



## Mount Olive's December Worship Opportunities

<b>December 9</b>	Sunday	Worship	8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
<b>December 10</b>	Monday	Worship	6 p.m.
<b>December 12</b>	Wednesday	Advent Service	10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
<b>December 15</b>	Saturday	3K/4K Christmas Program	3:00 p.m.
<b>December 15</b>	Saturday	Lord's Supper	5:30 p.m.
<b>December 16</b>	Sunday	Lord's Supper	8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
<b>December 17</b>	Monday	Lord's Supper	6 p.m.
<b>December 19</b>	Wednesday	Advent Service	10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
<b>December 21</b>	Friday	K-8 Christmas Service	6:00 p.m. (FVL)
<b>December 22</b>	Saturday	Worship	5:30 p.m.
<b>December 23</b>	Sunday	Worship	8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
<b>December 24</b>	Monday	Christmas Eve Service	10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m.
<b>December 25</b>	Tuesday	Christmas Day Service	9 a.m.
<b>December 29</b>	Saturday	Worship	5:30 p.m.
<b>December 30</b>	Sunday	Worship	8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
<b>December 31</b>	Monday	New Year's Eve Service	6 p.m.

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## THIS WEEK - December 9-16, 2018

<b>SUNDAY</b> 2nd Sunday of Advent	<b>Food Pantry Pick Up</b> 8 a.m. - Worship 9:10-9:25 a.m. - SCRIP Desk 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School	9:25 a.m. - Bible Class 10:10-10:25 a.m. - SCRIP Desk 10:30 a.m. - Worship 3 p.m. - Adult Co-Ed Volleyball
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Last Day to Special Order Christmas SCRIP</b> 7:45 a.m. - SCRIP Desk 2:45 p.m. - SCRIP Desk 6 p.m. - Worship	7 p.m. - Church Council
<b>TUESDAY</b>	6:30 a.m. - BC at Mary's 6:30 p.m. - Handbell Choir	6:30 p.m. - Board of Finance 7 p.m. - Board of Stewardship
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9 a.m. - Bible Class 10 a.m. - Advent Worship 4:00 p.m. - PSI	4:30 p.m. - Advent Supper (4:30-5:45 p.m.) 6 p.m. - Advent Worship
<b>THURSDAY</b>	6:30 p.m. - Foundations Bible Study	<b>7 p.m. - Voters' Meeting</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	6:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study 7:45 a.m. - SCRIP Desk	2:45 p.m. - SCRIP Desk
<b>SATURDAY</b>	8:30 a.m. - MOL School & Sunday School Christmas Service Practice <b>3:00 p.m. - 3K/4K Christmas Service</b>	5:30 p.m. - Worship w/ Lord's Supper
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> 3rd Sunday of Advent	8 a.m. - Worship w/ Lord's Supper 9:10-9:25 a.m. - SCRIP Desk 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School	9:25 a.m. - Bible Class 10:10-10:25 a.m. - SCRIP Desk 10:30 a.m. - Worship 3 p.m. - Adult Co-Ed Volleyball

OFFERINGS/OTHER INCOME		BUDGET	ACTUAL
Offerings	Week of 12/3/18	\$33,083	\$17,896
Offerings	Year-to-date	\$1,374,425	\$1,214,148
Offerings + Other Income	Year-to-date	\$1,914,265	\$1,719,664
Forward in Faith	Week of 12/3/18		\$110,175
Forward in Faith	Total Campaign to-date		\$1,997,896

### USHERS (December)

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Mike Evers, Captain; Brian Willman, Todd Lettau, Terry Jastrow, Peter Schloff.  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Roger VandenLangenberg, Captain; Brian Zuberbier, Richard Wunderlich, Mark Matz, Ben Liebzeit.  
Sunday 10:30 a.m. - Mark Schroeder, Captain; Darion Schroeder, Brian Kirchner, Derek Kritzer, Scott Rademacher.  
Monday 6:00 p.m. - John Hoh, Captain; Bob Luedtke, Victor Bode.

### GREETERS

This Week: (8:00 a.m.) - Steve & Catherine Wunderlich.  
 (10:30 a.m.) - Donna Loewenhagen, William & Deidre Parker.  
Next Week: (8:00 a.m.) - Richard & Tamara Alksnis, James & Mary Jo Van Dyke.  
 (10:30 a.m.) - Barb Rohloff, Denis & Terri Dougherty.

### COFFEE CAFÉ

This Week: (8-10 a.m.) - Don & Edie Priebe; (10 a.m.-noon) Corey & Jamie Zorowski.  
Next Week: (8-10 a.m.) - Sarah Raasch, Ed Stern; (10 a.m.-noon) Bruce & Kim Willhite.

### AV TEAM

This Week: **December 8** - David Deng; **December 9** (8:00 a.m.) - Jerry Evansen;  
**December 9** (10:30 a.m.) - Brad Erickson; **December 10** - Doug Van Straten.  
Next Week: **December 15** - Steve Priebe; **December 16** (8:00 a.m.) - Josh Lecker;  
**December 16** (10:30 a.m.) - Noah Schuff; **December 17** - Jonathan Leahy.

### SCRIP DESK

This Week: Jill Vanderhoof Next Week: Michelle Rindt

**ALTAR GUILD (December)** Sandy Kath, Mary Hall, Louise Ebert, Karen Johnson, Betty Flunker.

## **Announcements**

**Attendance Weekly Services: 729**

**Attendance Midweek Services: 459**

**Saturday: 166**

**10 a.m.: 134**

**Sunday: 8:00 a.m. 251, 10:30 a.m. 211**

**6 p.m.: 325**

**Monday: 101**

**The Altar Bouquet** is placed to God's Glory by Jane Sagunsky in loving memory of her husband, Robert.

**Sunday Bible Classes:** On Sunday at 9:25 a.m., join Pastor Raasch in the Fellowship Hall for a Bible class entitled "My Vocation in Christ." At 9:25 a.m. in the Church Sanctuary, join Pastor Wordell as he leads the "Cross Explorations for Adults" class.

**Advent Banners:** The Advent candle banners were made by Jane Cowal, Christann Dittman, Betty Flunker, Donna Hopp, and Mike and Louise Kesting. Thank you to these dedicated workers for using their God-given talents in order to enhance and beautify our worship space this Advent season! Just as an additional candle is lit on the Advent wreath each week, one additional banner will be added each weekend as the service focuses on the theme word on each banner: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

**Wednesday Advent Services:** Please join us this Advent season as we prepare for the coming of our Lord. Our Advent Services will take place on December 12th and 19th at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

**Advent Suppers:** Our Advent Suppers will take place on December 12th and 19th from 4:30-5:45 p.m. Mount Olive Lutheran Schools 7th and 8th grade classes will be serving these meals. The meals' freewill donation will be put towards the 7th and 8th grade class trip to Washington D.C. Come enjoy fellowship and supper before being nourished by the Word.

**Voters' Meeting:** Please plan to join us at our Voters' meeting on Thursday, December 13, at 7 p.m. The annual budget and church board leadership positions will be discussed.

**Christmas Caroling:** Join with other Mount Olive family members as we bring the joy of Christmas to our members who are homebound. Watch their eyes light up as we sing their favorite Christmas carols. Children are especially welcome to come. We'll meet at 3:00 p.m. in the Atrium on the Saturday, December 15th, and carpool to a number of residences. Caroling is typically done by 5:00 p.m. Please sign up in the Atrium today.

**Student Teacher Hosts Needed!** From January 17th through March 29th, Mount Olive will be hosting two student teachers. Heidi Kostrzewa, from Wauwatosa, WI, will be student teaching under Mrs. Mateske in 1st grade, and Michael Sievert, from Kenosha, WI, will be student teaching under Mr. Gartner in 8th grade. If you are able and interested in hosting a future called worker, please contact the Principal ([principal@mountoliveappleton.com](mailto:principal@mountoliveappleton.com)). Ms. Kostrzewa does not have a vehicle so the host family would need to be within walking distance of Mount Olive. Mr. Sievert does have a vehicle, so proximity isn't as important. We do ask that anybody with interest in this opportunity has a spare bedroom and spare bathroom access, wifi, and also would allow the student teachers to do laundry while they are there. Neither of them have any major allergies. A stipend will be provided to all hosts. Thank you for considering!

**The 3K/4K Christmas Program** will take place in the Mount Olive Sanctuary at 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 15. This service will feature songs and recitations from our 3K and 4K students enrolled in Sunday School and/or our Lutheran Elementary School. All are welcome to attend.

**The LWMS Mission Tree for 2018** is in the Atrium and many thanks to the Mount Olive Girl Pioneers for making the ornaments. This year's mission tree donations will go to the Apache Mission Eastfork Lutheran School in Whiteriver, Arizona. The school is in need of outside recess equipment such as Frisbees, footballs, basketballs, playground equipment, etc. and technology items like Apple iPads, headphones, etc. Donation envelopes from the tree can be placed in the offering plate or the LWMS mailbox. The mission tree will be in the Atrium throughout the month of December. Thank you for remembering the Apache children this Christmas.

**Accounting for Year-End Contributions:** If you are planning to make a year-end contribution to Mount Olive, please note that any contribution made before year end using a 2018 envelope will be treated as a 2018 contribution for tax-reporting purposes. Any contribution made using a 2019 envelope will automatically be treated as a 2019 contribution. Forward in Faith contributions made on or before Monday, December 31st, will be recorded as a 2018 contribution.

**Poinsettia Orders:** To help decorate our chancel during Christmas, we will be taking orders for twenty-one poinsettias. There is a sign-up sheet for ordering the poinsettias in the Atrium. The cost is \$24.95 per poinsettia.

**Do you shop on Amazon?** If so, please use [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) instead (bookmark this site). Use your regular Amazon log-in information. The first time you use this site, choose *Mount Olive Ev Lutheran Church of Appleton* as your favorite charity. From then on, Amazon will donate to Mount Olive 0.5% of the price of all your eligible purchases. Thank you for the additional dollars this will generate for gospel ministry!

**Christmas at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary:** The Seminary Chorus, a 52-voice men's choir composed of students at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, will present its annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, **December 9**, at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the campus auditorium. Find more information on Facebook and at [wls.wels.net](http://wls.wels.net). **The 3 p.m. service will be streamed live at [livestream.com/WLSLive](http://livestream.com/WLSLive).**

**10th Annual Men of His Word National Conference:** The Men of His Word team is excited to announce the 2019 Conference - BUILT ON THE ROCK. Our conference will be a day spent worshipping God and bonding with our Christian brothers. We'll have 20 heart-hitting, soul-searching sessions based on God's Word. Jeremy Mattek, Christian Life Pastor from Immanuel Lutheran in Greenville, will be the keynote speaker. Koine' will lead us in song worship. A continental breakfast and buffet lunch is included. Registration is OPEN and space is limited to the first 650 registrants. Early-Bird Registration (by Sunday, January 27th) is \$50 (\$25 for youth). Last year we had a sell-out conference, so register soon at [www.menofhisword.org/oshkosh.html](http://www.menofhisword.org/oshkosh.html).

## **C18—Christmas Eve—One Million Souls**

This Christmas season, walking together, we are going to share the Good News about God in flesh, coming to bring light into our dark world, to one million souls. C18 is multi-faceted program to assist WELS congregations in our seasonal effort to proclaim Christ. C18's goal of one million souls is bold but given the size of our church body, realistic.

Christmas Eve has surpassed Easter as the church service that unchurched and dechurched individuals are most likely to visit. A few years ago, LifeWay Research conducted a survey of 15,000 unchurched adults. Nearly 80% of those adults say that a personal invitation from a friend or neighbor would "be very or somewhat effective" in getting them to visit a church when the invitation is for Christmas Eve.

Please join us in inviting family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to Mount Olive this Christmas Eve. Mount Olive's Christmas Eve services will be at 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., and 6 p.m.

**Who will you invite this Christmas Eve?**



# Mount Olive

## Nominees for 2019 Leadership Positions

*All positions are 2-year terms.*

### **Board of Member Ministry:**

(4 vacancies)

Scott Fuhrman

Dennis Kleist

Bill Schmidt

Robert Weimer

### **Board of Church Properties:**

(3 vacancies)

Glen Hopp

Todd Schlavensky

Mark Schroeder\*

### **Board of Education:**

(3 vacancies)

Mitch Movrich\*

Joe Rachoner\*

Aaron Stark

### **Board of Evangelism:**

(2 vacancies)

Tyler Krowiorz

### **Board of Worship:**

(1 vacancy)

Tony Zanto\*

### **Board of Finance:**

(2 vacancies)

Brian Nason

Tim Weihing\*

### **Board of Youth Ministry:**

(3 vacancies)

Dan Cunningham

Jason Daily

Derek Rodd\*

Ben Stern\*

### **Board of Stewardship:**

(3 vacancies)

Mike Hyne\*

Jonathan Leahy\*

Klint Kaddatz

### **Assistant Treasurer:**

Fred Strey\*

### **Controller:**

Pam Jaenke

\* Individuals with asterisks behind their names are current board members who have agreed to renew their terms and serve another two years on the board.

## **Get Scrip Faster—Order ScripNow!**

ScripNow eCards are electronic gift cards that can be ordered and printed right from your ShopWithScrip account – perfect for those last minute situations. With ScripNow eCards, you can purchase and print scrip from home and go shopping in minutes. (Please note, in order for this process to work, you must enroll in PrestoPay, which draws the funds from your checking account. If you click on pay by check, your order will not be processed until your check is received at Mount Olive and entered into the system.)

If you do not already have a ShopWithScrip account set up or have questions, email [scrip@mountoliveappleton.com](mailto:scrip@mountoliveappleton.com). An email will be sent to you which will enable you to order online. Ordering is easy. Log into your ShopWithScrip account and follow these steps:

- 1) Browse more than 400 available brands, and select your ScripNow product choice.
- 2) Pay with PrestoPay to receive your card in minutes. (PrestoPay uses the same electronic payment transfer used by direct deposit systems. To enroll, log in to your ShopWithScrip account, click on the PrestoPay link under Family Functions on your Dashboard, and enter your checking account information.)
- 3) Print your ScripNow right from your ShopWithScrip account and redeem it at a store OR enter the eCard code for online purchases.

## **FVL News**

**THE FVL CHOIRS** invite you to attend their annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, 12/16 at 4 p.m. The concert is free and open to all. Come and enjoy these songs dedicated to the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus! The concert will be live streamed on the FVL YouTube channel. Check [fvlhs.org](http://fvlhs.org) for the link.

**FVL MUSICFEST 2019** will be held on Sunday, 1/27 with performances beginning at noon. Musicfest is currently seeking items or basket donations for the Silent Auction. Interested in helping? Find out more at [fvlhs.org/fvl-musicfest](http://fvlhs.org/fvl-musicfest) or call Megan Beyer at 920-560-5122. Please bring donations to the FVL School Office by 1/7.

### **FVL CHRISTMAS BREAK OFFICE HOURS**

Thurs., 12/20 & Fri., 12/21 - Open 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

12/24-1/2 - Offices closed

Thurs., 1/3 & Fri., 1/4 - Normal School Office hours resume



## WELS News & Notes

### Conference Digs into Developing Multi-Site Congregations



More than one hundred pastors, teachers, staff ministers, laypeople, and other ministry leaders from across the country gathered in Pewaukee, Wis., Nov. 12-14, for the 2018 WELS National Multi-Site Conference. Attendees met to engage in discussions and activities about developing multi-site churches throughout WELS.

Multi-site churches preach, teach, and carry out other ministry work from more than one physical location. These additional sites can help the congregation share the gospel message with new people and underserved communities. In many cases, they can also gather and use resources with increased efficiency.

Rev. Ron Koehler, pastor at Grace, a multi-site church in Tucson/Sahuarita/Benson/Vail, Ariz., led the conference's first keynote presentation. He highlighted key reasons why a congregation may launch a multi-site effort. Rev. Jon Hein, director of the Commission on Congregational Counseling, then spoke about the potential of multi-sites to expand ministry work beyond their current reach. Rev. Nathan Strutz, conference planning committee chairman and pastor of a multi-site congregation, Resurrection, Verona/Monroe, Wis., closed the conference with a final keynote presentation reviewing what multi-site strategies are and can be for WELS.

Four sessions of workshops gave attendees opportunities to hear about experiences with multi-site development directly from project leaders. Pastors, church elders, and lay leaders spoke about reaching specific audiences, managing multi-site finances, uniting under one mission, and more.

Rev. Brad Snyder, Mt. Olive, Suamico, Wis., appreciated the fellowship among attendees at the conference: "We get together, enjoy and encourage each other, and stay minded on the mission." Mt. Olive has called a second pastor to serve at a site it is developing in Hobart, Wis.

Rev. Paul Schupmann and Rev. David Brandt serve at St. John's, Juneau, Wis., which is officially expanding to Horicon, Wis., in June 2019. They look forward to implementing what they learned from the conference at this new multi-site.

"The key concept is to grow the kingdom and continue to enable our people to share Jesus," Schupmann explains.

"We all struggle with limited time and resources, but I see multi-site as a way to do more with what we've got," Brandt continues. "I'm excited for the possibilities."

Rev. Jeffrey Mahnke, St. Peter, Schofield, Wis., led a workshop at the conference to share what he is learning from an ongoing merger with Salem, Wausau, Wis. For any WELS church leaders considering undertaking multi-site initiatives with their congregation, he suggests, "Think big. Start talking about what could be done for the kingdom of Christ."

The conference was partially sponsored by an Antioch II grant. For more information about multi-site churches and other home mission work, visit [wels.net/missions](http://wels.net/missions).