

Mount Olive Lutheran Church



Baptism of Our Lord
Sunday, January 9, 2022
9:00 am

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A Reconciling in
Christ Community

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Mount Olive is a welcoming and inclusive congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), serving our neighbors in Rochester, Minnesota. Our core identity is lived out in four ways: *Worship, Service, Education, and Fellowship.*

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."

WELCOME CENTER

Visitors, as you leave the Sanctuary, directly to the right on the corner, you'll find a host who will welcome you and can answer questions you may have about Mount Olive. Please talk to an usher if you would like a large print bulletin or if you need a hearing assistance device. Feel free to contact Nancy Britson, Director of Congregational Life if you have further questions or are interested in membership at Mount Olive.

CHILD CARE

Childcare for infants through 4 years old is available in the Mount Olive nursery, located at the end of the front entry hall. Pagery are available for communication with parents.

COMMUNION

We celebrate Holy Communion each week. All are welcome to the Lord's Supper. If you choose to come forward, please cup your hands to receive a wafer. You are then invited to take a small cup of red wine or white grape juice from the tray. Gluten free wafers are available upon request; please verbally indicate your choice to the server. Leave your empty cup in the basket provided.

VIDEO RECORDING

Services are recorded and published on YouTube. Note that parishioners will not generally appear in the recording unless seated in the front rows of the sanctuary. You can find the services at www.youtube.com/MountOliveELCA.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM *(Please stand as you are able. You are invited to make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism.)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.



C: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!”

ELW #308

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| <p>1 O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
You shine with God's own truth and light,
aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob's line, King David's son,
our Lord and Savior, you have won
our hearts to serve you only!
Lowly, holy!
Great and glorious, all victorious,
rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing!</p> | <p>6 What joy to know, when life is past,
the Lord we love is first and last,
the end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
transport us to that happy place
beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen!
Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness!
We are yearning
for the day of your returning.</p> |
| <p>3 Lord, when you look on us in love,
at once there falls from God above
a ray of purest pleasure.
Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood
refresh our souls with heav'nly food.
You are our dearest treasure!
Let your mercy warm and cheer us!
Oh, draw near us!
For you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.</p> | |

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APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

**GLORY TO GOD***Refrain*

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, the high - est.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Ho - ly God, heav-en-ly God, God our al-might-y pro - vid-or: we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for _ your glo - ry.



2 Christ, the On - ly Be - got - ten of God; Christ, the Lamb of God; you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us.



You who sit at God's right hand: re - ceive our prayer.



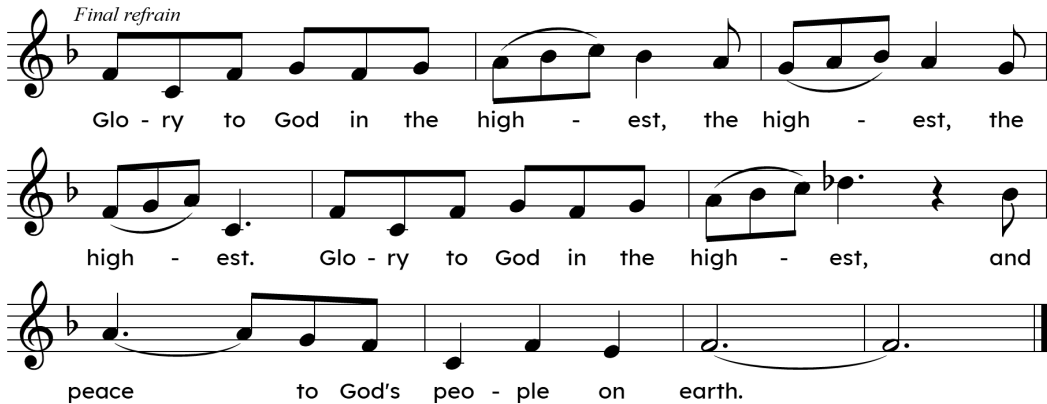
3 You a - lone are ho - ly; you a - lone, our guide;



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spir - it in the ra-diance of God, our Life.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

Baptism of Our Lord

FIRST READING

Acts 8:14-17 (NRSV)

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

L: Word of God, Word of life,

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 29 (NRSV)

L: ¹ Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

read responsively

C: ² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

L: ³ The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

C: ⁴ The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.



L: ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

C: ⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

L: ⁷The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

C: ⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

L: ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

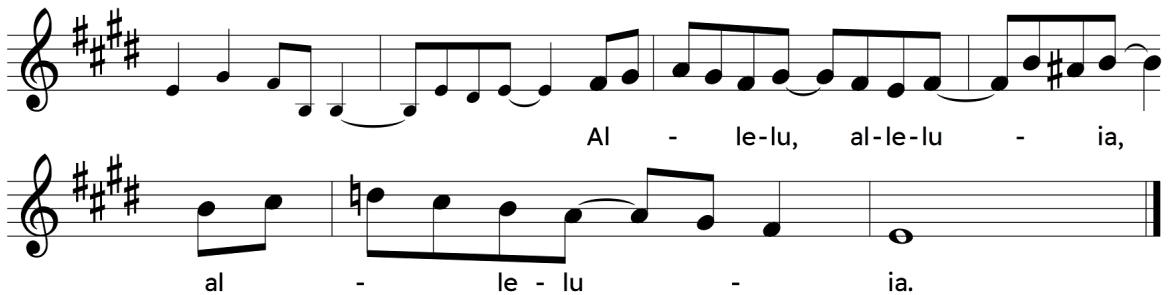
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

C: ¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

L: ¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please stand.)*

"Alleluia"



GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (NRSV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.



SERMON

Pastor Luke Hollander

A moment of silence follows the sermon

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please stand.)*

"Crashing Waters at Creation"

ELW #455

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| <p>1 Crashing waters at creation,
ordered by the Spirit's breath,
first to witness day's beginning
from the brightness of night's death:</p> | <p>3 Cleansing water once at Jordan
closed around the one foretold,
opened to reveal the glory
ever new and ever old.</p> |
| <p>2 Parting water stood and trembled
as the captives passed on through,
washing off the chains of bondage—
channel to a life made new.</p> | <p>4 Living water, never ending,
quench the thirst and flood the soul.
Wellspring, source of life eternal,
drench our dryness, make us whole.</p> |

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CONFESSION OF FAITH

From the Iona Abbey Worship Book

P: Let us affirm our faith:

C: We believe in God above us, Maker and Sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of all that is. We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of compassion, he died forsaken; he descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb; he ascended into heaven to be everywhere present; and his kingdom will come on earth. We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the church, spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and eternal life. Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

P: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

P: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.)



MEAL

Please be seated.

GATHERING OF GIFTS & OFFERINGS

The practice of making an offering during worship is an ancient one. Even before offerings were used for ministry needs and personnel, offerings were given simply as an expression of gratitude to God. Today our offerings do both: they provide needed funds for ministry and they are a way of expressing our gratitude to God for all the blessings we receive.

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *(Please stand.)* “In the Bleak Midwinter”

ELW #294
vs. 3

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shep-herd
I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise man I would do my part; yet
what I can I give him— give my heart.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray:

C: Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is our God, the cre - a - tor.

God of pow - er, God of might, your glo - ry fills the u - ni - verse.

Blest is he who comes to us and bears your ho - ly name.

Ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis, Sav - ior God, Most High.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

God is made known to us through a variety of names and images. You are encouraged to use language of your choosing for the Lord's Prayer, including the way you address God.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: **Our *Father* in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

P: Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all. All are welcome here!

Please be seated.

All are welcome to the Lord's Supper. If you choose to come forward, please cup your hands to receive a wafer.

You are then invited to take a small cup of red wine or white grape juice from the tray.

Gluten free wafers are available upon request; please verbally indicate your choice to the server.

Leave your empty cup in the basket provided.

**AGNUS DEI****"Lamb of God"**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN**"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry "**

ELW #249

- 1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings!
- 2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;
make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.
- 3 We hail you as our Savior, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away
like flow'rs that wither and decay.
- 4 Stretch forth your hand,
our health restore,
and make us rise to fall no more;
oh, let your face upon us shine
and fill the world with love divine.



- 5 All praise to you, eternal Son,
whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING *(Please stand.)*

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

P: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

C: **Amen.**



- 1

Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.
- 2

Manifest at Jordan's stream,
prophet, priest, and king supreme;
and at Cana wedding guest
in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in pow'r divine,
changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.
- 3

Manifest in making whole
weakened body, fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill:
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.
- 4

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
present in thy holy word;
grace to imitate thee now
and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we might become like thee
at thy great epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest,
God in flesh made manifest.

DISMISSAL

L: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Next Sunday's Readings:			
<u>Isaiah 62:1-5</u> <i>As bridegroom and bride rejoice, so shall God rejoice over you</i>	<u>Psalms 36:5-10</u> We feast upon the abundance of your house, O LORD.	<u>1 Corinthians 12:1-11</u> <i>There are a variety of gifts but the same Spirit</i>	<u>John 2:1-11</u> <i>The wedding at Cana</i>

Welcome, Worship Guests!

Thank you for joining us for worship today. You are always welcome. You may also visit our website, www.molive.org, to learn about other ways you can be part of life at Mount Olive. You can sign up there to receive our weekly email updates which contain information about upcoming events as well as links to the weekly online services, newsletters, and lots more.



Congregational prayers for healing and comfort ...

- ◆ All Homebound members
- ◆ Mount Olive members and friends who are ill, grieving, or recovering from surgery.
- ◆ Our Afghan refugee family.
- ◆ Our companions in ministry in Kijota, Tanzania and Bogota, Colombia. May the Spirit of God fill them with faith, hope, and joy, as they live out the good news and proclaim it.
- ◆ People suffering with COVID-19 in the U.S. and abroad. Give strength to those who minister to them, and bring hope and healing to all.
- ◆ Our country as we learn to confront and stamp out the curse of racism in our land. Help us to be one in mind and spirit as we go forward together.

Flowers are given to the glory of God by:

Pam Hansen in memory of her father, Maynard Olson.

Worship Participants

Preaching	Rev. Luke Hollander
Presiding Minister	Rev. Dr. Glenn Monson
Organist/Pianist	Travis Beck
Assisting Minister	David Joyce
Lector	Gloria Schad
Greeter	Pam Hansen
Ushers	Deb Peterson, Ann Discher
Communion Assistant	Sandy Dalquist
Welcome Desk	Nancy Britson
Altar Guild	Denise Foy

This Week at Mount Olive

Sunday, January 9

9:00a - Worship Service
10:10a - Sunday Forum
10:30a - Sunday School Planning
4:00p - Al-Anon Meeting

Monday, January 10

6:00p - Olive Branch Church (Z)
6:30p - Lydia Circle
6:30p - Monday Book Group (Z)
6:30p - Scout Troop Meeting

Tuesday, January 11

9:00a - Zumbro River Conf.
3:30p - Families First
6:30p - Full Council

Wednesday, January 12

9:30a - Staff Meeting
1:00p - Kitchen Training
3:30p - Families First
6:30p - Worship Service
7:00p - National Youth Gathering
Informational Meeting (Z)
7:30p - Mount Olive Choir

Thursday, January 13

9:00a - Mount Olive Quilters
5:30p - Facility and Grounds team
7:15p - Glory Bells
7:00p - In the Process Al-Anon
8:15p - Mount Olive Brass

Friday, January 14

9:30p - Ripe Olives

Saturday, January 15

8:00a - Pinewood Derby
8:30a - Men's Discipleship (Z)
8:30a - How Al-Anon Works
9:00a - Altar Guild Meeting/Setup
3:00p - Med City Drones
5:30 & 7:30p - Lyra Baroque
Orchestra Concerts

Sunday, January 16

9:00a - Worship Service
10:10a - Sunday Forum
10:15a - Budget Meeting
4:00p - Al-Anon Meeting

Key - (Z) = Meeting on Zoom

Held in the Seasons: Epiphany

The actual day of Epiphany was Thursday, January 6th, so now we're officially in the midst of what's called "Ordinary Time After Epiphany." (Catchy, huh?) It's a green-colored season just like the bigger chunk of Ordinary Time that happens through the summer. This Sunday rolls it out by celebrating Jesus' baptism.

Reflection: As we cool down from Christmastide and flip the calendar to a new year, there are likely some big AHA's in our future (epiphanies!). What prayer would you make for your own understanding or clarity right now?



Wednesday Evening Worship

Regular Wednesday evening services resumed on January 5. Consider joining us for worship in the Fellowship Hall each Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Centered on the Word and the Sacrament of Holy Communion, this service has a more casual and reflective feel. Everyone is asked to wear a mask.

2nd Sunday of Service Postponed

The Service Sunday project planned for today has been postponed. Watch for an upcoming opportunity to roll bandages for Global Health Ministries. Thank you to everyone who donated sheets; they will be put to use making bandages at a later date.



Olive Branch Church: A two-week change Olive Branch

Out of an abundance of caution, for the next two

Monday nights, Olive Branch Church will not meet in person. Instead, we will gather online for worship, pub theology style! This Monday night 6-7 pm, join Lisa and Richard via Zoom for music, discussion, and reflections on presented material. The “Pub Theology” format is a relaxed time of engaging an article, a film clip or podcast together, and listening to one another’s insights and wisdom. It’s open to all of Mount Olive, Olive Branch regulars, people missing Pub Theology, and brand new folks, too! Join the Zoom meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9802525207> Questions? Email Lisa at lisa@molive.org.

Monday Book Group

The Monday Book Group gathers monthly to discuss a wide variety of literature. They will meet via Zoom on **January 10** at 6:30 pm. This month’s selection is *Becoming* by Michelle Obama. If you would like to be added to the email list and receive the Zoom invitation for January, contact Jodi Schoer at mischoer@charter.net.

Baby Care Kit Collection

This month we’re collection items for Baby Care Kits to donate to Lutheran World Relief. Below is a list of the



items needed, or you may pick up a card from the table in the entry. In the past, t-shirts (up to size 2T) and flat fold cloth diapers were most needed. Please contact Cathy Hanson with any questions or to volunteer to help assemble kits - 507-398-3917.

2 T-shirts Light weight cotton	2 Receiving Blankets Flannel or cotton up to 52"	4 Cloth diapers Flat fold preferred	1 Hand towel Dark color preferred
2 pairs of socks	2 4-5oz bars of gentle soap In original wrapping	2 Diaper pins or large safety pins	

Ripe Olives Craft and Hobby (and More) Show

The Ripe Olives, Mount Olive’s group for retired folks, meets on the 2nd Friday of each month at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. On **January 14**, we will have a **Craft, Hobby (and More) Show** by the Ripe Olives themselves, a return of one of the favorite past programs. See more details and sign up in the Gathering Area at church or RSVP and ask any questions to Nancy Britson in the church office, 507-288-1580 or nancy@molive.org.

“Just Mercy” Book and Movie Invite

The Mount Olive Team Exploring Anti-Racism invites you to read *Just Mercy* with us, and to join our Sunday Forum on **January 16th** to learn about the author, Bryan Stevenson, and the Equal Justice Initiative he founded. Copies of the book are available to sign out beginning Sunday. We will watch the movie together at Gray Duck Theater on Sunday, February 27 at 4:00 pm. If you would like to provide the funding to sponsor this free event for Mount Olive members and friends, or want a book, please contact Pastor Lisa—lisa@molive.org.

January Bible Study with Pastor Glenn - Sign Up Now!

Being the Body of Christ, a Study in First Corinthians, is the title of Pastor Glenn’s 4-week Bible Study, **January 19 – February 9**. This short study will look at passages in the 12th and 13th chapters of I Corinthians. Study guides are \$6 each. Sign-up and order a book at the cabinet in the Gathering Area at church. Classes will be held each Wednesday at 7:30 pm via Zoom, and Thursday mornings in-person at 10:30 am in the church library.

Open Budget Meeting January 16

If you would like to take a detailed look at the 2022 proposed budget, come to the Open Budget Meeting on **January 16**. Meet in the library at 10:15 am. This is an opportunity to go over the budget and ask any detailed questions.

Lyra Baroque Concerts

Mount Olive will host concerts on Sat., **January 15** at 5:30 and 7:30 pm and Thursday, **January 20** at 7:00 pm. Go to www.lyrabaroque.org for more details and advance ticket purchase.

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