



# MT. OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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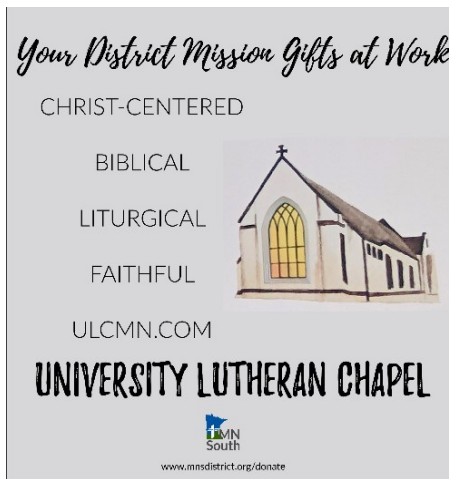
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- \***October** – Pastor Appreciation Month
- \***October 2** – Elder's Meeting @ 6:30
- \***October 6** – World Communion Sunday
- \***October 6** – LWML Sunday
- \***October 9** – Leadership Meeting @ 6:30PM
- \***October 12** – LWML Fall Gathering
- \***October 14** – Columbus Day
- \***October 20** – Mite Sunday
- \***October 27** – Reformation Sunday
- \***October 31** – Reformation Day
- \***October 31** – Happy Halloween!

## District Missions



**YOUR DISTRICT MISSION GIFTS AT WORK:** spotlight on University Lutheran Chapel.

University Lutheran Chapel (ULC) is our LCMS campus ministry congregation at the University of Minnesota. One of the first campus ministries established by the Missouri Synod, its mission of reaching and serving students with the Gospel of Christ began in 1925 as a college branch of the Walther League. The ministry has grown and expanded, developing into a ministry served by a full-time campus pastor, then into a student congregation, and then into a regular congregation of the LCMS.

Today the congregation is a vibrant mix of undergraduate students, graduate students, recent graduates and families young and old from all around the Twin Cities metro area. Campus ministry, however, is at the core of its identity, single-minded on the mission to serve the U of M campus and its students with the life-giving Gospel of our Savior.

For the past two years ULC has partnered with the MNS District to support a campus ministry vicar at the chapel. This partnership has helped the congregation extend its outreach on the U of M campus and at other Twin Cities colleges and universities, while giving our future pastors hands-on training in outreach and mission work.

To support this and other district missions, please go to [www.mnsdistrict.org/donate](http://www.mnsdistrict.org/donate)

We invite you to pray for University Lutheran Chapel in your personal and corporate prayers, that those who lead & serve would be strengthened in their efforts to reach people with the good news of Jesus.

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## A Message from Pastor Mike

### “The Home Altar alters the home for the better”

Where is your Home Altar? Where is the place and time in your daily routine for God’s Word? It might be your dining table, your bedside table, or your patio or picture window. It’s the place and time where God speaks to you and you speak to Him. You might do this alone, but if possible, it’s a far richer experience to do it with others. It might be in the morning or evening, after breakfast or supper, “in-person” or on the phone or internet. For example, Jerry Babb told us recently how he talks on the phone with his elderly aunt and reads the Bible to her.

My goal as your pastor is to help you connect more deeply with the Holy Spirit, who works through the living and active Word of God to make you the person God wants you to be. My desire is that you will give priority to hearing and speaking God’s Word, not as another obligation in your already overstuffed schedule, but as a fountain of grace that refreshes and renews you every day.

Every Sunday for the next year we will introduce a weekly Bible Verse, selection from the Catechism, and Hymn. Use these during the week to strengthen your ties to God and other believers. Follow the guidelines in the “Living Planted” document, included with this newsletter. (The weeks of October will be weeks 4, 5, 6, and 7 on the chart inside.) Take a hymnal home from church or get one of your own (more about that soon). Familiarize yourself with all the resources for Daily Prayer on pages 294-330. Invite others to join you. This is not just for parents with children in the home but for all of us, regardless of our living situation.

Let me know what works for you! Where and when is your “Home Altar”? How is God teaching and guiding you? God will bless us as we follow His command: **“<sup>6</sup> And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.”**

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Mike

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Gene Hanson	10/11
Brian Gustafson	10/13
Jay Reichert	10/13
Marianne Meyer	10/14
Brad Gustafson	10/15
Lindsey Eccles	10/15
Heather Berthiaume	10/24
Eli Klein-Wyman	10/27
Brayden Wyman	10/28

## Treasuring God's Truth, Living Out His Love

- Thank you to all who packed the LWR School Supply bags!
- Thank you to Andrew Reinitz for donating the backpacks for LWR bags!
- Thank you to Jim, Dave S, and Brian for replacing burnt out spotlights in the Sanctuary.
- Thank you to Jim, Dave S and the Men's Shed for installing our food hut pantry. Check out the North side of our building!
- Thank you to the Woytcke's for setting up coffee and treats each Sunday!

## October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Hopefully all parishioners pray for Pastor Mike and his family daily, but during the month of October, please make an extra effort to do so during *Pastor Appreciation Month*.

There will be a basket in the narthex during the month of October where you may place notes of appreciation and/or encouragement and cards/gifts.

Thank you, Pastor Mike for all you do to care for the flock at Mount Olive!

### ***Prayer for Pastor and His Family***

Lord, I thank You for our pastor. He is a blessing to our church. I pray that you would enable him with strong leadership skills and wise decision-making abilities. Help him to be a Godly man, devoted to seeking and following You. Protect him and his family from the temptations of the world. Though he may have a heavy load, please be his continual refreshment. Help him to guard his time with his family and keep them strong and loving. Amen.

*~authored by Jackie M. Johnson*



Wally & Gloria Brehm	10/2
Rob & Melanie Kamps	10/4
David & Kathy Smith	10/4
Don & Betsy Kohls	10/13
Paul & Marianne Meyer	10/14
Darryl & Shelley Frederickson	10/22

## SUPPLIES/DONATIONS NEEDED

If you can donate empty planter pots 9" – 14" in diameter (new pots, or used pots that have been emptied of dirt and cleaned/washed), or any décor items (ribbons, various decorative stakes, pinecones, birch sticks, etc.) please bring them to church no later than Sunday, October 27.

If you wish to contribute funds for WOMO to purchase décor items for the pots, please give your financial contribution to Jan, Lindsey, or Claudia.

## Someone Else

Our church was saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our most valued members, Someone Else.

For many, many years as a part of this church Someone Else did far more than a normal person's share of the work. Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach, or a meeting to attend, everybody said, "Let Someone Else do it." Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results; "Someone Else can work with that group."

It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the most generous givers. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone assumed Someone Else would make up the difference.

Now Someone Else is gone! We wonder what we are going to do. Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things Someone Else did?

When you are asked to help this year, remember — we can't depend on Someone Else anymore.



## 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

SOMEONE ELSE'S  
PROBLEM

*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:



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH!</b>		1 -Elders Meeting @ 6:30PM *Happy Anniversary Wally & Gloria Brehm	2	3	4 *Happy Anniversary Rob & Melanie Kamps, David & Kathy Smith	5
6 -LWML Sunday <b>World Communion Sunday</b>	7	8 -Leadership Meeting @ 6:30PM	9	10	11 *Happy Birthday Gene Hanson	12 LWML Fall Gathering @ Zion Church @ 9AM
13 *Happy Birthday Brian Gustafson & Jay Reichert *Happy Anniversary Don & Betsy Kohle <b>Pastor/Clergy Appreciation Sunday</b>	14 *Happy Birthday Marianne Meyer • Happy Anniversary Paul & Marianne Meyer <b>Canadian Thanksgiving</b> Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples Day	15 *Happy Birthday Lindsey Eccles & Brad Gustafson	16	17	18	19
20 -Mite Sunday	21	22 *Happy Anniversary Darryl & Shelley Frederickson	23	24 *Happy Birthday Heather Berthiaume	25	26
27 *Happy Birthday Eli Klein-Wyman <b>Stewardship Sunday &amp; Reformation Sunday</b>	28 *Happy Birthday Brayden Wyman	29	30	31 -Happy Halloween <b>Reformation Day</b>		

# Puzzle!

Find and circle all the words horizontally. Then, starting on the top line and moving across from left to right, read John 6:35 (NIV). Put the words in order on the spaces below to complete the Bible verse.

## JOHN 6:35

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### WORD LIST

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B	C	D	F	C	O	M	E	S	G	H	I	J	T	O	K	L	M	E
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S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	N	E	V	E	R	A	B	C	D	B	E	D
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"I \_\_\_\_\_  
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-John 6:35, NIV

Answer: "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35, NIV

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You are invited to a 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at Western Communities Action Network (WeCAN) on Thursday, October 10, from 4 to 6 p.m. Enjoy refreshments, meet the WeCAN staff and on-site partners, tour the facility, and learn about WeCAN's programs to support low-income residents in the community. WeCAN is also celebrating 10 years of the Mobile Market Food Program. Bring a friend! WeCAN is located at 5213 Shoreline Drive in Mound. For more information, call 952-472-0742.

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### Office Hours

Monday -Thursday 9:00 – Noon  
Pastor's Hours: Tuesday &  
Saturday 9:00 – 11:00 or by  
appointment

### Leadership Team

**President:** David Miller

**Vice President:** George Betts

**Recording Secretary:** Lindsey Eccles

**Treasurer:** Terry Podratz

**Elders:** Arlee Mueller & Nate Betts

**Trustees:** Jim Merchant & Darryl Frederickson

**Directors:** Linda Verkennes, Harriet Gustafson and Michael Peterson

### Committees

**Education:** Arlee Mueller, Andrew Reinitz, Becca Boser, and Dawn Audette

**Finance - Secretary:** Shelley Frederickson, **Thank You Cards:** Rita Kaiser

**Outreach:** Vacant

**WeCAN Fellowship Representative:** Becca Boser

**Women of Mount Olive - President:** Jan Preble, **Secretary:** Lindsey Eccles, **Treasurer:** Claudia Bullock

**Worship:** Sandi Woytcke and Jan Preble