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Olive Branch

Mount Olive Lutheran Church
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April 2024 No. 830

Message from our Pastor

It has been a normal practice for Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton from the national headquarters of the ELCA to send out a video message each Easter and Christmas. Sometimes we also receive video messages on other church year occasions as well, such as Pentecost.

Her message for Easter are reflections and thoughts from the resurrection account from the gospel of Mark 16: 1-8. The 8th verse concludes with these words, “they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.” Some ancient witnesses to the text of Mark end the gospel of Mark with verse 8. According to the reference guide in The New Oxford Annotated Bible, it states that “other ancient witnesses, end the Gospel with vv. 9-20, thus showing that from early Christian times these verses have been accepted traditionally and generally as part of the canonical Gospel of Mark.”

Bishop Eaton’s reflection centered in on three words from the passage. Those words or phrases are, fear (phobos in the Greek), amazement (ekstasis in the Greek) or the English word, ecstasy, and the other word has to do with being seized or “being possessed”. She reflected that the women’s response was such that it appeared or seemed that nothing had changed. “they have this announcement and then it’s all the same.” She asked the question, “do we sometimes feel or sometimes think that ‘nothing has changed’. Life around us appears and seems terrifying and we operate or live out of a sense of fear.

Bishop Eaton continued, “These three words really say something about the women. And I think about us and, most especially, about Easter. When they said they were filled with amazement, there is this ecstasy, ekstasis, they were really standing. It literally means ‘standing in a different place.’ So, though they were still in the tomb, and they hadn’t reacted yet, nevertheless, everything had changed. And because of the resurrection, we, all of us, are standing in a different place. The whole of creation is standing in a different place.

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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 & 10:00am

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.

Family Fellowship	3rd Monday 6:00 pm
Al-Anon	Monday at 7:00pm
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
TOPS	Fridays at 8:00am
TOPS	Saturday at 8:00am
Praise Band	Saturday at 10:00am
Sunday School	Sunday at 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

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
 Craig Corbin.....The Church

Pastoral Acts/Memorials
 1/11 Dennis & Frances Bertiz 1/20 Wanda Karlin
 1/26 Les Nizmi 2/16 Jim Rucks 2/16 George Horak
 2/26 Sylvia McCampbell
 Pastoral Acts/First Communion
 3/10 Ashton & Weston Falldorf, Harper Karlin
 Pastoral Acts/Baptism
 3/24 Mia Rose Hoover

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

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She further reflected, “And the word Phobos, where we get the word phobia, or fear, it’s really a sense of trembling in the presence of God. **An awe**, that they were actually filled with awe, not paralyzed by fear but **filled with awe**. It is my hope that in the Easter time and all year round, we have a sense of the presence of God, that fills us with awe.”

The meditation concludes with these thoughts, “And it also says that they were seized with fear. The word means ‘possessed’. In our baptism God sends the Holy Spirit and we therefore are now, “Spirit possessed”. When things seem to be staying the same, when things seem to be happening and coming at us so quickly. It is important to take a little time, to be a little amazed, to be standing in a different place, to have a sense of this awe and trembling before the Lord, and to allow ourselves to be possessed by the Spirit, who will give us power and courage in these times.”

Bishop Eaton shares with us her favorite hymn, “Lord Jesus, You shall be my Song. ELW 808 verse 4. “ I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey. But courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side. And with all of the family you saved by your love, we’ll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.”

Some excellent thoughts for us to reflect upon in the coming days, as we enter into the time of Easter. As I have stated numerous times, we are Easter people, and the whole world has changed because of the resurrection of Christ. Our lives are what they are as ‘people of the way’ because of the resurrection promise through Christ our Lord. Nothing can separate us from His love for us, nothing.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Craig

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
Joanne Kupfer
Marcia Newark

10) Sheri Lovins

13) Art Martin

14) Butch Foster
Wanda Shockley

16) Marjorie Kenney
Robin Thoreson

17) Emily Anderson
Vernon Gohl

18) Jerzie Bodnar
Jessie Bodnar
Michael Furnell
Gerald Tarbell

19) Pam Anderson
Gail Watland

20) JoAnn Benter
Ralynn Gehrman

22) Catie Sondrol

23) Judy Anderson
Scott Bare
Kate Irwin

23) Wayne Malone Jr.

24) Karsten Cartright

25) Jabin Crawford
Kyle McAfee

Jennifer Niebuhr

27) Chris Blanchard

29) Marcia Lynnes

30) Joanne Tipton



Cursillo / Via de Cristo Planning Meeting will be held April 18th, 7:00 pm in the library. We are gathering to create a formal group that will organize regular meetings and assist in supporting the Cursillo / Via de Cristo movement at Mount Olive.

April Readings

April 6 & 7: Acts 4: 32-35, 1 John 1: 1—2:2; John 20: 19-31; Psalm 133

April 13 & 14: Acts 3: 12-19; 1 John 3: 1-7; Luke 24: 36b-48; Psalm 4

April 20 & 21: Acts 4: 5-12; 1 John 3: 16-24; John 10: 11-18; Psalm 23

April 27 & 28: Acts 8: 26-40; 1 John 4: 7-21; John 15: 1-8; Psalm 22: 25-31

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

Answers from last month's questions:

- 1) The Ark of the Covenant was carried around what city once a day for seven days? (Joshua 6: 1-15) **Jericho**
- 2) The ten commandments are found in which two books of the Bible? **Exodus and Deuteronomy**
- 3) What does James state is unruly, evil and full of poison? (James 3:8) **The tongue**

The prayer shawl group will be meeting April 9th at 10:00 in the Fireside Room. All are welcome to attend and we're happy that some new people have joined us!

Prayer shawls have been given to go to Africa so our ministry is touching lives in far away places as well as at home.

There is a need for more baby blankets at this time. If you like to knit or crochet but can't attend the meetings we would welcome your completed items. All items are blessed at the altar prior to being given.

If you know of someone that could use a shawl please contact one of these people:

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

Address updates

Jason & Kristi Anderson, 1071 Plaza Estrella, LHC, 86406

Helen Williams—Please delete home phone—add cell 928-706-9791

Rev. Craig & Kim Corbin—delete home phone 928-733-1621

Bible Study

Wednesday 1:00pm Lakeview Room

Study will resume on April 3, 2024

March 2024 Sunday School



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

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2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

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POTLUCK PICNIC

Blessing of the Pets

April 20th Blessing of the
Pets in Jack Hardy Park with
a Picnic Potluck Lunch to
follow.

11AM to 1PM All pets are
welcome but please make
sure they are on a leash or
contained.

There will be a group
blessing of the Pets at 11 AM
followed by potluck lunch.
Ramada #3 is reserved and
it has electric. Please bring
your own chairs or blanket
and a dish to share.

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MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Meeting Minutes

February 20, 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 February 20, 2024, in the Lakeview Room.

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

Devotions and Opening Prayer: Pastor Craig led us in opening prayer. Shelly Hales shared a devotion.

Additions to the Agenda: Jim Day called for any additions or changes to the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda was approved by acclamation.

Minutes from the Last Meeting: Jim Day called for any corrections or additions to the January 2024, minutes. Hearing none, Shelly Hales moved to accept the minutes as written. Herb Anderson seconded. Motion carried. Jim Day called for the approval of the December 3, 2023, Congregational Meeting minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved by acclamation.

Correspondence: None.

Financials: Treasurer Colleen Klatt presented the financial reports for January 2024. Giving for the month was lower than expected but lower expenses compensated to yield a net loss of \$1,394. Due to the transfer of our rental properties to a new property management company, some of the rental income for January was not realized but will be reflected in the February statements. Had the income been realized, we would have been in the black. Shelly Hales moved to approve the financials as presented. Butch Shaffer seconded. Motion carried.

Coffee with the Council Update: Hannah Joy suggested that Pastor Craig announce the opportunity for fellowship in the Café at the 8:00 a.m. service. Positive feedback for the Youth-led services and the large print bulletins was received. Other suggestions noted were combining the praise and traditional services on the 5th Sunday of every month and that Jesus should be quoted more often in the sermons.

Consent Agenda: Butch Shaffer asked to pull the Property report for discussion. Colleen Klatt moved to approve the modified agenda with the following reports received: Christian Education, Outreach, Program Communications Manager, Property and Worship. Karol Falsetti seconded. Motion carried. Butch Shaffer reported that 5 new LED exterior light fixtures have been installed around the Parish Center. A new photo sensor will be installed at the back to automatically turn the lights on at dusk and off at dawn. Thank you Butch for your work on this project!

Unfinished Business:

Survey Task Force: Only 1 non-member response has been received out of the 8 sent out. The task force is moving forward to complete the process and will present the results at a future meeting.

Window for Front Office: The window has been installed. Thank you to Steve and Ron from the woodshop!

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New Pictorial Directory: Butch Shaffer emailed a new company but has not received a response. He will reach out by phone.

Parish Center Chairs: Susan Leifer presented the bid for 164 new chairs. Shelly Hales moved to approve the purchase in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 to be funded from Undesignated Memorials. Mike Flesher seconded. Motion carried.

E-Giving/Website: A less up-front and more subtle appeal for giving has been added to the live-streams.

New Business:

Post To Capital Reserves: Colleen Klatt reported that there are still some minor account adjustments to be made to the 2023 year-end financial reports.

Guide One Insurance Premium: Butch Shaffer obtained our insurance premium increase for 2024. The amount is a little more than 1.5%. The Council feels no further research for a new underwriter is necessary.

Fall Resale Pass-Through Account: The Holiday Resale Boutique committee has made a request for a pass-through account similar to the one used by the White Burro Sale. Butch Shaffer moved to create the account. Susan Leifer seconded. Motion carried.

Delegates for Synod Assembly: Pastor Craig is looking for up to 4 lay person delegates for the upcoming assembly being held June 13-15, 2024, in Mesa AZ. Candidates suggested are Shelly Hales, Joan and Tony Morbeto and Rene Jennings. Pastor Craig will reach out to these individuals.

Call to the Congregation: Because more outside groups are utilizing our Parish Center, we are having issues with breakers blowing. Butch Shaffer will investigate. It was suggested that we add a commercial kitchen upgrade to our wish list. Suggestion noted.

Walk on Items: The Dewey family is willing to cook for the Easter Pancake Breakfast this year. Jen Clarke will recruit Youth to help. Council members are encouraged to volunteer to serve. Herb Anderson stated that there is a need for items for the nurse's offices within the school district. Susan Leifer moved to donate the proceeds from the breakfast to the Outreach Committee. Shelly Hales seconded. Motion carried. The event request form was presented and signed to approve this year's breakfast.

Motion to Adjourn: Butch Shaffer moved to adjourn. Colleen Klatt seconded. Motion carried. President Jim Day adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: March 19, 2024

Minutes submitted by: Susan M Leifer, Secretary

April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Closed 01:00 PM-Woodshop 05:30 PM-Cub Scouts 992 05:30 PM-Bell Choir 07:00 PM-Al-anon-Lib	2 09:00 AM-Men's Fellowship-lib 06:30 PM-London Bridge Squares	3 07:00 AM-Lion's Club meeting 08:00 AM-Cafe Open! 01:00 PM-Colomonde Singers 01:00 PM-Bible Study 01:00 PM-Woodshop 06:30 PM-Confirmation	4 08:30 AM-Quilters 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	5 08:00 AM-Tops	6 08:00 AM-Tops - P. Hall 10:00 AM-Praise Band Rehearsal 05:00 PM-Worship w/Holy Communion
7 07:00 AM-Cafe Open 08:00 AM-Worship w/Holy Communion 10:00 AM-Worship w/Holy Communion 10:15 AM-Sunday School	8 01:00 PM-Woodshop 03:00 PM-Family Fellowship 05:30 PM-Cub Scouts 992 05:30 PM-Bell Choir 07:00 PM-Al-anon-Lib	9 09:00 AM-Men's Fellowship-lib 10:00 AM-Prayer Shawl-FSR 11:00 AM-Staff Meeting - PC Hall 04:30 PM-Gem & Mineral Board Mtg 05:30 PM-Worship Board-Cafe 06:00 PM-Outreach-Library 06:30 PM-London Bridge Squares	10 08:00 AM-Cafe Open! 01:00 PM-Colomonde Singers 01:00 PM-Bible Study 01:00 PM-Woodshop 06:30 PM-Confirmation	11 08:30 AM-Quilters 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	12 08:00 AM-Tops 06:00 PM-Havasu Rock & Gem	13 08:00 AM-Tops - P. Hall 10:00 AM-Praise Band Rehearsal 05:00 PM-Worship
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