Peterson Armed Forces Day
19 -Mite Sunday -WOMO Meeting @ 10:15AM Pentecost	20 *Happy Birthday -Jean Westergaard	21 *Happy Birthday -Jean Westergaard	22	23 *Happy Birthday -Janice Beise -Colleen Gonior -Denise Zimmerman	24 *Happy Anniversary -Mike & Kathy Michalk	25 *Happy Birthday -Shawn Andres
26 -Guest Pastor Stefan Wismar Trinity Sunday	27 Memorial Day	28 *Happy Birthday -Sue McKee	29 *Happy Birthday -Rita Kaiser	30	31 *Happy Anniversary -Shawn & Charlotte Andres	



# PRAYER JOURNAL

[ Philippians 4:6 ]

verse  
for  
today:

today is...

1 2 3 4 5 6 7  
8 9 10 11 12 13 14  
15 16 17 18 19 20 21  
22 23 24 25 26 27 28  
29 30 31

month

year

today i am grateful for

answered  
prayers:

prayer requests:

Seven horizontal dotted lines for writing prayer requests, each starting with a yellow semi-circle on the left.

praise reports

my mood  
for the day:

my personal prayer requests:

Two horizontal dotted lines for writing personal prayer requests.



MOUNT OLIVE



LUTHERAN CHURCH

5218 Bartlett Blvd  
Mound, MN 55364  
[www.mountlivelcms.org](http://www.mountlivelcms.org)

First Std  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
City, ST  
Permit # 000



WE LOVE OUR MOMS!

Today let us take a moment to say a special Mother's Day prayer for all mothers everywhere.

Dear Heavenly Father, I come to You today lifting up mothers everywhere in the world. I pray that You would give them the strength to meet the demands of motherhood. May You give them the wisdom to raise their children according to Your Word. Father, give them the courage to stand up for what is right, even when it's hard. Most of all, I pray that they would know Your love for them. May they experience the joys of being a mother and that Mother's Day would be a memorable day for them. In Jesus' name, I pray, Amen.

Proverbs 31:26 "She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue."

## MT. OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

### Contact Us

Pastor Mike Michalk –  
952.388.3858

[Pastor@mountlivelcms.org](mailto:Pastor@mountlivelcms.org)

Church office (Lindsey) –  
952.472.2756

[Admin@mountlivelcms.org](mailto:Admin@mountlivelcms.org)

Website - [www.mountlivelcms.org](http://www.mountlivelcms.org)

### Office Hours

Monday -Thursday 9:00 - Noon  
Pastor's Hours: Tuesday &  
Saturday 9:00 – 11:00 or by  
appointment

### Leadership Team

**President:** David Miller

**Vice President:** George Betts

**Recording Secretary:** Lindsey Eccles

**Treasurer:** Vacant

**Elders:** Arlee Mueller & Nate Betts

**Trustees:** Jim Merchant & Darryl Frederickson

**Directors:** Linda Verkennes, Harriet Gustafson and Michael Peterson

### Committees

**Education:** Arlee Mueller, Andrew Reinitz, Becca Boser, and Dawn Audette

**Finance - Envelopes:** Vacant, **Secretary:** Shelley Frederickson, **Thank**

**You Cards:** Rita Kaiser, **Vanco:** Vacant

**Outreach:** Vacant

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

**Worship:** Sandi Woytcke and Jan Preble