



**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION:**

**In-Person Worship & HC @ 8 & 10 a.m.**

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

**OFFICE HOURS**

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[www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)

**Mount Olive's  
Blessing of the Pets**

**October 1<sup>st</sup>, during the 10 a.m. Worship Service**

Join us for an outdoor service held in the MTO parking lot. We will worship outdoors, weather permitting. Bring your furry or feathered friends for a blessing! Friends, neighbors, all are welcome!



**Special Collection for Lakeland Animal Shelter:** We know how important our pets are to us as part of God's Creation. Our High School youth along with the Service team invite you to contribute any of the items listed below, culminating at the Blessing of the Animals. Monetary contributions will also be accepted, please place in a pew envelope and mark "Lakeland Animal Shelter". Thank you!! Urgent Needs Right Now!

- Dry and Canned Cat & Kitten Food (Brands like: Authority & 4Health)
- Bleach

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**MOUNT OLIVE  
BLOOD DRIVE**



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

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 16<sup>th</sup>  
Fellowship Hall -- 3-7 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

## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SANDY

Our fall schedule is in full swing including worship, Faith Explorers of all ages, Bible studies, and Green Space activities. We are grateful for Mt. Olive's committed volunteers who completed the electrical work prior to the installation of the new electronic sign! Watch for information, announcements, and events that will be shared with the Mukwonago community. Join us on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, at 10 a.m. for the outdoor Blessing of the Animals. Bring your furry or feathered friends for a blessing and celebrate their role in God's good creation. We celebrate Reformation Sunday on October 29<sup>th</sup> and will participate in the Rite of Confirmation at the 10 a.m. service as young adults make public affirmation of their baptisms. On Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, at 11 a.m., join us for lunch, All Saints activities and Mt. Olive pumpkin bowling.

We continue to pray for the ministry of the Call Committee including Betty Arntson (Chair), Nicole Carpenter (Secretary), Kiana Adcock, Bruce Gunderson, Dennis Martin, Eva Schindhelm, and Tim Sperstad. We trust the Holy Spirit to lead and guide their discernment as they identify a pastoral candidate for Mt. Olive.

The Equipping the Saints campaign expresses our confidence that God is at work in the 119 congregations of the Greater Milwaukee Synod with a goal of \$2.3 million over three years. \$1,500 per year for three years has been committed by Mt. Olive ACTS fund. Mt. Olive's goal is to raise \$1,500 of matching funds per year for three consecutive years for a total of \$9,000. Funds from the campaign will be directed to areas of Innovation, Collaboration, and Leadership. The campaign will support innovation grants to congregations, strengthen the ministry of Outreach for Hope, invest in racial equity, campus ministry, rostered ministers, and support partner ministries. We conclude the campaign on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, when Pastor Matt Short, Assistant to the Bishop for Evangelical Mission will be our preacher. Please prayerfully consider participating.

*Through the power of the Spirit, God has knit the disciples of Mt. Olive into the one body in Jesus Christ. We pray for continued courage, patience, and vision to strengthen our vocation of witness to the world and service to others.*

In Christ,

Pastor Sandy Chrostowski  
Interim Pastor



**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.

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## COUNCIL CORNER

*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others faithfully administering God's grace in it's various forms. 1 Peter 4:10*



At our class reunion, I listened intently as my friend, Ron, talked of his "new work." Since retiring he has been doing missionary work in Brazil. He usually goes for a month, three times a year. Ron graduated from MSOE and as an engineer he travels with a group of dentists. They take their equipment, supplies, and tents in large canoes and head up the Amazon River. When they dock and start to unload, people come from far and wide for treatment. Ron said they set up out in the middle of nowhere and people come out of the forests. I marveled at the smile in his voice as he told us of his work as a volunteer.

Of course, not all of us can be like Ron and serve in a foreign country, but that might be the inspiration we need to serve in our church and our community.

Personally, I come from a family of nine firefighters, five of them volunteers on the East Troy Fire Department with 188 years of combined volunteer service. So, I have long wondered what inspires someone to be a volunteer. To work all those hours and years for nothing in return but an occasional thank you and peace in your heart knowing you are helping others.

**Council Corner Continued:** Does it take a special gift to be a volunteer? It is difficult for any of us to see our own gifts but a friend or family member may say “oh you have a gift for that!” Sometimes we think of gifts we outwardly see; being athletically gifted or musically gifted. Then there are the hidden gifts: the gift of being a great listener, the gift of leading prayer, and the gift of motivating others to greatness.

I am always in awe of volunteers at Mount Olive who are assistant ministers, worship leaders, readers, singers, musicians, teachers, and our ever faithful “bean counter.” These are gifts I do not have and being the AV operator is out of my league! However, baking and making a pot of coffee, setting up the altar for worship, and ushering are right up my alley. What do we make as a volunteer...we make difference.

What is God calling you to do? Is he calling you to hold a hand to share comfort and support, to give a smile to brighten someone’s day? As Pastor Sandy has said, “Let us open our ears to hear Your words and our hearts to be changed.” Listen to God and answer, “Here I am Lord.”

Wishing everyone peace in their hearts  
as they listen to God’s call,

Linda Burie  
Council Secretary

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**Thank you for your support of the  
OUTREACH FOR HOPE Ride, Run,  
Walk! Those participating had a great  
time, meeting other partners in ministry.**



OCTOBER

## “GREEN TEAM UPDATE”



- The Picnic was so much fun we've scheduled another: **May 19, 2024**. A big thanks to all who helped make it happen; especially to all the dessert makers, Betty Hinkelman for the Cake Walk, and Russell Wright for the bags tournament.
- On **November 5<sup>th</sup>** at 11 a.m. (after the second service), there will be an event for all including a lunch, All Saints activities, and never before attempted at Mt. Olive pumpkin bowling. All are welcome.
- On **December 2<sup>nd</sup>**, we will set up the Advent Path again for anyone to explore.
- All are welcome to come to our planning meetings - whether you've come before or not. It's never too late to join. **Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, at 1 p.m.**
- Please contact Karen/Cindy with questions.

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Dear Cindy, and BBQ Team,  
We all at Birchrock  
want to thank you  
and everyone that  
pitched in to help  
make Sunday such a  
special fun day.  
Thank you all for all  
you do to make our  
days a little brighter.  
Can't wait for the next  
one.  
Your Birchrock Family

*True  
Kindness  
is a  
rare and  
beautiful  
thing.*



## CALL COMMITTEE PROCESS AND STATUS REPORT

Now that the Mission Exploration Team (“MET”) has completed our Ministry Site Profile, the process of calling a pastor moves to the Call Committee.

The Call Committee has met with our synod mentor for orientation and guidance on the process to be followed. In addition, the Call Committee meets weekly, with tasks assigned each week, to keep the process moving forward.

A very high-level outline of the process as follows:

### PREPARATION:

- Detail review of the Ministry Site Profile.
- Preparation for initial interviews, including development of initial interview questions.
- Participation in a mock interview with a local clergy to “field test” the interview questions and process.
- Synod provides candidates’ names and profiles for review.

### CONSIDERING CANDIDATES:

- Conduct initial interviews (often via teleconference).
- Assessment of candidates and determination of those to be invited for a second interview.

### SECOND INTERVIEWS:

- Preparation of second interview questions, tailored from results of initial interview and the candidate’s profile.
- Conduct second Interviews. These are held locally and in person and may include a tour of the church and the local area.

### FINAL CANDIDATE:

- Determination of a candidate to recommend to council and the congregation. Recommendations must be unanimous within the Call Committee.
- Notify Synod representative of preferred candidate.
- Synod verifies if the chosen candidate is interested in a call to Mount Olive.
- Check references, background check.
- Present recommendation to council.

- Special congregation meeting to propose candidate.

The above is a high-level outline intended to provide you with a general idea of the process. There are multiple tasks within each of the steps above. After the congregational meeting, the Council will then prepare an offer for the final candidate.

One significant component of the process is confidentiality. Most pastoral candidates are currently employed, so the Call Committee is required to maintain confidentiality of candidate information until the interview process is complete, the synod has been notified, and the candidate has confirmed interest in the call to Mount Olive.

Currently the Call Committee is working on the development of the initial interview document and laying the groundwork for the tasks within the above outline.

Dennis Martin  
Call Committee

Call Committee Members include: Kiana Adcock, Betty Arntson, Nicole Carpenter, Bruce Gunderson, Dennis Martin, Eva Schindhelm and Tim Sperstad



### Faithful Innovations Update:

#### The Saga of the Three Chairs

So, stay tuned as the saga continues. Next, we move into SHARE mode. The FI Team will have our own experiences when making use of the chairs, and we’d love to hear back from you who have used them or have had other innovative ideas about their use.



It will be exciting to see how the saga of the chairs takes shape. As we share and listen to each other, we may be spurred into yet another faithful innovation action.

## FAITH EXPLORERS

**Faith Explorers: Sunday School** is underway! Children 3 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us! Please find the registration form located on our website.

### **Faith Explorers: Sunday School weekly schedule**

- 9:45 a.m. -- Children will gather with Pastor Sandy or Cindy Dobberke in the Sanctuary for the lighting of the altar candles, the beginning of worship.
- During this soft opening of worship, the children will have time to check in with each other, engage in music (including birthday celebrations), hear a message geared towards them regarding their Faith Exploration: Sunday School session for the day, and pray together.
- The children will then return to sit with their families for the gathering song, the call to worship, the order of confession and forgiveness, the opening song and prayer.
- As the congregation is seated for the reading of scripture, the children will be invited to head to the lower level. There they will hear the scripture in a more age-appropriate fashion, and explore faith with conversation, activities and prayer. The children will be picked up in the lower level once the 10 a.m. worship service is complete.
- Communion: we also learned from the survey that some parents desire that their children participate in Holy Communion. If desired the parents can gather them from the lower level during the song of the day in order to bring them to the communion table. Children who participate in communion will remain with their family for the rest of the worship service.

### **Upcoming Faith Explorer: Sunday School special dates:**

- October 1<sup>st</sup>: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL! Join the outdoor worship for the Blessing of the Animals!
- November 5<sup>th</sup>: All Saints Event All are welcome as we explore this amazing event in the liturgical (church) calendar. Light lunch will be served, along with activities and games. Please RSVP by

**Faith Explorers: Affirmation of Baptism** meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8 p.m., with a family meal and learning session. This year our focus will be on the Bible. AoB is offered for families with students' 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up. Contact Pastor Sandy or Cindy Dobberke with any questions!

### **AoB Calendar:**

- Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6:30 – 8 p.m.: Bible – Is the Bible true? Family meal, group building, and faith exploration.
- Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> – 11-12:30 p.m.: All Saints Event at Mount Olive. Come one, come all to this cross generational event. Light lunch, pumpkin bowling, as well as faith exploration for all!
- Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 – 8 p.m.: Why does the Bible contradict itself at times? Family meal, group building, and faith exploration.
- Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> – 6:30-7:30 p.m. Holiday cookie/care packages for our homebound members and young adults.
- Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> – 6:30-8 p.m.: Is the NT more important than the OT? Family meal, group building, and faith exploration.
- Saturday, Date TBD 11/25 or 12/9 – 8 a.m. to 12 noon: Service opportunity. Just One More Ministry Food Sort <https://www.joministry.org/>.

### **Faith Explorer: High School News and Events**

- **Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 10 a.m.** outdoor worship service and The Blessing of the Animals. The Blessing is sponsored by the High School youth, and we are in need of set up and tear down help for the sound system and one reader to share the reading from Genesis. Please advise if you are available!
- **Also on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8 p.m.**, we will begin our 2x month HS Faith Explorer zoom calls. We'll use this time to touch base, explore scripture, discuss upcoming events and to build community. Hope to see you there! Zoom link found here: Faith Exploration HS Time: Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00, Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86782335566?pwd=cHorQ2lPQVMvbS9PVk1iYnhwVnN3Zz09> Meeting ID: 867 8233 5566 Passcode: 316453
- **October 15<sup>th</sup>, meet at Mount Olive at 3 p.m.** And we'll carpool to Schuette Farms, on Hwy. 83 north of Mukwonago. Pumpkin picking, exploring the corn maze and heading back to MTO for a pumpkin decorating party. Corn maze cost \$8, pumpkin cost?????. Please let Cindy know of your plans to attend.

## Faith Explorer: High School News and Events Continued

- Summer 2024 faith exploration options, check them out and we can discuss:
  1. ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans, dates of event: July 16-20 will need at least one day of travel on either end. Learn more here: <https://www.elca.church/gathering>
  2. Leadership Lab held at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois approximate Dates: June 24-28 Learn more here: <https://leadershiplab.net/>
  3. Spark'dwell learning experience in Winston Salem, NC. Various weeks: June 12-16, June 16-21, June 30-July 5, July 14-19, July 28-Aug. 2. Learn more here: <https://www.sparkdwell.org/>

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**THE PRAYGROUND IS OPEN!!** (or ... the Return of the Pray Ground!) Mount Olive welcomes all ages to worship and the congregation understands that everyone has different needs at different times of our lives. If you have a little worshiper, are they in need of space to stretch out and move about during worship? The Pray Ground is ready for them! The Pray Ground is located in the Mount Olive Narthex. Feel free to use this space as you see fit during worship or outside of worship times.



### **What is a Pray Ground?**

A *Pray Ground* is a place in the front of the sanctuary where worshipers (most often children) can experience worship through age-appropriate worship materials and tools that will help keep them engaged in worship.

### **Who may use the Pray Ground?**

Young children who are not comfortable sitting in a pew or leaving the worship service. Parents, other adults, and older students may choose to sit in a nearby pew, or on the floor with the children.

### **What about Sunday School?**

Mount Olive offers Sunday school for children ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We begin worship with a soft opening at 9:45, this includes time for the children to meet, sing, pray and hear an age-appropriate message from our leadership team. New this year, the children will sit with their families for the beginning of worship until the lessons are read. At this time, the children may go to the lower level for age-appropriate readings and faith exploration opportunities with our Faith Explorer guides and assistant guides.

### **Why offer a Pray Ground to families?**

We can apply scripture to help us understand why Pray Grounds are valuable for both worship and faith exploration:

- **Scripture:** Matthew 10:13-15. Unlike his disciples, who considered children a distraction, Jesus welcomed & blessed the children.
- **Tradition:** The tradition of sending children out of worship prevents them from participating in essential components of Christian faith formation, i.e., community prayer, music, scripture reading, pastor's message and Holy Communion.
- **Reason:** In order to be fully formed and developed, worship skills, behaviors, knowledge and beliefs require exposure, practice and experience. Without these, children cannot learn what to do in worship or what worship can do for them.
- **Experience** –We'd love to hear about your experience!

### **What do people in other churches with Pray Grounds say?**

Other churches around the world have discovered that:

- Children are more attentive and active in the service when they are in the front of the church.
- When children who are separated out of the worshiping community get to an age to decide for themselves if they want to be a part of worship, they often decide not to be part of worship because it hasn't been part of their life.
- Offering a Pray Ground is a statement to the entire congregation that we are making physical and spiritual space for families.
- Pray Grounds offer an opportunity for spiritual formation to begin at an early age.

\*Information gleaned from an amazing post (<https://www.trinitymp.org/what-is-a-prayground/>)  
Trinity United Methodist Church, Mount Prospect, IL.

## 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 third 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. **October's date is Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.**
- **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. **October's date is Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.**



### 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:

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

**Centering Prayer:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month...beginning at 11 a.m.

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT & SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday Night Bible Study class resumed meeting in September and will end mid-May. We do not meet during Advent nor Lent, so we will have about 21 sessions. This year's Bible book is the Gospel according to John. John's Gospel presents a very different picture of Jesus than do the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke). Please come join us to find out how and what.

The classes are Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. It is not necessary to have any prior experience in Bible study. All that is needed is a desire to know more about the Bible, while having good fellowship and a little bit of fun. If interested, contact Dwight Cruikshank.

The Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study meets at **9 a.m.** For the 2023-2024 education season, the Adult Education group will continue the study of the book of Genesis started last year with its stories of sin and judgement, stories of the promise of salvation, stories of corruption, lust, and murder. We'll also be having a special Advent study and finish the year with a study of women in the Bible. Join us for the education and fellowship. Join us to just listen or to participate in the discussion. Join us for a few sessions or for many sessions. We're looking forward to welcoming you!

Contact Laura Conry with any questions.



## DON'T MUNCH ALONE BUNCH (DMAB) – NOTE DATE CHANGE



Come and join us when Don't Munch Alone Bunch (DMAB) meets on **Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 a.m.**, at Chen's, in Mukwonago. DMAB is a fun fellowship activity, inviting all ages to meet, eat and share together. Bring a friend if you'd like. There's no need to make a reservation, because we'll save a place at the table for you at Chen's.

If you'd like more information, please call Glenna Gunderson. We hope you will join us.

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### 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.

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### LADIES BOOK CLUB

Mount Olive's Ladies Book Club will meet next on **Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, at 2 p.m., @ Mount Olive.** They will be discussing "The Dressmakers of Prospect Heights" by Kitty Zeldis.

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 FAITH EXPLORATION GROUP

Join us in the Mount Olive Fellowship Hall on the second Tuesdays of each month at 9:30 a.m. for our conversation and faith exploration using Gather magazine- a publication of the Women of the ELCA.



On Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, we will begin the Fall 2023 series entitled

**"Holy places," a three-session Bible study by the Rev. Dr. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni**

Physical places often shape our identities, relationships and faith. "Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it," Paul writes. Part of what this means is that faith doesn't just reside in our thoughts or emotions. Faith resides in our whole bodies, and how our bodies "live and move and have our being" in the sacred places where God encounters us. In this Fall 2023 Gather Bible study, written by an ELCA missionary living in Jerusalem, we'll explore what holy places mean, not only for the Holy Land of the Bible, but for each of us, wherever we may be.

### October 2023

Holy places: Sanctuary

For thousands of years, physical spaces have been set apart for individual prayer and community worship. "Sanctuary" is one word for such spaces. Throughout history, "sanctuary" has also referred to spaces of safety and refuge. If God is everywhere, what is the importance of sanctuary? What can Jesus' teachings and Paul's correspondence with the early church teach us about what sanctuary looks like today?



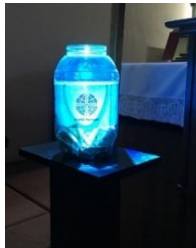
**WORSHIP MINISTRY  
OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND  
AT MOUNT OLIVE!**

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, 2023, our donation amount has crept up a bit -- **\$939.92.**



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**

	<b>August 2023 Actual</b>	<b>August 2023 Plan</b>
General Income	\$204,873	\$182,147
General Expenses	(221,914)	(215,225)
Surplus/(Deficit)	(17,041)	(33,078)
General Fund Cash Balance	20,981	

**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

<b>Group Meeting</b>	<b>Time and Frequency</b>	<b>Contact person</b>
<i>Wednesday Bible Study</i>	9 a.m. every Wednesday @ Mount Olive & via Zoom	<b>Church Office</b> <a href="mailto:mto@mountolive-elca.net">mto@mountolive-elca.net</a>
<i>Knotty Knitters</i>	10 a.m. every Friday	<b>Inge Adams</b> <b>Betty Hinkelman</b>
<i>Gather Faith Exploration Group: Meeting in person &amp; via Zoom</i>	9:30 - 11 a.m. on second Tuesday of each month	<b>Cindy Dobberke</b> <a href="mailto:Cindy.dobberke@mountolive-elca.net">Cindy.dobberke@mountolive-elca.net</a>
<i>Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study</i>	Sundays @ 9 a.m.	<b>Laura Conry</b>
<i>Wednesday Evening Bible Study</i>	Wednesday evenings @ 6:30 p.m.	<b>Dwight Cruikshank</b>
<i>Don't Munch Alone Bunch</i>	11:30 a.m. on second Tuesday of each month	<b>Glenna and Bruce Gunderson</b>
<i>Lectio Divina: Meeting in person &amp; via Zoom</i>	11 a.m. on Mondays – <b>October 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 16<sup>th</sup></b> ; 11 a.m. on Fridays via Zoom – <b>October 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, &amp; 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Betty Hinkelman</b>
<i>Centering Prayer: Meeting in person &amp; via Zoom</i>	11 a.m. on Monday – <b>October 9<sup>th</sup> &amp; 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Betty Hinkelman</b>
<i>Grief Support: Meeting in person &amp; via Zoom</i>	Meeting time varies, please contact Betty or see page 7	<b>Betty Hinkelman</b>
<i>Service Team</i>	Sharing info and ideas via email	<b>Jean Cruikshank</b>
<i>Food Pantry Donations</i>	Donations can be made directly to pantry as follows: <b>October 12<sup>th</sup> &amp; 26<sup>th</sup> -- 9:30-11:30 a.m.</b> ; contact Carole Hahl @ 262-662-3953	<b>Church Office</b> <a href="mailto:mto@mountolive-elca.net">mto@mountolive-elca.net</a>
<i>Aluminum Can Donations</i>	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!	<b>Church Office</b> <a href="mailto:mto@mountolive-elca.net">mto@mountolive-elca.net</a>



### 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.

10/1	Dennis & Kim Martin
10/2	Pam Massman
10/3	Charles & Angie Mathe
10/4	Barbara Mather
10/5	Tamatha McDonald
10/6	Ross McMiller
10/7	Diane Messer
10/8	Albert Mihlbauer
10/9	Shirley Miller
10/10	Laura Mueller
10/11	Lee, Denise, Brady, & Lauren Munger
10/12	Peggy Munsell
10/13	Paul & Cheryl Mysliwski
10/14	Jay, Lisa, Alex, Adam, & Amy Neidhold
10/15	Dale Nelson
10/16	Miguel & Sarah Ocampo
10/17	Mark Paddock
10/18	Hector Paz Morales
10/19	Patrick & Angela Porter
10/20	Gary, Doreen, Katie, & Kyle Price
10/21	Larry & Patti Redlin
10/22	Kathy Rehl
10/23	Jordan Robinson Delaney
10/24	Brian, Nichole, Jaxson, & Lillian Rockteacher
10/25	Marc, Becky, Mitchell, & Bradley Roehl
10/26	Carol Rolfe
10/27	Vern & Rose Romand
10/28	Bill & Dori Ross
10/29	Dennis & Darlene Rudolph
10/30	Allen & Kathy Salmela
10/31	Mary Beth & Ben Sande

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS...

Kari Grossklaus	10/1
Meghan Schneeweis	10/1
Delores Dary	10/2
Kathy Salmela	10/2



Allen Salmela	10/4
Jim Cotturone, Jr.	10/5
Mark Paddock	10/5
Marc Roehl	10/5
Susan Lynch	10/6
Michael Gruetzmacher	10/7
Brian Sanderson	10/7
Lindsey Husted	10/8
Matthew Hoh	10/9
Joya Budd	10/10
Katie Kietzmann	10/11
Madison Stephenson	10/11
Emily Stobbe	10/12
Brian Lang	10/13
Inge Adams	10/14
Bruce Gunderson	10/14
Patrick Porter	10/16
Brantley Christensen	10/17
Mary Winchowky	10/17
Jack Sherman	10/19
Grant Mahnke	10/21
Kevin Thornton	10/21
Cash Langellier	10/22
Russell Wright	10/23
Mark Grossklaus	10/24
Alex Neidhold	10/25
Dale Nelson	10/25
Bradley Roehl	10/25
Teresa Schell	10/25
Eva Schindhelm	10/25
Barbara Mather	10/26
Jackie Druেকে	10/27
Kevin Kulow	10/27
Charles Mathe	10/29

### OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES...

Barbara & Richard Mather	10/1
Gary & Susan Budzien	10/2
Russell & Mary Wright	10/2
Peter & Linda Gorman	10/3
Lukas & Sarah Buettner	10/4
Mike & Margaret Czarnecki	10/5
Matthew & Julie Fick	10/11
Roy & Linda Hafemeister	10/11
Linda & Ron Holasek	10/12
Susan & Gene Rudolph	10/13
Brian & Nichole Rockteacher	10/15
Allen & Barbara Kadrich	10/18
Tamatha & Kevin McDonald	10/20
Sheri & Derek Watkins	10/20
Dennis & Melissa Hodik	10/21
Joseph & Andrea Kokott	10/21
Bruce & Glenna Gunderson	10/29

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<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
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<b>Vice President Cheryl Shanovich</b>		
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<b>Treasurer Dennis Martin/Finance/Stewardship</b>		
<b>Inge Adams</b>		
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<b>Tim Sperstad</b>		
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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.		

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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](http://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](mailto:mto@mountolive-elca.net).



# OCTOBER 2023

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>1</b> 8am Worship & HC 9am Adult Bible Study <i>NO SS Gathering Time</i> 10am Outdoor Worship & HC/ Blessing of the Animals 8pm HS Youth Zoom Call 7:30pm Alanon*	<b>2</b> 11am Lectio Divina	<b>3</b> 6:30pm AoB	<b>4</b> 9am Weekly Text Study 6:30pm Wednesday Night Bible Study	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10am Knotty Knitters 11am Lectio Divina Via Zoom	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8am Worship & HC 9am Adult Bible Study 9:45am SS Gathering Time 9:30am Worship & HC 7:30pm Alanon*	<b>9</b> 11am Centering Prayer 6:30pm Church Council	<b>10</b> 9:30am Gather Faith Exploration Group 1pm Green Space Team Meeting 2pm Ladies Book Club @ MTO	<b>11</b> 9am Weekly Text Study 11:30am DMAB Lunch @ Chen's 6:30pm Wednesday Night Bible Study	<b>12</b> 9:30am MCC Food Pantry*	<b>13</b> 10am Knotty Knitters 11am Lectio Divina Via Zoom	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 8am Worship & HC 9am Adult Bible Study 9:45am SS Gathering Time 10am Worship & HC 3pm HS Youth @ Schuette Farms 7:30pm Alanon*	<b>16</b> 11am Lectio Divina 3-7pm Blood Drive	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9am Weekly Text Study 6:30pm Wednesday Night Bible Study	<b>19</b> 12:30pm Grief Support Group	<b>20</b> 10am Knotty Knitters 11am Lectio Divina Via Zoom	<b>21</b>
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<b>29</b> 8am Worship & HC 9am Adult Bible Study 9:45am SS Gathering Time 10am Worship & HC/ Affirmation of Baptism 7:30pm Alanon*	<b>30</b> 6:30pm Grief Support Group	<b>31</b>				

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