



MT. OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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*SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

8:00-11:00AM

*June 2 – Congregational Meeting

*June 4 – VBS Planning Meeting @ 6PM

*June 5 – Elders Meeting @ 6:30PM

*June 12 – Leadership Meeting @ 6:30PM

*June 16 – Mite Sunday

*June 30 – Guest Pastor

Community Prayers

Summertime Prayers

Summer and winter and
springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their
courses above
Join with all nature in manifold
witness.

To Thy great faithfulness,
mercy, and love.
*From Hymn #809 Great Is Thy
Faithfulness*



Lord God, heavenly Father, You provide schools and teachers for faithful instruction and dedicated learning. Receive our thanks for the knowledge gained by those who are now graduating. As they continue to learn and grow, grant them Your Holy Spirit that their talents and abilities may be used for Your glory and as a blessing to others; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



God of Love, bless all the summer camps and sports camps and other summertime activities of our children and youth. Keep them safe in body and soul and may they be forming wonderful lifetime memories. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Almighty and everlasting God, since You govern and sanctify the whole Christian Church by Your Holy Spirit, hear our prayers for all her members, and mercifully grant that by Your grace we may serve You in true faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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A Message from Pastor Mike

A Summertime Conversation

You can't help but interact with creation in Minnesota in the summertime! The interactions are mostly positive – think quiet evenings at a campfire, looking out over a beautiful lake, hearing the distant calls of loons. But there are annoying elements to these interactions as well – algae blooms, sunburns, gnats, and mosquitoes! What are your plans for spending time in nature this summer?

Let's imagine a conversation between neighbors, Joe and Tom, who decide to go fishing. The fish aren't biting, so Joe and Tom get to talking...

Joe: *You just can't beat being out in the boat on a Minnesota lake in June!*

Tom: *That's for sure. It's beautiful out here. It's like heaven on earth.*

Joe: *Yep. Makes me wonder how heaven is going to be better than this.*

Tom: *You believe in heaven?*

Joe: *I do! I believe God made all this beauty, and He wants us to enjoy it and see His hand at work in all of it.*

Tom: *What do you mean?*

Joe: *Well, in this book of the Bible called Colossians it says that all things were created through Jesus and for Him. It also says that Jesus is reconciling all things to God. (Col. 1:15-20)*

Tom: *Reconciling? I don't get it.*

Joe: *Well, think of it this way. Everybody agrees that there are some pretty special, beautiful places in the world.*

Tom: *Like this lake!*

Joe: *Like this lake. But you have to admit there are more than a few problems. I mean, animals hunt other animals, things die, storms blow in with lots of destruction...*

Tom: *And the state bird of Minnesota – all these stupid mosquitoes!*

Joe: *For sure. So on the one hand you have all this natural beauty, but on the other hand, you have death and destruction and decay and disease.*

Tom: *I guess that's just the way things have evolved.*

Joe: *I believe that all the death and destruction and decay happens because we are always fighting against God – and that's where Jesus' reconciliation comes in. He reconciles all things to God through His death and resurrection, and so we can find peace with God, peace with each other, and peace with creation.*

Tom: *Yeah, if the big corporations don't ruin it all.*

Joe: *Well, I think that each of us has to take responsibility for caring for each other and for the creation, and the best way I know how to do that is by following Jesus. When I was a teenager I went camping with my best friend and his family. One night at the campfire, his mom said something that has always stuck with me. She said that the reason all the trees and rivers and mountains and animals are so beautiful to us is because they are doing what God designed them to do. Then she said that if we could learn to do what God has designed us to do, we could also show that same beauty.*

Tom: *How do we do that?*

Joe: *Tom, I want to invite you to my church. Would you come with me to my men's Bible Study next week? You don't have to know anything about the Bible – just come and listen as we talk about God's plan and the love Jesus has for everybody – and for the whole creation. Oh, and we also talk a lot about fishing!*

Tom: *I guess I could try that. Nothing good on TV anyway!*

Joe: *You got that right. I'll text you the details – I could even pick you up if you like.*

Tom: *Alright, you got me. You guys aren't going to make me some weird cult member, are you?*

Joe: *Ooohhh yeah – I forgot to tell you to bring some bones and some blood with you.*

Tom: *What?*

Joe: *I'm kidding! Just come as you are – you don't have to bring anything – not even a Bible. We've got plenty!*

Tom: *Okay...*

Joe: *Tell you what. Come with me one time, and if you don't like it, no problem! We can still hang out.*

Tom: *OK I guess it won't hurt me to get some religion. But right now I'm thinking we better head in. I don't like the looks of those dark clouds over there.*

Joe: *I'm sure glad we had a chance to spend time on this beautiful lake. Let's get going!*

I'm praying you will have some great experiences in God's creation this summer – and that the Holy Spirit will give you some words to point others to the awesome, loving God who is behind it all.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Mike Michalk

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Olivia Berthiaume	6/2
Diann Stanisich	6/7
Ladonna Stehr	6/7
Shelley Frederickson	6/12
Brian Podratz	6/13
Aricka Pokorny	6/15
Alyson Kamps	6/17
Cheryl Blue	6/18
Allen Schmidt	6/18
Sandi Woytcke	6/22
Sawyer Boser	6/22
Jake Reichert	6/24
Annabelle Reinitz	6/27
Monroe Andres-Paine	6/29
Samuel Reichert	6/30



Tim & Jan Preble	6/15
Darwin & Marilyn Lemke	6/25
Brian & Terry Podratz	6/29

Treasuring God's Truth, Living Out His Love

- Thank you to Don Kohls, Joel Reinitz, Jim Merchant, Darryl Frederickson, David Sandquist, Brian Podratz and Sam Kuehl, for all of their hard work on the Spring Lawn clean up!
- Thank you to our volunteer readers each week!
- Thank you to our offering counters each week!
- Thank you to our Altar Duty Members each month!

Joining Jesus on His Mission

- Harriet and Phil hosted a Jesus Sent Choir at LMS
- Becca Boser volunteered to be our Church Representative for WeCan!

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.

What is Juneteenth?

Juneteenth is a holiday celebrated on June 19 to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved people in the US. The holiday was first celebrated in Texas, where on that date in 1865, in the aftermath of the Civil War, enslaved people were declared free under the terms of the 1862 Emancipation Proclamation.



Memorials

- \$25 in offerings in loving Memory of Lois Claussen.



Applying Biblical Teachings

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights . . .” (James 1:17). God only gives good and perfect gifts. He is utterly incapable of giving any gift that would, by His design, be harmful or evil. He “ . . . does not change like shifting shadows” (James 1:17). His “faithfulness . . . endures forever” (Psalm 117:2).

It is man alone who is responsible for the abuse and misuse of God-given gifts. “Everyone who is tempted is attracted and seduced by his own wrong desire” (James 1:14, New Jerusalem Bible). God is not the author of any man’s sin.

In His perfect and steadfast love, God gave the perfect sacrifice, His Son, so all may be saved from their sins. In His perfect and steadfast love, He gave His Word so all may have the knowledge of the truth. In His perfect and steadfast love, God sends the Holy Spirit to work the perfect gift of faith in our hearts. In His perfect and steadfast love, God showers us with countless gifts.

By God’s grace, we have been born anew, becoming God’s children, “ . . . that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created” (James 1:18). According to James 1:21, we “ . . . get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word” planted in us.

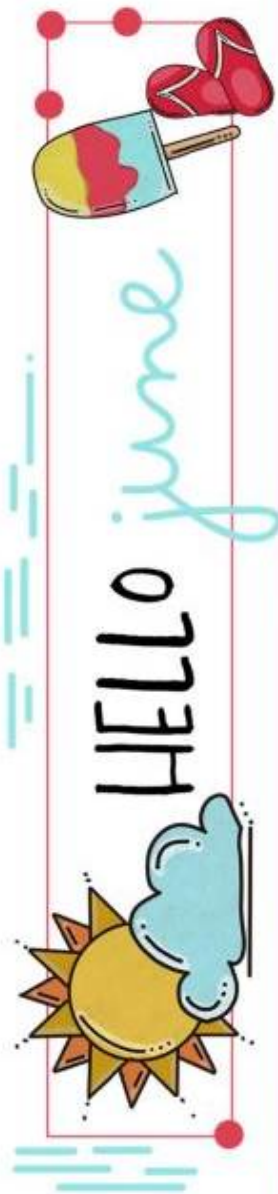
As God’s “firstfruits,” we are set apart from the sinful world. “We are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works . . .” (Eph. 2:10). We are creatures of God, freed to use His perfect gifts to honor Him.

Through Christ, we respond to God’s perfect and steadfast love. We freely and joyfully serve Him. We use the gifts that we have been given to glorify God and serve our neighbor. By the power of the Gospel, we are able to give generously of ourselves, of our money, and of our possessions.



- ❖ **Tuesday’s 7:00 AM -**
Men’s Bible Study
- ❖ **Wednesday’s 10:00 AM (September – May) -** Ladies’ Bible Study
- ❖ **1st Wednesday of the month 1:00 PM - @**
Lake Minnetonka Shores
- ❖ **Thursday’s 9:00 AM -**
Adult Bible Class
- ❖ **Friday’s 3:00 PM -**
Harrison Bay Bible Class

God is good!



















SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
*Summer Office Hours 8-11AM						1
2 *Happy Birthday -Olivia Berthiaume	3 -VBS Planning Meeting @ 6PM	4 -Elders Meeting @ 6:30PM	5 *Happy Birthday -Shelley Frederickson -Leadership Meeting @ 6:30PM	6 *Happy Birthday -Diann Stanisich -Ladonna Stehr	7 *Happy Birthday -Diann Stanisich -Ladonna Stehr	8
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16 -Mite Sunday Father's Day	17 *Happy Birthday -Alyson Kamps	18 *Happy Birthday -Cheryl Blue -Allen Schmidt	19	20 -LWML District Convention Summer Begins	21	22 *Happy Birthday -Sandi Woytcke -Sawyer Boser
23	24 *Happy Birthday -Jake Reichert	25 *Happy Anniversary -Darwin & Marilyn Lemke	26 Juneteenth	27 *Happy Birthday -Annabelle Reinitz	28	29 *Happy Birthday -Monroe Andres-Paine *Happy Anniversary -Brian & Terry Podratz
30 -Guest Pastor *Happy Birthday -Samuel Reichert						


Puzzle!

Use the list of names to identify each thankful Bible character.
Then use the symbol code to complete Psalm 79:13, NKJV.

NAMES: Elijah, Naaman, Mary & Martha, paralyzed man, Jairus, Moses, Rahab, Hannah

 Led his people through the Red Sea. 	 Jericho fell, but she and her family were saved. 	 Her prayer was heard and she gave her son to God. 
 Ravens brought him food. 	 Cured of his leprosy, he worshiped God. 	 Their brother was raised from the dead. & 
 Lowered through a roof, Jesus healed him. 	 Jesus brought his daughter back to life. 	

WE ... W  LL G  VE Y      NKS F   EVE ;

WE W  LL S   W F     Y       ISE

   LL GENE      NS. Psalm 79:13, NKJV

Answers: Moses, Rahab, Hannah, Naaman, Mary & Martha, paralyzed man, Jairus; We ... will give You thanks forever; We will show forth Your praise to all generations. Psalm 79:13, NKJV

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

prayer requests:

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praise reports

my mood
for the day:

my personal prayer requests:

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answered
prayers:

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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