




## Happenings at Mount Olive! -- Sunday In-Person Worship & HC

**Sermon Themes:** Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> – Life is too hard  
Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> – Supply Pastor Jennifer Olson

**Service Team Update:** 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, at least 1 yard of cotton or cotton-blend fabric, and decorative trim such as rick rack, lace, 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 16<sup>th</sup> (light lunch will be provided). We will have patterns available in the entryway, or you can find them on the “Little Dresses for Africa” website <https://littledressesforafrica.org/printables>.** We will also collect 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.

 **Mount Olive Walking Group** : **Thursdays • 10–11 a.m. (Weather permitting)**

 Move your body.  Lift your spirits.  Connect with friends.

Even a **30-minute walk** can boost energy, sharpen your mind, and brighten your day! Come **as you are**. Walk **at your own pace**. Enjoy **good company and great conversation**. **Everyone is welcome! Join us and step into joy!** — Pastor Steve Bogie

**Coffee With Dudes -- May 19<sup>th</sup> @ Brew 52.** Looking for a relaxed midweek reset and some good conversation? *Coffee With Dudes* is Pastor Steve’s monthly care team ministry for men, where guys can drop in, grab a cup of coffee, and connect in a laid-back setting. Held every third Tuesday of the month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. **at Brew 52**, it’s an open time for conversation, encouragement, listening, and support—no agenda, no pressure, just real talk over coffee. Whether you stay for 10 minutes or the full two hours, you’re welcome to come as you are and be part of a community that shows up for one another.

**Praise Band:** Mount Olive is beginning an exciting new chapter in worship with the launch of a praise band during the second service on the fourth Sunday of the month! At its heart, music and ministry are built on relationships and joy—creating music that connects us to one another and to God, inspiring people to engage their faith. We invite you to support this new ministry—and if you feel called, to be part of it. Bring your gifts. Bring your voice. Let’s grow something meaningful together in Jesus’ name.

**“What Are the Grads Doing?”** We will be blessing our graduating students on **June 21<sup>st</sup>** as they move into the next phase of their life. If you have a family member of any age graduating at any time from the fall of 2025 through the spring of 2026 from high school, technical school, military training, college, or grad school, please inform the church office regarding their plans for the future. This includes those headed away or remaining in the Mukwonago area. Please help us celebrate our grads in a meaningful way! And if you have any questions, please contact the church office at 262-363-8251 or [mto@mountolive-elca.net](mailto:mto@mountolive-elca.net).

**Love One Another – Mount Olive’s Care Team:** Every one of us – even those of us who are fiercely independent – needs care and compassion from others. There are times in our lives when we feel able to give this support and other times when we have to humble ourselves to receive a caring hand. We are in the beginning stages of forming a care ministry at Mount Olive. This endeavor will best be described as a social ministry. No professional services will be provided, just opportunities for human connection. We want to build a network of care and belonging within the family that is our congregation. If you are currently finding life a little challenging, perhaps due to age or health issues, please call the office to express your interest in this new ministry. If you are being called to reach out and provide care and support to others, please do the same. Questions are welcome; call Pastor Steve or Betty Arntson.

**Plastic Collection:** Starting in 2026, Trex has reconfigured its community-challenge recycling program. Instead of a yearly reward, they are now offering a **quarterly drawing** for groups that collect enough plastic to qualify. Congratulations! Our first quarterly submission has been approved. This achievement has earned MTO an entry into the Trex Recycling Program quarterly lottery. **So far, for the second quarter of 2026, we have collected 254 pounds!**

**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! **They could use the following items: Kleenex and paper towels, hot chocolate mix, & half gallon/gallon bottles of juice (not only apple and tomato).**