

THIS WEEK —September 8-15

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| SUNDAY | 8 & 10:30 AM – Worship 9-9:25 AM – SCRIP 9:15 AM – Bible Study & Sunday School 9:15 AM – Family Growing in Christ | 6 PM – Valley Teen Night @ The CORE 7 PM – Men’s Basketball | |
| MONDAY | 6 PM – Worship 6 PM – Church Properties | 7 PM – Board of Education 7 PM – Board of Stewardship | |
| TUESDAY | 8:30 AM – Executive Committee 6 PM – LWMS Meeting 6 PM – Board of Worship | 7 PM – Board of Evangelism 7 PM – Board of Finance | |
| WEDNESDAY | 9:00 AM – Bible Class | 4:15 PM – Public School Instruction (PSI) 6:30 PM – Male Chorus | |
| THURSDAY | 8 AM – Women’s Bible Study | 6 PM – Family Growing in Christ | |
| FRIDAY | 6:30 AM – Men’s Bible Study | | |
| SATURDAY | <i>Apple Valley Food Pantry Pickup</i> | 5:30 PM – Worship w/ Communion | |
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| OFFERINGS/OTHER INCOME | | BUDGET | ACTUAL |
| Offerings | Week of 9/2/2024 | \$27,700 | \$20,375 |
| Offerings | Fiscal Year-to-date | \$264,000 | \$267,299 |
| Offerings + Other Income | Fiscal Year-to-date | \$521,750 | \$508,556 |
| Forward in Faith 2 | Week of 9/2/2024 | | \$4,462 |
| Forward in Faith 2 | Net debt remaining | | \$1,138,730 |
| USHERS | <u>Saturday 5:30 PM</u> – Keith Wundrow (Captain) Brad & Murphy Beyer <u>Sunday 8 AM</u> – Mark Toll (Captain) Paul Kolell, Kyle Needham, Jared McLister <u>Sunday 10:30 AM</u> – Tom Bartel (Captain) Eric McKown, Mark Schroeder, Joe Putzstuck <u>Monday 6 PM</u> – John Hoh (Captain) Doug Mantei, Bob Luedtke | | |
| GREETERS | <u>This Week: (Sat)</u> – OPEN, Hyne, OPEN (Sun 8AM) – Hintz, OPEN, Fulcer (Sun 10:30 AM) – OPEN, OPEN, OPEN <u>Next Week: (Sat)</u> – OPEN, Hyne, OPEN (Sun 8AM) – OPEN, Enter, OPEN (Sun 10:30 AM) – Kesting, Kesting, OPEN | | |
| COFFEE CAFÉ | <u>This Week: (8-10 AM)</u> Sarah Raasch, Joan Mueller (10 AM-Noon) Mielke family <u>Next Week: (8-10 AM)</u> Linda Kruschel, OPEN (10 AM-Noon) Zoromski family | | |
| AV TEAM | <u>September 7-9:</u> Saturday – Jacob Koch; Monday – Ben Haupt Sunday (8 AM) – Chase Mignon, (10:30 AM) – Dane Clausen <u>September 14-16:</u> Saturday – Louisa Falck; Monday – Keaton & Finn Enter Sunday (8 AM) – Nielsen, (10:30 AM) – Evan Pastorek | | |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Saturday: 163; Sunday: 8 AM 179, 10:30 AM 169; Tuesday: 84; Online: 71; Total: 666

ALTAR FLOWERS The cross bouquet is placed to God's Glory by Betty Flunker in memory of her husband Willard and daughter Sandra Ann.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES begin today at 9:15 am:

- **Politics is Driving Me Crazy**, led by Pastor Raasch, is a study of the Christian's role in the church and state. It will meet in the Commons.
- **The Last Impression**, led by Pastor Gawel, is a look at the conclusions of various books of the Bible. It will meet in the Sanctuary.
- **A Family Growing in Christ**, led by Pastor Priewe, is a review of Bible basics, as they apply to our lives. It will meet in the lower-level Conference Room.

AUDIO RECORDINGS of the weekly "Politics" and "Last Impression" Bible classes will be available for you to download and listen to at your convenience. Go to the Mount Olive homepage and click on "Archived Bible Studies" or search for "Bible Study @ Mount Olive" on Spotify.

VALLEY TEEN NIGHT – TONIGHT! Fox Cities WELS congregations joined to get 8th-12th grade students together for food, God's Word, and time getting to know each other better. The first of three events for the 2024-2025 school year is Sunday, September 8th at the CORE from 6-8 PM. Check the Valley Teen Night Facebook page for more details!

NEW BIBLE READING PLAN Starting Monday, Sept 9th, join with the Mount Olive Family as we read through the Apostle Paul's Letters in the New Testament over the next 60 days. This plan uses the YouVersion Bible app and gives the ability to read a manageable chunk each day, comment, and ask questions with other people in the plan.



KITCHEN ASSISTANT NEEDED Mount Olive is looking for a part-time kitchen assistant to work in our school's lunch program. The incumbent would help lay out the serving tables, direct tasks for volunteers, and assist with food preparation. They would work 3 - 3.5 hours each school day from about 10:30am until 1:30-2:00pm. Pay is \$12.50 to \$13.00 per hour and includes free lunch and a great working environment. If interested, please contact Paul Kolllell, Operations Manager at 920-284-8574 or paul.kollell@mountoliveappleton.com

MOUNT OLIVE'S LIFE GROUPS are starting up! Are you in one? (Life Groups are lay-led small groups which gather to apply the weekly sermon to the lives of participants, with the goal of growing closer to God and one another.) Check out the list below to see if there's a group you can join. Or better yet, start your own group. Contact Pastor Raasch for materials and training. You can reach him at pastor.raasch@mountoliveappleton.com or 840-2078.

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| Jonathan/Amy McGlin Group (OPEN) Start 9/22 | Sundays - Young parents |
| 4111 N. Wedgewood Dr., Appleton 920-850-6363 | jmcglin11@gmail.com |
| Mark Kobin Group (OPEN) Start 9/9 | Mondays – 7 PM |
| Mount Olive Fireside Room 920-450-9147 | mkobin@aol.com |
| Ruth Maves Group (OPEN) Start 9/10 | Tuesdays – 6 PM - Women |
| Mount Olive Atrium 920734-7016 | reciperlm@gmail.com |
| Andrew Fenske/Josh Peter Group (OPEN) Start 9/3 | Tuesdays – 7 PM - Young adults |
| Mount Olive Fireside Room 920-532-1070 | andrew.fenske33@gmail.com |
| 248-835-0430 | 6joshpeter@gmail.com |
| Tom/Karen Medema Group (OPEN) Start 9/24 | Wednesdays – 7 PM |
| 6919 N. Palladium Ct., Appleton 920-809-8580 | medfam7@sbcglobal.net |
| Schaefer/Pastorek Group (OPEN) | Thursdays – 6:30 PM |
| 3542 N. Casaloma Dr., Appleton 920-840-8455 | mrianschaefer@gmail.com |
| 3540 N. Spruce St., Appleton 920-650-8298 | pastorekmatt@gmail.com |

The following Life Groups are already full. It's great so many members getting together!

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| Aaron/Kristin Sass Group | Sundays (alternating) |
| Justin/Jodi Slominsky Group | Sundays |
| Jay/Shelley Vanderhoof Group | Mondays |
| Mike/Kathleen Hyne Group | Mondays |
| Stern/Cunningham Group | Tuesdays |
| Jennifer Klemp Group Women | Tuesdays |
| Jeff/Sheryl Schultz Group | Tuesdays |
| Andrew/Stacy Hitt Group | Wednesdays |
| Mike/Amanda Smith Group | Wednesdays (alternating) |
| Pete/Amy Nelson Group | Wednesdays |
| Jerry/Kristi Evansen Group | Thursdays (alternating) |

THE LIFE OF MOSES, a Bible Class led by Pastor Zank, will trace the main themes of Moses' life, his faithfulness to God's call and God's hand in his work to deliver his people, Israel, from their slavery in Egypt. The class begins this **Wednesday, September 11, 9-10 a.m.** If you are looking for a midweek study, with some good food and fellowship, this is the one for you!

LWMS FALL RALLY Speakers will be Gary and Beth Evans who did God's work for many years in the Central African Medical Mission (CAMM). Beth served the Medical Mission in Malawi in the capacity of Head Nurse and Gary as Manager of Operations. And they served CAMM again years later! All women and men of Mount Olive are invited to the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society's Fall Rally on Saturday, October 12, 2024 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Appleton. Registration and refreshments from 8-9 AM, rally from 9AM-12:30 PM, with lunch to follow. We will have tours of The Hope Center and Pillars, which are St. Matthew's missions, and hear their new organ. Donations will be accepted at the rally to help with supplies at The Hope Center: liquid dish soap, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, men and women's deodorant, toothpaste, men and women's shaving cream, razors, toilet paper, paper towel, Kleenex. Please sign up in the Atrium before September 23rd for this special rally.

PARENTING WORKSHOP You're invited to join us in the Mount Olive Commons on October 5 from 8:30-11:30 AM for a parenting workshop presented by Pastor Gawel titled "Three Kingdoms Collide: God, Parents, Children." This workshop will explore the dynamic relationship between faith, parenting, and child development, providing insights and practical tools to navigate these vital connections. Whether you're a new parent or have years of experience, this event will offer valuable perspectives to help strengthen your family's spiritual foundation. We hope to see you there! Continental breakfast will be provided. Childcare is not provided.



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SCRIP is a program that enables our members to raise money for Mount Olive Church and School. When you purchase gift cards at face value (either online or in person), Mount Olive orders these gift cards at a reduced price, and the difference in cost (rebate) is split between the administration of the SCRIP program (40%) and one of six distribution options for the Church, School, or cash back to you (60%).

On September 28 – 30, the SCRIP desk will be open after all church services. If you've never purchased SCRIP before, registration is easy, and help is available. Please go to the Atrium and purchase at least one gift card, for example, to your favorite grocery store (e.g., Meijer, Piggly Wiggly, Pick 'n Save, Festival, Target, Wal-Mart, Woodman's) or Kwik Trip (10% rebate). Plan now to support Mount Olive through your regular shopping!

ORGAN CLEANING PROJECT Dobson Organ Builders sent us their final invoice for the organ cleaning project completed about a month ago. Thanks to the many volunteers who committed time to help remove, clean and reinstall pipes and thanks to the care given to the organ over the years, the final bill came to \$27,792; this is about \$10,000 less than originally anticipated! Also, thanks to the generous gifts to our pipe organ fund, we were able to pay the entire remaining balance from this fund and still have about \$6,000 left over to use for future maintenance of our organ. Thank you!

NORTHWESTERN PUBLISHING HOUSE Celebrating 175 years of God's grace through compelling pictures and engaging stories! This resource will be available early summer 2025.

Christ Through Us - A Pictorial History of the Wisconsin Synod, 1850–2025

Filled with captivating images and fascinating stories, *Christ Through Us* is a limited-edition book that can be preordered until 9/30/24 for guaranteed availability. Order this hardcover, approximately 260 full-color pages online <https://online.nph.net/> – Sale price \$23.99.

MEDITATIONS The new devotion booklets are now available in the Narthex. Suggested donation of \$4 is appreciated.

GRIEFSHARE JOURNEY Are you suffering from the death of a loved one? Trying to find your way through the tangled ball of emotions in the days and months afterward?

St. Luke (705 E Greenfield Dr, Little Chute) on Saturdays, September 7 - November 16 from 10:00 AM – Noon. Register online at <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/239832>.

The CORE (820 W College Ave, Appleton) on Mondays, September 9 - December 2 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Register online at <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/242492>.

FVL NEWS

- Current **Youth Sports opportunities** include Nothin' but Net (girls), and Hoops (boys basketball) tryouts. There is also a cheer and stunt clinic on Sept. 14 (girls 5K-8). Go to fvlhs.org/youth-sports for information.
- **Six of FVL's graduating classes are invited** to receive special recognition at the Homecoming football game vs. Seymour on Friday, September 27. The classes of 1964, 1974, 1984, 1999, 2014, and 2024 are included in this special recognition. Tours of the school begin at 5:00 PM. All alumni are invited to attend for free (check in at the alumni table) and for a chance to win a drawing.
- **The Fall Sacred Concert is on Sunday, October 6 at 2:00 PM** in the FVL auditorium. The concert, featuring FVL choirs and bands, will also be streamed on the FVL YouTube channel.