

MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

JULY/AUGUST 2022

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SPECIAL POINT OF INTEREST:

- I will also be reaching out to the chaplain's offices in Bremerton and Tacoma, once we have a semblance of a team in place.

FROM THE PASTOR

Any navigator, whether it be by land or sea, will tell you how crucial it is to keep checking your position and compare it to the course you set. This way you can correct your progress and adjust your plans to stay on course to reach your destination. The same is true in business, and certainly also true in Ministry.

But what about unplanned and unforeseen obstacles? In his book, "Canoeing the Mountains," Ted Bolsinger reflects on the journey of Lewis and Clark; two absolute experts in wilderness skills and water travel. Set upon with the purpose of finding a water route to the Pacific, all their training and experience went out the proverbial window when they came across the Rocky Mountains. Nothing in their experience had prepared them for this. What were their options? Well, what was their goal? Their purpose? They were not going to paddle their way across. They had to find new ways to navigate the way to the Pacific, and find themselves looking outside their group for learning the skills necessary to obtain their objective. The methods they used changed, the objective never did. This is the key for us.

So often we find ourselves trying to alter the objective to fit comfortably with what we know. God's purpose for us and our objective is not negotiable. It never changes, but certainly many things about the times, the culture, the technology does. We find ourselves staring at the Rockies holding onto our paddles.

We may not yet be at the base of the mountain, but the horizon is growing larger. Will we find ourselves being adaptive to methods, WITHOUT deviating from our purpose? Holding true to our purpose is "not-negotiable" so

FROM THE PASTOR... CONTINUED

then what is? The answer is easy, “everything else.”

We are now in the month of July, and so half of 2022 is behind us. As we do every year in July, the Governance Board, the School Board, the Elders, and I, your pastor, look to evaluate where we are as a church. A mid-year “State of the Congregation” if you will. This is a time of serious evaluation and reflection on all our process and ministries, and evaluating them in terms of course corrections to stay on the right path to reach our objectives, but this year is different. The mountains are getting clearer on the horizon. We as a church and as a community and as a nation has been coming out of this pandemic and finding ourselves in a new normal, and it is not the one e left behind..

How are we doing Financially? Emotionally? Spiritually? How effective are we at helping others? Reaching others? Caring for others? Are still fulfilling our destiny to be God’s Church in Shelton?

We are a little older, we are a little fewer, and we are a little weaker. That is not bad, it is just reality. So many times, in my ministry I have heard parishioners lament that they can no longer do the things for God and the Church that they used to, and so to find the joy, we look at the why is in our choices, and not the methods. By focusing on what God has blessed and reminding ourselves of what God has asked of us, we focus on that which we still possess, and we by recognize what resources are still available to us and find new ways to honor God and glorify His name in our lives and our community.

This is exactly the process that we as a church body are now in. So many of the “Big” things we used to do seem out of our grasp, but what many “new” things can we do to have a “Big” impact on the lives of those around us. Yes, this is a crucial time of reflection and evaluation for us all. Pray for me, your pastor, and for all the ministries old and new that are within the pastoral office. Pray for the Leadership and Governing entities



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that finance and support our various ministries. Pray for our elders as they seek to walk alongside you as we journey this new course together, and pray we all will always follow Christ where He leads us, by whatever means necessary to stay true to His purpose for us now, and into the future.

God Pour out His Peace upon you and let His Grace reign/rain over you.

Pastor Bill



MINISTRY UPDATES

Along with our “Mid-year” State of the Church it seems appropriate to give some updates on our current and desired future ministries.

Armed Forces Ministry is still one we have as a desired impact for our community, Deacon Bill was a big advocate and unfortunately due to his health and then the covid slump, it lay dormant for some time. Among some of the bigger picture objectives of this ministry would be to make connections with local veterans’ groups and making ourselves known, offering assistance, making connections and building relationships where we can. We might also be an agent of grace. Helping active-duty personnel return to civilian life. I will also be reaching out to the chaplain’s offices in Bremerton and Tacoma, once we have a semblance of a team in place. If you are interested in supporting and/or participating, please let me know.

Helping Hands – Did you know that we have a ministry that offers small “Odd-jobs” for our parishioners and sometimes friends and neighbors? From making a temporary wheelchair ramp, to replacing a mailbox, we have a group willing to help. Call Deacon Hank with requests. Please be aware that each case would be assessed, as the funding and availability of these guys is limited.

Stephen Ministry – It is that time again when we will be scheduling a

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MINISTRY UPDATE.. CONTINUED

new class for folks interested in becoming Stephen Ministers. For more information about Stephen Ministry, talk to Deacon Hank our me, or visit Stephen Ministry on the website.

Turning Pointe Advocacy Center - Turning Pointe is a local shelter and advocacy group helping victims of Domestic Violence and/or sexual assault. As an upholder of the Sanctity of Life in the church, the community and the world, this ministry is among those we support as a congregation. Among other ways we assist, Mount Olive, through the sponsorship of a donor in our congregation, has become an “Adopt-a-room” sponsor. As such, we fund the care and maintenance of a room in the shelter and provide for each family to take residency in the room to basic household and personal items to be used during their stay, which they can take with them when they move to their new residences. These items include sheets, pillows. Towels, floor rugs, hygiene items and even toys for the children. Only \$100.00 per month is needed to sponsor a room. This is guaranteed by a sponsor, but if you would like to help contribute, please do so. Other ways to help are donations of food pantry items, clothing, and household items. Please, new bedding/ towels and household items. Clothing may be gently used in good condition. Donations may be brought to the church, and we will deliver.

Oysterfest. Will Mount Olive have a vendor presence at Oysterfest this year? This remains to be seen. So far I have only had four people offer to hep with this event. The Governance Board has to decide at their July meeting if we are going to commit to this endeavor.

Care NET – With all the attention of overturning Roe in the news, now is a great moment to truly step up our support and care to Care NET. Care NET is Shelton’s only crisis pregnancy center and needs everything we can do to help. Baby formula, baby clothes, blankets, and diapers are among some of the many mainstays of the donation needs. Cash donations are always accepted.

If you are interested in donating money to any of these ministries specifical-ly, you may submit checks to Mount Olive Designated Funds, with the minist-ry named in the memo line of your check.



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JULY: BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



07/03 Chuck Shonkwiler
07/06 Priscilla Kepler
07/08 Paddy Hamilton
07/13 Margie Rolfs
07/14 Desi Bang
07/16 Janice McMann
07/18 Linnea Hanson
07/20 Ed Whitney
07/25 Carol Tuttle
07/25 Esme Rosales
07/31 Donna Wolden

**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**



07/01/2000 Jeff & Julie Roberts
07/28/1990 Don & Cathy Green
07/28/1990 Steve & Mozell Snider





JULY 2022

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1	2
3 Saints Pantry Pick-up	4 10am:Sewing Group	5	6 10am:Bible Study 12:30pm Lydia Ruth Luncheon	7	8	9 8am:Men's Bible Breakfast 9:30am :Elder's Meeting	
10 Turning Pointe—Survivor Advocacy Center Donations	11 10am:Sewing Group	12	13 10am Bible Study 5:30pm Chamber of Commerce Mixer	14	15 11:30am Expo & Bite of Mason County Street Fair	16	
17 Care Net Donations	18 10am:Sewing Group	19	20 10am:Bible Study	21 4:15pm School Board Meeting 5:30pm Gov. Board Meeting	22	23	
24 Local Homeless Ministry Donations	25 10am Sewing Group	26	27 10am:Bible Study	28	29	30	
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COMMUNITY CARE MINISTRY

This is a special notice to let you know about some new opportunities to help local charities.

Each month we continue to support collections at the church for food items to be given to Saints Pantry. This we do on the first Sunday of the month.

We would like to add the following ministries to our collection efforts each week.

- Second Sunday we will collect and distribute for Turning Pointe Survivor Advocacy Center. I will be touring the facility so look for more information on specific needs soon.
- Third Sunday we collect for Care Net Life advocacy Center. These items could include formula, diapers newborn to toddler, baby clothes and blankets. Gently used baby/toddler clothes are also accepted, but please new items only for our babies.
- Fourth Sunday we will be collecting clothes and toiletries for distribution among Mason County Warming Center, Community Lifeline Center, and Shelton Family Services.

We certainly don't expect everyone to support every ministry, but simply to act according to how you feel led towards a particular group. And if perhaps you know of another group you'd like us to consider, please let me know this as well.

This does not replace the collection we do for Jamboree each year. We are planning on having VBS/Jamboree this year and so we will be starting collections for kids shoes, socks and underwear for distribution through VBS.

Monetary Donations are always welcome. Please be sure to mention the particular ministry in the memo line. Thank you and God Bless.

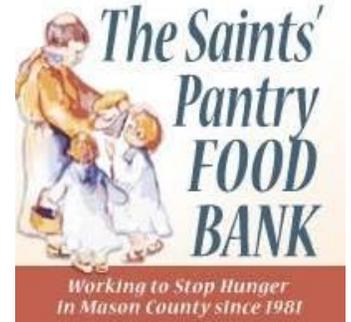


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FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Collection for our Food Bank Mission to The Saints’ Pantry for the months of June is Individual Serving –Sized Foods which is scheduled for pick– up August 7th. Saints’ Pantry was founded in 1981 as an emergency response to hunger created by high unemployment rates. Today the need for food assistance is greater than ever. Please join others and support Mount Olive’s mission to join in these efforts providing food to our neighbors through the e wise stewardship of God’s Bounty. Please remember, even though it may be difficult due to Covid-19, to collect all our contributes at the church, you can still drop them off at the Saints’ Pantry located at 214 S. 2nd Street from 8:30 am to 11:30am.



ALTAR GUILD

6/22 is the festival for St. Mary Magdalene: her birth and death are unknown but she was a follower of Christ during His ministry, death and resurrection. The gospels agree she was a sinner, Jesus cast out 7 demons upon meeting her. She is the patron saint of converts and repentant sinners.

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PARAMENTS are the linens and bookmarks that are used on the Altar and the lecterns. The parament is the cloth on top of the “cercloth”, the color is determined by what’s being celebrated at the time.

White: symbolizes divinity, eternity, light and joy. We use white for Christmas, Epiphany, Baptism, Transfiguration, Easter, Holy Trinity, All Saints Day and Thanksgiving.

Purple: symbolizes sorrow and repentance. We use purple for Lent.



ALTAR GUILD... CONTINUED

Blue: symbolizes hope. We use blue (preferred over purple) during Advent along with the 4 “frontlets”: hope, peace, love and joy.

Red: symbolizes royalty and passion. We use red for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Day of Pentecost, and Reformation.

Black; we use black on Ash to resemble the color of ashes and on Good Friday symbolizing the death of Christ.

Green: symbolizes growth. We use green for the Sunday’s after the Epiphany, and the Sunday’s after The Day of Pentecost.

Cerecloth: this is a waxy type cloth placed directly on the surface of the Altar to protect other linens from moisture.

Fair linen: this is the top cloth and also helps to protect the parament.

8/15 we commemorate St. Mary, the mother of our Lord. Born in Galilee she was dedicated to God, historians believe at age 12-13 she was engaged to Joseph. She is the patron saint of all humans but especially



- We are held back from enrolling more children because we are still in need of additional teachers.

July Schedule

	Altar Guild:
All Month	Bonnie & Sandy Strohschein

Month	Counters:
All	Janice McMann & Carla Tranum

Sunday	*8:30 am	*11:00 am
Service:	Contemporary*	Traditional *
07/03/2022	David Hamilton	Isabelle Archer
07/10/2022	Barb Ellis	Bob Smith
07/17/2022	Vivien Baker	Pam Stevens
07/24/2022	David Hamilton	Dave Rolfs
07/31/2022	Barb Ellis	David Stevens

ALTAR GUILD ...CONTINUED

young children.

8/24 we commemorate St. Batholomew, one of the 12 apostles. History as India and parts of Northern Africa as his mission. He is believed to have been martyred by either beheading or being skinned alive in Armenia.

We use a variety of vessels and linens for Holy Communion. Silver is used for the chalice, flask and the paten.

The “chalice” represents the cup used by Jesus at the Last Supper. The “flask” is used for additional wine to replenish what’s in the chalice. The “paten” (a medium sized plate) holds a large wafer representing the sacramental bread which is broken and consecrated. Additional wafers are placed in a “pyx” for distribution.

A “corporal” (a cloth) is placed on the Altar. The chalice is placed on this cloth, a smaller cloth “purificator” (size of a mans handkerchief) is draped over the top of the chalice.

On top of the purificator is placed the paten with the wafer (host). Then the “pall” (a stiff square about the size of a graduation cap) is placed over the paten,

The chalice, purificator, paten and pall are covered with another cloth called the “Chalice veil”.

The pyx along with a second purificator and a small silver spoon are placed on the corporal behind the chalice. The tray with individual cups and the flask are placed off to the side.



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August Schedule

****Lectors Schedule for the month of August will be sent out with the August Calendar at the end of July***

	Altar Guild:
	Janice McMann & Priscilla Kepler

	Counters:
	Dave Rolfs & Julee Kolman

DAYCARE/PRESCHOOL & SCHOOL-OUTREACH MINISTRIES

“JESUS JOY MOMENT(S)”: This month, we found three of our preschoolers gathered, with their heads together, on the playground. When the teacher wandered over to see what they were doing, they told her they were praying. Since we pray with them throughout the day, it was a joy to see them praying without our direction. We also, recently, had a parent who wasn't sure she wanted to send her school-age child to summer school because she didn't want him to miss out on time at the daycare learning about Jesus. Her preschool-age child was bringing so much home with him that she wanted the same for her school-age child who is usually only in attendance for a short time each day. Outreach into the community—that's what we're all about! God is at work, daily, in this outreach mission.

HELP NEEDED! We would love to find someone to rototill the woodchips around our play toy structure to loosen them up. After a period of time, they become compacted. We could also use someone to kill and remove the moss from the pavement behind the building. (Pressure Wash) We will pay for all supplies/equipment rentals. Please talk to Margarete if you are interested in helping us out. Thanks!

MASKS: Masks are now optional, but strongly encouraged to help prevent the spread of illnesses. Masks may be required universally during clusters or outbreaks in the classrooms and will be required following having recently had COVID or being exposed to COVID.

SCHOOL IS OUT FOR THE SUMMER: We now have our school-age children attending full-time for the summer months. The first thing they asked is if we get to have chapel. I love their enthusiasm for chapel! This summer, we are combining both classrooms for our chapel time as the



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older children are such great singers and leaders for the younger children. (We had separated the groups during the earlier part of COVID.) We are so excited to have a full house for our summer chapels!

FIELD TRIPS: We are going to be going on some field trips, again, if we have adequate staffing to do so. This summer, we've decided that all our field trips will be in parks in an around Shelton and Olympia. The school-age children are so excited to have some field trips, once again! Because we've already been blessed with some donations to our "Field Trip Assistance Fund," we'll be able to cover the gas costs for these field trips, so there will be no cost to the parents.

ENROLLMENT: Our School-Age classroom is full. We have space for a few more children 2 ½ years to 4 years old, (not entering kindergarten next school year), but we need to hire additional teachers before we can enroll any more children. We have a wait list for both classrooms. It's especially long for the preschool-age group.

ADDITIONAL TEACHER(S) STILL NEEDED: We recently hired a former school-age child we had enrolled here, Jewel Amundson, to work with our school-age children through the summer. She's all grown up now and has been working as a para at Pioneer, so she has her summers off. She's great with children! Meanwhile, we are still looking for one or two more teachers to help us expand our preschool classroom as we are limiting enrollment due to lack of teachers. We trust God to provide teachers for us, in His time.



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PRAY

DAYCARE/PRESCHOOL & SCHOOL-OUTREACH MINISTRIES

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.

*Pray that God provides us with new teachers who love Jesus and enjoy working with children.

*Pray, also, for protection from COVID for all our teachers, children, and families.

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

Joyfully Serving, Margarete Dohring



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GOVERNANCE BOARD

The Governance Board has been looking around our building with the intent to make any improvements we can. We have problems with people camping on our property and we thank Dan Kolman for cleaning up after them. The Board has decided to purchase PRIVATE PROPERTY signs that will be put up around the property. These signs along with paperwork filed with the Shelton Police Department will allow the police to come on property when they see someone on the property that does not belong here. We are planning to replace the Mount Olive sign in front of the



building. It has been decided to replace the heat pump that covers offices, bathrooms, and entrance with new heat pump/AC unit. The replacement windows for the Fellowship room have been delivered and will be installed in August. We are happy to announce these improvements are being made with Designated Funds.

Phyllis Canaday



ELDERS BOARD

How do we as Christians settle differences with fellow Christians?

The first step is to go to that person in love and try to settle the difference between the two of you.

"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over." (Matt. 18:15)

If that does not work, involve your elder, and talk to him again. "But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses." (Matt: 18:15)

We must not gossip about another's behavior. "A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy man keeps a secret." (Prov. 11:13)

Reminders, please wear your name tags at service. We are having visitors, and the elder of the day going to both services may not know the people who attend the service you normally attend.

Also please sign the attendance books, it helps pastor and the elders to do their duties.

Thanks,

From your Elder, Dan Kolman

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Mount Olive Treasurer's
Report
March 2022

General fund:

Contributions \$16,062

Expenses \$16,516

Net \$(454)

Year to Date Net \$615

Daycare/preschool

Income \$19,049

Expenses \$23,726

Net \$(4,677)

Year to Date Net \$74,324

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

Treasurer

David Hamilton

Mount Olive Treasurer's
Report
April 2022

General fund:

Contributions \$9,426

Expenses \$16,329

Net \$(6,903)

Year to Date Net \$(6,730)

Daycare/preschool

Income \$15,327

Expenses \$14,701

Net \$626

Year to Date Net \$74,465

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the above, let me know.

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Sunday Service Schedule

Contemporary Service 8:30am

Christian Education 10:00am

Traditional Service 11:00am

(THIS SERVICE IS LIVESREAMED ON FACEBOOK)

