

## WORSHIP INFORMATION for December 27, 2020

### “Can’t Keep Silent” Luke 2:22-40

*Pastor Jon Haakana*

**Opening Thought:** When Simeon and Anna saw Jesus, they recognized Him as their Redeemer, and couldn't stop talking! If we have met Jesus anew at the stable, and know Him as our Redeemer when we visited the cross and empty tomb, how can we keep silent? We can't!



### **Scripture Readings:**

Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

### 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mp.lenz@gmail.com).

# 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.

## RESTROOM CLEANING

We are in need of two to three volunteers each afternoon to clean the restrooms when preschool is in session. If you would be willing to help clean 2-4 hours a month, please contact Bob Antoine (763.784.6752) or Brenda Schwarz.

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## *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](https://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 27

Mason Johnson  
Kendall McMullin

### December 31

James Kuns

### December 28

Jessica Dukich  
Jon Norman

### January 1

Justen Rucks  
Joyce Zima

### December 29

Lance Raygor

### January 2

Lael Anderson  
Judy Herzog

### December 30

Darlene Milbradt  
Andy Tofteland

## ANNIVERSARIES

**December 28** David Surina & Ruth Ann Kroonblawd (1)

**December 30** Tim & Rhoda Davis (30)  
John & Kristen Wylde (20)

**January 2** Chuck & Mary Drury (66)

## 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 3**

**No Sunday School &  
Bible Studies**

# CHURCH REPORT - December 19/20, 2020

Attendance: Saturday - 18; Sunday - 141

## General

**\$21,437.56**

Total Useable per budget (\$22,545.76 needed)      \$21,437.56

## December "General" received:

**\$66,455.16**

(Budgeted: \$97,698.31)

## Dedicated

**\$225.00**

B5-Furnishings-Christmas Decorations      \$25.00

Human Needs      \$200.00

## Total Given

**\$21,662.56**

## 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](http://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](mailto:monica@mtolive-anoka.org), or John Peters at [zeke3613@aol.com](mailto: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





## A 40 DAY LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE

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THE RED LETTER CHALLENGE IS A 40-DAY CHURCH CAMPAIGN  
THAT WILL PRODUCE LIFE-CHANGING RESULTS

ALL CHURCH CHALLENGE: SERMON SERIES, YOUTH &  
SUNDAY SCHOOL, SMALL GROUPS





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The mission of Red Letter Challenge (RLC) is to help people live more like Jesus. To do this we go back to Christ's words. You know, those red letters in your Bible. It turns out Jesus had a lot to say to His followers about what we are called to do and how we are called to live.

JANUARY 9 - FEBRUARY 14

YOU'RE WELCOME TO PURCHASE A BOOK AT THE WELCOME DESK

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$20.00



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## THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE...

<b>Sunday, Dec. 27</b>	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship
	10:00 AM	Contemporary Worship
<b>Monday, Dec. 28</b>	9:00 AM	Church Open
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 29</b>	9:00 AM	Church Open
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 30</b>	5:30 PM	Midweek Drive-Thru Meals
<b>Thursday, Dec. 31</b>	9:00 AM	Church Open
<b>Friday, Jan. 1</b>		Church Closed HAPPY NEW YEAR
<b>Saturday, Jan. 2</b>		<b>NO Saturday Night Worship</b>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Wednesdays:</b>	Midweek Drive Thru Meals 5:30 - 6:15 PM
<b>December 26 &amp; January 2:</b>	NO Saturday Night Worship
<b>January 10:</b>	Vision Assembly (11:00 AM)