

WORSHIP INFORMATION for December 19/20, 2020

Advent-Christmas Sermon Series

Rediscover Christmas

"Finding Love in Our Differences," Pastor Randy

Opening Thought: The love that Jesus embodied in our world is indeed fearless love. Besides simply lacking any fear, the love of Jesus defies and overcomes fear. Today as we continue our journey through Advent, we are focusing on the love that Jesus brought into our world and our lives.

Scripture Readings:

1 John 4:7-16; John 13:31-35



WORSHIP SERVICE & UPDATES

- 1) **Sanctuary Worship Services:**
Saturday - 5:30 PM
Sunday - 8:00 & 10:00 AM
Education Hour 9:00 AM
- 2) **Mount Olive's Website:** www.mtolive-anoka.org
- 3) **Facebook:** Search for Mount Olive Anoka
- 4) **Instagram:** Search for Mount Olive Anoka
- 5) **YouTube:** Search for Mount Olive Lutheran Anoka
- 6) **QCTV Cable TV Channel 15** for the cities of Anoka, Andover, Champlin and Ramsey on Sundays at 6:30 AM and 12:00 PM. Services aired are from the previous week.
- 7) **Contact Mount Olive** at the Welcome Desk at 763.421.3223 or Brenda@mtolive-anoka.org.

Church OPEN Monday - Friday
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Please call 763.421.3223.

MOUNT OLIVE NEWS

VISION ASSEMBLY ANNOUNCEMENT: We would like to inform you that the Vision Assembly will meet at 11:00 AM on January 10, 2021.

HYMNALS & COMMUNION PACKETS: Lutheran Service hymnals are available for you to pick up to enhance your online worship. If you would like a communion package to enjoy communion while worshipping at home, please contact Gwen Seivert (gwen@mtolive-anoka.org or 763.421.7156 x 110) to arrange a time for pick up.

SNOWBIRDS! Heading to a warmer climate during our cold Minnesota winter? Please contact Brenda Schwarz (763.421.7156 x 103 or brenda@mtolive-anoka.org) with your temporary address if you would like us to mail your monthly newsletter or other mailings to your winter address. Please include the date that you will be leaving and returning.

BIBLE STUDIES at Mount Olive

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: "The Gospel of John," with Tony Evans, is a 12-session series with Dr. Tony Evans as he encourages us to turn to Christ by reminding us of the two purposes for the beloved disciple's book - that we would believe in Jesus and find life in His name. We meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM in Cana Hall.

IN THE WORD - ROMANS BIBLE STUDY: Join Jim Rootes for this in-depth study on Romans on Wednesdays in the Meeting Room at 7:00 PM.

BIBLE STUDIES at Online

FIRST PLACE FOR HEALTH BIBLE STUDY: Join us online on Thursdays from 6:30 - 8:00 PM. For questions, contact Janet Orrick (763.323.0939).

SISTERS IN THE WORD WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY are meeting Tuesdays at 4:00 PM on Zoom for an hour. We will look at "Attributes of God." Contact Chris Schomburg (chrisschomburg@gmail.com) or Karen Albu (763.432.7652) for more information. **Attention:** Bible study will not meet December 22 and 29, and resume again on January 5, 2021.

EARLY MORNING WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: In December, the study will be, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." We meet online with ZOOM or simply on a group phone call. We "meet" from 6:00 - 7:00 AM and would love to have you join us. Contact Paulette Lenz at mp.lenz@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE...

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| Sunday, Dec. 20 | 8:00 AM | Traditional Worship with Communion |
| | 9:00 AM | Education Hour (Bible Studies) |
| | 10:00 AM | Contemporary Worship with Communion |
| | 11:00 AM | Carpool Communion |
| | 4:00 PM | Drive-through LIVE Nativity |
| Monday, Dec. 21 | 9:00 AM | Church Open |
| Tuesday, Dec. 22 | 3:30 PM | Staff Bible Study |
| Wednesday, Dec. 23 | 5:30 PM | Midweek Drive-Thru Meals |
| Thursday, Dec. 24 | 3:00 PM | Christmas Eve Worship |
| | 5:00 PM | Christmas Eve Worship |
| Friday, Dec. 25 | 9:00 AM | Christmas Day Worship— ONLINE ONLY |
| Saturday, Dec. 26 | | NO Saturday Night Worship |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Wednesdays: | Midweek Drive Thru Meals 5:30 - 6:15 PM |
| December 19/20: | Communion during all Worship services & Carpool Communion |
| December 20: | Drive Thru Live Nativity |
| December 24, Christmas Eve: | 3:00 & 5:00 Worship (Sanctuary and Online beginning at 3:00 PM) |
| December 25, Christmas Day: | 9:00 AM ONLINE Worship Only |
| December 26 & January 2: | NO Saturday Night Worship |
| January 10: | Vision Assembly (11:00 AM) |

Christmas Worship



Traditional Carols
Worship
Christmas Eve Worship
3:00 & 5:00 PM
Onsite & Online beginning at 3:00 PM
Christmas Day **ONLINE** Only
LIVE beginning at 9:00 AM

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SUNDAY:

Communion will be offered at all services on December 19 & 20. Carpool Communion will also be offered on Sunday, 11:00-11:30 AM.

If you would like to pick up a Communion Packet, contact Gwen (gwen@mtolive-anoka.org).



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

WORSHIP CLEANING

For approximately 5-10 minutes after each worship on Saturday at 5:30 PM and Sunday at 8:00 and 10:00 AM we would like volunteers to sanitize the pews, Welcome Center tables and bathrooms.

DRIVE-THRU MIDWEEK MEALS: Each week our team is serving between 45-65 meals in to-go containers. We have been keeping our costs low, but do not collect enough from those receiving meals to cover the cost of meals and the packaging and containers we use each week. We are asking for gift cards or financial donations to help offset the costs. Gift cards for Cub, Costco, Aldi, Sam's Club, or Walmart would be used by our team to shop for the food and supplies needed each week. Drop off your donation at the Welcome Desk in an envelope labeled "Drive-Thru Meals".

WELCOME DESK VOLUNTEERS:

SUNDAY MORNINGS:

8:45 - 11:00 AM each week. Duties are to sell Scrip and answer questions if possible. Training will be available.

WEEKDAYS: Thursday afternoon 12:30 - 4:00 PM and Friday mornings 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM. Main focus is to be a presence at the desk and answering phones but can include a variety of projects as they come available.



Please contact Brenda Schwarz
(Brenda@mtolive-anoka.org or 763.421.7156 x 103)

SUNDAY MORNING FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH

9:00 AM

Family Sunday School: Families with children up to 6th Grade will meet in the Family Center.

Middle School: Students in 7th and 8th grade meet in the Senior Youth Room.

Senior Youth: Students 9th - 12th grade meet in the Senior Youth Room.



December 27 & January 2

No Sunday School &
Bible Studies



Christmas Decorations

Please help by donating \$25.00 to our beautiful Christmas displays:

- Fellowship Poinsettia Tree
- Christmas Advent Wreath
- Outside Winter Flower Pots
- Altar Flowers

For your donations:

- * \$25.00 cash or check written out to Mount Olive Lutheran Church

Name: _____

Amount: _____

Envelope Number: _____

Still have shopping to do for Christmas?

If you are anything like me, you do most of your shopping through Amazon. Here is how you can raise money for Mount Olive just by doing your online shopping for Christmas and all year long.



How does this help Mount Olive?

When you shop at <https://smile.amazon.com/>, most items are eligible for a portion of your cart purchase and at no cost to you.

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization (Mount Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church, Anoka, MN) every time you shop, at no cost to you. **AmazonSmile** is available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser and can be activated in the **Amazon** Shopping app for iOS and Android phones.

On your computer:

Open your browser of choice to: <https://smile.amazon.com/>

- This brings you to Amazon website that looks and feels the same as what you are used to at Amazon.com
- At the top of the page it alerts you to sign in to Amazon Smile.
- Hit the button "Get Started" which will lead you to log in.
- Use your same username and password as you do for Amazon.com

If you have not previously set up Mount Olive as your current Charity and it does not lead you in this direction, click on the AmazonSmile link under the search bar and you will be able to choose your charity:

Mount Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church, Anoka, MN

The CATCH: The only catch is you have to be at the address: <https://smile.amazon.com/> for Mount Olive to receive a portion of your purchases.

Do you shop using your phone?

Download or update to the latest version of the **Amazon** Shopping **app** on your phone. You can find it in the **App** Store for iOS or Google Play for Android. Open the **app** and find 'Settings' in the main menu (☰). Tap on '**AmazonSmile**' and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on **AmazonSmile** on your phone.

BIRTHDAYS

December 20

Cliff Gribble
Joie Naber
Jeffrey Wachholz

December 24

Herman Frismanis
Matthew Solie

December 21

Shirley Kalkbrenner
Roy Stavig

December 25

Jennifer Schneider

December 23

Gregg Christopherson
Steve Johnson
Sally Toffeland

December 26

Cynthia Aufderhar
Natalie Schultz

ANNIVERSARIES

December 21 Bob & Lynn Antoine (51)



Drive-Thru Live Nativity

Sunday December 20th 4:00-5:00 PM
John and Lisa Risse's Home
9049 190th Avenue NW, Nowthen, MN 55330

Come and share the true wonder of the first Christmas night
*Live Animals *Take Home Crafts *Christmas Devotions *Live Music*

We are committed to the health and safety of your family during the current COVID-19 pandemic.
Per MN Department of Health guidance each vehicle must be occupied by members of the same household and all attendees must remain in their vehicles.

CHURCH REPORT - December 12/13, 2020

Attendance: Saturday - Cancelled; Sunday - 111

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| General | \$9,503.01 |
| Total Useable per budget (\$22,545.76 needed) | \$9,503.01 |
| December "General" received: \$84,040.07 (Budgeted: \$97,698.31) | |
| Dedicated | \$125.00 |
| V10b Zimbabwe COVID Fund | \$25.00 |
| V18 Kuel Family | \$100.00 |
| Total Given | \$9,628.01 |

STEWARDSHIP NOTE

Thank You for your continued support. We know that we cannot control what is going on around us but God IS in control. Through your generosity we have continued to share God's Word.

Mount Olive: Offering plates will be available on the table as you enter the building each Saturday/Sunday.

Mail your offering to:

Mount Olive Lutheran Church
700 Western Street, Anoka, MN 55303

Give online: Your weekly offerings can be made through GivePlus+ through our website.

www.mtolive-anoka.org/resources/online-giving
Or Text: 763.324.9754 (follow prompts)

Use Simply Giving to set up automatic monthly or weekly giving:

For information on Simply Giving and to register, please email Monica at monica@mtolive-anoka.org, or John Peters at zeke3613@aol.com.

Bill Pay: Mount Olive can be setup as an online Bill Pay option through your online banking and a check will be sent to Mount Olive through your bank. Check with your bank but usually no fees will be taken out of your donation.

Thank You for Your Continued Faithfulness.

Agenda – Vision Assembly

Mount Olive Lutheran Church

Sunday, January 10, 2021 – 11:00 AM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Devotion
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
– October 25, 2020
 - MMC Elections
 - Reports will be shared as votes are counted in order to expedite the session (as we've done in the past)
 - a. President's Address
 - b. Financial Update
 - c. Pastor's Report
- V. Synod Resolution to Extend Triennium
one year to 2023
- VI. Motion to Adjourn
- VII. Closing – Lord's Prayer

