

## Happenings at Mount Olive!

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

**Lenten Goat Goals:** As a riff on Pastor Steve's "Screaming Goat" toy, one of Mount Olive's Lenten goals is to raise funds to purchase goats through ELCA World Hunger's Good Gifts. We hope this will be a tangible way for us to follow Jesus, loving our neighbors by acting positively on their behalf. The funds raised will support families living with food insecurity in over 60 countries worldwide, including the USA. We ask that all donations be returned to Mount Olive by April 30<sup>th</sup>. You can always use the MTO donation link, designating your donation "***Lenten Goats***". The goats cost \$50 each. Let's see how many we can donate as a congregation!

**Lenten Journey:** Dear people, we are on a journey this Lenten season as we turn our focus toward prayer and goats. During Lent, while celebrating communion, we will have the opportunity to pray with a prayer partner in the Prayer Garden. The prayer partner is ready to bless or pray with you about any concern or need during this Lenten season. We will also place our prayer petitions on the brown cross to have them read on Maundy Thursday. Double-sided tape was installed on the cross, and painter's tape and poster putty can also be used to fill the cross with our prayers. We want to defeat the cross with the light of our prayers. This activity will prepare us to enter the Easter narrative, walking side by side with Jesus as he defeats the cross on Good Friday to be resurrected on Easter.

**Lenten Soup Suppers & Worship:** During Lenten Wednesdays, we gather for **Soup Suppers at 6 p.m. (April 9<sup>th</sup>)**. *Soup suppers are free and a great place to invite neighbors and friends.* Afterward, we will gather for **Lenten worship at 7 p.m.**, in person and live streamed, with recordings available 24/7 on the MTO Facebook page. This year, we will be presenting the "Silent Witnesses" dramas: April 9<sup>th</sup> – The Stone. **Lenten Services/Soup Suppers:** **If you are a cook, please sign up on the bulletin board to bring a crock pot of your favorite soup and/or dessert along. If you have any questions, please get in touch with the church office.**

**Theology On Tap -- Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:30 p.m.:** Come and enjoy a beer, glass of wine, or a cocktail as we gather in a casual, safe space to talk about life, our experiences, and the presence of God through it all. Theology on Tap will be a great time to build friendships in a relaxed atmosphere. The atmosphere and an adult beverage will help us discuss anything the Holy Spirit brings to our hearts. Join us at Badger Burger in Mukwonago. Theology on Tap is open to anyone over 21. Relax with friends while discussing your experience of life and God. Please let Debbie know if the office if you wish to attend. Peace be with you always, Steve Bogie, Pastor.

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**Faith Explorers: First Communion** for all who would like to explore God's gift of Holy Communion, in this session geared toward children and a parent or significant adult. We will meet on **Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, from 12 noon – 2 p.m.** Letters were mailed to third graders and their families. However, if you or your child are ready to learn more about the sacrament of holy communion, please contact Pastor Steve or Cindy Dobberke. All are welcome at the Lord's Table at Mount Olive, family and friends are invited to learn more about what this means!

#### Holy Week Schedule:

##### April 13<sup>th</sup> -- Palm Sunday

- **8 & 10 a.m. @ Mount Olive** -- Worship & Holy Communion (Palm Procession)
- **No Adult Education Hour**
- **9:45 a.m. SS Gathering Time**

##### April 17<sup>th</sup> -- Maundy Thursday

- **7 p.m.** -- Worship, Holy Communion, and Stripping of the Altar/First Communion

##### April 18<sup>th</sup> -- Good Friday

- **7 p.m.** -- Tenebrae Service (Service of Darkness)
- **8 p.m.** -- Good Friday Vigil

##### April 20<sup>th</sup> -- The Resurrection of our Lord (Easter Sunday)

- **8 a.m.** -- Worship & Holy Communion
- **No Education Hour**
- **10 a.m.** -- Worship & Holy Communion

**Mount Olive Blood Drive:** Join Mount Olive's Health & Wellness and Service Teams and the BloodCenter of Wisconsin for a blood drive! **THURSDAY, MAY 1<sup>st</sup> -- Fellowship Hall -- 2-6:30 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

**Little Free Pantry/Kitchen Cupboard Food Pantry Needs:** Located in the lower level of Mount Olive, we are grateful for the Kitchen Cupboard Food Pantry and their ministry to those in need in our community. Also, *Mount Olive's Little Free Pantry* is located outside the lower doors of MTO and is available 24 hours a day/7 days a week. Please note the items listed below and drop off in the basket marked **Food Pantry**, located in the Narthex: **Mac & cheese boxes, potato and noodle boxes, dry goods, cereal, shelf-stable milk, granola bars, tuna, canned soups, canned fruits and vegetables, laundry soap, and deodorant.** Thank you for working to fight food insecurity in our community! \*\*  
*Canned food items with pull tops are especially appreciated!*