

WORSHIP

8:00am

Traditional
Communion on 1st, 3rd
& 5th Sundays

10:30am

Contemporary
Communion on 2nd, 4th
& 5th Sundays

FELLOWSHIP

9:00am Coffee Hour

9:20am Sunday School

9:30am Bible Studies

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If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. 1 Cor. 13:1-13

The text from above is normally reserved for the wedding day, and it is a text that I have preached on a few times before, but I have had the privilege to preach on this text at another important event during my ministry as well. When, you ask? Well, the answer was at a funeral. Now one may wonder how fitting this text is to be used for a funeral. say look again at these beautiful words and notice how well placed it is for any situation, even at a funeral. Love is a central theme during a funeral and those attending are often called "loved ones." The Apostle John once wrote about love when he said, "we love because He first loved us." During our earthly journey we will have many moments of joy and sadness, and yet in the midst of it all is the love that has been shown to us in Jesus. He showed us a perfect love by His life, death, and resurrection. Because of His love, we can love others, even accomplishing the lofty virtues listed above. Though now we only know in part, we can have confidence in what is yet to come because of the promises of Jesus. I, for one, can't wait to see Him face to face. Though my vision is limited now, it won't be when I see Him for the first time in glory.

So faith, hope, and love do abide in us as we trust in our Savior, and I pray that these virtues are strengthened in your heart and given out generously to those to whom God has called you to live with, share with, and oversee. So, out of all the virtues I pray for you to have, I pray that at the center of it all is the love of Jesus which binds them all together. This love will never end. This love will keep you safe until the time comes for you to be called to your eternal home. Indeed, how great is the love the Heavenly Father has lavished on us that He would consider us worthy of receiving Jesus and being gifted with the promise of a life together with Him forever. There is no greater love, and we have it in Jesus! God Bless!

In His love and service,
Pastor Jason

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For emergencies, call 228-4134 (Pastor's cell).

NOVEMBER VIEW DEADLINE

Monday, October 28th

E-mail articles to Derek Handley at office@molc.us.

If you have some spare time, come help stuff inserts and stick on mailing labels!

Wed, October 30th at 12:00pm

SUNDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE

The Sunday Bulletin deadline for Announcements is always **Wednesday at NOON** for the following Sunday.

Email announcements to Derek at office@molc.us.

OCTOBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

October 6: (open)

October 13: (open)

October 20: (open)

October 27: (open)

Sign up at the Coffee Bar!

ALTAR FLOWERS

October 6: (open)

October 13: (open)

October 20: (open)

October 27: (open)

Sign up in the office!

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES

Small Groups meet all around the Madison area! If you would like to be placed in a group, contact our Director of Family Life Rev. Mark Baldwin at mbaldwin@molc.us or (608) 238-5656.

CARD SHOP NEWS

If you missed our sample display in the gym at the Fall Expo in September or if you have a little extra time waiting to pick up your kids from classes or before a meeting starts during the week... come and browse our collection of everyday greeting cards. Have a fall wedding in the family or want to send a "thinking of you" card to child or grandchild away at college? We have cards for that too. We share the Library, next to the Nursery and all profits benefit Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

DENNY'S MEET-UP

You're invited to join Mount Olive members and friends at Denny's (433 S Gammon Rd) **Wednesday, October 2 at 1pm** for good food and fellowship!

AUCTION HELP

Calling all members who want to serve, but don't want a 2-year commitment! We are in need of someone to head up the Auction. There are plenty who will help you and guide you along the way. Please consider this opportunity to help our church family. Maybe you AND a friend could do it! Interested members, please contact Gary Strohm at gstrohm@strohmballweg.com or Cindi Troia ASAP at (608) 444-1999.

BOOK CLUB

On **Monday, October 14 at 9:30am**, the Mount Olive Book Club will discuss Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens. Next month (Nov 11), the book will be The Little French Bistro by Nina George. The Book Club meets on the 2nd Mon monthly at 9:30am in the Fireplace Room. If you have questions, contact Diane Stumpf at (608) 833-0625 or stumpfcbaol.com.

THANK YOU FROM QUILTERS

The Quilters are gratefully overwhelmed by the response to our call for donations. Thank you, thank you, thank you! We are hard at work cutting up all your donated sheets and material to use as squares and backs for our quilts. If you have thought of donating but are worried that your linens are too old and worn out for us, never fear! We accept all donations and make sure they find a good home.

DOWNLOAD OUR FREE APP!

Connect, Give, Listen, and more! Search for "Mount Olive LC" in the Apple Store or Google Play store.



LET US KNOW IF YOU'RE IN HOSPITAL!

Just a friendly reminder to let us know if you are hospitalized. The hospitals no longer let us know on their own accord like they used to.

TODAY'S LIGHT BIBLE STUDY

*God's Word sustains us in faith and hope,
from youth through old age.*

October	Phil	Psalm	Proverbs
1	1	126	24:13-14
2	2	146	24:15-16
3	3	147	24:17-20
4	4	134	24:21-22
5	Col 1	149	24:23-25
7	2	148	24:26-27
8	3:1-17	129	24:28-29
9	3:18-4:18	143	24:30-34
10	1Thes 1	150	25:1-5
11	2	142	25:6-8
12	3	144	25:9-10
14	4	88	25:11-14
15	5	137	25:15-16
16	2Thes 1	62	25:17-19
17	2-3	3	25:20-22
18	1 Tim 1	36	25:23-24
19	2-3	117	25:25-27
21	4	1	25:28
22	5-6	62	26:1-2
23	2 Tim 1	63:1-5	26:3-5
24	2	63:6-11	26:6-8
25	3	119:169-176	26:9-12
26	4	112	26:13-16
28	Titus 1	86	26:17
29	2	21	26:18-19
30	3	33	26:20-22
31	Philemon	41	26:23

Today's Light Bible Class meets on
Wednesdays at 10am in the Fireplace Room.
Come and join our conversation!

ALTAR FLOWERS SPONSORS NEEDED!

Consider being an altar flower sponsor to... celebrate an anniversary/birthday, commemorate the passing of a loved one, or to simply beautify the Lord's house. Sign up in the office and make out \$35 check to Mount Olive Lutheran Church. Thank you for considering!

CALVARY TURNS 100 IN 2020!

Calvary Lutheran Chapel is turning 100 next year! To help celebrate this occasion, Calvary wants to plan a series of events to celebrate over the course of the year, culminating in a big celebration next October. They is looking for alumni and/or people who like to plan to gather ideas and meet as a group to plan events and activities as part of our year-long celebration. If you would like to help out with this effort, please talk to Jeremy Bluhm (jeremy.bluhm@gmail.com).

FUN, FIRE & FELLOWSHIP

This fun event for all members will be held in the church parking lot on **Saturday, October 19 at 5:30pm**. There will be fire pits for roasting marshmallows and hot dogs. There will also be hot chocolate, and s'more fixins. Please bring a snack to share, hot dogs (if you would like) and your own chairs. Please call the church office if you would like a ride.

LWML SERVICE DAY

The ladies at Monona Lutheran (4411 Monona Dr) are hosting a day of fellowship and sewing **Saturday, October 26, 9am-2pm!** Pillowcases will be transformed into dresses for young girls in developing countries. Dresses will be donated to Orphan Grain Train who will distribute to these young girls. **Join our group from Mount Olive that will be heading over!** Sign up at the Welcome Center - see Connie LaRowe with questions. Thanks!

NEW SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

A New Bible study, simply called "Cross," is under way! In the midst of a variety of spirituality all around us, this Bible study explores what our theology teaches us as founded upon God's Word. It is through these means that Christ communicates not merely spiritual energies, an emotional high, a method of reasoning, or a stringent morality, but truly Himself - God in human flesh. I hope you can attend this 6-week series! - Pastor Jason

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED!

The Fellowship Board needs Coffee Hour hosts for October! Hosts provide snacks and make coffee. If you do not know how to make coffee, an usher will help you. Questions? See a Fellowship Board member.

“Put on the full armor of God...” -Ephesians 6:10-18

It’s October and that means at the end of the month, the preschoolers will be getting dressed up in their costumes as we celebrate our Harvest Parties (our alternative to Halloween). As has occurred the past few years, there will be sightings of Elsa from Frozen, a Spiderman or Captain America, and the traditional princess or cowboy. The kids love to dress up and don masks, capes, and in their hands, grasp the accessory that matches their super hero or alter ego. For many of us adults, we too, enjoy the occasional costume party and the thrill of searching for the most exotic or creative outfit. It’s fun to put on these clothes and “pretend to be that person” for a day.

While we may only “dress-up” for a Halloween party or masked ball, did you know that God tells us to put on a special kind of outfit each day? The above passage from Ephesians has become one of my favorite portions of Scripture because the imagery and the meaning behind each part of the Christian’s armor is so vivid and descriptive.

Our Halloween costumes may bear props needed to defeat the dragon for the princess, the villain for the superhero, or the potion to counteract the spells of make-believe characters. But in our reading from Ephesians, we are told that we are indeed battling real evil...the devil and his spiritual forces. Thankfully, we don’t have just a prop or an attractive costume that is for looks only. God, Himself, readies us with His FULL armor. It’s not a costume, it is clothing, designed by God, that protects our head and heart from evil.

Did you catch that? We aren’t given just a few props or accessories. It’s not just a wig or some make-up to alter our appearance. When we put on our armor, we have every piece needed to withstand the attacks in our daily battle against evil. We put on the belt of truth and the breastplate of righteousness first. Then, we put on our shoes of peace and we hold up our shield of faith to quench the fiery arrows of the evil one. We must also put on our helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is God’s word, to renew our minds daily. These are essential in our daily battles with the evil one.

I encourage you as you get ready for holiday celebrations which may include costumes, to take some time and read this

passage from Ephesians. Thank God that He provides us with the FULL armor. We aren’t missing any part and we have it accessible to us each and every day. Isn’t it wonderful to have a God who not only loves us, but equips us with what we need before we spend eternity with Him?

- Butterbraid fundraiser will once again be offered during October. A portion of the sales will be profit for the preschool and will be used to cover the cost of our new library cart, safety cones for the parking lot, and some other items on our wish list. See the form in the narthex or contact Laurel if you are interested in ordering. Butterbraids will be delivered to church on November 6th and will be available for pick-up then. Thanks in advance for your support of the preschoolers!
- We have had a great start to our year and will feature our artwork in the preschool hallway. Come see which authors and artists we will be learning about this year. If we are in need of any special supplies for these activities, stay tuned to see if you can help us.
- We are still collecting tabs from soda cans and other beverages for the Ronald McDonald House. These can be turned into Laurel or placed in the pink basket on the cubbies in the preschool hallway.
- Please continue to pray for our preschool families. We have a few families who are not members of a church, or Christian at all. We ask that you pray for the planting of the seeds of faith and that the Holy Spirit would use the preschool as a means of sharing the message of salvation with them.
- Blessings as you thank God for the FULL armor, knowing that we are equipped to withstand the attacks of Satan. Thanks be to God for Jesus who has won the eternal battle and grants us His salvation!

In His love and service,
Laurel



We're looking forward to another great year of LOGOS! We have 18 kids in grades 1 - 8 who will be joining us each Wednesday at 5pm for fun, fellowship, Bible study, and rec time. Pastor Mark Baldwin will also be leading a Bible study for parents while the kids are in class. We are thankful for the many people who make this program possible for our Mount Olive families: Kristie Kasbohm, Mike Frazier, Laurel Zobel, Pastor Jason, Pastor Baldwin, Kirin Randall, and Doris Smith. Thank you all!

A VIEW FROM THE TREASURER

Greg Rademacher

A few financial highlights from the first eight months of fiscal 2019:

- Through August 31st, envelope and plate offerings were only at 86.1% of budget and were down 8.9% from last year. August displayed slight improvement over the same month in 2018, but progress toward the annual budget goal still slipped slightly. The current net loss of \$75,523 would put us on pace for a significant loss in 2019 without a strong finish over the final 4 months.
- Expenses continue to run below budget (at 96.3% of forecast), with no meaningful change from the prior month. However, expenses running close to budget when there is a large offering gap present a cash flow challenge.
- Thankfully, we continue to have sufficient cash reserves to manage monthly cash flow. The checking account balance has declined to the point it may require a transfer from the savings balance to supplement, but to-date we have managed to get by without doing so.
- The mortgage balance dipped below \$820,000 as of the last payment. We will be notified of the new interest rate on our loan in the coming days, as it reset on September 15th. The interest rate on our current loan is an adjustable rate that resets every five years, so this new rate will remain the same until September 2024 unless we refinance. While the reset rate will likely represent an increase over our current rate of 3.50%, rates have come down substantially over the past year and we found ourselves the beneficiaries of that trend. Now that there are concrete numbers to work with, the Finance Committee will weigh the refinancing proposal from LCEF, as well as considering options for an accelerated paydown schedule (if there is room in the budget to do so).
- The Asset Management fund had a balance of \$20,442 as of August 31st, with an additional \$3,750 being added each quarter according to the 2019 budget. The Parish Planning Council maintains a list of projects and determines the amount of available funding while maintaining a reasonable reserve for emergency needs. This list is reviewed at least annually.
- Detailed financial statements will be available by October 15th, with hard copies available from the office and electronic copies distributed via e-mail.
- The 2020 budget process is in its early stages. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or comments as we look toward the coming year.

We welcome any and all questions! treasurer@molconline.org or (608) 279-1870 (Greg's cell).

God Bless!

Greg Rademacher, Treasurer

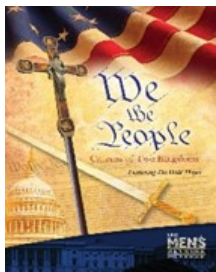
Wade Maleck, Assistant Treasurer

A VIEW FROM THE YOUTH BOARD

Mike Frazier, Director

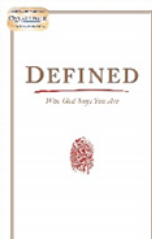
- **Overcomer Bible Study** – Come join the discussion and fun in the Youth Room on Sunday mornings, as we explore our true identities in Christ. A DVD series from the recent movie, for 9-12 grades.
- **Bucky Books Now on Sale!** - Support next summer's Youth Mission Trip to Eastern Shore, Virginia by purchasing yours now! Books are available from Mt Olive Youth 8-12 grades.
- **Corn Maze – Sun, Oct 20** - Are you a Maze Master? Come join the fun, starting after 10:30 service with a pizza party in the Youth Room, followed by a trip to the Treinen Corn Maze in Lodi, for 6-12 grades.
- **LCMS Gathering Trip Celebration/Luncheon – Sunday, Oct. 27** – Come hear from the youth and adult leaders as they share their experiences from this past summer's LCMS National Youth Gathering trip to Minneapolis. This will take place as part of the morning worship services, followed by a lasagna luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. All congregation members are invited to attend & bring a friend!
- **Sky Lodge LYF Retreat – Nov 8-10** – Are you ready for: Rock climbing wall, Frisbee golf, campfire, carpet ball, hanging out, movie nights, oh – and an endless supply of hot cocoa...?? Then Sky Lodge is the place for you – and bring a friend!! Replies are **DUE Oct. 20** to Youth Ministry mailbox from 9-12 grades.
- **2020 Summer Youth Mission Trip – July 18-26** – We will be traveling to Eastern Shore, Virginia and serving the community in various ways throughout the week, as we continue ministry with YouthWorks. Open to current grades 8-12, with \$80 registration **Due Nov 3** to Youth Ministry mailbox.

The Youth Calendar is posted on the bulletin boards. Please take a look at what else we're up to this year!



Men @ Work – Mount Olive’s men’s ministry – will begin a new study on Monday, October 7 at 6:30pm. All men of MOLC are encouraged to attend this fellowship of men who spend time in God’s Word, Fellowship, and Prayer. We gather in the Fireside Room the first Monday of each month at 6:30pm. Our new video-based Bible Study – “We the People: Citizens of Two Kingdoms” is produced by the Men’s Network of Lutheran Hour Ministries. It’s hosted by Dr. Dale Meyer, President of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. Throughout the video and discussion, touch questions are raised that will help us better understand the demanding balance between Church and State.

Females in Faith is a Bible Study for the ladies of our congregation and friends. They meet the **2nd & 4th Tuesdays** of each month studying God’s Word and praying together. They start at **6:30pm** and are currently involved in a study entitled: “Discerning the Voice of God: How to Recognize When God Speaks”.



One of the best ways to get to know and grow together as members of our family at MOLC is to be involved in a **Small Group**. Small Groups offer the opportunity to study and discuss God’s Word in a relaxed atmosphere, build relationships with one another, and pray together. Small Groups, usually number about eight to ten members, may meet at homes, local restaurants, or at church. The materials for the study will be provided for you and I am always available to assist you in planning and implementing a Small Group. Our church-wide study starting in October is: “Defined: Who God Says You Are.”

Our **Parent Discussion Group** meets during LOGOS (**Wednesdays**) from **6 -6:45pm**. As our children are studying and growing in God’s Word at LOGOS, we’ll spend time in God’s Word, as well as, sharing, discussing, and supporting one another as parents. We meet in the Fireplace Room.



“**Heavenly Sunshine**” is a piano concert with Mr. Roger Stauter. Our church family at Mount Olive is sponsoring this concert on **Thursday, October 24 at 7:00pm**. It will be held in the auditorium at Oakwood Village University Woods. Mr. Stauter has been playing the piano since he was five years old and enjoys playing Gospel Songs for his audiences. Please put this event on your calendars. It promises to be a wonderful evening. Each attendee will receive a free CD.

In Christ’s Service,
Pastor Mark

Join Us For A Marriage Enrichment Workshop!

Ecclesiastes 4:9: “Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone?”

Just as the verse above suggests, there are many wonderful things that God provides to us in marriage. As we get busy with the other demands of our daily lives it can be easy to forget that while there are many positives in marriage, it also takes effort from both partners to maintain those feelings of connection.

Mount Olive will be hosting a Marriage Enrichment Workshop on **Saturday, October 19 from 10am-2pm**. This workshop will be led by Pastor Jason and Sarah Maleck, and will help you find ways to increase effective communication, conflict resolution skills, and feelings of connectedness with your partner.

Marriage enrichment is not only for couples experiencing times of stress or struggle. Whether you’ve been married one year or fifty years, setting aside time to make your marriage a priority can help you feel closer to each other and to God. This workshop will be very low-pressure with no obligation to share any personal information. Our main goal is to provide tools to strengthen your relationship with your partner and with God. If you have any questions please email sarah.maleck@gmail.com, or you sign up at the Welcome Center.

Volunteer at Agrace!

Agrace HospiceCare is seeking volunteers across Dane County. Two new-volunteer trainings are scheduled at Agrace's Madison campus (5359 Cheryl Pkwy): **Thursday, October 10 from 5:00-9:00pm** for those who want to work directly with hospice patients, and **Wednesday, October 16 from 2:30-4:30pm** for roles without patient contact. Pre-registration is required. Call (608) 327-7163 or visit agrace.org/volunteer to fill out an application.

Agrace Grief Support Groups

In October, the Agrace Grief Support Center (2906 Marketplace Dr, Fitchburg) will host two grief support programs. For details, fees or to register, visit agrace.org/griefgroups or call (608) 327-7118.

Bridges Grief Support Group for adults meets **Wednesdays, Oct 2, 16, and 30 from 9:30-11:00am**, and also **Oct 9 and 23 from 6:00-7:30pm**. No pre-registration is needed.

Family Grief Support Program is for families with children aged 5 to 18. Meets every other week on **Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00pm**; dinner is included. Call (608) 327-7135 for details.

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OCTOBER 2019

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*At Mount Olive, we come to know Jesus Christ in God's Word and Sacraments;
praising God, strengthening our individual lives, supporting fellow Christians,
and sharing God's love wherever we go.*