



My brothers and sisters in Christ,

Greetings and peace be to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of the Church!

It is with great humility, after prayerful consideration and seeking godly counsel from brothers and sisters in Christ, that I accept the Divine Call extended to me to serve Mount Olive Lutheran Church and Preschool as Pastor.

I am looking forward to beginning my service in the Lord's name among you. While my exit plan from Redeemer is still in the formation stages, it is my plan to preach my final sermon at Redeemer on April 26 and be peacefully released from my Call to serve Redeemer, effective either May 24 or May 31. I will be consulting with President Woodford to schedule my installation date for the soonest possible Sunday after my arrival in Anoka in June.

As we begin working together, I look forward to reflecting the love of Jesus with you to all we encounter on a daily basis as we, together, engage in our Lord's mission to reach the lost and strengthen the saved. As we join Jesus on His mission to Anoka and the surrounding communities we are trusting in Him and the influence of the Holy Spirit to lead us, guide us, and direct us where we may serve Him best.

Please keep the people of Redeemer in your prayers. While I am confident the Lord will raise up the lay leadership Redeemer needs at this time, as well as the pastoral leadership of an interim pastor, this is a difficult time for your brothers and sisters in Christ as they are seeing both their pastor and their school's principal depart for other fields of service. We know that our gracious God always has a plan, and we trust that He will reveal His plan for Redeemer just as He has revealed His plan for Mount Olive.

In the meantime, I am keeping all of you in my daily prayers as I transition from my service at Redeemer to my service among you. I look forward to meeting all of you, learning your stories of faith, and finding how we may best serve the Lord together.

May Jesus Christ, the Lord of the Church, be with you always!



In His service,  
*Rev. Paul Frerichs,*  
*Pastor-elect,*  
*Mount Olive*  
*Lutheran Church*

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## Worship Info

### April 2—Pastor Tatkenhorst

Maundy Thursday  
First Communion  
*Matthew 26:17-30*

### April 3—Pastor Tatkenhorst

Good Friday  
*John 18:1-19:42*

### April 5—Pastor Tatkenhorst

Easter Sunday  
*Matthew 28:1-10*

### April 12—Pastor Unseth

Second Sunday of Easter  
*John 20:19-31*

### April 19—Pastor Tatkenhorst

Third Sunday of Easter  
*Luke 24:13-35*

### April 26—Pastor Unseth

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
*John 10:1-10*

### *As a Mount Olive Family, may we pray this together:*

Gracious, Loving and Faithful God,

With excited hearts, we come before You with gratitude for the gift of Pastor Frerichs who has answered Your call to shepherd our congregation. We are filled with joy for his willingness to serve, guide, and lead us on our journey of faith. We are grateful for the wisdom, compassion, and dedication that have already blessed us, and for the vision and hope that we trust he will bring to our church family. Thank you for preparing his heart and for bringing us together according to Your Divine purpose. Bless Pastor Frerichs with strength, encouragement, and discernment as he prepares to lead us. May Your Holy Spirit surround and uplift him each day.

In our elation we are mindful of our brothers and sisters at Redeemer and the multitude of emotions they are experiencing because of this decision. We are confident that You are already there and ahead of their need as a congregation. Just as you have provided for us in this season, we pray and have faith that You will bring them assurance of the same. Your timing is without flaw, and we thank and trust in Your promises.

Lord, we thank You for our call committee, our church and school staff and leadership that have devoted immeasurable time, prayer and understanding to this call process. Their efforts have been successful and honored through Your Sovereign plan. We are grateful for our church family and their dedication to our mission of Living to Love People to Christ. Please continue to prepare us for this new chapter in our church's life. Give us humility and grace as we welcome Pastor Frerichs and his wife Debbie. Let us be open and ready to embrace the new and exciting changes that he will bring. Let it renew us and grow us as a church family. Help us as a congregation, to support, love, and pray for him, working together in unity and faith to serve Your mission for us.

Thank You, Lord, for this new chapter in our church's life. With humble hearts, we trust in Your guidance and celebrate Your faithfulness.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## Sundays at Mount Olive

Communion at both worship services 2nd & 4th Sundays

**8:00 AM | TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE**

**9:00 AM | BREAKFAST BUDDIES**

All children & youth (PreK - grade 12) invited for breakfast, songs and games in Family Center | ([martha@mtolive-anoka.org](mailto:martha@mtolive-anoka.org))

**STUDIES FOR ADULTS**

**9:15 AM |** Adult Bible Study in Cana Hall | Beginning April 12, "Understanding Angels": We will explore the Biblical sightings and sayings of angels and how God uses them for His own good purposes and glory | Contact: Russ Benson ([russellbenon@msn.com](mailto:russellbenon@msn.com))

**9:30 AM |** "The Biblical Parenting Experience" in Jerusalem Room | Contact: Sandy Peterson ([twin1peterson@gmail.com](mailto:twin1peterson@gmail.com))

**9:30 AM | STUDIES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH** Contact Martha with questions: [martha@mtolive-anoka.org](mailto:martha@mtolive-anoka.org)

Sunday School | Preschool-4<sup>th</sup> Graders in Family Center  
Jr. High Bible Study | 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders in Jr. Youth Room  
Sr. High Bible Study | 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders in Sr. Youth Room

No Education Hour April 5,  
classes resume April 12-May 17

**10:30 AM | CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE**

## Wednesdays at Mount Olive

**6:00 AM | EARLY AM BIBLE STUDY (online)** | "The Life and Ministry of John" by Beth Moore | Contact: Paulette Lenz ([mp.lenz@gmail.com](mailto:mp.lenz@gmail.com))

**9:00 AM | EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY** | Jerusalem Room | Study resumes April 8 | Contact: Jim Rootes ([farmalldork@gmail.com](mailto:farmalldork@gmail.com))

**5:15-6:00 PM | MIDWEEK MEALS** | Cana Hall | Contact: Ann Maik (763.370.2248)

**5:15-6:00 PM | ADULT VOCAL CHOIR** | Contact: Rachele Lapham ([rachele.buuck@gmail.com](mailto:rachele.buuck@gmail.com))

**6:00 PM | WORSHIP NIGHT** | April 15, 29 | Randy ([randyp@mtolive-anoka.org](mailto:randyp@mtolive-anoka.org))

**6:45-8:00 PM | CONFIRMATION** (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades) in Jr. Youth Room | ([martha@mtolive-anoka.org](mailto:martha@mtolive-anoka.org))

**6:45-8:00 PM | 9<sup>TH</sup>—12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE YOUTH GROUP** in Sr. Youth Room | ([martha@mtolive-anoka.org](mailto:martha@mtolive-anoka.org))

**6:50-7:45 PM | ADULT HANDBELL CHOIR** | Contact: Karen Keast ([karen\\_keast@hotmail.com](mailto:karen_keast@hotmail.com))

## Other Bible Studies

**THURSDAYS**

**6:30 PM | FIRST PLACE FOR HEALTH** | Bethlehem Room | Contact: Janet Orrick (763.421.3223—leave message at the Welcome Desk)

**FRIDAYS**

**9:30 AM | SENIOR FELLOWSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY** | April 3 & 17 | Bethlehem Room | Contact: Lynn Antoine (763.777.0412)

# WOMEN OF MOUNT OLIVE

Please join us for our next meeting on April 13, 2:00 PM. There will be fellowship and refreshments. We will discuss which ministries we want to support with our funds and what events to add to next year's calendar.

**LWML 31st Biennial Minnesota South District Convention**  
**June 18 - 20, 2026**  
 Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center - Mankato, MN



**Theme:** *The Peace of Christ*  
**Scripture Verse:** *And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly (Colossians 3:15-16a).*

**Convention Objectives:**

- Let the peace of Christ dwell in us richly
- Appreciate we are all called to be one in Christ
- Show our thanks to Christ through our God-given gifts and talents

**Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>: 4 p.m. - Registration & Fellowship**  
**Silent Auction \* Exhibitors \* Prayer Walk \* Servant Event**  
**Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>: 8 a.m. - Convention Begins**  
**Bible Study \* Mission Speakers \* Communion Service**  
**Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>: 8:15 a.m. - Noon - Convention**  
**Bible Study \* Installation of Officers \* Sending Service**

**Please Join Us**  
 If you're interested in what Lutheran Women in Mission do - COME JOIN US!  
**ALL are welcome to come and experience "The Peace of Christ"**  
 ALL = non-LWML women, former members, spouses, sisters, Pastors, daughters, friends...EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Additional details available at:  
[https://mnslwml.org/2026\\_district\\_convention](https://mnslwml.org/2026_district_convention)



North Suburban Lutheran Women in Mission

# Spring RALLY

**APRIL 18, 2026**  
**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**3812 229th Avenue NW**  
**St. Francis, MN**

**Registration:** 8:45 AM - \$8.00  
**Speaker:** Rev. Dr. Peter Scaer  
**Theme:** "Life and Eternal: Our Faith Must Speak"  
**Ingathering:** \$10 gift cards for Pregnancy Resource Centers

*Mites, offering and men's clean, good-condition jackets for the Freedom Store will be collected.*

**JOIN US!** *We always have a great time!*


WOMEN OF MOUNT OLIVE

# SALAD SUPPER

**TUESDAY, MAY 5 • 6:30 PM**

**All women and girls are welcome to join us!**  
**Invite your mothers, daughters & neighbors!**

Jenna Perez, Executive Director of The Dwelling Place, will be our speaker



Ingathering: monetary donations will be collected to help with furnishing "Lydia's Place", a new residence



**There is a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center for those who would like to bring a salad.**

Scan the QR code for more info or to register for the LWML 31st Biennial Convention



**Your Mite Box offerings are spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ across the world!**

Our mite offerings have made an impact on those ministries that have received the mission grants. It's always exciting to see how our mite offerings make an impact.



Scan the QR code or click the link to see how our mites have made a difference:  
<https://www.lwml.org/2023-2025-mission-grants>

# Don't Miss Out

MOUNT OLIVE YOUTH INVITES YOU:

## Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 5  
Cana Hall  
Serving starts at 8:30 AM

Free will donation – Thank you for supporting Mount Olive Youth Ministry



## Holy Week SERVICES

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
APRIL 2 • 6:00 PM  
Holy Communion

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
APRIL 3 • 6:00 PM

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
April 5 • 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM  
Holy Communion

EASTER BREAKFAST SERVING  
STARTS AT 8:30 AM IN CANA HALL



## IT'S O-FISH-AL!

A little fisherman  
is on his way!



Please join us for a baby  
shower reception celebrating

**MARTHA HARKINS**

Sunday, April 19, 2026  
11:30 AM • Coffee Shop

DIAPER RAFFLE: Bring a pack of wipes  
or diapers any size (Huggies or Pampers)  
to enter to win a prize!

Martha is registered at Target and Amazon



## MOUNT OLIVE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL SPRING PROGRAM

Tuesday, April 28 • 7 PM

Our Mount Olive Preschool invites you to a special evening celebrating the joy and growth of our youngest learners! This end-of-the-year event features all of our preschool children sharing songs they've been working so hard to learn. It's always a heartwarming time as they joyfully perform and celebrate the year together. The evening will also include a slideshow highlighting special moments from throughout the school year.

Following the program, preschool families will gather for fellowship and refreshments with their classes.

*Please note: this event is designed especially for our preschool families and their guests, but we are happy to share in the celebration of this wonderful milestone!*



# VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING

## SUNDAY, APRIL 12

### 11:45 AM IN FAMILY CENTER

### RSVP TO MARTHA



Mount Olive VBS

# June 15-19, 2026 9AM-Noon

Check out the VBS Table in the Welcome Center for ways to support!



SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER



for both participants & volunteers

Questions? Contact DCE Martha

**VOLUNTEER**  
Appreciation Month

**Thank you to all our church volunteers for generously giving your time and energy. Your service truly makes a difference, and we're so grateful for each of you.**

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."*  
Colossians 3:23-24

**BAPTISM**  
**Emma Rae Tulp**

Born 2-17-26  
Baptized 3-29-26  
Parents: Jennifer & Andrew Tulp  
Sponsors: Luke Larson & Arielle Piekkola

**FUNERAL**  
**Matthew Modrow**

Called to Glory on March 16, 2026.  
Service was March 27.

# PRESCHOOL

In March our preschoolers packed their bags and headed to the airport... destination: Florida! The children had so much fun pretending to check their luggage, go through security, board the plane, and take off on their big adventure. A big thank you to our amazing volunteers who helped make the experience feel real—serving as security officers, baggage handlers, flight attendants, and pilots! The kids loved every minute of it. Mount Olive Christian Preschool is known for their hands-on, imaginative experiences like this! It's just one of the many reasons families choose our Christian preschool—where learning is joyful, engaging, and filled with love. Thank you to everyone who helped make Airplane Day so special!



**Ticketing agent**



**Baggage handler**




**Our pilots!**



**Final arrival in FL!**



**Security with K9**

**THANK YOU!**  Our preschool fundraiser at Culver's on March 3 was a wonderful success! Thanks to your support—and your choice to dine out with us—we raised \$508 for the preschool! We are so grateful for our amazing congregation and families and your continued generosity. Thank you for helping make a difference for our preschool!

# YOUNG ADULT

Please keep the following young adults in prayer this month and stop to sign a card for each of them on Sunday, April 5.



Gracious Lord,

Shine Your truth into the heart of \_\_\_\_\_. Let them hear You in music, see you in art and experience you through the love and care of family, friends, teachers and employers. Build Your hope into their lives and may they sense it rise in their hearts as they encounter Your power, majesty and beauty in creation. Sow Your wisdom in their minds. May they discover You as they read their Bibles, discuss deeper issues of life and work through hardships. Weave Your love into their dreams as they pursue their interests, develop their talents and aspire for Your will for their life. I pray that they know You more with each new day. AMEN

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| <i>Josh Teske</i>       | <i>Marisa Schiferli</i> | <i>Ryan Hurley</i>      | <i>Grace Hilst</i> |
| <i>Jordan Schiferli</i> | <i>Sam Kuehne</i>       | <i>Gretchen Mugglin</i> |                    |

**\*During the months of May and June we will pray for our confirmands and graduating high school seniors respectively. There will be no cards to sign again until July.**

# Children, Youth and Family Ministry

## April 2026

**Congratulations to these 5 youth receiving their First Communion!**

**Aubrey Elgersma  
Marney Foth  
Mia Foth  
Wilho Hunter  
Mason Stringfellow**



**Congratulations to these 3 children receiving their Bibles on April 12!**




**Christopher Ly  
Meadow Ly  
Lillian Pierce**

*"Train up children in the way they should go; and even when they are old they will not depart from it."  
Proverbs 22:6*

**EASTER SUNDAY  
APRIL 5  
EASTER ACTIVITIES  
FOR CHILDREN  
AVAILABLE DURING  
EASTER BREAKFAST  
IN CANA HALL  
8:30-10:15 AM  
SPECIAL EASTER  
WORSHIP BAGS  
AVAILABLE OUTSIDE  
OF WORSHIP CENTER**

**CROSSOVER  
YOUTH NIGHT**

**WEDNESDAY,  
APRIL 8  
6:45-8:00 PM**

 **Easter Celebration**

 **SENIOR YOUTH ROOM**

**6TH-12TH GRADERS TOGETHER**

*Celebrating the*

**Rite of  
Confirmation**

**Join Us Sunday, May 3  
at 10:30 AM Worship**

Hear four youth share their Faith Statements  
and confirm their Christian beliefs!

Cake will be available between services to  
help celebrate our Confirmands.



## Questions?

Contact DCE Martha Harkins  
at [martha@mtolive-anoka.org](mailto:martha@mtolive-anoka.org)





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# WORSHIP

## Onsite and Online Worship Hours:

- Sunday: 8:00 AM (Traditional)
- 9:00 AM (Education hour: Sunday School and Bible Studies)
- 10:30 AM (Contemporary)

**HOLY WEEK:**  
 Maundy Thursday, April 2 • 6:00-7:00 PM  
 Good Friday, April 3 • 6:00-7:00 PM  
 Easter Sunday, April 5 • 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM



[Website](http://www.mtolive-anoka.org): [www.mtolive-anoka.org](http://www.mtolive-anoka.org)



[Youtube](#): (search Mount Olive Lutheran Anoka)



[Facebook](#): (search for Mount Olive Anoka)



**QCTV: (Channel 19).** View previous week's worship  
 Sundays: 6:30 AM, 12:00 PM  
 Wednesdays: 8:00 PM

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 1 .....NO Confirmation, Sr. High Youth Group or Handbells
- April 2 .....Maundy Thursday Worship & 1st Communion 6:00 PM
- April 3 .....Good Friday Worship 6:00 PM
- April 1-Apr 6 .....No Preschool: Spring Break
- April 5 .....Easter Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 AM with Communion  
 Easter Breakfast begins at 8:30
- April 12.....Late Services Greeters Meetup 10:00 AM  
 VBS Volunteer Meeting 11:45 AM
- April 18.....LWML Spring Rally
- April 19 .....Baby Reception for Martha Harkins
- May 3.....Confirmation Sunday
- May 5.....Women of Mount Olive Salad Supper 6:30 PM
- June 15-19.....Rainforest Falls VBS

