



As we enter the season of Pentecost, we remember again how God's Spirit moved powerfully among the earliest disciples, calling "the church" into being, reminding them of God's presence in their midst. The Spirit is always moving in the church, inviting us to open our minds and to open our hearts to the new creation God is working in us and in the world. In Acts, Luke tells us that at Pentecost, the disciples were "all together" and that "all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit gave them the ability." They were also able to hear and to understand. So it is with the church in every time and place. The Spirit moves us to speak and to listen to one another, and to those around us, to lift up "God's deeds of great power", and the offer of reconciliation and new life God brings us, revealed in Jesus Christ.

As the call committee continues their work, they will be listening for God's leading and for fresh visions in conversation with pastor candidates. During this transition time, we have been speaking to one another, and listening for God's direction in these conversations. God's future is being developed, as our future is being developed, through hopes expressed.

Speaking and listening is essential to discerning our continuing mission in serving God and the needs of our neighbors. Speaking and listening, in worship, fellowship, study, and service, brings us together and strengthens our relationships with God, one another, the larger church, and the world.

Pentecost continues to be experienced daily in the Spirit's continuing presence and movement among us. What does it mean to be faithful disciples in our changing world? I hope you will continue to speak and listen to one another, for in those conversations, God's calling and direction is take shape.

The journey continues. In the Spirit,
Pr. Susan

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Spirit Hope Calling

**Mission Forward:
Call Committee Update**

The Mount Olive Call Committee, along with the Southeast Minnesota Synod of the ELCA, is actively engaged in the process of calling Mount Olive's next Senior Pastor. The Call Committee has been conducting interviews and continues to receive names of candidates.

Please keep the Call Committee in your prayers.

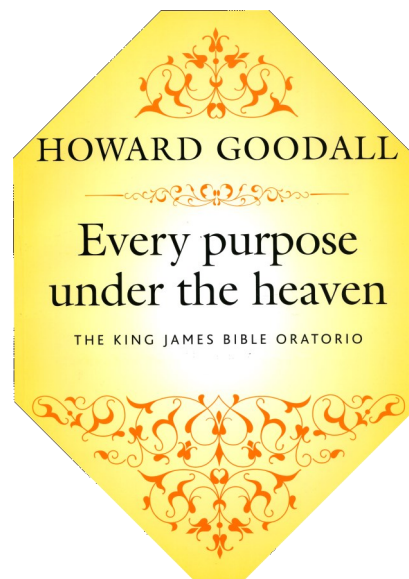
*The Mount Olive Call Committee for Senior Pastor:
Dick DeRemee, Mark Masbruch (chair), Jill Mickelson (secretary), Brad Natzke,
Mike Olson, Barb Sorensen, Jim Berg (alternate), Barb Seide (alternate)*

**“Every Purpose Under the Heaven”
Friday, May 15, at 7:00 pm**

The adult choir at Mount Olive, along with members of the Rochester Pops Orchestra, will be presenting Howard Goodall's oratorio, “Every Purpose Under the Heaven” on **Friday, May 15, at 7:00 pm**

Goodall's oratorio is based on the King James Bible of 1611. He has brought many important passages to life by setting them to music, focusing on both Old and New Testaments in chronological order from “In the Beginning” to “A New Heaven, A New Earth.”

Please join us for an evening of song.
A free-will offering will be taken.





Summer Worship Schedule

Beginning Memorial Day weekend (Sunday, May 24)
Mount Olive will switch to the summer worship
schedule:

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am
Sunday 9:30 am

This schedules continues through Labor Day
weekend (Sunday, September 6).



**ATTENTION:
WORSHIP LEADERS**
Summer Worship Workshops are
coming!

This is your chance for a hands-on,
one-on-one workshop with Pastor
Paul to develop your leadership
skills. Come and join us this summer
as we continue to learn how to lead
the congregation in meaningful
worship.

Please come to one **or more** of the
following workshops through the
summer at 10:45 am (after Sunday
9:30 worship):

June 28
July 26
August 23

All are welcome.
No prior experience necessary.

Volunteer Update

Worship volunteer and Sunday coffee and cookie fellowship schedules for May, June, and July were recently sent to all volunteers via e-mail or their Mount Olive mailbox. The current schedule is also updated regularly and posted on the Mount Olive website:

http://www.molive.org/volunteer_sch/volunteer_schedule.pdf. More volunteers are always needed. You may fill out a volunteer interest form on the Mount Olive website. If you have questions about volunteering at Mount Olive or suggestions for the volunteer process, please contact Nancy Britson, Volunteer Coordinator, at nancy@molive.org or 288-1580 x 210.

FRIENDS, FAMILY AND FAITH MINISTRY

LEARNING, GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP

ALL YOUTH Sunday May 3

- Choir Jam Session with Heather & Nikee
- Come directly to the Sanctuary at 9:15 am
- Kids will be dismissed to their Sunday School classes following a lively session of music and movement!

Thank You Sunday School Staff!

Volunteer Appreciation will be May 4
A time to recognize all who make Mount Olive a very special place to learn and grow!



Sunday May 17

Celebrate the last day of Sunday School with our children.

Wee Ones and Junior Choir will both share a gift of music during the 10:30 am worship service!



Sunday, May 3
9:30 - 10:15 am

Parents of newborns through tots not yet in pre-kindergarten Sunday School are invited to come and join in conversation and fellowship. Meet on the **first Sunday of the month in the high school youth room**. If you have questions please email Sara Hollander, sara@molive.org.

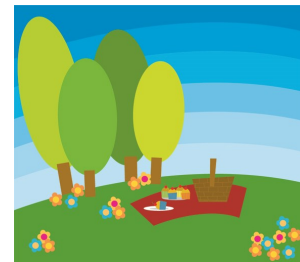


Graduate Recognition May 31 9:30 Worship Service

Come celebrate with our graduates as they are recognized during worship. You are invited to greet them at a reception in their honor after worship.

Wednesday Evenings at the Park During June

Gather for food, games and conversation!
Watch for more details to come!



ADVENTURE CLUB

May 5: Support our Church Softball Team, 7:00 pm at Slatterly Park



May 30, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Garden Fair at History Center of Olmsted County (1195 W Circle Dr. SW Rochester)

Admission: A non-perishable food item or cleansing supply to help stock the pantry for homeless youth in Rochester.

- Demonstrations
- Seminars
- Vendor Booths
- Garden Rummage Sale
- Kid's Activities
- Master Gardener's Advice
- Food



SAVE THE DATE: Adventure Club sponsors a Family Friendly Camp Out the first weekend in August.

- Kayaking
- Biking
- Tubing
- and more

... WATCH FOR DETAILS.

Listen to our children

A Reflection on Serving Others by Nicholas Holden

During Lent this year, I had the opportunity to volunteer with other Mount Olive members. We fed the homeless at the Dorothy Day House and The



Salvation Army. We helped organize donated food at Channel One, and we played games at Meadow Lakes Nursing home with the residents.

Doing this made me feel important and needed. They needed us at the Dorothy Day House to help serve and provide food for the homeless. It would have been much more difficult if we were not there to help. This also made me feel proud that I supported those that needed help.



I feel it is very important to give back to the community, not only because it was needed, but also because it helps my mind and spirit relax and focus, knowing that I did the right thing. I feel like I made a difference.

We are all equal in the eyes of the Lord. We all need to be kind and supportive when others are in need. If anyone falls down, it is important for others to help them get back up.

Nicholas Holden

ADULTS

LEARNING, GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP



Altar Flowers

You may sign up for a bouquet or a bud vase of flowers to brighten the sanctuary. Flowers may be placed for birthdays, anniversaries, baptismal birthdays, births, or in the memory of loved ones. There is a sign-up book in the gathering area. Fill out an envelope with the designation and include payment at time of sign-up. Place orders at least one week in advance.

Mount Olive Quilters

Thursdays, 9 am

You are invited each week to enjoy quilting and fellowship.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, May 12, 9:00 am

All knitters and crocheters are invited. Yarn, treats, guidance, wisdom, support, and humor are shared! Gather in the front conference room.



Want to Get Your Hands Dirty?

The 2015 growing season is creeping closer and closer! Watch for opportunities to help with maintaining (weeding, watering, and harvesting) the Mount Olive Garden. A sign up for helping will be in the gathering area at the sign up station.

If you are a gardener we encourage you to plant an extra row for a community donation in support of the Mount Olive green thumbs.

beer, conversation and God.

Pub(lic) Theology

See what's trending.

Come to the Tap House on Monday nights for food and catching up at 5:30. The discussion begins at 6:00.

Pastor Paul Moody leads conversation surrounding a weekly topic which is distributed by email and published online at Rochesterpublictheology.wordpress.com.

If you would like to be included on the email distribution list, please email Pastor Paul at paul@molive.org.



Mount Olive Softball

The Rochester Church Softball League gets underway the week of May 3 and continues into the summer. Co-ed games are played at Slatterly Park and last one hour with lots of friendly competition. Players ages high school through adult are needed to join the fun. Spectators are always welcome! Sign up in the gathering area. There is a participant fee of \$20 to help defray the cost of team registration. For more information, contact Coach Jason Coil (507-421-8736 or jcoil@live.com) or Nancy Britson (nancy@molive.org).



Thankoffering and Blessing of the Quilts and Prayer Shawl Weekend May 9/10

Thankoffering is a long tradition at Mount Olive. The work of the Women of the ELCA is recognized and supported with a special offering opportunity to give in gratitude for our own blessings. The offering helps to support the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA across the country and around the world.

Additionally, Mount Olive will bless the many quilts and prayer shawls made throughout the year by the Mount Olive Quilters and Prayer Shawl Ministry in worship on May 9 and 10.



Women's Day At Good Earth Village In Spring Valley, Minnesota

Saturday, June 27 (9:00 am - 3:30 pm)

Cost is **\$30** per person

Keynote Speaker & Workshop Leader: Pam Avaux

Through ministering to others, Pam is motivated by a passion for health and wellness of the mind, body and spirit. She seeks to help others discover their unique S.H.A.P.E. (Spiritual gifts, Heart, Abilities, Passions and Experiences) and equip others for service in the church, the community and the world. She is committed to the mission of "Reach out to the world around us and share the love of Jesus Christ" with the gifts God has given her.

This will be a fun fellowship event for all women. Please ask your friends to join you!!

More information is on the Women of Mount Olive bulletin board and on the GEV web site: <http://www.goodearthvillage.org>.

SERVICE AND SOCIAL OUTREACH MINISTRY (SSOM)



IHN Volunteer Appreciation June 4 at 7:00 pm

Mount Olive is hosting an Interfaith Hospitality Network volunteer appreciation cookie/coffee meet and greet. Volunteers from our sister congregations are invited to come for cookies in the fellowship hall so that we can get to know each other better. Please come ... whether you have participated in helping with IHN in the past or are curious and have questions about helping in the future!

Soup Supper Thank You

A big thank you goes out to the many volunteers who helped with the Wednesday night soup suppers this year during Lent. Your hard work in the kitchen and generosity in contributing soup are very much appreciated! In addition, the generous freewill offerings have been sent to support the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Your gifts are sincerely appreciated and will help communities around the world to provide solutions that get at the root causes of hunger.

Thanks again! ~ Nancy Britson



Initiative to End Food Insecurity

Thank you! Mount Olive's annual collection for The Channel One Food Shelf during Lent is helping the Channel One Food Shelf provide free groceries once a month to Olmsted County Families.

We received a letter of thanks from Karen Doering, Community Engagement Coordinator for the Chanel One Regional Food Bank. Mount Olive contributed \$2000 and 800 pounds of food which will provide 8,960 meals for people in need.



Habitat for Humanity Women's Work Day: Saturday, May 9

To reserve your spot on the work site, sign up in the gathering area for one or two shifts. Tools are provided. Bring a good sense of humor.





Simply Giving = Simply Awesome

I want to extend a huge thank you to each person in our community of faith for their dedication to share the love of God. Many different gifts are needed to bring God's kingdom to the here and now. Thank you for continuing to be generous in offering your time, talents and resources!

2015 is exciting! We will be calling a new senior pastor. Middle School and High School youth will experience summer trips to Detroit and the Boundary Waters. Worship Teams continue to lead us in rich music and liturgy. The Facilities Ministry Team thoughtfully updates this sacred space. Our ministry programs continue to show God's love to our neighbors in need.

Our congregation supports a wide variety of ministries. In addition to prayer and volunteer hours, this important work requires a strong financial commitment. **In the first quarter of this year, we see that our expenses are greater than the amounts pledged and received.** We anticipate our expenses will be approximately \$40,000 higher than our budget (this includes an additional \$14,000 to cover health insurance for our staff. **Please consider increasing your giving to enable our ministries to continue life-giving work.**

We recognize the abundance of God's grace in our life and it inspires us to live generously. As you consider increasing your giving, please also consider utilizing Mount Olive's Simply Giving program: <http://molive.org/stewardship.shtml>. This safe, confidential electronic funds transfer program offers the opportunity to give conveniently, consistently, and joyfully. You can make one-time gifts or set up monthly recurring payments. This program can help you meet your personal giving goals during the busy summer months when church attendance may be more sporadic. Simply Giving is also a 'green' way to give!



Simply Giving
information site
QR code

Thank you for your faithful support. When each person shares his or her gifts and passion, God is revealed. I definitely see God revealed in so many ways through the work at Mount Olive!

Peace,
Randi Beyerl
Mount Olive Stewardship

Volunteer Appreciation Weekend May 2 and 3


Mount Olive is blessed with many willing volunteers who serve in so many ways! Everyone is invited to attend "thank you" receptions following services May 2 and 3. Please stop by to enjoy some special coffee and tea flavors, punch,



scones, biscotti, and a variety of other treats, just like your favorite coffee shop. Let the Mount Olive staff serve you with gratitude for all that you do!



THANK YOU

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p>Save the Date: The Mount Olive book sale will be the weekends of June 20/21 and June 27/28. Watch the June Messenger and bulletins for details about dropping off book donations. Proceeds will support youth ministry at Mount Olive.</p>						<p>1 6:00p Serve at Dorothy Day House</p>	<p>2 8:30a Men's Discipleship Group 9:00a Altar Guild Setup 11:30a Eagle Scout Court of Honor 5:00p Worship 6:00p Volunteer Appreciation Reception</p>
<p>3 8:00a Worship 9:00a Volunteer Appreciation Reception 9:15a Youth Education Hour 9:15a Little Leapers 9:30a Adult Forum 9:45a Youth Summer Trips Parent Meeting 10:30a Worship 11:30a Volunteer Appreciation Reception</p>	<p>4 5:30p Public Theology 6:30p Cub Scout Troop Meeting</p>	<p>5 9:15a Staff Meeting 6:30p Service and Social Outreach Team Meeting 7:00p Adventure Club to Church Softball Game 7:30p Glory Bells Rehearsal</p>	<p>6 5:30p Fill backpacks for JA Students 6:30p 6 - 9 Grade Confirmation 6:30p F.I.S.H. 7:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal 8:45p Brass Ensemble Rehearsal</p>	<p>7 9:00a Mount Olive Quilters 7:00p 'In the Process' AI-Anon</p>	<p>8 Synod Assembly 6:30p Cub Scout Den 1</p>	<p>9 Synod Assembly Blessing of Quilts & Prayer Shawls; Women of the ELCA Thankoffering 8:30a Men's Discipleship Group 9:00a Altar Guild Setup 9:00a Habitat for Humanity Women's Work Day 5:00p Worship</p>	
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<p>17 8:00a Worship & Coffee Fellowship 9:15a Youth Education Hour 9:30a Adult Forum 10:30a Worship & Coffee Fellowship 11:45a Full Council Meal and Meeting 3:00p Rochester. Area Keyboard Club</p>	<p>18 5:30p Public Theology 6:30p Cub Scout Troop Meeting</p>	<p>19 9:00a Zumbro River Conference 6:30p WomenHeart Support Group 8:00p Softball</p>	<p>20 9:15a Staff Meeting 5:30p Fill backpacks for JA Students 6:30p Anna Circle 7:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal 8:45p Brass Ensemble Rehearsal</p>	<p>21 9:00a Mount Olive Quilters 6:30p Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:00p 'In the Process' AI-Anon</p>	<p>22 9:30a Mary Circle</p>	<p>23 8:30a Men's Discipleship Group 9:00a Altar Guild Setup 5:00p Worship</p>	
<p>24 Pentecost 8:00a Worship & Coffee Fellowship 9:30a Worship & Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>25 Memorial Day, Church Office Closed</p>	<p>26 9:00a Ruth Circle 9:15a Staff Meeting 1:00p Naomi Circle 8:00p Softball</p>	<p>27 5:30p Fill backpacks for JA Students 8:45p Brass Ensemble Rehearsal</p>	<p>28 9:00a Mount Olive Quilters 6:30p Rachel Circle 7:00p 'In the Process' AI-Anon</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 8:30a Men's Discipleship Group 9:00a Altar Guild Setup 9:00a Adventure Club - Garden Fair 9:00a Council Retreat 5:00p Worship</p>	
<p>31 8:00a Worship & Coffee Fellowship 9:30a Worship 10:30a Graduate Reception</p>	<h1>May 2015</h1>						