



RALLY DAY: A JOYFUL CELEBRATION!

What a blessing it was to come together as a church family for this year's **Mount Olive Rally Day!** Held on Sunday, September 7, Rally Day marked the beginning of a new season of worship, learning, and service in our congregation—and what a joyful start it was!

The day began with a combined worship service to reiterate the idea that we are better together! With uplifting music from our Praise Team, Handbell Choir, and Adult Vocal Choir, a spirit-filled message from Pastor Randy Stroming, and Holy Communion, we were reminded of God's faithfulness as we step into this new season together.

After worship, the fun continued with food, fellowship, and our Special Voters' Assembly. A big thank you for our MMC President, Ben Bremer for leading the meeting, and to our MMC Vice President, Jason Hoopman, who has

been our Call Committee Chair for presenting the recommendation. As a congregation, we voted to extend a call to Pastor Doug Slavens. We await his decision, and keep him, his family, his current congregation, Memorial Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD, and Mount Olive in our prayers as we faithfully trust God.

We give special thanks to all who helped make Rally Day such a success—those who brought food for the potluck, our Elders who grilled, our staff and ministry leaders who coordinated, set-up, and cleaned up, and all who were present at the Voters Assembly. We are grateful for our Mount Olive Family!

As we look ahead to the coming year, may the spirit of Rally Day continue to inspire us to grow deeper in our faith, support one another, and reach out in love to our community. We are better together!

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Worship Info

October 5—LWMMML Sunday
Pastor Jon Haakana

October 12
Pastor Randy Stroming

October 19
Pastor Dennis Heiden

October 26
Pastor Michael Heggen

Please welcome our visiting pastors!

FUNERAL

Dorvan Foss



Called to Glory on
August 25, 2025.

Service was September 28.

Fall at Mount Olive Lutheran Church

Our fall schedule is in full swing, and there's something for everyone to grow in faith and fellowship!

- **Mondays:** Financial Peace University • Women of Mount Olive meeting (monthly)
- **Tuesdays:** Quilting Group • Staff Meetings • Trustee Raking Events in October • Elders (monthly) • MMC (monthly)
- **Wednesdays:** Early Morning Bible Studies • Midweek Meals • Choirs • Confirmation • Sr. High Youth Group • Worship Nights (twice a month) • Trustee Raking Events in October
- **Thursdays:** First Place for Health Bible Study • Preschool Chapel (select weeks)
- **Fridays:** Preschool Chapel (select weeks) • Senior Fellowship begins Oct. 17 (twice a month)

Sundays: Worship at 8:00 & 10:30 AM • Education Hour at 9:00 AM with Bible studies, Breakfast Buddies, Sunday School and youth classes

Upcoming Events:

- Senior Fellowship Potluck – Wednesday, October 22 at 11:30 AM
- Trunk or Treat – Sunday, October 26, 2:00–4:00 PM
- Worship Nights – October 8 and October 22



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)

9:15 AM | STUDIES FOR ADULTS

"The Beatitudes" in Cana Hall | Contact: Russ Benson (russellbenson@msn.com)

"The Biblical Parenting Experience" in Galilee | Contact: Sandy Peterson (twin1peterson@gmail.com)

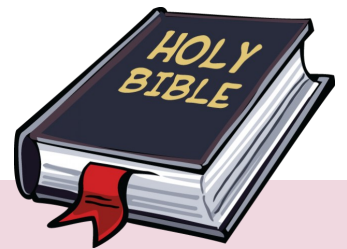
9:30 AM | STUDIES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

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*) | 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 | 2 times a month – Oct 8, 22 | 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 | Starts October 17; Meets 1st and 3rd Friday of the month | Bethlehem Room | Contact: Lynn Antoine (763.777.0412)

WOMEN OF MOUNT OLIVE

Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday 2025



As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. On Sunday, October 5, learn more about LWML and how Women of Mount Olive supports missions. We will be selling greeting cards on Sunday, October 5 and October 12. Stop by and get some nice cards for a great price (12 cards for \$7)!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR CHRISTMAS EVENT:

ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS ARE INVITED TO THIS SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVENT

O Come Let Us
ADORE HIM

DECEMBER 9, 2025
6:30 PM

Praise and worship with refreshments.
Hosted by the Women of Mount Olive.

MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH
ANOKA, MN



INGATHERING OF DONATION ITEMS FOR "THE DWELLING PLACE"

What's new?

Lynn Antoine and Anni DeMarais have begun visiting the seniors and shut-ins starting this fall!

They plan on visiting once a week and will be calling them soon to set up a schedule with them.

Please call Lynn if you would like to schedule a visit in advance:

763.777.0412

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. Please pray for safe travel, serving hearts and amazing grace.

MEET MEGAN SMALL

Director of Music

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

I'm so excited to be a part of Mount Olive as the new Director of Music. For the past seven years I worked in a similar role at Our Saviour's Lutheran in St. Paul. Mount Olive is much closer to my home in Andover. My husband Dan and I have been married 11 years, and our daughter, Sabine, will be 2 in January. My mom, Trish, also transferred her membership to Mount Olive, so you will likely see the four of us together.

I'm originally from Iowa, but we moved up to Minnesota in 2018. My education has taken me throughout the Midwest, but I'm grateful that I met Dan at church while completing my PhD in Musicology at the University of Iowa. I play horn, piano, and organ, and I also work in the Music Department at Anoka-Ramsey Community College.

I hope that I can help provide music that will grow our faith, support our prayers, and inspire praise. I'm looking forward to making music together at our next service!

"Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart..."

Ephesians 5:18-19



Don't Miss Out

SAVE THE DATE



MONDAY, DECEMBER 1 • 10 AM - 2 PM

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED
WATCH FOR A SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME DESK



ADULT CHOIR / BELL CHOIR

We would LOVE to have some
more singers and ringers join
Adult Choir / Bell Choir!

Practices are on
Wednesdays:

Adult Choir: 5:15-6:00 PM
Bell Choir: 6:50-7:50 PM

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Bible Study

STARTS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

9:30 AM • BETHLEHEM ROOM

(Meets the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month)



We will be studying the Beth Moore book,
"Living Free". It focuses on the five key
benefits God intends for His children.

Contact Lynn Antoine for more info: 763.777.0412

SOLVE THE
PUZZLE

Senior Fun Time POTLUCK

SPIN TO
WIN!

WHEEL of BLESSINGS

Wednesday, October 22
11:30 AM • Cana Hall

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!**

SIGN UP IN THE
WELCOME CENTER
For more info contact
Jane Luke (612.709.4318)



TRUNK OR TREAT

October 26 2-4 PM

A FREE EVENT
FOR FAMILIES!



HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- 🍎 Donate individually wrapped nut-free candy to the box in Welcome Center
- 🍎 Decorate & host a trunk (Use your own theme or talk to Martha for ideas)
- 🍎 Volunteer to help with decorations, snacks, games and more!



QUESTIONS?

Contact DCE Martha at
martha@mtolive-anoka.org

Scan QR Code to
Host a Trunk or
Volunteer



hello FALL

Grab a rake ... join the Trustees

RAKING EVENTS

Tuesdays & Wednesdays
4:00-6:00 PM
(weather permitting)

Sign up at the Welcome Desk

Questions? Contact
Pam Schwandt • 763.438.0682
pamschwandt@gmail.com

QUILTERS

The Quilters meet
every **TUESDAY**
in Cana Hall
at 12:30 PM

THE BEAUTITUDES

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sundays 9:15-10:15 • Cana Hall

Come join us for the blessings of "The Beautitudes" that Jesus spoke in Matthew 5:3-12. The Holy Spirit shapes them into our lives to make us his kingdom people.



SCAN HERE

TO LEARN HOW TO
PACK A SHOEBOX



2025
National Collection dates
November 17-24

Samaritan's Purse sends gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Please consider packing a shoebox!

NOTE: Mount Olive is NOT a drop-off site

For more info check the table near the Welcome Desk





PRESCHOOL

The preschool's theme this year is **The Fruit of the Spirit**: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" (Gal. 5:22-23). The month of September we focused on LOVE: "Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 John 4:11).

At Chapel Mrs. Martha explained through a fun science experiment that God's love bubbles over, it is plentiful and powerful and it cannot be contained.



Blessing of the Backpacks

The first Chapel of the new school year is always a special day. Each child brought their backpack to Chapel to be prayed over as we asked God to bless their school year with joy, learning, and protection. It was a sweet and meaningful time as we reminded our little ones that Jesus walks with them wherever they go!



YOUNG ADULT



Keep these young adults in prayer this month and stop to sign a card for each of them on Sunday, October 5.

Prayer of Encouragement for our Young Adults

Lord, I lift _____ up to you today as they go about their day. Please reveal yourself to them in a new way and remind them of your presence in their life. Help them to rely on your Holy Spirit for guidance and direction as they face the challenges of this new day. Encourage them with joy in trying situations and comfort them when they are discouraged. Grow and stretch them in a new way Lord and pour out your grace and mercy over them when they fall short. Develop in them an identity founded in Christ so that they would become grounded in who you say they are. Confirm in their heart that you are their Father and lavish your unending love on them today. Amen.



Samuel Peterson

Lily Nelson

Hunter Eggington

Benjamin Peterson

Krista Eckert

Olivia Martini

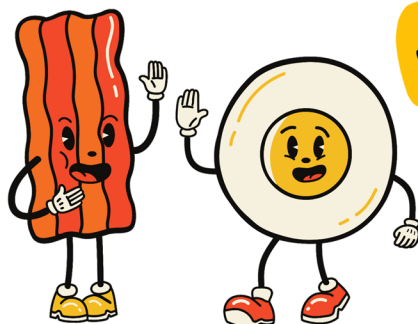
Aidan Solie

Children, Youth and Family Ministry

October 2025

BREAKFAST BUDDIES

SUNDAY MORNINGS
9-9:30 AM IN FAMILY CENTER



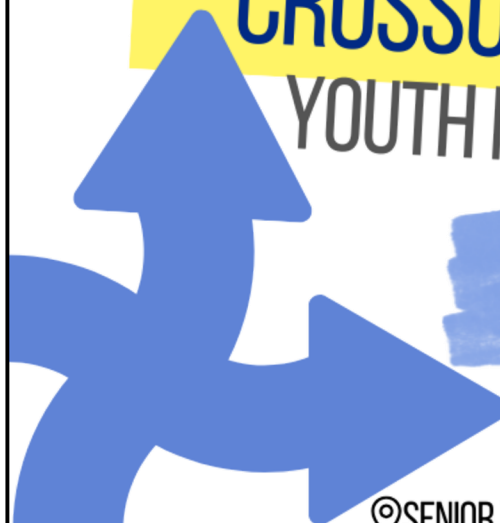
WE NEED
YOUR HELP!



SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN UP TO BRING
A BREAKFAST ITEM ON A SUNDAY!

CROSSOVER YOUTH NIGHT

6TH-12TH
GRADERS
TOGETHER



SENIOR YOUTH ROOM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22 | 6:45-8:00 PM

MEA BREAK

Wednesday, October 15

No Confirmation or
Sr. High Youth Group

Sunday, October 19

No Breakfast Buddies,
Sunday School, or
Jr. & Sr. High Bible Classes

TRUNK OR TREAT AT MOUNT OLIVE

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Visit all our decorated trunks for a special treat
Play carnival games and win prizes
Enjoy snacks & drinks inside or
purchase items from food trunks
Create fall masterpieces in our craft area



Scan QR Code to Host a Trunk or Volunteer



Questions?

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



