

Olive Branch

Mout Olive Lutheran Church 2170 Havasupai Blvd. Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403 mtolc.com May 2022 No. 807

Message from our Pastor

Happy!! Post Easter to everyone. As I reflect back over the past 2 weeks, I believe we had a meaningful and moving Holy week this year. I appreciated the "Lord is it I" presentation on Maundy Thursday, as I was one who had the 'view from the pew' and I listened with fresh ears as each of the disciple characters read their parts. I have to say, I thought the guys "got into" their characters this year. Thanks again to all who participated and especially a word of thanks to Larry and Dorothy Schneider for all their behind the scenes work in recruiting, creating and making costumes and organizing the program with set up and take down. It is a unique experience

Good Friday, was also a moving worship experience and the walk to the crosses on our very own Mt. of Olives touches many in their own unique way. The Easter Vigil is the newest of our worship opportunities and it is a good discipline as we continue to wait in anticipation of Easter morn. The scripture takes us on a salvation history journey that reflects our connectedness to the past of all salvation history.

The Sunrise service was pretty special this year. Weather conditions were perfect, the sound system and the keyboard all worked well, no glitches this year, other than the pastor forgot to bring a Bible for the reading of the resurrection story, but all is well, I remembered at the last minute, and with a "hot mike" I ran through the parish hall telling everyone of my misstep and of course the worshipers who were gathered heard the conversation along my journey to retrieve a Bible. A good chuckle for many. We even had a close encounter with a hot air balloon during communion distribution. Something that added to the scene.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP, SERVICE, and EDUCATION

Currently we offer

Worship

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

Live Stream 8:00am Trad

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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
Men's Fellowship
Prayer Shawls
Outreach (Library)
Bible Study
Gospel Guys
Chancel Choir
Ladies Ensemble
Confirmation
Book Study Zoom
PITS
Praise Band
Sunday School

Monday at 5:30pm
Tuesday at 9:00am
2nd Tuesday 10:00am
2nd Tuesday 6:00pm
Wednesday at 1:00pm
Wednesday 5:00pm
Wednesday 5:30pm
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Wednesday 5:30pm
Thursday 6:30pm
Saturday at 10:00am
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

2021-2022 Mount Olive Council Liaisons

Jim DayPresident
Butch ShafferVice-President
Steve PhiloTreasurer
Shelly HalesSecretary
Susan LeiferProperty
Kris KidderLiaisonPersonnel
Mary HawkinsLiaisonFamily Fellowship
Leslie HollmanLiaisonFamily Fellowship
Janet PippinLiaisonChristian Education
Butch ShafferLiaisonOutreach
Shelly Hales LiaisonWorship
Jeff Bodnar Jr Liaison Outreach
Karol FalsettiLiaisonWorship
Mikael AshLiaisonColumbarium

Pastoral Acts

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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The other two services were well received and pretty well attended, considering we are still post Covid and many of our winter visitors had returned home by the end of March. Some of our visitors from those northern tier states are probably wishing they would have stuck around for another month as Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota had two major blizzards in the month of April.

A word of gratitude and thanks to all the people behind the scenes, who helped to make Holy week what it is meant to be. The worship center goes through a series of transformations throughout the week, with the altar area being completely emptied, to being redressed for the full celebration on Easter morning. The banners are changed, altar guild is at their busiest with multiple settings of communion and altar changings, the Easter lily garden is no small feat and all the music preparations and don't forget about the transformation of the parking lot for Sunrise services and the Parish center transformation for Easter breakfast served faithfully by our youth. And then there was, 'THE EASTER EGG HUNT'. Hundreds of plastic eggs stuffed with candy by our youth and other volunteers for the colossal event. So many people stepped up and put in many extra hours of time and service to make all of this a wonderful week of worship and meaningful reflection upon the passion and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God for each of you who made all of this possible.

We are looking forward to much needed time off with Kim and I heading to Chicago for about a week (Mid-May) to spend time with our daughters and their husbands, as we celebrate Grace's Master's Degree commencement at Garrett Theological Seminary. Taking in the sites and sounds of Chicagoland and we even plan to spend an evening a Wrigley Field, a first for all of us.

Be blessed for the journey and be a blessing to those in your midst.

Pastor Craig

May Birthdays

- Darlene Cooper Josie Cosmano Ken Kidder Terry Williams
- 2) Ann Archer
- 3) John LippertErin SheehanTyler Thompson
- 4) Deloris Tarbell
- 5) Gloria Iverson Reechad McCampbell
- 6) Vereen White

- 7) Karen Cordes
- 8) Candi Lunderborg
- 10)Donna Johnson Linda Monteith
- 11) Megan Anderson Randall Reed
- 12) Lorinda Ash
 Michelle Connolly
 Yvonne Litchfield
 Karen McShea
- 13) Lisa Bowman Avery Mizia
- 14) Jerry Govoni Shane Philo
- 15) Virginia Hauan
- 16) Verna Maurer Mary Lou McChesney
- 18) Ron Conway

- 19) Finley Cooper Linda Jewkes
- 20) Ruth Mock Linda Jo Williams
- 24) Frances Bertles
 Harper Karlin
 George Murphy
 John Wooster
- 26) Shirley Webb
- 27) Jim Hildebrand Sandra Mangus
- 28) Tony Morbeto
- 30) Kaito Saari Joy Smith
- 31) Joan Gutierrez Erica McCormack Laura Wooster-Leyva

WILL YOU HELP?

As we move into the summer months and after the Covid losses, the Worship Board is looking for more ushers to assist during services each week. We would like to get back to communion at the rail, and resume passing the offering plates at each service. This requires 4 people each service. We are looking for some volunteers willing to serve one weekend a month as ushers. You will be on a team with others, and training will be available. We have opportunities at 8:00am and 10:45am on Sundays as well as Saturday night. If you can help, please call Jim Day at 760-887-7818 or leave your name and number with Wanda in the office. This is a great way to serve and enhance the worship experience for our members and guests.

May Readings

4/30 & 5/1: Acts 9: 1-6; Revelation 5: 11-14; John 21: 1-19; Psalm 30

5/7 & 5/8: Acts 9: 36-43; Revelation 7: 9-17; John 10: 22-30; Psalm 23

5/14 & 5/15: Acts 11: 1-18; Revelation 21: 1-6; John 13: 31-35; Psalm 148

5/21 & 5/22: Acts 16: 9-15; Revelation 21: 10, 22-22.5; John 14: 23-29; Psalm 67

5/28 & 5/29: Acts 16: 16-34; Revelation 22: 12-14, 20-21; John 17: 20-26; Psalm 97

Thank You

and other notes

The Wood Shop Ministry thanks all who have supported us this past season. Our two sales were the best ever and with the matching funds from Thrivent Choice Dollars, we have donated over \$6000 to various charities including our missionaries in Thailand. Most of our winter visitors have left, but we look forward to next year and new opportunities.



Columbarium Garden Fundraisers

The Dewey Family will hold two fundraisers to support the Expansion of the Columbarium Garden. With less than 80 niches left the Columbarium Board has decided we need to prepare for the future of the Columbarium Garden. A representative from Mickelson & Ray is meeting with the Board to present options for the expansion and the costs.

Mark your calendars for Memorial Day, May 30th, and 4th of July. Our special thanks to the Dewey Family for their support and looking to our congregation. More information to follow:

For more information contact Gary Powers at garylp@aol.com or call 858-663-4852.



The Mount Olive Quilters had another successful sale. We were able to donate a total of \$3,000.00 to the following charities: Faith & Grace, Lutheran World Relief for Ukraine, Hospice of Lake Havasu and the Lake Havasu Senior Center for the Meals on Wheels program.

We would like to thank Dorothy Schneider for her generous donation; and Rich & Beth Erlander, who have once again graciously volunteered to deliver 50 quilts to Lutheran World Relief in Minnesota.

In additions, we thank Wanda Shockley for going above and beyond her job description on our behalf as well as Kathy Sporre and Peggy Lamb for their memorial donations in memory of Barb Tubbs.



Address updates

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Phone: 928-302-3263





Network Table's Fourth Month working with Guiding Light: Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me..." Matthew 19:14a

Did you know that 90% of a child's brain growth happens in their first five years?! That is a miracle! Jesus upended the societal norm of not valuing children and relegating them to the other room. As usual, he had it completely right. *This month, we are sharing why early childhood and childcare centers matter.* This information comes from First Things First, Arizona's early childhood agency committed to healthy development and learning of young children from birth to age 5. Please think about each of the following statements, and consider the importance of quality child care:

Early brain development has a lasting impact on a child's ability to learn.

Language and early literacy development starts from the beginning. Babies are born communicating through eye contact, facial expressions, crying and touch. When adults respond with words, conversation and attention, it helps build the child's brain in ways that promote healthy development and learning.

Numerous studies have demonstrated that children with access to quality early learning are more prepared for kindergarten. They have increased vocabulary, better language, math and social skills, more positive relationships with classmates, and score higher on school-readiness assessments.

Kids with positive, stable relationships with parents and caregivers, including child care, go on to do better in school and in life.

They're more likely to read at grade level and to graduate from high school. They are more prepared for college and career.

If you'd like to learn more about the impact of early childhood, please visit First Things First's website www.firstthingsfirst.org. They have a wealth of information. Programs sponsored by First Things First for young children and their families can be found at https://www.firstthingsfirst.org/resources/find-programs/. If you have any First Things First questions, please reach out to Kim.

Our Table continues to be busy with *obtaining and installing new windows and doors*, *safe "fall zones" around outdoor play equipment, and periodontic work for a Guiding Light staff member*. As always, reach out to any team member if you'd like an update or have any questions! God bless!

Jen Clark, Kim Corbin, Shelly Hales, Kelly Hays-Thorson, Kris Kidder, Rita Kidder, Susan Leifer, and Linda Paquette.



The Friendship Café OPEN

Sunday, 7am to Noon

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



We will be meeting in the Fire Side Room on Tuesday, May 10th, 2022, at 10 A.M.

This year we have decided to also meet in the summer months of June, July, and August. We did that for the first time last year instead of taking those months off. We had a good turnout last year and we are hoping we will have another good turnout. It will be a good time to find new patterns and to also stay in touch with each other over the summer.

If you find yourselves feeling like you need a shawl, or know of someone else you would like to give a shawl to, phone Kathy Sporre at 928-855-1704, Jerry Bodnar at 928-680-1847 or Dorothy Schneider at 928-453-8560. There is no cost involved for the person who asks for the shawls or for the person who receives the shawls. We make them and we give them away.

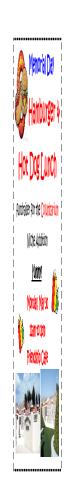
This is our Ministry.



OLIVE LEAF AWARD



"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 good news in the Mount Olive family by your faithful service.." Thus read the certificate for the Olive Leaf award presented to Herb and Pam Anderson for their faithful service since 1985 with Council and Boards, Sunday School and VBS, Bible study and worship assistance....and for Pam's long-time service in the counting of offerings.





A letter from the Congregational President

This is the time of year where the church sees a change in faces and attendance in all areas of the church. Winter people are heading back home as we say "good bye" and pray for safe travels. Many of our permanent members will soon move to summer locations and others will simply take extended vacations. For the operation of the church, this translates into a decrease in attendance and a loss of revenue during the summer months. In an effort to keep you informed of the day-to-day finances of the church, I want to share the following. Throughout the pandemic, God has blessed us with faithful giving by our regular members, and generous giving from our winter visitors. It was exciting to see more visitors this year and hopefully even more will return next season. With that said, at the near halfway point of our fiscal year, we are currently about \$2700.00 in the red (behind) our budget projections. I encourage you to please continue your faithfulness in giving and be aware that the Church Council will be faithful stewards in administering the business of the church. God's blessings to you all.

Jim Day, President

Event Coordinator Message

May 2022

After the Spring Rush, summer is cooling off! Events for the month of May are mellow as we say goodbye to our snowbirds. For those in our Youth Ministries, some of you will be making transitions from Middle school and High School congratulations to graduates! The last day of school for our local kids will be May 19th. Keep families in your prayers as they move on to the next chapters of their lives.

Mount Olive will be the location of the annual Dementia Connection Conference, May 12th all day in the Friendship Cafe. Our local outside group Havasu Quilt-Sewciety will continue to meet through the summer as well as our Family Fellowship group.

Get ready for a fantastic LUNCH! Memorial Day the cafe will be open and hosting a fundraiser for a Columbarium addition. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and all the fixins will be ready for you from 11-1 on Monday, May 30th.

The Summer will be bustling with activities for our Youth and we ask for continued support and prayers during high travel times, service projects and ministry activities.

Jenifer Clark, Event Coordinator

May 2022

Sunday School



Last Day May 8th! We plan on pop up Classes thru Summer as well as Family fellowship activities and more! Stick around for our upcoming list of events. We would also like to invite you to participate in VBS July 11-17th, 5:30-8p! It's not too late to start planning and preparing! We are seeking volunteers, donations and decorators! Our theme this year is from a local hot spot, the very stunning Monument Valley! Join us for MONUMENTAL VBS! Coming this July!

Thank you's:

Jim Day and Havasu Balloon Fest for allowing us to borrow decorations!

Jill, Catie, Madi, Peyton. Shelly, Colleen, Ashley, Leslie, Janice, Alice, Lily

You Guys were all fabulous rockstars helping get our Easter program "Rise up with Jesus" to touch the hearts of our participants!

Jenifer Clark, Sunday School Coordinator





May is here! We have a busy month ahead! But first a HUGE shout out to The Dewey Family and Bob Jewkes for providing the yummiest pancakes on Easter Sunday. Also a big thanks to the congregation for the \$1,363 donation to our youth group. The Youth Group appreciates you all!

Pits and the confirmation group participated in our annual "Egging" event! The groups put together Easter eggs and hid them at our Sunday school kiddos home. We spread the word that Jesus is Risen! We had a great time and enjoyed hearing about the kiddos excitement after searching for the eggs!

Summer is right around the corner and that means our Puerto Rico trip is coming up fast! There will be a get together for those going on May 15th @ 11:30. Then on May 29th there is a MANDATORY parent meeting on May 29th @ 11:30. Please plan on attending as there is lots to discuss!

Campformation is also approaching quickly. Be on the lookout for meetings to prepare the group. It's going to be a blast!

Vacation Bible School is happening July 11th - 15th We need volunteers and kiddos to participate. So spread the word to your family and friends.

Huge Congratulations! To Acacia Daley, Cassady Clark, Karter Ada, Tavion Houston, and Kristoffer Ash for graduating from High School! We are all so proud of you!!

Last day of Confirmation AND Pits will be May 4th at 6:30 Pm.

MAY DATES TO REMEMBER:

SUN MAY 1ST- Worship *volunteer acolyte*

WED May 4th – last day of Confirmation & Pits celebration

SUN MAY 8TH- Worship Mother's Day *volunteer acolyte*

SUN MAY 15TH- Worship *volunteer acolyte*

SUN MAY 15 TH- Puerto Rico meeting @ 11:30

SUN MAY 22ND- Worship *volunteer acolyte*

SUN MAY 29TH- Worship *volunteer acolyte*

Graduate Recognition during service

SUN MAY 29TH – Mandatory kid & parent Puerto Rico meeting @11:30 (parents, if you absolutely cannot be at this meeting there will be a "make-up" meeting June 5th)



MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Meeting Minutes

March 15th, 2022

I. Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM beginning with Pastor's prayer. Leslie shared devotions. Kris was absent.

II. Standing Agenda Items:

- **A.** Removal of sound cart, anonymous donation and Covid report from old business was requested. Additions to agenda for NEW BUSINESS include: 1. trash, 2. returning to previous worship practices and 3. notification of annual meeting in May. Steve made the motion to accept the agenda as amended and Janet seconded. Agenda approved by all,
- **B.** Shelly made motion to approve February's minutes. Karol seconded. Minutes approved by all.
- C. Correspondence: none to report
- **D.** Steve reported the annual insurance bill is due. It is uncommon to be "in the red" at this time of year. Local offering is only at 84% and unrestricted funds at 92%. Prices are rising and some families just can't give their usual offerings. Many of our generous givers have passed away. We have capital reserve funds to fall back on so we are not in the same financial crisis that some other churches are experiencing. Butch said to remove the solar panel pay off fund as a line item on the Restricted Fund report.

It was agreed that Lenten Soup Supper offerings will be given to ELCA Disaster Relief going directly to refugees fleeing Ukraine.

- **E.** <u>Coffee with Council feedback:</u> There has been requests shared to add shades on the windows in the fireside room.
- **F.** <u>Consent Agenda:</u> Christian ED, EC, Family Fellowship, Outreach and Pastor all turned in reports. Shelly made a motion to accept the consent agenda and Butch seconded. Passed.

III. Unfinished Business:

<u>Burro Sale</u> was a success despite the windy first day! Some difficulty was experienced with what to do with what was left. Leslie will research what organizations will take items not sold (for future sales). Smiths and Food City donated cases of water. The remaining water was dispersed to the choir room and sacristy.

<u>Covid update</u>: With great relief, this item can be removed.

- New Mixer Board: This is working well, but the live stream listeners are still complaining they can't hear the organ. Another wireless microphone would be useful. Butch volunteered to research cost.
- <u>Electronic Sign:</u> Thank you to Butch for his time to get estimates. After a brief discussion of high cost to do this, it was decided there is not enough council support to continue any further.

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Council Meeting Minutes

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IV. New Business:

Committee and Board Procedures: Steve asked if there should be a few minutes devoted to explaining the board and committee structure, including their mission statements, as designated by the church constitution updated in 2014. There are new council members who might benefit from this knowledge. Most agreed this would be useful.

<u>Ground Breaking Plow</u>: This plow is a piece of church history and it was agreed that the Property Board should make the decision on where to place the plow.

<u>Trash</u>: Jim told us there is only 1 dump per week and if the lid does not close there is a \$46 extra charge. Our base rate is a very low fee because we began trash pick up so long ago. He explained the charges for getting 2 times per week. After discussion group agreed staff needs to be more aware of making sure the lid closes by crushing boxes.

<u>Return to previous Worship practices</u>: Pastor asked if council members would consider going back to kneeling at the rail during communion, passing the offering plate and sharing the peace again. He will take this to the Worship Board for their recommendations.

V. Call to congregation:

Comments: Put plow out front where it can be seen. Janice and Wanda spent a great deal of time organizing the kitchen cabinets. Paper products need to inventoried **before** each event in the Parish Center or Café. There is a budget to buy what is needed.

VI. Closing:

Walk on items: Steve requested funds be approved for a new laptop that has a larger processor needed for the best Live Streaming. Jennifer is putting time into researching the cost right now. He made motion to approve \$3000 from Undesignated Funds. Butch seconded. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Karol made motion to adjourn. Mary seconded. Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:35PM.

Next Meeting date is May 17th @ 7PM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church May 2022

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