



# MESSENGER

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## Creative Ways to Be in the Word

I was in a meeting recently where a coworker made a comment that you've probably heard before:

*There's only so much time in the day.*

My coworker was talking about all the different tasks he wanted to accomplish, but he recognized he only had so much time. Despite wanting to get everything on his list done (wouldn't that be nice?), he knew he couldn't. *He had to prioritize.*

You might do something similar—not just at work, but in your everyday life. I know I do. Efficiency demands prioritization. That means making a list and checking things off one by one—whether mentally or physically. The days I don't have a list are when I feel most unproductive (and probably am).

At the end of the day, what absolutely needs to be accomplished . . . and what can wait until tomorrow or get pushed off to an even later date?

Taking that one step further, dear Christian, where does time spent in God's Word place on that list? Please don't misunderstand me—spending time in God's Word isn't something we want to consider an item to check off a to-do list, but is it our number one priority . . . or is it one of the many tasks that gets pushed down the list to make way for more time-sensitive things?

You don't have to answer, but to my shame, I know where it can be for me.

The problem isn't a lack of *desire*. As Christians, we want to be in God's Word—where he tells us about our Savior, Jesus. We want to talk to God and we want to be talking about him with our friends and family every day. We want to live out our lives of faith in everything we think, say, and do.

Oftentimes (at least for me), the problem is that I build up spending time in God's Word and growing in my relationship with him to require an hour-and-a-half worship service-styled session . . . and that seems rather intimidating and overwhelming. Not to mention *unmanageable*.

Time spent in God's Word doesn't have to be that way. To be sure, having the right mindset of honor and respect is important when spending time in God's Word—it's not something we do flippantly—but life is busy.

Because there's only so much time in the day, and because spending time with God is important to me, it just means that I might need to be more *creative* in how I go about keeping time in God's Word on that daily priority list.

Here are just a few ideas if you're looking to do the same. Maybe you could:

- Listen to a devotion or a chapter of the Bible
- Talk to God in prayer on the morning or evening commute
- Listen to Christian music at work (if you can do that) or with your kids on the way to and from school
- Ask your kids what they learned in religion class if they go to a Christian school or talk about last week's worship service or children's message with them
- Do an asynchronous Bible study with a friend(s) or family member(s) via text or Bible app
- Talk with your spouse about the worship service or what he or she thought of the sermon or Bible study
- Text your spouse on lunch break about a [devotion book](#) or section of the Bible that you're reading through together

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## Memorials & Gifts

### Forward in Faith 2

- \$95 Family & Friends in memory of Louise Ebert  
\$20 Doug & Diane Enter in memory of Tom Murphy  
\$25 Carlton & JoAnn Klemp in memory of Tom Murphy  
\$25 Carlton & JoAnn Klemp in memory of Ellen Wolfrath  
\$25 Carlton & JoAnn Klemp in memory of Louise Ebert  
\$25 Carlton & JoAnn Klemp in memory of Jerry Gronholz  
\$20 Dan & Jerelyn Grunwald in memory of Jerry Gronholz  
\$20 Pat Bellin in memory of Pam Gruber  
\$20 Pat Bellin in memory of Margaret Rehfeldt  
\$25 Family & Friends in memory of Ellen Wolfrath  
\$20 Roger & Bonnie VandenLangenberg in memory of Serena Toll, Mark Toll's mother

### Mount Olive School Tuition Assistance

- \$100 Family & Friends in memory of Louise Ebert  
\$325 Family & Friends in memory of Ellen Wolfrath  
\$25 Tom & Elaine Bartel in memory of Ellen Wolfrath  
\$25 Larry & Sandra Ciriacks in memory of Ellen Wolfrath  
\$25 Sandra Kath in memory of Ellen Wolfrath  
\$25 Lucille Stensberg in memory of Ellen Wolfrath  
\$20 Kay Zuberbier in memory of Ellen Wolfrath  
\$1500 Dalton Wolfrath in memory of Ellen Wolfrath  
\$300 Mary Seidler in memory of Thomas Seidler

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### Ministerial Trust

- \$200 Family & Friends in memory of Louise Ebert  
\$35 Allen & Debbie Vetting in memory of Ellen Wolfrath  
\$30 Ron & Donna Zahn in memory of Mark Toll's mother

### Choir Fund

- \$20 Roger & Bonnie VandenLangenberg in memory of Jerry Gronholz

### Ladies Aid

- \$300 Family & Friends in memory of Ellen Wolfrath

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The comfort with all of those possibilities is that God promises to bless time spent in his Word, whenever and wherever we do so. As I wrote in a previous post (<https://blog.nph.net/its-always-worth-it/>), it's always worth it.

If you have a family, finding time to be in God's Word together might be especially challenging with all the different schedules and activities you're juggling. If you're looking for practical suggestions from Christians just like you, listen to "Staying in Scripture, When Life Gets Busy," (<https://blog.nph.net/staying-in-scripture-when-life-gets-busy/>) episode 2 of *Faith Footnotes: Christian Conversations with Northwestern Publishing House*.

Short, sweet, and to the point, it gives many practical ways for families (and all Christians) to stay in God's Word when life gets busy!

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<https://blog.nph.net/>



## Church Council Report from October 21, 2024 Meeting

### Pastors' Report

Pastor Zank: Is in the midst of call season. Many pastor and teacher positions in the district need to be filled. Synodical Council is coming up in early November.

Pastor Priewe: Fall Festival was successful, at least 300 trick or treaters plus parents/grandparents. Next weekend Joint Reformation service at FVL, Mount Olive is hosting. Good group for Beginning Instruction Class.

Pastor Gawel: The Parenting workshop had good conversations. Now looking at ways to get that information out in various formats. Valley Teen Night is Nov 3 at Mount Olive, the topic is Christians and politics.

Pastor Raasch: Mount Olive Family Reunion is November 2-4 where the congregation will enjoy worship and fellowship together. Forward in Faith presentation will be given to update our status. Focusing on ministering to those who have been attending only online and reminding the benefits of worshipping together. Asia One Team has called a new leader.

### Financial Report

Reviewed September 2024 financial report:

- September offerings were \$11,196 lower than budgeted.
- Tuition was \$16,972 higher than budgeted.
- Other income was \$8,439 lower than budgeted.
- Total income was \$2,663 lower than budgeted.
- Total expenses, before FVL/Synod distributions, were \$21,993 higher than budgeted.
- The net income for September, including FVL/Synod distributions of \$30,100 was \$45,977. This compares to a budgeted net income of \$70,633. The result is \$24,656 unfavorable to budget for the month.

Note: Balance sheet amounts are subject to change pending year-end audit entries.

Reviewed YTD (13 weeks ending September 30, 2024) financial report:

- Offerings are \$6,204 higher than budgeted.
- Total income is \$8,165 higher than budgeted.
- Total expenses are \$9,165 higher than budgeted.
- YTD net income is \$89,732, which compares to the budgeted YTD income of \$90,731. The result is \$999 unfavorable to budget.

Forward in Faith 2 cost tracking update—Operations Manager Paul Kolell reported that:

- Previously informed the group that in the month of September \$20,551 was received in gifts/offerings.
- Previously informed the group that at the end of September there was \$309,921 Forward in Faith funds available (of which \$230,000 has been invested in US Treasury Accounts). After subtracting a reserve for October and January interest/debt payments of \$45,019, there's \$264,902 available for additional debt payments. These funds will accumulate until Bond D is due in April 2025.
- Our net debt remaining (bond debt less funds available) stands at \$1,122,176.

Banking Update:

- Treasurer Tim Weihing presented the state of our Treasury investments. Currently, we have a total of \$769,176 in Treasury investments. These investments will have two maturities in December 2024, one in January 2025, and one in February 2025.

Other:

- Annual Audit - Operations Manager Paul Kolell previously informed the group that CliftonLarsonAllen LLP presented audit findings to our audit team on Friday, October 4. The engagement went very well. Paul will give a summary of the audit to the Church Council at their October 21st meeting.
- Board of Finance Members - Chairmen Daryl Ohland informed the group that Derek Kritzer has accepted a nomination to serve on the Board for the 2025-2026 term.
- Tuition - Chairmen Daryl Ohland informed the group that the Tuition subcommittee met on October 2nd to discuss tuition rates for the 2025-2026 school year. The subcommittee will provide a recommendation to the Board of Education for final approval.

### Announcements

- Fall Cleanup – Nov. 2nd 8:00 am – 11:00 am
- Next EC meeting – Tuesday, Nov. 12th 8:30 am
- Next Church Council meeting – Monday, Nov. 18th 7:00 pm

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## Church Council Report from October 21, 2024 Meeting—continued from pg. 3

### New Business

- Reviewed board member terms
- 2024 Audit Summary—Reviewed the Audit Summary. A qualified audit report due to the records required for pre-2004 assets. Uncorrected misstatement relating to lease liability, auditing it to not have it in the report would have incurred an additional auditing expense. Efficient process working with auditor. Have been able to close audit earlier and with fewer additional fees than prior years. Improving financial processes has made it go smoother.
- Discuss Growth Design Proposal—The carpet in the narthex and sanctuary needs replacement. That perceived need led to a discussion of other possible upgrades to the sanctuary (e.g. better lighting, more comfortable seating, including legroom, additional space for musicians, etc.). The Executive Committee met with Todd Dvorak of Growth Design Group to see what services they could offer us. The CC reviewed a proposal from GDG to help develop plans and models for improving the use and aesthetics of our worship space. The CC did not act on the proposal but will seek feedback from the congregation, likely, in early 2025. The CC also discussed the current Forward in Faith campaign and how that could impact any new project. FIF debt is currently around \$1.1M.
- Ministry Plan Spreadsheet—Review the ministry plan with the boards.

### Membership Changes

#### Deaths

- \* Jerry Gronholz passed on October 4, 2024

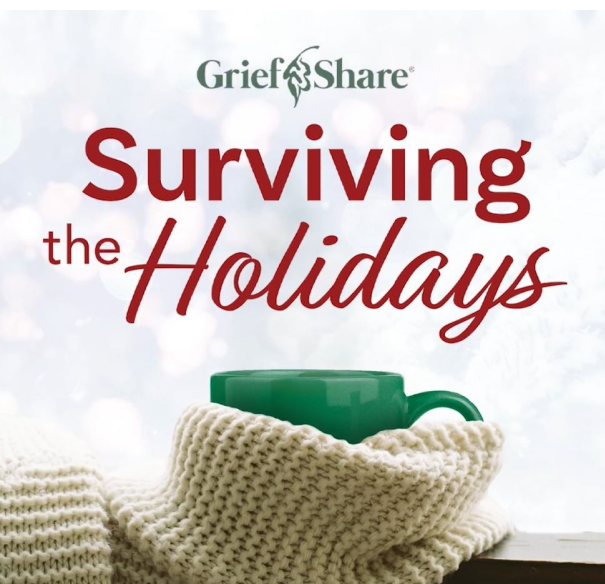
#### Transfer In

- \* Jeff & Tanya Bessler from Good Shepherd Lutheran, Attleboro, MA
- \* Abigail Bessler from Good Shepherd Lutheran, Attleboro, MA
- \* Brian & Ashley Forbeck (1 child) from Bethel Lutheran, Menasha, WI
- \* Aaron Gudex (1 child) from Immanuel Lutheran, Campbellsport, WI
- \* Dan & McKaela Koehler (2 children) from St. Peter Lutheran, Appleton, WI

- \* Maralee Mindock from Immanuel Lutheran, Oshkosh, WI
- \* Heidi Moldenhauer from Christ the King Lutheran, Palm Coast, FL
- \* Thomas & Elizabeth Molitor (4 children) from Trinity Lutheran, Brillion, WI
- \* Jamie Rosin (2 children) from Bethany Lutheran, Appleton, WI

#### Remove

- \* Lori Ebert
- \* Todd Ebert
- \* Maxwell Gunderson (1 child)
- \* Troy Sweeney



### Grief Share—Surviving the Holidays

The Holidays can be especially difficult for those mourning the loss of a loved one. This special event can help you prepare for these important days, and learn how to deal with the many emotions grieving people face during this time.

Join us for either of these one-day, two-hour sessions:

November 23, 9 AM at The CORE (820 W College Ave, Appleton). Register at <https://www.griefshare.org/events/244722>

November 23, 10 AM at St. Luke (705 E Greenfield Dr, Little Chute). Register online at <https://www.griefshare.org/events/239037>





## Advent by Candlelight

Come for worship and fellowship on **Sunday, December 1st at 4 PM**. This is a special event for women and young ladies to join us in the sanctuary for song and scripture to prepare our hearts for Christmas. After that we will have fellowship in the Commons with light catered refreshments. Please sign up in the Atrium or by scanning the QR code. There will be an opportunity at the event to donate to defray the food costs.



## Women's Ministry Nature Walk & Coffee Chat

Our first nature walk at Bubolz last month went well. We covered about 2 miles, saw two deer and a cardinal, and had a lot of fun!



We hope you can join us for the next one at Heckrodt Nature Center, 10am on November 23rd. Afterwards we'll stop for coffee or grab a bite (walkers will get there by 11am) at Blossom & Brew Co. in Menasha. **Feel free to join us for one or both of these activities.**

## Attention Crafters—Cozy Craft Days

Do you have a project you'd like to work on? Bring it to Cozy Craft Days! Get it done! Or simply come and fellowship with like minded crafty women.

Save the dates: January 3rd 11am-8pm,  
January 4th 9am-4pm

Location: Mount Olive Commons

This is a free event sponsored by Mount Olive Women's Ministry.

Questions? Contact: Stacy Prillwitz at 920-809-2614 or [sprill@hotmail.com](mailto:sprill@hotmail.com)

A sign up will be available closer to the event.

### SAVE THE DATES:

**November 6 - Ladies Aid Meeting, 1 pm in the Fireside Room**

**November 11 - Altar Guild Meeting, 1 pm in the Atrium**

**November 12 - LWMS meeting, 6 pm in the Fireside Room**

**November 16 - Cultivating Connections, 9-10:30 am in the Gym/Commons**

**November 23 - Women's Nature Walk at Heckrodt Nature Center, 10 am  
- Women's Coffee Chat at Blossom & Brew Co, Menasha, 11 am**

**November 30 - Decorate LWMS Mission Tree, 10 am in the Atrium**

**December 1 - Advent by Candlelight**

4 pm Service with light refreshments at Mount Olive

**January 3-4 - Cozy Craft Days in the Mount Olive Commons**

Friday 11am-8pm, Saturday 9am-4 pm

**January 14 - LWMS meeting, 6 pm in the Fireside Room**

**January 18 - Women's Nature Walk**

\*Watch for more information in the bulletin or website!



## Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS)

Lots of exciting things are happening in WELS missions. St Matthew Lutheran Church, Appleton hosted Paperland Circuit's Fall Rally on October 12th and 190 women and men heard updates on WELS home and world missions. The Central Africa Medical Mission (CAMM) was the topic for the day and Gary & Beth Evans and Kathie Wendland shared blessings, challenges and current needs of the mission. The offerings for the day was \$3,484 which will go to CAMM. To God be the glory!



We once again joined hands with Mount Olive SISTERS on October 29th for the Third Annual "Make & Give Night." Watch the December Messenger for news from that evening.

The **LWMS Christmas Mission Tree** project for this year will be **Campus Ministry/Mission Journeys** at Michigan Tech, Houghton, MI. Pastor Tommy Welch, is the pastor at Peace Lutheran in Houghton and is also the campus pastor. He is a former Mount Olive member, and grew up here in Appleton. His first assignment upon graduating from the seminary was to serve Peace Lutheran Church and serve as the Campus Ministry pastor at Michigan Tech. This is the second largest Campus Ministry program in the Synod. Pastor Welch has taken students on a Mission Journeys trip previously and will use donations from our mission tree to help fund another trip. A Mission Journeys experience gives students a wonderful opportunity to help out at a WELS mission and learn more about outreach and sharing their faith. Watch the bulletin and December Messenger for more details.

If you are interested in taking a bus to the 2025 LWMS International Convention, June 26-29, 2025 in Tulsa, OK, please contact Louise Kesting before December 1. The bus will leave June 24 and return on June 30.

Please join us for our next regular meeting on November 12 at 6:00 PM. We will hear WELS mission news and discuss projects for our February "Heart for Missions" bake sale.

Mark your calendars...

- LWMS Meeting - November 12, 2024, 6:00 PM, Fireside Room
- Decorate LWMS Mission Tree – November 30, 2024, 10:00 AM, Atrium
- 62nd Annual LWMS Convention – June 26-29, 2025, Tulsa, OK

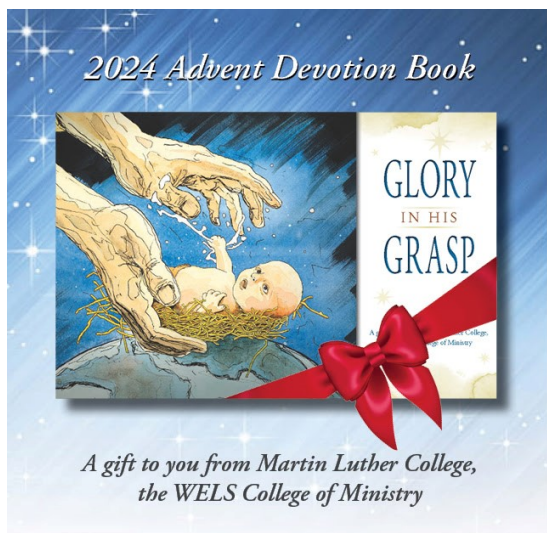
## Greetings from Martin Luther College!

*Glory in His Grasp* is our newest devotion book for you!

As we gather around the manger this year, we'll meditate on that ancient hymn Paul writes in Philippians 2:6-11. We'll contemplate how Christ "emptied himself . . . being born in the likeness of men." We'll stand in awe at how the Son of God, co-equal with the Father, chose for a time not to cling to the full and constant use of his glory and power, for "He did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped." And we'll rejoice in the Second Advent, when our Lord in all his glory will come once again.

Go to <https://mlc-wels.edu/publications/seasonal-devotions/> to access MLC devotions in multiple ways:

- Read them online as a flipbook. (This is not printable.)
- Request that we send them as daily emails to your personal email December 1-25.





## Costa Rica—Valentina's Baptism

Dear Mount Olive Mission Partners,

Last month I had a wonderful visit to a student in Costa Rica. As you may know, from time to time we make personal visits to students in our "virtual classroom" in order to strengthen our Christian friendships.

Let me share a little of that visit with you:

María and Pedro live in San José, Costa Rica. María is originally from the Dominican Republic and Pedro is from Nicaragua but they have made Costa Rica their home for many years. During the pandemic María began to take classes with us in Academia Cristo. She would usually watch the recordings of the classes on Youtube since their internet connection was so bad she couldn't often connect to the live classes. She and Pedro loved the classes and grew in their faith and understanding of the Bible.

As they advanced in their studies, María and Pedro became enthusiastic ambassadors of their faith, sharing the teachings of Jesus with nearly everyone they met. Their desire to spread the gospel is fueled by their own experiences and the knowledge they gained through their classes.

Recently, they took a big step in their lives by adopting a little girl named Valentina, whose mother had abandoned her. Valentina has become a new focus of their love and faith. During my visit in September, I had the great privilege of encouraging Pedro to baptize Valentina. It was a joyous occasion that encouraged me as I see our leaders whom we are training doing ministry in places I can't be. And another soul was added to God's family!



Yours in Christ, Missionary Nathan G. Schulte

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## At The Hope Center, Your Prayers are Needed

It's not easy to admit that you can't take care of basic needs for your family and have to ask for help. This is the ordeal that new clients face when they walk into The Hope Center. The feelings of failure and desperation are eased by our intake volunteer. These volunteers are experienced, compassionate people, who listen to unhappy stories, reassure of God's love and help, and offer a boost of significant supplies from The Hope Center.

At the intake meeting, new clients also have the chance to meet one of the pastors. Pastors ask gently for personal circumstances and spiritual needs. It's not uncommon, to discover children and adults who haven't been baptized. It's even more common to find souls hurting and struck down, without a personal shepherd or their Good Shepherd. Already at this intake, steps are recommended for following their Savior and being cared for by him. Baptism appointments and dates are scheduled; prayers and future visits are lined up; pastors and volunteers take notes and set up times to follow up.

There are so many to be shepherded. In the last two months, the number of "new" follow-ups needed has grown from the 50's to the 80's. Please continue to support our ministry with donations and consider shadowing to become a volunteer. Pray for workers who can stay in contact and follow up with so many souls without a shepherd.

We're so grateful for your support of The Hope Center-Appleton ministry. Find us at [www.hope-center.org](http://www.hope-center.org) or phone 920-739-0039. Donate online or access a list of items that may be donated by clicking on the "Interested in Helping" button.



## Ministerial Trust Fund Update

Mount Olive has established a Ministerial Student Trust Fund (scholarship fund) to help support our congregation's young men and women preparing for the public ministry. For the 2024 – 2025 school year, Mount Olive awarded 4 scholarships, totaling \$24,000 to the following members preparing for full-time work in God's Kingdom:

<b>Caitlin Broehm</b>	5th year at MLC	<b>Emmalee Mindock</b>	5th year at MLC
<b>Myah Loberger</b>	2nd year at MLC	<b>Adam Loberger</b>	1st year at MLC



Through Martin Luther College's Congregational Partner Grant program, MLC matched the scholarships, up to \$1450 per full time, traditional undergraduate students. All four of Mount Olive's students qualified for the MLC match.

Income to the Ministerial Student Trust Fund comes from direct contributions and Mount Olive's Endowment Fund – Ministerial Student Fund. Because of the high balance of the Ministerial Student Trust Fund, the distribution from the Endowment Fund was deferred for 2024, allowing the Endowment Fund to stay fully invested.

We ask for your assistance. First, pray for the Mount Olive students and all students preparing for the public ministry. Second, consider making a direct contribution to the Ministerial Student Trust Fund. There is a special "Scholarship Fund" envelope with the November envelopes in your envelope box. Also, the blue envelopes or electronic giving (the Give tab on Mount Olive church's website, select Other) can be used at any time to support the Ministerial Student Trust Fund. And lastly, consider including Mount Olive's Endowment Fund – Ministerial Student Fund in your year-end and estate planned giving.

Thank you for your past and future support of Mount Olive's Ministerial Student Trust Fund. Your support of this trust fund will allow Mount Olive to continue to grant meaningful scholarships to the young men and women preparing for the public ministry.

In God's Service, Mount Olive's Scholarship Committee

## Thank You

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It has been a blessing to be a part of this family for the last 20 years as a member of the church and grade school. I am now in my fifth year at Martin Luther College, pursuing a degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education. Thank you for your continued thoughts, prayers, and encouragement. They do not go unnoticed and are greatly appreciated. I also want to thank you for the monetary gift you gave me through the congregational grant program. I eagerly await to serve alongside you as one of God's representatives in the public ministry when I receive my divine call in May. I ask that just as you have prayed and encouraged me, continue to pray for all those in the public ministry and encourage those with gifts to teach and preach, as the need is great.

*"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philipians 1:3-6*

In Christ, Caitlin Broehm







## Church Library News

**Adult Fiction:** *The Writing Desk*, by Rachel Hauck. This book has both a contemporary storyline and a historical one. Tenley Roth is a modern day author and great-great-granddaughter to the acclaimed author Gordon Phipps Roth. She lives in New York City and has written a very successful first book, but she's suffering from writer's block when it comes to creating her second novel. When her boyfriend Holt proposes to her, she just can't say yes.

Then she gets word that her mother has cancer. Tenley agrees to temporarily live with her mother in Cocoa Beach, Florida to help her through chemo treatments. That's when she meets Jonas and her life takes a turn.

Like Tenley, Birdie Shehorn is also from New York City. Born during the Gilded Age, she is a young woman living with her mother and father who are among the early 1900's social elite. Her parents have chosen a man for her to marry. But Birdie doesn't want to get married, and she certainly doesn't love the man her parents have chosen for her. Rather, her dream is to tell stories and write novels. Both Tenley and Birdie are from two different worlds, living over a hundred years apart, but a certain writing desk joins them together. This book is an intelligent, faith-based and enjoyable love story.

**Internet Link to the Church Library:** Go to [www.mountoliveappleton.com](http://www.mountoliveappleton.com), click the "Member's Page" heading found at the top of the homepage. Then within the "Quick Links" section on the right, select "Church Library Access." You will be taken to the church library's website where you can perform a custom search or simply click on "New Materials" to see what's been recently added to the library.

**Return all materials to the "Book Return" slot at the check out counter.**

**Come Check Us Out!!**



## Apple Valley Food Pantry

**The pantry's next collection date is Saturday, November 9.**

The following list of items are needed: Healthy adult cereals, chicken noodle and tomato soups, chunky soups, canned chilis and stews, canned pasta, boxed and bagged potato side dishes, assorted boxed crackers, jam/jelly, pork n beans/ baked beans, women's shampoo/conditioner and body wash, men's 2-1 or 3-1 shampoo/body wash.

Thank you for your support of the pantry.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

## Coffee Café

September—  
December sign up is ready!  
Please sign up by scanning the QR code or going to the Mount Olive website!



Thank you to everyone who has helped out, it is so appreciated!

If you need a refresher or training, please contact Jenni Klemp [jklemp31@gmail.com](mailto:jklemp31@gmail.com).

	Early 8-9:45 AM	Late 9:45-11:30 AM
<b>Nov. 3</b>	Tom & Karen Medema	Brad & Laura Waurio
<b>Nov. 10</b>	Nicole & Chase Mignon	Bruce & Kim Willhite
<b>Nov. 17</b>	Molitor family	Mielke family
<b>Nov. 24</b>	OPEN	OPEN



# November

## BIRTHDAYS

November 9	Patricia Schwartz, 75
November 10	Ken Wehrman, 87
November 13	Lucille Mueller, 98
November 13	Doug Mantei, 75
November 16	Betty Klitzke, 90
November 17	Richard Hinz, 93
November 19	Debbie Kuehl, 75
November 22	Jane Cowal, 79
November 27	Dianne Meyer, 78
November 27	Roger VandenLangenberg, 75
November 28	Daniel Grunwald, 82



### Mount Olive SCRIP

Make use of Mount Olive’s SCRIP program to stock up on gift cards now – for both your holiday shopping and for holiday gifts! You can shop online or buy gift cards through RaiseRight. This turns your holiday purchase into support for Mount Olive and savings for you!

How does SCRIP work? You purchase physical or electronic gift cards through our program for everyday expenses like gas, groceries, dining out, clothing, etc. These gift cards are sold to Mount Olive at a discounted price, and 60% of the rebate is distributed annually to your account based on your chosen option on your enrollment form.

Shop all brands and categories on [RaiseRight.com](https://www.raise-right.com) and in the mobile app. If you have any questions, please contact Carol at [scrip@mountoliveappleton.com](mailto:scrip@mountoliveappleton.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*[Click here](#) to go to our website calendar for more details and the most up-to-date information.*

November 2	Fall Clean-Up Day, 8-11 AM
November 2-4	Mount Olive Family Reunion
November 3	Mount Olive Potluck, 11:45 AM
November 3	Valley Teen Night at Mount Olive, 6 PM
November 8	No School
November 9	Apple Valley Food Pantry Pick-up
November 11	Veterans Day Program, 1 PM
November 11	Ladies Altar Guild meeting in the Atrium, 1 PM
November 16	Cultivating Connections, 9-10:30 AM
November 27-29	No School, Thanksgiving Break
November 27	Thanksgiving Service, 6 PM
November 28	Thanksgiving Service, 9 AM
November 28-29	Church Office Closed
December 1	Advent by Candlelight, 4 PM
December 4, 11, 18	Midweek Advent Services, 10 AM & 6 PM
	Advent Suppers, 4:30-5:30 PM

