



# Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

Rooted in God's Grace

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**August 2026**

## ALL ARE WELCOME

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION:**

**Summer In-Person Worship & HC @ 8 & 9:30 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](http://www.mountolive-elca.net)

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[www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Fellowship Hall –**

**9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**



## DONATE BLOOD

THURSDAY

August

**20**

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM



**Helpful tip:**  
Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

### **MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH MUKWONAGO BLOOD DRIVE**

LOCATION: MOUNT OLIVE FELLOWSHIP HALL  
211 MAIN ST  
MUKWONAGO, WI 53149

**WILDERNESS RESORT GIVEAWAY AND SWEEPSTAKES:**  
All attempting donors will receive a \$50 coupon for the Wilderness Resort, and if you book your next appointment, you'll be entered into the drawing to win a free stay!

Book Appointments By Calling 877.232.4376, Using The QR Code Below, or Visiting [Versiti.org/WI](http://Versiti.org/WI)



**versiti**  
Blood Center of Wisconsin

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.

## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR STEVE

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was

spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,  
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious  
day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be  
saved.'

**Acts 2:14-21 NRSV**

### Never Stop Dreaming

The prophet Joel writes, "*Your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.*" When Peter quoted these words on the day of Pentecost, he proclaimed that God's Spirit had been poured out on all people. The future of God's kingdom would not be carried by one generation alone. Young and old alike would be invited to imagine, learn, grow, and participate in God's unfolding work.

Intriguingly, Joel says the old will dream dreams. We often think dreaming belongs to the young. They dream about careers, families, adventures, and all the possibilities that lie ahead. As we grow older, it can be tempting to believe our role is to remember the "good old days."

But the Holy Spirit refuses to let us settle there. Throughout Scripture, dreams are one of the ways God reveals God's future. They are not wishful thinking or nostalgia. They are Spirit-inspired glimpses of what can be. Joel reminds us that God is never finished speaking through God's people. There is no age at which we graduate from learning, growing, or dreaming.

This concept is one of the reasons that education matters to me deeply. Lifelong learning keeps our hearts open to where God is leading next. It reminds us that discipleship is not a destination but a lifelong journey.

By the way, I will be away for Continuing Education from **Monday, August 10, through Sunday, August 16, 2026**. I am grateful for the opportunity to step away for a week to learn, reflect, and return with new insights to share with our congregation.

As your pastor, I dream of a day when every person has what they need to live a healthy, joyful, and meaningful life. I dream of communities where people know they are loved, where children flourish, where older adults continue to discover new purpose, and where neighbors genuinely care for one another.

Money alone cannot create this kind of world. Wealth may provide comfort, but it cannot buy peace, purpose, compassion, wisdom, or hope. Those gifts are cultivated over a lifetime as we continue to learn; from Scripture, from one another, from our experiences, and from the Holy Spirit.

Education is far more than collecting information. It is the lifelong practice of becoming more fully the people God created us to be. Every Bible study, every conversation, every book, every class, every question asked in faith stretches our hearts and minds a little wider. Learning helps us see our neighbors more clearly, love more deeply, and serve more faithfully.

The Church can be one of the greatest places of learning in our community, not because we have all the answers, but because we believe God is still teaching us. The Holy Spirit is still opening our eyes, challenging our assumptions, and inviting us to dream God's dreams.

So let us never stop learning. Let us never stop asking questions. Let us never stop dreaming.

For when the people of God continue to learn, they continue to grow. And when they continue to grow, they become the kind of people through whom God transforms the world. Love becomes the fuel that moves us forward, and hope becomes the vision that keeps us dreaming.

In Jesus name!  
Steve Bogie *Pastor*

## GENEROSITY TASK FORCE

If you were able to attend the mid-year Ice Cream Social and information session on July 19th, you heard a little bit from the Generosity Task Force and their work. The members of the task force are Pastor Steve Bogie, Laura Conry, Sheri Dierks, Cindy Dobberke, Dennis Martin, Carl Schemm, Lisa Smith, and Mike Zaddack.

The task force was established by the Mount Olive Council in response to the projected deficit of \$50,000 for our 2026 Plan for Mission. The objectives and mission of the task force are as follows:

### Objective:

To cultivate and grow the culture of generosity at Mount Olive Lutheran Church.

### Mission:

- Review the history of generosity of Mount Olive
- Communicate and celebrate the current ways Mount Olive is generous and where potential shortages may result in our plan for mission
- Review current practices which cultivate generosity
- Cultivate and grow existing and future practices of generosity
- Invite the congregation into additional ways of sharing their gifts of God
- Develop short-term and long-term pathways of sustainable generosity which strengthen MTO as we live into the future

As Treasurer Dennis Martin wrote in last month's Council Corner and reiterated at the July 19th session, our finances look very stable through the first half of the year. This is because prepaid pledges from some of our members boost our income in the first half of the year. As the year progresses, the costs of doing ministry together overtake our income. This leads to the potential of ending the year with a shortfall.

In order to address the potential shortfall, the Generosity Task Force has come up with some "small steps" for the congregation to prayerfully consider as ways to increase their generosity. These steps are found under the new "Generosity" (formerly known as "Serve") tab on the MTO website. These ideas and other potential tax-saving concepts have been added to the website via the amazing technical skills of Laura Conry. Thank you, Laura!

Have you taken a small step towards increasing your generosity towards the mission of Mount Olive? We would love to hear them! Feel free to reach out to a member of the task force and share your story!!

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR! GATHERING SUNDAY



**SEPTEMBER 13<sup>th</sup> @ 10 a.m.**  
**@ INDIANHEAD PARK**

Mark your calendars for **Gathering Sunday on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>!**

We will gather for **one worship service at 10 a.m.** as we celebrate our life together in Christ. We are hopeful that our Bishop will be with us for this special occasion, and we look forward to welcoming our brothers and sisters from Vernon Lutheran Church as we worship together.

Following worship, everyone is invited to a **community potluck meal**. Fried chicken will be provided—please bring a favorite side dish or dessert to share as we enjoy good food, great conversation, and the gift of Christian fellowship. It promises to be a joyful day of worship, community, and celebrating God's work among us. We hope you'll make plans to join us!

Watch for more details in the September newsletter.



## COUNCIL CORNER

As I reflect on the past several weeks, my heart is filled with gratitude.

I want to extend a sincere thank you to every member of our Mount Olive Lutheran family who embraced the matching donation campaign for our new defibrillator. Your generosity was more than a financial gift—it was a tangible expression of Christ's love and care for one another. Because of your willingness to give, we have taken another important step in ensuring that our church remains a safe place for all who gather here. Thank you for answering that call with such enthusiasm and compassion.

Throughout Scripture, we are reminded that God often works through ordinary people with willing hearts. As a congregation, we continue to experience seasons of change. Change can sometimes feel uncertain, but it also presents opportunities for God to lead us into new ways of serving Him and serving others.

What continually inspires me about Mount Olive is that, time and again, when there is a need, our congregation responds. We don't wait for someone else to step forward—we become the hands and feet of Christ. We answer God's call with servant hearts, trusting that He is already preparing the way before us.

That spirit is what makes Mount Olive so very special.

We are blessed to be part of a congregation that doesn't measure success by the size of our membership or the walls of our building. Instead, we measure it by the lives touched through our ministries, the neighbors we care for, the children we teach, the families we comfort, and the hope we share through Jesus Christ.

Never underestimate what God can accomplish through faithful people gathered in what might seem like a small corner of the world. From our little "spot" called Mukwonago, the love of Christ reaches far beyond our community. Every act of kindness, every prayer offered, every meal served, every child

encouraged, every mission supported, and every heart welcomed creates a ripple that extends farther than we can ever imagine.

Our impact reaches well beyond our church doors. It reaches into our community, and through the work of God's people, it reaches into the world.

As we move forward together, may we continue to embrace each new season with faith instead of fear, with hope instead of hesitation, and with servant hearts ready to answer wherever God calls us next.

Thank you for being such an extraordinary congregation. It is an honor to serve alongside each of you.

May God continue to bless Mount Olive Lutheran Church, our Mukwonago community, and each of you as together we strive to share His love with the world.

In Christ's Service,  
Mike Zaddack  
Council President



## OUTDOOR WORSHIP SUNDAY, AUGUST 9<sup>th</sup>

Join us for a beautiful morning of **outdoor worship** on **Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**, at **8 and 9:30 a.m.** As we gather in God's creation, we'll celebrate the joy of being together in faith, surrounded by the beauty of the world God has made.

Please bring a **lawn chair or blanket**, along with **sunscreen, bug spray**, and, most importantly, **the joy of Christ** in your heart. Come ready to sing, pray, and worship together in the fresh air as we give thanks for

God's many blessings. We look forward to seeing you outside!





## PLASTIC COLLECTION

Thanks to your good stewardship of the environment, as of July 14, 2026, Mount Olive has now kept 950 POUNDS!!! of plastic out of landfills this year, repurposed into useful products.

Since Trex changed how the program works starting January of this year, we are now entered into a quarterly drawing provided we submit 250 pounds each quarter. We had one entry in quarter 1 and two in quarter 2, but out of the 25 organizations selected each quarter, we were not one of them.

We are well on our way to having two entries again this quarter, and hopefully Mount Olive will get chosen. Whether we do or not, it is a win for the environment and the future. Thank you, Mount Olive and End of the Leash!!

If anyone is interested in helping with the collecting, sorting, and dropping off, let Linda Burie or Karen Sperstad know. We'll be happy to include you in the exclusive "bag lady" club.

## GRACE AFTER DARK

Ladies! Mount Olive invites you to

# Grace at Night

Come together for conversation,  
connection and faith.

**TUESDAY,  
AUG. 4TH  
6:30-8:00 PM**

## The Porch Bar

204A S. Rochester St, Mukwonago, WI 53149

Questions? Contact Cindy at  
[cindy.dobberke@mountolive-elca.net](mailto:cindy.dobberke@mountolive-elca.net)



Ladies, be sure to join in the fun of conversation, connection, and faith at our second "Grace at Night" on **Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**. We gather from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Porch Bar in Mukwonago. Friends welcome! Come and see!

## TUNES UNDER THE TREES – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-8 P.M.

Join us for the last *Tunes under the Trees* for the summer!

Music by **Everything Nice** -- This female duo offers sweet vocals with a side of sass. They take favorites, add a touch of modern country, and a dash of harmony.

**Food available for purchase from Scott's Dog House. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy an evening of relaxation!**



# TUNES

under the

# TREES



SECOND WEDNESDAYS 5:30-8pm

outside Mount Olive Lutheran Church  
211 Main Street, Mukwonago

**FREE Entertainment!**  
Bring a lawn chair and relax!

10  
JUNE



Fred & Ginger

An acoustic duo playing an eclectic mix from the 60's to today and everything in between.



8  
JULY

Charlie Smith

It's just Charlie and his guitar! Covering Jimmy Buffett, Zac Brown, Van Morrison, Warren Zevon, Gordon Lightfoot etc.



12  
AUG

Everything Nice

Sweet vocals with a side of sass. Taking favorites, adding a touch of modern country, and a dash of fresh harmony.



Mt. Olive Lutheran Church  
Reverend & Family Group

MORE INFO HERE:



Food available for purchase on site.

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Have you ever wondered what it's like to serve in worship as a reader, usher, or assistant minister? These aren't just roles to fill—they are pathways into a deeper, more intentional encounter with God.

When you serve as a **reader**, you don't just speak words; you give voice to the living Word. Scripture moves from page to people, and in that moment, something mysterious and holy happens: God's voice meets human breath, and the Word becomes alive again in the hearing of the community. You are not just reading; you are participating in God's ongoing conversation with God's people.

As an **usher**, you help create sacred space. Long before a word is spoken, the Spirit is already at work in welcome, eye contact, a smile, a simple "good morning." In these small, faithful acts, you embody Christ's hospitality; making room not just in a building, but in hearts. You help set the stage for people to encounter grace, often before they even realize they need it.

As an **assistant minister**, you step into the rhythm and flow of worship itself; helping lead prayers, guide communion, and hold space for the movement of the Spirit among us. Here, you don't just witness grace, you help carry it. In spoken prayers and shared bread, you become part of the way God meets people in tangible, real, and life-giving ways.

In each of these roles, something profound unfolds: you're not just participating in worship, you're being formed by it. God works through your voice, your presence, your hands, and at the same time, God is shaping your heart. Again and again, it is in the act of serving that we become most aware of God's presence, not just around us, but within us and moving through us.

Come talk to Pastor Steve to learn more; or better yet, Pastor Steve may invite you into this experience with the divine. You may find that in offering yourself in these simple but sacred ways, you encounter the divine in ways you never expected.



## COFFEE WITH DUDES – AUGUST 18<sup>th</sup>

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 **Sol de Mexico**, 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.

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## 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 days 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: pickles (not relish), olives, mustard, mac and cheese, and ESPECIALLY bottled juice (orange, grape, and apple).**

## Mount Olive Faith Explorers

### Mount Olive Faith Explorers: Sunday School are gearing up for fall!

Would you enjoy spending time on a Sunday morning and sharing your faith with our 3-year-olds to 5th-grade students? Please contact Cindy Dobberke at [cindy.dobberke@mountolive-elca.net](mailto:cindy.dobberke@mountolive-elca.net) for more information and watch for an informational meeting soon!



### AoB and High School Summer Opportunities ***Magical Mystery Service Tours***

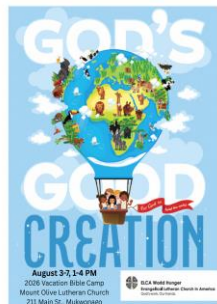
Pastor Steve and Cindy invite our 6th through 12th grade students to day-long ***Magical Mystery Service Tours***. We will explore faith together while serving others and having fun. In August, we will join with youth from Vernon Lutheran for our mystery days. More details will be revealed as we near the dates, but please mark the following on your calendar and plan to attend from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.:

- **Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**, sign up by Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>
- Friends are welcome too!
- If transportation is an issue, just let us know and we will do our best to make arrangements for pick up and/or drop off at your home.



### **MOUNT OLIVE VACATION BIBLE CAMP...**

Don't miss your opportunity for this year's Vacation Bible Camp!!!



We will explore ***God's Good Creation***  
**August 3<sup>rd</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 4 p.m.**

All are welcome to join in the faith and fun! 6<sup>th</sup> graders and older are invited to assist as guides or junior guides.

Registration forms are available from the MTO office.

# IMAGINE more

**Summer 2027  
ELCA Youth  
Gathering!**  
Are you  
entering  
grades 8-12 in  
the fall of

2026 and interested in attending the **ELCA Youth Gathering, June 28-July 2, held in Minneapolis, MN?**

Learn more at our informational meeting:

- **Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, following the 9:30 AM Worship Service**

### **Here is a little bit about the Gathering:**

*Every three years, thousands of high schoolers and their adult leaders from across the ELCA come together for the ELCA Youth Gathering. It's not just an event but a movement in which faith ignites and community comes alive. Through inspiring speakers, experiential learning and transformative connections, young people experience the church in bold, unforgettable ways. Each night, participants share a unique faith experience through high-energy worship and powerful storytelling. The Gathering is an opportunity to ask big questions, grow in faith and be part of something bigger than yourself. Are you ready to join the movement?*

### **Our mission:**

*The ELCA Youth Gathering, a unique community by size and scope, exists to accompany young people in their faith journey. Through experiential learning, worship, and intentional community, participants will be both affirmed and challenged in their faith.*

### **Our vision:**

*Inspire a movement of young people to **boldly** live out their faith.*



## 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, September 17<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 p.m.**

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### 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month...beginning at 11 a.m.
  - **Centering Prayer:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 during the school year.**

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 during the school year.** This next educational year, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall (except when other activities are scheduled for that space) to accommodate more people and make it easier to have snacks or beverages.

Contact Laura Conry with any questions.

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### 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



## DON'T MUNCH ALONE BUNCH (DMAB)



Come and join us when **Don't Munch Alone Bunch (DMAB)** meets on **Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.** at Sol de Mexico in Mukwonago.

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 Bruce Gunderson. We hope you will join us.

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## 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.**

***Please note that the Knotty Knitters are taking a summer break... watch for more details come early September.***

If you have questions, please call Betty Hinkelman or Inge Adams.

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## LADIES BOOK CLUB

Mount Olive's Ladies Book Club will meet next on **Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, at 2 p.m., @ Mount Olive.** **They will not be meeting in August.** They will be discussing "The Last Night in London" by Karen White.

**Our book club always welcomes new members. Join us to enjoy interesting books, discussions, and fun. Reading enriches our minds, hearts, and spirits.**

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 continue our  
**summer bible study!**  
**Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>,  
9:30 a.m. –**

**MTO Fellowship Hall**

*Please contact the church office if  
childcare is needed & be added*

*to our group email list. Zoom link available.*

**Summer 2026: "I am worthy,"  
by the Rev. Sara Olson Smith**



This summer, Women of the ELCA participants will gather in Des Moines, Iowa, under the theme "I am worthy." When Nobel Peace Prize winner Leymah Gbowee spoke in 2017, she invited WELCA participants to reclaim space for women and girls to lead and love in bold ways. This three-part Bible study will help us to define who we are, what we can be, and what we do in the world, in light of our God-given giftedness, identities, and relationships.

**(August 2026) "I am because you are: We need one another."**

Our individual identities are always bound up in community. Jesus describes this vision using a vine and branches. Paul talks about a body with many parts. The prophets describe communities of liberative interdependence.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu describes this way of mutual interconnectedness as "Ubuntu," where "my humanity is caught up and bound up inextricably with yours. I can only be fully me if you are fully you."

In delving into Scripture, we learn how no one can flourish unless everyone does, and how our lives are bound up with one another and the planet.

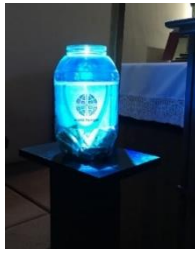


Are you looking for a daily devotional? This easy-to-use resource (including background music!) is designed for youth and adults. Check it out at [d365.org](https://d365.org), or follow them on Facebook. The ELCA is a partner in this ecumenical resource.

## ELCA World Hunger

The Hunger Jar appreciates the jingling of our change! Our donations for 2026 are -- \$32.20.

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

|                              | June<br>2026 Actual | June<br>2026 Plan |
|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| General Income               | \$156,247           | \$132,250         |
| General Expenses             | (154,170)           | (158,738)         |
| Surplus/(Deficit)            | 2,077               | (26,488)          |
| General Fund<br>Cash Balance | (4,561)             |                   |

## OFFERING/DONATION UPDATE

You can also share your financial gifts by:

1. Mailing your offering to the office:  
Mount Olive Lutheran Church  
211 Main Street  
Mukwonago, WI 53149
2. 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                                                                                                      |
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| <b>Wednesday Text Study</b>                                         | 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday @ Mount Olive & via Zoom                                                                                                                   | <b>Church Office</b><br><a href="mailto:mto@mountolive-elca.net">mto@mountolive-elca.net</a>                        |
| <b>Knotty Knitters</b>                                              | 10 a.m. every Friday                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Inge Adams</b><br><b>Betty Hinkelman</b>                                                                         |
| <b>Gather Faith Exploration Group:</b> Meeting in person & via Zoom | 9:30 - 11 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month                                                                                                                   | <b>Cindy Dobberke</b><br><a href="mailto:Cindy.dobberke@mountolive-elca.net">Cindy.dobberke@mountolive-elca.net</a> |
| <b>Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study</b>                             | Sundays @ 9 a.m.                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Laura Conry</b>                                                                                                  |
| <b>Wednesday Evening Bible Study</b>                                | Wednesday evenings @ 6:30 p.m.                                                                                                                                       | <b>Dwight Cruikshank</b>                                                                                            |
| <b>Don't Munch Alone Bunch</b>                                      | 11:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month                                                                                                                       | <b>Bruce Gunderson</b>                                                                                              |
| <b>Lectio Divina:</b> Meeting in person & via Zoom                  | 11 a.m. on Mondays – <b>August 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 17<sup>th</sup></b>                                                                                              | <b>Betty Hinkelman</b>                                                                                              |
| <b>Centering Prayer:</b> Meeting in person & via Zoom               | 11 a.m. on Monday, <b>August 10<sup>th</sup> &amp; 24<sup>th</sup></b>                                                                                               | <b>Betty Hinkelman</b>                                                                                              |
| <b>Grief Support:</b> Meeting in person & via Zoom                  | Meeting time varies; please contact Betty or see page 8                                                                                                              | <b>Betty Hinkelman</b>                                                                                              |
| <b>Service Team</b>                                                 | Meets on the second Monday of every month at 9:30 a.m.                                                                                                               | <b>Deb Barnes</b>                                                                                                   |
| <b>Food Pantry Donations</b>                                        | Donations can be made directly to the pantry as follows: <b>August 13<sup>th</sup> &amp; 27<sup>th</sup> -- 9:30-11:30 a.m.</b> ; contact Carole Hahl @ 262-662-3953 | <b>Church Office</b><br><a href="mailto:mto@mountolive-elca.net">mto@mountolive-elca.net</a>                        |
| <b>Aluminum Can Donations</b>                                       | Please continue collecting aluminum cans for our HS students to support their annual youth accompaniment trips; your donations can be dropped off at a later date!   | <b>Church Office</b><br><a href="mailto:mto@mountolive-elca.net">mto@mountolive-elca.net</a>                        |



### 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.

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



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS...

|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| Trent Smith          | 8/1  |
| Nicole Nussbaum      | 8/3  |
| Molly Kietzmann      | 8/3  |
| Jerry Arntson        | 8/5  |
| Micah Budd           | 8/5  |
| Sheri Watkins        | 8/5  |
| Jane Kulinski        | 8/6  |
| Julie Fredrick       | 8/7  |
| Evan Schell          | 8/8  |
| Kaitlyn Fick         | 8/9  |
| Riley Grossklaus     | 8/9  |
| Leo Krzycki          | 8/10 |
| Angie Jellish        | 8/11 |
| Mason Stephenson     | 8/11 |
| Sherryl Gruetzmacher | 8/12 |
| Jameson Sidders      | 8/13 |
| Nicole Sanderson     | 8/15 |
| Porter Breytung      | 8/18 |
| Ella Norling         | 8/18 |
| Turner Lynch         | 8/19 |
| Shannon Wilcher      | 8/19 |
| Bill Carpenter       | 8/22 |
| Marlene Fitzgerald   | 8/22 |
| Linda Holasek        | 8/23 |
| Elliott Kulow        | 8/23 |
| Pam Massman          | 8/23 |
| Hunter Kadrich       | 8/25 |
| Lexi Kokott          | 8/25 |
| Finn Wright          | 8/25 |
| Anthony Wilcher      | 8/28 |
| Jason Wienke         | 8/29 |

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES...

|                            |      |
|----------------------------|------|
| Diane & Bob Dickey         | 8/2  |
| David & Tracy Jahne        | 8/2  |
| Peggy & Michael Munsell    | 8/4  |
| James & Vanessa Cruikshank | 8/7  |
| Kate & Gary Graczyk        | 8/10 |
| Bryan & Lori Krzycki       | 8/10 |
| Tim & Karen Sperstad       | 8/10 |
| Charlie & Jackie Druecke   | 8/18 |
| David & Charlene Hein      | 8/19 |
| Christine & Daniel Pawlak  | 8/19 |
| Casey & James Sidders      | 8/21 |
| Jeff & Jennifer Burke      | 8/24 |
| Rick & Robin Webber        | 8/24 |
| Tiffany & Jeremy Lindbloom | 8/27 |
| Jim & Jennifer Cotturone   | 8/29 |
| Jay & Lisa Neidhold        | 8/29 |
| Ken & Cheryl Shanovich     | 8/29 |



| <b>COUNCIL CORNER</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                     |                                                                                      |
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| <u>Council Member</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <u>Phone Number</u> | <u>Email Address</u>                                                                 |
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| Vice President Scott Shuda                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                     |                                                                                      |
| Secretary Linda Burie                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                     |                                                                                      |
| Treasurer Dennis Martin/Finance/Stewardship                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                     |                                                                                      |
| Inge Adams                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                     |                                                                                      |
| Cindy Dobberke                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                     |                                                                                      |
| Larry Redlin                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                     |                                                                                      |
| Cheryl Shanovich                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                     |                                                                                      |
| Duane Thornton                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                     |                                                                                      |
| Pastor Steve Bogie                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 262-409-0743        | <a href="mailto:pastorsteve@mountolive-elca.net">pastorsteve@mountolive-elca.net</a> |
| 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. |                     |                                                                                      |

| <b>GET CONNECTED</b>                                        |                               |              |                                                                                            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ACTS Team                                                   | Betty Arntson                 |              |                                                                                            |
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| Altar Guild                                                 | Eva Schindhelm                |              |                                                                                            |
| Gather Bible Study (monthly)                                | Cindy Dobberke                | 262-719-5711 | <a href="mailto:cindy.dobberke@mountolive-elca.com">cindy.dobberke@mountolive-elca.com</a> |
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| Coffee Fellowship                                           | Debbie Wagner                 | 262-363-8251 | <a href="mailto:mto@mountolive-elca.net">mto@mountolive-elca.net</a>                       |
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| Don't Munch Alone Bunch (DMAB)                              | Bruce Gunderson               |              |                                                                                            |
| Financial Secretary                                         | Debbie Wagner                 | 262-363-8251 | <a href="mailto:mto@mountolive-elca.net">mto@mountolive-elca.net</a>                       |
| Grief Support Group                                         | Betty Hinkelman               |              |                                                                                            |
| Knotty Knitters                                             | Betty Hinkelman<br>Inge Adams |              |                                                                                            |
| Ladies Book Club                                            | Diane Dickey                  |              |                                                                                            |
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| Mt. Menu Coffee                                             | Debbie Wagner                 | 262-363-8251 | <a href="mailto:mto@mountolive-elca.net">mto@mountolive-elca.net</a>                       |
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| Prayer Chain                                                | Betty Hinkelman               |              |                                                                                            |
| Service                                                     | Deb Barnes                    |              |                                                                                            |
| Sunday School Coordinator                                   | Cindy Dobberke                | 262-719-5711 | <a href="mailto:cindy.dobberke@mountolive-elca.com">cindy.dobberke@mountolive-elca.com</a> |
| Thrivent Financial for Lutherans<br>Congregational Advocate | Matt & Julie Fick             |              |                                                                                            |
| 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](http://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](mailto:mto@mountolive-elca.net).

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| <i>Sun</i>                                                                                                                     | <i>Mon</i>                                                  | <i>Tue</i>                                                                                      | <i>Wed</i>                                                                                                                                 | <i>Thu</i>                                                                    | <i>Fri</i>            | <i>Sat</i> |
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|                                                                                                                                |                                                             |                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                            |                                                                               |                       | <b>1</b>   |
| <b>2</b><br>8am Worship & HC<br>9:30am Worship & HC<br>7:30pm Alanon*                                                          | <b>3</b><br>11am Lectio Divina<br>1-4pm VBC                 | <b>4</b><br>1-4pm VBC<br>6:30-8pm Grace After Dark<br>@ The Porch Bar                           | <b>5</b><br>9:30am Weekly Text Study<br>1-4pm VBC<br>6:30pm Women's AA Mtg                                                                 | <b>6</b><br>10am MTO Walking Group<br>1-4pm VBC<br>6:30pm Muk Crazy Quilters* | <b>7</b><br>1-4pm VBC | <b>8</b>   |
| <b>9</b><br>8am Outdoor Worship & HC<br>9:30am Outdoor Worship & HC<br>7:30pm Alanon*                                          | <b>10</b><br>11am Centering Prayer<br>6:30pm Church Council | <b>11</b><br>10am Muk Crazy Quilters*<br>11:30am DMAB Lunch<br>@ Sol de Mexico                  | <b>12</b><br>9:30am Weekly Text Study<br>1pm Worship Team Mtg<br>5:30-8pm Tunes Under the Trees – Everything Nice<br>6:30pm Women's AA Mtg | <b>13</b><br>9:30am MCC Food Pantry*<br>10am MTO Walking Group                | <b>14</b>             | <b>15</b>  |
| <b>16</b><br>8am Worship & HC<br>9:30am Worship & HC<br>7:30pm Alanon*                                                         | <b>17</b><br>11am Lectio Divina                             | <b>18</b><br>9:30am Gather Faith Exploration Group<br>10am Coffee with Dudes<br>@ Sol de Mexico | <b>19</b><br>8am AoB/HS Mystery Mini-Mission Trip<br>9:30am Weekly Text Study<br>1pm Muk Crazy Quilters*<br>6:30pm Women's AA Mtg          | <b>20</b><br>10am MTO Walking Group<br>9am-1pm Blood Drive                    | <b>21</b>             | <b>22</b>  |
| <b>23</b><br>8am Worship & HC<br>9:30am Worship & HC<br>7:30pm Alanon*                                                         | <b>24</b><br>11am Centering Prayer                          | <b>25</b>                                                                                       | <b>26</b><br>9:30am Weekly Text Study<br>6:30pm Women's AA Mtg                                                                             | <b>27</b><br>9:30am MCC Food Pantry*<br>10am MTO Walking Group                | <b>28</b>             | <b>29</b>  |
| <b>30</b><br>8am Worship & HC<br>9:30am Worship & HC/<br>Praise Band<br>10:30am 2027 Youth Gathering Meeting<br>7:30pm Alanon* | <b>31</b>                                                   |                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                            |                                                                               |                       |            |



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