



MINISTRY EXPANSION

2026

MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH
ANOKA, MN

A Word from Our Pastor



**Pastor
Paul Frerichs**

Children of God at Mount Olive,

"Blessed to be a Blessing" is the theme of our ministry enrichment campaign at Mount Olive. Through this effort, we will improve our roof and HVAC systems and pay off our remaining building debt. While these projects may not sound exciting, they strengthen the foundation of our ministry, allowing Mount Olive to better serve today's ministries and share the Gospel of Jesus with Anoka and beyond.

As a congregation, we have been richly blessed—with a beautiful campus, dedicated staff, faithful volunteers, and many opportunities to gather in worship, grow through Christian education, provide early childhood education, and feed and clothe neighbors in need. All of these gifts are focused on sharing the blessing of the Gospel.

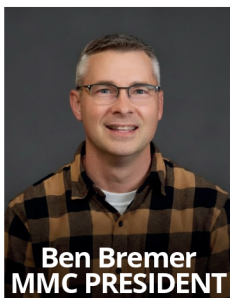
In the coming weeks, you will hear more about the vision for these campus improvements and what ministry can look like **without building debt**. From September 20 through November 15, we will prayerfully consider the doors the Lord has opened before us. On Sunday, November 15, we will have the opportunity to respond to His blessings by making a three-year financial commitment for the sake of current and future generations.

Now is a time to step out in faith, just as Mount Olive did when building the Welcome and Worship Centers. The God who provides every blessing of body and soul continues to provide for His people. We are blessed—and blessed to be a blessing.

In His service,

Pastor Paul Frerichs

A Letter from our MMC President



Dear Mount Olive Family,

Scripture paints us as one body made of many parts. Each necessary, each different, and each far more powerful together than apart. That's who Mount Olive is. Individually, we're limited. Together, guided by God, we're capable of remarkable things.

That truth is at the heart of why I'm genuinely excited about this ministry expansion campaign. This isn't about any one gift or any one person — it's about broadening our impact together, today and for generations to come. A church equipped to be God's hands and feet in this community, now and well into the future.

Time, talent, and treasure are all gifts God has entrusted to us to steward. This campaign is an invitation to bring all three: your hours, your gifts, your resources, woven together with everyone else's into something none of us could build alone. As Paul reminds us, "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

I'm asking you to pray for Mount Olive, for everyone involved in this campaign, and for discernment as to where and how you're called to make an impact. Then give what's on your heart to give, cheerfully, trusting God to multiply it. Thank you for your faithfulness — past, present, and future.

With gratitude,

Ben Bremer
MMC President

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Where We've Been



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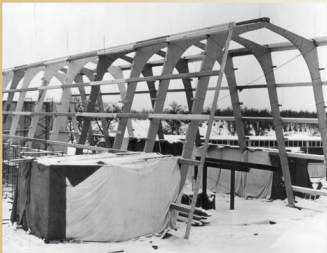
1936 — A Church Is Planted

Mount Olive was planted by St. Paul Lutheran Church of Osseo, under the leadership of Rev. A.H. Ziegler. The first worship services were held at the Universalist Church at 4th & Jackson Streets, with a dedication service on July 28.

1942 — A Congregation Is Chartered

Mount Olive was officially chartered as a congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod with 12 charter members. George Karkhoff served as the first congregation president.

1961



1945–1949 — A Place to Call Home

Three lots were purchased at Park and Branch Streets for a permanent church home. The building was completed and dedicated in 1948, and Mount Olive's first resident pastor, Rev. Sutterer, was installed in 1949.

1960–1962 — A New Home on Western Street

As Mount Olive continued to grow, the congregation moved to its present location at 700 Western Street. Ground was broken in 1960, and the church was dedicated in August 1962.

1979



1966–1979 — Growing to Serve

In 1966 Pastor Carl Pullman became Senior Pastor, serving until 1987. Pastor Steven Anderson served as Assistant Pastor from 1974–1978. Randy Stroming was called in 1978 to serve as DCE; ordained as a pastor in 2012. A new administrative and education wing was added in 1979, creating space for ministry and Christian education.





Where We're Going

1981 — Investing in Children

Mount Olive began its Christian Preschool ministry, calling Linda Stroming as its first teacher and director, beginning a ministry that would nurture young children in faith and God's love.



1981

1989 — Faithful Shepherds

Rev. Marvin Anderson served as Senior Pastor from 1989–1996. During the transition that followed, Rev. Roy Karner and Rev. Norbert Streufert served as vacancy pastors until Rev. Dennis Heiden was called as Senior Pastor in 1998, continuing the congregation's ministry and mission for generations to come.

2004 — A New Worship Center

Continued growth led to the construction and dedication of a new Worship Center, providing a place to gather for worship and fellowship.



2004

2011 — Continuing the Mission

Under the leadership of Rev. Jon Haakana, Mount Olive continued to grow in ministry and outreach to the Anoka community.

2024 — Investing in the Next Generation

Martha Harkins was called to serve as Director of Christian Education for Children, Youth, and Family.

2026 — Looking to the Future

Rev. Paul Frerichs was called to serve as Senior Pastor, beginning a new chapter in Mount Olive's story.



2026

**Rooted in faith. Built by generations.
Blessed to be a blessing.**



BLESSED TO BE A *Blessing*

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-8

Campaign Timeline

1 INFORM

September 20

Campaign Launch

Our launch kicks off with an informal forum. Additional communications will be provided to keep you fully informed about the Ministry Expansion Campaign.

2 INSPIRE

October 18

Focus on Christ's Call

The congregation is invited to pray and grow in faith through a series of Bible studies, events and sermons.

3 COMMIT

November 15

God Loves a Cheerful Giver

The 3-year giving period will begin.

Ministry Expansion FAQ



What is the purpose of this campaign?

The capital campaign funds will be first used to pay off the building loan we are using to get the roof and HVAC system updates done that were needed. After that loan is repaid, additional campaign dollars will go towards paying off our remaining mortgage with the hope of bringing Mount Olive to a place of being debt free. When we reach that goal and have additional funds they will go into a building fund for future maintenance and needs.



What is our financial goal?

Our goal is to raise \$3 million over 3 years (2026-2029).



When and how can I give?

Commitment Sunday is November 15, 2026. The Blessed to be a Blessing campaign is a three-year commitment to give above and beyond your regular offerings. You may participate through a three-year pledge, one-time gift, or memorial gift. Regular offerings will continue to support the ongoing ministries of Mount Olive while campaign gifts help fund capital improvements and building needs. When giving by check or online, designate "B2B" or "Blessed to be a Blessing." Additional giving options are available at the Welcome Desk or on our website.



Where can I get more information?

Please visit the campaign table in the Welcome Center, check out our website, or contact the church office.

Campaign Prayers



Father God,

We come before You with hearts full of gratitude. Everything we have--our time, our talents, and our resources--comes directly from Your generous hand. You affirm this in James 1:17: "Every good and perfect gift is from above..." So, as we begin this Ministry Expansion Campaign, fix our eyes on You rather than on our own efforts. Give our leaders wisdom, discernment, and clear vision. Unite our congregation in purpose and spirit. Open our hearts to give joyfully, sacrificially, and willingly. May this campaign do more than meet a financial goal. Use it to deepen our faith, strengthen our community, and further Your kingdom in this place. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

WEEKLY PRAYERS FOR MINISTRY EXPANSION CAMPAIGN SERIES:

October 18: Pray that we, as children of God, can give abundantly while trusting in Him to provide all of our needs because God is The Abundant Giver. Read Luke 6:38

October 25: Pray that we rely on The Sufficiency of Grace so that we can move away from ourselves and closer to God and His favor toward us. Read Hebrews 4:16

November 1: Pray that we, as justified sinners, fully grasp The Overflow of Generosity of God and that we are moved to bless others as He has blessed us. Read Genesis 12:2-3

November 8: Pray that we don't trust in our own wealth and works, but rather take comfort in The Joy of Abounding grace which He freely offers to us as His children. Read Ecclesiastes 5:10

November 15: Pray that we, as God's people, are Invested in Grace, grace provided by a loving God made possible by the cross, so that we are not paralyzed by the fear of giving. Read Psalm 37:3-5

"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us."

Ephesians 3:20

Giving Examples



2 Corinthians 9:7

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Number of families	3 year gift	annual gift	weekly gift	monthly gift	TOTAL
1	\$500,000	\$166,667	\$3,205	\$13,889	\$500,000
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2	\$150,000	\$50,000	\$962	\$4,167	\$300,000
3	\$100,000	\$33,333	\$641	\$2,778	\$300,000
5	\$75,000	\$25,000	\$481	\$2,083	\$375,000
6	\$50,000	\$16,667	\$321	\$1,389	\$300,000
10	\$25,000	\$8,333	\$160	\$694	\$250,000
14	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$96	\$417	\$210,000
20	\$10,000	\$3,333	\$64	\$278	\$200,000
27	\$5,000	\$1,667	\$32	\$139	\$135,000
35	\$2,500	\$833	\$16	\$69	\$87,500
39	\$1,000	\$333	\$6	\$28	\$39,000
40	\$750	\$250	\$5	\$21	\$30,000
47	\$500	\$167	\$3	\$14	\$23,500
250	\$3,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$19,231	\$83,333	\$3,000,000

The table above illustrates the gift levels and number of each needed to reach the goal of \$3M

NOTE: Giving shown is over and above your regular giving



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