



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 2023 No. 819

Message from our Pastor

WE ARE DEBT FREE!!!! PRAISE THE LORD!!!! It almost seems like a distant memory already. Just five weeks ago we celebrated the end of our mortgage obligation. On behalf of the church council, a HUGE word of THANKS AND APPRECIATION to all who supported this debt reduction effort over the past 10 years. It truly is quite amazing to realize that the congregation retired a \$1.2 million dollar debt in just 10 years. There were lots of factors that went into this accomplishment with dedicated pledges and gifts continually given over this time span. If my memory serves me correctly, we had some large estate gifts that helped to contribute to the reduction in the mortgage, early on in the initial mortgage. The Challenge Fund events that collectively raised awareness and allowed for large sums to be reduced in a short period of time. I believe we had at least three Challenge Fund Events. One for \$100,000 and two for \$50,000 each. Each of these challenges were met in a relatively short period of time and all three challenges exceeded the original challenge gift. And, A HUGE, CONGREGTIONAL HUG, THANK YOU to the Anonymous Donor who provided the funding to put us over the top to erase the debt. So, CONGRATULATIONS!! MOUNT OLIVE MEMBERS AND WE ARE ALSO, SO, GRATEFUL FOR THE WINTER VISITORS WHO ALSO GAVE GENEROUSLY TOWARD THIS DEBT REDUCTION AND MORTGAGE RETIREMENT!!!

Summer is coming upon us quickly and we will be having a change in our Worship Times and worship service offering for the summer months beginning June 17 through August 13. We will continue to have Saturday evening, Traditional worship at 5:00 p.m. Starting on Sunday, June 18, there will be one worship service starting at 9:00 a.m. It will be a Blended Service, with traditional worship components as well as Praise worship components. Holy Communion will be celebrated every Sunday of the summer when the blended worship is offered. The General Order of Service for the Blended Service is posted in this newsletter.

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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.

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 9:00am
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
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
Steve Philo.....Appointed Treasurer

Pastoral Acts
Memorial/Inurnment
Cheryl Binding, Elzadora Todahl, Olive Hill
Interments
Linda Nord Memorial
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

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Looking forward to the Semi-Annual Meeting on May 7th, where we will be electing church council members. Immediately following the annual meeting there will be a time for food and fellowship with Tacos and Bunco. Plan on sticking around for food and game time!!

I am encouraged and excited to see a renewed interest and revival in Via De Cristo / Cursillo! We recently had four team members and two pilgrims attend Via de Cristo #33 up in Las Vegas the weekend of April 13-16. It was a grace filled weekend with much to celebrate and reflect upon. As part of the Via de Cristo / Cursillo Program there can be follow up gatherings by those who have attended weekend retreats. These follow up gatherings are called Ultreya's. There will be an Ultreya gathering on May 21 at 4:30 pm in the Parish Center for all who have participated in this retreat ministry in years past. Looking forward to the continuing resurgence of this program. I am encouraging those who have not attended to give prayerful consideration and thought to being a part of a Via De Cristo Weekend Retreat. As a congregation we are affiliating with the "Light in the Desert" Las Vegas, Via De Cristo chapter. It is closer and we have a fair number of active past participants.

Kim and I will be taking some vacation time toward the end of May, from the 25th through the 31st. Janet Pippin will be bringing the Word over that weekend. Thank you in advance for serving in this way to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Craig

May

Birthdays



- 1) Darlene Cooper
Josephine Cosmano
Ken Kidder
Terry Williams
- 2) Annie Archer
- 3) John Lippert
Erin Sheehan
Tyler Thompson
- 4) Deloris Tarbell
- 5) Gloria Iverson
- 5) Reechad McCampbell
- 6) Vereen White
- 7) Karen Cordes
- 8) Kandice Lunderborg
- 10) Donna Johnson
Linda Monteith
- 11) Megan Anderson

- Randall Reed
- 12) Lorinda Ash
Michelle Connolly
Yvonne Litchfield
Karen McShea
- 13) Avery Mizia
- 14) Jerry Govoni
Shane Philo
- 14) Harlene Rowe
- 15) Virginia Hauan
- 16) Verna Maurer
Mary Lou McChesney
- 18) Ron Conway
- 19) Finley Cooper
Linda Jewkes
- 20) Ruth Mock
Linda Williams
- 24) Frances Bertles
Harper Karlin
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

SAVE THE DATE

Monday, May 29, 2023

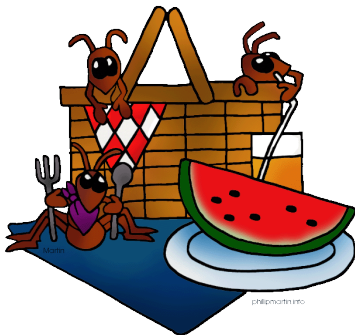
11am to 1pm

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and

Much More

Friendship Café

Free Will Donation



May Readings

May 6 & 7: Acts 7: 55-60; 1 Peter 2: 2-10; John 14: 1-14; Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16

May 13 & 14: Acts 17: 22-31; 1 Peter 3: 13-22; John 14: 15-21; Psalm 66: 8-20

May 20 & 21: Acts 1: 6-14; 1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11; John 17: 1-11; Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35

May 27 & 28: Acts 2: 1-21; 1 Corinthians 12: 3b—13; John 20: 19-23; Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b

Notes

Mom and I would like to thank everyone who came to her 100th birthday party.

A special thank you to Lillian Aston, Janice Dewey, Joni Webster, Jan Andersen, and Lois Scharnhorst for doing the set up, serving, and clean up. It wouldn't have happened without you! Thank you so much and God bless everyone.

Love, Belle and Karen Kastoll



It's spring and the desert has come to life with brilliant colored flowers!! Looking at them always gives me joy! Our prayer shawl group makes shawls of all colors for men, women and children with the hope that our creations will bring joy, peace and hope to those who receive them. A few of the ladies also make baby layettes and children's hats.

We meet again on Tuesday, May 9th at 10:00 in the fireside room. We have a new member who is learning how to make a shawl. We welcome all to our group and have people available to teach you to knit or crochet. You don't need to be a member of Mount Olive to join us!!

If you know of someone who could use a shawl you can contact one of these ladies:

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

Let's spread some joy!!!



The Friendship Café OPEN

Sunday, 7am to Noon
Wednesdays
Closed until
October

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

I want everyone to know how much I appreciate everyone spending time in the Friendship Café this year. It is a way to help people get acquainted and get to know our Church family. With the winter visitors heading home for the summer the café will be closed on Wednesdays until the first Wednesday in October. We are open on Sunday mornings as usual and looking forward to seeing all of you. I also want to thank all of my volunteers in the Café.

YOU ARE THE GREATEST!!!

Thank you

God's Blessing

Janice



With your support, we gave \$1,324.81 to our local Food Bank for the 1st Quarter of 2023.

We are still accepting food donations and those items are picked up weekly and delivered to the food bank.

Thank you for supporting our community.

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) Who dreamed that the sun, moon and stars bowed down to him? Gen. 37: 5,9
- 2) Who went up out of Zoar and lived in a cave with his two daughters after Sodom and Gomorrah? Gen. 19: 28-30

Answers from last month's questions:

- 1) Which of Jesus' Disciples walked on the water with Him? (Matthew 14:28-29)

Answer: Peter

- 2) Who asked the Lord, "Am I my brother's keeper"? (Genesis 4:9)

Answer: Cain

- 3) In Ester, who met his death on the gallows he had built for another man? (Ester 7: 9-10)

Answer: Haman

Bible Study

"Resurrection Affects Every Day Life" Lead by Rev. Al Schoonover, A five to six week study of the resurrection stories. Wednesdays 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

Mary Ann Fleharty—90 S. Smoketree #131, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

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

May 2023

Refreshed and renewed

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. And kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created. And you will renew the face of the earth.

God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, instructs the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolations.

Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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 5/9 @ 6pm

Family Fellowship will not be meeting until August

Council meets on 5/16 at 7 pm in the Lakeview room

SPECIAL NOTICES:

ANNUAL MEETING! Remember to get out and VOTE! New council members will be elected and church business discussed

Family Fellowship is hosting festivities in honor of Cinco de Mayo. Walking taco lunch and Bunco games will be provided on May 7th at 12 pm after the Worship service and Annual meeting.

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

May 2023

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

Summer-Pentecost

June 18, 2023 Blended Worship 9:00 am

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Bryant Christianson

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of God, the Father of glory; in the name of God the ✝ Son, our Redeemer; in the name of God the Holy and life-giving Spirit.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of grace and glory,

C: you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

P: Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever. C: Amen.

Opening Hymn: TRADITIONAL

P: Grace to you and peace from Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior! As we gather this day we remember our baptismal covenant, having been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen!

Kyrie WOV Page 28 TRADITIONAL

Hymn of Praise "Glory to God" WOV Pages 29-30 TRADITIONAL

Prayer of the Day

Youth Message: Pastor Craig

Praise Song: PRAISE BAND
First Word: Epistle Lesson

Gospel

Gospel Reading

Message

Pastor Craig

Message Song:

PRAISE BAND

Apostle's Creed

Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you always And also with you (extend the peace)

Praise Song:

“Change My Heart O God” PRAISE BAND
In My Life Lord, Be Glorified, OSB 15
Spirit of the Living God OSB 195

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them to the Lord

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Words on Institution: Blessed are you...

Lord's Prayer

Congregation is seated for Communion Distribution.

Communion Distribution Song: “ ” **CHANGE OFF WEEKS—HYMNS / PRAISE BAND**

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

Go forth from this place refreshed and empowered, to do the ministry to which God calls you. Travel lightly, for you carry within you all that you need. Notice God's presence in simple, everyday experiences. Whenever opportunity arises, labor for the good of all. And the blessing and joy of God, our Creator, Healer, and Life Giver go with you today and always. **Amen.**

Band begins playing immediately after blessing and invites congregation to join in singing.

Sending Hymn: **TRADITIONAL HYMN**

Dismissal Go in peace. Tell what God has done. **Thanks be to God.**

MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2023

Absent: Jim Day, Mike Flesher, Mikael Ash

I. Call to order: Butch called meeting to order at 7:02PM. Pastor shared prayer and Hannah Joy read devotions.

II. Standing Agenda Items:

A. Shelly made motion to accept agenda and Janet seconded. Agenda accepted.

B. 3 corrections were found on February minutes. Shelly will make those. Colleen made motion to accept minutes with corrections and Mary seconded. Minutes passed.

C. Correspondence: none to report

D. Financial Reports: Steve pointed out that the net Income for February @ -20,319.55 seems like a high deficit because there were only 3 weekends of offerings deposited. The property insurance payment of \$13,471.00 and workman's comp insurance payment of \$1,383.00 had to be made in February also. The 96.5% indicated on the Budget to Actual Report proves so far this year we are not spending what is budgeted. Steve made motion to approve financial reports and Kris seconded. Approved by all.

E. Coffee with Council feedback: Hannah Joy reported some comments were made about the slow tempo of the hymns making the songs seem to drag. Pastor said the hymns are chosen based on the words reflecting the scripture for that specific weekend. Perhaps Bryant can step up the tempo.

F. Consent Agenda: Reports were submitted from Christian ED, Pastor, EC, Outreach and Worship Board. Karol made motion to accept **CA**. Shelly seconded. All agreed.

III. Unfinished Business:

Fundraising Policy: Exec. Comm. will meet and revise draft again. Tabled until next month. Much more discussion. Steve said money collected is always moved through restricted fund accounts.

Fire Fund Update: Just under \$12,000 was raised by the congregation

MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2023

Retreat date: April 21 is scheduled. Time **TBA**

Nominating Committee: This group met on March 1st and has had 3 meetings so far. The 6 candidates for the May council election are:

Susan Leifer , Ernie Swanson , Steve Philo and Craig Medhaug. Jeff Bodnar Jr. and Butch Shaffer are seeking another term.

Synod Assembly: Butch and Betty would like to attend. Also, possibly Mike and Sharon Flesher.

Insurance Quote: Butch has been comparing quotes from Brotherhood Mutual and our current provider, Lutheran Trust. He recommends we stay with Lutheran Trust for the remainder of this fiscal year, but continue getting info for next year from Brotherhood because the 2 companies quotes are very close and perks offered may make one a better choice over the other.

White Burro Sale funds: Exec. Comm will meet to make recommendation at April's council meeting.

Surplus Fund Monies: There is \$50,129.70 remaining from the donor gift that paid off the debt. Butch requested all council members give serious thought to where these funds should be used. Will keep this topic on agenda for April.

IV. New Business: Mortgage Burning ceremony will be held at all 3 services March 25 and 26. Cupcakes will be given out on Saturday night and cake, provided by Fellowship Committee, in the café on Sunday between services.

Adjourn: Kris made motion to adjourn and Karol seconded. Meeting adjourned with Lord's Prayer at 8:32PM

Next Meeting date: **April 18, 2023 @ 7PM**

Prayerfully submitted by Shelly Hales council secretary

Mount Olive Lutheran Church

May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 08:00 AM-Worship w/Holy Communion 10:00 AM-Worship w/Holy Communion 10:15 AM-Sunday School 11:15 AM-Annual Meeting 12:00 PM-Tacos & Bunco	8 01:00 PM-Woodshop 06:00 PM-Cub Scouts 992 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 06:00 PM-Outreach-Library Cafe	10 12:00 PM-Resurrection Study	11 08:30 AM-Quilters-P.Hall 01:00 PM-Craft'n Friends- P.Hall 01:00 PM-Woodshop 05:00 PM-Gospel Guys 05:30 PM-Chancel Choir 06:30 PM-Boy Scouts 06:30 PM-Treble Clef Singers	12 08:00 AM-Tops-P. Hall 06:00 PM-Havasu Rock & Gem-P. Hall	13 08:00 AM-Tops - P. Hall 09:00 AM-Praise Band 05:00 PM-Worship w/Holy Communion
14 08:00 AM-Worship 08:00 AM-MOTHER'S DAY 10:00 AM-Worship w/Holy Communion 10:15 AM-Sunday School	15 01:00 PM-Woodshop 06:00 PM-Cub Scouts 992 07:00 PM-Al-anon- Lib	16 09:00 AM-Quilters Sew-ciety lib 09:00 AM-Men's Fellowship- Hall 11:00 AM-Staff Meeting - PC 04:00 PM-Recognition Event 07:00 PM-Council Meeting - LVR	17 12:00 PM-Resurrection Study	18 08:30 AM-Quilters-P.Hall 01:00 PM-Craft'n Friends- P.Hall 05:00 PM-Woodshop 05:30 PM-Gospel Guys 06:30 PM-Boy Scouts 06:30 PM-Treble Clef Singers	19 08:00 AM-Tops-P. Hall 08:00 AM-PIZZA PARTY DAY	20 08:00 AM-Tops - P. Hall 09:00 AM-Praise Band 05:00 PM-Worship w/Holy Communion
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28 08:00 AM-Worship 10:00 AM-Worship w/Holy Communion 11:15 AM-Reception	29 08:00 AM-MEMORIAL DAY 11:00 AM-Memorial Day Lunch 01:00 PM-Woodshop 06:00 PM-Cub Scouts 992 07:00 PM-Al-anon- Lib	30 09:00 AM-Men's Fellowship- lib 11:00 AM-Staff Meeting - PC Hall	31			