



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

April 2023 No. 818

Message from our Pastor

Holy Week Worship and Events Observance

Maundy Thursday, April 6, 6:00 p.m.,
Rev. Al Schoonover, Preaching, Foot washing,
Holy Communion, Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 7, 6:00 p.m. A solemn service, as
we hear the Passion story.

Easter Vigil, April 8, 5:00 pm. Rev. Al Schoonover,
Preaching, The Salvation History story, with hymns,
choir, and holy communion

Easter Sunrise: 6:00 am in the Back Parking lot,
overlooking the Olive Hill and Crosses.

Easter Breakfast: 7:00 am-10:am, Sponsored by
Network Table

Easter Worship, Traditional, 8:00 am. "He is Risen,
He is Risen, Indeed", Processional, Celebratory Choir
Piece, Resurrection Message, and the celebration of
Holy Communion.

Easter Praise Worship: 10:00 am. "He is Risen, He
is Risen, Indeed", Praise Music, Resurrection Message,
and the celebration of Holy Communion.

Easter Egg Hunt: 11:15 a.m. All young folk are invited
to come and join in the fun and finding.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP, SERVICE, and EDUCATION

Currently we offer

Worship

Saturday	5:00pm Traditional
Sunday	8:00am Traditional
	10:00am Contemporary
Live Stream	8:00am Traditional
	10:00am Contemporary

Visit our website 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.

Bell Choir	Monday 5:30pm
Family Fellowship	3rd Monday 6:00 pm
Men's Fellowship	Tuesday at 9:00am
Prayer Shawls	2nd Tuesday 10:00am
Outreach (Library)	2nd Tuesday 6:00pm
Gospel Guys	Thursday, 5:00pm
Chancel Choir	Thursday, 5:30pm
Ladies Ensemble	Thursday, 6:30pm
Quilters	Thursdays at 8:30am
PITS	Thursday, 6:30pm
Praise Band	Saturday at 9:00am
BE BOLD	Sunday @ 9:15am
Sunday School	Sunday @ 10:15am

LISTEN

KNLB FM 91.1 knlb.com
"Winds through the Olive Trees"
Sunday mornings at 9 am
"The Lutheran Hour" Sunday at 10 am

2021-2022 Mount Olive Council Liaisons

- Jim Day.....President
- Butch ShafferVice-President
- Steve Philo.....Treasurer
- Shelly Hales.....Secretary
- Mike Flesher.....Liaison.....Property
- Kris Kidder.....Liaison.....Personnel
- Mary Hawkins.....Liaison.....Family Fellowship
- Colleen Klatt.....Liaison.....Family Fellowship
- Janet Pippin..Liaison.....Christian Education
- Hannah Joy.....Liaison.....Christian Education
- Butch Shaffer.....Liaison.....Outreach
- Shelly Hales. . . . Liaison.....Worship & Network Table
- Jeff Bodnar Jr. . . . Liaison Outreach
- Karol Falsetti.....Liaison.....Worship
- Mikael Ash.....Liaison.....Columbarium
- Craig Corbin.....The Church

Pastoral Acts
Memorial/Inurnment
Harold Ketter—Interment—3/27/23
In Person Worship Hours
5:00 pm Saturday - Traditional
In Person & Live Stream
Worship Hours
8:00 am Sunday - Traditional
10:00 am 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

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Fire Fund Update:

A word of gratitude and thanks to everyone who contributed to the emergency fire fund clean up for Robin Miller. Thank you so much!!! The response was generous as we received nearly \$12,000 in gifts to assist with the clean up of the property. We were able to hire “You Call, We Haul” who came in quickly and made short work of the final debris clean up. Robin has expressed her heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the Mt. Olive community for your generosity, compassion and grace in this time of need. She has more decisions to make regarding next steps. She is in a temporary living situation, with the hope of finding a resolution in the coming months. Thank you for responding and giving generously to assist with this much needed clean up effort.

Belle Kastoll 100th Birthday

A day of great anticipation and celebration for Belle as we gather to extend our blessing upon her. A time of fellowship and recognition on Sunday, April 2, from 1:30-3:30 in the Friendship Café. Hope to see you there!!

April

Birthdays



- 2) **Beatrice Furnell**
Belle Kastoll
Craig Medhaug
- 5) **JoAnn Gronskei**
- 6) **Jake Connolly**
- 7) **Kirsten Connolly**
Susan Leifer
Emma Trejo
- 8) **James Schneider**
- 9) **Joshua Falldorf**

- 9) **Joanne Kupfer**
Marcia Newark
- 10) **Sheri Lovins**
- 13) **Art Martin**
- 14) **Butch Foster**
Wanda Shockley
- 16) **Marjorie Kenney**
- 17) **Emily Anderson**
Vernon Gohl
- 18) **Michael Furnell**
Gerald Tarbell
- 19) **Pam Anderson**
Gail Watland
- 20) **JoAnn Benter**

- 20) **Ralynn Gehrman**
- 22) **Catie Sondrol**
- 23) **Judy Anderson**
Scott Bare
Kate Irwin
Wayne Malone Jr.
- 24) **Karsten Cartright**
- 25) **Kyle McAfee**
Jennifer Niebuhr
- 27) **Chris Blanchard**
- 29) **Marcia Lynnes**
- 30) **Joanne Tipton**

Congratulations

Rebecca Dewey, RN

Rebecca has completed her schooling and is now an RN. She worked 2 jobs and went to school and is finally finished. She is still working 2 jobs for now and looking forward to her new career.

Everyone is so proud of her accomplishment and are excited for her future. A huge shout out to the family for all the support. Jackson Rod—Fiancé, Everett & Lisa Dewey (Mom & Dad), Bill & Janice Dewey (grandparents), Kay Rod and all of the other family and friends.

Continue to follow your dreams. You are going to be a fantastic addition to the medical community.

April Readings

April 1 & 2: Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Philippians 2: 5-11; Matthew 26: 14—27:66; Psalm 31: 9-16

April 8 & 9: Acts 10: 34-43; Colossians 3: 1-4; Matthew 28: 1-10; Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

April 15 & 16: Acts 2: 14a, 22-32; 1 Peter 1: 3-9; John 20: 19-31; Psalm 16

April 22 & 23: Acts 2: 14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 1: 17-23; Luke 24: 13-35; Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19

April 29 & 30: Acts 2: 42-47; 1 Peter 2: 19-25; John 10: 1-10; Psalm 23

Thank You

Thank you to my Mount Olive family for your prayer and financial support following my recent house fire disaster. It has meant more than you could know. God bless you. Robin Miller

Our sale netted \$1300 which will be forwarded to the Lutheran World Relief Quilt and Kits program. Many unsold lap robes, throws, and quilts will be given to other entities, thanks to Herb Anderson and the Outreach Board. Thanks also to Larry and Dorothy Schneider, Jesse and Jennifer Clark, and Joan Morbeto for their help.

Mount Olive Quilters (LWR Quilters)

OLIVE AWARD THANK YOU

As the olive-leaf bearing dove brought to Noah the good news that the flood had ended—so you also have been a bearer of the good news in the Mount Olive family by your faithful service.... Thus reads the certificate of the Olive Leaf Award presented to Bud and Lennie Hart Hawkins last month for exceptional service to God and church family since 1996 and 2011 in the areas of women's group, Council, Building Committee, Social Concerns, worship assistance (altar guild, choir, lector, Communion assistant), property care, etc. Not to mention ELCA Mission Builders.



The Friendship Café
OPEN

Sunday, 7am to Noon
Wednesday's
8am to 10am

Come join your friends for a cup of coffee and more.



The prayer shawl ministry meeting will meet at 10:00 April 11th in the Fireside Room. We invite all to join us!! If you don't know how to knit or crochet but would like to participate in our ministry we have people who are willing to teach you!!

We have given out a large number of shawls the past few months. There will be a blessing of the prayer shawls on April 22nd and 23rd at all services. Come and see the colorful creations that will decorate the altar rail! Each shawl is made with love and prayers for the recipient. They are given as gifts to someone in need of God's loving presence. If you are aware of someone who could use a shawl please contact one of these persons:

Kathy Sporre	928-855-1704
Jerry Bodnar	928-680-1847
Dorothy Schneider	928-453-8560

Wishing all of you a blessed Easter and hope to see you at our meeting in April!!!

Other Notes



Memorials



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!

- 1) Which of Jesus' Disciples walked on the water with Him? (Matthew 14:28-29)
- 2) Who asked the Lord, "Am I my brother's keeper"? (Genesis 4:9)
- 3) In Ester, who met his death on the gallows he had built for another man? (Ester 7: 9-10)

Answers from last month's questions:

- 1) How many days and nights of solitude, prayer and fasting did Jesus spend in the wilderness? (Luke 4: 1-2)

Answer—40

- 2) Whom did God choose to replace Moses to lead the Israelites? (Deuteronomy 34:9)

Answer—Joshua, Son of Nun

- 3) Where did the Lord tell Jonah to go? (Jonah 1: 1-2)

Answer—Nineveh

Bible Study

"Resurrection Affects Every Day Life" Lead by Rev. Al Schoonover, A five to six week study of the resurrection stories. Starting, Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 12 noon, in the sanctuary. The bible study will also be livestreamed.

In memory of Olive Hill by Steve Philo to the Network Table fund.

In memory of Olive Hill & Linda Nord by Betty Christenberry to the Network Table Fund.

In memory of Olive Hill by Lennie Hart-Hawkins to the Altar Guild Fund.

In memory of Linda Nord by Lennie Hart-Hawkins to the White Burro Sale.

Address Updates

Jill Ada—10555 N. Horseshoe Bend Rd, Garden City, ID 83714

New Member Orientation

Are you considering becoming a member of Mount Olive? Are you interested in learning more about the ministry here? **Inquisitive hearts and minds want to know.** Come and join us for a two day orientation session. The new member orientation will be 2-two hour sessions, Thursday, April 20 and April 27, from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Lakeview Room. Some history of the Lutheran church, worship, ministry opportunities, a campus tour, church structure and governance, stewardship and much more will be covered during our time together. I look forward to seeing you later in April.

Camp Registration: Lutheran Campformation OPEN:

Registration for camp is now open for those who are entering 6th-10th grade in the fall of 2023. We will be at Camp Pinerock, Prescott, AZ from July 3-7, 2023.

Register at lutherancampformation.com, on the tool bar, click on "more" in the drop down menu, click on "camper registration". No fees will be needed to register. Once you are registered, please notify Pastor Craig to inform him of your registration. More detail to follow as we learn who will be attending. Come and enjoy the great outdoors in the foothills of Prescott, AZ along with several other Lutheran congregations from Arizona and Nevada.

Event Coordinator Message

April 2023

He is RISEN! May we ever remember his resurrection promise. Easter season brings celebrations and with it the dramatic story of our Savior and his undying love for humanity.

April 2nd Palm Sunday Services at 8 and 10 am

Maundy Thursday, April 6th at 6 pm

Good Friday, April 7th at 6 pm

Easter Vigil April 8th At 5 pm

APRIL 9th EASTER:

Sunrise worship **6 AM**, Pancake Breakfast **7-10 am**, Worship Services at **8 & 10 am**, Annual Community Egg Hunt **11:15am**

Regular Monthly Activities:

Tuesdays Men's Fellowship at 9 am in the Library

Thursdays Quilters 8:30 am -11 am in the Parish Hall through May and Craft'n Friends will be gathering from 1-4 pm in the Parish Hall

Outreach meets on 4/11 @ 6pm

Family Fellowship will meet on 4/17 @ 6:30 pm in the Cafe.

Council meets on 4/18 at 7 pm in the Lakeview room

SPECIAL NOTICES:

With so many events coming up in April Family Fellowship will not be hosting activities this month.

Via De Cristo is April 13th-16th, Las Vegas, NV

Anyone working April 16th- Have a little fun and celebrate National Wear your Pajamas to work day!

April 26th is Admin Professionals day so remember all those amazing people who keep things running in your lives!

I look forward to seeing you all! Please continue to visit our website www.mtolc.com to see the latest news, events, updates, and more! Always on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and YouTube!

Jenifer Clark, Event Coordinator

April 2023

Sunday School



There will be exciting Easter activities:

April 9th: Sunrise Service at 6 am, Pancake Breakfast from 7 am to 10 am, Regular Services at 8 and 10 am

The Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt at 11:15 am. Please bring your Easter Baskets, small children will be in the Nursery ages 3 and younger. Children 4 through 8 will be in the Narthex and the older children will be in the Fireside room.

Sunday school meets at 10:15 am on Sundays in the Nursery. For any questions, to register or volunteer please contact Jen Clark at event@mtolc.com or 928-662-8764

Jenifer Clark

MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Meeting Minutes

February 21st, 2023

Absent: Colleen Klatt

Meeting was called to order by Jim Day at 7:00PM. Pastor shared prayer. Mary shared devotions.

Standing Agenda items:

Pastor asked to add an item to correspondence. Kris made motion to approve agenda. Mike seconded. All in favor.

Jim moved to approve minutes from 1/17/23. Mary seconded. All in favor.

Butch has contacted American Insurance Group about alternative insurance cost. The company requested a Zoom meeting with him. He let council know anyone is welcome to join. Time constraints make it difficult to change companies now because premium is due March 1. This change would require council approval. Butch will still do Zoom call to gather information. Pastor shared that every 3 years there is an opportunity to go online and complete the Safe Church Risk Management Survey. He did that and it should make our premium approximately \$1700 less. The workman's comp. fee is less than budgeted.

Financial Report: Steve stated January's general fund monthly income and expenses report ended with \$6,467.40. Budget to Actual report shows 121.3% for January offerings. \$5,734.50 over budget general fund income.

Colleen submitted an extensive coffee with council report prior to this meeting. She already shared members' areas of concern with prospective boards and committees.

Consent Agenda: Reports were received from Pastor, Event Coordinator, Christian Ed., Worship Board, Family Fellowship, PGE. Kris asked to pull **Christian Ed.**

Amy Conway was present to report from Christian Education Board that they recommend formation of a task force to look into where the future of Youth and Family is headed at MOLC. Jenifer stated that it's important to do the ministries here that this congregation wants. What do they really want? Kris asked to put this task force under unfinished business as a regular part of the monthly meeting agenda so that actual progress can be reported. Steve voiced that this task force may not be necessary once the Long-Range Planning has started (retreat date will be set at this meeting). Pastor commented that camp will be encouraged for the few youth we have and that there will be a confirmation class. Shelly volunteered to take over_VBS this summer. Shelly made motion to approve Consent Agenda and Butch seconded. **CA** passes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Building Pay Off completed

Fundraising Policy. Everyone was told to take home and review the policy sheet and the form groups will use and report back any changes they suggest at NEXT MEETING.

NEW BUSINESS:

Woodshop Fundraiser: Butch moved to approve Woodshop Fundraiser for March 25,26 Mary seconded. Motion passed.

Personnel

Steve explained Exe. Comm. met to discuss change in hours for full time employees. They are recommending council approve 32-40 hours per week instead of the traditional 40. This gives employees same benefits, but also have some flexibility to make personal appointments. Shelly made motion to change full time employee hours from 40 to 32-40. Mary seconded. Motion carried.

MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Meeting Minutes

February 21st, 2023

Council was given new Job Description/Title change for Jenifer Clark. Her responsibilities have been increasing over the last few years and are still evolving. Exe. Comm. officers are also recommending her job description and job title be revised. Mary made motion that the job description/title be revised as printed in packet. Discussion included pastor wanting the job title to include "Communications". Motion amended to change job description and revise title to be

PROGRAM/COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER. Kris seconded. Approved by all.

Shelly made motion to approve Network Table's Easter Breakfast fundraiser form. Mike seconded. Passed.

Jim suggested 2 dates April 22 or 29, for retreat to have a council work session on Long Range Planning.

\$10,181 has been donated to the fire fund to clean up the property owned by Robin Miller in Desert Hills. The estimated cost is \$12,000. It was learned she had hired a crew to clean up some prior to us getting involved. They need to be paid \$1,200. Pastor made motion to use \$5,000, some of the money that remains from paying off our debt for this fire fund. Shelly seconded. Motion approved.

Nominating Committee: An oversight happened where a committee was not elected (as our constitution states) at the May annual meeting last year. Jim called The Synod for guidance and was told this is easy to resolve. Janet, Jeff, Mikey and Butch are the outgoing council members this year. Two of them must be part of the committee. At the Annual Congregational meeting on May 7th new council members will be elected. Butch agreed to recruit 3 candidates.

Synod Assembly Delegates: Event is in Tucson this year. Dates are June 9,10. Let pastor know if you want to attend as soon as possible.

Network Table is asking council for permission to do an online Fundraiser. Shelly made motion to approve. Mary seconded. Motion carried.

Walk On Items:

Kris asked if personnel committee is having meetings. She is liaison but has not been notified. Kris made motion to add Renee Jennings to personnel committee. Shelly seconded. Motion passed. She also noted that first aid kit in Parish Center needs some updating.

Motion to adjourn given at 8:15 by Butch, seconded by Karol. Prayer

Minutes respectfully submitted by Shelly Hales, secretary.

Mount Olive Lutheran Church

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 08:00 AM-Worship w/Holy Communion 08:00 AM-Palm Sunday 10:00 AM-Worship w/Holy Communion 01:00 PM-Belles Birthday Party	3 01:00 PM-Woodshop 05:30 PM-Bell Choir 06:00 PM-Cub Scouts 992 07:00 PM-Al-anon- Lib	4 09:00 AM-Men's Fellowship-lib 11:00 AM-Staff Meeting - PC Hall	5 08:00 AM-Cafe Open 01:00 PM-Colomonde	6 08:30 AM-Quilters-P.Hall 01:00 PM-Craft'n Friends- P. Hall 05:00 PM-Woodshop 05:00 PM-Gospel Guys 05:30 PM-Chancel Choir 06:00 PM-Maundy Thursday 06:30 PM-Boy Scouts 06:30 PM-Treble Clef Singers	7 08:00 AM-Tops-P. Hall 06:00 PM-Good Friday	8 08:00 AM-Tops - P. Hall 09:00 AM-Praise Band 05:00 PM-Easter Vigil w/Holy Communion
9 06:00 AM-Sunrise Service 07:00 AM-Easter Pancake Breakfast 08:00 AM-Worship w/Holy Communion 10:00 AM-Worship w/Holy Communion 11:15 AM-Community Egg Hunt	10 08:00 AM-Office Closed 01:00 PM-Woodshop 05:30 PM-Bell Choir 06:00 PM-Cub Scouts 992 07:00 PM-Al-anon- Lib	11 09:00 AM-Men's Fellowship-lib 10:00 AM-Prayer Shawl-FSR 11:00 AM-Staff Meeting - PC Hall 06:00 PM-Outreach-Library Cafe 06:00 PM-Worship Board-Cafe	12 08:00 AM-Cafe Open 01:00 PM-Colomonde	13 08:30 AM-Quilters-P.Hall 01:00 PM-Craft'n Friends- P. Hall 05:00 PM-Woodshop 05:00 PM-Gospel Guys 05:30 PM-Chancel Choir 06:30 PM-Boy Scouts 06:30 PM-Treble Clef Singers	14 08:00 AM-Tops-P. Hall 08:00 AM-LOOK UP AT THE SKY DAY 06:00 PM-Havasu Rock & Gem-P. Hall	15 08:00 AM-Tops - P. Hall 09:00 AM-Praise Band 05:00 PM-Worship
16 08:00 AM-Worship 08:00 AM-WEAR P.J's TO WORK DAY 10:00 AM-Worship 10:15 AM-Sunday School	17 01:00 PM-Woodshop 05:30 PM-Bell Choir 06:00 PM-Cub Scouts 992 06:30 PM-Family Fellowship-Cafe 07:00 PM-Al-anon- Lib	18 09:00 AM-Quilters Sew- ciety 09:00 AM-Men's Fellowship-lib 11:00 AM-Staff Meeting - PC Hall 07:00 PM-Council Meeting - LVR	19 08:00 AM-Cafe Open 01:00 PM-Colomonde	20 08:30 AM-Quilters-P.Hall 01:00 PM-Craft'n Friends- P. Hall 05:00 PM-Woodshop 05:00 PM-Gospel Guys 05:30 PM-Chancel Choir 06:30 PM-Boy Scouts 06:30 PM-Treble Clef Singers	21 08:00 AM-Tops-P. Hall	22 08:00 AM-Tops - P. Hall 09:00 AM-Praise Band 05:00 PM-Worship Prayer Shawl Blessing
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