

APRIL 2025



**Col. 3** *Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup>For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.*

### **CHRIST IS RISEN! NOW BE RAISED**

Soon we will be rejoicing in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. But what are we really rejoicing in?

Christ is risen! Now BE RAISED! Just as Jesus died to sin and was raised to new life, you now die to sin every day and live a new life, freed from the punishments, guilts, and regrets of sin.

Christ is risen! Now BE RAISED! Jesus put to death your sin and the fears and anxieties that go with it. You are freed to live, confidently and boldly without fear. Your greatest enemies stand already defeated and it matters not what the future holds for you in this life. You have eternal life waiting and a resurrection of your body on the Last Day. What can the world do to you? You have Christ's victory.

Christ is risen! Now BE RAISED! In this daily new life you receive by being baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, you can live above the muck and mud of the world. You are raised, raised far above the world's pigsty. Welcomed back home by the Father, you have the joy of His household and His eternal kingdom. Let the world prattle on and on, as one raised in Christ, you are now called to live above all that.

So Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

So are you! Thanks be to God!

Humbly in Christ,  
Pastor T.  
1 Tim. 1:15-17

## CARD SHOP NEWS...

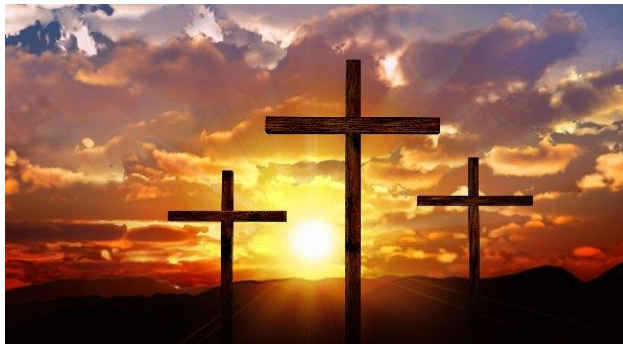


The MOLC Card Shop is stocked with Confirmation (4/13) and Easter (4/20) cards!

We also have small Christian items that would make for great Confirmation gifts or Easter basket gifts (pens, stickers, etc.).

We carry general card selections as well, including birthday, wedding, anniversary, sympathy, thank-you, get well, and more.

Following Easter, the card shop will offer Mother's Day and graduation cards! Be on the lookout for those. All cards are \$1 (unless marked differently), and all proceeds go to the LWML. With the new carpet and paint job in the card shop/library (thank you to those involved!), you'll notice some of the card categories have moved locations. Thank you for your patronage! Please reach out to Karen Stolen or Audrey Morrison if you have any specific requests."



**April 17<sup>th</sup> – Maundy Thursday – 6:30 pm**

**April 18<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday – Noon and 6:30 pm**

**April 20<sup>th</sup> – Easter – 6:30 am and 9:00 am**



**Midweek Lenten Services at Noon and 6:30 pm**

<b>April 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>"This man was the Son of God"</b>
<b>April 17 (Maundy Thursday)</b>	<b>"Father, forgive them..."</b>
<b>April 18 (Good Friday)</b>	<b>"It Is Finished!"</b>
<b>April 20 (Easter)</b>	<b>"Why seek the living among the dead?"</b>



**Save the Date!!!!**

**VBS will be held from June 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. Please consider helping how you are able. Watch the announcements for more information. Contact Sarah Maleck if you are interested in volunteering.**



**In March, Amy, Maggie and Bethany traveled to St. Louis for YouthLead, an annual Teen Leadership training event. Maggie and Bethany took part in several sessions where they learned how to write and lead devotions, took part in a Bible Study that they can bring back to Mount Olive. Amy also went through the same study with adult mentors attending the event with their youth as well. We had beautiful weather in St. Louis allowing us to enjoy time both inside and outside the retreat center (and at the St. Louis Zoo!). We all also made some great new friends that we can't wait to see again in July in New Orleans!**

## April 13<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Sunday / Palm Sunday

We would like to congratulate the Confirmation Students!

Please join us for the service on April 13<sup>th</sup> to celebrate their accomplishments.



**Lucia Willenburg**



**Ben Myers**



**Emma Bluhm**



**Graham Ballweg**



**Jonathan Torkelson**



***Coming Soon...***



**EASTER EGGS!** Please take a bag of (empty) eggs home to fill with a little treat inside. The directions are attached. Please have the filled eggs and returned to the bin under the table in the narthex by **Wednesday, April 9th**. *The Easter Egg hunt is Saturday, April 12th at 10:30.* We also need a few people to sign-up to help **HIDE the eggs** the morning of the 12th. THANKS for your help! Questions - contact Connie LaRowe.

**LWML Updates;**

- \*Learn more about **LWML** (Lutheran Women in MISSION) on Sunday, April 6th. There will be handouts, MITE boxes, a video, a children's message, and treats for the coffee hour.
- Zone 16 LWML Spring Gathering at Cross Lutheran on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> – Watch for more details!
- **Mite box** is set out on the first Sunday each month - drop your mites in there and pick up a new box if you need one or maybe a brochure to learn more about the Lutheran Women in MISSION. Thank you!



**Looking for Volunteers:** In January's PPC meeting, it was voted to have a committee to oversee the Pre-School. This an exciting time for Mt. Olive, we are growing and wanting the growth to include the Pre-School. If you have an interest in

being a part of the Pre-School oversight committee and help us grow, please contact Hank Barrington. You can reach me after church or by email at [h.barrington@hotmail.com](mailto:h.barrington@hotmail.com).

# APRIL



	April 6 <sup>th</sup>	April 13 <sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday	April 17 <sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday	April 18 <sup>th</sup> Good Friday	April 20 <sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday	April 27 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ben Myers	Emma Bluhm	Ben Myers	Emma Bluhm	Graham Ballweg Jonathan Torkelson	Lucia Willenburg
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Gene and Gretchen Cropp					
<b>Elder</b>	Zach Treece	Dave Gaston	Carl Koehler		Brian LaRowe	Wade Maleck
<b>Greeter</b>	Gary & Mary Strohm	Dave & Jeanne Kral			Jerry & Holly Sander	Jeanne Kral
<b>Lector</b>	Colin Conn	Terry Chandler	Amy Barrington	Volunteers	Eunice Gibson	Judi Adrianson
<b>Organist</b>	Holly Sander	Bryan Ness	Trevor Magness	Linda Krueger (Noon) Trevor Magness (6:30 pm)	Linda Krueger	Bethany Torkelson Jonathan Torkelson
<b>Usher Team</b>	Matt Dierks	Gene Cropp	Gene Cropp	Chuck Jaskowiak	Curt Casanova	Matt Dierks
<b>Security Team</b>	Lyle Christian	Paul Skidmore	Lyle Christian	Carl Koehler	Carl Koehler	Paul Skidmore
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	LWML	Confirmation/ LOGOs families			Easter Breakfast	MOLCF
<b>Flowers</b>		Lyle Christian				Elaine Neitzel



## AVERAGE WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE

March 2025 – 135

March 2024 – 129



## ~ APRIL BIRTHDAYS ~

Kevin Boyle	April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Emma Renken	April 15 <sup>th</sup>
Willow Chase	April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Faye Rasmussen	April 16 <sup>th</sup>
Lily Kuhl	April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Timothy Koehler	April 17 <sup>th</sup>
Madelin Reynolds	April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Logan Lage	April 19 <sup>th</sup>
Ross Schulz	April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Jo Schoohs	April 19 <sup>th</sup>
Elnore Silbernagel	April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Sara Peters	April 21 <sup>st</sup>
Charlotte Ford	April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Micah Brown	April 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Alanna Mulcahey	April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Andy Ewert	April 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Jonathan Torkelson	April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Gary Strohm	April 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Izabella Torkelson	April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Evan Greiber	April 24 <sup>th</sup>
Nancy Dori	April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Ruth Tucker	April 24 <sup>th</sup>
Sheila Sarbacker	April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Lisa Sell	April 26 <sup>th</sup>
Laura DiRosario	April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Josh Troia	April 27 <sup>th</sup>
Martin Kral	April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Kim Schulz	April 28 <sup>th</sup>
Wade Maleck	April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Arianna Maleck	April 29 <sup>th</sup>

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~Happy Anniversary~

Gary and Molly Chin

April 20<sup>th</sup>



## Today's Light Bible Readings

*"Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Joel 2:32*

<b>April</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>Proverbs</b>
1 <b>Daniel</b> 1	56	12:8-9
2 2	9	12:10
3 3-4	21	12:11
4 5	143	12:12-14
5 6	57	12:15-17
7 7-8	19	12:18
8 9	119:49-64	12:19-20
9 10-12	24	12:21-23
10 <b>Hosea</b> 1-2	39	12:24-25
11 3-4	65	12:26-28
12 5-6	42	13:1-3
14 7-8	22:1-21	13:4-6
15 9-10	22:22-31	13:7-8
16 11-12	34	13:9-10
17 13	36	13:11
18 14	32	13:12-14
19 <b>Joel</b> 1	33	13:15-16
21 2	37	13:17-19
22 3	40	13:20-23
23 <b>Amos</b> 1-2	47	13:24-25
24 3	48	14:1-2
25 4-5	28	14:3-6
26 6	1	14:7-8
28 7	62	14:9-10
29 8	49	14:11-12
30 9	139	14:13-14

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**Mount Olive has many ways to serve.**  
**Below are the opportunities and the contact information.**

**Greeter** – It's so easy to say hello and welcome members and guests before our services. Contact Jeanne Kral @ 608-219-8806.

**Lector** – If you are interested in becoming a lector for our worship services, please contact Connie LaRowe [connielarowe@gmail.com](mailto:connielarowe@gmail.com) or 608-345-6412.

**Usher** – Join one of our usher teams. Contact Chuck Jaskowiak or speak with one of the ushers at our services.

**Sunday Morning Treats** – signup for a Sunday to bring snacks to our coffee hour. Sign up sheets are on the coffee bar. Contact Holly Sander with any questions [hollyannsander@gmail.com](mailto:hollyannsander@gmail.com) or 303-587-2933.

**Choir, Handbells, Instrumentalist** – become a member of one of our musical groups. Contact Jennifer Torkelson @ [latintchr@wi.rr.com](mailto:latintchr@wi.rr.com)

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**WORSHIP**  
Sundays @ 9 am  
Divine Worship with Communion

### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

At Mount Olive, we come to know Jesus Christ in God's Word and Sacraments;  
Praising God, strengthening our individual lives,  
Supporting fellow Christians, and sharing God's love wherever we go.

## **CHURCH STAFF**

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