



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

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

Annual reports will be available on Sunday, January 18th. 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

“Everything Has Its Time

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born and a time to die;
a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill and a time to heal;
a time to break down and a time to build up;
a time to weep and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek and a time to lose;
a time to keep and a time to throw away;
a time to tear and a time to sew;
a time to keep silent and a time to speak;
a time to love and a time to hate;
a time for war and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 NRSV

A Season of Preparation and Hope

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The joy and wonder of the Christmas season have now drawn to a close. The lights have dimmed, the carols have quieted, and the familiar rhythms of daily life have returned. As time slips away, like dust in the wind, we find ourselves once again standing at the threshold of a new season in the life of the church. With great anticipation, we turn our hearts toward Lent and, beyond it, to the promise of Easter.

Lent is a sacred and intentional season, a time set apart for preparation. It invites us to slow down, to reflect honestly on our lives, and to reorient our hearts toward God. Through prayer, repentance, and self-denial, we prepare ourselves to receive the joy of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, anew. This season is not meant to be rushed through, but lived into; step by step, day by day, as we walk with Christ toward the cross and ultimately toward the empty tomb.

Prayer is one of the central practices of Lent. Through prayer, we seek deeper fellowship with God and give thanks for the forgiveness, love, and life that are the fabric of our relationship with the Lord. At times, we may forget to pause and communicate with God through the meditations of our hearts. Life is busy, distractions are

many, and silence can feel uncomfortable. Yet, Lent offers us a renewed and gracious invitation to return to God, to listen, and to speak honestly in prayer.

Prayer does not need to be complicated or filled with perfect words. Sometimes the simplest prayers are the most faithful. One helpful way to pray is by including gratitude and petition, for example: “Dear God, I give thanks for the life you give me, and I ask for your grace in all that I do.” This kind of prayer can be offered anywhere and at any time; at the kitchen table, in the car, or in the quiet moments before sleep. During Lent, the key is not perfection, but persistence: remaining in conversation with God and allowing that relationship to grow.

Repentance of sins is another essential way we draw closer to God during this season. Repentance is not about shame or fear, but about honesty and hope. When we repent, we acknowledge the ways we have fallen short and ask God for the strength to turn away from temptation and from all that leads us away from God’s will. We can remember that while we all fall short, we are never beyond the reach of God’s grace. Through repentance, we continually turn back to the life, forgiveness, and freedom God desires for us all.

Self-denial has also long been part of the Lenten journey. Traditionally, this has included abstaining from meat on Fridays, a practice many still observe today. Yet self-denial can take many forms. It may mean stepping back from our smartphones or social media, limiting our time online, or giving up certain foods or habits that distract us from God. In my family, it has become popular to abstain from chocolate during Lent. However, we choose to practice it, self-denial is not about punishment, but about creating space, space to listen, to pray, and to remember what truly gives us life.

Looking back, worshiping together during the Christmas season was truly a gift. It was a blessing to gather as a community filled with God’s light and Spirit, to sing, pray, and celebrate the birth of Christ together. That shared joy continues to strengthen us as we move forward. I am deeply grateful to be part of a congregation that walks together through every season of faith.

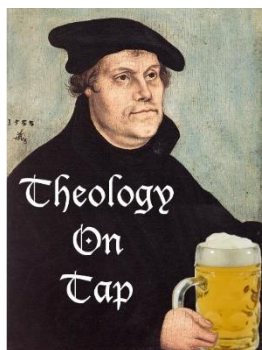
Pastor's Message Continued...

As we now turn toward Lent, I look forward to worshipping with you during this holy time of preparation, waiting and watching for the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. May this season be one of deep reflection, honest prayer, and renewed hope, as we trust that God is still at work among us.

Remember, dear sisters and brothers, that in Christ you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Yet it is from this dust that God brings forth new life to the cosmos.

Peace be with you always,
Pastor Steve Bogie

THEOLOGY ON TAP



The next Theology on Tap is on Monday, **February 2nd, 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 Bogie, Pastor.

⚠ SCAM ALERT



There are scam emails, texts, and AI messages pretending to be Pastor Steve.

Pastor Steve will never ask for money, gift cards, or financial information by email, text, or message.

His only emails are pastorsteve@mountolive-elca.net and sbogic75@gmail.com.

If you receive a suspicious message, do not respond — block and report it.

When in doubt, contact the church office at 262-363-8251.

COUNCIL CORNER

Greetings,

As my time on Council comes to a close, I am reflecting on the many years I have been a Mount Olive member - since my parents joined our family in 1963!



As an adult, there were many occasions I was asked to serve on Council, and for one reason or another, I always thought I wasn't able. Now that I have finished my term, I realize how rewarding it was to say "yes."

I now have a better understanding and appreciation of the time, talents, prayers, and financial commitments it takes to make Mount Olive the spiritual experience that it is. I've learned it's not about the walls of the church but the church family that walks through the doors that make it such a wonderfully meaningful experience.

So, the next time you're asked to be on a committee, on Council, a worship assistant, or a service project helper, say "yes!!!" and find out how rewarding it is. Together, let's keep Mount Olive a welcoming sanctuary for all in the community well into the future. See you at church!

Tim Sperstad

2026 LENT SCHEDULE



Sunday, February 15th, 8:45 to 11:30 a.m., Fat Sunday Pancake Breakfast: Because of a generous \$500 match invitation, we have been challenged to raise a total of \$1,000 at our Fat Sunday Pancake Breakfast. To help us reach our match goal of \$500, purchase your tickets at the table in the Narthex or make a donation today! All proceeds go to support the ministries of Mount Olive.

New! This year, we will hold a pancake relay race at 9:30 a.m. Grab a partner as we see who is the best pancake passer at Mount Olive! Register for the relay at the table in the Narthex.

Ash Wednesday – February 18, 2026

7 p.m. -- Worship, Holy Communion, and Imposition of Ashes.

Wednesday Midweek Lenten Services – February 25th, March 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th

Lenten Theme: “Come and See”

Tagline: Meeting God in real life, real struggles, real grace. Based on Jesus’ invitation to experience — not just believe. Each week highlights:

- A story of real encounter
- A moment of silence
- A simple embodied prayer practice

Lenten Theme: Come and See!

This Lent, we’re following Jesus’ gentle invitation: “*Come and see.*” It’s not a command or a test of faith; it’s an open door. An invitation to slow down, show up honestly, and notice where God is already at work in our real, everyday lives.

Throughout the season, worship will center on stories of real encounter, moments where God meets people in questions, wounds, community, and hope. Each week will include space for silence and a simple, embodied prayer practice, inviting us to pray not just with our words, but with our whole selves.

Whether your faith feels strong, shaky, or somewhere in between, this season isn’t about having the right answers. It’s about paying attention. Come with your doubts.

Come with your longing. Come exactly as you are, and see what God might reveal.

Please plan to attend the Soup Suppers and make the Wednesday evening Lenten services part of your Lenten experience at Mount Olive!

- **6 p.m. Soup Suppers** -- all are invited! If you’d like to bring some soup or bread, please sign up on the bulletin board opposite Pastor Steve’s office. (Set-up and clean-up help is always appreciated, too!)
- **7 p.m. Worship** -- including reader’s theatre presentations of *The People vs. Judas Iscariot*.

February 25th

6 p.m. -- Soup Supper (sponsored by the MTO Council)
7 p.m. – Lenten Worship – **The People vs. Judas Iscariot: Act I *Nothing is Hidden from God***

March 4th

6 p.m. -- Soup Supper
7 p.m. – Lenten Worship – **The People vs. Judas Iscariot: Act II *All Have Sinned-- All Need Forgiveness***

March 11th

6 p.m. -- Soup Supper
7 p.m. – Lenten Worship -- **The People vs. Judas Iscariot: Act III *When Others Tried to Save Themselves***

March 18th

6 p.m. -- Soup Supper
7 p.m. – Lenten Worship -- **The People vs. Judas Iscariot: Act IV *in Bondage to Sin: We Cannot Free Ourselves***

March 25th

6 p.m. -- Soup Supper
7 p.m. – Lenten Worship -- **The People vs. Judas Iscariot: Act V *Who Will Save Us?***

Would you like to participate in our Lenten presentation of The People vs. Judas Iscariot? We have recurring roles for up to four people with additional needs each week. Any budding thespians out there who can help? For more information, please contact the MTO office or Cindy Dobberke at cindy.dobberke@mountolive-elca.net.

Good Friday Vigil: Watch for more information about this important opportunity to hold vigil with prayer and meditation following the conclusion of the Good Friday worship service until the morning of Holy Saturday.

SANCTARY RECAP

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



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

BLESS THIS MESS DIY LENTEN CALENDAR

Lent is a journey of transformation – and transformation can be messy.

In this 40-card printable calendar for the 40 days of Lent, biblical texts, lively activities, and

engaging conversations will help you and your family connect with each other, work toward repairing God's world, and prepare for the new life of Easter morning.

Make this Lent and Easter the most meaningful yet! Be sure to pick up your Lenten Calendar on the table in the Narthex!



SERVICE TEAM UPDATE

Thanks so much to everyone who donated food items for Loaves and Fishes! Your donations were greatly appreciated and helped make the event a success.

The Service Team will be collecting underwear and socks for the Hope Center in Waukesha in February and March. **“Undies Sundays” will be February 15th and 22nd.**

“Sock it To You Sundays” will be on March 1st and 8th. Items needed include men's and women's ankle socks, men's boxer/briefs in sizes S-M-L-XL, and women's low rise briefs sizes 5-7. The Hope Center Clothing Shop has helped tens of thousands of low-income Waukesha County residents through the generous donations from supporting congregations.

Thanks in advance for your support in this important mission. If you have any questions or would like to join the Service Team, please contact Deb Barnes.

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.



ALL CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT

FEBRUARY 28th

Time: 12 Noon - 4 p.m.

You're Invited: Growing Young in Our Church!

Join us as we explore how our church can become a more vibrant, thriving community for people of all ages — especially young adults. This conversation is for **adults and youth alike** who care about the future of our church. Discover how “bright spot” congregations across the U.S. are inspiring people, young and those who are forever young, energizing worship, and bringing new life into their communities — and how we can bring the same energy to Mount Olive.

Be part of the conversation. Help us imagine a church that grows younger, grows vibrant, and grows alive—and be a keyholder in shaping what comes next.

When: Saturday, February 28th – 12 noon to 4 p.m.
Where: Mount Olive Fellowship Hall

Everyone is welcome — your ideas, your energy, and your voice truly matter!

Snacks and beverages are provided. Come and see!!



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. The plan:

- **9:55 a.m. (note change of time!)** 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!
- 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.
- Questions? Please contact Cindy at cindy.dobberke@mountolive-elca.net.

Upcoming SS Events:

- **February 1st** – A Storm – Matthew 8:23-27. Spark All Kids Year Orange Winter Week 9.
- **February 8th** – The Centurion's Servant – Matthew 8:5-13 Spark All Kids Year Orange Winter Week 10.
- **February 15th** – Mount Olive Pancake Breakfast AND...Sunday School. Pancake Breakfast will be served from 8:45-11:30 a.m. Stop in when you can! Jesus Blesses the Children – Mark 10:13-16. Spark All Kids Year Orange Winter Week 11.
- **February 22nd** – The Sower – Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23. Spark All Kids Year Orange Winter Week 13.
- **March 1st** – Jesus Feeds 5000 – John 6:1-14. Spark All Kids Year Orange Spring Week 1.

Saturday, March 7th -- Join your faith community as we gather for an **ALL-AGE** dinner and games night. Come as individuals or with family or friends. All are welcome! RSVP by Wednesday, March 4th!

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 February and March:

- **Tuesday, February 10th, 6:30-8 p.m.:** Family Meal and Faith Exploration Session #6.

- **Sunday, February 15th, 8:45-11:30 a.m.:** Mount Olive Pancake Breakfast!! Come, eat, and laugh as we prepare to enter the church season of Lent! Following both worship services. Free will offering with proceeds to the MTO general fund.
- **Wednesday, February 22nd, 7 p.m.:** Ash Wednesday – Worship at 7 p.m. The liturgical season of Lent begins.
- **Sunday, February 22nd, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.:** Fellowship Opportunity – Mount Olive Annual Mini Golf Outing at Big Putts! **RSVP by February 15th.** Cost \$10 per person.
- **Wed., February 25th, & March 4th/11th/18th/25th:** Lenten Soup Suppers and Lenten Worship. Free soup dinner @ 6 p.m. & worship @ 7 p.m. Come and see! Join our Reader's Theater – readers & worship servers need for each week's worship services. Let Cindy know when you are available!
- **Sat., March 7th:** All congregational meal and games night – 4:30 – 8:30 p.m. – all ages welcome! Bring a friend along! Come when you can and enjoy some time with your faith community. RSVP by Mar. 4th.
- **Tuesday, March 10th, 6:30-8 p.m.:** Family Meal and faith exploration session #7. We will continue our exploration of the Old Testament.

Mount Olive High School Events:

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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, February 19th 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 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:** 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, February 10th at 11:30 a.m.**, at Blue Bay 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.

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, February 10th, at 2 p.m., @ Mount Olive.** They will be discussing "Disappearing Earth" by Julie Phillips.

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, February 17th, 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.

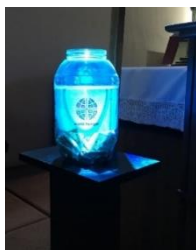
Session Two: Praying with the body of the earth

Scripture inspires us to regard the natural world as both sacred space and our neighbor. This session explores ways we can pray not only *for* creation but *with* creation as our sacred neighbors. As we pray, even the trees and rivers are our prayer partners. The session concludes with the glorious vision in Revelation 22 of a restored world and the river of life.

(Zoom link also available.) In February, we will meet on the third Tuesday, February 17th, 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

	December 2025 Actual	December 2025 Plan
General Income	\$269,687	\$256,970
General Expenses	(305,116)	(302,890)
Surplus/(Deficit)	(35,429)	(45,920)
General Fund Cash Balance	8,162	

OFFERING/DONATION UPDATE

You can also share your financial gifts by:

- Mailing your offering to the office:
Mount Olive Lutheran Church
211 Main Street
Mukwonago, WI 53149
- 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 – February 2 nd & 16 th	Betty Hinkelman
<i>Centering Prayer: Meeting in person & via Zoom</i>	11 a.m. on Monday – February 9 th & 23 rd	Betty Hinkelman
<i>Grief Support: Meeting in person & via Zoom</i>	Meeting time varies; please contact Betty or see page 8	Betty Hinkelman
<i>Service Team</i>	Meets on the second Monday of every month at 9:30 a.m.	Deb Barnes
<i>Food Pantry Donations</i>	Donations can be made directly to the pantry as follows: February 12th & 26th -- 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.

2/1 Laura & Mike Zaddack, Kalin & Dylan Troka
 2/2 Phyllis & Emily Zaddack
 2/3 Inge Adams
 2/4 Adam, Kiana, Boone, & Bailey Adcock
 2/5 Christina, Johnathan, Cassandra,
 & Nathaniel Altenburg
 2/6 Jason & Kim Anderson
 2/7 Jerry & Betty Arntson
 2/8 Deb & Thomas Barnes
 2/9 Mark, Tracy, Hunter, & Kasey Bischmann
 2/10 Karolina Bittner
 2/11 Pastor Steve, Heather, Olivia, & Ila Mae Bogie
 2/12 Benita Breedlove
 2/13 Robert & Lynn Brueggeman
 2/14 Aaron, Joya, Addison, & Micah Budd
 2/15 Lukas, Sarah, Emma, & Zackary Buettner
 2/16 Cassidy Burie
 2/17 Linda Burie
 2/18 Cody, Kevin, & Harper Busch
 2/19 Rick, Kristin, Hannah, & Olivia Carey
 2/20 Bill & Lorri Carpenter
 2/21 Nicole Carpenter
 2/22 Dennis Case
 2/23 Glenn Case
 2/24 Scott, Erin, Cason, Brantley, & Aubrey
 Christensen
 2/25 Nicholas, Kirsti, Archer, & Lilah Ciesinski
 2/26 Laura Conry
 2/27 Jim, Jennifer, Jessica, & Jeremy Cotturone
 2/28 Dwight & Jean Cruikshank

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS...

Lillian Rockteacher	2/4
Chase DeLano	2/6
Charlie Druecke	2/7
Ellie Libeck	2/7
Alethea Sment	2/7
Amy Neidhold	2/8
Thomas Barnes	2/9
Dylan Troka	2/9
Mark Janovetz	2/11
Linda Gorman	2/12
Aaron Jellish	2/12
Hector Paz Morales	2/12
Carol Knoernschild	2/13
Raegan Fick	2/14
Cameron Bergendahl	2/17
Jay Neidhold	2/19
Richard Struck	2/19
James Sidders III	2/21
Carol Rolfe	2/22
Oliver Schemm	2/25
Lukas Buettner	2/27
Mila Wright	2/27
Dawn Shuda	2/28
Kristen Horning	2/29

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES...

Alethea & Steve Sment	2/3
Rick & Kristin Carey	2/12
Robert & Lynn Brueggeman	2/19
Benita & Owen Breedlove	2/22
Lisa & Trent Smith	2/24

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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. 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.

FEBRUARY 2026

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 8am Worship & HC 9am Adult Bible Study 9:45am SS Gathering Time 10am Worship & HC 11am MTO Annual Meeting 7:30pm Alanon*	2 11am Lectio Divina 6:30pm Theology on Tap @ Badger Burger	3	4 9:30am Weekly Text Study 6:30pm Wednesday Night Bible Study 6:30pm Women's AA Mtg	5 6:30pm Mukwonago Crazy Quilters*	6 10am Knotty Knitters	7
8 8am Worship & HC 9am Adult Bible Study 9:45am SS Gathering Time 10am Worship & HC 7:30pm Alanon*	9 9:30am Service Team 11am Centering Prayer 6:30pm Church Council	10 10am Mukwonago Crazy Quilters* 11:30am DMAB Lunch @ Blue Bay 2pm Ladies Book Club 6:30pm AoB	11 9:30am Weekly Text Study 1pm Worship Team Mtg 6:30pm Wednesday Night Bible Study 6:30pm Women's AA Mtg	12 9:30am MCC Food Pantry*	13 10am Knotty Knitters	14
15 8am Worship & HC 8:45-11:30am MTO Pancake Breakfast 9am Adult Bible Study 9:45am SS Gathering Time 10am Worship & HC 7:30pm Alanon*	16 11am Lectio Divina	17 9:30am Gather Faith Exploration Group 6:30pm Wednesday Night Bible Study	18 Ash Wednesday 9:30am Weekly Text Study 1pm Mukwonago Crazy Quilters 6:30pm Women's AA Mtg 7pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service	19 12:30pm Grief Support Group	20 10am Knotty Knitters	21
22 8am Worship & HC 9am Adult Bible Study 9:45am SS Gathering Time 10am Worship & HC 11:30am AoB/HS Mini Golf Outing 7:30pm Alanon*	23 11am Centering Prayer	24 6:30pm Wednesday Night Bible Study	25 9:30am Weekly Text Study 6pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Women's AA Mtg 7pm Lenten Service	26 9:30am MCC Food Pantry*	27 10am Knotty Knitters	28 12noon-4pm All Congregational Retreat – Growing Young in Our Church!

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