

Happenings at Mount Olive!

Sunday In-Person Worship & HC @ 8 & 9:30 a.m.

Plastic Collection: We have an opportunity to help curb the soft plastic problem. The Trex Corporation uses soft plastic to make composite decking and outdoor furniture. As a project of the Green Space Team and with the blessing of the Church Council, we as a congregation will be collecting soft plastic. We will be collecting 1,000 pounds in one year. At the end of that year, we will receive a free park bench for our green space and prevent 1,000 pounds of plastic from going to a landfill. We are very excited about this project; most of all, everyone can participate. All it takes is a conscious effort to look at your plastic before tossing it in the garbage. Not only will we be training ourselves to learn soft plastic recycling, but we will be training our children and grandchildren as well. Please join us as we commit to this project in caring for our common home, Mother Earth.

54 lbs!!! Way to go, MtO! In our first two weeks of the recycle challenge, we collected 54 lbs of plastic. That's 54 lbs of plastic that won't sit in a landfill for hundreds of years. 54 lbs of plastic that won't get tangled around birds and turtles and other animals. Keep it coming! We only found a few prohibited items so just a reminder that they won't accept chip/food bags, animal food bags and hard plastic (like the 6 pack rings). Thank you!!!!

Service Team Update – July Collection: Once again, we will be collecting new and used **SHOES** 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.

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Walking Group Needed? Being active is the key to staying healthy, and walking is one of the easiest and most affordable ways to get moving. Would you like to take part in a walking group at Mount Olive? Walking is a great way to get exercise into the day and build strong relationships while doing it. Here are some facts about walking:

- Simply walking for 30 minutes every day can have a significant impact on your health. Frequent, brisk walks can boost brainpower, increase productivity, and lower healthcare costs by reducing a wide range of health risks through exercise.
- By walking together, we will encourage and support each other as a group. A walking group can have a significant impact on everyone involved.

Who wants to be part of a walking group at Mount Olive? A walking group could start at Mount Olive immediately. Thursdays, around 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., can be a good time to meet. This would be a fun and inclusive group where we can vary the routes if we wish, incorporate social activities, and celebrate our milestones together.

Thanks be to God! Pastor Steve

Faith Explorers: Vacation Bible Camp: 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.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace: Walworth County SHP will be holding build days **on Saturday, July 19th**. To volunteer, go to the Walworth County SHP website: [WI-Walworth Co - Sleep in Heavenly Peace](http://www.walworthcountyshp.org).

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 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.**