



# MT. OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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- \*May 1<sup>st</sup> – National Day of Prayer
- \*May 3<sup>rd</sup> – WOMO Spring Salad Luncheon @ 11AM
- \*May 4<sup>th</sup> – Congregational Meeting
- \*May 7<sup>th</sup> – Elders Meeting @ 6:30PM
- \*May 11<sup>th</sup> – Happy Mother's Day!
- \*May 14<sup>th</sup> – Leadership Meeting @ 6:30PM
- \*May 17<sup>th</sup> – Armed Forces Day
- \*May 18<sup>th</sup> – Mite Sunday
- \*May 18<sup>th</sup> – WOMO Meeting @ 10AM
- \*May 26<sup>th</sup> – Happy Memorial Day
- \*May 29<sup>th</sup> – Ascension Day

## District Missions



The 80th Minnesota South District Convention will be held June 12-14, 2025 at Gangelhoff Center at Concordia University - St. Paul. Pastor Mike and Joel Reinitz will be serving as our delegates.

The convention mission offering will go towards the **Educator Faithful Formation Fund**. Proceeds from this fund will be used to assist non-rostered educators in our Lutheran Schools, especially our Early Learning Centers, in receiving appropriate Lutheran-centered training that will put them in a position to pursue colloquy and enter the commissioned minister roster of the LCMS. We need Lutheran teachers in our Lutheran schools, and this will equip those already working in the schools to understand and teach the wonderful Gospel-centered truth of God's Word more effectively. If you would like to contribute to this offering, please mark your contribution for "Convention Mission Offering." You can give at any time before the convention, and we will take a door offering on an upcoming Sunday.

Please pray for the planning and preparation for the Convention, so that our churches in the MN South District will cooperate more effectively in proclaiming the Gospel throughout all of southern Minnesota.

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## A Message from Pastor Mike

### Jesus ascended in order to multiply His ministry

A man does his job well and so he is promoted to manager. Now he can help other workers to be successful as well. A woman does a good job as teacher and so she is promoted to principal. Now she can help all the teachers in her school to have greater success in their teaching. A person serving on the local school board does his or her job well, and subsequently they are elected to a higher office. Now they can help others to be successful in their leadership as well. Isn't that the way it's supposed to work? Too often we see people using their promotion to serve themselves and to accumulate more power and money instead of serving others so that they too can do better and share the fruits of their success with others.

Jesus accomplished His mission, atoning for all the sins of all mankind. God the Father worked His great might ***"in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all."*** (Ephesians 1:20-23) Jesus was "promoted" so that His followers, the church, could be successful in their mission, proclaiming Christ's victory to all people.

Jesus did not desire to accumulate more money or power or glory for Himself, but He desires to share His glory with His disciples. He prays, ***"Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world."*** (John 17:24) Because Jesus has risen from the dead, we too shall arise! Because Jesus has ascended to heaven, we too shall ascend!

The Ascension does not mean that Jesus left us – rather Jesus ascended physically so that He might be with us sacramentally. Because, as we confess in the Creed, He is now seated at the right hand of God, the place of power over all creation, He is powerfully with us in Baptism, where He joins us to His death and resurrection. He is powerfully with us in The Lord's Supper, where we receive His body and blood – fully human and fully divine. He is powerfully with us in the Word spoken, studied, sung, and shared. And what is this power for? Not power to use and manipulate others for our own selfish, sinful goals! But He exercises His power through the Word and Sacraments to share His success and His glory with us. Because Jesus ascended, He multiplied His ministry. Now He is here for us with all of His resurrection power and glory so that we too might be successful – successful at living like a follower of Jesus Christ. Successful at serving like Jesus served, successful at loving one another, forgiving, encouraging, equipping – successful at all the things which build up the body of Christ.

The celebration of Ascension occurs this year on Thursday, May 29. (We will include this celebration in our worship service on June 1st.) We celebrate with joy and confidence, knowing that Jesus is governing all things, interceding for us, giving His gifts, doing everything for the sake of His church, so that we can faithfully accomplish our part of His mission, proclaiming His victory and salvation wherever and whenever we can. May God defeat any sinful human agendas which try to creep into the church, and grant us success as we recommit ourselves every day to HIS agenda, ***"knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence."*** (2 Cor. 4:14) "For THINE IS the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, forever and ever, Amen."

Happy Ascension!  
Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Mike Michalk

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Anna Skaret	5/1
Paul Meyer	5/5
Randall Berthiaume	5/12
Noah Kamps	5/12
Julia Skaret	5/16
Mike Peterson	5/18
Jean Westergaard	5/21
Janice Beise	5/23
Colleen Gonior	5/23
Sue McKee	5/28
Rita Kaiser	5/29



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

**\*Contact the office if you have a change in personal information.**



**\*Roger Hill**

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

- Thank you to all who brought flowers or plants for our beautiful Easter Garden!
- During Lent and Holy Week and Easter many of our members went "above and beyond" to help with special worship services, purchasing palms for Palm Sunday, reading, greeting, singing, cleaning the altar area, hanging the banners and paraments, providing flowers and organizing the "Easter Garden", organizing an Easter egg hunt, and many other "little things" that contributed to a truly meaningful celebration of Jesus' death and resurrection. We thank you and praise God for working in you by His Holy Spirit!

## Joining Jesus on His Mission

When you smile and greet your neighbors...

When you listen to them...

When you pray for them...

When you invite them to church...

...you are joining Jesus on His mission! Thank You God for those who look for the opportunities to share God's love in attitude, word, and action.

Jerry Rosamond, a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Excelsior, and also a team member with "Time to Revive", will be with us on June 22 to share his experiences and encourage us with a few simple ways to "join Jesus on His mission."



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 21st 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 (in narthex) to our 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.



## Applying Biblical Teachings

“Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law” (Romans 13:8).

By our attitudes and conduct, those around us should regard us as servants of Christ. As Christ's servants, we show great integrity and honesty in our dealings with others. When we incur a debt, whatever that debt may be, we repay it according to the instruction given in Psalm 37:21 - “The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous give generously.”

We have been brought to faith by the Holy Spirit working through the Word, and from this faith, our attitudes and conduct proceed. These attitudes and conduct directly reflect Christ's love. In this love, we take care of all our obligations owed to others.

In his commentary, Matthew Henry wrote, “Render to God His due in the first place, to yourselves, to your families, to your relations, to the commonwealth, to the church, to the poor, to those that you have dealings with in buying, selling, exchanging, etc. Render to all their dues, and that readily and cheerfully, not tarrying till you are by law compelled to it.”

Motivated by the Holy Spirit, our attitudes and conduct go beyond any sense of duty that may be derived by individuals. This motivation arises from the debt that can never be marked as “paid in full,” the debt of love. God so loved us that He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, who in love met our deepest needs. We, in turn, as servants of Christ, show this same love toward others. We show great integrity and are truly honest in all of our dealings. We gladly repay the debts we owe. In Christ's love, we serve and do not sin against our neighbor, which may harm him and bring the condemnation of the Law. Rather, in the role of servant, Christ's love lives and works through us, thus fulfilling the Law and doing the will of God.



## JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY

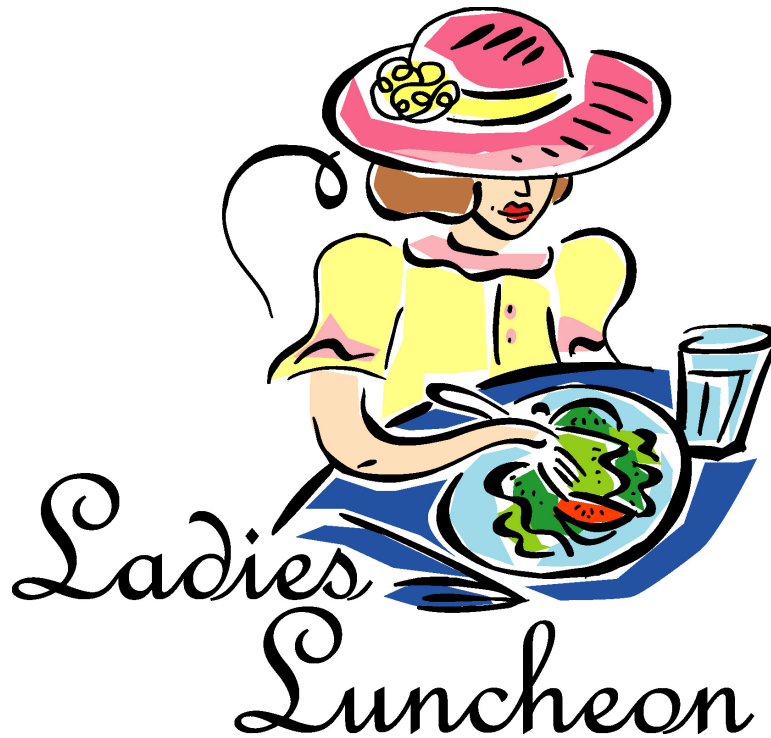
- ❖ **Tuesday's 7:00 AM -**  
Men's Bible Study
- ❖ **Wednesday's 11:00 AM (Sept – Dec & March - May) –**  
Women's Bible Study
- ❖ **1st Wednesday of the month 1:00 PM - @**  
Lake Minnetonka Shores
- ❖ **Thursday's 9:00 AM -**  
Adult Bible Class –  
Phone & Zoom
- ❖ **Friday's 1:30PM - @**  
Tranquil Living
- ❖ **Friday's 3:00 PM - @**  
Harrison Bay

*God is good!*

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## Women of Mount Olive

*Join us for a Salad Luncheon on Saturday, May 3rd at 11AM! All women are welcome. Bring a friend, a salad to share and a \$10 wrapped gift!*



### Looking ahead.....

All WOMO members and any women interested should put the following 2025 dates on your calendar:

- May 3rd Spring Salad Luncheon 11 AM
- May 18th 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter WOMO Meeting
- August 24th 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter WOMO Meeting/Initial Bazaar Planning
- October 12 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter WOMO Meeting
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> Spruce Tip Planter Assembly (tentative)
- November 7<sup>th</sup> Bazaar Set Up/Drop Off Day
- November 8<sup>th</sup> Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale
- December 6<sup>th</sup> WOMO Christmas Party 11:30 AM

Ad hoc meetings for WOMO will be called and held as needed.

Thank you to all that support WOMO and the work we do to support the church, local nonprofits and to provide needed kitchen supplies and coffee and treats on Sundays.

We would welcome other volunteers to bring Sunday treats! The minimal funds we collect on Sundays during fellowship are used to help cover coffee, creamer, juice, napkin, plate, and utensil costs but do not come close to actually covering the costs of providing supplies every Sunday. If you're willing to make or buy treats, juice, cream or coffee to contribute for Sunday fellowship, your contributions would be appreciated.

### WORSHIP COMMITTEE

As always, we would welcome special music at Sunday worship! Please see Jan, Sandi, or Pastor if you're willing to serve in this way.



2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 *Happy Birthday Anna Skaret National Day of Prayer	2	3 -WOMO Spring Salad Luncheon 11-1
	4 *Happy Birthday Paul Meyer	5	6 -Elders Meeting @ 6:30PM	7	8	9
-Congregational Meeting	11 Mother's Day	12 *Happy Birthday Randall Berthiaume *Happy Birthday Noah Kamps	13	14 -Leadership Meeting @ 6:30PM	15	16 *Happy Birthday Julia Skaret
-Mite Sunday -WOMO Meeting @ 10AM *Happy Birthday Mike Peterson	18	19	20	21 *Happy Birthday Jean Westergaard	22	23 *Happy Birthday Janice Beise *Happy Birthday Colleen Goniar
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28 *Happy Birthday Sue McKee	29 *Happy Birthday Rita Kaiser	30	31

# Puzzle!

Unscramble the names of these biblical mothers. Look up the verse if you need help. Then use the letters on the numbered blanks to complete the message below.

VEE (Genesis 3:20)

6 11

NNAHAH (1 Samuel 1:20)

14

RBAHEOD (Judges 5:7)

18 3

KREEHAB (Genesis 27:5)

16 5

EHLA (Genesis 30:14)

1

CLEHRA (Genesis 30:22)

7 12

MOIAN (Ruth 1:22)

10 17 13

RAAHS (Genesis 17:19)

8

AMYR (Matthew 2:11)

2

ZEBLEHATI (Luke 1:13)

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13 8 14 G F F G !  
15 4 16 10 17 3 18

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

### Leadership Team

**President:** Andrew Reinitz

**Vice President:** George Betts

**Recording Secretary:** Lindsey Eccles

**Treasurer:** Terry Podratz

**Elders:** Arlee Mueller, Nate Betts and Joel Reinitz

**Trustees:** Jim Merchant & Darryl Frederickson

**Directors:** Linda Verkennes, Harriet Gustafson and David Miller

### Committees

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

**Finance Secretary:** Shelley Frederickson, **Thank You Cards:** Rita Kaiser

**Outreach:** Vacant

**WeCAN Fellowship Representative:** Becca Boser

**Women of Mount Olive - President:** Jan Preble, **Secretary:** Sandi

Woytcke (Interim) **Treasurer:** Lindsey Eccles

**Worship:** Sandi Woytcke and Jan Preble

**Archives:** Marilyn Mulvanny