

Elder Enlightenment

Mt Olive on a weekly basis commits to being devoted disciples by **reaching**, building and sending. However, it should be noted that Mt Olive does not currently have a Board or Committee of Evangelism (Outreach). Oswald J. Smith once said, "The church that doesn't evangelize will fossilize." Carl F.H. Henry once said, "The gospel is good news only if it arrives in time." Dick Rasanen once said, "The idea is not to get the word out but to get the Word out." Billy Graham once said, "It could be that one of the greatest obstacles to evangelism today is the poverty of our own experience."

The Editor of the Lutheran Witness, Rev Roy Askins once proudly stated that "We go forth with a bold confession of Lutheran doctrine and practice. We do not teach Lutheranism merely as one option among many, but as a correct exposition of God's Word. For God's mission to go forth, the Word in all its truth and purity must be proclaimed—with words. The Word must go forth in Baptism and the Lord's Supper to create and sustain faith. This is the heart and core of the church's mission."

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LWML Resource Center

The LWML Resource Center located in the narthex offers a variety of Bibles, Christian greeting cards and other gift items. Proceeds from this center goes to our LWML mission giving, which is voted on at our LWML meetings. For a detailed list of these money gifts, they are posted on the hall bulletin board and in the Resource Center. Thank you for supporting missions through this effort. There is also a printer inkjet recycle box and free Thrivent t-shirts in the Resource Center.

In Need of Special Prayers?

For whatever specific needs in your life or lives of those you care about, our Mt. Olive Prayer Chain is available. You can request prayers by notifying either the church office, an elder or Nola. There is tremendous power and support when your cause is lifted up in the hearts of many by your brothers and sisters in Christ. We are willing to pray for all who need the help of our Lord or who are calling on His name. If you would like more information or join our email or phone prayer chain, contact the office or Nola.



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To develop devoted disciples by reaching, building, and sending

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**Mt. Olive Lutheran Church
7809 Tieton Drive
Yakima, WA 98908**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Communion Sundays

August 2nd and 16th

Elder meeting

August 16th at 11:30am

Camp Hope

Saturday, August 22nd at 3pm

Ministry Council

August 23rd at 7:30am

5th Sunday Potluck

August 30th after service

Quilt Room Open House

Please come by the Quilt Room (Room 28) for coffee and cookies on Wednesday, September 2, 10:00-12:00. Meet our quilting volunteers, view quilts in the works and completed, and see if you would like to assist us in some way. Or just come in and say hello!

Paola's Return to Front Office Plans

There is a calendar posted outside of the front office of days she'll be IN and days she'll be OUT. Please note there are new office hours of 8:30-12:30. Please know you can always reach her by email, if not in the front office and you need something.

Call Committee Update

The committee meets every other Monday at 6:30pm and is open for those that wish to attend. The next meeting is Monday August 10th. The Congregation Self Study and Nominations have been collected for the packet to be sent to the district office. The committee took the results of self-study top pastoral characteristics and gave the top 40 a value. It was narrowed to the top 10 and then the committee voted on the order of the top 10 to be submitted.

This document will be given to the ministry council and elders for review prior to sending off to district.



Children's Book Donations

We need children's book donations for our free little library. We are running low on our stash of children's book and they are greatly appreciated by our community.

Elder Enlightenment message cont.

I concur with the statement of Rev Askins and my prayer is that Mt Olive would "witness to all people" (Article II, C. of our Constitution) and with the witnesses and the Priesthood of all believers at Mt Olive with the help from the Holy Spirit and with the help of our interim Pastors and our next Pastor, boldly confess and proclaim the Good News before it is too late (if someone dies before hearing about Jesus or hasn't heard about Jesus before Jesus returns).

In His service,
Gary Treece



Altar Flowers

There are many Sundays open to sign up for altar flowers. You can provide flowers from your garden, purchase or donate money for this cause. Following the service they are yours to do as you wish. The sign up chart is on the bulletin board in the small hallway off the narthex going to the Fellowship Hall.