

June 2025



⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

1 John 4

WHAT WE OWE ONE ANOTHER

Love...is the beating heart of God. For Paul, it is the "more excellent way," the "greatest of these, (faith, hope, love)." Love not only is the beating heart of God, it is what caused God in human flesh to submit to a heart that no longer beats. Jesus' death is love (John 3:16; Rom. 5:8; 1 John 3:16).

In short, God is love and as such He has no higher expectation of us than that we love one another.

Love is the glue of the communion of saints. Love unites us with God, physically and spiritually. Love takes that union with Him and builds up a genuine communion of saints, a people who reflect the love of God with each other first, then the world.

Love makes the Christian God different from all other "gods." Love makes no demands, but the man-made "gods" of the world make demands all the time. God, in His love, threw all the demands of the Law on Himself, on His Son, so that you would be free, free to love Him and love one another. Love proves the Bible's God to be genuine.

Love proves Christians to be genuine as well. Jesus said they (the world) will know you are my disciples by your love (John 13:35). Just as our God of love is unique and genuine, so

our lives as Christians are proven genuine by love. The world cannot come up with any better way of living than what we have in God's love in Christ Jesus.

Love proves Christian congregations to be genuine as well. In our congregation we practice sharing in the love of God with one another. We pray together. We praise together. We forgive one another. We bear one another's burdens. We lay aside our own sinful wants and desires for the health of the other person and the congregation as a whole.

God has freed us from our debt to Him so that we would be left with only one debt we owe one another. The gift of love. God help us as a congregation to be people of love for Him and for one another.

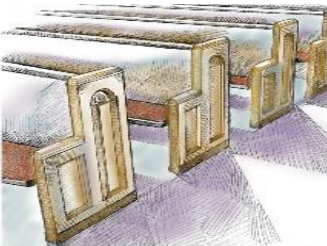
Humbly in Christ,
Pastor T.
1 Tim. 1:15-17

CARD SHOP NEWS...



Graduation and Father's Day cards are stocked in the card shop, in addition to the general card selections of birthday, wedding, anniversary, sympathy, thank-you, get well, and more!

All single cards are \$1. Thank you for your support and donations to LWML.



AVERAGE WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE

May 2025 – 142

May 2024 – 114

THE VIEW FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Andrea Black, Director



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Join us June 16-19 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon for the ultimate Alaskan adventure where the northern lights shine over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and sparkling glaciers. As kids trek the tundra, they'll discover how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Guiding them towards Jesus, True North VBS reveals that He is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North!

Register online at vbspro.events/p/molc2025

We also hope all VBS participants, and their families will join us for our 9am church service on Sunday June 22nd - the kids will be sharing some of the songs and lessons that they learned over the previous week. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact Sarah Maleck at sarah.maleck@gmail.com

THE VIEW FROM THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

Connie LaRowe, Director

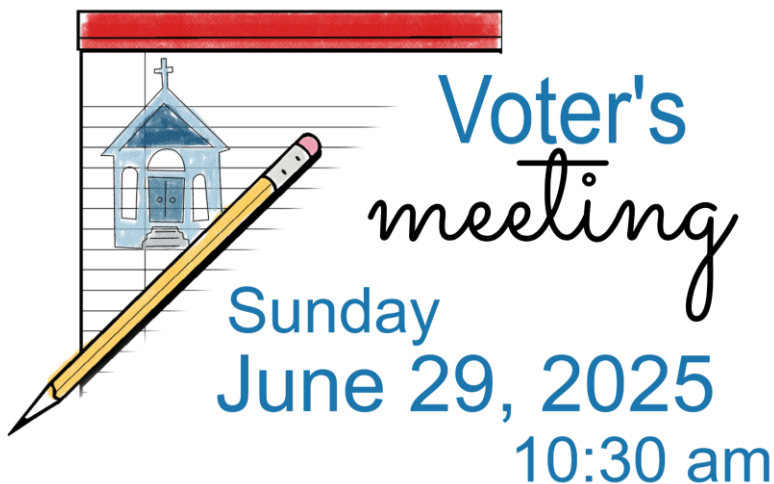
THANK YOU - for collecting the pull tabs from soda/vegetable/soup cans. We filled 3 gallon size bags = 7½ lbs. That adds up to ~9,500 tabs! The Ronald McDonald House in Madison receives ~\$10,000 (yearly) from recycling the aluminum in those pull tabs. This money is used to help with the day-to-day expenses and helping to keep families close to their children undergoing medical care in the Madison area. **Please keep pulling those tabs!** (a deposit container is inside the copy room, just to your right as you enter). **THANK YOU!!**

THANK YOU for your donations of **lovepackages** (Bibles, devotionals, etc.) These items (over 2,000 tons annually) will be sent from their warehouse to Christians and missionaries around the world. If you missed checking your shelves for useful items - there will be another collection in the fall.

June



	June 1st	June 8th	June 15th	June 22 nd	June 29 th
Altar Guild	Yana Ostendorf				
Elder	Dave Kral	Zach Treece	Wade Maleck	Stuart Sliter	Dave Gaston
Greeter	George & Sue Krug	Dave & Jeanne Kral	Doris Smith	Jeanne Kral	Youth Group
Lector	Dave Kral	Marci Baldwin	Tim Adrianson	Carl Koehler	Youth Group
Organist	Trevor Magness	Don DeBruin	Don DeBruin	Don DeBruin	Bethany Torkelson & Jonathan Torkelson
Usher Team	Gene Cropp	Chuck Jaskowiak	Curt Casanova	Matt Dierks	Youth Ushers
Security Team	Paul Skidmore	Russ Black	Lyle Christian	Carl Koehler	Jordan Braasch
Coffee Hour	Executive Committee	New Member Sunday		Torkelson Family	Voter's Meeting
Flowers	Zach & Lisa Worman	Pentecost Geraniums	Treece Family	Brian & Connie LaRowe	Paul Skidmore



~June Anniversaries~



Bill & Kathryn Skiera	June 2 nd
Zach & Lisa Worman	June 4 th
Gene & Jo Schoohs	June 6 th
Jerry & Pam Gerstl	June 7 th
Gene & Gretchen Cropp	June 9 th
Brian & Connie LaRowe	June 11 th
Gary & Mary Strohm	June 12 th
Brian & Melissa Lund	June 10 th
Karl Taylor & Lindsay Gissler	June 25 th
Daniel Dieter & Susan Conner-Dieter	June 26 th

~June Birthdays~



Kathryn Hanson	June 3 rd
Kiley Weigt	June 5 th
Eunice Gibson	June 13 th
Holly Sander	June 19 th
Caroline Adkins	June 20 th
Adam Bok	June 21 st
Sarah Maleck	June 21 st
Kathy Germanotta	June 22 nd
Blaire Ballweg	June 24 th
Katie Renken	June 25 th
Bethany Torkelson	June 26 th
Paul Skidmore	June 27 th

Today's Light Bible Readings

"Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men."

Mark 1:17

June	Psalm/s	Proverbs
1 Matt. 1-2	44	16:14-15
2 3-4	91	16:16-17
3 5-6	85	16:18-20
4 7	53&127	16:21-23
5 8-9	103	16:24-25
6 10-11	17	16:26-27
7 12-13	58	16:28-30
9 14-15	86	16:31-33
10 16-17	90	17:1
11 18-19	61	17:2-3
12 20-21	88&134	17: 4-5
13 22-23	64	17:6
14 24-25	60&70	17:7-8
16 26-27	2	17:9-11
17 28	72	17:12-13
18 Mark 1-2	108	17:14-15
19 3-4	12	17:16
20 5-6	131	17:17-18
21 7-8	129&133	17:19-21
23 9	93&97	17:22
24 10	146	17:23
25 11	98&100	17:24-25
26 12-13	110&123	17:26-28
27 14	59	18:1-3
28 15	69	18:4-5
30 16	66	18:6-7

Today's Light Bible Class meets in the Fireplace Room on Wednesday mornings at 10 am.



Mount Olive has many ways to serve.
Below are the opportunities and the contact information.

Greeter – It's so easy to say hello and welcome members and guests before our services. Contact Jeanne Kral @ 608-219-8806.

Lector – If you are interested in becoming a lector for our worship services, please contact Connie LaRowe connielarowe@gmail.com or 608-345-6412.

Usher – Join one of our usher teams. Contact Chuck Jaskowiak or speak with one of the ushers at our services.

Sunday Morning Treats – signup for a Sunday to bring snacks to our coffee hour. Sign up sheets are on the coffee bar. Contact Holly Sander with any questions hollyannsander@gmail.com or 303-587-2933.

Choir, Handbells, Instrumentalist – become a member of one of our musical groups. Contact Jennifer Torkelson @ latintchr@wi.rr.com



WORSHIP
Sundays @ 9 am
Divine Worship with Communion

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.

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