



"Easter Power Everyday!"

Easter is not too far away! Retailers are already gearing up to turn a uniquely religious holiday into another shopping opportunity. At Mount Olive we expect multiple services with overflow crowds to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior and Lord. I expect it to be an awesome day! But when the lights go out and the church doors are locked, will Easter be over? Shouldn't Easter be more than just a one day event? Apparently so! The Apostle Paul believed that the resurrection of Christ was more than a one day event when he wrote these amazing words: *I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection.* (Philippians 3:10) Is there a secret about the Resurrection and its lasting power that Paul longed to experience? Is it possible for us to discover this secret and use it to impact our lives every day of the year?

Let me give you seven power-packed reasons why the Resurrection is important to you and every other believer every day of every year:

First, by the Resurrection we are certain that Jesus is the Son of God. Romans 1:4, *Jesus was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead.*

Second, by the Resurrection we are righteous standing before God. Romans 4:25, *He (Jesus) was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification (righteous standing before God).*

Third, by the Resurrection we claim victory and power for daily living. Galatians 2:20, *I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of*

God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Fourth, by the Resurrection we have motivation to live a selfless life of service. 2 Corinthians 5:15, *And he (Jesus) died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.*

Fifth, by the Resurrection we are filled with hope regardless of life's circumstances. 1 Peter 1:3, *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

Sixth, by the Resurrection we are assured of our bodily resurrection after death. Romans 8:11, *And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.*

Seventh, by the Resurrection Jesus guaranteed us eternal life. John 11:25-26, *Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."*

This Easter, make it a year-long event where each day brings another wave of resurrection life and power to your life! You have God's Word on it. Now believe it and power up!



Connecting People
to Jesus,
Pastor Jon

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Sermon Series

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INSTALLATION SERVICE for Pastor Jim Bender March 3

9:30 AM One Unified Service

LENTEN SUNDAY SERIES: "From the Ashes"

March 3

Installation Service

March 10

"Confession"

March 17

"Sacrifice"

LENTEN WEDNESDAY SERIES: "Wilderness Time"

March 6

"A Time of Doubt"

March 13

"A Time of Comfort"

March 20

"A Time of New Beginnings"

HOLY WEEK SERIES: "What Wondrous Love"

March 24-Palm Sunday

"He Humbled Himself for Me"

Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 21:1-11

March 28-Maundy Thursday

"The Perfect Sacrifice"

Hebrews 9:11-2; Matthew 26:17-30

March 29-Good Friday

"Separation Removed"

Isaiah 52:13-53; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9;
John 19:17-30

March 31-Easter Sunday

"Jesus Changes Everything"

Jeremiah 31:1-6; Colossians 3:1-4;
Matthew 28:1-10

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

• WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES •

Hope Full Women's Bible Study: All ages welcome. Meets every other week (March 5, 19), 6:30-8:30 PM in the Family Center. We will begin our Bible study with "Jesus & Women, in the First Century and Now," by Kristi McLelland. Contact Carol Hoopman (763.486.9177) if interested.

Early Morning Wednesday Women's Bible Study Meeting Online: During March we will be learning about the rhythms of reading, meditation, prayer and contemplation as they apply to the Bible through the Lectio Divina course on Right Now Media. Email Paulette Lenz at mp.lenz@gmail.com to join the group or to learn more about how we do this online.

Exploration & Discovery Bible Study - Wednesday Edition: This study group meets 9:00-11:00 AM on Wednesdays in the Library/Conference Room. The group is in progress studying Paul's letters to the Romans. Jim Rootes is the facilitator for this study.

Senior Fellowship & Bible Study: We will meet on March 1 and March 15 from 9:30-11:00 AM in the Conference Room. Treats and refreshments are provided. Questions? Contact Lynn Antoine 763.777.0412.

First Place 4 Health Group & Bible Study: This group meets in the Conference Room each Thursday from 6:30-8:30 PM. Please contact Janet Orrick (763.323.0939) if interested.

• SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY •

Exploration & Discovery Bible Study – Sunday Edition: This study group meets each Sunday at 9:15 AM in the Library/Conference Room. The topic is "Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School." The study is based on 140+ episodes from Lutheran Hour Ministries. We are completing the 27 episodes dealing with the "period of kings." The next episodes will discuss the prophets. Jim Rootes is the facilitator for this study. **Will not meet on March 3, will resume on March 10.**

Cana Hall Adult Bible Study: Meets in Cana Hall for a Bible study with Pastor Jon at 9:15 AM each Sunday. **Will not meet on March 3, will resume on March 10.**



Easter Services

MAUNDY THURSDAY - MARCH 28
11:00 AM | 6:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 29
11:00 AM | 6:30 PM

NO SATURDAY SERVICE

EASTER SUNDAY - MARCH 31
8:00 AM | 10:30 AM
Easter Breakfast: serving starts at 8:30 AM

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WOMEN OF MOUNT OLIVE

Women of Mount Olive will not be meeting in March. Please join us for the canvas painting class!

LET'S PAINT!

Come unleash your inner Picasso with our Canvas painting class on March 23, 9:00-11:00 AM. We are the painting class with fun and fellowship! Seating is limited to 30 artists and absolutely no experience is necessary. At the end of the class, you will have made some new friends and go home with your very own masterpiece! A fee of \$10 will include the materials for the class.

Dixie Crabtree has been painting for over 40 years and teaching canvas painting classes for over 10 years. She will be painting right alongside of you, helping you with techniques and any questions you may have about the process. A fun time for everyone. Come see what you are capable of with a little instruction.



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

Wednesday meals will be served before the evening Lenten worship.

All are welcome to enjoy a meal from 5:30 - 6:15 PM each Wednesday night unless there are dangerous weather conditions. Please call the church during business hours or check Facebook before coming to the meal if weather conditions are questionable. Please enter through Door F. You may park in either church lot or at the park across the street. During Lent the main doors will also be open starting at 6:00 PM.

A big thank you to the humble crew in the kitchen that is giving most of their Wednesdays to serve lunch and supper during Lent.

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

Remember God is so big, so strong and so mighty. There is nothing God cannot do!



MOUNT OLIVE YOUTH INVITES YOU:

Easter Breakfast

Sunday, March 31

Cana Hall

Serving starts at 8:30 AM

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



Mark your
Calendar

FIRST COMMUNION

for first year confirmation students

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, March 28

6:30 PM Worship Service



Join US BELL CHOIR

We have many bells
without a player!

MEN, WOMEN, YOUTH

Even if you have never
played bells but enjoy music,
JOIN US!

WEDNESDAYS • 6:30 PM

BIBLE BASICS

SUNDAY, APRIL 14 • 11:30 AM
FAMILY CENTER

Third grade and older who want to learn
how to use the Bible

Pizza will be provided.

For more info contact Jerusha at rua_76@hotmail.com

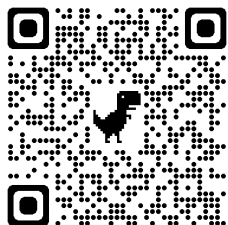


**American
Red Cross**

Blood
Services

**MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN
CHURCH BLOODMOBILE**
Monday, March 4, 2024
12:30—6:30 PM

To sign up:
1.800.733.2767
www.redcrossblood.org
or Scan QR code.
Walk-ins are welcome!



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Rehearsals:
Wednesdays at 5:30 PM

Sing once a month at 8:00 AM service

Contact Rachelle Lapham at
biopurduette717@gmail.com if you are interested

upcoming EVENTS

PARENTS OF A PRODIGAL

Support Group

March 3, 17, 31
6:30 - 8:30 PM

BREWS AND GOOD NEWS

Men's Ministry Group

March 14
6:30 - 8:00 PM

HOPE FULL

Women's Bible Study

March 5, 19
6:30 - 8:30 PM

CobWeb Corner



IS READY FOR VOLUNTEERS

Come anytime during church hours 9 AM to 4 PM. Supplies are located inside the office supply closet and a key is available at the Welcome Desk.

A few of the areas that need regular cleaning are:

- Cry Room
- Building Entrances
- Sanctuary glass doors

Your gift of time is greatly appreciated.

Contact Pam Schwandt for more
[information pamschwandt@gmail.com](mailto:pamschwandt@gmail.com)

MOUNT OLIVE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

The preschool hosted their annual Family Fun Night in February. The theme was "Pancakes and Pajamas" and the children, their families and staff wore their pajamas!

What a fun night watching the children play games, make crafts and run around with their families and friends! They enjoyed a pancake breakfast served up by church elders and volunteers! **A BIG THANK YOU to those that helped make the event a huge success!**



YOUNG ADULT

L.I.F.E.



Please keep the following young adults in prayer this month and stop to sign a card for each of them on **Sunday, March 3.**

Lord, today I pray that you would give _____ the strength to stand out. Don't let them fall into the same pattern of sin as the rest of the world but instead help them fix their gaze on You. As they focus on You, Lord, help them to begin to see the world the way that You do. Help them to pursue Your heart and Your will in every situation so that Your good and perfect plans would be achieved. Amen.

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Romans 12:2 ESV



Danny Reynolds
Josh Meinert

Aidan Hefner
Layne Werk
Brynn Owens

Hayley Walsh
Mason Hefner



FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 AM

It's a new month, so we're starting a new and exciting series. We are so grateful that you and your kids are here with us!

What's Happening in March

March 3- NO FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL. Join us at the 9:30 AM worship for the Installation Service and Brunch for Pastor James Bender!

March 10- Parents and volunteers, we will cover Mark 14:12-26 and John 3:16-21. Take a moment to read these passages we're covering this week.

March 17- We will cover Mark 15:1-15 and Jeremiah 31:31-34. Please read through these passages.

March 24- Our focus will be on Luke 23:32-49 and Psalm 31:31-16. Take a moment to read those passages.

March 31- NO FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL. Happy Easter! He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Please worship with your families. Services are 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM.



GLOW IN THE DARK: A Series from the Gospels on Easter

SERIES OVERVIEW:

In the dark, a world of neon colors comes to life. Whether it's the soft green of glow-in-the-dark stars or the bright colors of bioluminescent creatures, light can break through the darkness. When the world needed some light, God sent Jesus because he glows in the dark, and he can teach us how to shine with God's light, too! In this five-week series through the Gospels, we'll follow Jesus' life leading up to Easter to see some of the ways he can shine bright in our lives. As we explore, we'll see Jesus is the light in the darkness. We'll also learn how we can choose Jesus and know God hears our cries while celebrating how Jesus died and rose again.

