

THE MESSENGER

MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

September 2026

WELCOME BACK!

PASTOR BYRON MELINE

Pastor Byron returns to Mount Olive this September to help with preaching and presiding at worship.

RALLY SUNDAY

Read all about the beginning of the program year - pages 4-5

***CAPITAL
CAMPAIGN
BEGINS***

***CALL
COMMITTEE
CONTINUES***

God's work. Our hands.



September 13, 2026

**Annual Churchwide Day of Service
September 13, 9:00 am. See details pg. 8**

Congregational Life

Council Update: September Brings a New Rhythm

You may have noticed that The Messenger front page says September. Summer is slipping by. Pastor Lisa noted at our August Executive Committee meeting, September brings a different rhythm.

Many of you have heard the good news—not the greatest Good News that Jesus Christ died for our sins and rose from the dead, but the welcome return of Rev. Byron Meline. Beginning in mid-September, he will assist with worship and preaching.

At our August Executive Committee meeting, the Mount Olive Capital Campaign Cabinet was named. In government, a cabinet is an advisory body of high-ranking officials. Our cabinet includes consultant Steve Olson, Pastor Lisa, Resource Coordinator Nancy Britson, and General Chairpersons Carolyn Goulet, Keith Hanson, and Erin Sinnwell—an impressive group, if I do say so. They will identify additional leaders for campaign teams.

One agenda item from our last meeting took a bite out of our time: winged mammals in the building. Paul Schaefer has sent out the Bat Signal, and bat professionals—not Batman himself—will humanely remove them and put a plan in place to keep them out.

September will bring a new rhythm as we move forward with the call for a new pastor, the Capital Campaign, Rally Sunday, “State of the Olive,” and “God’s work. Our hands.”

On a personal note, one Sunday, I arrived early and took a seat in the sanctuary. Before worship began, I noticed the quiet beauty of all who were gathering. There were smiles, laughter, gentle touches, and hugs as people found their familiar places. Some prayed silently; others read through the bulletin. Long-married couples sat shoulder to shoulder. Parents helped children settle in, while young sons leaned against their mothers and daughters nestled close to their fathers. Then came the final rush of arrivals, and worship began. It was a glimpse of the beautiful rhythm we share—one I am grateful to see every Sunday.

Loren Else, Council Secretary

Save The Date: “State of the Olive”

Mark your calendars for the 3rd annual “State of the Olive”. This time is set aside to share information and launch the upcoming Capital Campaign at Mount Olive. All Mount Olive members are encouraged to attend as we will be discussing exciting possibilities, sharing what we’ve learned about our building needs and dreams, considering ideas for mission support, and hearing your thoughts and questions. Plan to join us on Saturday, October 3, 9:00 am - noon in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be provided. All ages welcome!



Call Committee Reenters Interview Process

The Call Committee has resumed its work after a brief pause while awaiting additional candidates from the synod. To date, four candidates have been received, and initial interviews are underway. The committee is excited to be back at work to identify our next partner in ministry on behalf of the congregation. The committee remains grateful for the congregation’s ongoing prayers, support, and patience during this important process.

Capital Campaign Update

The Cabinet for the upcoming Capital Campaign met with consultant, Steve Olson, to begin the planning process. Among their first tasks is to form Leadership Teams to coordinate the various aspects of the Campaign including communications, hospitality, spiritual emphasis, children and families, outreach and phone calling, and advance visiting. The cabinet will invite members to fill these roles and, in some cases, the teams will then invite others to join. The newly formed Leadership Team will meet for the first time on Tuesday, September 15 at 6:30 pm. When you’re invited, please consider joining one of these groups to help the success of our campaign. Contact Pastor Lisa if you have particular skills or interests to share or if you would like to have a conversation with a member of the advance visiting team. All members are encouraged to pray for the congregation and the Campaign during this time.

Worship

Pastoral Supply

We give thanks for the ministry of member Rev. Nancy Toensing who has been visiting our homebound members for the past several months. Nancy has agreed to continue in this part-time position for a few more months. We are also welcoming back Rev. Byron Meline who will be joining us a couple Sundays a month as a preacher and presider. We are grateful for his willingness to return in a smaller capacity than his interim position earlier this year, and we look forward to working with him again.

Pray Without Ceasing Continues

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

Russian orthodox theologian and pastor Alexander Schemann wrote that when we worship, we are stepping into a river of prayer that's been flowing for thousands of years. We intentionally step in and we step out, but it's always happening— with or without us. I love that idea— we're participating in something way bigger than ourselves and way more ancient than we think.

Richard here, it's been one full year since we joined hundreds of other ELCA churches to pray for our world once a week! I'm grateful for this service in my own life, and trust it's been good for those who attend.

Through the summer, we prayed with global maps, hymn sings, chants, scripture readings, with written, spoken, and silent prayers. As autumn eases in, we'll move to a more liturgical flow and a written order that invites a different kind of participation. As election season arrives, watch for an emphasis on praying courage for candidates, discernment for citizens, and blessings for good leadership. Pray Without Ceasing is ongoing. All are welcome. If you're wondering if it's for you, feel free to drop in and see! **(Please note that Pray Without Ceasing will not meet on Labor Day.)**

P.S.: Big gratitude to Deacon Travis for his partnership in leading these services each week!



Fall Worship Times Begin September 13

Mark your calendars. On September 13, the Sunday following Labor Day, worship times will return to the program year schedule. Worship times are Sunday morning at 8:00 and 10:30 am. September 13 will also be "Rally Sunday" and there will be a Large Group Sunday School with several "God's work. Our hands." Sunday Adult Forum begins September 20. Read more on pages 4-5.

Mount Olive Choir Kickoff September 9

Interested in singing in the choir this year? Mark your calendars for the choir kickoff on Wednesday, September 9. Singers who are high school age and older are invited to join us for a read-through of some of this year's choir selections beginning at 7:00 pm. Following the first rehearsal on September 9, we will adjourn to Little Thistle Brewing for fellowship and beverages.

Handbell Choir and Brass Ensembles

Mount Olive's bell choir group will begin on Thursdays in September. Bell choir rehearsals will begin September 10th and are 7:00-8:00 pm. Brass rehearsals will begin at a later date, but will be at 8:15 pm on Thursdays. Both groups play about once-a-month in worship services and we are looking for new members and substitutes. If you or someone you know may be interested in providing vocal or instrumental music in worship, or if you are interested in joining one of our music ensembles, please contact Travis Beck for more information at travis@molive.org or by phone through the church office, 288-1580 x203.



Education

September 13 is Rally Sunday (Sunday School Begins!)

Sunday School hour begins again in-between services, 9:15-10:15am. "Rally Sunday" will function as a Large Group Sunday School with several "God's work. Our hands." service projects for everyone to participate in! There will also be a table for Sunday School Registration and Evan Fitzsimmons will be available to chat and answer any remaining questions. Don't forget to bring your backpacks for the Blessing of the Backpacks during the Children's Message in worship!



**Backpack
Blessing
Sept. 13!**

Sunday School Schedule

Sunday School is 9:15-10:15 am beginning with music in the sanctuary. Each month, the Sundays follow the following pattern:

1st Sunday of Month: Classroom & Confirmation Lesson (6th-12th Grade)

2nd Sunday of Month: Large Group & Service Sunday (All Ages!) *Kid's Sing at 10:30 am

3rd Sunday of Month: Classroom & Confirmation Lesson (6th-12th Grade)

4th Sunday of Month: Classroom & Breakfast Club (6th-12th Grade)



"Classroom" Sunday School Sundays are when kids go to their designated classrooms, which are organized by age group: PreK-Kinder-garten, 1st-3rd Grade, 4th-5th Grade, & 6th-12th Grade. **"Large Group" Sunday School Sundays** often feature a service project which all ages can participate in. Service Sundays are on the 2nd Sunday of each month, which is also a Sunday we arrange the kids to sing an anthem in worship at 10:30 am service beginning in October.

September Sunday School Dates

1st Sunday: Sept. 6 - Labor Day Weekend - No Sunday School yet!

2nd Sunday: Sept. 13 - **RALLY SUNDAY!** (God's work. Our hands. & Blessing of the Backpacks)

3rd Sunday: Sept. 20 - Begin **Classroom** Sunday School (Music & Meet Your Teacher in Sanctuary!)

4th Sunday: Sept. 27 - **Classroom** Sunday School & Breakfast Club! (6th-12th) At Church!

Olive Youth (6th-12th Grade)

We are excited for another year of Mount Olive Youth on Wednesday Nights (6:30-8:00 pm). Our regular Wednesday night schedule will focus on continuing to build life-long community and friendships through games, music, devotions, and prayer time together.

Youth Band! Our schedule on Wednesday nights this year will include a time for music practice starting at 6:30 pm. Our kids have been energized providing music in worship since last year's Youth Sunday. We feel called to share our musical gifts more regularly in worship.



September Youth Events

Weds., Sept. 9 – Parent's Meeting & Orientation (Information on the upcoming Program Year & Fall Retreat)

Weds., Sept. 16 – "Get-To-Know-You" Games & Devotion

Weds., Sept. 23 – No School Day for RPS - Plans TBD

Weds., Sept. 30 – Games & Devotions

Education

Sunday Confirmation Lessons

Confirmation will take place during Sunday School for our 6th-12th grade class! Evan Fitzsimmons will be teaching these on 1st & 3rd Sundays in the Olive Pit. Our first lesson this Fall (by popular demand from the Youth) will be a deep dive into the book of Genesis, spending time with these familiar and unfamiliar stories, uncovering themes of creation, covenant, sin, and forgiveness. Our sessions on Genesis will be Sundays: Sept. 20, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, and Dec. 6.

“Breakfast Club” is for our 6th-12th grade Youth, which meets on 4th Sundays alternating between being at the church and meeting at off-site locations. September 27 will be the first Breakfast Club this year held on-site in the Olive Pit.



Sunday Adult Forum Begins September 20

The Sunday Forum planning team is excited to present the fall line-up of pre-senters coming your way. Starting September 20th, we meet each Sunday at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall. Here's the September line-up:

- **9/20 - NAMI** – National Alliance for Mental Illness. We'll learn how NAMI supports and advocates for people with mental illness and their families.
- **9/27 - Family Promise** - Susan Haskamp, Development Director, will share about Family Promise Rochester's programs and services and the impact they are making since moving into the new shelter, Promise House, last year.

Women's Small Groups Begin

In September, Mount Olive's women's small groups will begin their program year. The groups, called “Circles”, meet monthly for Bible study and fellowship at a variety of times, including weekday mornings, afternoon, and evenings. (Sign up for a group and learn more at the table in the entry through September 6.) The fall study, “Bold faith on an unexpected journey” by the Rev. Tiffany Cheney. The studies for 2026/2027 will once again be from *Gather Magazine*. Go to the *Gather Magazine* website or call (844)409-0576 if you would like to start a subscription. Two copies of the magazine will also be available for lending in the church office. Contact Erin Sinnwell with any questions -507-990-6079 or erinsinnwellphotography9@gmail.com.

Women's Ministry News

The Women's Ministry Team will be having their next meeting on Tuesday, **September 1** at 6:30 pm. They would love to have anyone join them that might be interested in being on the team, either starting immediately, or starting in January when a few folks roll off the team. In addition to more team members, they are looking for 2 co-leaders and 1 communicator. They typically meet the first Tuesday of the month from 6:30-8:00 pm in the conference room at church. If anyone has any events they would like to lead in the coming year, please email Erin at erinsinnwellphotography9@gmail.com with ideas and potential dates so that we can add it to the calendar.

Important Dates:

September 1 - The Women's Ministry Team meets at 6:30 pm in the front conference room. Contact Women's Ministry Team Leader, Erin Sinnwell, for more information - 507-990-6079.

September 8 - Monthly study leader preparation with Donna Miller in the front Conference Room at 5:30 pm. Bring your *Gather Magazine* and a Bible. Anyone is welcome to join this study time, even if not in a circle.

Service

Blessing Box

We will be installing a “Blessing Box” in the garden area of the parking lot. The Blessing Box will contain non-perishable food items, self-care items, some baby supplies, and other miscellaneous household items. This is an expansion of our indoor food pantry. Item collection will begin after it’s construction. We hope to have the Blessing Box installed and open by the end of September. If you have any questions, please contact Carrie Fletcher-carrie@molive.org. Watch for more information in the weekly email and worship bulletin.

Dorothy Day House

Mount Olive Volunteers provide a meal to the guests at Dorothy Day Hospitality House on the first Friday evening of each month. Volunteers provide and share a family-style meal with the guests in the home’s dining room. We need volunteers to fill out the schedule for fall. Sign up in the Gathering Area. Training is provided if needed. If you have any questions, please contact Mark & Sarah Jerde, Mount Olive coordinators - sarahjerdepa@gmail.com.



God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday will be **September 13, 2026**, 9:00 am-10:30 am. 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 projects below. If you have any questions about this Sunday, please contact Carrie Fletcher at carrie@molive.org.

Project	Where located	Time
Bandage Rolling – Global Health Ministries	Mount Olive Fellowship Hall	9:00 - 10:15 am
Cooking Baking – Mount Olive	Mount Olive Main Kitchen	9:00 - 10:15 am
Ornament Making – Hiawatha Homes	Mount Olive Fellowship Hall	9:00 - 10:15 am
Fleece Tie Blankets – Salvation Army	Mount Olive Fellowship Hall	9:00 - 10:15 am
Cleaning Kit Assembly – Family Promise	Mount Olive Fellowship Hall	9:00 - 10:15 am
Kindness Rock Painting – Rochester Community	Mount Olive Fellowship Hall	9:00 - 10:15 am
Fill the Truck Food Collection – The Landing MN	Mount Olive Entry Way	September 1-10
Bird House Construction – Creation	Mount Olive Fellowship Hall	9:00 - 10:15 am
Self-Care Kit Assembly – LSS of Minnesota	Mount Olive Fellowship Hall	9:00 - 10:15 am
Running Start for Schools-United Way of SE MN	Online through September 4	N/A

Discretionary Fund Donations for God’s work. Our hands.

In addition to the “God’s work. Our hands.” service projects, we are accepting financial contributions that will be designated for our Discretionary Fund for helping people in need who drop by our doors. They often ask for assistance with gas, groceries, or a night at a motel and the needs have been heavy this summer. To give a financial gift to help support this fund, you may click on the “Donate Now” button on the church website, please specify the discretionary fund, or send a check to Mount Olive. Please indicate ‘discretionary fund’ in the “other” section online or your check memo. If you have any questions about “God’s work. Our hands.”, please contact Carrie Fletcher at carrie@molive.org.



**God’s work.
Our hands.**

Service

Mount Olive Prayer Shawl Group

The Mount Olive prayer shawl group will meet on **September 8** at 10:00 am in the Library meeting room. 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

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.

In August, the family of Carol Fosdick make a large donation of fabric to the quilters. In addition to their usual contributions, the Quilters, and others at Mount Olive who sew, are using the fabric to make items for the Paws and Claws Humane Society annual fundraising auction in October. The Fosdick's daughter, Tanya, is the director there. They are also making Christmas quilts for the Childhood Cancer Community group that meets at Mount Olive. The group would welcome donations of Christmas patterned fabric in 2 1/4 yard lengths or polyester batting for twin sized beds (72x90"). Donations may be left in the Mount Olive office.

Lutheran World Relief Work Day

Come join the fun and fellowship as we cut and construct diapers and sleepers for future LWR baby care kits. Friday, **October 2**, 2026, 9:00 am-12:00 pm, Mount Olive Fellowship Hall. No experience in sewing is necessary, but if you are able, please bring your sewing machine, rotary cutter, cutting mat and sewing scissors. Please contact Sherry Sanden Will at: sher05@charter.net if you plan to attend. Snacks will be provided.



Family Promise

Family Promise is a ministry partner serving homeless families in Rochester. The current greatest needs at their shelter, Promise House, are: HE liquid laundry detergent, dryer sheets and stain remover, soap, twin/XL twin blankets, and new pillows.

Volunteer Opportunities: The Grandparent Hour opportunity is live! If anyone is interested in being a regular presence for families and kids at the Promise House this is your chance! All volunteers must go through an onboarding and orientation process, which can be found on their [website](#). If you have already done this, you can click the Volunteer Portal button on the website and sign up for this opportunity.

The Landing MN

As part of "God's work. Our hands.", we will be collecting the following food items for The Landing MN. There will be a collection bin in the front hall from September 1 to September 11. Please limit your donations to these specific items.

- Mac & Cheese Cups (no boxes)
- Beef Sticks
- Tuna Pouches/Tuna Kits
- Ramen Cups (no bricks)
- Shelf-Stable, Single-Serve Microwavable Soups
- Soft/Chewy Protein Bars
- COMPLEATS® micro-wavable meals



Olive Branch

Olive Branch Refresh!

As the program year opens up, we'll be experimenting with a few things.

What will stay the same: Weekly Monday evening programming for anyone and everyone! We generally meet in the Olive Pit or the Old Library for programs such as Artist Studio, Off the Page, and Faith Seeking Understanding.

What is changing: Monthly Olive Branch Church on Sunday afternoons will scale back to just a few special occasions per year, more Film Theo, and the return of Pub Theology at a location TBD!

Artist Studio: Art Journal workshop

Monday, Sept 14, 6:00-7:30 pm

The Old Library

There's nothing like having art in your life. A trend these days is making time for it by keeping an art journal— a place to experiment with doodles, scribbles, colors, ideas— whatever you desire. Come and pick out an art journal for \$6-10, or bring your own and we'll get started with demonstrations from Richard and Pastor Lisa. (If that's not your thing, come and make stuff with us anyway!) All ages welcome!



FSU: Faith Seeking Understanding—the Gospel of Thomas

Monday, Sept 28, 6:00-7:30 pm in the Olive Pit

The Gospel of Thomas is not part of the Biblical canon. (Boom!) It's a collection of sayings from Jesus, many of which seem to have the same source as the four gospels. Yet, the tone is different and distinctive— mystical, similar to John's gospel. For example, "Split a piece of wood; I am there. Lift up the stone, and you will find me there" comes from Saying 77. Come and experience the Gospel of Thomas and discuss. FSU is open to anyone who loves wondering, exploring questions, and learning new things. Newbies expected!

Altar Guild Meets

Altar Guild is a group of people who support worship at Mount Olive by setting up and cleaning up from communion, seeing to the decorations in the sanctuary (banners, flowers, candles, etc), and other tasks as needed. If you are interested in helping out or learning more about it, the next Altar Guild meeting is Saturday, September 12 at 9:30 am in the Gathering Area at church. All interested people, including men, women, and families, are welcome!

Interested in Membership at Mount Olive?

If you are one of the many visitors at worship during the summer months, perhaps you are interested in knowing more about membership at Mount Olive. Each fall we gather folks who have expressed interest in membership and offer an orientation where you can learn more about what membership entails, meet staff and council leaders, and hear about our ministries. An orientation is planned for Sunday, **September 27** at 9:15 am, so if you are interested, please talk to Nancy Britson or Pastor Lisa, or simply indicate your interest on one of the Connection Cards found in the pew racks during worship. Thank you.

Fellowship

Women's Monthly Coffee Meet Up

Mount Olive women are invited to meet at 9:00 am on Friday, September 4 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.

Brews Brothers Meets At Thesis Beer Project

Brews Brothers, a fellowship opportunity for Mount Olive men, continues to meet the second Thursday of each month at a local brewery. This month they will be at Thesis Beer Project, 1929 2nd St. SW, Rochester on Thursday, **September 10**, 5:30 to 7:00 pm. The only agenda is to chat, get to know new people, and enjoy a good beer. Drop in as you're able. All are welcome! Contact Keith Hanson at kjhanson17@gmail.com with questions.



Monday Book Group Begins New Season

The Monday Book Group gathers monthly to discuss a wide variety of literature. They meet on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. Their first meeting of the fall is **September 14** to discuss *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett. It tells the story of a brother and sister, Danny and Maeve Conroy, who grow up in a mansion known as the Dutch House, and their lives over five decades. Everyone is welcome to join the group. Contact Jodi Schoer at mjschoer@charter.net.

Ripe Olives Program by Travis Beck

Ripe Olives is a group for retired and semi-retired folks that gathers monthly for a meal, fellowship, learning and fun. On **September 11** at 9:30 am our own Travis Beck will lead a program, "The People's Work: A Brief History of Liturgical Music". On Sunday mornings for hundreds of years, millions of Christians around the world have prayed and sung the same handful of texts. They have funny names: the Kyrie, the Gloria, the Alleluia, the Sanctus, the Agnus Dei. How did they become part of our worship life? Together, we'll explore the background behind these beloved and ancient songs. Breakfast is provided with a free will offering. Watch for the sign up sheet in the Gathering Area or RSVP to Nancy - nancy@molive.org or 507-288-1580. Everyone is welcome; feel free to invite a friend!

NAMI Walk September 26

One in six Americans are living with mental illness according to the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI).



Mount Olive will again host a team to participate in NAMI WALKS SE MN. The walk is **September 26** at Cascade Lake Park. Registration begins at 9:00 am and the walk begins at 11:00 am. There is a 2.2 mile loop and a 1 mile option, both with multiple water stations. The walk raises urgently needed funds to support community mental health. In the last two years, the Mount Olive team raised \$8000 to support NAMI. Please register to be on the team, to sponsor a walker, or both! Here's the registration link: <https://www.namiwalks.org/teams/85452>

You'll also have the opportunity to contribute at special fellowship times following services on September 20. If you have questions, please reach out to Connie Mudore, mudore@duck.com.

Sunday Volunteers

We rely on many volunteers to keep our worship services running smoothly and to show hospitality to everyone during fellowship time. Everyone's help is appreciated, whether the role is small or large, and all ages are welcome. Please consider signing up to help. For Worship, use the Sign Up Genius link tinyurl.com/jtzbwjkm, or sign up at the Welcome Desk. For Fellowship, sign up at tinyurl.com/fsd3f or contact Renee Schaefer at renee@molive.org.

Thrivent Choice Dollars Update

Mount Olive is an enrolled organization in the Thrivent Choice program. Since 2010, Thrivent members have directed over \$660M in grant funding to enrolled organizations like Mount Olive – fueling real and lasting impact. The Thrivent Choice program has been upgraded—making it even easier for Thrivent Members to support Mount Olive. Previously: Select Thrivent members received Choice Dollars® Now: All 1.9M members receive Choice Dollars. \$1 is granted by Thrivent for each Choice Dollar directed. Previously: Choice Dollars accrued over time. Now: They are available in full at the start of the year. All 2026 Choice Dollars are available to direct now. So why wait? Members can direct anytime through December 31. What it means: Thrivent Members can support Mount Olive anytime during a simple, intuitive calendar year. Go to <https://choice-org-search.apps.thrivent.com/details/100244076241> to direct your choice dollars to Mount Olive.

Fair Trade Market October 2-4

Our Savior's Lutheran Church would like to once again invite us to our 18th Annual Fair Trade Market on October 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 2026. Hours-Friday, Oct. 2nd, 3-7 pm, Saturday, Oct 3rd, 9 am-4 pm and Sunday, Oct 4th, 10 am-1 pm. Our Savior's Lutheran, is located at 2124 Viola Rd. NE, Rochester

The 2026 market will feature high quality hand-made crafts and food from around the world. With every purchase of fair trade products, you provide income, dignity, and hope to the artisans and their families. All proceeds return to those producing the products and their representative organizations. Returning this year are baskets directly from Tanzania and hand knit mittens and hats directly from Nepal, fair exchange coffee and tea, Divine Chocolates, and many more. Get a head start on your holiday shopping while providing a future. Contact office@rochesterosl.org with any questions!

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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