

# Mt. OLIVE

— Lutheran Church & Preschool —



**December 7, 2025**



Candy Crawford

Jean Cushing

Debra Fitz's brother, George

Raedene Spidal

Robert Love

Bruce Meeves

Vera Deines

Jessica Ralph

Sherry Gerdes

Gary Johnston's son, Steven

Christine Riddle

Family & Friends of Joanne

Meeves who passed away on

December 1<sup>st</sup>.



**Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

Maggie Freeman

Reagan Freeman

**Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

Rozanne Jones

**Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

Kyle Matson



**Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

Jeff & Elena Rasmussen

**Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

Kerry & Sue Harsin

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**December 7<sup>th</sup>**

Bible Study 9 a.m.

Sunday School 9 a.m.

Worship Service 10 a.m.

Secret Prayer Sisters

Sign-Up Deadline

**December 10<sup>th</sup>**

Women's Bible Study 12:30 p.m.

Soup Supper 6 p.m.

Advent Service 7 p.m.

**December 14<sup>th</sup>**

Monthly Coffee Hour

**December 21<sup>st</sup>**

Preschool Singing in Church

**December 24<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service 5:30 p.m.

**December 25<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas Day Service 10 a.m.

## REMINDER

OUR FOCUSED FOOD ITEM FOR THE  
MONTH OF DECEMBER ARE ITEMS  
FOR REVERSE ADVENT BOXES

## OPEN DOOR Still Needs Our Support!

There are donation boxes located in the narthex, and they are in need of your assistance! They are accepting warm coats of all sizes, as well as hats, gloves, and scarves. Men's socks are always appreciated, along with sleeping bags and warm blankets. Please remember that all items should be new or gently used. Thank you for your generous support thus far!



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).

## 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.



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!

## 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.

## 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.



### 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!

*Celebrate the Savior's birth!*



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

5:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Service

10:00 a.m.



## 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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Forest Hills Lutheran Christian School: [fhcls.org](http://fhcls.org)

Facebook: [facebook.com/MtOliveForestGrove](https://facebook.com/MtOliveForestGrove)

YouTube: [YouTube.com/MtOliveLutheranChurch](https://YouTube.com/MtOliveLutheranChurch)

## Secret Prayer Sisters

Calling all ladies who pray! The Secret Prayer Sister program is a fun and very rewarding way to offer daily prayers for a secret sister in Christ for a full year without them knowing who you are! There are lavender sign-up/information sheets available on the table in the Information Center. Please grab one and fill it out if you would like to participate for 2026. Today is the last day to return it to Linda Peterson in one of the Secret Sister baskets. Your secret sister assignment will be given to you either on December 27th at the 2025 Reveal luncheon or mailed to you so you have it by January 1st.

## Reverse Advent

As we enter the Advent season, it's a wonderful opportunity to participate in the spirit of giving by filling your Reverse Advent boxes. Once our Christmas tree is up, these boxes will be placed beneath it, and, as always, all donated items will be directed to the Oregon Food Bank store at St. Anthony's. During these challenging times, your generosity is more important than ever. If you are in a position to contribute additional food, your support will make a significant difference in the lives of those struggling in our community. Thank you for your continued commitment to helping feed our neighbors in need. Your kindness and support embody the true essence of the season.



## Soup Suppers

As the Advent Season draws near, our church is excited to gather for Soup Suppers in the Fellowship Hall. These heartwarming events will take place at 6 p.m. on December 3rd, 10th, and 17th. In the spirit of togetherness, we're hosting the suppers in a potluck style, so we invite you to bring your favorite soup to share. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Information Center, allowing everyone to coordinate and contribute to these wonderful evenings. Join us for delicious soups, fellowship, and the joy of the season as we prepare for Christmas together.

## Preschool Singing in December

Join us for a heartwarming celebration this holiday season as the Mt. Olive Preschoolers take the stage on the third Sunday in December. These little stars will be performing during the worship service on December 21st, filling the sanctuary with joy and festive cheer. Their delightful voices and enthusiastic spirit are sure to brighten your day and bring a smile to your face. We invite everyone in the church community to come and support these young performers as they share the magic of the season through song. Don't miss this charming performance—it's the perfect way to spread holiday cheer and create lasting memories!



As the year 2025 draws to a close, the Mt. Olive community is preparing to celebrate the birth of Christ, a significant and joyous occasion. In keeping with a beloved tradition, the church encourages members to express their gratitude by giving a monetary gift to the staff, acknowledging their hard work and dedication throughout the year. For those interested in contributing, cash donations are preferred. Gifts can be handed directly to the Elders or Linda Holscher, the church president, or placed in the offering plate with a clearly marked envelope labeled "Staff Christmas Gift." Once collected, these gifts will be distributed to the staff during the Christmas service. This gesture of appreciation is a wonderful way to thank the staff for their commitment and to celebrate the season together. Members are thanked for their ongoing support and wished a Merry Christmas, with anticipation of seeing everyone at the upcoming services.

## Staff Christmas Gift



## 2026 Acolyte Schedule

The acolyte schedule for 2026 is now available in the Information Center for your convenience and easy access. Additionally, we have emailed a copy of the schedule to all families to ensure everyone is informed. If you did not receive the email, please reach out to Michelle in the office for assistance. Also, if there are any schedule conflicts, please let Michelle know or make changes on the shared drive sent in the email. We appreciate your continued support and involvement in our community activities. Thank you for your cooperation.

## 2026 Altar Flowers

The beauty of altar flowers brings a vibrant touch to our worship services, and we are delighted to announce that the Flower Chart is now posted in the Information Center. These blossoms are a wonderful way to honor God's love and grace, as well as to express your personal devotion. By signing up to bring flowers on a Sunday, you can contribute to the spiritual ambiance of our church and share in this cherished tradition. Whether in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion, your floral offerings will bless our congregation with their beauty. We encourage everyone to participate and look forward to seeing the unique arrangements that will adorn our altar.

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

5:30 p.m.

### Christmas Day Service

10:00 a.m.



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