

The View



Monthly Newsletter From
Mount Olive Lutheran Church
July and August 2025



SEEING THROUGH THE EARS



"Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path."

Psalm 119:105

To be a Christian is to be a hearer of the Word. In the "Table Of Duties" of the Small Catechism, Luther chose to refer to Christians not as Christians, not as believers, but rather as hearers. The Table of Duties was a catalog of Scripture verses to teach Christians their responsibilities in all of the realms of life. It taught the 4th Commandment as a two way street. For instance, it taught what children owe their parents and what parents owe their children. In the realm of the Church, the Table of Duties provided Scriptures to teach what hearers owe their pastors and what pastors owe their hearers.

But most significant is that Luther was teaching that to be a Christian was to be a continual hearer of the Word, one who is always about the business of hearing the Word and growing in it. To Luther, one of the chief tasks of the Christian was to be hearing the Word.

David, in Psalm 119, shows us just how pervasive that Word of God was in his own life. Statements like, "I love your law," "I seek to keep (treasure) your decrees," "I meditate on your Word both day and night" depict a faith that not only is centered on the Word, but finds it the greatest treasure in life. For David, not to have God's Word to meditate on would be like not having air enough to breathe.

In the Word, we learn to see through our ears. The Word has only been accessible to all of us in printed form since the late 1700s. (It was expensive to own a printed Bible prior to the invention of more modern book manufacturing technology). The Word was designed to be preached by prophets, apostles, and later pastors. That means it was designed to be heard by believers. The Word is as much a community thing in the Church as the Lord's Supper.

In hearing the Good News of God's salvation, the Christian sees the fullness of God's love, mercy, and grace. In hearing the words spoken from the pulpit, the Christian learns to see Jesus as He is given us in the Scriptures. In hearing the words spoken over bread and wine, the Christian learns to see Jesus present in His Body and Blood... forgiving our sins to boot! In hearing all of it Sunday to Sunday, the Christian learns to see God's great love at a cross and an empty tomb. The Christian learns not to fear sin, death, and the power of the devil.

God's Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. It makes the way visible in a darkened and fallen world with much evil in it. He who has ears, let him hear! And let that hearing clarify our vision as we move ahead into eternal glory.



Rejoicing in His Word today and every day, Pastor T.





From the Board of Christian Outreach:

Coming soon! - Beginning in August you will have the opportunity to sign up for serving a Sunday lunch at Calvary. Mt. Olive serves lunch on the first Sunday of each month during the school year (other churches serve on the other Sundays). Two or three people can easily do this - we have helpful hints and many people who have served before can answer questions. Check the sign up list at the WELCOME center - HURRY SO YOU CAN GET THE MONTH YOU WANT!! Thank you for volunteering! Questions? See **Connie LaRowe**

Watch for more details on this- Mount Olive plans to form a team or two (10 people on each team) to help with the 20th annual FOOD FOR KIDZ event that will take place in Waunakee on Sunday, October 19. Each shift is two hours long. To learn more about this, check out the website: <https://www.waunakeefoodforkidz.org>

September love packages - we will again be collecting gently used **Bibles, devotionals, etc.** for missionaries and Christians around the world. Check your shelves (or your relatives' shelves!) for these items and place them in the bin in the narthex during September.



Gifts of Grace and the MOLC food pantry - remember to pick up items for the Gifts of Grace bags (water, protein/snack bars, crackers/nuts, mittens/gloves, socks, small hand sanitizer) and also food items for our MOLC food pantry. THANK YOU!

Birthdays

Lindsay Duffy July 1
Brent Greiber July 2
Joni Postler July 3
Pam Fels July 10
Jennifer Torkelson July 15
Dave Kral July 23
Daniel Dieter July 28
Monica Jung July 29

Richard Sass August 2
Andrea Black August 4
Joanna Gersbach August 4
Susanna Hungerford August 4
John Treece August 4
Macy Fels August 5
Marge Bils August 8
Dave Murphy August 10
George Krug August 11
Grace Bartel August 12
Heidi Reynolds August 13
Gary Rainbow August 14
Mike Dorl August 15



Ardyce Fangmann August 15
Tobie Chin August 17
Jay Molter August 17
Peggy Rainbow August 17
Megan Ballweg August 18
Kenzie Probasco August 19
Brian Genskow August 21
Wes Willenburg August 21
Lyle Christian August 22
Hallie Jo Black August 23
Jerry Sander August 24
Pastor Mark Baldwin August 29
Kelsey Greiber August 29

Anniversaries

July 4 Tim & Judy Adrianson
July 8 Jeff & Julie Evert
July 14 Mike & Karen Stolen
July 16 Matt & Yana Osterndorf
July 18 Curt & Sarah Casanova
Gene & Jane Call
July 19 Hank & Amy Barrington
July 20 Brent & Kelsey Greiber
July 26 Lynn & Judy Johnson

Zach & Charisse Treece
July 30 Kirin & Steve Randall
July 31 Eric & Megan Ballweg

August 1 Karl & Marie Dierking
August 3 Russ & Andrea Black
August 4 Pastor Mark & Marci Baldwin
Ryan & Michelle Strohm
August 6 Pastor T & Jennifer Torkelson
August 8 Lutheran & Michele Hartzel
August 15 Carl & Barb Koehler
August 21 Robert & Mary Lynne Jartz
August 24 Ken & Monica Jung
August 26 Dave & Jeanne Kral

Members listed in **BOLD & underlined** are 80+ years

Today's Light Bible Readings



"I am sending you out like lambs
among wolves." Luke 10:3

July	Psalms	Proverbs
1 Luke 1	30	18:8-10
2 2-3	1	18:11-12
3 4-5	119:1-16	18:13
4 6	7	18:14-15
5 7-8	16	18:16-18
7 9	31	18:19-21
8 10	18	18:22
9 11-12	52	18:23-24
10 13	45	19:1-3
11 14	63	19:4-5
12 15-16	119:17-32	19:6-7
14 17-18	79	19:8-9
15 19-20	82	19:10-12
16 21-22	73	19:13-14
17 23-24	119:33-48	19:15-16
18 John 1-2	95	19:17
19 3	89	19:18-19
21 4	109	19:20-21
22 5-6	118	19:22-23
23 7-8	126	19:24-25
24 9-10	23	19:26
25 11-12	128	19:27-29
26 13-14	119:49-64	20:1-3
28 15-16	138	20:4-6
29 17	54	20:7
30 18-19	88	20:8-10
31 20-21	98	20:11-12



"All things work together for good
to them that love God." Romans 8:28

August	Psalms	Proverbs
1 Acts 1	110	20:13-15
2 2	119:65-80	20:16-18
4 3-4	142	20:19
5 5	94	20:20-21
6 6-8	6	20:22-23
7 9	119:81-96	20:24-25
8 10-11	96	20:26-27
9 12	119:97-112	20:28-30
11 13-14	71	21:1-2
12 15:1-35	147	21:3-4
13 15:36-16:40	77	21:5-7
14 17:1-18:22	119:113-128	21:8-10
15 18:23-21:16	55	21:11-12
16 21:17-23:35	122	21:13
18 24-26	143	21:14-16
19 27-28	123	21:17-18
20 Rom. 1-2	112	21:19-20
21 3-4	119:129-144	21:21-22
22 5	130	21:23-24
23 6	119:145-160	21:25-26
25 7	139	21:27
26 8	135	21:28-29
27 9-11	100	21:30-31
28 12	119:161-176	22:1-4
29 13-14	121	22:5-6
30 15	144	22:7-9
31(Sun) 16	136	22:10-13

Today's Light Bible Class meets in the
Fireplace Room on Wednesday mornings at 10.00.



The card shop is stocked for all the summer wedding, anniversary, and birthday cards you may need! We also carry other general selections, such as sympathy, thank you, get well, and more.

All cards are \$1 (unless marked differently), and all proceeds go to the LWML.

Thank you for your support and donations!

Please reach out to Karen Stolen or Audrey Morrison if you have any specific requests."



THE 2025 YOUTH GATHERING IS UPON US!



In just a few short days, our youth and adults from Mount Olive will be departing for New Orleans for an amazing week spent diving deeper into God's word through Bible Studies, breakout sessions and the nightly Mass Events, experiencing a new city, and hanging out with old friends and new friends alike!

Did you know that this is the 16th LCMS Youth Gathering and the 5th one to be held in New Orleans? There will be 20,000+ youth and adult leaders attending this year as well as over 1300 volunteers serving. There will be attendees from 10 countries and 45 states!

As we travel and spend time in New Orleans, please pray for our youth and leaders attending the Gathering, please pray for the adult volunteers that are attending as well. We can't wait to share about our trip with you when we return!

Youth Group Participants:

Taba Kuhl
JJ Probasco
Joseph Bluhm
Bethany Torkelson
Maggie Kuhl
Ben Myers
Graham Ballweg
Emma Bluhm
Jonathan Torkelson
Jake Ellefson

Adult Leaders:

Amy Barrington
Megan Ballweg
Paul Schuh
Pastor Torkelson

Adult Volunteers:

Carol White (Gathering Ambassador)
Mitch Kuhl (Team Flex)
Traese Kuhl (Team Flex)





WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



JULY, 2025

	July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
Altar Guild	Sarah Casanova			
Elder	Carl Koehler	Brian LaRowe	Wade Maleck	Zach Treece
Greeter	Dave/Jeanne Kral	Jerry/Holly Sander	Mary/Gary Strohm	Myers Family
Lector	Amy Barrington	Judy Adrianson	Colin Conn	Terry Chandler
Organist	Tim Adrianson	Linda Krueger	Don DeBruin	Don DeBruin
Usher Team	Cropp	Jaskowiak	Casanova	Dierks
Security	Lyle Christian	Carl Koehler	Paul Skidmore	Russ Black
Coffee Hour		Youth Ministry	Casanova	LaRowe
Flowers	The Black Family			



AUGUST, 2025

	August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31
Altar Guild	Pat Middleton				
Elder	Dave Gaston	Carl Koehler	Brian LaRowe	Wade Maleck	Zach Treece
Greeter	Paul Skidmore	Zach Treece	D & J Kral	D & J Murphy	Youth Group
Lector	Eunice Gibson	Carol White	Jay Molter	Dave Murphy	George Krug
Organist	Don DeBruin	Linda Krueger	J. Torkelson	Linda Krueger	B. Torkelson
Usher Team	Cropp	Jaskowiak	Casanova	Dirks	Youth Group
Security	C. Casanova	Paul Skidmore	Lyle Christian	Russ Black	C. Casanova
Coffee Hour					
Flowers				P & A Morrison	

Help grow our preschool!!



Spread the word!
Tell your friends!
Encourage family!
Be aware!
Pray!

Those are the same statements we use as tools to spread the Gospel. But this time we use them specifically in regards to increasing our preschool enrollment so that the love of Jesus can spread also to our small children.

When planning your vacation, include **worship** plans. Visit **LCMS.org** and click on **Locators** for a drop down menu. Select **“Find a Church”**.



WORSHIP

Sundays

9:00 am

Divine Worship with
Communion

(also available on
Facebook Live)

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PRAYER REQUESTS

For prayers to be added to the
prayer chain, please call or text
Barb Koehler at (608)335-6589.

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.*

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Monday, August 25, 2025

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