



**Mt. Olive  
Lutheran Church**  
Rooted in God's Grace

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**October 2025**

## **ALL ARE WELCOME**

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION:** **In-Person Worship & HC @ 8 & 10 a.m.**

Our worship services will be livestreamed @ Facebook, and YouTube. Facebook stream also found on the home page of our website: [www.mountolive-elca.net](http://www.mountolive-elca.net).

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

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[www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)



## **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5<sup>th</sup>: BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

During the 10 a.m. worship service, we will worship outdoors, weather permitting (**as this service is outdoors, it will not be livestreamed**).

Bring your furry or feathered friends, photos of pets, or toy stuffed animals, for a blessing! Friends, neighbors, all are welcome! We know how important our pets are to us as part of God's Creation. Thank you!!

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## **FALL WORSHIP SERVICES**

### **Sunday Worship & Holy Communion**

**8 a.m. – Worship & HC**

**and**

**10 a.m. – Worship & HC**

*(No Education Hour during summer)*

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.

## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR STEVE

*And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only Son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.*

**John 3:14-18 NRSV**

### The Word of God

We know that God's life-giving Word is embodied in the Bible, given for us to read, study, and carry in our hearts. One way Scripture speaks of "God's Word" is as *the things God has said*. The Bible is full of God's messages to humanity—words of hope, guidance, compassion, and encouragement. From the prophets who proclaimed God's promises, to the psalmists who poured out prayers, to the apostles who bore witness to Jesus, God's Word continues to speak to us today.

If someone were to hold up a Bible and ask, "*What kind of story is this?*" what could we say to capture its essence? Some might see it as history, others as poetry, or even as a collection of moral lessons. But my mentor, Pastor Tom Kent, often reminded me of something much deeper: the Bible is, above all, the story of God's love for humanity. From beginning to end, Scripture tells how God acts in the world to show us extravagant love. The Word does call us to accountability before God, but it also reveals God's mercy, grace, and kindness in ways that never end.

The Bible also teaches us that "the Word of God" is not only written on pages, but made flesh in Jesus Christ. The Gospel of John opens with these powerful words: "*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*" In Jesus, the eternal Word took on human form, walked among us, and revealed God's heart in a way we could see and touch. Through Jesus' life, ministry, death, and resurrection, God's eternal compassion, mercy, and grace are made tangible and accessible to us.

This is why the Word of God is so central to our faith. Through Scripture, we learn Jesus' story. Through Jesus, we see the depth of God's love. And through that love we

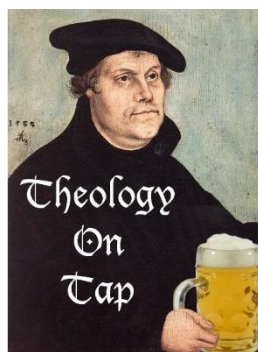
are invited into a new way of life—one shaped not by fear, but by faith; not by scarcity, but by abundance. When we open the Bible, we don't just find ancient words on a page—we encounter the living God who still speaks today.

So, I encourage you: spend time with the Word. Read it, pray it, and let it shape your heart. Whether you're reading a familiar psalm, following the story of the prophets, or listening again to Jesus' parables, trust that God will meet you there. In God's Word, we find life in Jesus' name. And that life is truly good news for us all.

Peace be with you always,

Pastor Steve

## THEOLOGY ON TAP



The next Theology on Tap is on Monday, **October 6<sup>th</sup>**, at **Badger Burger**. 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 to talk about anything the Holy Spirit brings to our hearts. Join us on the first Monday of each month 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. I hope to see you at Theology on Tap soon.

Please let Debbie know in the office if you wish to attend. Peace be with you always, Steve Bogie, Pastor.



## COUNCIL CORNER

*"A righteous man cares for  
the needs of his animal."  
Proverbs 12:10*

On October 5<sup>th</sup>, we will be having the "blessing of the animals" and celebrating the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Who was St. Francis? He grew up in Italy; his parents were very wealthy. He chose to become a priest and follow a life of poverty. He had a devotion to nature and animals. When you see a painting of St. Francis, he is usually seen with a bird perched on his shoulder. It is said he would practice his sermons by preaching to the birds! St. Francis is the patron saint of the vulnerable, the sick, the poor animals, and ecology. Did you know that St. Francis is credited with having the first "live nativity" celebration? This occurred in 1223 in Greccio, Italy. He felt it was a way to reflect the poverty of Christ's birth.

We can all recall our favorite pet. Whether it is a dog, cat, guinea pig, goat, or bird, we have loved them all. They seem to understand us and read our minds. They become a part of our family, totally dependent on us. As time goes on, we begin to anticipate each other's needs. Our dog seems to know just the right time when I need him to do nothing more than lie by me and rest his head on my feet.

I love watching documentaries on animals and am always in awe of God's hand in nature. Jane Goodall has spent a lifetime studying the emotions and family life of chimpanzees. All animals, not just our pets, can teach us so much. I have heard that horses are so in sync with us that their heartbeats will match a human's when standing within a certain radius of each other.

Dogs can be trained to sniff out everything from a drop in our blood sugar to a migraine, a seizure, and even certain types of cancer. In some studies, they were 88% accurate in detecting breast cancer and 99% accurate in detecting lung cancer.

Some people believe that animals have such strong senses and are intuitive because they can't speak.

In a time when so many voices are being heard and becoming amplified, we can sometimes miss all the sounds of the vulnerable. We can forget that some do not

have a voice, and many times they are the most impacted. Sometimes those who say the least can teach us the most.

Linda Burie  
Council Secretary

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## GREEN TEAM MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28<sup>th</sup>

Do you enjoy working with others to create spaces for community building? Or perhaps you have a vision for the utilization of the Green Space?



Consider joining the Green Space Team! We meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. Contact Karen Sperstad for more information.

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## Free Pantry/ Kitchen Kupboard Food Pantry



Located in the lower level of Mount Olive, we are grateful for the Kitchen Kupboard Food Pantry and its ministry to our community's needy. The Pantry is open on select Thursday mornings or by appointment.

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. The Little Free Pantry is kept stocked by the Kitchen Kupboard Food Pantry team. 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.

**They could use the following items: bottles of juice, Kleenex, toilet paper, mac and cheese, canned tuna, canned meat, spaghetti, and canned soup.**

Thank you for working to fight food insecurity in our community! **\*\* Canned food items with pull tops are especially appreciated!**

## SERVICE TEAM UPDATE



The Service Team is looking for new leadership. If you are interested in helping to organize projects that benefit our congregation and our community, please contact anyone on Council.

The Service Team has organized collections for many local organizations such as Soles for Jesus, the Milwaukee Rescue Mission, Hope Center, Lutheran World Relief, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Life's Connection, Whitewater Community Space, Little Dresses for Africa, food pantries, and more. It continues to support the Lions Eye Glass collection, the Bible Exchange, and the stocking of the Little Food Pantry.

Mount Olive is a supportive community and welcomes new ways to assist its neighbors.

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## MTO WALKING GROUP



Being active is the key to staying healthy, and walking is one of the easiest and most affordable ways to get moving. Walking is a great way to get exercise into the day and build strong relationships while doing it.

**On Thursdays**, we will meet weekly at 10 a.m. for a one-hour walk. If anyone is interested in Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m., please let Pastor Steve know. All are invited to join us every Thursday, or at your convenience. **Hope to see you soon!**

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!



## Hope for the Homeless, honoring World Homelessness Day

**Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – 3 -5:30 p.m.**  
**Mount Olive Fellowship Hall**  
**Refreshments provided**

People around the world will celebrate World Homeless Day, while working to prevent and end homelessness and alleviate the suffering of those experiencing it.

Join Mount Olive for a screening of “*30 Seconds Away: Breaking the Cycle*,” a documentary where a former federal agent takes you from Milwaukee's streets into its justice system, following Harold Sloan and fellow homeless men over five years as they struggle to survive.

We will follow up with a discussion time with a guest from a local homeless ministry.

Mount Olive is also collecting cash and/or donations for StreetLife Communities.

Greatly needed are:

***Feminine hygiene products, sweatshirts, sweatpants, socks, and underwear.***

More details and items to donate are found here:  
<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/DYL69NV530PU>





## Mount Olive Faith Explorers: Sunday School is gearing up for another wonderful year!

Geared to children aged 3 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, our Faith Exploration group for the younger set continues in the month of October. The plan:

- **9:45 a.m.** We will gather in the Sanctuary for lively, VBC-style music with Pastor Steve. We'll also have time to check in with each other, pray, and enjoy God's good gifts of fruit snacks!
- **9:55 a.m. or so**, depending on the Sunday, we may have a song to share with the congregation. On other Sundays, we will simply return to our seats with our parents until the opening prayer of worship. Then we will head to the lower level as a group.
- Parents can pick up their children from the lower level following the conclusion of the 10 am worship service.
- Children may join our FE: SS at any time of the year. And here's an idea: bring along a friend!
- Registration forms will be mailed to our MTO families and are also available on the Youth Board, in the hallway across from the MTO library.
- We are assembling our guide and assistant guides for a year of All Kids Together Sunday School. Please contact Cindy at [cindy.dobberke@mountolive-elca.net](mailto:cindy.dobberke@mountolive-elca.net) or the MTO office if you would like to guide or assist our lead guides.

### Upcoming SS Events:

- **October 5<sup>th</sup> – NO Faith Explorers** – Blessing of the Animals outdoor worship at 10 a.m.
- **October 12<sup>th</sup>** – Abram's Call – Genesis 12:1-9 Spark All Kids Year Orange Fall Week 3.
- **October 19<sup>th</sup>** -- \*\*Sing Father Abraham at the opening of worship – wear your t-shirt! Abraham's and Sarah's Visitors – Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; 18:1-15; 21:1-7 – Spark All Kids Year Orange Fall Week 4.
- **October 26<sup>th</sup>** – AoB Sunday – class may be a bit longer than usual. Isaac's Blessing – Genesis 25:19-34; 27:1-40 – Spark All Kids Orange Fall Week 5.
- **November 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Prepare the skit of the parting of the Red Sea. Free From Slavery – Exodus 5:1-6:13 – Spark All Kids Year Orange Fall Week 6.

### Upcoming AoB Events:

Attention all families with 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students! Here are the plans for our Affirmation of Baptism (formerly known as confirmation) learning, service, and fellowship opportunities. Be sure to put them on your calendar and make AoB a part of your faith exploration!

### AoB Schedule for October and November:

- **Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.:** Service Opportunity – Preparing bag lunches for Street Angels ministry to those without shelter. All are welcome to this event! If your time allows, we will follow up with a visit to Schuette's Corn Maze.
- **Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-3:30 p.m.:** Fellowship Opportunity – Schuette's Corn Maze. Let's get lost (and found) together!
- **Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8 p.m.:** Family meal and Faith Exploration Session #2.
- **Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2-5:30 p.m.:** Hope for the Homeless Event -- View the documentary: 30 Seconds Away: Breaking the Cycle Rated PG. Bring new or gently used donated items from this Amazon list: <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/DYL69NV530PU>

### Mount Olive High School Events:

- **Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 12:30-1:30 p.m.:** Service Opportunity – Preparing bag lunches for Street Angels ministry to those without shelter. All are welcome to this event! If your time allows, we will follow up with a visit to Schuette's Corn Maze.
- **Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-3:30 p.m.:** Fellowship Opportunity – Schuette's Corn Maze. Let's get lost (and found) together!
- **Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Faith in Motion – ELCA Regional Youth Gathering for 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Contact Cindy or Pastor Steve for more info.
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### Affirmation of Baptism 2025:

For those entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade and above, is the Holy Spirit inspiring you to affirm your baptism? If this is something you are contemplating, please connect with Pastor Steve or Cindy to be included in Mount Olive's mini-session on what affirming your baptism means as you continue your life of faith in Jesus Christ.

Council Dinner with families, tentative date: **Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30- 8 p.m.**

**Affirmation of Baptism Sunday: October 26<sup>th</sup> at the 10 a.m. worship service**

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## **HOLY LISTENING AT MOUNT OLIVE**



Holy Listening is a practice that encourages young children to explore their feelings and tell stories about connections with self, others, the world, and God.

Please contact Betty Hinkelman, Cindy Dobberke, or the MTO office IF YOU ARE INTERESTED in an introductory session to learn about the practice and how you might implement it in your work or in daily life with your family.

Each participant will receive a FREE Holy Listening Kit with everything needed to begin sharing the practice with your own children and loved ones.

Please share your interest with us no later than October 15<sup>th</sup> so that we can accommodate everyone's schedule and have enough supplies for everyone.

## **October 31<sup>st</sup> - November 2<sup>nd</sup>, at Lutherdale in Elkhorn, WI**



Heard lots of inspiring things about the ELCA Youth Gathering? Check out the regional Gathering Expedition, a regional weekend getaway where 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>-grade youth and their adult leaders explore how God might be working in their lives. Throughout the weekend, your group will worship, wrestle with big questions, and connect more deeply with those in your community. Contact Cindy or Pastor Steve for more info!

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Thanks to everyone for your support of our Ride, Run, Walk Teams! We had six walkers at the Waukesha site and two walkers at the Milwaukee site, raising funds for Outreach for Hope. We'll share the total with you next month.

## GRIEF SUPPORT

Grief can and does enter our lives in a huge variety of ways. You are invited to attend this group for very informal discussions in a safe place and supportive environment. Please feel free to call if you would like further information, login Zoom info, or have any questions: Betty Hinkelman.

The meeting is on the third Thursday of each month beginning at 12:30 p.m. Attendance is at Mount Olive in the Fellowship Hall or on ZOOM, whichever you are comfortable with. **They will meet next on Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.**

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## INVITATION TO PRAY

You are invited to come and pray as we come together for

contemplative prayer on the labyrinth. Join me for prayer with Holy Scripture using the ancient method of Lectio Divina, or you may choose to come for Centering Prayer, a prayer practice with silence as we simply rest in God's presence for a twenty-minute period of time. No experience is needed for either of these quiet methods of praying. A simple desire to be with God is all that you need to bring.

I invite you to come at any of these following times for this prayer opportunity (schedule of dates & times below). If you want to participate but need a different time slot or if you have any questions or would like further explanation, please feel free to call any time. I look forward to praying together. Betty Hinkelman.

### Monthly Schedule of Prayer Opportunities:

- **Lectio Divina:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month...beginning at 11 a.m.
  - **Centering Prayer:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month...beginning at 11 a.m.
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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT & SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

**Wednesday Night Bible study meets at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall.** Our first topic will be the completion of the study we began last year of the New Testament book of Romans, under the expert teaching leadership of Richard Grosenick. When that is completed, Richard will lead us in a study of the New Testament Book of Acts. That book's complete name is The Acts of the Apostles, and it is the account of the ministries of Peter and Paul in spreading the gospel. Acts was written by Luke as a continuation of his Gospel message. Richard cannot be with us in January, so we will then do a 5-week study of the short New Testament book of James, led by various members of the class who have already volunteered.

The Wednesday night class welcomes people with all levels of Biblical knowledge. You need not be a Bible "expert." Furthermore, 25% of the class are members of congregations other than Mount Olive, so feel free to invite your friends and neighbors to attend with you. For more information contact Dwight Cruikshank.

**The Sunday adult education group meets from 9–9:50 a.m., between the worship services.** This next educational year, we will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall (except when other activities are scheduled for that space) so that we can accommodate more people and so we can more easily have snacks or beverages.

The main topic for this coming year's study will be the New Testament book of Matthew. Matthew's focus is the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies through Jesus – to prove that Jesus is the Messiah. We won't get through the entire book this year, but join us as we discover, or re-discover, the Gospel of Matthew – the birth and early years of Jesus, the beginnings of his ministry, and his journeys with the disciples.

In addition to Matthew, we will also be doing some short studies during Advent and Lent. This year we will explore the Miracles and Heroes of the Bible. They both promise to be intriguing subjects, so don't miss out!

Contact Laura Conry with any questions.

## DON'T MUNCH ALONE BUNCH (DMAB)



Come and join us when Don't Munch Alone Bunch (DMAB) meets on **Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 a.m.,** at Chen's Kitchen.

DMAB is a fun fellowship activity, inviting all ages to meet, eat, and share together. Bring a friend if you'd like. There's no need to make a reservation because we'll save a place at the table for you at Chen's.

If you'd like more information, please call Glenna Gunderson. We hope you will join us.

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## THE KNOTTY KNITTERS...

Are a group that invites anyone interested to join them in the church library on Friday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 noon to knit prayer shawls and such, share stories, and have goodies. **All are welcome...no experience necessary.**

If you have questions, please call Betty Hinkelman or Inge Adams.

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## LADIES BOOK CLUB

Mount Olive's Ladies Book Club will meet next on **Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, at 2 p.m., @ Mount Olive.** They will be discussing "The Edge" by David Baldacci.

All are welcome...even if you haven't read the book! If you have any questions, please contact Diane Dickey or [diandickey@yahoo.com](mailto:diandickey@yahoo.com) or the church office at 262-363-8251.

## GATHER FAITH EXPLORATION GROUP



**Join us as we begin our fall study!**

**Fall 2025:**

***"Money, Stewardship, and Generosity"***  
***by the Rev. Christa von Zychlin***

**Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. –**

**NOTE DATE CHANGE**

**MTO Fellowship Hall**

**Session Two: *Stewardship – How do we tend our treasure?***

God madly, beautifully, entrusts human beings with the care of all creation, including time, talent and material wealth. Moses needs help with his time management. The practice of tithing could be considered a class in Material Management 101. Jesus confronts his disciples with disturbing words about God's high expectations for tending treasure.

(Zoom link also available.) Join us on the **Third** Tuesday in September at 9:30 am for our conversation and faith exploration using Gather magazine- a publication of the Women of the ELCA. Copies of the magazine and devotional will be available for all.



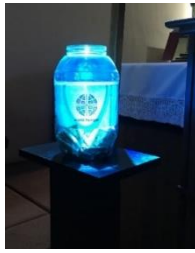
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## ELCA World Hunger

The Hunger Jar appreciates the jingling of our change! Our donations for 2025 are -- \$126.31.

If you are collecting your change at home for ELCA World Hunger during our time of online worship, please consider sending in a check or bringing the funds into Mount Olive so that they can be deposited. We will send them out into the world as a witness to our faithfulness during this critical time.



## MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATUS from the Bookkeeper

	August 2025 Actual	August 2025 Plan
General Income	\$198,572	\$171,313
General Expenses	(196,839)	(201,927)
Surplus/(Deficit)	1,733	(30,614)
General Fund Cash Balance	30,852	

## OFFERING/DONATION UPDATE

You can also share your financial gifts by:

1. Mailing your offering to the office:  
Mount Olive Lutheran Church  
211 Main Street  
Mukwonago, WI 53149
2. Donating via our webpage: Make a one-time or recurring donation. Any recurring donation will require you to register if you don't already have a Simply Giving account. Contact Debbie in the office if you need any help with the webpage...262-363-8251.

Thank you for your ongoing support to the ministries of Mount Olive.

Dennis Martin  
Treasurer  
Finance and Stewardship Team

# Ways to Give To Mount Olive



## In Person

Place checks or cash in an offering envelope and drop in the offering plate as it goes by.



## Text

Text 262-290-4066 with dollar amount (for example: 10) to set up a one-time or recurring donation.



## Giving App

Download the 'Give Plus Church' app to set up a one-time or recurring donation.



## Online

Visit <https://mountolive-elca.net/donate/> or scan the QR Code below to set up a one time or recurring donation.



At Mount Olive, we are committed to giving back to God for all he has given us so that we can help others locally and around the world.

**Find yourself without cash,  
please use the above QR code to give online.**

## VARIOUS TEAM/GROUP UPDATES

<b>Group Meeting</b>	<b>Time and Frequency</b>	<b>Contact person</b>
<b><i>Wednesday Text Study</i></b>	9:30 a.m. every Wednesday @ Mount Olive & via Zoom	<b>Church Office</b> <a href="mailto:mto@mountolive-elca.net">mto@mountolive-elca.net</a>
<b><i>Knotty Knitters</i></b>	10 a.m. every Friday	<b>Inge Adams</b> <b>Betty Hinkelman</b>
<b><i>Gather Faith Exploration Group: Meeting in person &amp; via Zoom</i></b>	9:30 - 11 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month	<b>Cindy Dobberke</b> <a href="mailto:Cindy.dobberke@mountolive-elca.net">Cindy.dobberke@mountolive-elca.net</a>
<b><i>Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study</i></b>	Sundays @ 9 a.m.	<b>Laura Conry</b>
<b><i>Wednesday Evening Bible Study</i></b>	Wednesday evenings @ 6:30 p.m.	<b>Dwight Cruikshank</b>
<b><i>Don't Munch Alone Bunch</i></b>	11:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month	<b>Glenna and Bruce Gunderson</b>
<b><i>Lectio Divina: Meeting in person &amp; via Zoom</i></b>	11 a.m. on Mondays – <b>November 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Betty Hinkelman</b>
<b><i>Centering Prayer: Meeting in person &amp; via Zoom</i></b>	11 a.m. on Monday – <b>November 10<sup>th</sup> &amp; 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Betty Hinkelman</b>
<b><i>Grief Support: Meeting in person &amp; via Zoom</i></b>	Meeting time varies, please contact Betty or see page 7	<b>Betty Hinkelman</b>
<b><i>Service Team</i></b>	Sharing info and ideas via email	<b>Volunteer Needed as a Team Leader</b>
<b><i>Food Pantry Donations</i></b>	Donations can be made directly to the pantry as follows: <b>November 13<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup> -- 9:30-11:30 a.m.</b> ; contact Carole Hahl @ 262-662-3953	<b>Church Office</b> <a href="mailto:mto@mountolive-elca.net">mto@mountolive-elca.net</a>
<b><i>Aluminum Can Donations</i></b>	Please continue to collect aluminum cans for our HS students to support their annual youth accompaniment trips; your donations can be dropped off at a future date!	<b>Church Office</b> <a href="mailto:mto@mountolive-elca.net">mto@mountolive-elca.net</a>



### ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING at Mount Olive!!

Yep, our High School students are still doing it! Want to help? Be sure to save your cans and drop off at the rear door at Mount Olive so that we can send the cans on their way to the recyclers. It's a great way to save the environment AND our help our High School students when they head off on their next big Accompaniment trip!

## PRAYING FOR MEMBERS at Mount Olive Lutheran Church

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone. I Timothy 2:1

It seems to me that no one is so poor as an individual for whom not a single soul is praying, and has no one who takes him or her personally and persistently to God in prayer. O. Hallesby, Prayer

“Praying for Every Member” is sponsored by Prayer Ministry. By using this monthly newsletter insert, we will pray unceasingly for each other.

10/1	Mike & Margaret Czarnecki
10/2	Delores Dary
10/3	Diane & Bob Dickey
10/4	Gary, Sheri, Conrad, & Holden Dierks
10/5	Brian & Cindy Dobberke
10/6	Molly & George Dobberke Riehle
10/7	Bonnie Dragert
10/8	Charlie & Jackie Druecke
10/9	Matthew, Julie, Raegan, Kaitlyn, & Austin Fick
10/10	Linda, Casey, & Nicholas Filler
10/11	Donald & Marlene Fitzgerald
10/12	Joe Fitzgerald
10/13	Kevin & Jeri Franz
10/14	Lance, Julie, Allyson, & Lainey Fredrick
10/15	Peter, Linda, & Kelly Gorman
10/16	Kate, Gary, Grace, & Jillian Graczyk
10/17	Robert Grant
10/18	Bill & Kathy Graser
10/19	Mark, Kari, Nathan, Ashley, & Riley Grossklaus
10/20	Michael, Sherryl, & Samantha Gruetzmacher
10/21	Bruce & Glenna Gunderson
10/22	Roy Hafemeister
10/23	Helene Hagenmayer
10/24	Diane Hayek
10/25	David & Charlene Hein
10/26	John & Connie Heins
10/27	Elizabeth Hinkelman
10/28	Dennis & Melissa Hodik
10/29	Maija & Matthew Hoh
10/30	Linda Holasek
10/31	Jeffrey, Kay, Megan, & William Horne



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS...

Kari Grossklaus	10/1
Meghan Schneeweis	10/1
Delores Dary	10/2
Kathy Salmela	10/2
Allen Salmela	10/4
Jim Cotturone, Jr.	10/5
Mark Paddock	10/5
Marc Roehl	10/5
Susan Lynch	10/6
Michael Gruetzmacher	10/7
Brian Sanderson	10/7
Lindsey Husted	10/8
Matthew Hoh	10/9
Joya Budd	10/10
Katie Kietzmann	10/11
Madison Stephenson	10/11
Emily Stobbe	10/12
Brian Lang	10/13
Inge Adams	10/14
Bruce Gunderson	10/14
Patrick Porter	10/16
Brantley Christensen	10/17
Mary Winchowky	10/17
Jack Sherman	10/19
Kevin Thornton	10/21
Cash Langellier	10/22
Russell Wright	10/23
Mark Grossklaus	10/24
Alex Neidhold	10/25
Dale Nelson	10/25
Bradley Roehl	10/25
Teresa Schell	10/25
Eva Schindhelm	10/25
Barbara Mather	10/26
Jackie Druecke	10/27
Kevin Kulow	10/27
Charles Mathe	10/29

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES...

Barbara & Richard Mather	10/1
Gary & Susan Budzien	10/2
Russell & Mary Wright	10/2
Peter & Linda Gorman	10/3
Lukas & Sarah Buettner	10/4
Mike & Margaret Czarnecki	10/5
Matthew & Julie Fick	10/11
Linda & Ron Holasek	10/12
Brian & Nichole Rockteacher	10/15
Allen & Barbara Kadrich	10/18
Sheri & Derek Watkins	10/20
Dennis & Melissa Hodik	10/21
Joseph & Andrea Kokott	10/21
Bruce & Glenna Gunderson	10/29

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<b>Cheryl Shanovich</b>		
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### **THIS WEEK AT MTO**

**Did you know that a weekly email is sent out each Wednesday entitled “This Week at MTO.”** Each weekly email contains the following types of info: special messages, Mount Olive’s calendar for the coming week, and any other events that are happening at Mount Olive over the next week or so. If you are not currently receiving this email, please let the church office know your email address, and we will add you to the circulation list. Or sign up on our website at: [www.mountolive-elca.net](http://www.mountolive-elca.net). Don’t miss out! **PLEASE LET US KNOW...**If you, a family member, or a friend would like to have a visit from the pastor, please notify the church office or Cindy Dobberke. We rely on you to keep us informed so that our ministry with you can continue: 262.363.8251 or [mto@mountolive-elca.net](mailto:mto@mountolive-elca.net).



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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			<b>1</b> 9:30am Weekly Text Study 6:30pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:30pm Women's AA Mtg	<b>2</b> 10am MTO Walking Group	<b>3</b> 10am Knotty Knitters	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 8am Worship & HC/ Cruikshank Baptism 9am Adult Bible Study 10am Outdoor Worship & HC/ Blessing of the Animals 7:30pm Alanon*	<b>6</b> 11am Lectio Divina 6:30pm Theology on Tap @ Badger Burger	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:30am Weekly Text Study 1pm Worship Team Mtg 6:30pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:30pm Women's AA Mtg	<b>9</b> 9:30am MCC Food Pantry* 10am MTO Walking Group	<b>10</b> 10am Knotty Knitters	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 8am Worship & HC 9am Adult Bible Study 9:45am SS Gathering Time 10am Worship & HC 11:30am AoB Street Angels & Corn Maze 7:30pm Alanon*	<b>13</b> 11am Centering Prayer 6:30pm Church Council	<b>14</b> 9:30am Gather Faith Exploration Group 10am Muk Crazy Quilters* 11:30am DMAB Lunch @ Chen's 2pm Ladies Book Club 6:30pm AoB	<b>15</b> 9:30am Weekly Text Study 1pm Muk Crazy Quilters* 6:30pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:30pm Women's AA Mtg	<b>16</b> 10am MTO Walking Group 12:30pm Grief Support Group 1pm Muk Crazy Quilters*	<b>17</b> 10am Knotty Knitters	<b>18</b>
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