



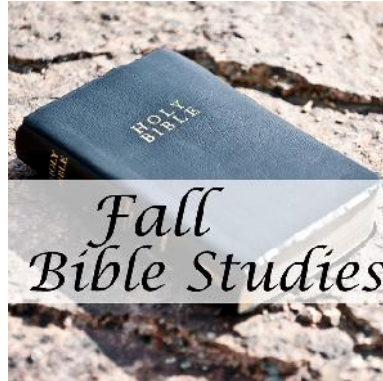
Olive Branch

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Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 11500 E. Iliff Avenue, Aurora, CO 80014 mtoliveluth.org 303.755.9123
Worship services are: Saturday, 5 PM; Sunday, 8 and 10:45 AM

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Sundays – 9:30 AM

The Story – The Story presents the Bible in an abridged, chronological form and reveals the way the whole Bible fits together in a single grand narrative. We will meet each week for an in-depth look at the stories we have read the past week and learn more about God’s grand story of salvation through Jesus Christ. This class begins on September 13 and will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

A Longer Look At The Lessons – This study will focus on the readings from *The Revised Common Lectionary* as used in our *Lutheran Service Book*. Pastor Harmon will lead this study meeting in Skidmore Hall.

Basics of the Faith – This class will focus on the basics of our Christian faith as laid out in *Luther’s Small Catechism*. It is primarily designed for those who are new to the Lutheran church and desire to become members, but it is a great refresher and overview of our Lutheran beliefs and is open to anyone who wants to attend. Pastor Borgstede will lead this study meeting in the Library beginning September 13.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Regrets, Reality, Restoration– The simple truth is life is full of regrets. Imprinted on our psyches, some resist all attempts at erasure. What do we do when the condemning memory of past offense(s) won’t be silenced? Is there a way out beyond our backstory? *Regrets, Reality, Restoration* shows there is, by sharing the life stories of those who have found restoration and victory over the heartache of their pasts.

Four Sessions on Wednesday evenings at Mount Olive beginning at 5:45 PM. The first session begins September 9.



Web: [mtoliveluth.org](http://www.mtoliveluth.org)



Facebook: **Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Aurora, CO**



Blog: mtoliveluth.blogspot.com

**September 13 is
Campaign Launch
Sunday!**



THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.



1 King, Nathan	17 Feucht, Paul
Harmston, Kyra	Schallhorn, Robert
2 Vaughn-Porquis, Dorinda	Klekamp, Christopher
3 Shellenberger, Susan	18 Schulenburg, Anita
Weldon, Darren	19 Grahn, Dorothy
Eifler, Theodore	Denke, Linda
5 Walter, Ronda	Eifler, Greg
Leonhardt, Janelle	20 Romer, James
Reisdorff, Cynthia	Bott, Christopher
Potzer, Christine	Borgstede, Zachary
Hopkins, Ashley	21 Heller, Muriel
7 Dissette, Donna	Jost, Kian
Kahmeyer, Kathi	Maly, Nalani
Borgstede, Josiah	22 Cateora, Christina
8 Johnson, Norma	Peterson, Emily
Fischer, Luke	Liss, Leonard
9 Skerjanc, Leonard	Wilks, Casten
Horton, Adam	Stewart, Cameron
Dankenbring, Jacobie	23 Schrandt, Don
Dankenbring, Jozef	Kala, Lori
10 Martin, Yvonne	24 Reed, Carol
Deden, LaTisha	Tappe, Gilpin
Abell, Lauren	de la Garza, David
Dankenbring, Jennafer	Parkinson, Carson
Pierce, Bethany	25 Forbord, Jaden
Storm, Colton	Neubauer, Addison
11 Gerdjikian, Joann	26 Derr, Walter
Matney, Jeffrey	Eifler, Larry
12 Kemp, Gary	Buckingham, Janet
Clough, Christine	Urbach, Joshua
13 Montross, Kim	Samuel, Awet
14 Smith, Nathan	27 Brown, Mike
15 Krohn, Donald	Smith, Claudia
Morton, Louis	Brown, BrookLynn
16 Bishop, Nancy	28 Helmreich, Sonia
Krueger, Frederick	29 Yotter, Timothy
Harms, Spencer	30 Griebel, Devin

2 Boettcher, Darold/Verna
Huyghebaert, James/Linda
3 Yotter, Timothy/Jennifer
Schonack, Mark/Becky
4 Dreiling, Lara/Jeremy
5 Bacon, Dan/Lorraine
5 Obando, Mindy/Arnold
12 Jones, Kimberly/Jeff
14 Amore, Pat/Nancy
15 Narveson, Richard/Marilyn
19 Ashby, Wilna/Mike
22 Brooks, Jeff/Jennifer
Huebschmann, Matt/Amy
23 Guigli, Denice/John
24 Tae, Kari/Jeanie
26 Coverly, Jeff/Kathy
Denke, Dan/Linda
29 Stark, Barbara/Vincent



Learn More About the Culture and People of Palestine

The Colorado Chapter of Bright Stars of Bethlehem is sponsoring "Room for Hope—A Palestinian Arts Celebration." Events will be held September 20-27 at various sites around Colorado. The purpose of "Room for Hope" is two-fold: to show the human face of Palestinians and to raise scholarship funds for students attending Dar al-Kalima Lutheran University in Bethlehem, Palestine.

Dr. Mitri Raheb, noted author, theologian and pastor of Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem, will be speaking at most of the events. The main cultural event, featuring musicians, dancers and other artisans, will be at Augustana Lutheran, 5000 E. Alameda, Denver, on Thursday, September 24, 7 PM. A complete schedule can be found at brightstarsbethlehem.org.

Contact Shelby, Shelby@brightstarsbethlehem.org, or Arnie, arnievoigt@msn.com, for additional information.



Book Club List for 2015—2016

Date	Book	Author	Leader
September 2	<i>The Wright Brothers</i>	David McCullough	Nancy McWhirter
October 7	<i>Whistling Past the Graveyard</i>	Susan Crandall	Caryl Fagerquist
November 4	<i>The Rosie Project</i>	Graeme Simsion	Janice Muir
December 2	<i>The Boys in the Boat</i>	Daniel James Brown	Joanne Petersen
January 6	<i>Mice and Men</i>	John Steinbeck	Joanne Petersen



We meet the first Wednesday of the month at 5:45 PM in the Library.

book club



Mount Olive Music

Fall is a great time to get involved in any of Mount Olive's music ensembles. Listed below are the various opportunities available. Most ensembles will begin rehearsal the week after Labor Day! If you are interested in participating in a group, contact Kim Montross or the ensemble director.

Mount Olive's Music

Ensembles for Fall 2015

- Bel Canto Handbells** Director: Kim Montross
Adult handbell group meets on Monday evenings
- Brass Ensemble** Director: Diane Asmus
Brass Ensemble meets on Wednesday evenings
- Chamber Ensemble** Director: Christine Krueger
Woodwind and string instruments meets on Wednesday evenings
- Chancel Choir** Director: Kim Montross
Chancel Choir (high school - adult) meets Wednesday evenings
- Children's Music**
Children's music (kindergarten - middle school) introduces singing, handchimes and handbells. They meet on Wednesday evenings (except the first Wednesday of the month)

Children's Music

Children's Music meets the second through fifth Wednesday evening of every month. The children are divided into two age groups (kindergarten – second grade and third grade – middle school). Volunteers are needed to help weekly with the program. No music experience is needed.



Contact Kim at

303.755.9123 or kmontross@mtoliveluth.org

to volunteer or learn more about serving.

Blood Pressure Check

Saturday, September 19
4:30-6:15 PM

Sunday, September 20
9-11 AM



Before and after each worship service we provide an opportunity for you to have your blood pressure checked by a nurse. It is quick and simple and a great way to monitor your health.

(In the Church Office)



Lutheran Women's
Missionary League

Faith Circle will meet Thursday, September 17, 9:30 AM at the home of Ellie Jones.

Glory Circle will meet Thursday, September 10, 7 PM in the Library at Mount Olive.

Mercy Circle will meet at Mount Olive on Tuesday, September 1, 9:30 AM.

Financial Peace Class

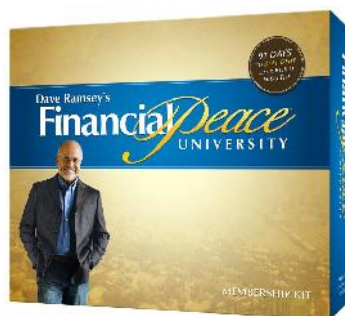
Starting September 26 at 10 AM!

NOTE NEW DAY AND TIME!!

Come join us and watch your debt disappear and your savings grow!!!

There will be a "CLASS PREVIEW" on Saturday, September 12, at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall to get an insight of all the wonderful things that could happen in your financial life!

Go to mtoliveluth.org to sign up now!



Military Appreciation

We are very thankful for those who give of their time/lives to serve in one of our U.S. military branches and we show our thankfulness by remembering them in prayer. We invite you to help update our military prayer list by submitting to the office names of those we can add to it. Be sure to indicate your connection with that individual as well as which military branch he/she is serving under. The names marked with an asterisk on the list below are those whom we are not familiar with and we aren't sure if they are currently serving. Their names will be removed from the list unless someone can give us an update regarding them. Thank you for your help and for your continued prayers.



- Brian Bechley – US Army
- Steven Gerdjikian – US Army
- James Stewart – US Army
- Shelley Stewart – US Army
- CJ Maul – US Army
- * Matthew Kepler – US Army
- Travis Geisler – US Army
- * Alexander York – USAF
- Ian Johnston – US Navy
- * Brandon Ulmer – US Army
- Kevin Selander – US Army
- * Don Mammano – USAF
- * John Otten – US Army
- Austin Norcross – US Army
- Tom Sudan – USAF
- * Katie Hubbard – US Navy
- Alex Bowers – US Army
- John Donner – US Army

*Friends of Mount Olive

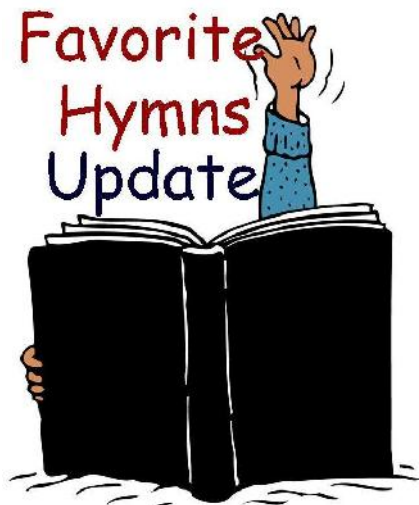
Young at Heart

Wednesday, September 9
11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall



Their Mission: To shift the way society views and values our oldest generations by fulfilling seniors' dreams and sharing their stories to inspire those of all ages.

Come for a potluck lunch, followed by a speaker from Wish of a Lifetime where you will learn more about how the wishes truly make a difference in the lives of our seniors.



Thank you to the congregation for providing your list of favorite hymns last August. As an update, we have sung well over 80% of the hymns selected as congregational favorites during the year.

Playing 'Hooky'

When Jesus was twelve years old He got into trouble for playing 'hooky'. The second chapter of St. Luke's Gospel tells us that Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem when the family returned to Nazareth after the yearly festival. After three days of frantic searching, Mary and Joseph found the boy Jesus, in the temple, *'sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions'* (Luke 2:46).

Wouldn't you know it, when Jesus plays hooky, He actually runs away to go to Sunday School! When Jesus' mom chews Him out in verse 48, it is for going to church! *"Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."*



This is a timely message for you rebellious types out there. You who are adolescent at heart and enjoy pushing your mother's buttons. Try something new this year and see if you can get Mom to chew you out for doing some thing *different*. Go ahead, rebel, ruffle Mom's feathers and get caught playing hooky at Sunday School, youth group or Adult Bible Class! And for those of you who want to go the extra mile, forget the tattoo, attend a mid week Bible study instead or maybe start a small group Bible Study at your house! *"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth"* (John 1:14).

Pastor Harmon

To All Mount Olive Volunteers

Save the Date

October 25, 4:30 PM

We request the honor or your presence at an
Octoberfest as our way to say ...



You will be asked to sign up at the ARK beginning later in September as seating is limited in the Fellowship Hall.

Endowment Fund

(For additional news from these folks, please see the Endowment Fund bulletin board.)



Kristin Matasovsky at St. Peter Christian School in Middleburg, South Africa

... prayers of thanksgiving for a restful winter break and now prayers for teachers, learners and their families as we begin our new school term.



Kristin and good friend, Carrie, by the Indian Ocean in Saint Lucia, South Africa.



Tyler Stibrich at Arizona State University in Tucson, Arizona

... prayers for the new semester at ASU and the Lord's guidance in teaching and serving in Sunday morning worship; organizing service opportunities on and off campus for students; and for spiritual and leadership development in our student community.

NEW - Austin Kraft at Grace Fellowship Lutheran Church in Gypsum, Colorado

... prayers for Austin as he begins his studies at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (via internet) to become a pastor at Grace Fellowship and as he continues to serve that congregation, assisting in leading worship and its activities.



Rev. Ferry at Lutheran Churches in Indonesia, Singapore, and Yangon, Myanmar

... prayers of thanksgiving for the extension on the family's Indonesian passports so they may serve there another year. And prayers for Rev. Ferry's wife and four children that they may have safety, good health and joy as they continue to serve the Lord.



Caitlin Ferry learning to bake.

The Mount Olive Endowment Fund (MOEF)

- ⇒ Helps aid students preparing for ministry
- ⇒ Assists in unique outreach ministry opportunities in our community
- ⇒ Reaches out in mission opportunities here and abroad
- ⇒ Supports select unbudgeted projects at Mount Olive



Request forms for a MOEF grant may be obtained in the Church Office or on the church website under the "Connecting" heading. Please include the MOEF in your prayers and with gifts, memorials and wills.

The current Endowment Fund Committee includes—Don Berlinski (chairperson), Duane Asmus, Orville Geisler, Gary Johnson, Kevin Meador and Brian Pelepchan

Sunday School

Begins September 13 at 9:30 AM

Children and parents/grandparents should meet in the Sanctuary at 9:30 AM for opening.

Registration opens at 9:00 AM

Our church family is beginning a wonderful adventure! For 31 weeks, we will be traveling through God's story together. Our Sunday School children will be a part of this adventure. Children will enter into God's story in creative and meaningful ways as they explore God's Word in Sunday School. Family devotion materials and weekly parent pages will be provided for families to continue the adventure through God's Word together at home. Each week a different Bible story will come alive for all ages in our congregation. Children will receive a "trading card" of the Bible story each week.

This year, we will begin each Sunday with a Sunday School opening in the Sanctuary. We will use this time to gather our mission offering, celebrate birthdays, welcome guests, and praise God through music. Sunday School opening will begin at 9:30 AM each week. We would like parents to attend the opening the first week. After the first week, parents will sign children in at opening and sign children out of their classroom at 10:30 AM.

Sunday School is for all children ages 2–grade 5. Two year olds have a special class for parents and twos, and they must be accompanied by an adult. A registration form must be filled out for each child each year. Guests are always welcome at Sunday School!



Follow along at home with The Story resources for kids!

The Story for Little Ones (Preschool) - \$5
The Story for Children (Kindergarten-Grade 2) - \$5
The Story for Kids (Grade 3-Grade 5) - \$5
Family Devotions - Free

Children's materials are optional. Teachers will use the books in Sunday School, and families may purchase a copy to follow along at home. The Story for Kids is required for family devotions. Family devotions will be provided monthly. If the cost is a financial burden, please talk to Robin Kurth. Books will be provided at no cost for those in need. Children's materials will be available in the Narthex prior to September 13 and at Sunday School registration.

SEPTEMBER

Praise Party

September 9, 5:45 PM

All children, age 3-grade 5 are invited to participate to a party just for kid's to praise God while growing in faith and friendship. Each month will be a little different. All children are always welcome!

Kid's Music

Wednesdays, 5:45 PM—Begins September 16

Children (K-5) learn to play handbells/chimes and sing God's praises every Wednesday (except the first Wednesday of each month) from 5:45-6:45 PM. Children will use their musical gifts to play/sing in worship throughout the year.

Preschool Praise and Play

Wednesdays, 5:45 PM—Begins September 16

All preschool children are invited to praise God through story, song, and play every Wednesday (except the first Wednesday of each month) from 5:45-6:45 PM. Preschool Praise and Play meets in the ECEC.

Preschool Church Tour

Saturday, September 19, 10:00 AM

All three year olds (and older children who have not attended the tour yet) are invited on a special tour of Mount Olive. We will peek into the Sacristy and other special places. We will also learn about the different parts of the church service through the eyes of a child and create worship bags. Please RSVP for this special morning. Contact Robin at rkurth@mtoliveluth.org or 303.755.9123.



**FRIENDSHIP
SUNDAY**

September 27

Invite your friends to join our Mount Olive family for the day. We will have special activities in Sunday School, a warm welcome in worship, a picnic lunch, a service project, and a GIANT bounce house! There will be fun for everyone!

Our service project will be birthday bags for the women and children at Gateway Battered Women's Shelter.

The following items are needed to fill the bags:

Disposable cake pans, Cake mix, Frosting, Birthday candles
 A few decorations
 Children's gifts (toys, books, gift cards)
 Women's gifts (journals, diary, hair items etc.)
 Birthday cards (for the people at the shelter to sign)

Youth and Family Ministry

SCHEDULE

September

9	7:00 PM	Confirmation (Fellowship Hall)
13	9:30 AM	The Story (Middle/High School)
16	7:00 PM	Confirmation (Fellowship Hall)
20	9:30 AM	The Story (Middle/High School)
23	7:00 PM	Confirmation (Fellowship Hall)
25-26	7:00 PM	Lock-In (Middle/High School)
27	9:30 AM	The Story (Middle/High School)
	10:45 AM	National youth Gathering Meeting
30	7:00 PM	Confirmation (Fellowship Hall)

October

4	9:30 AM	The Story (Middle/High School)
	5:00 PM	Colorado Rapids Faith Night for Middle and High School Youth

Lock-In

A Lock-In to paint the junior and senior high school rooms!

- Laser Tag
- Food
- Games
- Devotions
- Movies
- AND PAINT

Sign-Up at the Bulletin Board or send an email to youth@mtoliveluth.org!



In Christ Alone
LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

From July 16-20, 2016, thousands of Lutheran Christian students and leaders will gather in New Orleans for a national youth gathering. Held every three years since 1980, the LCMS Youth Gathering provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity.

During the five days of the Gathering, youth spend time together in God's word, worship, service and fellowship with others from across the Synod. This event is organized by LCMS Youth Ministry in Saint Louis, MO.

Beginning with the orientation meeting on July 12, at 10:45 AM we have been working with families of students so they can attend this fantastic event. The gathering theme is based upon Philippians 1:3-5: **I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.**

For youth that will be 14 years old at the time of the Gathering OR entering his or her ninth grade year at the time of the Gathering.

**Wednesday Evening Schedule
2015-2016**

5:00 PM

The Fellowship Hall will be open for families who would like to bring dinner along.

5:45 PM

Nursery (infants and toddlers) - Room 1

Kid's Praise Party (age 3-grade 5)

- 1st Wednesday of every month
Preschool/Kindergarten - ECEC
- Grades 1-5 - Fellowship Hall

Preschool Praise and Play (ages 3-5)

- 2nd through 5th Wednesday of every month - ECEC

Children's Music (kindergarten-grade 5)

- 2nd through 5th Wednesday of every month
Skidmore Hall, Nave, Bell Room

Women's Book Club

- First Wednesday of every month - Library

Adult Bible Study - Room 3

Chamber Ensemble - Room 7

7:00 PM

Confirmation (grades 6-8) - Fellowship Hall

The Story Small Group for Confirmation Parents - Room 2

Chancel Choir (adult) - Skidmore Hall

Brass Choir - Nave

OPERATING INCOME & EXPENSES JULY 2015

(FISCAL YEAR JULY 2015 – JUNE 2016)

Church Income	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Regular Offerings	65,626	61,045	4,581
Other Income	366	283	83
Total Income	65,992	61,328	4,664
Church Expenses			
Personnel/Benefits	29,704	42,541	(12,837)
Programs	5,241	7,006	(1,765)
Administrative	4,314	4,805	(491)
Properties	12,145	14,879	(2,734)
Total Expenses	51,404	69,231	(17,827)
Net Church Income	14,588	(7,903)	22,491
ECEC Income			
Tuition	0	4,067	(4,067)
Personnel/Benefits	5,552	5,980	(428)
Administration	109	0	109
Instructional	1,860	180	1,680
Total Expenses	7,521	6,160	1,361
Net ECEC Income	(7,521)	(2,093)	(5,428)

REJOICE Always

Beginning and supporting a disability ministry ...
... a one day retreat for people with disabilities,
their families, friends, congregation leaders and members

October 17 | 9 AM—3 PM
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
7691 S. University Blvd. | Centennial, CO 80122

Questions: Sue Hart, DCE and Ministry Consultant, Bethesda Ministries
Susan.Hart@mailblc.org

Cost \$7, includes lunch

Registration:
<http://www.cvent.com/d/wrqf0z>

Wanderers to Ride Georgetown Loop Railroad

Saturday, September 26: Georgetown Loop Railroad, lunch and transportation, via chartered coach, are included in the \$60 fee. (Check payable to Mount Olive Lutheran Church by September 14, designated for "Wanderers" in your own envelope). Ride in a heated, enclosed parlor car and revel in the autumn foliage. Depart Mount Olive at 8:30 AM and return approximately 3 PM.



Sign up at the ARK for all tours!

Mount Olive Family News

We welcome:

We say goodbye to:

Tim Towne

Baptism

Addison Olivia Galuzzi

Deaths

Jim Downs

Kenneth Melcher

Ed Lana

Thank You

Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Mount Olive Lutheran, we thank you for your kind expressions of condolences and love upon the death of my father, Bill Patterson. Your kindness, prayers, and sympathies expressed have been heart warming to our entire family. Our comfort, hope, and peace is Jesus.

Yours In Christ,
Pastor Craig and Carol Patterson

Thanks so much for the prayers visits and cards during my surgery and recovery ... they all really helped my recovery.

Hilda Wojahn



Church Staff

Rev. Robert Harmon, Vacancy Pastor
 Rev. Michael Borgstede, Associate Pastor
 Robin Kurth, Director of Child and Family Ministry
 Becky Schutt, Director of Christian Education Intern
 Kim Montross, Director of Music
 Mike Kallas, Director of Finance and Operations
 Kaye Cairns, Office Manager
 JoAnn Stibrich, Director of the ECEC
 Greg Karampelas, Building Custodian



Our Mission Statement

God has called us to **reach** out, **care** for and **build** people toward maturity in Christ.

The deadline for the newsletter is the 10th of each month.

September 6 15th after Pentecost	September 13 16th after Pentecost	September 20 17 after Pentecost	September 27 18th after Pentecost
Lessons Isaiah 35:4-7a James 2:1-10, 14-18 Mark 7:31-37	Genesis 1:1-4 James 3:1-12 John 1:1-5	Genesis 12:1-3 James 3:13-4:10 Matthew 18:15-22	Genesis 37:2-8 James 5:13-20 Luke 6:35-58
Elders Saturday 8:00 Stan Humbargar 10:45 Kevin Hixson		Communion Assistants 8:00 Matt Barnard 10:45 Steve Tappe	
Greeters Saturday Bob/Joann Schallhorn 8:00 Sylvia Zwingelberg Peggy Carstens 10:45 Diane Van Stone	Kenneth Schultz Robert/Jeanne Borgstede Marilyn Eisenach Elaine Steffen	Marlene Blesch Bud/Lucille McGee Sylvia Zwingelberg	Pat Wallingford Pat/Nancy Amore Edwina Heiser Lois Gottberg Austin Talmage
Organists Marsha Raebel	Karen Montross	Nathan Eickmann	Diane Asmus
Lay Readers 8:00 Josh Fields 10:45 Dorinda Vaughn-Porquis	Stan McKinster Dottie Gravning	Kevin Meador Sandra Sall	Joe Stibrich Judy Talmage
Ushers 8:00 Kevin Meador, Bud McGee, Ed Pierce, Andy Jost, Adam Johnston, Noah Johnston, Roy Ray 10:45 Bob Gombos, Sandi McCoy, Joe McCoy, Ed Pierce			
Altar Care Jane Dunn Jo Kalthoff	Diane Van Stone Nancy McWhirter Pearl Gleichman	Susan Shellenberger Marian Burrell Kathy Bodemann	Danita Myers Zoe Flint Sandra Sall
Acolytes 8:00 Awet Samuel Ryan Carbaugh 10:45 Lauren Emerson Meghan Emerson	Josiah Borgstede Alyse Coverly Gil Tappe Tanaya Tappe	Awet Samuel Ryan Carbaugh Kyle Wilderman McKenzie Wilderman	Josiah Borgstede Alyse Coverly Sara Bogh Rachel Bogh
Assist Pews Jo Natomeli	Robert/Jeanne Borgstede	Devonne Domineck	Darlene Ommen
Bulletin Helpers Fabozzi/Kalthoff	Bud/Lucille McGee	Shirley Fabozzi	Eisenach/Donner/Heiser