

WORSHIP

8:00am

Traditional
Communion on 1st, 3rd
& 5th Sundays

10:30am

Contemporary
Communion on 2nd, 4th
& 5th Sundays

9:00am Coffee Hour

9:20am Sunday School

9:30am Bible Studies

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“As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, ‘Have mercy on us, Son of David!’ When (Jesus) had gone outdoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, ‘Do you believe that I am able to do this?’ ‘Yes Lord,’ they replied. Then Jesus touched their eyes and said, ‘According to your faith it will be done to you’; and their sight was restored.” Matthew 9:27-30

We live in a world that doesn't seem to trust a whole lot anymore. Why should we? Our culture has proven time and time again that few, if any, are to be trusted when it comes to our lives and the relationships we have surrounding us. With that in mind, many get involved in friendships and marriages already expecting to see it dissolve because, as they say, “that's just the way it is today.” It's easy to see why trust is at an all time low when you look around.

Thank God for Jesus!

Jesus came to our broken world to redeem us and to let us know that there is someone whom we can trust. Please reread the text above. The two blind men, in faith, believed that Jesus was the Son of God and able to heal them. They trusted that Jesus could do something out of the ordinary, to make people see. Even though their lives were far from perfect, they looked for mercy instead of cursing at Jesus for their hard life. What did they receive? The gift of sight. Now you may not see any similarities to your own lives, but they are there. At the center of this text is the question of trust. Jesus asked, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” He asks us the same question today. Do you believe that I am able to comfort you at the loss of a loved one? Do you believe that I am able to restore your relationship that seems to be headed for separation or divorce? Do you believe I am able to give you the strength to stop this addiction? Do you believe that I am able to save you? These are tough questions, yet Jesus has an answer for these and all the other questions that face us daily. “Yes, I am able.”

This brings me to an important question. Do you trust Him? Do you trust that Jesus is who He says He is and that He has done what He says He has done? If yes, and I pray it is for all of you, are you willing to trust Him with your lives? Trusting someone makes us vulnerable to them, but we needn't worry when it comes to trusting Jesus. He came because He loved us and wanted us to live eternally with Him. He is able to bring peace to our lives. He is able to give us balance as we live in this untrusting world. Trust Him in this! He is able!

God give you the strength to believe that, in all things, Jesus is able.

In His Service,
Pastor Jason

OFFICE

Hours

9:00am-3:00pm Mon-Fri

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For emergencies, call 228-4134 (Pastor's cell).

JUNE/JULY VIEW DEADLINE

Monday, May 27th

E-mail articles to Derek Handley at office@molc.us.

If you have some spare time, come help stuff inserts and stick on mailing labels!

Wed, May 29th at 12:00pm

SUNDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE

The Sunday Bulletin deadline for Announcements is always **Wednesday at NOON** for the following Sunday.

Email announcements to Derek at office@molc.us.

MAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

May 5: 7th Grade Parents (Confirmation)

May 12: LaRowes (Brian's retirement!)

May 19: (open)

May 26: (open)

Sign up at the Coffee Bar!

ALTAR FLOWERS

May 5: (Confirmation)

May 12: (open)

May 19: Lisa Sell (memory of parents Don & Verna)

May 26: Mary Goers (birthday!)

Sign up in the office!

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES

Small Groups meet all around the Madison area! If you would like to be placed in a group, contact our Director of Family Life Rev. Mark Baldwin at mbaldwin@molc.us or (608) 238-5656.

TEE UP FOR LUWISO MO

The annual LuWiSoMo benefit golf outing will take place at The Meadows of Sixmile Creek in Waunakee on **Tue, May 14th**. The \$110 entry fee covers golf, cart, dinner, prizes and a generous donation to LuWiSoMo Outdoor Ministry & Retreat Center. Sign up by contacting Gary Rainbow at (608) 274-4099 or gary.rainbow@charter.net. Registration starts at 11am, shotgun start at noon, dinner at 5:30, depart at 6:15. **Not a golfer?** Become a Ministry Partner or Event Sponsor. Fliers are available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex.

CARD SHOP NEWS

Confirmation, Graduation, and Mother's Day cards are May features in the Card Shop. Lots of everyday cards too. We're in the Library, next to the Nursery and all profits are given to Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

SCHOOL EXPLORATORY SESSIONS

There was an informational session on Sunday, April 28 where the School Exploratory Committee presented their findings re: the possibility of starting a Lutheran school here at Mount Olive. If you have any questions about their findings, you can email schoolcommittee@molc.us. 3 additional listening sessions will take place where the committee will listen to your questions and comments: **Monday, May 6, 6:30-7:30pm; Wednesday, May 15, 6:30-7:30pm; Sunday May 19, 11:45am.** We hope you will join us for these sessions as we explore this possibility of starting a Lutheran school.

MOTHER DAUGHTER BANQUET

The Fellowship Board is hosting this new event on **Saturday, May 11, 9:30-11am.** Enjoy a morning with your mothers and daughters, food, crafts, music, and fun! "Prayer" will be the theme for the banquet. Sign up at the Welcome Center **by May 5th**. Contact Cindi at (608) 444-1999 with any questions. **All women and girls of faith are invited to this banquet.**

DENNY'S MEET-UP

You're invited to join Mount Olive members and friends at Denny's (433 S Gammon Rd) **Wednesday, May 1 at 1pm** for good food and fellowship!

DOWNLOAD OUR FREE APP!

Connect, Give, Listen, and more! Search for "Mount Olive LC" in the Apple Store or Google Play store.



LET US KNOW IF YOU'RE IN HOSPITAL!

Just a friendly reminder to let us know if you are hospitalized. The hospitals no longer let us know on their own accord like they used to.

TODAY'S LIGHT BIBLE STUDY

"Strengthen me according to your Word." -Psalm 119:28b

May	Obadiah	Psalm	Proverbs
1		4	14:15-16
2	Jonah 1	139	14:17-19
3	2	42	14:20-21
4	3	66	14:22-23
6	4	107	14:24-25
7	Micah 1-2	95	14:26-27
8	3-4	33	14:28-29
9	5	133	14:30-31
10	6-7	103	14:32-33
11	Nahum 1-3	124	14:34-35
13	Hab 1-2	109	15:1-4
14	3	7	15:5-7
15	Zeph 1-2	9	15:8-11
16	3	36	15:12-14
17	Haggai 1-2	24	15:15-17
18	Zech 1-2	74	15:18-19
20	3-5	104	15:20-21
21	6-7	72	15:22-23
22	8	126	15:24-26
23	9	69	15:27-28
24	10-11	23	15:29-30
25	12	22:1-15	15:31-33
27	13	22:16-22	16:1-3
28	14	22:23-31	16:4-5
29	Mal 1-2	50	16:6-7
30	3	71:1-12	16:8-11
31	4	71:13-24	16:12-13

Today's Light Bible Class meets on
Wednesdays at 10am in the Fireplace Room.
Come and join our conversation!

LIFETOUCH MOBILE DIRECTORY

Good news! The Mount Olive mobile directory is now available! Look up member info online or from your phone. Visit molc.us and click on 'Directory' at the bottom of the home page or download our app for easy access. Search for "Mount Olive LC" in your app store. Upon bringing up the directory link, you will be asked for an access code, which you can get by contacting the office at (608) 238-5656. Note: this is a different password than any previous password you have used (and shorter!). If you need to make any changes to your listing on the directory, contact the office.

SNACKS FOR CALVARY

Exam Week is coming up the week of May 5th, and as always, Mount Olive helps supply snacks for the many students that come to Calvary Lutheran Chapel to study. Will you join us in our continued support of Calvary and its ministries by donating snacks of any sort? Chips, pretzels, cookies, brownies, etc... You can bring snacks here or directly to Calvary (701 State St). Thank you!

THANK YOU FROM CHERYL AUSTIN

Thank you for all the countless prayers, cards, hugs, visits and support for Mark during his hospitalizations and for me on his passing. It has been quite a journey these past few years and neither of us could have made it without all of you. The visits and communion provided by the Pastors were also much appreciated along with the lovely prayer shawl.

Mark will live on in others as his skin and eyes have been donated for transplantation, the skin especially for burn victims. In a few months I will be told how many others he has helped, which is a wonderful comfort. In addition, he will be helping others walk because the parts of all his prosthetics, along with the supplies, will be going to a clinic in Ecuador where they build limbs for those in need. He wouldn't have wanted it any other way!

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

The Baby Bottle Fundraiser is coming! At Mount Olive, it's from **Sunday, May 19 through June 16**. And it's easy as 1-2-3. 1) Take a bottle, 2) Fill a bottle, 3) Bring it back **by June 16!** Your change, checks, and cash will make a difference. When you fill a baby bottle, you are helping provide life affirming resources to women and men facing unintended pregnancies through the ministry of Care Net Pregnancy Center. Thank you for helping families in need in our community. Any questions can be directed to Carol White at (608) 44-9144 or carolindawhite44@gmail.com.

I've been reading through a book called *Why Pray?* by John F. DeVries. The author's intention is to read a chapter a day, discovering that prayer is indeed a powerful privilege of faith. Prayer transcends our words, and in so, it becomes part of a satisfying relationship with God..

Knowing what we are in Christ helps us to gain an even deeper and intimate relationship with God as we pray to Him. We are just more than sinners saved by grace! That statement itself is powerful and yet, we are MORE than that. 2 Corinthians 5:17 states..."Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

One of Satan's tools of lies is for you to believe that you are merely a sinner, saved by grace. He doesn't want you to read the verse from above, because that totally changes things for His game plan. We are not simply being remodeled...God creates a new life within us! He has redeemed us to be so much more than a forgiven sinner. Romans 12:2 states, "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." Imagine Satan's demise when we pray knowing what we are in Christ...a new creation with a whole new mindset!

Not only are we new creations, but we are considered the BRIDE of CHRIST. Paul uses the tender love relationship between a husband and a wife to depict the height to which we humans are redeemed through Christ. Ephesians 5:25 says, "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her." Christ has revealed His beauty to the world through His "bride." That is why a praying family is important. Each family unit is to show the kind of spiritual family Christ is creating. In the family's tender acts of love and kindness and in her strength in prohibiting the spread of evil, that family reveals the beauty of the Savior. As we pray and offer ourselves as the conduits through which answers flow, we reveal the beauty of Christ.

And we are the BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF CHRIST! If your brother were ruler of a great nation, your position in life would be dramatically changed. Your and my Brother may not be ruler of your nation, but He is the King of kings and Lord of lords! He is a loving brother and we are His family, His royalty!

Newly created, bride, and brothers...we are redeemed to be more than God's likeness and next of kin; more than rulers and companions. Through our salvation in Christ and His atoning work, He has made us to be His new creations, His bride, and His brothers and sisters. These pictures show how God has generously used salvation to defeat Satan and lift us to an even higher level in the order of the universe. One cannot overemphasize our closeness to God after Christ's redemption. We are His new creations- His bride, His family!

With that in mind, we can approach Him with confidence in our prayers, knowing that we are His beloved. Let us take that message to others so that they too, can view prayer for what it truly is...a powerful privilege of faith!

(from Day 31, pp 190-193, *Why Pray?* by John F. DeVries, 2005)

- We will be completing our year on **Friday, May 24th**. Thanks to everyone for their prayers, love, words of encouragement, financial gifts, and donations throughout the year. We are truly blessed to share the love of Jesus with our students and their families.
- This year, we have tried to complete a Compassion project each month (i.e. bringing in canned goods for the food pantry, sending letters to community leaders, making Easter egg kits for friends, making scarves for the homeless in Madison). We would like to keep this as part of our curriculum, but I am in need of some different ideas so that we can rotate what we do each year. If you have any suggestions, please submit any ideas to me. You can email them to me at lzobel@molc.us or put them in my mailbox in the workroom.
- As you continue to "Spring clean," would you please keep the preschool in mind? We always appreciate buttons, scrapbook paper, and art materials. We could use some more tricycles and riding toys (need to be in really good condition). And we would still like to find some old-paned windows for future projects. Thanks in advance for your help with these fun projects and materials!
- It's not too late if you know of anyone interested in sending their child to preschool. We still have a few openings for the fall. Please share the word and help us share Jesus with young children!

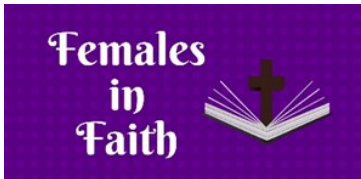
Praying you will know the beauty of being His new creation!
Laurel





Our Mount Olive Men's Ministry – "Men at Work" – continues to meet **the first Monday of each month** to pray, study God's Word, and reflect on a topic of the month based on the movie "Courageous". We begin each gathering **at 6:30 p.m.** All men of Mt. Olive and their friends are invited to attend. "Winning and Blessing the Hearts of Your Children" will be this month's topic.

"Females in Faith" will only meet ONCE in May on **Tuesday, May 7**. "Females in Faith" is our new women's Bible Study that normally meets **the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 pm.** They are currently working through an exciting study based on the story of Jonah.



THE DATE HAS BEEN SET for our Mount Olive night at the Madison Mallards. Mark your calendar for **Friday, July 26!** Ticket information will be coming soon. Watch the bulletin and website for more details!

If you have additional ideas about Family Life (young and older) activities, please do not hesitate to contact me. Have a blessed celebration of our Lord's Victory!

In His Service,
Pastor Mark

Treasurer's Report (as of March 31, 2019)

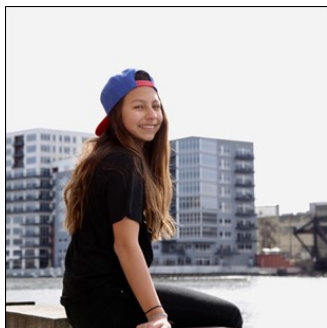
A few financial highlights from the first quarter of fiscal 2019:

1. Through March 31st, envelope and plate offerings were only at 81.9% of budget and were down 15.3% from last year. While winter weather was poor and there was a one-time gift from 2018 that skewed the numbers, it is a trend that we will monitor in the coming months.
2. Expenses were at 95.4% of budget through the first two months, although a significant contributor is the fact that contribution to the health savings accounts are paid early in the year. Board directors are paying close attention to any categories that are running ahead of schedule.
3. Cash on hand has been declining due to the combination of lower receipts and higher expenses, but reserves are sufficient to handle short-term liquidity needs. However, the reduction is something we will also be monitored closely throughout the year.
4. Full financials for the first quarter of 2019 will be available in the office. You may also request an electronic copy by e-mailing Greg (treasurer@molonline.org) or Derek (church_office@molonline.org).
5. Our mortgage is an adjustable rate, with the next reset occurring in September. Should mortgage rates drop significantly between now and then, we will potentially raise the issue of moving ahead sooner to lock in the interest rate. The congregation can also explore re-financing with a different lender (such as LCEF); we are likely to explore all options to secure the most attractive terms for Mount Olive's loan.
6. Overall, the impact of the new tax law is still unknown, but we have seen a general increase in "planned gifts" – IRA distributions, stock gifts, and bunching of gifts on an every-other year cycle. While these approaches don't necessary impact the annual giving figures, they are making comparative statements less informative depending on when these gifts are received. We will continue to watch the monthly figures, but want to avoid drawing any big conclusions from them and will put greater emphasis on the longer-term (quarterly and/or annual) trends.

Please let Greg or Wade know if you have any questions: treasurer@molonline.org.

God Bless!

Sun, May 5, is Confirmation Sunday. We congratulate and pray for this year's confirmands as they profess their faith in Christ!



Isabella Boyle

Parents: Kevin and Claudia Boyle

Siblings: Emma

Current School: Savanna Oaks Middle School

High School: Verona Area High School

Activities/Interests: Swimming, reading, working with little kids

Favorite Bible passage/story: Proverbs 18:10, "The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run into it and are safe."

Favorite memory of LOGOS, Sunday School, and/or ACTS: When she got the Bible, because of the great quote that she got inside of the Bible.

Birthplace: Madison, WI

Birthdate: May 18, 2005



Andrea Jaskowiak

Parents: Chuck and Chris Jaskowiak

Siblings: Lindsay Duffy, Ben Jaskowiak

Current School: Thomas Jefferson Middle School

High School: Memorial High School

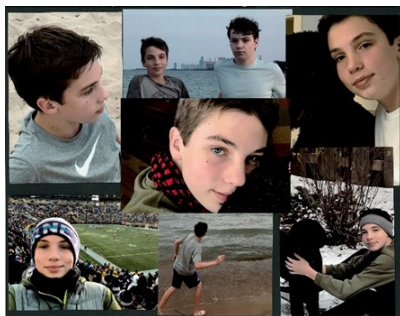
Activities/Interests: Softball, running, art

Favorite Bible passage/story: "Be strong and let your heart be courageous, all you who put your hope in the Lord." Psalm 31:24

Favorite memory of LOGOS, Sunday School, and/or ACTS: LOGOS musicals, getting to goof around with my classmates on a Saturday morning/Wednesday.

Birthplace: Madison, Wisconsin

Birthdate: October 30, 2004



Paul Kraske

Parents: Kate and Gerhard Kraske

Siblings: Mark Kraske

Current School: Blessed Sacrament

High School: Edgewood High

Activities/Interests: basketball, golf, reading

Favorite Bible Story: all the miracles of Christ

Favorite Bible passage: Colossians 3: 2-3, "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God."

Favorite memory of LOGOS: caroling at Oakwood during Christmas time.

Birthplace: Aiken, South Carolina

Birthdate: October 22, 2004



Kenzie Allison Probasco

Parents: Jeremiah and Marina Probasco

Siblings: Barbara Mariel Collu Probasco, Jeremiah Jake Probasco, Matthew Hunter-Clay Probasco

Current School: Kromrey Middle School

High School: Middleton High School

Activities/Interests: Swimming, basketball, singing, and listening to music.

Favorite Bible story: Daniel in the lion's den

Favorite memory of LOGOS: Caroling at Oakwood and youth Christmas bake sale

Birthplace: Madison, WI

Birthdate: August 19, 2005



Jackson Scott Rademacher

Parents: Greg and Jenelle Rademacher

Siblings: Payton and Tristan

Current School: Glacier Creek Middle School

High School: Middleton High School

Activities/Interests: Reading, soccer, baseball, golf, basketball

Favorite Bible Verse: Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Favorite LOGOS memory: The best musical line ever—"Wow! Thanks!"

Birthplace: Madison, WI

Birthdate: April 11, 2005

Also during May, you will see decorations and a donation table for Vacation Bible School in the Narthex. Many volunteers and donations are needed to make our VBS program a success, and we welcome contributions of your time and talents!

SWD FLOOD RELIEF

The South Wisconsin District is sending disaster relief teams to Nebraska, Missouri and Iowa to aid families, towns, cities, and churches. More information on that trip are forthcoming, but they are currently taking donations, which will aid the relief effort. Checks made payable to "SWD Disaster Relief/Mercy Care fund" and sent to 8100 W Capitol Dr, Milwaukee, WI 53222. Online donations accepted at swd.lcms.org. Contact Rev. Jonah Burakowski at (414) 464-8101 with questions.

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- Sidewalk Prophets 7:00**
- Ryan Stevenson **6:00**
- Ayiesha Woods **5:00**
- AJ the Animated Illusionist **4:00**
- Adelaide **3:00**
- Jamie Kimmett **2:00**
- 6'10 **1:00**
- AJ the Animated Illusionist **12:00**
- The Harley Rev Band **11:00AM**

COMMUNITY-WIDE WORSHIP SERVICE 8:30AM
with Ayiesha Woods and Bob Lenz

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Madison, WI 53705

MAY 2019

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*At Mount Olive, we come to know Jesus Christ in God's Word and Sacraments;
praising God, strengthening our individual lives, supporting fellow Christians,
and sharing God's love wherever we go.*