



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

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November 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.

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World Homeless Day

Join Mount Olive as we honor

World Homeless Day

Saturday, November 1

3:00 pm- 5:30 pm



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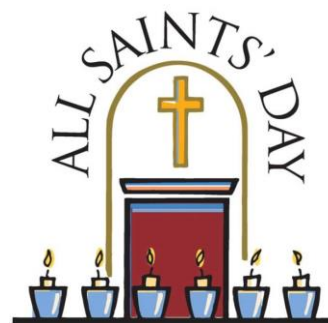
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We will view the
documentary,
**30 Seconds Away:
Breaking the Cycle**

Followed by a discussion
with Pastor Max Ramsey
of StreetLife
Communities

Light Refreshments will be served.

**You are invited to bring hope
for the homeless in the form
of much needed items.
Scan the code here for
Amazon wishlist details:**



**November 2nd is All
Saints Sunday** and
during worship, we
will remember those
who have died in the
past year.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR STEVE

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39 New Revised Standard Version

Dear people,

This article is written by Dwight Zscheile, Vice President of Innovation, and Associate Professor of Congregational Mission and Leadership at Luther Seminary. In this article, Mr. Zscheile dives into the issues that the ELCA might have to face for the future. There have been positive and negative responses to this article in the public sphere, because it is written in a way that can cause a reaction. The benefit of reading this article is to get some education about this topic, and to lift up helpful ways to be church for the future. This article is not absolute truth. We cannot predict what the future might bring. However, that does not mean that the information presented in the article is not worthwhile. The six steps at the end of the article helps to give us some direction and provide for some hope.

New projections forecast just 16,000 in worship across the entire ELCA by 2041. Why is this happening and what can be done?

According to projections from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's (ELCA) Office of Research and Evaluation, the whole denomination will have fewer than 67,000 members in 2050, with fewer than 16,000 in worship on an average Sunday by 2041.

That's right: according to current trends, the church will basically cease to exist within the next generation. In some ways, this is old news. Mainline decline has been a reality for over half a century, and the trends are well established. Yet consider how rapidly this future is arriving—well within most of our lifetimes. The ELCA had over five million members when it was launched in 1988. It has only declined since, and the decline has been accelerating.

For all the energy spent on trying to turn things around over the past 40 years, there is little to show. That is because the cultural shifts underpinning this decline are largely beyond our control. To the extent to which we've

tried to fix the church, we've failed. I know a lot of really smart, faithful leaders who have poured their lives into this effort. It's not their fault. The forces dismantling the established congregational and denominational system are much bigger. Something deeper is at stake.

My colleague Michael Binder and I have three ways of naming the root cause:

1) We live in a culture that makes it hard for people to imagine and be led by God.

In the modern West God isn't necessary to live a good life. Divine presence and agency seem implausible for many people, even as we are haunted by echoes of transcendence. We're all supposed to discover our own meaning, purpose, identity, and community. Faith might help with that for some people, but it's assumed to be optional, and there are endless options before us.

2) We aren't clear about what's distinctive about being Christian.

For a long time, the church has been out of practice at telling a story to its own members and to its neighbors that sets it apart from other organizations. If the point of church is being a social, cultural, or community service organization, people have a lot of other ways of meeting those needs that are far more accessible. It isn't clear in many local churches what the church's theological identity or core story really is and how its practices make a distinct difference in people's lives.

3) For these reasons, church isn't helping many people make meaning of their lives.

A study from the Pew Research Center shows that spirituality and faith fall fourth in the list of sources of meaning for Americans, after family (69%), career (34%), and money (23%). People are turning elsewhere to find meaning, purpose, identity, and community. Faith might be a helpful thing for some to have, but it isn't the center of life for very many.

Source: Pew Research Center

So, what can we do about this?

The institutional shape of the Lutheran and other mainline witness in the U.S. in the future will undoubtedly look quite different than today. Amidst the disintegration and decline, the church has an opportunity to rediscover its identity. Here are some steps to take:

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1) Go back to basics.

Too many churches are cluttered with all sorts of programs and activities that aren't really designed to form Christian identity and practice. Many of these are holdovers from previous eras. They may be meaningful to legacy members but not transferable to newer generations or diverse neighbors. We need to rediscover and reclaim the simple practices that Christians have always done—prayer, scripture study, service, reconciliation, Sabbath, hospitality, etc.—and make these the center of congregational life. Such disciplines must be expressed in forms ordinary members can practice in daily life throughout the week as they discern and join God's leading in their neighborhoods and spheres of influence.

2) Shift from performative to participatory spirituality.

Faith cannot be primarily something performed by clergy or staff for people to watch or consume; it must be something that everyone is equipped to practice in daily life. This means creating pathways for simple, accessible spiritual habits and disciplines that can be adopted by everyone.

3) Listen.

The church needs to learn how to listen to its own members' spiritual stories and experiences in order to help connect them with the stories of scripture and the theological tradition. This begins with finding out what keeps people up at night and helping them discover how the Gospel of Jesus makes meaning out of their experience, particularly their suffering.

4) Translate.

Most mainline churches' language and cultural forms are inaccessible to most people in their neighborhoods. The Reformation involved a lot of vernacular translation. Somehow that got lost along the way. We need to reclaim it.

5) Experiment.

Everything listed above involves innovation, which is simply the adoption of new practices in a community. We don't know what will work ahead of time. There is so much that needs to be discovered at the grass roots through local experimentation. We need to try a lot of things, learn from failure, and create an environment in which we can take risks together for the sake of the Gospel.

6) Share.

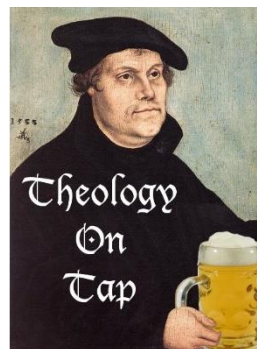
We need to take this journey together, not in isolation. Too many church leaders are lonely today. Most of our inherited church structures aren't designed for peer sharing and mutual support. We need to figure out how to learn and discern together.

Claiming the Promise

The dismantling of the inherited congregational and denominational structures may be the work of the Holy Spirit, the work of the devil, or just the byproduct of the end of the Age of Mobilization (when Americans organized themselves into voluntary societies to get things done) and the rise of the Age of Authenticity (when Americans looked inward to discover and express their true self). Trying to reverse it is pointless. It is better to get clear on what God's promises in Christ are for us and for our neighbors and find simple ways to make those promises come alive for ordinary people in ways they can understand and embody.

Peace be with you always,
Pastor Steve

THEOLOGY ON TAP



The next Theology on Tap is on Monday, **November 3rd**, 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

Dear Family in Christ at Mount Olive,

As many of you already know, we continue to worship in the Fellowship Hall due to the water damage in the Sanctuary. Please find below the email sent to the congregation on September 30th with additional updated information as to our current status.

Initial Discovery – Saturday, September 20th

While setting up in the pink Sunday School room off the Gathering Room on the lower level, Betty Hinkelman discovered that the carpet in the corner of the room was very wet. Upon further investigation, she found that the small water heater located in the sacristy (the room in the sanctuary where the altar guild prepares for and cleans up after communion) had failed and was leaking. Water had flooded the back of the sanctuary and spread across the tile in the narthex. It then seeped along the foundation and down into the lower level, affecting the Sunday School storage room and the pink classroom.

Immediate Response

Betty immediately contacted Larry Redlin, our Property Chair, who was out of town in New Jersey at the time. Larry then called Dave, our maintenance person, as well as a local plumber to shut off the water. Once the leak was stopped, Dave began using a wet vacuum to remove as much water as possible. Pastor Steve also arrived to help with the process.

Meanwhile, Larry contacted Kelmann Restoration to begin the drying and mitigation process in order to prevent mold growth. Within a few hours of the discovery, high-capacity fans and commercial dehumidifiers were brought in and placed throughout the sanctuary, narthex, lower-level Sunday School storage room, pink Sunday School room, and Gathering Room.

Ongoing Mitigation – Week of September 22nd

Kelmann returned during the week of September 22nd to lift carpet squares and remove small sections of drywall and insulation to help with drying and prevent mold damage. They have continued to monitor moisture levels and run the dehumidifiers. By the end of that week, the lower level had returned to normal moisture levels, with the sanctuary moisture levels still reading in higher levels. **Current status:** All of the commercial dehumidifiers and fans have been removed. Drywall was cut on both levels to assist in drying out the building; parts of the AV booth were dismantled to allow all the carpeting under the booth to dry.

Carpet Assessment – September 29th

On Monday, September 29th, Larry, the Kelmann team, and I met with Lippert Flooring and Tile, the contractor that installed our carpeting in 2017. The purpose of the meeting was to assess the condition of the water-damaged carpet tiles and explore options for replacement.

Lippert advised that the damaged tiles should not be reused, as their integrity may have been compromised during the flood and mitigation efforts. We also learned that our current carpet design has been discontinued and that no backstock is available from the manufacturer.

Big takeaway: All of the carpet squares in the sanctuary need to be replaced.

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Insurance and Next Steps

We contacted our insurance company, Church Mutual, on Monday, September 22nd, and a claim was filed. On Wednesday, September 24, adjusters came onsite to take photographs and meet with the Kelmann team. Kelmann continues to work closely with Church Mutual and is keeping them informed as things progress.

We have a Project Schedule developed by our property team chair, Larry Redlin, showing a return to the Sanctuary in mid-December, with a couple of critical decisions to be made within the next week (October 27th).

The Big Hold-up

In a word, carpeting. As our current carpet is no longer available, we are exploring two options:

Option 1: Have special order carpet made to closely match our current carpet squares. This involves a longer lead time of approximately 12 weeks. Also involved in this would be the cost of laying our water damaged carpet down on a *temporary basis* and putting the sanctuary back together during the months of November/December. Once the special-order carpet is made, we would then schedule a time where the pews would be removed again, the new carpet laid and the sanctuary cleaned and returned to us. This option is also more expensive and we are uncertain if our insurance would fully cover the additional cost. **We expect to have all of the necessary information to answer this question and move forward by October 27th.**

Option 2: Select a carpet which coordinates with our other carpet. In order to explore this option, we have engaged a decorator to help us with selection on an hourly basis. Depending on the answer to option one, further conversation with the decorator will continue as needed and a timeline developed if using stock carpet.

The goal for both of these options is to return to the sanctuary no later than Christmas 2025.

Lower-Level Restoration

The drywall in the lower level has been repaired and painted. We expect that the carpeting will be replaced using the attic stock MTO had on hand. MTO will need to move all of the contents out of the space in order that the carpeting can be cleaned. Once dried and the contents returned, the space should be turned over to us within the next couple of weeks.

Temporary Worship Relocation

Bottom line: We will continue worshipping in the Fellowship Hall until further notice. We are using Facebook Live for online access for both Sunday worship services.

Thank you for your patience, flexibility, and continued prayers as we work through this situation. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

In Christ,
Cindy Dobberke
Council President
Mount Olive Lutheran Church
cindy.dobberke@mountolive-elca.net

GREEN TEAM MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25th

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 4th Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. Contact Karen Sperstad for more information.



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
Thanksgiving items: 10-15 lb. turkeys,
Stove Top stuffing, boxed potatoes,
canned gravy, pie crusts, canned French
onions, and apple juice.**

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

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING: A NON-PARTISAN PRAYER SERVICE FOR THE NATION



**Sunday, November 23, 2025 · 4:30 p.m.
Mount Olive Lutheran Church**

Join us for a time of prayer and reflection as part of the ELCA's *Pray Without Ceasing* initiative—an effort to uplift and unite communities in prayer, especially during times of change. Together, we'll pray for peace and healing for victims of violence and war, support for those facing uncertainty, and encouragement for respectful dialogue within our nation and congregations.

All are welcome to this non-partisan service of hope, peace, and community.

 **THANK YOU** For
Putting Hope in
Motion!



We're thrilled to announce that—thanks to YOU—we've surpassed our goal, raising \$172,146 (and counting!) through this year's Ride Run Walk fundraiser!

These funds will directly support grants for our 2026 Ministry Partners across the Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA—helping ministries feed the hungry, clothe those in need, provide healing, and walk alongside those facing poverty and hardship.

With deep thanks,
The OFH Ride Run Walk Event Team

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.

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 (weather permitting). 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!



Thanks to Thrivent for funding the Action Team grant and everyone who helped assemble 250 lunches for Street Angels ministry to the homeless! A good job well done!





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

Geared to children aged 3 years through 5th grade, our Faith Exploration group for the younger set continues in the month of November. 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 are also available on the Youth Board, in the hallway across from the MTO library.
- We are continuing to add to our guide and assistant guides for a year of All Kids Together Sunday School. Please contact Cindy at cindy.dobberke@mountolive-elca.net or the MTO office if you would like to guide or assist our lead guides.

Upcoming SS Events:

- **November 2nd** – 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.
- **November 9th** – Share the Parting of the Red Sea skit during worship. The Red Sea – Exodus 14:1-30 – Spark All Kids Year Orange Fall Week 7.
- **November 16th** – The Ten Commandments – Exodus 20:1-17 – Spark All Kids Year Orange Fall Week 8.
- **November 23rd** – The Battle of Jericho – Joshua 6:1-20 – Spark All Kids Orange Fall Week 9.
- **November 30th** – Thanksgiving weekend/1st Sunday in Advent – Advent All Come Together Worship @ 10 a.m. – No Sunday School! Families will worship together.

- **December 7th** – Jesus is Born – Luke 20:1-20 Spark Kids Year Orange Winter Week 3 – Practice for SS Christmas Worship.
- **December 14th** – Faith Explorer Christmas Worship at 10 a.m. – Faith explorers lead worship. Please connect with Cindy if you are able to participate!

Upcoming AoB Events:

Attention all families with 6th to 8th 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 November and December:

- **Tuesday, November 11th, 6:30- 8 p.m.:** Family meal and faith exploration session #3. We will delve into the book of Exodus.
- **Sunday, November 30th, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.:** Service Opportunity – Cookie decorating and care package packing for our elders, college students, and military. **We will also wrap any presents donated for the Friends of Jesus Christmas Toy Drive.
- **Tuesday, December 9th, 6:30-8 p.m.:** Family meal and faith exploration session #4.
- **Sunday, December 14th:** Faith Explorer Christmas Worship at 10 a.m. Faith explorers of all ages lead worship. Please arrive early and connect with Cindy if you are able to participate!

Mount Olive High School Events:

- **Saturday, November 1st, 3-5:30 p.m.:** Hope for the Homeless Event -- View the documentary: [30 Seconds Away: Breaking the Cycle](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/DYL69NV530PU) Rated PG. Bring new or gently used donated items from this Amazon list: <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/DYL69NV530PU>
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Affirmation of Baptism 2025:

We celebrate with the following young people who affirmed their baptisms on Sunday, October 26th, at the 10 a.m. service.

*Nathaniel Richard Altenburg
Cason Scott Christensen
Liesel Josefina Holzem
Levi Ray Pergande
Landen Robert Schneeweis*

Thanks be to God for their witness to follow Christ in the world!

FRIENDS OF JESUS CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S GIFT COLLECTION



This year, our Sunday School will again collect gifts for inner city Milwaukee children through a program called Friends of Jesus. They are looking for new gifts costing a minimum of \$15. Please wrap and place them in the Narthex **through Sunday, December 7th, at 9 a.m.** Info and name tags are located at the rear of this newsletter.

PAPER PRODUCT COLLECTION



As the time for Thanksgiving closes in, Casey and Linda Filler are collecting **toilet paper, Kleenex, paper**

towels, and paper plates to help support food pantries, as these types of products are harder to come by. We will begin on Sunday, November 2nd, and will end on November 30th. Please consider donating by handing your donations to either Casey or Linda Filler.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED



If you are interested in being part of our Christmas choir, please join us for our Christmas choir rehearsals starting in November. We will be learning choral music for Christmas Eve! Interested singers should talk to Deanna or contact her at deanna.kulow@mountolive-elca.net. Please come and join us!

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS AND FAMILIES WITH YOUNG ADULTS!



Are you (or does your family have) a young adult starting out in the world, perhaps entering the workforce, or as a student, whether in college, tech school, or another path?? If so, please let us know their status and mailing address so that we can send them a treat this holiday season. Please send this info to the Mount Olive office **by November 15th**. Thank you!!



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, November 20th at 12:30 p.m.**



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 the 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:** 1st & 3rd Monday of each month...beginning at 11 a.m.
 - **Centering Prayer:** 2nd & 4th 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, November 11th, at 11:30 a.m.**, at the Princess Café in East Troy.

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 the Princess Café.

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

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.

LADIES BOOK CLUB

Mount Olive's Ladies Book Club will meet next on **Tuesday, November 11th, at 2 p.m., @ Mount Olive.** They will be discussing "The Life Impossible" by Matt Haig.

All are welcome...even if you haven't read the book! If you have any questions, please contact Diane or the church office at 262-363-8251.

GATHER FAITH EXPLORATION GROUP



Join us as we continue our fall study!

Fall 2025:

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

Tuesday, November 11th, 9:30 a.m. –

NOTE DATE CHANGE

MTO Fellowship Hall

Session Three: Generosity – A wideness in God's mercy

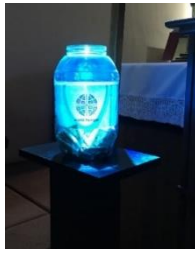
God loves a cheerful giver, because our cheer in giving reflects God's own cheerful mercies. Can the biblical practice of gleaning be considered a class in Generosity 101? We will consider the enemies of generosity: Pharaoh, the stingy boss, and the "religion" of Mammonism. Finally, we will turn to the little-noticed women who were generous with Jesus, and the wild generosity of the first Christian churches.

(Zoom link also available.) In November, we will meet on the second Tuesday, November 11th, at 9:30 a.m. 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.

Joining for the first time? Please connect with Cindy so that she can add you to the reminder email list and keep you informed of any changes in the schedule.

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

	September 2025 Actual	September 2025 Plan
General Income	\$213,760	\$192,728
General Expenses	(217,919)	(227,168)
Surplus/(Deficit)	(4,159)	(34,440)
General Fund Cash Balance	24,631	

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

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



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.

11/1	Kristen Horning
11/2	Penny Bos & Mark Houk
11/3	Lindsey, Madison, & Emma Husted
11/4	Diane Jackson
11/5	David, Tracy, Spencer, & Reece Jahnke
11/6	Roxanne Janisewski
11/7	Mark Janovetz
11/8	Aaron Jellish
11/9	Angie & Rayna Jellish
11/10	Kathryn & William Jens
11/11	Mary Jensen
11/12	Allen, Barbara, Hunter, & Max Kadrich
11/13	Mark, Wendy, Katie, & Molly Kietzmann
11/14	Carol Knoernschild
11/15	Joseph, Andrea, Lexi, & Connor Kokott
11/16	Robert, Shannon, Emma, & Beckett Krause
11/17	Bryan & Lori Krzycki
11/18	Leo Krzycki
11/19	Jane Kulinski
11/20	Kevin, Deanna, & Elliott Kulow
11/21	Connor, Eleanor, & Jack LaFreniere
11/22	Brian & Ruth Lang
11/23	Herman Lange
11/24	Dennis & Susan Leffelman
11/25	Kevin, Liam, Bentley, & Adeline Leffelman
11/26	Lee, Amy, Emma, & Ellie Libeck
11/27	Tiffany, Jeremy, Madison, & Hailey Lindbloom
11/28	Victoria Luebke
11/29	Richard, Susan, Turner, Jacob, & Katie Lynch
11/30	Anna, Natalie, & Ethan Mack

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS...

Maija Hoh	11/1
Doreen Price	11/4
Isabella Wienke	11/5
Bob Dickey	11/6
Lance Fredrick	11/8
Dennis Leffelman	11/8
Arkadia Wilcher	11/10
Samuel Doblar	11/11
Barbara Kadrich	11/11
Greyson Malkowski	11/11
Ken Shanovich	11/12
Ben Sande	11/13
Gary Budzien	11/14
Jean Cruikshank	11/14
Hunter Bischmann	11/15
Mark Houk	11/15
Austin Fick	11/17
Johnathan Altenburg	11/18
Deborah Struck	11/19
Conrad Dierks	11/20
Allyson Fredrick	11/20
Kathy Graser	11/20
Kennedy Sidders	11/23
Amy Tauriainen	11/23
Betty Arntson	11/25
Michael Budzien	11/25
Sandi Summerfield	11/25
Glenna Gunderson	11/27
Jennifer Wienke	11/27
Mason Wright	11/27
Aria Radliff	11/28
Haley Woessner	11/28

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES...

Dwight & Jean Cruikshank	11/23
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Larry Redlin		
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Adopted Council minutes are posted on the Council bulletin board for your review. Please feel free to contact any Council member listed above with any new ideas or caring concerns regarding Mount Olive. Please remember all our Council Members in your prayers.		

GET CONNECTED			
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Knotty Knitters	Betty Hinkelman Inge Adams		
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Service	Volunteer Needed		
Sunday School Coordinator	Cindy Dobberke	262-719-5711	cindy.dobberke@mountolive-elca.com
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans	Matt & Julie Fick		
Congregational Advocate			
Wednesday Night Bible Study	Dwight Cruikshank		

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. 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.

NOVEMBER 2025

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						1 3-5:30pm World Homeless Day/Event
2 All Saints Sunday 8am Worship & HC 9am Adult Bible Study 9:45am SS Gathering Time 10am Worship & HC 7:30pm Alanon*	3 11am Lectio Divina 6:30pm Theology on Tap @ Badger Burger 6:30pm Muk Crazy Quilters*	4	5 9:30am Weekly Text Study 6:30pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:30pm Women's AA Mtg	6 Mukwonago Crazy Quilters* Retreat	7 Mukwonago Crazy Quilters* Retreat 10am Knotty Knitters	8 Mukwonago Crazy Quilters* Retreat
9 8am Worship & HC 9am Adult Bible Study 9:45am SS Gathering Time 10am Worship & HC 7:30pm Alanon*	10 11am Centering Prayer 6:30pm Church Council	11 9:30am Gather Faith Exploration Group 10am Muk Crazy Quilters* 11:30am DMAB Lunch @ Princess Café 2pm Ladies Book Club 6:30pm AoB	12 9:30am Weekly Text Study 1pm Worship Team Mtg 6:30pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:30pm Women's AA Mtg	13 9:30am MCC Food Pantry*	14 10am Knotty Knitters	15
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23 8am Worship & HC 9am Adult Bible Study 9:45am SS Gathering Time 10am Worship & HC 4:30pm Pray Without Ceasing Prayer Service 7:30pm Alanon*	24 11am Centering Prayer	25 6pm Green Space Team	26 9:30am Weekly Text Study 6:30pm Women's AA Mtg	27 Thanksgiving/ Office Closed	28	29
30 8am Worship & HC 9:45am SS Gathering Time 10am Worship & HC 11:30am AoB Cookie Dec. 7:30pm Alanon*						



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