



**January 2026**

## 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**

Monday-Thursday	8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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[www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)



Your Council leadership invites you to attend the Annual Meeting of Mount Olive Lutheran Church.

**Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 11 a.m.  
in the Mount Olive Fellowship Hall.  
Light lunch available.**

Annual reports will be available on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. If you would like a hard or an electronic copy sent to your home, please contact the Mount Olive office.

Let us gather to share and learn about the ministries of Mount Olive.

## **Mount Olive Council**

Do you believe that you would be complementary to the Council? Are you interested in providing leadership to our church? We would welcome questions about the Council's work.

If you would like more information, please either contact a Council member or Pastor Steve. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR STEVE

*“But he said to them, ‘I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other cities also; for I was sent for this purpose.’”*

**Luke 4:43**

**Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,**

The world of 2025 has ended, and we now look forward to carrying the light of Christ into the world of 2026. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas celebration and that God's blessings and healing presence have filled your spirit with peace.

The holidays are not always simple. For some, this season brings reminders of loss, strained relationships, fragile health, or unexpected events that seem to come all at once. When life becomes heavy, it can be challenging to see or feel any “Good news” around us, especially during a time meant to be celebratory.

Even though Mount Olive is a gracious church filled with one-of-a-kind people, we are not immune to life's challenges. Life has its ups and downs; it is never a matter of “If” difficulty will arrive, but “When.” The question for us becomes this: can the bumps in our road become fuel for something good for the church, or for Jesus' name?

Is there a way for us to tell our life story that includes faith, without pushing beliefs on others, but instead authentically sharing how God has met us, shaped us, and walked with us here and now?

We genuinely have good news to share, each of us, through our own stories of faith. As Saint Paul reminds us, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” One of God's greatest gifts is the story of Jesus, yet even with this gift, we still encounter struggles.

God never promises an easy life. What God does promise is presence: present in our suffering, present in our questions, present in our brokenness, and present in our pilgrimage here on earth. The good news is not that we avoid hardship, but that God walks with us through every obstacle. That is God's story with us.

Telling our faith story can require courage. It takes trust. Sometimes we doubt that sharing anything about our faith can help someone else or help ourselves. Yet scripture encourages us to speak from the heart, guided by love, humility, and compassion. When we make gentle space for our faith story in everyday life, God uses it; sometimes in ways we may never see.

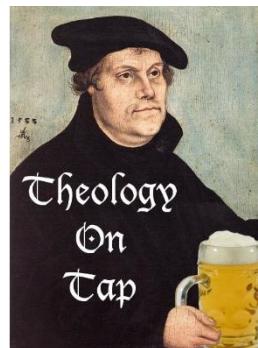
In the end, Jesus' story is one of amazing grace. As Paul tells the church in Corinth, we have been chosen to share this story so that we may also share in its blessings.

May the story of Jesus guide your steps into this New Year, and may your own story be fuel for Christ's grace in the lives of others.

Peace be with you always,  
Pastor Steve Bogue

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## **THEOLOGY ON TAP – NOT MEETING IN JANUARY**



The next Theology on Tap is on Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 p.m., 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 Bogue, Pastor.

Join Mount Olive's Health & Wellness and Service Teams and the Blood Center of Wisconsin for a blood drive!

**MONDAY, JANUARY 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Fellowship Hall –**  
**2-6:30 p.m.**



Monday

**JANUARY**

**19**

2:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**Helpful tip:**  
Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

PLEASE DONATE BLOOD & ASK OTHERS TO DONATE BLOOD TOO!

**MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH MUKWONAGO BLOOD DRIVE**

**LOCATION:** Fellowship Hall  
211 Main Street,  
Mukwonago, WI 53149

**APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED** Call 1-877-232-4376 or scan QR code below.

\*Blood CANNOT be manufactured, so please donate it.

\*Versiti is the SOLE provider of blood products to the 56 local hospitals that serve all of our families.

\*Please consider making BLOOD DONATION your NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION for 2026!





Almost anyone can donate blood. Basic requirements for donating include being at least 17 years old, weighing at least 110 lbs., and in generally good health. It takes about an hour to donate, and with one donation, you can save up to three lives.

Walk-ins are also welcome. Blood Center of Wisconsin is the only provider of blood to 55 Wisconsin hospitals in 28 counties.

Pat Vandehey

## SANCTUARY UPDATE

As a reminder, we have ordered custom carpet to replace the carpet tiles which were damaged in the water leak.

Once the special-order carpet is received, we will schedule a time where the pews would be removed to allow the new carpet laid. We expect that this will take place during Monday to Friday, with little disruption to the congregation.

We expect the project to be completed in late winter/early spring 2026.

Again, 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](mailto:cindy.dobberke@mountolive-elca.net)

## 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: Kleenex and paper towels, hot cereal – Cocoa Wheat, Cream of Wheat, Malt-o-meal (not oatmeal), and hot chocolate mix**



## SERVICE TEAM UPDATE

The Service Team will be jointly sponsoring a Loaves and Fishes Meal with the AoB Team **on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**, for the Hope Center in Waukesha.

Looking forward to February, we will be collecting socks and underwear for the Hope Center. More details on this will be in the February newsletter.

The next meeting of the Service Team will be on **Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m.** If you would like to join the team or have any questions, please contact Deb Barnes.

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## MTO WALKING GROUP



Thank you for being part of our walking group and for the joy you've brought to each outing. We'll be taking a pause until the weather improves, but I'm grateful for the time we've shared. Looking forward to walking together again soon!

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## GREEN TEAM UPDATE

The Green Space Team is in need of a chairperson, someone who will lead the great group of dedicated volunteers already in place as they plan events for 2026 and beyond.



If interested or you would like more information, please contact Pastor, Cindy, or Karen. Thank you for considering this opportunity to help Mount Olive carry out its mission to use our resources to connect to the community and spread the Good News!

Congratulations,  
Mount Olive!!  
We did it!!



In just 7 months, with the support of End of the Leash, we collected 1,000 pounds of soft plastics and will be getting a beautiful composite bench for our green space from Trex Corporation.

This past year, nearly 4,000 groups collected over 2.1 million pounds of plastic, which Trex recycled. Starting in January, Trex has reconfigured its community challenge recycling program. Instead of a yearly reward, they are now offering a quarterly drawing if your group collects enough plastic to qualify.

Because we have heard from so many of you that you are glad, we are doing this, and would like us to continue, Linda and Karen will sign us up for this new program and keep collecting plastic.



## 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 December. 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](mailto:cindy.dobberke@mountolive-elca.net) or the MTO office if you would like to guide or assist our lead guides.

• **Thanks to our Faith Explorers for sharing their story of the birth of Christ!**



#### Upcoming SS Events:

- **January 4<sup>th</sup>** – Wise Men – Matthew 2:1-12. Spark All Kids Year Orange Winter Week 4.
- **January 11<sup>th</sup>** – Jesus' Baptism – Matthew 3:13-17. Spark All Kids Year Orange Winter Week 5.
- **January 18<sup>th</sup>** – The Disciplines – Matthew 4:12-23; 9:9-13; 10:1-4. Spark All Kids Year Orange Winter Week 6.
- **January 25<sup>th</sup>** – The Lord's Prayer – Matthew 6:5-15. Spark All Kinds Year Orange Winter Week 7.
- **February 1<sup>st</sup>** – A Storm – Matthew 8:23-27. Spark All Kids Year Orange Winter Week 9.

**Attention families with 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders! On Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, from 9-11:30 a.m.,** students in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade will have their own mini-retreat at Mount Olive. The theme of our retreat is: God's Radical Grace!! We will spend our time together learning and talking about the invitation to love and serve our neighbors. The retreat will include a snack, faith exploration, and FUN!

#### 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 December and January:

- **Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8 p.m.**: Family Meal and faith exploration session #5.
- **Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 12noon-4 p.m.**: Learning Experience – Visit the Black Holocaust Museum with other youth from the Greater Milwaukee Synod.
- **Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 12noon-4 p.m.**: Service Opportunity – Serve the Loaves and Fishes Meal at the Hope Center in Waukesha. Volunteer space is limited, please let Cindy know if you are able to help ASAP. There are other ways to serve! Consider baking cookies/bar or donating milk or juice.
- **Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8 p.m.**: Family Meal and Faith Exploration Session #6.
- **Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11:30am-2:30pm**: Fellowship Opportunity – Mount Olive Annual Mini Golf Outing at Big Putts! This year, we are looking to conquer trying a new course in Waukesha.

## Mount Olive High School Events:

- **Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 12noon-4 p.m.:** Learning Experience – Visit the Black Holocaust Museum with other youth from the Greater Milwaukee Synod.
- **Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 12noon-4 p.m.:** Service Opportunity – Serve the Loaves and Fishes Meal at the Hope Center in Waukesha. Volunteer space is limited, please let Cindy know if you are able to help ASAP. There are other ways to serve! Consider baking cookies/bar or donating milk or juice.
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Enjoy a few scenes from Mount Olive's Advent season!





## 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, January 15<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 Gosenick. 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, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.**, at Chen's Kitchen in Mukwonago, WI.

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.

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, January 13<sup>th</sup>, at 2 p.m., @ Mount Olive.** They will be discussing "Where the Creek Bends" by Linda Lael Miller.

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

## GATHER FAITH EXPLORATION GROUP



**Join us as we begin our new bible study!**

**Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. –  
MTO Fellowship Hall**

**"Embodied Prayer" by Rev. Liv Larson Andrews**

Prayer is an important part of our relationship with God, and one of the ways we respond to God speaking in our lives. At the same time, we may carry all kinds of baggage or heavy questions about prayer: Am I doing it "right?" Do I pray enough? Is prayer always done with words? This two-part Bible study looks to Scripture as a guide to explore some different ways we can pray with our bodies—and with the body of the earth.

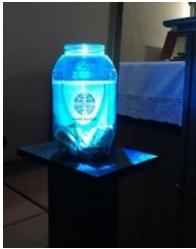
### Session One: Praying with our bodies

(Zoom link also available.) In January, we will meet on the third Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 schedule.*

## ELCA World Hunger

The Hunger Jar appreciates the jingling of our change! Our donations for 2025 are -- **\$129.99**.

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

	November 2025 Actual	November 2025 Plan
General Income	\$251,179	\$235,556
General Expenses	(278,062)	(277,649)
Surplus/(Deficit)	(26,883)	(42,093)
General Fund Cash Balance	2,522	

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



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
<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 Hinkelmann</b>
<b><i>Gather Faith Exploration</i></b> <b><i>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>January 5<sup>th</sup> &amp; 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Betty Hinkelmann</b>
<b><i>Centering Prayer: Meeting in person &amp; via Zoom</i></b>	11 a.m. on Monday – <b>January 12<sup>th</sup> &amp; 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Betty Hinkelmann</b>
<b><i>Grief Support: Meeting in person &amp; via Zoom</i></b>	Meeting time varies; please contact Betty or see page 8	<b>Betty Hinkelmann</b>
<b><i>Service Team</i></b>	Sharing info and ideas via email	<b>Deb Barnes</b>
<b><i>Food Pantry Donations</i></b>	Donations can be made directly to the pantry as follows: <b>January 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, &amp; 29<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.

- 1/1    Teresa, Evan, & Anna Schell
- 1/2    Carl, Laura, Lila, & Oliver Schemm
- 1/3    Michael & Eva Schindhelm
- 1/4    Viktoria & Wolfgang Schnabl
- 1/5    Meghan, Bryan, Landen, & Liam Schneeweis
- 1/6    Ken & Cheryl Shanovich
- 1/7    Justin, Jack, Morgan, & Gwendolyn Sherman
- 1/8    Scott, Dawn, & Lauren Shuda
- 1/9    James, Casey, Jameson, & Kennedy Sidders
- 1/10    Donna Silkworth
- 1/11    Alethea & Steve Sment
- 1/12    Trent, Lisa, & Trevor Smith
- 1/13    Tim, Karen, & Thomas Sperstad
- 1/14    Kim, Jaramey, Emily, & Joshua Stobbe
- 1/15    Deborah & Richard Struck
- 1/16    Sandi Summerfield
- 1/17    Duane & Sue Thornton
- 1/18    Kevin Thornton
- 1/19    Tim & Patricia Vandehey
- 1/20    Terrence & Kay Vietzke
- 1/21    Allen Vollmer
- 1/22    Nichole Wagner
- 1/23    Nancy Ward
- 1/24    Sheri, Jamie, & Jenna Watkins
- 1/25    Rick, Robin, Casey, & Blair Webber
- 1/26    Alexa Westerdale
- 1/27    Jennifer, Jason, Logan, & Alden, & Isabella Wienke
- 1/28    Shannon, Nathaniel, Anthony, Ciara, & Arkadia Wilcher
- 1/29    Mary Winchowky
- 1/30    Matthew, Becky, Logan, & Haley Woessner
- 1/31    Russell Wright



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS...

Diane Hayek	1/2
Gwendolyn Sherman	1/4
Preston Urban	1/5
Kathryn Jens	1/6
Steve Bogie	1/7
Olivia Carey	1/7
Adam Neidhold	1/7
Mike Schaenzer	1/8
Robert Wilcher	1/8
Casey Sidders	1/9
Logan Wienke	1/9
George Dobberke Riehle	1/11
Joseph Kokott	1/11
Allen Vollmer	1/11
Adam Adcock	1/13
Donald Fitzgerald	1/13
Nathaniel Wilcher	1/13
Laura Conry	1/15
Diane Messer	1/17
Jordan Robinson Delaney	1/19
Linda Burie	1/23
Bentley Leffelman	1/23
Jamie Watkins	1/25
Ethan Mack	1/26
Rayna Jellish	1/27
Scott Christensen	1/29
Paul Mysliwski	1/30
Isabella Rivera	1/30

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES...

Lee & Denise Munger	1/3
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## COUNCIL CORNER

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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.

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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).

# JANUARY 2026

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				<b>1 New Year's Day -- Office Closed</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 8am Worship & HC 9:45am SS Gathering Time 10am Worship & HC 7:30pm Alanon*	<b>5</b> 11am Lectio Divina	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9:30am Weekly Text Study 6:30pm Wednesday Night Bible Study 6:30pm Women's AA Mtg	<b>8</b> 9:30am MCC Food Pantry*	<b>9</b> 10am Knotty Knitters	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 8am Worship & HC 9am Adult Bible Study 9:45am SS Gathering Time 10am Worship & HC 7:30pm Alanon*	<b>12</b> 9:30am Service Team 11am Centering Prayer 6:30pm Church Council	<b>13</b> 10am Mukwonago Crazy Quilters 11:30am DMAB Lunch @ Chen's Kitchen 2pm Ladies Book Club 6:30pm AoB	<b>14</b> 9:30am Weekly Text Study 1pm Worship Team Mtg 6:30pm Wednesday Night Bible Study 6:30pm Women's AA Mtg	<b>15</b> 12:30pm Grief Support Group	<b>16</b> 10am Knotty Knitters	<b>17</b> 9-11:30am 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Mini- Retreat
<b>18</b> 8am Worship & HC 9am Adult Bible Study 9:45am SS Gathering Time 10am Worship & HC 7:30pm Alanon*	<b>19</b> 11am Lectio Divina 2-6:30pm MTO Blood Drive	<b>20</b> 9:30am Gather Faith Exploration Group	<b>21</b> 9:30am Weekly Text Study 6:15pm Mukwonago Crazy Quilters :30pm Wednesday Night Bible Study 6:30pm Women's AA Mtg	<b>22</b> 9:30am MCC Food Pantry*	<b>23</b> 10am Knotty Knitters	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 8am Worship & HC 9am Adult Bible Study 9:45am SS Gathering Time 10am Worship & HC 12noon-4pm AoB/HS Loaves & Fishes Event 7:30pm Alanon*	<b>26</b> 11am Centering Prayer	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:30am Weekly Text Study 6:30pm Wednesday Night Bible Study 6:30pm Women's AA Mtg	<b>29</b> 9:30am MCC Food Pantry*	<b>30</b> 10am Knotty Knitters	<b>31</b>

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