



# Olive Leaves



June/July 2020

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## From Pastor Walt: The Tribe of the Lutherans

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What does it mean to be Lutheran? For starters, it means you're a Christian. Although it, of course, means a lot of other stuff, too.

You can't look at the church and miss that it's a little complicated. There are Catholics, Lutherans, Anglicans, Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians; and in case you get tired of all those denominations, there are some Christians who call themselves "non-denominational" (apparently with no sense of irony).

I sometimes say that "The Lutherans are the first ones out." By which I mean that we were the first group to leave the Roman Catholic Church and form a new church body. If I'm feeling a little naughty I'll say, "Lutherans are the people who left after the dispute with the Building Committee." By which I mean that all those indulgences sold by Johann Tetzel were the fundraiser for building St. Peter's in Rome.

But surely there's more to it than that. And there is.

Lutherans have a healthy respect for the Historic Christian Church. Not everything before us was bad, after all. Because of that attitude Lutherans did not throw out everything the Historic Church had done; robes, candles, a high view of the Sacraments, a respect for the Liturgy, and even the Church Calendar all stayed. For this reason, some people say that the Lutheran Church is "too Catholic."

On the other hand, the Lutheran Church came into being because of Luther's "Gospel Discovery." This means that Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Scripture Alone became rallying cries. The doctrines of the church were to be based on the Bible, and ought to make the hearer's heart glad with the Good News of the gift of salvation in Christ. For this reason, some very ancient church bodies think the Lutheran Church is "too evangelical."

To all this I say: Fine, put those two complaints together and you can call us Evangelical Catholics.

So that's us; but still all those other denominations remain. How can that be? Because Lutherans weren't the only ones to leave the Roman Catholic Church. The fact that Luther left and lived to tell about it encouraged others to follow. (In earlier, rougher times, heretics were burned at the stake.) Most of the others who left didn't become Lutherans; they became Anglicans, Mennonites, etc.

So what does it mean to be an Anglican? What does it mean to be a Methodist?

"Distinctives" is the word that polite theologians have invented to tell us that every church shares the basics, while differing on secondary matters. This is true. Pick any church you like, and you'll hear all the things that C.S. Lewis referred to as "Mere Christianity." God is Triune, Christ was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, performed miracles, died on the cross for our sins, and conquered death and the grave on the third day, and we're saved when we believe on Him. That's what makes someone a Christian.

But move beyond those basics, and you'll notice that every church has its own hymnody, its own culture, and its own traditions. That includes churches that bemoan traditionalism. Stick around long enough and you'll find that they really mean someone else's traditionalism. They don't usually notice that they have their own traditions, things that to them seem as natural as breathing. Add it all up, and you might even say that every church has a personality.

Several years ago I was at a convocation of our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. We were listening to different speakers (most, but not all, of them Lutheran), while considering the challenges that face the church in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. One of the speakers was a well-known Christian author, and after his speech he took questions. I'll never forget that in response to one of the questions he began, "Well, in my tribe, the Methodists..."

We all laughed. I suppose that none of us had ever before thought to connect the words "tribe" and "Methodists." But then I began to think that he had spoken a real insight.

Ancient Israel had twelve tribes; twelve tribes, but there was one nation--all of the Israelite people. Did they all share exactly every practice and custom? Of course not. But they were still all Israelites. And so it is with the church: many denominations, one church. ("I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church..." says the Nicene Creed.)

That can easily be forgotten. How do we forget? Because of the distinctives.

Every church has its distinctives, and I'm convinced that this is the way God reaches people who just wouldn't be reached by a different church. So the distinctives are fine. They give color and variety to the church, the same way that your family's Christmas is a little different from my family's Christmas.

The temptation is for any one church to begin to think that its distinctives aren't just distinctives, but are really essentials. There's a short distance from "Here's how we're different" to "Here's why everybody else is wrong."

This is not to say that anyone should abandon their distinctives. There are things that make us who we are. God works through them, and for some people this church will feel like home, while for other people a different church will feel like their home. There's no need for either church to give up the good parts of "what makes us, us."

Of course the question will remain: What does it mean to be Lutheran? We could do worse than to answer, "Well, in my tribe..."

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## From our President

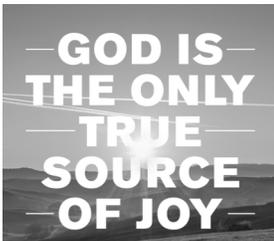
*Jim Crosland, Congregational President*

Church business as usual is not a valid statement for the last two months. I really would like to thank the Nominating Committee for doing due diligence in the recruitment for volunteers and the volunteers for accepting. Being called to volunteer your services can and will be a rewarding experience in the church.

Many of us had to learn words like *Google Meets, Zoom*, and other electronic virtual meeting rooms just so we could see each other to get our work done. I am definitely a little more tech savvy after this. Still, some of us had to meet in person to conduct church business and it was so nice to see those familiar faces. As we break into our new normal routines, please still practice our new habits for staying safe. So looking forward to seeing everyone again!

**Safety Tip:** Please remain vigilant of your surroundings especially in the parking lots. It is now acceptable to wear masks everywhere and our perpetrators that can wear them with evil intentions. Be safe and healthy with Blessings.

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## Board of Christian Education

*Natalie Crosland, Chairperson*

**"Almighty God, thank you for the gift of joy to fill our hearts. He will yet fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy." Job 8:21 NIV**

Sometimes when your heart has been broken, the healing comes first and the answers come later. But when you think about it, wouldn't you rather walk with God in the darkness than walk alone in the light?

It's doubtful Job ever fully comprehended the losses he experienced in life or why they happened. But there came a time when he was able to look back and say with confidence, "He will yet fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy." And that's God's promise to you too! Theologian E. Stanley Jones said, "Anything less than God will let you down." For every predicament you face in life, God has sufficient grace to carry you through. For every need, He has a supply. For every problem, He has an answer. For every hurt, He has a cure.

After recalling everything God had brought him through, Jeremiah concluded, **"There is nothing too hard for You"** (Jeremiah 32:17 NKJV). God looks for opportunities to show you what He can do on your behalf when you put your trust in Him. David said, **"According to Your mercy remember me"** (Psalm 25:7 NKJV). Aren't you glad God's goodness and mercy are based on *His* character and not *yours*? Corrie ten Boom said, "If you want to be depressed, look within. If you want to be defeated, look back. If you want to be distracted, look around. But if you want to be delivered, look up."

The Board Of Education met recently and has decided to cancel VBS. It was a very difficult decision but one we felt was right. We are hoping to have a pre-rally day celebration for the children on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> and a potluck on Sunday, the 30<sup>th</sup>; however, we are still in the planning stage. We look forward to getting back into the church and especially having Sunday School.

## Stephen Ministry: Caring for a Struggling Person during Social Distancing

*Bill Boykin, Stephen Leader*

***"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." Psalm 23:4***



Caring for a person who is struggling with a difficult circumstance, such as the loss of a loved one, job loss, or feeling isolation, is difficult. But the effects of the ongoing coronavirus crisis have made these situations harder for many. Everyone, including caregivers, is dealing with increased stress, anxiety, and other losses because of the crisis. There are limitations on gatherings. Family and friends are unable to offer in-person support. Even as the community begins to re-open, there are questions about safety and the future.

There are still ways to be a light in the darkness to someone who is struggling. You can call, video chat, or send cards on a regular schedule. When you talk, encourage your friend to express his/her feelings honestly. Listen and validate what your friend shares. Something as simple as, "That's a feeling that many in your situation experience." Encourage your friend to keep talking. Often when a person shares, he/she is recognizing insights and experiencing healing.

And, lastly, there is one BIG No No: Do not offer platitudes, words that sound caring, but really are not. Some examples are: "It was his time," "All things work for good," or "It was God's will." Platitudes may be true, but they are not helpful to a person in crisis.

Even though it is not the same as in-person care, these behaviors can make a big difference to someone who is struggling, especially during these times when people may be feeling very alone.

**"STEPHEN MINISTRY IS CHRIST CARING FOR PEOPLE THROUGH PEOPLE."**

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### Board of Social Ministry

Charlene Meetze, Chairperson

**"God never promises to remove us from our struggles. He does promise, however, to change the way we look at them." Max Lucado**



We are all so excited that we will once again be able to gather and praise our Lord together!

In our last newsletter article, we suggested that we all consider planting something in our yards during the time we are shut-in at home. Did you plant something? If not, there is still time. Something that is alive and giving us the reminder that even though we have undergone a really weird time in our lives with this virus, life goes on and is still beautiful.

Your Social Board will begin activities to support the community in the very near future. **Our first effort is the hosting of a Blood Drive in the Fellowship Hall on June 1st from 2 pm until 7 pm.** You can pre-register for an appointment. The Red Cross has reached out to us as the need for blood donation is tremendous at this time. Please consider giving and to maybe even invite someone to come along with you to give as well.

Just like the old song "Shall we gather at the river"...I'm singing "Shall we gather in the sanctuary, the beautiful, beautiful sanctuary"!

## Board of Public Relations: Church History Updating

*Aresa Boykin, Chairperson*

***"Remember the days of old; consider the years of many generations; ask your father, and he will show you, your elders, and they will tell you."  
Deuteronomy 32:7***

Sandy Osborne and Aresa Boykin are busy with the church history update. The new portion will be in chapter form with scripture throughout. There will be a brand new chapter on "Church during the Coronavirus Pandemic." There will also be a chapter that incorporates the mementos and memories that our members shared with us.

There are two areas that we are lacking information – Mt. Olive's 75th Anniversary celebration and the National Youth Gatherings prior to 2013. If you have a bulletin or any memories of the 75th Anniversary or if you chaperoned or your teens attended the NYGs in 2001, 2004, 2007, or 2010, please get the info to Aresa. (I do know that Bill & I did youth group & the NYG Bible study.) You may email, text, or drop mementos by the church.

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### **YouTube, the Website, and Social Media**

***"Declare his glory among the nations,  
His marvelous works among all the peoples!" Psalm 96:3***

A large part of public relations during the coronavirus is providing information and worship to you. As we return to worship at church, remember that if you feel it is too soon for you to return, please continue to worship at home. For a time, we will continue to offer both video and audio formats.

Pastor's sermons will be videoed during the 5 PM Saturday service rather than earlier in the afternoon; therefore, these will be ready to view between 8 PM and 9 PM on Saturday evenings. Some things will change a bit: Karen Meetze will work on special musical selections. Mrs. Pat and Mrs. Jessica will not make Sunday School videos during the summer. (We will miss those!) Mary Keller will continue to send weekly emails with the bulletins.

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### **Thoughts, Prayers, Calls, & Cards**

***"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,  
as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10***

Please continue to remember our homebound during the summer months, especially as they continue to be isolated. You may send cards, make phone calls, and include them in your prayers.

Betty Barrett	Johnny Barrett	Phil Carter	Cleta Dunaway	Virginia Gable	Bill Hofer
Betty Hunter	Bonnie Jones	Dickie Lawhorne	Mary Lawhorne	CR Miller	Mike McGriff
Anita Meetze	Laura Meetze	Dorothy Prater	Eddie Roland	Myrna Rush	Henry Schmidt
Linda Schmidt	Mary Schott	Molly Kate Shealy	Shirlean Sons	Dan Stocker	Rita Witt

## Board of Stewardship: Show your Love

*John Meyerhoff, Chairperson*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope you are all safe and doing well. The situation with Covid-19 is still very unsettling as we continue to learn more about the virus and the steps necessary to bring it to an end. The great news is for those comfortable with the protective measures being taken, we are again able to attend worship services at Mt. Olive. What a blessing to be able to meet as a church family to hear God's word and partake of His holy sacraments!

In May, there was a daily devotion in *Portals of Prayer* that talked about stewardship and our current situation. It was titled, "The Offering". The opening paragraphs state:

"Our offerings are an act of worship. They give us an opportunity to respond in gratitude to the grace, love, and mercy of God. It's a way to put our faith and trust in the Lord into action. The Lord spoke to us in the Word. We heard His forgiveness and offered our prayers. Now, we give back a portion of what the Lord has given us.

"We read in Matthew 6 of Jesus' admonition to trust Him to take care of us. **'Do not be anxious'** (v. 25), He tells us. He takes care of the sparrow; He will take care of us. What are our priorities? What do we consider our treasure? **'For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also'** (v. 25). **'Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you'** (v. 33)."

The article continued with St. Paul's challenge to the Church of Corinth to put aside something the first day of every week for the Church. The offerings were part of their worship and considered a gift back to God.

Now is a great time to remember God has our back. He will always love and protect us. One way to show we truly see and appreciate His love, protection and grace is to continue to faithfully and willingly give our offerings so our church can continue to do God's work.

I pray you all have a great summer and that God richly blesses you.

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### JUNE-JULY 2020 ANNIVERSARIES

6/1	Herbie & Karen Meetze	6/26	Duck & Sally Kinard
6/3	Bill & Aresa Boykin	6/27	David & Barbara West
6/3	Bill & Teresa Hoefer	6/28	Joel & April Fancey
6/4	Walter & Kathy Arnold	6/30	Frank & Sandy Osborne
6/7	Keith & Lori Flenner	6/30	Gene & Marguerite Schmitzer
6/9	Charles & Gerry Fletcher	7/1	Eric & Megan Weed
6/10	Greg & Sherry Ervin	7/3	Kim & Dianne BouFawaz
6/13	Barry & Kathie Bost	7/7	Eric & LaToya Patterson
6/14	Will & Katrina Folks	7/9	Jason & Jessica Dennis
6/15	Mitch & Katie Greer	7/18	Matt & Cindy Williams
6/17	Norma & Kas Hessary	7/19	Melvin & Judy Jones
6/18	Al & Janet Jabs	7/26	Stephen & Luanne Curry
6/24	Don & Carole Mueller	7/27	Jimmy & Calma Cook
		7/30	Henry & Louise Weed

## JUNE-JULY 2020 BIRTHDAYS

6/1	Kara Meetze	6/23	Hank Weed	7/13	Johanna Folks
6/2	Judy Jones	6/24	Duck Kinard	7/13	Margaret Ludwig
6/4	Brady Young	6/25	Mandy Kibler	7/14	Don Mueller
6/4	Lillian Young	6/25	Jan McCarthy	7/16	Herbie Meetze
6/5	Bill Boykin	6/25	Marlene Nes'bit	7/17	Renee Harper
6/5	Zachary Laprise	6/27	Naven Olson	7/19	Michael Whitaker
6/7	Viona Ballensky	6/27	Stan Slaughter	7/20	John Perkins
6/7	Landon Howard	6/28	Jill Brabham	7/20	Connor Robinson
6/7	Kevin Kibler	6/30	Edwin Nelson	7/21	Santana Sanguiliano
6/8	Harold Meetze	6/30	Kelly Thrun	7/22	Phillip Clauss
6/10	Louise Weed	7/1	Betty Hunter	7/22	George Walker
6/11	Charlene Meetze	7/1	Melvin Jones	7/24	Todd Selke
6/12	Matthew Fletcher	7/2	Jo Ann Barrett	7/25	Al Holladay
6/13	Waneta White	7/2	Mary Schott	7/25	Sue O'Dell
6/16	Carroll Barrett	7/4	Harold Jones	7/28	Amy Carey
6/17	Richard Chesley	7/6	George Boatwright	7/28	Jessica Howard
6/18	Jill Scuderi	7/9	Betty Barrett	7/29	Joseph Perkins
6/19	Ashton Boykin	7/9	Michael Dosen	7/29	James Sharpe
6/20	Julian Patterson	7/9	Tim Stuck	7/30	Brandy Maye
6/21	Caleb Dominick	7/12	Odell Stuck	7/31	Gabriel Sharpe

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### **Board of Evangelism: Being an Evangelist**

*Richard Shealy, Chairperson*

**“I don’t think every Christian is an evangelist,  
but I do think every Christian should be evangelistic.” Michael Frost**

A recent article by Michael Frost (Outreach Magazine Jan/Feb 2020, “How to Surprise the World With the Gospel”) describes his experience in delivering a message to Christian Surfers in Australia, a ministry that shares Jesus with young surfers around the world. During one of their training conferences, Frost asked the attendees to name their favorite surfer. The majority answered with “Kelly Slater.” Then he asked them what they knew about Slater. The audience started yelling and screaming about Slater’s many surfing awards, championships, movies, TV appearances and so on and on.

Later in the session, Frost asked the attendees what they knew about Jesus. Despite being considered highly committed evangelists (they have led many young people to Christ) their responses were much more muted. Slowly and quietly people responded with statements like “He is Lord,” “He died for our sins,” “He rose from the dead”, statements of faith, doctrinal beliefs with little enthusiasm. Frost asked the crowd why they didn’t speak about Jesus the same way they responded about Slater. He was met with silence.

Isn’t that our challenge? We don’t have to be a professional evangelist to witness for Christ. We need to be informed and committed so that we are able to speak about Jesus with reverence, energy and delight.

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## Children's Sunday School

*Jessica Dennis, Sunday School*

It is with sad heart that the Board of Education has decided to postpone Children's Sunday School classes over the summer. We hope that your children have been able to "tune in" for the Sunday School messages each week and have enjoyed those! If not, find those on the Church's YouTube, Facebook or website sermon pages! Our final lesson before we close for summer break will be May 31st. We have covered the miracles Jesus performed that display that He IS our True God. We have covered the Miracle of the Resurrection all the way through to His Ascension. Along the way we've learned several Bible verses that are so comforting in today's world.

**Mark 4:39 "Peace, Be still!"**

**Mark 5:36 "Do not be afraid, only believe."**

Sunday, May 24th, we learned **Matthew 14:27, "Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid."** What do we have to fear when our Hope is in Jesus? He is our refuge and our peace! We cannot wait to return to Sunday School classes, hopefully in September! In the meantime, look for the last Sunday School lesson and things arriving by mail. Blessings to you all!



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### Preschool News

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While the preschool classrooms have been quiet in April and May, we have been thankful for the opportunity to continue at-home learning with our little ones during this time away from the physical building. The Lord provided many ways in which we could communicate with our students and families and while it was a new experience for all of us, we are appreciative of the many means of technology that made it possible. While it may sometimes seem like ABC's, crafts, and playground is just fun, the work that is being done in and through this ministry is invaluable to the children and families who we serve.

Even though the preschool area is quiet this time of year, please continue to pray for the school-year ahead as we are busy preparing and planning for the ways in which the Lord would have us fulfill our mission to "grow in faith and love by spreading the Word of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by providing a Christ-centered experience for young children." The Lord has already seen fit to have 32 students enrolled for next year and we are excited for what the Lord has in store for the 2020-2021 school year!

We have VERY LIMITED openings in our classes for next year, so if you know someone who is looking for a Christ-centered preschool for their little one, please send them our way! Registration information can be found online on the preschool website and paper copies are located on the preschool bulletin board upstairs by the Fellowship Hall and the table by the preschool entrance downstairs.

You are so incredibly generous in your support, and I speak on behalf of the entire preschool staff to say, "thank you for your unwavering kindness," and I am especially thankful for your trust in me as we share in this ministry together. Have a wonderful summer!

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## A Recent Scam Experience

Aresa Boykin



We have heard of many scams: the fake IRS phone calls, the scam that tricks you into thinking that your Social Security number has been connected to some car in Texas that was involved with running drugs across the border, or the one where your grandchild is in prison in a foreign country.

And now we have one with a new twist, the "Can you do me a favor?" scam. At least two of us from Mt. Olive have been targeted (one by text, one by email) by what seemed to be messages from Pr. Walt. Mine said, "I need you to get gift cards for the **staffs**, and don't have time. I am in the middle of a prayer session, so please do not call or text. Just reply to the email." I was to scratch off the tape that covers the codes, photograph the cards, and email them to him so he could email them to each of his "**staffs**".

Luckily, I noticed three red flags. First, staff is a collective noun and does not need an 's' to make it plural. Second, Pr. Walt's primary way to communicate is by phone, either talk or text. And third, I knew that to use a gift card, all a person needed were the codes. In addition, Pr. Walt had emailed the congregation the first time this happened.

So I did two things to verify my suspicions. I clicked on the little > by Pastor's name, and the email address was churchonline70@gmail.com, not Pr. Walt's real email. Then I texted him, and sure enough, the message was a fraud.

Thankfully, I caught on before I lost hundreds of dollars! Friends, please be careful! If you are not sure if something is a scam or if you have a bad feeling about a call or message, please call a trusted friend or family member before you act.

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### May Pastoral Acts

	<p>GRAVESIDE SERVICE</p> <p>Gladys Richardson Meetze</p> <p>November 3, 1914 - May 6, 2020</p> <p>May 9, 2020</p>	
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## Read the Bible in 3 Years: June/July 2020

**"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."  
Romans 10:17 (NKJV)**

How is your Bible plan coming along? As we begin the summer months, we will be reading Corinthians, Psalms, and Proverbs.

If you are looking for a good resource to help keep you focused, check out **Through the Word**. This resource has a 5-9 minute audio for every chapter of the Bible. You can access this plan on the YouVersion Bible app or at [throughtheword.org](http://throughtheword.org). The commentary provides historical insight to what is happening and may explain an original Greek or Hebrew word and how it was used. After you listen, the app will also read the chapter to you, if you like. Hope you will give this a try.

### June 2020

Jun 1	I Corinthians 11
Jun 2	I Corinthians 12
Jun 3	I Corinthians 13
Jun 4	I Corinthians 14
Jun 5	I Corinthians 15
Jun 6	I Corinthians 16
Jun 7	Psalm 1

Jun 8	Psalm 2
Jun 9	Psalm 3
Jun 10	Psalm 4
Jun 11	Psalm 5
Jun 12	Psalm 6
Jun 13	Psalm 7
Jun 14	Psalm 8

Jun 15	Psalm 9
Jun 16	Psalm 10
Jun 17	Psalm 11
Jun 18	Psalm 12
Jun 19	Psalm 13
Jun 20	Psalm 14
Jun 21	Psalm 15
Jun 22	Psalm 16

Jun 23	Psalm 17
Jun 24	Psalm 18
Jun 25	Psalm 19
Jun 26	Psalm 20
Jun 27	Psalm 21
Jun 28	Psalm 22
Jun 29	Psalm 23
Jun 30	Psalm 24

### July 2020

Jul 1	Psalm 25
Jul 2	Psalm 26
Jul 3	Psalm 27
Jul 4	Psalm 28
Jul 5	Psalm 29
Jul 6	Psalm 30
Jul 7	Psalm 31
Jul 8	Psalm 32

Jul 9	Psalm 33
Jul 10	Psalm 34
Jul 11	Psalm 35
Jul 12	Psalm 36
Jul 13	Psalm 37
Jul 14	Psalm 38
Jul 15	Psalm 39
Jul 16	Psalm 40

Jul 17	Psalm 41
Jul 18	Psalm 42
Jul 19	Psalm 43
Jul 20	Psalm 44
Jul 21	Psalm 45
Jul 22	Psalm 46
Jul 23	Psalm 47
Jul 24	Psalm 48

Jul 25	Psalm 49
Jul 26	Psalm 50
Jul 27	Proverbs 1
Jul 28	Proverbs 2
Jul 29	Proverbs 3
Jul 30	Proverbs 4
Jul 31	Proverbs 5

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### Announcements & Opportunities

#### August Newsletter Deadline – July 20th

Your next deadline for submitting articles for the August 2020 issue of the Olive Leaves is **Monday, July 20th**. Remember to send them to Sue Strouse at [slstrouse@gmail.com](mailto:slstrouse@gmail.com).



#### Ladies' Bible Study

The ladies' monthly Bible Study is on hold until the fall, so mark your calendars for the tentative restart date of **Tuesday, September 15th, at 6:30 PM**. The class will be studying Ruth, "How to see God in the Dailiness of Life," from the book, **A Woman God Can Use**. All ladies, including teens, are welcome to attend. Come join in the study and Christian fellowship.



**Secure E Giving Reminder**

Thank you so much to everyone who has learned a new tech skill during our time of home worship: e giving! The link is on our website. On computers, it is in the top, right hand corner. On phones and tablets, scroll down to the bottom of the page for the link. You may give through your checking account or credit card. Our e giving is powered by VANCO, a secure company that follows strict and safe policies. Even though the e giving page looks like our website, Mt. Olive will have no record of your credit card or bank account number, your personal information, or your password. If you need help setting up your account, contact Aresa Boykin, our Vanco techie.



**Men’s Prayer Breakfast**

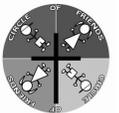
The prayer breakfast is on hold until fall, so mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 19th**. Come and bring your sons and neighbors for a hearty breakfast, devotion from Pr. Walt, and prayer.

**Sharing God’s Love**

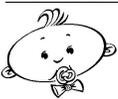
Sharing God’s Love has suspended accepting donations, except for food and personal care items, until further notice. The current needs are: boxes of cereal, powdered milk, oatmeal, grits, pb&j, canned fruit & veggies, soup, pasta sauce, dried beans, and crackers. You can drop off your food donations in the wooden bins in the front.

**Circle of Friends**

Katie Tyczynski, a certified special education teacher, is leading our Circle of Friends class. Our faithful volunteers continue to assist. If you know of families who have special needs children, please invite them to Mt. Olive. Once we return to meeting together, The Circle of Friends meets during Sunday School and the 10:30 AM worship service.



**Nursery Reminder**



Mt. Olive has a nursery that is located downstairs, just behind the sanctuary. Parents are welcome to stay with their children during any worship service. There is a speaker so you will be able to hear the service. Please be diligent about cleaning toys and anything else your children touch.

If you know of anyone who loves small children and is interested in a part-time job on Sunday mornings from 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM, please contact the church.

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**Kid’s Korner**

★ **A FATHER’S INSTRUCTION** ★

★ Although babies don’t come with instructions, God tells parents how to raise their children. ★

Directions: Fill in the blanks with letters, using the number grid to find the correct coordinates. The first number goes across, and the second one goes down.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	a	L	d	i	j	g	r
2	m	b	o	k	h	u	s
3	e	n	c	x	t	p	f

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2,2	7,1	4,1	2,3	6,1	5,3	5,2	1,3	1,2		
6,2	6,3	4,1	2,3	5,3	5,2	1,3				
5,3	7,1	1,1	4,1	2,3	4,1	2,3	6,1	1,1	2,3	3,1
4,1	2,3	7,2	5,3	7,1	6,2	3,3	5,3	4,1	3,2	2,3
3,2	7,3	5,3	5,2	1,3	2,1	3,2	7,1	3,1		

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EPHESIANS 6:4, NIV