



³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus

Christ.

Phil. 1:3-6.

THE COMMUNION OF REDEEMED SINNERS

As sinners raised to new life in our Baptisms, we are called to be a communion. A community rooted in His Body and Blood which we receive in the Lord's Supper and unifies itself with us, on a physical level, every Sunday.

Our communion is built on the very real truth that the person sitting next to us in the pew has the same Body and Blood of Jesus going through them as is going through us. When we stand next to them at the altar...and when we walk away...we have a communion that is not just "spiritual," (a word that is overused these days). It is physical. We are now brothers and sisters in Christ in as physical a way as those words can possibly be. Sharing in the blood of Christ, we are all now one blood, one body, one communion with Him.

Let's be honest. Modern secularism is awful at creating a sense of community. A communion the likes of which Christ gives us in the Lord's Supper is simply unfathomable to the modern mind. Today, people cry out for community. What Christ offers through His Church is not merely community, it goes far beyond that. He offers communion. Union with Him and union with one another.

The Church, at its best, offers something higher, deeper, broader, and wider than anything the world can offer. We are brothers and sisters quite literally, grafted into the Vine, adopted into the family, by the blood of Christ. We are family. We are one'd with Him and

unified with one another. We are a community founded on His love, rooted in His grace, sharing His joy, and living His hope until we stand, arm-in-arm, before Him in heaven.

On Sundays, my prayer is that you greet and converse with each other as the brothers and sisters that you all are, bought and purchased by the same blood of Christ which bought and purchased you. In Christ, we are one. Let our oneness show the world what it so sadly lacks. Here...at Mount Olive...you have forgiveness, and a family built around it. You are one with Him and one with one another.

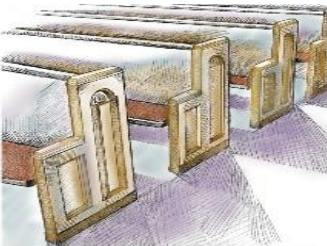
Humbly in Christ,
Pastor T.
1 Tim. 1:15-17

CARD SHOP NEWS...



"Graduation and Mother's Day cards are on display in the card shop! We carry general card selections as well, including birthday, wedding, anniversary, sympathy, thank-you, get well, and more.

All cards are \$1 (unless marked differently), and all proceeds go to the LWML. With the new carpet and paint job in the card shop/library (thank you to those involved!), you'll notice some of the card categories have moved locations. Thank you for your patronage! Please reach out to Karen Stolen or Audrey Morrison if you have specific requests."



AVERAGE WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE

April 2025 – 179

April 2024 – 138

Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2025!

Pictured, left to right: Jonathan Torkelson, Graham Ballweg, Ben Myers, Lucia Willenburg, and Emma Bluhm.



lovepackages – during the month of May you can bring in your gently used Bibles, devotionals, Sunday School materials, etc. and deposit them in the bin in the narthex. These will be delivered to the **lovepackages** warehouse and shipped around the world to Christians and Missionaries who have little access to these materials. **(please no magazines, Reader's Digest, Guide posts or similar materials).**

THANK YOU to all who volunteered to prepare and serve meals at Calvary on the first Sunday of each month during the school year at UW - we are thankful for Paul Skidmore, Jordan Braasch, Paul Schuh, Andy Ewert, the Kuhl family, the Bluhm family, George and Sue Krug, Lindsay Gissler, and Barb and Carl Koehler!

Brat Fest 2025 is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend. For those interested this is a great opportunity to support local organizations by volunteering. There are spots available starting on Sunday, May 18th all the way through Tuesday, May 27th. This is a great way to spend Memorial Day weekend by helping the local community. Please sign up for any spots that fit your schedule. The link to volunteer can be found on the main website: <https://bratfest.com/>. If anyone is interested in getting a group together to volunteer or looking for more information please contact Jordan at braaschjw03@gmail.com.

MAY



WORSHIP
ASSISTANTS

	May 4 th	May 11 th	May 18 th	May 25 th
Acolyte	Ben Myers	Jonathan Torkelson	Emma Bluhm	Graham Ballweg
Altar Guild	Peggy Rainbow			
Elder	Stuart Sliter	Zach Treece	Dave Gaston	Carl Koehler
Greeter	Scott & Carey Myers	Dave & Jeanne Kral	Brian & Connie LaRowe	Lyle Christian
Lector	Carol White	George Krug	Jay Molter	Eunice Gibson
Organist	Don DeBruin	Trevor Magness	Don DeBruin	Trevor Magness
Usher Team	Gene Cropp	Chuck Jaskowiak	Curt Casanova	Matt Dierks
Security Team	Carl Koehler	Paul Skidmore	Russel Black	Lyle Christian
Coffee Hour	Property Board	Dave & Jan Murphy	Sunday School Families	

~May Birthdays~



Jordan Braasch	May 3 rd
Jacob Hart	May 3 rd
Sue Krug	May 5 th
Wyatt Strohm	May 5 th
Chris Peterson	May 6 th
Beverly Schaefer	May 6 th
Chuck Steinhauer II	May 7 th
Karl Taylor	May 7 th

Annabelle Duffy	May 11 th
Ryan Strohm	May 12 th
Michael Sladek	May 14 th
Doris Smith	May 14 th
Kilby Willenburg	May 14 th
Brian LaRowe	May 17 th
Isabella Boyle	May 18 th
Karl Fels	May 20 th
Sarah Casanova	May 21 st
Chris Jaskowiak	May 22 nd
Carl Koehler	May 23 rd
Tabitha Kuhl	May 24 th
Terry Kolberg	May 26 th
Scott Zingg	May 27 th
Emerson Brown	May 28 th
Julia Conner-Dieter	May 28 th
Mathew Probasco	May 29 th
Connie Schultz	May 29 th

~May Anniversaries~



Dave Murphy and Janalee Murphy
Wade and Sarah Malek
Gavin and Beth Ann Chase
Steve and Joni Postler

May 17th
May 24th
May 28th
May 29th

Today's Light Bible Readings

"What does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Micah 6:8

May	Psalms	Proverbs
1 Obadiah	115	14:15-16
2 Jonah 1-2	116-117	14:17-19
3 3-4	3-4	14:20-21
5 Micah 1-2	10	14:22-24
6 3-4	124-125	14:25-27
7 5	145	14:28-29
8 6	140	14:30-31
9 7	141	14:32-33
10 Nahum 1-3	12	14:34-35
12 Habakkuk 1-2	13-14	15:1-3
13 3	15&20	15:4-7
14 Zephaniah 1-2	83	15:8-10
15 3	26	15:11-14
16 Haggai 1-2	27	15:15-17
17 Zechariah 1-2	5	15:18-19
19 3	111	15: 20-21
20 4	29	15:22-23
21 5	25	15:24-26
22 6	68	15: 27-28
23 7	51	15:29-30
24 8	102	15:31-33
26 9-10	149-150	16:1-3
27 11-12	38	16:4-5
28 13	51:1-13	16:6-7
29 14	43&46	16:8-9
30 Malachi 1-2	84	16:10-11
31 3-4	148	16:12-13

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



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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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