



Newsletter
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From Pastor Ortiz:

"If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink.

**He who believes in me, as the Scripture said, from his innermost
being will flow rivers of living water."**

John 7:37-38

Water...water! as I write this article a second hurricane-storm is evolving and threatening with danger forces the island of Cuba and Florida. The situation in Florida, and the Caribbean, are natural disasters that will remain with us, as those aspects of life that we can't control.

As I watch the news from Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, and other Islands indicating that there is..." need for electrical power and drinking water." I wonder, but what about all the water that is imminent present? This can be the case in which we may have 'good and bad water,' all that water and no one should drink it.

Hurricanes are a great metaphor for life. It could be a storm of wind, water, and waves or a storm of relationships, finances, health, etc. However, God's nature is clear considering sending Jesus to pay for our sins and in doing so gaining our restoration.

In the above text Jesus, the Son of the Living God is making a promise here, where "from the innermost being of the one who believes in Him will flow rivers of living water." This is a promise given to those who will come to Him and drink of this water.

Water not only sustains our bodies and communities, but it is also an integral part of our spiritual lives. The Bible is rich with images of water that symbolize new life, cleansing, and the fulfillment of God's promises. To come to Jesus is to come to the One who loved you so much that He came to this broken world and suffered on the cross of Calvary to pay for our sins. To receive the living water that Jesus offers, is to gain a sense of direction and fulfillment. The simplicity of the promise is that all that we need to do is to come to Jesus and drink.

I believe that this promise from Jesus of the abundant rivers of living water, should be a source of blessings to be shared with others. The river flows out of us to others who are thirsty for this 'good water.' You and I are to be the rivers of living water that these people in need will have. As they see Christ in us and want what we have, we can tell them how they can come to Jesus and just simply drink.

See you in Church,

Pastor Eliezer - Interim



Time for Healing: The October 2 Worship will include a time for healing where you are invited to come forward and be anointed and prayers will be offered for you. The church embraces the ministry of healing as a important way of bringing the loving care of God to people in their need.



Sunday School on Sunday, October 2 and 16. A new session starts in the fall. All children are welcome to join in and learn about the bible and Jesus.

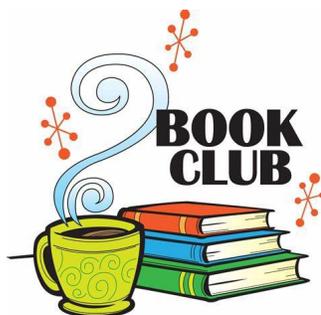
Call Committee: The paperwork for the new pastor has been submitted to the synod. Mt. Olivet is waiting further instruction on the process.

Mt. Olivet Sleep Space Project

The 100 plus Club awarded Mt. Olivet \$5500 for the Sleep Space Project. Gene Grell has several calls from families needed bedding. But there is a need for helping them with housing, kitchen supplies, food and getting to know Perry. If anyone has furniture that they are not needing send a note to Gene. Also look through your closets for winter coats, scarves and gloves. There will be upcoming information on handling those.



God's Work Our Hands Annual Day of Service To help new families coming to the area, we could put together a kitchen supply box. Some items to include: pots, pan, silverware, plates, mugs and some paper goods.



Women of the Word will be meeting on Thursday, October 20 at 7pm. The book to discuss is *Oceans Apart* by Karen Kingsbury. Copies of the book are available to share and it is also available as an ebook and audiobook.



Pastor Ortiz would like to lead adult classes after worship starting on October 2 about Bishop Eaton's emphasis on: The Church We Are Becoming-Together in Christ. There's a sad reality that the ELCA Lutheran denomination is shrinking. He would also like to teach on Racism-Free in Christ, Race, and Culture.

Dallas County Hospital Run/Walk. Saturday, October 8th at 9:30, Mt. Olivet will offer a water station for the participants. Anyone who would like to volunteer should be at the church at 9:00 to set up the water station. The theme is 70's, so dressing up is encouraged!



Food Pantry Sunday is the last Sunday of the month. Please bring in your food and hygiene items or make a cash donation.

Prayer List

Prayers are powerful and as a church we want to be sure that whenever anyone in our family is hurting we are lifting them up in prayer. So please feel free to contact any of our church council members with any prayer concerns you may have.



Worship Leaders & Greeters -September

2: Niemeysers
9: Golays
16: Reuters
23: Gene Grell + Sandy Seeman
30: Darek + Carol VanKirk



Fellowship Treats in September

2: Gregorys
9: Bonjour
16:
23: Hayes
30:





Church Council: Each year four new council members are needed to replace those members whose terms have expired. If you are interested in serving on council, please reach out to one of the council members. We will vote in November and the new members join the council in December and are installed in January.

Flowers for the Sanctuary

Flowers needed (purchasing-get vases from church and save money or flowers from your garden/yard) for June, July and August. See Gene for more info.

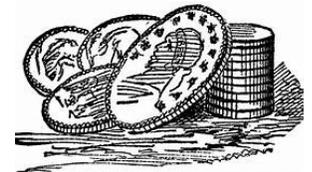


Tithe.ly app.

It is another way to keep abreast of what is happening at Mt. Olivet. To get the Mt. Olivet app you can download Church App - Tithe.ly from the app store and select our church or just go to the following link; <https://tithely.app.link/mt-olivet-lutheran-church> Make Mt. Olivet a part of your daily routine.

Our website has the current newsletter and the bulletin for Sunday's Worship.

The Quarter Tube helps the Ministerial Association. Bring in your quarters to help out their mission.



Pastor Eliezer Ortiz has office hours on Tuesday and Thursday from 9am to 5pm. His email is eliezerdortiz@gmail.com and his cell phone is 786-447-7994. **Pastor Ortiz** will be out of the office on May 31 to June 4.

Theresa Burns, church secretary: 515-975-6102 and email:theresadburns@gmail.com



Church Council Meeting Minutes for September 21, 2022



Members Present: Rusty Burgett, Sally Radke, Meg Menke, Becky Reuter, Nicole Hayes, Sandy Seeman, Theresa Burns, Claire Drizness, Pastor Ortiz

Call to Order: Vice-President called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Joys and Concerns: Sawyer Jackson Burgett was born on September 2nd. Mom and baby are doing well. Church members helping community members in need with items for living.

Opening Devotion and Prayer: Pastor Ortiz shared a passage from Romans 5:1-2. Luther stood on the Word that stated that we have grace and are reconciled through faith in Christ Jesus. Don't neglect the gift that we have been given. It's something to cherish and take seriously.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: A change to the section "New Business"- It needs to state that the congregation will be told through email or printed letter why we are calling Pastor Ron and how he meets our church's profile. Sandy moved to accept the minutes, and Nicole seconded the motion.

Special Presentations and Communications: Sleep Space is continuing at Mt. Olivet to provide beds and bedding for families, and Mt. Olivet has begun a fund called Cup of Kindness which was previously labelled "Immigrant Fund". Gene has contacted some people to join the Cup of Kindness committee, but it's not finalized. Council discussed the responsibilities of the Cup of Kindness committee and the council's Social Concerns/Fellowship & Care committee. Rusty will invite Gene to the next council meeting to clarify intentions for the Cup of Kindness committee.

Treasurer's Report: The account balance is up mostly because of offerings to Sleep Space in August. The church is falling behind on offerings but ahead on expenses. We are up \$2,000 on general offerings over last year. Utilities are up significantly over last year. Sally made a motion to accept the report. Becky seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mission and Ministry Reports

- **Worship and Fine Arts:** Worship leaders are being contacted before each Sunday. Altar guild is being reintroduced again with a rotation of helpers. Council agrees that the worship leaders can arrive at 8:30 instead of 8:15.
- **Faith Formation:** Sunday school began last Sunday. Materials have finally arrived and will be organized for the year. Bibles will be ordered for the kids who need the next stage of Bibles.
- **Social Concerns/Fellowship & Care:** Dallas County Hospital Run/Walk. October 8th at 9:30, but the volunteers should be at the church at 9:00 to set up the water station. Anyone willing to help can come. The theme is 70's, so dressing up is encouraged! Women of the Word will be October 20th at 7:00.
- **Property & Long-Range Planning:** Rusty will fix the toilet and sink in the men's restroom in the basement. No response has been heard from the roof company who had repaired the church roof. The ash trees to the northeast of the church need to be taken down. The ceiling fans still need to be replaced in the sanctuary.

Pastor's Report: The pastor's microphone is broken and it needs to be replaced. A new one would cost around \$400. Pastor Ortiz is going to order a new microphone. Pastor Ortiz would like to lead adult classes soon about Bishop Eaton's emphasis on: The Church We Are Becoming-Together in Christ. There's a sad reality that the ELCA Lutheran denomination is shrinking. He would also like to teach on Racism-Free in Christ, Race, and Culture. The Perry Ministerial Association discussed the joint Thanksgiving service and Christmas service this year.

Old Business:

*Becky presented to the 100 People for Perry and received the money. Currently we have received \$5,200. The paper stated \$7,400, but it's not always followed through by donors who are supposed to give their \$100 towards the cause.

*The loan given to the family was received with gratitude.

New Business:

*New members need to be asked and voted on in November to serve on Church Council. Names were suggested.

Next meeting and Time: October 19th at 5:30 p.m.

Closing and Lord's Prayer: Pastor Ortiz closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer

Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church 2022 Church Council

Officers: President: Matt Hardy **Vice-president:** Rusty Burgett

Secretary: Meg Menke

Committee Assignments

Worship and Fine Arts

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