



MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH & CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL

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WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 22 & 23, 2025

Last week's worship attendance: Saturday, 2/15: 24; Sunday, 2/16: 138 - **TOTAL: 162**

Summary of Offerings for the week ending **February 16, 2025:**

Home: \$14,961.00 **Missions:** \$399.00 — **TOTAL OFFERINGS: \$15,360.00**

Our 2024-25 weekly Budgeted Need: \$14,942.94

Total received for past week: \$15,360.00

Last weekend's Budget **Surplus:** \$ 417.06

Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget **Deficit:** **(\$21,699.11)** — (7/1/2024 to present)

- BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP -

Luke 8:11 – *“The seed is the word of God.” The plant begins as a seed — and everything in the church begins with the Word. “In the beginning ... the Word was with God” (John 1:1). “He saved us ... by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit” (Titus 3:5). “The word of our God will stand forever” (Is. 40:8). We never outgrow our need to hear the Word of God. We will never achieve such greatness that we don't need the blessings of God's Word. Rather, the Christian life is one of always striving to conform our lives to God's Word — to live out the truth of our Baptisms, that we are God's children by the power of His Word.*



Scan the QR Code or go to [mtolivemke.org/give](https://www.mtolivemke.org/give) to give via PayPal.

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Marilyn Schrank in memory of her husband, †Willerd Schrank. **The Standard** is given to the glory of God by Kristine Tickner, in celebration of the birthday of her granddaughter, Lauren Reske.

Entered Eternal Life: †Anita Duschak, on January 21, 2025. Mount Olive was not notified of Anita's death; we found her obituary online after mail that had recently been sent to her was returned to us. Services were held at *The Lutheran Home* on February 15, 2025.

It's not too late to make your Pledge! If you have not done so already, please prayerfully consider your pledge for the coming year, complete a pledge card, and place the completed card in the offering basket, or bring or mail it to the church office, to the attention of Dave Smid. Pledge cards are available on the windowsill in the narthex and the bookcase in the Church Parlors.

Attendance Cards are available in the pews: If you don't use an offering envelope to record your/your family's church and communion attendance information, please complete an attendance card for yourself/your family. **Visitors**, please complete the *Visitor* side of the card to let us know who you are and whether you are in need of any pastoral care. Completed cards can be placed in the offering basket. Ensuring more accurate reporting of attendance at services and the Lord's Supper will enable our Elders to better care for all of our members. Thank you so much for your help!

- CALENDAR OF EVENTS: 2/23/2025 – 3/2/2025 -

Sunday, February 23

✝ **9:30 am Divine Service (Sanctuary)**

11:00 am Sunday School and Youth Bible Studies

11:00 am Adult Bible Study (Weber Hall)

Monday, February 24

1:00 pm American Sign Language **ONLY** Bible Study (Council Room)

5:30 pm American Sign Language Class - Practice Session (Church Parlors)

Tuesday, February 25

7:00 pm Adult Bible Study on Zoom (email *mike.schleider* @*mtolivemke.org* for the Zoom link)

Wednesday, February 26

✝ **8:10 am Morning Prayer (Sanctuary - enter via Door E1)**

Friday, February 28

5:30 pm Soul Food Dinner (Gymnasium)

Saturday, March 1

✝ **4:00 pm Divine Service (Sanctuary)**

Sunday, March 2

✝ **9:30 am Divine Service (Sanctuary)**

11:00 am Sunday School and Youth Bible Studies

11:00 am Adult Bible Study (Weber Hall)

If you are in need of pastoral care please contact Pastor Schleider at 414-774-2200 x111 or *mike.schleider@mtolivemke.org* to make an appointment. If there is a pastoral care emergency you may call/text his cell **24/7** at 414-232-2919. Please leave a message if he does not answer.

- IN OUR PRAYERS -

**Names of those with health concerns will remain on the prayer list for 2 weeks after a request is made. If you wish to make or renew a prayer request, please call or email Pastor Schleider or the church office.*

Receiving Hospice Care: Miles Coulter, John Fuchs, and Joyce Kasten,

Those with health concerns: Lynda Barsch (*friend of Dave Larsen*), David Bartz, Aaron Braatz, Jason Diederichs (*son-in-law of Lynn Hanson*), John Hau (*father of Chris Hau*) Steven Jahnke (*nephew of Donna Lovas*), William Larsen and Mary Weber (*parents of Dave Larsen*), Jen Martin, Mike & Laura Mona (*friends of the Knudsvigs*), Curt Nash, Vivian Paddock (*granddaughter of Linda Phillips*) Audrey Phelps (*aunt of Elizabeth Carlson*) Janet Reichmann (*sister-in-law of Peter and Pam Reichmann*), Rev. John Struve, Marge Struve, Willie Willis, Angel Winkler (*daughter-in-law of Robert Winkler*) and Pam Keller, Jeff Jacobsen, Carrie Flegner, and Bob Spohr (*family of Dana Flegner*)

Members who are homebound: Janette Roesler, Richard & Pamela Rottel, and Grace Unmack

Those who are grieving and mourning: The family and friends of †Anita Duschak

The faculty, staff, and volunteers of our church and school, and our Teacher Call Committee as they continue in their efforts to call an 8th Grade teacher for the coming school year.

Missionaries & Workers Abroad: Deanne Gochanour (Ethiopia), Rev. Nathaniel and Emma Jensen (Germany), and Rev. Gustavo and Ruth Maita (Puerto Rico)

Members & Family in the Military: Joshua Boonnan, Caleb Ferry, Tristan May, Adam Porter, Riley Prinz, Brandon Ruege, Jordan Ruege, and Matthew Witzigmann

Internet Broadcast: You can watch our service as it is streamed on our YouTube channel at 9:30am Sundays and any time after that. Go to mtolivemke.org and select *Church* and then *Overview* at the top of the page. Then select *Watch the Livestream*. Next to this, you'll find the link for the *Service Folder* and further down the page, the link for *News & Notes*. Both of these may be viewed online and/or printed.

– NEWS & NOTES –

Please submit announcement requests for News & Notes to the church office by noon on Tuesday.

Adult Bible Study on Mark: The Gospel according to St. Mark is the shortest of the Gospel accounts, but in some ways is the most interesting. Join Pastor Schleider on Sundays at 11:00am in Weber Hall or Tuesdays at 7:00pm online. Send an email to mike.schleider@mtolivemke.org for the Zoom link.

We welcome our newest members Rev. Keffie and Angie Deen, who have transferred to Mount Olive and will be received into membership this Sunday, February 23rd. Both of them have already become familiar faces since last summer when Pastor Deen began guest-preaching here once a month. If you haven't already met them personally, please be sure to introduce yourselves and welcome them to our church family!

Thank you to all the Chapel Reading Buddies who joined us on Wednesday to read with our PreK through 3rd grade students! If you couldn't make it this time, or you'd like to join us *again*, several more opportunities are scheduled for the remainder of the school year, so please save these dates on your calendar: March 26th, April 23rd, and May 21st. If you can join us for any (or all) of these dates, please contact Kari Bohmann at kari.bohmann@mtolivemke.org.

On behalf of the A Place of Refuge Ministries of South WI, Inc., Board of Directors, I wish to personally convey my heartfelt thanks to Pastor Schleider and the Mount Olive Lutheran Church Board of Elders for wholeheartedly agreeing to be the host congregation for our Annual General Meeting on Sunday, February 16, 2025, and to Pastor Schleider for acting as our Presiding Minister. A BIG thank you to Kantor Rosebrock for the Evening Prayer Liturgy and to the choir members for their time and effort in making the evening heartwarming and memorable. Also, a big thank you to Bill Mutchler for ushering, to Sharon Boettcher and her team, and to all those saints who donated the desserts. Thank you to Dana Flegner as well. With sincere humility and gratitude I thank God for you. ~ Deaconess Grace Rao

Soul Food Dinner: Friday, February 28th from 5:30 -7pm in the gymnasium. See the attached flyer for more info and/or look for the printed copy in this weekend's bulletin. Ticket requests must be received by **this Sunday, February 23rd**.

Mount Olive Bunco Tournament: Friday, March 7th from 6:30 – 8:30pm in Weber Hall. See the attached flyer for more info and/or look for the printed copy in this weekend's bulletin.

Please Save the Date for the Father/Daughter Dance: Friday, April 25th – More information on this event will follow as we get closer to the date.

Opportunity for Service: The Trustees are looking for a group of people willing to help with snow removal on an as needed basis – hopefully rarely. We contract plowing of the parking lots, but our maintenance person clears the sidewalks, steps, etc. To ensure our students and faculty/staff can safely enter and exit the building, we need a contingency plan, should the need arise. Please contact Sharon Boettcher at 414-899-4584 or any of the Trustees for more information and to volunteer. Thank you!

Care for College Members: the Mercy & Outreach Committee is designing an end of semester care pack for our young adult members who are away at college, and is asking for help with names and addresses. If you are a parent, grandparent, or aunt/uncle of a Mount Olive member away at college, please send their name and mailing address to Hillary Hau (hauhillary@gmail.com) or Kim Schleider (kimberly.schleider@ozk.com) **by March 1st**.

Hope Lutheran Church food pantry: The February *Item of the Month* is: Soup. In addition to the items designated for each month, please consider donating the following items that are **regularly** needed: canned veggies and fruit, soup, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, macaroni & cheese, cereal, pasta & sauce, dry milk, bath tissue, and paper towels. (***NO perishable items, please!***) Please place donations in our ***Basket of Blessings*** shopping cart in the Church Parlors. Thank you for helping us to share Christ's love with our neighbors in need!

Special Gift of the Month: For February, your designated contributions support Mount Olive's Deaf Ministry. To make a donation, note your gift amount on your weekly envelope on the line marked "Gift of the Month".

Mount Olive recently launched a brand new website that will help us reach more people and share the love and hope of Jesus! The website captures the beauty of Mount Olive while focusing on its welcoming people. As visitors scroll through the site and the smiling faces of our students and church members, they will learn about what we believe, what we offer, and what it's like to be a part of our church and school community. The new website includes worship service information, school programs, a visitor guide, and an all-new calendar of upcoming events for the church, school, and athletics. It contains essential resources for church members and school families such as the weekly service folder, News & Notes, school files, and links to school resources – all the important components you've come to depend on are still there. We rejoice about all that God is doing at Mount Olive and we're excited for all that is to come! We know that this website will be a helpful tool and resource as we join Him on His mission to live out His love and share His grace with our neighbors, students, and families. We encourage you to take a look and explore at mtolivemke.org

Mount Olive Kids: We love having kids in worship with their families! Here are two ways we want to help you as parents instill the value of worship in your family:

- **Kids' Worship Bags:** Did you know that we have bags filled with books and activities for kids to use during services? The bags are located in the Narthex (entryway near the main church doors) and can be found near the elevator. They have recently been updated with new content and will continue to be maintained as a service project by the middle school students in our school. Please feel free to take one to your seat and return it to the rack after worship.
- **Mother's Room:** Are you a mom looking for a place to nurse your baby while at Mount Olive? There is a Mother's Room located in the Church Parlors (basement) across from the women's restroom.

The 2025 Altar Flowers Chart is available in the church parlors. To secure a particular date, please sign up promptly. If a date is already selected, you may sign up to purchase a standard arrangement for that date. The cost is \$40 for altar flowers and \$35 for a standard. Contact Sue Vandertie at susan.vandertie@mtolivemke.org or 414-779-1935 with any questions.

From the LCMS Foundation: Do you need to make changes with your will/trust? In elder years, it is common to rely on family to help with core functions of life, even paying bills or managing affairs. It is wise to discuss priorities with the whole family, but especially with those who will be stepping in to help in the later years of life. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help share your plans.

To answer questions regarding gifts to family, ministry, or other questions you may have regarding estate and gift planning, **Contact Craig Toerpe, Gift Planning Counselor of the LCMS Foundation, at 262-707-3005 or craig.toerpe@lfnf.org.**

Strategic Planning Survey

On February 3rd, the Voters' Assembly agreed to engage Leah Abel of Abel Project Management and Facilitation to guide Mount Olive's leadership through a long-overdue process to clarify the mission focus of our parish (church and school) and to plan strategically for living out that mission. To this end, your insights are invaluable as we seek to strengthen our church and school and its ministry where God has placed us.

We invite you to participate in a brief survey designed to help identify our strengths, opportunities, and challenges. Your feedback will guide our leadership to make informed decisions that honor and enhance our mission.

Please take a few moments to share your thoughts by scanning the QR code:



If web forms, QR codes, and technology in general is not your cup of tea, please see an usher for a paper copy. The survey will close on Sunday, March 2nd, so please share your feedback as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your time and dedication to our church community!

We are also looking for several “at-large” participants to consider joining the conversation along with members from our elected leadership at an all-day Winter Workshop (Clarifying Ministry Potential & Shared Vision) on Saturday, March 8th. If you are willing to be considered, please save the date and contact Paul Reske (paulreske@yahoo.com).



Please scan the QR code for volunteer and donation opportunities. All donations should be at the school by February 26th.

See reverse side for menu and sign-up form!

Dinner is catered by Heaven's Table



Menu

- Chicken - Fried or BBQ
- Mac & Cheese
- Greens
- Dirty Rice

School families: Return bottom portion in an envelope with payment to the school office by 8:00am on Friday, February 21st. Purchased tickets will be sent home with your child on Wednesday, February 26th. You may also call Mrs. McGuire at 414-774-2200 to pay via credit or debit card.

Church members who don't have students in the school can place the envelope with your order form and payment in the offering basket by Sunday, February 23rd, and we will have tickets ready for you to pick up at the dinner on February 28th.



Mount Olive Soul Food Dinner

Friday, February 28, 2025 | Gymnasium
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Family Name: _____

Number of Tickets for Adults
(Ages 15 & up) @ \$12.00 each: _____ x 12 = \$ _____

Number of Tickets: for Children
(Ages 4-14) @ \$7.00 each: _____ x 7 = \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____



Mount Olive Bunco Tournament

Friday, March 7, 2025

Weber Hall | 6:30 – 8:30pm

Bunco is an easy, friendly dice game. You roll 3 dice, trying for specific numbers. That's it, no special skills required. You'll move from table to table, allowing you to meet and play with several groups.

Give it a try, there may be prizes!

If you're aged 16 to 116, you are welcome and can play! Bring your spouse, siblings, friends, neighbors, or come by yourself. Plan for an easy, fun night. We'll have rules available, but will explain the simple game of Bunco.

Feel free to bring your favorite snack and beverage.

So we know how many tables to set up, please complete the following info and return it to the Church or School Office or to Sharon Boettcher on Sunday mornings.

Please RSVP by Monday, March 3rd.

Name: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Number Attending: _____

I/We have played Bunco: Yes _____ No _____