

COMMUNION

A note to our guests: As Lutheran Christians we believe in the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament. Here we receive His body and blood in our mouths in, with, and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins. We desire to be strengthened in our faith through this sacred meal. If you have any questions about this practice, please visit with one of our Elders or the Pastor. Thank you.



A nursery is offered for young children in the 3yo preschool room during each worship service.

Restrooms are located to the right of the front entrance. A changing table is provided in both men's and women's restrooms.

Please contact the church office if someone in your family is sick or in the hospital or if you would like a prayer request in the Olive Branch.

Deadline to submit information for the Olive Branch is **noon on Wednesday.**

Lauren, 277-8349 or lauren.prunty@molcs.org

To join the MTO prayer chain. Please contact : *Lori, 979-3474 or dischk@yahoo.com*

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE

Monday, December 10

4:30pm Ladies' Afternoon Bible Study @ church
6:30pm Ladies' evening Bible study Begins @ Sara Stafford's house

Wednesday, December 12

5:30pm Advent Dinner
7:00pm Advent Service

Saturday, December 15

5:00pm Worship Service led by Pastor Mark Kleckner
6:00pm Recorder Jamboree

Sunday, December 16

9:00am Worship Service led by Pastor Mark Kleckner
10:30am Sunday School

Recorder Jamboree



The Recorder Ensemble will play a variety of German songs and carols in the Gathering Area after the December 15th 5:00 Service. It will be a "recorder jamboree" with guest artist, Paul Brown, playing some unusual percussion instruments. Come and enjoy music, refreshments and Christian fellowship.

Contact Information for

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Olive Branch December 8 & 9

Our Vision:
Living Christ's Love Through
ACTION

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE!

Welcome! If you are a visitor, we are honored to have you with us and pray that your time here will encourage you and strengthen your relationship with Jesus. Please fill out the yellow attendance card and place it in the collection plate during the offering.

WEEKEND WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional Liturgy with organ accompaniment

Saturday at 5:00 pm

Worship Service led by the Praise Band

Sunday at 9:00 am

Sermon
Children's Christmas Program –
The Story Of Jesus' Birth

Scripture
Luke 1:26-33

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ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers are given in celebration of the school's Christmas Programs this weekend.

WEEKLY OFFERING

\$13,109.75

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Saturday 5:00pm- 34 Sunday 9:00am-74
Advent Service 7:00am -48

Advent and Christmas Services

December 12 7:00pm

December 19 7:00pm



Christmas Eve Services:

December 24 4:00pm -Family Oriented Service

December 24 7:00pm-Candle Light Service

Christmas Day Service 9:00am- Communion Offered

New Year's Eve Service 7:00pm-Communion Offered

Adopt A Family

The Adopt A Family tree is up in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider helping out local families in need this Christmas by fulfilling wishes. Take a tag and place your name, phone #, and the letter/number from the tag on the sheet located next to the tree. Please have wishes wrapped and returned with tag attached by **Sunday, December 9th.** Questions? Please contact Julie Leyhe at 843-623-4042.

Advent by Candlelight—Cookies and Candles

Ladies, join us on Sunday, Dec. 9th from 2:00-4:00 pm, for Cookies and Candles, our Advent by Candlelight afternoon tea. A beautiful way to begin your Christmas celebration. Again this year we will be having a cookie exchange as part of our program. There will be cookies for all to munch on and also cookies to take home with you. Please bring 2-3 dozen cookies (homemade or store bought) if you would like to participate in the cookie exchange. Or just come and enjoy some sweet fellowship, an inspiring devotional message, Christmas Carols and some yummy cookies. Invite a friend or neighbor to come along. Contact Donna Foltman (515-868- 8794) for more information. Sponsored by Mt. Olive Lutheran Women in Mission.

Giving Thanks

During Advent as we think about family and friends, keep in mind that Christmas is about the greatest gift mankind has received: the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

The Elders ask that you keep Pastor Mark and Kimberly along with each of the teachers and staff of Mount Olive Lutheran Church and School in mind. If you want to thank them for their service with a card and/or a gift, please do so. Also, please pray for them and give thanks to God for their dedication to the Mission of Mount Olive Lutheran Church and School.

Sunday School Update

There will be no Sunday school on December 23rd or the 30th.

PRAYERS

For the health of:
Roland Pillack- blood clot in his leg
Thelma Lenz-at home under hospice care
Margaret Clayton
David West—awaiting hip surgery
Debbie Holseid
Gretchen Versteeg
Kelsie Boyd-awaiting liver transplant
Curtice Family in the death of Dale's Father, Dale Curtis

Altar flower Increase

Starting 1/1/2019, flower donations provided through Boesen's Florist will see an increase to \$40 per arrangement. Thank you to all you help to make our church beautiful!

SERVING MOUNT OLIVE

Elders This Week **D. Meyer/J. Leyhe**
Next Week **G. Scheiwe**
December 12 **H. Reinboth**

Ushers This Week 5:00 **F. Sturgeon**
Next Week 5:00 **G. Scheiwe & G. Knapp**
December 12 **L. Klawitter**

Acolytes This Week 5:00 **M. Leyhe**
Next Week 5:00

Readers This Week 9:00 **Children's Program**
Next Week 9:00 **L. Schumann**

Sound This Week 9:00 **E. Rains**
Next Week **L. Tegtmeier**

Youth News

The MOLCS youth group will be having a Bake Sale this weekend before and after the school programs on Saturday and Sunday. Baked goods and candies will be available for purchase in the school. Come find a Christmas treat to take home.

Advent Dinner

Dinner before the Advent Service on December 12th, will be sloppy joes and cheesy potato casserole. Dinner starts at 5:30pm, please come at a time convenient for you. The staff of Mount Olive will be providing it for a free will donation. Funds will go towards the Lutheran Educator's conference next year in St. Louis.

Organist This Week **J. Behrens**
Next Week: **K. Brammeier**
December 12 **K. Brammeier**

9:00 **J. Rains**
9:00 **S. Honold**

9:00 **N. Rains**
9:00 **A. Leyhe**

Media This Week **D. Rains**
Next Week **N. Powell**

Counters This Week **D. Shoeman & R. Thomas**
Next Week **S. Barlow & S. Honold**
December 12 **A. Meiners & E. Oltmanns**