



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

OFFICE HOURS

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www.elca.org

**MOUNT OLIVE
BLOOD DRIVE**

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

**Thursday, January 11th
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



Your Council leadership invites you to attend the Annual Meeting of Mount Olive Lutheran Church.

**Sunday, January 28th, 11 a.m.
in the Mount Olive Fellowship Hall.
Light lunch available.**

Annual reports will be available on Sunday, January 14th. If you would like a hard or an electronic copy sent to your home, please contact the Mount Olive office.

Let us gather to share and learn about the ministries of Mount Olive. After an online meeting in 2020, it will be good to be together in person

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SANDY

The time after Epiphany begins and ends with the divine voice claiming and affirming Jesus as “Beloved.” At His baptism the sky parts, the voice calls, and all of creation is welcomed into the wonder of God among us. As the season of Epiphany concludes at the Transfiguration, the drama increases at the mountaintop, as God’s voice calls us to “listen to Him!”

“Epiphany” which comes from the Greek word “epiphaneia” means “appearance” or “manifestation.” In Christian tradition, Epiphany commemorates the first manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, in other words, making Jesus “known” to the world.

As we enter this New Year, this continues to be our mission: making Jesus known to the world. It is the mission of Mt. Olive and of every Christian church. Epiphany speaks of Jesus’ baptism by John the Baptist and our own identity as children of God. Epiphany reminds us that we, too, are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Epiphany reveals the light that shines in the darkness of this world and the life that we are called to live as Jesus’ followers. As days once more grow longer, even creation acknowledges God’s creative power to show us that “Christ is the life” to redeem the world.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve the people of Mt. Olive as your interim pastor just a bit over one year. What a blessing to accompany you through the Mission Exploration process, to get to know so many of you, and to partner with you in worship, Bible study, faith formation for youth and adults, and pastoral care visits.

I will be concluding my interim pastor role at Mt. Olive on January 21, 2024, so that I can transition to my next interim pastor role at Vernon Lutheran Church, Mukwonago. You have been an immense blessing to me in this season in which we have served together.

Pastor Kristin Nielsen of the Greater Milwaukee Synod will be in contact with Church Council leaders into the new year about the next leader who might be available to accompany you as the call process continues. I trust that you are, indeed, rooted in God’s grace as the power of the Holy Spirit leads and guides you to call your next pastor.

May the God who names you,
Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
+bless you and remain with you always.

Gratefully,

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.

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

Sunday, January 14th, following both worship services: Join Bob Dickey to learn more about Sleep in Heavenly Peace, an organization that is dedicated to providing beds for children in need. While food, clothing and shelter are atop the list of every person's basic needs, an actual bed to sleep on, not the floor or couch, can make a real difference in a child's sense of comfort, security and well-being.

There are many ways to get involved and Bob will spend a short time after each service to provide a brief overview of his experiences and options for others who may be interested.

THE ADVENT PATH

What a beautiful Saturday evening we had for our “second annual” Advent Path during Midnight Magic. We were blessed with decent weather and it was an atmosphere of joy that I saw from my post by the door of the barn that night.

The Advent Path, open and running, followed the parade where we saw many smiling faces and heard many sounds as it passed by. There was so much celebration ushering in the season of Christmas including a few fireworks as the parade began! I couldn’t help but notice the contrast after that as I took my seat by the barn where the baby Jesus lay in a manger flagged with the tiny “star” lights on either side. It was a peaceful and joyful picture.

From my vantage point I could see the whole path laid out with lights and each stop along the way equipped with an appropriate Bible passage and message to be read by those walking the path depicting Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, the four candles of Advent, and then a fifth stop where I sat with the “baby.” What a privilege to watch the “travelers” as they walked and stopped at each post, read the posted scripture and message, and took part in the activity provided there.

My post was equipped as well with a final activity to partake for the “travelers>” It was this:

“in a word, what does this season of Advent and the coming of Jesus into the world mean to you?”

I watched as each person took time to consider just what that one word would be for them. Many commented that it was hard to narrow down their thoughts to one word! And so --- thoughtfully a word, or in some cases more than one word, was written on the stars provided and pinned on the boards with the tiny star-like lights.

I am thankful to have been there and to have experienced that quiet joy in each participant on our Advent path, to have heard as the scripture and message at each post was read out loud, and to have been able to partake of that experience of quiet joy that I felt as I watched and listened that evening. It was a beautiful night and a beautiful beginning of this Advent season where people could find warmth by the fire, and hot chocolate, and experience the warmth of the Joy in our hearts at His coming.

Betty Hinkelman

EXPLORE ADVENT SUNDAY

The Explore Advent Sunday All Age Event went well! Thanks to our table guides and all who participated in a non-traditional worship experience!



What joy we experienced
at the Sunday School Christmas Program!
Thanks to all who participated and helped in any way!



4th & 5th GRADE RETREAT SATURDAY, JANUARY 13th, 3-5 p.m.

The 4th and 5th grade Retreat ! Pastor Sandy and Cindy would like to invite our 4th and 5th grade students to a mini-retreat with a faith focus.

More details will be shared in a letter to the families, but in a nutshell, the group is tentatively set to meet on **Saturday, January 13th, from 3-5 p.m.** All 4th and 5th graders are welcome! Please contact Pastor Sandy or Cindy Dobberke with any questions. See you then!

COUNCIL CORNER

This month showcasing...

There is certainly a lot of activity at Mount Olive these days. We just recently participated in Mukwonago's "Midnight Magic". In addition to hosting several MHS high school musical groups and the Grace Notes Jazz Ensemble, we also hosted an Advent Path and bonfire, which were well-attended. Sunday December 17 was the Sunday School Christmas Program. It was a fun event for the participants and the congregation. There are also a number of fellowship, prayer and bible study opportunities offered every week. I direct you to the calendar in this newsletter and encourage you to participate in some of the many offerings we are blessed to have at Mount Olive.

I am going to take this opportunity to highlight two efforts currently in-process:

Call Committee:

The Call Committee interviewed three candidates in October, and none of those interviews resulted in second interviews. We are currently waiting for the Synod to present additional candidates for initial interviews. We realize this process is taking time and are anxious to continue to move forward in our candidate search. As a person who has been both a hiring manager and a job candidate not all that long ago, I can attest that the holiday season is very slow for hiring organizations and for candidates. We are hopeful and optimistic that both candidate and interview activity will pick up again in early January. In the interim, the Call Committee continues to meet to further refine our interview questions and process, review our options with our Synod advisor, and simply to keep the momentum going as a team.

Stewardship – Pledges for 2024:

This is the time of year that we encourage our congregation members to consider pledging toward the next year ministry. We have been blessed that about 70% of our annual budget has been supported through member pledges. We sent a letter with a pledge form and return envelope to all members in late November.

- If you pledged in the past, thank you and please consider continuing that act of faith for the coming year.
- If you have not pledged in the past, please prayerfully consider starting that faith discipline with a pledge to the 2024 ministry.

- You can use the pledge form that was mailed or pick one up at the ushers table or the table in the Narthex at Mount Olive.
- Pledge forms can be returned in the mail or can be returned during the offering at any worship service.
- We would like the pledge forms returned by December 24th.

Thank you for considering a pledge to our ministry in 2024.

Blessings to you and your family this Christmas season.

Dennis Martin, Treasurer and Church Council



We continue to collect used **Eyeglasses** and sunglasses for the Lions Club Recycle for Sight program. Used prescription glasses and lenses, sunglasses (nonprescription only), children's glasses and lenses and reading glasses are welcome.

We are also collecting used **Hearing Aids** for the Wisconsin Lions Foundation's Hearing Aid Project. This program provides hearing aids free of charge to Wisconsin residents who qualify. The hearing aids are funded by collecting used hearing aids and recycling them for credit. They may be placed in the same bucket as the eyeglasses.

The Lions also recycle used **Cell Phones** so they may also be deposited in the Eyeglasses bucket.

The collection bucket will remain in the Narthex all year round so bring in your items any time.

Winter Coat Drive

Looking Ahead to January and February: We will be collecting gently used clean coats to distribute to local shelters. Coats may be men's, women's or children's.

CALL COMMITTEE PROCESS AND STATUS REPORT

The Call Committee interviewed three candidates in October, but sadly none were the right fit for Mount Olive. We are currently waiting for new candidate names from the synod office. Candidates are screened by the synod and provided in pools of about three as needed. Please read the information below re-printed from previous newsletters if you are interested in all the details of the Call Committee. Also please feel free to reach out to Call Committee Team members if you have any questions or concerns. We need and truly appreciate everyone's continued prayers.

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.

Dennis Martin
Call Committee

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

THE PRAY GROUND 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.



FAITH EXPLORERS

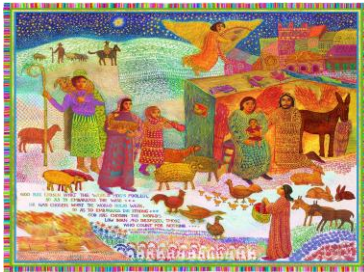
Faith Explorers: Sunday School is underway! Children 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to join us at any time! Registration forms are located on the Faith Explorers bulletin board, opposite the MTO library.

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.

Upcoming Faith Explorer: SS Special Dates:

- **Sunday, January 7, 2024:** We will return to our normal SS schedule (see above).
- **Sunday, January 21st, 11-2 p.m.:** *Parents Afternoon Out!* Our High school students will explore faith with your children, ages 3 through 5th grade. Light lunch included. Free will offering to be received. *Please register your child(ren) with the MTO office by Monday, January 15th.*



- **Saturday, February 17th, from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Parents Night Out!!** Our High School students will watch over your children so that you can enjoy an evening out together. *Registration form and additional details will be included in the February newsletter.*

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 6th grade and up. Contact Pastor Sandy or Cindy Dobberke with any questions!

AoB Calendar:

- **Tuesday, January 2nd – 6:30-8 p.m.:** “**Why are there so many versions of the Bible?**” Dinner and faith exploration session.
- **Sunday, January 28th – 12 noon 1 p.m.:** Service activity. Sandwich making for Street Angels.
- **Tuesday, February 6th – 6:30-8 p.m.:** “**Was Jesus of Nazareth God?**” Dinner and faith exploration session.

Faith Explorer: High School News and Events

- **Sunday, January 7th, 8 p.m.** Zoom meeting to continue the planning process for the *Summer 2024 Faith Exploration trip* to ????. *Watch for an email with zoom details.*
- **Sunday, January 21st, Sunday, 11-2 p.m.:** *Parents Afternoon Out!* Our High School students will explore faith with your children, ages 3 through 5th grade. Light lunch included. *Free will offering to be received. Please register your children by Monday, January 15th.*
- **Sunday, January 28th: Street Angels sandwich making.** *Join in the fun following the MTO annual meeting.*
- **Saturday, February 17th, from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Parents Night Out!!** Our High School students will watch over your children so that you can enjoy an evening out together. *Registration form and additional details will be included in the February newsletter.*



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. **January's date is Thursday, January 18th.**
- **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. **January's date is Monday, January 29th.**



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 11 a.m.

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

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)

Come and join us when **Don't Munch Alone Bunch (DMAB)** meets on **Tuesday, January 9th, 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.

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, January 9th, at 2 p.m., @ Mount Olive.** They will be discussing "West With Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge.

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 (Zoom link also available.) 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.

Join us on **Tuesday, January 9th, at 9:30 a.m.** as we **begin our 4-month study, "Scripture and nature: Teachers of faith" by the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith**

Jesus regularly invokes nature in his teaching, drawing us into deeper relationship with the created world. But it's not just Jesus inviting us to see creation as teacher and kin. The scriptures themselves help us see the important role of the created world in God's story and saving work. This four-session Bible study explores how biblical stories of the natural world help us to grow our love for and commitment to God, other people and our beloved earth.

January 2024:

Weather: Powerful force for change

We can't control the weather, but we can learn from it. Storms, rain, drought and wind shape the lives of human and non-human beings, both in scripture and today. As we face catastrophic storms and the weird weather of climate change, biblical stories of extraordinary weather convict and humble us. They show us how to live faithfully, moving us to act even when we feel powerless.

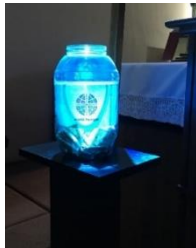
**WORSHIP MINISTRY
OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND
AT MOUNT OLIVE!**

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 -- **\$999.92.**



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**

	October 2023 Actual	October 2023 Plan
General Income	\$238,695	\$227,683
General Expenses	(271,436)	(269,032)
Surplus/(Deficit)	(32,741)	(41,349)
General Fund Cash Balance	19,887	

**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
<i>Wednesday Bible Study</i>	9 a.m. every Wednesday @ Mount Olive & via Zoom	Church Office mto@mountolive-elca.net
<i>Knotty Knitters</i>	10 a.m. every Friday	Inge Adams Betty Hinkelman
<i>Gather Faith Exploration Group: Meeting in person & via Zoom</i>	9:30 - 11 a.m. on second Tuesday of each month	Cindy Dobberke Cindy.dobberke@mountolive-elca.net
<i>Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study</i>	Sundays @ 9 a.m.	Laura Conry
<i>Wednesday Evening Bible Study</i>	Wednesday evenings @ 6:30 p.m.	Dwight Cruikshank
<i>Don't Munch Alone Bunch</i>	11:30 a.m. on second Tuesday of each month	Glenna and Bruce Gunderson
<i>Lectio Divina: Meeting in person & via Zoom</i>	11 a.m. on Mondays – January 8th & 22nd ; 11 a.m. on Fridays via Zoom – January 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th	Betty Hinkelman
<i>Centering Prayer: Meeting in person & via Zoom</i>	11 a.m. on Monday – January 15th & 29th	Betty Hinkelman
<i>Grief Support: Meeting in person & via Zoom</i>	Meeting time varies, please contact Betty or see page 7	Betty Hinkelman
<i>Service Team</i>	Sharing info and ideas via email	Jean Cruikshank
<i>Food Pantry Donations</i>	Donations can be made directly to pantry as follows: January 11th & 25th -- 9:30-11:30 a.m. ; contact Carole Hahl @ 262-662-3953	Church Office mto@mountolive-elca.net
<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!	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.

- 1/1 Scott, Erin, Cason, Brantley, & Aubrey Christensen
- 1/2 Nicholas, Kristi, Archer, & Lilah Ciesinski
- 1/3 Laura Conry
- 1/4 John, Alyssa, Evelyn, Julius, & Judah Corey
- 1/5 Jim, Jennifer, Jessica, & Jeremy Cotturone
- 1/6 Dwight & Jean Cruikshank
- 1/7 James and Lilah Cruikshank
- 1/8 John & Madelyn Cruikshank
- 1/9 Mark Cruikshank
- 1/10 Mike & Margaret Czarnecki
- 1/11 Delores Dary
- 1/12 Diane & Bob Dickey
- 1/13 Gary, Sheri, Conrad, & Holden Dierks
- 1/14 Brian & Cindy Dobberke
- 1/15 Molly Dobberke Riehle
- 1/16 Bonnie Dragert
- 1/17 Charlie & Jackie Druecke
- 1/18 Matthew, Julie, Raegan, Kaitlyn, & Austin Fick
- 1/19 Linda, Casey & Nicholas Filler
- 1/20 Donald & Marlene Fitzgerald
- 1/21 Joe Fitzgerald
- 1/22 Kevin & Jeri Franz
- 1/23 Lance, Julie, Allyson, & Lainey Fredrick
- 1/24 Peter, Linda, & Kelly Gorman
- 1/25 Gary, Kate, Grace, & Jullian Graczyk
- 1/26 Robert Grant
- 1/27 Bill & Kathy Graser
- 1/28 Mark, Kari, Nathan, Ashley, & Riley Grossklaus
- 1/29 Michael, Sherryl, & Samantha Gruetzmacher
- 1/30 Bruce & Glenna Gunderson
- 1/31 Roy & Linda Hafemeister

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS...

Diane Hayek	1/2
Gwendolyn Sherman	1/4
Preston Urban	1/5
Kathryn Jens	1/6
Olivia Carey	1/7
Adam Neidhold	1/7
Mike Schaenzer	1/8
Robert Wilcher	1/8
Casey Sidders	1/9
Joseph Kokott	1/11
Allen Vollmer	1/11
Adam Adcock	1/13
Donald Fitzgerald	1/13
Nathaniel Wilcher	1/13
Laura Conry	1/15
Susan Budzien	1/17
Diane Messer	1/17
Kathy Rehl	1/19
Jordan Robinson	1/19
Linda Burie	1/23
Bentley Leffelman	1/23
Jamie Watkins	1/25
Nicole Hunkel	1/26
Ethan Mack	1/26
Rayna Jellish	1/27
Scott Christensen	1/29
Paul Mysliwski	1/30
Isabella Rivera	1/30

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES...

Lee & Denise Munger	1/3
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COUNCIL CORNER		
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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.

JANUARY 2024

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 New Year's Day -- Office Closed	2 6:30pm AoB	3 9am Weekly Text Study 6:30pm Wednesday Night Bible Study	4	5 10am Knotty Knitters 11am Lectio Divina Via Zoom	6
7 8am Worship & HC 9am Adult Bible Study 9:45am SS Gathering Time 10am Worship & HC 8pm HS Zoom Meeting 7:30pm Alanon*	8 11am Lectio Divina 6:30pm Church Council	9 9:30am Gather Small Group Bible Study 11:30am DMAB Lunch @ Chen's 2pm Ladies Book Club	10 9am Weekly Text Study 6:30pm Wednesday Night Bible Study	11 9:30am MCC Food Pantry* 2-7pm Blood Drive	12 10am Knotty Knitters 11am Lectio Divina Via Zoom	13 3pm 4 th & 5 th Grade Retreat
14 8am Worship & HC 9am Adult Bible Study 9:45am SS Gathering Time 10am Worship & HC Sleep in Heavenly Peace by Bob Dickey following both services 11am First Communion Session 7:30pm Alanon*	15 11am Centering Prayer	16	17 9am Weekly Text Study 6:30pm Wednesday Night Bible Study	18 12:30pm Grief Support Group	19 10am Knotty Knitters 11am Lectio Divina Via Zoom	20
21 8am Worship & HC 9am Adult Bible Study 9:45am SS Gathering Time 10am Worship & HC 11am Parents Afternoon Out! 7:30pm Alanon*	22 11am Lectio Divina	23	24 9am Weekly Text Study 6:30pm Wednesday Night Bible Study	25 9:30am MCC Food Pantry*	26 10am Knotty Knitters 11am Lectio Divina Via Zoom	27
28 8am Worship & HC 9am Adult Bible Study 9:45am SS Gathering Time 10am Worship & HC 11am MTO Annual Meeting 12noon AoB Service Activity 7:30pm Alanon*	29 11am Centering Prayer 6:30pm Grief Support Group	30	31 9am Weekly Text Study 6:30pm Wednesday Night Bible Study			

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