

Mount Olive Lutheran Church



Renewing our Home.
Expanding our Welcome.



A Reconciling in
Christ Community

Reformation Sunday
Sunday, October 25, 2026
8:00 am & 10:30 am

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

Mount Olive's Welcome Statement:

"We trust that God calls Mount Olive Lutheran Church to a ministry of reconciliation. We embrace as a gift the diversity of our neighborhood and the world, and we extend God's hospitality by welcoming, hearing, and treasuring: All gender identities, gender expressions, and sexual orientations; All races and ethnicities; All ages and abilities; All economic statuses and education levels; All faith journeys and personal histories. We work for racial equity and commit to anti-racism as the way of right relationship with God and one another. 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."

About Worship at Mount Olive Lutheran:

Welcome Center

As you leave the Sanctuary, directly to the right, you'll find the Welcome Desk. Please stop by to introduce yourself and ask any questions you may have about Mount Olive. Please talk to an usher if you would like a large print bulletin or a Auracast hearing assistance device. Feel free to contact Nancy Britson, Director of Congregational Life if you have further questions.

Communion

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

The Lord's Prayer

While we have only one version of the Lord's prayer printed in the bulletin, everyone is invited to say it aloud in any language or version of their choosing. Each week we choose an address for God based on the scripture readings/theme for the day. You are always welcome to open with any image of God that is comforting and life-giving for you.

Creeds

When we recite creeds in worship, we are connected across time and place with the multitudes who have recited the same or similar words. We use different creeds from week to week as a way to acknowledge there are many different ways of expressing that in which we put our trust. Try not to think of creeds as a line in the sand – you're in, or you're out. Rather, think of it as a time to be curious, and to place trust outside yourself and what you can comprehend.

Video Recording

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Mount Olive Brass

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please stand as you are able.)*

by Meta Herrick Carlson

- P: It was a perfect storm, resistance in spades thanks to politicians with power, artists with patrons, a press for printing still new to the masses. The church reformed in the public square, where real people protested with low approval ratings, asking real questions and pushing on church to meet them outside in the mess of the day.
- C: **It is a perfect storm, resistance in spades thanks to rising generations calling the Church to step out from behind its mighty fortress for the sake of real people and real questions and the mess of today.**
- P: Come outside, church, with eyes to see and ears to listen. This is a perfect storm of politic and art, language and freedom, inspired by heaven’s refining and a reforming song that is both ancient and new.

GATHERING HYMN *(Please stand.)*

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

ELW #836

Vs. 1 & 2

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| 1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow’rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day. | 2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heav’n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flow’ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee. |
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APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: Let us pray.
- C: **Almighty, and yet all-gracious God, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Keep us steadfast in your word, protect and comfort us in times of trial, save us from all that would separate us from the truth and freedom of the gospel of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

“Reformation Sunday”

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NRSV) pew Bible pg. 642

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46

“A Mighty Fortress”

Mount Olive Youth Band

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious,
who breaks the cruel oppressor’s rod and wins salvation glorious.
For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe with craft and dreadful hate,
and armed with power great, on earth without an equal.
- 2 If we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing.
But there is one who takes our side, The One of God’s own choosing.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God’s only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.
- 3 God’s everlasting Word abides, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God is fighting by our side with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day. God’s realm is ours forever.

Translation composite of Ruth Duck (1981), Madeleine Marshall (1993), and Lutheran Book of Worship (1978)

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Bible Presentations

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please stand.)*



GOSPEL

John 8:31-36 (NRSV) pew Bible pg. 871

P: The Good News according to Saint John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Good News of the Reign of God.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please stand.)*

"Founded on Faith"



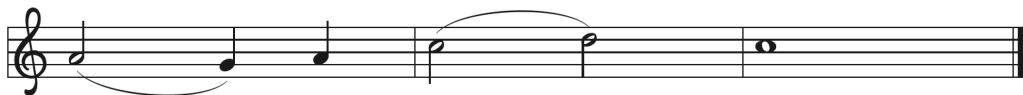
1 Found - ed on faith, the church— a - live by grace—
 2 Your cross, O Christ, re - news our life each day.
 3 E - quipped by prayer, we live the Spir - it's call.
 4 Grow - ing in grace for God's cre - at - ed earth,
 5 Found - ed on faith, called forth, em - pow'ed to serve,



pro - claims the gos - pel here and ev - 'ry place.
 Bap - tized in you, we learn and teach and pray.
 Em - pow'ed to serve with gifts, both great and small,
 we yearn for jus - tice, peace, and hu - man worth;
 we share God's end - less love with - out re - serve.



The word of God re - sounds through time and space:
 Fed by your love, with thank - ful hearts, we say:
 we bring the liv - ing hope of God to all.
 a world re - stored; a faith - ful, car - ing church.
 Then let us shout a - loud the liv - ing Word!



Al - le - lu - ia!

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CONFESSION OF FAITH

P: Let us confess our faith. We are not alone,

C: we live in God's world.

P: We believe in God:

C: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

P: We trust in God and are called to be the Church:

C: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

L: Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

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

MEAL

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN MOMENT

Mark Schoer

GATHERING OF GIFTS & OFFERINGS

Pentecost is the long season of celebrating our life together as the Body of Christ. Its color is green, signaling a time of spiritual growth for us. When we make offerings we also grow; we grow spiritually and we help the Body of Christ grow, especially in places where people are suffering or in need of care.

Thank you for being part of the Spirit's work in the world!

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *(Please stand.)* "Love Makes Room"

O-pen-ing who we are and ring-ing true Love makes room

Fol-low-ing Je-sus' Way in all we do Love makes room A

place where seeds can grow, stems can stretch, and buds can bloom A

heart where grace can grow, minds can stretch, and Christ flows through

Oh love makes room Love makes room

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray:

C: **God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

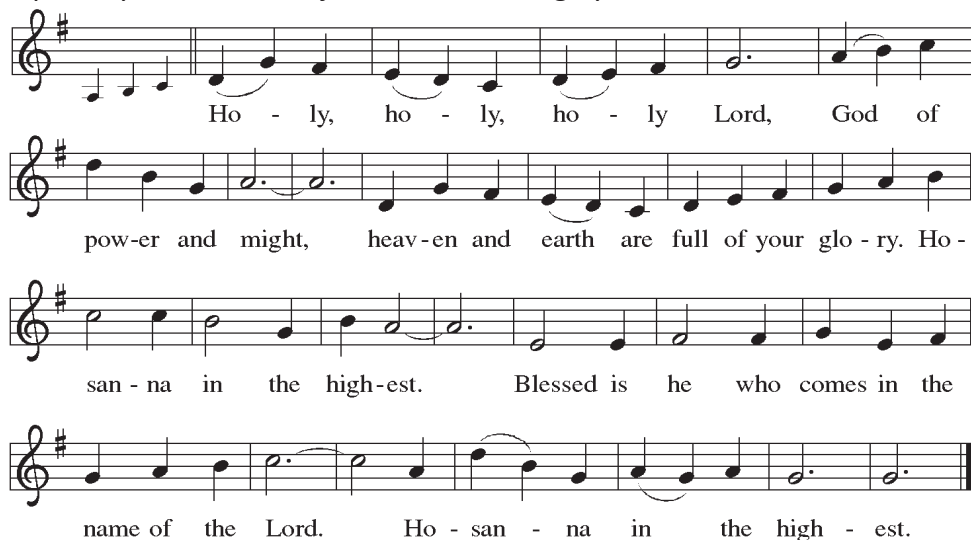
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should always and everywhere....
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Today, you're invited to address God in this prayer of Jesus using Our Liberator or any other image you prefer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught his first disciples.

C: **Our *Liberator*, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

P: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast! All are welcome here.

Please be seated.

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

COMMUNION HYMN

"Soli Deo Gloria"

ELW # 878

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| 1 O God of blessings, all praise to you!
Your love surrounds us our whole life through.
You are the freedom of those oppressed;
you are the comfort of all distressed.
Come now, O holy and welcome guest:
Soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria! | 4 All praise for Jesus, best gift divine
through word and witness,
in bread and wine; incarnate love song
of boundless grace, priest, teacher, prophet
in time and space, your steadfast kindness
with human face: Soli Deo gloria!
Soli Deo gloria! |
| 2 All praise for prophets, through grace inspired
to preach and witness with hearts on fire.
Your Spirit chooses the weak and small
to sing the new reign where mighty fall;
with them may we live your gospel call:
Soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria! | 5 A billion voices in one great song,
now soft and gentle, now deep and strong,
in ev'ry culture and style and key,
from hill and valley, with sky and sea,
with Christ we praise you eternally:
Soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria! |
| 3 All praise for music, deep gift profound,
through hands and voices in holy sound;
the psalms of David, and Mary's praise,
in wordless splendor and lyric phrase,
with all creation one song we raise:
Soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria! | |

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING *(Please stand as you are able.)*

P: May the gifts of this table strengthen you and hold you in love and grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C: Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

P: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.
The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the
interceding of the Spirit. The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word ” ELW #517

- 1

Lord, keep us steadfast in your word;
curb those who by deceit or sword
would wrest the kingdom from your Son
and bring to naught all he has done.
- 2

Lord Jesus Christ,
your pow’r make known,
for you are Lord of lords alone;
defend your holy church, that we
may sing your praise eternally.
- 3

O Comforter of priceless worth,
send peace and unity on earth;
support us in our final strife
and lead us out of death to life.

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DISMISSAL

P: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Next Sunday’s Readings:			
Revelation 7:9-17 The multitudes of heaven worship the Lamb	Psalms 34:1-10, 22 Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord; for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.	1 John 3:1-3 We are God’s children	Matthew 5:1-12 Blessed are the poor in spirit

Welcome, Worship Guests!

We hope your worship experience with us is uplifting and a blessing to you today. If you are a visitor to Mount Olive you can fill out a Connection Card from the pew rack indicating if you are interested in learning more about at Mount Olive: receiving our monthly newsletter, weekly email news, membership or if you have a prayer concern or other comment to share. Stop by the Welcome Desk in the front hallway following the service if you have any questions about our church or if you would like more information about any upcoming events. Mount Olive members, please use a Connection Card if you would like to share prayer concerns, comments, or change contact info. **You're invited to the Gathering Area for coffee and cookies following the service!**



Congregational prayers for healing and comfort ...

- Our Homebound Members
- Mount Olive members and friends who are grieving, ill, or recovering. For family members holding vigil with those in the sacred process of dying, and for those supporting those in recovery.
- Our Congregation, as we continue with the Capital Campaign and get ready to welcome a new pastor, Erik Nelson, to our community.
- Our companions in ministry in Bogota, Colombia and Kijota, Tanzania, who celebrate the risen Christ as we do.
- Our nation, that we might find solidarity in our shared humanity, and strive for justice and dignity for all.
- Communities continuing the struggle to end gun violence in our nation. Give all elected leaders the courage to seek solutions for peace.
- All people enduring the horrors of war, especially the people of Ukraine and Sudan, the people of Gaza, and the people of Iran.
- All those suffering the effects of natural disasters, especially for the lives lost during the recent earthquakes, flooding, wildfires, and tornados. May God be with all who are injured, without shelter, safety, or access to basic necessities and provide assistance for all.

Worship Participants	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 10:30 am
Preaching	Rev. Byron Meline	
Presiding Minister	Rev. Lisa Janke	
Organist/Pianist	Deacon Travis Beck	
Psalmist	Dr. Richard Bruxvoort Colligan	
Assisting Minister	Edie Schultze	Jill Mickelson
Lector	Rob Nelson	Jody Myers
Greeter	Don Halley	Dee Onnen
Ushers	Lara Smoley, Mark Schultze	Bob Thomsen, Connie Mudore
Communion Assistants	Rob Nelson	Trish Bruxvoort Colligan
Welcome Desk	Nancy Britson	Nancy Britson
Altar Guild	Carrie Fletcher	Michelle Thomsen
Livestream Video	Curt Britson	

This Week at Mount Olive

Sunday, October 25

8:00a - Worship Service
 9:00a - Coffee Fellowship
 9:15a - Adult Forum
 9:15a - Sunday School
 10:30a - Worship Service
 11:30a - Coffee Fellowship
 12:15p - Piano Recital

Monday, October 26

5:30p - Pray Without Ceasing

Tuesday, October 27

9:30a - Staff Meeting
 10:00a - Ruth Circle
 12:00p - 24 Hours Today AA Mtg.
 1:00p - Naomi Circle
 2:30p - Phone Caller Training
 3:00p - SAIL Active Aging Class
 4:00p - Bolder Options Cohort

6:30p - Phone Caller Training
 6:30p - Mayo Orchestra Rehearsal
 7:00p - Al-Anon ACOA Meeting

Wednesday, October 28

6:30p - Olive Youth
 7:00p - Mount Olive Choir

Thursday, October 29

9:00a - Mount Olive Quilters
 1:00p - Painting Group
 3:00p - SAIL Active Aging Class
 4:00p - Bolder Options Class
 6:30p - Joint AA & Al-anon Meeting
 7:00p - Glory Bells
 7:00p - In the Process Al-Anon
 8:15p - Mount Olive Brass

Friday, October 30

12:00p - 24 Hours Today AA Mtg.

Saturday, October 31

8:30a - Men's Discipleship

9:00a - How Al-Anon Works Group
 9:00a - Altar Guild Set up
 11:00a - Pastor Erik Nelson's
 Ordination in Minneapolis

Sunday, November 1 All Saints Sunday

8:00a - Worship Service
 9:00a - Coffee Fellowship
 9:15a - Adult Forum
 9:15a - Sunday School
 10:30a - Worship Service
 11:30a - Coffee Fellowship
 3:00p - Mayo Orchestra Concert

*Church Office Hours are
 generally 9:00a-4:00p
 Monday - Thursday. Call
 the office at any time for
 pastoral emergencies.*

Capital Campaign Update

All members have received materials so that they can prayerfully consider their contributions to the Annual Stewardship Drive for 2027 and the 3-year Capital Campaign. Extras commitment forms are available on the usher table for anyone interested!

All members are encouraged to pray for the congregation and the Campaign during this time. Commitment Sunday is **November 8** and Commitment forms will be received in worship that Sunday or may be mailed to the office any time.



Virtual Capital Campaign Q & A Session Available

If you'd like an opportunity to ask questions regarding the capital campaign, a virtual session will be offered on October 29 where you'll have time to meet with Dan Hoffman, who serves on the capital campaign leadership team, and Steve Olson, our capital campaign consultant. Indicate your interest by filling out the online form linked below or by calling the church office - 507-288-1580. If there is enough interest for us to host a virtual session, we'll send you more updates via email, along with a link to the virtual session. Online Form: <https://tinyurl.com/3nysf8a9>

Pray Without Ceasing Hymn Sing

All are welcome to "Pray Without Ceasing," our short, contemplative service of music, meditation and readings on Monday evenings. Tomorrow night will be a hymn sing! Come for rich musical prayer drawing from our ELW hymnal. Travis will be taking requests! 5:30 -6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.



Election Night Vigil

Gather with neighbors for a candlelight vigil to pray or show solidarity for the counting of every vote and voice. Tuesday, November 3, 8-9 pm at Peace Plaza downtown Rochester. Register at bit.ly/VoteVigilRochester. Sponsored by ISAIAH.

Men's Discipleship Resumes Saturday Bible Studies

The Men's Discipleship group has resumed their weekly Bible studies on Saturday mornings at 8:30 am in the front Conference Room. This group meets most Saturday mornings during the program year for study, discussion, and fellowship. Contact Mark Masbruch for more information - mmasbruch@hotmail.com.

Sunday School and Bible Presentations

This Sunday, October 25 is Classroom Sunday School & Breakfast Club at church **for grades 6 - 12**. Also, If your child is 1st Grade – 5th Grade and would like a SPARK Story Bible, we will give you one! We also have NEW Youth Bibles for any 6th - 12th Grade Youth. You may also bring another Bible from home we can bless it during the Children's message this Sunday, October 25. Next Sunday, November 1 is Classroom Sunday School and a Youth Confirmation lesson. Contact Evan Fitzsimmons with questions about Sunday School or Breakfast Club - evan@molive.

Sunday Adult Forum

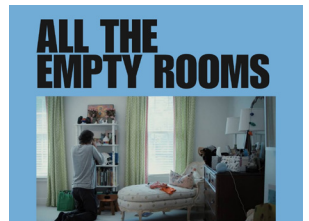
The Sunday Forum planning team is excited to present the fall line-up of presenters coming your way. Forum meets each Sunday at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall. Grab a cup of coffee and join us! coming up this fall! Here's the line-up for the next few weeks:



- **10/25- Deacon Travis Beck presents "Saints and Souls: A History of Allhallowtide"**- Many of us are familiar with Halloween as a time for trick-or-treating, dressing up in costumes, and watching scary movies. But in Western Christianity it's also the start of a three-day festival that includes All Saint's Day and All Souls Day--a time to remember the dead. In this forum, we'll explore the history of these holidays, from early Christian martyrs to Jack-o-lanterns to horror films and more.
- **11/1 - Dr. Char Kunkel** is a Professor of Sociology at Luther College. Dr. Kunkel will share her findings from the survey on Racial Attitudes the city of Rochester commissioned her to do.

***ALL the Empty Rooms* Showing at Pop's Art Theater**

Mom's Demand Action presents *All the Empty Rooms*, a powerful documentary by Steve Hartman and photographer Lou Bopp. They traveled cross-country to memorialize the childhood bedrooms of those lost to school shootings. October 26, 6-8 pm at Pop's Art Theater, 619 6th Ave. NW, Rochester. Viewing and Discussion - Free Will offering at the door.



Richard Takes Program to Good Earth Village

On October 27, 11:00 am, Richard Bruxvoort Colligan will present “Singing the Ancient Psalms in the 21st Century” as a part of the “Lunch and Learn” series at Good Earth Village. The Psalms are an ancient element of our worship tradition. Where did they come from and what do they mean in the 21st century? Richard will teach about the Psalms and lead the group in singing them. Register to attend at this [link](#) or go www.goodearthvillage.org/lunch-and-learn/ Good Earth Village is at 25303 Old Town Drive, Spring Valley MN.

Register for Fellowship Tables Today!

Today is the deadline to sign up for Fellowship Tables. Pick up a registration form available from the Gathering Area cabinet and put it in the box provided or email Nancy Britson - nancy@molive.org. Fellowship Tables is an opportunity to enjoy casual meals in homes or restaurants with a group of Mount Olive adults. It's a fun way to get to know new people or to learn more about long-time friends. Couples and singles are both welcome. See more details on the registration forms or contact Nancy with questions.

Weekend Volunteers Needed!

We rely on worship and fellowship volunteers to keep the services running smoothly and to show hospitality to everyone during coffee fellowship time. Everyone's help is appreciated, whether the role is small or large, and all ages are welcome. **We are in need of many volunteers to fill the schedule this fall!** To see the open slots and sign up, please visit the Welcome Desk following the service. You may also sign up online. Find the links on the Mount Olive website: <https://molive.org/index.php/volunteer-form>. Contact Nancy Britson with any worship volunteer questions or Renee Schaefer to ask about coffee fellowship volunteering. Thank You!

Offerings

If you would like to make a financial gift to Mount Olive, you can place it in the offering plate, send it by mail to 2830 18th Ave. NW, Rochester, MN 55901, or donate using the QR code above. Your gifts help to keep Mount Olive's ministry going strong. Thank You!



A word from your Spiritual Emphasis Team:

This week's word of prayer is about generosity.

It would be nice if generosity always came naturally— if we always could be confident that we have what we need and never feel anxious about sharing what we have. There's grace for the moments we are protective. Yet most of the time, psychologists say, we feel good when we give because we know ourselves entwined with the life of the world. Every gift of time, talent, prayer, encouragement and financial support has value. As people of faith, we can even consider giving as worship.



We pray: Generous God, what is mine to share right now? As our family of faith renews our church home and expands our welcome through our capital campaign, connect us to receive and give love. Because of Jesus Christ, our Life, Amen.

Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits



It's that time of year again! The annual LWR Personal Care Kit drive. During the month of October, we are asking for donations. Each kit includes the following:

One Bath towel size 20"x40" to 27"x52"	One adult size toothbrush	One metal nail clipper
Two bath size soap bars equaling 8-9 oz	One comb	

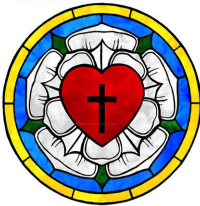
Please leave items in the LWR bin in the church entryway.

Update Your Directory Photos!

We have noticed that many of the family photos in our directory are quite out of date. With Pastor Erik joining us soon, it would be great to have a directory with more up-to-date photos to share with him! If you have not submitted a new photo recently, please try to do so as soon as possible. Scan or send your photos to nancy@molive.org, bring one into the office or stop by the Welcome Desk to have us snap a photo. Also, stop by the small table in the entry to check the accuracy of your directory data. Thank You!

Happy Reformation Sunday!

This Sunday is Reformation Sunday, marking the day Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenberg, Germany and the birthday of the Lutheran Church! Today we wear red and celebrate this day with a festival worship service. This year we have special music by the Mount Olive Youth Band. Travis Beck has arranged a version of “A Mighty Fortress” for the enthusiastic players. The Mount Olive Brass and Choir will also perform.



We Have a New Pastor!

On Sunday, October 11, the congregation voted unanimously to call Pastor Erik Nelson as our new pastor. Informational folders about Pastor Erik are available on the Welcome Desk. Pastor Erik’s ordination will be held at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Minneapolis (3045 Chicago Ave) at 11:00 am on Saturday, October 31st. His first Sunday at Mount Olive will be November 1. Let’s shower him with a “Welcome to Rochester” basket of goodies! If you’d like to contribute, consider a greeting card, a gift card to your favorite Rochester restaurant, or any other fun, small item. Items can be given to a staff person or dropped by the church office before November 1.



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