



What's Mount Olive's Image?

If asked, what would you say the "image" of Mount Olive Lutheran Church is? Now remember that how Mount Olive is seen by our community and surrounding area is based on the relationships that they have with the disciples of Christ at Mount Olive (that's you!). Would you say that they see Mount Olive as a church that only takes care of themselves, concerned only about their own needs, or would you say that they see us as "missional" disciples of Christ?

Now when we talk of the disciples of Christ or churches being "missional" we need to discover the definition of missional: An adjective that describes the way in which we do all of our activities, rather than identifying any one particular activity. To be missional is to align all the activities, programs and functions of the church around the mission of God. As we see in the book of Revelation that the words God gave to John to record, the true Christian Church will always be Missional:

"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the bright Morning Star. The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!' And let him who hears say, 'Come!' Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life." (Revelation 22:16-17)

Christ's mission is the only legitimate rationale for every activity.

So, the answer is not how we are doing an activity in the church. But how God, by the Holy Spirit will enable us to be missional as we serve each other and

our community, as Christ gives us that assurance in Mathew 28:18-20: And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, *"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

So, Mount Olive disciples of Christ, because Christ has redeemed us, He now sends us with His mission and ministry, in the image of Christ. We go with the Holy Spirit enabling us in the image of Christ as we disciple amongst our community, region, state, nation and the world. We go into all of our activities in and outside the walls of the building with the mission and vision of the church in mind. We go seeking ways for our people and our various ministries to serve to the glory of God and His people. We go equipped with His mission, and empowered by His Spirit.

Connecting People to Jesus,

Pastor Jon



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Summer Series: What is the Christian Faith?

July 2

"Lord's Prayer"

Psalms 105:1-7; Matthew 6:9-13

July 8/9

"Baptism"

Acts 2:37-47; Matthew 28:16-20

July 15/16

"Office of the Keys"

Romans 6:3-11; John 20:19-23

July 22/23

"Holy Communion"

1 Corinthians 11:23-26;

Matthew 26:17-30

July 29/30

Pastor's Choice

**The MISSION of
Mount Olive
Lutheran Church is:**

***"Living to Love
People to Christ"***

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

• WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES •

Early Morning Wednesday Women's Bible Study: Our Women's Bible study is supporting each other in our quest for a closer relationship with our Lord and Savior. To help us better understand the Bible we are currently reading the book, *"10 Questions to Ask Every Time You Read the Bible,"* by Andrew Jones. We are excited about getting back into The Chosen video series this summer, planning to start Season 2 in June. We meet on Zoom - email Paulette Lenz at mp.lenz@gmail.com if you want to join us.

Exploration & Discovery Bible Study - Wednesday Edition: This study group meets 9:00 to 11:00 AM on Wednesdays in the Meeting Room. The group will continue to meet during the summer months. This study group is continuing the study of death, heaven, resurrection and the new creation. The primary reference is a book with the same title. Additional relevant sources are included. The book has been added to the church library collection and is available to members. The key Bible source for the study is 1 Corinthians Chapter 15. The outcome of this study is that each individual will have written their obituary and funeral service. Jim Rootes is the facilitator for this study

Senior Fellowship & Bible Study: We are meeting on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of May—June from 9:30-11:00 AM in Cana Hall. During the months of July-October this Bible study will only meet on the 3rd Fridays of each month. Treats and refreshments are provided. Questions? Contact Lynn Antoine 763.777.0412.

First Place 4 Health Group & Bible Study: This group meets offsite. Please contact Janet Orrick (763.323.0939) if you are interested.

• SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY •

Exploration & Discovery Bible Study - Sunday Edition: This Bible study meets in the Meeting Room during the summer beginning at 9:00 AM. The topic is "Stuff They Didn't Teach Me In Sunday School." Jim Rootes is the facilitator of this study.

MIDWEEK MEALS WEDNESDAYS: 5:30-6:15 PM



Please note there will be no midweek meal on Wednesday, July 5.
We hope you enjoy a fun Independence Day celebrating the freedom we have in our blessed country!



Enjoy a meal from 5:30 to 6:15 PM each Wednesday night! Please enter through Door F. You may park in either church lot or at the park across the street.

A big thank you to the many generous people who help make our meal possible: Lenora, Jan, Rena, Jon, Mary, Brenda, Amy, Jim, Micki, Cari, Jan, Charles, Ann, Anna, Jean, Elizabeth, Connie, Jill, Paulette, Todd, Monica, Pam, Matt, Karen, Sharon, Kelly, Tony, Andy, Sharon, Dave and all those who anonymously give. Thank you also for all the fellowship happening at these meals!

Your prayers and donations are greatly appreciated! Please contact Jerusha at 763.280.3047 or by email rua_76@hotmail.com with questions, or if you would like to volunteer or donate.

This month, please pray for safe travel. Pray for serving hearts and harmony with each other.



New Member Orientation **Mount Olive Lutheran Church – Anoka, MN**

If you are interested in becoming a member of Mount Olive, or would like to find out more, we have two sessions coming up on Sunday mornings in between services.

Sunday, July 16, 9:00 AM – What Does This Mean? (optional)

This is an optional 45-minute session for those who are coming to us from non-Lutheran background, or those Lutherans wanting to refresh their knowledge of the key teachings of the Lutheran church. We will review basic Lutheran doctrine (beliefs) and any practices related to those doctrines.

Sunday, July 23 or Sunday, August 13, 9:00 AM – This is Mount Olive

This 45-minute orientation session will inform you about the basic history of this 80-year-old congregation, as well as some of the opportunities available for worship, Christian growth, fellowship, and service.

Saturday, September 9 or Sunday, September 10 – New Member Reception

To sign up, please contact Brenda Schwarz at brenda@mtolive-anoka.org or call her at 952.600.1274.



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"Welcome to our church—even though
you're sitting in our family pew . . ."

SAVE THE DATE



Mark your
Calendar

Mount Olive on the Roof Deck (Target Field)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

MN Twins vs. Texas Rangers

1:10 PM



\$10 per person: includes game & food buffet

Ticket information coming soon!

(250 tickets available)

**SUMMER
SERVICES**

Beginning May 28-September 3

**SATURDAY
5:30 PM**

**SUNDAY
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM**

(No Saturday services on
July 1, September 2)

Compassionate FRIENDS

**Monday, July 10, 2023
1:00 PM • Coffee Shop**

**DO YOU SUFFER FROM CHRONIC PAIN?
OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES?**

Compassionate Friends is a small group that meets the second Monday of each month from 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM to listen to a guided meditation or a sacred reading (lectio divina). Then folks are invited to share and/or listen to one another's experiences.

Use the Main Entrance. Meet in the Coffee Shop.

For more information contact Jeannie Conant: 651.210.6824

Mount Olive Lutheran Church

Oktoberfest



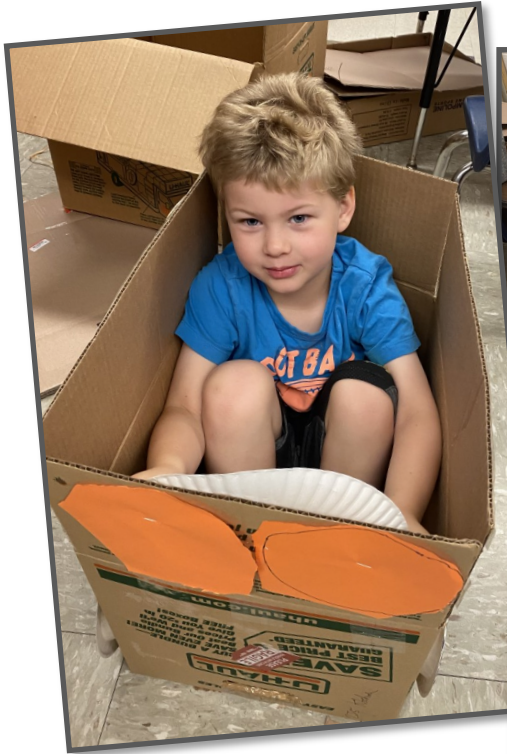
Saturday, Sept 23

12:00 - 3:00 PM • ROCKET PARK

BEER | FOOD | MUSIC | GAMES

MOUNT OLIVE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

The preschool summer camps are in full swing now! “Adventures in Cardboard” and “Let’s Go Garden” have finished, and once VBS and July 4 holiday week is over, we will continue with the rest of the camps! A few of the camps are full, but we still have some openings in a couple others. Scan the QR code for more information on our camps. ►



YOUNG ADULT

L.I.F.E.



At each child’s baptism we make a commitment as a church family to provide support for a life lived in relationship with and for Jesus Christ. That support continues beyond high school graduation as our young adults pursue the Lord’s plans for their lives. The LIFE @ A CrossRoads ministry offers encouragement of God’s delight in them and our prayer support via written reminders. Each month during the year, 7-8 of our young adults are personally prayed for and a card is sent to let them know. Please sign one or more of the cards on the first Sunday each month. You don’t need to know them personally to pray for them or sign their card. The more signatures and messages the better.

Please keep the following young adults in prayer this month and stop to sign a card for each of them on Sunday, July 9. You can also print off their names and post it where you see it often and pray for them daily.



Iain Davis
Josh Teske

Nicolas Bradley
Rachel Hilst

Kaitlyn Larson
Jacob Hilst

Gretchen Mugglin



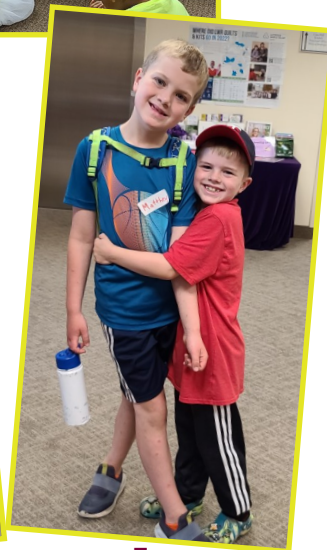
Many thanks for the amazing team of over 70 volunteers who shined Jesus' Light to over 150 kids at Stellar VBS!

The activities we used helped kids understand faith but the volunteers and the participants' actions showed it. God is so GOOD, and we are so grateful for all the ways He revealed His light to us and through us at VBS.

Our mission recipient this year was Operation Christmas Child. We collected offering and shoebox supplies including t-shirts that will be made into jump ropes.



Mount Olive family, thank you for supporting us with your prayers, donations, time and beautiful church space (pun intended). Please continue to pray for all those who attended and helped at Stellar VBS to grow closer to God and continue to shine Jesus' Light!





July 2023

WORSHIP

Onsite Worship Hours:

Saturday: 5:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM (Traditional)
10:00 AM (Contemporary)

Online Worship:

Tune-in to our Live Services

Sunday Worship: 8:00 & 10:00 AM



SUMMER CHURCH HOURS

Through September 3

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

(Call staff directly if you call after hours)

FOLLOW US



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YouTube

Youtube: (search Mount Olive Lutheran Anoka)
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC42ADWJfIU4Lqh5OIVf_Qeg



Facebook: (search for Mount Olive Anoka)
<https://www.facebook.com/Mount-Olive-117305858314602/>



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 1 — No Saturday Worship Service

July 2 — Celebration for Pastor Jon's 40th Ordination Anniversary

July 4 — Church Office Closed for Independence Day

July 10 — Compassionate Friends

July 16 — New Member Orientation

July 23 — New Member Orientation

August 27 — Twins Ball Game

September 10 — New Member Welcome

September 23 — Oktoberfest

