

**THIS WEEK — February 18-25**

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| <b>SUNDAY</b>                 | 8 & 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion<br>9-9:25 & 10-10:25 AM – SCRIP<br>9:15 AM – Adult Bible Classes<br>9:15 AM – Sunday School  | 1 PM – Adult Volleyball<br>5:45 PM – Valley Teen Night @ Greenville<br>7 PM – Men’s Basketball |               |
| <b>MONDAY</b>                 | 6 PM – Worship w/ Communion<br>7 PM – Voters’ Meeting  | 7 PM – Church Council<br>7 PM – Kreuzscher/Kobin Life Group                                    |               |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>                |  | 7 PM – Fenske/Peter Life Group   |               |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>              | 9 AM – Adult Bible Study<br>10 AM – Ash Wednesday Service<br>4:15 PM – PSI   | 4:30 PM – Lenten Supper<br>6 PM – Ash Wednesday Service<br>7 PM – Male Chorus                  |               |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>               | 8 AM – Ehlke Bible Class   | 6 PM – Family Growing in Christ  |               |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>                 | 6:30 AM – Men’s Bible Class  |  |               |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>               |  | <b>Welcome Weekend</b><br>5:30 PM – Worship  |               |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>                 | 8 & 10:30 AM – Worship<br>9-9:25 & 10-10:25 AM – SCRIP<br>9:15 AM – Family Growing in Christ<br>9:15 AM – Sunday School / Bible Study  | <b>Welcome Weekend</b><br>1 PM – Adult Volleyball<br>7 PM – Men’s Basketball                   |               |
| <b>OFFERINGS/OTHER INCOME</b> |  | <b>BUDGET</b>  | <b>ACTUAL</b> |
| Offerings                     | Week of 2/12/2024  | \$35,875   | \$59,755      |
| Offerings                     | Fiscal Year-to-date  | \$1,024,650  | \$1,061,971   |
| Offerings + Other Income      | Fiscal Year-to-date  | \$1,828,550  | \$1,803,204   |
| Forward in Faith 2            | Week of 2/12/2024  |  | \$4,566       |
| Forward in Faith 2            | Total Campaign to-date   |  | \$2,281,333   |
| <b>USHERS</b>                 | <u>Saturday 5:30 PM</u> – Tony Hess (Captain) Andrew Tramp, Dennis Priebe<br><u>Sunday 8 AM</u> – Jeff Schultz (Captain) Mark Schmidt, Jeff Retzlaff, Carl Wenzel, Dave Kempen<br><u>Sunday 10:30 AM</u> – Tony Zanto (Capt) David Gauvin, Corey Zoromski, Chad & Jacob Ratzburg<br><u>Monday 6 PM</u> – John Hoh (Captain) Josh Enter, Roger VandenLangenberg |  |               |
| <b>GREETERS</b>               | <u>This Week:</u> (Sun 8AM) – Dorow, Priebe, OPEN<br>(Sun 8AM) – OPEN, OPEN, OPEN (Sun 10:30 AM) – Hintz, OPEN, OPEN<br><u>Next Week:</u> (Sat) – Greshay, OPEN, OPEN<br>(Sun 8AM) – OPEN, OPEN, OPEN (Sun 10:30 AM) –OPEN, OPEN, Kruschel   |  |               |
| <b>COFFEE CAFÉ</b>            | <u>This Week:</u> (8-10 AM) Mark & Merri Schroeder (10 AM-Noon) OPEN<br><u>Next Week:</u> (8-10 AM) OPEN (10 AM-Noon) OPEN   |  |               |
| <b>AV TEAM</b>                | <u>February 17-19:</u> Saturday –Louisa Falck; Monday – Ben Haupt<br>Sunday (8 AM) – Josh Lecker, (10:30 AM) – Evan Pastorek<br><u>February 24-26:</u> Saturday –Jacob Koch; Monday – Aaron Tollefson<br>Sunday (8 AM) – Nielsen, (10:30 AM) – Dane Clausen  |  |               |

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:**

**Saturday: 152; Sunday: 8 AM 162, 10:30 AM 269; Monday: 80; Online: 146; Total: 809**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are placed to God's glory by Robert Willenkamp in memory of Carol Willenkamp.

**DIVINE CALLS RECEIVED** Pastor Priewe received a call from Risen Savior in McFarland, WI to be their pastor. Kari Tiarks received a call from Risen Savior Academy in Pooler, Georgia to teach 1st grade. Mr. Landon Zacharyasz has accepted the call to be principal at Wisconsin Lutheran High School in Milwaukee.

**SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING** will be held on **Monday, February 19th at 7:00 PM** to extend a call for a teacher to replace Mrs. Stephanie Olson, who recently accepted a call to Immanuel, Greenville (where her husband serves as pastor). The meeting will be held in the Commons. All are welcome to attend.

**GOD ON TRIAL** is the theme for our midweek Lenten services this year. This series takes us back to the moments when God was literally on trial before men in the person of Christ. Wednesday services are at 10 AM and 6 PM (Livestream). A supper of pizza, garden salad, fruit and dessert will be served in the Commons from 4:30-5:30 PM.

**WELCOME WEEKEND** at Mount Olive is February 24-26. Plan now to invite a friend to join you in worship as we welcome guests, new members and returning members into the Mount Olive family. Together we'll share with one another a message of God's love for all!



**CULTIVATING CONNECTIONS:** Moms, please join us for our first-ever **Pop and Play** event in the Mount Olive Commons on Saturday, February 24 from 9 to 11 AM! This is a casual morning of visiting for moms with the opportunity for their children from Grades K-3 to run off some energy in the gym. (siblings are welcome too!) Scan the QR code to sign up!

### **VALLEY TEEN NIGHT CANDID CONVERSATION AND CHRISTIAN**

**COMMUNICATION** for 7-12 grade from 6-8 PM on February 18<sup>th</sup> at Immanuel Lutheran Ministries in Greenville. Enjoy food, keynote speaker, and small group workshops. Scan the QR code to sign up!



**2023 ANNUAL REPORT** is accessible to you digitally within *Mount Olive Connected*. Printed copies are available in the Narthex.

**EASTER LILIES** Please help beautify our altar for our Easter celebration. We are in need of 35 Easter lilies, the cost is \$16.95 each. Sign up in the church atrium or call the church office.

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

**THRIVENT MEMBERS** If you own a qualifying Thrivent product (e.g. life insurance, etc.), please consider directing your Choice Dollars to Mount Olive, FVL or the WELS. Last year Mount Olive received over \$11,000 in Choice Dollars. Just call (800) THRIVENT, go to <https://www.thrivent.com/what-we-offer/generosity/thrivent-choice.html> or contact your Thrivent rep. Please note, 2023 Choice Dollars will expire if not used by March 31, 2024.

**KWIK TRIP SCRIP SALE 2/1/24 - 2/29/24** Treat yourself to an extra 5% discount on Regular and Fuel Only Cards. That means you get a 10% discounted rate in February! Grocery only cards get a 20% discounted rate this month. (This bonus offer excludes Car Wash Cards.)

**SCRIP SALE** The following \$25 scrip cards are available to you for \$20 while supplies last. You will still receive the normal rebate percentage listed with each card: Aeropostale, Build-A-Bear Workshop, The Children's Place, Game Stop, L.L. Bean, Pottery Barn, Uno Chicago Grill.

**ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL?** When a sickness or injury lands you in the hospital, your pastors would like to minister to you with the Word of God. A brief devotion and prayer can lift your spirits and provide strength to handle whatever God has in mind for you. However, some area hospitals will no longer inform the church office that our members have been admitted. Therefore, if you are hospitalized, please call the church office at 739-9194 so that you can be visited. Also, if you would like to be included in the weekend worship prayers, please let one of your pastors know. No one is automatically included in public prayers without the person's permission. Thank you for allowing the Mount Olive family to support you in your time of need.

**FORWARD IN FAITH 2** The 3-year campaign ended on October 31, 2023. However, our need for gifts to pay down our building project debt continues. Mount Olive members have responded generously, reducing our net debt by \$79,121 over the past three months. Please continue to make regular gifts to Forward in Faith. Gifts can be given through the Mount Olive website, the Vanco mobile app, or offering envelopes. Thank you for your gifts!

**THE WISCONSIN HERD** is excited to host our annual WELS Night on **Saturday, February 24** at 7 PM at the Oshkosh Arena (1212 South Main Street, Oshkosh). There will be some in-game promotions to celebrate WELS and we want all to come out and enjoy the game together. All WELS members will also be invited down onto the court following the game for a group photo and to shoot free throws. The Winnebago Lutheran Academy Band will be performing. Click here for tickets: [fevogn.com/WELS](http://fevogn.com/WELS).

**OPEN HOUSE** for the **Hope Center** will be held on **Sunday, February 18 from 12-3 PM**. We'd love to show you around and share our mission to serve and support those in need in the Fox Valley. Refreshments will be provided. No RSVP needed. Enter door #5, 1316 W Lawrence St, Appleton. Questions? Call 920-739-0039 or email [information@hope-center.org](mailto:information@hope-center.org).

**THE WELS UNITED ANNUAL MEETING** is **Tuesday, March 5 at 6 PM** at Trinity Lutheran Church (407 Oak Street, Neenah). We encourage all to join us and learn more about the ministry efforts of WELS United.

**WEE LOVE LEARNING CENTER** (a ministry of Eternal Love Lutheran Church, 1011 E. Midway Rd., Appleton) is looking for one or two individuals to clean their learning center rooms for the 2024-2025 school year! This would be a great part-time opportunity for a high school student! Please call 920-858-3933 or email [preschool.director@eternal-love.org](mailto:preschool.director@eternal-love.org) if you are interested or would like to learn more about this cleaning job.

**CAMP BIRD FOR LUTHERANS** is a youth camp for children currently in grades 5-8 (entering grades 6-9 in the fall). It is located near Crivitz in Marinette County. The price for each child is \$250 per week and \$150 for each additional sibling. Swimming, canoeing, boating, hiking, challenge course, kickball, volleyball, archery, arts & crafts, campfires, Bible study, games, camp songs and many other activities are waiting for you this year! Visit [www.campbird.org](http://www.campbird.org) for more details and to register online, beginning February 17th. Three weeks are available in July (Sunday-Friday): July 7 – 12, July 14 –19, July 21 –26.

**FVL NEWS** – Find details about these coming events at [fvlhs.org/news](http://fvlhs.org/news).

- **The FVL General Board** meets Monday, 2/26 at 7 PM in the FVL Media Center (use the tower entrance-Door A). Important issues include early work on the 2024-25 budget. The meeting is open to parents and Federation members.
- Financial application windows have opened 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](http://fvlhs.org/tuition-help)).
- **8th Grade Course Scheduling** is Tuesday, 2/27 (submit your enrollment application to be able to schedule your appointment).
- **Youth Sports Opportunities** including Fox Valley Saints, Dance Camp, Cheer Camp, Softball Clinic and Jr. Foxes Summer Baseball are shared on [fvlhs.org/youth-sports](http://fvlhs.org/youth-sports).

## **Bible Study Opportunities**

**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 study this on **Sunday mornings** in the church sanctuary.

**JOURNEYS OF THE APOSTLE PAUL** is a study of Acts, chapters 13-28. Pastor Raasch will lead this discussion in the Commons, on **Sundays at 9:15 AM**. Come and see how God used St. Paul as his chosen instrument to bring the gospel to the Mediterranean world—and to our hearts and lives, as well!

**PROVERBS - LISTEN AND BE WISE** God has shown us what is good. He reveals his saving will to us. God also has revealed to us in Scripture what his righteous requirements for human existence are. To live this way, to walk in the paths of God's wisdom is nothing but a blessing. On **Wednesday mornings from 9-10 AM** Pastor Gawel will lead the study of Proverbs in the Commons. Together we'll grow in appreciation of our gracious Lord and his great wisdom.

**MOUNT OLIVE MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** is studying the book "Taboo: Topics Christians should be Talking About but Don't" by Pastor Mike Novotny of Time of Grace Ministries on **Fridays in the Fireside Room at 6:30 AM**. Please purchase your own copy of the book on Amazon. Questions, contact Paul Kolell at 920-284-8574 or [paulkolell1@gmail.com](mailto:paulkolell1@gmail.com).