



Following in Christ's Path—Trusting His Plan

As we enter the season of Lent, we encourage you to make worship a priority in the weeks ahead. Lent gives us space to slow down, refocus, and walk together in repentance and hope as we prepare our hearts for Easter.

Lenten Midweek Services will be held Wednesdays — March 4, 11, 18, and 25 — at 6:00 PM, led by Pastor Ken Tatkenhorst. Supper will be served beginning at 5:15 PM in the Coffee Shop and Cana Hall, offering a warm meal and time for fellowship before worship. These evenings are a meaningful way to gather around God's Word, sing, pray, and remember Christ's journey to the cross for us. As we pray in Psalm 51, "Create in me a clean heart, O God," Lent helps center our hearts on what matters most.

Holy Week begins with **Palm Sunday on March 29**, with services at 8:00 and 10:30 AM, led by Pastor Jon Haakana. We will celebrate with a special palm processional led by our children as we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. It's a joyful start to a powerful week.

On **Maundy Thursday, April 2, at 6:00 PM**, Pastor Ken Tatkenhorst will lead us as we remember the night Jesus

instituted the Lord's Supper. We are especially excited that our 1st Communion students will receive their First Communion that evening — a meaningful milestone for them and for our church family.

On **Good Friday, April 3, at 6:00 PM**, we gather in a darkened sanctuary to reflect on Christ's sacrifice. We hear the words, "It is finished," and we leave in silence, remembering the weight and the wonder of the cross.

Then comes **Easter Sunday, April 5**, with worship at 8:00 and 10:30 AM, Holy Communion at both services, led by Pastor Ken Tatkenhorst. Between services, we invite everyone to join us for Easter Breakfast to support our Youth Ministry — a great opportunity for fellowship and celebration together. We rejoice in the good news: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This season reminds us that we are deeply loved, fully forgiven, and forever His. Make worship part of your Lenten journey. Invite someone to come with you. Walk with us from the palms to the cross to the empty tomb — and celebrate the hope that is ours in Christ.



We are thankful to share that Pastor Paul Frerichs, the pastor we have Called to serve as our next Senior Pastor, is prayerfully considering the Call to Mount Olive Lutheran Church. During the weekend of March 6–8, Pastor Frerichs will be visiting with our church leaders and staff as part of his discernment process. His time with us will conclude on Sunday, March 8, when he will join us for worship. We encourage you to take this opportunity to meet Pastor Frerichs, as there will be time for fellowship between services and again following the late service during lunch in Cana Hall. Please continue to keep Pastor Frerichs, his family, and our congregation in your prayers as he seeks the Lord's guidance in this important decision.

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Worship Info

March 1: Pastor Ken Tatkenhorst
2nd Sunday in Lent
John 3:1-17

March 8: Pastor John Fehrmann
3rd Sunday in Lent
John 4:5-26

March 15: Pastor Larry Behnken
4th Sunday in Lent
John 9:1-41

March 22: Pastor Craig Quiring
5th Sunday in Lent
John 11:1-45

March 29: Pastor Jon Haakana
Palm Sunday
Sunday of the Passion
Matthew 26:1-27:66

Wednesdays in Lent:
Pastor Ken Tatkenhorst

BAPTISM

Shane Steven Hughes

Born November 12, 2025
Baptized February 21, 2026
Parents: Austin & Mallory Hughes
Sponsors: Danielle Hemmeter & Nicole Baumann



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 2nd Peter | Contact: Russ Benson (russellbenson@msn.com)

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

9:30 AM | STUDIES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH Contact Martha with questions: martha@mtolive-anoka.org

Sunday School | Preschool-4th Graders in Family Center

Jr. High Bible Study | 5th-8th Graders in Jr. Youth Room

Sr. High Bible Study | 9th-12th Graders in Sr. Youth Room

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 | We will NOT be meeting during Lent (through April 1; study will resume April 8) | Contact: Jim Rootes (farmalldork@gmail.com)

5:15—6:00 PM | MIDWEEK MEALS | Cana Hall & Coffee Shop during Lent | Contact: Ann Maik (763.370.2248)

5:15-6:00 PM | ADULT VOCAL CHOIR | Anyone is welcome to join us for our Easter performance | Rachelle Lapham (rachelle.buuck@gmail.com)

6:00 PM | WORSHIP NIGHT | NO Worship Nights during Lent—TBD for April | 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)

6:45-8:00 PM | FIRST COMMUNION CLASS | Family Center March 4, 11, 18 | (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 | March 6 & 20 | Bethlehem Room | Contact: Lynn Antoine (763.777.0412)

WOMEN OF MOUNT OLIVE

There is no March meeting for Women of Mount Olive.

Our next meeting will be April 13, 2:00 PM. We will discuss which ministries we want to support with our funds.

North Suburban Lutheran Women in Mission

Spring RALLY

APRIL 18, 2026
Trinity Lutheran Church
St. Francis, MN

Save the Date



SAVE the DATE

ANNUAL SALAD SUPPER

Tuesday, May 5, 2026



PUZZLE race!

THURSDAY, MARCH 26
5:30 PM
COFFEE SHOP

RACE STARTS PROMPTLY AT 6:00 PM

Groups of up to 4 people will work together and race to complete a puzzle within a two hour timeframe.

snacks provided Every table will have the same puzzle.

\$20 per team



scan code to sign up and to pay

Contact Micki:
mickimcc125@gmail.com



Don't Miss Out

MOUNT OLIVE YOUTH INVITES YOU:

Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 5
Cana Hall
Serving starts at 8:30 AM

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



Holy Week SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 2 • 6:00 PM
Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 3 • 6:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY
April 5 • 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Holy Communion

EASTER BREAKFAST SERVING
STARTS AT 8:30 AM IN CANA HALL



JOIN US
**Mount Olive
Lutheran Church**

LENTEN SERVICES

March 4 - March 25
6:00 - 6:30 PM



Gospel Relief for the Despairing Christians Wrestling with Suicide

Wednesday, March 4
6:45-8:00 PM
Jerusalem Meeting Room

Learn how to offer Christian relief to one suffering from severe depression and possibly suicidal thoughts.



SAVE THE DATE

Baby Shower for Martha

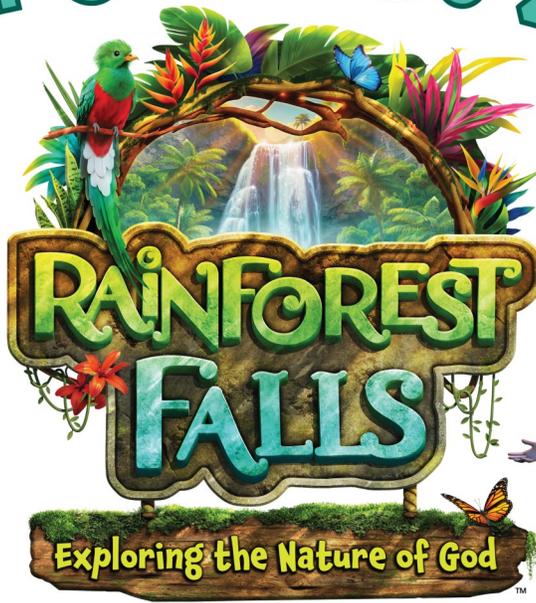
Sunday, April 19
Mount Olive
Coffee Shop

more info to come





Mount Olive VBS 2026



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

Registration IS OPEN

ALL kiddos
nursery—entering
5th grade are
invited to attend!

SCAN QR CODE



to register to
participate or
volunteer!



June 15-19, 2026 9AM-Noon



Celebrate Easter

ORDER SPRING FLOWERS

for Easter Garden & Altar

Orders due by **Sunday, March 8.**
Pick up flowers after the late service on Easter.

We are looking for someone to oversee the ordering and organizing of the Easter Garden.

Support will be provided and new ideas are always welcome!

Contact Brenda Schwarz
if you have questions:
brenda@mtolive-anoka.org



MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

CRAFT SATURDAY

MARCH 14, 2026
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](tel:763.280.3047) | rua_76@hotmail.com



PRESCHOOL

Our preschoolers put their best feet forward in February for our **2nd Annual Walk-A-Thon**, and what an incredible event it was!

WALK-A-THON
FUNDRAISER

With boundless energy and lots of determination, the children walked a combined total of **883 laps**—the equivalent of **26.76 miles!** We could not be more proud of their enthusiasm, perseverance and teamwork!

The Walk-A-Thon was filled with excitement as classmates encouraged one another, staff cheered from the sidelines, and families came out to show their support. It was truly heartwarming to see our school community come together for such a fun and active event. We are so thankful for the many ways God continues to bless our preschool.

We would like to extend a **huge thank you** to everyone who participated, whether it was walking, volunteering, cheering or donating! Your generosity and encouragement mean so much to us and to the children. Because of you, this event was not only a wonderful opportunity to promote healthy habits and teamwork, but also a beautiful example of faith in action within our church community.

We are so proud of our little walkers and grateful for the continued support of you!








MAKE YOUR
Meal Matter

TUESDAY, MARCH 3 • 4:00 - 7:00 PM

10% of all sales will be donated to
MOUNT OLIVE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

Give LOCAL Culvers of Anoka | 800 Main Street, Anoka

YOUNG ADULT

Please keep the following young adults in prayer this month and stop to sign a card for each of them on Sunday, March 1.



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



Nyandit Biel

Iain Davis

Nicolas Bradley

Zander Davis

Lauren Martin

Taylor Schramm

Jacob Walsh

Gregory Rucks

Children, Youth and Family Ministry

March 2026

First Communion Class
Wednesday Evenings
March 4, 11, and 18
6:45 – 8:00 PM
Family Center

**Students will receive
their First Communion
on Maundy Thursday,
April 2 at 6 PM**



March 22
12-2 PM

Family
Center

Bible
Basics
Class

All children 3rd grade or older plus a family member are invited to attend our "Bible Basics" Class on March 22 in preparation to receive your very own Bible on Sunday, March 29 during the 10:30AM worship service. Lunch will be provided! For questions or to RSVP, contact DCE Martha.

CROSSOVER
YOUTH NIGHT

WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 25
6:45-8:00 PM

📍 SENIOR YOUTH ROOM

6TH-12TH GRADERS TOGETHER

Palm
Processional
by children

Palm Sunday
March 29

**beginning
of both
worship
services**

Questions?

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



