



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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2026 LENT SCHEDULE

Lent



Wednesday Midweek Lenten Services – 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!

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2026 Lenten Schedule Continued...

- **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*.

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 Prayer Vigil, from 8 p.m. (4/3) until 8 a.m. on Holy Saturday (4/4) -- Night owls, early risers, this opportunity is for you! If you are interested in praying overnight at Mount Olive for one or two hours, please sign up on the board across from Pastor Steve's office, with the MTO office, or with Cindy Dobberke. The schedule will be created once the number of participants is determined.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR STEVE

*Blessed be the LORD,
for he has wondrously shown his
steadfast love to me
when I was beset as a city under
siege.*

*I had said in my alarm,
"I am driven far^d from your sight."
But you heard my supplications
when I cried out to you for help.
Psalm 31:21-22 NRSV*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are moving quickly toward Easter Sunday; a holy season that invites us not only to remember the resurrection of Jesus Christ, but to encounter God's living, active presence in our own lives.

This time of year, calls us to honesty. Lent brings us face to face with what is often described as our "bad spiritual situation with God." Simply put, it names a truth about our relationship with God. Even with the best intentions, we struggle to live fully into God's will and purpose for our lives. We fail to love as deeply as we are called. We fall short in our relationships with God and with one another. Lent does not ask us to ignore this reality; but it also refuses to let it be the final word. God's answer to our brokenness is faith in Jesus Christ.

These questions feel especially real in the world we are living in right now. Many of us are tired and overwhelmed. We live amid deep division, violence, injustice, economic stress, political hostility, and a constant stream of fear-filled news. Relationships feel strained. Trust feels fragile. Many people carry quiet grief, anxiety about the future, or a deep sense that the world is simply not the way it should be. In moments like these, it can be tempting to deny the reality of sin; or to believe that naming it only adds to the pain.

Some argue that the church should stop talking about sin altogether and focus only on being created in God's image and called good. Others believe the language of sin has been used to control or shame. These concerns deserve careful attention. Yet we must still ask an honest question: Do we truly serve God or one another by pretending sin does not exist; either in the world around us or within our own hearts?

Pastor's Corner Continued...

I want to speak plainly and personally. I struggle with being human, which means I carry sin in my heart too. We all know this; Pastor Steve is far from being perfect. However, the cross reveals God's love so clearly for all humankind that it creates faith; freeing us from the burden of sin through trust in Christ.

The cross does not deny the reality of sin, nor does it declare us suddenly perfect. Instead, it gives us the freedom to face the truth about ourselves honestly, to take responsibility for what we have done and left undone, and still trust that God meets us with eternal mercy rather than eternal condemnation.

We do not live under a promise of judgment. We live under a promise of eternal life in Jesus' name. As Saint Paul proclaims so powerfully in Romans, nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus; not our failures, not the brokenness of the world, not fear, and not even death itself.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ truly happened, and through it we are set free to be children of God.

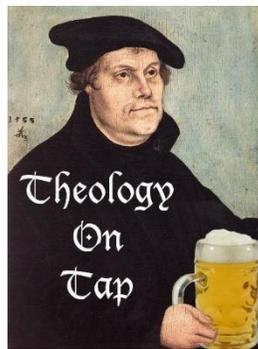
While no explanation can fully capture the mystery of the resurrection, consider this simple image: when you see ripples on a pond, you know something has disturbed the water, even if you didn't witness it yourself. The ripples tell the story that something happened. In the same way, it is as if God dropped a pebble into the very fabric of creation, and more than 2,000 years later, we are still living with the ripples of the resurrection. Hope keeps rising in the midst of despair. Love keeps breaking through fear. New life keeps appearing where death once seemed to win. Something happened at the resurrection; and it continues to change the world.

This Easter, I invite you not just to hear about resurrection, but to step into it. Come with your doubts, your weariness, your anger, your grief, and your longings. Come expecting that God still meets people, still forgives, still heals, and still calls us into new life. The risen Christ is not a memory of the past; Jesus is God's living promise for today.

May this Easter draw us closer to the living God, who meets us in the brokenness of this world and calls us into hope, life, and love.

Peace be with you all,
Pastor Steve Bogie

THEOLOGY ON TAP



The next Theology on Tap is on Monday, **March 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.

COUNCIL CORNER

We all like to hear about the Good Old Days, but what if the Good Old Days weren't so good?

I was born on my parents' farm in a small village in Germany. It was customary that when a child was born, it would be baptized the same day. After a brief celebration, everyone went back to work. My Grandparents had a farm right next to us, and they all worked the fields together. My grandparents had 7 children, and as soon as they were 17 years old, they went further into Germany and found jobs. They found work in all parts of Germany, from Stuttgart to Berlin.



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The rest of our family remained to work the farms. When the Russians began patrolling the village, we moved into the woods at night to sleep until early morning. Everyone kept the shutters closed in their houses, so it looked like nobody was home. When people didn't feel safe anymore, they all left their homes with only the clothes on their backs and a little food if they had any. We were a part of this group. We walked during the day and at night found an old bowling alley where we could sleep and spend the night. I had gotten lost, and my aunt found me and took me with her. There were so many of us that we slept almost on top of each other. My aunt remembers waking up on top of someone who did not make it through the night. What does a 13-year-old girl do with that memory? On days when we could not find a place for the night, we slept in the streets and got up at dawn to continue our journey.

After four days, we arrived at my uncle's home. He had a job as a ticket master at the railroad station near Stuttgart. We stayed with my uncle and his family for a few days. It was there that my mom found me again. It was crowded, and when my mom found work picking blueberries, we moved on. She had many seasonal jobs until it was time for me to start school. By this time, my mom had found a small apartment, and in lieu of rent, she prepared meals and put in and harvested a garden for our landlord. With the Marshal Plan, we were able to get food stamps, and life was good. During the summer, we would visit my grandma for short weekends.

It was in the summer of 1950 that we were visiting when we received a telegram that my dad, who had been captured by the Russians, was coming home. We took the train back to our place, and I walked to the train station daily to bring my dad home. After 4 days, he walked through the door, recognized me, and the waiting was over.

My grandma and my aunt had moved to America to live with my grandma's family. In 1951, we applied, with the help of a cousin and the Lutheran Church, to come to America, where we were told life would be better. Because my dad had only lived in Germany for a year, we were denied entrance. We tried again in 1952 by putting our application in my mom's name. This time it worked. We spent a week on Ellis Island, and on May 2nd, we took a train to South Dakota. We lived with different cousins who had big farming operations. It was

demanding that my cousin sign an affidavit stating he would take care of us for anything we needed, until we became legal citizens. We received our citizenship papers on December 10, 1957.

We had learning sessions every night because none of us knew any English. When I started school, I had lots of friends who would play and laugh with me, or so I thought. I later found out they were actually making fun of me; of the way I dressed and spoke. I made up my mind to become a teacher and teach my students not to judge others for their clothes or the way they talk. I survived those early days, and with the help of my mom's cousins, I was able to go to college and begin my studies to become a teacher.

My dad was uncomfortable with his language skills and asked me to help him earn his GED. After 3 weeks, he wanted to take the tests so he could find out what else he needed to study to pass them. I took him to take all the tests in one day, and we were told he would hear how he did within a couple of weeks. He got the letter but would not open it. He asked me to come home from college and read it to him. I had never seen my dad cry until that day, when I opened the letter and it said he had passed all the tests and would receive his GED Certificate in the mail.

I studied hard and became a teacher. I don't know if I succeeded in my mission, but I feel confident that I tried. I taught school for 38 years. During that time, I was blessed with a loving husband, a son, 2 stepchildren, and 2 amazing grandsons.

There were no churches for us to attend when I was growing up. Life got too busy. After coming to America, we joined the Lutheran church, and we were happy to be alive. Life was not always good, and I blamed God when I didn't get things my way. I am ashamed to admit that I felt that it was God's fault when things went wrong, but of course, that was not true. I did learn, however, that God has a plan for me, even if it isn't what I would like. The last thing my dad told me before he passed away was, "Don't let people feel sorry for you, help them to be patient and understanding." I know I have that when I come to Mount Olive and am greeted with a handshake, a smile, and even a hug.

Peace and blessings to my Mt. Olive Family
Inge Adams, Church Council Member

MOUNT OLIVE BLOOD DRIVE

THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH
Fellowship Hall –
2-6:30 p.m.



Join Mount Olive for a 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. BloodCenter of Wisconsin is the only provider of blood to 55 Wisconsin hospitals in 28 counties.



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! It's not too late to pick up your Lenten resources on the table in the Narthex!



SERVICE TEAM UPDATE

Coming up in April...

We are getting ready again to make "Little Dresses for Africa." We will need some help to get going and get sewing!

Items needed:

- Children's or youth plain t-shirts
- Pillow cases - any color or design, any size
- Decorative trim such as elastic, rick rack, lace, seam tape, buttons, bows, and any other decorative trim items you can think of to enhance these dresses.

If you enjoy sewing and would like to help with this fun project, stay tuned for further information. We will have a sewing day on May 16th (light lunch will be provided). We will have patterns at church OR you can find them on the "Little Dresses for Africa" website <https://littledressesforafrica.org/printables>.

We will also be collecting new elastic or drawstring waist shorts for boys in April. 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 at 847/208-6886 or lakebeulahdeb@gmail.com.



**GREEN SPACE
TEAM MEETING**
Sunday, March 1st,
11:15 a.m.



All who are interested in planning for Spring and Summer events on the Green Space, come along! No previous experience necessary!



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.

167 Pounds have been collected so far in 2026!

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.



**JOIN US IN
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE!**

Sandwich Making for StreetLife
Communities

More Information:

- Join the Peanut Butter sandwich Assembly team
- Sponsored by the MTO Service Team and AoB
- Supported by a Thrivent Action Team Grant

March 22, 11:00 AM
Mount Olive Fellowship Hall

**Be a part of the
change today!**

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Join Mount Olive FUN ALL AGE GAME NIGHT

Free for everyone! Join us for a
fun game night with family,
friends, and neighbors.

Activities Include

CARD & BOARD GAMES,
PUZZLES,
LIGHT SUPPER
BRING A SNACK TO SHARE

MARCH 7TH, 2026
4:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church,
211 Main Street, Mukwonago, WI
For more information Call us at 262-363-8251

262-363-8251 www.mountolive-elca.net



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:

- **March 1st** – Jesus Feeds 5000 – John 6:1-14. Spark All Kids Year Orange Spring Week 1.
- **March 8th** – Woman at the Well – John 4:5-42. Spark All Kids Year Orange Winter Week 8.
- **March 15th** – Jesus Heals Two Blind Men – Matthew 20:29-34. Spark All Kids Year Orange Winter Week 12.
- **March 22nd** – The Greatest Commandment – Matthew 22:34-46. Spark All Kids Year Orange Spring Week 3.
- **March 29th** – Holy Week – Matthew 21:1-11; 26:17-30. Spark All Kids Year Orange Spring Week 4.
- **April 5th** – Easter – No Faith Explorers.

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 March and April:

- **Wed., 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.
- **Sunday, March 22nd, following the 10 a.m. worship service:** Service Activity – Sandwich making for StreetLife Communities. All ages welcome!
- **Tuesday, April 14th, 6:30-8 p.m.:** Family Meal and Faith exploration Session #8. We will conclude our exploration of the Old Testament with a year-end review.

Mount Olive High School Events:

- **Wed., 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!
- **Saturday, March 7th:** All congregational meal & 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 March 4th.
- **Sunday, March 22nd, following the 10 a.m. worship service:** Service Activity – Sandwich making for StreetLife Communities. All ages welcome!

Fat Sunday Pancake Breakfast Recap: Thank you, thank you, thank you, Mount Olive, for your support of the Fat Sunday Breakfast! As of 2/18, we have received \$763 in donations towards the ministries of Mount Olive, blowing past our match goal of \$500.

We couldn't have done this without the support of the good Lord, all of you, our Thrivent Action Team grant, and our pancake breakfast team: Dawn, Scott, and Lauren Shuda, Deb Barnes, Linda Filler, and Cindy Dobberke. Thanks again!!

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, March 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, March 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, March 10th, at 2 p.m., @ Mount Olive.** They will be discussing "The Same Bright Stars" by Ethan Joelle.

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, March 17th, 9:30 a.m. –
MTO Fellowship Hall

Spring 2026: "I AM: God's holy name and promise," a three-part Bible study
by the Rev. Hannah Hawkinson

Session one—Bread, vine and light: Abiding with us (John 6, 8 and 15)

We begin this session by rooting and grounding ourselves in the story of Moses at the Burning Bush, learning about God's holy name, I AM—a name that holds all of time and space, all that was and all that is and all that will be, past, present and future.

From there, we will explore three of Jesus's "I AM" statements: "I am the bread of life;" "I am the true vine," and "I am the light of the world." Each of these declarations bring to the fore the ways that God, whose name is "I AM," abides with God's people, providing, nurturing and sustaining us in day-to-day life.

(Zoom link also available.) We will meet on the third Tuesday, March 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 the schedule.*

ELCA World Hunger

The Hunger Jar appreciates the jingling of our change! Our donations for 2026 are -- \$_____.



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

	January 2026 Actual	January 2026 Plan
General Income	\$37,842	\$22,458
General Expenses	(25,325)	(26,873)
Surplus/(Deficit)	12,517	(4,415)
General Fund Cash Balance	6,050	

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 – March 2nd & 16th	Betty Hinkelman
<i>Centering Prayer: Meeting in person & via Zoom</i>	11 a.m. on Monday – March 9th & 23rd	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: March 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 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.

3/1	James, Lilah, & Elijah Cruikshank
3/2	John & Madelyn Cruikshank
3/3	Mark Cruikshank
3/4	Mike & Margaret Czarnecki
3/5	Delores Dary
3/6	Diane & Bob Dickey
3/7	Gary, Sheri, Conrad, & Holden Dierks
3/8	Brian & Cindy Dobberke
3/9	Molly & George Dobberke Riehle
3/10	Bonnie Dragert
3/11	Charlie & Jackie Druecke
3/12	Matthew, Julie, Raegan, Kaitlyn, & Austin Fick
3/13	Linda, Casey, & Nicholas Filler
3/14	Donald & Marlene Fitzgerald
3/15	Joe Fitzgerald
3/16	Kevin & Jeri Franz
3/17	Lance, Julie, Allyson, & Lainey Fredrick
3/18	Peter, Linda, & Kelly Gorman
3/19	Gary, Kate, Grace, & Jillian Graczyk
3/20	Robert Grant
3/21	Bill & Kathy Graser
3/22	Mark, Kari, Nathan, Ashley, & Riley Grossklaus
3/23	Michael, Sherryl, & Samantha Gruetzmacher
3/24	Bruce & Glenna Gunderson
3/25	Roy Hafemeister
3/26	Helen Hagenmayer
3/27	Diane Hayek
3/28	David & Charlene Hein
3/29	John & Connie Heins
3/30	Elizabeth Hinkelman
3/31	Dennis & Melissa Hodik

MARCH BIRTHDAYS...

Kristin Carey	3/1
Mary Beth Sande	3/3
Molly Dobberke Riehle	3/4
Terrence Vietzke	3/4
Peter Gorman	3/5
Liam Leffelman	3/8
Laura Mueller	3/8
Vince Petrusich	3/10
Cassidy Burie	3/12
Cason Christensen	3/12
Megan Horne	3/12
Alayna Calvin-Salmela	3/12
Bryan Krzycki	3/12
Penny Bos	3/13
Richard Lynch	3/13
Kalin Troka	3/13
Angie Mathe	3/14
Rick Webber	3/14
Ciara Wilcher	3/14
Brady Munger	3/15
Nathaniel Altenburg	3/16
Elizabeth Hinkelman	3/16
Melissa Hodik	3/16
Winnie Sanderson	3/16
Kate Graczyk	3/17
Karolina Bittner	3/18
David Jahnke	3/18
Mary Jensen	3/18
Amy Libeck	3/20
Herman Lange	3/21
Karen Sperstad	3/22
Kimberly Kopplehuber	3/23
Jordy Butryn	3/26
Joe Fitzgerald	3/26
Lee Libeck	3/28
Gary Dierks	3/29
Harper McFadden	3/29
Margaret Czarnecki	3/30
Beckett Krause	3/30

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES...

Adam & Kiana Adcock	3/18
Ben & Mary Beth Sande	3/18
Terrence & Kay Vietzke	3/23
Laura Troka-Zaddack & Michael Zaddack	3/24
Patrick & Angela Porter	3/31

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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Wednesday Night Bible Study	Dwight Cruikshank		

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.

MARCH 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 Council Installation/both services 11:15am Green Team Meeting 7:30pm Alanon*	2 11am Lectio Divina 6:30pm Theology on Tap at Badger Burger	3 6:30pm Wednesday Night Bible Study	4 9:30am Weekly Text Study 6pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Women's AA Mtg 7pm Lenten Service	5	6 10am Knotty Knitters	7 4:30-8:30pm Fun All Age Game Night
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins 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 Wednesday Night Bible Study 6:30pm AoB	11 9:30am Weekly Text Study 1pm Worship Team Mtg 6pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Women's AA Mtg 7pm Lenten Service	12 9:30am MCC Food Pantry*	13 10am Knotty Knitters	14
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22 8am Worship & HC 9am Adult Bible Study 9:45am SS Gathering Time 10am Worship & HC 11am StreetLife SandwichMaking 7:30pm Alanon*	23 11am Centering Prayer 5:30pm First Communion Session	24 6pm Green Space Team 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* 2-6:30pm MTO Blood Drive	27 9am-4pm Muk Crazy Quilters* 10am Knotty Knitters	28
29 Palm Sunday 8am Worship & HC 9:45am SS Gathering Time 10am Worship & HC 7:30pm Alanon*	30	31				



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