Mount Olive Lutheran Church



A Reconciling in Christ Community

24th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 8, 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM *(8:00 am) (Please stand as you are able.)*

P: Blessed be God, the Great Mystery - Creator, Friend, ☩ and Spirit who holds us in love.
C: Amen.
P: Joined to the new life of Christ in baptism, we are held close in God's endless compassion.
C: A sign of God's love!
P: In ordinary water from river, faucet, well, and hose, we remember and celebrate.
C: A sign of God's love!
P: We give thanks for the spirit breath that fluttered over the waters of creation and is ever present with us, through Christ our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
C: Amen

GATHERING HYMN *(Please stand.)* "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" ELW #244

1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing,
and darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising
and soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
at midnight comes the cry.

2 The watchers on the mountain
proclaim the bridegroom near;
go forth as he approaches
with alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting;
the gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory;
the bridegroom is at hand.

3 The saints, who here in patience
their cross and suff'rings bore,
shall live and reign forever
when sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory
the Lamb they shall behold;
in triumph cast before him
their diadems of gold.

4 Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
arise, O Sun so longed for,
o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted,
we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption
that sets your people free!

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: O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through the life and love of Christ. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

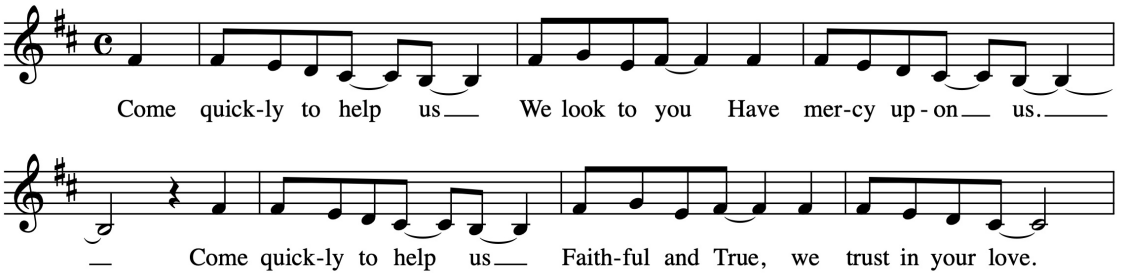
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FIRST READING Amos 5:18-24 (NRSV) pew Bible pg. 747

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 70 "Come Quickly to Help Us" Richard Bruxvoort Colligan



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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC *(10:30 am)* "Give Me Oil for My Lamp" Children's Choir

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please stand.)*



GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13 (NRSV) pew Bible pg. 806

P: The Good News according to Saint Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Good News of the Reign of God.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON Pastor Lisa Janke

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please stand.)* "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"

1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
for this work's almost done.

Children, don't grow weary;
children, don't grow weary;
children, don't grow weary,
for this work's almost done.

2 Darker midnight lies before us,
darker midnight lies before us,
darker midnight lies before us,
for this work's almost done. *Refrain*

3 Lo, the morning soon is breaking,
lo, the morning soon is breaking,
lo, the morning soon is breaking,
for this work's almost done. *Refrain*

4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
for this work's almost done. *Refrain*

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM - EVIANA AUG *(10:30 am)*

CONFESSION OF FAITH From the Iona Abbey Worship Book

P: Let us affirm our faith: Do you believe in God?

C: I believe in God: who has created and is creating

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's embodied love in the world,
Who came to reconcile and make new, Who taught us how to:
Care for one another, challenge the status quo, and find power in vulnerability.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, ever present within us and between us,
Giving us courage, and bringing us peace.

P: Do you believe in the one holy universal Christian church?

C: I believe the church is a witness of Christ's reconciliation in the world,
a life-giving community committed to the pursuit of freedom and justice.
In and through this church we are called to bear one another's burdens, work together for one hope, and to pray without ceasing so that together we may know the depth and breadth of Christ's love for the world. In life and death we belong to God. Amen.

BAPTISMAL WELCOME *(10:30 am)*

P: Let's speak these words together:

C: You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

L: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

L: God, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

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 Rob Nelson (8:00 am) Connie Mudore (10:30 am)

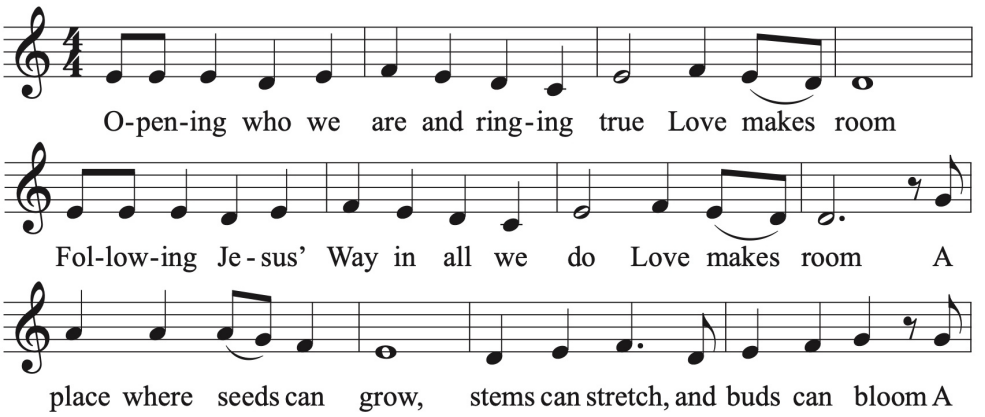
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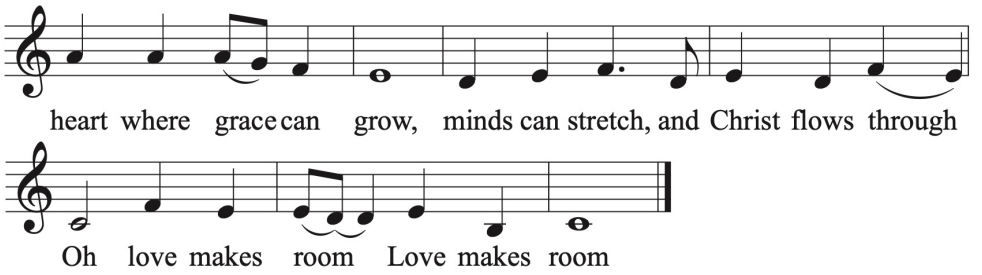
OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *(Please stand.)*

During the singing of "Love Makes Room", please bring your Commitment envelope or the card you received with your bulletin forward to the basket at the front of the sanctuary. Thank you for sharing your gifts. Your love is already Making Room.

"Love Makes Room"





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OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray:

C: Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Today, you're invited to address God in this prayer of Jesus using Our Father 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 Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

P: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive this love. All, without exception, 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 "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" ELW # 488

1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
come into the daylight's splendor,
there with joy your praises render.
Bless the one whose grace unbounded
this amazing banquet founded;
Christ, though heav'nly, high, and holy,
deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

2 Hasten as a bride to meet him,
eagerly and gladly greet him.
There he stands already knocking;
quickly, now, your gate unlocking,
open wide the fast-closed portal,
saying to the Lord immortal:
"Come, and leave your loved one never;
dwell within my heart forever."

3 Now in faith I humbly ponder
over this surpassing wonder
that the bread of life is boundless
though the souls it feeds are countless;
with the choicest wine of heaven
Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation,
pledge and seal of my salvation.

4 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
truest friend, and dearest treasure,
peace beyond all understanding,
joy into all life expanding:
humbly now, I bow before you,
love incarnate, I adore you;
worthily let me receive you,
and, so favored, never leave you.

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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: Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

P: The holy Trinity, Creator, ☩ Redeemer, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN "Soon and Very Soon" ELW #439

1 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King

2 No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King
No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King
No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King

3 No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King
No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King
No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King

4 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Next Sunday's Readings:			
Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 The day of the Lord	**Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12** So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.	**1 Thessalonians 5:1-11** Be alert for the day of the Lord	**Matthew 25:14-30** The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

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 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. Lisa Janke	
Presiding Minister	Rev. Erik Nelson	
Organist/Pianist	Deacon Travis Beck	
Psalmist	Dr. Richard Bruxvoort Colligan	
Assisting Minister	Paul Johnsen	Jill Mickelson
Lector	Paul Johnsen	Emily Mannix
Greeter	Helen Russell	Kerry Dennison
Ushers	Bob & Lynn Nelson	Paula Roberts, Bob Thomsen
Communion Assistants	Rob Nelson	Noah Mannix
Welcome Desk	Nancy Britson	Wendy Dennison
Altar Guild	Stephanie Pasch	Michelle Thomsen
Livestream Video	Mark Pasch	

This Week at Mount Olive

Sunday, November 8
Commitment Sunday
8:00a - Worship Service
9:00a - Coffee Fellowship
9:15a - Sunday School
9:30a - Campaign Cabinet Mtg.
10:30a - Worship Service
11:30a - Coffee Fellowship
3:00p - Lyra Baroque Orchestra
Monday, November 9
10:30a - Roch. Retired Educators
5:30p - Pray Without Ceasing
6:00p - Artist Studio Block Prints
6:30p - Monday Book Group
6:30p - Scout Troop Meeting
Tuesday, November 10
9:30a - Zumbro River Conference
10:00a - Prayer Shawls
12:00p - 24 Hours Today AA Mtg.
3:00p - SAIL Active Aging Class
4:00p - Bolder Options Cohort
5:30p - Women's Study Leaders
6:30p - Executive Committee
7:00p - Al-Anon ACOA Meeting
Wednesday, November 11
9:30a - Staff Meeting
12:30a - Bookmobile in Pkg. Lot
6:30p - Olive Youth
7:00p - Mount Olive Choir
Thursday, November 12
9:00a - Mount Olive Quilters
9:00a - Rochester Music Teachers
1:00p - Painting Group
3:00p - SAIL Active Aging Class
5:30p - Brews Brothers at LTS
6:30p - Cub Scout Pack Meeting
7:00p - Miriam Circle
7:00p - Glory Bells
7:00p - Al-Anon In the Process
8:15p - Mount Olive Brass
Friday, November 13
7:30a - Head Start Meeting
12:00p - 24 Hours Today AA Mtg.
5:00p - Piano Recital
6:00p - Youth Retreat Begins
Saturday, November 14
8:30a - Men's Discipleship
9:00a - Piano Recital
9:00a - How Al-Anon Works Group
9:00a - Altar Guild Set up
Sunday, November 15
8:00a - Worship Service
9:00a - Coffee Fellowship
9:15a - Adult Forum
9:15a - Sunday School
10:30a - Worship Service
11:30a - Coffee Fellowship

Capital Campaign Update

LOVE MAKES ROOM
Renewing our Home.
Expanding our Welcome.

Thanks to early commitments, our Annual Giving and Capital Campaigns are off to a robust start! There are three goal levels for the Capital Campaign, a Foundational Goal of $1.2 million, a Faith Goal of $1.5 million, and an Aspirational Goal of $1.8 million. Specific information about each goal was outlined in the Campaign brochure sent to each household. As of last Monday, we had received 50 commitments totaling $1,104,820 for the Capital Campaign, with $154,600 already received and 54 commitments totaling $331,850 for the Annual Campaign.



Project Update

During the course of our three year Capital Campaign, we will provide periodic updates of how the funds are being spent. So far, funds have been spent for preliminary architectural plans, the Capital Campaign Consultant, Rev. Steve Olson, expenses for campaign informational materials and postage, this summer's parking lot repair, and a sound system assesment. Projects contracted for but not completed include repair and upgrade of the sound system and upgrades and replacement of the fire alarm panel and related equipment.

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 they will be LTS Brewing on **Thursday, November 12, 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.

Website Under Construction

Our website was long overdue for a refresh and due to the recent PHP vulnerability that was discovered, an update was needed immediately. Our website provider transitioned much of the content to a new, safe, proprietary platform. Over the next weeks, we will be working to get the site looking nice with more personalized photos and content and all of the links working properly. Check out the new look at www.molive.org.

Pray Without Ceasing

All are welcome to "Pray Without Ceasing," our short, contemplative service of music, meditation and readings on Monday evenings. 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.

Sunday School

This Sunday, **November 8** is a large group Service Sunday. We'll be putting together Personal Care Kits for LWR. The kids will also sing at the 10:30 am service! Next Sunday, **November 15** is Classroom Sunday School and Youth Fall Retreat Weekend. 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:

- **November 8 - No Forum - Commitment Sunday and Welcome Pastor Erik**
- **November 15 - Sara Carman -** Sara is a librarian at Rochester Community and Technical College (RCTC). She has been passionate about technology use from a young age, and works hard to stay informed on technology developments. This includes the recent increase in artificial intelligence (AI), including generative AI (GAI). She looks forward to helping people learn more about these evolving technologies.
- **November 22 - Guthrie Capposela -** Guthrie is Hunkpapa Lakota from the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, and the Coordinator of American Indian Education with Roch. Pub Schools.

November Newsletters Available

The November edition of our newsletter, The Messenger, is now available. Pick one up on the Welcome Desk at church. It is also sent by email to everyone on our list, and is also available on our website, www.molive.org. The newsletter is mailed to those who are homebound, do not use email, or have requested it by mail. Please contact Nancy Britson to get added to the email or regular mail lists. - nancy@molive.org or 507-288-1580 x202.

Lyra Baroque Orchestra Concert Today

Lyra Baroque Orchestra returns to Mount Olive this Sunday afternoon at 3:00 pm for their opening concert of the season. Entitled " Classic Constellation" the concert features composers of Mozart's era from Europe's musical scene. Tickets available at the door or at https://www.lyrabaroque.org/event-details/classic-constellation-rochester

Lutheran World Relief Care Kit Assembly

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

The supply of Personal Care Kits remains critically low as requests for assistance across the world increase. Thank you to those of you that donated items or funds for the Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. Kids will be assembling the kits during Sunday School this week.

Mitten Tree

In November, the Mitten Tree will be on display in the entryway. You may place gently used or new (elementary through middle school sized) winter wear under or on the tree. There will also be envelopes on the tree for collecting donations used to purchase items that are most needed. We partner with our neighborhood schools Elton Hills and Gage Elementary.

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, look for the sign up sheets on the rolling cart following the service. You may also sign up online. Find the links on the Mount Olive website: https://molive.org/Volunteer.

Contact Nancy Britson with any worship volunteer questions or Renee Schaefer to ask about coffee fellowship volunteering. Thank You!

Offerings

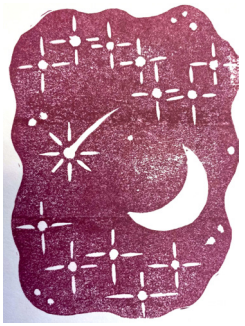
If you would like to make a financial gift to Mount Olive, you can place it in the offering plate, send it by mail to 2830 18th Ave. NW, Rochester, MN 55901, or donate using the QR code above. Your gifts help to keep Mount Olive's ministry going strong. Thank You!

A word from your Spiritual Emphasis Team:

SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS
LOVE MAKES ROOM

This week's word of prayer is about celebration!
The psalmist sings, "How good and pleasant it is when siblings live in harmony!" (Psalm 133). After months of prayer, intentional conversations, forums, feasibility interviews, and careful listening among Council, staff, and congregation, our Commitment Sunday is here. With gratitude and delight for this community adventure, we celebrate the many ways we are invited into God's future.
We pray: God of vision, we rejoice! We humbly turn over our ambitious dreams to you. Bless our efforts toward both renewing our home for ministry, and expanding our welcome for neighbors we have yet to meet. Because of Jesus Christ, our Life, Amen.

Artist Studio: Special Block-Printing Workshop



November 9, 6:00-8:00 pm, Olive Pit

Thanks to all who registered for this workshop. Minneapolis artist Rachel Adel Postler will guide us as we carve simple designs into blocks of material, roll on paint, and print them to paper. Perfect for Advent decoration or Christmas cards. We'll make prints to take home and and copies to share with the congregation.

All materials (carving blocks, tools, ink, and paper) will be provided. The cost is $20 per person or whatever you can afford. (We mean that! We'll have a basket out; drop in what you can). If you registered for this event and can no longer attend, or would like to attend and be added to a waiting list, email Richard Bruxvoort Colligan - richard@molive.org.

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, it will 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!

Commitment Sunday

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This Sunday is Commitment Sunday. There will be a designated time in the worship service to bring forward commitment envelopes. Those that have already sent in their commitments, and anyone else who would like to, are invited to use the card provided with the bulletin to write down your hopes for the future of Mount Olive.

This Sunday you will also see the beautiful campaign tracking image created by Sam Beck and the lovely campaign banner on the chancel created by Stephanie Pasch and Cathy Hanson. Join us in special celebratory Sunday Fellowship times following both services today in the Fellowship Hall. Not only will your generosity be celebrated, but there will be time to meet and welcome Pastor Erik Nelson. Thank you!

Welcome Pastor Erik!



This Sunday, November 8, Pastor Erik will be presiding at communion and available following services for you to meet him and give him a warm welcome to Mount Olive. We will also celebrate with him on November 22, when Southeastern MN Synod staff will be here to officially install him as our pastor. Receptions will follow both services.

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