

**THIS WEEK — January 21-28**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	8 & 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9-9:25 & 10-10:25 AM – SCRIP 9:15 AM – Family Growing in Christ 9:15 AM – Sunday School / Bible Study	1 PM – Adult Volleyball 7 PM – Men’s Basketball
<b>MONDAY</b>	6 PM – Worship w/ Communion	7 PM – Kreuscher/Kobin Life Group 7:15 PM – Voters Meeting
<b>TUESDAY</b>		7 PM – Fenske/Peter Life Group
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9 AM – Adult Bible Study 4:15 PM – PSI	6:30 PM – Male Chorus
<b>THURSDAY</b>	8 AM – Ehlke Bible Study	6 PM – Family Growing in Christ
<b>FRIDAY</b>	6:30 AM – Men’s Bible Class	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	8:30 AM – Basic Training	5:30 PM – Worship
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<b>OFFERINGS/OTHER INCOME</b>		<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
Offerings	Week of 1/15/2024	\$31,900	\$16,620
Offerings	Fiscal Year-to-date	\$889,100	\$906,420
Offerings + Other Income	Fiscal Year-to-date	\$1,625,427	\$1,588,049
Forward in Faith 2	Week of 1/15/2024		\$3,327
Forward in Faith 2	Total Campaign to-date		\$2,258,807

**USHERS**     Saturday 5:30 PM – Tom Bartel (Captain) Ben Nommensen, Michael Hyne, Steve Wunderlich  
Sunday 8 AM – Mark Toll (Captain) Rick Gulbransen, Rick Raddatz, Justin Slominsky  
Sunday 10:30 AM – Tony Hess (Capt) Glen Vick, Derek & Luke Kritzer  
Monday 6 PM – John Hoh (Captain) Ken Jaeger, Bruce Thede

**GREETERS**     This Week: (Sun 8AM) – Greshay, Arnold, OPEN  
(Sun 8AM) – Raddatz, Korth, OPEN (Sun 10:30 AM) – Chipman, Fuhrmann, Mielke  
Next Week: (Sat) – Arnold, OPEN, OPEN  
(Sun 8AM) – Raddatz, OPEN, OPEN (Sun 10:30 AM) – Chipman, Gucinski, Kruschel

**COFFEE CAFÉ**     This Week: (8-10 AM) Mark & Merri Schroeder (10 AM-Noon) Mike & Louise Kesting  
Next Week: (8-10 AM) Rick & Sue Gulbransen (10 AM-Noon) OPEN

**AV TEAM**     January 20-22: Saturday – Steve Priebe; Monday – Ben Haupt  
Sunday (8 AM) – Sam/Jillian Nielsen, (10:30 AM) – Brayden Kaddatz  
January 27-29: Saturday – Jack Bohlmann/Jacob Koch; Monday – Aaron Tollefson  
Sunday (8 AM) – NEED, (10:30 AM) – Dane Clausen

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:**

**Saturday: 131; Sunday: 8 AM 146, 10:30 AM 186; Monday: 46; Online: 204; Total: 713**

**DIVINE CALL RECEIVED** Mr. Landon Zacharyasz has received a call to be principal at Wisconsin Lutheran High School in Milwaukee. Mrs. Stephanie Olson has received a call to serve as a 3rd grade teacher at Immanuel, Greenville. Please keep them in your prayers as they deliberate their calls.

**CONVERSATIONS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN** Join Pastor Gawel at 9:15 AM in the church sanctuary to get a glimpse at some of the intense conversations Jesus had with the lost he came to save. New faces are welcome!

**IN SEASON AND OUT OF SEASON** is a video-based Bible class designed to help every Mount Olive member confidently share Jesus whenever and wherever God has planted you. Join Pastor Raasch in the Commons at 9:15 AM for this practical study.

**A FAMILY GROWING IN CHRIST** class gives a basic introduction to what the Bible and Mount Olive teach, along with the chance to study in a smaller group setting. This class also serves as the path to membership at Mount Olive. It is slated to begin Thursday Jan 18th at 6 PM or Sunday Jan 21 at 9:15 am. (Same class, multiples options to attend). Join Pastor Prieue in the lower-level conference room.

**A NEW BIBLE READING PLAN** for Mount Olive members started on January 8, 2024. Download the YouVersion Bible app to your phone and/or go to <https://bible.com/p/63134450/386a070875474b12111e44326f3d75bf> to join the reading plan called “*The Incredibly Exciting Old Testament.*” We’ll cover approximately one chapter a day.



**MOUNT OLIVE’S LIFE GROUPS** are lay-led small groups which meet at various times throughout the week, at church or in people’s homes. They apply the weekly sermon to the lives of participants, with the goal of growing closer to God and one another. After taking a break for Christmas, many groups are starting back up this month. If you would like to join a Life Group, or start your own, please contact Pastor Raasch at 920-840-2078 or [pastor.raasch@mountoliveappleton.com](mailto:pastor.raasch@mountoliveappleton.com).

**2024 CHURCH DIRECTORY** We will be publishing the 2024 church directory shortly and would like to have the most up-to-date information. If you have changed your address, phone number or email address in the past year, please include the new information in the friendship register or contact the church office at 920-739-9194. *Thank you!*

**CHRISTIAN WILL PLANNING** If you would like additional information on setting up a Christian estate plan, pick up a folder from the counter in the narthex or contact Christian Giving Counselor, Pastor Tom Mielke at [Thomas.Mielke@wels.net](mailto:Thomas.Mielke@wels.net). Advice is offered without cost.

**CRADLE ROLL** is Mount Olive's ministry which provides information, books, and blessings to young mothers and fathers before and after they have a new baby. If you are expecting a child, contact the church office at 920-739-9194 or [church.office@mountoliveappleton.com](mailto:church.office@mountoliveappleton.com).

**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.

**LWMS - HEART FOR MISSIONS BAKE SALE** is almost here! We will be offering baked items for sale before and after each church service on **February 3, 4, 5**. Please consider helping out by donating cookies, bars, pies, breads, candy bags, etc. Drop off your items in the Atrium on Friday, February 2, from 8 AM-4:30 PM or Saturday morning from 9-10 AM, so we can price and arrange items for sale. **Please sign up on the sheet in the Atrium** and let us know what you can bring and if you are able to help set-up and price items on Saturday, February 3, from 9 AM – noon or help after the services. Vande Walles candy bars will also be for sale. All donations will be divided between WELS Institutional Ministries and Lighthouse on the Avenue (an after-school program at The CORE).

**SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING** will be held on Monday, January 22nd at 7:15 PM to extend a call for a 7th grade teacher to replace Mrs. Joan Mueller who is retiring at the end of the 2023-24 school year. The meeting will be held in the church sanctuary. All are welcome to attend.

**PINE CAR DERBY** Join us for an exciting derby on March 3rd at 1 PM in the Commons! This is a fantastic opportunity to put your engineering, creative, and racing skills to the test. To make sure we have enough supplies, please sign up by February 4th using this link or the QR code:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoB4FAEAB2EAAFAC16-47284484-2024>.  
See you at the race!



**COFFEE CAFÉ** Please sign up! The January-April 2024 is on our [website](#). If you need a refresher or training, contact Jenni Klemp. Thank you for your continued service!

**PRAISE HIM CONCERT** We would love to have you join us as we sing Praises to our Lord! Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1 PM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (225 E. Harris St., Appleton).

**2024 OSHKOSH MEN OF HIS WORD CONFERENCE** We are excited to announce this year's conference – **Built to Serve, Galatians 5:13** on Saturday February 17, 2023 from 7:15 AM – 3:30 PM at Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel and Convention Center (1 N. Main Street in Oshkosh, WI). Registration is OPEN at [www.menofhisword.org](http://www.menofhisword.org).

**PATHWAYS TO CHRIST WOMENS RETREAT** *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8* This is the theme passage for the 2024 Pathways to Christ Women's Retreat held in Oshkosh, WI on March 1-3, 2024. Registration for 2024 Pathways to Christ Retreat is now open! Please go to our website <https://pathwaystochrist.org/> for more information about speakers, topics, accommodations, and more!

**GRIEFSHARE SUPPORT GROUP** is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. In this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways to cope with grief and gain solid support along the way.

**Griefshare Journey** at St. Luke (705 E. Greenfield Drive, Little Chute) February 10, 2024 through April 27, 2024 from 10 AM-Noon. Register <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/177227>.

**Loss of a Spouse** at St. Luke (705 E. Greenfield Drive, Little Chute) on January 27, 2024 from 10 AM-Noon. Register <https://www.griefshare.org/loss/events/7834>.

**Griefshare Journey** at The CORE (820 W. College Ave., Appleton) February 12, 2024 through May 13, 2024 from 6:30-8:30 PM. Register <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/179804>.

**MOUNT OLIVE PIZZA FUNDRAISER** This year's fundraiser will help students from Mount Olive defray their \$350 per person registration fee for the International WELS Youth Rally in Colorado June 25-28. This year's attendees are Melita Ehlke, Natalie and Alyssa Vanderhoof, Hannah Schabo, Kelsey Schmidt, Jillian Nielsen, Evan Pastorek and Keaton Enter.

There are two ways you can help:

- 1) You can order pizzas by January 29<sup>th</sup>. Envelope order forms and a lock box are in the atrium. Fill out the form and place payment inside and seal the envelope. Place this envelope in the designated locked box. If you would like the specific proceeds of your order to benefit a particular student, please indicate that on the envelope. You will need to pick up the pizzas on February 17th between 1-2 PM in the gym entrance.
- 2) You can help make pizzas. Join us Feb 17th in the Commons from 8-noon to help. Bring a hat if you prefer that over a hairnet. We request that all volunteers be 7th grade and older and volunteer hours will be given if requested. You can sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoE4AAFA929A5FBC34-46149834-pizza>.

We appreciate your generosity and gifts of time. Thank you!

## **SCHOOL SKI BRULE TRIP IS BACK FOR 2024**

When: Friday, February 9th. Arrive at the hill by 8:45am.

\*Note that this is a drive yourself event. Please be prompt.

Where: Ski Brule, 397 Brule Mountain Road, Iron River, MI 49935

Cost: \$34 includes Skis/Boots/Helmet/Lift Ticket/hot dog lunch and SnowHOW ski lesson.

\*Poles are available for an additional \$5.

Sign up: email [school.office@mountoliveappleton.com](mailto:school.office@mountoliveappleton.com) or sign up in the school office to register for this great family event.

**SEEKING MUSICIANS!** Swamp Strings is a local band composed of WELS members from across the Valley. We currently get together once a week for a couple of hours to learn and rehearse the music. Every month, we play at two nursing homes, and perform at church services upon request. We are hoping to expand our ministry and are seeking musicians proficient in one or more of the following instruments: Accordion, Banjo, Bass (upright or electric), Dobro, Guitar, Harmonica, Mandolin, Penny whistles/flute, Piano, Percussion, Violin, Vocals. If you are interested in joining the band or would like any more information, please contact John Gomoll at [John.gomoll@eternal-love.org](mailto:John.gomoll@eternal-love.org) or (940)231-3647.

## **FVL NEWS**

- **Do you enjoy baking?** Consider making and donating homemade desserts (pies, cakes, tortes, candy) for Musicfest on February 4. Event proceeds benefit the FVL Music Program. Go to [fvlhs.org/musicfest](http://fvlhs.org/musicfest) for details and to sign up.
- **VEX Experience volunteers are needed.** FVL hosts its annual VEX Experience on Saturday, 2/10. FVL will host up to 180 teams from elementary through high school from around the state. Interested in volunteering? Sign up at [fvlhs.org/vex](http://fvlhs.org/vex). Contact Nathan Nolte ([nnolte@fvlhs.org](mailto:nnolte@fvlhs.org)) if you have any questions.