



**MT. OLIVE**

— Lutheran Church & Preschool —

TWELFTH  
SUNDAY  
After  
Pentecost

**August 31, 2025**



Candy Crawford  
Jean Cushing  
Debra Fitz's brother, George  
Raedene Spidal  
Robert Love  
Bruce Meeves  
Dan Davis (Linda Holscher's  
Brother in Law)  
Vera Deines  
Jessica Ralph  
Sherry Gerdes



**Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Dean & Judy Roberts  
**Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Dick & Judi Kaphammer  
**Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Rich & Debra Fitz



**August 31<sup>st</sup>**

Worship Service 10 a.m.

**September 1<sup>st</sup>**

Labor Day Office Closed

Men's Koffee Klatch 9:30 a.m.

**September 7<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday School 9 a.m.

Bible Study 9 a.m.

Worship 10 a.m.

**September 14<sup>th</sup>**

Installation of Sunday School &  
Preschool Teachers. Preschool Singing  
and Blessings of the Backpack



**Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Evva Johnston  
**Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Candy Crawford  
**Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Abra Freeman

# *Blessing of the* **BACKPACKS**



You're warmly invited to join us for our annual Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday, September 14th! This special event is a wonderful opportunity to gather as a community and seek blessings for the new school year. Bring your backpacks and join us for a day filled with hope, encouragement, and joy as we come together to support our students, teachers, and families. We can't wait to see you there!



## **Oktoberfest**

Join us on Saturday, October 4th, from 5 to 7 PM for a delightful evening. Dinner will be served at 5:30, featuring a delicious menu of sausages, sauerkraut, potatoes, rolls, salad, and dessert—all served with a smile. We're excited to host an evening filled with fun, food, and fellowship, and we warmly invite you to join us. Please feel free to bring along your friends for an even more enjoyable time. Tickets are priced at just \$10 per person or \$25 per family, making it an affordable outing for everyone. They will be available for purchase in the office or after church services starting September 7th. We hope to see you there!

## **Mt. Olive Holiday Boutique Shop**

In addition to the vendor booths and bake sale, we're thrilled to announce a special section at the Harvest Bazaar dedicated to the generous contributions from our Mt. Olive members. This year, our community has come together to donate a variety of holiday-themed items and decorations, transforming a part of the bazaar into a charming boutique shop. Be sure to stop by and explore these treasures at the Mt. Olive Boutique! We are still accepting donations for this section, so if you have any holiday items you'd like to contribute, we would be grateful for your support.

## **Mt. Olive Harvest Bazaar**

Vendor registration is now open for the Harvest Bazaar! Join us on Saturday, October 11th, from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM for a day filled with fun and community spirit. We're also looking for volunteers to assist with setup, cleanup, and kitchen help. Plus, our bake sale needs your delicious contributions—if you're interested in providing baked goods, please reach out to Linda Holscher or Michelle Matson. Register as a vendor at [mtolivefg.org](http://mtolivefg.org) under the Harvest Bazaar tab. Spread the word and be part of this wonderful event!



# Monthly Fellowship

## Men's Koffee Klatch

Join us for the Men's Koffee Klatch, happening on the first Monday of every month at 9:30 AM. Come enjoy fellowship, along with coffee and pastries, with some of Mt. Olive's esteemed seasoned gentlemen.

## Women's Bible Study

The Womens Wednesday Bible Study will resume September 10th. All ladies are invited. Meetings are in the basement Fellowship Hall of the church. The sessions begin at 12:30pm with the Table Prayer for those who bring their lunch. The important first half-hour includes lunch, fellowship and connecting, discussion of prayer needs and requests, a devotion and prayer. The classroom portion starts at 1:00pm and ends about 2:00pm. Looking forward to sharing the full hour and a half with you!

## Men's Gathering at Waltz

Join us on the last Thursday of each month at Waltz Brewing in Forest Grove at 7 PM. Snacks will be available. For any inquiries, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Koschmann. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Monthly Coffee Hour

We will hold a fellowship gathering following the worship service on the second Sunday of each month. You can contribute by signing up for pastries or snacks at the Information Center's sign-up sheet. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to take the lead in hosting our monthly fellowship time.

## Flower Chart Help!

The Ministries Team could really use your help. The Flower sign-up chart in the Information center is very bare for the rest of the year. Won't you consider signing up to bring a thank offering to God for the beauty He has created? It doesn't have to be for a special day in your life; it can be simply because you want to offer thanks. God loves even wildflowers! If you are celebrating a special day, please put the reason on the chart so it can be printed in the bulletin. Thank you for your help.

Reminder!

OUR FOCUSED FOOD FOR THE MONTH  
OF AUGUST IS JUICE & BEVERAGES

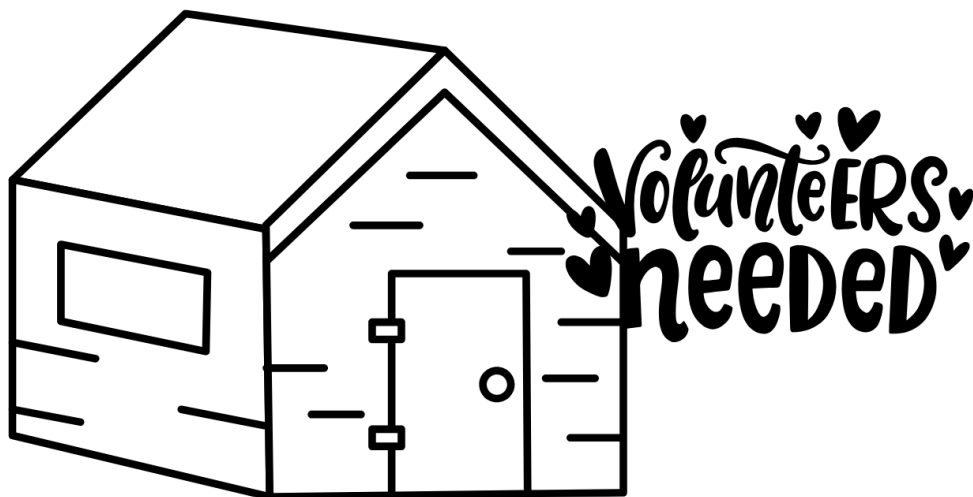
# Opportunity to Contribute

Our white storage shed in the parking lot has served us well over the years, but it is now time for a replacement. Originally constructed as a garage in the early 1940s, it has succumbed to rot and is beyond repair.

We believe that a smaller, premade Tuff Shed, measuring 10 X 12, will adequately meet our needs. The estimated cost for this shed is around \$5,000. By utilizing supplemental funds, such as Thrivent Choice and bazaar contributions, we can cover this expense. However, we are reaching out to the congregation for donations to help fund this project, ensuring that we do not deplete our other accounts. Please make note for any contributions as "Storage Shed Fund."

Donations can be placed in an envelope and included in the offering or mailed directly to the church.

We are excited to announce that the new shed is now up! Please take a moment to take a look on your way out of church today. It would be greatly appreciated in the fall to have volunteers to help us tear down the old shed. If we have enough volunteers, we could handle this task ourselves, eliminating the need to hire an external service.



Direct your  
Thrivent Choice  
Dollars  
Today!



Don't forget! If you are an eligible Thrivent client and have Choice Dollars® available to direct, please keep Mt. Olive and our preschool in mind. For more information, or to direct Choice Dollars, call 800-847-4836 and say, "Thrivent Choice." Or visit [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://thrivent.com/thriventchoice).



## Installation of Teachers & Preschool singing

Join us on Sunday, September 14th, for a heartwarming day at our church! We invite families to come together for the Installation of Teachers, a ceremony that celebrates and uplifts the dedicated individuals who guide our children's education and growth. This occasion will also feature a performance by our preschoolers, who will fill the worship service with their singing. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect, celebrate, and support our church. We look forward to sharing this memorable day with you and your family!

For a simple and enjoyable way to engage with our preschool families, consider becoming a Prayer Pal for one of our students. In mid-September, Prayer Pals will be showcased at church on the information table and near the front entrance. Select a student and begin praying for them. You can also write a note, send a card, or leave a small gift in the Prayer Pal mailbox located on the tables by the west entrance. It truly is an easy and meaningful gesture that is greatly appreciated.

**PRAYER  
PALS**

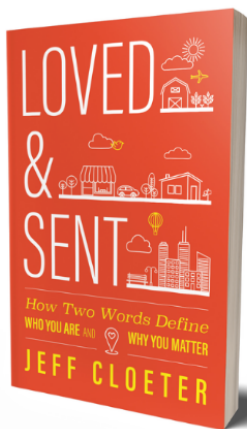


Support our youth group program by donating your bottles and cans through our BottleDrop Give initiative. You can easily contribute by collecting a blue bag from the church office or the Information Center. Simply fill the bag with your recyclable bottles and cans, and drop it back off at the church. Your contributions will help fund activities and initiatives that nurture the growth and development of our youth. Every bottle and can counts, and your generosity makes a significant difference in our community. Thank you for your support!

## Assistive Listening Devices

Just a reminder, our sanctuary is equipped with assistive listening devices. We have 10 receivers that can be used with either headphones or a special device which activates the T-coils in hearing aids. Speak with an Elder prior to the service if you would like to use one of these devices.





## Exploring "Loved & Sent" Together

Our Church Council and Board of Elders will be engaging with the book *Loved & Sent* by Rev. Jeff Cloeter, an LCMS Pastor. This insightful book illustrates how deeply we are loved by Jesus, beyond our imagination, and how that love empowers us to undertake meaningful and sacred work in His name.

If you're interested in purchasing a copy to read along with us, please reach out to Pastor Koschmann or the church office. The cost of the book is expected to be between \$10 and \$15.

## Upcoming Concerts by the Lutheran Choral Association

The Lutheran Choral Association will perform on September 14th at Immanuel Lutheran Church, located at 7810 SE 15th Avenue in Portland, and again on Sunday, September 21, at RISE Church, 10445 SW Canterbury Lane, Tigard, OR.

Concert Time: 4:00 PM

Offering: An offering will be received.

Under the direction of Sue Thompson Armentrout, with Karl Jurisons accompanying on piano, the choir's repertoire is extensive, featuring a range from traditional choral pieces to heartfelt gospel music. The selections vary from tender to majestic, showcasing a variety of talented composers.

Having been established in 1938, the choir has a rich history, and we would be delighted to have you join us for this musical experience.

## Forest Hills: Drive for the Hills

Forest Hills Lutheran Christian School is hosting "Drive for the Hills" Golf Tournament on Friday, September 19, 2025, at Forest Hills Golf Club, and they would love for Mt. Olive to put together a team or two to participate in this fun and impactful event. This tournament is more than just a great day of golf - it's a key part of their efforts to raise funds for the future of Forest Hills.

Earlier this year, the Westside Lutheran School Association received a \$250,000 grant from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust, with the challenge of raising a 2:1 match through their capital campaign. The proceeds from this tournament will go directly toward helping meet that goal. Here's where to sign up online or learn more:

<https://events.handbid.com/lp/drive-for-the-hills>

Individual is \$150. Team of 4 is \$600.

There are other options to sign up for too. Your participation - by signing up as an individual or forming a team or spreading the word - would be a huge blessing to the school and the students served. Thank you for your continued support of our mission to provide Christ-centered education to students in our community.

## IS YOUR INFORMATION UP TO DATE?

Have you moved lately? Gotten married? Had a baby? Changed your email, phone, or cell number? We try to keep our membership record as current as possible. If you have not seen your birthday or anniversary in the insert, chances are we may not have your updated information. Please email all updates to [info@mtolivefg.org](mailto:info@mtolivefg.org) or call 503-357-2511 to update your record.



## Visiting Mt. Olive?

Are you new to Mt. Olive or worshipping with us for the first time? Be sure to take an appreciation gift from the basket at the Information Center. We are so thrilled you are here and hope to see you again soon!



## Join Our Email List

We send out weekly update emails every Saturday, featuring information about upcoming church events and links to our service videos and livestreams. If you haven't been receiving these emails, please scan the QR code to subscribe to our email list.



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