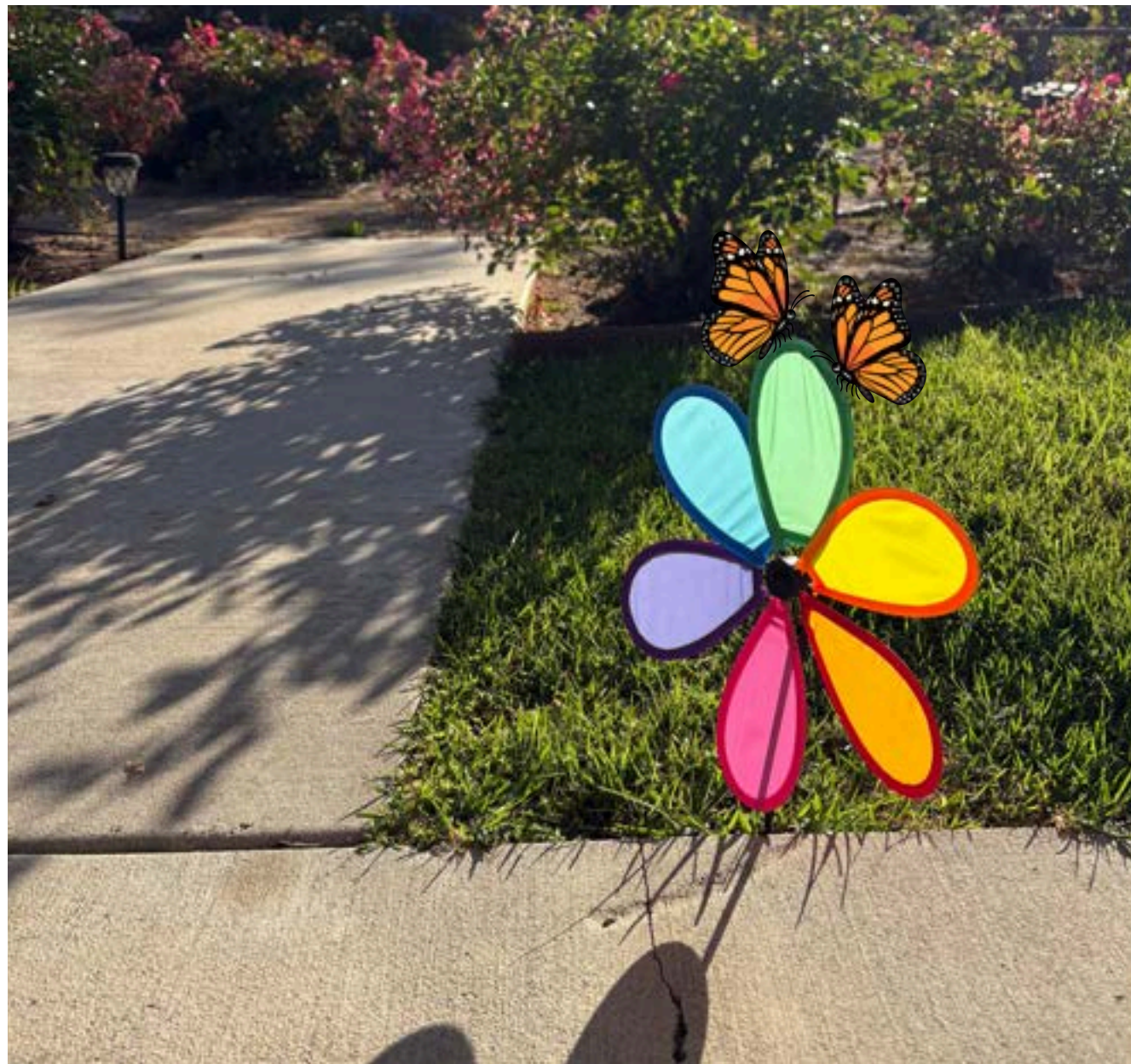


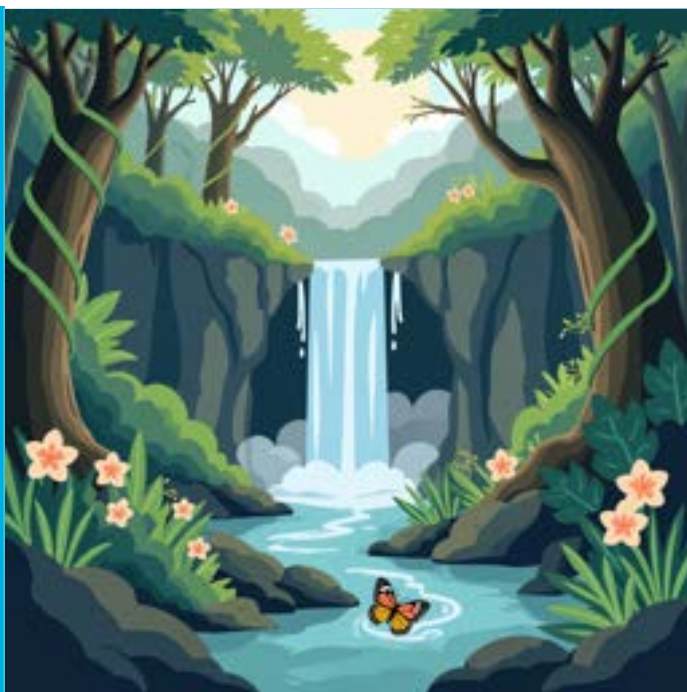
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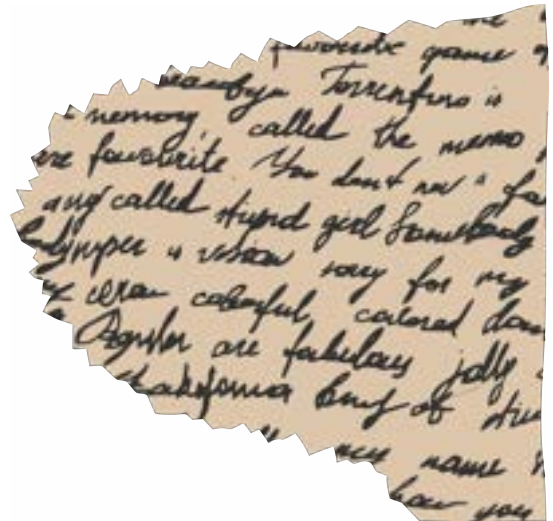
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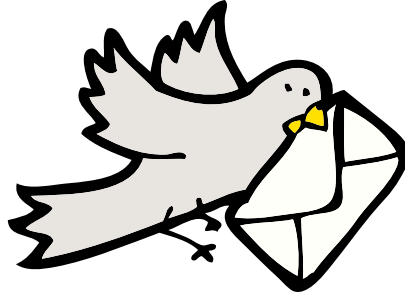
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Christ is Risen!

Dear Saints of Mt. Olive,

Thank you for your warm welcome of me, my colleague and good friend Rev. Tim Puls, and CTSFW at your congregation on Palmarum. I trust and pray that you all enjoyed a blessed Holy Week and that you will continue to be blessed by the word and Sacraments of our risen Lord this Easter season.

It was a joy to proclaim to you the "excellencies" of our humble Lord, who suffered death to defeat ours, and who was made to be sin for us, that we may be made God's righteousness in Him!





Thank you for the wonderful reception and lunch after church and for taking your precious time to hear about what CTSFW does and continues to do to help ensure, by the grace of God, that the glorious Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ continue to ring out in the congregations and missions of our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

We are grateful to call you partners in the Gospel and pray that the Lord would increase this kingdom in your hearts and community.



Sincerely,
Jon S. Bruss
President of Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne,
Indiana.

Oremus pro invicem

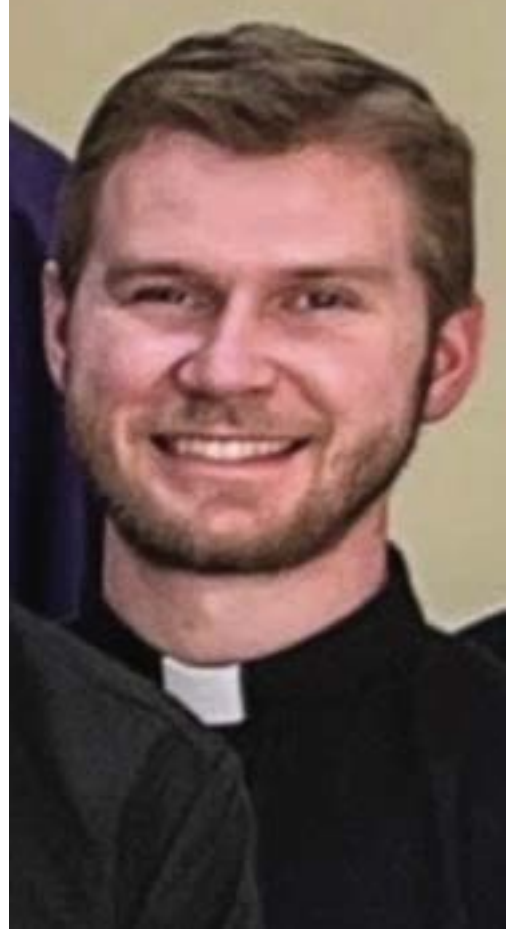




With great joy and heartfelt gratitude, I share the wonderful news that Cory Willweber has accepted the call to serve as the new permanent pastor of Mount Olive Lutheran Church.

We give thanks to God for His guidance throughout this calling process and for leading Pastor Willweber to our congregation. We eagerly look forward to welcoming him into our church family and to the blessings of his leadership, preaching, and pastoral care.

Please keep Pastor Willweber in your prayers as he prepares to begin this new chapter of ministry among us. May the Lord richly bless his work and our life together in Christ.



Thanks be to God!
In Christ,
Ulrike Ziegner
President
Call Committee Chair

Let's
Pray 



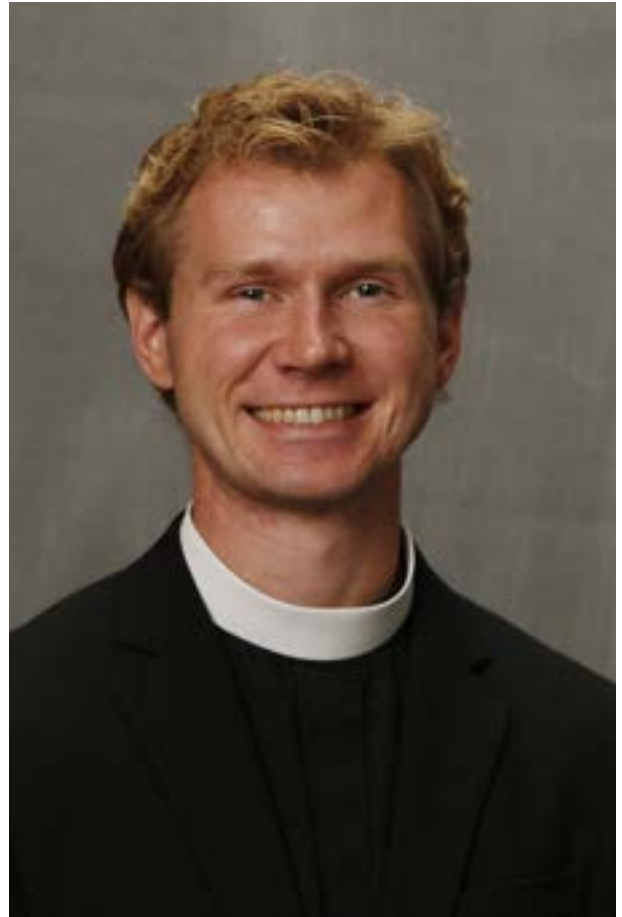
Biography of Pastor Cory Willweber

Dear Saints of Mount Olive Lutheran Church,
I would like to acknowledge that I received the call to become your pastor and am eager to accept! Once I complete all of my academic work and requirements at the seminary I will notify you of my acceptance of your call. I am currently finishing the last few weeks of course work and am awaiting graduation. Until then, this call and you Christian friends will occupy my thoughts and prayers. I ask for your continued prayers as well. Thank you and may our Lord Jesus Christ bless you and keep you in His peace.

A little about me. I was born and raised in San Diego and am excited to be back in southern California after my four years at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN. Before attending the seminary, I earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics at SDSU. I enjoy studying theology and tutoring math when I can.

Outside of school and work I enjoy outdoor activities, such as skiing, hiking, and rock climbing, listening to music, reading books, and watching baseball and football. I look forward to meeting you all and together sharing our Lord's love, forgiveness, and promise of eternal life to His redeemed children!

In Christ,
Cory Willweber
Pastor-Elect





HAPPY Mother's DAY



Dear Moms and Those Who Care Like Moms,

Happy Mother's Day! Today we celebrate you with joyful hearts and grateful spirits. Thank you for the love you share, the care you give, and the countless ways you make life brighter for those around you.

Your kindness, strength, and faith mean more than words can say, and your impact reaches further than you may ever realize. We are so thankful for each of you and the special role you play in our church family.

MOM



WE LOVE

you



As we approach May 10th, we take this opportunity as a church family to give thanks for all mothers, grandmothers, and mother figures who pour into the lives of others with patience, wisdom, and unconditional love.

May God continue to bless and strengthen all mothers, and may they be reminded of how deeply valued and loved they are—not just on this day, but every day.

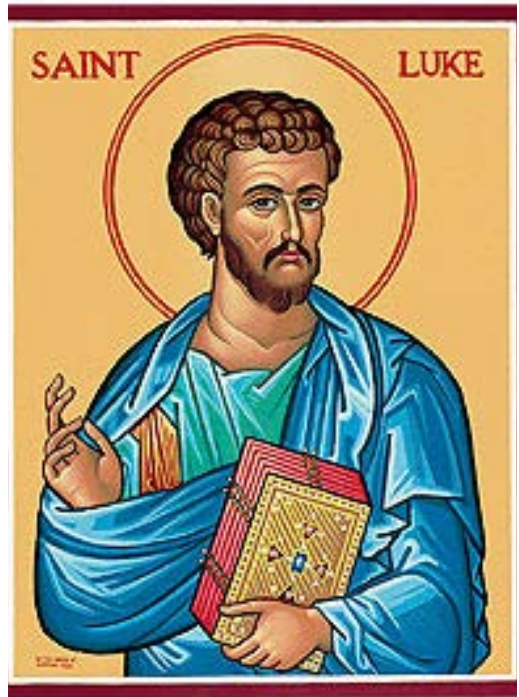


Luke The Gospel Writer

by Chief Elder, Bill Dahlgren

Luke was the only Gospel writer who was not Jewish. He was born in Antioch. By profession, he was a physician. He became a disciple of the Apostle Paul and later followed Paul until Paul's death. Having served the Lord continuously, unmarried, filled with the Holy Spirit, he died at the age of 84. Luke wrote the Gospel from 55-60AD. The Gospel is directed to Theophilus. It is believed that Theophilus was a Roman official with high position and wealth. Theophilus was possibly Luke's patron responsible for seeing that Luke's writing were copied and distributed.

Such a dedication to the publisher was common at the time. The message of Luke's gospel was intended for Theophilus as well as the instruction of those among whom the book would be circulated. The Gospel was written to strengthen the faith of all believers and to answer the attack of unbelievers. It was presented to displace the disconnected and ill-founded reports about Jesus. Luke wanted to show that the place of the Gentile Christian in God's Kingdom is based on the teachings of Jesus.



The Gospel presents the works and teachings of Jesus that are especially important for understanding the way of salvation. Its scope is complete from the birth of Christ to his ascension. The writing is characterized by literary excellence appealing to Jews and Gentiles. Luke was also the Author of Acts. Acts is a continuation of Luke's Gospel. After reading the Gospel, start reading Acts immediately and see how the Gentiles as well as the Jews were justified through the Gospel alone without the law.

Remains of Luke

The remains of Luke were brought to Padua, Italy sometime before 1177 according to tradition. Carbon dating comparison with the purported skull of Luke in Prague confirmed that these were the remains of an individual of Syrian descent who died between 130 and 400 AD. The Bishop of Padua, Italy then delivered the rib of Luke to be kept in his tomb in Thebes, Greece.



Mt. Olive Preschool Teacher Spotlight: Dave Delgado

If you've spent any time near Classroom 7, you've likely heard laughter, excitement, and maybe even a little creativity in action. That's all part of the joyful environment that Dave Delgado brings to his Pre-K classroom each day.

Dave has been part of our preschool family for an impressive 15 years. What began as helping with painting and building projects gradually turned into something more. Through his time on campus, it became clear that Dave had a natural connection with children. After completing the necessary coursework, he officially stepped into the classroom—and he's been making a difference ever since.



Dave is a proud dad to two daughters, Liv and Luna, they are 11 and 14 years-old and they stay busy with softball, soccer, and basketball. Much of his time outside the classroom is spent cheering them on and enjoying family life. He also loves art, Los Angeles Dodgers baseball, and Star Wars—and with a degree in Graphic Design, his creativity shines, especially during his favorite part of the day: art time.



One of the things Dave values most about teaching is the opportunity to be a positive male role model. In a field where male teachers are rare, he knows how important it is for children to experience encouragement, consistency, and care. His goal is simple but meaningful: to love each child as if they were his own. “Our class is a big family,” he shares.

Dave especially enjoys teaching Pre-K, helping children prepare for kindergarten while giving them the chance to explore, play, and grow. Whether it’s introducing a new experience—like letting children touch a real fish for the first time—or hearing a child say, “I love you,” Dave treasures the wonder of these early years. He hopes that above all, his students remember that preschool was a place of happiness—that they had fun and felt joy while learning.



Grounded in his faith, Dave sees his work as a reflection of Jesus’ words to “let the little children come.” Each day, he strives to show Christ’s love through patience, playfulness, and care.

As a church community, Dave asks for prayers for his family, especially for his mom, who is 83 and has been in and out of the hospital recently.



If his classroom had a theme song, it would be “One Love”—a fitting reflection of the warmth and community he creates every day.

PRESCHOOL ACTIVITIES



River and Patrick always have a great time playing at the preschool treehouse.



PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Written by Preschool Director David Welch

April had a few showers and will hopefully bring beautiful May flowers. Our focus for May is gardening, and we are excited to watch our flowers bloom. Our preschool families are signing up their second and third child into our program, which shows we are doing a fabulous job of cultivating remarkable children.

We will be hosting our 2nd fun run on May 1st. Come and enjoy the fun of exercise and fellowship.



James enjoys exploring the garden at the preschool yard



River enjoys playing with earthworms at her preschool.

Our monthly Christian curriculum consisted of the stories Jesus Dies and Arises, Easter, and Peter and the Crippled Man.

Our discovery point explains that God washes away our sins and makes us His children in baptism. He wants us to share the good news about Jesus so others will believe in Him and become His children.

CALENDAR



MAY 2026

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 9:15am Preschool Chapel GROVE 6:30pm-8pm | 2 |
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Holidays and Observances: Cinco de Mayo (5), Mother's Day (10), Memorial Day (25)

Homemade

written by **Lauralee Lapid** picture by **Anonymous** 14

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Editor's Message



Greetings, Mount Olive!

Blessings to you, MOLC congregation! Thank you for taking the time to read the 48th Edition of the Mount Olive Press.

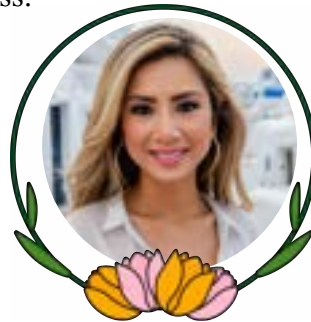
I hope you enjoyed reading this newsletter. For anyone who would like to contribute to next month's newsletter, don't hesitate to send an email to office@mtoliverpv.com

Additionally, if you are perhaps new to the congregation, or have not had the chance to introduce yourself, don't be shy! We would love to hear from you.

Thank you for all of those who contributed to this newsletter: Chief Elder Bill Dahlgren, Preschool Director David Welch, President Ulrike Ziegner Hokanson, and Youth Director Julie Kurtz.

It is always nice to get a newsletter and learn something new each time.

God Bless!



Lauralee Lapid





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