

Stewardship Update: Renewing Our Commitment

Thank you for responding with generosity and renewing your commitment to the important ministries of Mount Olive. As many of you know through recent announcements, our General Fund for ministry expenses will be at least \$40,000 greater than what has been pledged and budgeted for the year. To better understand the situation, here are some details:

- During the past few years, three staff positions have changed from part-time to full-time which includes benefits (Associate Pastor, Minister of Music, Director of Children/Youth/Family Ministry). Pledged giving has essentially remained the same.
- Migrant Head Start no longer leases space, eliminating that as a source of income.
- We are no longer eligible for a health insurance rebate of \$14,000 because the IRS changed the criteria, requiring that it be purchased through a government exchange to qualify.
- Unpledged giving is, as of April, \$13,000 less than projected. Pledged giving remains strong.
- Expenses have been creatively reduced as much as possible, without changing benevolence giving and staffing.
- The Building Fund is on track for the year.

A number of you have asked for specifics on how your family can help. If all pledged givers increase their General Fund offering by 9%, it would help get us on track to end the year. If you give to Mount Olive but do not pledge, please consider making a pledge at this time to help maximize the accuracy of projected incoming resources.

Please consider this as a starting point, and return the Spring 2015 pledge card that was distributed in worship during May. As you consider increasing your offering, 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. Bill Hollander is happy to help you make adjustments to your Simply Giving accounts.

Giving is nothing less than an act of worship. Your generosity enables our ministries to continue life-giving work in our community and to help prepare the way for Mount Olive's future. Strong financial stewardship will prepare a solid foundation as we move toward calling a new Senior Pastor and begin the next chapter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Stewardship/Finance Team. Bill Hollander, Greg Heldt, Amy Determan, Don Halley and I are happy to assist.

Peace,
Randi Beyerl, Stewardship Chair

One One One 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)



Congratulation High School Seniors

Maria Calderon
Jacob Fletcher
Rhiannon Hennebeck
Nick Pierce
Zach Pierce
Makenna Shaske
Jamie Shulman
Elizabeth Smith
Chris Welsh

Blessings to each of you!



Mount Olive is blessed to have many retired pastors among it's members. We celebrate with Rev. Ron Onnen and Rev. Roger Carlson on the 60th anniversary of their ordination. They were recognized in May at the Southeast Minnesota Synod assembly.



Special Music During Summer Worship

Can you provide vocal or instrumental music during Saturday or Sunday worship this summer? Please contact Brock Besse (bbesse@charter.net) to schedule the best time for you.



Prayer Chain Update

We give thanks and praise for **Kathie Branes**, who for over 30 years coordinated the Mount Olive Prayer Chain with love and care. Kathie has moved to a new home in Farmington, and a new church home, as well.

We are pleased to share with you that **Kim Ignatius** has answered the call to serve as prayer chain coordinator. Kim brings compassion for others and a love of Mount Olive to her new role.

If you have a prayer request and would like the prayer chain to be in prayer for you or someone you love, please contact

- Pastor Susan: susan@molive.org
- Pastor Paul: paul@molive.org
- Kim Ignatius: ignatius.kimberlie@charter.net
or 507-271-6087
- Church office: 507-288-1580

We trust that God hears and answers our prayers, and through our prayers, God comforts and sustains us.

"The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective."

James 5:16



ATTENTION: WORSHIP LEADERS Summer Worship Workshops are coming!

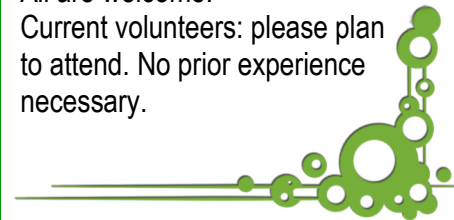
This is your chance for a hands-on, one-on-one workshop with Pastor Paul to develop your leadership skills. Come and join us this summer as we continue to learn how to lead the congregation in meaningful worship.

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.

Current volunteers: please plan to attend. No prior experience necessary.



New Member Sunday: June 28

New Members will be received at Mount Olive on Sunday, June 28 during the 9:30 service. A reception follows to give everyone a chance to extend a warm welcome to the new members. Please contact Nancy Britson, Welcome Coordinator, if you are interested in joining Mount Olive on June 28th.

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).

FRIENDS, FAMILY AND FAITH MINISTRY

LEARNING, GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP

Confirmation Youth

6th - 9th graders ended the spring quarter with adventure playing FootGolf. It was a night of exploring a new activity and connecting with friends.

How can we continue to learn, grow, and develop in faith this summer?

- ◆ Partake in worship
- ◆ Take time for family devotions
- ◆ Practice caring conversations at home, with the Mount Olive faith community, at Adventure Club outings, or Wednesday nights in June to build new and old relationships.
- ◆ Serve together as a family.
- ◆ Be deliberate in how time is spent with your child(ren).

9th Graders

Have you signed up to have conversation with Pastor Paul and Sara about your Faith Statements for Confirmation?

Sign up for dates and times in the Gathering Area!

WEDNESDAYS:
JUNE 3, 10, 17, 24
6:00 - 8:00 pm

Mount Olive
Intergenerational
Summer Nights



*Each Wednesday night in June we will meet at a new location. This may stretch us a bit in learning something about the Rochester Area! Take time for caring conversation and fun! Don't miss out! **ALL ARE WELCOME!***

JUNE 3: Foster Arend Park

6:00 pm - Meet at the shelter by the sandlot volleyball court for hotdogs & chips (provided), kite flying and sandlot volleyball

JUNE 10: Fisherman's Inn - Lake Zumbro, Oronoco

6:00 pm - Meet in parking lot of Fishermann's Inn
7:00 pm - Water Ski Show begins
(Concessions available)

JUNE 17: FootGolf - Willow Creek Golf Course

6:00 pm - Meet in the parking lot of Club House
Concessions available
Bring your own soccer ball or rent one for \$3
Adults: \$7 for 9 holes, \$12 for 18 holes
Juniors (15 under): \$6 for 9 holes, \$10 for 18 holes

JUNE 24: Rochesterfest - Renaissance Festival

6:00 pm - Meet in front of the YMCA

ADVENTURE CLUB

June 12: 8:00 pm
Movie Under the Stars
Rochester History Center



June 14: 1:00 pm
Honkers Baseball Game:
"I Bike/Walk"

Rochester
Presented by
Olmsted



County Public Health.

Park and walk from the designated point, get up to 4 free tickets. Bike to the game, get a free ticket.

Kids eat free on the Sports Deck.

June 20: 10 am - 4 pm: Oxbow Zoo, feed the animals

CAMP OUT August 21-23

Make reservations today at The Old Barn Resort: call 507-467-2512. Let them know you are with the Mount Olive group and would like to reserve a spot near the reservations already made.

If you can't make it for the weekend, a day pass can be obtained for \$4. Take part in the activities, food and fun!

Youth & Young Adult Book Groups are forming . . .

*Are you interested?
Sign up in the gathering area.*



Carrie Fletcher would like to thank all of the children who participated in F.I.S.H. this year. They did a great deal of service

work for our church family, for the community and for the animal community.

A big thanks goes out to Dave Johnston for teaching the children about bluebirds and helping them construct birdhouses. Please take time to check out the four birdhouses beautifying our patio area. There are some feathered friends residing in those homes.

Another big thanks goes out to Mark and Edie Schultze for teaching the kids how to tie quilts.

A wagon load full of food was collected for Channel One. The kids went door to door representing Mount Olive. The planters near the church entrance were put together by the kids and they also assembled care packages for the college students.

Carrie thanks the parents for allowing her the privilege of working with their children. Planning for next year has already begun. Please watch for info in late August or early September. One last thank you goes out to Sara Swartwood for being the second set of hands and eyes for the group. If you have any questions about F.I.S.H., please contact Sara Hollander, sara@molive.org, or Carrie Fletcher, cxnfletch@aol.com.



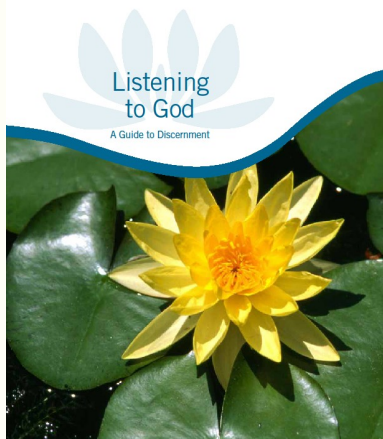
ADULTS

LEARNING, GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP

Summer Bible Study: *Listening to God*

Are you hoping to draw closer to God? Are you facing important life decisions and wonder what God may have in store for you? Would you enjoy a time for spiritual companionship? Join Pastor Susan for a monthly study, "Listening to God". We will explore tools and methods that help us to discern God's hopes and desires for our lives. We will also discern what our gifts are for ministry within our congregation and community. How can we open ourselves to God's presence and guidance? How do we support one another in discovering and living into God's call? How does God's call take shape in us, in our church, and in our world?

The group will gather on the fourth Tuesday of the month: Tuesday, June 23, July 28, and August 28 at 9:30. All are welcome!



Mount Olive Quilters Thursdays, 9 am

You are invited each week to enjoy quilting and fellowship.

Ministry Team Volunteers Needed

The Adult Faith Ministry Team is looking for additional team members. The team's mission is to provide input, review and make recommendations regarding Adult Forum and all Adult Faith ministries. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Paul (paul@molive.org).

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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.



Women's Day At Good Earth Village

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>.

Thank You!

The Mount Olive Women of the ELCA Board would like to thank the congregation for their generous support during Thankoffering weekend. Over \$650 was raised to support the work of the Women of the ELCA



Women's Retreat this Fall

There will be a Women's Retreat this fall. Watch for details. The tentative dates are October 9 & 10.

Mount Olive Book Sale

June 20-21 and 27-28

This year, Mount Olive's summer book sale will feature MANY books donated from Kathy Tanabe. She was a vibrant part of the various youth programs at Mount Olive and her family has decided that this gift would be a great way to remember Kathy, as well as support the youth at Mount Olive.

If you are interested in donating your gently used books to raise funds for the Mount Olive Youth Programs, books can be brought to church beginning early June and placed on a cart located in the entry.

To volunteer for set-up on June 19 and 20, or if you have questions, contact Renee Schaefer at vettelady54601@yahoo.com or 398-3723.



SERVICE AND SOCIAL OUTREACH MINISTRY (SSOM)

Important IHN Date Reminders



- **Thursday, June 4 at 7:00 pm** in fellowship hall for a cookie meet and greet for IHN volunteers from Mount Olive and our sister congregations, Oasis and Hosanna.
- **June 14-21** IHN Hosting week at Mount Olive
- **Wednesday, June 24 at 6:30 pm:** IHN training session at Good Shepherd Church.

Ministry Team Volunteers Needed

Would you like to be a part of the Service and Social Outreach Ministry Team? Please contact Erin Sinnwell at 507-990-6079.

“Believers of one heart and mind reaching out to serve others” Acts 4:32-35

Volunteer Update

Schedules for June and July Worship and Sunday coffee and cookie fellowship have been distributed to all volunteers. The current schedule is updated regularly and posted on the Mount Olive website: http://www.molive.org/volunteer_sch/volunteer_schedule.pdf. With the busyness of summer with vacations, tournaments, and family fun, please check the schedule and switch with a friend if you need too. For any 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.

Coffee Fellowship Volunteers Needed: Following Sunday services at Mount Olive, coffee and cookies are served in the fellowship hall. This is a great time to catch up with friends over a cup of coffee, for kids to pick a favorite cookie, and to connect with a visitor or new member. To continue this great tradition, more serving volunteers are needed, particularly during the summer. If you are willing to spend a few minutes serving coffee, cookies, and lemonade it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Nancy Britson if you are available to help.



Rainbow School is a Christian preschool located at Zumbro Lutheran Church. Mount Olive is one of four Rochester ELCA congregations that financially support the school.

One or two new teachers are being hired for the 2015-16 school year. Please contact Cat Thisius at 507-261-0586 with questions or to apply.



Habitat for Humanity Women's Work Day

Habitat needed a total of 50 volunteers during the Women Build week, including 25 women. We had a total of 59 volunteers with 32 women! Mount Olive's women worked on hauling rock for a retaining wall and digging out dirt to level off the yard.



Ways You Can Help

Habitat for Humanity has informed us of a few “non-building” things we can do to help them:

- They need cookies for the dedication of houses (next one will be June 13)
- They need a box made, decorated and filled with new or used tools for the family to use on their new yard. Please contact Erin Sinnwell (507-990-6079) if you can donate any new or used tools that can go into the box that will be decorated at one of the intergenerational Wednesday night gatherings.
- On Saturdays when a congregation has their monthly work days, restaurants throughout our community donate lunches for the workers. Members of our youth can make thank you cards for these restaurants. Please let us know if this is something you and your family would be interested in doing.

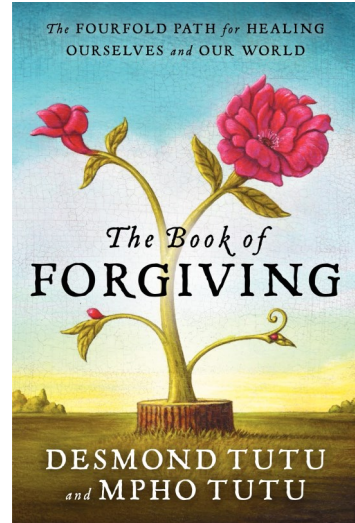
Mount Olive Reads: Summer Renewal and Reflection

The Book of Forgiving: the Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World

by Bishop Desmond Tutu and daughter, Mpho Tutu.

The ability to forgive and to admit our need of forgiveness allows us to make peace with a past we cannot change. Jesus calls us to be peacemakers, and forgiveness is central to making peace. Borrow the book from the table display in the Gathering Area or the Rochester Public Library, or purchase the book, digital or hard copy.

On **Wednesday, September 9**, we will gather for a discussion on the book and how we have been challenged and inspired by the call to live as God's forgiving and forgiven people. Please plan to take part!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5:30p Public Theology 6:30p Boy Scout Troop Meeting	2 9:15a Staff Meeting	3 5:30p Fill backpacks for JA Students 6:00p Games & Hotdogs Foster Arend Park	4 9:00a Mount Olive Quilters 7:00p 'In the Process' AI-Anon 7:00p IHN Volunteer Appreciation	5 6:00p Serve at Dorothy Day House	6 9:00a Altar Guild Setup 5:00p Worship
7 8:00a Worship 9:00a Coffee Fellowship 9:30a Worship 10:30a Coffee Fellowship	8 5:30p Public Theology	9 9:15a Staff Meeting 2:00p Synod Pastor's Group 7:30p Executive Council Meeting	10 6:00p Water Ski Team Show Fisherman's Inn	11 9:00a Mount Olive Quilters 5:30p Facility and Grounds Ministry Team 7:00p 'In the Process' AI-Anon	12 8:00p Adventure Club - Movies under the Stars	13 9:00a Altar Guild Setup 9:00a Habitat for Humanity Work Day 10:00a District 41 AI-Anon 5:00p Worship
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