



Olive Branch

Mout Olive Lutheran Church

2170 Havasupai Blvd. Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

mtolc.com

August 2022 No. 810

Message from our Pastor

My daughter Grace shared a book with me recently. The author is Cole Arthur Riley, described as a Creator of Black Liturgies. The name of the book is "This Here Flesh".

One chapter is devoted to the topic or theme of "Belonging". Some of the excerpts from this chapter are as follows, "Dietrich Bonhoeffer writes, 'In a Christian community everything depends upon whether each individual is an indispensable link in a chain. Only when even the smallest link is securely interlocked is the chain unbreakable. A community which allows unemployed members to exist within it will perish.'

Cole interjects, "When he uses the word 'unemployed,' I don't believe Bonhoeffer is talking about employment in the economic sense but rather as a fostering of purpose. He meant that each part of a community would have agency to affect the whole, in whatever way that may be---that the community's survival would depend on each link. I have a friend who calls this mutuality, the truth that says, ***We don't just welcome you or accept you; we need you. We are insufficient without you.*** One part's absence renders the whole impoverished in some way, even if the whole didn't previously apprehend it. In mutuality, belonging is both a gift received and a gift given. There is comfort in being welcomed, but there is dignity in knowing that your arrival just shifted a group toward deeper wholeness."

Cole further writes, "People talk about God as three distinct people in one. If this is true, it means the whole cosmos is predicated on a diverse and holy community. And if we bear the image of God, that means we bear the image of a multi-tude. And that to bear the image of God in its fullness, we need each other. May every culture, every household, every community bears that image in a unique way."

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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
Memorial Service
Dick Williams on July 20
Baptism
Josiah Stavroulakis on June 25

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

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

What does this say to us as a community of faith known as Mount Olive Lutheran Church. Have you ever considered the idea or the thought that, as a member of Mount Olive, you are “an indispensable link” in the chain of persons that make up this faith family? What might our faith community here at Mount Olive look and feel like if we each took on the perspective and attitude that, “we are insufficient without each other?” That your being here, present on a regular, ongoing basis “would have agency to affect the whole.” That your being here, helps “a fostering of our purpose.”

Having a sense of belonging is something that I believe all of us struggle with in a certain sense. With regard to being an “indispensable link” here at Mount Olive, I wonder if that perspective, along with your presence “fostering our purpose” would help you in your decision to participate and be more active in the life and ministry of our faith community. I hope you take some time to contemplate what that looks like for you in your “belonging” here at Mount Olive.

In this season of Pentecost, be attentive to the presence of the Holy Spirit in your daily walk. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love, send forth your Spirit and we shall be created and you shall renew the faith of the earth.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Craig

August

Birthdays



- 1) Gus Bader
Eleanor Dewey
- 2) Dale Rieth
- 3) Alice Hayes
Al Murray
Kent Swearingen
- 5) Sara Lynnes
- 6) Zachary Leifer
Tyson Allen
- 7) Jackie Schneidewind
- 8) Ronald Kapellusch
- 10) Diane McCue
Joan Morbeto
Judith Muselman

- Jean Steele
- 11) John Hansen
Ethan Townsend
 - 12) Elaine Olson
Linda Rieth
Mimi Schmaltz
 - 13) Nicholas Gutierrez
Beverly Swanson
Sammy Turner
 - 14) Douglas Pehling
Roennell Royer
 - 15) Dan Panno
 - 16) James Day
Jennifer Hebb
Marie Murray
Joe Ronningen
 - 17) Joseph Mizia
 - 19) Naomi Gilbertson
Alex Martinez

- Sharon Martinez
Will Wright
- 21) Jill Ada
Christy Anderson
Wayne Malone Sr.
 - 22) Anna Cobb
Beverly Sandness
 - 23) Gail Yeager
 - 24) Carole Nelson
 - 25) Sue Townsend
 - 26) Owen Richards-Nygren
 - 28) Linda Schulzkump
 - 29) Marilyn Flick
 - 30) Gary Powers
Dotti Spivey
Lon Statton
 - 31) Charles Finnicum

Address Updates

Robert Streeter—2100 N. Wisconsin St Room 220, Mitchell, SD 57301

Barbara Pollard—120 S. 22nd St, Montpelier, ID 85254

August Readings

August 6 & 7: Genesis 15: 1-6; Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16; Luke 12: 32-40; Psalm 33: 12-22
August 13 & 14: Jeremiah 23: 23-29; Hebrews 11: 29 — 12:2; Luke 12: 49-56; Psalm 82
August 20 & 21: Isaiah 58: 9b-14; Hebrews 12: 18-29; Luke 13: 10-17; Psalm 103: 1-8
August 27 & 28: Proverbs 25: 6-7; Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16; Luke 14: 1, 7-14; Psalm 112



Memorial Gifts



In memory of Dick Williams by Betty Christenberry to the Undesignated Memorial Fund.
 In memory of Dick Williams by Jim & Delores Rucks to the Undesignated Memorial Fund.
 In memory of Dick Williams by Robert & Gloria Iverson to the Building Fund.



Pictured Left: Herb Anderson presenting a check to Kathy DeClark from Faith & Grace in the amount of \$2000 from the proceeds of the White Burro Sale.

Pictured Right: Mike Flesher presenting a check to Linda Siever of Havasu Community Health Foundation in the amount of \$2000 from the proceeds of the White Burro Sale.



Mike Lunderborg presented the check to Havasu Community Health Foundation Food Bank to Manager, Colleen Mattinson, for the 2nd quarter benevolence in the amount of \$878.65.

If anyone has any non-perishable items they would like to donate to our local Food Bank, please drop them off in the red wagon in the Narthex at services or at the office during business hours.

If you would like to give a monetary donation, please make the check out to HCHF Food Bank and either drop off at the office during business hours or drop it off at the Food Bank located at 1980 N. Kiowa Blvd.



Thank You

and other notes



Save the Date:

**September 24th is the Annual
Potluck Hualapai Mountain
Picnic!**

Relief Support for Ukraine- Lutheran World Relief

The challenge was held on July 30 & 31 and I will report in the September Olive Branch as to the amount that was sent to help with the crisis in Ukraine.

A huge **Thank you** to all of the Mount Olive congregation for the donations. The Lord truly has blessed Mount Olive.

Mark your Calendars

Fellowship luncheon will be held on Labor Day, Monday, September 5, 2022 from 11am to 1pm.

On the menu will be pulled pork sandwiches, salads, etc.

This will be a free will donation and a great time to meet and visit with fellow members or friends. All are welcome.

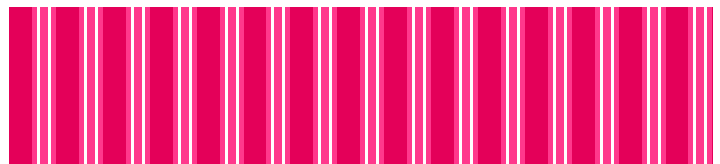
Hope to see you all there. Never know, I may surprise you with some of my cooking.

With September being Hunger Awareness Month, I would like to ask everyone to bring a non-perishable food item to this event so that we can collect as much as possible for our local Food Bank.

Bless each of you for the great support.

Wanda Shockley
Office Manager

We are getting closer to a nice cool adventure for all ages. Beginning the end of August, there will be sign up sheets in the Narthex and on our website so you can sign up to join us. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up or clean up. We will be at Site 3 from 11AM to 3:00PM. Saturday worship will **NOT** be held at the church at 5pm. It will be held at the picnic with time to be determined! Bring a dish to share, there is refrigeration and some electrical outlets available. Let us know if you may need a ride. We hope you can join us. Please contact the office during working hours or Alice Hayes 201-694-0381 in the evenings.



A note from Helen Williams & family

So many thanks to my Church family for the cards, phone calls and memorials to me and my family during Dick's death and memorial.

It gave us such comfort to have your Prayers and attendance with us to celebrate his life.



Network Table Article for Olive Branch July 25, 2022

By: Kim Corbin

Say that again? What is Mount Olive’s Network Table all about?

We get these questions all the time. We know it’s confusing, it’s out there. We have a tough time explaining it ourselves. We spent an entire sermon a couple weeks ago hoping to bring a little clarity. If you missed it, here are a few 30-second elevator speeches to break down what we are about. If you know the answers, good for you! There are other Olive Branch articles waiting for you!

What is a network table and who is Open Table?

Open Table trains groups of people in methods and practices to reach out to their personal connections (relational capital or social capital) to help support individuals or community organizations with complex needs. Relationship is the key. Open Table is a non-profit based out of Phoenix. The first tables were church-sponsored and churches continue to understand the impact this training provides for powerful outreach. **Network Table** is a group of individuals trained specifically to assist an organization (such as a child care organization) rather than supporting an individual.

What is First Things First? First Things First is Arizona’s only state agency specifically supporting early childhood: children birth to age five. They are committed to the healthy development and learning of all Arizona’s young children. First Things First serves Arizona through grants to community organizations that provide services at no cost for young children and their families.

Why are Open Table and First Things First working on this together? Open Table’s CEO Jon Katov and First Things First’s Director of Fund Development & Strategic Investments Stephen Sparks have known each other for several years. Stephen knows about early childhood and the needs of child care organizations in Arizona. Jon knows how to train people to help organizations in need. Child care in Arizona is in need. It’s a match made in heaven!

We continue to work on our windows, doors, playground fall zones and periodontic work projects. Please pray for us as we reach out, with Jesus as our guide, to support and love Guiding Light Christian Educational Center, their children, families and staff.

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



The Prayer Shawl Ministry group will meet on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, in the Fireside Room at 10 a.m. All are welcome to join us.

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.



The Friendship Café
OPEN

Sunday, 7am to Noon

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



Hello August!! It's going to be an awesome year! We are going to be doing things a bit different this year! All 5th and 8th graders will now meet on Sundays at 9:15am before church! We are starting our "BE BOLD" classes and have a great curriculum and fun planned.

Pits will begin meeting on Thursday August 18th @ 6:30 – 8:00. Pits are for all of those in high school! Grab a friend and we will see you there!

August 7th is RALLY DAY! Bring your backpacks to be blessed and hang out for some fun and lunch. There will be a waterslide so grab your swim suit and a towel!!

Mark your calendars for our annual Hualapai picnic on September 24th. This is a great opportunity to meet other congregation members and enjoy some cool weather in the pines! More details to follow

Just a reminder that if you need a ride to and/or from Be BOLD, pits or events, PLEASE let me know! Also please do not hesitate to call Jill (928-486-0787) if you have any questions or concerns!



Looking forward to a terrific year!!

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

Event Coordinator Message

August 2022

With summer coming to a close (on the calendar at least) we still have a couple months of warm weather upon us. The kids are returning to school and our ministry groups will be planning their return as well. We have several activities and events coming up.

For youth and families you are all invited:

Sunday School, Youth Group, & Family Fellowship Host- Rally Day August 7th at 11:15am

Sunday School- August 14th and following Sundays at 10:15am

5-8th Transition Ministry- August 14th and following Sundays at 9:15am

Pits High School group will begin August 18th and following Thursdays 6:30-8p

Parents: 9:15am Sundays for Connection and Faith building

Congregation:

August 9th at 6pm Outreach meets

August 15th at 6:30pm Family Fellowship

August 16th at 7pm COUNCIL 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 and YouTube!

Jenifer Clark, Event Coordinator

August 2022

Sunday School



HUGE THANKS to all the volunteers of our MONUMENTAL VBS! So grateful for your call to action and making this VBS so much fun!

Get ready and grab your swimsuits, we will be bringing back the water slide for **Rally Day!**

August 7th at 11:15am we will be hosting our annual Sunday school Rally day and Blessing of the Backpacks. Students please bring: Your backpack, swimsuit and towel! We will be handing our Blessing tags for you to keep on your backpack all year round. See the registration desk for a Water slide waiver and register for this year's Sunday school.

Our 5-8th Graders will be part of a new transitional ministry and will be joining Jill Ada in the youth room at 9:15am on Sundays. For parents we welcome you to take a few moments to yourselves and gather together in support and connection. We will offer a very informal ministry opportunity designed to help you connect to other parents and caregivers.

For any questions, to register or volunteer please contact Jen Clark at event@mtolc.com or 928-662-8764

Jenifer Clark, Sunday School Coordinator

MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2022

Absent: Jim Day (president), Butch Shaffer (V. P.), Mikael Ash

Call to order: Steve Philo (acting chair) called meeting to order at 7:00PM

Pastor Craig shared opening prayer and Kris gave devotions.

II. Standing Agenda Items:

A. Adoption of Agenda: Pastor said to add Ukraine support under New Business. Colleen moved agenda be accepted with addition and Karol seconded. Agenda accepted.

B. Minutes Mary made motion that minutes from May's meeting be approved as written. Kris seconded. Minutes from May 17, 2022 approved.

C. Correspondence: Kris read thank you note from Network Table Team

D. Financial report: Steve said for May there was \$381.97 in expenses OVER what the income was. The Jan . - May income and expenses report revealed negative \$6316.80. He plans to analyze the figures further looking at the % of budget for specific expenses. Kris made a motion to approve the financial report and Shelly seconded. Report approved.

E. Coffee with Council feedback: Mike reported there were concerns about not making congregation aware of where money is going in a timely manner.

F. Consent Agenda: Four reports were submitted: Pastor, Fellowship, Property, 2 from Christian Ed. Colleen made a motion to approve CA and Mary seconded. Consent Agenda approved by all.

III. Unfinished Business:

Distribution of Funds from Burro Sale: Leslie submitted report verifying the committee recommended \$2000 each be given to Havasu Health Foundation, Faith and Grace and Arizona's Children LHC Star Program. Make made motion to approve this and Kris seconded. Motion passed. There was a suggestion that specific written procedures and rationale be adopted for future Burro Sales regarding how profits are distributed.

Financial Records Retention Policy: Steve explained changes and additions done to policies on the document in council packet. An addition was that records may be retained in paper or electronic format at the discretion of the office manager. Timecards -2 years and employee files – 3 years after employment ends. Now there are some boxes of files that can be shredded making more space in the office!

Columbarium Expansion: The council has questions about **why and how** the decision came about for this summer's holiday get togethers (that Janice Dewey started many years ago as ways for our 3 different congregations to mingle) be slated as fundraisers for enlarging the Columbarium. There has not been a report submitted from this board in over a year. Mary made a motion that this board needs to present a written proposal to the council explaining their reasons to raise money to enlarge the Columbarium at this time. Shelly seconded. Motion carries. Mike agreed to notify Gary Powers.

MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2022

IV. New Business:

Network Table Update: Kris briefly reported on the Network Table Ministry progress. Shelly will make the correction she noted in the detailed report submitted via email as part of the council packet. Mary made a motion to approve this report as corrected and make it part of the monthly consent agenda. Karol seconded. Motion passed.

Donation Letter Templates: Included in this month's packet are examples of generic letters **thanking** people or organizations for their financial donations or memorial gifts. These letters can be edited as needed. Members decided exact dollar amounts should not be included. Colleen made a motion that these letters should be used. Kris seconded. Motion carries.

Explanation of readings: Mike stated that there are many people who would appreciate more detailed background be given for the readings each week. Pastor was interested. This suggestion will be passed on to the Worship Board (who do not meet again until Sept)

Youth Participation: Tabled for future meetings

Ukraine support: Pastor explained that he was given a gift of \$500 for Ukraine relief from someone that wants to remain anonymous, but also wants the council's support in encouraging others to give as well. Discussion transpired and we agreed to have a basket set up after services on a date (TBD) where others can also give for this cause. The funds will be sent through the Synod (Lutheran World Relief). Mary made a motion to support this gift of \$500 and set up a date, to be determined, to provide baskets at services for adding more to it. Kris seconded. Motion carried.

V. Call to congregation:

Comments: Wanda said that Janice wants the decision made for where the funds will go at the Labor Day Luncheon. There was discussion about the need for the council to set a specific direction on how to decide what the funds will be used for.

VI. Closing:

Walk on items: Pastor brought up idea to use the \$50,000 donation previously received for debt reduction now towards the loan principle rather than holding on to the funds for the future date, yet to be determined, for the congregational challenge. Colleen made a motion to use the funds to pay towards the mortgage principal now. Kris seconded. Motion passed.

There was also a discussion about people writing checks designated to be used towards principal only. Bookkeeping is very difficult when trying to use the checks in this capacity on a weekly basis. Pastor said we need a motion to have a specific amount or higher that donations should be to immediately be deposited towards the principal of our loan. Shelly made a motion that all donations at \$3000 or higher will go towards the loan principal right away. Karol seconded. Motion passed.

Adjourn: Colleen made motion to adjourn. Kris seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM with The Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting date July 19, 2022 @ 7PM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church

August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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09:00 AM-Counters 05:30 PM-Cub scouts	09:00 AM-Men's Fellowship-LVR 11:00 AM-Staff Meeting - PC Hall	01:00 PM-Bible Study-LVR	06:30 PM-Boy Scouts	08:00 AM-Tops	10:00 AM-Praise Band 05:00 PM-Worship w/Holy Communion	
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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