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# THE Messenger

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*A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

## The Spirit is Blowing Anew!

Does that title sound familiar? It is the same title that I used when I wrote to you in May to tell you about the plans for in-person, indoor worship. For those of you who were present on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, you know what a special day it was as we gathered once again in the sanctuary for worship. It continues to be a joy to see old friends and meet new ones as we gather each Sunday.

After much discussion, our plans for the time being remain somewhat the same, but with one important addition: **A weekly Wednesday evening service at 6:30 pm will be starting on September 15.** This will be the non-Sunday option going forward. The two Sunday options will remain in place: Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary at 9:00 and Tailgate Style worship at 11:00 in the parking lot. Why these choices at this time? Let me explain:

- With children under 12 still unvaccinated, we still need an outdoor worship option, and 11:00 works well with our Sunday School schedule.
- Returning to 8:00 for indoor worship seems an unreasonable thing to ask of people who were previously accustomed to worshipping at 10:30, so the 9:00 indoor option will remain.
- Online worship will continue to serve the homebound and others unable to attend in person.
- Wednesday night worship will tap into adults, teens, and families involved in confirmation, high school youth group, choir rehearsal, and Bible Study as well shift workers who are unavailable Sunday mornings.
- This model is a sustainable model for staff. (i.e. no one is burning out – an important consideration!)

We know that this schedule will not be everyone’s preference, but we hope that it will serve our present needs well. When the virus is no longer a concern, we will likely revisit the worship schedule and make adjustments as needed.

Finally, please remember that your presence is a gift that cannot be replicated. When you are in worship, you not only *receive* spiritual sustenance, you *give* spiritual sustenance to others, by sharing their joys and sorrows and all that the days bring. We hope to see you in worship soon.

Blessings,  
Pastor Glenn

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September 17 & 19

- Picnic Supper and Concert Friday, September 17 at 5:30 pm
- Sunday School and Sunday Forum kick-off at 10:10 am on September 19
- Backpack blessing at Tailgate Worship, 11:00 am Sunday, September 19

See more details inside! We can't wait to see you there!

## Mount Olive 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend is October 30-31

Save the Date for the last weekend in October to celebrate Mount Olive's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary team has all sorts of plans to celebrate including music, food, worship, clothing, picture directories, an updated congregational history and more. Stay tuned!



### Spiritual Companions Gathering on September 2

If you have ever been laid up in the hospital, in rehab, or at home and had a friendly visitor stop by, or even better, someone to pray with you, you know how important companions are. Our Spiritual Companion cadre fulfills this important role on a regular basis by keeping in touch with some of our most vulnerable members. They might schedule a visit, make a phone call, or send a card or an email. They might remember a person on their birthday or anniversary or on a holiday. If you would like to look into being a part of this joyful team of Spiritual Companions, you are invited to a gathering on Tuesday, September 2 at 10:30 in the church library. If you are unable to attend, but would like more information, talk to Pastor Glenn.

### Sunday Fellowship Coordinator Position Open

Do you love working behind the scenes, providing treats and coffee for guests? Do you find joy in expressions of hospitality, by helping people enjoy a time of fellowship following worship? Are you an organized person who can also organize others? If all these things sound like you, you are invited to apply for a small, but very important position at Mount Olive, the Sunday Fellowship Coordinator. This is a paid position, and its main task is to organize the Sunday Morning Coffee Hour. A full job description is available, and our Director of Congregational Life, Nancy Britson, is more than happy to answer any questions you might have.

### Mount Olive Columbarium

Many people are unaware that one of the special features of the Mount Olive sanctuary is that we are literally worshipping with the saints departed each Sunday, by virtue of the presence of the Columbarium vault, located directly below the communion table. Here the cremains of loved members of the Mount Olive community have been laid to rest. The names of those interred are on the Memorial Wall outside the sanctuary doors. For more information about reserving a place of your own in the Mount Olive Columbarium, see the brochures near the Memorial Wall or talk to Pastor Glenn.

### New Members Received

During the pandemic, a number of new members have been received at Mount Olive with little fanfare. We will formally recognize these new faces in worship on **October 17**.

If you have been considering membership at Mount Olive, we'd love to have you too! Please contact Nancy Britson, Director of Congregation Life by email, [nancy@molive.org](mailto:nancy@molive.org), visit with her at the Welcome Desk following worship, or call 507-288-1580.

### New Photo Directory

We're long overdue in providing a new photo directory. Our plan is to self-publish a directory and distribute paper copies or pdf's to all members on Anniversary Celebration Weekend. Please watch for the photo booth at church on Sept. 12, 19, and 26, or submit an updated family/individual snapshot to Nancy Britson in the church office –[nancy@molive.org](mailto:nancy@molive.org). Contact Nancy with any updates to your contact info. as well.

### Thank you, Thank you!

A very heartfelt thanks to the Mount Olive congregation and to the Mutual Ministry Committee for the gifts, cards, and tributes that came to me on the occasion of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of my Ordination. Mount Olive is a special congregation, and I am blessed to be a member of the staff. I look forward to continued ministry together in the years ahead. –Pastor Glenn

## Fall Worship Theme, “Listening People”

This fall in worship, we will have fresh music to launch the theme of our new program year: Listening People. What if we thought of ourselves as people who pay attention carefully to the world, to our neighbors, to our beloveds and to our own purpose? What if we are the family tree branch-tips of our ancestors of faith who listened to God's voice? We'll look forward to answering these questions together!



## Fall Worship Schedule

**Sunday, 9:00 am**—Traditional Worship, a full service with Holy Communion in the sanctuary.

**Sunday, 11:00 am**—Tailgate Worship, a condensed service in the parking lot with Tupperware communion (bring your own communion supplies). Geared towards families, there will also be a children's sermon.

**Wednesday, 6:30 pm**—Wednesday worship, also with Holy Communion, follows the lectionary texts from the previous Sunday and has a more casual/laid-back feel. It will take place near the stained glass window in the Fellowship Hall most weeks.

**Online Worship**— Livestream each Sunday at 9:00 am, available on the Mount Olive [YouTube channel](#) after 10:00 am on Sunday. The link is shared on [www.molive.org](http://www.molive.org) each week. See the [worship](#) link for past sermons.

## Music Groups Resume

Choir will begin meeting in-person this fall, starting with our first rehearsal on Wednesday, September 8, 7:30-8:30 pm in the sanctuary. Choir members should be vaccinated and masks should be worn in accordance with current public health guidelines. Anyone interested in joining choir this year is invited to attend. Handbell choir will also begin meeting in-person this fall on Thursdays, 7:15-8:00 pm. If you are interested in playing in handbells this year, please contact Travis for more information.

## Worship Volunteers Needed

If you would be willing to serve as a volunteer for the 9:00 am Sunday service, please click here to sign up: [www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0449a5a92aa1fb6-mount1](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0449a5a92aa1fb6-mount1) or contact Nancy Britson, Volunteer Coordinator, with your availability or questions—[nancy@molive.org](mailto:nancy@molive.org) or 507-288-1580 ext. 202. Thank You!



## Youth Colorado Trip Recap

18 high school youth, along with chaperones Kris Liedtke and Pastor Luke, returned from an incredible trip to Colorado late on July 31. They started their great adventure at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo before driving the last two hours to Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp who hosted them for the week. At camp they worshiped, ate tasty food, bonded and completed a team high ropes obstacle course before heading out on trail. Carrying packs as heavy as 60 pounds, they spent the next four days on trail, camping, preparing their own meals, setting up camp, soaking in incredible views, peaking mountains, challenging themselves and encouraging each other along.

They concluded the week by white water rafting down 10 miles of the Arkansas River. Once home, they led worship at Mount Olive sharing their highlights and the glorious and unexpected ways they encountered God. To view this worship, go to Mount Olive's YouTube channel, click the "Live" videos link to watch the August 8, 2021 [service](#). These youth actively engaged with their faith, built meaningful relationships with one another and God, and were transformed by this great adventure. Thank you, Mount Olive, for your support! One youth began the trip hoping he would build awesome calf muscles, and concluded by naming his encounter with God through relationship and stories around the camp fire. This is just one example of how inspirational these amazing youth are.



## What's Been Happening with Olive Branch?

Our summer home has been the pergola at Little Thistle Brewing with their wonderful staff serving up craft soda and beer. We've followed a liturgy that includes music, a land acknowledgement (we're on Wahpeton Lakota land), a presentation on anything from Biblical midrash to gardening, group discussion, and questions that were submitted to the *Cigar Box of Wonders*. Olive Branch Church has numbered an average of 12 people, ages 1 to 84, including a few new faces. Thanks to all who have been with us as we experimented, invented and explored what Olive Branch Church wants to become.



## What's next for Olive Branch?

A new gathering spot for Autumn and Winter, and a strong focus on outreach. We're excited for more people to learn about Olive Branch and see if it is a fit for them. In the meantime, know that you continue to be invited and encouraged to attend Olive Branch events as we create a community that resonates with our explicit commitments to anti-racism, LGBTQIA+ celebration, feminism, anti-consumerism, ecological sustainability, and generally not being a jerk about faith things. We give thanks for your continued support of this unique and much-needed ministry.

## Olive Branch Artist Collective

Over the past few months, participants of the Olive Branch Artist Studio have been making beautiful greeting cards, wall art, coasters, and more. On August 4, Lori Kuhlmann-Leibfried and Barb Sorenson joined Pastor Lisa and Richard BC at the Berne Wood-Fired Pizza artisan market. We brought our art to sell, branded with the Olive Branch logo, but our main goal was outreach. We met some great folks as the band *Hair Metal Radio* filled the air



with 80's rock music. Coming soon – your chance to purchase art and support Olive Branch! Want to make art yourself? Watch for weekly Artist Studio gatherings this fall/winter.

## Pride Celebration Postponed

The Rochester Pride Board of Directors has recently made the decision to reschedule the Rochester Pride Celebration until May 21st, 2022. Olive Branch will plan to participate.

## Held in the Seasons Forum

Sunday August 22 marked our first *Held in the Seasons* Sunday forum. We were joined by Julie Stevens, Director of Contemplative Practices at Gloria Dei Lutheran, who helped us reflect on the Season of Pentecost and the gifts to be found when we allow ourselves time to be still and silent. We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day to meditate in the shade on our church lawn, enjoying delicious treats and even better company. Our next forum will take place in November, prior to the season of Advent.



## God's work. Our hands. Projects List



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"God's work. Our hands." Sunday will be **September 12, 2021, 9:45 am-11:00 am indoors and 11:30 am - 12:30 pm outdoors, weather permitting.**

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Remember to wear your gold God's work. Our hands. t-shirts and bring the whole family to serve in one or more of the ways below. Contact Carrie Fletcher at [carrie@molive.org](mailto:carrie@molive.org) for more information.

Project	Where located	Time
Cookie Cutter Bird Feeders –Creation Care	Mount Olive Fellowship Hall	9:45-10:45 am
Cookie Cutter Bird Feeders –Creation Care	Mount Olive West Lawn	11:30-12:30 pm
Birthday Cards-Camp Noah Lutheran Social Service	Mount Olive Gathering Area	9:45-10:45 am
Birthday Cards-Camp Noah Lutheran Social Service	Mount Olive West Lawn	11:30-12:30 pm
Bandage Rolling— Global Health Ministries	Mount Olive Gathering Area	9:45-10:45 am
Bandage Rolling— Global Health Ministries	Mount Olive West Lawn	11:30-12:30 pm
Painted Kindness Rocks-Community Care	Mount Olive Fellowship Hall	9:45-10:45 am
Painted Kindness Rocks-Community Care	Mount Olive West Lawn	11:30-12:30 pm
Easy Fleece Pet Toys –Paws & Claws	Mount Olive Fellowship Hall	9:45-10:45 am
Easy Fleece Pet Toys –Paws & Claws	Mount Olive West Lawn	11:30-12:30 pm
Design A Quilt Square-60th Anniversary	Mount Olive Fellowship Hall	10:00 –10:45 am
Design A Quilt Square-60th Anniversary	Mount Olive West Lawn	11:30-12:30 pm
Mulch moving and landscape cleanup	Mount Olive Patio/Grounds	9:45-10:45 am
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### Take Home Projects (See Table in Entryway)

- Birdfeeder kit
- Bandage roller kit-please return by September 30

### Ministry Partner Donation Suggestions

- Channel One
- Lutheran Disaster Relief-Haiti Crisis
- Lutheran World Relief
- Bolder Options

To give a financial gift to one of the suggested organizations above, you may click on the ["Donate Now"](#) button on the church website, send a check to Mount Olive, or use the envelopes provided in the church entry. Please indicate your chosen recipient in the "other" section online or your check memo.

### Family Promise Update



Family Promise continues to use Sign-Up Genius to gather volunteers for providing meals. Please be aware that Family Promise cannot share information about vaccination status of staff and guests, so if you choose to deliver the meal in person, mask wearing is strongly encouraged. For no contact delivery, there is a blue bin right in the front entry way where you can put the food around 6:00 pm. Here is the link for the meal sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4fa4a22a3f94-prepare>. For a list of items that the house needs click this link: <https://www.fprochestermn.org/wish-list>.

## Bolder Options Update

The summer has provided many great outdoor opportunities for Bolder Option's mentor/youth pairs. Recently, some spent the day at Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center overcoming their fear of heights by doing the High Ropes Challenge. The following week, pairs had the opportunity to enjoy a cook-out and an evening of fishing, courtesy of the Rochester Police Department. As summer comes to an end, we look forward to the annual back-to-school event, a baseball game at Mayo Field (Police vs. Bolder Options) along with music, food, and a school supply handout for families in the program. For more information about Bolder Options visit [www.bolderoptions.org](http://www.bolderoptions.org) or contact Scott- [scott.robinson@bolderoptions.org](mailto:scott.robinson@bolderoptions.org).

## Dorothy Day House

One of our community missions at Mount Olive is to support Dorothy Day Hospitality House, a temporary shelter for the homeless in Rochester, by providing an evening meal on the first Friday of every month. The guests (14 or less) and volunteers at the house are **required** to wear masks and practice social distancing while inside. They are not required to be vaccinated. As a volunteer from Mount Olive, we ask you to either order a meal or deliver a home cooked meal to the house before 6:00 pm; you do not need to stay to eat or clean up. To volunteer to serve a meal, you may either sign up on the sheet for Dorothy Day in the Gathering Area at church or you may contact Jene Bodensteiner, Volunteer Coordinator for Dorothy House at Mount Olive. E-mail: [jbode6@me.com](mailto:jbode6@me.com) Phone: (507)287-0257 or (507)398-2009

Thank you for your service!

## Mount Olive Quilters Need Fabric

The Quilting group at Mount Olive needs fabric donations for making the quilt tops. Donations of clean, cotton fabric may be left in the cupboard in the Gathering area. The Quilting group meets every Thursday at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Elaine Monson, 507-272-6404 if you have any questions or have a larger quantity of fabric to donate.



Some of the quilters with a recent donation of 30 quilts to *Bright Futures*.

## Mount Olive Prayer Shawl Group

The Mount Olive prayer shawl group will meet on **September 14** at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Yarn, needles, patterns, and guidance are supplied; please contact Vickie Kubly if you would like to join the group—507-282-7696. If you would like to request a prayer shawl for someone who is experiencing illness, loss, or a difficult time, please contact Vickie, or you may call the church office at 507-288-1580.



## Lutheran Personal Care Kit Collection

In September, we will be collecting items for Personal Care Kits to help our neighbors around the world. Lutheran World Relief's supply of Personal Care Kits remains critically low as requests for assistance across the world increase. These kits contain basic hygiene supplies that help reduce the spread of germs and disease. The kits are sent around the world to people dealing with the effects of war, disaster, and poverty. Personal Care Kits not only send a tangible message of God's love amidst suffering, and they also save lives by helping families stay healthy in difficult living conditions. The following items are needed to complete a kit:

• 1 bath size towel (approximately 52" x 27")	• 2 bath size bars (4-5 oz.) of soap
• 1 sturdy wide tooth comb (no picks)	• 1 metal nail clippers
	• 1 adult size toothbrush

You may drop off items in the Gathering area in the Lutheran World Relief box anytime in September. The kits will be assembled on Service Sunday, October 10, 2021. If you have any questions or want to know more about how you can help this important ministry, contact Cathy Hanson at 507-398-3917.



## 8 Sunday Forums Begin with “Love Them First”

Rally Sunday, September 19, will be the beginning of the Sunday Forum schedule once again. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 10:10 am and hear from presenters of all kinds, some known to us, some new to us. We invite all adults and teens to join in the learning and fellowship each week. September 19, 26, and October 3 will be a showing and discussion of the powerful documentary about Lucy Laney Elementary School in North Minneapolis, a place where the kids say, “I choose hope.” Come and be filled with hope yourself.



### You Can Still Sign Up for Pastor Glenn’s Fall Study

This fall, Pastor Glenn will lead a study of the book of Genesis, one of the most important books in the Old Testament. Much of our theological understanding regarding human origins, the origin of sin and evil, and God’s response to brokenness and sin, comes from our reading of the book of Genesis. This 8-session study will be held both in-person and via Zoom technology to accommodate people’s schedules and comfort levels regarding in-person gatherings. The schedule is as follows:

- Wednesdays at 7:30 pm, via Zoom, September 8 – October 27.
- Thursdays at 10:30 am, in the church library, September 9 – October 28.

As always, friends are welcome. The study guides may be ordered in the church office for \$10 each.



### Women’s Fellowship and Fall Circle Plans

The Women of the ELCA had a wonderful gathering on July 24th. The original plan was to go hiking and have a picnic in the park. The women decided instead to go to a play at the Commonweal Theater in Lanesboro and then out for an early dinner. The play was hilarious and the fellowship was fun. We did some seed planting for growing fellowship among the women at Mount Olive. Stay tuned for the next gathering. You won’t want to miss it!

All Mount Olive women are invited to consider joining a small group (known as “Circles”) for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. There are six different groups, each named for a woman in the Bible, that meet at different times and places beginning in September. One is sure to be the right fit for you! This fall, the groups will be participating in a study from *Gather* magazine entitled “The Gift of the Spirit” by the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith. Subscribe to *Gather* at this link, <https://www.gathermagazine.org/subscribe/>, or call 1-844-409-0576. Copies to share are also available in the church office. For more information about Women of the ELCA, contact Regina Seabrook, Mount Olive Women of the ELCA president- [rseabroo@gmail.com](mailto:rseabroo@gmail.com) or 651-285-3912 or contact the leaders in the chart below:

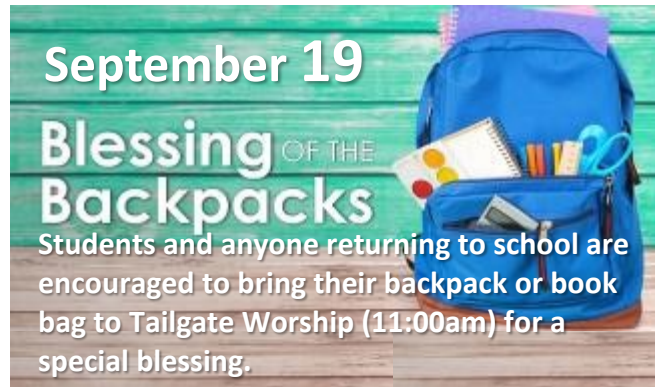
Circle	Meeting Day and Time	Leader
Miriam Circle	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm, outdoors at church or Zoom	Erin Sinnwell-990-6079
Lydia Circle	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month, 6:30 pm, in Fellowship Hall	Jolene Baker-289-4851
Mary Circle	4 <sup>th</sup> Friday of each month, 9:30 am, in church library	Stephanie Pasch-261-7320 & Lynn Nelson-358-2837
Naomi Circle	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, 1:00 pm, at church & Zoom	Sharon Parker-269-0385
Rachel Circle	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month, 6:30 pm, at church & Zoom	Jodi Schoer-288-1951
Ruth Circle	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, 10:00 am, in church library	Vickie Kubly-282-7696

## Fall Sunday School

Inspired by the success of our Vacation Bible School event, we are planning large group, outdoor Sunday School for Fall! Beginning **September 19**, we'll meet every Sunday at 10:30am, preceding Tailgate Worship. (Come a few minutes early on September 19 to check-in.) ALL youth ages 0-18 are invited to participate in Sunday School outside. Led by Pastor Luke and volunteers, we will sing great songs, share Bible stories and skits, and do fun activities together. As we are accustomed to, we will adapt to this pandemic as necessary putting safety first. Additionally, online offerings will be made available. If you are interested in supporting this by helping lead the music, skits or activities, please contact Pastor Luke – [luke@molive.org](mailto:luke@molive.org).

## Fall Confirmation

All 7th and 8th grade students are invited to participate in Confirmation at Mount Olive this year. Pastor Luke will lead them through the Spark House *Re:Form* curriculum. We will gather every other Wednesday starting September 15<sup>th</sup>. We'll begin with worship in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm and conclude with programming by 8:00 pm. Confirmation will be supplemented with a three hour retreat on the first Sundays of October, November and December, 1:00-4:00 pm. Parents and families are encouraged to stick around and participate in worship on Wednesday evenings.



## Evening Vacation Bible School Recap

Mount Olive's evening of VBS was a huge success! Over 25 kids and youth participated including four kids who walked in off the street (part of two day care families). Jason, Travis, Richard and Pastor Luke led some contagious, danceable music to get the energy going. There were entertaining skits from Bob the Tomato and our



Olive Branch duo of Cantor Richard and Pastor Lisa taught about loving thy neighbor. The kids made a beautiful collage of coloring pages for the congregation to send the message, "WE MISS YOU," which can be observed in our entry way. Music, activities, and a grill out wrapped up a fun evening! Thanks to all of the gracious volunteers who helped and looking forward to this event next summer!

## (Mostly) Men's Discipleship

Men's Discipleship is a Bible study group for men (and at least one woman) meant to move them closer to God and to help them understand God's will in their lives. They meet weekly, on Zoom, on Saturday mornings at 8:30 am. They will finish their study of Romans and start Corinthians this fall in their continuing study of Paul's letters. This group is open to anyone in the congregation. Contact Mark Masbruch for more info. and the Zoom invitation-[mmasbruch@hotmail.com](mailto:mmasbruch@hotmail.com).

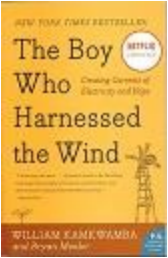


## Picnic Supper and Concert September 17!

**TGIF!** Join us on Friday evening, September 17, 5:30 pm as we kick off Rally Weekend by providing an outdoor picnic supper of pulled pork sandwiches, sides, cookies, and lemonade. Then, at 6:00 pm, our own Richard BC will present a concert for all ages with help from Travis. Come for fun songs for kiddos, some singalongs, plus fresh new music that will be featured in worship in the coming year. We'll get to celebrate songs from Richard's new album, "Listening People" as well as new pieces by Travis. Bring your lawn chair if you'd like or a blanket to spread out on the lawn.



Fellowship



## Monday Book Group Kicks Off September 13

The **Monday Book Group** gathers monthly to discuss a wide variety of literature. Their first meeting this fall will be via Zoom on **September 13** at 6:30 pm. This month's selection is

***The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*** by William Kamkwamba & Bryan Mealer. This remarkable true story tells about human inventiveness and its power to overcome crippling adversity.

It will inspire anyone who doubts the power of one individual's ability to change their community and better the lives of those around them. If you would like to be added to the email list or receive the Zoom invitation for September, contact Jodi Schoer at [mjschoer@charter.net](mailto:mjschoer@charter.net).

## Ripe Olives Begins September 10

The Ripe Olives, Mount Olive's group for retired folks, will resume meeting this fall on the 2nd Friday of each month at 9:30 am. On **September 10**, we plan to meet in the Fellowship Hall. There'll be a simple continental breakfast, coffee, and juice. While we hope for in-person meetings, if there are increased COVID safety regulations or bad weather, we will transition to a Zoom format. For our first meeting, Rev. Emily Carson, Assistant to the SEMN Bishop, will present "God in the Garden". The garden is a holy space in which we can encounter the divine mysteries of growth, life, death and regeneration. During our time together, we will explore several spiritual practices related to gardening. Rev. Emily is also a Post Bulletin columnist, with her article "Holy Everything" appearing weekly. Please RSVP to Nancy Britson in the church office, 507-288-1580 or [nancy@molive.org](mailto:nancy@molive.org) or sign up in the Gathering Area at church.



## High School Fellowship

Eleven of our high school youth, plus seven of their friends, attended the Colorado trip and have built an encouraging and fun community. We hope to continue the momentum by attending one another's sporting



and other events. To help that happen, we'd like parents to please send Pastor Luke their high school youth's event schedules so we can get things on the calendar! Additionally, there will be social justice and service events. First on the schedule are God's work. Our hands. at the church on Sunday, September 12.

# Grammercy Park Residents Surprise Pastor Glenn

On Pastor Glenn's recent visit to Grammercy Park Cooperative to provide a service and communion for the residents, they surprised him with a cake and tea reception to celebrate his 30th Ordination Anniversary. Ruth Monson and other Mount Olive staff members also attended. Pastor Glenn was delighted and appreciated their thoughtfulness.



## Prayer and Spiritual Care

Are you in need of prayer for yourself or a loved one or have other joys or sorrows to share? Mount Olive has a Prayer Chain, coordinated by Kim Ignatius. If you have a prayer request to share 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 or have news such as hospitalization, birth of a baby, etc., or would like to request a pastoral visit, please contact one of the pastors or Nancy Britson in the church office using the contact information below. Voicemail messages are forwarded automatically to our email addresses. Thank you!

**Save the Date!** The annual Family Promise Concert will be held at Bethel Lutheran Church on Saturday, November 13th. There will be a silent auction and concert. Concert begins at 1:00 pm.

### 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:*

<i>All gender identities and sexual orientations</i>	<i>All races and ethnicities</i>
<i>All ages and abilities</i>	<i>All economic statuses and education levels</i>
<i>All faith journeys and personal histories</i>	

*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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