Mt. Olive Lutheran Church
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ALL ARE WELCOME

SUNDAY WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION:
In-Person Worship & HC @ 8 & 10 a.m.

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FALL WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday Worship
& Holy Communion
8 a.m. – Worship & HC
and
10 a.m. – Worship & HC
(No Education Hour during summer)

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.

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FRIENDS OF JESUS CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S GIFT COLLECTION



This year, our Sunday School will again collect gifts for inner city Milwaukee children through a program called Friends of Jesus. They are looking for new gifts costing a minimum of $15.

Please wrap and place them in the Narthex **through Sunday, December 6th, at 9 a.m.** Info and name tags are located at the rear of this newsletter.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR STEVE

WHEAT: Growing Connections, One Conversation at a Time

Have you ever wanted to get to know someone at church but weren't quite sure what to say? Maybe they're from a different generation, have different interests, or you see them on Sunday mornings but haven't had a chance to talk.

That's where **WHEAT** comes in!

WHEAT is a simple conversational tool that helps people connect, build relationships, and get to know one another. It's especially helpful for bringing together people of different generations and discovering the stories, experiences, and interests we share.

Each letter in WHEAT offers a starting point for conversation:

- **W – Where:** Where have you lived? Where is a place you'd love to visit?
- **H – Hobbies:** What do you enjoy doing in your free time?
- **E – Experiences:** What is a memorable experience that has shaped your life?
- **A – Acquaintances:** Who has influenced you or made a difference in your life?
- **T – Travels:** Where have you traveled, and what places would you love to explore?

These simple questions can lead to meaningful conversations, unexpected discoveries, and a few good laughs along the way!

At Mount Olive, being a church family means more than gathering for worship. It can mean building relationships, learning one another's stories, and creating a place where everyone feels welcomed, known, and valued. WHEAT gives us an easy way to take that next step.

You might discover that a teenager and a retiree share the same hobby, that someone has visited a place you've always wanted to see, or that a simple question opens the door to a story you've never heard before.

Looking Ahead: A Five-Week WHEAT Experiment

In the future, I'd like to experiment with WHEAT over five weeks, possibly during Lent. The idea is simple: intentionally create opportunities for people of different generations to spend time together, ask questions, listen to one another, and build relationships.

What would success look like? It wouldn't be about how many questions we answered or how many people participated. The greatest gift we could receive from this experiment would be a deeper sense of community—a church where people feel they matter, their stories matter, and they belong.

Every generation needs to feel important, and younger generations especially need to know their voices are heard, their experiences matter, and they have a meaningful place in our church's life. We have so much to learn from one another when we take the time to listen and build relationships across generations.

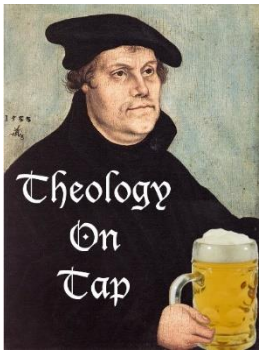
You don't have to be an expert conversationalist to make a connection. You have to be willing to ask a question and listen.

So the next time you're at church, look for someone you don't know very well. Pick a WHEAT question, start a conversation, and see where it takes you. You never know what you might learn—or what kind of friendship might begin!

After all, we're more than a congregation that worships together. We're a community growing together in faith, love, and relationship.

Thanks be to God!
Pastor Steve Bogie

THEOLOGY ON TAP



The next Theology on Tap is on **Monday, November 2nd, at 6:30 p.m., at Sol de Mexico.** Come and enjoy a beer, glass of wine, or a cocktail as we gather in a casual, safe space to talk about life, our experiences, and the presence of God through it all.

Theology on Tap will be a great time to build friendships in a relaxed atmosphere. The atmosphere and an adult beverage will help to talk about anything the Holy Spirit brings to our hearts. Join us on the first Monday of each month at Sol de Mexico in Mukwonago. Theology on Tap is open to anyone over 21. Relax with friends while discussing your experience of life and God. I hope to see you at Theology on Tap soon.

Peace be with you always, 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 3 – Worship: The Heart of Our Life Together

Everything we do begins in worship.

Every Sunday, we gather to hear God's Word, receive His grace, pray together, and be sent into the world to love and serve our neighbors.

Our ministry plan seeks to deepen—not reinvent—our worship life. We want to build on what makes worship meaningful at Mount Olive while creating new opportunities for people of every generation to participate.

This means encouraging greater participation in worship, expanding opportunities to serve, strengthening our music ministries, and continuing to offer meaningful online worship for those unable to join us in person.

Worship is not something we watch. It is something we do together.

Whether you serve as a reader, usher, communion assistant, musician, choir member, or prayer leader—or join our voices in song—each person helps create a place where we encounter Christ and grow together in faith.

Healthy worship helps form healthy disciples. When worship is vibrant, joyful, thoughtful, and centered on Christ, the love we experience together overflows into our lives throughout the week. It strengthens us to care for one another, serve our neighbors, and share God's love with the world.

We hope that worship will remain the heartbeat of Mount Olive for generations to come.

Peace be with you,
Steve Bogie ***Pastor***

Mount Olive is going to the Summer 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering! And there is room for you too! June 28-July 2 Minneapolis, MN

Grades 8-12 in the fall of 2026 are invited to join in the faith and fun! Contact Pastor Steve or Cindy for more information.

IMAGINE more

COUNCIL CORNER

Holy Spirit, fill us with a deep reverence for the earth and all its inhabitants. Inspire us to act as faithful stewards of your creation, working tirelessly to sustain and restore the world we share.

As many of you may remember, we started collecting soft plastic in June 2025. The idea came from the Green Space Team, with the goal of collecting 1,000 pounds of plastic (within one year) for the Trex Corporation and earning a park bench. This seemed like a great project because it also fit our conviction to care for our shared home, Mother Earth.

Karen Sperstad and I spread the word here at Mount Olive and out in the community. We were thrilled to see the plastic appearing. Like rabbits, it seemed to multiply like crazy. Everyone seemed to be on board with this project. Imagine our shock when we reached our goal within six months and received a beautiful bench.

Then we had a decision to make: should we keep collecting plastic? Pastor Steve supported continuing this project, keeping this waste out of our landfills.

Now it is 2026, and since January through the middle of October, we have collected 1,525 pounds. So I want to take this time to thank all of you who are participating and bringing in your soft plastic. A very special thank you to Karen Sperstad, who has helped spearhead this endeavor, and to our "sorters": Diane Dickey, Linda Filler, and Delores Dary. It has been an exciting journey.

As I close, I would like to leave you with a little trivia:

1. Which country was the first in the world to ban plastic grocery bags? Bangladesh.
2. Which two countries have the lowest landfill use? Switzerland and Sweden.
3. How many countries have implemented a full or partial ban on plastic bags globally? 91 countries.
4. What countries are ranked as the biggest waste polluters per capita? Israel, Chile, United States, Greece, and Canada.
5. Can we recycle Styrofoam along with our soft plastic? NO! Sadly, we cannot. Did you know that Styrofoam does not undergo microbial decay and maintains its shape for thousands of years?
6. On average, a grocery bag weighs 4 grams, and a produce bag weighs 1-2 grams. There are 28.35 grams per ounce. From January 2026 through mid-October 2026, how many grocery bags, etc., have we saved from the landfills? I'll let you figure this one out.

Let's all keep in mind that we are the caretakers of God's creation. By working together, we can maintain the beauty and health of the natural world and ensure it remains intact for generations to come.

Until next time,
Linda Burie, Council Secretary



ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS AND FAMILIES WITH YOUNG ADULTS!

Are you (or does your family have) a young adult starting out in the world, perhaps entering the workforce, or as a student, whether in college, tech school, or another path?? If so, please let us know their status and mailing address so that we can send them a treat this holiday season. Please send this info to the Mount Olive office **by November 16th**. Thank you!!



COFFEE WITH DUDES – NOVEMBER 17th

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.



Ladies, be sure to join in the fun of conversation, connection, and faith at our second "Grace at Night" on **Tuesday, November 24th.** We gather from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Porch Bar in Mukwonago. Friends welcome! Come and see!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS RECAP



What a fun day we had with our furry friends.

We were blessed with a beautiful day, 56 humans in attendance along with 7 four-legged friends.



We also blessed many pets through pictures and blessed stuffed animals and other items that contained memories of our beloved pets. Be sure to join us next year!





Dear Mount Olive women, friends, and neighbors-

You are invited to attend the 2027 Mount Olive Women's Retreat, based on the book
Give Me A Word: The Promise of an Ancient Practice to Guide Your Year
by Christine Valters Paintner
7:00 p.m. Friday, January 29 through
10:00 a.m. Sunday, January 31, 2027

19 spots are available for our build-your-own retreat! Come, relax, and refill your spirit! Led by your Mount Olive facilitators at the beautiful St. Vincent Pallotti Retreat Center in nearby Elkhorn, WI, we will connect, share faith, and grow together as a community of God. Friends are welcome to join us!
(Please note price adjustments from October newsletter.)

- **$220:** Cost for the entire weekend, including 2 nights lodging with an individual bedroom plus en suite bathroom and shower, 2 continental breakfasts, 2 catered meals on Saturday (lunch and dinner), Friday evening "Sound Bath" and Saturday evening Art Experiences (no prior experience necessary for either!)
- **$35**: Saturday "Day Only" retreat, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., lunch included.
  Other options listed below. Contact Cindy for more information.

Take a deep breath, inhale the Spirit, and register today! Drop off forms at the Mount Olive office.

Name:
Email Address:
Cell Phone:
Emergency contact:
Food allergies/ other health concerns:

___ Yes! I will attend the Mount Olive Women's Retreat! Please specify your participation level below. ***Please make checks payable to Mount Olive.***

___ Two Nights, **cost $220:** all inclusive- 2 nights lodging, Sound Bath, Art Experience, 2 catered meals on Saturday, 2 continental breakfasts: OR

___ One Night, **cost $140:** *please specify Friday or Saturday*, includes 1 Night lodging, Sound Bath or Art Experience, 2 catered meals on Saturday, 1 continental breakfast: OR

___ Saturday Day Only, **cost $35.** Catered lunch included. Arrive by 8:30 a.m., depart at 5:00.

___ Saturday Full Experience, **cost $75.** Catered lunch and dinner, evening Art Experience included.

Mount Olive Faith Explorers



Mount Olive Faith Explorers: Sunday School is in full swing!
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.

This year, children will remain in worship through the Children's sermon. We will then head to the lower level for our SS time. Parents can pick up their children following worship. Accommodations will be made for those families whose children participate in Holy Communion.

2026-27 September Sunday School Happenings!

- **November 1st**: The Beatitudes.
- **November 8th**: Ten Bridesmaids.
- **November 15th**: Salt and Light.
- **November 22nd**: Jesus Teaches About Anger.
- **November 29th**: Thanksgiving Weekend/1st Sunday in Advent. All Come Together Sunday – All ages meet in the Fellowship Hall for a hands-on worship service to begin the Advent season!

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, November 8th, 11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., lunch and more!** Getting Ready! Summer 2027 Youth Gathering participants and others are invited to connect and explore faith together as we prepare for next summer's trip to Minneapolis!
- **Wednesday, November 11th, 6 p.m. dinner and 6:45-8 p.m. Faith Exploration**: Faith Exploration Opportunity at Mount Olive. The New Testament #3.
- **Sunday, November 29th, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**: All-Age Service Opportunity. Prepare care plates and boxes for our homebound members, young adults, and college students.
- **Wednesday, December 9th, 6 p.m. dinner and 6:45-8 p.m. Faith Exploration**: Faith Exploration Opportunity. The New Testament #4.
- **Sunday, December 13th, 10 a.m. Worship Service**: Faith Exploration Opportunity. All-Age Faith Exploration Christmas Program.



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).



THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your generosity to the ministries of Mount Olive Lutheran Church. Although we are still tracking a shortfall in annual contributions versus expenditures, your generosity throughout the year and significant extra giving in July, August, and September has Mount Olive on track to reduce the 2026 deficit, previously predicted at $52,976.

It is important that we remain generous as we are heading into the time of the year when expenses overtake pre-paid pledges. All other things being equal and in hopes of finishing the year with strong contributions, we currently require about $22,000 in contributions each month to end the year with neutral or even positive funding for 2026.

This is a unique year for Mount Olive as we mourn the death of our long-time treasurer, Dennis Martin. As we transition to new leadership in the role of congregational treasurer, the members of the Generosity Task Force (Laura Conry, Cindy Dobberke, Sheri Dierks, Lisa Smith, Mike Zaddack and Pastor Steve Bogie) are well-suited to take the lead for our annual pledge drive for 2027.

The Task Force would like to draw your attention to Sunday, November 22 when Pastor Becky Erb Strang will join us for worship. Pastor Becky is an Assistant to the Bishop of the Greater Milwaukee Synod and she is gifted in helping congregations discover the spiritual gift of generosity. Please plan on attending worship on November 22nd to meet and hear from Pastor Becky!

The Task Force is working on other details of the pledge drive and you will receive more information as that comes available.

Finally, a reminder that as the end of the year approaches, stocks, bonds, and similar assets make excellent gifts to Mount Olive and are gladly received. Such donations enable the donor to claim the current market value of the assets as a tax deduction, while taxes on capital gains and transfer fees are avoided. Please contact the Mount Olive office for a stock donation form and further details.

Thank you all for supporting the PB&J Express for StreetLife Communities. We made 230 sandwiches and had a wonderful time working together.









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, November 19th, at 12:30 p.m.**



INVITATION TO PRAY

You are invited to come and pray as we come together for contemplative prayer on the labyrinth. Join me for prayer with Holy Scripture using the ancient method of Lectio Divina, or you may choose to come for Centering Prayer, a prayer practice with silence as we simply rest in God's presence for a twenty-minute period of time. No experience is needed for either of these quiet methods of praying. A simple desire to be with God is all that you need to bring.

I invite you to come at any of these following times for this prayer opportunity (schedule of dates & times below). If you want to participate but need a different time slot or if you have any questions or would like further explanation, please feel free to call any time. I look forward to praying together. Betty Hinkelman.

Monthly Schedule of Prayer Opportunities:

- **Lectio Divina:** 1st & 3rd Monday of each month…beginning at 11 a.m.
- **Centering Prayer:** 2nd & 4th Monday of each month…beginning at 11 a.m.

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.





DON'T MUNCH ALONE BUNCH (DMAB)

Don't Munch Alone Bunch will attend Vernon Lutheran Church's Community Thanksgiving Dinner on **Wednesday, November 18th, at noon.** If you are planning to attend, please let Bruce Gunderson know, as Vernon is asking for an RSVP number of those attending.

Vernon is also requesting two cans of food for their food pantry and a small money donation. Plan to meet at Vernon Lutheran at noon. See you there.

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, November 10th, at 2 p.m., @ Mount Olive**. They will be discussing "Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker" by Jennifer Chiaverini.

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 complete our Fall bible study!
Tuesday, November 24th, 9:30 a.m. (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE) –
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 3: Announcing the Resurrection with Hopeful Hearts
Biblical Text: John 20:1–18

Mary Magdalene moves from deep sorrow to becoming the initial messenger of Christ's victory over death upon arriving at the vacant tomb and meeting the living Lord. Her witness demonstrates how God calls women to share resurrection light with a broken environment. This final gathering invites us to discover our unique purpose as faithful witnesses who spread His transformative message.

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d365 Devotions 365 days a year d365.org

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

	September 2026 Actual	September 2026 Plan
General Income	$250,927	$198,375
General Expenses	(224,877)	(238,107)
Surplus/(Deficit)	26,050	(39,732)
General Fund Cash Balance	19,412	

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.

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.

GET IT ON Google Play Download on the App Store

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 third 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 **– November 2nd & 16th**	**Betty Hinkelman**
Centering Prayer: *Meeting in person & via Zoom*	11 a.m. on Monday – **November 9th & 23rd**	**Betty Hinkelman**
Grief Support: *Meeting in person & via Zoom*	Meeting time varies; please contact Betty or see page 9	**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**: November 5th & 19th -- 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.

11/1 Brian, Nicole, Easton, Arianna, Winnie Sanderson
11/2 Mike & Annette Schaenzer
11/3 Teresa, Evan, & Anna Schell
11/4 Carl, Laura, Lila, & Oliver Schemm
11/5 Michael & Eva Schindhelm
11/6 Viktoria & Wolfgang Schnabl
11/7 Meghan, Bryan, Landen, & Liam Schneeweis
11/8 Ken & Cheryl Shanovich
11/9 Justin, Jack, Morgan, & Gwendolyn Sherman
11/10 Scott, Dawn, & Lauren Shuda
11/11 Jame, Casey, Jameson, & Kennedy Sidders
11/12 Donna Silkworth
11/13 Alethea & Steve Sment
11/14 Trent, Lisa, & Trevor Smith
11/15 Tim, Karen, & Thomas Sperstad
11/16 Kim, Jaramey, Emily, & Joshua Stobbe
11/17 Deborah & Richard Struck
11/18 Sandi Summerfield
11/19 Duane Thornton
11/20 Kevin Thornton
11/21 Tim & Pat Vandehey
11/22 Terrence & Kay Vietzke
11/23 Allen Vollmer
11/24 Nichole Wagner
11/25 Nancy Ward
11/26 Sheri, Jamie, & Jenna Watkins
11/27 Rick, Robin, Blair, & Casey Webber
11/28 Alexa Westerdale
11/29 Jennifer, Jason, Logan, Alden, & Isabella Wienke
11/30 Shannon, Nathaniel, Anthony, Ciara, & Arkadia Wilcher

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS…

Maija Hoh	11/1
Doreen Price	11/4
Isabella Wienke	11/5
Bob Dickey	11/6
Lance Fredrick	11/8
Dennis Leffelman	11/8
Cheryl Connor	11/9
Arkadia Wilcher	11/10
Samuel Doblar	11/11
Barbara Kadrich	11/11
Greyson Malkowski	11/11
Ken Shanovich	11/12
Ben Sande	11/13
Jean Cruikshank	11/14
Hunter Bischmann	11/15
Mark Houk	11/15
Austin Fick	11/17
Johnathan Altenburg	11/18
Deborah Struck	11/19
Conrad Dierks	11/20
Allyson Fredrick	11/20
Kathy Graser	11/20
Kennedy Sidders	11/23
Amy Tauriainen	11/23
Betty Arntson	11/25
Sandi Summerfield	11/25
Jennifer Wienke	11/27
Mason Wright	11/27
Aria Radliff	11/28
Haley Woessner	11/28
Annie Breytung	11/29

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES…

Dwight & Jean Cruikshank	11/23

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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.

NOVEMBER 2026

Sun	*Mon*	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
1 All Saints Sunday 8am Worship & HC 9am Adult Bible Study 10am SS Gathering Time 10am Worship & HC 7:30pm Alanon*	**2** 11am Lectio Divina 6:30pm Theology on Tap @ Sol de Mexico 6:30pm Muk Crazy Quilters Guild*	**3**	**4** 9:30am Weekly Text Study 6:30pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:30pm Women's AA Mtg	**5** Mukwonago Crazy Quilters Retreat* 9:30am MCC Food Pantry*	**6** Mukwonago Crazy Quilters Retreat* 10am Knotty Knitters	**7** Mukwonago Crazy Quilters Retreat*
8 8am Worship & HC 9am Adult Bible Study 10am SS Gathering Time 10am Worship & HC 7:30pm Alanon*	**9** 9:30am Service Team 11am Centering Prayer 6:30pm Church Council	**10** 10am Muk Crazy Quilters* 2pm Ladies Book Club	**11** 9:30am Weekly Text Study 1pm Worship Team Mtg 6pm AoB 6:30pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:30pm Women's AA Mtg	**12**	**13** 10am Knotty Knitters	**14**
15 8am Worship & HC 9am Adult Bible Study 10am SS Gathering Time 10am Worship & HC 7:30pm Alanon*	**16** 11am Lectio Divina 6-8pm Larry Redlin/FH	**17** 10am Coffee with Dudes @ Sol de Mexico	**18** 9:30am Weekly Text Study 12noon DMAB Lunch @ Vernon Thanksgiving Dinner 1pm Muk Crazy Quilters* 6:30pm Wed Evening Bible Study 6:30pm Women's AA Mtg	**19** 9am-3pm Muk Crazy Raffle Quilt Committee* 9:30am MCC Food Pantry* 12:30pm Grief Support Group	**20** 10am Knotty Knitters	**21**
22 8am Worship & HC 9am Adult Bible Study 10am SS Gathering Time 10am Worship & HC 7:30pm Alanon*	**23** 11am Centering Prayer	**24** 9:30am Gather Faith Exploration Group 6pm Grace at Night @ The Porch Bar	**25** 6:30pm Women's AA Mtg	**26 Thanksgiving/ Office Closed**	**27**	**28**
29 8am Worship & HC 10am SS Gathering Time 10am Worship & HC 11:30am AoB Care Packages 7:30pm Alanon*	**31**					

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