# MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN

CHURCH & CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL

*The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod*

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## WEEKEND OF JANUARY 17 & 18, 2026

**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: 1/18/26 – 1/25/2026 –

**Sunday, January 18**

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

**Monday, January 19 – – *Martin Luther King Day – School campus and Church & School Offices CLOSED***
12:30 pm Quilters (Weber Hall)
5:30 pm American Sign Language Class - Practice Session (Weber Hall)

**Tuesday, January 20**
3:00 pm American Sign Language **ONLY** Bible Study (Council Room)

**Wednesday, January 21**

✠ **10:30 am Morning Prayer (Sanctuary)** - Use door **N1** (Main school entrance)
6:30 pm Online Adult Bible Study
7:00 pm Men's Dartball League *(Home game at Our Redeemer)*

**Saturday, January 24**

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

**Sunday, January 25**

✠ **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 Barb and Sandy Leser in memory of their brother, Richard. **The Standard** is given by Dave and Sue Larsen in memory of Sue's mother.

**Weekly School Chapel** is at 10:30am on Wednesdays, and members are always welcome to join us. Please buzz in at the school entrance (N1), check in at the office, and use the tunnel to get to the church.

**Several 2026 *Beauty from Above*** calendars are still available in the narthex and the bookcase in the Church Parlors. If you've already taken one, but could use a second one, please feel free to take another. We'd like to see them all put to good use!

***Portals of Prayer* for January – March** are still 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. We still have a few booklets for January available, so please feel free to take a copy for yourself or someone you know who could benefit from reading it. Copies can be found 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 414-779-1935 or *susan.vandertie@mtolivemke.org* 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 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:** Gene Anderson *(family of Patricia Gorst),* Kevin Birdeau *(son of Gene and Darlene Birdeau),* Jason Diederichs *(son-in-law of Lynn Hanson)*, Carrie Flegner *(mother-in-law of Dana Flegner),* Jennifer Schlintz, Rev. John Struve, Robin Wildauer *(wife of missionary Micah 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:** Rev. David Baker (Mongolia), Deaconess Kim Bueltmann (Germany), and Rev. Charles Ferry (Eurasia)

**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 and Wednesday 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. If you are unable to attend on Sunday and would like to join us online on Wednesday evenings, please send Pastor Schleider a request for the link at mike.schleider@mtolivemke.org and he will be glad to include you.

**This weekend we welcome our newest member**, Brian Torreano, who transferred to Mount Olive and will be received into membership in our Saturday, January 17th service. Brian has been attending services at Mount Olive for some time, so some of you may already be familiar with him. If you haven't met him personally, please be sure to introduce yourselves and welcome him to our church family!

**Commitment Sunday is February 1!** We are deeply grateful for the many members who give faithfully of their *time* and *talent* to support the ministry efforts of Mount Olive, but we also rely on the *treasure* our members give which allows our church and school to continue serving the needs of God's people. We ask members to complete the provided Commitment Card indicating their anticipated tithing for the time period of July 2026 – June 2027. This allows Mount Olive leadership to put together an informed operating budget for next fiscal year to ensure we are being good stewards of our resources. Please fill out your Commitment Card and return it on or before February 1st by dropping it in the box in the Narthex, placing it in the offering basket, or sending it to the church office. *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10.*

**Attention: Quilters:** We will meet on Monday, January 19th at 12:30 pm in Weber Hall.

**Chapel Reading Buddies** Our next scheduled reading date is this Wednesday, January 21st , and more opportunities to join us are scheduled on 2/18 *(Ash Wed.)*, 4/22, and 5/20. 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. Whether you can make one of the dates or several of them, please come and join us! The more readers we have, the more one on one time our students have to enjoy quality time reading!

**LWML Mites:** Mount Olive members have contributed $610.33 during the 2025-26 year. Please keep those mites coming! South Wisconsin Grants 1-5 have been paid in full, but 4 grants still need funding before March 21, 2026. Those unfunded grants include Journeys Lutheran School and the Trinity Lutheran Church Fire Restoration. Journeys is requesting funds to purchase 2 passenger vans to transport students to field trips and their school-to-work program. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran-Milwaukee is requesting funds to re-furnish their sanctuary in order to retain a strong presence in the downtown area. Please place your mites in the LWML box on the bookcase in the church parlors.

**Parents, your children are always welcome to attend Sunday School & Youth Bible Study!** Children and youth in Pre-K through 12th Grade are invited to join us 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.

**From Trinity Lutheran Classical High School:** ***Open House - Thursday, February 26th at 6:30pm.*** Trinity Lutheran Classical High School offers a classical, Christ-centered education grounded in Lutheran theology, preparing students not only for college and careers, but for lives of faith, service, and thoughtful leadership. Our program emphasizes the liberal arts, clear and beautiful communication, strong academic formation, and daily life shaped by God's Word. Trinity is fully accredited through the Consortium for Classical Lutheran Education and the National Lutheran School Accreditation. Trinity participates in both the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program and the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program, making a Trinity education accessible to many families who may not otherwise realize this option is available. We invite interested families to learn more by attending our upcoming Open House on Thursday, February 26th at 6:30pm, where they can meet faculty, learn more about our curriculum and mission, and see how Trinity supports students during their high school years. We are located at 945 Terrace Dr., Elm Grove, WI. For more info go here.

**Hope Lutheran Church food pantry: The January** ***Items of the Month*** **are:** ***Chili supplies, such as canned tomatoes and beans***. 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 January, your designated contributions support ***SOS Center of Milwaukee,*** a local non-profit agency providing Christian care and educational instruction for children and families. For more information on this Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS, go here. To make a donation, note your gift amount on your weekly envelope on the line marked "Gift of the Month".

**Last week's worship attendance:**
**- The Feast of the Epiphany:** Tuesday, 1/6: **125**
**- Weekend Worship Services:** Saturday, 1/10:**17**; Sunday, 1/11: **140** - **TOTAL: 157**
**Summary of Offerings** for the week ending **January 11, 2026**:
**Home:** $16,347.00 **Missions:** $407.00 — **TOTAL OFFERINGS: $16,754.00**
Our 2025-26 weekly Budgeted Need: $16,010.72
Total received for past week: $16,754.00
Last weekend's Budget **Surplus:** $ 743.28
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget **Deficit:** ($6,756.65) – *(7/1/2025 to present)*

## – BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP –

***Matthew 3:15 – "But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.'"*** *The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. Here, Jesus plunges Himself into our sins and soaks them up in His Baptism, so that in our Baptism we might be cleansed and renewed. The whole of Jesus' life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us.*

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

# Commitment Sunday is February 1st

In response to the many blessings God has graciously bestowed, I/we make this prayerful commitment to helping further the work of His Kingdom through my/our financial tithes during the 2026-2027 year (July 1 – June 30).

MY/OUR PLEDGE IS…

$ _____ per **week/month/year**

***(Please circle the appropriate time period and plan to begin giving your new pledge amount starting July 1, 2026.)***

*"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use it, it will be measured to you." Luke 6:38*

Printed Name:_____ Envelope Number: _____

Phone:_____ Date: _____

*Please complete your pledge card and place it in the box in the Narthex, return to the church office, or drop in the offering basket on or before February 1st.*