

**THIS WEEK — December 17-25**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	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	3 PM – Adult Volleyball 7 PM – Men’s Basketball	
<b>MONDAY</b>		6 PM – Worship	
<b>TUESDAY</b>		7 PM – Voters’ Meeting	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		6 PM – Gr. 1-8 Christmas Service @ FVL	
<b>THURSDAY</b>		6 PM – Family Growing in Christ 6:30 PM – Adult Choir	
<b>FRIDAY</b>			
<b>SATURDAY</b>		<b>No Worship Service</b>	
<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	8 AM– Worship 10:30 AM – Worship	4 PM– Worship 6 PM – Worship	
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	9 AM– Worship with Communion	<b>Church Office Closed</b> <b>No Evening Worship Service</b>	
<b>OFFERINGS/OTHER INCOME</b>		<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
Offerings	Week of 12/11/2023	\$45,320	\$33,461
Offerings	Fiscal Year-to-date	\$689,340	\$689,339
Offerings + Other Income	Fiscal Year-to-date	\$1,356,764	\$1,337,334
Forward in Faith 2	Week of 12/11/2023		\$5,798
Forward in Faith 2	Total Campaign to-date		\$2,220,208
<b>USHERS</b>	<u>Saturday 5:30 PM</u> – Michael Hyne (Captain) Peter Sehloff, Brad & Murphy Beyer <u>Sunday 8 AM</u> – Bryan Thede (Captain) Richard Raddatz, Ian Schaefer, Richard Mueller <u>Sunday 10:30 AM</u> – Jesse VanderHeyden (Captain) Derek & Luke Kritzer, Randy Kreuscher <u>Monday 6 PM</u> – John Hoh (Captain) Bruce Thede, Bob Luedtke		
<b>GREETERS</b>	<u>This Week: (Sat)</u> – Arnold, Hyne, Vista (Sun early) – VandenLangenberg, Fischer, Schultz (Sun late) – Chipman, Kolell, OPEN <u>Next Week: (Sun 8AM)</u> – OPEN, Korth, Korth (Sun 10:30 AM) – Chipman, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN (Sun 4 PM) – OPEN, OPEN, OPEN (Sun 6 PM) – OPEN, OPEN, OPEN		
<b>COFFEE CAFÉ</b>	<u>This Week: (8-10 AM)</u> Rick & Sue Gulbransen (10 AM-Noon) OPEN <u>Next Week: No Café on Christmas</u>		
<b>AV TEAM</b>	<u>December 16-18:</u> Saturday – Louisa Falck; Monday – Aaron Tollefson Sunday (8 AM) – Ethan Schabo, (10:30 AM) – Blake Vanderhoof <u>December 24:</u> (8 AM) – Josh Lecker (10:30 AM) – Evan Pastorek (4 PM) – Jack Bohlman (6 PM) – Ben Haupt <u>December 25:</u> (9 AM) – Josh Lecker		

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Advent Dec. 6:** 10 AM 96, 6 PM 318; **Online: 60; Total: 474**  
**Saturday: 150; Sunday: 8 AM 233, 10:30 AM 250; Monday: 71; Online: 116; Total: 820**

**HOLY BAPTISM** The Christian baptism for Victor Pahmeier, son of Seth & Ruth Pahmeier, will take place Sunday, December 17 at the 10:30 AM service. The baptism will be administered by Victor's grandfather, (retired) WELS Pastor David Nottling.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** The **cross bouquet** is placed to God's glory by the Ladies Aid in memory of the deceased Pastors. The **pulpit bouquet** is placed to God's glory by Tammy Wasser in memory of the wedding anniversary of her parents, Dale & Beverly Gosch.

**DIVINE CALLS** **Mr. David Liebhard** has received a call from David's Star in Jackson, WI to serve as an 8th grade teacher with technology duties. **Mr. Kurt Nielsen** received a call from King of Kings in Maitland, FL to serve as 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Athletic Director and Technology coordinator. Please keep them in your prayers as they deliberate their calls.

**Miss Kari Tiarks** has returned her call to St. Peter's and will continue to serve at Mount Olive.

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

**GREETERS** No greeters were scheduled for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day knowing it is difficult to schedule around family plans. If you are available at any of the service times that weekend, please consider stepping in to make our members and guests feel welcome at such a special time. (No prior sign up is necessary.)

**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.

**YEAR-END GIFTS** Mount Olive's fiscal year ends on June 30. However, your special offerings at the end of 2023 are vital for maintaining our ministries throughout the year. All gifts received by mail, online or in the offering plate, by December 31, 2023, will be recorded on the giver's 2023 offering statement. Thank you for your gifts of love!

**MOUNT OLIVE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT OPEN** Enrollment is open for all returning school families and Mount Olive Church member families. Secure your seat soon because enrollment will open to all community families in January. Contact Landon Zacharyasz ([principal@mountoliveappleton.com](mailto:principal@mountoliveappleton.com)) for enrollment questions or information.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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](http://www.doublethedonation.com). If you need additional help, contact our [finance.office@mountoliveappleton.com](mailto: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.

**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>



**VALLEY TEEN NIGHT** on Sunday, January 14th, 2024 at The CORE, 820 W. College Ave, Appleton, WI 54914 from 5:45-8:00 PM.

Register here: <https://922ministries.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2052317>

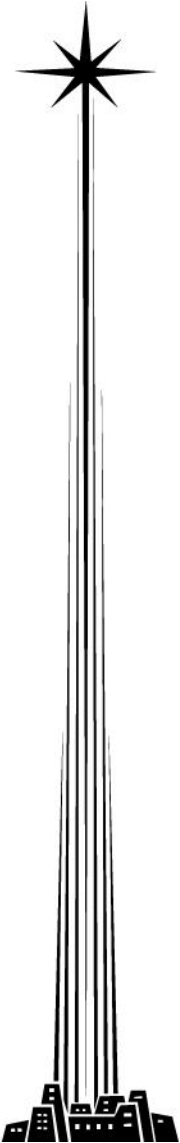
**What to expect:** Teen-lead Worship, Bible Talk & Discussion, Yummy Snacks

God Loves Nobodies is a fact clearly stated in the pages of the Bible and is a precious truth that we can cling to. Using Matthew Doebler's excellent book, "God Loves Nobodies", we'll examine this truth and explore what it means.

### **FVL NEWS**

- **Youth Summer Baseball (deadline 12/31)** information is available, and registration is open. Go to [fvlhs.org/youth-sports](http://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](http://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](http://lutheranvanguard.org) for the information. If you have questions, contact the LVW Executive Director, James Neujahr ([jneujahr@fvlhs.org](mailto: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

# **Special Worship Services**



## **Grades 1-8 Christmas Service**

**At FVL Dec. 20 at 6 PM**

## **Christmas Eve Services**

**8 AM, 10:30 AM, 4 PM, 6 PM**

## **Christmas Day Service**

**9 AM w/ Communion**

## **New Year's Services**

**Sat. Dec. 30 - 5:30 PM**

**Sun. Dec. 31 - 8 AM, 10:30 AM**

**Mon. Jan. 1 – 6 PM**

**Dec. 30-Jan. 1 will feature one New Year Service and  
Communion at all services.**



*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\*
- Aaron Eichhorst

**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.