



# The Loop

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

"Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever." Amen.

## Facebook LIVE Streaming Update

Facebook has notified us of perceived copyright infringement in our videos and will no longer allow us to livestream. We are looking into the issue and considering our options for broadcasting the services. As more information is available, we will share it here. We appreciate your patience as we navigate this change.

### Third Sunday in Advent

- Zephaniah 3:14-20
- Psalm 85
- Philippians 4:4-7
- St. Luke 7:18-35



### *Our Church Members*

Ellen Stumer, Lenore Sande, Kathie Ruesch, Charlie Thies, Karen Thies, Darlene Ommen, Marylynn Skeehan, Lois Schliske, Sylvia Zwingleberg, and Kathy Pelepchan.

Jim Ellenberger, recovering from surgery.

Pam McClain, for health issues.

Kathy Leising, as she heals from hand surgery.

Alice Harris, recovering from hand surgery.

### *Our Friends and Family*

Thanksgiving for the birth of Rory Joe Gilbreath to Emily and Garret. Emily is the niece of the Beliers.

Elizabeth Belier, daughter of Rita and John (Trinity's birth mother), as she is having complications with her pregnancy.



### Update (November)

The Serving in God's Mission team thanks all of you for your continued feedback and guidance as we work to guide Mount Olive into the future. Based on votes collected from the congregation, the draft Mission Statement for Mount Olive is:

### **JOYFULLY SHARING GOD'S WORD, WHILE GROWING IN HIS GRACE.**

The team is now working with different groups within the church to develop Vision Statements for each element of our ministry. The Elders, the Governing Board, Youth Committee, Music ministry, and LWML have all developed Vision Statements to guide their work into the future! We on the SGM team look forward to working with each element of the church in laying a solid foundation for the future of Mount Olive.

As always, please share any feedback with Ben Langenfeld ([blangenf@gmail.com](mailto:blangenf@gmail.com)) or any member of the planning team (Dennis Bodemann, Devonne Domineck, Harvey Rehwalt, Don Van Dyke, Rosalie Einshpahr, Sandra Sall, or Beverly Findlay).

Healing for Laurie Knight's brother, Rob, who was hospitalized last weekend.

Jan Borski, cousin of Judy York, who is in hospice care.

Nancy Campbell, friend of Judy York, who is in a care center.

### *Those Mourning*

Prayers of comfort and peace for the family of Ruby Sharpley, who passed away on December 7th.

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## God's Servants

**This Sunday: December 15, 2024**

### **Ushers**

Dennis Opl  
Mike Brown

### **Greeters**

Rosalie Einspahr (10:45)

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## CHILDREN'S Sunday School

Children are welcome to join us each Sunday morning at 9:30.

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### **Youth Confirmation**

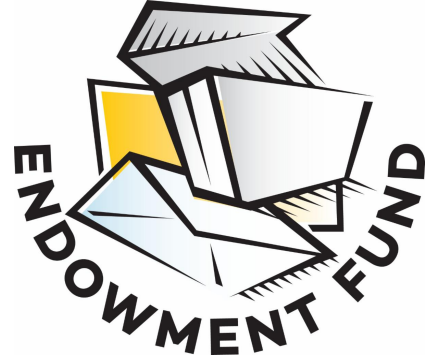
Our youth confirmation class meets on Sundays from 12-1:15 pm.

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### **Bible Talk**

There will be no Bible Talk during Advent. We will start back up in January.

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The Endowment Committee is accepting applications for 2024 through December 15th. Please contact Brian Sowl.

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Join us on Saturday, December 21st for our Christmas youth event from 2-4pm in the Fellowship Hall. During this event, families can fellowship with each other as children enjoy crafts, games, cookie decorating, and Christmas caroling. This event is for all ages.

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## Wanderers

The Mt. Olive Wanderers announce two tours for 2025.

Pigeon Forge & the Smoky Mountains  
(9 days/\$1415 ppdo)  
April 26-May 4.

Atlantic City, Cape May, and Philadelphia  
(11 days/\$1805 ppdo)  
September 12-22.

Detailed information is available in the Wanderers' notebook at the ARK.

Questions? Please call Phyllis Eifler, 303-333-6893.

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## Annual LWML Bake Sale

December 14th and 15th

Before and after each worship service.

All donations support the mission and ministry projects of Mt Olive's LWML.

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**Advent Service:** December 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM and 7 PM

**Lessons and Carols:** December 21<sup>st</sup> at 5 PM/December 22nd One Service at 10 AM

**Christmas Eve:** December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM

**Christmas Day:** December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM

**First Sunday after Christmas:** December 29<sup>th</sup>  
One Service at 10 AM (*no Saturday service on December 28th*)

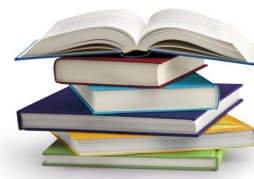
**New Year's Eve:** at 7 PM

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Advent lunch after every morning service.  
December 18<sup>th</sup>!

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## Book Club

We meet the first Wednesday of each month from 5:45-6:45 pm. Please join us.

1/8/25

*(Note: we will meet the 2nd Wednesday of January)*

*Good Night, Irene* by Luis Alberto Urrea

2/5/25

*Shelterwood* by Lisa Wingate

3/6/25

*Daughter of Molokai* by Alan Brennert

Questions? Please contact Jennifer at [djcklekamp@msn.com](mailto:djcklekamp@msn.com) or 303-564-8531.

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## Help make Mt. Olive Beautiful!

The MOLC Landscape Committee needs plain corrugated cardboard (i.e., no shiny pictures) to smother existing grass along our Iliff Avenue face so that new plantings will be able to "take". Please ask for cardboard at grocery stores, restaurants, and elsewhere. Please remove tape and labels by applying a wet rag for about an hour, and leave it at the west end of Mt. Olive, by the pallets.

Thank you! And be looking forward to a more beautiful Mt. Olive this spring.

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Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities



Help us beautify our sanctuary for Christmas! You are invited to purchase a poinsettia and bring it to church on or after December 21st. Poinsettias can be left in the library. A sign up binder can be found at the ARK.

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### Christmas Concert

The Aurora Senior 88 Chorus will be doing a Christmas concert on Wednesday, December 18th. The concert is sponsored by **Young at Heart**. Everyone is invited to come down to the fellowship hall after the Advent service for a potluck lunch and stay for the concert which will start at about 11:45. This is a great chance to relax and enjoy some wonderful Christmas music during this busy season.

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### THANK YOU!

Thank you for the sheets, coats, hats, gloves and other items given to the Angel Tree for Lutheran Family Services. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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**Dec 14th** - Saturday 8:50-4:30 pm  
Augustana Homes  
(5088 E. Dakota Ave, Denver, CO 80246)

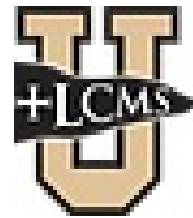
**Jan 18th** - Saturday 9:00-4:00 pm  
Production Shop  
(430 S. Navajo St, Denver, CO 80246)

**Feb 15th** - Saturday 8:50-4:30 pm  
Augustana Homes  
(5088 E. Dakota Ave, Denver, CO 80246)

Please check out the website for our Holy Hammers group:  
[www.holyhammersdenver.com](http://www.holyhammersdenver.com)

To volunteer, please visit this link:  
<https://vhub.at/HolyHammers>

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### Service of Lessons and Carols

University Lutheran Chapel in Boulder will be having a Service of Lessons & Carols on Gaudete Sunday, December 15 at 5pm. This gives the students a chance to share their musical talents, play handbells, and sing Christmas hymns together before they leave on break. Please consider joining us for this special service. There will be a soup/sandwich dinner to follow.

### 2025 Herring Barrel

University Lutheran Chapel in Boulder is hosting an event for young Lutherans (ages 18-26) from January 10-12th. This is an opportunity for fellowship and fun, with the theme *Sin Against the World*, thriving as Christians in a hostile culture. Registration is \$35. If interested, you can register through the website <https://www.universitylutheranchapel.com>

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### 2nd Annual Northern Colorado Lutheran Men's Retreat

Men of all ages are welcome and encouraged to join us for the second annual Northern Colorado Lutheran Men's Conference, sponsored by the Missions & Ministry Committee of Peace



A big **THANK YOU** goes out to everyone who donated to our Operation Christmas Child project this year!! Because of your generosity, we were able to pack 89 shoe boxes that are now being shipped out to children in need. You have helped touch many lives and bring the Good News of Jesus to many households.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers!

It's never too early to start collecting items for next year's boxes. [Click here for a list of gift ideas to purchase by month.](#)



## Daily Bible Reading Plan

The Lutheran Service Book contains a list of daily Bible readings. You're invited to join in reading the verses each day, or as often as you can.

### Next week's readings (Dec. 15-21st):

12/15 - Is. 30:27-31:9; Rev. 3:1-22  
12/16 - Is. 32:1-20; Rev. 4:1-11  
12/17 - Is. 33:1-24; Rev. 5:1-14  
12/18 - Is. 34:1-2, 8-35:10 (Micah 1:1-7:20);  
Rev. 6:1-17  
12/19 - Is. 40:1-17; Rev. 7:1-17  
12/20 - Is. 40:18-41:10; Rev. 8:1-13  
12/21 - Is. 42:1-25; Rev. 9:1-12

A printed list of the readings is available at the Welcome center, or if you have a Lutheran Service Book at home, you can reference the readings starting on page 299. Let us treasure the Lord's Word!

Lutheran Church, Fort Collins and hosted at Saint John's Lutheran, 305 E Elizabeth St, Fort Collins, CO on Saturday, February 1, 2025. The conference will start at 9:00 a.m. with check-in and refreshments beginning at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be served. There will be opening and closing worship. This is a free event. Free-will donations will be accepted to help underwrite future conferences.

To Register: Contact Noreen Linke, [noreen@linkes.net](mailto:noreen@linkes.net) 281.770.6686, mobile.

## AURORA INTERFAITH COMMUNITY SERVICES

Donations of non-perishable items for the food bank can be placed in the bin in the coat closet. Thank You!



Address: 11453 E Wesley Ave., Aurora, CO 80014

Website: <https://mtolc.org/>

Office Hours: Mon & Wed 9-2:30, Thurs 9-1

Phone: 303-755-9123

Email: [office@mtolc.org](mailto:office@mtolc.org)

Questions? Comments? Click "reply" to The Loop email to contact the church office directly.

[Give Online](#)

especially to share with our members who don't have email.

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Please send items to be included in The Loop by 1pm each Wednesday to  
[office@mtolc.org](mailto:office@mtolc.org)

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