



A Year of Light

As we turn the calendar to a new year, we also enter one of the most beautiful seasons of the Church, the season of Epiphany. Each January, we turn from the joy of Christ's birth to the profound truth that He is revealed to the nations. Epiphany reminds us that Jesus is not only the Savior born in Bethlehem, but the Light of the World, shining into every corner of our lives.

In many ways, this theme mirrors the work God is doing here at Mount Olive.

Over the past year, we have seen God's light guiding us through blessings, challenges, and many decisions that shape the future of our congregation and school. As we step into 2026, we do so with the confidence that the same Lord who revealed Himself to the Magi continues to reveal His grace, direction, and provision to us today.

January naturally invites reflection and recommitment, and Epiphany reminds us where that strength comes from. Christ shines His light not just so we

can admire it, but so we can walk in it. My prayer is that this season encourages each of us to:

- See our neighbors and community with Christ's compassion.
- Support our ministries with renewed joy, involvement, and unity as a congregation.
- Pray boldly for God's guidance in the year ahead.
- Trust His faithfulness as He unfolds the next steps for Mount Olive.

Thank you for the ways you worship, serve, give, and love within this congregation. It is a privilege to serve alongside you. May the Light of Christ shine brightly in your homes, your relationships, and in all we undertake together this year.

Blessed Epiphany and Happy New Year!

In Christ,

Ben Bremer, Congregation President

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Worship Info

January 4

Second Sunday after Christmas
Luke 2:40-52

January 11

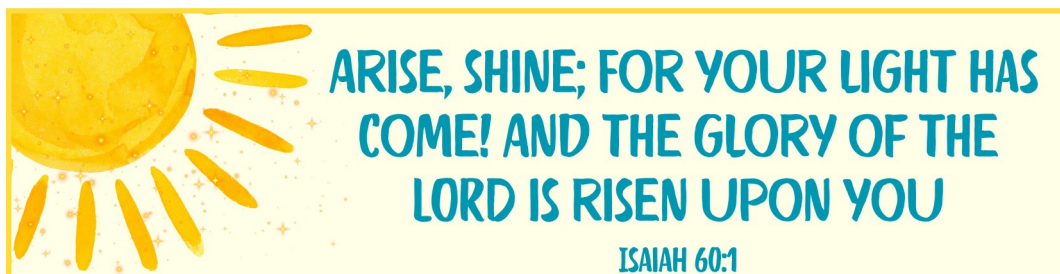
The Baptism of Our Lord
Matthew 3:13-17

January 18

Second Sunday after the Epiphany
John 1:29-42a

January 25

Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Matthew 4:12-25



ARE YOU A SNOWBIRD?



Please contact
Brenda Schwarz
(Brenda@mtolive-anoka.org) or
952.600.1274) with your
winter address along
with the dates you will
be out of state.

Mission & Ministry Council



VISION ASSEMBLY MEETING

January 11, 2026 • 11:35 AM

Election of Officers and a Financial Update

Three positions are up for election: **Vice-President & TWO Member-At-Large**

BETTER TOGETHER

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)

STUDIES FOR ADULTS

9:15 AM | Adult Bible Study in Cana Hall studying 1st Peter | Contact: Russ Benson (russellbenson@msn.com)

9:30 AM | “The Biblical Parenting Experience” in Galilee | Contact: Sandy Peterson (twin1peterson@gmail.com)

9:30 AM | STUDIES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Sunday School | Preschool-4th Graders in Family Center | (martha@mtolive-anoka.org)

Jr. High Bible Study | 5th-8th Graders in Jr. Youth Room | (martha@mtolive-anoka.org)

Sr. High Bible Study | 9th-12th Graders in Sr. Youth Room | (martha@mtolive-anoka.org)

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)

9:00 AM | EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY | Jerusalem Room | Contact: Jim Rootes (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 | Rachelle Lapham (rachelle.buuck@gmail.com)

6:00 PM | WORSHIP NIGHT | January 14 & 28 | Randy (randyp@mtolive-anoka.org)

6:45-8:00 PM | CONFIRMATION (6th-8th grades) in Jr. Youth Room | (martha@mtolive-anoka.org)

6:45-8:00 PM | 9TH—12TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP in Sr. Youth Room | (martha@mtolive-anoka.org)

6:50-7:45 PM | ADULT HANDBELL CHOIR | Contact: Karen Keast (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)

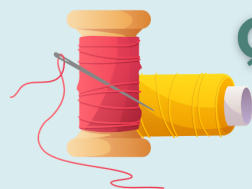
FRIDAYS

9:30 AM | SENIOR FELLOWSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY | January 2 & 16 | Bethlehem Room | Contact: Lynn Antoine (763.777.0412)

WOMEN OF MOUNT OLIVE

Thank you to all who donated items for The Dwelling Place even though our Christmas event was canceled due to weather. Mark your calendars for May 5 for the Spring Salad Supper. Our speaker will be from "The Dwelling Place".

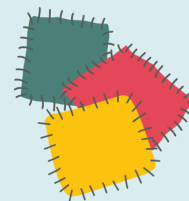
Our next WOMO meeting is February 2, 2026 at 2:00 PM.



QUILTERS WILL BEGIN MEETING AGAIN ON JANUARY 6, 2026 • 12:30-3:00 PM

We meet every Tuesday of the month

Donations of thread and fabric are always appreciated.
Fabric (new or gently used) must be at least 1/2 yard pieces.



BAPTISM

Madison Hadley Fritz

Congratulations on the baptism of Madison Hadley Fritz on Sunday, December 14 during the 10:30 AM worship. Parents are Richard & Megan Fritz. Sponsor is Andrew Glen Fritz.



BAPTISM

Mia Coco Breitwesser

Congratulations on the baptism of Mia Coco Breitwesser on Friday, December 26 with Pastor Jon Haakana. Parents are Keen Breitwesser and Modi Wang.



Don't Miss Out

MIDWEEK MEALS

Wednesdays: 5:15—6:00 PM

Your prayers and donations are greatly appreciated! Please leave a message for Ann Maik by calling the Welcome Desk (763.421.3223) with questions or if you would like to volunteer or donate.



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(brenda@mtolive-anoka.org or 952.600.1274)



MOUNT OLIVE CHURCH

CRAFT SATURDAY

2nd Saturday of the Month
January - March
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





From: _____

Mount Olive Lutheran Church
 700 Western Street
 Anoka, MN 55303

Attention: Offering - # _____

Offering Envelopes for 2026—Simplifying Giving

Beginning in January 2026, Mount Olive will no longer use boxed, numbered offering envelopes. Members may pick up a stack of **new mailable envelopes** to use anytime or find them weekly in the pew racks. If you know your envelope number, you may include it; otherwise, simply write your name on the envelope or enclosed card.

At this time, designated giving options are limited, as we do not have an active capital campaign and the mortgage is paid through the General Fund. Additional support for the Preschool's ministry is encouraged and we understand there may occasionally be other specific needs.

The best way to support Mount Olive's ongoing ministry is by setting up automatic giving through Church Center or bill pay through your bank.

Thank you for your faithful generosity.

Contact Allyson Linden with questions:
Allyson@mtolive-anoka.org or 952.600.1269.



PRESCHOOL

Preschool Christmas Boutique a Holly Jolly Success!

Our Preschool Christmas Boutique was a wonderful success! The room was filled with excited little shoppers carefully choosing the perfect gifts for their families. With the help of our amazing volunteer “shopping helpers,” each child was guided through the boutique, exploring the tables and proudly selecting gifts that made their hearts sparkle.

The fun didn’t stop at shopping—our helpers also assisted the children in wrapping their treasures. The joy and pride on the children’s faces made the event truly magical.

A heartfelt **thank you** to all our volunteers and to everyone who generously donated gifts and wrapping supplies. Your support made this special tradition possible, and we are grateful for the warmth, faith, and community spirit you bring to our preschool each year.

Registration for 2026-2027 School Year

We’re excited to announce that registration for our preschool program for the 2026–2027 school year begins in January! Current families can register on Tuesday, January 20; the public is welcome to register on Monday, January 26.

Our preschool offers a nurturing, faith-filled environment where children learn, grow, and thrive. Spaces are limited, so early registration is encouraged. For more information about classes, schedules, or how to register, please contact the church office (763.421.9048) or visit our website.



YOUNG ADULT

Keep these young adults in prayer this month and stop to sign a card for each of them on Sunday, January 4.



Prayer for Healthy Relationships

Lord, I lift _____ up to you today and ask that you would bless them. As they go about their day help them to be a light in this dark world. Help them to draw strength from you to fight back against the schemes of the evil one. Surround them with people who will encourage them and build them up. Grow the relationships in their life that will support them, encourage them, and keep them accountable. Give them wisdom and discernment to move on from the relationships that keep them from becoming who you called them to be. Help them also to be a positive influence in the lives of their peers as well. Help them to set a good example and to reflect you in every way.

Amen



Ryan Wylde

Isabelle Hoopman

Layne Werk

Madison Way

Kaitlyn Way

Paul Lemmermann

Erin Walsh

Children, Youth and Family Ministry

January 2026

Look Around the Stable FUN!



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FRIDAY, JANUARY 16
6-8 PM | FAMILY CENTER

DINNER, DRINKS, AND DESSERT PROVIDED

SUGGESTED DONATION
OF \$5/PERSON

RSVP TO
DCE MARTHA



BRING YOUR FAVORITE GAME

ALL ARE INVITED!

CROSSOVER
YOUTH NIGHT

WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 21
6:45-8:00 PM

📍 SENIOR YOUTH ROOM
6TH-12TH GRADERS TOGETHER

Questions?

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





January 2026

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)



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



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



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 1 Church office closed
 Jan 2 & 16... Senior Fellowship & Bible Study 9:30 AM
 Jan 10 Craft Saturday
 Jan 11 Vision Assembly Meeting 11:35 AM
 Jan 14 & 28. Worship Night 6:00 PM
 Jan 16 Game Night
 Jan 20 Preschool Registration Opens
 Feb 2 WOMO Meeting

