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MT. OLIVE
— Lutheran Church & Preschool —



Christmas Eve

December 24, 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



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!



December 24th

No Women's Bible Study

Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service 5:30 p.m.

December 25th

Christmas Day Service 10 a.m.

OFFICE CLOSED

December 27th

Secret Prayer Sisters Reveal

Luncheon 12 p.m.

December 28th

Bible Study 9 a.m.

Sunday School 9 a.m.

Worship Service 10 a.m.

LWML Coffee Hour after Church

Music Bingo 3 p.m.

REMINDER

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



Join us for the Secret Prayer Sister Reveal Luncheon on Saturday, December 27th, at 12 p.m. at the Mt. Olive Fellowship Hall. This heartfelt event offers a unique opportunity to uncover the mysteries of our Secret Prayer Sister program. During the luncheon, not only will you discover the identity of your current secret prayer sister, but you will also be assigned a new sister to pray for in the coming year. Be a part of this meaningful experience filled with fellowship and blessings. We look forward to seeing you there!



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.



Thank you, Mt. Olive Preschool

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the preschoolers who sang so beautifully on Sunday, as well as their families and friends who joined us in church. Your presence truly made the day special, and it was a joy to have the preschool community with us. Watching the children sing with such enthusiasm and joy was a delightful experience, and it brought smiles to everyone present. Thank you for sharing your voices and your joy with us, creating a wonderful atmosphere of celebration and togetherness. We also want to express our sincere thanks to Pastor Koschmann for working with the children on their songs and performing with them. The warmth and spirit you all brought to the gathering were truly remarkable and added a memorable touch to the day. We hope to see you all again on Christmas morning for another joyful gathering, where we can once again come together to celebrate and create lasting memories.



Connect with us on Facebook for updates, resources, and more! Our page is a fantastic place to engage with the Mt. Olive Preschool community. You'll discover valuable resources, event updates, and insights into our preschool activities. Follow our page by scanning the QR code or visiting facebook.com/mtolivepreschoolfg to stay connected and be part of our supportive network.

Music Bingo Fundraiser

Merry Christmas! Join us for a Music Bingo fundraiser hosted by Abra Freeman, a second-year student at Wartburg College and choir member. The event supports the choir's international tour to Germany, Spain, and Morocco. It's on Sunday, December 28th, at 3:00 PM in the fellowship hall at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Forest Grove, Oregon. Free to play, with cash-only concessions. Donations are welcome but not required. Enjoy prizes and Disney music trivia. Can't attend? Support via Venmo if you wish at venmo.com/u/Abra-Freeman. Thank you for your support! Merry Christmas and happy holidays!



MUSIC BINGO
Family Fun

Game theme: Disney Songs!

Exciting prizes, concessions, good company, and a fun night!

Benefitting Abra's Wartburg Choir International Tour

No cost to play, cash only concessions, free will donations welcome!

Sunday December 28th, at 3pm
Mt.Olive Lutheran Church, 2327 17th Ave.
Forest Grove, OR 97116



Portals of Prayer

The January–March Portals of Prayer have arrived and are ready for distribution. You can conveniently pick them up at the narthex or the Information Center on Sunday after the service, or you can stop by the church office during regular office hours throughout the week to collect one. If you find yourself unable to pick one up in person, please don't hesitate to contact the church office. Either Pastor Koschmann or one of the Elders will be more than happy to arrange a delivery to your home, ensuring that you receive your copy without any hassle.

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 ambience 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.



Volunteers Needed

We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers to greet people at the doors on Sunday mornings for our church service. This is a great opportunity to meet new people and make everyone feel welcome. Our goal is to have four friendly individuals each week to help create a warm and inviting atmosphere. If you're interested, please sign up at the Information Center. Your contribution is needed and greatly appreciated! You'll be part of a team that ensures everyone feels at home.

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Monthly Fellowship at Mt. Olive

Men's Koffee Klatch

Join us for the Men's Koffee Klatch, taking place on the first Monday of each month at 9:30 AM. Relish the camaraderie over a good cup of joe and some tasty pastries in the company of Mt. Olive's distinguished and charming gentlemen. This gathering is a splendid chance to connect, swap fascinating tales, and build friendships that stand the test of time.



Women's Bible Study

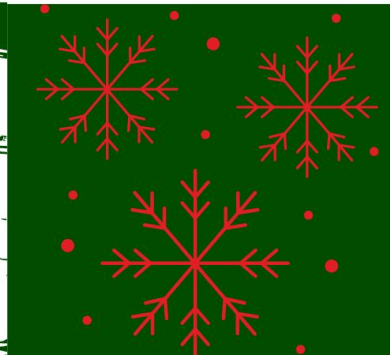
All ladies are invited to the Women's Wednesday Bible Study, which resumes on January 7th. Meetings are in the basement Fellowship Hall of the church. The sessions begin at 12:30 PM with the Table Prayer for those who bring their lunch. The important first half-hour includes lunch, fellowship and connecting, discussion of prayer needs and requests, a devotion and prayer. The classroom portion starts at 1:00 PM and ends about 2:00 PM. Looking forward to sharing the full hour and a half with you!

Men's Gathering at Waltz

The Men's Gathering at Waltz Brewing in Forest Grove is currently on pause until the new year. We hope to see everyone on January 30th. For any inquiries, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Koschmann. Join us on the last Thursday of each month at Waltz Brewing in Forest Grove at 7 PM. Snacks will be available. We look forward to seeing you there!

LWML Coffee Hour

Ladies, join us for a delightful coffee hour hosted by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) this Sunday after church. Hosted on the 4th Sunday after church every month, enjoy refreshments, warm conversations, and connect with fellow community members. We'll also highlight one of our missions, showcasing the impactful work we support. We hope to see you there!



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!



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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.

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!

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.



Mt. Olive Monthly Food Bank

Ministries have been continuing the Focused Food Pantry Box collections. The focus for December is items for reverse advent boxes. Please place your offering of food in the large pantry box in the westside entry by the elevator and watch for each month's focus in the inserts. Thank you for your donations!



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 or call 503-357-2511 to update your record.

Celebrate the Savior's birth!



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

5:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Service

10:00 a.m.



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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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