

Service 2019-2020



Mount Olive Lutheran Church



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Community Ministry

Alternative Learning Center

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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?

When school is in session, 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 2019, 1263 pounds of food and \$2322 were collected during the Mount Olive annual Lenten Food Drive. Mount Olive was ranked 6th in the state in giving by Minnesota Food Share.

How do we help?

- During Lent 2020, Mount Olive will have its annual food drive to collect food items for people in need. We also have 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.



Dorothy Day Hospitality House

Contact: Jene Bodensteiner at jbode6@me.com

What is this Ministry?

Dorothy Day (1897-1980) 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 Sinnwell at sinnweja@gmail.com
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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 itself 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 weeks during the year. Look for dates to be announced. 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. Contact Jason if you would like to volunteer, but haven't been trained.

Please save the dates for these important events in 2019:

- October 18- Surviving to Thrive (formerly known as Cardboard Box City) at Berean Community Church
- November 16, 1:00-3:00 pm– Annual Family Promise Concert at Bethel Lutheran Church



Food For Friends

Contact: Carrie Fletcher at cxnfletcher@gmail.com
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What is this Ministry?

Channel One coordinates this program that provides bags of food each week to students at John Adams 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. This year volunteers will also be including brief encouraging notes in each food bag.

To Get Involved:

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





God's work. Our hands.

Contact: Sherry Will at sherry@molive.org

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 four 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 every act of service flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace. The enthusiasm and energy of Mount Olive members on this special service day is extraordinary.

How do we help?

Mount Olive members, friends, and visitors of all ages can participate in 14 different projects on September 8, 2019 including; making birdhouses and bird feeders, quilting for the Women’s Shelter, 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, assembling Care Kits for Next Chapter Ministries, making cookie dough for the Open Table food truck, tying fleece blankets for the Salvation Army, and singing for residents at the Homestead. Also included, volunteers will have the opportunity to sign letters to our US Senate and House in support of Global Nutrition Resolutions S. Res. 260 and H. Res. 189. These will be prayed over during the service on September 15.

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 are age 2-102 you can help. Contact Sherry Will, Director of Missions and Service to get involved.



Lutheran Social Service (LSS)-

Contact: Sherry Will at sherry@molive.org

Rochester Youth Services (formerly known as LINK)

What is this Ministry?

LSS–Rochester Youth Services (RYS) is a transitional living program for young adults age 16-24. It 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 young adults and their children being supported by LSS–RYS. Items collected included 50 backpacks plus an array of school supplies.

To Get Involved:

Donate items throughout the school year, 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. Leave gift cards in the office drop box and label -“For LSS-Rochester Youth Services”. Drop all other items in the LSS–RYS collection bin in the Mount Olive Office.



Mitten Tree

Contact: Ann Willis at awillis@charter.net

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 socks, hats and/or mittens under or on the tree. Other volunteers are needed to distribute the items to the schools.



Mount Olive Garden

Contact: Carrie Fletcher at carrie@gmail.com
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What is this Ministry?

Mount Olive has five 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. The garden crew includes: 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!

To Get Involved:

Many volunteers are needed to plant, weed, water, and harvest the vegetables. Watch for the sign up sheet in the Gathering Area in early spring.



Neighborhood Schools

Contact: Ann Willis at eawillis@charter.net

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. Our goal is to help support students so they can thrive at school. We can help kids focus on the joy of school and learning.

Next Chapter Ministries

Contact: Pastor Glenn Monson at glenn@molive.org

Bill Hollander at bill@molive.org

What is this Ministry?

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

How do we help?

Members of Mount Olive are involved as mentors, as helpers in areas of maintenance of their properties, as Bible study helpers with Pastor Glenn, and with donations for various ministry needs. You can also donate used 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.



Ronald McDonald House

Contact: Sherry Will at sherry@molive.org

What is this Ministry?

The Ronald McDonald House of Rochester provides a home away from home and offers support to families seeking medical care for their children. It is a nonprofit organization. The house hosts 70 families each night and has been in operation since 1980.



How do we help?

Donate pop can tabs to the Ronald McDonald House. These are turned in for money at the recycling center.

To Get Involved:

Save your pop can tabs and drop in the container on top of the gathering area cabinet.



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 will be collecting sleeping bags and blankets. Mount Olive also 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 on Saturday, December 7, 1:00-3:00 pm at HyVee North on 37th St. Each shift is 30 minutes. 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.



Bring sample sized toiletry items and place in the bin in the Gathering Area. Participate in *God's work. Our hands.* Sunday.



Second Sunday of Service

Contact: Sherry Will at sherry@molive.org

What is this Ministry?

The Second Sunday of Service activities occur five times during the program year, beginning with "God's work. Our hands." It is a great 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 2019-2020 follows. These projects make a big impact on the recipients and the children love to help out.

September 8	God's work. Our hands.
October 13	Personal Care Kits- LWR
November 10	Christmas Decorations—LIRS
January 12	Bandage Rolling - Global Health Ministries
February 9	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

Regina Seabrook at rseabroo@gmail.com

What is this Ministry?

On Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 9:00 am, Mount Olive women will gather to perform acts of service in the community and at church for their 5th Annual Day of Service, planned by the Mount Olive Women of the ELCA and the Director of Missions and Service. 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 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. Contact Sherry Will at sherry@molive.org with project ideas or to lead a project.



ELCA World Hunger

Contact: Nancy Britson at nancy@molive.org

Carrie Fletcher at carrie@gmail.com

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 special offerings, a soup supper during Lent, 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:

Purchase from the Good Gifts catalog available at the Welcome Desk or go to ELCA.org/goodgifts. In November, support World Hunger as Mount Olive students provide the opportunity to purchase Christmas ornaments signifying the provision of a farm animal. Provide soup and/or serve on the last Wednesday evening during Lent, April 1. Donate to the free will offering during the Wednesday Lenten meal on April 1 or through a designated offering.



Global Ministry

Mission Colombia

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Terry Krieger at takrieger@gmail.com

What is this Ministry?

After a team of 12 Mount Olive members traveled to Bogota in March 2017, the leadership of Mount Olive and the leadership of the Lutheran Church of Colombia (IELCO) developed a covenantal agreement which was approved by the Mount Olive Church Council, the ELCA Global Mission Group, the SE MN 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 2020, we plan to return to Colombia to meet with IELCO leaders, strengthen our relationship with our companion congregation, Lluvia de Gracia (Rain of Grace), and learn how best to deepen our companion relationship with our siblings in Christ in Colombia. Our particular concern is for the education of church leaders, both lay and ordained, in Colombia and how to best support that aspect of IELCO's ministry.

How do we help?

Mount Olive sends Christmas cards and pictures to our companion congregation Lluvia de Gracia. We remember members of Lluvia de Gracia in prayer during our weekly worship. Through our financial gifts we support students attending Lutheran schools through the Emmaus Road Foundation, and we also support the IELCO School of Theology (for pastors) as well as the general education ministry of IELCO.

To Get Involved:

Talk to Carrie or Terry Krieger, Sherry Will – Director of Missions and Service, or Pastor Glenn Monson, especially if you are interested in being part of the team going to Colombia in 2020. Watch for announcements about Mission Colombia events in anticipation of the trip to Bogota in 2020, and volunteer to help in any way you can.



Mission Tanzania

Contact: [Mark Masbruch at mmasbruch@hotmail.com](mailto:mmasbruch@hotmail.com)

What is this Ministry?

In Fall 2018, five Mount Olive members traveled to central Tanzania. The team set five goals which were to: Renew our relationship with our companion congregation in Kijota; Get an update and overview of the Kijota Hull High School; Get an update and overview of the Lutheran Bible Institute in Kiomboi; Form a stronger relationship with the Central Diocese in Singida; Have a sewing day in Kijota on a project wherein Tanzanian and American women would work together. All of these goals were met beyond expectations! God is good all the time! Our goal for 2019-20 is to work as a congregation to raise funds for the building of a new dining hall at Hull School in Kijota at a cost estimate of \$30,000. Years ago, Mount Olive built the current dining hall which is large enough for 30 students. Currently, the student population at Hull has grown to 225 students with many on the waiting list.



How do we help?

Since the teams return in October 2018, communication has continued between Mount Olive and the Central Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT) and action has been taken on needs identified while the team was in Tanzania, including: the Mount Olive church council's vote in 2019 to provide \$3,000.00 to Hull High School in Kijota to pay off student debt for graduates whose diplomas were being withheld. This money was then used to begin the building of a new student dorm. The council also voted to cover tuition for five students in the amount of \$2,625.00/year for the 2019, 2020 and 2021 school years. Mount Olive also provides funds for a yearly subscription to high speed internet for the Lutheran Bible Institute at Kiomboi (LBIK) as an annual gift to the institute. In 2019, we also gave funds to purchase 10 computers and 2 projectors for LBIK. These were installed in July 2019. The women of Mount Olive finished the 24 pastors' stoles that were started by the women of Kijota, then the stoles were sent back to be presented to the newly ordained pastors who graduated from LBIK. In addition, offerings have been given by various Mount Olive groups and a large Christmas card signed by Mount Olive members was sent to Kijota Parish.



To Get Involved:

Pray for our partner congregation in Kijota. Support Tanzanian projects that the mission team has identified during their time there. Support the fundraising efforts to build a dining hall for Hull High School by participating in the fundraisers



Driving for the Dining Hall on September 22, 3:00-6:00 pm at Hadley Creek Golf Club and the Swedish Meatball Supper, Nov. 1, 4:00-7:00 pm in the Mount Olive Fellowship Hall. Talk to Mark Masbruch, Sherry Will, Director of Missions and Service, or Pastor Glenn for more information.



Lutheran World Relief

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

Quilts: Elaine Monson at dlmonson@charter.net

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.)

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 2019, enough funds were raised to cover all of the shipping costs for the quilts and kits made at Mount Olive.
- **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.



Keith and Cathy Hanson lead the Care Kits Ministry



Elaine Monson, right and Sandy Schlenker, left lead the quilters



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Caring Ministries at Mount Olive

Mount Olive Quilters

Contact: Elaine Monson at dlmonson@charter.net or Sandy Schlenker at richrochestermn@hotmail.com



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, 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 or Sandy Schlenker at 529-8214 if you would like to get involved with this ministry. New quilters are always welcome, and no sewing experience necessary.

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 requirements, maps, email reminders, and special instructions can be viewed 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 and she can send the Meal Train links to you.



Caring For Our Facility

Facilities and Grounds Ministry Team

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: a new digital camera in the sanctuary, adding a projector system in the sanctuary, a new vanity and sink in the women's restroom, adding an automatic door to the men's restroom, and painting rooms. Volunteer time from members of the congregation saves the congregation thousands of dollars each year in maintenance costs! The team has also completed painting and building for Bear Creek Church and their affordable housing project.

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: Dallas Oudekirk

Staff Liaison: Bill Hollander, Facility Manager, bill@molive.org

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



Service and Social Outreach Ministry Team (SSOM)

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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

Team Members: Jene Bodensteiner, Carrie Fletcher, Jim Haase, Cathy Hanson, Warren Kemplin, Lori Kuhlmann-Leibfried, Kristin Mannix, Elaine Monson, Erin Sinnwell, Jason Sinnwell, and Peg Whitley

Staff Liaisons: Pastor Glenn Monson and Sherry Will, Director of Missions and Service

Connecting with our Global Partners

These photos were sent to our global partners in Bogota, Colombia and Kijota, Tanzania, Christmas 2018.

