



MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH & CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL

The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

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WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 14 & 15, 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: 2/15/26 – 2/22/2026 —

Sunday, February 15

✝ 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 16 – *Presidents 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, February 17

3:00 pm American Sign Language ~~ONLY Bible Study (Council Room)~~ CANCELLED THIS WEEK

Wednesday, February 18

✝ 10:30 am Imposition of Ashes & Divine Service (Sanctuary)

- Enter via main Church Doors (N2) or Door W2 (Childcare)

✝ 6:30 pm Imposition of Ashes & Divine Service (Sanctuary)

Saturday, February 21 – *Lent 1*

✝ 4:00 pm Divine Service (Sanctuary)

Sunday, February 22 – *Lent 1*

✝ 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 the Schrank family in memory of 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: †Joyce Kasten, on February 2, 2026. Joyce's funeral was held at Mount Olive on Friday, February 6th, and she was laid to rest in Detroit, Michigan. Memorials may be made to [Mount Olive Lutheran School](#) or [Milwaukee Hunger Task Force](#). You may read Joyce's obituary [here](#).

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.

A few 2026 *Beauty from Above* calendars are still available in the bookcase in the Church Parlors.

Portals of Prayer for January – March. Several large print and pocket-size copies are available between the narthex, the Church Parlors bookcase, and the east and west church entrances.

Strength for the Day is a monthly publication of the LCMS for persons dealing with illness and loss. Several copies of the February issue are available in both the narthex and the bookcase in the Parlors. Please feel free to take a copy for yourself or someone you know who could benefit from reading it.

The 2026 Altar Flowers Chart is available in the church parlors. **There are currently 9 open dates remaining, so please help the Altar Guild to fill those dates!** 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 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.**

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*), Karen Flory, Marilyn Layman, Jennifer Schlintz, Rev. John Struve, Mary Weber and Sherrie Thompson (*mother and sister of Dave Larsen*) Robin Wildauer (*wife of missionary Micah Wildauer*), and Willie Willis

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

Those mourning and grieving: The family and friends of †Joyce Kasten

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 members, Nathan and Ashley Russert, who transferred to Mount Olive and will be received into membership in our Sunday, February 15th service. They recently moved to the Washington Heights neighborhood and have been attending services at Mount Olive for the past couple of months, so some of you may already be familiar with them. If you haven't met them personally, please be sure to introduce yourselves and welcome them to our church family!

Attention: Quilters: We will meet on Monday, February 16th at 12:30 pm in Weber Hall.

Chapel Reading Buddies will meet with our students this coming Wednesday, February 18th (*Ash Wednesday*). 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. Please come and join us! The more readers we have, the more one on one time our students have to enjoy quality time reading!

Pledges for the 2026-27 fiscal year are still being accepted! Please place your completed Commitment Card in the offering basket or bring or mail it to the church office, to the attention of Dave Smid. The cards are available on the windowsill in the narthex and the bookcase in the Church Parlors.

The Board of Christian Day School has appointed a call committee to fill the Kindergarten teacher vacancy as Ms. Ainsworth steps into the 3K classroom and Mrs. Lee moves into the 4K classroom for the 2026-2027 school year. The committee, (*Pastor Schleider, Stephen Rosebrock, and Erin Ballard (chair); Kala Hill (parent and BCDS chair), Danika Hojnacki (faculty representative), Abigail Hansen (faculty representative) and Sherice Gray-Wesley (faculty representative and parent)*), is currently reviewing candidate files and will begin interviews soon. Nominations are being accepted from the congregation, so if you know of a current teacher who you believe would be a great fit for our day school please forward their name to Erin Ballard at erin.ballard@mtolivemke.org. If the candidate is not currently rostered, please provide contact information (phone number and email address). Nominations will be accepted until a call is accepted or the position is filled.

Save-the-Date!

• **Father/Daughter Dance:** Friday, April 17th from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Watch for a flyer in late March!

PLEASE NOTE: The Hope Lutheran Church food pantry is temporarily closed as they have their floor replaced, so we currently aren't able to deliver any *Basket of Blessings* contributions. Please hold off on any further donations until we receive word that the food pantry is open again. Thank you!

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

The annual meeting for A Place of Refuge Ministries is on **Sunday, February 22nd** at 4:00pm at Covenant Lutheran Church, 8121 West Hope Ave, Milwaukee. We'll begin with a worship service 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 at <https://www.aplaceofrefuge.org/annual-meeting> (or by calling 414-760-2483) to ensure enough food is available. All friends of **A Place of Refuge** are invited!

Alzheimer's Diagnosis & Tips for Caregivers: Presentation on Saturday, February 21, 3:30–4:30 pm at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 11313 N Riverland Rd, Mequon. Learn about common symptoms of Alzheimer's disease and gain practical, compassionate tips to support and care for loved ones. Virginia Zerpa, Program Director of the *Alzheimer's Association – Wisconsin Chapter*, will provide guidance for caregivers and families navigating the challenges of Alzheimer's.

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 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. ***They invite interested families to learn more by attending their Open House on Thursday, February 26th at 6:30pm,*** to meet faculty, learn more about their curriculum and mission, and see how Trinity supports students during their high school years. The school is located at 945 Terrace Dr., Elm Grove, WI. For more info, go [here](#).

Last week's worship attendance: Saturday, 2/7:19; Sunday, 2/8: 121 - **TOTAL: 140**

Summary of Offerings for the week ending **February 8, 2026:**

Home: \$27,538.87 **Missions:** \$316.50 — **TOTAL OFFERINGS: \$27,855.37**

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

Total received for past week: \$27,855.37

Last weekend's Budget **Surplus:** \$11,844.65

Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget **Surplus:** \$8,481.53 – (7/1/2025 to present)

— **BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP** —

Matthew 17:8 – “And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.” Jesus is enough. Moses and Elijah point to Jesus and are happy to fade into the background. With our eyes focused on Him and Him alone, the rest of our lives come into focus. He is primary, all else secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place.

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



From the LCMS Foundation: Sometimes we might be tempted to think a Christian estate plan is just a collection of documents (will, trust, POA). A will might refer to a certain percentage of gift to family or ministry, but a beneficiary designation on an account like an IRA might supersede with different instructions. It is important to have help making sure these documents agree. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist.

To facilitate this legacy conversation or answer questions you may have regarding how you can faithfully provide for your family and financially support the Lord's work, contact Craig Toerpe, Gift Planning Counselor of the LCMS Foundation at 262-707-3005 or craig.toerpe@lfnd.org.

SOUL FOOD —DINNER—

FEBRUARY 27

Guest Speaker | Praise Dance | Student Video

MENU BY HEAVEN'S TABLE

Chicken (Fried or BBQ)
Mac & Cheese
Greens
Dirty Rice

5:00pm

Door Open

5:15pm

Program Begins

6:00pm

Dinner

VOLUNTEER & DONATE

Drop off
donations by
February 25



Return bottom with payment to the school office by February 23. You may also call the office to pay via credit or debit card: 414-774-2200.

FAMILY NAME _____

NUMBER OF ADULT TICKETS _____
AGE 15 & UP | \$12 EACH

NUMBER OF CHILD TICKETS _____
AGE 4-14 | \$7 EACH

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Mount Olive Altar Guild EASTER FLOWERS

This Easter we are once again offering the opportunity to purchase spring flowers to grace our chancel.

You may purchase plants in loving memory of or gratitude to God for your loved ones or for blessings received. Your dedication will be published in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

As in the past, we are offering lilies, daffodils, hyacinths, tulips, and azaleas. *(See reverse for pricing.)*

You will be able to pick up your Easter flowers after the 9:30 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, April 5th or on **Tuesday**, April 7th at the church office.

All orders must be received by **Sunday, March 1st** along with your payment. **Make checks payable to "Mt. Olive Altar Guild".**

Please **clearly** mark your envelope "**Easter Flowers**" and direct your order to the Altar Guild through the church office or the offering basket.

If you have any questions, please call Sue at 414-779-1935.

Orders may be mailed to:
Mount Olive Lutheran Church
Attn: Easter Flowers
5327 W. Washington Blvd
Milwaukee, WI 53208

Mount Olive Altar Guild EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

Please mark how many plants you would like to purchase next to the name of the plant(s) of your choice.

Quantity:

_____	Lily (<i>Avg. of 6-8 flowers</i>)	\$16.00
_____	Lily (<i>Avg. of 10-13 flowers</i>)	\$33.00
_____	Daffodil	\$16.00
_____	Hyacinth	\$16.00
_____	Tulip	\$16.00
_____	Azalea	\$26.00

Please **PRINT** name(s) clearly below.

In Loving Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

In Gratitude to God for: _____

Given by: _____





Mount Olive Bunco Tournament

Friday, March 6, 2026

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 2nd.

Name: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Number Attending: _____

I/We have played Bunco: Yes _____ No _____