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# Messenger

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It's a beautiful Sunday morning here in Winnipeg. I'm sitting at the kitchen table with my coffee, dreaming about our next adventure. In one short week I will be moving to Rochester, MN – a town I have come to know and love, filled with my family and friends. Words cannot express my excitement as our journey has led us to participate in Mount Olive's ministry.

I imagine time well spent with children, youth and families asking life's hard questions in safe spaces, exploring their interests and strengths, developing young people's leadership skills, having genuine fun, and most importantly creating community built on the values of Christ's love and acceptance.

I picture trips to Oxbow Zoo, lively discussions at Pub Theology, intergenerational events, worship led by youth and filled with music, family camps (maybe in Colorado if I am lucky), confirmation that engages diverse topics of faith and life with various communities, fun times with the Little Leapers, and more!

Mostly, I look forward to getting to know you and the community of Mount Olive Lutheran Church. I am eager to walk with you in your faith life as we grow in God's love. I'd love to have a coffee or juice (or beer) with you in order to get to know you, your families and your vision for the ministry of Mount Olive. Finally, I'd like to leave you with three truths and a lie about myself:

- 1) I have curled professionally
- 2) I have lived in 20 different houses
- 3) I once fell off a mountain looking at a bird through my binoculars
- 4) I've caught hundreds of snapping turtles

When we meet you can tell me which one you think isn't true!

Peace,  
Luke Hollander

## Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday March 6	5:00 pm Worship with Imposition of Ashes 5:45 pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Worship with Imposition of Ashes
Wednesdays beginning March 13	5:45 pm Soup Supper 6:00 pm Bible Study: <i>Questions for Jesus: Studies in Mark</i> 7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer service
Saturdays	5:00 pm Worship
Sunday Mornings	8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Bible Study: <i>Questions for Jesus: Studies in Mark</i> 10:30 am Worship

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## Bishop's Nomination Process

Every six years the synod elects a new bishop to lead the 171 congregations of the Southeast MN Synod of the ELCA. Nominations come from congregations and are endorsed by members who attend conference assemblies in February. This year the conference assemblies will meet on March 10 to endorse the 11 nominees who have been lifted up. As many of you know, Pastor Glenn is one of those 11 nominees. Nominees who are endorsed by the conferences are invited to be part of three synod-wide forums held in May, prior to the election at the synod assembly, May 31-June 1. Your prayers are invited as we all enter into this time of discernment for the synod, Pastor Glenn, and all the nominees.

## Good Earth Village Executive Director Here March 3

On Sunday, March 3 at the Sunday Forum, we will have a great opportunity to connect with our synod Bible camp and retreat center, Good Earth Village in Spring Valley, when Executive Director, Dianna Parks presents. Dianna is a passionate advocate for this ministry partner of ours and she will be sharing with us many of the things that make Good Earth Village such a powerful ministry. Parents of potential summer campers are especially encouraged to attend.

## The AED Has Arrived!

Thanks to a handful of generous donors, Mount Olive has been able to purchase an AED (Automated External Defibrillator). The equipment has arrived and will be in a cabinet mounted to the wall behind the Welcome Desk. Mount Olive staff will be trained in its use. Others in our congregation who know how to utilize this equipment should take note of it's location so that they know where it is in case of an emergency.



## Alternative Worshipping Community News

The decision to call Pastor Lisa Janke is only the first step in our plans to establish an Alternative Worshipping Community (AWC) in Rochester. An AWC is purely an outreach ministry to those for whom traditional church buildings and traditional church patterns are a barrier. It may be that a person has been hurt or shunned or even traumatized by a church; it may be that a person has experienced addiction or incarceration and finds churches uncomfortable or unwelcoming. There are many reasons why an AWC might be a better fit for a person, so we have determined that God is calling us to provide such an option for people in Rochester. This community will worship every week at an off-site location, and as it forms it may be involved in service projects, fellowship events, and educational endeavors, much like a traditional church. There will be, however, no plans to have this AWC be its own self-sustaining congregation; it will always remain an outreach ministry under the umbrella of the ministry of Mount Olive. If you are interested in being part of the birthing of this new community, talk to Pastor Glenn. We will begin making plans for this community as soon as Pastor Lisa arrives.

## Retired Leader Luncheon at Mount Olive

Each spring, the Southeast MN Synod of the ELCA hosts a luncheon at Mount Olive for retired leaders. Retired clergy, deacons, other associates in ministry, and their spouses are invited to meet for fellowship, worship, and a presentation by Bishop Delzer updating them about happenings in the synod. This year they meet on Monday, March 25, beginning at 9:30 am. To help by providing breakfast treats, sign up in the Gathering Area. Contact Nancy Britson with any questions— [nancy@molive.org](mailto:nancy@molive.org) or 288-1580.



## Ash Wednesday Worship is March 6

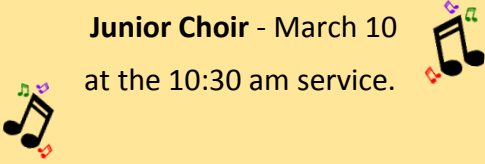
The beginning of one of the most important seasons of the year for Christians is Ash Wednesday. This day marks the beginning of the 40-day season of Lent which precedes the Great Three Days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Vigil of Easter. Our Ash Wednesday services will be held at 5:00 and 7:00 pm, with a simple soup supper served between services at 5:45. Each service will include (opt.) Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

### Lenten Theme: "Perfect Love Casts Out Fear"

Each Wednesday in Lent as we gather for midweek services at 7:00 pm, we will reflect on twin themes: God's love for us and the love of Christ we share. The readings will be taken from both Old and New Testaments, and the hymns will also reflect these themes. In addition, we will continue our tradition of using the Holden Evening Prayer as the liturgy for our midweek gathering. A simple soup supper at 5:45 precedes each midweek service.

### Children Singing in Worship

Junior Choir - March 10  
at the 10:30 am service.



### Wednesday Evening Activities for Kids!

Bring the whole family for Lenten Wednesday nights! During Lent, activities will be provided for school-age youth beginning at 6:15 pm. Meet Luke Hollander, our new Director of Children, Youth, and Family, in the Gathering Area to get to know him and have some fun together. Parents, contact Luke if you are able to help provide supervision during this time— [luke@molive.org](mailto:luke@molive.org).

### Volunteer Information

At each worship service, volunteers serve in many roles: greeters, ushers, communion assistants, assisting ministers, acolytes, nursery volunteers, and more. Others serve during fellowship time following the services. More volunteers are always needed, especially during the busy season of Lent with midweek services and meals. Families are encouraged to serve together. Training is available for new volunteers.

**How do I get involved?** Volunteers receive regular notices via the online sign-up site, *Sign Up Genius*. To receive an invitation to the website, or if you "don't do computers" but are willing to serve, please contact Nancy Britson, Director of Congregational Life, and she will help you: [nancy@molive.org](mailto:nancy@molive.org), 288-1580 ext. 202. Sign-up opportunities will also be on the Lenten table in the front entry. Current Volunteer Schedules are emailed to all participants monthly. The schedules and Sign Up Genius links are also available on the church website under "Service".

### Prayer and Spiritual Care

Mount Olive has a Prayer Chain, coordinated by Kim Ignatius, where many members of the congregation pray for those in need. If you have a prayer request and would like the prayer chain to pray 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](mailto: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. You may also call 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.



## Second Sunday Service Project

In February for Service Sunday, the Sunday School children helped assemble Baby Care kits for Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to all of the sewers, knitters, bundlers, and all those who donated items to the LWR Baby Care kits. Because of all your generous donations we were able to complete 70 Baby Care kits that will be sent to mothers and babies in need around the world. Thank you also to Women of the ELCA and Thrivent for additional funds.



## March Food Drive for Channel One

Our annual March Food Drive for Channel One is here, running March 1-31. During this time of year, the food supply is greatly reduced at Channel One Food Bank, so they can use the help of each and every one of us. In 2018, Mount Olive collected 1407 pounds of food and raised \$2,419 for Channel One. We were ranked #8 for most donations in Minnesota by Minnesota FoodShare. We hope to exceed this in 2019.



We encourage each family at Mount Olive to bring a bag full of groceries and/or make a \$10 donation to Channel One. Grocery bags with attached grocery lists and envelopes for monetary donations are on a table in the front entry at church. Please pick one up as a reminder to bring your donations. All food items should be non-perishable and have an expiration date that is later than June 2019. (**No glass please**) They can be placed in one of the blue barrels in the entry. Following is a list of the most needed items: Canned tuna, ham, and chicken, peanut butter, canned/dried beans, canned fruits, canned vegetables, rice, dried pasta, flour, sugar, oil, and personal care products.

Contact Sherry Will at [sherry@molive.org](mailto:sherry@molive.org) with questions.

## Lenten Soup Suppers

Soup suppers will once again be served on Wednesday evenings during Lent from 5:45-6:45 pm. The first meal is on Ash Wednesday, **March 6**. Many volunteers are needed each week to bring soup, serve and clean up. Can you choose a night to help? There are several options available. The sign-up sheet is available on the Lenten table in the entry. The freewill offering for the meals (after expenses) will go to ELCA World Hunger. Contact Nancy Britson with questions at [nancy@molive.org](mailto:nancy@molive.org).



## Family Promise News

Mount Olive's next host week for homeless families is April 21-28. Family Promise sign-up will begin March 24; look for the sign-up sheet in the entry. A training for new volunteers is available on **April 1** at 7:00 pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at 559 20th St. SW. Contact Erin Sinnwell at [etracy515@hotmail.com](mailto:etracy515@hotmail.com) with questions.

Mark your calendars for the host weeks for the rest of 2019:

**April 21-28**

**June 2-9**

**August 11-18**



## Ongoing Collections

Have you been cleaning up to “spark joy” at your home? Did you know that the SSOM team at Mount Olive has an ongoing collections of many items that can be used to bring joy to others? Items include: travel sized care products, eye glasses, pop can tabs, and fabric. In addition, the white collection bin in the parking lot can be used for many items. A list of accepted items is available on the Gathering Area counter.



## Dorothy Day Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to make the evening meal for residents of the Dorothy Day Hospitality House on **May 3**.

Mount Olive serves the evening meal on the first Friday of every month. Individuals, families, or groups are invited to please sign up in the Gathering Area, where you will find a folder with more information or contact Jene Bodensteiner at 287-0257.

## Meals for those in Need

Mount Olive uses an online program called *Meal Train* to organize meals for Mount Olive members in need. Past recipients have included people recovering from surgery or illness and parents of new babies. Volunteers simply follow an individualized email link to *Meal Train* and choose a date to provide a meal. More details can be viewed on-line for each recipient. If you are in need of meals or willing to help provide meals, please contact SherrieBelle Brinkworth at [nanabelle.mn@gmail.com](mailto:nanabelle.mn@gmail.com) and she can send the Meal Train links to you. Alternately, you may also contribute **gift cards** to restaurants. Gift cards may be placed in an envelope labeled “Meal Train” and put in the offering plate or the office drop box. Thank You!



## Food for Friends Drivers and Packers Needed

The Food for Friends Program continues each week, providing bags of food to hungry children at nearby John Adams Middle School. Volunteers are needed to pick-up the food from Channel One during the day on Wednesday, package the food into grocery bags on Wednesday evening at Mount Olive, and deliver the tubs of packaged food to John Adams on Thursday morning. Each task only takes a few minutes of volunteer time, but is so needed. Sign-up forms for these tasks are available in the Gathering Area.

**During Lent, note that the packing time changes to 6:15 pm. Metamorphosis youth are especially encouraged to participate at this time.** If you have questions, or need a replacement in the case of a conflict, contact: Carrie Fletcher at [cxnfletcher@gmail.com](mailto:cxnfletcher@gmail.com) or 507-272-1906 or Warren Kemplin at [warren.kemplin@gmail.com](mailto:warren.kemplin@gmail.com) or (507) 254-4932.

## Mount Olive Prayer Shawl Group

All knitters and crocheters are invited to attend our next meeting on **March 12** at 9:00 am. Yarn, needles, treats, and guidance are provided. The group meets from September to May to knit or crochet prayer shawls and hats. To request a shawl for someone who

is experiencing illness, loss, or a difficult time, contact Peg Whitley - [peg.whitley@gmail.com](mailto:peg.whitley@gmail.com), or call the church office at 288-1580.



## Mount Olive Quilters

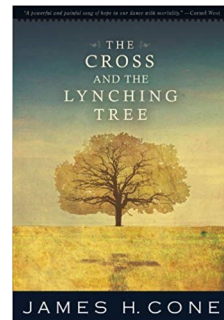
The quilters meet at 9 am each Thursday in the Fellowship Hall. A recent project has been to prepare colorful quilt tops

to be tied on the Women’s Day of Service. The finished quilts will be used to warm Family Promise guests on the weeks they stay at Mount Olive. Anyone is welcome to join the group on Thursday mornings, no sewing experience is required. If you have any questions, call Sandy Schlenker at 529-8215.



## Faith Seeking Understanding (FSU)

Faith Seeking Understanding reads and shares conversations about a variety of books and videos on theology, spirituality, social justice, and Christianity and our changing church. The next meeting is on Tuesday, **March 5** at 6:30 pm. Due to the weather issues in February that prevented a full discussion, the group will re-visit James H. Cone's book, *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*. Regina Seabrook will lead the discussion as the group explores these symbols and their interconnection in the history and souls of black folk. The April book selection is *The Rebirthing of God; Christianity's Struggle for New Beginnings* by John Philip Newell. Meet in the Mount Olive Library. Everyone is welcome to join the discussions.



## Men's Discipleship

The Men's Discipleship group continues their study of Matthew on Saturday mornings at 8:30 am in the front Conference Room. This group, open to all men of the congregation, meets every Saturday morning during the program year for Bible study, discussion, and fellowship. Contact Mark Masbruch for more info. - [mmasbruch@hotmail.com](mailto:mmasbruch@hotmail.com).

## Women of the ELCA News

Women's small groups (circles) continue to meet monthly for Bible study and fellowship. There are 6 groups that meet at different times and days. If

you are interested in joining a circle and would like more information, please contact Renee Schaefer, Women of the ELCA president - [vettelady54601@yahoo.com](mailto:vettelady54601@yahoo.com) or Nancy Britson - [nancy@molive.org](mailto:nancy@molive.org).

On March 6, women will serve at the Ash Wednesday soup supper. Sign up at the table in the entry to help with bringing soup or serving.



## Annual Women's Day of Service

The Mount Olive Women's Day of Service is a day of service, fun and fellowship for all women of the congregation, including girls, grades 6-12. This year's date is Saturday, **April 6, 2019**, 9:00am-1:00pm. Lunch will be provided.

**Projects include:** Snacks for John Adam's Students, Bandage



Rolling for Global Health Ministries, Quilting for Family Promise Hosting,

Cat Hammocks for Camp Companion, Meal Preparations for Project Legacy and more. Look for the sign up table in the entry. Sign up to attend and/or provide any needed supplies for the projects. Contact Sherry Will at [sherry@molive.org](mailto:sherry@molive.org) or Renee Schaefer at [vettelady54601@yahoo.com](mailto:vettelady54601@yahoo.com) with questions.



**Note: Women of the ELCA circle study leaders,** please attend the monthly leader preparation meeting led by Pastor Glenn on **March 5** in the front Conference Room at 5:30 pm. Bring your Gather Magazine and a Bible.

## Pastor Glenn's Lenten Bible Study

Each Wednesday and Sunday in Lent, Pastor Glenn offers a Bible study open to adults and older youth. We meet in the church Library on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm and Sundays in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 am. The first classes are Sunday, March 10 and Wednesday, March 13. The same lesson is presented each week at both times so that people can attend at different times throughout the season. This year's study is called *Questions for Jesus: Studies in Mark*. In this study we will look at some of the knottiest

texts in the New Testament, regarding divorce, discipleship, money, and others. Books are \$7.00. Please sign up at the Lenten table in the entry where you will find envelopes to order the book for the class. Return envelopes to the office drop box or offering plate.



## World Day of Prayer

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

1212 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW, Rochester

Friday, March 1, 2019

9:30 am - Coffee, Treats, and Fellowship

10:00 am - Worship Service

**Program: The theme is "Everything Is Ready" featuring the women of Slovenia**

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide, ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year, and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service. Everyone is welcome. Contact Dorothy Ostrom for more information—288-2297.

## Good Earth Village Camp

Camp is a place filled with unconditional love, overflowing joy, and where a Christ-centered community is felt at its core. Programs at Good Earth Village near Spring Valley are available for children ages 3 and families. Registration for summer 2019 programs is now available! For more information, please visit [goodearthvillage.org](http://goodearthvillage.org). Call 507-346-2494 with any questions or concerns. Register by April 7 and get a free t-shirt. Through May 5th, save 10% with the code EARLY19. Register siblings for camp and save 15% with code SIBLING19. Write code on registration form or enter it on the promotional code area on "My Cart" as you check out.



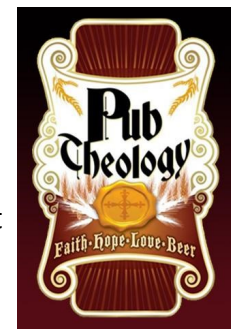
## Metamorphosis News

Beginning with Ash Wednesday, March 6, all Metamorphosis students will attend all mid-week

Lenten services and write sermon notes. At 6:15 pm each week, there will be a service opportunity for them to pack the bags of food for John Adams Middle School. Come to the Fellowship Hall to help with the food packing.

## Pub Theology

Pub Theology meets for their weekly discussions on Monday evenings from 5:30-7:00 pm at Hy-Vee on 37<sup>th</sup> St. If you enjoy thinking about faith, life, and what it means to be a follower of Jesus in our world today, come join the group, led by Deacon Travis Beck. Meet us at the Hy-Vee Market Grill at the 37<sup>th</sup> Street Hy-Vee. Topics are always sent out a day ahead of time and can be found at [rochesterpublictheology.wordpress.com](http://rochesterpublictheology.wordpress.com). Order food or a beer at 5:30 pm, conversation begins at 6:00 pm. See you at the pub!



## Ripe Olives Meet March 15

Ripe Olives is a group for Mount Olive's most experienced members, mostly retired folks. They meet the second Friday of the month September through May for fun and fellowship! On **March 15**, (one week later than usual) our speaker will be Todd Juzwiak, known as "The Victrola Man". Todd will bring a Victor Talking Machine, (Victrola) tell about its history and play some music by well known artists of the era. Breakfast will be provided with a freewill donation at 9:30 am and the program will begin about 10:00. Sign up at the Gathering Area cabinet. Contact Nancy Britson, Director of Congregational Life, with questions 288-1580 ext. 202 or [nancy@molive.org](mailto:nancy@molive.org).



In February, poor weather prevented Ripe Olives from meeting. The scheduled speaker, award winning Post Bulletin columnist Jennifer Koski, has been re-scheduled for **April 12th**. Jen's topic will be "Telling Your Story". Bring a notebook and pen (or your ipad or laptop).

## Adventure Club Happenings

The Mount Olive Adventure Club is a diverse and dynamic group of people of all ages that enjoy exploring a wide variety of activities.

### March - Nature Sunday: Maple Syruping at Quarry Hill Nature Center

Join Mount Olive friends at Quarry Hill Nature Center, 701 Silver Creek Road NE, at 1:30 pm on **March 31**. Bring your sweet tooth to learn more about the natural sugars of Minnesota maple trees in this one hour program. Learn how maple syrup is harvested and then see a



demonstration of tree tapping and collecting sap. Finally, sample some finished box elder syrup. This activity is appropriate for adults and school aged children. We will meet to car pool from the church parking lot at 1:00 pm; indicate your interest on the sign up sheet. Sign up in the Gathering Area at church. Contact Nancy Britson with any questions— [nancy@molive.org](mailto:nancy@molive.org).



**April - Easter Egg Hunt at Mount Olive** Watch for more details to come.

**May - Adventure Club Night at the Twins** Mark your calendar to join us on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> as the Minnesota Twins take on the Chicago White Sox. Transportation, tickets, and food will all be included in the evening's adventure. Watch for more details and sign up opportunities as spring approaches!



## Holden Village Trip

A group has been formed to join Pastor Glenn and Ruth Monson for a trip to Holden Village this spring. Holden Village is a wonderful Lutheran retreat center (home of Holden Evening Prayer) in the Cascade Mountains of eastern Washington. Inspiring scenery, music and worship, classes and lectures, and wonderful hiking all contribute to an outstanding experience for all ages. If you would like to be on a waiting list to join the group in the event that there are any cancellations, please contact Pastor Glenn - [glenn@molive.org](mailto:glenn@molive.org).





## Mount Olive Quilters and Crafters Retreat

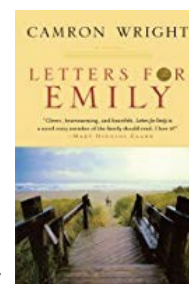


**Friday, March 8, 1:00 pm – Saturday, March 9, 8:00 pm**  
**Mount Olive Fellowship Hall    Cost: \$20 for both days**

Join your friends at Mount Olive for a fun and relaxing weekend of sewing, knitting, scrap booking, or crafts on March 8 and 9. An optional Friday evening mini sewing class will be offered, beyond that, your projects are up to you! If you do not have projects of your own, there will be Lutheran World Relief and Mount Olive quilters items to work on. Meals, with the exception of Saturday lunch, are provided. Feel free to invite friends! Pick up a registration form with all of the details on the Gathering Area sign-up counter. Return your registration and payment by March 3rd. Contact Nancy Britson or Sherry Will in the Mount Olive office with any questions—507-288-1580.

### Monday Book Group

The Monday Book Group gathers again on **March 11** at 6:30 pm in the Library, for their monthly book discussion. The March selection is *Letters for Emily* by Camron Wright. Harry Whitney is dying. He has Alzheimer's disease, and he knows his "good" time is dwindling. So he compiles a book of poems for his favorite granddaughter, Emily, hoping that his words of hard-won wisdom will heal the old wounds that are tearing his family apart. But Harry's poems contain much more than meets the eye -- clues and riddles that lead to an extraordinary cache of letters and a promise of hidden gold. New readers are always welcome to join the group. Contact Jodi Schoer for more information, [mjschoer@charter.net](mailto:mjschoer@charter.net) or 288-1951.



### Little Leapers

Little Leapers, the fellowship group for parents and their children who have not yet started Sunday School, will gather in "The Pond" on **March 17**. The Pond is located in classrooms 3 & 4 of the Education Wing. The group will meet, 9:15 to 10:15 am, to share in caring conversation and fellowship as our little ones take a leap into faith. All are welcome! Contact Serena Oudekirk for more information: [serena.oudekirk@grarate.com](mailto:serena.oudekirk@grarate.com).



*Leaving the Garden*



### SiriAnna in Concert

**Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm**

**Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**  
**1212 12<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, Rochester**

*SiriAnna, a former Mount Olive pastor, is a singer/songwriter who writes spiritual and inspirational music.*



## Sanctuary Flowers for Easter

Flowers to beautify the sanctuary for Easter will be available to order through April 7. Follow the directions on the order envelopes in the front entry. The flowers are yours to take after the 10:30 Easter Sunday service or you may leave them to brighten the sanctuary.

## Rainbow School Registrations



Rainbow Pre-school, housed at Zumbro Lutheran Church, is registering students for the 2019-2020 school year! Their mission is to provide a Christian preschool where children develop skills for a life of faith and learning. The program is a state-licensed preschool serving children 3, 4, and 5 years old. Visit their website for more information:

[www.rainbowschoolmn.org](http://www.rainbowschoolmn.org)

To schedule a tour, call Cat Thisius, Rainbow School Director (507)261-0586 or email [rainbowdirector@hotmail.com](mailto:rainbowdirector@hotmail.com). Children must be 3 years old by Sept. 1.

**Thank You!** Among the messages we received lately was a heartfelt thank you from Pastor Corrine Haulotte of the Lutheran Campus Center in Winona. You may remember that Pastor Corrine was a guest preacher while Pastor Glenn was in Tanzania last fall. She expressed her sincere appreciation to the congregation for their financial support. Check out the bulletin board near the front doors for many other expressions of thanks from our ministry partners in Rochester and around the world.

### 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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### Worship Schedule

Services at 5:00 pm Saturday and

8:00 and 10:30 am Sundays

Education Hour 9:15 am Sunday

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