



MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

JANUARY 2023

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SPECIAL POINT OF INTEREST:

- If you voted for us, many thanks! We are still awaiting the results, but since they started the ballots in 2010, most years we've been voted #1—"Best Daycare of Mason County."

FROM THE PASTOR

"Our God, our help in ages past, our hope in years to come"

Good words to remember as we move into another new year, filled with optimism and hope. But where does our hope come from? On what, or who, can we depend? Not ourselves, only God and His Grace, Love, will and purpose for us, His children. It is in the true Gospel message of Christmas that we find hope, joy and peace. Nothing else.

4 years ago, I answered God's call to leave behind my home for 30 years and to begin anew in Shelton: A call and experience I embraced with much hope, exuberance, and wonder. I entered that "new year" with enthusiasm and hope, much the same as I enter into this new year.

One day, God will take me from this place and another will come to love, teach, and guide you. That's the way it is for Pastors. We come and we go according to the will and the purposes of God.

However a change of pastors is never about His Will and His Purpose for YOU, as a uniquely chosen and gifted child of God. That always remains the same, as does His love for you which is pure and perfect and never fails. It is in Him that we hope, and in Him that we trust, and it is in Him that we find peace regarding our future.

Neither is a change of pastors about a change in His will and purpose for Mount Olive or the community of and surrounding Shelton. That too remains steadfast and unchanging, as is His love for His church here at Mount

FROM THE PASTOR... CONTINUED

Olive and for all the people of our community.

And this is our one, sole purpose: Being confident and trusting in the Gospel message we have received, that in gratitude and love, we would share that Gospel with all whom we have opportunity to encounter. This by our words, our actions, and our lives as a reflection of the hope, peace, and joy we have been given at Christmas and was made certain in the death and resurrection of Christ.

We are fast approaching 100 years of sharing the Gospel in Shelton. My prayer is that we will continue in that singular purpose for many years to come. Yet to do so, it is vital that we stand together in the truth of the Word and Promise of God and not waver, for any other Gospel is no gospel at all, and a god revealed in any way other than how God reveals himself in His Word is no god at all, but an idol of our own fashion. Today's culture may find this harsh: I find God's immeasurable love and desire for us very comforting.

As we now look forward, know that I have loved you and my time with you. That will always be. I pray to God that He would grant me many more years to be with you as your pastor. I pray for each and every one of you and am hopeful for you as we each enter this new chapter and this new year. Thank you for your love, your love of God's church and God Bless you and keep you and grant you peace.

Happy New Year!

Pastor Bill



- Give thanks –
Not for just a
day, but live
thankful lives all
for the Glory of
God.



JANUARY : BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



- 01/03 Alan Hanson
- 01/04 Mozell Snider
- 01/05 Kathy Smith
- 01/05 Pam Stevens
- 01/07 Gigi Cuzick
- 01/07 Charles Flanagan
- 01/08 Ella Clark
- 01/14 Julie Roberts
- 01/14 Simon Rogers
- 01/17 Isabelle Archer
- 01/22 Carter Ellis
- 01/27 Cathy Green
- 01/28 Sarah Dohring
- 01/30 John Fletcher



- 01/11/2007
Paul & Cheryl Janssen
- 01/15/1983
Ed & Whitney
- 01/30/1988
Carter & Barbara Ellis





JANUARY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Food Bank Donations	2 10am Sewing Group Daycare & Church Closed	3	4	5 6pm Cancer Survivors	6	7
8 Turning Pointe— Survivor Advocacy Center Donations	9 10am:Sewing Group	10	11 10am Bible Study <i>12:30pm Lydia Ruth</i>	12 10am: Elders Meeting	13	14
15 <i>Sanctity of Life Sunday</i> Care Net Donations	16 Martin Luther King Jr Daycare & Church Closed 10am:Sewing Group	17	18 10am:Bible Study	19 4:15pm School Board Meeting	20	21
22 Local Homeless Minis- try Donations	23 10am Sewing Group <i>12:30pm Lydia Ruth Meeting</i>	24	25 10am:Bible Study	26 5:30pm Gov. Board Meeting	27	28
29 <i>Non-communion Service</i>	30 10am Sewing Group	31 Lutherans	Schools Week			

SCHEDULES

Lectors

Sunday Service:	*8:30 am Contemporary*	*11:00 am Traditional *
01/01/2022	David Hamilton	Dave Rolfs
01/08/2022	Barb Ellis	Vivien Baker
01/15/2022	Vivien Baker	Janice McMann
01/22/2022	David Hamilton	Bob Smith
01/29/2022	Barb Ellis	Pam Stevens

Counters

All Month	Janice McMann & Pam Stevens
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Elder of the Day

01/01/2022	Hank Sexton
01/08/2022	Bob Smith
01/15/2022	Dan Kolman
01/22/2022	Max Archer
01/29/2022	Hank Sexton

Altar Guild

All Month	Janice & Ruth
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ALTAR GUILD

The second part of the Time of Christmas concludes with the final one or two Sunday's after Christmas Day. The third and final part is the "Epiphany Season". Epiphany occurs on January 6th and commemorates the visit of the Magi to Jesus. The following Sunday (this is the first Sunday of the Epiphany Season) we observe the Baptism of our Lord.



On January 24 we commemorate St. Timothy. Timothy was very close to Paul and along with Paul co-authored several books of the Bible. Paul writes in Philippians in 2:19 that he had no one like Timothy and made him the leader of the Church at Ephesus. He was known to be shy and suffered from stomach issues for which Paul prescribed a bit of wine.

On January 26 we commemorate St. Titus. Titus was an early missionary and church leader. Converted to Christianity he was a disciple and companion of Paul and also served as his secretary and courier, He was appointed by Paul to the church at Crete.

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The Epiphany Season continues for up to a total of 8 Sunday's. This time frame is called "Ordinary Time" and ends with Transfiguration Sunday and also ends "The Time of Christmas"

PARISH HEALTH: SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

With cooler weather and Christmas celebrations, I thought a few safety precautions would be helpful. Falls are the number one accident in the home.

1. Are your sidewalks clear and free from ice and snow, toys and other obstacles?
2. Candles should be kept away from walls and curtains
3. Have your flues been regularly inspected for soot and cleaned when



PARISH HEALTH: SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- needed?
4. Is the fire extinguisher ready for use?
 5. Are there protective screens on fireplaces?
 6. Are electrical appliances and lights kept away from water without cords causing a tripping hazard. Unused electrical outlets should be covered
 7. Are windows and screens secure to prevent children from falling out?
 8. Nonskid floor coverings and rugs should be secure to prevent falls with good lighting in dark hallways and staircases
 9. Tubs and showers should have nonskid surfaces with mats and grab bars if needed
 10. Keep fresh batteries in the smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
 11. Medicines and supplements should be kept in locked cabinets if there are children in the home, and indoor doors should have safety release locks to open from either direction.
 12. Know how to turn off gas and electricity in an emergency.

A safe and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all !

Priscilla Kepler, ARNP

Your Parish Nurse



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DAYCARE/PRESCHOOL & SCHOOL-OUTREACH MINISTRIES

National Lutheran Schools Week—January 22 – 28, 2023

National Lutheran Schools Week provides our network of more than 1,800 LCMS preschools, elementary schools, and high schools with the public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God’s work among us in Lutheran schools.



DAYCARE/PRESCHOOL & SCHOOL-OUTREACH MINISTRIES

We thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children we serve. We are most grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus’ amazing love with children and their families.

National Lutheran Schools Week gives us an opportunity to proclaim these great blessings within the communities we serve. Our schools are amazing incubators for faithful witness of God’s love for us through Christ by teachers and students alike.

“Making Disciples for Life” is the theme for the 2023 National Lutheran Schools Week celebration. The associated scripture verse is Matthew 28:18-20 which says:

“And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’”

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS: We enjoyed our annual “Birthday Party for Jesus” on December 16. We celebrated with cake, ice cream, songs, and party games. **Happy Birthday, Jesus!**

Our **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION** was a big success! This year, we had a sweet Christmas Celebration followed by cookies to go. The younger children dressed in nativity costumes and the older children read some Christmas Bible verses. All the children sang some special songs and the congregation joined us in singing. It was such a treat to be able to gather



- We appreciate your support of our Thrivent Action Team project—“Toys, Pajamas & Coats Drive.”



DAYCARE/PRESCHOOL & SCHOOL-OUTREACH MINISTRIES

together to celebrate the birth of Jesus with our children, their families, and friends from the congregation.

THANK YOU! We appreciate your support of our Thrivent Action Team project—“Toys, Pajamas & Coats Drive.” Your generous donations allowed us to donate many bags of toys, pajamas & coats to **Turning Pointe—Survivor Advocacy Center**. Thank you for helping us share CHRISTmas with children and their families!



BEST OF MASON COUNTY: If you voted for us, many thanks! We are still awaiting the results, but since they started the ballots in 2010, most years we’ve been voted #1—“Best Daycare of Mason County.” Our parents still speak highly of us, many years after their children leave our program. God has blessed us with a great group of teachers who help to make this program the success that it is in this community.

PRAYERS NEEDED: Please continue to pray for our teachers, children, and families of children, enrolled in our daycare and preschool program.

FACEBOOK: We have a Facebook page! You will find us at “Mount Olive Lutheran Daycare and Preschool.” Please “Like” us! Also, please look for some recent posts showing our children dressed in costume and playing the parts of the nativity. They love dressing up in costumes and acting out the story of the birth of Jesus.

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Joyfully Serving,
Margarete



GOVERNANCE BOARD

The Governance Board wishes all members a blessed and happy New Year. We are looking forward to bringing all activities back that have been curtailed the last two years. In the past year we have continued to make improvements needed to our campus.

Next in line is repair of leakage discovered in the Quiet room. Due to low attendance at our voters meetings the Board has decided to put it back between services in hope more members will attend. We had announced a voter's meeting for January 22. After much discussion we have canceled this meeting. When all financial reports are in for 2022 they will publish them for all members to review. Any questions may be asked of any Board member.

Phyliss Canaday, President

FROM YOUR ELDERS

Seasons Greetings,

As we celebrate Advent in Anticipation of our saviors birth, the elders eagerly look forward to the New Year.

We will continue to assist the Pastor with God's help to provide Mount Olive with a ministry that best serves our members spiritual needs.

We actively seek recommendation and or suggestions from the congregation for ways to improve our ministry

We wish you A Merry Christmas & God's Blessing

You Elders



- The Governance Board is also aware of the roof leaks in the quiet room and in Pastor's office.



TREASURER'S REPORT

**Mount Olive Treasurer's
Report
October 2022**

General fund:

Contributions	\$14,251
Expenses	\$13,299
Net	\$952
Year to Date Net	\$632

Daycare/preschool

Income	\$16,097
Expenses	\$17,570
Net	-\$1,473
Year to Date Net	\$64,490

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

Treasurer, David Hamilton

**Mount Olive Treasurer's
Report
November 2022**

General fund:

Contributions	\$9,347
Expenses	\$13,475
Net	-\$4,128
Year to Date Net	\$3,937

Daycare/preschool

Income	\$19,333
Expenses	\$25,769
Net	-\$6,436
Year to Date Net	\$58,054

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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)

