



MEN

The Christian faith was never meant to be lived in isolation. It was meant to be experienced in community. With people. Real people. Actual, living, breathing, I-can-look-at-them-and-have-a-conversation people.

Men's Ministry

KEVIN DERKSEN -

After a bit of a hiatus, men's ministry kicked off again in November 2024.

Over the last year, we have focused on spiritual disciplines, running a bi-monthly men's supper where we spoke on and discussed a variety of topics, such as Bible study, sabbath, and others. On the other months, we held a men's potluck, giving guys an opportunity to get together, hang out, meet new people, and just enjoy some time together as men. And, I will say this, the men in our church know how to feed each other! No one came away from any of these nights hungry.

Throughout all this, a few groups continued to meet weekly. The Saturday morning men's group continues to offer an ongoing, consistent community for men to hold each other accountable. Far more than just a place to confess, it is a small group that is shaping each other to be the men God meant us to be. We also have two men's Bible studies that have been meeting for a few years to sit together and hash out what Scripture is telling us and how to live it. And, just in the last month or two, we have had a young adult men's Bible study kick off as well, being led by Paris.

Finally, we have a men's retreat running in late November. In fact, we likely got back the day you are reading this. Our focus was discipleship, and we had Wayne Nelson as our speaker. Unfortunately, I cannot tell you much more in this report, because we just got back.

However, focussing on discipleship for the retreat was set up to kick us off on a focus of discipleship for the coming year. We're still working on what that will look like, but now you have a glimpse of what is coming. The three Bible studies will continue, as well as the Saturday morning group. And, we plan to keep building spaces where men can gather and grow in maturity in Christ.



As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.”
Proverbs 27:17
True brotherhood strengthens faith, character, and courage.



SENIORS

“When seniors gather, wisdom meets friendship, stories are shared, and hearts are strengthened in fellowship.”

Seniors Ministry

At Mount Olive, we cherish our seniors and recognize the wisdom, experience, and faith they bring to our church family. Our Seniors Ministry exists to provide fellowship, spiritual growth, and opportunities to serve, ensuring that our seniors remain connected, encouraged, and active in God's work.

Through monthly gatherings, Bible studies, social events, and outings, seniors have a place to build meaningful friendships, share life experiences, and deepen their relationship with Christ. We celebrate milestones, encourage one another through prayer, and offer support during life's challenges.

We are blessed with a wonderful team that works together to keep this ministry thriving. Ed Bartsch lovingly prepares all of our delicious meals for the monthly lunches, putting care and attention into every dish. His dedication truly blesses everyone who joins us. Our other committee members are: Don & Pam Richards, Lorne & Pauline Honecker, Bill & Mayruth Guenter, Chris & Shelley Griesbach & Parris Perry.

We are excited to host our annual Christmas Brunch on December 11th with our seniors! This special event is prepared and served by our staff, and includes a joyful time of songs, stories, and delicious food. We warmly encourage our seniors to invite friends and neighbors from the community to join in the celebration. It's always a wonderful time of fellowship, laughter, and Christmas cheer!



“Gray hair is a crown of glory; it is gained in a righteous life.” - Proverbs 16:31





Prayer

As we continue to serve the women of Mount Olive Church, we ask for prayer that those in positions of leadership would rise up to their places and humbly seek God in all that they do, allowing His love to flow out of us so that we can continue to minister well.

We pray that there would be opportunities to teach, learn and be challenged within this ministry.

We continually need prayer for women who don't know the Lord and enter into this building with friends, pray that they would meet Jesus through these things and that we would reflect Him through our lives.



Womens Ministry

NICOLE ROBERTSON - CONNECTIONS DIRECTOR

This year, we saw a need in our church for connection, specifically for all ages of women! This began the journey of hosting womens events and having ladies from all stages of life chatting, playing games, watching movies and talking about their faith with one another.

Highlights from this year include game nights, a Christmas movie night, a paint night and a baked potato bonfire, to name a few!

Looking Forward

We are so excited this year to be kicking off with more intentional programming within the ladies' ministry.

Gert Knelsen is continuing with running ladies' bible study, which is an incredible ministry in our church that allows women from all walks of life to look at the truth of Scripture and allow it to penetrate into their hearts and minds.

New faces and minds are joining the Women's ministry team this year. As we continue to plan and prep events, we do it in community with a committee that the Lord has hand-picked to serve in our church. This committee includes Nicole Robertson, Jaime Matthews, Michelle Wolfe, Lynnette Potter, Dana Haller, Glenda Bayes and Karen Weigum.

We are excited for what is to come within Women's ministry, and we pray that the Lord blesses it in a way that only He can.



Deacon Care Team

DARREL & SYLVIA DAVIS - DEACON LEADS

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The members of the Deacon Care Team this past year were Dwayne and Sheryl Haller, Luke and Jennifer Ironside, Robert and Deborah MacDonald, Garry and Karen Weigum, and Darrel and Sylvia Davis. We need at least two more couples on the team.

Our Role

“Our part in “seeing people become devoted followers of Jesus Christ...” is particularly through prayer for church leaders and attendees, as well as responding to known needs or requests during times of difficulty, sickness, or bereavement, and assisting in preparation and cleanup for communion and baptism. As a group we are glad to serve the congregation in this way.(See the chart to note what Deacon Care couple are praying for you.) We very much appreciate Luke’s willingness to take care of baptism setup and take down. The weight of the baptismal tank precludes some of the rest of us older members from manhandling it!

Community Life

The team cannot begin to meet the pastoral needs of about 500 people attending the church, and we understand that the primary source of care for individuals and families is through small groups. We all need meaningful connections, and if you are not yet part of a small group, we’d encourage you to contact the church office or Nicole Robertson, the Connections Ministry Director. There is also a sign-up form on the Church Center app.

However, never hesitate to contact the church office if you would like prayer or a visit from a member of the Deacon Care Team. As noted in the bulletin, in any given month there is always a primary couple assigned to respond to needs that arise.

Also, PLEASE make sure you and your family’s pictures and contact information are in the Church Center Directory and encourage your friends to do the same. It is very difficult for the Deacon Care Team to serve you if we don’t have your contact information. Regretfully, Sylvia and I notified the team and pastoral staff in our October meeting that we feel the need to resign effective November 23rd. It has been a true joy and privilege.

Respectfully submitted,
Darrel and Sylvia

Your Prayer Deacons

Particularly for prayer purposes, those listed in the church directory have been divided up among the team as follows:

Deacon Team	Last Name
Dwayne & Sheryl Haller	A-B
Garry and Karen Weigum	C-G
Dwayne & Sheryl Haller	H-I
Rob and Debbie McDonald	J, L-O
Darrel and Sylvia Davis	P-Q
Luke & Jen Ironside	R-V
Darrel and Sylvia Davis	K+W-Z

Carry each other’s burdens,
and in this way you will
fulfill the law of Christ. -
Galatians 6:2





Career Global Workers

RICK REMPEL - MISSIONS LEAD '25

As a church we are supporting 17 full-time missionaries serving both overseas and in Canada. We are thankful to each one who have given so that we can serve and support these missionaries in the work that they do. This past year has been a difficult time for several of our missionaries and we tried to be there for them and to support them as we could, both through extra support as they transitioned to another mission agency and as we tried to connect with each one as they came through this area, to hear from them and pray for them as they journeyed through this difficult time.

Short Term Opportunitites

This year we were able to support the Mexico missions trip lead by Pastor Paris and Pastor Josh along with some of our youth who also went along. We also had 2 other youth whom we supported, one to Colombia with the PCA group and another one who went to Peru with their school.

Budget

We are so thankful for the generosity of the Mount Olive church, it is such a huge blessing both to us as a committee and, I am sure to those that we are able to support. We again saw an increase in our budget to \$112,000 to cover the support for the missionaries. Regarding donations, we were short about \$11,000 but because we didn't spend all of the allocated funds we ended up with only a \$8,500 short fall.

Missions Committee

Thanks goes to all the members of the committee and all the work that they put in, from all the meetings to the Annual Global Focus weekend. The current members of the committee are Rick & Tracey Rempel, David Crossley, Jennifer Marples, Rob & Deb MacDonald and Mike Schmidt. This past year we met 13 times as a committee and we had the opportunity to meet with 7 of our missionaries when they were here in town.

Annual Global Focus

For the annual global focus in Oct 2024 we had David Wright come and share with us on theme of Many Roles – One Mission. For the project we raise about \$14,000 to go towards drilling the well for the Theissen's in Mongolia, and also a Focus on the Family, "Odyssey-like" project that the Sorrells are working on for the First Nations peoples here in Canada. In the Sunday School classes the Braim kids connected with our kids to learn about living overseas. This year the youth connected with the Penner's to have a more meaningful and intentional connection with a missionary.





Finance - Year in Review

BARB HAZELTON

Financial Report November 2025 Annual Report for Finance

This is my fourth year in the position of helping with finance. As you are aware, we have changed our budget year to go from July 1 to June 30. So, I want to give a recap of our June year end as well as a bit of a glimpse of where we are sitting in our 2025-2026 year to date.

For the first time I have been able to say we ended at 98% of our budgeted amount for our general fund. Some of our other budget lines had a little bigger difference, but when we look at our total year end numbers, we ended with a \$38,318.55 surplus (104%)!!! With all the ministry taking place in our church, it has been a truly amazing year. Thank you so much for your generosity. It has been exciting to me to see that God is moving in so many ways. Money is just one of the means to help fulfill what God has invited us to participate in. Over this last year, God has continued to multiply our tithes. As we continue to watch for the fingerprints of God in our community, I pray He will continue to reveal where He wants us to move.

2025-2026

For our current year-to-date, we are sitting at 97% for our general fund giving and at 102% for our mission's fund. That is crazy amazing!

I want to challenge you to continue being faithful in giving back to God. No strings, no excuses, open handed and completely trusting Him to provide. You will not be disappointed. He is a good dad.

A huge thank you to Sherryl and all the work she does with the financials. It is a big task, and she does it with joy. There are also several others behind the scenes that need to be commended for all their work. Make sure you thank them when you get a chance. Karen Weigum, Chris Griesbach, Randy Schartner and Pastor Paris help keep everyone accountable and error free, and Karen W. does all the tax receipting. Now that is a task I don't envy. Also, to the board who puts in multiple hours of their time. We appreciate you all!

Looking forward to 2026.

The privilege to serve you has been mine.

Barb Hazelton



Current Members List

202 Active Members: Quorum 30% = 60 Members

Sandra Abbott	Kerstin DeLeeuw	Ken Hazelton	Sherri Neudorf	Andrew Siggelkow
Betty Adams	Dallas Derksen	Lorne Honecker	Paul Nigh	Krysta Siggelkow
Kari Adams	Karen Derksen	Pauline Honecker	Brita Nigh	Ryan Smith
Justine Adolf	Kevin Derksen	Bernice Hryniw	Clinton Nigh	Nancy Smithers
Edward Adolf	Melissa Derksen	John Hryniw	Keely Nigh	Laureen Smithers
Gord Allert	Courtney Dixon	Paul Ibbotson	Steve Norbo	David Stauffer
Liz Allert	Ryan Dixon	Ruth Ibbotson	Dorothy Nussbaum	Ellen Stauffer
Will Andries	Neil Dobson	Daphne Isaak	Janet Osborne	Marilyn Suderman
Molly Andries	Irene Dobson	Luke Ironside	Len Perry	Jim Suderman
Denis Baptista	Shannon Dyck	Jennifer Ironside	Paris Perry	Janie Tiong
Rick Barton	Matt Dyck	David James	Heather Perry	Dwayne Toth
Mary Barton	Menno Dyck	Gert Knelsen	Kevin Peters	Christa Unrau
Ed Bartsch	Emma Emgard	Arlin Koch	Andrew Peters	Ramon Unrau
Elda Bartsch	Edith Erickson	Cam Koch	Rachael Peters	Kyle Vasselin
Greg Bauer	Richard Evans	Coralie Koch	Sharon Peters	Melissa Vasselin
Dawn Bauer	Kaitlin Evans	Marjorie Koch	Sam Platt	Phil Ward
Glenda Bayes	Louise Evans	Helen Lepp	Debbie Platt	Dori Ward
Bennett Bayes	Terry Evans	Denise Lockhart	Lyle Plett	Joanne Watson
Kendra Bayes	Bev Ferrero	Talita Louzada	Bev Plett	Bill Watson
Ryan Bellamy	Ed Ferrero	Chris Lowen	Andrew Potter	Sherryl Weigum
Tiana Bellamy	Andrew Fletcher	Deborah MacDonald	Lynnette Potter	Bruce Weigum
Nathan Bjorn	Linda Friesen	Robert MacDonald	Pete Rashleigh	Garry Weigum
Tina Bjorn	Jacquie Gesyler	Chester Majak	Chad Reimer	Karen Weigum
Lois Bjorn	Gary Goertzen	Donna Majak	Leighann Reimer	Russel Weigum
Arne Bjorn	Tammy Goertzen	Annette Maningas	Abigail Rempel	Tammy Weigum
Brent Brereton	Alexis Goodbrand	Richard Marples	Bailey Rempel	Dave Wiens
Jeremy Brown	Jon Goodbrand	Jennifer Marples	Henry Rempel	Liz Wiens
Rachel Brown	Renee Gore	Joyce Martens	Brenda Rempel	Kevin Wiens
Glenn Brown	Steve Gore	Anthony Martin	Don Richards	Magen Wiens
Donna Brown	Mervyn Greene	Becky Martin	Pam Richards	Kristen Williams
Alvin Bueckert	Marion Greene	Pat Massey	Alex Rothfus	Van Williams
Mandy Bueckert	Chris Griesbach	Roger Mclver	Cameron Rothfus	Skye Wilson
Phil Callaway	Shelley Griesbach	Beverley Mclver	Jewel Schartner	Bruce Wold
Ramona Callaway	Mayruth Guenter	Emmie McLeod	Danielle Schartner	Ron Wold
Jennifer Collins	William Guenter	Carl McLeod	Randy Schartner	Elizabeth Wold
Sharlene Coker	Sheryl Haller	Shirley Mertes	Mike Schmidt	Ruth Wold
Brandon Coker	Dwayne Haller	Al Mertes	LaRae Schmidt	Don Wolf
Pat Cullum	John Hamm	Wayne Nelson	Carla Schultz	Sherryl Woods
Darrel Davis	Susan Hamm	Lydia Nelson	Joel Schultz	Andrew Wright
Sylvia Davis	Barb Hazelton	Vance Neudorf	Brooklyn Schweer	Jenny Wright
Denis Delaney			Josh Schweer	Brenda Zarn