



Pay attention to what God is doing



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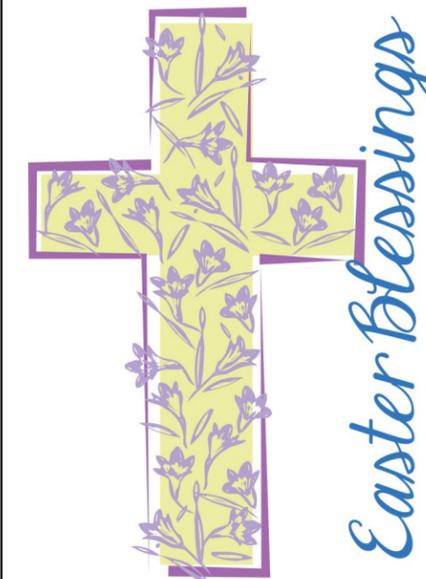
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**All articles for the newsletter
are due on the 20th of each
month.**



Sunday, April 9th

From the Desk of Rev. Mike Michalk

Christ is risen! I can't wait to share that greeting with you again, beginning on April 9, The Resurrection of Our Lord (also known as Easter).

Here are two quotations from the 4th century pastor and theologian St. Gregory of Nazianzus:

"Yesterday I was crucified with Christ, today I am glorified with him; yesterday I died with him, today I am made alive with him; yesterday I was buried with him, today I rise with him. But let us make an offering to the one who died and rose again for us. Perhaps you think I am speaking of gold or silver or tapestries or transparent precious stones, earthly matter that is in flux and remains below, of which the greater part always belongs to evil people and slaves of things below and of the ruler of this world. Let us offer our own selves, the possession most precious to God and closest to him." - St Gregory of Nazianzus, Festal Orations (ed. John Behr; trans. Nonna Verna Harrison; vol. 36; Popular Patristics Series; Crestwood, NY: St Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2008), 58.

"Today salvation has come to the world, to things visible and to things invisible. Christ is risen from the dead; rise with him. Christ has returned to himself; return. Christ is freed from the tomb; be freed from the bonds of sin. The gates of hades are opened, and death is destroyed, and the old Adam is put aside, and the new is fulfilled. If anyone in Christ is a new creation, be made new." - St Gregory of Nazianzus, Festal Orations (ed. John Behr; trans. Nonna Verna Harrison; vol. 36; Popular Patristics Series; Crestwood, NY: St Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2008), 161.

I pray that you will experience the power of Christ's death and resurrection anew this year as we come together for worship on Sundays and Holy Week.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Mike



A seasonal reminder

Signs of spring remind us of God's promises.

Directions: Use the picture code and clues to complete Isaiah 61:11, NIV.

- plants grow here
- to coil and jump (also a season of the year)
- to expand and get bigger
- seeds are planted in this
- when watered, these make plants
- another word for seedling

For as the _____ makes the _____
 _____ come up and a _____ causes
 _____ to _____, so the
 Sovereign LORD will make righteousness
 and praise _____ up before all nations.

ISAIAH 61:11, NIV

Answer: soil, sprout, garden, seeds, grow, spring

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church Trustee Update Spring 2023

With spring comes the ongoing list of items we have to do at our facility. This list is worked on every year by our trustees and volunteers. We are currently working on cleaning some areas and removing items that are no longer used or are past their usefulness. If you can help with this to identify what can be removed to clean these spaces we would appreciate it. If it is tagged to go we will take care of the removal, if it is not tagged we will make a decision about removal based on current use.

After these spaces are cleaned up we are going to start painting them. This is something you can help with and we are happy to supply all the tools needed for the project. We can also work with your schedule and group size so talk with your group or friends and let's get our facility looking good in 2023.

Our west parking lot is scheduled for new asphalt this year so we can look forward to painting new stripes and preferred parking spots. Your donations have reached the 60% range with additional funding needed. Please prayerfully consider helping with the remaining funds needed to complete this part of the parking lot. When the asphalt company gives us the schedule date we will let you know so you can work around that schedule. Thank you all for your donations of time and treasure.

Women of Mount Olive (WOMO)

Please join us on **Monday, May 8th at 7PM** to find out what the future of "Women of Mount Olive" will entail. All Women 18 and older are invited to our "Post Covid Kick-Off" Meeting. We will be deciding on future officers and are looking to get a list of people willing to be volunteers for events (weddings, funerals, holiday bazaar, etc.) in the future. We are welcoming new ideas and would love for this to be a community to promote Christian growth in love and fellowship.

Board of Outreach - Intergenerational Activities

We are looking for a few people to join the Board of Outreach. We will be starting fresh and would like to begin with the members taking responsibility for planning and carrying out a few intergenerational activities. Some ideas we have come up with are Pen-pals, Meetings with other community & church leaders, Visit Shirley Hills, Homeschooling group, Game night/Movie night, "Family Altar" project, Birdhouses, baking, or other craft project, Teddy Bear Band or similar, Bouncy house, Mothers' and Fathers' Night Out. However, we are open to ideas! Please let Lindsey know if you would be interested in joining!

Joining Jesus on his Mission (beyond Mt Olive)

We praise God for the ways He has been involving our members in His mission recently...

✚ To everyone in the community who helped get Rosie, a missing dog, back to her owners after being out in the cold for 8 days!

Motivated by God's love, we help our neighbors by giving rides, clearing snow, and running errands.

Brother, sister, let me be your servant,

Let me be as Christ to you;

Pray that I may have the grace

To let you be my servant too!

Do you have a friend or neighbor who is going through a tough time? If it's appropriate, ask them "would it be ok if I gave your name and number to my pastor? He would be glad to visit you and pray with you." The visits can be just a few minutes, in person or phone, or up to 30 minutes if desired.

How did you see God at work in your life this week? Please share with me examples of how Jesus is using you or someone else in His mission. **Let's think particularly about how Jesus is using us BEYOND Mt. Olive, in our daily lives.** We will continue to recognize and thank those who make our worship services and Bible studies and other activities possible here at Mt. Olive, mentioning them by name or anonymously under the heading "Treasuring God's Truth, Living Out His Love." But "Joining Jesus on His Mission" will be more about the Holy Spirit working BEYOND Mt. Olive – and we're not going to mention names, because the focus is on Jesus' Mission, not ours. So – send me your stories of how you are seeing Jesus at work, and let's celebrate that!

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 everyone who has helped clean up the church. It takes a village and many hands make the work load light!

✚ Thank you to Darlene and Marilyn for covering items up when there was a leak to prevent more damage!

✚ To Brian and Dave for repairing the LED sign!

✚ To Paul & Marianne Meyer have been helping with cleaning and painting and organizing the Quilt Room

✚ To Jan for organizing our Easter Choir!

Women's Bible Study

Will start on **Wednesday, April 12th.** We would love to have you join us! Please confirm if you will be attending with Sandi Woytcke so we can plan for attendance.

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

Contact information

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

Coming Up

- April 1 - April Fools' Day
- April 2 - Palm Sunday
- April 2 - Ham Bingo
- April 2 - Egg Hunt—Waconia
- April 6 - Maundy Thursday
- April 7 - Good Friday
- April 8 - Egg Hunt—St Boni Fire Dept. & Mound Westonka Highschool
- April 9 - Easter Service at 9AM
- April 12 - Women's Bible Study Starts
- April 12 - Elders Meeting
- April 16 - Omelet Breakfast
- April 18 - BOD Meeting
- April 22 - Earth Day
- April 26 - Administrative Professionals Day



- 10:00am Sunday School Sept—May
- 10:38am Sunday Adult Bible Study
- 7am Tuesday Men's Bible Study
- 10am Wednesday Ladies' Bible Study
- 1:30pm 3rd Wednesday
- @ Lake Minnetonka Shores
- 9:30am Thursday Adult Bible Class
- 1:30pm Friday Sojourn Bible Class

Support the church by saving!

- 1. Printer ink cartridges

- 2. Cell phones
- 3. "Box Tops for Education" that are on the food packaging and digital by downloading the app on your smart phone. (Choose the school you want to support and scan your receipts— no need to cut!)
- 4. Sheets, cotton fabric, old blankets etc for the quilt club. Dollar donations accepted to purchase fabric
- 5. 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: April - June
- 4. Church Directory
- 5. Annual: 2021
- 6. Mite Calendars
- 7. Newsletters
- 8. Puzzle Exchange
- 9. Lutheran Witness

HOLY WEEK i-spy

Create this craft to share the events of Holy Week with a younger sibling or friend.



What you need:

- Clear bottle or jar with lid
- White rice
- Small items that symbolize Holy Week events

What you do:

- 1. Pour rice into bottle or jar so it's about two-thirds full.
- 2. Add the small items. Ideas: leaf, donkey, cup, towel square, praying hands, coin, bird, nails, thorn, cross, dice, stick, lamb, stone, white fabric.
- 3. Fasten the lid. Then shake and turn the bottle to "spy" each item.