



PRESCHOOL NEWS

REGISTRATION

Registration for Fall 2025 is open! Mt. Olive Preschool offers joyful and nurturing early learning experiences for children aged 3 to 5. You can find registration details and forms either online at mtolivepreschoolfg.org or at the office. Spread the word to your family and friends!

Register Now

SUMMER CAMPS



SCAN ME

Little Explorers
Science Camp
June 30th - July 2nd
9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Ages 5-8
Cost: \$110



SCAN ME

Movement & Motion
Summer Camp
June 23rd - 25th
9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Ages 4-6
Cost: \$110

GRADUATION

The preschool year is coming to a close, and 14 students are eagerly looking forward to starting kindergarten in the fall. After a year filled with fun and educational experiences, the children have learned and grown remarkably.

The preschool graduation ceremony is set to take place on May 28th at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, marking an important milestone in their young lives. This event will celebrate the hard work and achievements of both the students and their dedicated teachers. All members are invited to join in the celebration as well!

WISHLIST



If you wish to support the preschool, you can contribute by buying an item from our Amazon wishlist.

THANKS TO SO MANY

Thank you to the Mt. Olive members and Paula Freeman's 3rd grade class at FHLCS for being prayer pals for the preschoolers. Prayer can be a superpower. Thank you to those who made an extra monetary gift to the preschool. This extra money has been used to purchase 14 bibles for our preschool graduates and to enable us to offer needed scholarships. The donated craft supplies that were donated have become one-of-a-kind creations. Preschool parents have also been generous about donating books or toys. This year Elise Litwora painted a beautiful canvas for our space studies.

PRESCHOOL STAFF

Emily Tabb has joyfully served as Mt. Olive's teacher for the past four years. She is leaving us to take a job at St. Francis school in Roy as a 3rd/4th grade teacher. Ms Emily will be missed.

Mariah Goemmel has been hired to lead the preschool next year. She is a highly qualified teacher with a master's degree and five years teaching kindergarten in Hillsboro and St. Helens. Her older daughter attended preschool here so she is familiar with our program. Her youngest daughter will be joining our 3's class. We welcome Mariah to our team and look forward to creating a wonderful experience for our preschoolers. Evva Johnston has been our beloved assistant for five years. Every year she has taken on more teaching responsibilities and this past year she has planned most of our art curriculum. Her knowledge and creativity will make this year's transition of staff much easier.



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.

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 Women's Bible Study group will be taking a break for the summer. We look forward to gathering again in the fall. All women of the congregation are warmly invited to join us when we resume. Please keep an eye out for information on when our new lessons will begin.



"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." Colossians 3:2



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!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Join us after the church service on Sunday, June 29th, for our Congregational Meeting. We value your presence and input, and it's a great opportunity to come together as a congregation. Please note that there will not be a potluck after this meeting, but all members are welcome and encouraged to attend. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Prayer Requests

If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, please don't hesitate to reach out to Mt Olive's prayer chain. Together we can bring our concerns and hopes before the Lord. You can contact the office at info@mtolivefg.org, or 503-357-2511 or you can notify Linda Peterson at 503-716-6618 with requests.

MT OLIVE MONTHLY FOOD BANK

Our Focused Food Pantry Box collections are underway. The focus for May is canned foods, and June will highlight cereal. Please place your food offerings in the large pantry box located in the westside entry by the elevator, and keep an eye on the inserts for each month's focus. Thank you for your donations!

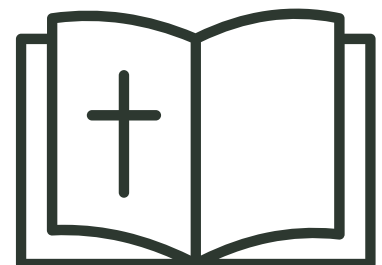


Don't forget! If you are an eligible Thrivent client and have Choice Dollars® available to direct, please keep Mt. Olive and our preschool in mind. For more information, or to direct Choice Dollars, call 800-847-4836 and say, "Thrivent Choice." Or visit thrivent.com/thriventchoice.



Bible Study & Sunday School

Bible Study and Sunday School will be taking a break for the summer months. Our final gathering before the break will be on June 8th, so be sure to join us for a meaningful session before we pause for the season. We hope you enjoy a restful and refreshing summer filled with joy and relaxation. We look forward to resuming in the fall and wish everyone a wonderful summer!

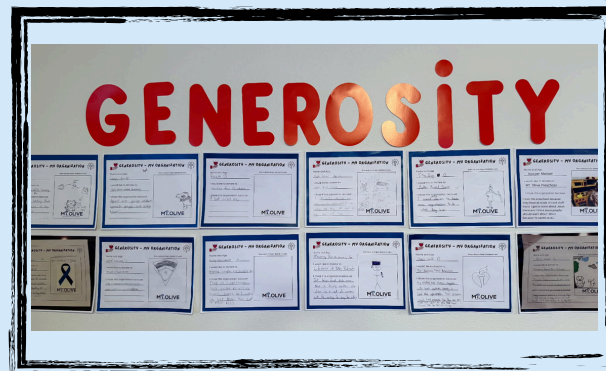


GENEROSITY PROJECT

An anonymous donor provided our church with funds to educate our youth about generosity. Each of our 18 youth members, ranging from kindergarten to high school, selected a non-profit organization to receive a \$300 donation. Their choices, made after careful research, include heartfelt selections like the American Heart Association, Water for South Sudan, Hazel House Pet Rescue, and many others.

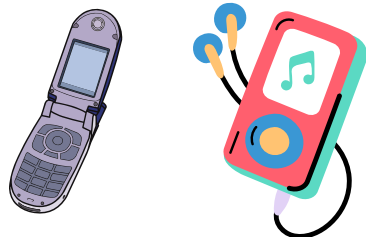
Additionally, the Sunday school received \$1,000 to distribute among LCMS organizations. They allocated these funds to support medical teams, disaster response units, and missionaries. You can review a complete list of their donations on the information table in the sanctuary.

In a separate act of generosity, a substantial donation of \$9,000 was given to FHLCS to finance sidewalk repairs. Two major sections had been compromised by tree roots, resulting in significant cracks and uneven surfaces. While facility upgrades are typically managed by the dedicated school volunteer team, the complexity of this project necessitated hiring a professional crew.



2000's Decade Party

Join us for a nostalgic journey back to the 2000s at our Decade Party at Mt. Olive. The event is set for Saturday, June 28, from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Admission is just \$10 per person or \$25 per family. Indulge in a Taco Bar for quick, casual dining, and treat yourself to cupcakes with a "Frost Your Own Cupcake" station. Relive the magic of the early 2000s with music from iconic artists like Beyoncé, Britney Spears, and Justin Timberlake, and reminisce about the classic reality shows such as "American Idol."



"Survivor," and "The Amazing Race."

Do you have memories or pictures from the early 2000s to share? Embrace the era's fashion by donning Juicy Couture and stylish name-brand purses. We can't wait to see you for an unforgettable evening celebrating the best of the 2000s!

Church in the Park

Join us for Church in the Park on August 24th at Anna and Abby's Park! This special event will begin with a worship service at 10 a.m., set in the beautiful outdoors. After the service, enjoy a delightful potluck-style lunch where everyone is invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share with the community. It promises to be a wonderful day filled with fellowship, faith, and food. We look forward to seeing you there and spending time together in such a lovely setting!



*"I am the way, and
the truth, and the life"*
John 14:6



Monday, July 21, 2025 to Friday, July 25, 2025

9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Join us for Vacation Bible School as we go on an Epic Australian Adventure. During VBS we will go on an unforgettable journey with Jesus through Bible stories, songs, crafts, and games. Student 4 years old through 6th grade are invited to join us for a week of fun and activities.

Registration for students and youth and adult volunteers is now open at <https://vbsmate.com/MtOliveFG>. The deadline for registration is June 30, 2025.

Students will be divided into age/grade level classes with adult and youth helpers. Youth and adult volunteers will help supervise classes and assist at stations (crafts, games, music, snack, etc.).

Contact Robyn Cram at robynscram@yahoo.com or 503 662-4858 if there are any questions.

Picnic & Fun in the Sun

Mark your calendars for a delightful day on Sunday, July 27th, when the VBS children will fill the worship service with joyful singing. It's a wonderful opportunity for them to showcase what they've learned and for us to celebrate their talents. After the service, we invite everyone to stay and enjoy a picnic potluck on the grass. Bring your favorite dish to share, and prepare for an afternoon filled with laughter and togetherness. There will be a variety of games and activities for all ages, ensuring that everyone has a great time. From classic outdoor games to more playful activities, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Don't miss this chance to relax, connect with others, and soak up the sun in the company of friends and family.

YOUTH AT MT. OLIVE



We've partnered with Bottle Drop Give to generate funds for our Youth program, and you can help support Mt. Olive Youth too! Here's how:

- Request blue bags from the Mt. Olive office.
- Fill the bags and return them to the office, or drop them off at any Bottle Drop Redemption Center.

Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our youth! By joining our Bottle Drop Give fundraiser, you directly aid the Mt. Olive Youth program and help us positively impact our community. Every contribution, whether large or small, is crucial in empowering and inspiring our young individuals.



Special Announcement: Wartburg Choir Visit

We are thrilled to share that the Wartburg Choir recently graced our town with their exceptional musical talents. During their visit, several generous members of our Mt. Olive community opened their homes to provide warm accommodations and delicious meals for the choir members. We extend our heartfelt thanks to these wonderful hosts and to the entire congregation for your incredible hospitality and support. Your kindness truly made their stay memorable. Below is a special thank you message from the Wartburg Choir:

Mount Olive Congregation & The Freeman Family,
Thank you SO much for feeding the choir! It is a huge help to all of us to have such a gift. The food was filling, delicious, and gave us the fuel that we needed to share our concert with the congregation here in Portland.

Blessings of the Backpacks

Join us for the Blessings of the Backpack on the second Sunday in September. We invite all preschool kids and all youth to bring their backpacks to receive a blessing from the pastor during the children's message. The worship service begins at 10:00 AM, followed by a coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall.



Youth Summer Project

This summer, the Mt. Olive Youth group is set to engage in a meaningful service project at Forest Hills Lutheran Christian School (FHLCS). The project involves painting the numerous pillars that support the roof over the school's sidewalks. This initiative is not only a chance for the youth to contribute positively to their community but also an opportunity for them to learn valuable skills in teamwork and collaboration. By working together to enhance the school's environment, these young volunteers will make a tangible difference that will be appreciated by students and staff alike. Moreover, this experience will foster a sense of pride and accomplishment in the participants, as they see their hard work transform the school grounds into a more vibrant and inviting space.



Shaver Family Updates

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Pastor Ross as he teaches Dogmatics 3 at Seminario Concordia el Reformador.
- Our family's continued language learning and cultural adaptation.
- Ryan's catechesis, that he may continue to grow in his faith in Christ and understanding of God's Word.
- Easton continue to learn and grow in his preschool.
- Kris, that she may continue to teach Ryan at home, manage so many different aspect of living in a different country, and build relationships with our newfound homeschool group. God's provision as we may have to move to another location to conduct worship services. Also, that we may find a piece of property in the same neighbor to purchase and build a proper church building.

GIVE THANKS AND PRAISE FOR:

- A supportive community of missionaries.
- The continued proclamation of the Gospel and training of Lutheran pastors and deaconesses throughout Latin America.
- The many congregations and individuals who pray for us, encourage us, and support us in many and various ways. There are so many, and so many new ones, that is hard to keep track. We are so incredible blessed by such a cloud of witnesses in heaven and on earth.
- The group of short term teams who visit here to partner in sharing the gospel and learn more about LCMS international missions.

A day in the life... We are finally getting into some routine. Having one vehicle can be challenging, especially since we are used to two. One day a week Ross is the "Professor in charge" at the seminary, so he has the car. It just happens that Ross' day at the seminary is also his busiest day as he is there all morning and then goes to Pueblo Nuevo in the evening for visits or assisting with teaching a deaconess class. Ryan also has a bright and early Spanish class at the regional office about a half mile away. Kris and the boys walk to the office, and since it can be a lot for Easton, we have great friends who live along the way, so Easton hangs out at their house until Kris returns. After Ryan's Spanish class, the boys have downtime while Kris prepares their mid-day meal. Ross comes home in the afternoon, and Kris and Ryan finish schoolwork. Ryan then goes to Catechism class in the afternoon. He usually is dropped off at another missionary's house, or rides his bike, and walks over to Pastor Nauman's house with the other children involved. He loves his independence. (Pastor Naumann is the regional missionary chaplain, and in this case, the catechist to all the missionary children. Can you imagine???). Ross then visits congregational members with church deaconesses or teaches a Latina deaconess class alongside one of the LCMS missionary deaconesses and/or pastors.

Ryan LOVES living in the DR. He really struggled with our move, but he has acclimated better than the rest of us. He has found a great homeschool group and loves to spend time with the other kids.

Easton began a bilingual preschool and attends 3 days a week. He is loving going to school. Another missionary boy is in his class. While it is only 3 miles away, because of the traffic, it usually takes at least 30 minutes or more to drive there.

Palabra De Los Niños (words from the kids)

Ryan: "Wednesdays are my favorite day because I go to art class with my homeschool group. I love trading Pokémon cards before and after class. We also go on field trips, and I have made many friends".

Easton: "I really like school. It is fun. I like my teacher, Fina because I do. I stopped crying when I am dropped off at school". When asked what he learned in school, his reply is usually "Spanish."

Prayerfully consider partnering with the LCMS to support the work of the Rev. Dr. Ross Shaver and family. Make checks payable to:



The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Mission Central
P.O. Box 66861 OR 40718 Highway E 16
St. Louis, MO 63166-6861 Mapleton, IA 51034

On the memo line include **Shaver-Dominican Republic**


Give securely from any device: lcms.org/givenow.shaver
Call a donor care representative: 888-930-4438



LWML KICK-OFF EVENT

SAVE THE DATE!

Join us for an exciting LWML Kick-Off Event!

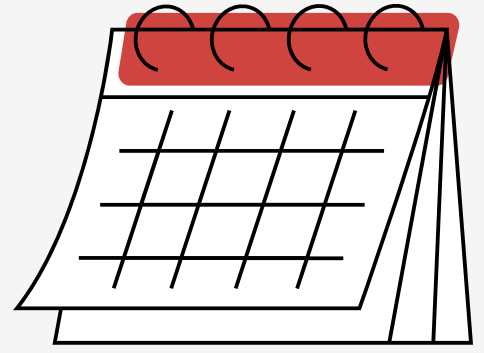
 Date: Saturday, July 19th, time TBD

We are delighted to welcome the ladies of Mt. Olive to our LWML Kick-Off Event. This special gathering promises to be a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, inspiration, and community spirit. Please mark your calendars and keep an eye out for more information on times and other details. We look forward to seeing you there!

Coffee Hour Hosted by LWML

Join us for a delightful Coffee Hour hosted by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) on the third Sunday of each month, starting in June, immediately following the worship service. This monthly gathering is an opportunity for fellowship and community building, offering freshly brewed coffee and snacks. Each Coffee Hour will spotlight one of LWML's inspiring mission projects, providing an engaging glimpse into the impactful work being done and how you can get involved. Whether you're a regular attendee or visiting for the first time, all are welcome to enjoy this time of connection and inspiration.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT MT. OLIVE



Below you can find a calendar of some of our upcoming events over the next few months! These events promise to be unforgettable experiences filled with fun, adventure, and entertainment. Prepare yourself for an amazing time, and mark your calendars for all these upcoming events!

June 28th Decades Dinner 5:30-7 p.m.

June 29th Congregational Meeting (No Potluck)

July 21st-25th VBS

July 27th Fun in the Sun Picnic

August 24th Church in the Park

September 2nd First Day of Preschool

September 14th Blessing of the Backpacks

October 4th Oktoberfest

October 11th Harvest Bazaar

Big Thank You to Sue Harsin!



We are thrilled to share a heartfelt thank you to Sue Harsin for her incredible contribution to our church kitchen. Sue has generously crafted beautiful new aprons that have brought a delightful and vibrant touch to the Mt. Olive kitchen. Her attention to detail and craftsmanship are truly remarkable, and we are immensely grateful for her generosity and the time she dedicated to this wonderful project.

Thank you, Sue, for your kindness and support! Your contribution has made a significant impact on our church space.



Mt. Olive Lutheran Preschool



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Place the name and address of a really awesome person here.