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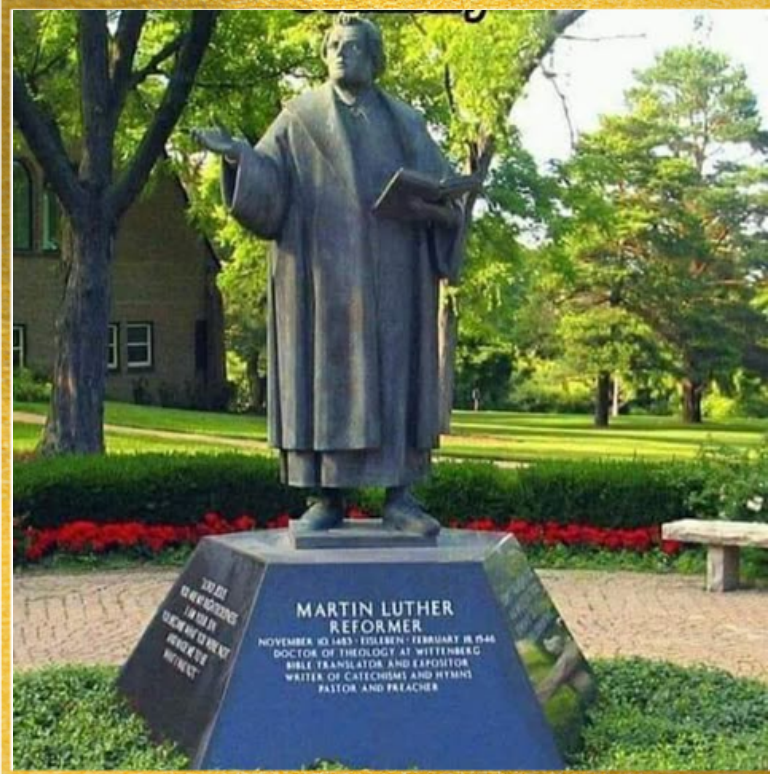
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Story About Dr. Martin Luther

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...October 31st, 2025 was the 508th anniversary of the Reformation

THIS QUOTE IS FOUND AT THE BASE OF THIS STATUE OF MARTIN LUTHER
'Lord Jesus, you are my righteousness, I am your sin. You became what you were not and
made me to be what I was not.'

— Martin LUTHER

I LOVE THIS QUOTE FOR IT IS PURE GOSPEL. The righteousness I have comes from Jesus.
Jesus' sin, for which he was punished, was my sin. He became what He was not.
Scripture says "He became sin for us".

He then made me to be what I was not. He made me to be holy and blameless IN HIS
SIGHT! PRAISE GOD!

the author of this article is by David Brent Moore

Operation Christmas Child: Share God's Love with a Simple Shoebox



This November, Mt. Olive is joining millions of churches and families around the world in filling **Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes**—small gifts that make a big difference! Each shoebox, packed with toys, school supplies, hygiene items, and love, becomes an opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with a child in need.



Through Samaritan's Purse, these gifts travel to remote villages, orphanages, refugee camps, and urban centers across the globe. Every box opens the door for local pastors and ministry partners to share about God's greatest gift—His Son, Jesus.



Shoebox Collection Dates: November 16 and November 23



You can be part of this incredible outreach by preparing a shoebox! Simply fill a shoebox (There are shoe boxes available for you in the church entrance.) with items for a boy or girl in one of three age groups: **2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.**

Include **\$10** to pay for shipping and add a note or photo if you'd like. Most importantly, remember to pray for the child who will receive your gift.



Let's come together as a church family to bless children around the world and share the joy of Christ this Christmas season—one box at a time!



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For more information on how to pack a shoebox and what to include, visit samaritanspurse.org/occ

or contact

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for more details



Major Differences between the LCMS and the ELCA

The LCMS believes that the Bible is the inerrant word of God and that is what we preach.

The ELCA believes the bible contains the word of god but the ELCA must determine what is the word of god. This leads to the ELCA changing the bible to fit the ELCA lifestyle.

Their Interpretation of the bible allows them to have gay and lesbian pastors, transgender bishops and pro abortion positions. I see the big problem is the ELCA allowing their pastors qualified subscriptions to the Book of Concord which basically allows every pastor to accept or reject much of the content of the Book of Concord.



Our two churches disagree about the authority of the historic confessional statements contained in The Book of Concord. The LCMS binds itself to the entire doctrinal content of the 16th century Lutheran confessional writings.

We agree with the confessions of our church not merely insofar as they agree with the Bible, but because these confessional statements are incomplete harmony with God's inspired and inerrant word. We therefore accept without reservation all the confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as a true and unadulterated statement and exposition of the word of God, normative also for the church today.



The ELCA does not require that its church workers and congregations pledge unqualified acceptance of the full doctrinal content of The Book of Concord. The ELCA views the Lutheran Confessions as historical expressions of faith held to be true at the time that they were written, but not necessarily as normative standards for teaching and practice today.

Our differences over what is necessary for church fellowship

Given its approach to the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, it comes as no surprise that the ELCA would consider it possible to enter into fellowship with churches that teach things that are clearly contrary to the Word of God and the Lutheran Confessions. These sorts of fellowship arrangements are a reflection of the attitude that absolute truth is unable to be known, confessed and asserted.

This attitude is contrary to the confessional principle of the Lutheran church that is characterized in the Book of Concord with two very important phrases: "We believe, teach and confess" and "We reject and condemn." These phrases reflect the Lutheran church's firm belief that God's Word is clear, that it does assert truth that is binding for all times and all peoples, and that we are able with joy to confess and proclaim this truth.

The LCMS believes that the Bible requires full agreement in doctrine before it is possible to join in altar and pulpit fellowship with other churches (Rom. 16:17).

On the other hand, the ELCA believes that disagreement in important doctrinal truths does not prohibit altar and pulpit fellowship with other churches.

A good example of this attitude is found in the documents the ELCA used to establish church fellowship with the three Reformed churches. In these documents, it is admitted that "important theological differences... remain between our two churches in such questions as the understanding of the Lord's Supper and Christology."



These differences are viewed "not as disagreements that need to be overcome, but as diverse witnesses to the one Gospel that we confess in common." What this means is that the ELCA is willing to tolerate the Reformed church's denial that Jesus Christ is really present in the consecrated bread and wine of the Lord's Supper. The Reformed believe Jesus is present only "spiritually" but not really present in a miraculous manner in the bread and wine.



Lutheranism has never accepted the Reformed Church's denial of our Lord's real presence in Holy Communion. The ELCA now claims that the errors of the Reformed church regarding the Lord's Supper and the doctrine of the person and work of Christ are acceptable options. This has never before been the position of the Lutheran church and reveals a decided movement away from historic Lutheranism on the part of the ELCA.



The ELCA's attitude toward doctrine obscures the vital relationship that exists between the saving Gospel rooted of our Lord Jesus Christ and all other teachings of Scripture that are centered and in that Gospel-teachings our Lord Himself has given us to believe and to share with clear mandate to confess and proclaim "the whole fellowship compromises Scripture's others (Matt. 28:20).

The ELCA position regarding church fellowship compromises Scriptures clear mandate to confess and proclaim "the whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:28)- in all its Gospel-centered truth and purity.

PRESCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Aviana enjoys reading books at her Preschool Classroom!



photos by David Welch



PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Teddy enjoys playing puzzles!



Our preschool continues to grow, with over 55 families joining our community and at least five families starting soon.

Our staff is amazing, families are outstanding, and we love the continued support from the church.

I would like to personally thank Bill and Audrey Dahlgren for their generosity, love, and support for our preschool mission and outreach.



Our monthly Christian curriculum consists of the stories Hannah Prays, Samuel, David and Jonathan, and Elisha's Home.

Our discovery point is that God blesses our homes. Our discovery point is that God is with us to help us with our problems, especially our sins.

He gives us victory over sin through Jesus.



Luis & Nathaniel enjoy water painting together



Written by **Preschool**
Director **David Welch**

CALENDAR



NOVEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
9am Confirmation 9am Bible Class 10am Worship	2 ESL Class @ 9:30am	3	4	5	6 9:30am Preschool Chapel	7 GROVE 6:30pm-8pm Youth Group
9am Confirmation 9am Bible Class 10am Worship	9 ESL Class @ 9:30am	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13 9:30am Preschool Chapel	14 9:15am Parents Chapel GROVE 6:30pm-8pm
15	16 9am Confirmation 9am Bible Class 10am Worship	17 ESL Class @ 9:30am	18	19	20 9:30am Preschool Chapel 10AM Preschool Board 7pm Elders Meeting	21 9:15am Parents Chapel GROVE 6:30pm-8pm Youth Group
22	23 9am Confirmation 9am Bible Class 10am Worship	24 ESL Class @ 9:30am	25	26	27 9:30am Preschool Chapel 7pm Council Thanksgiving Day	28 Black Friday
29	30 9am Confirmation 9am Bible Class 10am Worship	1	2	3	4	5
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Holidays and Observances: 4: Election Day, 11: Veterans Day, 27: Thanksgiving Day, 28: Black Friday

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*For further calendar updates, please visit
www.mtloverpv.com

Editor's Message



Greetings, Mount Olive!

Blessings to you, MOLC congregation! Thank you for taking the time to read the 42nd 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!



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