

From our Pastor:

Do you know how much God hates your sin, to send His Son to die, in YOUR place... so you may have His place as a forgiven child in Christ? Do you receive this Law and Gospel in joy and thanksgiving? Believing His Gospel, God crucified for sinners, **we won't let anything get in the way of sharing such Good News to everyone**, believers and unbelievers both. Long live the Reformation!

The Gospel is *so simple*: Christ died for you. Trouble is we make it complicated. We focus on the cathedral and the seat of Peter, forgoing the promise for us and neighbor. Woe are we! Frozen in fear, majoring in minors, tripping over red-tape, trusting the naysayers and ...the Law. Relish the Gospel, or forfeit it! Be reformed!

When I arrived here, what was expected was to reach out to the community. To expect a perfect pastor is as unreasonable as expecting a perfect congregation. No more nonsense! No cult of pastor. Too close in affection and hope prepares the way for disappointment and hate. **They are men who serve the Almighty, who He alone, in His Word holds captive your eyes, lips, and heart!**

So don't let faith be paralyzed. Fear no more! "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" The Gospel frees you, oh precious sinner, to share the Good News in Christ! No more tyranny, we are restored to God, by God; praise Him! Let nothing hinder your Christian joy sharing!

If you can read this, you are a witness of Christ. You have been recruited into His band of witnesses, marching at His command. You may not understand His orders, but you will follow His voice. We may barely manage, but know this: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My Words shall not pass away." **Our flesh and building may pass away, but the Crucified head resurrects His Body, the Church.**

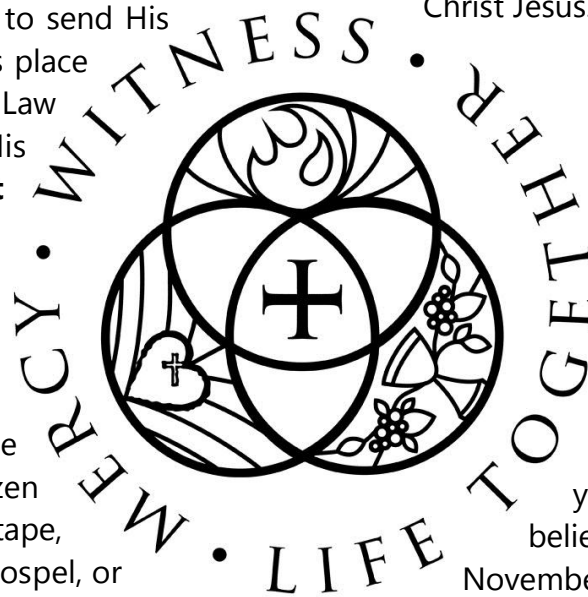
"...and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Read that again. The Gospel invades the enemy camp, **we are on the offensive.**

Sin, the Devil, and even death are destroyed by the Word made flesh, Christ Jesus. But what about "real life"?

The strife is o'er, the battle done; *LSB 464*
Now is the victor's triumph won;
Now be the song of praise begun.
Alleluia!

Indeed, Praise be God's alone now. Our lives are a short hymn of praise, a dox-o-logy, glory + saying. "...that in these gray and latter days, there may be those whose song is praise, Each life a high DOXOLOGY unto the Holy Trinity." (Martin Franzmann 1907-1976) So I ask you, what will you speak of? What will you do? So will you speak the praise of God in Christ Jesus to all, believer and unbeliever alike? So see you Saturday, November 19, noon.

And God's people respond... **AMEN!**



News from our Church Council:

Annual Voters Meeting:

The Annual Voters meeting will be held on Sunday, November 6 immediately following our worship service. There will be a light lunch prior to the meeting. If you are unable to attend, please fill out a "proxy" sheet from the narthex table and give it to another member who will be attending. All communicant members of Mt. Olive are urged to attend this annual meeting.

LWML- we met on Saturday, October 8 with 6 ladies and Pastor in attendance. We had happy conversation over a pizza lunch. Our group will be purchasing and giving away 4 Thanksgiving Dinners again this year. If you know of a needy family, please let Elaine know their name, address and phone number. Pastor Shaw led our Bible Study, about how teaching our children we hear of God's forgiveness to all of us, big and small alike. Our next meeting will be Saturday, November 12. All ladies of Mt. Olive are invited!

(s) Elaine Meiburg

LLL – The men had a meeting Wednesday, October 12th. There were

5 men in attendance. Russ Souza and Stefan Gudjohnson were the cooks. They watched a film on the *Doxology, The Lutheran Center for Spiritual Care and Counsel* and discussed the death of Steve Jobs. The November meeting is postponed because many are out of town. Next meeting will be December 14th where Dean Dannenbring and Pastor Shaw will be cooking a smoked turkey and fixings.

Volunteer Schedules for October:

Worship Assistants

- 6 Judy Hartwig
- 13 Tim Meiburg
- 20 David Byrne
- 24 Tim Meiburg
- 27 Judy Hartwig

Acolytes

- 6 Shelly Fischer
- 13 Cordell Meiburg
- 20 Judy Hartwig
- 24 Cordell Meiburg
- 27 Shelly Fischer

Altar Guild

- 6 Irene Perkins
- 13 Shelly Fischer
- 20 Shelly Fischer
- 24 Karen Fredericks
- 27 Karen Fredericks

Ushers

- 6 The Meiburg Family
- 13 Russ Souza & Stefan Gudjohnsen
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Volunteers are ALWAYS needed and appreciated in every task! Hearing the call, contact Julie who'll schedule volunteers.

Organizations

LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE: 3rd Wednesday of every month (usually)

LADIES FELLOWSHIP: 2nd Saturday, 12 Noon during September - May

LUTHERAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: As Announced

YOUNG/MATURE ADULT FELLOWSHIP: As Announced

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDIES: Wednesdays @ 6pm



Sunday Worship Schedule

9am - Adult Sunday School

10am - Holy Communion

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL— immediately following communion
Catechism for the Lord's Supper.

Treasurer's Report

Bank Account Balances Less Dedicated
as of the end of August, Fiscal Year 2011

Checking Account	\$0
Total Assets in Bank Accounts:	\$0
Dedicated Accounts	
Building	\$0
Inter-Church Food Pantry	\$0
LYF	\$0
Memorials	\$0
LLL	\$0
Education Assistance Fund	\$0
SCRIP	\$0
Sunshine	\$0
Transitory	\$0
Total Dedicated Funds:	\$0
Undedicated Bank Account Assets	\$0

Bits & Pieces:

Pastor requests church music, preferably on CD or mp3. If you have hymn collections, something proper for reverent worship, please contact Pastor.



Please pray for:

All of our shut-in members: Celia Almind, Edward Beuckins, Deloris Hanni, Leonard Key, Ralph Schultz, Lee Snodgrass, Anne Souza, and Karen Frederickson's surgery on 11/3.

If there are any prayer requests for future Newsletters, please place them in Julie Byrne's mailbox in the narthex.

NURTURE- The Childrens' Christmas Service is coming up! We hope to see as many of our young members participate as possible. We will have practices on December 10th and 17th at 11am on both days, with the performance on the 18th during service. We also look forward to working with the children each week immediately following communion for Sunday School!

PROPERTY- We have some resident honeybees in Harvell Hall.

They are there for the season, but will be extracted come spring. Once extracted we have plans for a second cross on the roof of Harvell Hall on the 116 side. We are also researching on how to best repair the rotting wood on the side of the church sanctuary. If there are any repairs needed, or you feel you may be able to help in any of these tasks please contact Jerry Perkins.

FELLOWSHIP- Oktoberfest was a success on October 21st. Thank you to all who attended. We are planning on providing soup, salad and bread for the annual voters meeting on November 6th and celebrating Birthday Sunday on the 4th Sunday of every month.

SERVICE – There are many opportunities available to seniors in Sonoma County through the various Senior Centers throughout the county. Including social functions, cooking meetings and transportation information.

WITNESS – “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers few.”

Evangelism board is in recruit! We need a witness coordinator. No man an island, so we're building a team. 1st, meeting is on Nov 19, 12pm, Saturday. Please contact Elaine Meiburg regards to witness coordinator position. “In our weakness, God's strength is made perfect!” See you the 19th, you who hear the call. (This has been a public service announcement to test who not only reads and hears, but believes and is moved in the Spirit to extend the love of Christ to all who would be saved, Hallelujah!)

“As I was getting ready to help out with a worship service at a congregation about 40 minutes away, I noticed a man standing around. So, I went up and talked to him a bit. Things hadn't been going his way and he was just trying to figure things out. So, I told him about Jesus, how He died for all people, and rose again that we may have life in His name. I explained that I, as a Lutheran, know that bad things still happen in this life, but that because of Jesus, I have the promise of eternal life,

where sin and all its effects can't touch us. I invited him to church next week as well. Lord willing, we will see him. I then said a prayer with him, asking that God be with him and strengthen him in this time of need.”

David Behm, of Westlake, Ohio, shared the Gospel message with a man going through difficult times.

Mt Olive Birthdays

- ♫ Ed Beukins, October 20th
- ♫ Eileen Stucky October 24th

Mt Olive Anniversaries:

- ♥ Jerry and Mary Brown, October 12th
- ♥ Dick and Hilda Beazell, October 23rd
- ♥ Kent and Deanne Cromwell, October 30th

Monthly Readings:

November 6 *All Saints' Day (Observed)*

1st Reading: Revelations 7: (2-8) 9-17

Psalm 149

Epistle: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

November 13 *Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost*

1st Reading: Zephaniah 1:7-16

Psalm 90: 1-12

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30

November 20 *Last Sunday in the Church Year*

1st Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 95: 1-7a

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15: 20-28

Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46

November 24 *Thanksgiving Day*

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 8: 1-10

Psalm 67

Epistle: Phillipians 4:6-20 or Timothy 2: 1-4

Gospel: Luke 17: 11-19

November 27 *First Sunday in Advent*

1st Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm 80: 1-7

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Gospel: Mark 11: 1-10 or Mark 13: 24-37