



Welcoming All,  
 Growing in Christ  
 Sharing God's Love

# Olive Branch

**Mount Olive Lutheran Church**  
**2170 Havasupai Blvd. Lake Havasu City,**  
**AZ 86403**

**mtolc.com**

**May 2024 No. 831**

## Message from our Pastor

Over the past month or so, I have been spending some of my time off / free time in the garage. Our garage is our designated storage area, home to our vehicles and my home office space. Yes, I do have heat and AC with a mini-split HVAC unit.

One of the things I have been doing is cleaning house (for a lack of a better word). Going through old files, shredding documents, recycling as much as I can, tossing things that I don't have a use for anymore or they have lost their usefulness. There is something therapeutic about cleaning house or de-cluttering our lives.

Some of the benefits are: A sense of freedom in letting go of old baggage and old clutter. Files and documents we have not looked at in years, that served a usefulness at a different time and different context in our lives. Perhaps this might give us pause, to consider some of those old baggage items we continue to carry in our hearts and minds. Those things that keep us burdened and repressed. Might we experience a sense of freedom in letting them go?

Another benefit of cleaning house is the creation of space. Visually the spaces and places look more open and **they are open**. It is less cluttered and there is an open space and I no longer have a sense of needing to "getting around to" decluttering. With that open space comes the opportunity to imagine how that space might take on a new purpose. Hopefully with a purpose that does not add more burden or unwanted or unnecessary stuff to my life.

I still have several other boxes, files and spaces in the garage that need some tidying up. Maybe it could be thought of as a pruning process. Or perhaps a re-evaluating of what is important or necessary in our lives. To evaluate what we value in life or what we cling to, that has a tendency to distract us or take us away from those aspects of our life that are truly important.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP, SERVICE, and EDUCATION

### Currently we offer

#### Worship

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00pm Traditional</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00am Traditional</b>
	<b>10:00am Contemporary</b>
<b>Live Stream</b>	<b>8:00am &amp; 10:00am</b>

Visit our website [mtolc.com](http://mtolc.com). There are links for Facebook and YouTube. Both of them allow you to watch the service "live" or at a later time. Communion is available on "live" participation.

<b>Family Fellowship</b>	3rd Monday 6:00 pm
<b>Al-Anon</b>	Monday at 7:00pm
<b>Men's Fellowship</b>	Tuesday at 9:00am
<b>Prayer Shawls</b>	2nd Tuesday 10:00am
<b>Outreach (Library)</b>	2nd Tuesday 6:00pm
<b>Gospel Guys</b>	Thursday 5:00pm
<b>Chancel Choir</b>	Thursday 5:30pm
<b>Ladies Ensemble</b>	Thursday 6:30pm
<b>Quilters</b>	Thursdays at 9:00am
<b>TOPS</b>	Fridays at 8:00am
<b>TOPS</b>	Saturday at 8:00am
<b>Praise Band</b>	Saturday at 9:00am
<b>Sunday School</b>	TBD

### LISTEN

KNLB FM 91.1 [knlb.com](http://knlb.com)  
**"Winds through the Olive Trees"**  
 Sunday mornings at 9 am  
**"The Lutheran Hour"** Sunday at 10 am

**2023-2024 Mount Olive Council Liaisons**  
 Jim Day.....President...Liaison.....Columbarium  
 Shelly Hales.....Vice President...Liaison.....Worship  
 Susan Leifer.....Secretary...Liaison.....PG & E  
 Colleen Klatt....Treasurer.....Liaison...Family Fellowship  
 Herb Anderson.....Liaison.....Christian Ed  
 Athena Conway.....Liaison.....Family Fellowship  
 Karol Falsetti.....Liaison.....Worship  
 Mike Flesher.....Liaison.....Property  
 Hannah Joy.....Liaison.....Christian Education  
 Butch Shaffer.....Liaison.....Outreach  
 Ernie Swanson.....Liaison.....Personnel  
 Jerry Govoni.....Liaison.....TBD  
 Craig Corbin.....The Church

Pastoral Acts/Memorials

***In Person* Worship Hours**  
**5:00 pm Saturday - Traditional**  
***In Person & Live Stream***  
**Worship Hours**

**8:00am Sunday Traditional**  
**10:00am Sunday Contemporary**  
**The Worship Center open during**  
**business hours and worship.**  
**Office open 9am –3pm Monday—**  
**Friday**  
**Pastor is available by phone**  
**715-338-2325**  
**Office 928-855-2299**  
**Wanda 928-716-3556**  
**Jenifer 928-662-8764**

**Message from our Pastor** *cont'd pg. 1*

As I have mentioned on several occasions, when Kim and I moved here from Wisconsin we literally got rid of over 50% of everything we had. We filled a 40 yard dumpster with stuff, gave away several car loads of items to the good will store and sold a number of things. The wonderful result of that house cleaning and move is, **we don't miss one single thing.**

For what it is worth, for your consideration, ponder on the thought of cleaning house and de-cluttering your lives. Perhaps it is a mental or emotional cleaning that is needed or maybe you just need to get motivated to clean out your garage or jam-packed closets.

On another note, Kim and I will be enjoying some time away over the next several months with a vacation at the end of May, a 75th anniversary celebration at Luther Point Bible Camp in Wisconsin and a family reunion on the Corbin side in August. I also plan to go on my annual fishing trip to Canada in early September. I will also be gathering with my high school classmates as we celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion at the end of June, back in South Dakota.

You will be in good hands and you will enjoy having a variety of people preaching and speaking during worship. I was even able to find a couple of clergy persons to be available, two out of the five weekends when I will be away.

On that note, the first weekend in June will be our first weekend when we will be moving to two worship services throughout the remainder of the summer. Traditional worship will continue on Saturdays at 5:00 pm and Sunday morning will be a Blended service, much like we had last summer and we will gather at 9:00 a.m. Friendship café will be open on Sundays during the summer months from 8:00 am through 11:00 am.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Craig

# May

## Birthdays



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|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1) Darlene Cooper   | 11) Megan Anderson | 24) John Wooster   |
| Josephine Cosmano   | 12) Lorinda Ash    | 26) Shirley Webb   |
| Ken Kidder          | Michelle Connolly  | 27) Jim Hildebrand |
| Terry Williams      | Yvonne Litchfield  | Sandra Mangus      |
| 2) Annie Archer     | Karen McShea       | 28) Tony Morbeto   |
| 3) John Lippert     | 13) Erdean Johnson | 30) Jordyn Dewey   |
| Erin Sheehan        | Avery Mizia        | Kaito Saari        |
| Tyler Thompson      | 14) Jerry Govoni   | Joy Smith          |
| 4) Deloris Tarbell  | Shane Philo        | 31) Joan Gutierrez |
| 5) Gloria Iverson   | Russell Rowe       | Erica McCormack    |
| 7) Karen Cordes     | 15) Virginia Hauan | Laura Yuricek      |
| 8) Candi Lunderborg | 16) Verna Maurer   |                    |
| 10) Donna Johnson   | Mary Lou McChesney |                    |
| Linda Monteith      | 18) Ron Conway     |                    |
|                     | 19) Linda Jewkes   |                    |
|                     | 20) Ruth Mock      |                    |
|                     | Linda Williams     |                    |
|                     | 24) Harper Karlin  |                    |

# Thank you!



and NOT Dumping!

Over the summer months, staff will be evaluating storage spaces and meeting rooms. We will be condensing, moving and defining group use spaces and storage spaces. Any group that may be affected will be notified before any transition takes place. As we go through this process, we are requesting congregation compliance regarding items you would like to donate. We request that everything from a box of pencils to napkins, or craft supplies... anything you feel the church could use, be taken only to the front office. Please do not drop off items anywhere else in the church. There will be designated collection bins for annual collection drives to make this transition easier in the coming months.

## May Readings

May 4 & 5: Acts 10: 44-48; 1 John 5: 1-6; John 15: 9-17; Psalm 98

May 11 & 12: Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26; 1 John 5: 9-13; John 17: 6-19; Psalm 1

May 18 & 19: Acts 2: 1-21; Romans 8: 22-27; John 15: 26-27; 16:4b-15; Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b

May 25 & 26: Isaiah 6: 1-8; Romans 8: 12-17; John 3: 1-17; Psalm 29

# Other Notes

## Bible Quiz

Let's have some fun to see how well we know the Bible.

Answers will be posted in the next issue of the Olive Branch

## Questions!

### This month's questions:

- 1) Jesus says you must do what to see the kingdom of God? (John 3:3)
- 2) Who said, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few?" (Matthew 9:37)
- 3) Who was the sister of Moses and Aaron? (Exodus 15:20 & Numbers 26:59)

### Answers from last month's questions:

- 1) From Proverbs, what is rather to be chosen than great riches? (Proverbs 22:1) **Good name**
- 2) The Word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any \_\_\_\_\_? (Hebrews 4:12) **two edged sword**
- 3) What city or town was Saul of Tarsus near when he converted to Christianity? (Acts 9:3-6) **Damascus**



A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Wednesday morning coffee in the Friendship Café. I will miss seeing everyone and hope you have a wonderful summer. See you all in October.

Thank you,  
Janice Dewey

## Wednesday Bible Study

May 2024—Meeting weekly.

June 2024—Meet on 6/12 and 6/26/2024

July 2024—Meet on 7/10 and 7/24/2024

August 2024—Meet on 8/7 and 8/21/2024

September 2024—Meet on 9/4 and 9/18/2024



It's spring and the weeds are growing and so is our group! We had another person join us at our April meeting and she is learning to crochet. All are welcome and we are happy to teach you how to crochet or knit.

Our next meeting will be on May 14th at 10:00 in the Fireside Room.

There are always requests for the items we make. We pray as we make the shawls and they are blessed at the altar before they are given. If you know of someone who could benefit from a shawl please contact one of these ladies:

Kathy Sporre	928-706-4626
Jerry Bodnar	928-680-1847
Dorothy Schneider	928-453-8560

We wish God speed to the women from the north who were with us this winter and Happy Mother's Day! 🍷

## Memorials

In memory of Charles & Adeline Elser to the Undesignated Memorial fund by Christine Muhleman, Cathleen Elser and Charlean Lehman.

In memory of Dennis & Frances Bertles to the Outreach fund by Helen Williams.

In memory of Dennis & Frances Bertles to the Cursillo fund by Bill and Janice Dewey.

## Address updates

Julia Terenti—3429 Oro Grande Blvd, Unit #101, LHC, AZ 86406



The background features a collage of images related to Memorial Day. At the top, there are plates of spaghetti and french fries. On the left, there are red and white plaid napkins and a red and white striped ribbon. At the bottom, there are plates of french fries and fried chicken, along with a blue and white star-patterned napkin and a knife. The central text is overlaid on a white rounded rectangle.

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# MEMORIAL DAY LUNCH

May 27th  
11a-1p  
Friendship Cafe

more info :  
[@mtolc.com](mailto:@mtolc.com)  
928-855-2299

Hamburgers, hot dogs  
and potato salad.  
Come and enjoy the  
fellowship as we honor  
the fallen

# MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Council Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2024

**Call to Order:** President Jim Day called to order the regular meeting of the Mount Olive Lutheran Church Council at 7:00 pm on March 19, 2024, in the Lakeview Room.

**In Attendance:** Jim Day, Colleen Klatt, Susan Leifer, Pastor Craig, Herb Anderson, Athena Conway, Karol Falsetti, Mike Flesher, Hannah Joy, Butch Shaffer and Ernie Swanson.

**Devotions and Opening Prayer:** Pastor Craig led us in opening prayer. Mike Flesher shared a devotion.

**Additions to the Agenda:** Jim Day called for any additions or changes to the agenda. Butch Shaffer moved to accept the agenda as presented. Karol Falsetti seconded. Motion carried.

**Minutes from the Last Meeting:** Jim Day called for any corrections or additions to the February 20, 2024, minutes. Hearing none, Colleen Klatt moved to accept the minutes as written. Butch Shaffer seconded. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Financials:** Treasurer Colleen Klatt presented the financial reports for February 2024. Adjustments were made to the December 2023 financials due to accounting discrepancies for rental income and FY2023 statements are final, showing a net income of \$35,074. February 2024 showed a net loss of \$16,432 largely due to the annual property insurance payment that is due each February. General offerings for the month, however, were up approximately \$7500 over last year. Susan Leifer moved to approve the financials as presented. Mike Flesher seconded. Motion carried.

**Coffee with the Council Update:** Herb Anderson received comments from many winter visitors. They feel our church is welcoming, provides many fellowship opportunities, many options for music and like the fact that Pastor Craig makes the gospel relatable and that he does not preach from the pulpit.

**Consent Agenda:** Butch Shaffer moved to approve the consent agenda with the following reports received: Family Fellowship, Outreach, Planned Giving and Endowment, and Worship. Herb Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

### Unfinished Business:

Survey Task Force: Tabled.

New Pictorial Directory: Butch Shaffer presented three options. 1. Colorcraft takes photos and produces the directory. 2. We take photos in-house and Colorcraft produces the directory. 3. We take photos and design/produce the directory ourselves. The topic will be tabled and opened up for discussion again in the fall.

2023 Post to Capital Reserves: Colleen Klatt moved to post 2023 Net Income of \$35,074.44 to Capital Reserves. Butch Shaffer seconded. Motion carried.

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Synod Assembly Delegates: Pastor Craig reported that the delegates for the 2023 Synod Assembly are – Renee Jennings, Shelly Hales and Butch and Betty Shaffer. Early registration for the gathering is April 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Business:**

Easter Pancake Breakfast: Council members and the Outreach committee are responsible for set-up, serving and clean up. The Dewey family will be responsible for shopping and food preparation. Outreach should plan on decorating on Saturday afternoon. Hannah Joy will recruit Youth to help on Sunday.

Council Member Alternate: Craig Medhaug has resigned from Council. Per the constitution, Council can appoint a replacement to serve out the remainder of his term ending in December of 2025. Colleen Klatt moved to approach the 2024 nominees in the order of votes received to see if they are still willing to serve. Jim Day seconded. Motion carried. Jim Day will be responsible for reaching out to the respective members.

Rental Property Accounting Correction: Because of the confusion that arose from the transition to the new property management company, Colleen Klatt suggested that the rental income/expense accounts be further subdivided between rents, security deposits and expenses. She will present her proposal at a future Council meeting.

**Call to the Congregation:** Plans for the upcoming Easter breakfast were discussed. Wanda Shockley will email information, instructions and times/dates to all Council and Outreach Committee members. Pastor Craig noted that the Boy Scout troop we support is under Mount Olive's charter and their bank account has our name on it. We may want to begin to monitor it periodically.

**Walk on Items:** Jim Day noted that due to last year's schedule change for the annual Congregational meetings, it would be necessary to call a special meeting prior to December 2024 to approve the nominating committee for the 2025 Council member election to be held at the December 2024 annual meeting. In lieu of another special meeting for that sole purpose, Jim Day moved that the existing nominating committee that was approved for the 2024 Council member election be called upon to secure nominees for the 2025 Council member election and that a new nominating committee for the 2026 Council member election be voted on and approved at the December 2024 annual Congregational meeting. Colleen Klatt seconded. Motion carried.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Butch Shaffer moved to adjourn. Colleen Klatt seconded. Motion carried. President Jim Day adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**Next meeting: April 16, 2024**

Minutes submitted by: Susan M Leifer, Secretary

# May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 07:00 AM-Lion's Club meeting 01:00 PM-Bible Study 05:30 PM-Book Club 06:30 PM-Confirmation	<b>2</b> 09:00 AM-MOLC Quilt & Sewing 01:00 PM-Crafternoons 05:00 PM-Gospel Guys 05:30 PM-Chancel Choir 06:00 PM-Boy Scouts 06:30 PM-Treble Clef Singers 06:30 PM-Youth Band	<b>3</b> 08:30 AM-TOPS 10:30 AM-Praise Band Rehearsal	<b>4</b> 08:00 AM-Tops - P. Hall 05:00 PM-Worship w/ Holy Communion
<b>5</b> 07:00 AM-Cafe Open 08:00 AM-Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:00 AM-Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:15 AM-Sunday School 11:30 AM-Cinco De Mayo Taco Bar	<b>6</b> 10:00 AM-Counters 07:00 PM-Al-anon-Lib	<b>7</b> 09:00 AM-Men's Fellowship-lib 11:00 AM-Staff Meeting 02:00 PM-Personnel Meeting	<b>8</b> 08:00 AM-Reminder - Time Card 01:00 PM-Bible Study 05:30 PM-Book Club 06:30 PM-Confirmation	<b>9</b> 09:00 AM-MOLC Quilt & Sewing 01:00 PM-Crafternoons 05:00 PM-Gospel Guys 05:30 PM-Chancel Choir 06:00 PM-Boy Scouts 06:30 PM-Treble Clef Singers 06:30 PM-Youth Band	<b>10</b> 08:30 AM-TOPS 06:00 PM-Havasú Rock & Gem	<b>11</b> 08:00 AM-Tops - P. Hall 10:00 AM-Praise Band Rehearsal 05:00 PM-Worship
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<b>26</b> 07:00 AM-Cafe Open 08:00 AM-Worship 10:00 AM-Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:15 AM-Sunday School	<b>27</b> 08:00 AM-Memorial Day-Office Close 10:00 AM-Counters 11:00 AM-Memorial Day Lunch 07:00 PM-Al-anon-Lib	<b>28</b> 09:00 AM-Men's Fellowship-lib	<b>29</b> 07:00 AM-Lion's Club meeting 01:00 PM-Bible Study 05:30 PM-Book Club	<b>30</b> 09:00 AM-MOLC Quilt & Sewing 01:00 PM-Crafternoons 06:00 PM-Boy Scouts 06:30 PM-Youth Band	<b>31</b> 08:30 AM-TOPS	