

34 Years of History at Mt. Olive

On January 4th, 1972 Pastor Norman E. Steinke moved into the Weston area to begin a new mission congregation under the direction of the Mission Board of the North Wisconsin District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. He served Mount Olive until October of 1974. Later the congregation chose the name Mount Olive Lutheran Church.

On February 6th, 1972, the first worship service was conducted at the Weston Municipal Center. The Rev. Harold Brauer, Mission Counselor for the District, extended words of encouragement in this service.

On February 27, 1972, the first Sunday School was to begin.

On March 9th, 1972, the ladies met for the purpose of organizing a ladies society, which has now become known as the Mount Olive Helping Hands, affiliated with the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

On April 15th, 1972, the congregation was officially received as a member of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod at the District Convention held at Green Bay, Wisconsin.

On October 15th, 1972, ground breaking ceremonies were held at the site location at 6205 Alderson Street, Town of Weston. The North Wisconsin District, under the guidance of the Missions Board, purchased these ten acres about ten years prior.

On May 6th, 1973, the new house of worship and education wing was dedicated to the glory of God.

In the fall of 1974, the Rev. C. J. Cizek was called to be pastor of Mount Olive Lutheran Church. He was installed on February 2, 1975. He served in that capacity until December of 1989.

Rev. Leonard Erdman served as vacancy pastor.

In May of 1976, a five-rank pipe organ was dedicated to the glory of God.

In September of 1976, the Mount Olive Preschool began operating.

In May of 1981, a 21-note set of Cathedral Chimes was dedicated to the glory of God.

In January of 1985, a building committee consisting of twelve people was elected.

In February of 1985, in connection with the 13th Anniversary Celebration, a Church Library began operating.

In September of 1985, the Congregation overwhelmingly decided to build a new Worship, Education and Administration Facility.

In May of 1986, the Kick-Off Celebration was held at the D. C. Everest Senior High School.

On May 3rd, 1987, the Groundbreaking Ceremony was conducted.
On November 15, 1987, the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony was held.

On June 12, 1988, the Dedication Ceremonies were held.
In December of 1991, two octaves of Hand Bells were purchased.

In December of 1991 the Rev. Raymond Connor was called as Pastor of Mount Olive. He was installed on February 10, 1991. In 1993 Pastor Ray was called as Senior Pastor and has served in that capacity until the present.

In January of 1991, the Carillons were purchased.

In March of 1993, the congregation called the Rev. David B. Karolus as assistant pastor. He served in that capacity until June of 1998.

In March of 1995, a third octave of Hand bells was purchased.

In September of 1996, the congregation called a Director of Christian Education. He served in that capacity until July of 1999.

In September of 1996, a second Preschool class was added to meet the needs of our children. The enrollment has grown to 118 children serving those from 3 to 5 years of age.

A Rogers rank organ was purchased on December 12, 1999.

In March of 2000, ground breaking services were held on a 15,000 square foot addition which included the Family Life Center, a new kitchen, renovation of the preschool, additional administrative offices and Sunday school rooms.

In April of 2000 Rev. David K. Zandt was called as Associate Pastor of Mount Olive Lutheran Church. He was installed on July 9, 2000 and served in that capacity until August of 2003.

In July of 2000, Michelle Breeden-Potts was called as Minister of Youth and Children. She served in that capacity until July of 2001.

In January of 2001, Kari Balk was hired as part-time Music Minister.

Dedication of our new addition was held on February 9, 2001, the 29th Anniversary of our congregation.

Melody Boersma served as a part-time DCE from September, 2001 - February, 2002.

Fall, 2002, a daycare was incorporated with the preschool for those attending our preschool.

New sound system installed in August, 2002.

In September, 2002, Melanie Brunner was hired as Director of Christian Education of Family Ministryn September, 2002 and served in that capacity until December, 2003.

In April of 2003, Rev. Lance Hoelscher was called to Mount Olive as pastor of youth. He was installed on August 3, 2003.

In July of 2004, Rev. Brad Hubbard was called to Mount Olive as Associate Pastor. He was installed on August 1, 2004.

In December, 2004, the congregation gave approval to begin the process for a building program which would include a new 900 seat sanctuary, new youth building, new education space, additional preschool/daycare space, and new administrative offices.

On April 23, 2006 we broke ground for our new 900-seat worship center.