



The Loop

COLLECT OF THE DAY

"Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; 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.

Fourth Sunday in Advent

- Micah 5:2-5a
- Psalm 80:1-7
- Hebrews 10:5-10
- St. Luke 1:39-56



Our Church Members

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

Kent Van Stone, who has been hospitalized.

Anita Schulenberg, who is in the ICU.

Jim Ellenberger, recovering from surgery.

Pam McClain, for health issues.

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



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) or any member of the planning team (Dennis Bodemann, Devonne Domineck, Harvey Rehwalt, Don Van Dyke, Rosalie Einshpahr, Sandra Sall, or Beverly Findlay).

(Trinity's birth mother), as she is having complications with her pregnancy.

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.

Prayers of comfort and peace for the family of Sylvia Zwingelberg, who passed away on December 17th.

God's Servants

This Sunday: December 22, 2024

Ushers

Dennis Opl
Mike Brown

Greeters

Rosalie Einspahr (10)



There will be no Sunday School on December 22nd and 29th.

Youth Confirmation

There will be no Confirmation classes on December 22nd and 29th.

Bible Talk

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

Wanderers

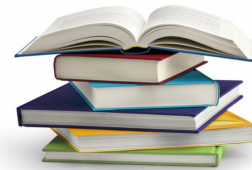
The Mt. Olive Wanderers announce two tours for 2025.

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.



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

3/5/25

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

Questions? Please contact Jennifer at djcklekamp@msn.com or 303-564-8531.

Hearing Amplifiers

Hearing amplifiers are available to use during the worship service. Headphones or earbuds can be used depending upon your need. Pick up and drop off the devices by the hearth. Headphones and earbuds will be cleaned weekly after use. Each amplifier has a universal port if you wish to plug in your own headphones or earbuds. Contact Kristine Van Dyke for



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

Christmas Eve: December 24th at 6 PM

Christmas Day: December 25th at 10 AM

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

New Year's Eve: at 7 PM



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.



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.

assistance or questions.



Please check your church mailbox in the hall.

The office staff is starting to use the in-house mailboxes to save postage. Thank you!

The year end giving statements for **review** will be either emailed or mailed out to you the first week in January, 2025. Please check them over for any discrepancies OR If you don't receive anything by the 8th contact Kathy at 720-837-6816 or finance@mtolc.org. Thank you!



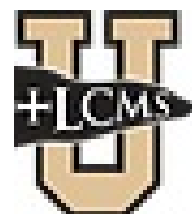
Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

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

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





THANK YOU!

The LWML would like to thank all our brothers and sisters in Christ at Mount Olive for supporting our annual bake sale!

To all who baked and shopped to support our mission work we thank you for your generosity!



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.



Former music director, Nathan Eickmann, is celebrating his 90th birthday on December 27th. If you would like to help him celebrate, you can send a card to:

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>

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 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 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!



Week of December 22nd
Monday, 12/23 9-2:30 pm
Closed the remainder of the week

Week of December 29th
Monday, 12/30 9-2:30 pm
Thursday, 1/2 9-2:30 pm



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. 22-28th):

12/22 - Is. 43:1-24; Rev. 9:13-10:11
12/23 - Is. 43:25-44:20; Rev. 11:1-19
12/24 - Is. 44:21-45:13, 20-25 (Daniel 10:1-12:13; Is. 48:1-22); Rev. 12:1-17
12/25 - Is. 49:1-18; Matt. 1:1-17
12/26 - Is. 49:22-26; 50:4-51:8, 12-16; Matt. 1:18-25
12/27 - Is. 51:17-52:12; Matt. 2:1-12
12/28 - Is. 52:13-54:10; Matt. 2:13-23

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!



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

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Paper copies of this email are available at the Welcome Center. Feel free to grab a few copies, especially to share with our members who don't have email.

Please send items to be included in The Loop by 1pm each Wednesday to office@mtolc.org

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