

Education & Elders

We had a great turnout for our Sunday school sledding party on February 19th with some visitors from near and far. The snow was really packed down and really bumpy with some of us wishing we would have brought along a pillow to sit on. Thanks to Brian and Andrew for getting the fire going in spite of the punky wood that Arlee brought and thanks to Dawn for bringing the makings for Smores. We made a greater effort this year to get the word out and Lindsey made up some awesome flyers that we handed out. We had a good time socializing around the fire too. I just know that we can get more kids to come to Sunday School if we put more effort into inviting them. I think that if we have one or two teams to make visits to young families we can increase our numbers and if all our members think about who they know who we might invite and let us know we can figure out a way to get in contact with them.

Pieces of the Puzzle

A thought came to me the other day while I was working on a jigsaw puzzle that we as believers in Jesus Christ are like pieces of a puzzle in that we all fit together to fulfill God's Kingdom on Earth.

The first thing I do is look for the edge pieces and piece together the border of the puzzle in order to give shape to the picture. **Through His commandments, God has established borders to shape the way we live our lives so that we may have long and abundant lives.**

For me, some areas of puzzle are more interesting to assemble than others. After the border is pieced together I like to work on the areas that have a lot of detail before working on the areas such as the sky where most of the pieces are of the same shade of color without distinguishing features. Working on the sky area seems rather mundane to me but nonetheless the pieces are essential components of the whole picture. **God in His infinite wisdom has chosen each and every one of us to fill a spot in His Kingdom and equips us as needed.**

Sometimes I can sit down and fit quite a few pieces in rapid succession and other times it seems like I am getting nowhere so I give it up and try again later. **God knows that sometimes we just need to take a break and let Him take it from there.**

Sometimes the shape of the piece fits the opening but the color and/or other features on the surface are not in sync with the surrounding pieces. **This is a good time to ask God to direct you to the place He wants you to be.**

And alas, I am just finishing completion and the final piece is missing. Frustration sets in. **Perhaps God gets frustrated when there is someone out there who needs to jump in to complete His puzzle.**

Joining Jesus on his Mission (beyond Mt Olive)

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

✚ Linda's Uncle Leroy – stroke – "God is not answering me" Yes he is – that's why you're still alive!

✚ Harriet's older brother has cancer – angry with God. Now his attitude completely changed. "I beat my stroke, now I'm going to beat cancer." The Holy Spirit worked transformation.

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 Eli Klein-Wyman and Randall Berthiaume for helping to clean the Sacristy and other rooms at church. More cleaning is coming if you want to help!

✚ Thank you to Dawn for supplying the smore's supplies for the sledding party!

✚ Thank you to Arlee, Andrew and Brian for the fire to keep us warm and to make the yummy treats!

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.

Spring into Action to Kick Hunger!

WeCAN is putting together a friendly competition in conjunction with Minnesota FoodShare Month. Community members, businesses, churches, families, co-workers, or anyone else who comprises their team, are invited to register for an opportunity to win one of 2 gift cards to Lulu's Pizzeria. Register now by sending your team name, contact person, email address, phone number and a team photo or logo (if you have one) to officemanager@wecanmn.org

Spring into Action to Kick Hunger!

Form a team - friends, family members, co-workers, or anyone you call your team!

It's Fun and Easy!

Collect items for our FoodShare campaign. Turn in your count each Monday. We'll post standings!

1st Place Team - \$50 Lulu's Pizzeria Gift Card
2nd Place Team - \$25 Lulu's Pizzeria Gift Card

And did we mention bragging rights?

Register Now!

Send team name, contact person, email address, phone number, and a team photo or logo (if you have one) to officemanager@wecanmn.org.

Win-Win!

All donations collected during the campaign will be proportionally matched by Minnesota FoodShare.

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Coming Up

- March - Minnesota FoodShare Month
- March 1 - Lent Service at 10AM
- March 3 - World Day of Prayer
- March 8 - International Women's Day
- March 8 - Lent Service at 10AM
- March 12 - Daylight Savings Begins
- March 14 - Elders Meeting
- March 15 - Lent Service at 10AM
- March 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- March 20 - Spring Begins
- March 21 - BOD Meeting
- March 22 - Lent Service at 10AM
- March 29 - Lent Service at 10AM



- 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 fabri
5. Art supplies for projects. (Yarn, Hot glue/gun, etc.)

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: January - March
4. Church Directory
5. Annual: 2021
6. Mite Calendars
7. Newsletters
8. Puzzle Exchange
9. Lutheran Witness