

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.

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:

✝ During our recent Vacation Bible School, the lessons and activities were all centered on showing the children that they are a treasure to God, that His Word is our greatest treasure, and that we learn how to treasure each other. Thank you to all who helped us have a successful VBS!

✝ Thank you to the Senske Family for donations for Jolly Ramblers

✝ Thank you to Jim & Dave S for working with Tonka Plumbing, Heating and Air to get our Air Conditioning working again!

✝ Thank you to Harriet for finding readers each and every month and for doing our prayers and devotions before our meetings!

Joining Jesus On His Mission

✝ When a church member recently had a birthday, she invited her friends to "party" with her by getting together to sing some of their favorite Christian songs. What a fun and uplifting way to share the joy of Jesus!

✝ The mission of Jesus is not only about loving others, but letting others show the love of Jesus to us. Recently a member who had surgery expressed her appreciation for the help she received from other members and her neighbors. A generous soul receives help from others with gratitude, and looks for opportunities to help as they are able.

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

Coming Up

September 4 - Labor Day
September 5 - Elders Meeting @ 6:30PM
September 10 - National Grandparents Day
September 10 - Jolly Ramblers Service
September 11 - Patriot Day
September 13 - Women's Bible Study Begins
September 13 - Leadership Meeting @ 6:30PM
September 17 - Mite Sunday
September 17 - 2nd Qtr Congregational Meeting
September 17 - First Day of Sunday School
September 18 - Last day for LWR School Supplies
September 23 - First Day of Autumn

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!)
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)
5. Supplies for Spruce Tip Pots

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



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Tues & Sat 9 - 11

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Monday – Thursday 9:00 - Noon

Leadership Team

President: David Miller

Vice President: George Betts

Recording Secretary: Lindsey Eccles

Treasurer: Linda Verkennes

Directors: Linda Verkennes, Harriet

Gustafson, & Michael Peterson

Elders: Arlee Mueller & Nate Betts

Trustees: Jim Merchant & Darryl Frederickson

Committees

Education: Arlee Mueller, Dawn Audette, Danette Isaacs, & Andrew Reinitz

Finance

Envelopes: Linda Verkennes

Secretary: Shelley Frederickson

Thank You Cards: Rita Kaiser

Vanco: Linda Verkennes

Outreach: Vacant

Women of Mount Olive

President: Jan Preble

Secretary: Lindsey Eccles

Treasurer: Claudia Bullock

Worship: Sandi Woytcke & Jan Preble

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

MT. OLIVE TIMES

Treasuring God's Truth, Living out His Love.

September 2023

Pay attention to what God is doing



Proclaiming your victory

Jesus won the victory over sin, death, and Satan, and you are victorious through your faith in Him! How are you proclaiming your victory by the power of the Holy Spirit?

"Just as we were made like the man of earth, so we will also be made like the man of heaven." (1 Corinthians 15:49, NCV)

We want our family members and friends to share this joyous victory with us. The Holy Spirit empowers our attitude, words, and actions so that others can see Jesus in us. The way we live and the way we die shows what we really believe.

Think about this: your funeral will be the last and maybe the most powerful opportunity for you to witness your faith in Jesus to your friends and family. So it is a good idea to give some time and effort to planning how you will point others to Him, even when you are gone. The time for planning is now. Some people like to write down their plan with some detail; others prefer to give general instructions but leave the details up to their family. But no matter how you choose to do it, planning your final witness is a good idea.

We recently revised our funeral planning documents, and I invite you to meet with me and do some planning. You might want to choose the hymns and songs that will be sung, the Scripture verses that will be heard, the bulletin that will be printed, and other important details. You might not want to think about dying; you might think it's a long way off. But how will you share the joy of your victory? How will you say one final time: "Because Jesus died and rose for me, I know that I will live forever with God"? How will you continue to point others to Jesus, even after you are gone from this earth? I look forward to discussing these things with you. And may the Spirit fill you with the joy of your victory today and every day!

Yours in Christ, Pastor Mike

WOMO NEWS

WOMO held their third quarter meeting on August 7 and the discussion largely focused on plans for the bazaar.

Please note/save the following dates:

Monday, October 30: Meet at church at **10 AM** to create spruce tip planters to sell at the bazaar.

Friday, November 3: Drop off donations for the Bazaar from 3-7 PM in the fellowship hall. **ALL items must be priced.**

Saturday, November 4: Annual bazaar from 9 AM – 12 Noon

Monday, November 6: 4th quarter WOMO meeting, **6 PM** in the fellowship lounge

Saturday, December 2: Christmas Party and Potluck Lunch for Women of Mount Olive in fellowship hall. All women from Mount Olive age 18 and older are welcome to attend. Gathering will begin at noon. Watch for more details to come, but plan on lunch, a gift exchange, and a cookie exchange!

SUPPLIES/DONATIONS NEEDED

If you can donate empty planter pots 9” – 14” in diameter (new pots, or used pots that have been emptied of dirt and cleaned/washed), or any décor items (ribbons, various decorative stakes, pine cones, birch sticks, etc.) please bring them to church no later than Sunday, October 29. WOMO needs 20 empty pots.

If you wish to contribute funds for WOMO to purchase décor items for the pots, please give your financial contribution to Jan, Lindsey, or Claudia.



VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED TO PLACE SIGNS THE DAY OF THE BAZAAR

WOMO members would very much like a volunteer (preferably TWO) that are willing and capable to set up the directional/informational signs for the bazaar early in the morning (8AM) on Saturday, November 4 at various intersections/locations in the area. We also need the volunteers to go back out and pick up the signs at 12 noon. This job seems to work best with two people; one to drive the vehicle carrying the signs, and the other to jump out of the car and

physically set the sign up and/or stake the sign in the ground. A few of the wooden signs (sandwich board style) are heavy, the foam core/cardboard signs on metal frames are lighter weight and easy to stake in the ground. If you are willing and able to do this task, please talk to Jan, Sandi, or Marianne and more detail can be provided.

WOMO ANNUAL BAKE SALE AND BAZAAR NEEDS YOU!

WOMO has just one fund raising event per year, the **Annual Bake Sale & Bazaar**. A successful sale occurs when there is a wide variety of items available. We need your creativity and talents to raise funds that help others. WOMO uses funds to support community organizations such as The Gillespie Center, WeCAN, the Westonka Food Shelf and to support various mission projects like the school bags sent to other countries for Lutheran World Relief, LWML projects and projects at MOLC.

WOMO members are hoping the men & women of MOLC are busy sewing, knitting, quilting, crocheting, building, constructing, painting, creating, and planning to fill the fellowship hall with a wide array of items. Bakers, please think about pies, cakes, bars, snacks, breads, rolls, candies/fudge and other delicious items you may want to make. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. The **Annual Bake Sale & Bazaar** will be held **Saturday, November 4 from 9 AM - 12 Noon**.

Once again, the bazaar will feature a *Timeless Treasures* table of new and used (must be in good, usable condition) items. If you choose to donate an item to the *Timeless Treasures* table, please note **no clothing or shoes will be accepted (scarves are acceptable), and ALL ITEMS MUST BE PRICED**. Items not picked up after worship on Sunday, November 5 will be donated.

WOMO recognizes that people often feel uncomfortable pricing their contributions be it baked goods, crafts, or other things, but WOMO members cannot possibly know the time, effort and expense that went in to your creations so **it is very important that you price your own items**. Bringing your items already priced also helps WOMO members tremendously with streamlining set up the day prior to the sale. THANK YOU in advance for honoring this request.

Community coffee tables will be set up during the bazaar where you can grab a cup of coffee and a treat (freewill offering) and visit with friends and members of the community before and after shopping at the bazaar. Invite your friends! See Lindsey if you would like a flyer to post in your community to help spread the word.

From the Worship Committee....

The Worship Committee is looking for individuals or small groups willing to provide special music for Sunday worship services. If you play an instrument or sing and would like to share your talent at a Sunday service, please speak with Pastor Mike. The annual polka service featuring **The Jolly Ramblers** will be held on **Sunday, September 10**. The service will be held outdoors, so bring a lawn chair and come and worship. The worship service will be followed by a potluck brunch. Look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex. The Worship Committee wishes to give a special thank you and acknowledgment to the family members of **Randy and Myrtice Senske** as they have provided memorial gifts that have allowed us to host *The Jolly Ramblers*. Myrtice truly loved the polka service and Randy served on the Worship Committee and helped us with planning the polka service over the years. Those of us at MOLC that knew Myrtice and Randy miss them, and we are grateful MOLC can host the polka service in their memory, thanks to the generosity of their family members.

Serving our Lord by Serving Each Other

As mentioned in last month’s newsletter, giving to the Lord and to the church consists of more than financial tithes and contributions. We serve Lord by serving others. Working to serve the church and the needs of others is pleasing to God. Giving of time, talents and possessions are all ways to serve.

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith. Galatians 6:10

If you are currently serving Mount Olive in some way, thank you. For those of you that are serving and wishing you had more help on your board, committee, or within your service group, are there things you are doing to ENCOURAGE others to join you? Are you doing things (perhaps even unknowingly) that DISCOURAGE others from joining you?

The most valuable resource we all have apart from our life-giving Savior is our time. Time is a highly valuable resource and most people truly despise having their time wasted. Independent Sector and the Do Good Institute placed the 2022 value of volunteer time at \$31.80 per hour! While no dollar value can be placed on time spent serving our Lord, that figure is an interesting perspective to consider. A common complaint heard throughout the church is about meetings that do not start on time, that do not stay on task or follow the agenda, meetings that get sidelined with side conversations, and meetings that fail to accomplish their stated purpose. It is always important to be respectful of peoples’ time. Using meeting time wisely, seeking and acting upon input from others, consensus building, etc. are all things that encourage people.

People can serve their communities in many ways, and if people feel as though they have no voice or that their time is not well utilized, they often choose to serve elsewhere or not at all.

Many in our congregation are caring for children, elderly parents, spouses, and others and may be doing these things in conjunction with a full-time job. Life is busy for most everyone, but we should never be too busy for God.

However, for some, serving at church may mean missing valuable and much needed time with their children, sick spouse, or paying for child/elder care. This is when starting meetings late and not staying on task may become costly and burdensome for some, and may cause people to resign or withdraw from serving.

MOLC has worked hard to make it easier for more people to serve by creating tasks and roles with shorter time commitments, having various ad hoc committees to accomplish a specific task, and consolidating some tasks/roles.

What is it that holds you back from serving? Let church leadership know if there is something specific that prevents you from serving. In the meantime, prayerfully consider ways in which you might serve God using your time, talents, and finances.



Women’s Bible Study

Will start on Wednesday, September 13th at 10AM. We will be studying “One in a Million” by Priscilla Shirer. Books are \$17 each. Please reach out to Sandi Woytcke if you would like to participate! We would love to have you join us!

