

3. Sheets, fabric, old blankets etc for the quilt club. Dollar donations accepted to purchase fabric
4. Art supplies for projects. (Yarn, Hot glue/gun)

In the Narthex

1. “**Boxed**” cards: for birthdays, anniversaries, etc. by the WOMO. See Claudia Bullock.
2. **Collections boxes:** Mite, and a Donation Jar for AV.
3. **Portals of Prayer:** July - September
4. **Church Directory (Updated May 2023)**
5. **Annual: 2022**
6. **Newsletters**
7. **Puzzle Exchange**
8. **Lutheran Witness**
9. **Be at Leisure Reading**



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

When we least deserve love

“Love me when I least deserve it,” says a Swedish proverb, “because that’s when I really need it.” My mom recounts how my 1-year-old sister, scooting around in a walker, somehow got hold of and spilled a loosely capped bottle of cooking oil. As Mom cleaned up, my sis scooted into the bathroom and unwound all the toilet paper.

Mom went to investigate the ruckus, and as she respooled the TP, my sister went back to the kitchen, pulled crackers out of a lower cupboard, tossed them on the floor and drove over them — in the remaining oil. At that point, Mom decided it was naptime! Yet I know Mom laid her little one in her crib with tender love. After a rest, they’d start afresh.

In John 21, the risen Jesus addresses Peter, who had denied him three times the night of Jesus’ arrest. But Jesus didn’t treat Peter harshly. In love, the Savior offered his disciple a fresh start. So too, when we’re at our worst, hurting God’s heart by hurting others and creation, God loves us all the more. He loves us into a fresh start — even, and especially, when we least deserve it.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

Spirit SPINNER

For Pentecost, make a thaumatrope, a spinning toy that creates an optical illusion of motion.

What you need:

- White paper
- Cup
- Scissors
- Pencil and markers
- Plastic drinking straw
- Glue



What you do:

1. Using the cup’s circular shape, trace two identical circles on the paper. Carefully cut them out.
2. In pencil, draw a person’s head on one circle. Then place the blank circle on top and use the image beneath to guide you in drawing a flame above the head.
3. Color the two images with markers.
4. Apply glue to the backs of the circles and sandwich the top of the straw between them so it looks like a lollipop. Let dry.
5. Roll the straw quickly between your hands to view a mini motion picture.



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All articles for the newsletter are
 due on the 20th of each month.

MT. OLIVE TIMES

Treasuring God's Truth, Living out His Love.

August 2023

Pay attention to what God is doing



I am very thankful for the opportunity to once again attend the convention of our Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, in Milwaukee, July 29 – August 3. There are many, many important and interesting decisions that will need to be made, and so I ask you to please pray for me and all those attending. I also would welcome your input *now, in advance of the convention*, to hear what you think, in order to be better prepared when the time to vote comes.

Here is just one example of just the last two “resolves” from a resolution that will come before the convention:

Resolved, That we confess and teach that fathers and mothers are obligated by God to bring their children to the Church for Baptism and the divine services of the church. They are to teach their children God’s Word in their home, lead them in prayer, and teach and discipline them in Christian piety and virtue, in accordance with the Holy Scriptures; and be it finally

Resolved, That we teach and maintain the discipline that a man and woman are to marry each other before sexual intimacy and the conceiving of children, and that they are to remain married and faithful to each other till death parts them, in accordance with God’s holy will. Parents are by God’s grace, to live in daily contrition, repentance, and the forgiveness of sins, always teaching and holding before their children the divine institution and pattern of marriage and household as God gave it.

What do you think of that? I think overall its pretty good but there are some words and phrases in there that are questionable. And it would be good to ask the question: why is this before us? Is it talking about something that the church could or should do? Anyway, I want you to know that it’s not easy sorting through all of this! So, I want your comments, and if there’s enough interest, maybe we can have an informational meeting or two before the end of July. We could do it in-person and on Zoom. Who’s in?

Yours in Christ, Pastor Mike Michalk

WOMO INFORMATION

The Women of Mount Olive will be meeting on **Monday, August 7 at 7 PM** in the fellowship lounge/library. All women 18 and older are welcome to attend.

Our primary meeting purpose this month is to plan for our fall bazaar, scheduled to be held Saturday, November 4.

Please come with your ideas and a heart for service. Help us plan for a successful event. Proceeds from the bazaar help support LWML mission projects as well as local community nonprofit organizations.

Hope to see you there! If you have questions, contact Jan Preble or Lindsey Eccles.



YOUR GIFTS MATTER!

¹⁷ Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

God has blessed each of us in many different ways and everyone has unique gifts and talents to share. All that we have comes from the Lord, and all that we have is truly temporary. Contributions of all kinds make a HUGE difference in the life of our church. Think about the many ways people serve Mount Olive:

- *Mowing the church grounds/shoveling sidewalks
- *Making coffee
- *Serving/preparing food for events, funerals, or at Sunday fellowship
- *Reading the lessons on Sunday
- *Providing special music/singing
- *Ushering
- *Gathering friendship pad sign in sheets each

Sunday

- *Counting offerings
- *Bringing and/or baking treats for Sunday fellowship
- *Serving on the altar society, finance committee, worship committee, board of elders, board of directors, as a trustee, or as a Sunday school teacher
- *Leading/coordinating Bible study
- *Helping with VBS
- *Being a WOMO member
- *Donating hand crafted items to the Holiday Bazaar
- *Working with youth/serving as a mentor
- *Visiting shut ins
- *Serving as a volunteer driver for those needing transportation to attend church or to get to various appointments
- *Welcoming visitors
- *and MUCH more!

There is a myriad of other ways people serve the church as well, but please know your gifts of time and talent are valued just as much as your financial contributions.

This year extra financial contributions to repair and restore our parking lot have been especially appreciated and hopefully more funds will come in to complete the job.

With August here, our thoughts begin to turn towards the return of fall activities. Back to school sales have begun (much to the dismay of many students!), plans are underway for the women's Bible study to restart, preparations are taking place for a new Sunday School year, and WOMO members are beginning to plan for the annual bazaar.

Church leaders begin looking to plan for the 2024 budget, and we ask that members begin thinking about stewardship as well. Stewardship encompasses MANY things; your financial contributions, as well as service to the church. Think about giving your time to MOLC in addition to your financial gifts and tithes. Let Pastor or a board member know if you have interest in working with Sunday School or in some other capacity. New ideas and new people are ALWAYS welcome!

SAVE THE DATE/PLAN TO DONATE

WOMO will be hosting the **ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR** on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4** beginning at 9 AM.

Donations of goods are needed to create a successful sale. WOMO is looking for contributions of ALL kinds; home baked goods, wood crafts, quilting, embroidery, knitting and crocheting, works of art, and all types of handicrafts are welcome.

Please use your skills and talents to help fund missions and community organizations. Your contributions to the bazaar are greatly appreciated.

New Member Sunday

On Saturday, November 4, from 9:00 - 11:00 AM there will be an orientation to membership for those who would like to know what being a member of Mt. Olive is all about.

On Sunday, November 5, we will celebrate New Member Sunday to provide the opportunity for those who wish to speak up and say yes, I want to join Mt. Olive as a member.

Thank-you from the Michalks

This comes from all of us - Pastor Mike, Kathy, Lena, Josie, Caden, and Justine: Thank you for all the love shown to us as we we're going through the valley of the shadow of death recently. Thank for your prayers above all! Also, thank you for all the meals, the cards, the financial gifts, the words of encouragement and the offers of help! Also, the rescue from a dead rabbit!

Treasuring God's Truth, Living Out His Love (within Mt. Olive)

We want to express our gratitude to those who have helped in various ways around church recently:

- ✝ Thank you to Jim Merchant and the trustees and all involved in improving the MOLC parking lot
- ✝ Thank you to Brian Podratz and Fawn Gage for faithfully working the sound board and slides for Sunday services
- ✝ Thank you to Arlee Mueller for his long and faithful service to the children of our church through Sunday School and VBS
- ✝ Thank you to Eli and Randall for serving as acolytes
- ✝ Thank you to Jim Merchant and Arlee Mueller for driving Dick to church
- ✝ Thank you to Dick Bromley for providing special music at a recent Sunday service

Contact information

Please be sure to let Lindsey know of any contact information that may have changed for you. Please email changes to admin@mountolivecms.org or call Lindsey at 952-472-2756. Please leave a detailed message if no answer.

Email List

Did you know that Lindsey emails out the Sunday Bulletin prior to the upcoming Sunday? Would you like to be added to the email list to view the bulletin sooner? To be added, email Lindsey at admin@mountolivecms.org

Outreach - Scott County Fair & Carver County Fair!



After our Revive Minnesota team led the Revive Scott County Outreach in 2018, Bob Schmitz, who participated in the outreach in his city started hosting the prayer booth during the Scott County Fair each July since. Myself and other friends have volunteered at this prayer booth the last several years. What's cool is people come to you. We get to pray for people, have conversations about God, faith and eternal life and how He transforms our lives when we surrender to His Lordship. We offer free adult and children's Bible's and other Gospel literature. Anne Benson, my Time To Revive co-worker and I, prayerfully decided to host a prayer booth at the Carver County Fair. Carver County Fair, located in Waconia, MN is August 9-13. We will need lots of volunteers at the prayer booth. If you'd like to volunteer for this great opportunity to serve, please email me at jrosamond@timetorevive.com or by text/phone at 612-597-1504. We ask volunteers to serve for four-hour time slots. The days/hours we need volunteers at the prayer booth: Wednesday: Noon - 9pm; Thursday through Saturday: 10am-9pm; Sunday: 10am - 8pm

Coming Up

July 29 - August 3 - Pastor at Convention
August 7 - WOMO Meeting @ 7:00PM
August 7-11 - Vacation Bible School
August 9 - Elders Meeting @ 6:30PM
August 16 - Leadership Meeting @ 6:30PM

Support the church by saving!

1. Printer ink cartridges
2. "Box Tops for Education" that are on the food packaging, digitally download the app on your smart phone. (Choose the school you want to support and scan your receipts-- no need to cut!)