Happenings at Mount Olive! <u>Sunday In-Person Worship & HC @ 8 & 9:30 a.m.</u>

<u>Used Night Stand Needed:</u> One of our members is in need of a used night stand. If you have one that you no longer need, please contact Tim Sperstad.

<u>Faith Explorers: Vacation Bible Camp:</u> Dates: July 28th - August 1st from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. This is our summer for exploring the love of Christ in an intergenerational setting. We'd love to have your children participate and your help in many areas! Please contact Cindy Dobberke for more information. Registration forms are on the bulletin boards and at our website: www.mountolive-elca.net under Communications/Forms. Join us on Tuesday, June 10th, @ 3 p.m. for our VBC Planning Meeting.

Pastor Steve is Offering Free Guitar Lessons: It has been asked if I still teach guitar. After much prayer and discernment, I have decided to open four spots for free guitar lessons. I hope to introduce students to the guitar, prepare them for performances, and/or integrate it into broader music within the wider Church. The targeted age group is people who are ten years or older. Lessons would be available for beginning students and students with years of experience. The hope is to provide an opportunity to learn guitar for students with various learning experiences. I hope to offer guitar lessons at no cost to the student. However, if a student does wish to contribute with a financial gift, I will have them direct their gift to Mount Olive, the Greater Milwaukee Synod, or the wider ELCA.

<u>Service Team Update – July Collection:</u> Once again, we will be collecting new and used <u>SHOES</u> for "Soles for Jesus." Soles For Jesus exists to share God's love by distributing shoes to the underserved in sub-Saharan Africa. This valuable gift prevents disease and enables individuals to work safely and attend school.

- What types of shoes does SFJ accept? All shoes! They accept new and used shoes of all types and sizes. Any unusable shoes will be repurposed, and every pair will be put to use.
- What will be done with the received shoes that are not adequate for sending to Africa? Shoes that are not adequate in the African climate and terrain (i.e., winter boots or high heels) or are not usable due to excessive wear will be repurposed through micro-enterprises. Micro-enterprises represent one of the most effective ways to lift families out of extreme poverty in devastated economies. Small business owners can use our repurposed shoes to earn money for food and as a sustainable source of income.
- Shoes may be brought in during the month of July and placed in the boxes in the Narthex. To help defray the cost of shipping shoes to Africa, we will place a collection jar near the boxes to accept donations of money. The challenge is to collect \$1-\$2 per pair of shoes donated. So go through your closets and bring in your shoes and a dollar.

<u>Sleep in Heavenly Peace:</u> Walworth County SHP will be holding build days **on Saturday, July 19**th. To volunteer, go to the Walworth County SHP website: <u>WI-Walworth Co - Sleep in Heavenly Peace</u>.

Little Free Pantry/Kitchen Kupboard Food Pantry Needs: Located in the lower level of Mount Olive, we are grateful for the Kitchen Kupboard 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 day 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! They could use the following items for the outdoors Little Pantry: mac and cheese, canned tuna, canned meat, spaghetti, and canned soup.