

## Happenings at Mount Olive!

### Sunday In-Person Worship & HC

**Sermon Themes:**       **Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> – Grace Transforms**  
Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Temptation is a thing

**2026 Council:** We are pleased to announce our 2026 Church Council as follows: Mike Zaddack/President, Scott Shuda/Vice President, Dennis Martin/Treasurer, Linda Burie/Secretary, Inge Adams, Cindy Dobberke, Larry Redlin, Cheryl Shanovich, and Duane Thornton. Thank you for sharing your leadership skills at Mount Olive. Please pray for these faithful servants of Christ.

**Today, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 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/Lent:** Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday on February 18<sup>th</sup>**, with worship services at 7 p.m. Various Lenten resources are now available in the Narthex.

**Service Team Update:** The Service Team is collecting socks and underwear for the Hope Center in Waukesha. **Today marks the start of "Undies Sundays," which will continue through February 22<sup>nd</sup>.** "Sock it to You Sundays" will be on March 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. We are collecting men's boxer/briefs sizes S-M-L-XL, women's low-rise briefs sizes 5-7, and men's and women's ankle socks. Contact Deb Barnes with any questions regarding this project or the Service Team.

**Lenten Soup Suppers & Worship:** During Lenten Wednesdays, we gather for **Soup Suppers at 6 p.m. (February 25<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup>).** *Soup suppers are free and a great place to invite neighbors and friends.* Afterward, we will gather for **Lenten worship at 7 p.m.**, in person and live-streamed, with recordings available 24/7 on the MTO Facebook page. This year, we will be presenting the "Come and See" dramas:


- February 25<sup>th</sup> – The People vs. Judas Iscariot: Act I -- Nothing is Hidden from God
- March 4<sup>th</sup> – The People vs. Judas Iscariot: Act II -- All Have Sinned – All Need Forgiveness
- March 11<sup>th</sup> – The People vs. Judas Iscariot: Act III -- When Others Tried to Save Themselves
- March 18<sup>th</sup> – The People vs. Judas Iscariot: Act IV -- In Bondage to Sin: We Cannot Free Ourselves
- March 25<sup>th</sup> – The People vs. Judas Iscariot: Act V -- Who Will Save Us?


**If you are someone who enjoys taking part in a reader's theatre and is available on one of the Wednesdays during Lent, please sign up on the clipboard in the narthex. Up to four participants are needed each week.**

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**Lenten Services/Soup Suppers:** Are you excited? We are pleased to announce the return of Mount Olive soup suppers serving from 6-6:45 p.m. **on February 25<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup>**, with Lenten Services to follow at 7 p.m. **If you are a cook, please sign up on the bulletin board to bring a crockpot of your favorite soup and/or dessert. If you have any questions, please get in touch with the church office.**

**All Congregational Retreat – February 28<sup>th</sup> – 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 28<sup>th</sup> – 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!! **Please RSVP to the church office by February 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**First Communion: Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.** Exploration session. First communion will be celebrated on **Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, during the 10 a.m. worship service.** Letters will be sent to families with children in grades third through fifth (if they haven't participated in a previous session). Interested, but your child is younger? No worries, simply connect with Pastor Steve, Cindy Dobberke, or the MTO office to be included in communications.

**Plastic Collection:** 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. **We have collected 167 pounds so far in 2026!**

**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.**