



MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH & CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL

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WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 13 & 14, 2025

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.

— CALENDAR OF EVENTS: 12/14 — 12/21/2025 —

Sunday, December 14 — *Advent 3*

- ✝ 9:30 am Divine Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 am Sunday School and Youth Bible Studies
- 11:00 am Adult Bible Study (Weber Hall)

Monday, December 15

- 5:30 pm American Sign Language Class - Practice Session (Weber Hall)

Tuesday, December 16

- 3:00 pm American Sign Language **ONLY** Bible Study (Council Room)

Wednesday, December 17 — *Advent 3*

- ✝ 10:30 am **Morning Prayer (Sanctuary)** - enter via Door **W2**
- 12:15 pm **Midday Prayer (Sanctuary)** - enter via Door **W2**
- 6:00 pm **School Christmas Service (Sanctuary)** Please note: To accommodate families with young children, this year's School Christmas Service will start at **6:00** rather than 6:30.
- ~~6:30 pm Online Adult Bible Study~~ SUSPENDED FOR THE ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON
- 7:00 pm Men's Dartball League (*home game at Our Redeemer*)

Saturday, December 20 — *Advent 4*

- ✝ 4:00 pm Divine Service (Sanctuary)

Sunday, December 21 — *Advent 4*

- ✝ 9:30 am Divine Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 am Sunday School and Youth Bible Studies
- 11:00 am Adult Bible Study (Weber Hall)

The Altar Poinsettias are given to the glory of God by Rick and Pam Peters in thankfulness for His blessings upon Mount Olive's congregation. **The Standard** is given by Robert and Jennifer Dames in thanksgiving for their sons, Dylan and Benjamin.

The 2026 *Beauty from Above* calendars are now available in the narthex and in the bookcase in the Church Parlors.

The NEW *Portals of Prayer* for January – March are now available in the narthex and the bookcase in the Church Parlors, as well as the east and west entrances to the church.

Strength for the Day is a monthly publication of the LCMS for persons dealing with illness and loss, which we send to our homebound members. We have a small number of booklets for December available, so please feel free to take a copy for yourself or someone you know who could benefit from reading it. There are several copies in both the narthex and the bookcase in the Parlors.

The 2026 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 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 questions. ***Please note that in keeping with the solemnity of the season, we will not have altar flowers or standard arrangements during the 6 weeks of Lent and Holy Week. This joint decision between our Pastors and Altar Guild is based on the best practices of other LCMS churches as well as several Altar Guild reference books.***

Attendance Cards are available in the pews. **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. **Members**, if you aren't using an offering envelope to record your/your family's church and communion attendance, please complete the *Member* side of the attendance card with this information. Ensuring more accurate reporting of attendance at services and the Lord's Supper enables our Elders to better care for all of our members. Please place completed cards in the offering basket. Thank you so much for your help!

– IN OUR PRAYERS –

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

Receiving Hospice Care: Joyce Kasten

Those with health concerns: Kevin Birdeau (*son of Gene and Darlene Birdeau*), Jason Diederichs (*son-in-law of Lynn Hanson*), Carrie Flegner (*mother-in-law of Dana Flegner*), Joanne Fairchild, Rosy Goodrich, Jennifer Schlintz, Rev. John Struve, Jessica Staff, Robin Wildauer, and Willie Willis

Members who are homebound: Edvina Jorgenson, Lieselotte Lucas, and Janice Olson

The faculty, staff, and volunteers of our church and school.

Missionaries & Workers Abroad: Deaconess Melissa Pflug (Eurasia) and Rev. Shauen Trump (Africa)

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

Internet Broadcast: Those who are unable to attend services may watch as they are streamed on our YouTube channel at 9:30am Sundays and any time after that. Go to mtolivemke.org/church/ and select *Watch the Livestream*. Next to this, you'll find the link for the *Weekly Service Folder*. Scroll down the page a bit, and you will see the link for *News & Notes* on the left. All may be viewed online and/or printed.

— NEWS & NOTES —

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

Sunday Bible Study: We are currently studying the book of the major prophet Jeremiah. Come and see how Jeremiah's prophetic proclamation to the ancient people in his day is amazingly applicable to us in our current world today. ***Please note** that our Wednesday night online Bible Study is suspended for the Advent and Christmas season. You are instead invited to attend one of our Wednesday midweek Advent services.*

Chapel Reading Buddies: Join us to read with students this Wednesday, December 17th! Come read with grades 4K-3 prior to our 10:30am chapel time and then join us for chapel afterwards. To sign up or ask any questions, please email Mrs. Bohmann at kari.bohmann@mtolivemke.org or call the school office at 414-774-2200, option 2, to leave her a message. If you aren't able to read with us this time, there are more opportunities scheduled on 1/21, 2/18 (*Ash Wed.*), 4/22, and 5/20. Whether you can make all of the dates or only a few, please come and join us! The more readers we have, the more one on one time our students have to enjoy quality time reading!

Celebrate the 3rd Day of Christmas! Ladies, join Kim Schleider for a *Come & Go Open House* on **Saturday, December 27th from 5 – 7:00pm** at the Schleiders' home, 1715 N 53rd St. Wear your favorite Christmas attire if you'd like, and feel free to bring along any leftover Christmas cookies or snacks - all entirely optional.

Benediction Lutheran Church (8475 W. Fond du Lac Ave.) invites you to attend their annual *German Christmas Service* on Sunday, December 21st at 1:30 pm. A carol sing-a-long and *kaffee and kuchen* will follow. For more information, see the flyer on the bulletin board or call 414-463-9158.

The Lutheran Young Adults League is looking forward to celebrating the Christmas season with you! Join us on Saturday, December 20th at 5:00pm at the Luther Memorial Chapel Gymnasium, 3833 N. Maryland Ave., Shorewood for an evening of fellowship as we gather to rejoice in the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This will be a semi-formal Christmas celebration and will include a **catered meal** for all attendees. The **Green Bay Packers game** will be on during the evening for those who would like to watch and enjoy fellowship around the game. Please also feel free to invite and encourage friends from your church to attend, as we love welcoming new young adults into our community. Please RSVP [here](#) by **Saturday, December 13th**.

Special Gift of the Month: For December, your designated contributions support *Mount Calvary Community Development Corp* an outreach of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church. For more information on this amazing program that grows healthy produce for community members while providing summer job opportunities for youth, go to: [MtCalvaryCDC](#). To make a donation, note your gift amount on your weekly envelope on the line marked "Gift of the Month".

Hope Lutheran Church food pantry: The December Items of the Month are: Baking supplies, such as spices, chocolate chips, and evaporated milk. 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!

A reminder to all members that the Berner Professional Ministry Fund is available to assist any member pursuing a degree at a Concordia institution with the intent of going into a Professional Ministry vocation. If interested in applying, please contact the Board of Elders for more information.

It's never too late to join Sunday School & Youth Bible Study! Children and youth in Pre-K through 12th Grade are invited to Sunday School & Youth Bible Study each Sunday from 11:00-11:45am. Our Sunday School students gather each week to foster deeper relationships with God and each other through age-appropriate activities and Bible lessons. Youth in Bible Study discuss Scripture and how its truths apply to their daily lives while growing their own spiritual habits. Please register all participants [here](#).

Library Book Cart: Andy Meyer brings the book cart to Adult Bible Study each week after Sunday services. Select titles of general interest are available to check out. You may also order books and puzzles through the library catalog on our website by going [here](#), and pick them up from the cart in Weber Hall after the service on the following Sunday.

Last week's worship attendance:

- **Advent Midweek Services:** Wednesday, 12/3: 12:15 pm: 22, 6:30 pm: 22: - **TOTAL: 44**

- **Weekend Worship Services:** Saturday, 12/6: 27; Sunday, 12/7: 127- **TOTAL: 154**

Summary of Offerings for the week ending December 7, 2025:

Home: \$30,252.00 **Missions:** \$612.00 — **TOTAL OFFERINGS: \$30,864.00**

Our 2024-25 weekly Budgeted Need: \$16,010.72

Total received for past week: \$30,864.00

Last weekend's Budget **Surplus:** (\$14,853.28)

Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget **Deficit:** (\$35,822.34) — (7/1/2025 to present)

— **BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP** —

Isaiah 35:4 – “Say to those who have an anxious heart, ‘Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.’” The return of our Lord at the Last Day is a cause of joy and anticipation for us believers. We know our Lord and His love, and we look forward to His Second Advent. Indeed, how we live our lives here and now flows from our certain hope of resurrection and eternal life.

Scan the QR Code or go to mtolivemke.org/give to give via PayPal.



From the LCMS Foundation: Creating a future gift in your estate plan to family or ministry might seem frustrating, as you won't get to see the impact it makes. To soften this concern, you can prepare a statement of Faith to deliver to family or ministry, expressing your intent for the gift. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you to begin thinking about what you would share.

To answer questions and to assist you in making gifts for the family you love and the ministries you care about, contact Craig Toerpe, Gift Planning Counselor of the LCMS Foundation at 262-707-3005 or craig.toerpe@lfnd.org