

*Powered by Jesus to Share God's Love,*

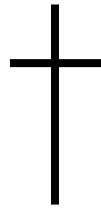
*We:*

*Welcome All People*

*Worship God*

*Pray Together*

*Serve the Community*



### *Guiding Principles*

*In response to God's love for us, we let Jesus' light shine through us by welcoming all people, making a joyful noise in worship, touching each other's lives through prayer, and serving the community.*

### *All Are Welcome*

*Everyone has something to offer and we welcome all to participate in our ministry.*

### *Worship*

*Praising the Lord in Jesus' name, we joyfully celebrate God's love for us.*

### *Pray*

*Joining together in prayer, we touch each other's lives and open our hearts to the Holy Spirit.*

### *Serve*

*Guided by the Holy Spirit, we will be witnesses of God's amazing grace and serve those in need in our community and in the world.*

## Background on Our Mission

Our mission is defined for us by Jesus – to share the Good News about him and God's Love and to go and make disciples. The mission statement takes that mission and presents a concise, meaningful, and relevant vision and purpose for our congregation. The mission statement is intended to help guide us in all that we do so that we can be effective in doing God's work.

## What the Mission Statement Says

The mission statement is a short phrase that captures our mission at Mount Olive. In addition to the mission statement, four Guiding Principles elaborate on how we live out the mission as a congregation. The guiding principles essentially say what can't be said in the concise mission statement.

The primary message of the mission statement reads: **“Powered by Jesus to Share God's Love”**. If we break this down a bit, here's what it is saying:

**‘Powered by Jesus...’:** Jesus is at the core of our ministry and without him we go nowhere. Imagine our congregation as a boat out in a vast sea - without Jesus powering us, we would drift aimlessly out of control. But with Jesus, we are powered and guided to do God's work.

**‘...to Share God's Love’:** God's Love is at the core of the Gospel. Jesus said: “My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.” (John 15:12) We do as Jesus commands when we share God's Love in everything we do in our lives – in the way we interact with others and when we share the Good News about Jesus.

Put it all together and we have a statement of faith about what our mission is here at Mount Olive – we keep Jesus at the center of everything we do and let him guide and power us and we follow his commandment that we love God and all people. The Guiding Principles go on to explain how through the power of Jesus we share

God's love – by welcoming all people, worshiping, praying, and serving the community. Wrapped into these four areas are so many things that we do as a congregation to carry out God's work.

In recognition of our mission here in Mukwonago, the congregation at Mount Olive has identified three areas of focus in an effort to grow in our ministries. The following is a brief summary of these three areas of focus:

#### Youth Ministries

We recognize a need to expand our youth ministries to provide more opportunities for those already involved and to help get more youth involved from the community.

#### Hands-On Service Ministries

We recognize a need to develop more hands-on service projects where we get directly involved in projects serving the community and the world. A team is working to develop ways to get the congregation more actively engaged with these types of ministries.

#### Alternative Worship Service

As Jesus calls us to Share His Love with all people, we recognize a need to develop an additional worship option that is a more welcoming to those who may not have a church home. Plans are underway for developing such a service.

*We welcome the opportunity to hear any thoughts or comments that you may have on the mission or ministries of Mount Olive. Please feel free to contact any Council Member or Pastor Suellen with any ideas or comments. Peace!*



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## Mount Olive Lutheran Church *Mission Statement*

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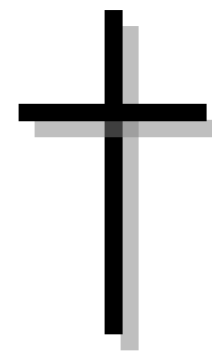
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*Please look inside this pamphlet for more details on the mission of Mount Olive.*