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Pastor Glenn's Retirement Celebration

Pastor Glenn's time with us is sadly coming to a close. Just over 10 years ago, on November 22, 2015, he was installed at Mount Olive. He began his ministry at a church in Pennsylvania, St. John's of Williams Township, then served at Our Savior's in Austin for nearly 20 years. We will celebrate all of his ministry at an Open House on Saturday, December 20. The program will begin at 2:00 pm and will include wonderful music, recollections from past colleagues, and plenty of fun with Terry Krieger serving as MC. It will be a time for laughter and perhaps a few tears as well. A reception will follow with some of Pastor Glenn's favorite foods. Of course there will be ginger snaps!

Pastor Glenn wanted this event to be fun for kids too. There will be a mini golf course for them and a Photo Booth set up with props. Later we'll make a commemorative book with the photos. As we prepare for the Retirement Celebration, we're collecting well wishes, photos, memories, and funny stories to share with Pastor Glenn. There will be special paper available at church or you can use this online option that we will print off for the book: <https://www.newlywords.com/pastor-glenn-s-retirement-memories>.

Besides the big event on December 20, we'll also have special fellowship times following worship on the last Sunday Pastor Glenn preaches, December 21. On December 28, his last Sunday, there will be just one service of lessons and carols at 9:30 am. Cake and coffee will be served after that service.

Please join us to celebrate Pastor Glenn's time with us. Upon his arrival with us in 2015, Pastor Glenn wrote: "We know that God is good, and God is leading us, and God will give us what we need to make this journey well. May God bless us as we conclude this adventure together."



Advent and Christmas Worship

Opportunities for worship and reflection abound in December, be it mid-week Advent services, or Christmas Eve candlelight worship. See inside for more details about these services.

Mid-week Advent worship - On Wednesdays before Christmas, December 3, 10, and 17, we'll gather at 6:30 pm to sing the beloved Holden Evening Prayer service.

Sunday Morning Advent Worship - At 8:00 am and 10:30 am on Sundays December 7, 14, and 21, come for Advent Sunday worship.

The Festival of St. Lucia - December 14 at both Sunday services, receptions following.

Blue Christmas - Tuesday, December 23, 6:00 pm at Peace UCC, 1503 2nd Ave NE, Rochester.

The Nativity of Our Lord – Christmas Eve - 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm Festival Worship, 7:00 pm Contemplative Worship. Candle lighting at all three services.

The Sunday After Christmas – December 28 - One service at 9:30 am.

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“A Light in the Storm” is December 13

If you are interested in advocating for an agenda affecting every Minnesotan that has been created out of conversations with you and your neighbors, plan now to attend the statewide ISAIAH sponsored event, “A Light in the Storm,” at the Minneapolis Convention Center on December 13, 1-6 pm. Folks from faith communities across Minnesota will be there. The agenda will focus on two important themes – affordability and dignity. Bus transportation from the Mount Olive parking lot is available for \$25. You can register at <https://bit.ly/ISAIAH2025>. Food and beverages will not be provided at this event.

Leadership Opportunities – Could This be your Call?

There is no better place to learn about the inner workings of the congregation than as a member of the Church Council. There you will learn how visions are developed, priorities managed, and dollars spent. Here are the upcoming openings on Church Council, as well as a number of non-Council elected positions:

President-elect: serving one year with the President, one year as President, and one year with the incoming president-elect. Limited to one term.

Stewardship/Finance: work with the Stewardship Team to develop the fall stewardship program.

Service and Social Outreach Ministries: work with Carrie Fletcher, our director of SSOM, as well as ministry partners. Get the inside scoop on these important ministries.

Mutual Ministry: work with a team to support and show appreciation for our fine church staff.

Youth Representative: represent the perspective of youth on the Church Council.

Synod Voting Members and Alternates: attend the Synod Assembly in May and represent the congregation.

Stewardship and Budget Update

With nearly all commitments turned in for this year’s stewardship campaign, we are slightly ahead of last year’s totals. So far, 123 commitment sheets have been returned, with another 44 congregation members who give electronically, but did not turn in a new commitment sheet. As of the end of November, we can budget \$672,000 in giving for 2026. This is about \$12,000 more than last year.

The 2026 budget will be a bit of a moving target with the retirement of Pastor Glenn and the unknown expenses related to searching for and hiring his replacement. While we cannot know the full budgetary impact of the changes coming in 2026, we can be confident that we will operate within our budget for the year.

Capital Campaign Update

At our *State of the Olive* event in October, we shared that we have been working with an architect to consider building improvements, largely to the oldest part of our building – the meeting rooms and spaces nearest the Sunday School wing. Last month, Pastors Lisa & Glenn met with the architects to share feedback from our staff, members, and building users. As a result they are working on new plans that we hope to share in various ways in the coming months.

While we won’t officially launch our capital campaign until later in 2026, if you are considering year-end gifts, pre-giving to the campaign is incredibly helpful and most welcome.

Looking Ahead

In preparation for calling a new pastor, members of staff and council are meeting to complete our Ministry Site Profile. This will be shared with potential pastoral candidates during the Call Process. If you are interested in reviewing the profile, please contact Nancy Britson in the church office for a copy.

A Call Committee will be formed at the December meeting of Executive Council. If you would like to be considered for this committee, please contact Pastor Lisa or Council President Mark Pasch. Executive Council is also in the process of arranging for temporary, part-time pastoral coverage to help support our staff and congregation during a pastoral vacancy. Watch for updates on these processes in bulletins and newsletters.

Midweek Advent Worship

On three Wednesday evenings in the Advent Season, December 3, 10, and 17, we will gather at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary to consider three key themes: Pause, Prepare, and Ponder. A brief reflection on these themes, as well as hymns and litanies, will be woven into the beloved Holden Evening Prayer service. Come and enjoy the quiet of Advent.



The Festival of Santa Lucia

On Sunday, December 14, we will celebrate the traditional Swedish festival of Santa Lucia. Saint Lucy, as she is sometimes called, was an Italian martyr from the Middle Ages, who by tradition and miraculous vision was said to have visited Sweden in a time of famine, bringing relief to a starving people. Tradition has it that as she approached the harbor in the dark of night, her countenance glowed with a heavenly light. We will observe this special day with St. Lucia treats, the reading of the story, and a procession of Star Children and the Maiden with the halo of light. Gifts for the hungry are encouraged on this day.

Christmas Eve Worship

This year we have added an additional afternoon Christmas Eve Service. Services at 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm will be festive and family-oriented, including favorite Christmas carols; special music by Mount Olive members; performances by bells, brass, and choir; and singing "Silent Night" by candlelight. 7:00 pm worship will offer a calmer and more contemplative alternative to celebrating the Christmas season.

Christmas Offering to Benefit Losses from Fire

This year at Christmas we have an opportunity to contribute to something really special. In October of 2024 the Lutheran Campus Center (LCC) at Winona State caught fire and, though not burned to the ground, was determined to be a total loss. After an arduous inspection and insurance process lasting nearly all of 2025, a generous insurance settlement was achieved, leaving only about \$200,000 needed to build an entirely new facility. As a ministry partner, we have been asked to consider responding to this need. The Church Council has designated our entire 2025 Christmas offering to go toward this rebuild. The LCC is a robust ministry, welcoming to all, gospel-centered, and healthy. You are invited to make a difference at Christmas by giving generously to this need. Thank you.

Advent Devotions Available

Advent devotionals and calendars are available to pick up in the entry at church. There is also an Advent calendar craft for children. If you prefer an online devotion, you may consider the one from Luther Seminary, [Hark, A Thrilling Voice is Sounding](#), available for free from their website.

Pray Without Ceasing

Mondays 5:30 - 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary



All are welcome to "Pray Without Ceasing," our short, contemplative service of music, meditation and readings. As part of an ELCA initiative, we join with hundreds of other churches and center our hearts on the needs of our community and our neighbors. Drop in any Monday night (**Except December 29, when participants will be given materials to worship from home.**)

Poinsettias Orders, Christmas Tree and Greenery Sponsors

You may order poinsettias for the Christmas season for \$10. These will be yours to take home, if you desire, after Christmas Eve services. Sponsors are also needed for the Christmas Tree in the Sanctuary and a permanent wreath for the outside of the church. See order envelopes in the entry. **All orders due by Sunday, December 7.**

2nd Sunday of Service

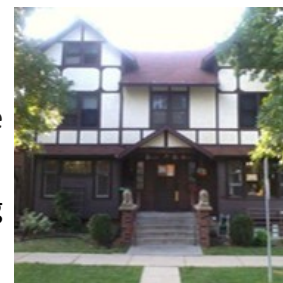
Thanks to all who helped with the collection and assembly of Personal Care Kits. Special thanks to Don Doocy, Sarah Kowalski, Sherry Will, Steve Will, and the Sunday School Youth. 95 kits were assembled by the students and adult volunteers! A \$250 Thrivent grant was also used to help complete this many kits.



Dorothy Day House Update

Mount Olive has been in partnership with the Dorothy Day Hospitality House for many years. Our responsibility is to provide a meal for the guests staying there on the first Friday evening of each month. When you sign up to serve Dorothy Day House, volunteers provide and share a family-style meal with the guests in the home's dining room. We need volunteers for the next several months.

If you have never served this ministry before, we can make sure to match you up with a seasoned volunteer; rest assured, they will help with the process. Volunteering to provide these meals is truly rewarding. You may either sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Area at church or contact our volunteer coordinators. Thank you for your service! If you have any questions or concerns with serving at Dorothy Day House, please contact Mark or Sarah Jerde at: sarahjerdepa@gmail.com.



ELCA Good Gifts (God's Global Barnyard)

Thanks to those of you who participated in the ELCA Good Gifts/God's Global Barnyard event. With your generous donations and matching donations from ELCA, we were able to purchase: pigs, honeybee hives, goats, chicks, roosters, and goats. In total, we collected \$1775 which will be matched for a total of \$3550.

Family Promise Update

Greatest Needs: hand soap, latex-free gloves (size S, M, L), and new pillows.

Current Volunteer Opportunities:

1. Help with restocking their supply cabinets and pantries weekly. They need volunteers for two more weeks each month. You can do this whatever day and time works best for you. They would like to have volunteers set to come on a regular basis.
2. Life Skills classes have been renamed as *Promise Group* events and are resuming this month. They will need at least two volunteers for each class to watch the children. You must be fully trained and have a background check approved before you can help with this opportunity.
3. They are also looking to grow their group of volunteers who are willing to be on-call to transport their guests when they request rides. You will be able to use your own vehicle or their 15-passenger van.

Visit www.fprochestermn.org/volunteer to learn more about volunteering with Family Promise.



Mount Olive Food Pantries and Head Start Special Gift

In an effort to support those that are experiencing food insecurity in our church community, Mount Olive has started a food pantry. We placed the pantry in the back hallway so that families from Head Start would feel comfortable taking what they may need. We also have a cabinet in the office to receive donations of shelf-stable (non-expired) food items and give to those who express a need for food. The pantries are open to anyone in our community that may need some extra food. You may also donate funds for the purchase of needed food items, just note that it is for the Mount Olive Food Pantry. Contact the church office with any questions. Note: Thanks to generous donations from the Women's Ministry Team and others in the congregation, we were able to give Hy-Vee gift cards to each Head Start family and staff member in time for Thanksgiving.



Lutheran World Relief

Please note, there is an ongoing collection of adult T-shirts, size medium on up, which will be used to make diapers. These can be left in the designated bin in the Gathering Area cabinet. There are also bags with materials for baby sleepers, diapers and receiving blankets. For those who can sew, please take home and complete the various baby items. Contact Sherry Sanden Will at sher05@charter.net with any questions.

Mitten Tree

Thank you for the donations of winter items for the children at Elton Hills Elementary School and Gage Elementary. With your generous donations of funds, we were able to help families get some much-needed food for the holidays. We were also able to share some of the donated handmade winter hats with the children of Head Start.

Mount Olive Prayer Shawl Group

The Mount Olive prayer shawl group will meet on **December 9** at 10:00 am. 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.



The Mount Olive Prayer Shawl Group.



Mount Olive Quilters

The quilters meet each **Thursday at 9:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall to prepare and tie quilts that are sent to Lutheran World Relief and local service organizations. Everyone is welcome to join them. They can always use more cotton fabrics for making the colorful quilt tops. Donations may be left in the Gathering Area cabinet.

The Landing MN Tuba Christmas

Join The Landing MN for our annual Tuba Christmas at Christ United Methodist Church on Saturday, December 20th at 12 pm. Over 70 tuba and euphonium enthusiasts will put on a concert to benefit The Landing MN. This is a free concert for all ages with a goodwill offering will be taken at the event.



Sunday Forums Continue in December

In December we will enjoy two more outstanding presentations during the Sunday Forum, held each week at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall. People grab a beverage and a cookie or treat and enjoy a robust conversation with presenters from all sorts of disciplines. In December we will hear from the following presenters:



December 7 - Wendy Moore is the Executive Director of Mediation & Conflict Solutions, an attorney and a qualified neutral. Prior to this position, she was a Mediation & Conflict Solutions volunteer and she volunteered extensively with Rochester Public Schools. She will present a forum on this important work of mediation.

December 14 - Emilie Bouvier is the Mission Funding Director for the Office of the Presiding Bishop of the ELCA. She works primarily with Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Disaster Response, and ELCA Good Gifts. She will be presenting a forum highlighting these ministries and thanking Mount Olive for its robust partnership.

Men's Discipleship

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

Mount Olive Women's Ministry



Save the date! - Girls Just Want to Have Fun!

January 10, 2025, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Keep connected this January! A warm invitation to join in a time to gather for games and fun! There will be hot cocoa, with many toppings to choose from and fun for all Mount

Olive women. Bring your favorite mug and game! You also may make a choice from our collection.

The Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering will be held in Des Moines, Iowa

July 16-19, 2026. Mount Olive's Women's Ministry Team is excited to offer scholarships for three women to attend. There will be preference given to those who

have never attended a Triennial gathering before. After the conference, the WMT group will ask the scholarship recipients to share their experiences via an article or a Sunday forum. For questions or to be considered, please reach out to Erin Sinnwell for more information. To learn more about this event, click here:

<https://community.elca.org/women-of-the-elca-13th-triennial-gathering>



The Women's Ministry Team is forming a team to plan a women's retreat in the upcoming year. If you would like to be a part of the team, please contact Paula Roberts - roberts64paula@gmail.com.

Important Dates:

December 1 - Women's Christmas Party - This event will be at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall and is open to all women of the congregation. Watch for your email invitation and see the details on pg. 11.

December 2- The Women's Ministry Team meets at 6:30 pm in the front conference room. The team is looking for a secretary to take notes at their monthly meetings. Contact Erin Sinnwell with interest

January 6 - Study leaders meeting at 5:30 pm, Women's Ministry Team at 6:30 pm.

January 10 - Women's game event.

December Sunday School Schedule

Sunday School is **9:15 - 10:15 am** on Sunday mornings, beginning with music in the sanctuary!

1st Sunday: **Dec. 7** Classroom Sunday School

2nd Sunday: **Dec. 14** Large Group Sunday & Saint Lucia Sunday!

(Kids Sing in Costumes at 10:30 am Worship)

3rd Sunday: **Dec. 21 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** (Christmas Caroling Event Later!)

4th Sunday: **Dec. 28 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** (Christmas Break)



Kids Sing in Christmas Costumes!

For Large Group Sunday School on **December 14**, the kids will sing at 10:30 worship like they usually do, but they are invited to wear a costume while they sing!

Two options for costumes:

1. We will have some Christmas themed costumes (angels, shepherds, magi)
2. They can wear anything from home that is "Christmas" themed – like a sweater or pajamas.

It should be a special and fun Sunday! Hope you can be a part of it.

Saint Lucia Sunday

December 14th is also Saint Lucia Sunday at BOTH services. We will have several youth and children as a part of the procession and the reception following worship. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Evan Fitzsimmons before December 7th - evan@molive.org.

Confirmation/Wednesday Nights

6th - 12th Grade youth meet regularly on Wednesday nights, 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Youth also meet on Sundays 9:15-10:15 am during Sunday School hour with "Service Sundays" on the 2nd Sunday of the month & Breakfast Club on the 4th Sunday of the month

December Confirmation Dates

Wed. Dec. 3 – 6:30pm Worship, 7-8:00pm "Art Project"

Wed. Dec. 10 – 6:30pm Worship, 7-8:00pm Finish Project

Wed. Dec. 17 – Christmas Party! (White Elephant Gift Exchange & Christmas Trivia)

Sun. Dec. 21 – CYF Event (ALL FAMILIES) Christmas Caroling! (After Church)

Wed. Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve (NO MEETING)

Wed. Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve (NO MEETING)



Youth at Fall Retreat at Good Earth Village

Youth Christmas Party & White Elephant Exchange Dec. 17th



All 6th-12th grade youth and their parents are invited to a Christmas Party on Wednesday **December 17**, 6:30 pm in the Olive Pit. We will be having a "White Elephant gift exchange" for our youth and any parents who wish to participate! Following the Gift Exchange we will have Christmas Trivia w/ some prizes! For our White Elephant gift exchange, we will follow the *Official White Elephant Rules* with a **\$15 dollar limit on gifts**. (Definitely do NOT exceed 20 dollars – cheap gifts are great - you can be creative!)

Olive Branch Worship

Sunday, December 7, 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Join us for a time of music, midrash and generous communion. We'll take an hour to resist the incessant demands of the Christmas season and settle into the rhythm of Advent: to watch, to wait, to hope and to stay.



LGBTQIA+ Ally Training

Tuesday, December 2, 2025, 6-7:30 PM

Olive Branch has been invited to be part of a training series led by *OutFront Minnesota* and our friends at Peace United Church of Christ, 1503 2nd Ave NE, Rochester. The 3rd session covers "Queer Theology 101". This queer theology training gives you the opportunity to explore the theologies undergirding "clobber passages" while also building a new theological framework that allows us to build a theology that welcomes and affirms all people. A community meal is served at 5:00 pm and we are invited to join. Register on your own here: https://secure.everyaction.com/KknNHhvNgEyKPKxvS44v_g2 and let

Pastor Lisa know you're attending. All are welcome. Other dates for this training series:

- Jan. 13 - Unclobbering the Bible



Artist Studio: Christmas Edition

It's your yearly opportunity to make beautiful alcohol ink Christmas cards and cut-out snowflakes in the company of fun friends of all ages. Monday, **December 8**, 6:00 – 7:30 pm in the Gathering Area.

Beer & Carols

Little Thistle Brewery

Tuesday, Dec. 2nd, 6:30-8:30 pm.

If you like two out of two parts of the title, you'll probably want to be at Beer and Carols. Beverages by Little Thistle, singing by you and members of several great churches in town.

Partnering for Blue Christmas

New this year: We are partnering with Peace United Church of Christ to offer a joint Blue Christmas Service: Tuesday, **December 23**, 6:00 pm at Peace UCC, 1503 2nd Ave NE. This service is designed with a heart for those who are grieving, struggling, or looking for a more contemplative worship service to observe Christmas. Peace UCC has also invited us to join them for a community meal prior to the service at 5:00 pm. Watch bulletins or contact Pastor Lisa for more details.



RIC Sunday Celebration

A huge thank you to everyone who made RIC (Reconciling in Christ) Sunday a success. From worship to forum to a wonderful reception - many expressed their gratitude for the day. If you missed it, I strongly encourage you to [watch](#) Namoli Brennet preach and share her music both after the sermon and during the offering. Then stick around to the end to hear Namoli join Travis for some impromptu jazz on the piano. Thanks be to God for this place of generous hospitality and celebration.



Women's Christmas Party - "Let Your Light Shine"

All women of the congregation are invited to a Christmas Party on Monday, December 1, 6:30 pm. Along with delicious food provided by Mary Circle, we'll sing Christmas songs, and learn about the United Way of Southeast Minnesota. Representatives from the Rochester office will share about this organization and ways that we can be involved. A free-will offering will be collected to support those in need during this season; gas or grocery gift cards may also be given. Please attend this wonderful way to kick off the Advent season!

Rides are available upon request! Sign up in the Gathering Area at church, indicating if a ride is needed.

Women's Monthly Coffee Meet Up

Mount Olive women are invited to meet at 9:00 am on Friday, **December 5** for coffee/tea at the Market Grille at Hy-Vee West Circle at 4221 West Circle Drive. Come each month for fellowship and good conversation. If you have questions, ask Cathy Hanson at 507-398-3917 or kchanson89@gmail.com.

Monday Book Group Christmas Party



The Monday Book Group gathers monthly to discuss a wide variety of literature. They meet on the second Monday of the month, **December 8**, at 6:30 pm. This month's selection is *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan, an international bestseller. *Small Things Like These* is a deeply affecting story of hope, quiet heroism, and empathy. Everyone is welcome to join the discussion. Bring a gently used, wrapped book for a gift exchange (one that has not been a book group selection) and a Christmas treat to share. Contact Jodi Schoer at mjschoer@charter.net with questions or to get on the email list.

Brews Brothers Meets At LTS

Brews Brothers, a fellowship opportunity for Mount Olive men, continues to meet the second Thursday of each month at a local brewery. This month, on Thursday, **December 11**, 4:30 to 6:00 pm, they will be meeting at Life's Too Short (LTS) Brewery at 2001 32nd Ave. NW in Rochester. Come to chat and enjoy a good beer. All are welcome! Contact Keith Hanson at kjhanson17@gmail.com with questions.

Ripe Olives

Ripe Olives is Mount Olive's group for retired and semi-retired folks to gather for a meal, fellowship, learning and fun. They meet on the 2nd Friday of each month at 9:30 am. On **December 12**, Karen Lemke, Director of the Rochester Public Library will be speaking about the Library's Master Plan and telling about their programming. Breakfast is provided with a free will offering. Sign up in the Gathering Area or RSVP to Nancy - nancy@molive.org.



Christmas Craft and Bake Sale

Mark your calendar for the Christmas Craft and Bake Sale to be held in the gathering area between services and after late service on Sunday, **December 14th**. All proceeds will go to our mission partners in Colombia. If you would like to contribute baked goods or crafts to the sale, please drop off your items between 8:00 am and noon on Saturday, December 13th or before 8:00 am on Sunday, December 14th. For more information or to volunteer to help with the sale, contact Carrie Krieger at ckrieger01@gmail.com.

Christmas Caroling for All on December 21

Plan now to join in this wonderful Mount Olive tradition as we gather to carol on Sunday, **December 21**. Families and people of all ages are welcome! We will meet at the Mount Olive parking lot at 1:45 pm to carpool to facilities that are home to some of our members. Sign up in the Gathering Area.



Thank you to a GREAT Cleanup Crew!

On Saturday morning, November 1, a great crew of about a dozen volunteers showed up to clean out the gardens, pull out overgrown shrubs, rake, and ready the church grounds for the holidays. Thanks to all who helped. You made a difference!

Thanks also to Keith and Cathy Hanson and Paul Schaefer for installing the outdoor Christmas decorations.



Festival of Trees

Again this year, Mount Olive had a beautiful contribution for the Festival of Trees benefitting Hiawatha Homes. Thanks to Carrie Fletcher for organizing and Jill Lundberg, the Sunday School students and "God's work. Our hands." participants for crafting the many ornaments.



Mount Olive's Inclement Weather Policy



When the snow flies and the wind chill is -20 degrees, is there still quilting group? Bible study? Worship? Here are the quick guidelines for winter weather:

- If school is cancelled because of inclement weather, all weekday church activities, including evening activities, are cancelled.
- If school dismisses early and community evening events are cancelled due to poor weather, all evening church activities are also cancelled.
- Worship on Sunday is rarely cancelled. In the rare event that this occurs, we will have notification on our website, www.molive.org, our [Facebook page](#), and on the [KTTC](#) television channel.
- Always use your judgment before driving in bad weather. If MNDOT advises no travel except in emergency cases, please assume that means church activities as well.

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."



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