

Service 2016 - 2017



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Community Ministry

Bolder Options



What is this ministry? Bolder Options is an innovative organization focused on healthy youth development. The comprehensive mentoring program, wellness activities and leadership opportunities coordinate family, community, school and county resources in a united effort to support youth who are at-risk for dropping out of school or becoming involved in delinquent or unhealthy behaviors. Bolder Options engages youth and mentors in goal setting, physical activity, tutoring, and community involvement to build confidence, maximize potential, and encourage healthy life skills.

How do we help? Bolder Options is a ministry whose Rochester office is housed at Mount Olive. Mount Olive adults are encouraged to consider joining the cadre of mentors who form the backbone of the Bolder Options ministry strategy.

To Get Involved: Visit with Bolder Options staff at their Mount Olive office during office hours, or go to their website, Rochester@bolderoptions.org or call 507-993-0554.

Backpack Program

Contact: Mark Schultze at mark_schultze@yahoo.com

What is this Ministry? In the spring of 2012, Channel One approached Mount Olive with the idea of providing backpacks of food each week to students at John Adams Middle school. The backpack program discreetly provides nutritious, child-friendly, easy-to-prepare food to chronically hungry children. The food is distributed in ordinary backpacks students take home over the weekends and out-of-school times.



How do we help? Mount Olive volunteers work with Channel One to portion and distribute backpacks containing food each week during the school year. Each week Mount Olive fills and delivers 38 backpacks on average. The food is packed on Wednesday evening and delivered to school on Thursday to be sent home.

To Get Involved: Sign up in the gathering area or contact a member of the Service and Social Outreach team.

Channel One Regional Food Bank

Contact: Kathleen Haase at haasekat84@gmail.com

What is this Ministry?

Channel One Regional Food Bank is a non-profit organization that serves the mission to work in partnership with others to help feed people in need.

How do we help?

- During Lent 2016, Mount Olive had a special food drive to collect food items which provided meals for people in need. We plan to continue this annually.
- We collect a special offering for Channel One during Lent as well as at the Thanksgiving Eve service.
- Our budget for this ministry is \$1000.00.



To Get Involved: Mount Olive always has a Channel One barrel for non-perishable foods in the front entry. Watch for the special collection during Lent. Check out Channel One's website: www.channel-one.org.

Dorothy Day House **Contact:** Anna Strand at annabstrand@gmail.com

What is this Ministry? Dorothy Day (1897-1980) began serving the homeless in the 1930's in response to the devastating culture of homelessness and poverty. To this day, Dorothy Day houses offer shelter and food for homeless people.



How do we help? Volunteers are needed on the first Friday of each month from 5pm – 7pm to cook, serve the meal, pray, and eat with those staying at the Dorothy Day House (up to 25 people).



To Get Involved: Sign up in the Gathering area to help. Additional information is available in the sign up folder. Children are welcomed and encouraged to come with their parents!

Family Promise (Interfaith Hospitality Network)

What is this Ministry? Family Promise (Formerly IHN) is a network of volunteers from 49 faith communities who offer food and shelter to families who find themselves homeless.

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Family Promise offers these families the basic necessities of life: food, shelter and security, while they are going through their personal crisis. The network operates 365 days a year and can accommodate 14 people. Host churches host families for a week at a time. Buddy and support churches supply volunteers to help serve the families.

How do we help? Mount Olive hosts families for one week at a time. Volunteers provide hospitality in the evening and overnight as they stay in our specially prepared rooms. We host four weeks out of the year. Volunteers help by cooking and serving food, playing with the families with young children, staying overnight, or driving families to and from Mount Olive. Our Congregation provides \$500 per year in support of IHN.

To Get Involved: All volunteers must be trained with the exception of those helping with set-up and tear-down. The next training date at Mount Olive is **November 13 at 11:45 am**. Lunch and training for volunteers will be provided to prepare for our November hosting week. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for sign-up opportunities prior to each hosting week.



F.I.S.H. (Fun in Serving Him)

Contact: Sara Hollander at sara@molive.org
Carrie Fletcher at cxnfletcher@gmail.com



What is this Ministry? This is a youth service group open to children in first through fifth grade. We meet on Wednesday nights during the fall, winter and spring. Please come for dinner at 5:30 and mini-worship. The group meets from 6:35 to 7:30. We begin with a short devotion and then move on to a service project. If time allows we will play a game and conclude the evening with a light snack.

How do we help? The fall quarter is spent making ornaments to decorate a tree for the Hiawatha Festival of Trees. The proceeds from the sale of the tree benefit Hiawatha Homes here in Rochester. Winter quarter is spent doing many different types of service projects including: blanket tying for the newly baptized, packing food in backpacks for the students of John Adams Middle School, baking cookies for the firefighters and more. Spring quarter is spent on other projects benefitting the church and community. Projects include: care package assembly for the college students, neighborhood food collection for Channel One, birdhouse construction, quilt tying and flower planting. This is a great way for our children to learn the importance of service. This year we will also be getting involved in worship. We have some new and excited things planned!

To Get Involved: Please fill out a registration form that can be found on the sign-up table in the gathering area.



Habitat for Humanity

Contact: Jim Berg at berg.james2@mayo.edu

What is this Ministry? Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build simple, decent, affordable housing in partnership with people in need. Families work up to 500 "sweat equity" hours building their home. Partner families purchase the house from Habitat with a no-profit mortgage. Churches and other organizations donate their time and skill to build these homes. Once in a stable home, Rochester Habitat homeowners have experienced:

- Their first family member graduating from college and improved grades at school
- Job promotions
- Improved health
- The peace of mind that comes from knowing that YOU are your own landlord

How do we help? Mount Olive volunteers gather on the second Saturday of the month to work on a house in the Rochester area from 9 am to 4 pm. You can come for whatever time period works with your schedule. No construction experience is necessary.

- We provide \$500.00/year from our budget.
- Help with a gift wrapping fundraiser at the mall in December.
- Help with the Women Build Project in the Spring.

To Get Involved: Sign up in the gathering area to help with the upcoming home. Watch for gift wrapping sign up later in the fall.



Lutheran Social Service

Contact: Renee Schaefer at vettelady54601@yahoo.com

What is this Ministry? Lutheran Social Service (LSS) is the largest social service agency in Minnesota. Programming includes: adoption services, counseling services, veterans support, youth homelessness, and disaster relief. LSS in Rochester oversees **LINK** (Living Independently with Knowledge), providing services to homeless youth and **'Ways to Give'** which provides support for families in need through Olmsted County.

How do we help?

- Congregation members and groups provide gifts through Adopt a Family and the Ways to Give Program.
- \$750.00/year is given from our congregation budget each year.



Lutheran Social Service
of Minnesota
for changing lives

To Get Involved: Watch the Messenger for events and opportunities to give. In November each year, the ELCA Southeastern Minnesota Synod and LSS host an informational session for congregations. This is free of charge and open to those interested. For more information, view the LSS website, www.lssmn.org.

Mount Olive Garden

Contact: Lori Kuhlmann-Leibfried at loriKL@hotmail.com or
Lee Forstie at ljforstie@charter.net

What is this Ministry? The first Mount Olive garden plots were built on the east side of the church property in 2015 followed by three more in 2016 as well as the addition of a veggie trough built for those who have a love for gardening but difficulty bending over.

How do we help? Over 100 pounds of vegetables each season are grown and donated to Community Food Response (CFR), Family Promise, Bolder Options, and the Mount Olive staff.

To Get Involved: Many volunteers are needed to plant, weed, water, and harvest the vegetables. If you would like to take a turn helping, please contact any member of the gardening crew: Lori Kuhlmann-Leibfried, Lee and Gail Forstie, or the Fletcher family.



Neighborhood Schools

What is this Ministry? Mount Olive has a special relationship with Elton Hills elementary school. We have provided low income students with dozens of coats, boots, gloves, and other items they need. We also are active in the Reading Buddy program which matches our members with children who need extra help. In addition we sponsor a staff appreciation effort during the school year to remind the faculty how much we appreciate their work.

How do we help? When the school calls with a need we gather supplies. When the time comes to signup Reading Buddies, we get the word out. When it's time to support those who work at Elton Hills we bake goodies or pick up treats to brighten their day. Mount Olive's prayer shawl group knitted winter hats to donate to neighborhood schools during God's Work Our Hands day in September.

To Get Involved: Donate gently used or new items for elementary age students: coats, snow pants, gloves, boots (especially youth small) and clothing, such as elastic waist pants in all sizes, underwear, or socks. If you have anything to donate please bring it to the church in a grocery bag. There is a bin marked "neighborhood school donation" in the office. Call Elton Hills, or go to their website and sign up to be a Reading Buddy. When asked, bake treats to be shared with the staff at Elton Hills on Appreciation Day.



Next Chapter Ministries

Contact: Pastor Glenn Monson at glenn@molive.org

What is this Ministry? Next Chapter Ministries is a network for changing lives. Their mission is to build lasting relationships with those in the Olmsted County community who have been impacted by crime, restoring them to God, family, and community with the Gospel of God. Their program includes mentoring adults one-on-one, encouraging participants to be involved in church and community events, conducting regular Bible study and support groups, supporting individuals as they work towards attaining goals, as well as providing housing that offers a family environment and opportunities for personal growth. In addition they build and maintain a network of support for participants and advocate for and practice restorative justice.



How do we help? Members of Mount Olive are involved as mentors, as helpers in areas of maintenance and cleanup of the property, and in providing occasional programs for youth and children at Next Chapter.

To Get Involved: Watch the Messenger for opportunities. Talk to Bill Hollander, congregational administrator, to get involved in maintenance or cleanup. Talk to Pastor Glenn about involvement in other ways.

Salvation Army

Contact: Erin Sinnwell at etracy515@hotmail.com

What is this Ministry? The Salvation Army of Rochester's mission has been to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in his name without discrimination. Some of the ways they do this are through offering a free meal program, providing affordable housing to at-risk families, the Good Samaritan Dental and Health Clinics, and running the Caring Partners licensed adult day program.

How do we help? Groups of Mount Olive members ring bells each Christmas season for the Red Kettle Campaign. Volunteers spread Christmas cheer while helping to raise money that will make a difference in the lives of people in crisis. Donations are used for food and housing programs, after-school activities for at-risk kids, and so much more.

To Get Involved:

- Sign up in the gathering area to ring bells, usually at Hy-Vee North, with other Mount Olive friends.
- Sign up on your own for a bell ringing slot, to help with a meal, or to volunteer in a variety of other ways.

Visit www.salvationarmyusa.org or

www.registertoring.com to learn more.

Registration begins in late October for shifts in November and December.



Second Sunday of Service

Contact: Sara Hollander at sara@molive.org

During the program year, service Sundays occur each month with Rally Sunday "God's Work, Our Hands" being the kick off. The second Sunday of each month (the 3rd Sunday in January) we will come together as a large community to embody Christ; being God's hands and feet through acts of service. Youth participate in music and then join their parents for service.



God's work.
Our hands.

2016-2017 Service Sundays

September 11	God's Work, Our Hands
October 9	Lutheran World Relief Book Bags
November 13	Bread For The World
December 11	Sunshine Box for Shut-Ins
January 15	LWR Baby Care Kits
February 12	Global Health Ministry -Bandage Wraps
March 12	LWR Personal Care Kits
April 9	Channel One Food Bank & "Love One Another" Sandwich Making
May 14	Ronald McDonald House - Tying Blankets - Hugs for Hunter

2017 Summer Mission Trip

Contact: Sara Hollander at sara@molive.org

URBAN IMMERSION: Dates & Location TBD

An *Urban Immersion* is a learning experience in which all will engage within a city not yet determined, to actively learn about and participate in the lives of those most affected by the complex social issues of systemic poverty and homelessness.

The Mitten Tree

Contact: Lori Kuhlman-Leibfried at loriKL@hotmail.com

What is this Ministry?

The goal of this ministry is to keep elementary school kids in our community warm this winter. School has started and fall is now upon us with winter slowly creeping around the corner. Many kids will be searching their closets for warm gear, but will be coming up short.

How do we help?

Our community school kids need your help. As you begin looking in your closets or see those warm mittens/hats/wool socks/snow boots & pants in the stores, please think of our local children and bring in items to the Mount Olive Mitten Tree.

To Get Involved:

In November through the Advent Season, the Mitten Tree will be on displayed in the gathering area. You may place gently used or new (grade school sized) coats, snow pants, snow boots, wool socks, hats and/or mittens under or on the tree. The items contributed will be distributed to our kids in our community.



Global Ministry

Mission Colombia 2017

Contact: Pastor Glenn Monson glenn@molive.org

What is this Ministry?

March 10-20, 2017 a group of Mount Olive members will travel to Bogota, Colombia to meet members of the Iglesia Evangelica Luterana de Colombia. There are only about 30 Lutheran congregations in the country, but they are all in partnership with us by virtue of the companion synod relationship between them and the Southeastern Minnesota Synod, ELCA. This trip will be our first attempt at doing mission work using the “accompaniment model” which honors the background, experience, and traditions of our hosts. We hope to learn better from them how we can be helpful companions with them in their journey of faith.



How do we help?

Mount Olive hosted Curtis and Katie Kline, ELCA missionaries to Colombia in July 2016 and we are continuing to support them in prayer as well as financially. We are hoping to expand our helping ways as we learn how best to accompany these Colombian churches in their ongoing journey with Christ.

To Get Involved:

Talk to any member of the Global Mission Team: Carrie and Terry Krieger, Nikka Vrieze, Mark Masbruch, Nicole and Nels Pierson, John Langemo, or staff members: Sara Hollander or Pastor Glenn.

Mission Colombia

Fundraising Dinner, Silent Auction, and Raffle

November 19, 2016

6:30 pm Mount Olive Fellowship Hall

Watch your Messenger and bulletins for more details

ELCA World Hunger

Contact: Nancy Britson for soup suppers nancy@molive.org

What is this Ministry?

By providing immediate relief to those who are hungry, ELCA World Hunger meets basic needs and recognizes the universal human right to food. They work to connect people with the resources they need to produce food and gain access to clean water, education, health care and sources of income so that long-term, sustainable change can be accomplished.

How do we help?

Mount Olive supports ELCA World Hunger in a variety of ways. Proceeds from soup suppers during Lent, children supporting God's Global Barnyard and the Malaria Campaign, and making purchases from the Good Gifts catalog all support ELCA World hunger and it's partners to help make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

To Get Involved:

Provide soup and/or serve on Wednesday evenings during Lent. Sign up in the gathering area. Support children's initiatives throughout the year. Purchase from the Good Gifts catalog available at the Welcome Desk. Donate to the free will offering during Lenten meals or through a designated offering.



Lutheran World Relief

Contacts: Care Kits: Cathy Hanson at kchanson89@gmail.com

Quilts: Elaine Monson at dlmonson@charter.net

Coffee: Nancy Britson at nancy@molive.org

What is the Ministry?

Lutheran World Relief is a non-profit organization that works with local partners to provide lasting solutions to poverty, injustice and human suffering.

How do we help?

- Mount Olive supports LWR by making **quilts**. These quilts not only provide comfort, but also provide an object that is useful in imaginative ways including a baby carrier, a sunshade, a shawl and most importantly a constant reminder that someone far away cares a lot.
- Mount Olive supports LWR by putting together **Personal Care Kits**. For the past few years, from the supplies provided by the congregation during promotion time, our Middle School Youth assemble the kits. After blessing during worship, they are sent to the LWR warehouse in the Twin Cities to be shipped overseas.
- Mount Olive supports LWR by putting together **Baby Care Kits**. We have a long history of assembling the Baby Care Kits by our Sunday School Youth. Again, the supplies are provided by the congregation and kits are assembled between services. After blessing during worship, they are sent to the LWR warehouse in the Twin Cities to be shipped overseas.
- Mount Olive supports The **LWR Coffee Project** which offers a fair, just and equitable marketplace for small-scale farmers around the world. Fair Trade coffee is served on Sunday morning and is available for purchase in the gathering area.

To get involved?

- **Donate** items as needed for the kits or fabric and thread for the quilters. Monetary donations are also used to buy batting in bulk.
- **Quilters** meet weekly on Thursday mornings at 9:00 am to assemble and tie quilts and sew the bindings. No sewing experience is required to participate.
- **Sewing** at home: Quilt top packages, baby jackets, and blankets can be picked up in the Gathering Area cabinets. Return completed items to the LWR wood box in the Gathering Area. If you are a knitter, check with Cathy Hanson (contact information below) about knitting baby hats to go with hoodless jackets that are made.
- **Project Comfort:** In June or July a weekend is designated for "Project Comfort". Donations made during this weekend are sent to LWR to help pay for shipping all of the quilts and kits overseas. Current shipping costs are: one quilt--\$2.25, one Personal Care Kit--\$2.65, one Baby Care Kit \$1.30. A gift of \$100 will ship 44 quilts or 37 Personal Care Kits or 76 Baby Care Kits. In 2015, enough funds were raised to cover the shipping costs for Mount Olive.
- **Sponsor** Sunday morning coffee in celebration of a birthday or special occasion for only \$15.00.



Lutheran World Relief
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

Caring Ministries at Mount Olive

Prayer Chain

The purpose of the prayer chain is to intercede on behalf of others in the event of illness, accident, surgery, difficult decisions or other personal or family crises. It is also for rejoicing and thanking God for answered prayers. Are you in need of prayers for yourself, a friend or loved one? All prayer requests are confidential. Other than members' names, we do not include specific names for whom prayers are being offered. The Mount Olive community has many faithful members praying for your needs. If you would like to join the group of members praying, contact Kim Ignatius at ignatius.kimberlie@charter.net. If you have a prayer request and would like the prayer chain to be in prayer for you or someone you love, please contact Pastor Glenn at glenn@molive.org, Pastor Paul at paul@molive.org or Kim Ignatius, prayer chain coordinator, ignatius.kimberlie@charter.net or 507-271-6087 or call the church office: 507-288-1580

Prayer Shawls

For more than 10 years, Mount Olive members have been meeting to pray and knit or crotchet prayer shawls. Many knit throughout the year to create these beautiful shawls that give comfort to those who have been ill, grieving, or experiencing a difficult time of life. The shawls are not just for Mount Olive members, but are available to anyone who has a need for comfort and prayer. The group meets at church on the second Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am and many continue to work on the shawls at home on their own time. To join the group or to request a shawl, contact Peg Whitley pmwhitley@charter.net or call the church office at 288-1580.

Spiritual Companions

Spiritual Companions are members of Mount Olive who intentionally bring God's care to others in times of transition. After an initial orientation session, the Spiritual Companions meet on a quarterly basis to check in with each other and learn more about caring for others. Spiritual Companions connect with members of the congregation at times of transition such as loss of a loved one, illness, birth of a baby, etc. as arranged by one of the Pastors. Orientation sessions will be offered as the need arises. If you feel called to offer support to others on an intentional basis, please contact Pastor Glenn at 288-1580.

Meals

Mount Olive uses an online service called *Meal Train* to organize meals for Mount Olive members in need. Volunteers simply sign on the service and choose a date to provide a meal using an individualized link for each recipient. Dietary requirements, maps, email reminders, and special instructions can be viewed. If you are in need of meals or willing to help provide meals, please contact SherrieBelle Brinkworth at nanabelle.mn@gmail.com and she can send the Meal Train links to you.



Service and Social Outreach Ministry Team (SSOM)

Chair: Erin Sinnwell **Council Representative:** Mark Schultze

Team Members: Kathleen Haase, Renee Schaefer, Mark Schultze, Erin Sinnwell, and Anna Strand

Staff Liaison: Pastor Glenn Monson and Pastor Paul Moody

Service and Social Outreach Team Mission Statement:

The Service and Social Outreach Team coordinates services and social outreach ministries to help members reach into the community with supplies, time, energy, and resources to support people in need in Rochester and around the world.



Habitat for Humanity-Women's Work Day 2016

During the Women of the ELCA day of service, Mount Olive's women worked on hauling rock for a retaining wall and digging out dirt to level off the yard.

Facilities and Grounds Ministry Team

Chair: Gene Ostrom **Council Representative and Facilities Manager (on staff):** Bill Hollander

Team Members: Jim Berg, Steve Determan, Gina Rislow, Mike Schad and Tracy Schramm.

The Facilities and Grounds Ministry Team is tasked with the oversight of maintenance and improvements of the church's physical plant and grounds. With that come decisions and activities that impact this task. The Team meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 to discuss and make decisions on and plan activities surrounding: painting and cleaning; repairs; modifications and improvements; safety considerations.

Everyone is welcome to be involved. People possessing knowledge and or experience with maintenance, construction, HVAC, electrical, Audio/Visual Systems, Information Technology, plumbing, landscaping, architecture and engineering are certainly encouraged to become active whether as a team member or as a volunteer to help with specific projects.