



MT. OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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- *November 1 – All Saints' Day
- *November 3 – Daylight-Saving Time Ends
- *November 4 – Spruce Tip Planter Assembly @ 10AM
- *November 6 – Elders Meeting @ 6:30PM
- *November 8 – WOMO Bazaar Set Up 4-7PM
- *November 9 – WOMO Bazaar 9-Noon
- *November 11 – Veterans Day
- *November 13 – Leadership Meeting @ 6:30PM
- *November 17 – Mite Sunday
- *November 17 – WOMO Meeting @10AM
- *November 24 – Congregational Meeting @10:15AM
- *November 26 – Thanksgiving Service & Pie Social 6-7:30PM
- *November 28 – Thanksgiving Day

District Missions

Our mission focus for the month of November will be our local **WeCan (Western Communities Action Network)**. WeCan is in need of many food shelf and personal care items as well as financial support. There will be a bin in the narthex for item donations. Any monetary donations please give to Lindsey or Pastor. We will have a door offering on Sunday, November 17th as well.

Current Needs - Fall 2024

Food Shelf Items	Personal Care Needs
Instant/Boxed Potatoes	Body Wash
Canned Pork/Beef	Shampoo
Sugars/Flour	Deodorant
Sloppy Joe Mix	Body Lotion
Stuffing	Size 5-6 Diapers
Hearty Soups/Stew	Size 4T-5T Pull Ups
Cream Soup	Laundry Soap
Canned Pears/Pineapple	Dish Soap
Carrots/Peas/Beans	Facial Tissue
Breakfast Bars	All Purpose Cleaner
Canned Mushrooms	Financial Support
Refried/Baked Beans	Your financial support allows us to purchase the items we need to support local families.
Popcorn	5213 Shoreline Drive
Coffee/Tea	Mound, MN 55364
Gluten-Free Items	www.wecanmn.org/donate

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A Message from Pastor Mike

I was inspired by Coach Ken Bromley's presentation after church on Oct. 20. He would like to come again and present on other topics – what do you think? It reminded me how important physical activity is, and how often the teaching and preaching at church is lacking this element! When we sit and listen to a sermon or Bible class, that's good, but if some physical activity relates to the lesson, we learn much better and retain the lessons longer. So, with that in mind, here are some fun Thanksgiving activities you can do when you get together with family and friends. I'll try to list them from lower to higher levels of activity.

Gratitude Jar

Instead of having everyone go around the table to say what they're thankful for, have them write it down on a piece of paper. Collect the sentiments in a jar, then read them aloud one by one. See if guests can guess who said what. When the game's over, save the jar and its contents as a family keepsake.

What's Missing?

On a tray, place 10 - 20 Thanksgiving-related items such as candy corn, miniature boats, pilgrims and turkeys. Have participants look at the tray carefully for 30 seconds then close their eyes. While their eyes are closed, remove one object. Have them reopen their eyes and ask what item is missing. It's a version of the Concentration Game.

Toss and Tell

Participants sit in a circle. The first person starts by tossing a small turkey stuffed animal or a football to someone else and asks a question. For example, who do you think will win today's football games or what are you thankful for today? This game is good for multi-generations to interact with each other.

Gratitude from A to Z

A family member begins by saying something he or she is grateful for that starts with the letter A. The next person gives a grateful thanks starting with the letter B. Go around until your family gets to the letter Z. It's a fun game especially with younger kids who are still mastering the alphabet.

Tear the Turkey

The game is to tear a sheet of construction paper into a turkey shape. The challenge is to do so while holding the piece of construction paper behind your back and with a time limit — a minute is usually a good amount. Before you start, choose someone to be the judge, and the winner is the person with the most recognizable shape.

Thanksgiving Scavenger Hunt

Get out of the house and enjoy the crisp autumn air with a Thanksgiving Harvest Scavenger Hunt. Create a list of items related to Thanksgiving, fall, or nature and divide your group into teams. Each team will have to find and collect as many items as they can within a specified time frame. This activity encourages teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving as participants work together to locate the items on their list.

Thanksgiving Dance Party

Turn up the tunes (maybe Christmas music?) and host a Thanksgiving dance party in the living room. Dancing is not only a fantastic cardiovascular exercise but also a joyful way to express creativity. Encourage family members to showcase their best dance moves and make it a celebration of movement.

Some of the best Thanksgiving memories I have are of the whole family working on making Christmas ornaments after the meal or decorating the Christmas tree together. What Thanksgiving traditions does your family have? Maybe this year you can start a new one!

Thankfully yours in Christ, Pastor Mike

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Marlene Gehring	11/5
George Betts	11/6
Emmeline Reinitz	11/13
John Morrison	11/14
Lena Michalk	11/15
John Skaret	11/15
Marilyn Mulvanny	11/16
Arlee Mueller	11/20
Fawn Gage	11/21
Jordan Reinitz	11/24
Marilyn Lemke	11/25
Jerry Kohls	11/26
Dave Sandquist	11/26



David & Mary Sandquist 11/22

***Contact the office if you have a change in personal information or if your birthday or anniversary is not listed.**



Pick up your 2025 offering envelopes in the narthex!

Treasuring God's Truth, Living Out His Love

- Thank you to Jim for fixing Jean's pump after the squirrels chewed it up!
- Thank you to Brian and Dave for fixing the lights in the finance office!
- Thank you to Linda for serving as our Treasurer for 4 years!

WOMO Bazaar & Bake Sale

The Women of Mount Olive will be hosting their annual Bazaar and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 9th from 9-Noon. Set up will be Friday, November 8th from 4-7PM. All donated items must be priced beforehand. Proceeds support Mission and Christian Women Projects.

A festive graphic for the Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale. It features a green and white border with hanging Christmas ornaments in red, green, and white. The text is centered within the border.

W.O.M.O. (Women of Mount Olive)
Present... The ANNUAL...

**HOLIDAY BAZAAR
& BAKE SALE**

SATURDAY NOV. 9TH

9 a.m. to Noon

Community Gathering with coffee, juice, and treats. Spruce Tip Planters, Handmade Crafts & Gifts, Home-baked Goods, Jams, Jellies, Gifts/Timeless Treasures & MORE!

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Applying Biblical Teachings

Have you seen a miracle lately? Have you looked in a mirror today? In his *Popular Commentary of the Bible*, Paul Kretzmann wrote, “. . . every Christian is a miracle in his own eyes: the creation of the new man is finished, and he is gaining every day in strength and power.”

Kretzmann’s statement amplifies what the Apostle Paul wrote in his second letter to the Corinthians, “. . . if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come” (2 Cor. 5:17). Jesus vanquished the old sinful Adam through His death and resurrection. The old Adam has been drowned in the water of Baptism. We are God’s new creation! We are God’s miracle, “. . . God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do” (Eph. 2:10).

Through God’s gracious work, our hearts and minds are set on Jesus Christ. Our attitudes toward the “things” of this world have radically changed. We “. . . seek first His kingdom and His righteousness” (Matt. 6:33). In Christ, we are no longer of the darkness of the world, but “. . . are the light of the world” (Matt. 5:14). That’s why Jesus said, “. . . let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven” (Matt. 5:16).

We let our light shine through the good works we do in Christ. We show mercy and give, in contrast to those who borrow and do not repay (Psa. 37:21). We hold possessions with an open hand and “refresh” others with our bounty (Prov. 11:24-25). We are honest and demonstrate our faith by our work and integrity (1 Thes. 4:12-12). We give to those in need (1 John 3:17). We are generous in all things (2 Cor. 9:11) and demonstrate to a watching world the love of God.

We are truly a miracle, saved from darkness and brought into the Marvelous Light. Through the Lord Jesus, who is the Light of the World, we are a light to the world.



JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY

- ❖ **Tuesday’s 7:00 AM -**
Men’s Bible Study
- ❖ **Wednesday’s 10:00 AM (September – May) -** Ladies’ Bible Study
- ❖ **1st Wednesday of the month 1:00 PM - @**
Lake Minnetonka Shores
- ❖ **Thursday’s 9:00 AM -**
Adult Bible Class
- ❖ **Friday’s 3:00 PM -**
Harrison Bay Bible Class



God is good!

MY PRAYER JOURNAL

TODAYS DATE

MONTH: J F M A M J J A S O N D

DAY OF THE WEEK: S M T W T H F S

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

GOD, I ASK YOU FOR:



SOMETHING GOOD THAT HAPPENED TODAY WAS:

I'M THANKFUL FOR:

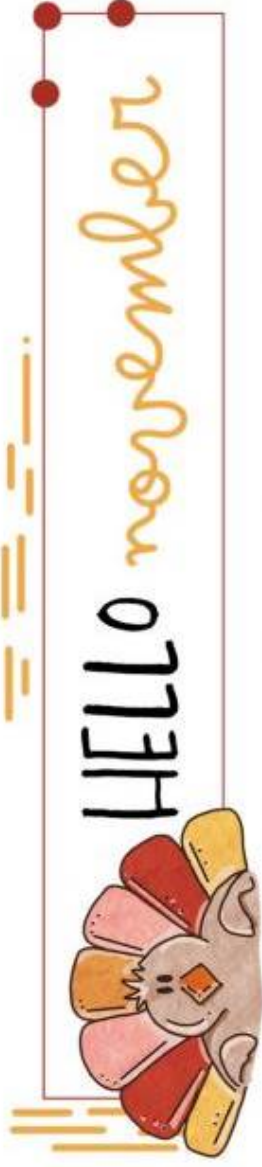
I'M SORRY FOR:

SOMETHING NOT SO GREAT HAPPENED TODAY, AND I NEED PRAYERS:



A SPECIAL NOTE OR PICTURE FOR GOD:

I AM PRAYING FOR:



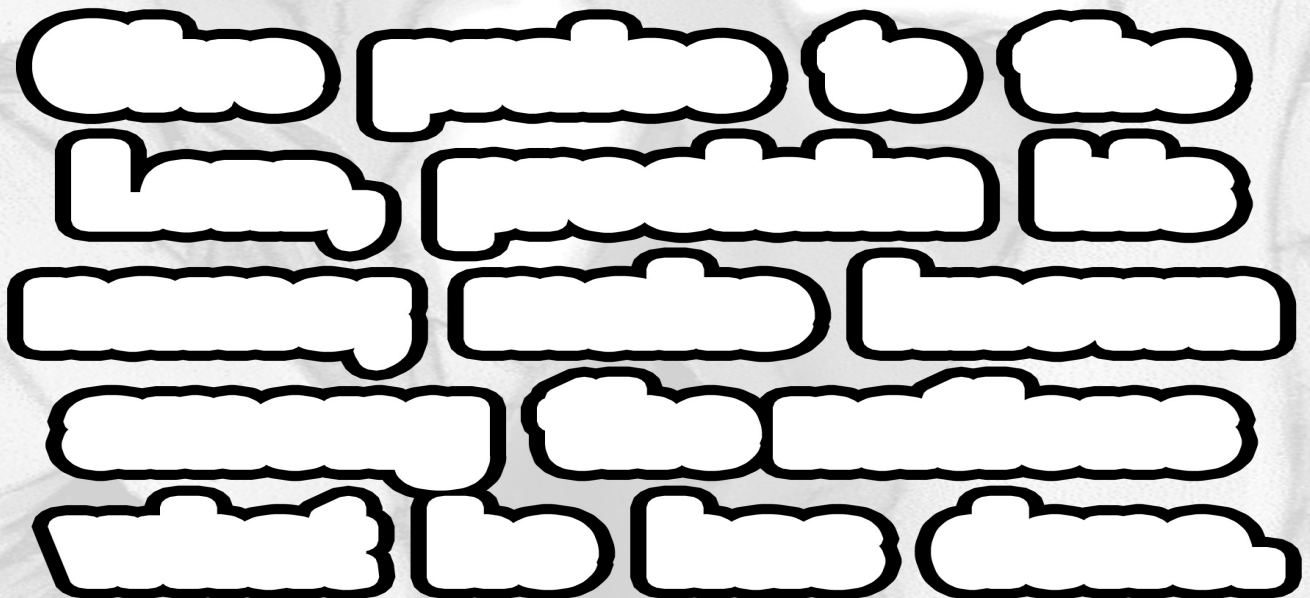
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Puzzle!

Discover a psalm of thanks from David by matching the words in the list to the shapes below.

WORD LIST

nations proclaim the what to make done Give
name among Lord known the he praise has his



1 Chronicles 16:8, NIV

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**The world views our attitude toward money and
“things” as radical.**

**“ . . . let your light shine before men, that they
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and praise your Father in heaven” (Matt. 5:16).

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Kaiser

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