

## Newsletter

# 2024

### Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church

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***From Pastor Kimberly***

**Dear Church,**

On Sunday, October 6 we will be celebrating World Communion Sunday. This is something that is likely new to many of you as it originated in the Presbyterian tradition. In more recent years, it has spread across denominations and is now observed by people of diverse Christian backgrounds around the globe. Our service for this will be still be at our normal time and place, but we will spend time celebrating the unity we have in Christ through shared participation in the sacrament of Holy Communion. We remember in word, song, and action that Christians are one in Christ's body and are one for the sake of the world.

For Lutherans, the most important words in the communion portion of the service are that the body and blood of Christ are given and shed FOR YOU. In the context of World Communion Sunday, the Lutheran voice adds to the conversation this emphasis that Christ is for YOU and that YOU belong. This message that YOU belong is important because it reminds us that we are a valuable part of the body of Christ. We are one of many parts that make up Christ's body in the world—a body that bears witness to the love, grace, and acceptance that God gives to us. Without YOU this body would be incomplete.

This sense of belonging is one of my favorite things about communion. Even if we can't understand the finer points of how Christ is fully present in the meal and the whens and hows of that presence, we can understand the power of being in community with one another in the meal. We experience Christ with us as individuals and as a church family in the meal. While we will, hopefully, grow in our understanding of the meaning and theology of the meal as we continue to grow in our faith, gathering at the table unites us in one body. It tells us that Christ is for us and in us and with us. It tells us that we are his and are loved by him.

Gathered as one body around many tables on World Communion Sunday, we celebrate the gift of Christ for us and for one another. The meal is not a symbol of Christ, it is actually Christ that we take in us to transform us. This meal at Christ's table is what strengthens us for all the ways we daily live our faith—for acts of love and service, for words of encouragement and welcome, and for growing deeper in relationship with God.

I am delighted to have a day to celebrate this gift with you. I am also delighted to belong to Christ's body with you in Perry and in the world. Christ continues to draw us together, love us, and also send us to a community that is walking through a time of transition. This can be an exciting time to be the church, but also a challenging one. We need communion to feed us, strengthen us, and guide us so that we can participate fully in loving, serving, and transforming our community and the world. Christ is given for YOU. Mt. Olivet, YOU are members of the body of Christ. Let us rejoice, celebrate this gift, and follow where God is leading us.

*In Christ,*

*Pastor Kimberly*

**Mt. Olivet Rally Day :** Thank you for all that helped the Rally Day be a fun time for our children.



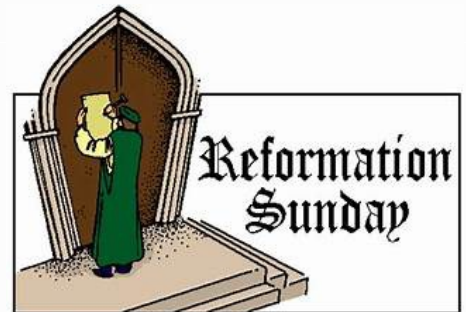
Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> is **World Communion Sunday**. the Lutheran voice adds to the conversation this emphasis that Christ is for YOU and that YOU belong.

**The Sunday school** will start on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Classes be held for 2 year olds through 6th grade.



**Women of the Word:** will be meeting Wednesday, October 30 at 7 pm at church to discuss *The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman. The novel chronicles the lives of a couple and the baby they adopt. Books are available to share, and it is also in ebook and audio formats through the library apps.

**Reformation Party:** on Sunday, October 27 - meet at the LaPoste at 5:00pm. Please bring a dish with a German flair. We will have singing, some Polka dancing and great fellowship.

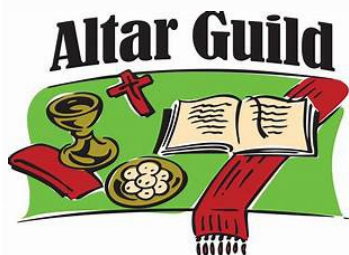


**From Joel's Samuelson:**

I miss going to Mt. Olivet Church. He has been in the VA Hospital for 3 weeks because of a fractured hip. Surgery was not needed. Joel fell on the back patio steps. He has Parkinson's Disease and takes medication for that and he has some dementia. Joel enjoys visitors and all are welcome to stop at his house at 2119 2nd Street on the east side. Please call because Brother Paul might be driving him to the VA for an appointment. His phone number is 402-276-9854. Thank you for the cards, support and visits. Joel is working on a letter of thanks for the church members. He remembers the bible verse: God is with us for you go and you go.



**Thank you** to all those that helped with the mowing and weed pulling this summer.



**Altar Guild:** All those interested in helping out with the Altar Guild, please talk with Darlene Lyons to learn about procedures and showing you where the documentation is for all procedures and the calendar for parament colors.

### **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.



**Quarter Tube:** Bring your quarters in to fill the Quarter Tube to benefit the Perry Ministerial group.



### **Worship Leaders & Greeters - October**

Worship Leaders & Greeters - October 6 - Niemeysers

Worship Leaders & Greeters - October 13 - Golays

Worship Leaders & Greeters - October 20 - Hogers

Worship Leaders & Greeters - October 27 - Gregory

### **Fellowship for October**

October 6 - Sandy Seeman

October 13 - Bev Koob and Liz Eastman & Clair

October 20 -

October 27 -

#### **Mowing schedule for October**

October 6 - have to see if mowing is needed

October 13 -

October 20 -

October 27 -