



MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH & CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL

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WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 7 & 8, 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: 2/8/26 – 2/15/2026 —

Sunday, February 8

✝ 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 9

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

Tuesday, February 10

12:30 pm LWML/Service League (Council Room)

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

Wednesday, February 11

✝ 10:30 am **Morning Prayer (Sanctuary)** - Use door N1 (Main school entrance)

6:30 pm Online Adult Bible Study

Saturday, February 14

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

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)

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Ann Meyer in honor of the Altar Guild.

Entered Eternal Life: †Joyce Kasten, on February 2, 2026. Joyce's funeral was held at Mount Olive on Friday, February 6th, and she will be 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.

The few remaining 2026 *Beauty from Above* calendars are now located in the bookcase in the Church Parlors. Please feel free to take another for yourself or someone else. We'd like to see them all put to good use!

Portals of Prayer for January – March. Three large print and about a dozen pocket-size copies are still 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. 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.*

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, Vivian Paddock (*granddaughter of Linda Phillips*), Tom Pedersen (*brother of Harriet Pedersen*), Pat Scharlau, Jennifer Schlintz, Rev. John Struve, Robin Wildauer (*wife of missionary Micah Wildauer*), and Willie Willis

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

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

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/](https://www.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.

There's still time to make your Pledge! Please prayerfully consider your giving for the coming year and complete your Commitment Card, indicating your anticipated tithing for the time period of July, 2026 – June, 2027. Place the completed card in the offering basket or bring or mail it to the church office, to the attention of Dave Smid. This allows our leadership to put together an informed operating budget for next fiscal year to ensure we are being good stewards of our resources. Commitment Cards are available on the windowsill in the narthex and the bookcase in the Church Parlors. *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10.*

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, (*consisting of 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.

Service League/LWML will meet on Tuesday, February 10th at 12:30 pm in the Council Room. We will continue working on sewing eyeglass cases for MOST Ministries so please bring your favorite needle! We will have our devotion, business meeting, and fellowship with dessert. Looking forward to being together!

Easter Flowers: We will once again offer the opportunity to purchase spring flowers to grace our chancel this Easter. Watch for order forms starting **next** weekend, February 14th and 15th.

Save-the-Dates: • Bunco Night: Friday, March 6th at 6:30pm in Weber Hall - flyer next weekend!

• **Soul Food Dinner:** Friday, February 27th! Doors open at 5:00pm with dinner, praise dance, and more to follow – more info coming soon!

Chapel Reading Buddies next meets with our students on 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!

PLEASE NOTE: The Hope Lutheran Church food pantry is temporarily closed as they have the floor of the pantry replaced, so we aren't able to deliver any contributions made to our *Basket of Blessings* until we hear back from them. We appreciate your past generosity, but please hold off on any future donations until we hear from them 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, 1/31:25; Sunday, 2/1: 141 - **TOTAL: 166**

Summary of Offerings for the week ending **February 1, 2026:**

Home: \$22,374.75 **Missions:** \$462.25 — **TOTAL OFFERINGS: \$22,837.00**

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

Total received for past week: \$22,837.00

Last weekend's Budget **Surplus:** \$ 6,826.28

Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget **Deficit:** **(\$3,363.12)** – (7/1/2025 to present)

– **BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP** –

Matthew 5:17 – “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.” We cannot keep the Law of God perfectly. We are sinners. For us to be saved, Jesus had to fulfill the Law in our place so that the threat of the Law is abolished and the Law itself is upheld. Now, in Christ, we do desire to fulfill the Law, to live out a godly Christian life, precisely because we are so full of thanksgiving toward God for His salvation in Christ.

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



From the LCMS Foundation: We live in an “I can do it myself” culture. Choosing the right asset to aim toward inheritance or the right one to create a charitable gift can make the difference in not paying tens of thousands of unnecessary taxes. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you understand the right choice.

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.

Stewardship Spotlight

Did you know? that when you give to Mount Olive, your generosity often stretches far beyond our walls?



This February, we spotlight our **Monthly Benevolences!**

Each year, through your special giving, we support (12) organizations and ministries that serve people in our community and around the world. To name a few: The *SOS Center of Milwaukee* provides academic support and Christ-centered mentoring to children and families; *Hope Lutheran's Food Pantry* provides food to the needy; *A Place of Refuge* offers housing and life-affirming care to women facing crisis pregnancies; *Mount Olive's Deaf Ministry* ensures that the Gospel is proclaimed to those who are deaf or hard-of-hearing in our community; and through the Lutheran Hour and LCMS International Missions, countless people around the world hear the good news of Jesus Christ—many for the very *first* time!

Here is the full list of those we support:



SOS Center of Milwaukee
Mount Olive Deaf Ministry
Mount Olive Berner Fund
Lutheran Braille Workers
LCMS International Missions
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Lutheran Hour Ministries
CUW Professional Ministry Fund
Mount Olive Welfare Fund
Hope Lutheran Food Pantry
A Place of Refuge



Mount Calvary Community Development Corporation

Every gift you share becomes a lifeline of compassion and Christian love for someone in need. Please keep these organizations and ministries in your prayers, and thank you for giving joyfully!

CROSSING THE

THE MILWAUKEE
FAIR HOUSING
MARCHES
OF 1967-1968

LINE

How do citizens work for change when faced with injustice?

How can individuals make a difference?

What can you do to end segregation today?

This traveling display from the Wisconsin Historical Society commemorates the **50th anniversary of Milwaukee's civil rights marches** by examining the practices and prejudices that led to segregation in Milwaukee and chronicling the school desegregation and fair housing movements of the 1960s. **Experience this exhibit before it moves to the Milwaukee Public Museum!**

FEBRUARY 8-11

IN THE CHURCH PARLORS

SUNDAY | AFTER WORSHIP

MON-WED | 3:30-4:30PM

ENTER THROUGH FRONT DOORS OF SCHOOL