

THIS WEEK — November 26-December 3

SUNDAY	8 & 10:30 AM – Worship 9-9:25 & 10-10:25 AM – SCRIP 9:15 AM – Sunday School / Bible Study 9:15 AM – Family Growing in Christ	1 PM – Adult Volleyball 7 PM – Men’s Basketball	
MONDAY	6 PM – Worship	7 PM – Kreuscher/Kobin Life Group	
TUESDAY	6 PM – LWMS meeting	7 PM – Fenske/Peter Life Group	
WEDNESDAY	9 AM – Adult Bible Study 10 AM – Midweek Advent Service 4:15 PM - PSI	4:45-5:45 PM – Advent Supper 6 PM – Midweek Advent Service 7 PM – Adult Choir 7 PM – Youth Rally Meeting	
THURSDAY	8 AM – Ehlke Bible Study	6 PM – Family Growing in Christ	
FRIDAY	6:30 AM – Men’s Bible Study		
SATURDAY		5:30 PM – Worship w/ Communion	
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OFFERINGS/OTHER INCOME		BUDGET	ACTUAL
Offerings	Week of 11/20/2023	\$30,525	\$38,562
Offerings	Fiscal Year-to-date	\$568,175	\$580,851
Offerings + Other Income	Fiscal Year-to-date	\$1,207,810	\$1,205,759
Forward in Faith 2	Week of 11/20/2023		\$12,311
Forward in Faith 2	Total Campaign to-date		\$2,204,372
USHERS	<u>Saturday 5:30 PM</u> – Michael Hyne (Captain) Dave Kempen <u>Sunday 8 AM</u> – Tim Weihing (Captain) Andy Lawonn, Mike Smith, Jim Van Dyke <u>Sunday 10:30 AM</u> – Chad Krowas (Captain) Tom Ermers, Eric McKown, Jason Garland <u>Monday 6 PM</u> – John Hoh (Captain) Ken Jaeger, Doug Mantei <u>Nov. 29 Advent 10 AM</u> – Keith Wundrow (Captain) Al Vetting, Mark Kobin <u>Nov. 29 Advent 6 PM</u> – Jeff Schultz (Captain) Gary Manske, Josh & Keaton Enter		
GREETERS	<u>This Week: (Sat)</u> – Arnold, OPEN, Lecker (Sun early) – Kath, VanDeWeghe, Mueller (Sun late) – OPEN, Raddatz, OPEN <u>Next Week: (Sat)</u> – Arnold, OPEN, OPEN (Sun early) – Laabs, Flunker, Rachoner (Sun late) – Ermers, Hintz, Kruschel		
COFFEE CAFÉ	<u>This Week: (8-10 AM)</u> Amanda & Layla Smith (10 AM-Noon) OPEN <u>Next Week: (8-10 AM)</u> Medema family (10 AM-Noon) OPEN		
AV TEAM	<u>November 25-27:</u> Saturday – Jack Bohlman; Monday – Ben Haupt Sunday (8 AM) – Sam Nielsen, (10:30 AM) – Brayden Kaddatz <u>November 29:</u> Wednesday (10 AM) – Julie Neujahr; (6 PM) – Josh Lecker		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Saturday: 166; Sunday: 8 AM 298, 10:30 AM 259; Monday: 87; Online: 105; Total: 915

DIVINE CALLS Mount Olive has called **Mrs. Emma Tesch** to serve as 7th grade homeroom teacher and to teach English and Literature in our upper grades. She is currently teaching at First German Lutheran in Manitowoc. **Miss Kari Tiarks** received a call to teach 5th and 6th grade at St. Peter's in Sturgeon Bay, WI. **Mr. Landon Zacharyasz** continues to hold a call to serve as Principal at David's Star Lutheran School in Jackson, WI. **Miss Heidi Schone** holds a call to teach 4th grade at Risen Savior Christian Academy in Pooler, GA. Please keep them in your prayers as they deliberate their calls.

CHILDREN OF THE PROMISE We'll see how God protects and delivers his people, how he speaks to us through his word, and how he prepares us to trust his message and his messengers. Throughout Scripture, God used children in his plan of salvation. Child or adult, we pray that this series will help prepare your heart for the ultimate "Promised Child" this Advent season. **Please join us for our Midweek Advent Services on Nov. 29, Dec. 6, Dec. 13 at 10 AM or 6 PM.**

ADVENT SUPPERS Enjoy a meal before our evening Advent services on Nov. 29th, Dec. 6th and 13th. Served from 4:45-5:45 PM in the Commons. This week there will be brats, cream of chicken wild rice soup, chips, veggies and apple crisp.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT - *Prepare, Ponder, Praise, Proclaim, Pray*

Join us **Sunday, December 3rd at 4 PM** for a hymn sing and fellowship with light refreshments at Mount Olive Church. Sign up in the atrium or the [Mount Olive website](#).

MOUNT OLIVE TEACHER ASSISTANT Mount Olive is looking for a person to assist in Mrs. Olson's 4th-grade room during the week of December 11th, working each school day from 8:00 - 12:30 p.m. during Mrs. Pahmeier's maternity leave. If you are interested or know someone who may be, please reach out to Principal Landon Zacharyasz. You can email landon.zacharyasz@mountoliveappleton.com or call the school office 920-739-9194.

LWMS Please join us for a fun evening on Tuesday, November 28th at 6:00 PM in the Atrium. We'll have a brief meeting and then will decorate the LWMS Christmas Mission Tree and another Atrium tree near the entrance.

GREETERS The window is open for you to choose your dates to greet January - March. Visit mountoliveappleton.com and look for "greeters sign-up". There are also dates remaining to be filled through the end of December. Check the list and help out if you can. Thanks!

YOUTH RALLY INFORMATIONAL MEETING will be held November 29th at 7 PM in the Commons. Please register here if you are planning to attend or if you would like information. Students currently in 8th grade through high school are eligible. Rally dates are June 25-28.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoE4AAFA929A5FBC34-44364391-toreceive>



Youth - Scan the QR code to find out more information about:

- The **International WELS Youth Rally June 25-28**, Fort Collins, CO.
- Sign up for the **Informational meeting on Wednesday, November 29 at 7 PM**
- Sign up to help with **Advent Supper and Pizza Fundraiser!**

COLLEGE STUDENT/RECENT GRADUATE get together at Mount Olive Wednesday, December 27th, 6-9 PM open gym, games and food. Please join us. Registration isn't needed, but it is appreciated.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoE4AAFA929A5FBC34-46210684-collegerecent>



MORNINGS WITH MOMMY We hope you can join us to celebrate Jesus' Birthday on Friday, December 8 at 8:15 AM! (Note Date change from Dec. 1 to Dec. 8)

Please register online at mountoliveappleton/mwm to reserve your spot!

MEDITATIONS The new devotion booklets are now available in the Narthex. Suggested donation of \$3 is appreciated.

POINSETTIA ORDERS Please consider purchasing a poinsettia to help decorate our chancel during Christmas. We will be taking orders for twenty-five poinsettias. The cost is \$28 each. To order a poinsettia, sign up in the atrium or call the church office at 920-739-9194.

2024 FLOWER DONATION CALENDAR will be on display in the west school hallway next weekend. Members may sign-up to donate a floral arrangement for the Chancel area. This is a nice way to help beautify our church as well as commemorate special events or express gratitude for blessings received.

SCRIP - Spreading holiday cheer with gift cards

From finding the perfect gift to taking a break from the hustle and bustle of the holidays, there's a gift card for every need. Earn money for your organization by shopping with gift cards from RaiseRight – the gift that gives back. Shop all brands and categories on RaiseRight.com. Questions? Call 920-739-9194 or email scrip@mountoliveappleton.com.

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS Did you know that if you are age 70.5 and older, you can support gospel ministry by requesting a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from your individual retirement account (IRA) directly to Mount Olive? Even better, if you are age 72 and older, the QCD will count toward your required minimum distribution! A special tax benefit is that Qualified charitable distributions of up to \$100,000 per person per year are excluded from your taxable income. For more information, pick up a blue “Charitable Contributions of Appreciated Assets” brochure in the tract rack or contact the church finance office (920) 739-9194.

THE MYSTERIES OF CHRISTMAS is the title of MLC’s 2023 Advent devotion. In these devotions the writers lead us to marvel at the mysteries related to Jesus’ first and second advent—some of which have been resolved and realized, and some of which are still shrouded in mystery. Please visit [MLC’s seasonal devotions page](#) where you can read the devotions online, order a print version, or sign up to have them sent to you every day from December 1 to Christmas Day.

DIVORCECARE - SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS is being offered by Immanuel Lutheran Ministries-Greenville on Monday, November 20 from 6-8 PM in the Chapel. After separation or divorce, your Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays won’t look the same as they used to. Traditions change. Some family members won’t be there. Social gatherings can feel stressful. But DivorceCare Surviving the Holidays can help! This 2-hour session includes a video, sharing time, and a “Survival Guide” filled with tips and encouragement for managing the holidays. No pre-registration is needed.

THE BARGAIN GARDEN THRIFT SHOP NEEDS YOU! The Bargain Garden is blessed to be staffed solely by volunteers. We need men and women from the Federation congregations to help keep this running. If you can work a shift (3 ½ hours) or two a month, please stop at the store (2725 N. Meade St., Appleton) to pick up a volunteer form. You will be welcomed and appreciated.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT You are invited to a Christmas Concert at Bethlehem Lutheran Church Hortonville (752 East Grandview) on Dec. 15 from 5:30-8:30 PM with Christmas Caroling at 7 PM in the sanctuary.