

The Loop



“Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding” (LSB 345) is a cherished Advent hymn. That thrilling voice is that of John the Baptist crying out in the wilderness, “The Savior is near! The kingdom of God is near! Repent, and live out your new life in Christ! Produce fruits worthy of repentance!” In many ways, we still live in the wilderness. Our nation continues to polarize, causing us to lose friends and feel as though we are alone in the world. Many of us walk through the wilderness of serious disease, job loss, or watching our children or grandchildren walk away from faith. There is also the self-created wilderness of our own sin—the damage we have done in relationships with others. But John’s thrilling words bring us hope. While we are powerless to make it through the wilderness ourselves, God is powerful and sees us through. By the gift of repentance in turning to Him in our desperation and pain, God restores a right relationship to us and then sets us free to bear fruit worthy of repentance. We are not stuck. God can change and restore us! A thrilling voice indeed!

We are now providing a Facebook LIVE streaming broadcast of the Sunday 8:00 am service.

<https://www.facebook.com/mtoliveaurora/live/>

You don't need a Facebook account to watch!



Readings for December 4/5:

Mal. 3:1-7b

Phil. 1:2-11

Luke 3:1-20

Readings for December 11/12:

Zeph. 3:14-20

Phil. 4:4-7

Luke 7:18-35

- Muriel Heller, Ellen Stumer, Roy and Lenore Sande, Kathy Pelepchan, Kathie Ruesch, Mike Ashby, Karen and Charlie Thies, Sean Henninger, Ryan Woods, Leo Greunke, Ivan Weisbrod
- Nick, friend of Don Henninger, with a lingering fever in ICU
- Comfort for Steve Leudders at the passing of his sister
- Healing for Donna, friend of Beliers, in the hospital with a hole in her heart
- Healing from cancer for a family friend of the Pelepchans
- Healing prayers for Kerry Eisenach, in the hospital in Illinois with blood clots and other issues
- Physical strength and balance for Len
- Thank the Lord for blessings and healing



Saturday, December 4 starting at 10 AM.

Let Keith Einspahr know if you are able to help! 303-912-3186

**Have
You
Pledged?**

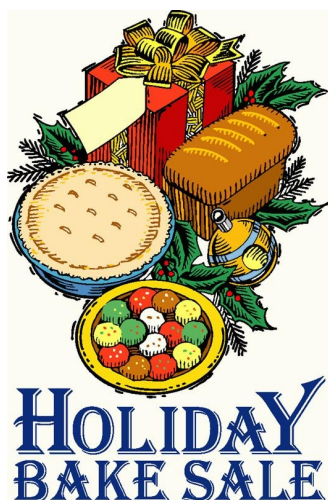


Giving Cards Are On the Way

You should be receiving your 2022 Estimate of Giving Card in the mail. If you could please bring the card with you to church and drop it in the offering basket **by December 5th**, it would help us out a lot in our planning for the new year.

If you would prefer to enter your pledge online, we have a quick

Advent Services
December 8, 15 at 10:30
AM and 7 PM
A Service of Lessons and
Carols
December 18 at 5 PM
December 19 at 8 and
10:45 AM
Christmas Eve Services
4 PM and 6 PM
Christmas Day 10 AM
New Years Eve 7 PM



Please plate your own
 items in small batches
 and bring them to the
 church the week before!

LWML Bake Sale
December 11-12

and easy form you can fill out
 here: <https://onrealm.org/MtOliveLuth/AddPledge/generalfund2022>
 Lots of folks prefer this to
 having to remember to bring the
 card to service. Either way, we
 appreciate your participation in
 our efforts to plan a great 2022
 for our Mount Olive family.
 Thank you.



Thank you, Thank you, Thank
 you to those who purchased
 butter braids. This fundraiser
 was a huge success as we
 profited a little over \$1600.
 These funds will be used to help
 with our education grant
 program and general expenses.
 Thank you so much again. Mrs.
 Bower





Aurora Interfaith

We donated 110 pounds of food this past quarter! Thank you for your generosity!



Sign up and bring a poinsettia to help decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas! They can be brought to the church starting on December 18 and taken home after Christmas.

Subscription renewals for next year are due by January 5, 2022. Subscriptions this year are \$22.56. Please make out a check to Mt. Olive and leave it in the office!



We meet in the library on the first Wednesday of each month from 5:45-6:45pm.

January 5 - *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig

February 2 - *The Keeper of Lost Things* by Ruth Hogan

March 2 - *The Prayer Box* by Lisa Wingate

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