



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

June 2023 No. 820

Message from our Pastor

As we enter into the month of June, we will be seeing a shift in our worship schedule. Starting the weekend of June 17-18, we will be moving to two worship times. We will stay with the Traditional Worship service on Saturday evenings at 5:00 pm. On Sunday, June 18, there will one worship service starting at 9:00 am. We are referring to it as a Blended Service. It will have a mixture of traditional music with piano and organ and it will have Praise Band Music as well. Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 5:00 pm worship on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturday of each month. Holy Communion will be celebrated every Sunday during the Blended Service schedule throughout the summer.

The Friendship Café will be open on Sunday from 8:00 am thru 11:00 am. The Blended Service schedule will continue through the weekend of August 13, 2023. We will be transitioning back to the three worship service schedule on August 19-20, with Saturday at 5:00 pm. Sunday, 8:00 am traditional and 10 am Praise Band Worship.

If you would like to offer music during the summer months, especially during the Saturday worship service, please contact either the office or Bryant Christianson, especially if you will be needing accompaniment. We would like you to contact the office for the sake of bulletin preparation with song title and potential copyright information.

We know this is the time of year when many of you take time away from the summer heat of Lake Havasu. Continue to be faithful in your regular giving practices and if you find it to be convenient for you, look at the online giving option through our Website, mtolc.com.

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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	TBD
Chancel Choir	TBD
Ladies Ensemble	TBD
Quilters	TBD
TOPS	Fridays at 8:00am
TOPS	Saturday at 8:00am
Praise Band	Saturday at 9:00am
Sunday School	TBD

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

Shelly Hales.....President
Jim Day.....Vice President
Susan Leifer.....Secretary
Colleen Klatt.....Treasurer
Jeff Bodnar Jr..... Liaison.....Outreach
Karol Falsetti.....Liaison.....Worship
Mike Flesher.....Liaison.....Property
Mary Hawkins.....Liaison.....Family Fellowship
Hannah Joy.....Liaison.....Christian Education
Kris Kidder.....Liaison.....Personnel
Craig Medhaug.....Liaison.....TBD
Ernie Swanson.....Liaison.....TBD
Craig Corbin.....The Church

Pastoral Acts
Memorial/Inurnment
Darlene Powers Inurnment 5.7.23
Sharon Flesher Inurnment 5.27.23
In Person Worship Hours
5:00 pm Saturday - Traditional
In Person & Live Stream
Worship Hours

8:00 am Sunday - Traditional 6/4 & 6/11
10:00 am Sunday - Contemporary 6/4 & 6/11
9:00 am Sunday—Blended 6/18—8/13
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*

We will be offering an abbreviated Vacation Bible School Program this summer from July 25-27. Shelly Hales will be leading and coordinating the program. Prayerfully consider ways in which you can be involved with the program and reach out to Shelly to let her know. As you know, there are a variety of ways to be involved, whether it is with direct supervision with the youth, or crafts, bible story time, singing and snack time. Let's make this a fun and enjoyable time of learning and sharing with the youth in our community.

We held the Ultreya gathering on May 21, for Via De Cristo / Cursillo. We had a wonderful event with several "Light in the Desert" Via De Cristo participants from Las Vegas, including the band that served on the last retreat. It was a fantastic event and some uplifting fellowship was had by all. We found out that the next scheduled Via De Cristo retreat weekend is going to be held from Sept. 21-24, 2023. Please consider attending this event as a "new pilgrim" and for those who have attended a retreat in the past, there is an application form to submit to be on the team. I have the application form as well as others who have recently attended. As I mentioned last month, 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.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Craig

June

Birthdays



- 1) David Moore
Savannah Senica
Peyton Sondrol
- 2) Jamie Blanchard
- 3) Richard Anderson
- 4) Riley Matzdorff
- 5) Jason Anderson
Henry Heins
- 6) Raiden Saari
Carol Schroeder
- 7) Alan Peterson
- 8) Lil Aston
Jenifer Clark

- 8) David Govan
- 9) Lisa Dewey
June Franzen
Christie Olsen
- 9) Gary Smith
- 12) Athena Conway
- 13) Spike Johnson
- 15) Peggy Haynes
Emma Roberts
- 16) Melissa Mizia
Dorothy Schneider
- 19) Tom Holtz
- 20) Larry Olsen
- 21) Deanne Thorson
Helen Williams

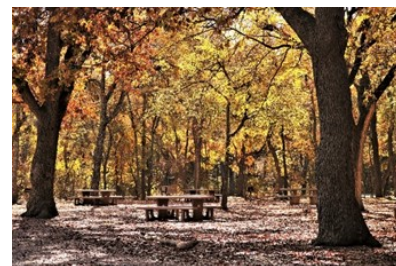
- 25) Stacy Willson
- 26) Deean Bertles
- 27) Zoey Chambers
Madilyn Sondrol



If you enjoy playing Bunco and would like to join a group of Bunco lovers and play on a more regular basis, please contact Jerry Bodnar at 928-680-1847.



Saturday September 23rd is our Annual Hualapai Mountain Picnic. Watch for more information!



June Readings

6/3 & 6/4: Genesis 1: 1 — 2-4a; 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13; Matthew 28: 16-20; Psalm 8
6/10 & 6/11: Hosea 5: 15 — 6:6; Romans 4: 13-25; Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26; Psalm 50: 7-15
6/17 & 6/18: Exodus 19: 2-8a; Romans 5: 1-8; Matthew 9: 35 — 10:8 [9-23]; Psalm 100
6/24 & 6/25: Jeremiah 20: 7-13; Romans 6: 1b-11; Matthew 10: 24-39; Psalm 69: 7-10 [11-15] 16-18

Notes

Janet Pippin will be resuming the Wednesday Bible Study at 1:00pm in the Lakeview Room.

The class will be held twice monthly beginning June 7, 2023 and June 21, 2023.

All are welcome.

Check the calendar and bulletins for all future dates.



The Friendship Café
OPEN

Sunday, 7am to Noon
Wednesdays
Closed until
October

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

Address Updates

Karen Shaplin—3371 Tomahawk Dr—LHC, AZ 86406

Bernie & Kathy Sporre—928-706-4626—Remove landline

Ray & Verna Maurer—PO Box 397, 86405

Herb Anderson—928-302-6310—Remove landline

Pam Anderson—928-486-6176—Remove landline

Todd Henning—928-566-7685—2270 Chaparral, LHC, AZ 86403

Bob Streeter—Prestige Expressions Room 6



We had a good turnout for our May meeting and a new person who is learning to crochet joined our group!! We welcome new members and have people who are willing to teach you how to knit or crochet. We also want to thank a person who donated a big box of yarn. Be assured that we will put donated yarn to good use!!

Our group has decided to continue meeting in the summer months. The next meeting will be on June 13th at 10:00 in the Fireside Room. After the meeting the group will be going out to lunch.

Every month we get cards and letters from recipients expressing their gratitude for the shawls and what they have meant to them. If you know of someone who could use a shawl please contact one of these persons:

Kathy Sporre 928-706-4626

Jerry Bodnar 928-680-1847

Dorothy Schneider 928-453-8560

Have a great summer 😊!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Tuesday, July 4, 2023

11am to 1pm

Join us for lunch in the café.

Sloppy Joes

Salads, etc.

Free will donation.

More information

To follow.

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) What man had seven sons and three daughters who always celebrated their birthdays with a feast?
Job 1: 1-4
- 2) In the book of Romans, man is justified by what?
Romans 3: 27-28
- 3) In the book of Luke, what is the city of David called?
Luke 2: 4

Answers from last month's questions:

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

In memory of Shari Drives to the Network Table Fund by Tom Holtz.

In memory of Olive Hill to the Network Table Fund by Bernie & Kathy Sporre.

In memory of Linda Nord to the Network Table Fund by Tom Holtz & Judy Thomas

In memory of Linda Nord to the Undesignated Memorial Fund by Joni Webster and Jerry & Jeff Bodnar, Jr.

In memory of Linda Nord to the Outreach Fund by Herb & Pam Anderson.

In memory of Linda Nord to the Music Fund by Lois Scharnhorst & Bill & Janice Dewey.

In memory of Linda Nord to the White Burro Sale Fund by Larry & Barbara Hanson.

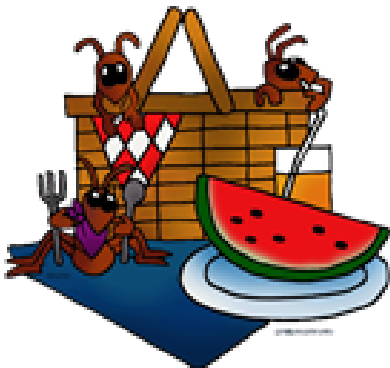
In memory of Linda Nord to the Fellowship Fund by Steve Philo.

In memory of Darlene Powers to the Prayer Shawl Fund by Jerry & Jeff, Jr. Bodnar.

In memory of Sharon Flesher to the Outreach Fund by Herb & Pam Anderson.

In memory of Sharon Flesher to the Cursillo Fund by Betty Christenberry.

In memory of Sharon Flesher to the Music Fund by Steve Philo, Andy & Lynda Anderson, Jerry & Jeff, Jr. Bodnar and Tom Holtz.



Thank you to all of the volunteers who donated their time to help with the luncheon on Memorial Day.

A Shout Out to everyone who showed up to enjoy the amazing food that was prepared and served by the volunteers. It was a great time with great food and fellowship.

Looking forward to the next luncheon that will be on July 4th, 2023 (Tuesday) from 11am to 1pm in the Friendship Café.

Sounds like Sloppy Joes are the main item for this event. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the office by phone or email.

928-855-2299 or office@mtolc.com

Program & Communication Manager

June 2023

Events:

Summer is here, kids are out of school, families are planning vacations, services are changing and we are preparing for the hot days ahead. As we enter this time may we take pause and reflect through meditation and prayer how the Holy Spirit is moving and working within us. All of us, collectively are the body of Christ. How does that change and shape how we interact with each other and within our congregation and community? Council is working through strategic long-range planning, may we also prayerfully consider our readiness to act as the Spirit leads and calls us.

Regular Monthly Activities:

Men's Fellowship Tuesdays at 9 am in the Library

Craft'n Friends Thursdays from 1-4 pm in the Parish Hall

Prayer Shawl meets on June 13th at 10 am in the Fireside Room

Outreach meets on June 13th at 6 pm in the Library

Council meets on June 20th at 7 pm in the Lakeview room

Bible Study with Janet Pippin on June 7th and 21st at 1 pm in the Lakeview Room

SPECIAL NOTICES:

Pray for our delegates attending the Grand Canyon Synod Assembly June 8-10th

In honor of some fun National Days make June 2nd as Donut Day, June 11th as Children's Day, June 18th as Father's Day, and June 21st as Selfie Day!

Janet Pippin will resume Bible studies over the summer, Bi-weekly starting in June

Worship Service Time Change

Sundays Only

June 18th through August 13th

9:00 am

Blended Worship

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

June 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



Donations from the White Burro Sale

Faith & Grace (Top left) was presented a check for \$2,000 from the sales of the White Burro Sale.

The Clothes Closet (Bottom Left) were also presented a check for \$2,000.

A huge shout out and thank you to all of the volunteers who came out to help with this event. The project would not be a success without all of the work and efforts that are put into the White Burro Sale before, during and after.

Looking forward to next year!!



Prayer Shawl Donation

The Mount Olive Prayer Shawl group donated the Prayer Shawls to Hospice of Havasu, pictured left,.

The group meets every 2nd Tuesday at 10:00am in the Fireside Room. They will be meeting throughout the summer so please stop by and see if this is something you would enjoy.

Meet new people and have great fellowship. They will gladly teach you how to crochet or knit if you want to learn.



Congratulations Graduates:

From LHHS

Allison Anutta, who will be starting basic USN training in July (and to former member Hannah Yost, her cousin, who will also be joining the Navy)

Nathan Hawkins, who looks forward to starting a special MCC computer class

Ethan Townsend, who will be attending Neumont College of Computer Science in Salt Lake City.

Aiden Steele, who will be joining the Air Force
From Grand Canyon University

Tessa Milton, with a degree in Early Childhood Education, will be doing student teaching in California.

Congratulations to \$500 Scholarship Renewal Awardees:

Bryce Clark, who continues work on his film degree with a minor in business and sports management at the U of A while working at In 'n Out Burger and his own film projects to build his portfolio

Taylor Thompson, who finished her jr year at Barry University, Miami and will graduate next May with a degree in biology, minor in math. She was on the Dean's List and will spend the next year in the podiatry/medical school application process. Besides playing on the University softball team for 3 years and serving on the Student-Athlete Advisor Committee.

FROM THE MOUNT OLIVE QUILTERS

The Quilters meet Thursdays from 8:30-11:30, September –May, in the Parish Center. Everyone is welcome.

Since the Erlanders moved, we no longer have a way to transport our quilts to the LWR warehouse in St. Paul, MN. Therefore, we have been focusing on making quilts and craft items for our annual sale. This year we were able to donate \$1,300.00 to LWR to assist in their quilt distribution costs.

We have also donated over 100 breast cancer pillows, dresses for Butch Foster's school girls in Liberia and fidget quilts for dementia patients.

In addition, several quilts were donated to the VFW and AZ Children Association. The high school graduates were given a quilt for them to take with them as they go from here.

The Quilters continue to be blessed by donations of fabric yardage for their work!

If you are interested in joining our group, please contact Marcia Newark at 928-680-4999 or email mnewark880@gmail.com

Our next gathering will be Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 8:30am in the Parish Hall.



MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2023

Absent: none

I. Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Jim Day. Pastor shared prayer and Jeff read devotions.

II. Standing Agenda Items:

A. Jim made motion to add **Nominating Committee** to OLD BUSINESS and **Van transportation** under NEW BUSINESS. Mary seconded. All in favor of amended agenda.

B. Colleen made motion to accept minutes with corrections. Mike seconded. Passed.

C. Correspondence: none to report

D. Financial report: March income and expenses show net income at \$11,490.01. Offerings to general fund are favorable. January through March budget offerings are at 115.9%. This report still gives deficit; however, it is less than previous months! Kris moved to accept financial report and Karol seconded. All in favor.

E. Coffee with Council feedback: Karol gave a wonderfully detailed report of her conversations. Some of the concerns included: many praises for pastor, new microphones for praise band, pastor preaching from the pulpit, and choir wearing robes more often. Time set for coffee with council only allows for those attending on Sundays to share their concerns. Need to find a way for Saturday night people to voice their thoughts as well.

F. Consent Agenda: Reports from Outreach, Pastor, Christian Ed., Altar Guild (Worship Board), Family Fellowship and Personnel Committee were submitted in council packet prior to this meeting. Kris asked that Personnel report be pulled and Jim wanted Pastor's report to review also. Shelly moved to approve **CA** and Mary seconded.

Jim wanted clarification on the summer worship from Pastor's report. There are only 9 Sundays of a blended form of contemporary and traditional worship at 9AM. This could result in communion every Sunday. Worship Board will put together an example of this format and have it emailed hoping it's a solution for the reluctant individuals.

Kris, as council liaison for Personnel Board, made motion to accept Ernie Swanson and Herb Anderson be added to this board. Colleen seconded. Motion carried.

III. Unfinished Business:

Final draft of Fundraising Policy and Application Form, revised by Exec. Comm., was included in packet. Butch made motion to approve new fundraising policy and application form. Janet seconded. Motion passed.

MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2023

Retreat is scheduled for Saturday April 22, 2023 from 9AM to noon.

With approval of congregation on May 7th, there will be 5 reps attending The Synod Assembly. Departure date is June 8.

Steve made motion (which is the recommendation from Executive Committee) that the funds from the White Burro Sale be distributed as follows: \$2000 Faith and Grace, \$2000 to Clothes Closet, and \$1000 to Network Table. Kris seconded. Motion carried.

Surplus Funds: Butch would like everyone to seriously think about our priority needs because there is approximately \$50,000 remaining from the debt reduction donation. These will be discussed at the April 22 working session. Shelly suggested the members who have a schedule conflict and can't attend this session, email their thoughts.

Nominating Committee report was in the packet. Background info on council candidates will be available in the annual report. Thank you to the committee members: Bev Swanson, Annie Archer, Lynda Anderson, Janet Pippin, and Butch Shaffer who met several times and were able to recruit these candidates: Butch Shaffer, Jeff Bodnar Jr., Ernie Swanson, Craig Medhaug, Steve Philo and Susan Leifer.

IV. New Business:

A. Audit Committee: Steve will reconcile year 2022 and recruit people. Constitution states this committee must have 3 elected members.

B. Jim reported there are 5-6 members who live at The Views who would like to be picked up by our van. He asked for us to try to recruit drivers because we have a limited number of approved drivers now. Butch volunteered to install running boards on the van. One resident there drives himself to late service. Our van would give others a chance to attend at a different time.

V. Adjourn: Kris made motion to adjourn meeting. Karol seconded. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:02PM

Next Meeting date: **May 17, 2023 @ 7PM**

Prayerfully submitted by Shelly Hales council secretary

Mount Olive Lutheran Church

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 01:00 PM-Craft'n Friends- P- Hall 06:30 PM-Boyscouts	2 08:00 AM-Tops-P- Hall 08:00 AM-DONUT DAY	3 08:00 AM-Tops - P- Hall 10:00 AM-Praise Band 05:00 PM-Worship w/Holy Communion
4 08:00 AM-Worship w/Holy Communion 10:00 AM-Worship w/Holy Communion	5 07:00 PM-AI-anon- Lib	6 09:00 AM-Men's Fellowship- lib 11:00 AM-Staff Meeting - PC Hall	7 01:00 PM-Summer Bible Study	8 01:00 PM-Craft'n Friends- P- Hall	9 08:00 AM-Tops-P- Hall 08:00 AM-Synod Assembly	10 08:00 AM-Tops - P- Hall 08:00 AM-Synod Assembly 09:00 AM-Praise Band 05:00 PM-Worship
11 08:00 AM-Worship 08:00 AM-CHILDREN'S DAY 10:00 AM-Worship w/Holy Communion	12 05:30 PM-Cub Scouts 992 07:00 PM-AI-anon- Lib	13 09:00 AM-Men's Fellowship- lib 10:00 AM-Prayer Shawl- FSR 06:00 PM-Outreach-Library	14	15 01:00 PM-Craft'n Friends- P- Hall	16 08:00 AM-Tops-P- Hall	17 08:00 AM-Tops - P- Hall 09:00 AM-Praise Band 05:00 PM-Worship w/Holy Communion
18 08:00 AM-FATHER'S DAY 09:00 AM-Worship w/Holy Communion	19 07:00 PM-AI-anon- Lib	20 09:00 AM-Quilters Sew-cieety lib 09:00 AM-Men's Fellowship- lib 07:00 PM-Council Meeting - LVR	21 08:00 AM-SELFIE DAY 01:00 PM-Summer Bible Study	22 01:00 PM-Craft'n Friends- P- Hall 06:30 PM-Boyscouts	23 08:00 AM-Tops-P- Hall 01:00 PM-Niebuhr Memorial	24 08:00 AM-Tops - P- Hall 09:00 AM-Praise Band 05:00 PM-Worship
25 09:00 AM-Worship w/Holy Communion	26 07:00 PM-AI-anon- Lib	27 09:00 AM-Men's Fellowship- lib	28	29 01:00 PM-Craft'n Friends- P- Hall	30 08:00 AM-Tops-P- Hall	