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# Messenger

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## Holy Week Explores Christ's Passion

Holy Week at Mount Olive offers a rich variety of worship experiences that explore the days leading up to Christ's death and resurrection, from his triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the empty tomb of Easter morning.

### Sunday, April 13, \*8:00 & 10:30 am: Palm Sunday

Kids will process into worship and lead the congregation in singing and waving palm branches as we remember Jesus' final visit to Jerusalem. Between services, kids will get to see Oliver the donkey and hunt for eggs.

### Monday, April 14, 6:00 pm: Woman with the Alabaster Jar

A service of healing and blessing honoring the unnamed woman with the alabaster jar, whose anointing of Jesus is reported in all four gospels. We'll immerse ourselves in this tender story, remembering the power of blessing one another.

### Thursday, April 17, 6:00 pm: Dinner Church

Maundy Thursday will be observed with a worship service and meal held initially in the Fellowship Hall. We start with a potluck, including Holy Communion as part of the meal, and then process into the sanctuary for the traditional stripping of the altar, a ritual that evokes the loneliness Jesus experienced as his disciples abandoned him after his arrest. See more details about the potluck meal inside.

### \*Friday, April 18, 7:00 pm: A Passion Drama

This year's Good Friday service will present the Passion of our Lord using an adaptation of Walter Wangerin's powerful story *The Ragman*. A dramatic presentation accompanied by scripture and song will carry the message of God's immense love for the world in Jesus Christ.

### \*Saturday, April 19, 7:00 pm. Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil at Mount Olive is something special. Members of Mount Olive join in creating inventive ways of telling the most essential stories of our faith through music, drama, and art. This year's service will include an adult baptism, as well as Holy Communion, using sparkling wine and grape juice. Stick around afterward for our traditional reception for all ages.

### Sunday, April 20, \*8:00 and 10:30 am Easter Festival Worship

Alleluias will unfurl, bells will ring, brass will sound, and the choir will sing, as all the people shout, "Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!" Please join us for this celebration of the Resurrection of Christ. Come early for a seat.

\*These services will be live-streamed. Links will be available on [www.molive.org](http://www.molive.org).



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## Families are on board for Mission Trip to Colombia in July

A number of Mount Olive families, including youth and parents, as well as Pastor Glenn and our CYF Director, Evan Fitzsimmons, are now actively planning to visit our companions in ministry in Colombia July 11-19. We will visit the Lutheran schools we support, our companion congregation in Paz de Ariporo, as well as renew our relationships with the many people of the Lutheran Church Colombia whom we have gotten to know over the last 10 years. The congregation will be invited to participate in their support. Watch for news soon!



## Easter Offerings Benefit Mission Partners

One of the wonderful traditions at Mount Olive each year is that Easter Sunday offerings are designated for an identified need in our community, region, or world. This Easter, our local ministry partner, Next Chapter Reentry Project (formerly Next Chapter Ministries), and our regional ministry partner, Lutheran Campus Center at Winona State University (WSU), will be the recipients. Next Chapter is a ministry to individuals and families enduring the difficulties of incarceration by providing support for reconciliation with God, family and community. Lutheran Campus Center is a ministry to all students at WSU, but especially to those seeking a spiritual community grounded in the Lutheran faith.

## Endowment Sunday is April 27

Did you know that because of our Endowment Fund, high school students in need are able to attend Hull High School in Kijota, Tanzania? Did you know that David Steenhoek, Mount Olive member, and candidate for studies at Luther Seminary, will be able to apply for support because of gifts to the Endowment Fund? These, and other fun facts, will be shared in a brief presentation during worship on Sunday, April 27. For more on gifts to the Endowment Fund, see Endowment Team chair, Don Halley.

## New Member Orientation

Between services on Sunday, **April 27**, persons who have expressed interest in membership at Mount Olive will have a chance to meet staff and Church Council members at a brief meeting in the library at 9:15 am. If you have been attending and aren't yet sure about membership, this meeting is also for you. You can ask questions, learn more about Mount Olive, and consider joining the congregation on New Member Sunday, May 11. Please contact Nancy Britson for more information - [nancy@molive.org](mailto:nancy@molive.org).

## Peer Grief Support Group

**Mondays, April 28 - June 9** (6 sessions) - 10:30 am - noon in the Olive Pit  
Grief and loss are important parts of a rich life, and it's good to have company for the journey. A six-week series will begin soon, and you're invited. As a small group of eight, we'll accompany each other through these six weeks, sharing our encounters with grief, listening carefully to one another, praying the psalms, and learning ways to cope with this most intense of human experiences.



Grief Support Group

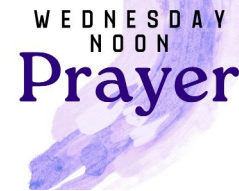
This grief support group is for anyone who has experienced the death of a person dear to them. This is not counseling or therapy, but peer support facilitated by our Director of Spiritual Formation, Dr. Richard Bruxvoort Colligan. If you're interested, please contact Richard at [richard@molive.org](mailto:richard@molive.org).



**Lyra Baroque Orchestra** returns to Mount Olive as Artistic Director candidate, Rachell Ellen Wong leads "**The Wild, the Weird, and the Misunderstood**" on Saturday, **April 12** at 7:30 pm in the Mount Olive Sanctuary. This concert features masterworks by Vivaldi, Locke, Purcell, Durante, and Bach & Sons. Ticket prices vary and are available at [www.lyrabaroque.org](http://www.lyrabaroque.org) or at the door the night of the concert.

## Wednesday Noon Prayer + Brown Bag Lunch

Continuing Wednesdays April 2 and 9, Richard will offer a 20-minute prayer service at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Drop in for a quiet sit in the midst of the day; afterward, bring a lunch if you want some company. The service will be streamed via Facebook Live on the Mount Olive [Facebook](#) page. All are welcome.



## Midweek Lenten Worship Storytelling

Our Wednesday evening worship services, April 2 and 9 at 6:30 pm, will continue to be centered in storytelling around the theme of *Discovery*. Along with scripture and music, Mount Olive members will share their personal stories, engaging the connection between our story and God's story. The services are also live streamed on our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@MountOliveELCA/streams>.

## Last Chance for Easter Flower Orders

Sunday, April 6 is the last day to order flowers for Easter. Order envelopes are available at the table in the entry, or you may order online by clicking [here](#). In the comment section, please list "Easter Flowers" and your choices. Prices are: Easter Lilies-\$15, Tulips, Daffodils, Mum, Cyclamen, Kalanchoe or Begonia-\$20. The flowers are yours to take after the 10:30 Easter Sunday service. Flowers not taken home will be left to beautify the sanctuary, or taken to one of our homebound members.



## Prayer and Spiritual Care

Are you in need of prayer for yourself or a loved one or have other joys or sorrows to share? Mount Olive has a Prayer Chain, coordinated by Kim Ignatius. If you have a prayer request to share or if you would like to join the prayer chain as one who prays, please contact Kim at: 507-271-6087 or [ignati-us.kimberlie@charter.net](mailto:ignati-us.kimberlie@charter.net). If you have a prayer request that you would like printed in the bulletin or have news such as hospitalization, birth of a baby, etc., or would like to request a pastoral visit, please contact one of the pastors or Nancy Britson in the church office using the contact information on the back of the newsletter. Voicemail messages are forwarded automatically to our email addresses. Thank you!

## Worship Volunteers Needed

With many Lenten and Holy Week services and Easter Sunday, we're in need of worship volunteers more than ever. To help out as ushers, greeters, communion assistants, assisting ministers, and welcome desk attendants, sign up at the following link for a day and time that works for you: [tinyurl.com/48pw6a3j](http://tinyurl.com/48pw6a3j)  
Contact Nancy Britson - [nancy@molive.org](mailto:nancy@molive.org) for questions or to arrange training.

## Maundy Thursday Dinner Church

The Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, **April 17** begins with a potluck meal in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm. Bring a dish to share. Beverages, bread, and table service will be provided. If you are willing to help with setting up, serving drinks, or cleaning up afterwards, please sign up in the Gathering Area or contact Nancy Britson in the church office - [nancy@molive.org](mailto:nancy@molive.org).

## Children Singing in Worship

Wee Ones and Junior Choir

April 13

at the 10:30 am service.



## Channel One Epicure Fundraiser

Date: April 26, 2025

Times: 6 to 10 p.m.

Where: Channel One warehouse ([131 35th St. SE, Rochester](#))

Featuring approximately 12 partnering restaurants providing epicurean bites, this exciting event will give approximately 250 guests a chance to eat, drink, socialize, and come together around something that connects us all: food. Throughout the evening, attendees can enjoy tours of the facility, diverse foods and beverages, custom boutique cocktails, games, raffles, and a short program raising awareness of food insecurity that impacts neighbors in our community.

Proceeds will support Channel One Regional Food Bank and its [programs](#). Cocktail attire is recommended.

Tickets for this event are \$175 per person. Purchase tickets [here](#).



## Mount Olive Prayer Shawl Group

The Mount Olive prayer shawl group will be meeting on Tuesday, **April 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.



## Service Highlight

In March, high school student, Emily Rislow and her boyfriend, Isaiah, baked 500 cookies and donated them to the Landing MN. Thank you for your service to the community!

## Dorothy Day Hospitality House Meals

The Dorothy Day Hospitality House is a temporary shelter for the homeless in Rochester. It is located at 703 First Street SW. Volunteers are needed to prepare a home-cooked meal on site or provide a frozen or commercially prepared meal on the 1st Friday of each month. You are asked to arrive at the house any time after 4:00 pm on the day you serve. Dinner is served each evening at 6:00 pm. You are encouraged to sit and share the meal with the guests. Following the meal, it is your responsibility to wash the dishes, run the sanitizer, and clean up the kitchen. The house volunteers are available to answer your questions and assist you if needed. The guests at Dorothy Day are always so appreciative of all the meals and the sense of community that you provide! The sign-up sheet for volunteering to serve at the Dorothy Day Hospitality House is in the Gathering Area. We need volunteers for 2025. Please consider signing up for this vital ministry. Training will be provided if needed. If you have further questions regarding this volunteer opportunity please contact Jene Bodensteiner, Volunteer Coordinator for Mount Olive: [jbode6@me.com](mailto:jbode6@me.com) or phone: (507)287-0257.



## Kid's Book Exchange! (March through May)

Kid's Book Exchange is still active! Our Cart continues to be wheeled out in the Gathering Area at the beginning & end of Sunday School. Bring some of your own books to contribute to the exchange if you would like to participate, we have some great ones cycling through already!



## Sunday School

*Reminder that Sunday School occurs in between services from 9:15 to 10:15 am starting in the Sanctuary. Kids will begin in the Sanctuary w/ Music before going into their other activities.*

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: **April 6** Classroom Sunday School

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: **April 13 Palm Sunday School and Egg Hunt! A visit from Oliver the Donkey, an EGG HUNT and other stations. Students will also be singing at the 10:30 service**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: **April 20 Easter Sunday, NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: **April 27** Classroom Sunday School & **SPECIAL Breakfast Club! (At Church)** \*4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade get to join 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders in The Olive Pit



**Oliver the Donkey will visit and there will be an Egg Hunt on April 13!**

## Confirmation

(Lent Schedule)

Weds., **April 2** – Lent Supper & Worship - SPRING BREAK – (Come if you want!)

Weds., **April 9** – Lent Supper & Worship w/ Closing Circle (Parents Included)

Weds., **April 16** – HOLY WEEK (No Confirmation)

(Back to Regular Schedule)

Weds. **April 23** – Confirmation (Begin Planning for Youth Sunday)

Sun. **April 27** – Fun Fellowship (Game Night)

Weds. **April 30, May 7, and May 14** – Confirmation

(Planning for Youth Sunday on May 18)

Weds. **May 21** – Confirmation Celebration (Last one of School Year)

\***Youth Sunday is May 18** – Youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade) will be leading worship at both services (8:00 & 10:30am) and Children's Choirs will sing



## VBS Day Camp – June 16-19

Registration is now OPEN for VBS Day Camp at Mount Olive with Good Earth

Village! (Watch for info. to come about camp at Good Earth Village or visit [www.goodearthvillage.org](http://www.goodearthvillage.org).)

Good Earth Village Day Camp lasts from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday through Thursday. \*We will offer "Early Check-In" again with Evan & Youth Helpers starting at 8:00 am. VBS Day Camp is for kids in *Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade* for the current academic year. Current 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade can participate as Youth Helpers. (Which we need!) Registration & Health Forms can be found in the Gathering Area. The rate is \$78 per student. (Financial Support can be given if needed!)

**Forms can be turned in to the Office Drop-Box OR handed directly to Evan Fitzsimmons! Payments need to be made before the Final Sunday School on May 18.**

Contact Evan with questions - [evan@molive.org](mailto:evan@molive.org).



VBS 2024 Crew

## Next Chapter Restore Gala

Next Chapter Reentry Project (formerly Next Chapter Ministries), our ministry partner, working to restore formerly incarcerated persons into whole and healing relationships with family, neighbors, and God is holding its annual *Restore Gala*. This event is an opportunity to hear from individuals whose lives have been changed forever through the work of Next Chapter. This is also an opportunity to provide financial support to this essential ministry. Mount Olive is hosting a table, and seats are available. The event is Friday, **April 11** at 5:30 pm at the Rochester International Events Center, 7333 Airport View Dr. NW. Contact Pastor Glenn to join the Mount Olive table - [glenn@molive.org](mailto:glenn@molive.org).



## Family Promise

Family Promise is a ministry partner serving homeless families in Rochester. If you are interested in supporting the new shelter, Promise House, you can visit the Amazon Wish Lists below or contribute funds using the Mount Olive website [ministry partners link](#).

- [Make Promise House Home](#)
- [Office Needs](#)
- [Household Needs](#) Visit [www.fprochestermn.org](http://www.fprochestermn.org) for more information.



## Mount Olive Quilters Meet Weekly

The quilters meet each Thursday morning 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 and polyester batting, measuring 72' x 90". Donations may be left in the Gathering Area cabinet, where there are also quilt kits to be sewn.

## Lenten Offerings Support People in Need

This Lenten season we stand in solidarity with people most at risk these days – the hungry, the poor, refugees and asylum seekers. Each mid-week worship offering will be designated for Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service), an agency restoring a sense of home to immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. The mid-week soup suppers will include a free-will offering which will support (after expenses), ELCA World Hunger, one of the most effective agencies in the world at getting food to hungry people. Missing a week due to the weather impacted the weekly donations. If you would like to contribute to Global Refuge and/or ELCA World Hunger, you may also use the [link](#) from the Mount Olive website, indicating in the comments how to distribute your donation. Thank you for your generosity!

## Ongoing Collections

Did you know that the SSOM team at Mount Olive has ongoing collections of many items that can be put to use by others? Items include travel-sized care products, eye glasses, pop can tabs, white bed sheets, and fabric. Collection bins are in the Gathering Area cabinet.



## Pastor Glenn's Lenten Bible Study and Sunday Forum

The season of Lent continues as Pastor Glenn finishes his class exploring the Book of Galatians. The Bible study meets both on Wednesdays at 5:30 (before midweek worship) and on Sunday mornings at 9:15.

The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, **April 2** – no study

Sunday, **April 6** at 9:15 – Bible study #3

Wednesday, **April 9** at 5:30 pm and Sunday, **April 13** at 9:15 – Bible study #4.

### Sunday Forum on April 27 to feature immigrant concerns

There may be no more timely presentation than the one you will hear on Sunday, April 27 at the Sunday Forum. Our speakers will be from the SE MN Interfaith Immigrant Legal Defense (SMILD). This non-profit corporation operates as a program hosted by the Rochester Area Foundation, working to ensure the availability of immigration legal services for those who live and work in SE Minnesota. The Sunday Forum meets at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall.

## Mount Olive Women's News

### Women's Small Group Studies

Women's small groups will continue the study, "Faithfulness in These Days" by Denise Rector available from [Gather Magazine](#). In Session 4, we focus *Faith risks: Jairus and the Faithful Woman*. When both Jairus and the woman reach out in their pain and disappointment, Jesus meets them with compassion. Jesus is present in our actions as well, when our listening and grace make us stand out from the world around us. **Study leaders meet in the front conference room with Pastor Glenn on April 8 at 5:30 pm.** If you would like to join one of the Bible Study groups, you would be welcome! Contact the church office for more information - 507-288-1580.

### Homemade Market May 4th

If you are a crafter or an artist, now is the time to prepare for Women's Ministry Sunday, when there will be a *Homemade Market* following both services! Start your crafting now! In past years we've had jewelry, art, plants, baked goods, quilted items, wood working items, such as bird houses, greeting cards and much more. New items someone else made can also be donated. All proceeds from the sales of these items will support Mount Olive's women's ministry and the many areas of benevolence they in turn support. See the sign-up sheets on the cabinet in the Gathering Area to donate items or volunteer to help. Homemade items may be left in the office beginning April 13. Items should be priced by you to the nearest whole dollar amount. If you have questions, contact Jill Lundberg at [lundberg\\_jill@yahoo.com](mailto:lundberg_jill@yahoo.com).



### Other Important Dates:

**April 1** - The Women's Ministry Team meets at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room. Contact Women's Ministry Team Facilitator, Erin Sinnwell, for more information - 507-990-6079

**April 8** - Monthly study leader preparation with Pastor Glenn in the Conference Room at 5:30 pm.

**May 4** - Women's Ministry Sunday and Homemade Market



## Olive Branch Worship

**Sunday, April 6, 4:00 pm, Fellowship Hall**

On this Sunday closest to April Fools Day, we insist on taking seriously our commitment to laughter. Amid this time of deep political chance, bring your best/worst jokes as we explore joy as a mode of resistance. Also, music and generous communion for all ages. All are welcome!

## Woman With the Alabaster Jar

**Monday, April 14, 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall**

This special once-a-year service puts the spotlight on a story told in all four gospels. The so-called “woman with the alabaster jar” was generous and kind to Jesus days before his betrayal and execution. So much so that Jesus said that anytime the Gospel is proclaimed in all the world, this woman will be remembered. Which is embarrassing because the 21st-century church seldom thinks about her. We’re out to remedy that! Come to this contemplative healing and blessing service for generous communion, music, and connecting with our beloved community.

## Self-Defense Training

At the request of community youth, Olive Branch and Mount Olive hosted 4 self-defense training opportunities for LGBTQIA+ youth and allies in the month of March. Our incredible, trauma-informed instructor came from Valley Self-Defense in Stillwater, MN. We highly recommend this organization! Many of our own Sunday School youth attended one of the sessions. It was powerful to witness them stand up for themselves using their bodies and voices. The sessions for older youth were comprised mainly of community members who were deeply grateful we created this safe space with them in mind. Thanks to all who made this possible through your financial support.

## Summer Family Camp

Pastor Lisa and her family will be helping to host and lead a Intergen Family Camp at Good Earth Village (GEV) and they would love for you to join them. The camping weekend will be **July 25-27**. Intergen Family Camp is designed to give your family time to play, worship, and simply be together. GEV staff will have a weekend of fun scheduled for you including intergenerational activities, crafts, games, songs, Bible studies and plenty of hiking and outdoor activities. They hope that you will leave your time at Good Earth Village relaxed, refreshed, and renewed, both individually and as a family! Learn more and register at: <https://goodearthvillage.org/intergenfamilycamp>



## SAVE THE DATE...

for our second of four pillar events this year following our grant-funded theme of *Our Stories, God's Story*:

## Namoli Brennet In Concert

**Saturday, May 24, 7:30pm**

**Pop's Art Theatre, Rochester**

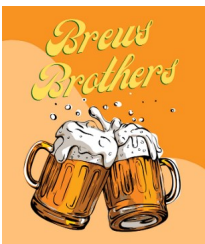
Namoli (NAHM-ah-lee) is a world-touring singer-songwriter with acoustic sensibilities. An award-winning artist, she sings about personal transformation, politics, and everything in between. We are delighted to be hosting her show, open to the public at Pop's Art Theater. Just like with Ken Medema's event with us, Mount Olivians get FREE TICKETS before we open sales to the public. For now, please mark the date on your calendar so you don't miss it. Look for her music streaming everywhere and on YouTube.





## Women's Monthly Coffee Meet Up

Mount Olive women are invited to meet at 9:00 am on Friday, **April 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](mailto:kchanson89@gmail.com).

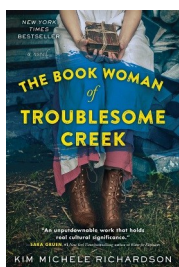


## Brews Brothers Meets At Forager

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 Forager Brewery and Café, 1005 6th St NW, Rochester, on Thursday, **April 10**, 4:30 to 6:00 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](mailto:kjhanson17@gmail.com) with questions.

## Ripe Olives Take a Trip Down Memory Lane

Ripe Olives is Mount Olive's group for retired and semi-retired folks to gather for a meal, fellowship, learning and fun. On **April 11** at 9:30 am, we'll celebrate the 64 year history of Mount Olive. Led by Nancy Britson, we'll learn about the milestones of the congregation, look at photos of days past and share favorite memories of our church's history. Come to share a trip down memory lane or, if you're new to Mount Olive, to learn more about our wonderful congregation. Everyone is welcome! Breakfast is provided with a free will offering. Please sign up in the Gathering Area or RSVP to Nancy - [nancy@molive.org](mailto:nancy@molive.org) or 507-288-1580.



## Monday Book Group

The **Monday Book Group** meets again on **April 14** at 6:30 pm in the church Library. This month's selection is *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. Inspired by the true blue-skinned people of Kentucky and the brave and dedicated Kentucky Pack Horse library service of the 1930s, *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* is a story of raw courage, fierce strength, and one woman's belief that books can carry us anywhere. If you have questions or would like to get on the email list, contact Jodi Schoer at [mjschoer@charter.net](mailto:mjschoer@charter.net)

## Soup Suppers Continue

Lenten Soup Suppers will continue to be served on Wednesday April 2 and April 9. Come to the Fellowship Hall, 5:15 - 6:15 pm. Special thanks go to David Steenhoek, who has planned the meals and led the cooking and serving each week. There are still a few openings for volunteers. To sign up, please use this Sign Up Genius link, [/tinyurl.com/44wuzbzz](https://tinyurl.com/44wuzbzz) or see the paper sign up sheet on the Gathering Area Cabinet at church. Contact Nancy Britson with any sign up related questions – [nancy@molive.org](mailto:nancy@molive.org) or David with any other questions – [dgsteenhoek@gmail.com](mailto:dgsteenhoek@gmail.com).



## Easter Fellowship

Volunteers are needed in the coming weeks to help with fellowship time following services. **This includes a special reception on Easter Sunday.** Between services on Easter, there will be a reception with hot cross buns and other pastries, fruit, juice and coffee. Extra volunteers will be needed. Please consider signing up to help on Easter or other Sundays by making coffee, providing treats, serving and/or cleaning up. Please sign up in the Gathering Area at church or at <https://tinyurl.com/fsd3f>. Contact Renee Schaefer, Sunday Fellowship Volunteer Coordinator with questions - [renee@molive.org](mailto:renee@molive.org).



## Welcome Visitors!

We are always pleased to see visitors to Mount Olive! It is our hope that you enjoy the worship services and fellowship and feel warmly welcomed! If you would like to learn more about Mount Olive or explore membership, please stop by the Welcome Desk following worship, see the literature rack nearby, or contact Nancy Britson, Director of Congregational Life - [nancy@molive.org](mailto:nancy@molive.org), or 507-288-1580. If you are interested learning more about membership, please put the New Member Orientation on April 27 at 9:15 am on your calendar.

## Accessibility in Worship

Do you ever have difficulty hearing in worship? Hearing assistance devices are available at the Welcome Desk. These can be used on their own or with a neck loop for those with a t-coil enabled hearing aid. Users report a greatly improved worship experience. Contact Gerard Goulet with questions about the hearing devices - 507-269-9036.

## Bookmobile Stop at Mount Olive

The Rochester Public Library Bookmobile has added Mount Olive as a regular stop on their schedule. They stop every other Wednesday, 1:00-2:30 pm.

They will stop every other Wednesday ongoing. At the Bookmobile, you can check out books, pick up holds, renew a book, and use your library card. To

request a new card, go to [rplmn.org](http://rplmn.org). Schedule changes are posted online at [rplmn.org](http://rplmn.org)



## Exercise Classes at Mount Olive

**FREE** exercise classes for people 55+ continue to meet twice weekly at Mount Olive. The "Stay Active and Independent for Life" (SAIL) classes are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3-4:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. The classes focus on strength, balance, flexibility and aerobics. All exercises and aerobics can be done sitting or standing and are very adaptive. Contact the church office for more information.

### 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 and sexual orientations*

*All races and ethnicities*

*All ages and abilities*

*All economic statuses and education levels*

*All faith journeys and personal histories*

*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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A Reconciling in  
Christ Community

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