



Newsletter
2021

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From Pastor Ortiz:

**“And he led them forth by the right way,
that they might go to a city
of habitation.”
(Psalm 107:7)**

As parents we teach our children to follow certain directions that can be helpful to them as they grow. We become their guide, leading them on a protected type of journey.

The children of Israel are pictured in Psalm 107 as travelers, lost in a barren desert, hungry, thirsty, and lonely. When they cried to God in their helplessness, He delivered them; He became their guide as He led them the right way. Today we may be wandering travelers, lost in a wilderness of loneliness, disappointment, illness, despair, and fearful of the things that we are facing.

Today, can be the right time for us to switch direction and move from the lane in which we have been driving, and begin to travel on a completely new road. This is what conversion is all about. But, to make this work everything must change. I must think differently. I must have an open mind. I must have a willing heart that is open to what God wants to change in me. It is hard to change as a nation or as individuals. It requires an incredible surrender of will, determination and lots of obedience. With God's help, our lives can change and be what He wants us to be.

He is ready to become our personal guide. His way is always the right way. He knows where we are and what we need. Sometimes we become lost because we go our own way instead of God's. We must come back to the place where we left Him and make that change. Let us take the time to have a regular communication with our Lord, in His Word and in prayer. In Him we will find complete satisfaction and direction.

Let us pray: Lord God, fill me with the spirit of courage as I follow where you lead me today. Help me to trust in you. In Christ's name. Amen.

See you in church,
Pastor Eliezer
Interim



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. These may be for yourself or for people you care about, members or not.



Time for Healing: The November 7 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.

-ANNOUNCING-

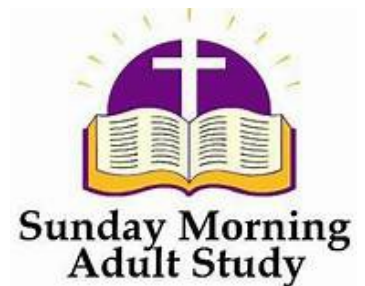
SUNDAY MORNING ADULT STUDY

When: Beginning on September 19, 2021

Time: 10:15 a.m. – After worship!

Topic: 'I Am A Church Member Book'
By -Thom S. Rainer

This is a great opportunity for members to understand better the power of belonging to a church family. Please Sign-Up just to have an idea how many books to order. For more information see Pastor. Ortiz!



The 2021-2022 Sunday school year is beginning on September 19th. October 3 and 17 are Sunday School dates for October. Classes be held for 2 year olds through 6th grade. The older two groups will study the New Testament this year through Spark Classroom. The youngest group will learn about the Bible through Frolic Preschool.



Lawn Mowers signed up for October Mowing: Oct 3 is the Reuters the rest of the month is open.

Altar Guild: Janet Hawthorne and Brenda Golay are on the for the month of October

Coffee Fellowship for October

Oct 3 is Claire Drizness , Oct 10 is Theresa Burns and Darlene Lyons , Oct 17 & Oct 24 are open and Oct 31 is Marlene Johnson.

Offerings

As you worship with us I ask that you please remember to continue giving your offerings every week. This is something you can easily do online as well. Click the link on the front page of our website to quickly and easily set up an online giving account. Or you can mail your checks to the church.



THE LAST QUARTER CHALLENGE



The last quarter of the church year begins September 1st. Let's challenge each other the first Sundays of September, October, and November to see how many times we can fill the "Quarter Tube" before the end of the church year on November 30! The need for financial assistance in Perry continues. Any money raised in quarters will go to the Perry Ministerial Association to supplement funds they use to assist families.

Sleep Space Project

Perry Elk's donated \$1000 or blankets and sleeping bags to the Sleep Space Project. They also donated \$4500 for the Sleep Space Project for future needs for the upcoming colder weather.



TITHE.LY

Tithe.ly app.

From Theresa: I am updating the files on the app. I will send out short notes from time to time. 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.

Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church Council Minutes –

September 22, 2021

Members Present: Matt, Meg, Rusty, Theresa, Pastor Ortiz, Sally, Paula and Nicole



Joys and Concerns: Joys – Theresa’s carriage won the People’s Choice award. The 5th grade football team had a win against Carroll. Brynn Menke had a successful surgery on Wednesday.

Opening Devotion and Prayer: Pastor Ortiz shared devotion and prayer with us.

Minutes from Previous Meeting: Meg motioned to approve, Sally seconded.

Special Presentations and Communications:

Treasurer’s Report: Rusty motioned to approve and Paula seconded the motion.

Mission and Ministry Reports:

Worship and Fine Arts: The healing services will be on the first Sunday service of every month. This will hopefully be starting in November.

Faith Formation: Sunday school has started as well as the adult class.

Social Concerns/Fellowship and Care: The social committee is going to be forming three congregational groups to help with social obligations.

Property and Long-Range Planning: The roof repairs seem to be holding up well after the rain. The air conditioner in the Fellowship Hall is probably going to need replaced. Rusty is in the process of getting bids on the work.

Pastor’s Report:

-Pastor Ortiz is continuing his work on the healing service and the adult education classes.

Old Business:

-The old financial papers were burned.

-The Call Committee is putting the finishing touches on the ministry profile and it should be sent in shortly.

New Business:

-Gather to Nourish would like to donate \$500 to the Elementary food pantry. Nicole motioned to approve, Rusty seconded the motion.

Next Meeting Date and Time: October 27th at 7:00.

Closing with the Lord’s Prayer



Worship Leaders & Greeters - October

Oct 3 - the Golays

Oct 10 - The Menkes

Oct 17- The Lutmers & Matt Hardy

Oct 24 - Jill Onnen & Gene Grell

Oct 31 - Jessica Renken & Dixie Slight



Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church 2021 Church Council

Officers: President: Matt Hardy
Vice-president: Meg Menke
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