

## 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.

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>: Council & Mount Olive Leadership Retreat -- 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., in the MTO Fellowship Hall:**

- **Who?** The Mount Olive Council and YOU! Yes, you are a leader at MTO, whether you participate in worship, lead a ministry, or have a desire to get to know others on a deeper level. We'd love it if you could join us!
- **Why?** So that we can grow together through faith in Christ and have some fun at the same time.
- **How? Register with Debbie in the MTO office by May 1<sup>st</sup>.** Please note if childcare is needed.

See you there!

**Green Space Team Meeting -- Tuesday, April 22, 2025, @ 6 p.m.** We need YOU and your ideas to help us plan our outreach for 2025!

**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

**"What Are the Grads Doing?"** We will be blessing our graduating students on **May 25<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup>** as they move into the next phase of their life. If you have a family member of any age graduating at any time from the fall of 2024 through the spring of 2025 from high school, technical school, military training, college, or grad school, please inform the church office regarding their plans for the future. This includes those headed away or remaining in the Mukwonago area. Please help us celebrate our grads in a meaningful way! And if you have any questions, please contact the church office at 363-8251 or [mto@mountolive-elca.net](mailto:mto@mountolive-elca.net).

**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!*

