



Family Memories

Ahhh....summer. Just the thought of it brings up memories of warm days, water sports, camping, baseball, BBQs, family gatherings, and great times. For many families summer is the time to temporarily disconnect from the daily grind and attend family reunions, weddings, graduations and other gatherings that bring friends and relatives together from every corner of the country.

As a boy, my family traveled to my mother's hometown in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, near the shore of Lake Superior. We spent many weekends there each summer for family reunions or wedding celebrations. There I spent a lot of time with my wonderful relatives who made me feel loved, those who made me laugh and at times, some who made me wonder how they made it on the family tree. Visits always included the aunties' awesome cooking, egg coffee, homemade goodies galore, sauna parties, and fun with many cousins at the cabin and at the lake or river, or one of my aunt's or uncle's houses. While many of my boyhood recollections have faded, the desire to connect with my family has never diminished.

Mount Olive Lutheran Church is God's family. Some of the same things that I recall about my biological family should also apply to my spiritual family. I have seen this play out at the various churches I have served. Let me list some of them for you:

God's family should take advantage of the summer months to connect and build closer ties with one another. During the course of a year members of a church family can get detached from others in the same family. Now that church activities have slowed down for summer,

why not invite friends from church out to eat, out for a round of golf, or over to your house for a barbeque (maybe even your pastor!).

God's family needs to eat together often and talk about their lives in an atmosphere of love and trust. Summer is a time to build our relationships. Our church activities may slow down for the summer, so why not get together with someone from church that you have never spent time with outside of the congregation.

God's family needs to do family business together so that everyone remembers what is important. Serving together can happen in the summer, too. Maybe get together with another family or two and come and do some work around the church or for one of our shut-ins, or maybe go and volunteer at Feed My Starving Children or Global Health Ministries.

God's family needs to care for the children, elderly, sick, weak and lonely among them. Love heals all wounds. Come and ask me or one of the Elders about someone at church who would appreciate a visit from you or your family.

God's family ought to have fun together, serve together and care for one another.

Let's make some family memories this summer...together. God bless your summer!

*Connecting People
to Jesus,*

Pastor Jon



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Summer Series: What is the Christian Faith?

June 10/11

"Intro to Small Catechism"
Deuteronomy 6:4-9; John 14:1-6

June 17/18

"Ten Commandments"
Exodus 20:1-17; Matthew 22:34-40

June 24/25

"Apostle's Creed"
*Hebrews 4:14-5:10;
Matthew 28:16-20*

July 2

"Lord's Prayer"
Psalms 105:1-7; Matthew 6:9-13

July 8/9

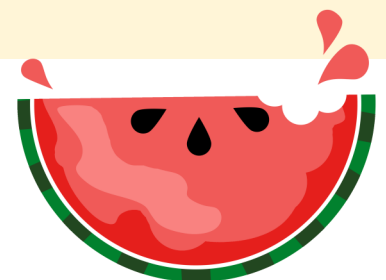
"Baptism"
Acts 2:37-47; Matthew 28:16-20

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*



BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

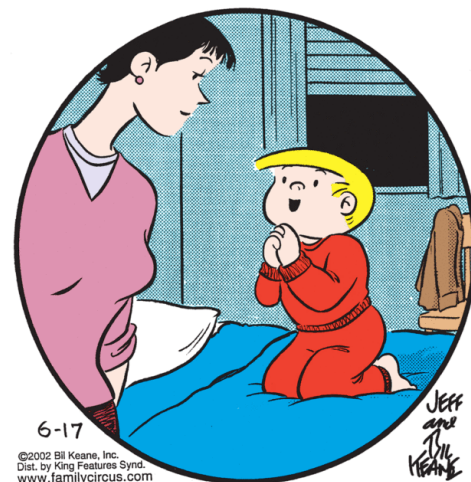
• WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES •

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.



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"Sayin' 'Amen' is like pressing the 'SEND' button for your prayers."

• SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY •

Sunday morning Bible studies will reconvene in September.

LWML

Thank you to the ladies who were able to attend our Salad Supper on May 2. We had 56 attending! A very special thank you to the busy and very helpful men who took over to make it a worry-free time by serving and cleaning up.

A short skit was put on looking for "beautiful feet". Thanks to Denny, Pastor Jon, and the ladies that added their thoughts. We collected a large table loaded with cleaning and paper products to present to our speaker from the Jonathan House in St. Paul that serves refugee and asylum seekers. Money was also donated for that service and to our own Women of Mount Olive mission.

We invite you to join us for our June 12 meeting as there are some business items to complete before we close our books for 2023 financials. There will be no meeting in July. August meeting has yet to be determined.

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2. Spaceship
3. Multiple Choice
4. Floor Model
5. No one knows
6. Thunderstorm

All are welcome to enjoy a meal from 5:30-6:15 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: Rena, Jon, Mary, Brenda, Amy, Jim, Micki, Cari, Jan, Charles, Ann, Anna, Jean, Elizabeth, Connie, Callie, Jace, Jill, Paulette, Juel, 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.

FOOD SHELF, ITEMS NEEDED: Toddler diapers, feminine pads, pantliners, medium women's depends, paper towels, Kleenex and toilet paper. Thank you in advance!

This month, please pray for our volunteers and attendees. Pray for health, mercy and peace as well as growing closer to God and each other.



VISION ASSEMBLY MEETING

Sunday, June 11

11:15 AM

Sanctuary



Compassionate FRIENDS

Monday, June 12, 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

SUMMER SERVICES

Beginning May 28-September 3

**SATURDAY
5:30 PM**

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

(No Saturday services on
May 25, July 1, September 2)

ENHANCING YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY

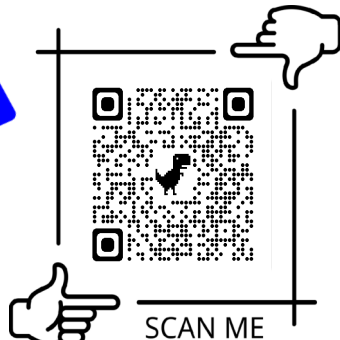
JUNE 15 • 6:30 - 8:00 PM
MOUNT OLIVE CHURCH SANCTUARY

This is a **FREE** event!
SIGN UP IN THE WELCOME CENTER

Facilitated by Steve Johnson
(scjmjohnson@comcast.net)

TOPICS COVERED:

- disruptive individuals
- suspicious persons
- situational awareness
- crises rehearsal
- normalcy bias
- road rage/robbery
- car jacking
- personal defense tools
- active shooter/violent incident



2023 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



June 26-29, 2023

BE A STAR! HELP OUR CREW

WE NEED ADULT AND STUDENT VOLUNTEERS:

Elementary Crew • Preschool Crew
Nursery • Crafts • Snacks
Bible Adventures • Music



WE HAVE A STELLAR SPOT FOR YOU!
HELP US SHINE JESUS' LIGHT!
WE WILL HAVE A BLAST!



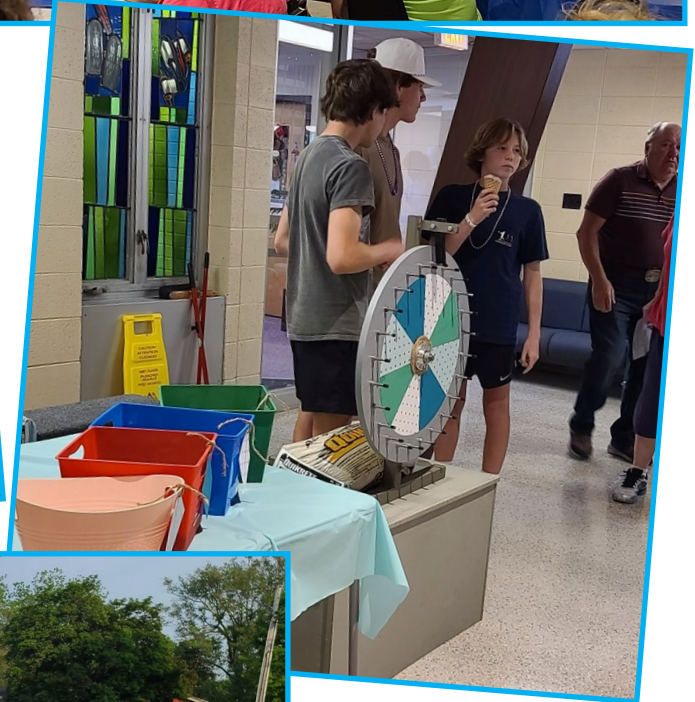
◀ Scan QR code or buzz on by the Information Table in the Welcome Center to sign up for your spot to volunteer!
Jerusha Davis: 763.280.3047, rua_76@hotmail.com

MOUNT OLIVE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

The 2022-2023 school year has come to a close! The preschool hosted our annual year-end Jamboree day! The school staff planned many fun track-and-field activities for the children and their families. Some activities included the bouncy house, a bike track, hurdles, mini golf, water balloon toss and much more! We even had the Brain Freeze Ice Cream Truck come; it was a big hit!



There are still a few preschool Summer Camps with openings! Scan the QR code for more info.



What a wonderful Onward and Upward celebration we had! Over one hundred guests came to enjoy the ice cream, carnival games and prizes before our short ceremony to honor all of our youth. We were able to recognize our Sunday School families, First Communicants, Confirmants and graduating seniors! Thank you to everyone who made this night possible and for so many who came to enjoy the festivities! If you are interested in working with our youth in any area from preschool to high school, we would love to have you - please reach out to Pastor Jon (jon@mtolive-anoka.org) or Jerusha Davis (rua_76@hotmail.com).

