

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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“Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.” Psalm 96:1-4

The Thanksgiving season is upon us even though it seems that some stores have been ready for Christmas for over a month! Traditionally, Thanksgiving gives us a little time to recall all the blessings which have been given to us. We do have many things to be thankful for, including our homes, our spouse and families, our jobs and friends, and many other blessings as well. As a church family, we also have so much to 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, I believe, communicates that we should have thankful hearts 365 days of the year. So often Thanksgiving just comes and goes quickly and the thankful heart goes with it. That isn’t what the Psalmist is relaying to the readers. We are to “sing to the Lord” daily, not just on Thanksgiving or on the Sunday mornings we are in church. His love and mercy never leaves and never fades. He is always with us, blessing us with His presence. I believe it is only appropriate that we return thanks daily for all He continues to do through us and for us.

Not only does the Psalmist call us to give thanks to God, but to also proclaim what He has done. We are called to tell others about the love and peace we have in knowing Jesus as our Savior. The Lord is great; He is worthy to be praised! Let us sing and speak with all our might, because His glory has made us His own.

This season is a great time for me to let you all know how much I thank God for each one of you. God has richly blessed me to be the one He has called to serve you! It is a calling that I treasure. You are all in my prayers as we continue to follow His lead in sharing His great love at this time and at this place. I ask for your prayers as well so that I may reflect Jesus in all that I do and say.

May our Thanksgiving be one of many celebrated days as Jesus leads the way!

In His Service,
Pastor Jason

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DECEMBER VIEW DEADLINE

Monday, November 26th

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

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

Wed, November 28th 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 4: LOGOS

November 11: Operation Barnabas / Mount Olive Veterans

November 18: Doris Smith

November 25: MOLC Foundation

Sign up at the coffee bar!

ALTAR FLOWERS

November 4: (open)

November 11: Duane Neitzel, in honor of Veterans Day

November 18: Cindy Woodford, in celebration of birthday

November 25: (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 our Director of Family Life Rev. Mark Baldwin at mbaldwin@molc.us or (608) 238-5656.

CARD SHOP NEWS

Tis the season....Thanksgiving cards on display, plus boxed Christmas cards. Also some new cards to view, as well as an assortment of birthday, get well, sympathy, anniversary, wedding, thinking of you and blank cards for any occasion to write your own message. Help us support the missions at Lutheran Women's Missionary League with your purchases. We are located in the Library, next to the Nursery.

DOWNLOAD OUR FREE APP!

Connect, Give, Listen, and more! Search for "Mount Olive LC" in the Apple Store or Google Play store.



DENNY'S MEET-UP

You're invited to join Mount Olive members and friends at Denny's (433 S Gammon Rd) on the **1st Wed** of month (**November 7**) at **1pm** for good food and fellowship!

BOOK CLUB

The Mount Olive Book Club meets on the **2nd Monday** of the month in the Fireplace Room at **9:30am**. On **November 12th**, the book will be Love and Other Consolation Prizes by Jamie Ford. **There is no Book Club in December**. If you have any questions, please call Diane Stumpf at (608) 833-0625 or email her at stumpfcb@aol.com.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Order forms are available in the office work room, and are **due by Wednesday, November 14th**. Place your orders for Christmas Poinsettias that will adorn the altar the last two weeks of December.

QUILTERS ANNUAL REPORT

The past year has been a busy one for the Mount Olive Quilters. We have focused on making quilts and nursing cover-ups for local causes such as Habitat for Humanity, Project Linus, DAIS (Domestic Abuse Prevention Services), and Care Net. We gave a total of 78 quilts, with the majority going to local charities or to members of Mount Olive, but also some to our traditional quilt destination: Lutheran World Relief. Of particular note was the presentation in November of 2017 of our first annual Honor Quilt to Duane Neitzel in recognition of his past military service and continuing service to the church.

The quilters could not do what they do without the help they receive from both the church and the wider community. We would like to thank: Swan Xiong and Denise Schneider for dropping in for several weeks to help out; Terry Ortman for purchasing and helping set up our new tables; Derek Handley for his tireless delivery of coffee every Monday morning; Jeanne Elmer, Kathryn Hanson, Denise Schneider, Janet Virata, and Gretchen Bradt for donating material; and also Goldie Hurley, Paul Sand, and Mabel Hummel, our Quilters Emeriti, for their past service and continued moral support.

Current Quilters: Lenore Hill, Florence Stonebraker, Joan Kruse, Marcy Ortman, Laurie Sand, Jack Sand

TODAY'S LIGHT BIBLE STUDY

"Direct my steps by Your Word, and let no iniquity have dominion over me" - Psalm 119:133

November	Psalms	Proverbs
1	1-6	26:24-28
2	7-12	27:1-3
3	13-18	27:4-9
5	19-24	27:10-14
6	25-30	27:15-20
7	31-36	27:21-27
8	37-41	28:1-5
9	42-48	28:6-10
10	49-53	28:11-16
12	54-59	28:17-20
13	60-65	28:21-24
14	66-72	28:25-26
15	73-78	28:27-28
16	79-84	29:1-4
17	85-89	29:5-8
19	90-95	29:9-11
20	96-101	29:12-14
21	102-106	29:15-18
22	107-112	29:19-20
23	113-118	29:21-23
24	119	29:24-25
26	120-126	29:26-27
27	127-132	30:1-4
28	133-137	30:5-6
29	138-145	30:7-10
30	146-150	30:11-14

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

PRAISE, PRAYER & PIE

The annual Thanksgiving Service this year is on **Tuesday, November 20th at 7pm** and the theme is "Praise, Prayer & Pie". Stay after the service for some delicious pie made by Mount Olive members.

POLLING DAY BAKE SALE

We are a polling place for the Nov 6 General Election this year and will be holding a "Name Your Price" Bake Sale for voters. Money collected will support our ministries. We will also offer free coffee in the morning and afternoon. How can YOU help? By supplying baked goods like cookies, bars, cupcakes, breads, snack mixes, etc... and bringing them in from **Nov 1-5**. We will also need volunteers to help replenish baked items and take donations. Contact Linda Krueger if you can help or if you have any questions - lkrueger@molc.us.

SCRIP CARDS

It's not too early to think about ordering SCRIP cards (gift cards) for the upcoming holidays. You will probably be giving some gift cards soon - so if you order through Mount Olive, we will be the recipient of the rebates - any where from 5% - 25%. Stop by the Welcome Center to see the list of merchants and the rebate amounts - here are a few examples: Old Navy 14%, Bath & Body Works 12%, Barnes & Noble 12.75%, Lands End 15%, LL Bean 16%, Cabelas 11.75%, Olive Garden 11%. Orders will be taken on November 4th, 18th, December 2nd & 16th. Orders are ready to pick up the Wed/Thur after those Sundays. SHOP NOW! See Connie LaRowe with any questions. THANK YOU!

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Ladies (girls ages 5th grade and up) - JOIN US on **Friday, December 7th** 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. Doors open at 6:15 and we 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, which wraps up around 8:15pm.

We are in need of 12 table hostesses who are responsible for setting a table and providing a dessert for 8-10 guests. We would also appreciate anyone willing to provide appetizers for the beginning of our evening.

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 sign-up table out in the narthex during November. 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 or Gretchen Cropp at 848-6093. Thanks and we look forward to another enjoyable Advent By Candlelight!

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His love endures forever.” 1 Chronicles 16:34

Thanksgiving Household Object Lesson: Thankfulness in a Box...

We often forget to give thanks and approach God only when we want something. This object lesson is a great reminder for all of us that we can break this habit by simply using a box filled with opportunities to feel gratitude.

Fill a box with your own items and come up with at least 5 different ways you are thankful for this item. You will put yourself and your family in a position to feel thankful in ways you may have never felt before.

For example...in your box, you might include...

- An empty soda can
- An old battery
- A dirty shoelace
- A used Tupperware container

Using the old battery, perhaps these are reasons you might be thankful for this old, dead battery

- This battery may have lit something like a flashlight for a long time. Thanks God for that kind of light.
- This battery may have made an old toy move back and forth. Thanks God for ways to make little kids feel happy and have something with which to play
- Thanks God for the invention of a battery. I am grateful for inventors to whom you whispered what could be made to make life easier.
- Thank God for different brands and sizes of batteries...that means there are people who have jobs making these for others.
- This battery is outdated, but now we have rechargeable batteries which helps us charge phones and cameras. Thanks God for technology.
- Batteries come in handy for flashlights and weather radios when the electricity is out. Thanks God that you provide for us during storms.
- Our spiritual lives are a lot like batteries. We need to be recharged with God’s Word and time for worship. Thanks God for helping us to recharge just like batteries so that your power is at work in us.

For each item, spend some time as a family coming up with various reasons as to how this object makes you focus on being thankful rather than resentful that it might be dirty, used up, or outdated. You will be amazed at how your attitude shifts towards being grateful and appreciative to God for the many blessings you might actually take for granted each day.

I have done this activity with kids in my Logos class and it’s always fun to see how many reasons they can come up with for each object. I encourage you and your family to select some random items from around your house to fill up your box. Why not make this an activity not just at Thanksgiving

time but throughout the year, especially when you are not feeling so thankful or content. After all, God’s goodness and love is a part of each day...spend some time realizing just how benevolent He really is to you!

- Speaking of being thankful, I wanted to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation for all of you who ordered butter braids through our preschool fundraiser. We sold a total of 211 braids and had some other monetary donations which helped us earn \$1505.00 to be used towards a new wooden cabinet and bookshelf to replace our old, worn-out ones in the classroom. We were also able to purchase some games, manipulatives, automatic ball inflator, and math/language activities. The kids will be very excited to use these new items. Thanks for your generosity and support of the preschool. Butter braids will be delivered on Wednesday, November 7th after 12:30 pm. Please see Laurel to pick up your order.
- Our October compassion project consisted of writing thank you letters to different community leaders. We sent letters to Police Chief Mike Koval, Fire Chief Steve Davis, Pastor Jason, Pastor Mark, Mr. Derek, our Governor and Lt. Governor, Senators Baldwin and Johnson, as well as other business men and women, athletes, and other local helpers. We are anticipating a surprise visit for the kids from Chief Koval, and have received letters from one of our church members as well as Lt. Governor Kleefisch. The preschoolers learned about the importance of many people working together to be a blessing to others. Please continue to keep our community leaders and those in authority in your prayers as they are in need of wisdom, discernment, and guidance.
- This month, the preschoolers are working on collecting items to be used in shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child which is a mission project through Samaritan’s Purse. These shoeboxes will be sent overseas to children and adults who live in underprivileged areas of the world. Included in these shoeboxes, are pamphlets about the Gospel. Please pray that these shoeboxes will not only bring joy to these children and their families, but that they will indeed hear the message of Jesus’ love and salvation as missionaries share this good news with them.

May you be filled with gratitude as you reflect on all of the ways you are blessed each and every day by our loving, heavenly Father. Thanking God for the hope and peace we have in and through Jesus, our Savior.

In His service
and love,
Laurel



Reasons to Be Thankful at Mt. Olive

“Men At Work” is a new Men’s Ministry at Mt. Olive that encourages men to be lights and witnesses of Jesus in their everyday lives – with family, co-workers, strangers. “Men at Work” meets the first of Monday of the month at 6:30pm for a time of Bible Study and Fellowship. Our goals include honoring God through impact events in our congregation and community. These may include, but are not limited to, assisting with maintenance on someone’s home, supporting a missionary, etc. **JOIN US on November 5th** as we watch the film “Courageous” and have a discussion afterward.

“Females in Faith” meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 6:30pm in the Fireplace Room for study of God’s Word, Fellowship, and Prayer.

“The Art of Parenting” is a weekly time for parents to meet during LOGOS. We focus on a conversation about parenting joys and difficulties and spend time in God’s Word for encouragement and strengthening. We meet from about 6:00 to 6:45 each Wednesday.

And, there are so many more reasons to be thankful at Mt. Olive – children in Sunday School, adults in Bible Class, Worship Services with beautiful music, receiving Holy Communion – and the list goes on.....

In this month of Thanksgiving, we are reminded that we have so much for which to be thankful. If you will be gathering with family and friends – or, simply spending a quiet day at home – take time to reflect on the blessings in your life and in the life of our church family here, at Mt. Olive.

Thankful to be servant of Christ,
Pastor Mark

A VIEW FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Gary Strohm

Budget time! What does that phrase conjure up for most of you? Probably some stress, maybe some angst, but how about JOY? Now you might be thinking your Executive Director, an accountant by vocation, has lost his marbles, so let me explain. At this time of year, PPC (all Board Directors, the Executive Team and Pastors) is busy pulling together the annual budget for 2019. Each Director takes a stab at their respective section of the budget and submits it to Justin Kirchen, Director of the Board of Stewardship. He then accumulates all that information into the first draft of an overall budget and then deliberations at PPC begin. We started in October and will finalize it at our November meeting.

To further explain the process, there are two major components to any budget – the Income side and the Expense side. Income for our congregation comes primarily from your plate and envelope offerings (a smaller amount comes from facility use fees, a good portion from Preschool and then a piece from District to support Pastor Dan at Calvary). After summarizing the commitments made on Commitment Sunday (November 4th this year), Justin includes a budgeted income number that usually is a few % higher than the prior year and then we at PPC pray about what our congregation will find in their hearts to provide for the various ministries we will embark on in the coming year. We try to be realistic, but also faithfully optimistic.

The Expense side is what defines what we as a congregation can accomplish with the gifts we are given so graciously from our Lord. Beginning with salaries and benefits for staff, to missions, to education and music, we also fund programs for youth, fellowship, outreach and health and wellness. All while taking care of mortgage payments and property and building maintenance expenses. There are so many ways we use our God-given gifts to His glory.

So, JOY all around! JOY in combining all of our gifts and JOY in carrying out our many ministries through the passionate, inspired work of all our talented, active members. Therefore when you see that proposed Budget at the December Voters meeting, keep in mind all the JOY we create together in the name of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ!

In Him,
Gary Strohm



Calvary Trip To Ft. Wayne

Calvary is excited to be sending 7 of our students to the LCMS-U (the college campus ministry arm of the LCMS) annual conference called “Witness”. This year’s conference is in Ft. Wayne, Indiana and we will be joining college students from all around the country for three days of instruction and discussion based on the Lutheran evangelism program entitled “Every One His Witness”. Along with exploring together questions such as “what is witness” and “why do we witness”, we will have the opportunity to worship & fellowship with other campus ministries and college students.

The conference is January 2-5 but since this is usually the time that Calvary would embark on our annual mission trip, we will be staying in the Ft. Wayne area through January 8th to do various service projects which are being organized for us by the district there. Those projects are yet to be announced, but we are all super excited for this opportunity to grow in our understanding of what it means to be a witness of our Lord Jesus, grow in our fellowship together, and work alongside one another in service to the community there.

We most certainly appreciate your prayers and if you are interested in helping to support the team financially we are available for raking or for any other projects you might need to have done around the house this fall. If this is something you are interested in, please contact Calvary’s Leadership Team Mission Coordinator Andrew Stein at astein7@wisc.edu.

In His love & service,
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A VIEW FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Peggy Rainbow, Director

Our Sunday School mission for the first semester is in support of World Mission Prayer League, based in Minneapolis, MN. The World Mission Prayer League (WMPL) has workers in 20 countries throughout the world along with a team dedicated to supporting the work that happens throughout the world. They embrace a rich heritage that flows from the passionate witness of Christians faithful to the call of Jesus.

On Sunday, October 21, Curt and Ann Goettsch (brother and sister-in-law of Janelle Tonsager) shared their experience as missionaries for WMPL with our Sunday School students and also our adult Bible class. We thank Curt and Ann for sharing their incredible faith and love for Jesus with us.



First Communion and First Bible Presentation

First Communion for 5th Graders will be **on Sunday, November 4th**. 3rd graders will also receive their Bibles on that day. First Communion and Bible Presentation will take place at the 10:30 service.

Upcoming Fellowship Events

Friday, December 7, 6:15pm

Advent by Candlelight

Night of fellowship, food, and music for ladies to celebrate the true reason for the season!

Saturday December 8

International Friendship Center (IFC) Christmas Party

Sunday December 9, NOON

MOLC Christmas Party

Join us for fun, food and fellowship as we celebrate the greatest gift ever given.

Prayer Praise and Pie

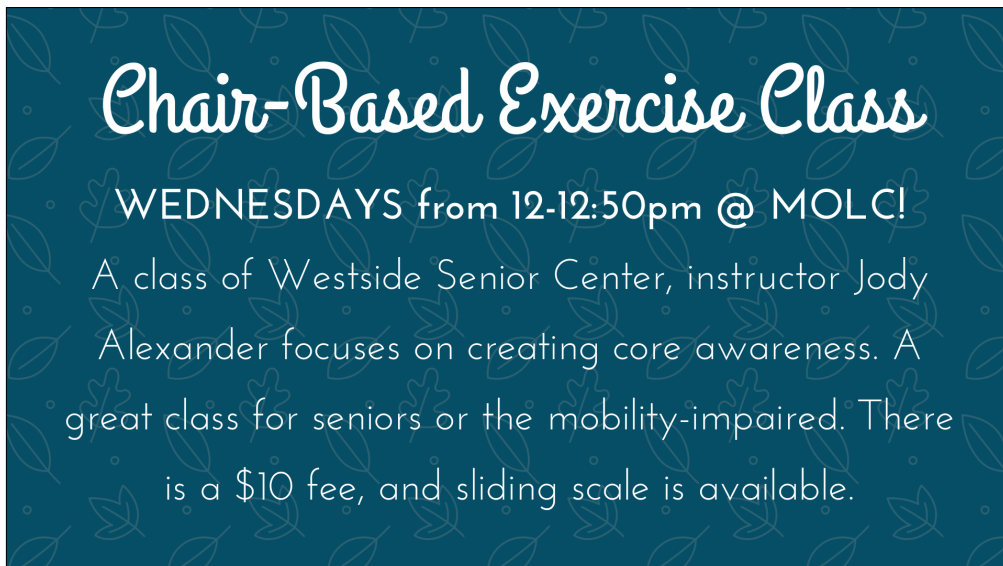
Please join us for pie after the Thanksgiving worship service - **Tuesday November 20th at 7pm**. Fellowship Board will provide pie and coffee. If you would like to bring a pie as well, there will be a sign up at the Welcome Center in the coming weeks.



**Veterans
Sunday**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Mount Olive
LUTHERAN CHURCH



Chair-Based Exercise Class

WEDNESDAYS from 12-12:50pm @ MOLC!

A class of Westside Senior Center, instructor Jody Alexander focuses on creating core awareness. A great class for seniors or the mobility-impaired. There is a \$10 fee, and sliding scale is available.

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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.*