

## Weekly Calendar

December 2-8

### Monday (12/2)

9am Quilters

### Tuesday (12/3)

5pm Olive Branch Rehearsal

### Wednesday (12/4)

10am Today's Light

### 12pm Advent Service

1pm Denny's Meetup

5pm LOGOS

6pm Handbell Rehearsal

### 7pm Advent Service

7:45pm Choir Rehearsal

### Friday (12/6)

6pm Advent By Candlelight

### Saturday (12/7)

7:30am Early Risers Bible Study

6pm IFC Christmas Party

### Sunday (12/8)

8am Traditional Worship

9:15am LYF Bake Sale

9:20am Sunday School

9:30am Bible Study

10:30am SS Christmas Program †

11:45am Voter's Meeting

† Communion offered

### Prayer Requests

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## This Week's Prayers

We Pray for... Dave Zemke, Darlene Strassman, Paul Kolberg.

## This Week's News

Attendance Sun, Nov 24: Early - 96, Late - 77

### Weekly Treasurer's Report:

Weekly Budgeted Offerings (November) - \$13,415

November 24<sup>th</sup> Offerings - \$29,862.40

Weekly Surplus/Shortfall - \$16,447.40

Year-to-Date Offerings Surplus/Shortfall - (\$46,110)

**Voter's Meeting:** There will be a Voters Meeting **NEXT SUN (12/8)** following the late service. If you are new to Mount Olive and have not submitted a Voters Application, they are available in the office at the Member Resources bookshelf. **Please fill out TODAY** and place in Gary Strohm's (Exec Dir) mailbox to assure voter eligibility.

**SCRIP:** Visit the Welcome Center to place your orders for SCRIP gift cards **TODAY or NEXT SUN (12/15)**. It's a WIN-WIN - you get some of your gift-giving taken care of AND Mount Olive receives the rebates! During the holidays, some businesses up their rebate % (some offer 14, 15 or 16%! ) - check out the list on [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). See Connie LaRowe with any questions. Thank you!

**Veterans Outreach:** Thank you for the overwhelming response to the Veteran's Outreach! A lot of veterans will be touched this Christmas either with a card or your donations. The donation box is getting full with so many wonderful items! **TODAY is the final day to turn in your cards/donations to the bin by the Welcome Center.** Thank you!!

**Midweek Advent Services:** The sermon series for this year's Wednesday Advent Services is "The Lord Opens the Womb". Here are the themes for each week: Dec 4: Is Anything Too Hard for the Lord? (Gen 18:1-15; 21:1-7); Dec 11: His Name Is Wonderful (Judges 13:1-24); Dec 18: Heard by God (1 Sam 1:1-2:11). We hope you will join us for one or all of these services!

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**New Music Director!** We are beyond excited to share the news that Mr. Ray Calderon has accepted the offer to become the new Director of Music at Mount Olive Lutheran Church! Ray's installation will be on **Sun, Jan 12<sup>th</sup>**. Keep him in your prayers as he transitions to Wisconsin from Bronx, NY and to Mount Olive.

**Holiday Flyers:** There are flyers available at the Welcome Center with all holiday events and services coming up. Make special note of the many things going on here at Mount Olive and take a few with you to invite friends!

**Advent By Candlelight:** Advent By Candlelight will be held **on Fri, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>**. Doors open at 6pm, appetizers served at 6:15pm, with program at 7pm. This event is for all the women of the congregation and their guests. Visit us in Narthex to sign up to either be a table hostess, or an attendee. Hostesses can set up tables Thur, Dec 5<sup>th</sup> anytime between 5-7pm or Fri, Dec 6<sup>th</sup> between 9am-3pm. We hope to see you there to enjoy some fellowship and time to reflect on the true meaning of the Christmas season.

**Set-Up for Advent By Candlelight: Men, this includes you now!** Would you consider helping set up tables **Thur, Dec 5 starting at 4:15pm?** If interested, contact Gretchen at [edcropp@charter.net](mailto:edcropp@charter.net).

**International Christmas Party:** Every year, the International Friendship Center (IFC) hosts their Christmas Party here at Mount Olive. This year, it is on **Sat, Dec 7 at 6pm**. You are always welcome to attend, as a chance to show our International friends what Christmas is all about! **IFC would appreciate volunteers.** Paul Skidmore will be our lead volunteer, so if you are interested, you can see him or contact the office.

**MOLC Christmas Party:** The Mount Olive Christmas Party this year is **Sun, Dec 15** following the Advent Choral Festival at 9am (only service). Bring a dish to pass! There is a meal sign-up at the Welcome Center.

**Care Net Open House:** Care Net would like to thank everyone who attended, supported, and prayed for the successful banquet! \$283,000 were received in donations! We hope you will consider attending the Care Net Open House on **Fri, Dec 13 from 2-6pm**. Please RSVP to [beckyk@carenetdane.org](mailto:beckyk@carenetdane.org) or 259-1606.

## **Stewardship Corner**

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"If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." (Matt 21:3)

Just a colt and her foal. How significant could they be? Could they really be used by the Lord for some great, heavenly purpose? This is one facet of stewardship we often forget: it is a blessing to us to be of service in the Lord's kingdom. What honor the Lord bestows upon us by using our gifts for His goals.

## **Just a Note**

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**MOLS:** Grab some flyers at the Welcome Center with open house dates/events for our newly approved Lutheran day school. SHARE broadly and often!

**Haiti Crisis:** Be sure to read the Krugs' letter re: the current crisis in Haiti and Mission:Haiti.

**Card Shop:** Expanded Christmas card display including boxed cards. Come see us in the Library for all your everyday greeting card needs. All profits support missions at Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

## **Volunteers Needed!**

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*Please prayerfully consider and contact the office if interested!*

- **Auction Coordinators**
- **Offering Counters**

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## **Our Staff**

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Rev. Jason Zobel, *Senior Pastor*  
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Derek Handley, *Office Manager*