

Mount Olive Lutheran Church



Second Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 1, 2026
8:00 and 10:30 am

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A Reconciling in
Christ Community

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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 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. We encourage opening the prayer with an image of God that is comforting and life-giving for you, including Our Mother, Our Father, Holy One, or Creator, to name a few.

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(Please stand as you are able.)*

P: Blessed be the holy ✠ Trinity, one God, who is present, who gives life, who calls new things into existence.

C: Amen

P: In this season of reflection, we turn our thoughts to you, O God, as we tell the truth about our lives.

Please kneel as you are able. Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: Loving each other is rarely as simple as we wish. We have harmed and been harmed. We lack vision for how to reconcile with one another. We are tangled up in unhealthy systems and habits. We don't always do what needs to be done. Liberate and heal us, O God. Replenish our energy and spirit, that we may find new ways to live into health and wholeness for all creation. Amen.

P: Receive this good news: God turns to you in love, saying "I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live". May you live into the gracious and generous life God ✠ has for you.

C: Amen

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The kindness of Jesus, the love of our Creator, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

"Have Mercy, O God"

Have mer-cy, O God We don't know what we do Heal us, heal us
 Have mer-cy, O God We wan - der off_ the way Guide us, guide us
 Have mer-cy, O God Re - store our wear - y world Free us, free us

Have mer - cy, O Christ We don't know what we do Make us whole
 Have mer - cy, O Christ We wan - der off_ the way Give us life
 Have mer - cy, O Christ Re - store our wear - y world Grant us peace



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray,

C: Holy God, your Spirit is at work in our world, revealing goodness and reminding us we are never alone in our journey of faith. Continue to nurture us in secret that we might be born anew into the fullness of life you have to offer. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“God So Loved the World”

Mount Olive Choir

WORD

2nd Sunday in Lent

FIRST READING

Psalm 121 *adapted*

PSALM

“Be My Keeper”

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan



My help and hope _____ who nev - er slum - bers, _____ You who made _____
O Source of Life, _____ my soul is long - ing _____ Catch me now _____
O Heart of Love, _____ you have sus - tained me _____ from be - fore _____



_____ the earth and heav - ens, I lift my eyes _____ up to the moun-tains
_____ for I am fall - ing Oh, be my shade _____ in sun-shine burn - ing
_____ my birth and al - ways You've been with me _____ for all my jour - neys



You're my help _____ and hope to come Cheer me on _____ My race is run
Be my com - fort in the night I've been out, _____ I'm com-ing in
Help and hope, _____ O Source of Life, Heart of Love, _____ this is my time



Be my keep - er as I'm mov - ing _____ for I am close to some-place deep - er



As you've held this world for - ev - er, _____ Be my keep - er Be my keep - er


GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please stand.)* "Listening People"


God's word in the flesh God's word in the an-cient book Lis-ten-ing We're a lis-ten-ing peo-ple—



God's word in the wind God's word com-ing fresh to-day Lis-ten-ing We're a lis-ten-ing peo-ple—

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GOSPEL READING

John 3:1-17 (NRSVUE) adapted

P: The Good News according to Saint John.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Good News of the Reign of God.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Lisa Janke

A moment of silence follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please stand.)* "Going Out and Coming In"


Go-ing out and com-ing in the Ho - ly One keeps us



Go-ing out and com-ing in the Ho - ly One sings.

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CONFESSION OF FAITH

P: Let us affirm our faith. We experience God above and beyond us,

C: **outside the range of our understanding. In the creative womb of life, all things are embraced, even as all things change.**

P: We experience God beside us,

C: **In Jesus Christ, our companion in trouble, our neighbor in need, and our friend in joy. Daily we encounter the image of God next to us, and daily we grow more connected to this way of kindness, mercy, and justice.**



P: We experience God within us,

C: **the Holy Spirit of Christ. In the gift of Holy Baptism, we celebrate God’s loving claim on our lives. Opening our minds to deep change, we find the freedom to be our unique selves.**

P: We experience God surrounding us,

C: **in the global church of which we are a part. As the presence of Christ on earth, we work, play, and rest, grounded in the hope of change. With the saints of all times and places, we experience God in sadness and joy, trouble and beauty, death and life. Amen.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

L: Reconciled by God’s mercy and sustained by God’s presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

L: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

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

MEAL

GATHERING OF GIFTS & OFFERINGS

In the season of Lent, we are reminded that our offerings are given to God in thankfulness for all the blessings we receive from God’s hand, not in order that we might receive God’s mercy. God’s mercy comes to us every day and Lent is a time to reflect on the mercies of God and extend mercy to others. Thank you for your offerings.

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *(Please stand.)* “To Be Faithful”

To be faith-ful with what I've been giv-en To be faith-ful with who I am
 To be faith-ful with what we've been giv-en To be faith-ful with who we are

To be faith-ful with how I am liv-ing I _____ pray to be faith-ful ___
 To be faith-ful with how we are liv-ing We _____ pray to be faith-ful ___



OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and cup, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

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



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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Today, you're invited to address God in this prayer of Jesus using Our Help 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 Help, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

P: Come to the table, God has named you and claimed you, child of God. 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 bread. 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.



AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God"



O Christ, Lamb of God, shar-ing our weak - ness, our
 O Christ, Lamb of God, bear-ing our heal - ing, our
 O Christ, Lamb of God, shar-ing our stor - y, our



weak - ness, Have mer - cy, have mer - cy *last time*
 heal - ing, Have mer - cy, have mer - cy. *continue*
 stor - y, Oh grant us, grant us your peace.



Oh grant us, grant us your peace. A - men.

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COMMUNION HYMN

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

ELW #666

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| <p>1 What wondrous love is this,
 O my soul, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this
 that caused the Lord of bliss
 to bear the dreadful curse
 for my soul, for my soul,
 to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?</p> <p>2 When I was sinking down,
 sinking down, sinking down,
 when I was sinking down, sinking down,
 when I was sinking down
 beneath God's righteous frown,
 Christ laid aside his crown
 for my soul, for my soul,
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.</p> | <p>3 To God and to the Lamb
 I will sing, I will sing;
 to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
 to God and to the Lamb,
 who is the great I AM,
 while millions join the theme,
 I will sing, I will sing,
 while millions join the theme, I will sing.</p> <p>4 And when from death I'm free,
 I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
 and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
 and when from death I'm free,
 I'll sing God's love for me,
 and through eternity
 I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
 and through eternity I'll sing on.</p> |
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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: God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Connected to you, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

P: May God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ☩ bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Blessed Assurance”

ELW #638

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Refrain

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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 Mount Olive: receiving our monthly newsletter, weekly email news, would like to learn more about membership or if you have a prayer **concern** or other comment to share. You may also visit the Welcome Desk in the entry following the service. Mount Olive **members**, please use a **Connection Card** for prayer concerns, comments, or to change contact info.

You're invited to join us 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, and the family members holding vigil with or supporting the recovering and/or dying.
- Our companions in ministry in Bogota, Colombia and Kijota, Tanzania, who observe this Lenten season with us, reflecting on the suffering and sacrifice of Christ as we do.
- Our nation, that we might find solidarity in our shared humanity, and strive for justice and dignity for all.
- Our state, that we might continue to witness bravely as we support and advocate for one another.
- Our communities continuing the struggle to end the scourge of gun violence in our nation. Give all elected leaders the courage to seek solutions to end this madness.
- All people enduring the horrors of war, especially the people of Ukraine and Sudan, enduring unspeakable destruction and suffering, and the people of Gaza, returning to a homeland in ruins.
- All those suffering the effects of flood or fire, hurricane or drought due to climate change. Give all people the resolve to do what we can to reverse this trend and protect those most vulnerable.

Exercise Classes at Mount Olive

The FREE exercise classes for people 55+ continue to meet twice weekly at Mount Olive, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3-4:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. The classes are designed specifically for older adults and focus on strength, balance, flexibility and aerobics. Exercises may be adapted for sitting or standing and all ability levels. **The group is also looking for a new volunteer leader.** Training is provided. If you are interested, contact the church office.

Worship Participants	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 10:30 am
Preaching	Rev. Lisa Janke	
Presiding Minister	Rev. Byron Meline	
Organist/Pianist	Deacon Travis Beck	
Psalmist	Richard Bruxvoort Colligan	
Assisting Minister	Jenn DeClercq	David Steenhoek
Lector	Jenn DeClercq	Rob Nelson
Greeters	Vicky Achor	Rob and Darlene Nelson
Ushers	Don Halley, Peter Heldt	Leah Ol, Loren Else
Communion Assistant	Helen Russell	Jill Mickelson
Acolyte	Audrey Rogers	Lydia Jerde
Welcome Desk	Paula Roberts	Nancy Britson
Livestream Video	Jonathan Jackson	

This Week at Mount Olive

Sunday, March 1

8:00a - Worship Service
 9:00a - Scout Pancake Breakfast
 9:15a - Sunday School
 9:15a - Sunday Forum
 10:30a - Worship Service
 11:30a - Coffee Fellowship
 11:45a - Easter Vigil Planning
 4:00p - Olive Branch Relaxes

Monday, March 2

5:30p - Pray Without Ceasing
 6:00p - Artist Studio
 6:00p - Scout Committee Meeting
 6:30p - Scout Troop Planning
 7:30p - Scouts PLC Meeting

Tuesday, March 3

9:30a - Staff Planning Meeting
 3:00p - SAIL Active Aging Class
 4:00p - Bolder Options

5:30p - Women's Study Leaders

6:30p - Women's Ministry Team
 7:00p - Al-Anon ACOA Meeting

Wednesday, March 4

12:00p - Centering Prayer and Brown Bag lunch
 12:30p - Bookmobile in Parking Lot
 5:15p - Lenten Soup Supper
 5:30p - Lenten Bible Study
 6:30p - Midweek Lenten Worship
 7:00p - Confirmation Closing Circle

Thursday, March 5

9:00a - Mount Olive Quilters
 10:00a - Roch. Area Music Teachers
 1:00p - Painting Group
 3:00p - SAIL Active Aging Class
 4:30p - Brews Brothers at Forager
 6:30p - Cub Scout Den Meetings
 7:00p - Ward 6 Town Hall Meeting

7:00p - In the Process Al-Anon

Friday, March 6

9:00a - Women's Coffee at Hy-Vee West Circle
 5:00p - Rochester Music Teacher's Recital Series
 6:00p - Serve at Dorothy Day

Saturday, March 7

8:30a - Men's Discipleship
 9:00a - Bolder Options
 9:00a - Altar Guild Setup
 9:00a - How Al-Anon Works Group

Sunday, March 8

8:00a - Worship Service
 9:00a - Coffee Fellowship
 9:15a - Sunday School
 9:15a - Sunday Forum
 10:30a - Worship Service
 11:30a - Coffee Fellowship

Next Sunday's Readings:

Exodus 17:1-7

Water from the rock in the wilderness

Psalms 95

Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Romans 5:1-11

Reconciled to God by Christ's death

John 4:5-42

Baptismal image: the woman at the well

Lenten Bible Study with Pastor Byron Begins

What is your passion? What does it mean to live with passion? Where do we find examples in the Bible of people who lived with passion? During this upcoming Lenten season, a five-session Bible study series, led by Pastor Byron, will be offered that explores five lesser-known biblical characters who lived with passion. We'll define passion as "a strong feeling of enthusiasm or excitement for, or devotion to, some activity, object, or concept". The study will be on **Wednesdays at 5:30 pm and on Sunday mornings at 9:15, beginning March 1. This Sunday, the class will meet in the Library meeting room.** Just past the sanctuary on the left. The Sunday sessions will repeat the content covered the previous Wednesday. All are welcome whether you're signed up or not! All materials will be provided.

Sunday School This Week

This Sunday, March 1 is Classroom Sunday School. Everyone will have time to go to the pancake breakfast. March 8 is Large Group Sunday School and Camp Hype Sunday! Dianna Parks, Executive Director of Good Earth Village will be here to give kids and parents all the details about Summer Camping. Please contact evan@molive.org with any questions.

Dorothy Day House Volunteers Needed

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. A sign-up sheet for 2026 is on the cabinet in the Gathering Area.

Training is provided if needed. If you have any questions, please contact Mark & Sarah Jerde - sarahjerdepa@gmail.com. Please consider signing up for this vital ministry.



Security Update

The practice of keeping the church entry doors locked during the day was implemented recently. This is primarily to give our Head Start staff, families, and students a better sense of security. The new security system went live this past Friday, Feb. 27. If you are a current key card holder, you have been invited to pick up a new card in the church office. There will also be a video doorbell for staff to open the door remotely. Follow the directions on the sign. The last few weeks, volunteers have helped to greet visitors in the mornings and afternoons, when there is the most traffic at the doors. We are very grateful for their help!

Soup Suppers This Week

Lenten Soup Suppers are served each week beginning at 5:15 pm, prior to the Lenten Bible study and midweek Lenten service. This week, chicken noodle soup, bread, crackers, peanut butter and jelly will be available with vegetarian and gluten free options. The Mount Olive church council is helping to make the soup and serve. Free-will donations will go towards ELCA World Hunger. This year we are also asking for monetary contributions to help to offset the cost of the ingredients and for donations of bread each week. Visit the table in the entry at church to pick an envelope to contribute funds or sign up to bring bread or serve. Or sign up online at: www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094CACA728ABFBC52-lenten#/ Please contact Nancy in the church office with any questions - nancy@molive.org.



Worship Volunteers Needed

We're in need of some worship volunteers to fill out the schedule for March. To help out in various aspects of worship, such as greeting, ushering, assistant minister and more, visit the Welcome Desk following worship to see the schedule or sign up at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/48pw6a3j> To learn more contact Nancy Britson - nancy@molive.org.

Wanted: Easter Vigil Team

Join the Easter Vigil (Sat., April 4) planning team by attending the initial brainstorm meeting on Sunday, **March 1**, 11:45 am-1:30 pm in the Olive Pit. We'll have pizza and salad for lunch, followed by brainstorming facilitated by Pastor Lisa, Richard, and Travis. All ages welcome! No experience necessary. RSVP with attendance and pizza choices to Richard at richard@molive.org.

Rochester Pops Orchestra Concert

The Rochester Pops Orchestra presents "Lazarus Requiem" Sunday, **March 1**, 2026, 7:00 pm at Bethel Lutheran Church. Special guests are the Bethel Lutheran Church Chancel Choir. There is no admission fee or reserved seating; a free will offering will be collected. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Sheffield at janeshffield9.com or 507-289-7792.

Pray Without Ceasing

On Mondays, 5:30 - 6:00 pm, in the Mount Olive Sanctuary, all are welcome to "Pray Without Ceasing," our short, contemplative service of music, meditation and readings. As part of an ELCA initiative which hundreds of churches are also participating in, we center our hearts on the needs of our community and our neighbors.



Olive Branch Relaxes

Sunday, March 1, 4:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

You know you need it. We *all* do. Our bodies simply cannot function well under high stress. We thought it would be good to practice relaxation together. Pneuma Yoga guide Rick Fulton will join us, leading us in gentle movement and breathing practices to calm your nervous system, lighten your mind, and re-engage your center. All ages are welcome. No experience necessarily. Dress comfortably for a seated practice and come ready to unwind what's been wound up inside you. Please RSVP to richard@molive.org to reserve your spot.



Artist Studio - Monday, March 2, 6-7:30 pm, Ye Olde Library

Studio artists, once again we have a mission: to create art for the sanctuary to enhance worship in Lent. Our overarching theme is *Reflections*. Think mirrors, windows, echos, water, things like that. Together, we'll make things to install on the wall for the season of Lent. All ages, please!

FSU.2 (Faith Seeking Understanding.2)

Monday, March 9, 6-8:00 pm in the Olive Pit

Ever imagine that God is angry? That God is punishing you, or— on a good day— rewarding you? “The Gods Aren’t Angry” is a film by Rob Bell inviting us to consider the perspective of the ancient scriptures alongside 21st-century sensibilities. What is God really like, and why do we often imagine so much worse? If you’ve ever worried whether God is friendly or not (a serious worry indeed) this may be for you. We’ll ease your mind, watch the film, and Richard will lead discussion following. Bring your questions! All welcome.

March Newsletters Available

The March edition of our newsletter, *The Messenger*, is now available. Pick one up on the Welcome Desk. 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.

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, donate using the QR code at the right, or click the “donate now” button at molive.org. Thank You!





Ward 6 Townhall this Week

Rochester City Councilmember, Dan Doering, will host a Townhall for Ward 6 at Mount Olive this Thursday, **March 5**, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. He is interested in hearing from his constituents. Bring questions and concerns and join your neighbors in meaningful conversation. For more information visit <https://www.facebook.com/doeringward6>.

Ripe Olives in March

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 **March 13**, our guest will be Sandy Simar, Director of the Head Start program at Mount Olive. She will share information about the vital programs Head Start offers to low income families and give us insights into the challenges they face. Breakfast is provided with a free will offering. Sign up in the Gathering Area or RSVP - nancy@molive.org.

Hearing Accessibility in Worship (Not just for those with hearing aids)

Mount Olive has recently installed **Auracast Broadcast Audio**. Some hearing aids (certain models newer than 2024) have built-in ability to use Auracast with their hearing aid app. We also have hand-held FM receivers with earbuds (for those with or without hearing aids). These devices are available to pick up at the Welcome Desk. Today's smartphones also have little-known hearing accessibility features deep within their operating systems that will provide all with some truly amazing benefits. If you would like to learn more about these devices or activating the hearing accessibility features of your smart phone, please contact Gerard Goulet - 507-269-9036.

Food Pantry Expansion

Due to the growing needs in our community and requests from our neighbors, we have added a selection of household and personal hygiene items to the collection. We will continue to accept shelf-stable, non-expired food items. Bring your items to the church office. Monetary donations are also accepted. Please indicate "food pantry" on your check memo or online comment. Look for the lists of most requested items on the Gathering Area cabinet.



Wednesday Noon Prayer + Brown Bag Lunch

Each Wednesday, Richard will offer a 20-minute prayer 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 and you can watch it there later as well. All are welcome.



Midweek Lenten Worship Storytelling



Our Wednesday evening worship services, March 4, 11, 18, & 25 at 6:30 pm, will be centered in storytelling around the theme of **Passion**. 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 will also be live streamed on our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@MountOliveELCA/streams>.

Scout Pancake Breakfast Sunday!

On Sunday, March 1, Scout Troop 498 (that meets at Mount Olive) will have a pancake breakfast, 9:00 am - 10:30 am. Come to the Fellowship Hall to enjoy pancakes, fruit, sausage, water, juice, milk, and coffee. There will be a free will offering.



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