



# MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH & CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL

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## WEEKEND OF JANUARY 24 & 25, 2026

**If you are in need of pastoral care** please contact Pastor Schleider at 414-774-2200 x111 or [mike.schleider@mtolivemke.org](mailto: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: 1/25/26 – 2/1/2026 —

### **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)

### **Monday, January 26**

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

### **Tuesday, January 27**

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

### **Wednesday, January 28**

† **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 (*Away game at Covenant*)

### **Saturday, January 31**

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

### **Sunday, February 1**

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

11:00 am Sunday School and Youth Bible Studies

11:00 am Adult Bible Study (Weber Hall)

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**The Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Dana Flegner in remembrance of the birthdays of her parents, Daniel and Ruth Martens. **The Standard** is given by Wildred Willis in thankfulness to God that her husband, Willie, has been able to celebrate both their 54<sup>th</sup> anniversary and his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday.

**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.

**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](mailto: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*), Marilyn Layman, Vivian Paddock (*granddaughter of Linda Phillips*), Jennifer Schlitz, Rev. John Struve, Robin Wildauer (*wife of missionary Micah Wildauer*), and Willie Willis

**Members who are homebound:** Sharon Pfennig, Carol Platta, and Janette Roesler

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

**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, Braden Porter, Riley Prinz, Brandon Ruege, and Jordan Ruege

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**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/](http://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](mailto:mike.schleider@mtolivemke.org) and he will be glad to include you.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.*

**Our next Quarterly Voter's Assembly Meeting** takes place **on Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 6:30pm in Weber Hall. Meeting packets will be available after our services this weekend and next. Voters, please plan to attend!

**Chapel Reading Buddies** Thank you to everyone who joined our students to read this past week! 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](mailto: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 Update:** On Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, *Journeys Lutheran School (formerly Lutheran Special School)* received their \$50,000 grant. Judy Gitzlaff presented the check to Jenny Stollenwerk. Keep those mites coming! The following grants still need funding: \$25,000 to fund *Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Milwaukee Restoration*, \$15,000 for the *Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne, IN - Food Co-op*, and \$548 to fund *Camp LuWiSoMo Camper Scholarships*. Please place your mites in the LWML box on the bookcase in the church parlors. Grants for *Orphan Grain Train - WI branch*, *Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin*, *South WI District Church Worker Student scholarships*, and *Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dogs* have all been funded.

**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".

**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!

**The Lutheran High School Association** invites you to attend their *Honor Band Concert* at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> in the Milwaukee Lutheran High School gymnasium, 9700 W. Grantosa Dr., Milwaukee. Select band members from Milwaukee Lutheran, Martin Luther, and Lake Country Lutheran High Schools will perform wonderful band music, directed by Mrs. Johanna Anderson, Band Director at Concordia University-Chicago. A free-will offering will be received.

**From Trinity Lutheran Classical High School: Open House - Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> 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](#).

The annual meeting for *A Place of Refuge Ministries* is scheduled for **Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00pm** at Covenant Lutheran Church, 8121 West Hope Ave, Milwaukee. The afternoon begins with a **worship service** at 4:00 with Pastor Alfonso Prada as our preacher, followed by a short business meeting and then a free catered meal. We ask everyone to please register, so that we will have enough meals available. Register at: <https://www.aplaceofrefuge.org/annual-meeting> or call (414) 760-2483. All friends of *A Place of Refuge* are invited!

**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](#).

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**Last week's worship attendance:** Saturday, 1/17:14; Sunday, 1/18: 143 - **TOTAL: 157**

**Summary of Offerings** for the week ending **January 18, 2026:**

**Home:** \$13,260.00 **Missions:** \$291.00 — **TOTAL OFFERINGS: \$13,551.00**

Our 2025-26 weekly Budgeted Need: \$16,010.72

Total received for past week: \$13,551.00

Last weekend's Budget **Deficit:** **\$ 2,459.72**

Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget **Deficit:** **(\$9,216.37)** — (7/1/2025 to present)

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#### — BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP —

*Matthew 4:20 — “Immediately they left their nets and followed him.” Discipleship cost Peter and Andrew everything they had. They left their trade, their hometown, their families, and they followed Jesus. God has called us to the same discipleship, the same devotion, though the exact details of how that is lived out will vary. The important thing is this: we know that all we have is the Lord’s, to be used for His purpose. We are His disciples and are ready to follow where He leads.*

Scan the QR Code or go to [mtolivemke.org/give](http://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 1<sup>st</sup>.*