



**Mt. Olive
Lutheran Church**
Rooted in God's Grace

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ALL ARE WELCOME

SUNDAY WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION:

In-Person Worship & HC @ 8 & 9:30 a.m. on 9/6

Outdoor Worship & HC @ 10 a.m. ONLY on 9/13

@ Indianhead Park with Vernon Lutheran

Starting 9/20, In-Person Worship & HC @ 8 & 10 a.m.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR! GATHERING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13th @ 10 a.m. @ INDIANHEAD PARK



Welcome back for **Homecoming!**

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 13th, at 10 a.m. at Indianhead Park** as we gather for one special worship service and a wonderful day together. We're excited to welcome our brothers and sisters from **Vernon Lutheran Church** as we worship, laugh, and celebrate all that God is doing among us. After worship, stick around for our **community potluck!** We'll provide fried chicken, so bring a favorite side dish or dessert to share. Come hungry—and come ready for some good food and great fellowship! Since we'll be enjoying the day outdoors, don't forget to bring:

-  **Lawn chairs**
-  **Lawn blankets**
-  **Sunscreen**
-  **Bug spray**
-  A favorite **side dish or dessert**

Sign up on the bulletin board by Pastor's office

This awesome day is coming up soon, and we'd love to have everyone there! **Celebrate, reconnect, worship, eat, laugh, and enjoy being together as the family of God.** Homecoming is going to be a great day—don't miss it!

Bring Water for the Font: On **Sunday, September 13th, at 10 a.m.**, we'll celebrate the gift of



baptism and the waters that connect us all as children of God. We invite you to bring a **small amount of clean water** from home—a bottle, a favorite lake or river, or another special body of water. We'll pour these waters together into our baptismal font as a reminder that **God's love and grace flow through all of our lives.** Bring a little water. Bring a story. Come celebrate God's gift of water and new life.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR STEVE

A New Day at Mount Olive

*"Where there is no vision, the people perish." —
Proverbs 29:18*

There are seasons in the life of every church when God invites us to pause, pray, and ask an important question: **Where is God leading us next?** I believe Mount Olive is entering one of those seasons.

Over the past two years, and more intentionally over the last several months, I have been prayerfully developing a **rough draft of a Three- to Five-Year Ministry Plan** for Mount Olive Lutheran Church. I emphasize *"rough draft"* because this is not a finished document. Rather, it is a living document that is intended to serve as a guide—a starting point that helps us prayerfully discern how God is calling us to grow in faith, deepen our relationships, and share Christ's love with our neighbors.

One of the first questions the ministry plan asks is, **"Why do we need a ministry plan?"** That is an important question, and one worth exploring together.

A ministry plan is not about predicting the future or creating more work. It is about being intentional. Churches can easily spend their energy responding to immediate needs without taking time to ask whether those efforts are leading us toward the mission God has given us. A ministry plan helps us step back, look ahead, and prayerfully discern where God is calling us as a congregation.

The world around us continues to change. Families are changing. Communities are changing. The ways people connect with the Church are changing. While the Gospel of Jesus Christ never changes, the ways we live out that Gospel often do. Planning allows us to respond thoughtfully rather than react impulsively. It helps us steward the gifts God has entrusted to us—our people, our facilities, our finances, and our time—with wisdom and purpose.

Perhaps most importantly, this process is rooted in **transparency**.

Healthy ministry grows through open conversation. As this plan develops, the congregation, Church Council, ministry leaders, and staff will have opportunities to learn, ask questions, offer ideas, and help shape the future together. This is not a plan created behind closed doors. It is an invitation for all of us to participate in discerning God's direction for Mount Olive.

My hope is that this ministry plan will help us remain focused on what matters most: worshiping God, nurturing faith across generations, serving our neighbors with compassion, and building a welcoming community rooted in God's grace. Every ministry, every committee, and every decision should ultimately support that mission.

Over the coming months, portions of the ministry plan will be shared through newsletters and other communications. Rather than overwhelming everyone with a lengthy document all at once, we want to take a practical approach by introducing key ideas one step at a time. My hope is that these brief reflections will help everyone better understand the purpose behind the plan and provide opportunities for thoughtful conversation along the way.

Then, **this fall**, we will gather as a congregation for a special meeting devoted entirely to the ministry plan. During that time, we will explore the full vision together, discuss priorities, answer questions, and consider how each of us can participate in God's work at Mount Olive in the years ahead.

Please keep this process in your prayers. Ask God to grant us wisdom, humility, courage, and a spirit of unity as we seek to follow where the Holy Spirit leads. I am excited about what God has in store for Mount Olive—not because of any plan we write, but because Christ continues to lead His Church with faithfulness and love.

Together, let us embrace this new day with hope, trusting that the God who has guided Mount Olive throughout its history will continue to lead us into a faithful future.

In Christ,
Steve Bogie *Pastor*

MINISTRY PLAN SPOTLIGHT

Over the coming months, we'll be taking a closer look at our new 3–5-Year Ministry Plan. In each newsletter, we'll explore one part of the plan, discovering where God is leading Mount Olive into the future. Together, we'll reflect on our shared mission, celebrate the gifts God has already given us, and imagine new ways to grow in faith, serve our neighbors, and share Christ's love. We hope these monthly spotlights will help us embrace a common vision and inspire each of us to take part in God's exciting work among us.

MINISTRY PLAN SERIES

Part 1 – Our Mission: Why Do We Exist?

Every organization needs to know why it exists. The same is true for the Church. Before we talk about goals, budgets, buildings, or programs, we must first ask the most important question:

Why has God placed Mount Olive here?

Our proposed ministry plan begins with our mission:
Rooted in God's Grace.

Mount Olive Lutheran Church exists to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, nurture faith across generations, serve our neighbors with compassion, and grow together as a welcoming community rooted in grace.

This statement is more than a paragraph on paper—it becomes the filter through which we make decisions. If a ministry helps us proclaim Christ, grow disciples, care for our neighbors, and welcome others into God's family, it supports our mission.

Mission reminds us that we are not simply maintaining a building or preserving traditions. We are participating in God's work of transforming lives. Jesus commissioned His followers to "go and make disciples," and that calling continues today.

As we move through this ministry planning process, I invite you to remember that every member has a role to play. Together, God continues to write the story of Mount Olive.



COFFEE WITH DUDES – SEPTEMBER 15th

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.

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: Ketchup, Ramen noodles (square packages), mac and cheese, and **ESPECIALLY** bottled juice (orange, grape, and apple).



COUNCIL CORNER

Council members recently discussed telling you a bit about ourselves, so here goes. My name is Duane Thornton, and I was brought up on our family farm in Granville, WI (now Glendale) with chickens, ducks, horses, and rabbits. I learned to weed onions, hoe, and pick tomatoes at an early age. We lived on the farm with my grandparents, but one year my dad planted 5,000 tomato plants; I don't like raw tomatoes!

I graduated from Nicolet High School in 1960 and from Ripon College in 1964 with a degree in economics. Throughout high school and college, I held several food service jobs, including an apprenticeship as a baker. I also learned how to play the upright bass and, after graduation from college, played on an eight-week USO jazz tour to the Far East, including Japan, Korea, Okinawa, Guam, and other garden spots of the western Pacific, and Iwo Jima. I then went on active duty for four years, including a year in RVN (Republic of Vietnam).

In 1968, while I was stationed in Warren, Michigan, I met my wife, love and playmate, Susie, at a St. Patrick's Day party. We were married on July 27, 1968, and spent just under 58 years together until she passed away on February 27, 2026. We raised two great kids: Kim of Vienna, Austria, and Kevin of Hudson, Wisconsin, as well as two amazing grandchildren, Koloman Josef and Marie Kay, both of whom love "futbol."

After a short stint in the food service business, I entered financial services and spent a 50-year career there, but enough about me.

What is your vision for Mount Olive? Have we been inviting, open, and welcoming to visitors, as well as to old and new members? How do we practice evangelism? Our faith was challenged 25 years ago on 9/11, which changed our world, and then COVID came. We face both spiritual and financial challenges. What can we do to help people on their faith journey? Prayer for all is one answer. Perhaps legacy planning and the

establishment of an endowment fund for Mount Olive is another. Let us work and pray together to bring people to faith.

Let's Roll,
Duane Thornton
Council Member

**NOTE: Fall Worship
Times at Mount Olive:
8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
will begin on Sunday,
September 20th.**



As a reminder, our services will be livestreamed on our Facebook page, YouTube channel, and found on our webpage with a Facebook link. The livestreamed recordings will also be available for your viewing 24 hours a day, every day of the year.



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.

GRACE AT NIGHT

Ladies, be sure to join in the fun of conversation, connection, and faith at our

second "Grace at Night" on **Tuesday, September 1st**. We gather from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Porch Bar in Mukwonago. Friends welcome! Come and see!



**Thank you to everyone who made
Mount Olive's God's Good Creation VBC
possible! We had a weeklong opportunity
to build our faith and our faith
community!**



Mount Olive Faith Explorers

Mount Olive Faith Explorers: Sunday School is 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 for more information, and plan on attending the meeting on **August 30th at 10:30 a.m.**



2026-27 September Sunday School Happenings!

- **September 13th:** Homecoming Sunday/NO SS -- 10 a.m. Joint Worship at Indianhead Park, games and fun to follow!
- **September 20th, 10-11 a.m.:** Sunday School Kickoff! See you there! Children will remain in worship through the children's sermon. Then we'll head to the lower level for SS time.
- **September 20th, 11:15 a.m.:** Third Grade Bible Session – Spend an hour with Pastor Steve and explore the Bible together!
- **September 27th, 10-11 a.m.:** Blessing of our preschool students and presentation of third-grade Bibles – children will remain in worship through the children's sermon. We will then head to the lower level for our SS time.
- **October 4th:** NO Faith Explorers. Blessing of the Animals outdoor worship at 10 a.m.

Affirmation of Baptism (AoB) 6th-8th Grade Faith Exploration Opportunities!

AoB is usually for 6th-8th grade students and other interested parties! This year, we are moving our meeting night to the second Wednesday of each month and are exploring faith with our ELCA friends down the road, Vernon Ev. Lutheran Church. Are you curious? Come along and see!

- **Sunday, August 30th, 10:30 a.m.:** Mount Olive Faith Exploration Meeting – 2026-27 Sunday School overview, AoB overview, summer 2027 ELCA youth gathering information meeting.
- **Wednesday, September 9th, 6 p.m. dinner/6:45-8 p.m. faith exploration:** AoB Kick-off – The New Testament #1/AoB orientation and the birth of Jesus the Christ.
- **Saturday, September 12th, 12 noon – 5 p.m.:** All-age service opportunity – Sleep in Heavenly Peace Build Across America Day.
- **Sunday, September 13th, Homecoming Worship @ 10 a.m.** – picnic/activities to follow; bring a chair and a dish to share. Joint worship service with Vernon Lutheran Church at Indianhead Park.
- **Sunday, September 27th:** Serve at Loaves & Fishes Meal Site, Hope Center in Waukesha – 12 noon to 4 p.m. – All-age service opportunity.
- **Sunday, October 11th, 11:15-12:15 p.m.:** All-age service opportunity – PBJ express for StreetLife communities.
- **Wednesday, October 14th, 6 p.m. dinner/6:45-8 p.m. faith exploration:** faith exploration opportunity – The New Testament #2.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th,
at the 10 a.m. Worship Service**

Join Mount Olive as we observe St. Francis Day with the Blessing of the Animals. As weather permits, we will be outside.



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 30th, 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, supportive environment. Please feel free to call if you would like further information, zoom login 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 17th, 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 during the school year. It will resume on 9/2/2026 and continue through 5/26/2027 under the gifted leadership of Richard Grosenick. In the first half of the year, we will complete the study we began last year of the New Testament Book of Acts, Luke's continuation of his Gospel message. It is the account of the ministries of Peter and Paul in spreading the Gospel.

In the second half of the year, we will begin a study of the Old Testament book of Deuteronomy, one of the 5 Books of Moses (the Pentateuch). Deuteronomy is considered by some Bible scholars to be one of the 5 most important Old Testament books for Christians.

All are welcome. It is not necessary to have any prior experience in Bible study. All that is needed is a desire to learn more about the Bible, while having good fellowship and a bit of fun. If interested, contact Dwight Cruikshank.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study: The Sunday adult education group meets from 9:00 to 9:50 a.m., between the worship services 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.

The 2026-2027 educational year finds our Sunday morning Adult Education group returning to complete their study of the New Testament book of Matthew. As Matthew provides proof that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah, we will delve into the context of when it was written and how that affects and applies to us today.

We will have a special study of David for Advent. Since God made a covenant with David that the Messiah would come through his descendants, David makes for a fitting Advent study. King David, devoted to God and the greatest of the Kings of Israel, was not without his faults. We will learn of David's selection and anointment by God, his stumble into sin, and his rise again in repentance and re-dedication to God.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT & SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY -- Continued

For Lent, we will be taking up a study, *The Road to Coronation*, written by Dr. Harry Wendt. It is a Bible study on the four passion narratives. Dr. Wendt leads us through the narratives and how Jesus, our Servant King, is finally “coronated” on the cross. This promises to be a moving study. Dr. Wendt, a Lutheran minister with a gift for drawing, developed Bible studies that used many images to convey meaning. His work would become the foundation for Crossways International, a worldwide interdenominational ministry focused on Biblical literacy.

We will finish the year with a study of Proverbs. Proverbs, a collection of sayings written to the people of Israel, seeks to show how wisdom can be applied to everyday life. Written in a seemingly random arrangement, we’ll see if we can bring some order to it and discover how wisdom from long ago can be applied to our lives today.

We welcome all adults to join us for any or all of the Sunday morning classes. Whether you are an active participant or merely want to sit and listen to the lessons and discussion, we’d love to have you join us. This year we will be meeting in the fellowship hall.

Everyone is welcome! No experience is necessary! These studies are conducted throughout the year on Sunday mornings. **Unless otherwise noted, there will be no Sunday Adult Education on the following dates:** Thanksgiving Break, **November 29th**; Christmas Break, **December 27th and January 3, 2027**; Palm Sunday, **March 21st**; Easter Sunday, **March 28, 2027**; and Mother’s Day, **May 9, 2027**.

For more information, please contact Laura Conry, Dwight Cruikshank, Bruce Gunderson, Betty Hinkelman, or Eva Schindhelm.

The Service Team will be sponsoring Loaves and Fishes meal at the Hope Center in Waukesha on September 27th. We’re looking for volunteers to help serve from around noon to 4:00. If you’re interested in helping, please contact Deb Barnes.

The Service Team will be collecting coats for the Hope Center in Waukesha during the month of October. If you’re cleaning out your closets for winter, please hang on to any unwanted coats for our October collection. Thanks!



Outreach for Hope: Ride Run

Walk 2026: Join Mount Olive's team on Saturday, September 26th, as we join friends from across the Greater Milwaukee Synod to raise money for Outreach for Hope! Mount Olive will have a presence at two of the sites: Waukesha and Milwaukee.

Sign up today for your preference at OFHRRW.org! There is no registration fee, but we encourage you to register, donate and/or fundraise towards our \$175K and our 1000 participant goals!



Just what is Outreach for Hope? Outreach for Hope supports Greater Milwaukee Synod congregations and ministries serving low-income communities through grants, supply drives, and partnerships with congregations across the Synod. Through our Ministry Partners, neighbors receive practical life-sustaining care-- including food, clothing, youth programs, medical clinics, and more -- along with the relationships, dignity, and hope that strengthen communities.

DON'T MUNCH ALONE BUNCH (DMAB)



Come and join us when **Don't Munch Alone Bunch (DMAB)** meets on **Tuesday, September 8th at 11:30 a.m.** at Princess Café in East Troy.

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.

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, September 8th, at 2 p.m., @ Mount Olive.** 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 begin our
Fall bible study!
Tuesday, September 15th,
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.*

Fall 2026: "Bold faith on an unexpected journey"
by the Rev. Tiffany Chaney

Faith often leads us down paths we didn't expect—into wilderness places, across unfamiliar lands, and through seasons of grief and hope. This three-session study takes us on a journey with Hagar, Ruth and Mary Magdalene, women whose bold faith transformed their unexpected stories. Their encounters with God remind us that we, too, are seen, sustained and sent to carry good news into the world.

Session 1: Encountering God in the wilderness

Scripture: Genesis 16:1–16; 21:8–21

Hagar, an enslaved woman pushed to the margins, encounters God in the wilderness. When she believes all hope is lost, God sees her, hears her and reshapes her story. Her witness reminds us that God meets us in deserted places with vision and promise. This session invites participants to consider who is marginalized in our world today and to reflect on how God sees both them and us in our own wilderness experiences.

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."

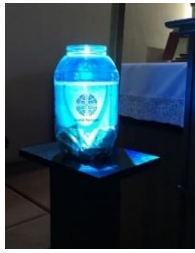


Are you looking for a daily devotional? This easy-to-use resource (including background music!) is designed for youth and adults. Check it out at d365.org, or follow them on Facebook. The ELCA is a partner in this ecumenical resource.

ELCA World Hunger

The Hunger Jar appreciates the jingling of our change! Our donations for 2026 are -- \$309.43.

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

	July 2026 Actual	July 2026 Plan
General Income	\$195,309	\$154,292
General Expenses	(176,920)	(185,194)
Surplus/(Deficit)	18,389	(30,902)
General Fund Cash Balance	11,929	

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
Wednesday Text Study	9:30 a.m. every Wednesday @ Mount Olive & via Zoom	Church Office mto@mountolive-elca.net
Knotty Knitters	10 a.m. every Friday	Inge Adams Betty Hinkelman
Gather Faith Exploration Group: Meeting in person & via Zoom	9:30 - 11 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month	Cindy Dobberke Cindy.dobberke@mountolive-elca.net
Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study	Sundays @ 9 a.m.	Laura Conry
Wednesday Evening Bible Study	Wednesday evenings @ 6:30 p.m.	Dwight Cruikshank
Don't Munch Alone Bunch	11:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month	Bruce Gunderson
Lectio Divina: Meeting in person & via Zoom	11 a.m. on Mondays – September 21st	Betty Hinkelman
Centering Prayer: Meeting in person & via Zoom	11 a.m. on Monday -- September 14th & 28th	Betty Hinkelman
Grief Support: Meeting in person & via Zoom	Meeting time varies; please contact Betty or see page 8	Betty Hinkelman
Service Team	Meets on the second Monday of every month at 9:30 a.m.	Deb Barnes
Food Pantry Donations	Donations can be made directly to the pantry as follows: September 10th & 24th -- 9:30-11:30 a.m. ; contact Carole Hahl @ 262-662-3953	Church Office mto@mountolive-elca.net
Aluminum Can Donations	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!	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 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.

9/1	Betty Hinkelman
9/2	Dennis & Melissa Hodik
9/3	Maija & Matthew Hoh
9/4	Linda Holasek
9/5	Liesel Holzem
9/6	Jeffrey, Kay, Megan, & William Horne
9/7	Kristen Horning
9/8	Penny Bos & Mark Houk
9/9	Lindsey, Emma, & Madison Husted
9/10	Diane Jackson
9/11	David, Tracy, Spencer, & Reece Jahnke
9/12	Roxanne Janisewski
9/13	Mark Janovetz
9/14	Aaron Jellish
9/15	Angie & Rayna Jellish
9/16	Mary Jensen
9/17	Allen, Barbara, Hunter, & Max Kadrach
9/18	Mark, Wendy, Katie, & Molly Kietzmann
9/19	Carol Knoernschild
9/20	Joseph, Andrea, Lexi, & Connor Kokott
9/21	Robert, Shannon, Emma, & Beckett Krause
9/22	Bryan & Lori Krzycki
9/23	Leo Krzycki
9/24	Jane Kulinski
9/25	Kevin, Deanna, & Elliott Kulow
9/26	Jack, Eleanor, & Connor LaFreniere
9/27	Brian & Ruth Lang
9/28	Herman Lange
9/29	Dennis & Sue Leffelman
9/30	Kevin, Liam, Bentley, & Adeline Leffelman



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS...

Aubrey Christensen	9/2
Levi Stieber	9/2
Duane Thornton	9/2
Harper Busch	9/4
Dennis Case	9/5
Patti Redlin	9/5
Becky Roehl	9/5
Sarah Buettner	9/6
Leland Hoeft	9/9
Kim Anderson	9/11
Deborah Barnes	9/12
Madison Husted	9/13
Emma Krause	9/14
Sara Salmela	9/16
Kelly Gorman	9/17
Kyle Price	9/17
Deanna Kulow	9/18
Landen Schneeweis	9/18
Lynn Brueggeman	9/19
Gary Price	9/19
Anna Schell	9/19
David Hein	9/20
Lori Krzycki	9/20
Alden Wienke	9/20
Isaac Brauer	9/21
Darlene Rudolph	9/24
Scott Shuda	9/24
Erin Christensen	9/25
Jillian Graczyk	9/26
Spencer Jahnke	9/27
Christine Pawlak	9/27
Steve Sment	9/27
Easton Sanderson	9/29
Diane Dickey	9/30
Emma Libeck	9/30

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES...

Victoria & Robert Luebke	9/1
Aaron & Joya Budd	9/2
Bill & Dori Ross	9/2
Dennis & Kim Martin	9/5
Gary & Sheri Dierks	9/6
Herman & Darlene Lange	9/6
Susan & Richard Lynch	9/6
Kevin & Jeri Franz	9/11
Scott & Dawn Shuda	9/13
Penny Bos & Mark Houk	9/14
Donald & Marlene Fitzgerald	9/14
Nicolas & Kristi Ciesinski	9/15

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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.

SEPTEMBER 2026

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 6:30pm Grace at Night @ The Porch Bar	2 9:30am Weekly Text Study 6:30pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:30pm Women's AA Mtg	3 10am MTO Walking Group @ Miniwaukan Park	4	5
6 8am Worship & HC 9:30am Worship & HC 7:30pm Alanon*	7 Labor Day/ Office Closed	8 10am Muk Crazy Quilters* 11:30am DMAB Lunch @ Princess Café 2pm Ladies Book Club	9 9:30am Weekly Text Study 1pm Worship Team Mtg 6pm AoB Kick-Off 6:30pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:30pm Women's AA Mtg	10 9:30am MCC Food Pantry* 10am MTO Walking Group @ Miniwaukan Park	11 10am Knotty Knitters	12 12noon-5pm Sleep In Heavenly Peace Build
13 Gathering Sunday 10am Homecoming Worship, Picnic, & Activities @ Indianhead Park w/Vernon 7:30pm Alanon*	14 9:30am Service Team 11am Centering Prayer 6:30pm Church Council	15 9:30am Gather Faith Exploration Group 10am Coffee with Dudes @ Sol de Mexico	16 9:30am Weekly Text Study 1pm Muk Crazy Quilters* 6:30pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:30pm Women's AA Mtg	17 9am-3pm Muk Crazy Raffle Quilt Committee* 10am MTO Walking Group @ Miniwaukan Park 12:30pm Grief Support Group	18 10am Knotty Knitters	19 Mukwonago Fall Fest
20 8am Worship & HC 9am Adult Bible Study 1am SS Gathering Time 10am Worship & HC 11:15am 3 rd Grade Bible Session 7:30pm Alanon*	21 11am Lectio Divina	22	23 9:30am Weekly Text Study 6:30pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:30pm Women's AA Mtg	24 9:30am MCC Food Pantry* 10am MTO Walking Group @ Miniwaukan Park	25 10am Knotty Knitters	26
27 8am Worship & HC 9am Adult Bible Study 10am SS Gathering Time 10am Worship & HC 12noon-4pm Loaves & Fishes 7:30pm Alanon*	28 11am Centering Prayer	29	30 9:30am Weekly Text Study 6:30pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:30pm Women's AA Mtg			

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