

Happenings at Mount Olive!

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

Sermon Themes: **Sunday, September 7th – The Spirit of Mammon**
Sunday, September 14th -- Lost

Fall Worship Schedule:

- **September 7th – In-Person Worship & HC @ 8 & 9:30 a.m.**
- September 14th – Gathering Sunday – In-Person Worship & HC 10 a.m.
- Starting September 21st – Fall Schedule begins with In-Person Worship & HC @ 8 & 10 a.m.

Hands-On A/V Training Session: God invites us to be co-creators—using our gifts, skills, and imagination to help share the Good News. One of the ways we do this is through our **Audio/Visual ministry**, helping the Word be heard and the light be seen. We're holding a **hands-on A/V Training Session** where we'll learn together how to serve faithfully through sound, slides, and streaming.

 **Date: Thursday, September 11th**

 **Time: 6 p.m.**

 **Sanctuary of Mount Olive Lutheran Church**

Whether you are brand new or have experience, join us in shaping how our worship is shared. Together, with God's Spirit, we will learn to use these tools to lift the message of Christ. Please RSVP to Debbie in the church office.

Gathering Sunday – Sunday, September 14th -- ONE WORSHIP SERVICE ONLY @ 10 A.M. **NOTE: Fall Worship Times at Mount Olive: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. will begin on Sunday, September 21st.** As a reminder, 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.

Gathering Sunday -- September 14th:

- **One Worship Only at 10 a.m.** – All are invited to worship with us! ***We hope to worship outside on the Green Space. Bring lawn chairs!*** If the weather forecast looks iffy, we will worship in the sanctuary.
- **Join us for:** Blessing of the Backpacks and Sunday School guides, Blessing of the Educators, Sunday School registration, plus food, fellowship, games, and more!

- **Following worship**, stay around for a time of lunch and conversation, with food served in the Fellowship Hall. Seating will be available indoors and outdoors. Fried chicken and beverages to be provided by Mount Olive; please bring a dish to pass and/or volunteer your help! **RSVP/sign-up on the bulletin board in the hallway.**
- **Enjoy fellowship and outdoor games** on the Green Space!
- **Bakers...**sign up (on the bulletin board in the hallway) to bring a cake or other baked good donation for the Cake Walk! Store-bought also welcome. Hope to see you there!
- **Bring a friend, a neighbor, or a co-worker.** This is a community event for all!
- **Note that the beginning of our fall worship schedule will begin on Sunday, September 21st, with services at 8 & 10 a.m.!**

Life's Seasons: Planning Life with Wisdom and Care – Sunday, September 28th, 12 noon to 2 p.m.: As we grow older, new questions and opportunities arise for us to ask about navigating life. Join us for an engaging event that explores different seasons of life with both practicality and transparency. Pastor Steve will share insights on pre-retirement and post-retirement transitions, followed by a conversation with an expert on the realities of today's housing market during challenging times. Finally, a local funeral director will be present to address any questions you may have about care and planning for the future. Come prepared to learn, reflect, and ask the questions as we embark on this journey together.

MTO Walking Group: We meet weekly **on Thursdays** at 10 a.m. for a one-hour walk. All are invited to join us every Thursday, or at your convenience. **Hope to see you!** This is 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!

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 will be collecting soft plastic...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. Please join us as we commit to this project in caring for our common home, Mother Earth. **We collected 227 lbs. of plastic. Keep it coming! Thank you!!!!**

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. 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: bottles of juice, Kleenex, toilet paper, mac and cheese, canned tuna, canned meat, spaghetti, and canned soup.**

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