

Worship

8:00am

Traditional
Communion on 1st, 3rd
& 5th Sundays

10:30am

Contemporary
Communion on 2nd, 4th
& 5th Sundays

9:00am Coffee Hour

9:20am Sunday School

9:30am Bible Studies

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"Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever." -Psalm 106:1

The Thanksgiving season is upon us even though some stores are already stocking for Christmas. Traditionally, though, Thanksgiving gives us a little time to recall all the blessings which have been given to us (besides the Packers when Aaron Rodgers is healthy). We do have many things to be thankful for, including house and home, spouse and family, jobs and friends, and many other wonderful blessings. As a church family, we also have so much to be grateful for, especially the truth of God's Word revealing a Savior who has given us life everlasting through His own life, death, and resurrection. So much to be thankful for, indeed!

The text above accentuates the goodness of our God and how we should respond. I've always been fond of the word steadfast because it clearly reveals how great our God is and how great His love and mercy is towards us. It never leaves and never fades. He is always with us, blessing us with His presence. It is only appropriate that we return thanks daily for all He continues to do through us and for us. He is worthy of all our praise!

I want to briefly let you all know how much I thank God for each one of you. God has richly blessed me to be called the pastor of Mount Olive and He gives me great joy as we continue to follow His lead in building the kingdom of God at this time and at this place. He has blessed us as a congregation and I look forward to what He has in store for our future! The devil, though, wishes to corrupt what we have here, but we can stand strong in His grace and power following His word and His will! You are all in my prayers and I ask for your prayers as well so that I may reflect Jesus in all that I do and say.

In His Love and Service,
Pastor Jason

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Hours

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For emergencies, call 228-4134 (Pastor's cell).

November View Deadline

Monday, November 27th

E-mail articles to Derek at office@molc.us.

If you have some spare time, come help stuff inserts and stick on mailing labels!

Wed, November 29th at 12:00pm

Sunday Bulletin Deadline

The Sunday Bulletin deadline for Announcements is always **Wednesday at NOON** for the following Sunday.

Email announcements to Derek at office@molc.us.

November Announcements

Coffee Hour Hosts

November 5: LOGOS, in honor of First Communion

November 12: MOLC Operation Barnabas Committee

November 19: Stewardship Board

November 26: (open)

Sign up at the coffee bar!

Altar Flowers

November 5: (open)

November 12: Duane Neitzel, in honor of all veterans

November 19: Cindy Woodford, in celebration of her b-day

November 26: (open)

Sign up in the office!

Small Group Bible Studies

Small Groups meet all around the Madison area! If you would like to be placed in a group, contact Daryl Lohmeyer (Family Life Dir) at dlohmeyer@molconline.org or sign up on our app.

Card Shop News

Consider sharing the joy of your faith by sending a Thanksgiving card to a friend or family member, letting them know they are a blessing you are thankful for on Thanksgiving Day, and every day. We also have everyday greeting cards containing a Bible verse. All profits go to Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML). Come see us in the Library!

Denny's Meet-Up

You're invited to join Mt Olive members and friends at Denny's (433 S Gammon Rd) on the **1st Wed** of month (**November 1**) at **1pm** for good food and fellowship!

Holiday Worship Schedule

Tuesday, November 21st, 7pm

Thanksgiving Service

Wednesdays, Dec 6, 13, 20, NOON and 7pm

Advent Services, Live Nativity (12/20 7pm)

Sunday, December 24th, 9am, 7pm and 11pm

ONE Traditional morning service, Christmas Eve Services

Monday, December 25th, 9am

Christmas Day Service

Today's Light Bible Study

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." -James 4:8a

Nov	Hebrews	Psalms	Proverbs
1	1	2	26:24-26
2	2	119:17-32	26:27
3	3	93, 131	26:28
4	4	124	27:1-2
6	5	119:33-48	27:3
7	6	34	27:4-6
8	7	110	27:7-9
9	8	99	27:10
10	9	15	27:11
11	10:1-18	114	27:12
13	10:19-39	136	27:13-14
14	11	77	27:15-16
15	12	13	27:17-20
16	13	150	27:21-22
17	James 1	135	27:23-27
18	2	119:65-80	28:1
20	3	94	28:2
21	4	100, 123	28:3-5
22	5	148	28:6-7
23	1 Peter 1	108	28:8-11
24	2	17	28:12-14
25	3-4	88	28:15-16
27	5	141	28:17-18
28	2 Peter 1	119:97-112	28:19-20
29	2	101	28:21-22
30	3	119:113-128	28:23-24

Today's Light Bible Class meets on **Wednesdays at 10am** in the Fireplace Room. Come and join our conversation!

Book Club

The Mount Olive Book Club meets on the **2nd Monday** of the month in the Fireplace Room at **9:30am**. On **November 13th**, we will discuss *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. There is **NO MEETING in December**.

If you have any questions, please call Diane Stumpf at (608) 833-0625 or email her at stumpfcb@aol.com.

SCRIP Cards

SAME AS CASH! Start planning now for upcoming gift ideas! (A percentage of every SCRIP card comes back to MOLC) SCRIP cards **keep your money and identity safe**. You can **plan for Black Friday or Cyber Monday** by pre-purchasing cards for local stores or Amazon. SCRIP cards work just like cash both online and in stores. You do not need to provide your card numbers or personal information for purchases. This is a great way to protect yourself and family from identity theft! The SCRIP program would also like to provide another opportunity for giving and sharing God's love. SCRIP will be collecting congregation purchased SCRIP cards to send to Andrew and Kristin to help support their work and studies in St Louis. SCRIP would like to send a card of encouragement along with SCRIP cards each month to show the continued support of the MOLC congregation. Please stop by the Welcome Center the **1st & 3rd Sunday every month** to purchase SCRIP cards and add a note of encouragement for the next generation of ministry. Thanks for your support!!

Bids For Kids Benefit

JOIN US on **Saturday, November 4th at 6pm** for food, fellowship, live music, and live auction! Visit our auction site at olive17.gesture.com for more info.

Quilting Report

Lenore Hill, Florence Stonebraker, Marcie Ortman, and Joan Kruse have been Monday morning regulars all year, and we are pleased to have Laurie Sand rejoin us this fall, with Jack - our pin puller. Mabel Hummel continues to make quilt tops for us in her home, and Gretchen Bradt (a former member) sends us a variety of quilting pieces. Our Quilting Emeritus list includes Goldie Hurley (our go-to person when we have a quilting question) and Paul Sand (who is retiring from pulling pins). This year we made 60 quilts and gave them away to a variety of organizations - Lutheran World Relief (thanks to Elaine Neitzel for delivery!), Habitat for Humanity, Project Linus, and the Domestic Abuse Center. We provided quilts for our high school seniors and newborns. We also made cover-ups, and toddler/full-size quilts for CareNet. We want to thank Derek for supplying coffee for us each week and for taking care of a variety of loose ends. Thanks to Karen Turner who supplied us with lots of lovely material, and thank you to members who have supplied us with a variety of material, sheets, yarn, crochet thread, and sewing thread. We welcome any donations! If you are free on Monday mornings, we'd be happy to teach you how to put a quilt together, or if you already know how, to share your knowledge and skill. Thank you and God bless you.

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord." - Col 3:23a

Weekly Offering Counters Needed

The Board of Stewardship is looking for volunteers to count the weekly offering starting in January. It a commitment of 1 hour per week, and can be scheduled flexibly to accommodate any availability. Responsibilities include tallying first fruit offerings, recording totals, and working with the Board of Stewardship and Church Treasurer to ensure accuracy. Contact Justin Kirchen on the at justinkirchen0@gmail.com or (940) 632-9809 if you have any interest!

Advent By Candlelight

Ladies (girls ages 5th grade and up)...Join us on **Friday, December 8th** for our annual Advent By Candlelight. This is a great way to take some time away from the "hustle and bustle" that the Christmas season entails. We will have the opportunity to enjoy appetizers, a dessert provided by your table hostess, and have time to fellowship with other ladies as we stop to celebrate the true reason for the holidays. Featured musicians and members of the congregation will lead us in our program, *Anticipating His Presence, A Gift for Eternity*. We will open the doors at 6:15 and will serve appetizers in the narthex until 6:45pm. After that, ladies are invited to look at the decorated tables in the gym before we begin dessert and the program. In years past, we try to wrap up our evening between 8:15 and 8:30pm.

We are in need of 12-15 tables hostesses who are responsible for setting a table and providing a dessert for 8-10 guests (depending on whether a round or rectangle table is chosen). We would also appreciate anyone willing to provide appetizers for the beginning of our evening. If you would like to help with the program, we are in need of willing volunteers to read or be a part of the skit. Men...we would welcome your assistance in the kitchen as we need help with making and refilling coffee pots as well as serving the appetizers. You have been a tremendous blessing in helping our evening run smoothly and we appreciate your time and energy.

There will be a table out in the narthex during the month of November so that you can sign up. Please invite any family and friends or neighbors and co-workers as this is always an uplifting evening and a time to stop and mediate on God's love, as we rejoice in the gifts we have in Jesus, our Newborn King! If you have any questions or can assist in any way, call Laurel Zobel at 228-4134 or 238-5656. Thanks and we look forward to having another enjoyable Advent By Candlelight!

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (ESV): *As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.*

(This devotion is taken from Laugh, Tickle, Hug & Pray by Julaine Kammrath, 1997)

Did you ever read about the bird who held up a bank because it had no money to buy food? No? How do birds eat? Did you see the newspaper article on the trembling flower, worried that soon all its petals would be gone? No? Where does a flower get its "clothes?" What does Jesus declare will be true for people who concern themselves with whatever task God is calling them to do? (Read Matthew 6).

God grants wealth to some of His Christians-even beyond what we need to keep our bodies protected and our stomachs healthy. Some of us have more than one room to live in! Some of us have books that we own. Some of us even have more than one vehicle. More than half of the people in the world are not wealthy. That doesn't mean we're better; it means we have been given an opportunity to be generous to others. When we are generous in this way, what does God say we are doing? (read the verse from 1 Timothy).

What is this "heavenly treasure?" Someone once asked, "If you had in heaven only what you've given away, would you have enough to live on?" Maybe this treasure is a generous nature. All we know for sure is that we need not worry about our physical needs because God has promised to provide us with what we need to survive and spread the Good News.

When God give us even more than we need, we have the opportunity to share this heavenly treasure. God is so bountiful, He fills our cups to overflowing with His blessings. Every day could easily be Thanksgiving because every day we are given so much.

During this season of Thanksgiving, why not take some time with your family and try one of these activities...

God Sighting: Before you go to sleep, thank God for specific happenings in your day. When you count your blessings like this, you will be amazed at the sheer volume of God's gifts. By recounting our blessings, we become confident that God will always provide enough to spare and enough to share!

2 kernels of corn: put 2 kernels on an empty plate at your Thanksgiving table and have each person prayerfully review the past year and decide which 2 events God has given him/her.

A-Z challenge: start with blessings that start with the letter A and see how many things you can name for each letter.

Ponder: for what might you thank God that has NOT happened this year?

Thanks be to God that He who clothes the flowers and feeds the birds, takes care of us. We are even more precious to Him. Happy ThanksGIVING and Happy ThanksLIVING!

Butterbraid Fundraiser: thanks to all of you who purchased butterbraids through the preschool. We earned approximately \$850.00 which will be used to purchase a ball cart, some Melissa and Doug toys for the classroom as well as some materials to use when we play in the gym. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

Preschool Christmas Program...will take place on **Wednesday, December 20th** at the noon Advent service. We hope you can join us to hear the preschoolers share some songs and fingerplays with the congregation.

This month we will be making cards and praying for members in the military as the focus of our compassion project for November. Each month we are featuring a different group so that the preschoolers can learn to share with others. Next month, if you would like to help, we will collect hats, mittens and gloves and will donate them to a shelter.

God's continued joy and peace to all of you as we reflect on the goodness and faithfulness of our loving and merciful Heavenly Father!

In His love and service,
Laurel





Leadership Retreat Recap from Sadie Duckert and Ryan Opansky

Over the weekend of October 13th-14th, the Calvary Leadership Team held its second Leadership Retreat partnering with Peace Lutheran Campus Center from UW-Stephens Point. We used a facility not far from Calvary called Upper House for the majority of Saturday.

This year we centered our Bible study around a book called "Trust and Teams" by Jane Fryar that focused on trust with God, within a congregation, and within our community. One of the main points of the book stated that a trusting relationship starts with getting to know someone well. Using this as a starting block, we reflected on how we can strengthen the trust between us and our campus community, and how this would look in action at Calvary and Peace. Making the effort to say hello on the way into worship or sitting with someone new might make newcomers feel more welcome before the service starts. We discussed that while it is easy to become close with a select group of people within a congregation, beneficial as they are, we need to remember that our mission statement is to promote Christ in our community.

Overall, the retreat reminded us to not only reach out to our community, but to engage with it. At the end of the night, we participated in a service project to feed the homeless on State Street and provide clothing items for when the weather becomes colder. Our goal was to interact with them as human beings because that is a courtesy many people do not extend to them. We found the experience very moving, to be able to talk with them and put a smile on their faces after a cold, rainy day. In building strong, trusting relationships with others we can encourage each other to live for Christ in their daily lives.



A View from the Board of Education

Janelle Tonsager, Director

The Board of Ed Needs Volunteers

The Board of Education is looking for 2 helpers - one to co-teach 5th graders for Sunday School, and someone to update the children's worship bags. Contact Janelle Tonsager at (608) 438-4978 if you can help!

Coming Up...

Sunday, November 5th

Bible Presentations - 3rd Graders

First Communion - 5th Graders

November 10-12

LYF Sky Lodge Retreat

Sunday, November 19th

Bible Presentations - Toddlers

A View from the Treasurer Greg Rademacher

Treasurer's Report (as of September 30th)

Full financial statements are available in the church office for review. A few financial highlights through the first 9 months of the year:

- 1) Through September 30th, plate and envelope offerings are running at 85.9% of 2017's operating budget. The \$356,008 received is 0.9% ahead of last year, but that figure has declined significantly over the past two months. Increase in offerings has not been sufficient to keep pace with the higher budget that was approved for 2017. Total income is at 90.5% of budget.
- 2) Overall, expenses are running very close to budget, with total costs for the first nine months coming in at 98.5% of budget. The projected budget deficit was forecast to be \$41,045 through the first 9 months of the year, but is actually \$82,142. The \$41,100 gap would be erased if envelope offerings caught up with the budgeted amount; however, if they do not it will be difficult to include any increase in the 2018 budget.
- 3) As a reminder, the substantial "other income" and "other expense" amounts reflect the net impact of insurance settlements and repairs during the year, including both the roof and dumpster enclosure.
- 4) Cash reserves continue to decrease, although this is traditionally near the low point of the year. The savings account is just over \$50,000, which is roughly one month of cash flow. I would like to see the savings account balance at least partially replenished by year-end, with a bank balance of 6-8 weeks' expenses ideal for handling the ebbs and flows throughout the year.

Please reach out if you have any questions - treasurer@molconline.org or (608) 279-1870. God Bless!

A View from the Outreach Board

Jess Rosenwinkel, Director

Upcoming Outreach Opportunities

December is just around the corner and Mount Olive will again host the International Christmas Dinner in partnership with InterVarsity and other campus ministries. In addition to needing volunteers for the event, we would like to purchase 50 children's Bibles in Chinese. After our guests hear a gospel presentation at the Dinner, they can take a Bible home and continue learning about Jesus. If you are able to volunteer on **December 9th** or donate \$5 to fund a Bible, please email outreach@molc.us or call Jess Rosenwinkel at (608) 421-2976.

Mount Olive has recently joined **Operation Barnabas**, the LCMS' network of care to our nation's military members. Are you a military member or veteran? Would you like to be part of Operation Barnabas at Mount Olive? Please contact David Stansfield for more information at david.stansfield.jr@gmail.com.

A View from the Stewardship Board

Justin Kirchen, Director

Stewardship Emphasis Month

The Mount Olive Stewardship board looks forward to connecting with YOU during our stewardship emphasis month, **beginning November 5th**:

- Come see us at the Stewardship Table in the Narthex **on November 5th!**
- "Vocation, Stewardship, and Cross" Bible study Sunday mornings at 9:30am **beginning November 5th**
- Return your 2018 Commitment Card (check with us if you did not receive something in the mail!)
- Update your Time & Talents Survey
- Learn about our online giving methods and quick setup
- Review additional resources and opportunities to partner with several Lutheran financial institutions

We will also have some other one-time events located at Mount Olive:

- "Smart Money" - **November 7th at 7:00pm**
- Financial Peace University graduation - **November 12th, 5:00-7:00pm**

In the Community

CareNet Pregnancy Center Fundraising Banquet

CareNet invites you to their Annual Fundraising Banquet **Thursday, November 2nd at 6:30pm**. This complimentary dinner is your opportunity to learn more about CareNet. Carol White is hosting a table for members of Mount Olive. RSVP online at friends.carenetdane.org or call Carol at (608) 445-9144.

Volunteer at Agrace!

In November, Agrace will offer orientation for people interested in volunteering to brighten the lives of people with serious illnesses. The orientation session is **Monday, November 27th from 1-5pm** at Agrace's Madison campus. Before they attend orientation, prospective volunteers will complete an application and an interview process with Agrace's Volunteer Services staff to identify skills and interests. Call (608) 327-7163 to register.

Christmas Poinsettias

Christmas poinsettias are now available to order for the season! Please watch for flyers in the bulletin or on counter in workroom.

Orders must be in by Wednesday, November 15th.

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*At Mount Olive, we come to know Jesus Christ in God's Word and Sacraments;
praising God, strengthening our individual lives, supporting fellow Christians,
and sharing God's love wherever we go.*