

# MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

MAY 2023

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## SPECIAL POINT OF INTEREST:

- **Donations needed - All of the following may be brought to the church at anytime, however we are emphasizing the following items for each of the upcoming months.**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings in the Name of Our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ!

What a month that has transpired, and as the cornerstone of the month, and as it is always, Easter and the Empty Tomb. It is why we gather every Sunday and celebrate with joy, our fellowship in Christ and in His resurrection. But how does this good news affect us for the remainder of the week? How do we translate this message into a message of mission and of hope to the community?

These are the very questions we asked of ourselves as the Elders, and I gathered in Retreat this past week. Gathered around prayer and Fellowship of the Spirit, we searched the scriptures and sought His guidance in helping ourselves be better leaders, and for how best to support and encourage our brothers and sisters.

With Study of the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:37-40) and the Great commission (Matthew 28:19-20) we looked at and identified 5 great purposes of the Church then, and now. They are:

Love the Lord with all your heart...

Love your neighbor!

Go, and Make Disciples

Baptizing them (Focus on the Means of Grace)

Teaching them EVERYTHING that I have taught you.

After much discussion, we rated ourselves and the Congregation as to how we saw ourselves in carrying out these 5 purposes in the life of the church.

Our Afternoon/evening session revolved around the study of about two dozen scripture verses that gave guidance on questions of "What is the church?" and "Why is it here?" These passages helped remind us of what Jesus did while He walked the earth and what He expressed He desired of His church to do. We then turned the focus on Mount Olive and reaffirmed

**FROM THE PASTOR... CONTINUED**

what we are to be as a church, what we are to DO as a church, and discovered ways to lead the congregation in action within our community.

The Elders and I are committed to the mission of the Church at large, and specifically this Church of God in Our Community, and encouraging one another in our walk with Christ.

Christ > Congregation > Community...

What does this mean?

We continually connect with Christ in order that our community may connect with Him through us, and thus be with us IN Him.

God's Easter Blessings upon you all,

Pastor Bill, Deacon Hank, and Your Elders: Max, Bob, Dan and Gordy

**100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Come out and celebrate with us! Mount Olive is preparing for their 100th Anniversary of Bringing Christ to the community! And so In preparations, we will have a "Mini" celebration on May 21st, 2023

We will have ONE service at 10:00am followed by a luncheon in the Martin Luther Room. Memorabilia will be out on display for all to see!

97 years! Come join us and bring a friend!



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**VBS PLANS ANNOUNCEMENT!**

Mount Olive will be hosting a VBS/Back to school Jamboree on campus August 7-11, 2023. Geared for ages K-5th Grades, we will also include an Adult Bible Class this year as well.

In the tradition of the Back to School jamboree, we will also be offering the opportunity for children to receive new backpacks and school supplies, as well as an assortment of shoes, jackets, and clothing.

Look for more detailed information to come as we move further along. As will all things of ministry, our successes come from God, and usually through His Church. If you can volunteer to help in the many ways to serve, please add your name to the sign-up in the Foyer of Church.

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March - Jackets. (These may be gently used but please in good wearable condition.)

April - Socks and Underwear (New Only)

May - Shoes (New Only)

June - Clothing (May be new or used, but clean and good, wearable condition)

July - Backpacks and School Supplies. (New Only)

We will begin asking for food donations once the menus are complete.

Thank you so much for your help.

Any Questions, please see Deb, Phylliss or Pastor.



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**Mount Olive  
Lutheran Church**

[www.mtoliveshelton.org](http://www.mtoliveshelton.org)

Veterans & Active Military Personnel First  
Responders & Civic Leaders



We invite you to attend a  
**Flag Retirement Ceremony**

Wednesday, June 14th, 11:10 am  
Mount Olive Lutheran Church  
206 E Wyandotte Ave, Shelton WA 98584

We want to say Thank You To all who took the oath  
to serve and defend our freedom  
And to Remember all Who made the ultimate  
sacrifice

***Coffee & Snack reception following***

**ALTAR GUILD**

The second part of the Time of Easter begins with Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week and reflects the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and sets into motion the plot of the religious leaders to have Jesus put to death.

Holy Week continues with Maundy Thursday which commemorates the institution of the Lord’s Supper as a lasting “memorial “ of Christ’s Passion.

Maundy Thursday begins a single service spanning 3 days called the “Tridium”, the commandment “Love one another “ was given to the disciples. The stripping of the Altar is symbolic of Christ’s humiliation at the hands of the Roman soldiers.

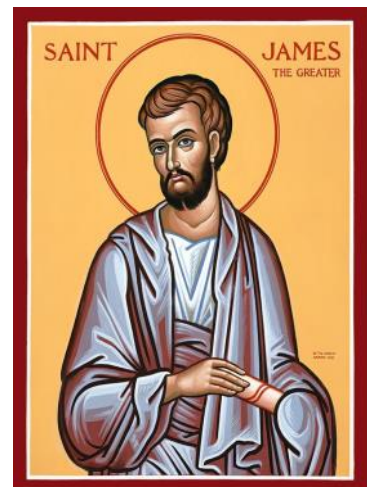
Good Friday observes the crucifixion with a Tenebrae service in which a series of candles are extinguished following scripture readings. At the end of the service the Christ candle is extinguished and carried out. The Strepitus is heard symbolizing the earthquake following Christ’s death, the destruction of the temple and the sealing of the tomb. The Christ candle is then re-lit and returned symbolizing God’s presence among us.

Holy Saturday, also called the Easter Vigil, ends the Lenten season, falling on the day before Easter Sunday. This observance commemorates the final day of Christ’s death and His triumphant descent and victory over death into Hell.

Easter Sunday celebrates the resurrection of our Lord and is the high point of the Church year. The Paschal candle reminds us of the victory over darkness and death. Easter Sunday is then followed by 6 Sunday’s.



- It was his mother who asked Jesus to give her sons places on His left and right.



**MAY : BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**



- 05/02 Lori Netzel
- 05/03 Cheryl Sexton
- 05/13 Mary Hansen
- 05/15 Ted Johnson
- 05/22 Dave Rolfs
- 05/23 Peggy Moore
- 05/23 David Stevens



- 05/02/1987  
Walt & Debra Bezona
- 05/10/1997  
Mark & Linea Hanson
- 05/14/1988  
Dan & Lisa Johnson



# MAY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 10am:Sewing Group	2 6pm: Women's Bible Study	3 10am: Bible Study 12:30 Lydia Ruth Luncheon 6pm: Youth Group	4 6pm: Cancer Survivor's	5	6 1pm: Ladies High Tea
7	8 10am:Sewing Group	9	10 10am:Bible Study	11 10am: Elders Meeting 6pm: Lydia Ruth Circle Mtg	12	13
<b><u>14</u> Mother's Day</b>	15	16 11am: Parkinson's Support Group 6pm: Women's Bible Study	17 10am: Bible Study 6pm: Youth Group	18 <b><u>Ascension Day</u></b>	19	20
Care Net Donations	10am:Sewing Group			4:15pm School Board 5:30pm: Gov Board 7pm: Ascension Day Service		
21 Turning Pointe Donations	22 10am Sewing Group	23	24 10am: Bible Study	25	26	27
10am: 97 Anniversary Service						
11:30am: Anniversary Celebration Luncheon						
28 Armed Forces Sunday Pentacost	<b><u>29</u> Memorial Day</b> <b>DAYCARE/CHURCH CLOSED</b> 10am Sewing Group	30	31 10am:Bible Study			

**DAYCARE & PRESCHOOL UPDATES**

**JESUS JOY MOMENT:** A parent, who often drops off a child during our daily “Jesus Time,” shared with us that she loves it that we center each day around Jesus. She’s able to see the children singing and doing song motions with enthusiasm and JOY. Sharing the love of Jesus with our children is the reason we are serving families of our community. What a BLESSING it is to be able to share Jesus, daily, with our children and their families!

**WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT IN MAY?** We started the month by learning about how God formed us, and that God cares for the flowers and for us. We will learn about how Jesus went back into heaven and how he is always with us.

We will also learn about standing up for what we believe in just like Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego did. We will learn about how God protected them from the hot fire.

We will also learn about doctors, bones, X-rays, flowers, vases, clouds, the sky. We will learn about the color gray, triangles, counting by tens, patterning, sorting by shape, the numbers 4, 5, & 7, and letters Xx, Vv, Pp, Qq.

We will also learn about the following Nursery Rhymes/Songs—Jack be Nimble, It’s Raining, It’s Pouring, Kookaburra, and London Bridge is Falling Down.

**EARLY ACHIEVERS:** We are beginning year three of our three-year cycle. Early Achievers has made many changes since we were last rated. Our coach continues to work with us to prepare us for our next rating.

**HELP NEEDED:** Do you like to assemble things? We have ordered some cabinets for our office, and they will arrive unassembled. We are looking for someone who might be willing to help us assemble them. Please con-



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**DAYCARE & PRESCHOOL UPDATES... CONTINUED**

tact Margarete at (360) 427-3165 if interested in helping.

Thank you!

**YOU ARE APPRECIATED!** Many thanks to those who helped build the wall between the daycare office and the cubby area—Dan Kolman, Dave Rolfs, Pastor Bill, and anyone else who assisted. You are appreciated!

**THANK YOU!** Continued THANKS! To those who faithfully wash and fold our kitchen towels and rags each week—Chris Brotche, Marilyn Cook, Janice McMann, and Margie Rolfs. The second Friday of each month is still open. Thank you, Marilyn Cook, for covering that opening until we can find someone. If you are interested in helping us out by doing laundry one weekend each month, please contact Margarete at (360) 427-3165 or daycaremolc@comcast.net.

**PRAYERS NEEDED:**

\*Please continue to pray for our teachers, children, and families of children, enrolled in our

daycare and preschool program.

\*Pray that our current teachers remain healthy and are eager to continue to serve.

**FACEBOOK:** We have a Facebook page! You will find us at & “Mount Olive Lutheran Daycare and Preschool” Please “Like” us!

Joyfully Serving, Margarete



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**GOVERNANCE BOARD**

*Meeting Held– April 20, 2023*

Financials –

Church is doing well. We are showing a shortfall mostly due to the colder temperatures resulting in higher utility bills.

Schools –

Joe Fenton was unanimously appointed to the Schools Board

Pastor –

Youth group had its first meeting Wednesday April 19th. It was reported that it was a good beginning.

Parkinson’s support group met on Tuesday April 18th. They may be meeting here a few more times before they return to Alpine Way.

Old Business –

Board voted to have flower pots placed in front of the new concrete sidewalk, to keep people from driving on it.

Governance Board Treasurer

David Hamilton



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TREASURER'S REPORT

Mount Olive Treasurer's  
Report  
February 2023

General fund:

Contributions \$9,786

Expenses \$11,475

Net **-\$1,689**

Year to Date Net \$3,337

Daycare/preschool:

Income \$45,106

Expenses \$17,985

Net \$27,121

Year to Date Net \$25,543

If you have questions about any of the above, let me know.

Governance Board Treasurer

David Hamilton

Mount Olive Treasurer's  
Report  
March 2023

General fund:

Contributions \$11,394

Expenses \$15,929

Net **-\$4,535**

Year to Date Net -\$1,320

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### *Sunday Service Schedule*

Contemporary Service 8:30am

Christian Education 10:00am

Traditional Service 11:00am

**(THIS SERVICE IS LIVESTREAMED ON FACEBOOK)**

