



BETTER TOGETHER

As the air grows crisp and the leaves begin their beautiful change, we're reminded that a new season is upon us—not just outside, but within our church family. This fall, our theme is **Better Together**, a message that echoes the call in Hebrews 10:23-25. This passage encourages us to hold fast to our hope and to "consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together...but encouraging one another."

It's a perfect time for us to lean into this idea as we kick off our fall schedule. We're especially excited to have our Sunday morning education hour return for all ages. It's a wonderful opportunity for us to learn and grow in our faith, and to connect with one another in smaller groups.

Mark your calendars for an important day, **Sunday, September 7**. We will have one combined worship service at 9:30 AM, followed by a potluck and a significant Vision Assembly meeting. During this meeting, our Call Committee will share a recommendation regarding a pastor. This is a crucial moment for our Mount Olive family to come together and prayerfully consider the next chapter of our shared journey.

This is a time to be **Better Together**—to gather, to encourage, and to support one another as a family in Christ. We are so excited for all that God will do in this next season, and we can't wait to see what amazing things He has in store for us.

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Worship Info

September 7 - Rally Day

"We are his Disciples and He Calls Us,"
Psalm 1; Pastor Randy Stroming

September 14

"We are His Flock and He Seeks Us,"
Psalm 119:169-176; Pastor Don Schmiede

September 21

"We are His Stewards and He Richly Provides for Us," Psalm 113; Pastor Jon Haakana

September 28

"We are His Church, a Body of Saints Past, Present & Future & He Guides Us,"
Psalm 146; Pastor Jon Haakana

Please welcome our visiting pastors!



What started as a once-a-month gathering, led by our Worship Director Randy Palmer, is now happening twice a month beginning in September.

These evenings are full of energy, encouragement, and connection—a chance to lift your voice in your favorite songs, spend time in prayer, and hear powerful testimonies or short devotionals from staff and fellow members. Each night is fresh and unique, with different ways to experience worship and prayer so it never feels the same.

Praise & Worship Night is the perfect time to invite friends and family—especially those who may feel unsure about stepping into a Sunday morning service. It's a welcoming space that reflects the heart of Mount Olive and helps new families discover the joy of being part of a church community.

*Come and be encouraged, refreshed, and reminded of God's goodness.
We can't wait to worship with you!*



This fall, we are better together at Mount Olive. Join your church family weekly for worship and opportunities to grow in faith with each other.

"Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but instead encouraging one another." Hebrews 10:23-25

RALLY DAY HAPPENINGS

9:30 AM
Worship Service
11:00 AM
Potluck in Cana Hall
Elders will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers for our main dish, drinks will be provided.
Family Last Names A-L:
bring a dessert
Family Last Names M-Z:
bring a salad or side dish
11:30 AM
Vision Assembly in Cana Hall

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

Wednesdays at Mount Olive

Starting
September 10

- 6 AM | **Early AM Bible Study (Online)** | Led by Paulette Lenz (mp.lenz@gmail.com)
- 9 AM | **Exploration & Discovery Bible Study** | Led by Jim Rootes (farmalldork@gmail.com)
- 5:15-6 PM | **Midweek Meals** in Cana Hall | Contact: Ann Maik (763.370.2248)
- 5:15-6 PM | **Adult Vocal Choir** | Contact: Rachelle Lapham (rachelle.buuck@gmail.com)
- 6 PM | **Praise & Worship Night** (2x month- Sept. 10 & 24) | (randyp@mtolive-anoka.org)
- 6:45-8 PM | **Confirmation** (6th-8th grades) in Jr. Youth Room | (martha@mtolive-anoka.org)
- 6:45-8 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)

Sundays at Mount Olive

Starting
September 14

Communion at both worship services 2nd & 4th Sundays

8 AM | **Traditional Worship Service**

10:30 AM | **Contemporary Worship Service**

9-9:30 AM | **Breakfast Buddies- ALL Children & Youth** (Preschool-12th grades) invited for breakfast, songs, and games in Family Center | (martha@mtolive-anoka.org)

9:15-10:15 AM Studies for Adults

“The Beatitudes” in Cana Hall | Contact: Russ Besnson (russellbenson@hotmail.com)

“Parents of the Bible” in Galilee | Contact: Sandy Peterson (twin1peterson@gmail.com)

9:30-10:15 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)

Other Bible Studies

Thursdays (6:30-8:30 PM) beginning September 4: First Place for Health Bible Study (Living a Faith Fueled Life - Introduction 3 week session)

Fridays beginning in October: Senior Bible Study & Fellowship

Women of Mount Olive have been planning some fun events!

► Women from 15 different churches are invited to attend the **Fall Rally** that we are hosting on September 27. Look for the signup sheet at the Welcome desk for those who would like to attend.

► **Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday** is October 5. We'll have a slide show of some of our mission projects, new mite boxes, and greeting cards, including Christmas cards, for sale.

► Mark your calendars for December 9 for **The Joyful Songs of Christmas** event.



► Our next meeting is Monday, September 8, at 2:00 PM. Come and join us for an opening devotion, fellowship and event planning.


Women in Mission Capitol Conference Fall Event
Hosted by Mt Olive Lutheran—Anoka

**HOW TO DO MISSION WORK
 IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD**

Saturday September 27, 2025

8:30 Registration
\$8.00 at the door
 (Includes Breakfast)



Speaker: Rev. Dr. Tom Trapp

Pastor Tom Trapp taught at Concordia University and served in various capacities at congregations in both zones.


"Send Me"

Pastor Trapp will be speaking about the process of developing relationships with unbelievers in our community so that they will be open to hear the good news.

OFFERING


**MN SOUTH LWML
 IN REACH**

We will be collecting cash and checks payable to MN S LWML



**In Gathering
 ITEMS FOR
 CENTRAL CARE BAGS**

(Bags will be assembled as a project at this event)



Event to be held at:
 Mt. Olive Lutheran Church
 700 Western St
 Anoka, MN 55303

Please help the Women of Mount Olive in the making of Central Care Bags by donating some of the following items and dropping them in the Care Bag basket behind the Welcome desk by September 20:

- Socks
- Water bottle
- Bandages
- Small package wet wipes
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Sunscreen
- Chapstick
- Small packs of Kleenex
- Comb, small hairbrush
- Nail clippers
- Single-serve snacks (crackers & tuna, peanut butter or cheese, nuts, trail mix, fruit snacks)
- Gallon size Zip-lock bags



WORSHIP SERVICES AT MOUNT OLIVE

starting

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8:00 AM - traditional
9:15 AM - educational hour
10:30 AM - contemporary



ADULT CHOIR / BELL CHOIR

Are you interested in
Adult Choir or Bell Choir?

Practices will begin on
Wednesdays this fall:

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

Living a FAITH FUELED LIFE

A Christ-Centered Journey Toward Wellness

LOOKING FOR A FRESH START? READY TO
REFOCUS YOUR MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT?
Join us for 3 Weeks to a Healthier You!
A short, impactful wellness experience
built on faith and fellowship.

THURSDAYS starting SEPTEMBER 4 6:30 - 8:30 PM

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Biblical insights on whole-person health
- Simple, practical tools for real-life change
- Encouraging group support

All are welcome! No experience needed! Free! All materials provided!

Contact Janet Orrick for info: 763.421.3223

SIGN UP FOR

FinancialPeace UNIVERSITY

You're ready to sign up for an FPU class if...

- ▶ You're sick of living paycheck to paycheck
- ▶ You wonder if you could be doing better
- ▶ You make good money but still feel broke
- ▶ You want to honor God with your finances

Childcare will be available

MONDAYS starting SEPT 8 - NOV 3 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM

Scan this QR code to sign up. Contact Aaron Ledebuhr for more info: aal.usmc@gmail.com



CarePortal

CarePortal: The Church in Action

- For centuries, the Church has stepped into the hardest places—offering hope through Christ.
- CarePortal connects us to real-time needs in our community.
- A chance to serve as Christ's ambassadors and bring Him glory.
- Help meet urgent needs and show the light of Christ.

Join the CarePortal Response Team

Contact Allyson Goettsch (allyson@mtolive-anoka.org for more info.

Support for 26 children
in our Community



12 Requests Met



See some of the requests we can
help with by Scanning the
QR code or visit



<https://system.careportal.org/church/103033>



FUNERAL

Walter Voss

Called to Glory on
August 1, 2025.

Service was
August 13 at
Mount Olive.

Sunday School

Everything
will be ready
& prepared
for you

Lead a
small group
of kiddos
through a
simple lesson

Teachers Needed!

You don't
have to commit
to teaching
every week

INTERESTED?

Talk to DCE Martha

Fall is on it's way...

As the leaves begin to make their descent, we would love to have you join the Trustees in gathering them.

Beginning September 30 we will host raking events from 4-6 PM every Tuesday and Wednesday, weather permitting. More information and a sign up sheet will be at the Welcome Desk closer to that date.

Any questions can be directed to
Pam Schwandt 763.438.0682 /
pamschwandt@gmail.com

American Red Cross
Give blood. Help save lives.

BLOOD DRIVE

Mount Olive Lutheran Church

Thursday, September 25

12:00 - 6:00 PM • Coffee Shop

to schedule an appointment:



1-800-RED CROSS
RedCrossBlood.org

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. This month, please pray for safe travel, serving hearts and amazing grace.



CONGRATS!

A big shoutout to the Mount Olive Church softball team for finishing the season strong and taking **2nd place!** We're proud of your teamwork, dedication, and the way you represented our church with joy and good sportsmanship. Well done!



PRESCHOOL



We are excited to start the 2025-2026 school year! Soon the classrooms will be filled with joyful laughter, curious minds, and eager hearts ready to learn and grow. Please keep our teachers, students, and families in your prayers as they embark on this new journey together. We look forward to a year full of discovery, friendship, and God's love in action!

We also would like to welcome two new teacher aides: Mrs. Meg will be assisting Mrs. Kari in the High 5s class on M/W/Th and Mrs. Steffany will be assisting Mrs. Karen in the 4-year-old M/W/Th class. Welcome, Meg and Steffany!

YOUNG ADULT



Keep these young adults in prayer this month and stop to sign a card for each of them on Rally Day: September 7.

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for being a Rock and Provider for _____. May they praise and thank you for all the ways that You have provided for them with shelter, food, clothing, transportation, a job, and more. Help them to remember that all they have comes from You. You are the one who empowers them to work and sustains them so they can earn money. Protect their hearts so that it does not become a slave to money. In their finances, give them godly wisdom so they may save, spend, and invest money in a way that honors You. Give them discipline and guidance as they read Your Word so that they may steward Your blessings well and serve You with their finances. This we pray in Your Holy Name, AMEN



Olyvia Foth
Sophie Bruun

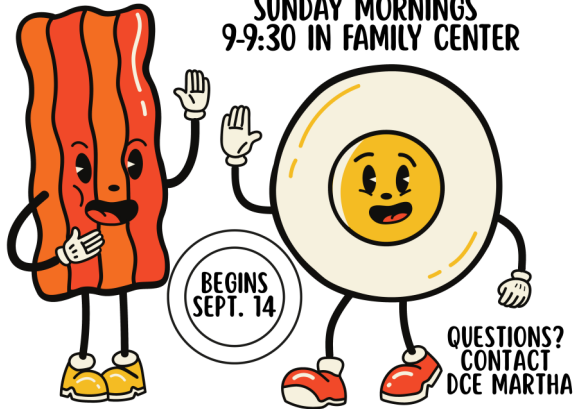
Matthew Larson
Albert Breitwaser

Sam Naber

Layla Alm
Lily Homan

BREAKFAST BUDDIES

SUNDAY MORNINGS
9-9:30 IN FAMILY CENTER



ALL CHILDREN & YOUTH ARE INVITED TO JOIN FOR BREAKFAST, GAMES & SONGS BEFORE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE STUDIES! THOSE CLASSES GO FROM 9:30-10:15.



BACKPACK BLESSING

STUDENTS OF ALL AGES
BRING YOUR BACKPACK
TO WORSHIP ON RALLY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

INCOMING 6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH GRADERS

Confirmation Orientation

Wednesday, September 3
6:30 PM in Jr. Youth Room

If you have a youth planning to participate in Confirmation or if you have questions, please email Martha at martha@mtolive-anoka.org.

CLASSROOM SUPPLIES

THANK YOU to everyone that donated items for this upcoming school year! We truly appreciate your generosity.

You can still purchase items from our Amazon Wish List, scan QR code



Hey Parents & Grandparents!

Want to stay updated about upcoming events for children and families at Mount Olive? Scan the QR Code to join the Mount Olive Kids News group.





September 2025

WORSHIP

RALLY DAY

September 7: 9:30 AM service only

STARTING SEPTEMBER 14

Onsite and Online Worship Hours:

Sunday: 8:00 AM (Traditional)
 9:15 AM (Education hour: Sunday
 School and Bible Studies)
 10:30 AM (Contemporary)



[Website](http://www.mtolive-anoka.org): www.mtolive-anoka.org



[Youtube](#): (search Mount Olive Lutheran Anoka)



[Facebook](#): (search for Mount Olive Anoka)



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 3 Confirmation Orientation 6:30 PM
- September 4 First Place—Living a Faith Fueled Life begins
- September 7 "Better Together" Rally Day
 (Worship 9:30 AM & Potluck 11:00 AM and Vision
 Assembly in Cana hall during the Potluck)
- September 8 Financial Peace University class starts
- September 10 Youth Group & Confirmation, Adult Choir
 rehearsal and Bell Choir rehearsal begin
- September 10 & 24 Praise & Worship Night
- September 14 Fall Worship Times change back to 8:00 & 10:30 AM
 with Education Hour at 9:15 AM
- September 25 Red Cross Bloodmobile



Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near.