



**Mt. Olive
Lutheran Church**
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Mount Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church, ELCA
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December 2022

ALL ARE WELCOME

SUNDAY WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION:

8 & 10 a.m. – In-Person Worship & HC

Our worship services will be livestreamed @ Facebook, and YouTube. Facebook stream also found on the home page of our website: www.mountolive-elca.net

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Church Office: 262-363-8251
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CHURCH STAFF

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Debbie Wagner

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www.mountolive-elca.net

www.milwaukee-synod.org

www.elca.org

MIDNIGHT MAGIC

On **Saturday, December 3rd**, *Midnight Magic* returns to Mount Olive, and we will be hosting various musical and theatrical groups in our sanctuary. Come and see the amazing talent which resides in our community!

- 4:30 p.m. - MHS Choirs
- 5:00 p.m. - MHS Bands
- 5:30 p.m. - MHS Orchestras

All are invited to walk the Advent Path on Saturday, December 3rd, from 4:30-7 p.m. on the corner of Main & Atkinson (MTO's green space). Walk the path; experience five unique stations to celebrate the promises of Advent and the birth of Christ. Interactive activities for the whole family! In case of inclement weather, please refer to our Facebook page: [mountoliveelca](https://www.facebook.com/mountoliveelca).

CHRISTMAS SERVICE/ OFFICE SCHEDULES



Saturday, December 24th –

Christmas Eve/Candlelight Services –

1:30, 3:30, & 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 25th – Christmas Day Worship

& HC @ 9 a.m. -- Merry Christmas

Sunday, January 1st – Worship & HC @ 9 a.m.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to serve at the Christmas Eve services. If you are interested, please let me know which position you would like to volunteer for and what your service preference is (1:30, 3:30, or 5:30 p.m.).

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 363-8251 or mto@mountolive-elca.net. Many blessings for your service to Mount Olive!



**Worship Times
at Mount Olive:
8 a.m. and 10 a.m.**

Our services will be livestreamed on our Facebook page, YouTube channel, and found on our webpage with a Facebook link. The livestreamed recordings will also be available for your viewing 24 hours a day, every day of the year.



**FRIENDS OF JESUS
CHRISTMAS
CHILDREN'S GIFT
COLLECTION**

This year, our Sunday School will again collect gifts for inner city Milwaukee children through a program called Friends of Jesus. They are looking for new gifts costing a minimum of \$15. Please wrap and place under the Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall **through Sunday, December 11th, at 9 a.m.**

Info and name tags are located via the church office.

MOUNT OLIVE BLOOD DRIVE

Join Mount Olive's Health & Wellness and Service Teams and the BloodCenter of Wisconsin for a blood drive!

GIVE BLOOD



**Thursday, January 12, 2023
Fellowship Hall -- 2-7 p.m.**

Almost anyone can donate blood. Basic requirements for donating include being at least 17 years old, weighing at least 110 lbs., and in generally good health. It takes about an hour to donate, and with one donation, you can save up to three lives.

Walk-ins are also welcome. BloodCenter of Wisconsin is the only provider of blood to 55 Wisconsin hospitals in 28 counties. Pat Vandehey

COUNCIL CORNER

Dear Mount Olive,



My name is Matt Fick, and I am finishing my fifth year in Mount Olive's church council. My family and I have been members of Mount Olive for about eleven years. My family consists of my wife, Julie, our two daughters, Raegan and Kaitlyn (aka Kate), and our son, Austin. We are originally from Illinois and have been living in Waterford since 2011. Being from Illinois, we are die-hard Bears fans! Some of you may have seen my family in the pews wearing navy and orange on Sundays.

Eleven years ago, we were looking for a church. We visited numerous churches in the area. When we visited Mount Olive, our first impression was that this is a warm, inviting community. We felt very welcomed and we felt like we found our church home.

Since becoming members, Mount Olive has given us opportunities to help explore our faith and to share our gifts with the congregation. My wife Julie taught Sunday School and has helped out with VBS. My oldest daughter, Raegan, went through her first communion and Confirmation (Affirmation of Baptism) at Mount Olive; she has been teaching Sunday School for about 5 years. My middle child, Kate, has also received first communion, just finished AoB and sings in the choir. My youngest, Austin, had his First Communion this past April.

Mount Olive has truly taught us the meaning of "Blessed to Be a Blessing."

Thank you for taking the time to read about my family. If you see us at church on Sunday, stop over and say "hi" to us!

Peace and Blessings,
Matt Fick
Mount Olive Council



FALL STEWARDSHIP 2022

As an update to my stewardship article in the November newsletter, by the time this December newsletter “goes to press”, the 2023 pledge forms will be in the mail to all members. We encourage members to return their pledge forms by **Sunday, December 18, 2022.** You can return the pledge form in the mail using the envelope that is enclosed with the pledge form materials. Alternatively, you can also return your pledge form in the offering basket during the offering at any Sunday worship.

This is the time of year when I am called upon to provide forecasts to the council summarizing or congregation’s expected financial position at the end of the calendar year. This year has certainly been a challenge with the impact of a pastoral retirement and lower attendance post-pandemic. Our finances have been impacted by the vacancy in the pastoral position (savings) and lower non-pledge income due to lower attendance. Through it all, thanks in large part to the faithful and consistent stewardship of our congregation, I am expecting that congregational income will cover expenses for 2022. Much like last year, through October 2022, members who pledged to the ministry as a group are ahead of their pledge commitment! I thank all those who have pledged to our ministry and greatly appreciate our members’ keeping current on those pledges.

The importance of our pledge support has never been more evident than in this environment of constant change. We have a significant number of families that pledge to our ministry each year, and in 2022, those pledges support nearly 70% of our annual budget. With a significant amount of our annual spending supported by pledges, we are blessed with the ability to plan our ministry much more effectively as well as endure the financial impact of fluctuations in attendance.

As in the past, Fall is the time we ask our membership to prayerfully consider making a pledge toward the ministry for the next year. This is a time when we lift up the importance of good stewardship, sharing the gifts God has blessed us with, and the importance of consistently supporting the ministries at Mount Olive. Since we want to reach all our membership with our stewardship appeal, we will be conducting the stewardship activities with a combination of in-worship activities as well as mail and e-mail. As mentioned above, the stewardship materials should be in the mail by the time you read this. We will also have pledge forms available at worship services

during our pledge drive which can be returned with your weekly offering.

If you have pledged in the past, please consider continuing that discipline with a pledge for our 2023 ministry and consider increasing your pledge in response to God’s blessings to you. If you have not pledged in the past, please consider this act of faith for 2023. Again, thank you for your faithful stewardship, and for considering a pledge to our 2023 ministry.

Dennis Martin
Finance and Stewardship Team

MISSION EXPLORATION TEAM (MET) UPDATE

The MET has been meeting to develop the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) which is used to complete the posting for our opening for an ELCA pastor. For this process, we need the input from everyone in the congregation through small group listening sessions and surveys in order to create our MSP.

MET invites you to participate in developing our MSP by prayerfully and thoughtfully responding to a series of questions. You can submit your answer on the postcard included in the weekly bulletin, or via email to mto@mountolive-elca.net or send it in the mail. We value your input!!!!

MET QUESTION #1 (11-27-22 to 12-10-22) –
Why is Mount Olive your faith community?

MET TIMELINE

- Step 1 Form MET Team
- Step 2 Congregational input about “Who we are”
- Step 3 Complete the MSP with input from step 2
- Step 4 Congregation approval of the MSP
- Step 5 Form the Call Committee

When will we call a new pastor? When the MSP is completed and approved by the congregation, then a Call Committee will be formed, and they will complete the work necessary to call a new pastor. Remember, God’s time is not our time.

The MET Team...
Brooke Adcock, Duane Thornton, Eva Schindhelm,
Bruce Gunderson, Glenna Gunderson, Kiana Adcock,
Karen Sperstad, and Interim Pastor

MOUNT OLIVE ACTS TEAM UPDATE

The Mount Olive ACTS team recently disbursed gifts to help grow God's ministry to several partners. Each month we will highlight a recipient in order to bring awareness to how the memorial from Dorothy Gollmar's estate is being used to spread God's love.



Who is Camp Kindred: (Camp) Project Kindred is a youth development program dedicated to disrupting the cycle of segregation by uniting and empowering diverse young leaders through transformative experiences. The camp provides countless opportunities to unite Milwaukee's young people and lead them to common ground, foster positive peer relationships, and develop the skills and values necessary to become empowered future leaders — building diverse, equitable, loving communities for the next generation.



How does Camp Kindred Help? Project Kindred is an eight-year experimental leadership program that develops diverse communities of empowered young leaders in communities divided by segregation. Their goal is to equip young people with the skills, values, and relationships needed to build a more equitable and loving Milwaukee. The program begins in 5th grade through 12th grade where participants will form a team with diverse peers and role models that they will work with throughout their journey, creating incredibly deep bonds that will last a lifetime.

How can MTO help? Project Kindred is always looking for passionate youth development professionals. If you know someone, please email EmJ: emj@projectkindredmke.org. Financial donations provide support to programs for Milwaukee's future leaders. This means more young people uniting with peers of diverse backgrounds and building relationships that transcend the cycle of segregation.



SERVICE TEAM

December Collection

During the months of December and early January we will be collecting used eye glasses for the Lions Club Recycle for Sight program. Bring in your old prescription glasses, reading glasses and sunglasses (no cases please). These glasses will be given to the Lions Club in mid-January. They will be distributed to mission sites where eye care professionals and Lion and Leo volunteers perform vision screenings and dispense the appropriate recycled glasses, free of charge, to children and adults in need.

Stay tuned for information on future projects including donations to Life's Connection and Little Dresses for Africa.

We would love to welcome new members to our team any time. We meet on the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at Mount Olive.

*"Love is to be put into action
and that action is service." Mother Teresa*

FAITH EXPLORERS

Faith Exploration at Mount Olive...

We are busy with bible studies (Adult Sunday morning, Wednesday AM and PM, as well as the once a month Gather conversations). These and other opportunities continue with Affirmation of Baptism sessions for 6th - 8th graders and their families, where we enjoy faithful conversations with students, family members.

In November, we had a wonderful group of Council members and High School/AoB students who learned and served at Just One More Ministry (JOMM), bagging food for their weekly distribution at the Mitchell Park Domes. Look for additional opportunities to serve at our ACTS partner JOMM!



Coming up in December, we will continue our faith practices and explorations for all ages! Join us for the following:

- **Faith Explorer: Sunday School** Kids' Time begins at 9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary with music, a faith-full message for the younger set, prayers, and the birthday church! At 9:55 a.m. our 3-year-old through 5th graders will head to the lower level for their FE: Sunday School time through the end of the 10 a.m. worship service. Registration forms are found on the bulletin board outside the MTO office. All are welcome!
- **The big news: On December 18th,** we will come together with the congregation at the 10 a.m. worship for our Faith Explorer: Pop Up Christmas story and Worship. All ages can participate in our Pop-Up Christmas pageant.
- The concept: the Birth of Christ will be dramatized using narrators and scripted readings. Parts and costumes (or bring your Bethlehem-themed attire!)



for all ages will be distributed that morning (Dec. 18th) from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Even if you'd rather not wear a costume, there are group responses so that everyone has a part to play. Plan on attending this worship! Let's make a joyful noise before the Lord, as we celebrate the birth of Christ!

- **Affirmation of Baptism** Mount Olive as we celebrate with the families of Micah Budd, Kate Fick, Elliott Kulow and Jack LaFreniere, who affirmed their faith on Sunday, October 30th.



- **AoB for 6th thru 8th graders** meets twice in December:
 - **6:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 6th,** as we prepare cookie plates for our homebound members and goodie boxes for our young adults. Come along and see!
 - **6:30-8 p.m., Tuesday, December 13th:** dinner and faith exploration on the Apostles Creed.

Mount Olive High School News:

High School students! Mark your calendars for the following events!

- **Saturday, December 3rd,** assist with the Advent Path on the MTO green space, opportunities from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and again from 4-7:30 p.m. Contact the MTO office or cindy.dobberke@mountolive-elca.net for more information!
- **Tuesday, December 6th, 6:30 p.m.,** join AoB for the fabulous cookie/goodie box night!
- And if you love to sing, you are always invited to join the youth choir on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. Please contact Deanna Kulow at deanna.kulow@mountolive-elca.net for more information.
- Look forward to January's Synod Lock-In for 7th -12th graders with musician Rachel Kurtz! **January 14-15th** at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in South Milwaukee. More details as they come available!



Mount Olive's Faithful Innovation team consists of Betty Arntson, Betty Hinkelman, Conrad Dierks, and Cindy Dobberke. Since our last newsletter update, the Faithful Innovations team has met for the purpose of doing a neighborhood drive, closely observing the neighborhood surrounding Mount Olive and Mukwonago in general. (We think we would do a better job of drawing our map now! 😊)

We continue to daily dwell in the Word of God, using Acts 16: 6-15 as our scripture. You are invited to use this form of divine reading of scripture during your daily devotional time. As you read and reflect, what word or phrase comes to your attention. What do you notice?

And we are working on our active listening skills, in preparation for having conversations with our congregation and the greater community about where they see God active in their lives.

More to come! Thanks for keeping the Faithful Innovation team in your prayers!

ADVENT 2022

Sunday, November 27th begins the season of Advent. Stop by the Advent resources table in the Narthex and select from various devotionals for your home use.

Also, consider joining our Service Team and Faith Explorer: Sunday School families with this Reverse Advent Calendar food donations for one of our ACTS ministry partners, the Milwaukee Christian Center. Perhaps you would like to decorate a box to hold the items and keep it under your tree as you fill it up? Please bring it to Mount Olive on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, or any time until January 8th. Yes, the food won't get there before Christmas, but sadly, hunger knows no season.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A
FOOD BANK.

December 1 - box of cereal
December 2 - peanut butter
December 3 - stuffing mix
December 4 - boxed potatoes
December 5 - macaroni and cheese
December 6 - canned fruit
December 7 - canned tomatoes
December 8 - canned tuna
December 9 - dessert mix
December 10 - jar of applesauce
December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
December 12 - cranberry sauce
December 13 - canned beans
December 14 - box of crackers
December 15 - package of rice
December 16 - package of oatmeal
December 17 - package pasta
December 18 - spaghetti sauce
December 19 - chicken noodle soup
December 20 - tomato soup
December 21 - can corn
December 22 - can mixed vegetables
December 23 - can carrots
December 24 - can green beans

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If you are able to add to the box of food items, MCC requests additional canned fruit and vegetables, macaroni and cheese, canned/plastic jars of spaghetti sauce, dry pinto and black beans, rice, and peanut butter. Hats, mittens and gloves are also requested.

GRIEF SUPPORT

Grief can and does enter our lives in a huge variety of ways. You are invited to attend either one of these groups for very informal discussions in a safe place and supportive environment. Please feel free to call if you would like further information, login Zoom info, or have any questions: Betty Hinkelman.

- **Thursday Group:** The meeting is on the first Thursday of each month beginning at 12:30 p.m. Attendance is at Mount Olive in the Fellowship Hall or on ZOOM, whichever you are comfortable with. **December's date is Thursday, December 1st.**
- **Monday Group:** This group meets monthly in person at Mount Olive in the Fellowship Hall on the last Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. **Please check with Betty regarding a date for December.**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT & SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday night Bible study class resumed in September. This year we are studying the Gospel according to Luke. There will be a special emphasis on Jesus' parables and miracles, which Luke contains more of than any of the other 3 Gospels. As usual, we will not meet during Advent and Lent. The class will conclude May 17th, having spent 24 sessions covering Luke's 24 chapters. If interested, contact Dwight Cruikshank.

The Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study meets at **9 a.m.** For the 2022-2023 education season, the Adult Education group will start in the beginning...the beginning of the Bible that is, with the book of Genesis. Join us as we delve into the stories that are told in Genesis. Stories of creation, stories of sin and judgement, stories of Abraham and the promise of salvation, stories of corruption, lust, and murder. Watch the announcements for upcoming previews of what shocking Biblical events we will be uncovering in upcoming Sundays!

Contact Laura Conry with any questions.



INVITATION TO PRAY

You are invited to come and pray as we come together for

contemplative prayer on the labyrinth. Join me for prayer with Holy Scripture using the ancient method of Lectio Divina, or you may choose to come for Centering Prayer, a prayer practice with silence as we simply rest in God's presence for a twenty-minute period of time. No experience is needed for either of these quiet methods of praying. A simple desire to be with God is all that you need to bring.

I invite you to come at any of these following times for this prayer opportunity (schedule of dates & times below). If you want to participate but need a different time slot or if you have any questions or would like further explanation, please feel free to call any time. I look forward to praying together. Betty Hinkelman.

Monthly Schedule of Prayer Opportunities:

Lectio Divina:

- 1st & 3rd Monday of each month...beginning at 11 a.m.
- Every Friday on zoom (link will be emailed)...beginning at 9 a.m.

Centering Prayer: 2nd & 4th Monday of each month...beginning at 11 a.m.



DON'T MUNCH ALONE BUNCH (DMAB)



You are invited to Don't Munch Alone Bunch that will meet on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at Chen's Kitchen in Mukwonago at 11:30 a.m. Don't eat lunch alone, come and join us for fun, lively conversation and good food at Chen's. We'll save a place at the table for you. There's no need to call ahead, just plan to join us.

If you have questions, please call Glenna Gunderson. We hope you will join us.

THE KNOTTY KNITTERS...

Are a group that invites anyone interested to join them in the church library on Friday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 noon to knit prayer shawls and such, share stories, and have goodies. **All are welcome...no experience necessary.**

If you have questions, please call Betty Hinkelman or Inge Adams.

LADIES BOOK CLUB

Mount Olive's Ladies Book Club will meet next on **Tuesday, December 13th, at 2 p.m., @ Mount Olive.** They will be discussing "Golden Child" by Claire Adam.

All are welcome...even if you haven't read the book! If you have any questions, please contact Diane Dickey or the church office at 363-8251.

GATHER SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY



Let's **Gather** for an Advent Devotion. All are invited!

Tuesday, December 13th, at 9:30 a.m. Join us for a time of devotion, study and conversation in the Mount Olive Fellowship Hall. A Zoom option is also available. All are invited! Please contact the office or Cindy Dobberke for the Zoom link.

Good things come in small packages

Moving from wanting to waiting at Advent
BY BECCA EHRLICH

Come along and see, join in the conversation with this excellent devotional! No preparation necessary!

ELCA GOOD GIFTS



The ELCA Good Gifts Tree is ready for 2022 giving! Looking for that special gift for someone who has everything? Why not consider an ELCA Good Gift! Gifts of all shapes and sizes can make a difference in our world.

Stop by the display in the Narthex today! For further information, please contact Cindy Dobberke @ cindy.dobberke@mountolive-elca.net.

WORSHIP MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND AT MOUNT OLIVE!

Might you be interested in helping to lead worship as an AV operator, assisting minister, reader, usher, altar guild, fellowship hour providers, or in other roles?

Please contact Cindy Dobberke or Debbie Wagner in the Mount Olive office for more information. Training provided!

ELCA World Hunger

The Hunger Jar appreciates the jingling of our change! Starting fresh as of January 1, 2022, our donation amount has crept up a bit - \$1,732.06.



If you are collecting your change at home for ELCA World Hunger during our time of online worship, please consider sending in a check or bringing the funds into Mount Olive so that they can be deposited. We will send them out into the world as a witness to our faithfulness during this critical time.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATUS from the Bookkeeper

	October 2022 Actual	October 2022 Plan
General Income	\$224,676	\$243,517
General Expenses	(216,150)	(267,973)
Surplus/(Deficit)	8,526	(24,456)
General Fund Cash Balance	31,327	

Ways to Give To Mount Olive



In Person

Place checks or cash in an offering envelope and drop in the offering plate as it goes by.



Text

Text 262-290-4066 with dollar amount (for example: 10) to set up a one-time or recurring donation.



Giving App

Download the 'Give Plus Church' app to set up a one-time or recurring donation.



Online

Visit <https://mountolive-elca.net/donate/> or scan the QR Code below to set up a one time or recurring donation.



At Mount Olive, we are committed to giving back to God for all he has given us so that we can help others locally and around the world.

OFFERING/DONATION UPDATE

You can also share your financial gifts by:

1. Mailing your offering to the office:
Mount Olive Lutheran Church
211 Main Street
Mukwonago, WI 53149
2. Donating via our webpage: Make a one-time or recurring donation. Any recurring donation will require you to register if you don't already have a Simply Giving account. Contact Debbie in the office if you need any help with the webpage...262-363-8251.

Thank you for your ongoing support to the ministries of Mount Olive.

Dennis Martin
Treasurer
Finance and Stewardship Team

VARIOUS TEAM/GROUP UPDATES

Group Meeting	Time and Frequency	Contact person
Wednesday Bible Study	9 a.m. every Wednesday @ Mount Olive & via Zoom	Church Office mto@mountolive-elca.net
Knotty Knitters	10 a.m. every Friday	Inge Adams Betty Hinkelman
Gather Bible Study: Meeting in person & via Zoom	9:30 - 11 a.m. on second Tuesday of each month	Cindy Dobberke Cindy.dobberke@mountolive-elca.net
Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study	Sundays @ 9 a.m.	Laura Conry
Wednesday Evening Bible Study	Wednesday evenings @ 6:30 p.m.	Dwight Cruikshank
Don't Munch Alone Bunch	11:30 a.m. on second Tuesday of each month	Glenna and Bruce Gunderson
Lectio Divina: Meeting in person & via Zoom	11 a.m. on Mondays – December 5th & 19th ; 11 a.m. on Fridays via Zoom – December 2nd, 9th, & 16th	Betty Hinkelman
Centering Prayer: Meeting in person & via Zoom	11 a.m. on Monday – December 12th	Betty Hinkelman
Grief Support: Meeting in person & via Zoom	Meeting time varies, please contact Betty or see page 7	Betty Hinkelman
Service Team	Sharing info and ideas via email – next meeting on December 5th @ 6 p.m.	Jean Cruikshank
Food Pantry Donations – December Needs: Dish & Laundry Soap	Donations can be made directly to pantry as follows: December 8th, 22nd, & 29th -- 9:30-11:30 a.m. ; contact Carole Hahl @ 262-662-3953	Church Office mto@mountolive-elca.net
Aluminum Can Donations	Please continue to collect aluminum cans for our HS students to support their annual youth accompaniment trips; your donations can be dropped off at a future date!	Church Office mto@mountolive-elca.net



ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING at Mount Olive!!

Yep, our High School students are still doing it! Want to help? Be sure to save your cans and drop off at the rear door at Mount Olive so that we can send the cans on their way to the recyclers. It's a great way to save the environment AND our help our High School students when they head off on their next big Accompaniment trip!

PRAYING FOR MEMBERS at Mount Olive Lutheran Church



First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone. I Timothy 2:1

It seems to me that no one is so poor as an individual for whom not a single soul is praying, and has no one who takes him or her personally and persistently to God in prayer. O. Hallesby, Prayer

“Praying for Every Member” is sponsored by Prayer Ministry. By using this monthly newsletter insert, we will pray unceasingly for each other.

12/1	Donna Silkworth
12/2	Alethea & Steve Sment
12/3	Trent, Lisa, Amy, & Trevor Smith
12/4	Tim, Karen, Benjamin, & Thomas Sperstad
12/5	Kim, Jaramey, Emily, & Joshua Stobbe
12/6	Deborah & Richard Struck
12/7	Mary Sugden
12/8	Sandi Summerfield
12/9	Stephanie, Larry, Sydney, & Kamryn Swenor
12/10	Duane & Susan Thornton
12/11	Kevin Thornton
12/12	Tim & Pat Vandehey
12/13	Terrence & Kay Vietzke
12/14	Allen Vollmer
12/15	Nichole Wagner, Callie, Melissa, & Ashley Peterson
12/16	Nancy Ward
12/17	Sheri, Jamie, & Jenna Watkins
12/18	Rick, Robin, Blair, & Casey Webber
12/19	Sara & Alexa Westerdale, Alayna Kalvin-Salmela
12/20	Jane Whiteaker
12/21	Shannon, Nathaniel, Anthony, Ciara, & Arkadia Wilcher
12/22	Mary Winchowky
12/23	Carey, Brian, & Benjamin Wisotzke
12/24	Matthew, Becky, Logan, & Haley Woessner
12/25	Russell Wright
12/26	Phyllis & Emily Zaddack
12/27	Michael & Laura Zaddack, Kalin & Dylan Troka
12/28	Karin Zoril
12/29	Inge Adams
12/30	Adam, Kiana, Brooke, & Bailey Adcock
12/31	Christina, Jonathan, Cassandra, & Nathaniel Altenburg

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS...

Angela Porter	12/1
Lisa Smith	12/1
Kamryn Swenor	12/1
Corbin Clarey	12/2
Aaron Budd	12/4
Robert Grant	12/6
Jenny Chiello	12/7
Emma Husted	12/7
Jennifer Cotturone	12/8
Mark Kietzmann	12/8
Kevin Franz	12/10
Carter Kronschnabel	12/12
Kasey Bischmann	12/13
Jack LaFreniere	12/14
Jaylene Piraino	12/18
Mark Bischmann	12/19
Julie Fick	12/21
Tracy Jahnke	12/22
Adeline Leffelman	12/22
Zachary McKee	12/22
Annette Schaenzer	12/22
Christina Altenburg	12/23
Max Kadrich	12/23
Susan Thornton	12/25
Albert Muhlbauer	12/26
Jane Whiteaker	12/26
Tiffany Lindbloom	12/28
Aaron Lechner	12/29
Wolfgang Schnabl	12/29
Lauren Shuda	12/29
Cindy Dobberke	12/31
Nathan Grossklaus	12/31
Dori Ross	12/31

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES...

John & Alyssa Corey	12/1
Scott & Erin Christensen	12/5
Mike & Annette Schaenzer	12/22
Deborah & Thomas Barnes	12/28

COUNCIL CORNER		
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Inge Adams		
Matt Fick		
Cheryl Shanovich		
Duane Thornton		
Mike Zaddack		
Adopted Council minutes are posted on the Council bulletin board for your review. Please feel free to contact any Council member listed above with any new ideas or caring concerns regarding Mount Olive.		
Please remember all our Council Members in your prayers.		

GET CONNECTED			
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THIS WEEK AT MTO

Did you know that a weekly email is sent out each Wednesday entitled “This Week at MTO.” Each weekly email contains the following types of info: special messages, Mount Olive’s calendar for the coming week, and any other events that are happening at Mount Olive over the next week or so. If you are not currently receiving this email, please let the church office know your email address, and we will add you to the circulation list. Or sign up on our website at: www.mountolive-elca.net. Don’t miss out!

PLEASE LET US KNOW... If you, a family member, or a friend would like to have a visit from the pastor, please notify the church office or Cindy Dobberke. We rely on you to keep us informed so that our ministry with you can continue: 262.363.8251 or mto@mountolive-elca.net.

DECEMBER 2022

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1 12:30pm Grief Support Group	2 10am Knotty Knitters 11am Lectio Divina Via Zoom	3 Mukwonago's Midnight Magic 4:30-6pm HS Musical Groups @ MTO 4:30-7pm Advent Path
4 8am Worship & HC 9am Adult Bible Study 9:45am SS Gathering Time 10am Worship & HC 7:30pm Alanon*	5 11am Lectio Divina 6pm Service Team	6 6:30pm AoB Cookie Night	7 9am Weekly Text Study 6:30pm Advent Worship	8 9:30am MCC Food Pantry*	9 10am Knotty Knitters 11am Lectio Divina Via Zoom	10
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18 8am Worship & HC 9am Adult Bible Study 9-9:45am SS Christmas Program Prep Time 10am Worship & HC/Sunday School Christmas Program 7:30pm Alanon*	19 11am Lectio Divina	20	21 <i>NO Weekly Text Study</i> 6:30pm Advent Worship	22 9:30am MCC Food Pantry*	23	24 Christmas Eve 1:30pm Worship & HC 3:30pm Worship & HC 5:30pm Worship & HC
25 9am Worship & HC	26	27	28 <i>NO Weekly Text Study</i>	29 9:30am MCC Food Pantry*	30	31

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