



Pastoral Ponderings from Pastor Paul

New. It's a rather special word. After all, who doesn't like something that's new? We get excited about a new car, a new book, new appliances, a new tool. My life is currently full of new. New house, a new grill, new ..., well, you can fill in the blank. A significant portion of my life is new.

And the same is true for Mount Olive. As a congregation, we are in a new season. Part of that is because, though I've been your pastor for a couple of months now, Mount Olive has a new pastor. In fact, that's how I've been introduced to several people in town. But more than that, Mount Olive is preparing for a new school year in the preschool. As I understand it, the 26/27 school year will be the 45th school year for Mount Olive Christian Preschool. And among the students coming to school in September, there will be new students, new families, and new experiences.

What new things are you experiencing? It's easy to look around and think that there's not much all that new in our lives, but Jeremiah in Lamentations corrects us. He writes, "The steadfast mercies of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." (Lamentations 3:22-23 ESV)

Think about that. The mercies of the Lord are new every morning. They are new because of God's great love for you in Jesus. They are new because God never stops loving His people. They are new because every day we receive God's gifts of love, mercy, grace, and forgiveness. Every morning. Every day. Every moment. Because God is faithful to His people.

It wasn't too long ago that I read a devotion that gave me some new insight. The devotion's author had wondered how ancient peoples who worshiped gods we would call "false gods" felt about their gods. While there was effusive praise for the god or goddess' beauty, power, and so forth, there were also portions that merely said, "You kill off your enemies really well!" This action, the effusive praise for false gods, ancient and modern, isn't all that new. All people end up doing is offering praise so that they are not the god or goddess' next target.

But our relationship with the God who made the heavens, the earth, and all that exists is different. We experience the newness of God every morning because God loves us every morning. We are assured of His presence with us as we remember our Baptism. We are comforted with words of forgiveness when we come to Him confessing our sins, assured that God's love is so great that He forgives every sin we bring before Him.

So, what's new? God's love is new ... and it is old. The love of God that we experience in Jesus Christ is new each day because each day we need Jesus in our lives. Each day we need to be assured that we are forgiven. Each day we need to be comforted and receive the mercy and grace of our Lord. All because the steadfast love the Lord never ceases because He is a faithful God. And for some people ... that news is good, new news.



In His Service,
Pastor Paul Frerichs

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Worship Info

Message Series:
The Life of Faith Under the Cross

August 2
"Abundance Out of Scarcity"
Matthew 14:13-21

August 9
"Life in the Midst of the Storm"
Matthew 14:22-33

August 16
"A Faith That Won't Give Up"
Matthew 15:21-28

August 23
"Confessing Christ"
Matthew 16:13-20

August 30
"Following Jesus into the Mess"
Matthew 16:21-28



FUNERAL

Jim Borman

Called to Glory on
July 23, 2026.

Service is August 4, 2026.

BETTER TOGETHER

Sundays at Mount Olive

Communion will be at BOTH worship services EVERY Sunday

8:00 AM | TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

9:00-10:00 AM | FELLOWSHIP | Coffee Shop

9:00-10:00 AM | YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT—OPEN ROOM
| Senior Youth Room

10:00 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)

9:00 AM | EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY | Exploration & Discovery, Wednesday Edition has taken a break for the summer. It will reconvene on September 2. The study will meet in the Jerusalem Room (Room 2108). The start time is 9:00 AM ending at 11:00 AM (2 hours). The study will start with Luke Chapter 4 (the first three chapters have previously been covered). The study uses multimedia material (slides, video, and audio). Multiple references have been used to develop the study sessions. Active participation is required during the sessions. Jim Rootes is the facilitator for the study, sharing what he has learned. | Contact: Jim Rootes (farmauldork@gmail.com)

5:00—5:45 PM | MIDWEEK MEALS | Cana Hall | Contact: Ann Maik (763.370.2248)

Watch for Fall Schedule Coming Soon!

WOMEN OF MOUNT OLIVE

Days for Girls - Workshop

Saturday, September 19, 2026, 9:00 – 11:45 AM, Cana Hall

Potluck Luncheon to Follow

Women of Mount Olive will be hosting a workshop to assemble Days for Girls menstrual kits for girls in third world countries. All women and girls of MO and their family/friends are invited to participate in this worthy cause. Workstations will be set-up to cut, pin, sew, and iron the components of the kits. All materials and equipment will be provided, including the sewing machines.

Our guest leader will be Judy Johnson to explain her chapter ministry and give instructions. Please join us to offer better health and wellness to girls who benefit greatly from this ministry.

Scan the QR code to learn more about the organization or go to this website: <https://www.daysforgirls.org>

Please sign up at the Welcome Desk if you can attend the Days for Girls event!

Please contact Paulette Lenz with any questions, 763.807.2338.

Note: WOMO please mark your calendars for our first meeting on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 2:00 PM. We look forward to seeing you then!



ANOKA RIVERFEST

Despite the summer heat, Mount Olive had a fantastic time at the Anoka Riverfest! Our booth was buzzing with visitors throughout the day, and the prize spinner was a favorite for both kids and adults alike! We even enjoyed a special serenade from an accordion player that brought smiles to everyone nearby! Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who gave their time, shared Christ's love and helped make meaningful connections with our community. We pray that every conversation, smile and invitation planted seeds of faith that God will continue to nurture and grow.



Don't Miss Out



AT MOUNT OLIVE
(Christian Education Sunday)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Combined Worship Service at 9:30am
Potluck to follow at 11am



NOTE: Education Hour, Bible Studies and
Sunday School starts Sunday, September 20

Popsicles in the Park

SAY HELLO TO OLD FRIENDS AND MEET NEW FRIENDS!



Rocket Park - across from Mount Olive
Wednesday, August 12 • 11 am - 12 pm

EVERYONE WELCOME!

**SUMMER MIDWEEK
MEALS**
Wednesdays
5:00-5:45PM

You're invited to join us for the

BAPTISM

of Madden Mitchell

Sunday, August 16

9am *Cake & Coffee*

10am *Worship & Baptism*

SCRIP Gift Cards

THE SCRIP PROGRAM WILL
BE DISCONTINUED

We will continue to sell
current inventory after
worship services

(Cash or check only)



WORSHIP NIGHT

Wednesday
Aug 19 * 6:00 PM

Mount Olive Welcome Center

All Adults, Families & Youth are Welcome!

Join us for contemporary
worship & inspiring messages

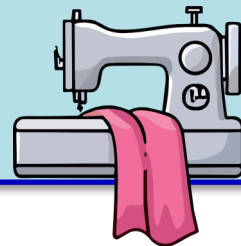


SUMMER QUILTERS

Quilters will meet
August 4, 11, 18
(12:30-3:00 PM)

We are taking donations of new
or gently used, clean fabrics
(1/2 yard or larger).

Questions? Contact Bernice
763.227.1548
or Erna 612.910.9568



MOUNT OLIVE CHURCH

CRAFT SATURDAY

Saturday, August 8
10 AM - 4 PM • Cana Hall

We have space, light, tables and chairs.
Just bring your creativity and supplies!

THIS EVENT IS FREE

Free will donations accepted for cleaning costs

RSVP Jerusha | 763.280.3047 | rua_76@hotmail.com

Orientation &
Training
Aug 1 - 9:00 AM

SUNDAY

Altar Guild

SETUP COMMUNION & CHANGE PARAMENTS

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Our crew makes Sunday morning happen.

AV TECH TEAM Volunteers Wanted

Soundboard in the Sanctuary

Video Tech for Online Worship

Slides during Worship

TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED

Contact Randy for more information: 651.328.3276

GO CLASSROOM SUPPLIES PICKIN'



Scan QR
Code to
view our
Amazon
Wish List



Check out the big
tree in the
Welcome Center
to help donate
supplies
for our Preschool
classrooms and our
Children & Youth
Ministries!



Senior Fun Time POTLUCK



ONE NATION UNDER GOD



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YEARS OF
Blessings



YOUNG ADULT



Please keep the following young adults in prayer this month and stop to sign a card for each of them on Sunday, August 2.

Lord, we know that your Spirit is right alongside helping _____. If they don't know how or what to pray, it is okay. Your Holy Spirit does the praying in and for them, making prayer out of their wordless sighs and their aching groans. The Spirit knows them far better than they know themselves and keeps them present before You. That is why we can be so sure that every detail in their lives of love for You, is worked into something good. May they live their lives absolutely convinced that nothing - living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable - absolutely nothing can get between them and Your love because of the way that Jesus has embraced them. We love you Lord. Amen (Romans 8:26-28, 38)

Lukas Squier
Olyvia Foth

Ava Kehr
Nicole Post

Grace Kehr
Jeffrey Wachholz

Natalie Schultz
Joie Naber



Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

August 2026



Madden Mitchell Harkins

Date: July 11, 2026
Weight: 8 lbs 9 oz
Length: 19.5 inches



Sunday School Teachers Wanted

Martha is looking for more Sunday School teachers, so we can split kiddos up by age groups!



Ideally, she'd like to make a schedule with enough help that you're only teaching once or twice a month!



If you are interested or would like to learn more, email Martha at martha@mtolive-anoka.org



Save the Date

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

for all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders
who have not been confirmed yet

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
6:45 PM IN JR. YOUTH ROOM**

Talk to Pastor Paul or DCE Martha if you
have questions or plan to attend!

LET'S GET BACK TOGETHER!

**CONFIRMATION &
SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP
BEGINS SEPTEMBER 9**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL &
YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
BEGINS SEPTEMBER 20**

**MORE INFO
COMING SOON!**

Questions? Contact DCE Martha Harkins at martha@mtolive-anoka.org

