



Olive Branch

Mout Olive Lutheran Church

2170 Havasupai Blvd. Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

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July 2022 No. 809

Message from our Pastor

Today is another day to take a moment to once again, come before the Lord of our lives and surrender to God's grace and mercy. "For it is by grace through faith that we are being saved". Hour by hour, minute by minute and day by day. As I mentioned in the meditation on June 26, the Hymn "Amazing Grace" is one way to start our day. To remind ourselves that we are not the one's doing the saving, "the hour I first believed." That is what we do, every day when we recall the baptismal covenant, "God's promise to us" that God will always be with and walk beside us, making it possible for us to believe and follow Christ.

We humbly come into the presence of Christ each day and we stand or sit in that presence and admit we are but "clay vessels". Clay vessels that have the breath of life breathed into us and the very presence of God lives within this temporary earthly body. God's amazing grace once again envelopes and clothes us, and the Spirit of God makes it possible for us to say, "I believe".

I was out for one of my morning walks just a few days ago and I was looking at the rocks, sand and gravel that is pretty much everywhere I look in Lake Havasu. It occurred to me that you and I share a communion with these stones. I was reminded of my dustiness, I was reminded of my finiteness. I reminded myself that a day is coming when my earthly (body) vessel, will once again be like these very stones, sand and gravel. My dust particles will be miniscule in size to the very stones that comprise my yard. Kind of a humbling thought.

We do have a bond with much of what is in creation. We share in its beauty, its uniqueness and in its ability to nourish, to heal, and to produce. Our connectedness with the very creation itself is something we can all take the time to be more mindful of and to cherish it while we still have the ability. For we are temporal, and the time that we do have to experience this earthly life is pure and absolute gift.

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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.

Men's Fellowship	Tuesday at 9:00am
Prayer Shawls	2nd Tuesday 10:00am
Outreach (Library)	2nd Tuesday 6:00pm
Bible Study	Wednesday at 1:00pm
Bell Choir	As Needed
Gospel Guys	As Needed
Chancel Choir	As Needed
Ladies Ensemble	As Needed
Confirmation	Starting in August
PITS	Starting in August
Praise Band	Saturday at 9:00am
Sunday School	Starting in August

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

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

Message from our Pastor *cont'd pg. 1*

We have been marked with the cross of Christ and we have the very Spirit of God making its home in us. Our ability to love, express and show compassion, empathy, humility, and grace comes from this gift of Gods spirit. We are alive!! We are alive in Christ and what we do with this earthly vessel is meant to glorify and lift up the grace and presence of God’s love for the world.

Reflect and consider this poem by Jan Richardson

BLESSING THE DUST

All those days you felt like dust, like dirt, as if all you had to do was turn your face toward the wind and be scattered to the four corners or swept away by the smallest breath as insubstantial— did you not know what the Holy One can do with dust?

This is the day we freely say we are scorched. This is the hour we are marked by what has made it through the burning. This is the moment we ask for the blessing that lives within the ancient ashes, that makes its home inside the soil of this sacred earth.

So let us be marked not for sorrow. And let us be marked not for shame. Let us be marked not for false humility or for thinking we are less than we are but for claiming what God can do within the dust, within the dirt, within the stuff of which the world is made and the stars that blaze in our bones and the galaxies that spiral inside the smudge we bear.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Craig

July

Birthdays



1) Lois Scharnhorst

Anita Schimmel

Donald Schrecengost

David Thomas

2) Randy Kucin

4) Nello Ruscitti

5) Amy Conway

Marilyn Maier

6) Kaden Ada

Illa Moore

7) Carol Marchell

8) Jayke Schrecengost

9) Randy Jarrell

10) Julie Clifford

12) Sarah Chambers

Zane Jones

Knox McAfee

13) Tiffany Taylor

14) Gaynell Jackson

Dick Newark

Libby Williams

17) Marta Govan

18) Paul Williams

20) Korban McAfee

21) Billie Gilkey

Mickey Harris

22) Jacqueline Jacobs

Raymond Marchell

Taylor Thompson

23) Whitney Falldorf

24) Stetson Falldorf

26) Harold Sweeney

27) Barbara Peltier

28) Shelly Hales

Lori Koenig-Abram

Lori-Ann Melvin

Curt Schmaltz

31) Elaine Henderson

William Olson

Address Updates

JoAnn Benter—2110 Swanson Ave #322, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403 Phone: 928-889-4422

Richard & Judy Anderson—Please remove phone number 928-453-9871

Billie Gilkey—3011 Anita Ave, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86404

Alice Hayes—Please remove phone number 928-764-3594

Kevin & Vicki Jackson - 2470 Constellation Dr, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

July Readings

7/2 & 7/3 - Isaiah 66: 10-14; Galatians 6: [1-6]7-16; Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20; Psalm 66: 1-9

7/9 & 7/10 - Deuteronomy 30: 9-14; Colossians 1: 1-14; Luke 10: 25-37; Psalm 25: 1-10

7/16 & 7/17 - Genesis 18: 1-10a; Colossians 1: 15-28; Luke 10: 38-42; Psalm 15

7/23 & 7/24 - Genesis 18: 20-32; Colossians 2: 6-15[16-19]; Luke 11: 1-13; Psalm 138

7/30 & 7/31 - Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14, 2: 18-23; Colossians 3: 1-11; Luke 12: 13-21; Psalm 49: 1-12



Memorial Gifts




In memory of Clarence Nelson by LaVonne Poole to the Outreach Ministry.
In memory of Clarence Nelson by Jeff Jr. & Jerry Bodnar to the Outreach Ministry.
In memory of Clarence Nelson by Bill & Janice Dewey to the Outreach Ministry.
In memory of Clarence Nelson by Andy & Lynda Anderson to the Outreach Ministry.
In memory of Clarence Nelson by Carol Nelson to the Outreach Ministry.
In memory of Clarence Nelson by Bernie & Kathy Sporre to the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

A Note from the Office

If anyone would be interested in volunteering to assist with inventory to update the data and make sure any new items have been recorded, please contact Wanda at the office by email or phone.

Phone: 928-855-2299

Email: office@mtolc.com



Clarity on Building Fund: The word on the street is, there is some confusion about donations given to the Building Fund and / or Debt Reduction. For clarity, the Building Fund and Debt Reduction are one in the same. All donations given to the building fund are for debt reduction, along with the obligation of still paying interest on the loan. The church has only one mortgage. With a refinance of our church loan about a year ago or so, we were able to lower our interest rate and our monthly obligation for the mortgage payment was reduced to \$3,200. However, since our previous monthly obligation was somewhere around \$6,000, the church council voted to keep paying the same \$6,000 amount each month. Thus, we are able to pay down an additional \$2,800 each month toward the principal amount of the loan. As of the end of May 2022 we still have an outstanding current loan amount of \$316,169.14.

Thank You

and other notes

Relief Support for Ukraine- Lutheran World Relief

The congregation is being challenged to consider and support the humanitarian relief efforts for Ukraine and the Eastern Bloc countries who are aiding the displaced refugees. An anonymous donor has given \$500 as a starting gift and the donor is inviting us as the collective members of Mount Olive Lutheran to join in supporting this effort to assist with humanitarian relief for Ukraine through Lutheran World Relief.

The church council has given the blessing to provide for, **a special one-time offering** on the weekend of July 30-31, to be collected to assist in this humanitarian relief. Gifts of cash or check will be received and made out to Mount Olive Lutheran Church, **MEMO to read "Ukraine Relief", Envelope # if you desire**. A one-time support gift will be forwarded on to the Lutheran World Relief Efforts designated for Ukraine.

Thank you for your consideration in joining this Donor Incentive Challenge. If you choose to give prior to the weekend of July 30-31, ensure that your support is properly received by indicating **"Ukraine Relief"** on either an envelope, the check memo and / or preferably both.

Youth Scholarship Program

In late 1976 Mount Olive's Youth Education Endowment Fund (YEEF) was initiated by Gary Powers [and committee] to encourage college (especially Christian and Seminary) education for qualifying Mount Olive youth. That Fund's organization included recruiting commitments/pledges for months and years from the Mount Olive Family, an inclusive application and acceptance procedure, and a Board to administer funds from an individual interest-earning bank account. Over the years many a scholarship (of \$500, renewable for 3 years) was awarded, including college and seminary assistance to Rev Matthew Short, Mount Olive's only "son" ordained in Lutheran ministry on July

By 2008-09 the endowment fund concept evolved to a Restricted Fund out of the MO bank account and re-named Youth Education Scholarships (YES) with funding coming from individuals, memorial gifts, and fundraisers. The qualification of "member in good standing" which included church and youth group or other participation remained, as did the application and renewal procedures. And since 2000 we can list 53 recipients of scholarships. Mount Olive's Scholarship Fund was blessed in 2014 with a \$10,000/\$13,000 insurance beneficiary gift from the Kathy Lund estate, but alas, since each award is a commitment of a possible \$2000.....the Fund is soon out of money. Consider YES as one of your potential GIFT categories...as memorial gift or otherwise.

Three scholarships were awarded June 5--continuing scholarships to Taylor Thompson who will be a junior at Barry University in Miami where she excels in studies leading to podiatry school and as part of the Barry softball team and as member of an honors athletic society and the Student Athlete Advisory Committee.....and to Bryce Clark who will be a sophomore at the U of A, where he has maintained a 4.0 average in his film and television production, while working 2 jobs. Cassady Clark, a 2022 LHHS graduate, received her initial scholarship which she will use at MCC to begin the work towards an eventual bachelor's in computer science.



Network Table's Sixth Month working with Guiding Light Christian Educational Center: Challenges for Child Care Centers

Two months ago, we talked about why early childhood matters, the importance of a child's first five years and how quality child care plays a major role for many children. Even though quality child care is incredibly important, child care centers face distinct challenges today. Challenges existed before the pandemic and have increased due to the pandemic.

Nearly half of child care providers closed during the pandemic. Those who remained open or who reopened, faced a completely new reality. Most continue to serve considerably fewer children than their pre-pandemic enrollment. Increased health and safety measures are still in place, increasing expenses. In a survey of over 100 Arizona child care providers a year ago, 54% said they were losing money every day they remained open and 45% reported paying for supplies with credit cards or using personal savings. In addition to economic challenges, child care centers face staffing shortages as do many industries.

Child care centers are an integral part of a community's economic viability. Single-parent households and households where both parents work rely on child care to provide a safe, supportive place for children while parents work. Businesses need reliable child care for their workers' families to help ensure their employees are available to work.

Child care centers play a vital role in Havasu's community. We are blessed with the opportunity to support Guiding Light Christian Educational Center.

Your Network Table will have updates to you soon on our windows, doors, playground fall zones and periodontic work projects. Please pray for us as we reach out for mutual support from the Havasu community and pray for a happy and safe summer for Guiding Light's children, families and staff.

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.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry group will meet on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at the Fireside Room at 10 a.m. Remember to bring one pattern or more to exchange with each other. If you don't have any patterns, come anyway. We will share our patterns with you.

If any of you reading this want to give a shawl to someone who is feeling under the weather, just ask us and we will make it happen. The people to ask are Kathy Sporre at 928-855-1704, Dorothy Schneider at 928-453-8560, or Jerry Bodnar at 928-680-1847. There is no cost for the shawls.

This is our Ministry.

**Wednesday Bible Study
1:00pm in the Library**

The Wednesday Bible Study at 1:00pm will **NOT** be held on Wednesday, July 20th or July 27th.

Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, August 3, 2022 in the Library

Regards,
Janet Pippin

Our Local Food Bank Needs our Help

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED AND DEEPLY APPRECIATED



The local food bank in Lake Havasu has stated they are in need of any help the community can give.

They are especially in need of soups, pasta, pasta sauce and canned tomatoes. Any non-perishable items will be accepted. You can bring donations to the office Monday thru Friday from 9am to 3pm or put them in the wagon in the Narthex on the weekends before or after services.

If you prefer to donate monetarily, please make the check payable to Havasu Community Health Foundation Food Bank. You can drop it off at the food bank or at the office and it will be taken to them weekly.

Your help to our community is very much appreciated.

Thank you,

Wanda Shockley, Office Manager



A big thank you to all who supported the youth groups preparations for the Puerto Rico mission trip. However after waiting in countless lines, driving from Vegas to Phoenix, cancelled and delayed flights, and many other issues, we were forced to cancel the trip. Despite the group's disappointment and sadness we were able to remain positive and supportive of each other. We made the best of our time in Phoenix and enjoyed just being together. The group is still mission focused and will fulfill our commitment when the time is right. God has a plan for us and I can't wait to see what he has in store for this amazing group of young people.

Campformation is still a go!! Pastor and three JR. counselors will leave on July 2nd and Jill, Hannah and the other campers will leave July 3rd. We are looking forward to cool weather, campfires and fellowship. Look for pictures on Facebook and the website!

Congratulations to Madilyn Sondrol, Athena Conway, Lilyana Ash, and Emaleah Lynnes for re-affirming their faith. We are all so proud of you!

For God will open doors

ISAIAH 22:22

Event Coordinator Message

July 2022

July is a huge month for us! We are back to VBS and welcoming families for an immersive adventure. Thankful for volunteers and participants we are hoping to enjoy a large gathering of community youth and their families.

Most of our regular meeting groups are hibernating for the hot summer months and will pick back up in September or October.

Please look for ways to support the youth and their families as they are still in mission and ministry activities. Our youth here at Mount Olive are attending Campformation as well as volunteering in our partnership with Guiding Light Education Center. The youth will be working with other church groups to provide safer fall zones for the children attending the year round school and day care. Families are also preparing for the next school years for their children so please continue to keep them in your prayers.

Family Fellowship is holding strong partnering with the congregation to host the Independence day lunch! We are so grateful for the Dewey family, all their efforts and delicious foods!

Our local Food Bank is in dire need to fill their shelves. Please contact the office and visit our website to see what you can help with.

The Clothes Closet is looking for donations of school supplies, backpacks, school shirts and shoes. The clothing and shoes are welcome gently used or new. They will be hosting a family event to provide backpacks and supplies to the community.

Jenifer Clark, Event Coordinator

July 2022

Sunday School



Summer!! Food, fun, sun, beaches, and the best part...VBS! We are so excited to be hosting Monumental VBS! Families from all over the community are welcome to join us on an exciting adventure learning more about God and his MONUMENTAL greatness!

A couple of volunteer meetings coming up are:

July 1st @ 5pm in the cafe

July 8th @ 6pm in the cafe

All week we will be preparing and setting up decorations July 5-8th from 10am to 2pm

The program will run July 11-15th 5p-6p for dinner and 6p-8:30pm for the program. Friday there will be a special water activity for the kids!

The most exciting news we have to offer: Sunday school is the proud owner of our very own inflatable! We are excited to announce that we are able to host our events with over the moon fun. We ask you to PREPARE FOR RALLY DAY!!

We will be planning our annual rally day celebration registering kids for the next Sunday school year, supporting families and accepting volunteers! We look forward to seeing you at VBS in July and Sunday School kick off Rally Day August 7th at 11:15am

Jenifer Clark, Sunday School Coordinator

MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2022

Absent: Pastor, Kris, Jim

I. Call to order Butch called meeting to order at 7:05PM. Shelly shared prayer. Colleen gave devotions.

II. Standing Agenda Items:

A. Agenda: Mary made motion to adopt agenda as is and Janet seconded. Motion carried

B. Minutes: Steve gave Shelly copy of corrections that need to be done to April minutes. Shelly made motion to approve April meeting minutes with corrections. Colleen seconded. Minutes approved.

C. No correspondence to report.

D. Financial Report: Steve reported that with income and expenses we ended up the month of April with about \$900. Much lower than past years where we had enough to carry us through summer months. On the year to date report income is 89.6% of what we thought income would be. Expenses are at 95%. Around Feb/March of each year we pay \$11,000 for insurance in one lump sum. The company will not accept monthly payments. We are making a larger mortgage payment (\$2800 extra) than required so there is room to lower that payment if income decreases dramatically. Mary made motion to approve financial report and Karol seconded. All approved.

E. Coffee with Council feedback: Procedure for implementing this monthly time was shared for the new council members. Ideas were added so people were more aware.

F. Consent Agenda: Reports were turned in from Event Coordinator, Worship Board, Fellowship, Property and Pastor. Colleen made motion consent agenda be approved and Mike seconded. CA approved.

III. Unfinished Business:

Burro Sale Funds: Leslie was not present. There was a conversation with some members where funds should be dispersed. No action necessary.

Board and Committee Structure: Steve suggested starting with constitution and have a work session with chairpersons present. After some discussion, Shelly made a motion to invite all current board and comm. Chair persons to a work session at 6:00PM prior to our next council meeting June 21st. Mikael seconded. Motion passed. Shelly volunteered to make invites by phone.

MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2022

IV. New Business:

A. Network Table:

1. Susan Leifer first asked that the line item name on the restricted funds report be changed from Open Table to Network Table. Shelly made a motion to change the line item name from Open Table to Network Table. Colleen seconded. Motion passed.
2. The NT group wants to provide a monthly report, with Shelly acting as liason, to the council. Colleen made motion that Shelly will provide (with input from Kim and Kris) a monthly report of NT progress including funds going in and out. Karol seconded. Motion carried.
3. Susan presented report on the progress with adding new windows to Guiding Light Christian Ed. Center. Advantage windows gave the best estimate. Ten new windows will cost \$5000. They must have \$2500 down payment to put this project on their schedule. \$1500 has been donated (see Network Table Report). Our ministry is asking the council for the remaining \$1000. The windows are desperately needed to keep the heat out and lower the energy costs. Shelly made motion to use \$1000 from undesignated memorial and donate it to Network Table Ministry. Mary seconded. Motion carried.

B. Debt Reduction:

Previous debt reduction campaigns have been successful in decreasing our mortgage owed. Karol made motion to use \$50,000 that has become available as seed money to start another debt reduction campaign in the fall. Mike seconded. Motion passed.

V. Call to congregation:

Comments: None

VI. Closing:

Walk on items: None

Adjourn: Colleen made motion to adjourn. Mike seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM with Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting date June 21st, 2022 @ 7PM (6:00PM work session prior to)

Prayerfully submitted by Shelly Hales council secretary

Mount Olive Lutheran Church

July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 08:00 AM-Worship w/Holy Communion 10:00 AM-Worship w/Holy Communion	4 08:00 AM-Campformation 08:00 AM-Office Closed 09:00 AM-Counters 11:00 AM-4th of July Lunch	5 08:00 AM-Campformation 09:00 AM-Men's Fellowship-LVR 11:00 AM-Staff Meeting - PC Hall	6 08:00 AM-Campformation 01:00 PM-Bible Study-LVR	7 08:00 AM-Campformation 07:00 PM-Boy Scouts-PC Hall	8 08:00 AM-Campformation 08:00 AM-Tops 06:00 PM-VBS Meeting	9 10:00 AM-Praise Band 05:00 PM-Worship
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