



Lent 2012
40 Days of
Spiritual Renewal

Is anything too
wonderful for God?

Stories of God's Hope
in the Wilderness

Five Week Bible Study during Lent - sign up the week of February 12 so we can print the study for you.

- ⇒ Sundays, March 4 - April 1: Adults meet with Pastor Laura in the Fellowship Hall*
- ⇒ Sundays, March 4 - April 1: High School youth meet with Pastor Siri in the HS Youth Room*
- ⇒ Saturday, March 3 - March 31: Lead by Pastor Siri following worship*
- ⇒ Mondays, February 27 - March 5 at 7 pm at Dick and Lucy DeRemee's home*
- ⇒ Wednesdays, February 29 - March 28 at 6:15 pm with Pastor Laura in the library*
- ⇒ Thursdays, March 1 - March 26 at 7 pm at Stuart and Nikka Vrieze's home*

Daily Devotions during Lent - For your spiritual renewal, a daily devotional featuring writings by Mount Olive members on Lenten Readings will be available..

Ash Wednesday
February 22

Worship Services with
Imposition of Ashes
Noon 5 pm 7pm
Soup Supper
5:30 - 6:40 pm
Childcare available
4:45 - 6:00 pm

Wednesdays During Lent
February 29 - April 4

Worship Services 5 pm 7pm
Dialogue Sermon with pastors & high school youth
Soup Supper 5:30 - 6:40 pm
Bible Study written by Pastor Laura Sutherland: Is Anything too Wonderful for God: Stories of God's Hope in the Wilderness 6:15 pm
Lenten Children's Choir K - 3 Grade with Stephanie Pasch 6:15 pm
Music for 4 - 6 Grade Youth with Jon Strommen Campbell 6:15 pm
Childcare available 4:45 - 5:45 pm and 6:10 - 6:50 pm



5 Week Bible Study Weekly Worship Daily Devotional Community Care

Lenten Community Care Projects:

- ❏ *As part of our Lenten service, Mount Olive will be working to help stock Channel One Food Bank and Food Shelf. This week Mount Olive's staff met with Edward Stites, the Operations Director of Channel One. Each month, in Olmsted County, Channel One, serves 4000 families (11,000 people). Families can go to the food shelf once a month and receive a five day supply of food. Right now, according to Stites, Channel One, is just barely taking in the food they need to distribute each month. During Lent our goal is to collect 350 bags of groceries, representing each household at Mount Olive. We will keep a running tally throughout Lent as to where we are at in meeting our goal and report to the congregation each week. Suggested items are peanut butter, cereal, ramen noodles, canned chicken and vegetables, mac and cheese, microwaveable meals and flour and sugar as part of the donated groceries but all groceries are appreciated.*
- ❏ *Also as part of our Lenten service, Mount Olive will be gathering personal care items for homeless children. In the January 14th edition of the Post Bulletin, Melissa Brandt from the Rochester school district was interviewed. Hired last March, her job is to assist the rising number of homeless students. She estimated that approximately 250 Rochester students are homeless, more than twice the 112 estimated in 2008. She believes that the problem is probably larger than that as many families are reluctant to be stigmatized as homeless. We thank Sally Hines in our congregation for taking the lead on this Lenten project to help bring needed relief to these children in our community.
The following items are needed: combs, new wash cloths, and sample sizes of body wash, shampoo, tooth brushes and toothpaste in one gallon zip lock bags. Other loose items will be collected to stock shelves at Golden Hills school: Large shampoo, food for backpacks, bus passes, socks and underwear. Please place items in the marked container in the gathering area. Sally Hines will deliver everything to Golden Hills School. The school is in need of 75 sets of these items. ~Pastor Laura*



Lent - 40 Days of Spiritual Renewal

During Christ's 40 days in the wilderness, he relied on God's word to sustain him while he endured hunger, loneliness and temptation by Satan. He emerged from this wilderness time, filled with the "power of the Spirit."

During Lent, we invite everyone to participate in 40 Days of Spiritual Renewal. Mount Olive is offering a Bible Study, *Is Anything Too Wonderful for God? Stories of God's Hope in the Wilderness*. This study focuses on five stories from the Old and New Testament that give witness to God's powerful defeat over the destructive forces that would leave us alone in the wilderness. We are offering these studies on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday at church and in homes. Our goal is to have at least 200 participants in Bible Study during Lent. Sign up for the Bible Studies will begin the weekend of February 12: each member who signs up will receive a Bible Study booklet.

From the time of the Israelites and Nehemiah, spiritual renewal has always begun with a thirst for God's word. Our spiritual thirst is met by the Lord when God's word is opened and read and digested. Our praise, our study, our fellowship,

even our baptism and communion find their significance through God's word. After the priest Ezra read God's word to the people, Nehemiah proclaimed to the people to be joyful and to send portions of their food to others. The people understood that God had been generous to them and they were to be generous to others in turn.

As part of our 40 Days of Spiritual Renewal we will work together as a congregation to provide 350 bags of groceries to Channel One food shelf and to collect personal care items for children in the Rochester school district. Also during Lent, we will follow a daily devotional written by members. Spiritual Renewal: study of Gods word, daily prayer, generosity towards those in need and weekly worship.

Renewal is a process, a deepening process, of coming closer to God. Authentic renewal also brings reconciliation and generosity towards the needy. My prayer is that Mount Olive's 40 Days of Spiritual Renewal will be a time for our congregation to grow deeper in its love for God's word.

God's Peace, *Pastor Laura*

Saturday Celtic Eucharist During Lent Beginning February 25

We will again be playing music from Ireland and the British Isles, celebrating God's grace and goodness in our pilgrimage to Easter. We have a talented group of musicians who lead us in this service, to bring the songs to life, and allow the church to enter into the song. Please join us on Saturday evenings at 5 pm to walk with us.

Jon Strommen Campbell, Music Director



ADULTS

LEARNING, GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP

Sunday Morning Adult Forum 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall

This February we are excited to welcome a special speaker from our Rochester community to give us insight into the faith and people of Islam. We also add in another time of simple fellowship with a brunch on the 19th. Finally, we begin in Lent, Pastor Laura's series "Is Anything too Wonderful for God? Stories of God's hope in the wilderness". All are welcome.

- 5 - Introduction to Islam with Rashed Ferdous: a speaker of the Islamic Resource Group, a Minnesota based non-profit educational organization. He is involved in various interfaith activities in the Rochester area. Some of these are Interfaith Habitat for Humanity, Rochester Area Interfaith Youth Core, Tent of Abraham Peace Walk, KSMQ weekly interfaith TV show "Diversity Connection: Faith Edition" and Rochester mosque open house. Rashed teaches at Rochester Islamic School on Sundays. He is a religious volunteer at Federal and State prisons. Rashed received Diversity Award 2011 given by the Mayor of Rochester for his community work. He is a student of Sharia Academy of America and pursuing a Ph.D. at University of Minnesota. He is a software engineer by profession.
- 12 - Follow up look at Islam
- 19 - Pancake Breakfast Brunch
- 26 - "Is Anything too Wonderful for God? Stories of Hope in the Wilderness".



Ripe Olives February 10

Meet at Gramercy for lunch and social time on Friday, February 10. Check the sign up sheet in the gathering area for details. Sign up is mandatory.



Women of the
ELCA 

**Bible
Study
Leaders
Meet**

February 12 at 5 pm

Circle study leaders meet with Pastor Siri for the women's circles on the Wholeness Wheel.

Women's Lenten Prayer Luncheon February 26 at 11:45 am

Mark your calendars! We will gather to share a meal and enter into the season of Lent together. You will also be provided the opportunity to connect with someone, in prayer, during the season of Lent. Our offering will go to Elton Hills Outreach Ministry. Sign up in the gathering area. Consider attending this wonderful opportunity to get together!

Author R. W. Holmen's

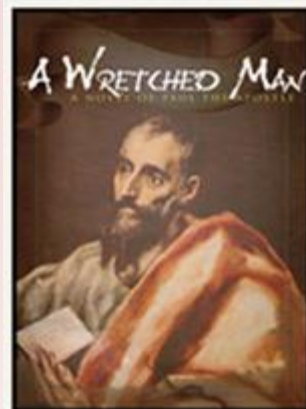
Presentation at Mount Olive on February 13

The Monday night book group will host an All Church Reads Monday, February 13 at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. R.W. Holmen, author of *A Wretched Man*, will present and lead the discussion of his remarkable novel about Paul the Apostle.

Rev. Jeffrey Butz, a Penn State University instructor of Religious Studies, in a positive review states: "(This) is a stunning fictional account of the early church that reads like real-life. While a work of fiction, this may be the most authentically historical novel ever written about the lives of the apostles. Robert Holmen is a wonderful writer with a gift for bringing the Roman and Jewish worlds of the first century to life in an incredibly realistic way... This is the first biblical drama I have ever read that presents the apostles as real flesh and blood human beings struggling with the all-too-human issues that we all face. The internecine struggles waged by Paul, James and Peter in this book are still with the church today. This is a story that will both shock and inspire any Christian who is truly searching to find and follow the historical Jesus."

Former trial lawyer R.W. Holmen has a B.A. degree in history from Dartmouth, a J.D. degree from the University of Minnesota, and post-graduate studies in theology and Christian history at St. John's School of Theology, a progressive Benedictine community in Minnesota. At present Mr. Holmen lives in Chicago.

Books are available in the office at the Amazon price of \$14.25. A signing and coffee time will be available in the Gathering Area after the presentation.



Faith Seeking Understanding Book Group February 7 at 6:30 pm

Challenge yourself to some great reading and thought provoking discussions.

- ✧ February 7: The Great Emergence: How Christianity is Changing and Why by Phyllis Tickle
- ✧ March 6: You Converted Me: The Confessions of St. Augustine
Translated by Robert J. Edmonson
- ✧ April 7: Falling Upward: Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life by Richard Rohr
- ✧ May 1: The Power of Now by Eckhart Tolle



Cancer Support Conversation (CSC) Group February 28 at 6:30 pm

If you would like to connect with this group and follow along in a book we are working on, please contact Jody Myers - Small Group Ministries Coordinator, jody@molive.org or 288-1580 x 209.

If you are in the process of cancer treatment or in recovery from cancer we encourage you to be a part of the healing conversations. If you have a new cancer diagnosis or you are in need of support please contact Pastor Laura 288-1580 x 206 or Pastor Siri 288-1580 x 205.

Calling All Actors!

Pastor Siri has written a drama on the Last Supper for the Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, April 5 at 7 pm. We are looking for actors - men, women, and young people to participate. We especially need high school and young guys to play disciples! You can indicate if you want a speaking or non-speaking part. Please email or contact Pastor Siri at siri@molive.org.

New Member Weekend April 14 & 15

If you are planning to become a Mount Olive member in April please have your picture taken so that you can be included in the Pictorial Directory. Go to the Mount Olive website and sign up or ask for assistance at church or contact the church office.

New Member Orientation will be on April 14 from 9:30-11:30 am. We will serve you brunch while our staff and some members meet and welcome you. Pastors and staff will share information about our church, our mission and how our staff serves Mount Olive. On April 15, Mount Olive will welcome you at the 10:30 am worship service. worship service.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Mount Olive, please contact Jody as soon as possible or by March 11. Jody Myers, New Member Coordinator, Jody@molive.org or 288-1580 x 209.

Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord: Join the Mount Olive Choir!

You are invited to join the Mount Olive Choir and experience the music, fellowship and fun with a great group of people. Whether you sing soprano, alto, tenor or bass, there is a place for you in the choir! If you only want to sing for a short-term commitment (say, during Lent), there's a place for you!

You don't need to be "trained" in music to join. The choir is made up of volunteers, some of whom have sung in choirs before and some of whom have not. Choir members have one thing in common: they want to share their love of music.

Want to join during Lent? Contact Jon Strommen Campbell or come to rehearsal on February 22, Ash Wednesday. Practice begins after the 7 pm Lenten service and will last about an hour. On Sundays during Lent the choir sings at either the 10:30 or 8 am service.



Did you know Mount Olive
has a facebook page?



CHILDREN AND YOUTH

LEARNING, GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP



In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God. (ELW)

Milestone Events

As parents, we bring our child to be baptized in the Christian faith. Parents and sponsors make several promises at the baptism of their children. Mount Olive stands behind and along with parents, sponsors and families. Mount Olive offers many opportunities to fulfill these promises through milestone events and confirmation classes.

In the next few months, there will be the following Milestone Events for children and their parents. There will be sibling care available as needed.

- February 12: Come enjoy this learning time together with Stephanie and Pastor Laura. Sibling care is available.
 - * Preschool II – Prayer:
 - * Kindergarten – Worship
- March 25: 5th Grade – Communion Learning Event and Seder Meal

Families will receive letters at home a couple weeks before the event with all of the details.

Children's Music

Sunday School children sing **February 19** at the 10:30 worship service

New Lenten Children's Choir – Kindergarten – 3rd grade children are invited to meet each Wednesday at 6:15 February 29 through March 28. The children will sing in church on Palm Sunday, April 1. Come join the fun!

Vacation Bible School June 11-15

If you are interested in coordinating this fun event for preschool-elementary kids, please talk to Stephanie Pasch.

4-6 Grade Lenten Orff Ensemble!

So what is “Orff???” Carl Orff was a German composer who invented percussion instruments for young people to play –so we call them Orff instruments. A bunch of them together make an “Orffestra!”

I need twelve - fifteen 4th-6th graders for a fun group during Lent. We’ll practice Wednesday nights, February 29 – March 28, from 6:15 – 6:45. We will play xylophones, metallaphones, hand bells, hand chimes, drums, and two, BRAND NEW glockenspiels. If you don’t know what any of these things are, come and see!

Please sign up in the Gathering Area, so I can be well-prepared to meet you! The only requirement is that you are eager to be there, you don’t miss more than two rehearsals, and you are free to play BOTH services on Palm Sunday, April 1.

I hope you can join me in making fun music to share with our congregation!

Jon Strommen Campbell
Music Director



Good Earth Village

The children of Mount Olive are encouraged to go to Good Earth Village for summer camp! There are many opportunities available from one day Adventurer for those currently in kindergarten through 4th grade and overnight options for those in 1st grade and up. There are also Family Camp weekends. Good Earth Village staff say, “We are excited about another summer filled with laughter, worship, singing, new friends and the chance to learn more about what it means to live as a Child of God!”

Mount Olive continues to be a “member” congregation with Good Earth Village. This gives all of our members a \$50 discount on week-long programs. There are “sibling” discounts for those families sending more than one child to camp. There are early bird rates those registered by

February 15 and by March 31. Mount Olive has limited need-based scholarship money available (please talk to Pam Berg). Mount Olive has reserved spots for the week of July 29-August 3 (held until February 1 without a deposit from a Mount Olive member). In the interest of having several of our children at camp the same week, we encourage children to sign up for the week July 29 - August 3. For more information go to www.godearthvillage.org.

Looking Ahead

Silent Auction & Carnival Sunday March 4

Plan to donate and or attend this fun event! Youth, watch for sign-ups to help. All youth are welcome to volunteer, youth attending the trip are strongly encouraged to be a part of this important fundraiser.

Youth in Worship

February 5: Pastor Siri is working with our youth in preparation for the youth drama "The Epiphany of Jesus". This drama will replace the regular Bible readings and the sermon as we see the story of Jesus' first teachings and miracles and reflect on how it is we know and understand him ourselves.

Jon Strommen Campbell leads youth musicians who will enliven worship that day.

February 12: Middle and high school youth will lead prayers, usher, and participate in worship.

Come and support our youth leadership on February 5 and 12 at both services.

Daybreak at Dunns

Thursday

Feb. 16, 6:30 am

Come to this fun high school youth breakfast time event. Meet at Dunn Brothers on Elton Hills drive for breakfast and conversation.



February 24 Supernight!

Middle and High School kids are invited to this Rochester Area Youth For Christ event. Supernight is scheduled from 10 pm to 5:45 am, is a city-wide youth event, that includes bowling, activities at the RAC and the REC, and a wonderful kickoff program as well! Bus transportation shuttles kids from event to event (the kids choose where they would like to go) all night.

The cost, paid in advance, is \$28 per student and \$18 per adult chaperone (Mount Olive will cover a limited number of chaperone fees). Sign up in the gathering area. Please place your cash or check payable to Rochester Area Youth For Christ in an envelope and put it in Stephanie Pasch's mail box.



February 3 – TGIF – To Gather In Friendship – a

fun event for middle school students. Meet at church at 2:45. Enjoy snacks and then go swimming at the Y. Parents pick students up at 5:15 at the Y. (John Adams kids are encouraged to walk to church after school. There is a ride from Kellogg. Please talk to Stephanie about rides from Friedell, Willow Creek, and RCLS.)

February 8 - Middle & High School Youth Boards meet at 7:30 in their respective youth rooms.

February 11 - Team Mount Olive Lutheran Church: Team Narwhal is plunging into freezing cold water to support Special Olympics Minnesota at the Polar Bear Plunge! Talk to



Greg Heldt if you are interested in plunging or want to donate to this event. The Mount Olive team's fundraising goal is \$400.

February 12 – High School Broomball! – You are invited to lunch and broomball at Allendale Park. Lunch begins after the 10:30 worship service, broomball will conclude about 1:30 pm (please pick up your student at Allendale Park).

February 26 - High School Youth will sell **cinnamon rolls**. Students should watch for sign-ups to help with this fun, and delicious event!

SERVICE

Baby Care Kit Assembly February 5: Sunday School kids will assemble Baby Care Kits on February 5. Thank you to everyone who bought the items needed to complete the kits. Thank you to Jolene Baker for organizing and coordinating this.

Project Comfort Coffee February 4 & 5: Lutheran World Relief (LWR) ships Mount Olive's baby care kits, health kits and quilts to places of need in this country and overseas. To support LWR by donating shipping money, Ruth Circle hosts the Project Comfort Coffee each year. On February 4 after the 5 pm service and after both services on February 5, cookies and beverages will be served and a free-will offering accepted for this cause. Checks can be made out to Mount Olive WELCA notating "Project Comfort" on the memo line.

Fair Trade Coffee: According to Lutheran World Relief (LWR), some 20 million coffee farmers in Africa, Asia and Latin America struggle to make a living and lack adequate health care and education for their children. Lutherans are supporting coffee farmers by purchasing coffee directly from farmers in a process called "fair trade." At Mount Olive we serve Fair Trade Coffee most Sundays to support these farmers. A new shipment of Fair Trade coffee and tea has arrived! [Varieties](#) are on display in the gathering area for purchase to sponsor the coffee fellowship time for an upcoming Sunday.

For more information about Lutheran World Relief click on 'Partnerships' under the 'Resources' tab on Mount Olive's website www.molive.org.



Lutheran World Relief
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Dear Partners in Faith...

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you, your congregation and your fantastic volunteers for your work with our Interfaith families this past year. This network is designed on the format of helping families by using the resources of our faith communities and we could not stabilize and give that gift of a 'hand up' to these families without your help. 2011 was a busy year and we were surely blessed to have so many of our 49 faith communities involved, not only with the hosting of our families; but also in our fund raising events and in the financial support we receive every year from you. You are why IHN is so successful and why other agencies and IHN's want to know what we are doing and how we get it done!

2012 is upon us. We are moving forward. We have many exciting things to accomplish again this year...but the biggest is to provide care, support and case management for families in need. We want to continue to help families to grow and become stable and keep their children safe. We cannot do this without you. Thank you so much for the generosity and dedication of your congregation as well as all of the individual volunteers.

Blessings and peace,

Executive Director

Lenten Soup Suppers
Begin February 22

Many volunteers are needed to prepare and serve our Soup and Bread Meals. Please sign up in the gathering area to bring soup and/or to help serve a meal. Recipes are provided. A freewill offering will go to ELCA World Hunger Appeal. If you have questions please email Nancy Britson at nancy@molive.org.

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★ **You are invited to** ★
★ **Gordon Branes' 90th** ★
★ **Birthday Open House** ★
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★ **February 4, 1 - 5 pm** ★
★ The celebration is at the Valhalla ★
★ Party Room, 342 Elton Hills Drive. ★
★ We would like his friends from ★
★ Mount Olive to join us as we mark ★
★ this milestone. NO GIFTS PLEASE ★
★ Thank you! Kathie Branes ★
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New Pictorial Directory

Mount Olive is creating a new church pictorial directory with Lifetouch in February. There is no cost. Each family photographed gets a free 8x10 and a pictorial directory. Photographs of members begin Tuesday, February 21 - 25 and February 28 & 29. Online sign up is the easiest way to schedule your appointment. Go to molive.org and click on the link, or be assisted at church with volunteers in the gathering area after worship services.

Please sign up as soon as possible to get the most convenient time for your family. Contact Jody Myers with questions - Jody@molive.org or 288-1580 x 209.

Lutheran Night at the Wild

February 28

The 2nd annual Lutheran Night at the Wild is Tuesday, February 28. The Wild is playing the LA Kings with a 6:30 pm game time. Come see the Wild on this special night honoring Lutherans with special discounted seats. Ticket prices start at \$22.00. If there is enough interest, Mount Olive members could "caravan" to the game and coordinate seating or a meal. For tickets, go to <https://oss.ticketmaster.com/html/go.html?l=EN&t=wild&o=8618843&g=421> or contact Nancy Britson, nancy@molive.org.

Getting to know your Mount Olive

a glimpse into their lives beyond our church



Jon Strommen Campbell - Cantor, Composer and Chef

A west coast boy, Jonathon grew up in Salem Oregon about an hour from the Pacific Ocean. Jon is from a family of 6, and is the middle brother, of three boys with a younger adopted sister from Korea. Family vacations were a highlight for Jon and included family road trips to Central and Eastern Oregon. Jon describes these trips as, “where the Rocky mountains and open ranch land stood in stark contrast from the lush green of the coastal valleys”. After graduating from South Salem High School in ‘94, he attended University of Montana “for one horrible year”. He transferred to Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, which was a better fit for his personality/talents and where he met Pastor Siri . Jon graduated in 1998 with a BA in music, and then went to Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN, graduating with a Master of Sacred Music in 2002.

After Seminary, Jon served as music director at Bethel Lutheran Church in Rochester and came to Mount Olive 5 years ago. Our music and worship has been gifted with his vision, talents and insights that have created vibrant worship experiences. Jon says, “I love music, and how it intersects with the Word. I feel I have a talent for recognizing the theme of a Sunday, and fitting the music to that in an interesting way.” Jon’s beautiful tenor voice has graced our worship services as a Cantor, adding guidance and uplifting melodies and song to our worship life. Jon is also a talented composer and has published several musical pieces.

If Jon could choose another career, he would be a chef. To satisfy his cravings he cooks for his family, trying out a variety of savory recipes. Jon loves fresh seafood: shellfish, crab, oysters and sushi. Some of his favorite dining spots in Rochester are Sontes and Chester’s. When not cooking or writing music, Jon loves movies, dreaming, camping and reading. For his listening pleasure, he chooses late Medieval, Renaissance and early 20th Century American and English music . Presently he is reading Christian Singers, The First Thousand Years .

Hoping the future brings opportunities for travel, Jon’s destinations might include Constantinople (modern day Istanbul) and a pilgrimage of important Byzantine sites. Other dreams include trips to North Africa, Italy, Greece, Great Britain and Japan.

A kid at heart, Jon has an X-box and hopes to “keep up” with youth culture and his children, Theodore (6), in kindergarten and Lucy (4), at Rainbow pre-school. When asked “What would you do right now if you could?” Jon said, he would “like to go out to a nice restaurant with his wife”.

Mount Olive is fortunate to have such a talented person guide us in worship through weaving Word, music and song to the glory of God. And for after church hours, let’s encourage Chef Jon to make a meal or two for a pot-luck supper – bon appétit!

Mount Olive Youth Board by Warren Kemplin

Mount Olive youth have registered for the 2012 Polar Bear Plunge. It will be held on Saturday, February 11 at 2:30 pm at Foster Arends Lake. The Polar Bear Plunge, presented by Minnesota Law Enforcement, is part of the year-round Law Enforcement Torch Run to benefit Special Olympics. It is a unique opportunity for individuals, organizations and businesses to support Special Olympics athletes by jumping into frigid Minnesota waters.



You can help them by pledging a donation and watching them plunge. All pledges go directly to Law Enforcement Torch Run to benefit Special Olympics. Look for their table during the Sunday school hour and after late service. Help them make Mount Olive shine!

If you have questions, please contact Matthew or Greg Heldt at 254-3441.

PLUNGE BOLDLY!!

Protect Your Privacy - A Thought for Teens and Their Parents

Jennifer had been with her boyfriend for months. They loved each other and trusted each other completely. So it was only natural when they took the next natural step in their relationship: They exchanged Facebook passwords. "It's a sign of trust," Jennifer, a junior in high school, said "I have nothing to hide from him, and he has nothing to hide from me."

Sharing passwords to social networks or e-mail accounts is relatively common among serious teen couples these days. For them, the exchange is about trust and commitment. Sam Biddle, who writes for the website Gizmodo, calls the practice (in the words of the Times) the "linchpin of intimacy in the 21st century." Sharing passwords comes with its own share of dangers. For one, some teens feel unduly pressured to share—much as they might be pressured to sleep with someone. "The response is the same: If we're in a relationship, you have to give me something," says author Rosalind Wiseman. Then there's always the risk that if the relationship goes awry, a spurned boyfriend or girlfriend might abuse his or her password privileges—posting secrets or slander on Facebook pages or playing havoc with someone's e-mail account.

"I've known plenty of couples who have shared passwords, and not a single one has not regretted it," Biddle says. It's not just couples exchanging passwords. Friends sometimes swap them, too. The more folks who know someone's password, the greater likelihood there will be for it to be misused. You have a fundamental right to privacy, protect it.

Mount Olive Ministry Teams

Ministry Teams have now been formed and are listed here with email contact information for leaders. Thank you to everyone for their willingness to serve!

Children's Ministry Team:

Stephanie Pasch - staff liaison
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Pastor Laura - staff liaison
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Kris Guy – council liaison
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Matt Farmer
Carrie Fletcher
Heather Klavetter
Lara Smoley
Stuart Vrieze

Adult Faith Ministry Team:

Pastor Siri - staff liaison
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Rachel Carlson
Pam Lembke
Jody Myers
Karl Rist

Fellowship Ministry Team:

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Jolene Baker, Josh Johnson
Timothy Mackey, Dallas Oudekirk
Lorna Podvin, Serena Powers
Jeremy Schulz, Brandi Smith
Mike Vance

Worship & Music Ministry Team:

Jon Strommen Campbell -
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Jim Lembke - council liaison and
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Nikee Bergerson, Josh Bogovich
Duane Luinstra, Sandy Schlenker
Barb Seide, Barb Sorenson

Facility & Grounds Ministry Team:

Pastor Laura staff - liaison
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Jeff Wright staff - liaison
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Paul Schaefer - council liaison and
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Don Halley
Brad Johns
Tracy Schramm
Ron Zwicker

Stewardship Ministry Team:

Pastor Laura - staff liaison
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Pam Berg - staff liaison
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Mark Schoer - council liaison and
chair - mjuschoer@charter.net
Terry Krieger, Karen Mathison
Renee Schaefer, Dave Smith

Service & Social Outreach Ministry Team:

Pastor Siri - staff liaison
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Jolene Baker, Billi Ellingson
John Podvin, Mark Schultze
Lynette Stott

Mutual Ministry Team:

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Amy Determan, Ann Discher
Pat Dunn, Carol Lucido

Youth Board Ministry Team:

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Evan Berg, Jim Berg
Tasha Bogovich, Carol Davis
Michael Determan, Miriam Hanson
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Matthew Heldt, Corbin Holmen
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CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 1

11:00 am Clergy Text Study
06:00 pm Wednesday Night Meal
06:30 pm FISH and Nursery (0-K)
06:30 pm MS/HS Music/ Drams Classes
06:30 pm "Freed up Financial Living"
07:30 pm Mount Olive Choir

Thursday, February 2

09:00 am Mount Olive Quilters
06:30 pm Cub Scout Dens 1, 4, 5, 7
07:00 pm "In the Process" Al Anon
07:30 pm Glory Bells

Friday, February 3

02:45 pm TGIF - Middle School
06:00 pm Dorothy Day Serving

Saturday, February 4

08:30 am Men's Discipleship Group
05:00 pm Worship / Holy Communion

Sunday, February 5 Scout Sunday

08:00 am Worship / Coffee Fellowship
09:15 am Education Hour for All Ages
09:30 am Adult Forum
10:30 am Worship / Coffee Fellowship
06:00 pm After Bible, More Life Course

Monday, February 6

10:00 am After Bible, More Life Course
06:30 pm Troop Meeting and Den 3, 9
Tuesday, February 7

06:30 pm Cub Scout Den 8
06:30 pm FSU Book Group

Wednesday, February 8

11:00 am Clergy Text Study
06:00 pm Wednesday Night Meal
06:30 pm FISH and Nursery (0-K)
06:30 pm MS/HS Music/ Drams Classes
06:30 pm "Freed up Financial Living"
07:30 pm HS Youth Board Meeting
07:30 pm Mount Olive Choir

Thursday, February 9

09:00 am Mount Olive Quilters
06:00 pm Children's Ministry Team
06:30 pm Cub Scout Den 1, 4, 5
07:00 pm "In the Process" Al Anon
07:30 pm Glory Bells

Saturday, February 11

08:30 am Men's Discipleship Group
08:30 am Migrant Head Start Training

09:00 am Habitat for Humanity
12:00 pm Polar Plunge
03:30 pm MS/HS Play Rehearsal
05:00 pm Worship / Holy Communion

Sunday, February 12

All Day: Milestone event - Kindergarten
All Day: Milestone event - preschool II
08:00 am Worship / Coffee Fellowship
09:15 am Education Hour for All Ages
09:30 am Adult Forum
10:30 am Worship / Coffee Fellowship
11:30 am HS Lunch and Broomball
11:45 am WELCA Board Meeting
06:00 pm After Bible, More Life Course

Monday, February 13

10:00 am After Bible, More Life Course
01:00 pm Monday Book Group
05:00 pm WELCA Study Leaders
05:30 pm Widowed Persons Supper
06:30 pm Lydia Circle
06:30 pm Cub Scout Dens 3, 9
06:30 pm Monday Book Group

Tuesday, February 14

09:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
05:00 pm Property Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 15

11:00 am Clergy Text Study
01:00 pm Altar Guild
06:30 pm Anna Circle
07:30 pm Mount Olive Choir

Thursday, February 16

06:30 am HS Daybreak at Dunns
09:00 am Mount Olive Quilters
05:30 pm Scout Blue and Gold
07:00 pm "In the Process" Al Anon
07:30 pm Glory Bells

Friday, February 17

06:30 pm Cub Scout Movie Night

Saturday, February 18

07:00 am Karma Yoga Project
08:30 am Men's Discipleship Group
03:30 pm Celtic Musicians Practice
05:00 pm Worship / Holy Communion

Sunday, February 19

08:00 am Worship / Coffee Fellowship
08:30 am Scout Pancake Breakfast
09:15 am Education Hour for All Ages
09:30 am Adult Forum
10:30 am Worship / Coffee Fellowship
05:00 pm Yoga

06:00 pm After Bible, More Life Course

Monday, February 20

10:00 am After Bible, More Life Course
06:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 21

02:30 pm Directory Photos

Ash Wednesday, February 22

11:00 am Clergy Text Study
12:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship
02:30 pm Directory Photos
05:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship
05:30 pm Soup Supper
06:15 pm Adult Lent Class
06:15 pm Kid's Music Time
07:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship
08:00 pm Mount Olive Choir

Thursday, February 23

09:00 am Mount Olive Quilters
02:30 pm Directory Photos
07:00 pm "In the Process" Al Anon
07:00 pm Rachel Circle
07:30 pm Glory Bells

Friday, February 24

09:30 am Mary Circle
02:30 pm Directory Photos

Saturday, February 25

08:30 am Men's Discipleship Group
10:00 am Directory Photos
04:00 pm Celtic Musicians Practice
05:00 pm Worship / Holy Communion

Sunday, February 26 IHN Hosting Week

08:00 am Worship
09:00 am Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser
09:15 am Education Hour for All Ages
09:30 am Adult Forum
10:30 am Worship/ Coffee Fellowship
11:45 am Lenten Prayer Luncheon
05:00 pm Yoga

Monday, February 27

06:30 pm Scout Troop Meeting
07:00 pm Lent Bible Study @ DeRemee's

Tuesday, February 28

09:00 am Ruth Circle
01:00 pm Naomi Circle
02:30 pm Directory Photos
06:30 pm Cancer Support Conversation

Wednesday, February 29

11:00 am Clergy Text Study
02:30 pm Directory Photos
05:00 pm Lenten Wednesday Worship
06:00 pm Youth Choir
06:15 pm Lent Bible Study w/ Pr. Laura
07:00 pm Lenten Wednesday Worship
07:30 pm Mount Olive Choir



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“Beyond Fear and Anger”

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Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,

Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me? ELW # 798

It is easy to stay in unhealthy places because they are comfortable. We can get used to our anger and nurse our victimization beyond what is helpful. Even sadness or depression can become a welcome visitor because it is what we know. These negative emotions may even drive us in our careers. They may feel useful at times. But that is an illusion. We can even build our identities and believe we are our experiences and our feelings. But that is a paper personality.

The Bible often talks about the healing power of truth. Truth names reality, but with a sense of hope and compassion. Truth allows for anger and sadness, but knows that remaining there is not healthy for us or those around us. Truth asks us to see who we really are and the power we have inside us to forgive and move on. We have tremendous capability to unearth ourselves from despair and tragedy to a place of grow and life.

Every year, in our Lenten journey, God calls to that person deep inside us who knows the Truth. This Child of God is our true identity, connected at the very core to the Living God of the Universe. This person has amazing power to love, move, and reshape the world around us because this person is ultimately drawing from the living energy of God.

How do we become this person? I'm not sure. I do know that listening to God is the key and how we do that is varied. I like to take walks and mutter conversations with God. Other people meditate. This is the season to think about engaging God in a serious way- not for God's sake. For our sake. And for those around us.