

THIS WEEK — December 10-17

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	
TUESDAY		6:30 PM – Board of Stewardship	
WEDNESDAY	9 AM – Adult Bible Study 10 AM – Midweek Advent Service 4:15 PM - PSI	4:30-5:30 PM – Advent Supper 6 PM – Midweek Advent Service 7 PM – Adult Choir 7 PM – Board of Evangelism	
THURSDAY	8 AM – Ehlke Bible Study	6 PM – Family Growing in Christ 8 PM – Board of Family Ministry	
FRIDAY	6:30 AM – Men’s Bible Study		
SATURDAY		3 PM – 3K-5K Christmas Service 5:30 PM – Worship w/ Communion	
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OFFERINGS/OTHER INCOME		BUDGET	ACTUAL
Offerings	Week of 12/4/2023	\$45,320	\$33,230
Offerings	Fiscal Year-to-date	\$644,020	\$655,878
Offerings + Other Income	Fiscal Year-to-date	\$1,302,686	\$1,287,643
Forward in Faith 2	Week of 12/4/2023		\$6,476
Forward in Faith 2	Total Campaign to-date		\$2,214,410
USHERS	<u>Saturday 5:30 PM</u> – Keith Wundrow (Captain) Peter Sehloff, Brad & Murphy Beyer <u>Sunday 8 AM</u> – Bryan Thede (Captain) Richard Mueller, Ian Schaefer, Chris & Elijah Mattioli <u>Sunday 10:30 AM</u> – Jesse VanderHeyden (Captain) David Sievert, Brian Kirchner, Malachi Enter <u>Monday 6 PM</u> – John Hoh (Captain) Bruce Thede, Bob Luedtke <u>Dec. 13 Advent 10 AM</u> – Jerome Laabs (Captain) Al Vetting, Jerry Greve <u>Dec. 13 Advent 6 PM</u> – Jay Vanderhoof (Captain) Gary Manske, Corey Dahlke, Mark Schmidt		
GREETERS	<u>This Week: (Sat)</u> – Frost, Arnold, OPEN (Sun early) – Jaeger, Scherbarth, Kiesling (Sun late) – Kreuscher, Mantei, Machmueller <u>Next Week: (Sat)</u> –Arnold, Hyne, OPEN (Sun early) – VandenLangenberg, Fischer, Schultz (Sun late) – Chipman, Kolell, OPEN		
COFFEE CAFÉ	<u>This Week: (8-10 AM)</u> Mark & Merri Schroeder (10 AM-Noon) Brad & Laura Waurio <u>Next Week: (8-10 AM)</u> OPEN (10 AM-Noon) OPEN		
AV TEAM	<u>December 9-11:</u> Saturday – Steve Priebe; Monday – Ben Haupt Sunday (8 AM) – Evan Pastorek, (10:30 AM) – Brayden Kaddatz <u>December 13:</u> Wednesday (10 AM) – Julie Neujahr; (6 PM) – Josh Lecker		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Advent Nov. 29: 10 AM 84, 6 PM 203; Online: 48; Total: 335
Saturday: 133; Sunday: 8 AM 159, 10:30 AM 223; Monday: 85; Online: 148; Total: 748**

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed to God's glory by Jane Sagunsky in memory of her husband Robert Sagunsky.

DIVINE CALLS Mr. Kurt Nielsen has received a call from King of Kings in Maitland, FL to serve as 5th and 6th grade teacher, Athletic Director and Technology coordinator. Miss Kari Tiarks received a call to teach 5th and 6th grade at St. Peter's in Sturgeon Bay, WI. Please keep them in your prayers as they deliberate their call.

CHILDREN OF THE PROMISE Throughout Scripture, God used children in his plan of salvation. Child or adult, we pray this will help prepare your heart for the ultimate "Promised Child" this Advent season. **Please join us for our Midweek Advent Services on Dec. 13 at 10 AM or 6 PM.**

ADVENT SUPPERS Enjoy a meal from 4:30-5:30 PM in the Commons. This week there will be nachos with fries or chips, street corn and dessert. Donations will support the WELS Youth Rally attendees. If you would like to help out by providing a dessert, please sign up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoE4AAFA929A5FBC34-high3>.

THE 2024 MOUNT OLIVE OFFERING ENVELOPES are now available in the atrium. If you give online you may not have envelopes to pick up if you opted out. Children enrolled at Mount Olive will receive their envelopes in their classroom.

VOTERS' MEETING featuring elections for officers and board members, will be held on Tuesday, December 19 at 7 PM in the Commons.

POINSETTIA ORDERS Please consider purchasing a poinsettia to help decorate our chancel during Christmas. We are ordering 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.

LWMS MISSION TREE will help the Malawi, Africa Sanitation Crisis. Contributions to the Christmas Mission Tree will aid in helping volunteers restore the sanitation system, build new latrines, and give emergency clean water kits to many African Lutheran households. Take an envelope from the tree in the Atrium and your donation can be placed in the offering plate during any service. Make checks payable to Mount Olive Lutheran Church. The tree will be up through January 2nd. Thank you to the second-grade classrooms for providing ornaments.

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

2024 FLOWER DONATION CALENDAR is on display in the west school hallway. 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.



REMINDER If you are planning to attend the WELS Youth rally, your \$50 down payment is required by December 13th. This is payable by check written out to Mount Olive and received by the church or school office. More information can be found here <https://tinyurl.com/24MOLYouth>

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>



DECEMBER MESSENGER The monthly Messenger went out by email and is on our website. If you would like a printed copy, please pick one up in the narthex.

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](https://www.raise-right.com). Questions? Call 920-739-9194 or email scrip@mountoliveappleton.com.

DOES YOUR EMPLOYER MATCH CHARITABLE GIFTS? Many local companies provide matching grants for employees who make donations to K-12 schools. Contact your human resources department to see if your company matches gifts for its employees or go to www.doublethedonation.com. If you need additional help, contact our finance.office@mountoliveappleton.com or 739-9194. Thank you for your support!

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 "Charitable Contributions of Appreciated Assets" brochure in the tract rack or contact the church finance office (920) 739-9194.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT at Bethlehem Lutheran Church Hortonville (752 East Grandview) on December 15 from 5:30-8:30 PM with Christmas Caroling at 7 PM in the sanctuary.

HORNS A PLENTY CHRISTMAS CLINIC AND CONCERT Join us December 16 at 2 PM at Fox Valley Lutheran High School for this performance. FREE Admission. We will have guest artist Dr. Robert Fant. Questions? Please contact Don Krause at 920-428-4920.

OUR SHEPHERD CHILDCARE AND FAMILY MINISTRY is looking to hire classroom leads/assistants. Both full-time and part-time positions are available. If you believe that you would work well in a fast-paced, friendly work environment, please stop in at Our Shepherd to fill out an application or call 920-733-3344 and speak with Heather Neta or Christina Coon.

FVL NEWS

- **Youth Summer Baseball (deadline 12/31)** information is available, and registration is open. Go to fvlhs.org/youth-sports for details and to register.
- **FVL grads who were a part of the band program**, please consider joining us for a special alumni band performance at Musicfest on Sunday, 2/4. Go online (fvlhs.org/news) to view details and registration link. Registration deadline is 1/9.
- Information for the 2024 season for **Lutheran Vanguard of Wisconsin (LVW)**, a WELS high school marching band, has been posted to its website. The season will begin with a preview and rehearsal camp on January 6-7 to be held at FVL. LVW is open to all WELS members in grades 8-12. The summer schedule, eligibility, cost, registration procedures, and more can be found on the JOIN page. Go to lutheranvanguard.org for the information. If you have questions, contact the LVW Executive Director, James Neujahr (jneujahr@fvlhs.org).
- Families can **enroll for Semester 2** at FVL. Contact the Admissions Office at <http://www.admissions@fvlhs.org> or 920-560-5105 for details.
- **FVL CHRISTMAS BREAK School & SCRIP Office Hours:**
Thurs., 12/21 – Wed., 1/3 – All Offices Closed (including Guidance)
Thurs., 1/4 – Regular School & SCRIP Office hours resume



Mount Olive Ev. Lutheran Church
Nominees for 2024 Leadership Positions

(All positions are 2-year terms, unless noted)

Board of Member Ministry:

(4 vacancies)

- Doug Enter*
- Michael Keller
- Mark Kobin*
- Randy Kreuscher

Board of Church Properties:

(4 vacancies)

- Michael Kesting
- Jerome Laabs*
- Richard Mueller*
- Andrew Vander Heyden

Board of Education:

(3 vacancies)

- Jared McLister*
- Aaron Sass*
- David Wenzel*

Board of Evangelism:

(2 vacancies)

- Trevor Ermers
- Ben Runke

Board of Finance:

(3 vacancies)

- Peter Joch *
 - Randy Schauman*
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Board of Worship:

(1 vacancy)

Board of Family Ministry:

(2 vacancies)

- Ryan Neff*
- Joe Putzstuck

Board of Stewardship:

(2 vacancies)

- Andrew Fenske
- Chuck Self

Vice President:

- Joe Rachoner

Secretary:

- Randy Kohlstedt

Treasurer:

- Tim Weihing*

* Individuals with asterisks behind their names are current board members who have agreed to renew their terms and serve another two years on the board.