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Olive Branch Update

I don't know who thought of naming our alternative worshipping community 'The Olive Branch', but I sure like it. I've shared it with a branding expert who has worked with Lutheran churches before and she's putting together a proposal for us. Yes, things are happening!

Pastor Glenn and I meet weekly to reflect on this new ministry, and each week we gain a few answers and many more questions. It is an exciting time and we are thankful for the chance to learn and process together.

One realization that has emerged is that it would be good to take more intentional time learning and listening before beginning a weekly worship event. That said, I'm already gearing up for some exciting things this fall. I anticipate a number of events that will be open to Mount Olive and beyond that will help us better define our vision for The Olive Branch, and help us in our outreach efforts.

One such event will be hosting a table at the Rochester Pride Festival! This event takes place on Saturday, September 28 from noon - 4:00 pm at Mayo Park.

I am looking for people who would be excited to:

- (a) help lead pre-festival gatherings for the Mount Olive community. This could involve learning events around sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression and more; and awareness building events for people who haven't attended Pride before
- (b) help creating a memorable and helpful presence at the festival. This can include coming up with fun and creative messaging, poster making, ordering swag... the list goes on.

If you're interested or have questions, connect with me by phone or email: lisa@molive.org or 288-1580 ext. 205.

Pastor Lisa



Pastor Lisa to be Installed August 11

We welcomed Pastor Lisa, Luke, and Adie to Mount Olive with receptions and a card shower on July 13-14. If you missed that celebration, be sure to be present on Sunday, August 11, when staff from the office of the bishop will be present in worship to formally install Pastor Lisa as Associate Pastor of Outreach at Mount Olive. Pastor Lisa will be the directing Pastor for our newest outreach ministry, The Olive Branch, an

alternative worshipping community. Blessings on you, Pastor Lisa, as the Spirit leads you and us in this new venture.



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This Day in Mount Olive History

Did you know that July 30, 1961 was the day of the groundbreaking for the first unit of Mount Olive Lutheran Church? Before that time, the congregation, under the leadership of mission pastor, Donald Johnson, had been meeting in the Covenant Church (now River of Glory Church) on Elton Hills Drive. At this groundbreaking, and shown on the shovel in the picture, was Dorothy Hardtke, who is still a vigorous member of Mount Olive.

60th Anniversary Fund, Concentric Circles of Blessing, has Begun

Mount Olive's 60th Anniversary celebration has begun! We will be 60 years young on March 12, 2021, but between now and then we want to raise significant dollars for our newest ministry initiatives and some of our most important ministry partners. Our goal is to raise \$120,000 each year (2019-2021), so that our 60th Anniversary is truly a celebration of blessing for all. Be sure to find the brochure and letter sent to you, detailing the goals of this fund, and then fill out that pledge sheet and return it to the church office at your nearest convenience. Extra brochures are available on the Welcome Desk and usher's table. We exist for the sake of the world, and as we have been blessed, so we will be blessing to others. **Thank you to all who have already made a pledge!**

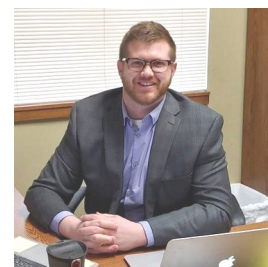


Families First Daycare Update

Work has been started by Families First to prepare the classrooms for their daycare endeavor. The flooring has been removed and will be replaced with new carpeting and tile. The cabinets in the rooms will be re-finished to look new. The dividing wall between classrooms 9 and 10 will be getting replaced with a "half wall" to help with their staff-to-child ratio requirements. The non-brick walls will also be getting fresh paint (they will not cover up the mural in the Little Leapers Room). Families First will also be selecting their furnishings for the rooms. We are eager to see how the rooms are furnished so that we can determine how best to make the transition between their Monday through Friday programming and our Sunday School programming. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Hollander, Church Administrator, at bill@molive.org. For more information about Families First programming or childcare registration, visit www.familiesfirstmn.org or call 507-287-2020.

Luke Begins Internship

In order to become an ordained pastor, Luke Hollander has re-entered candidacy in the ELCA and is preparing for his internship year. The work he is currently doing as Director of Children, Youth and Family at Mount Olive will serve as his internship, alongside some related coursework through Luther Seminary and meetings with an offsite internship supervisor.



Luke is currently set to begin as an intern in August 2019. For the most part, you probably won't notice anything different. Yet, 'behind the scenes' he will be in an intentional process of developing his skills, particularly around worship leadership, and trying to discern and live into his own authentic leadership style.

Following the internship year, Luke will enter into the approval process, which is the final step in candidacy in the ELCA. Approval means that a candidate is able to seek out a call to ordained ministry. Luke is thrilled for the opportunity to take this next step right here at Mount Olive.

Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge in Worship, August 25

On Sunday, August 25, a choir from MN Adult & Teen Challenge will make a return visit to Mount Olive after last year's successful debut. MN Adult & Teen Challenge is a Christian ministry to people struggling with addictions. It has a large presence in Rochester, having just built a new women's center on their campus near Assisi Heights. On their Sunday at Mount Olive you will hear selections by a choir made up of residents at the local campus, as well as personal testimonies from residents. A free-will offering will be taken



to benefit this ministry. The choir will stay for lunch following the 9:30 am service. Sign up in the Gathering Area to help with providing food or serving.

Music at Mount Olive

"God does not demand great sacrifices or precious treasures of great price for his blessings. No, he asks for the easiest work of all, namely to sing and praise." ~Martin Luther

For Lutherans, music is one of the most important expressions of worship, and the main responsibility for making music in worship falls on the congregation. To help the congregation in its music-making, Mount Olive seeks to provide opportunities for musicians of all ages and abilities to share their gifts of music in worship. Several musical ensembles have been set apart for this:

- **Adult Choir**, for singers who are high school age and older. Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 5, 7:30-9:00 pm.
- **Junior Choir**, for singers in 2nd – 5th grades. Rehearsals begin Sunday, September 22, 9:20-9:40 am.
- **Wee-Ones**, for singers in Pre-K — 1st grade. Rehearsals begin Sunday, September 22, 9:20-9:40 am.
- **Brass Ensemble** and **Handbell Choir**, which accompany hymns and provide musical offerings throughout the year. Brass rehearsals are Thursdays, 8:15-9:15 pm. Bell choir rehearsals start Thursday, September 12, 7:00-8:00 pm. More bells players are needed; if interested, please contact Travis.

Beyond these ensembles, other musical expressions are always welcome, including vocal and instrumental solos, duets, trios, or other small ensembles. If you or someone you know may be interested in providing vocal or instrumental music in worship, or if you are interested in joining one of our music ensembles, please contact Travis Beck for more information at travis@molive.org or by phone, 288-1580 x203.

Invitation for Pastor Lisa's Installation

Pastor Lisa's official service of installation by the bishop's staff will be held on Sunday, August 11 at both services. All rostered ministers, retired or active, are invited to vest for one of the morning services and be present for the laying on of hands. The liturgical color for the day is red. Congratulations, Pastor Lisa!

Worship and Fellowship Volunteers Needed

We are always in need of volunteers for all of our worship services and fellowship times! Mount Olive uses an online program called Sign Up Genius to schedule volunteers. Sign up to serve at a day and time



that works for you. You will receive an automatic reminder as well as additional details and directions from Nancy Britson, Director of Congregational Life. The Sign Up Genius links are available via invitation and are also accessible from the Mount Olive website, molive.org on the Service tab. If you "don't do computers", you may also call Nancy with your availability, 288-1580 ext. 202. Your help is sincerely appreciated!

Service Highlight- *God's work. Our hands.* Sunday

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday will be Sunday, **September 8, 2019, 9:00 am-11:00 am**. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. On this day, ELCA churches around the USA will be participating in service activities.



**God's work.
Our hands.**

On God's work. Our hands. Sunday, there will be a variety of ways to serve. The majority of projects will be done at Mount Olive. Members from age 2 years on up can help. This will be Mount Olive's fourth year participating in this special service day, and plans are well underway. Last year 200+ volunteers were able to complete 12 different service projects including assembling Blizzard Bags for Rochester Meals on Wheels, rolling bandages for Global Health Ministries, making sandwiches for the Rochester Salvation Army and painting ceramic bowls for Channel One's Empty Bowls fundraiser. It is fun to watch volunteers as they laugh and share while working together. The stories of gratitude that come from the individuals we help are humbling and heartwarming. It is the hope of the Mount Olive staff that we will again have 200+ volunteers.

How can you help? Set aside **Sunday, September 8, 9 am-11 am** and bring your entire family to serve. We are also in need of project leaders and open to new project ideas. Contact Sherry Will at sherry@molive.org to volunteer as a project leader and to submit project ideas. Watch for the full list of projects in the September Messenger.

Family Promise

The Family Promise sign-up is in the entry way for our next host week for homeless families August 11-18. Many volunteers are needed for evening and overnight hosting, cooking and serving meals, and transportation.

FamilyFest, a fundraiser to support Family Promise, is August 10 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. See more information at the right. Please contact Erin Sinnwell if you are willing to help run a carnival game for this event—
etracy515@hotmail.com.

FamilyFest – A Promise Picnic

Join us for a fun outdoor fundraiser to support Family Promise Rochester.

This celebration of family will have fun carnival games & activities including a bounce house/obstacle course, there will be great food and LIVE MUSIC - featuring the Teddy Bear Band & The Resistors. Bring blankets and folding chairs and enjoy some family friendly music!

Saturday, August 10th
3 to 8 pm
Good Shepherd Church

TEDDY BEAR BAND
Show at 5pm – kids remember to bring your teddy bear!

Family Promise
of Rochester

FamilyFest
A Promise Picnic

School Supply Drive

Collection of school supplies for Lutheran Social Service-Rochester Youth Services will continue through August 11. Supplies needed include: *Backpacks for older youth (need 50), backpacks for elementary youth, sturdy binders, glue bottles, glue sticks, kid's scissors, colored pencils, highlighters, erasable markers w/ erasers, and Kleenex boxes. Place your items in the wooden box in the entry area. Any extra items collected, beyond LSS's needs, will go to The Alternative Learning Center (ALC).

T-shirts Available



Everyone is encouraged to wear their gold, *God's Work. Our Hands.*, t-shirts to worship and work on September 8. If you didn't get one in previous years, order now from the table in the front entry. **The deadline to order is August 4.** The shirts are sized from child's small –adult XL (\$8), Adult 2XL (\$10), Adult 3XL (\$11) and are personalized with our congregation name on the back. Payment is required at time of order. Contact Sherry Will with any questions at sherry@molive.org.

Items Gathered for God's work. Our hands, Sunday

September 8 is just around the corner, but do not fear, the Service and Social Outreach Ministry Team is hard at work to make this year's service day as successful as in prior years. This year we are reaching out to the Salvation Army to assist them in providing comfort and support for Rochester's unfortunate homeless in this winter. How can you help? Check around your home for any unused blankets and sleeping bags. Watch for a collection bin in the entry at church September 8 through October 13.

Project Comfort Coffees- "Thank You"

Following services on July 20/21, Ruth Circle members provided for wonderful receptions and accepted a free will offering to support LWR Quilt and Shipping Fund. \$1,100 was raised this year! These funds will be used by Lutheran World Relief to ship quilts and care kits throughout the world where the need is great. Thank you to Ruth Circle, the Mount Olive Quilters, those involved in making kits throughout the year, and everyone who contributed to the collection of funds.



Pastor Glenn and children blessed some of the quilts during the worship services.

Dorothy Day Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to serve the evening meal the first Friday of each month for guests staying at the Dorothy Day Hospitality House, a temporary homeless shelter in downtown Rochester. Volunteers provide and share a family-style meal with the guests in the home's dining room. We are currently in need of volunteers for **September 6 and October 4**. A sign up sheet is on the cabinet in the Gathering Area. Contact Jene Bodensteiner at jbode6@me.com with questions or to volunteer.



Mount Olive Quilters

The quilters continue to meet at 9:00 am each Thursday throughout the summer. Anyone is welcome to join the group



in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday mornings, no sewing experience is required. If you have any questions, call Elaine Monson at 272-6404.



CYF Update!

Friends and family regularly ask me how my job is going, and the truth is, I am **hope-filled** and **energized**. The youth and families at Mount Olive are incredible and the support from the whole church community is second-to-none.

So what's happening in our Children, Youth and Family (CYF) Ministry?

Summer is a great time to slow-down, reflect on what has happened and plan for what is to come.

I have heard from many of you about what has been going well and what some growth areas are within CYF. Thank you for your input – you have been heard.

Two themes have already emerged: improved **communication** and a focus on **fellowship**! Communication-wise, I am starting to provide monthly newsletters specifically around CYF events and I will start including additional relevant information as well. I plan on making this newsletter as accessible as possible via email and snail mail for families, and on our website.

Clearly, people across the board are craving fellowship – high schoolers, families, young adults and more! We already had some great events – an outdoor family movie night and a young adult bonfire; and there are more to come including the family camping weekend at Chester Woods Park on the first weekend of August. So please keep watching for upcoming events!

Lastly, our CYF Ministry Team started doing some strategic planning. We decided to create subcommittees that represent three age groups – high schoolers, middle schoolers and younger youth. This will be a fun learning year as we continue to identify the needs and explore what works for Mount Olive families and youth!

Please let me know if you have questions or feedback.

Yours in Christ,
Luke Hollander

Mount Olive Women of the ELCA News

The women's small group studies for 2019/2020 will be from *Gather Magazine*. A subscription to the magazine, which includes a variety of resources and articles for Christian women in addition to the study, is suggested. Go to the Gather Magazine [website](#) or call (844)409-0576 to start your subscription. Two copies will be available in the church office.

Women's Summer Bible Study "Lessons from Esther"

A women's Bible study will continue on the 3rd Wednesday of August at 6:30 pm. All women, are welcome to attend. Attendance at the earlier sessions is not required. Copies of the study are available on the Gathering Area sign-up table. We hope to see you at the next study on Tuesday, **August 21!**

Board Meeting August 15 - The Women of the ELCA board will meet at the home of President Regina Seabrook on Thursday, August 15 at 6:30 pm. All circle leaders and officers are asked to attend and bring a dish to share. Please RSVP to Regina at rseabroo@gmail.com or 651-285-3912.



Join a Women's Small Group!

If you are interested in joining a women's small group this fall, several are available with a variety of meeting times. Each group is a wonderful chance for learning and fellowship! Watch for a sign up table in the church entry beginning August 10. There is always room in the circles for new friends!

Sunday School Registration, Orientation, and Rally Day

- **Registration**—It's already August, and Sunday School is just around the corner. If your kids are three years old and up, we would love to have them join us for Sunday School! Following worship services on the weekends of **August 31/September 1 and September 7/8**, look for Luke Hollander in the Gathering Area. He will have pre-filled Sunday School registration forms for families already in the system to check over and sign, and blank forms for new families as well.
- **Sunday School Teacher Orientation**— Are you a current Sunday School teacher, interested in being a substitute Sunday School Teacher, supporting Sunday School, or just learning more about it? You are invited to come to a Sunday School Orientation on either Thursday, **August 8** at 6:30 pm or Sunday, **August 11** following second service at 10:30 am. Luke will provide a schedule for the year, talk about our focus areas and offer some additional insight for the year as well! Contact Luke with questions – luke@molive.org
- **Rally Sunday and Backpack Blessing**— On **September 15th** we kick off Sunday School with Rally Sunday. Please join us as we begin our new program year! Students and anyone returning to school is encouraged to bring their backpack or book bag that day for a special blessing during worship.

For any questions about Sunday School, please contact Luke Hollander, Director of Children, Youth, and Family— luke@molive.org or 288-1580 ext. 207.

Faith Seeking Understanding (FSU) meets September 3

Mount Olive's Faith Seeking Understanding book group reads and shares conversations about a variety of books and videos on theology, spirituality, social justice, and Christianity and our changing church. FSU resumes meeting on Tuesday, September 3rd at 6:30 pm in the church library. The book selection for September is ***Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US*** by Lenny Duncan. Formerly incarcerated, he is now a black preacher in the whitest denomination in the United

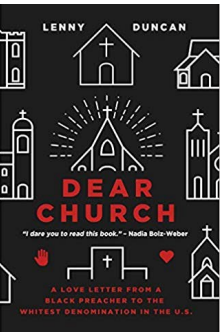
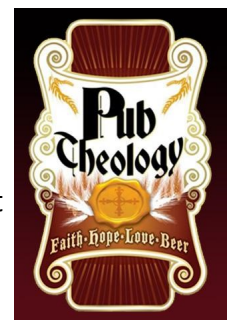
States: the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) In the book, he gives a blueprint for the way forward and urges us to follow in the revolutionary path of Jesus. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Lisa Janke at lisa@molive.org or 507-288-1580. ext. 205.

Faith Statement Retreat Scheduled

8th graders that will be confirmed this fall and their parents are encouraged to join Luke Hollander for a Faith Statement writing workshop. The goal will be to get a good start on their faith statements that will be read aloud to a few members of the congregation prior to being confirmed. This 1.5 hour retreat will be offered two separate times: on Sunday, **September 1** from 11 am – 1 pm with lunch provided and on Wednesday, **September 4** from 6 pm – 8 pm with supper provided. Please let me know if you can attend either way – luke@molive.org. If you can't make it to either date, we will try and arrange something else.

Pub Theology

If you enjoy thinking about faith, life, and what it means to be a follower of Jesus in our world today, join Pub Theology for their weekly discussions on Monday evenings, 5:30-7:30 pm! The location varies between LTS Brewing at 2001 32nd Ave NW and the Hy-Vee Market Grille at 500 37th Street NW. Topics and location confirmation are always sent out a day ahead of time and can be found at rochesterpublictheology.wordpress.com. Come at 5:30 pm to order a beer or food. Conversation begins at 6:30 pm. See you at the pub!



Family Fellowship Opportunities

Chester Woods Campout

A number of families have already signed up for the campout at Chester Woods this year, August 2-4! If you are not camping, you are still encouraged to join us for activities! We will swim at the designated beach area, play lawn games, eat a campout style potluck Saturday night, and have a campfire worship following dinner on Saturday. So come join us all day Saturday or even just for part of the day! A day pass is only \$5. If interested, please contact Luke – luke@molive.org.

Berne Pizza Night is Wednesday, August 14

If you like good pizza, fun music, and a unique setting, join other Mount Olive friends on Wednesday, August 14 at 5:00 pm at Berne Pizza, found on the grounds of Zwingli United Church of Christ, 23148 County Hwy. 24, West Concord. Watch for balloons marking our spot. Bring your own blanket, lawn chairs, and your own beverage if you choose. (Beer and wine are allowed but are not for purchase on the grounds. Soft drinks are for sale.) Pizzas are \$20-25 each, cash only. On August 14, the Abba tribute band, fABBAulous, is playing along with Parks and Kleist. See the sign-up in the Gathering Area at church and go to www.bernepizza.org for more information.



Monday Book Group Kicks Off September 9



The **Monday Book Group** gathers monthly to discuss a wide variety of literature including: classics, fiction, poetry, humor, memoirs, history, mystery, Minnesota authors, and youth inspired works. They meet on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. Their first meeting of the fall is September 9th to discuss ***The Alice Network***. In an enthralling new historical novel from national bestselling author Kate Quinn, two women—a female spy recruited to the real-life Alice Network in France during World War I and an unconventional American socialite searching for her cousin in 1947—are brought together in a mesmerizing story of courage and redemption.

Ripe Olives - Save the Date!

Ripe Olives is a group for Mount Olive's most experienced members, mostly retired folks. They meet the second Friday of the month at 9:30 am from September through May for fun and fellowship! Mark your calendar for **September 13**, the first meeting of the fall. Pastor Lisa Janke will be our guest that morning. Please come to get to know Pastor Lisa better and find out the latest on Mount Olive's Alternative Worshipping Community. Breakfast will be provided with a freewill donation. Everyone is welcome to attend, sign up at the Gathering Area table. Contact Nancy Britson, Director of Congregational Life, with questions 288-1580 ext. 202 or nancy@molive.org.



Transitions and Celebrations at the Office of The Bishop

The Southeastern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA will mark departures and arrivals as a new bishop is installed later this summer. Go to semnsynod.org/summer2019celebrations/ for more information about each of these special events.

- **Bishop Delzer's Retirement Reception**— August 18, 2-4:30 pm, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Faribault
- **Office of the Bishop Staff Farewell Open House**— August 27, 3-5:00 pm, Assisi Heights, Rochester
- **Installation of Our New Bishop, Rev. Regina Hassanally**— September 14, 2:00 pm, St. John Lutheran Church, Owatonna. ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will preside at the Installation service.

Young Adult Bonfire

The first fire was a hit – so we are doing another one! If you are a young adult and looking to build friendships and community at Mount Olive, please join Lisa and Luke at their place for a bonfire on Saturday, **August 17** at 6:30 pm, following Saturday night worship. We will provide beverages and snacks (and the fire). If people are coming to join us straight from worship, we may order in some supper as a group. This is intended as a social event to get to know other young adults at Mount Olive. Please connect with Luke by email for details - luke@molive.org. We look forward to seeing you!

Next Chapter Ministries 9th Annual BBQ Challenge

The Annual BBQ Challenge/Pie Contest to benefit Next Chapter Ministries will be held Saturday, August 24, 3-6 pm, at the Next Chapter campus, 720 3rd Ave. SE. Enjoy ribs, chicken, and pie and vote for your favorites. You can also participate as a competitor in the BBQ or pie making contests. Family fun is included, with games and a Bean Bag Tourney for all. For more info go to nextchapterrochester.org/BBQ.

Lyra Baroque Orchestra

Mark your calendars for Friday, **August 9th** as Lyra Baroque Orchestra begins their 2019/2020 season. This will be the first of seven Friday evening concerts held at Mount Olive. Watch the Lyra website, lyrabaroque.org for more information about the upcoming season, ticket prices and season ticket availability.



GoodStock is a Good Earth Happening!

Good Earth Village is celebrating its 50th anniversary in a big way on the weekend of August 16-18, with an event called GoodStock. This event will feature live music, food trucks, games and fun for all ages, all located on the beautiful grounds of Good Earth Village, our regional camping and retreat center near Spring Valley Minnesota. Everything starts with music by Six Mile Grove at 6:30 pm on Friday night, and continues through worship at 9:00 am on Sunday. Lodging on site is available, as well as campsites for those who prefer to sleep under the stars. Go to goodearthvillage.org for more information.



Pastor Marie Anderson to be Installed in Pine Island

Pastor Marie, a member of Mount Olive, has recently been called to be Senior Pastor of Saint Paul Lutheran Church in Pine Island. Her installation will be Sunday, August 25 at Saint Paul. Pastor Marie was our first Keith Beaver Scholar, receiving gifts from our Endowment Fund to support her seminary study. Congratulations, Pastor Marie!



Little Leapers

Little Leapers, the fellowship group for parents and their little ones who have not yet started Sunday School, will resume meeting in September. They meet in *The Pond* (classrooms 3 & 4 of the Education Wing). Watch for your invitation coming soon!



Be A Good Neighbor

Family Service Rochester has made us aware of older people living in the Mount Olive neighborhood who need help with yardwork this summer. If you are interested in helping out occasionally, please contact Jessica Thornton at 507-287-2010 or jthornton@familyservicerochester.org.

Flowers in the Sanctuary

If you would like to provide flowers on the chancel, sign up at the Gathering Area cabinet where you will find the calendar and payment envelopes. Place orders for special occasions or in memory of loved ones.

Please write your name and the designation for the flowers on both the calendar and the payment envelope. Your envelope may then be placed in the offering plate or the office drop box.



Summer Music Opportunities

Do you sing? Do you play an instrument? Would you like to share your musical gifts in worship this summer? Please contact Travis Beck if you would like to provide special music for worship and he will help you get on the schedule—travis@molive.org or 288-1580 ext. 203.

Prayer and Spiritual Care

Mount Olive has a Prayer Chain, coordinated by Kim Ignatius. If you have a prayer request and would like the prayer chain to be in prayer for you or someone you love, or if you would like to join the prayer chain as one who prays, please contact Kim at: 507-271-6087 or ignatius.kimberlie@charter.net.

If you have a prayer request that you would like printed in the bulletin and prayed for by the congregation at worship services, please contact Pastor Glenn or Nancy Britson in the church office or leave a note on the back of a Connection Card available from the church pew. We appreciate your call to the church office in the case of illness, hospitalization, the birth of a baby, or any time you have joys and sorrows to share. Church office: 507-288-1580.

Mount Olive's Welcome Statement:

"We trust that God calls Mount Olive Lutheran Church to a ministry of reconciliation. We embrace as a gift the diversity of our neighborhood and the world, and we extend God's hospitality by welcoming, hearing, and treasuring:

All gender identities and sexual orientations

All races and ethnicities

All ages and abilities

All economic statuses and education levels

All faith journeys and personal histories

As Christ welcomes all, we too welcome the full inclusion of all people into the life, ministry, and sacraments of Mount Olive, joining in a journey toward greater love, understanding, and mutual respect."



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