



Happenings at Mount Olive!

Sunday In-Person Worship & HC

Sermon Themes: **Sunday, November 16th – Signs of a New Beginning**
Sunday, November 23rd – Christ the King

Discover Wild Church with Pastor Larry Harpster: Join us at **Mount Olive Church** on **Sunday, November 23rd**, for a special talk with **Pastor Larry Harpster** about **Wild Church**—a Jesus-centered community that worships, reflects, and connects in nature. Experience how Wild Church brings God’s presence alive through creation, interactive moments, and fellowship. Perfect for anyone curious about a fresh expression of faith.

 **When:** Sunday, November 23rd

 **Where:** Mount Olive Church during both worship services

 **Who:** Pastor Larry Harpster & Wild Church community

Come explore faith in the great outdoors—indoors! No experience required.

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.

Attention members of Mount Olive: Are you adversely affected by the government shutdown or experiencing other financial hardship? The Mount Olive council would like to make you aware of the limited availability of MtO Common Chest funds for the purposes of supporting members of the Mount Olive faith community. For further information, please contact one of the following members of the Common Chest team: Pastor Steve Bogie, Cindy Dobberke, Betty Hinkelman, and Dennis Martin. Donations can also be made to the Common Chest fund. Please use a pew envelope (located on the name tag table) and designate ‘Common Chest’. Thank you.

Advent Path – Saturday, December 6th: Come experience the interactive, self-directed, all-age-appropriate Advent Path on the Mount Olive greenspace on Saturday, December 6th, between 4 and 7 p.m. Explore the themes behind the candles we light each week before Christmas. Enjoy some hot chocolate around the fire. There is also musical entertainment inside the church that evening. Hope to see you there! If you are able to help set up for, volunteer at, or take down after this wonderful event, please contact Karen Sperstad at 262-470-5519 or the church office for more info. We need some people on Friday, December 5th, to help with the setup!! Thanks

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 in the hallway.

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!

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. If you want to donate but unable to make it to church contact Linda at mcjr11r@gmail.com to make arrangements for pick up.

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 635 lbs. of plastic. Keep it coming! Thank you!!!!** **Please do not bring in plastic milk jugs or any other plastic containers such as Cool Whip, catsup, mustard, etc.**

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