

Happenings at Mount Olive!

Sunday In-Person Worship & HC

Sermon Themes: **Sunday, January 18th – What’s Your Name?**
Sunday, January 25th – Ordinary or Extraordinary

Mount Olive Annual Meeting: Your Council leadership invites you to attend Mount Olive Lutheran Church’s Annual Meeting on **Sunday, February 1st, 11 a.m. in the MTO Fellowship Hall. Annual reports are now available in the entryway.** If you would like a hard or electronic copy sent to your home, please contact the Mount Olive office. Let us gather to share and learn about Mount Olive’s ministries.

Mount Olive Blood Drive – Monday, January 19th, 2-6:30 p.m.: Join Mount Olive for a Blood Center of Wisconsin blood drive! 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.

The Service Team and AoB: are jointly sponsoring a Loaves and Fishes meal at the Hope Center in Waukesha **on January 25th.** The Service Team and AoB want to thank everyone who generously volunteered to donate food items for the upcoming Loaves and Fishes event. Shelf-stable items can be dropped off in the church kitchen at any time. For perishable/refrigerated/frozen items, please bring them on January 18th or during that week. Please label items for Loaves and Fishes. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Barnes or Cindy Dobberke."

Plastic Collection: Congs, 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 Corp. This past year, nearly 4,000 groups collected over 2.1 million pounds of plastic, which Trex recycled. In January, Trex is reconfiguring its community challenge recycling program. Instead of yearly rewards, they are now offering a quarterly drawing if groups collect 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 I will sign us up for this new program and keep collecting plastic.

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 items: Kleenex and paper towels, hot cereal (Coco Wheat, Cream of Wheat, Malt-O-Meal – not oatmeal), and hot chocolate mix.**