

THIS WEEK — January 28-February 4

SUNDAY	8 & 10:30 AM – Worship 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	
MONDAY		6 PM – Worship 7 PM – Kreuzcher/Kobin Life Group	
TUESDAY		7 PM – Fenske/Peter Life Group	
WEDNESDAY	9 AM – Adult Bible Study 4:15 PM – PSI	6:30 PM – Adult Choir	
THURSDAY	8 AM – Ehlke Bible Study	6 PM – Mount Olive Family Fun Night 6 PM – Family Growing in Christ 6:30 PM – Stamp Club	
FRIDAY	6:30 AM – Men’s Bible Class		
SATURDAY		Heart for Missions Bake Sale 5:30 PM – Worship w/ Communion	
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OFFERINGS/OTHER INCOME		BUDGET	ACTUAL
Offerings	Week of 1/22/2024	\$31,900	\$29,290
Offerings	Fiscal Year-to-date	\$921,000	\$935,710
Offerings + Other Income	Fiscal Year-to-date	\$1,678,641	\$1,635,350
Forward in Faith 2	Week of 1/22/2024		\$7,516
Forward in Faith 2	Total Campaign to-date		\$2,266,323
USHERS	<u>Saturday 5:30 PM</u> – Tom Bartel (Captain) Ed Stern, Jacob & John Koch <u>Sunday 8 AM</u> – Mark Toll (Captain) Rick Gulbransen, Rick Raddatz, Jim Van Dyke <u>Sunday 10:30 AM</u> – Tony Hess (Captain) Glen Vick, Al Vetting, Eric McKown <u>Monday 6 PM</u> – John Hoh (Captain) Ken Jaeger, Bruce Thede		
GREETERS	<u>This Week:</u> (Sun 8AM) – Arnold, OPEN, OPEN (Sun 8AM) – Raddatz, OPEN, OPEN (Sun 10:30 AM) – Chipman, Gucinski, Kruschel <u>Next Week:</u> (Sat) – Arnold, Priebe, OPEN (Sun 8AM) – OPEN, OPEN, Schmidt (Sun 10:30 AM) – Rohloff, Johnson, Schmidt		
COFFEE CAFÉ	<u>This Week:</u> (8-10 AM) Rick & Sue Gulbransen (10 AM-Noon) OPEN <u>Next Week:</u> (8-10 AM) Mark & Merri Schroeder (10 AM-Noon) Mielke Family		
AV TEAM	<u>January 27-29:</u> Saturday – Jack Bohlmann/Jacob Koch; Monday – Aaron Tollefson Sunday (8 AM) – NEED, (10:30 AM) – Dane Clausen		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

Saturday: 171; Sunday: 8 AM 160, 10:30 AM 247; Monday: 109; Online: 109; Total: 796

ALTAR FLOWERS The cross bouquet is placed to God's glory by Elaine Heup & family in memory of Charles Heup.

CALLED TO GLORY The Christian funeral for our Mount Olive family member John Truby, was held on Friday, January 26th. Blessed are those who fall asleep in Jesus.

DIVINE CALLS RECEIVED Mount Olive voters issued a call to Mrs. Ruth Pahmeier to serve as 7th grade homeroom teacher. She is currently a teacher assistant at Mount Olive. Mr. Landon Zacharyasz has received a call to be principal at Wisconsin Lutheran High School in Milwaukee. Please keep them in your prayers as they deliberate their calls. Mrs. Stephanie Olson has decided to accept the call to serve as 3rd grade teacher at Immanuel, Greenville.

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.

WOES FOR THOSE JESUS SAVES How much of ourselves can we see in the seven strong warnings Jesus addressed to the Pharisees during Holy Week? Let's study Jesus' Seven Woes in Matthew 23, reflect, repent and live with renewed reliance on God's mercy in Jesus! Pastor Gawel will start this Bible study on **Sunday, February 4**, in the church sanctuary.

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).

NEEDED paper grocery bags for the pizza fundraiser. Please bring your bags to the church or school office by Friday, February 16. 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. Advice is offered without cost.

YEAR-END 2023 OFFERING STATEMENTS were sent via email on Friday, January 19. A paper copy has also been placed in your church mailbox. If there are any questions or corrections, please contact the church office at 920-739-9194 or church.office@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!*

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.

'PRAISE HIM' CONCERT St. Paul Lutheran Church (225 E. Harris St., Appleton) is hosting the 'Praise Him' choir concert on Saturday, February 3rd at 1 PM. Come listen to area choirs as they perform songs on their own and join together (150+ musicians and instrumentalists) for a few mass pieces.

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.

PATHWAYS TO CHRIST WOMEN'S 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!

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 the QR code. See you at the race!



HOORAY! IT'S SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR TIME! The book fair will be open in the Commons Tuesday, Jan. 30 from 3:35-4:35 PM and Wednesday, Jan. 31 from 3:35-4:35 PM and during Family Night on Thursday, Feb. 1 from 6-7 PM. Stop by and find a book to purchase and enjoy at home or feel free to gift a book to your child or grandchild's classroom! If you would like to get more information, visit www.scholastic.com/bf/mtoliveevangelicallutheran. You can also provide funds for our Mount Olive teachers to purchase books for their classrooms, by using the school's ewallet or donating at the fair. Thank you for purchasing books to help our wonderful readers!

If you would like to help run a cash register at open fair times, please send a quick note to april.schaefer@mountoliveappleton.com. 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 by February 5th: email school.office@mountoliveappleton.com or sign up in the school office to register for this great family event.

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 29th. 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!

FVL NEWS

- **Looking for volunteers!** Go to fvlhs.org/news to see Musicfest and VEX Experience opportunities.
- Financial application windows are opening on 2/1 for the 2024-25 school year. Information and application links for **Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP), FVL's Tuition Assistance Program, and the Ladies Guild Memorial Scholarship** are on the FVL website (fvlhs.org/tuition-help).
- **FVL 8th Grade Course Scheduling 2/27** - Families who missed the fall scheduling nights should go to fvlhs.org/enroll and complete the online enrollment application. Then you will receive an email with instructions for scheduling classes. Questions? Contact Freshman Guidance Counselor Laura Gucinski (lgucinski@fvlhs.org).
- **Dance Camp** is planned for Saturday, 2/24, for girls from 4K-2 from 9:00-11:30 AM and grades 3-8 from 12:30-3:00 PM. Go to fvlhs.org/youth-sports for information and registration.