



MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH & CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL

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WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 6 & 7, 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: 12/7 – 12/14/2025 —

Sunday, December 7 – *Advent 2*

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

11:00 am Sunday School and Youth Bible Studies

11:00 am Adult Bible Study (Weber Hall)

3:30 pm *Advent Aglow* (Weber Hall)

Monday, December 8

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

Tuesday, December 9

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

Wednesday, December 10 – *Advent 2*

✝ **10:30 am Morning Prayer (Sanctuary)** - enter via Door *W2*

12:15 pm Midday Prayer (Sanctuary) - enter via Door *W2*

6:30 pm Evening Prayer (Sanctuary)

~~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 13 – *Advent 3*

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

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)

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Peter and Jennifer Martin in remembrance of their daughter in heaven, †Grace.

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

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 current *Portals of Prayer* (October - December) are available in the bookcase in the Church Parlors through this weekend. There are several pocket-size and large print booklets remaining for anyone to take for themselves or others you may know who would appreciate a copy. ***Portals*** for the first quarter of 2026 will be available starting next weekend.

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, Jennifer Schlintz, Rev. John Struve, Jessica Staff, Robin Wildauer, and Willie Willis

Members who are homebound: Carole Fick, Laura Gross, Karen Harvot

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

Missionaries & Workers Abroad: Rev. James May (Kenya), and Rev. Tyler McMiller (Italy),

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.***

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SANCTUARY DECORATING starts this weekend and help is needed to beautify our church for the season. This is a great opportunity to *show up!* Here is our schedule:

- **Saturday, Dec 6th - 10:00 am:** Tree delivery and placement
- **Sunday, Dec 7th - 12:30 pm:** Balcony and window garland, wreaths.
- **Thursday, Dec. 11th - 1:30 pm to ? :** Ornaments hung on trees.
- **Friday, Dec. 12th - 1:30 pm to ? :** Finish ornaments as needed, etc.

Please contact **Kristine Tickner** at 414-491-6376 or kristine.mareth@gmail.com to volunteer. Thank you for your consideration!!

Looking for something to do this Friday evening? **Martin Luther High School** will hold their Christmas Concert, "*Behold the King*", **this Friday, December 5th at 7:00 pm** in their Worship Fine Arts Center at 5201 S. 76th St., Greendale. Join them for a festive event featuring the Pop and Praise, Soli Deo Gloria, and Brass Choirs, as well as their Drumline and Symphonic Band. Tickets are available at the door.

Don't forget to attend the Kids' Christmas Market this Saturday, December 6th at Mount Olive. See the attached flyer for more information on this fun, family event!

Ladies, please save the date to celebrate the 3rd Day of Christmas on Saturday, December 27th! Join Kim Schleider for a ***Come-and-Go Open House*** from 5 – 7:00pm at the Schleider's home.

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.

Chapel Reading Buddies read with our 4K – 3rd grade students prior to a Wednesday Chapel service, and join them for Chapel afterwards. Opportunities are scheduled on 12/17, 1/21, 2/18 (*Ash Wed.*), 4/22, and 5/20. Please come and join us! The more readers we have, the more one on one time our students have to enjoy quality time reading! For sign up or questions, please email Mrs. Bohmann at kari.bohmann@mtolivenke.org or call the school office at 414-774-2200, option 2, to leave her a message.

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: Thursday, 11/27 (*Thanksgiving Day*): **66**

Saturday, 11/29:**32**; Sunday, 11/30: **66** - **TOTAL: 98**

Summary of Offerings for the week ending **November 30, 2025:**

Home: \$7,215.50 **Missions:** \$256.00 — **TOTAL OFFERINGS: \$7,471.50**

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

Total received for past week: \$ 7,471.50

Last weekend's Budget **Deficit:** (\$ 8,539.22)

Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget **Deficit:** (\$50,675.62) — (7/1/2025 to present)

— **BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP** —

Matthew 3:1–2 – “In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’” John prepared the way for Jesus by preaching repentance. Then, when Jesus’ ministry was complete and He was raised from the dead, He sent out His disciples to preach “repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Luke 24:47). We never outgrow the need for repentance — for examining our lives, turning away from our sins and turning toward Jesus in faith to receive his forgiveness and strength for a renewed life of godliness.

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



From the LCMS Foundation: We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. Will my plans preserve what I have gathered or give it away? If you have been careful about stewarding God's gifts, you don't want those things wasted after you depart. Sharing a statement with those who will take over that stewardship in your place may be a very wise and rewarding experience, allowing you to share your faith. 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

THE MOUNT OLIVE *Kids* CHRISTMAS MARKET

Kids Christmas Shopping • Ornament Making
Cookie Decorating • Hear the Christmas Story
Christmas Family Photography

December 6 | 9:00am-1:00pm

Hosted at Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School | 5327 W Washington Blvd



Contribute to the Event

- Donate Small Gifts | Place in Parlors or East Lobby
- Bake Cookies
- Volunteer to Help

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