

THIS WEEK — December 3-10

SUNDAY	8 & 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion 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 4 PM – Advent by Candlelight 7 PM – Men’s Basketball	
MONDAY	10 AM – Executive Committee 6 PM – Worship w/ Communion	6 PM – Church Properties 7 PM – Board of Education	
TUESDAY			
WEDNESDAY	9 AM – Adult Bible Study 10 AM – Midweek Advent Service 11:30 AM – Ladies Aid Meeting 4:15 PM - PSI	4:30-5:30 PM – Advent Supper 6 PM – Midweek Advent Service 7 PM – Male Chorus	
THURSDAY	8 AM – Ehlke Bible Study	6 PM – Family Growing in Christ 6:30 PM – Member Ministry 6:30 PM – Stamp Club	
FRIDAY	6:30 AM – Men’s Bible Study	8:15 AM – Mornings w/ Mommy	
SATURDAY	<i>Apple Valley Food Pantry Pick-up</i>	5:30 PM – Worship	
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OFFERINGS/OTHER INCOME		BUDGET	ACTUAL
Offerings	Week of 11/27/2023	\$30,525	\$41,797
Offerings	Fiscal Year-to-date	\$598,700	\$622,648
Offerings + Other Income	Fiscal Year-to-date	\$1,248,608	\$1,253,783
Forward in Faith 2	Week of 11/27/2023		\$3,563
Forward in Faith 2	Total Campaign to-date		\$2,207,934
USHERS	<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, Chris & Elijah Mattioli <u>Sunday 10:30 AM</u> – Jesse VanderHeyden (Captain) Derek & Luke Kritzer, B Kirchner, M Enter <u>Monday 6 PM</u> – John Hoh (Captain) Bruce Thede, Bob Luedtke <u>Dec. 6 Advent 10 AM</u> – Tom Bartel (Captain) Al Vetting, Jerry Greve <u>Dec. 6 Advent 6 PM</u> – Scott Rademacher (Captain) Gary Manske, Josh & Keaton Enter		
GREETERS	<u>This Week:</u> (Sat) – Arnold, OPEN, OPEN (Sun early) – Laabs, Flunker, Rachoner (Sun late) – Ermers, Hintz, Kruschel <u>Next Week:</u> (Sat) – Frost, Arnold, OPEN (Sun early) – Jaeger, Scherbarth, Kiesling (Sun late) – Kreuscher, Mantei, Machmueller		
COFFEE CAFÉ	<u>This Week:</u> (8-10 AM) Medema family (10 AM-Noon) Mark & Merri Schroeder <u>Next Week:</u> (8-10 AM) Mark & Merri Schroeder (10 AM-Noon) Brad & Laura Waurio		
AV TEAM	<u>December 2-4:</u> Saturday – Melita Ehlke; Monday – Aaron Tollefson Sunday (8 AM) – Josh Lecker, (10:30 AM) – Blake Vanderhoof <u>December 6:</u> Wednesday (10 AM) – Julie Neujahr; (6 PM) – Josh Lecker		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Thanksgiving - Wednesday: 361; Thursday: 174; Online: 76; Total: 611
Saturday: 167; Sunday: 8 AM 185, 10:30 AM 275; Monday: 57; Online: 148; Total: 832

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed to God's glory by Andrew & Tracy Motowski in memory of Tracy's father Kim Williams.

DIVINE CALLS We give thanks that **Mr. Landon Zacharyasz** and **Miss Heidi Schone** have returned their calls and will remain at Mount Olive. **Mrs. Emma Tesch** has returned the call to serve as Mount Olive's 7th grade homeroom teacher. **Miss Kari Tiarks** received a call to teach 5th and 6th grade at St. Peter's in Sturgeon Bay, WI. Please keep Kari in your prayers as she deliberates this call.

TONIGHT!! 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 in the commons at Mount Olive.

LWMS MISSION TREE this year will help the Malawi, Africa Sanitation Crisis. Cyclone Freddy devastated Malawi with severe flooding in March. Many homes collapsed and latrines flooded, worsening an already widespread cholera outbreak. 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. Just 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 November 28th through January 2nd. Thank you to Mrs. Sehloff, Mrs. Jaeger and the second-grade class for providing the ornaments.

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 Dec. 6 and Dec. 13 at 10 AM or 6 PM.**

ADVENT SUPPERS Enjoy a meal before our evening Advent services from 4:30-5:30 PM in the Commons. This week there will be grilled cheese, chili, chips, fruit cup and cookies.

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. You will be receiving an email in the middle of December with the January-March schedule.

LADIES AID MEETING this Wednesday, December 6th at 11:30 AM in the Fireside Room.

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](https://mountoliveappleton.com/mwm) to reserve your spot!

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 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.

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



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

- The **International WELS Youth Rally June 25-28**, Fort Collins, CO.
- Sign up to help with the **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>



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.RaiseRight.com). Questions? Call 920-739-9194 or email scrip@mountoliveappleton.com.

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 now until Christmas Day.

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 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.

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.

FVL NEWS

- **Youth Summer Baseball (deadline 12/31) and Wrestling** 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.