



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**

**August 2023 No. 822**

## Message from our Pastor

We are currently in that period of the summer referred to as the “dog days”. It has a reference to the star Sirius, also known as the “Dog Star”. During the dog days of summer, the sun occupies the same region of the sky as Sirius, the brightest star visible from any part of the earth. Ancient Romans believed it actually gave off heat and added to the Sun’s warmth. Whatever the reason may be, it is definitely hot out there. Just a tidbit of trivia to spark your interest.

One of my favorite songs when I was in my teens was the song “Pass it On”. It came to life and was written back in 1969 by Kurt Kaiser. Kurt was collaborating on a musical with Ralph Carmichael. The name of the musical was, “Tell it Like it Is”. It was written to get young people involved in the church.

They felt they needed some kind of a closer song (a modern day, “Just as I Am”) On a Sunday night after church, Kurt was sitting in his den by the fireplace where there were remnants of a fire, and it occurred to him “it only takes a spark to get a fire going” and the rest came very quickly. It only took about 20 minutes to write the lyrics. It is said that this song, “Pass it On” became the banner song of the Jesus Movement. I have no doubt this is true.

Kurt’s greatest thrill came when he saw 100,000 people at the Cotton Bowl singing this song. Kurt remembers that night. “they were lighting candles off one another and the whole place was singing....”It only takes a spark to get a fire going.....”

The lyrics to the song are:

It only takes a spark to get a fire going, And soon all those around, can warm up in its glowing, That’s how it is with God’s love, once you’ve experienced it You spread His love to everyone, you want to pass it on.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP, SERVICE, and EDUCATION

### Currently we offer

#### Worship

**Saturday** 5:00pm Traditional  
**Sunday** 9:00am Blended  
**Live Stream** 9:00am Blended

Visit our website [mtolc.com](http://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.

<b>Family Fellowship</b>	3rd Monday 6:00 pm
<b>Al-Anon</b>	Monday at 7:00pm
<b>Men’s Fellowship</b>	Tuesday at 9:00am
<b>Prayer Shawls</b>	2nd Tuesday 10:00am
<b>Outreach (Library)</b>	2nd Tuesday 6:00pm
<b>Gospel Guys</b>	TBD
<b>Chancel Choir</b>	TBD
<b>Ladies Ensemble</b>	TBD
<b>Quilters</b>	TBD
<b>TOPS</b>	Fridays at 8:00am
<b>TOPS</b>	Saturday at 8:00am
<b>Praise Band</b>	Saturday at 9:00am
<b>Sunday School</b>	TBD

### LISTEN

KNLB FM 91.1 [knlb.com](http://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...Liaison.....PG & E

Colleen Klatt....Treasurer.....Liaison...Family Fellowship

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.....Outreach

Ernie Swanson.....Liaison.....TBD

Craig Corbin.....The Church

Pastoral Acts

**In Person Worship Hours**

**5:00 pm Saturday - Traditional**

**In Person & Live Stream**

**Worship Hours**

**9:00 am Sunday—Blended—All month**

**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*

What a wondrous time in spring, when all the trees are budding,  
 The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming  
 That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it,  
 It's fresh like spring, you want to sing, you want to pass it on.

I wish for you my friend, this happiness that I've found  
 You can depend on Him, no matter where you're bound  
I'll shout it from the mountaintops, I want my world to know,  
 The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

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Most everything in this world that comes into being, starts out small, vulnerable and oftentimes unnoticed. The imagery of a spark is one that is useful to carry with us as we journey through this life of faith. The imagery of a light in the midst of the darkness is one that all of us can take to heart. Each of us has that light within us. It is the light of Christ's love that has taken root in us. It is a light that someone else once shared with us, who introduced the light of Christ to us. It is a light that makes its home in us. It is a light that is meant to be shared and given away. The light of Christ that is in us, is a light that is constantly being recharged and reignited in us.

You have the light of Christ within you, share it, show it and speak it. You never know when one small spark from the light that is within you will touch the life of another person.

Grace and Peace,                      Pastor Craig

# \*\*\*COUNCIL NEWS\*\*\*

**Good day to all from your council president,**

Our monthly meetings since the May election have been very productive. We have had several significant items on our agenda. The most important is a recommendation we want to share with you. Constitutional guidelines require us to notify the congregation of a special meeting to communicate this council proposal.

On **September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023** there will be a **special congregational meeting at 11:30 AM**. This meeting will be short, but your attendance is extremely important because your input and vote are crucial.

**The purpose of the meeting** is to **consider a “bylaw change”** recommendation from the church council. **Current Bylaw; C10.01.01 Bylaw** states: “The Congregational Council shall determine the times of regular congregation meetings. This congregation will hold two regular meetings each year; the annual meeting in May for election of officers, and the semi-annual meeting in December for approval of the budget. Additional business may be transacted at these regular meetings when included on the published agenda.” (12/6/2020)

**Recommended Bylaw change will read as follows:** “The Congregational Council shall determine the times of regular congregation meetings. This congregation will hold **one** regular meeting each year; the annual meeting in **December, for election of (church council members) officers and for approval of the budget.** Additional business may be transacted at these regular meetings when included on the published agenda.”

**The other purpose of the special meeting,** (IF the bylaw recommendation passes), is **to elect a nominating committee,** to prepare a slate of candidates for church council to be voted upon at the December annual meeting.

There will be a vote on the council recommendation. The church’s success and growth can only occur when all its members are aware of the upcoming changes.

Hope to see you there!    Peace be with you,                      Shelly Hales

# August Birthdays



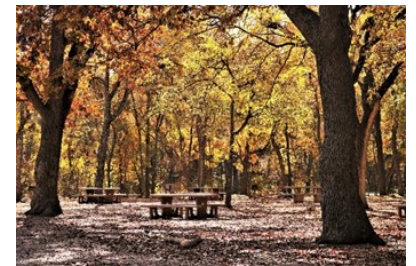
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| 1) Gus Bader  | 11) Remy Bingle<br>John Hansen<br>Ethan Townsend       | 21) Wayne Malone Sr                             |
| 3) Alice Hayes<br>Al Murray<br>Kent Swearingen                    | 12) Elaine Olson<br>Mimi Schmaltz                      | 22) Anna Cobb<br>Beverly Sandness               |
| 5) Sara Lynnes  | 13) Nicholas Gutierrez<br>Bev Swanson                  | 23) Gail Yeager                                 |
| 6) Zachary Leifer<br>Allen Tyson                                  | 14) Doug Pehling<br>Roennell Royer                     | 24) Carole Nelson                               |
| 7) Jackie Schneidewind  | 15) Dan Panno  | 25) Susan Collins<br>Sue Townsend               |
| 8) Ronald Kapellusch  | 16) Jim Day<br>Jennifer Hebb                           | 26) Owen Richards-Nygren                        |
| 10) Diane McCue<br>Joan Morbeto<br>Judith Muselman<br>Jean Steele | 17) Joseph Mizia                                       | 28) Linda Schulzkump                            |
|   | 19) Naomi Gilbertson<br>Sharon Martinez<br>Will Wright | 29) Marilyn Flick                               |
|   | 21) Christy Anderson                                   | 30) Gary Powers<br>Dotti Spivey<br>Lon Stratton |
|   |  | 31) Charles Finnicum                            |



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 23<sup>rd</sup> is our Annual Hualapai Mountain Picnic. Watch for more information!



## August Readings

August 5 & 6: Isaiah 55: 1-5; Romans 9: 1-5; Matthew 14: 13-21; Psalm 145: 8-9, 14-21

August 12 & 13: 1 Kings 19: 9-18; Romans 10: 5-15; Matthew 14: 22-33; Psalm 85: 8-13

August 19 & 20: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8; Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15: [10-20] 21-28; Psalm 67

August 26 & 27: Isaiah 51: 1-6; Romans 12: 1-8; Matthew 16: 13-20; Psalm 138

# Notes

## Summer Bible Study

Meets in the Lakeview room at 1pm

August 2, 2023

August 16, 2023

August 30, 2023

Join Janet Pippin and many others for bible study and fellowship.



The Friendship Café  
OPEN

Sunday, 8am to 11am  
Wednesdays  
Closed until  
October

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

## Address Updates

Pat Scheel—90 S. Smoketree, LHC, AZ 86403

Paul Wooster—1630 S. Palo Verde Blvd, LHC, AZ 86403



Prayer shawl group will meet August 8th at 10:00 in the Fireside Room. All are welcome to join us!! The air conditioning will be on!!

Kathy Sporre- 928-706-4626

Jerry Bodnar- 928-680-1847

Dorothy Schneider- 928-453-8560



## Memorials



In memory of Ken Niebuhr to the Music fund by Judy Thomas.

In memory of Gaynell Jackson, Frances Bertles, Bob Streeter to the Outreach fund by Herb & Pam Andersons.

In memory of Gaynell Jackson to the Prayer Shawl fund by Jerry & Jeff Bodnar.

In memory of Frances Bertles to the Prayer Shawl fund by Bernie & Kathy Sporre.

In memory of Frances Bertles to the Cursillo fund by Betty Christenberry.

In memory of Sharon Flesher to the Music fund by Barb Pollard.

# Other Notes

## 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!

### This month's questions:

- 1) From Exodus 2, who became a fugitive after killing an Egyptian? Exodus 2: 11-15
- 2) From Proverbs, "The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Proverbs 9:10
- 3) What prophetess of about eighty-four years of age approached Mary and Joseph and thanked God for the infant Jesus? Luke 2: 33-38

### Answers from last month's questions:

- 1) Before the Tower of Babel, how many different languages were in the world? Genesis 11: 1,4,9 **One**
- 2) What church did John describe as one with an "open door"? Revelations 3: 7-8 **Philadelphia**
- 3) "Restore unto me the joy of thy \_\_\_\_\_" Psalm 51: 12 **Salvation & sustain in me a willing spirit**

## Sunday Worship

August 20, 2023

Sunday worship will be returning to 2 services:

**8am & 10am**



## Holiday Resale

The Holiday Boutique has a new name: HOLIDAY RESALE. A better description of what it is !!

So if you are spending these HOT days cleaning out closets or your garage we will be collecting your Holiday items on October 3-4 Tuesday or Wednesday from 8am to 2 pm at the Fireside door facing the parking lot. So mark your calendar.

Remember it's Valentines, St. Patrick's, Easter, Halloween (including costumes), Thanksgiving, and of course Christmas. Any Holiday clothing also. Looking forward to lots of wonderful treasures.

Any questions please call Barbara Hanson at 928-208-8551.



# Happy Work Anniversary



**Janice Dewey**  
**Friendship Café**  
**Coordinator**

Janice moved to Lake Havasu City with her husband and children in May of 1970. She attended cosmetology school in Phoenix shortly thereafter and would travel home every other weekend to spend time with family and take care of different things.

She opened Janice's Beauty Salon after completing school and continues to work 3 days a week in the salon.

She has been a volunteer with Mount Olive for more than 50 years and continues to volunteer with the Praise Band, Choir, Worship Assistant, Altar Guild, Lector and many other areas as needed. She is currently helping the quilters with making quilt tops and fidget quilts.

She would like everyone to know how blessed she is. Her favorite quote is "What comes around goes around". Her favorite bible verse is John 3:16

She started with the café on August 20, 2011 and enjoys meeting people and visiting with everyone. She also enjoys putting together the luncheons that the family does yearly on Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Labor Day. Janice has also been a huge part of putting together the Thanksgiving meal by providing the meat and then the congregation brings a dish to share.

# Program & Communication Manager

**August 2023**

August marks back to school for many of our families. Our groups are keeping it quiet during the hot summer days! Take time to enjoy friends, family, and fellowship! Stay safe by eating lots of fresh fruit and keeping hydrated! We are looking forward to our Youth gathering again to meet for Confirmation classes and Youth Band. Let us know, there are ways you can help support families, contact Jen Clark for more information.

## **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 August 8th at 10 am in the Fireside Room

Outreach— meets on August 8th at 6 pm in the Library

Council—meets on August 15th at 7 pm in the Lakeview room

Bible Study—with Janet Pippin on August 2nd, 16th and 30th at 1 pm in the Lakeview Room

## **SPECIAL NOTICES:**

THANK YOU to all the VBS volunteers for pulling together a FANTASTIC program for our youth!

Blended worship's last 9 am service is August 13th,

Confirmation classes start soon, contact Pastor Craig Corbin for more information

**Worship Service Time Change 9:00 A.M. Blended Service**

**Sundays Only Thru August 13th**

We will be returning to the 8 am and 10 am worship schedule on August 20th

**August 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](mailto:event@mtolc.com) or 928-662-8764

HUGE THANKS TO ALL VBS VOLUNTEERS AND PARTICIPANTS!!

*Jenifer Clark*



# MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Council Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2023

**Call to Order:** President Shelly Hales called to order the regular meeting of the Mount Olive Lutheran Church Council at 7:02 pm on June 20, 2023 in the Lakeview Room.

**In Attendance:** Shelly Hales, Jim Day, Colleen Klatt, Susan Leifer, Pastor Craig, Jeff Bodnar Jr., Karol Falsetti, Mike Flesher, Mary Hawkins, Hannah Joy, and Craig Medhaug.

**Devotions and Opening Prayer:** Pastor Craig led us in opening prayer. Shelly Hales shared the devotion.

**Additions to the Agenda:** Shelly Hales called for any additions to the agenda. Hearing none, Jim Day moved to accept the agenda as presented. Mary Hawkins seconded. Motion carried.

**Minutes from the Last Meeting:** Shelly Hales called for any corrections or additions to the May 16, 2023 minutes. Jim Day moved to approve the minutes as written. Colleen Klatt seconded. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Two cards congratulating Jesse and Jenifer Clarke on their service anniversaries were circulated for Council signatures.

**Financials:** Colleen Klatt presented the financial reports for May 2023. She noted that income from April was counted and recorded in May which resulted in a higher than actual reported net income for May. Year to date, we are ahead by a little more than \$10,448. Mike Flesher moved to accept the reports as presented. Craig Medhaug seconded. Motion carried.

**Coffee with the Council Update:** Susan Leifer gave feedback from June's Coffee with Council. No immediate action items are to be taken, but comments and concerns were noted.

**Consent Agenda:** Shelly Hales moved to accept the consent agenda with the following reports being received: Family Fellowship, Network Table, Outreach, Pastor's Report, Personnel Committee, Program & Communications Manager and Property. Shelly Hales asked to pull the Network Table report. Pastor Craig asked to pull the Personnel report. Jim Day moved to accept the consent agenda as amended. Colleen Klatt seconded. Motion carried.

Renee Jennings presented the updated personnel job descriptions packet. Colleen Klatt suggested that the job descriptions for Bookkeeper and Treasurer be removed from the packet as these are not paid positions. Shelly Hales moved to accept the job descriptions (with the removal of Bookkeeper and Treasurer) as presented. Mary Hawkins seconded. Motion carried.

Shelly Hales reported that the last meeting of the Network Table occurred on June 14. The loan from the Church has been paid back in full. She requested that the restricted fund line item for the Table be closed, with the balance of \$20.00 moved to the Vacation Bible School (VBS) fund. Susan Leifer moved to close the account and transfer the \$20.00 as suggested. Karol Falsetti seconded. Motion carried.

# MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Council Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2023

### Unfinished Business:

Audit Committee: The committee needs one additional member. Colleen Klatt will make the request for a volunteer from the congregation at both services.

Long Range Planning: Jim day spoke with the facilitator and sent feedback from the April 22<sup>nd</sup> Council retreat. The next step is to develop a survey to be distributed to the congregation. Anyone interested in being part of the survey task force should contact President Shelly Hales.

Café Refrigerator: Thank you to Jim Day for his part in obtaining the new refrigerator which is now up and running.

Window for Front Office: Tabled until the contractor who will do the install is back in town.

Updated By-Laws: The updated/changed By-law to move to one congregational meeting per year was included in the Council packet. Shelly Hales moved to accept the new By-law as written. Karol Falsetti seconded. Discussion as to how to handle to existing terms of council members followed. Susan Leifer moved to shorten the terms of the outgoing members by 6 months ending in December of 2023 as opposed to extending 6 months ending in December of 2024 to accommodate the new, yearly calendar. Shelly Hales seconded. Motion carried.

Shelly Hales moved to set September 17<sup>th</sup> as the date for a special congregational meeting to vote on the new By-law. Colleen Klatt seconded. Motion carried.

A nominating committee of five members (2 outgoing council members and 3 members of the congregation) will be named at the upcoming July council meeting to be presented to the congregation for a vote at the September 17<sup>th</sup> congregational meeting.

### New Business:

Remembrance Tree Fundraiser: Jim Day moved to approve the fundraiser as presented in the Council packet. Colleen Klatt seconded. Motion carried.

**Call to the Congregation:** Wanda Shockley is looking for an updated list of boards/committees and their members. Council liaisons are to provide that information to her by the next meeting.

Individuals watching our live stream commented that for the past few weeks the sound is either of poor quality or non-existent. Shelly Hales will ask Jenifer Clark to investigate.

**Walk on Items:** None

**Motion to Adjourn:** Jim Day moved to adjourn. Colleen Klatt seconded. Motion carried. President Shelly Hales adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

**The next meeting is set for July 18, 2023**

# Mount Olive Lutheran Church

## August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 09:00 AM-Men's Fellowship- lib 11:00 AM-Staff Meeting - PC Hall	<b>2</b> 01:00 PM-Summer Bible Study 05:30 PM-Book Club	<b>3</b> 01:00 PM-Craft'n Friends- P. Hall	<b>4</b> 08:00 AM-Tops-P. Hall	<b>5</b> 08:00 AM-Tops - P. Hall 09:00 AM-Praise Band 12:00 PM-Flips 4 Fun Party PC 05:00 PM-Worship w/Holy Communion
<b>6</b> 08:00 AM-Cafe open 09:00 AM-Worship w/Holy Communion	<b>7</b> 05:30 PM-Cub Scouts 992 07:00 PM-Al-anon- Lib	<b>8</b> 09:00 AM-Men's Fellowship- lib 10:00 AM-Prayer Shawl- FSR 06:00 PM-Outreach-Library 06:00 PM-Worship Board- Cafe	<b>9</b> 05:30 PM-Book Club	<b>10</b> 01:00 PM-Craft'n Friends- P. Hall 06:00 PM-Boy Scouts	<b>11</b> 08:00 AM-Tops-P. Hall	<b>12</b> 08:00 AM-Tops - P. Hall 09:00 AM-Praise Band 12:00 PM-Private Party Cafe 05:00 PM-Worship
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