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Ministry Team

What is this Ministry?

The Alternative Learning Center (ALC) is a Rochester Public school for students who are working, parenting, in recovery, or have other special needs. These students are striving to move their lives along by earning their high school diplomas. As young adults, they often have a difficult road, but have dedicated themselves to completing their education so they can become independent, responsible adults in our community.

How do we help?

With school back in full swing, the ALC student closet needs some new or gently used clothing including leggings, hoodies, and t-shirts, as well as a variety of personal care items. We gather these items to assist these young adults.

To Get Involved:

Donate clothing items from the list above. There will also be times when needed items will be listed in the bulletin. There is a collection box in the Gathering Area cupboard.

Channel One Regional Food Bank **Contact: Sherry Will at sherry@molive.org**

What is this Ministry?

Channel One Regional Food Bank is a non-profit organization whose mission is to work in partnership with others to help feed people in need. In 2018, 1407 pounds of food and \$1874 were collected during the Mount Olive annual Lenten Food Drive. Mount Olive was ranked 8th in the state in giving by Minnesota Food Share.

How do we help?

- During Lent 2019, Mount Olive will have its annual special food drive to collect food items for people in need. We collect a special offering for Channel One during Lent as well as at the Thanksgiving Eve service.
- Our budget for this ministry is \$500.00.

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.



Community Food Response

Contact: Carrie Fletcher at cxnfletcher@gmail.com

What is this Ministry?

Community Food Response (CFR) is a volunteer led nonprofit that provides free meals to hungry people to take home or eat elsewhere. The food distributed is donated by restaurants, cafeterias, businesses and grocery stores. In addition to helping people in need, CFR helps reduce the amount of food waste generated by area businesses. CFR is excited to announce the opening of their second location in northwest Rochester located at The Exchange - 3945 10th Avenue NW, just east of Gage East Apartments. CFR North serves an average of 65 people each time they are open. Clients can visit CFR North on Mondays & Wednesdays, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

How do we help?

Mount Olive will be partnering with this important ministry on the third Monday of each month. There are two shifts available from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. and 4:45 to 6:00



Dorothy Day (1897-1985) began serving people experiencing homelessness in the 1930's in response to the Great Depression and the resulting 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

Contact: Jason and Erin Sinnwell at etracy515@hotmail.com

What is this Ministry?

Family Promise (Formerly Interfaith Hospitality Network) is a network of more than 40 faith communities that work together to provide food, shelter and loving support when a family finds themselves without shelter. More than 1,400 volunteers work within the network to provide nightly housing, meals and support. Family Promise staff provide the support and case management to assist the families as they seek sustainable employment and permanent housing. The program operates 365 days a year and can accommodate 14 people. Host churches usually house families for one week at a time. Churches that are unable to house families also supply volunteers to help serve.



How do we help?

Mount Olive hosts families four or more times during the year. Volunteers provide hospitality in the evening and overnight as they stay in our specially prepared rooms. Volunteers help by cooking and serving food, playing with the families with young children, staying overnight, or driving families to and from Mount Olive.

To Get Involved:

All volunteers must be trained with the exception of those helping with set-up and tear-down. Recertification is required every 3 years. Instead of having to go in person to update your training, you now have the option of doing your recertification online via their website at: familypromiserochester.org. Click on "Get involved" and then "Volunteer." You simply need to watch the video and fill out the form verifying that you watched it. First time volunteers must still go in-person to their training.

Upcoming hosting dates for 2018 are December 9-16, 2018. Hosting dates for 2019 have not been set.

Please save the date for these important events in 2018-2019:

- Family Promise Training at Mount Olive Lutheran Church on **Sunday, November 18, 2018**, 9:15-10:15, during Forum. You can attend whether it be your first time or renewing certification. Certification must be renewed every 3 years.
- The annual choir concert will be held on **Friday, November 16, 2018** at Bethel Lutheran Church, with the silent auction starting at 6pm and free will offering concert at 7:30pm. The Mount Olive Choir will

Middle school. The Food for Friends program discreetly provides nutritious, child-friendly, easy-to-prepare food to chronically hungry children. The food is distributed in ordinary bags for students to 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 bags containing food each week during the school year. Last year, Mount Olive filled and delivered 35-55 bags of food each week. The food is packed on Wednesday evenings and delivered to school on Thursday to be sent home.

To Get Involved:

Sign up in the Gathering Area to pack and/or deliver food. Food distribution begins in late September.

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?

- We provide \$500.00/year from our budget.
- Help with the Women Build Project in the Spring.
- Volunteer at the ReStore to be a cashier or process donated items.

To Get Involved:

Help with the current home construction project. Go to <http://www.rahh.org/volunteer/index.html> or call 507-252-0849 for more information on volunteering. No construction experience is necessary. Volunteers can also help at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Rochester by being a cashier or helping with setting out donated items. The store takes donations of a variety of construction materials and household items and sells them at the ReStore to raise funds for Habitat. Go to <http://www.rahh.org/reStore/index.html> for more information on volunteering.



What is this Ministry?

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday 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. For the last three years, Mount Olive has participated in this special day of service. Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace. The enthusiasm and energy of Mount Olive members makes it likely that this will continue as a yearly occurrence.

How do we help?

Mount Olive members, friends, and visitors of all ages can participate in 11 different projects on September 9, 2018 including; making paper flowers for residents of The Homestead, making tree ornaments for the Festival of Trees, assembling blizzard bags for Family Service Rochester Meals on Wheels, making sandwiches for the Salvation Army, rolling bandages for Global Health Ministries, painting bowls for Channel One's Empty Bowls fundraiser, making tote bags for Tanzania, assembling Care Kits for Next Chapter Ministries, renovating buildings at Crossroads College for Family Promise, doing yard work for the elderly and singing for residents at the Homestead.

To Get Involved:

Planning begins months in advance to choose projects and begin working out details for "God's work. Our hands." Sunday. Volunteers are needed for the following tasks: project coordinators, applying for grants, gathering supplies, helping with promotion, or volunteering on the day of the event. If you're age 2-102 you can help. Contact Sherry Will, Director of Missions and Service to get involved.



What is this Ministry?

LSS L.I.N.K. is a transitional living program for young adults age 16-24. L.I.N.K. helps keep youth and children safe and supports their healthy development by providing:

- Early intervention and prevention services
- Supportive shelters and housing options for youth experiencing homelessness
- Services to restore and strengthen families

The goal of this program is to support at-risk youth while they establish and maintain an independent household, and prevent future occurrences of homelessness.

How do we help?

In August, a School Supply Drive was organized to collect much needed items for L.I.N.K. young adults and their children. Items collected not only included school supplies, but items that are always in need including: Kleenex, toilet paper, Wet Wipes, full size shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste and toothbrushes, Ziplock bags (gallon and quart size), new underwear and socks (kids and adult sizes), new pillows, and \$5 gift cards for Subway

To Get Involved:

Donate items from the list above. Leave gift cards in the office drop box and label -“For LSS L.I.N.K.” Drop all other items in the L.I.N.K. collection bin in the Mount Olive Office.



The Mitten Tree

Contact: Pam Hansen at prae Hansen@gmail.com

Ann Willis at native.101@gmail.com

What is this Ministry?

With colder weather approaching, many children will be searching their closets for winter gear and coming up short. The goal of this ministry is to help kids stay warm over the winter by providing them with appropriate gear.

How do we help?

We help by providing all types of warm winter gear: sweatshirts, coats, mittens, hats, wool socks, snow boots, and pants that are needed by our Rochester school children. Items donated to the Mount Olive Mitten tree are distributed locally to kids in need.

To Get Involved:

In November and through the Advent season, the Mitten tree will be on display in the Gathering Area. You may place gently used or new (grade school sized) coats, snow pants, snow boots, hiking boots, wool



Mount Olive has 5 garden plots that were built by the Facilities and Grounds team on the east side of the building. A veggie trough was built for those who have a love for gardening, but have difficulty bending over. Each spring and fall, the garden crew decides what type of vegetables to plant during the growing season and together, the planting takes place. Last year, over 200 pounds of produce grew and was donated. By mid-August 2018, about 75 pounds of produce had been donated to Community Food Response. A few new crops were planted this year including sweet corn and sweet potatoes. This year's garden crew is: Carrie, Jacob, Samantha, Joshua, and Jeremiah Fletcher, Lori Kuhlmann-Leibfried and Bob Liedtke.

How can you help?

You and your family are encouraged to come, get your hands dirty and deepen your faith in the goodness of the earth! Many volunteers are needed to plant, weed, water, and harvest the vegetables.



"The glory of gardening:
hands in the dirt, head in
the sun, heart with nature.
To nurture a garden is to
feed not just the body, but
the soul".
Alfred Austin



Neighborhood Schools

Contact: Pam Hansen at praeahansen@gmail.com
Ann Willis at native.101@gmail.com

What is this Ministry?

Mount Olive has a special relationship with our neighborhood school, Elton Hills Elementary. 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. We sponsor a staff appreciation effort during the school year to remind the faculty and staff how much we appreciate their work. During Elton Hills Summer School 2018, Mount Olive volunteers conducted mini-classes on arts, crafts, poetry, and games.

How do we help?

When the school calls with a need, we gather supplies. When the time comes to sign up Reading Buddies, we get the word out. When it's time to support those who work at Elton Hills, we have taken on a variety of projects to help, including making snowflakes that the teachers used as an incentive for students.

To Get Involved:

Anyone can 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 and put the item in the "Neighborhood Schools" bin below the sign-up sheets in the Gathering Area and we will deliver the item to the school. You may also call Elton Hills or go to their website and sign up to be a Reading Buddy. You can also volunteer to teach a class during summer school. Our goal is to help sun-



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 of their properties, as Bible study helpers with Pastor Glenn, and with donations for various ministry needs. You can also donate clothing, shoes and other items by placing it in the NP Community collection bin in the Mount Olive parking lot. All proceeds from this go to Next Chapter. Mount Olive members attend the Next Chapter banquet and donate funds to support their ministries.



To Get Involved: Watch the *Messenger* for opportunities. Bring items to the collection bin – a list of accepted items is available on the Gathering Area sign up table. Talk to Bill Hollander, congregational administrator, to get involved in construction or maintenance at the Next Chapter homes or to Pastor Glenn about involvement in other ways. Participate in the Next Chapter Restoration Celebration a Gala fundraiser held in the spring or attend the Annual Next Chapter BBQ Cook off Fundraiser held in August.

Salvation Army (SA)

Contact: Sherry Will at sherry@molive.org

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 for food and housing programs, after-school activities for at-risk kids, and more. During God's work. Our hands. Sunday Mount Olive members made 300 sandwiches for their lunch program. And Mount Olive has an ongoing collection of hotel sized toiletries which are donated to the SA.

To Get Involved: Sign up in the Gathering Area to ring bells with your Mount Olive friends. Bring sample sized toiletry items and place in the bin in the Gathering Area. You may sign up on your own for a bell ringing slot, to help with a meal, or to volunteer in a variety of other ways by visiting www.RochesterSA.org or call 507-288-3663.



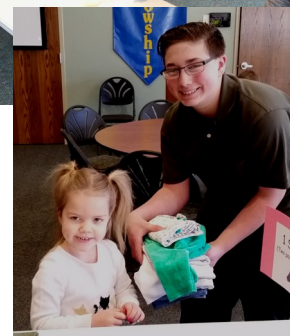
way for even the youngest students to learn about serving others in Jesus' name. Everyone is welcome to help with the projects. Older students and adults help the little ones to make it a truly intergenerational activity. Sunday School students will attend their Sunday School classes and music practice as usual with the service project worked into the Sunday School hour.

How do we help?

The schedule for 2018-2019 follows. These projects make a big impact on the recipients and the children love to help out.

September 9	God's work. Our hands.
October 14	Personal Care Kits- LWR
November 11	Christmas Gift Boxes
January 13	Bandage Rolling - Global Health Ministries
February 10	Baby Care Kits- LWR

To Get Involved: Watch your bulletin and *The Messenger* for updates and sign up opportunities as the year goes on. Contact Sherry Will, Director of Missions and Service to volunteer to help with planning or implementing projects.



Women's Day of Service

**Contact: Sherry Will at sherry@molive.org or
Renee Schaefer at vettelady54601@yahoo.com**

What is this Ministry?

On Saturday, April 6, 2019 at 8:30 am, Mount Olive women will gather to perform acts of service in the community and at church for their 4th annual Day of Service, planned by the Mount Olive Women of the ELCA. Funds for lunch and supplies are provided by Thrivent.

How do we help?

In past years, groups have volunteered in the community at the Habitat Re-Store, Channel One, and at Mount Olive sewing and tying quilts, knitting prayer shawls, cutting and sewing baby jackets, and hemming blankets.

To Get Involved: Watch for more information in the *Messenger* and sign up opportunities at church. All women and girls ages middle school and up are welcome to participate.





What is this Ministry?

In March 2017 a group of 12 Mount Olive members traveled to Bogota to meet leaders and members of the churches of the Lutheran Church of Colombia (IELCO). Since most of the churches of IELCO are within the city limits of Bogota and the synod office is there, we were able to learn much about this small, but determined group



of God's people. What a delight they are! Their hospitality is overwhelming! In conjunction with the leadership of IELCO we developed a covenantal agreement between IELCO and Mount Olive congregation, which was approved by the Mount Olive Church Council, the ELCA Global Mission Group, the Southeast Minnesota Synod, and the bishop and executive committee of IELCO. This agreement provides goals and structure for ongoing communication, visits, prayer, financial support and education. In the last year we have had the pleasure of being visited by several of our Colombian

brothers and sisters including Zulma Ojeda, IELCO Director of Education, and her cousins Cate and Jennifer Franco, IELCO Bishop Atahualpa Hernandez and his wife Pastor Anjelica (right) and ELCA Missionaries Curtis and Katie Kline (above). During the Kline's visit in July 2018, Mount Olive hosted a Colombia workshop titled "Building Peace from the Ground Up." It was a fun, interactive and informative event. In 2018, we also established a partner relationship with a small mission congregation, Lluvia de Gracia, which means Rain of Grace.



How do we help? Mount Olive is committed to prayer and support of the education ministries of IELCO and also to the support of Curtis and Katie Kline, ELCA missionaries in Colombia. Your gifts and prayers make a difference. Sunday School students can help by writing letters or communicating electronically with students in our partner congregation.



To Get Involved: Talk to any member of the Mission Colombia Team: Carrie and Terry Krieger, Nicole Pierson, John Langemo, Sherry Will – Director of Missions and Service, or Pastor Glenn and Ruth Monson. Read a detailed description of the March 2017 trip and see pictures and videos on their blog. walk

zania (ELCT) has been in place for many years at Mount Olive. Multiple visits by members of Mount Olive resulted in the 2011 donation of 20 laptop computers for the Lutheran Theological College in Kiomboi, the synod offices, our partner congregation in Kijota, and the Hull Secondary School in Kijota. September 25- October 10, 2018 a team from Mount Olive will return to Tanzania. Team members include: Pastor Glenn, Mark and Karen Masbruch, and Steve and Sherry Will. While in Tanzania the mission goals are to: Renew Mount Olive's relationship with the Kijota congregation. Get an update on Hull Secondary School. Get an overview of Kiomboi Lutheran Theological College. Form a stronger relationship with the ELCT Central Diocese Synod. And participate in a sewing day with the women of Kijota. In April 2018, it was our privilege to host Bishop Alex Mkumbo of the ELCT and his wife, Wilhelmina, (right) during their visit to Minnesota. Bishop Alex was guest speaker at the Tanzania Mission Trip Fundraising Dinner.



How do we help?

The current priority for the churches in Tanzania is education and health. In this light, the Mount Olive church council voted in 2017 to provide sufficient funds for the installation of a satellite dish to Kiomboi Theological College and to make an annual gift to the college for a yearly subscription to high speed internet. This is a much celebrated gift at the school since a major need for them is access to the latest educational materials and teachers. Mark Masbruch, who travelled to Tanzania in 2007 and 2011 and is on the 2018 team, currently serves on the Tanzania Operations Team (TOT) of the SEMN synod. Traveling to Tanzania this fall will help identify projects there that Mount Olive can support.

To Get Involved:

Pray for our members as they travel to Tanzania and for the members of our partner congregation in Kijota. Support Tanzanian projects that the mission team has identified during their time there. Talk to Mark Masbruch, Sherry Will, Director of Missions and Service, or Pastor Glenn for more information.

ELCA World Hunger

Contact: Nancy Britson at 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, special offerings, supporting God's Global Barnyard, 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:

What is the Ministry?

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) 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 sponsoring:

- **Baby Care Kits**-We have a long history of our Sunday School Youth assembling the Baby Care Kits. Again, the supplies are provided by the congregation and kits are assembled between services. After a blessing during worship, they are sent to the LWR warehouse in the Twin Cities to be shipped overseas.
- **Personal Care Kits**-For the past few years, from the supplies provided by the congregation during promotion time, our youth assemble the kits. After a blessing during worship, they are sent to the LWR warehouse in the Twin Cities to be shipped overseas.
- **Quilts**-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. (For more information on quilts, see page 14.)
- **LWR Coffee Project**-Fair Trade coffee 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 cabinet in the Gathering Area. If you are a knitter, check with Cathy Hanson (contact information above) 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 2017, enough funds were raised to cover all of the shipping costs for the quilts and kits made at Mount Olive.
- **Sponsor** Sunday morning coffee in celebration of a birthday or special occasion for only \$15.00.
- **Visit** the Lutheran World Relief website, lwr.org, to learn more about the projects listed above and to gain access to planning resources and information about all of their programming.



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For over 25 years, the Mount Olive Quilters have met to make large (full size) and small (baby) quilts. This group meets 9:00-11:00 a.m. every Thursday throughout the year. Annually they make 75-100 large quilts and the same number of baby quilts, which are donated to Lutheran World Relief, The Rochester Women's Shelter, Colombia, NAMI, Families First Crisis Nursery, etc. In addition, quilts and quilted items are donated to the Good Earth Village Auction each year which provides scholarships for children going to camp. Contact Elaine Monson at 272-6404 if you would like to get involved with this ministry. New quilters are always welcome, and no sewing experience necessary. If you can tie a knot, please come!

Prayer Shawls

Contact: Peg Whitley at pmwhitley@charter.net

For more than 10 years, Mount Olive members have been meeting to pray and knit or crochet 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 is in need of prayer and comfort. There are also shawls for children and blankets for babies. The group meets at church on the second Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. and many continue to work on the shawls at home. Yarn and patterns are provided. To join the group or to request a shawl, contact Peg Whitley pmwhitley@charter.net or call the church office at 288-1580.



Prayer Chain

Contact: Kim Ignatius at ignatius.kimberlie@charter.net

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 or Kim Ignatius, prayer chain coordinator, ignatius.kimberlie@charter.net or 507-271-6087 or call the church office: 507-288-1580

Meals

SherrieBelle Brinkworth at nanabelle.mn@gmail.com

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. Dietary require-



What is this Ministry?

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

How do we help?

Some of the projects that took place this last year were: relighting the Sanctuary with LED Lights to improve the lighting for everyone, adding an accessible door to the women's restroom, adding a nitrogen system to our dry sprinklers (part of the fire control system) to help increase the lifespan of the pipes, wall construction, and painting. Volunteer time from members of the congregation saves the congregation thousands of dollars each year in maintenance costs! The team has also completed quite a bit of construction, remodeling, and maintenance work for our ministry partner, Next Chapter Ministries.

To Get Involved:

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

For any questions or to indicate your interest helping with this team please contact:

Facilities and Grounds Ministry Team Chair and

Council Representative: Gene Ostrom

genewostrom@aol.com or

Staff Liaison: Bill Hollander, Facility Manager,

bill@molive.org

Team Members: Jim Berg, Steve Determan, Wayne Diercks, David Johnston, Warren Kemplin, Brad Natzke, Gina Rislow, Mike Schad, Tracy Schramm, and Richard Willis.



Service and Social Outreach Team

The Service and Social Outreach Ministry 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.

Vision Statement

Our vision is that the entire community of Mount Olive Lutheran Church is engaged in the work of service and social justice, informed and aware of current needs in our community, and committed to making real change in the lives of those in need.

Mission Statement:

Our mission is to inspire, engage, encourage, and facilitate the community of Mount Olive Lutheran Church to reach out with compassion into the community of Rochester and beyond, by living out Christ's call to advocate for people whose voices are not heard, encourage the downtrodden, and provide for people in need.

Chair: Sherry Will **Council Representative:** Ann Willis

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*"Believers of one heart
and mind
reaching out to serve
others"
Acts 4:32-35*