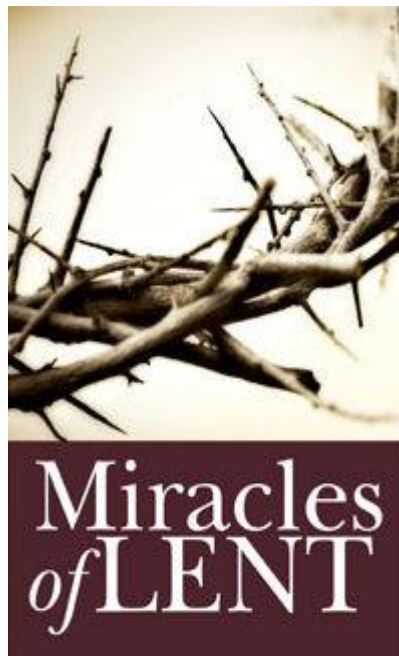


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Worship services are: Saturday, 5 PM; Sunday, 8 and 10:45 AM

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## Lent 2016

This year Mount Olive Lutheran Church will be participating in a *Lenten Rotation* of five front range churches. The churches will all remain securely in place, but the pastors will rotate among the congregations for our Wednesday Lenten Services. Our theme will be *The Miracles of Lent* and the meditations will explore Good Friday events like the hours of darkness, earthquake and tearing of the temple curtain. Epiphany Castle Rock; Ascension, Littleton; University Hills, Denver; Mount Zion, Castle Rock and Mount Olive will all be sharing the one true Gospel from several pulpits. May the Lord of the Church refresh us with new voices proclaiming His unchanging Word!

**Ash Wednesday:** The Miraculous Darkness (Matthew 27:45)

**Midweek 2:** The Miraculous Tearing of the Temple Curtain (Matthew 27:51a)

**Midweek 3:** The Miraculous Earthquake (Matthew 27:51b)

**Midweek 4:** The Miracle of the Splitting Rocks (Matthew 27:51c)

**Midweek 5:** The Miraculous Raising of the Saints from Death (Matthew 27:52–53)

**Midweek 6:** The Miraculous Faith of the Roman Soldiers (Matthew 27:54)



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Miracles  
of LENT

**Worship with communion at**

**10 AM and 7 PM**

**beginning with Ash Wednesday, February 10.**



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| 1  | Hahn, Marcia<br>Cobb, Beverly<br>Krabbenhoft, Travis   | 15 | Hyde, Lacey<br>Schlapkohl, Thomas  |
| 2  | Bodemann, Jeremy<br>Johnson, Anna<br>Jones, Carl   | 16 | Meehan, Richard  |
| 3  | Mc Gee, Bud<br>Pelepchan, Emelia   | 17 | Berlinski, Don<br>Gerdjikian, Stephen  |
| 4  | Mc Kee, Victoria<br>Stransky, Angela<br>Qadi El-Idrissi, Michelle                              | 18 | Johnson, Terri<br>Sall, Sandra<br>Walters, Andrew  |
| 5  | Einspahr, Rosalie<br>Kluck, Kathy<br>Halboth, Joseph   | 19 | Crane, Thomas  |
| 6  | Boettcher, Verna<br>Emerson, Madilyn<br>Deden, Trevon  | 20 | Kerr, Sarah  |
| 7  | Stumer, Ellen<br>Ditter, Jim<br>Storm, Alan<br>Mills, Tammy<br>Sullivan, Joe<br>Krueger, David | 21 | Hoare, Thuy  |
| 8  | Langhofer, Jim   | 22 | Saving, Ellie<br>Tappe, Tanaya   |
| 10 | Mc Kee, John<br>Narveson, Gregory  | 23 | Mc Guire, Kristine<br>Koschik, Ryan  |
| 11 | Brady, Edith<br>Dankenbring, Kristy  | 24 | Hudacko, Rachel<br>Taylor, Christopher<br>Conley, Kaitlin<br>Stransky, Brooklyn<br>Stransky, Dylan<br>Buerck, Elijah |
| 12 | Denke, Dan<br>Winslow, Madeleine   | 25 | Susak, Linda<br>Oeltjen, Robert  |
| 13 | Bonita, Lorie<br>Anderson, Nancy<br>Goggins, Carleton  | 27 | Natomeli, Joann<br>Burrell, Marian<br>Obando, Mindy Jo<br>Candelaria, Shelby<br>Barnard, Rory                        |
| 14 | Winters, Ruth<br>Martino, Nicholas   | 28 | Schonack, Leone<br>Beard, Michael  |



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| 12 | Schrandt, Don/Geri Adams  |
| 14 | Archambeau, Al/Geri       |
| 15 | Mc Gee, Bud/Lucille       |
| 18 | Hippe, John/Linda         |
| 25 | Sonnichsen, Robert/Arlene |
| 26 | Oeltjen, Robert/Edna      |



**June 26-July 24, 2016**

**On the campus of Luther  
College, Decorah, IA**

### **LUTHERAN SUMMER MUSIC ACADEMY & FESTIVAL**

Band, choir, orchestra, piano, pipe organ and composition students completing grades 8-12 are encouraged to consider this fun, four-week residential training and performance program.

For more information call 612.879.9555 or  
admissions@lutheransummermusic.org

## Book Club List for 2016

Date	Book	Author	Leader
February 3	<i>Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania</i>	Erik Larson	Marsha Raebel
March 2	<i>The Postmistress</i>	Sarah Blake	Roxanne Seewald
April 6	<i>Killing Patton</i>	O'Reilly/Dugard	Joanne Petersen
May 4	<i>The Girl on the Train</i>	Paula Hawkins	Marsha Raebel
June 1	<i>The Swan Thieves</i>	Elizabeth Kostova	Kathy Meyer



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



## Cookie Cans for College Students

**Our cookie cans** continue to be sent out on these Saturdays: 2016-February 6, March 5 and April 2. On these days a coffee can filled with home-baked cookies, hot cocoa or cider mix and seasonal goodies will be mailed or delivered to each college student. Parents or students of Mount Olive can submit student names and addresses each year to receive the cookie can.

**If you or your child would like to receive a can, please submit the name and address to Cindy Marschner, 303.690.3184 OR email to [cjmarschner@msn.com](mailto:cjmarschner@msn.com).**

**We are asking** that each family submitting a name help with the project for at least one of the months in which the cans are mailed. It takes about 2 1/2 dozen cookies for each can, so your help is needed and greatly appreciated. If you just love to bake, we would also welcome and appreciate your contribution too!

### Ways to be involved:

Bake cookies, wrap them in packs of two with cling wrap or in a snack-size baggie and bring them to church for packing.

Donate cocoa, cider mix, seasonal candy, granola bars, popcorn, pretzels, cheese crackers, nuts, raisins and other dried fruits, trail mix, rice cakes, Crystal Lite, cider, hot chocolate, ice tea and other drink packets, etc.

Donate for mailing costs. There is a coffee can on the Book Rack table.

Come and help pack. It takes less than an hour and we have a great time working together and catching up on what our college kids are doing.



**Several 'thank you' notes and emails** were received from students last year letting us know how much they enjoyed the cans of goodies and how it "gave them a nice break" and "was a perfect pick-me-up after cold and snow in Boston". It gave them a nice break from their studies to enjoy a "taste of home".

We have around 15 cans this year and at 2 1/2 dozen cookies per can we will need about 38 dozen cookies each month. If you have 2 lb or 3 lb coffee cans with lids, drop them off in the church front closet please! Students living at home can have their cookie can hand delivered but postage for the 'at school' group runs between \$8.50-\$9.50 depending on the size of the can. Monetary donations are accepted at any time and are GREATLY APPRECIATED. They can be given to the Church Office or placed in the cookie can on the Book Rack table.

**Thank you so much for all your support and help!**

## Blood Pressure Check

**Saturday, February 20**

**4:30-6:15 PM**

**Sunday, February 21**

**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, February 18, 9:30 AM at the home of Jean King.

**Glory Circle** will meet February 11, 7 PM at the home of Jane Dunn.

**Mercy Circle** will meet at Mount Olive on Tuesday, February 2, 9:30 AM.

## OPERATING INCOME/EXPENSES DECEMBER 2015 (FISCAL YEAR JULY 2015-JUNE 2016)

Church Income	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Regular Offerings	386,068	405,716	(19,648)
Other Income	8,804	7,430	1,374
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>394,872</b>	<b>413,146</b>	<b>(18,274)</b>
<b>Church Expenses</b>			
Personnel/Benefits	238,750	273,264	(34,514)
Programs	52,162	59,686	(7,524)
Administrative	21,800	22,207	(407)
Properties	58,692	64,596	(5,904)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>371,404</b>	<b>419,753</b>	<b>(48,349)</b>
<b>Net Church Income</b>	<b>23,468</b>	<b>(6,607)</b>	<b>30,075</b>
<b>ECEC Income</b>			
Tuition	82,334	101,017	(18,683)
Personnel/Benefits	71,993	78,138	(6,145)
Administration	1,050	2,088	(1,038)
Instructional	7,541	18,736	(11,195)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>80,584</b>	<b>98,962</b>	<b>(18,378)</b>
<b>Net ECEC Income</b>	<b>1,750</b>	<b>2,055</b>	<b>(305)</b>

## Military Appreciation

Serving and protecting our American interests at home and abroad is a high calling! We praise our men and women who serve in the Armed Forces. Include in your prayers our military who are also members of Mount Olive. Prayer for their safety and give thanks for their service!



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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Brian Bechley – US Army     | * Brandon Ulmer – US Army |
| Steven Gerdjikian – US Army | Kevin Selander – US Army  |
| James Stewart – US Army     | * Don Mammano – USAF      |
| Shelley Stewart – US Army   | * John Otten – US Army    |
| CJ Maul – US Army           | Austin Norcross – US Army |
| * Matthew Kepler – US Army  | Tom Sudan – USAF          |
| Travis Geisler – US Army    | * Katie Hubbard – US Navy |
| * Alexander York – USAF     | Alex Bowers – US Army     |
| Ian Johnston – US Navy      | John Donner – US Army     |
|                             | Sean DeCarlo—US Navy      |
|                             | Thomas Nygard—US Navy     |
- \*Friends of Mount Olive

# Young at Heart

Wednesday, February 10, 11:30 AM  
Potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall

The delightful Aurora 88 Singers will return to entertain us with varied musical selections, led by Director Neal Leninger.

Join us for a tasty lunch, fellowship, and a fun program. Newcomers are most welcome!

Please bring a little extra dessert for the singers!

Hosts: Larry and Phyllis Eifler, Edwina Heiser and Ellie Jones



## Seder Meal March 6



What is a Seder meal? It is a presentation of the Passover that Jews have been celebrating since their release from slavery in Egypt (The Exodus) recorded in the book of Exodus. In fact Jesus' "last supper" with His disciples was a Passover celebration – so our Lord's Supper is a continuation of the Passover.

Rev. Kevin Parviz, a Jewish believer in Jesus and Lutheran pastor, will lead us in a Seder meal on Sunday, March 6 (time TBA) taking us through the rich symbolism and connection with Jesus and His sacrifice for our sins. It is a fascinating and faith deepening event that we would love for you to participate. A sign-up sheet will be at the ARK. More information will come to you soon.

## SOAR Winter Event Serving Active Adults in the Rocky Mountain District



**Registration deadline is  
Saturday, February 6.  
\$15 per person includes  
lunch/coffee breaks.**

**Saturday, February 13—9 AM—3 PM  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Lakewood**

The Winter SOAR Event is sponsored by the active adult committee of The Rocky Mountain District.

During the first session Fred Williams, a member of Risen Savior Lutheran, Broomfield, will speak on the latest information regarding the conflict of creation versus evolution and the big bang theory and the scientific evidence that is supporting creation.

The second speaker will discuss a balanced approach to maintain and improve over all health. Ms. Abdelsalam is a registered dietician at St. Anthony North health campus.

Following lunch, Susie Fox, who founded the nonprofit Sweet Dreams in a Bag, will tell us about her organization and lead the group in packing 40 complete sets of bedding for children in social service care. Funding for this service project comes from Thrivent and \$5 of your \$15 registration fee.

Registration forms are available in the Church Office.

## Endowment Fund

Please include in your prayers the following people that are being supported through the Mount Olive Endowment Fund. Also consider your support for the Fund through a gift, a memorial, a life insurance beneficiary, or a will bequest. See the purposes of the Fund at the bottom of the page.



**Vicar Austin Kraft** in Gypsum, CO (Grace Fellowship Lutheran Church)

Prayers for Vicar Austin and his family as they continue to serve Grace Fellowship in a variety of ways and as he begins his second semester of study at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO via the internet.

**Jonathan Jennings** at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN

Prayers for Jonathan and wife Stephanie (nee Stibrich) as they prepare for Jonathan's vicarage assignment in the spring



**Tyler Stibrich** at the University of Arizona, Tucson

Prayers for the students at the U of A as a new semester begins and that students may find a welcoming Christian community on campus.

**Rev. Charles Ferry and Family** in Medan, Indonesia

Prayers for Pastor Ferry as he and his family minister for the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod as missionaries to the people in Indonesia, Singapore, and throughout Southeast Asia.



**Please refer to the Mount Olive Endowment Fund bulletin board by the Church Office for updates. Your support for the Endowment Fund is appreciated.**

### 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

## Wednesdays at Mount Olive



### Praise Party First Wednesday 5:45 PM

All children, age 3-grade 5 are invited to participate in our Kid's Praise Party. Children will grow in faith and friendship, while studying God's Word, making crafts, playing games, and eating treats.

### Kid's Music Wednesdays 5:45 PM

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.

### Praise and Play Wednesdays 5:45 PM

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.



### Family Potluck, Bible Bingo, and Family Fun Stations

**February 21, 4:00 PM**

Come in from the cold and be warmed by Jesus' love at Family FUN Night. We will begin with a family-style potluck. Bring your children's favorite foods to share. Water and desserts will be provided. From 4:45-5:15 PM, we will play Bible Bingo. There will be bingo prizes, and EVERYONE will be a winner at Bible Bingo. After bingo, families will enjoy family fun stations and fellowship. Stations may include crafts, games, play-do, and other fun things to do as a family. This is a great time to enjoy your family and make new friends at Mount Olive.



### Lutheran Valley Retreat Camp Scholarships

Children are invited to make new friends and grow in faith in the beauty of God's creation at camp this summer. Visit [www.LVR.org](http://www.LVR.org) for more information about camp. Scholarship applications are available on the children's ministry counter near the Fellowship Hall. Scholarships will be given on a first come, first served basis. Full and partial scholarships are available.

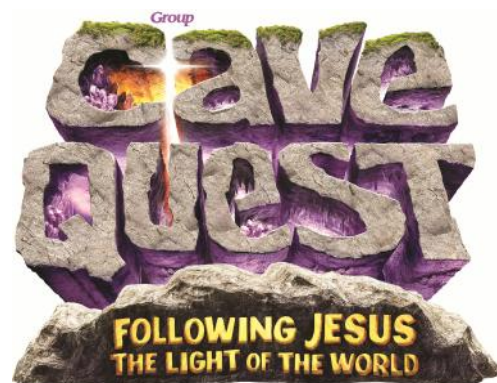


### Devotion Kit Preschool Parenting Class February 7, 14, and 21 9:30 AM Room #7

### Preschool Blessing February 28 10:45 AM



All parents of preschoolers are invited to a three week class, which will focus on spiritually parenting their preschooler. On Sunday, February 28, each child will receive a family devotion kit during the worship service. This is the third step in the Faith Legacy Series.



### Vacation Bible School June 20-24, 2016

**Volunteer Today!**

# Youth and Family Ministry

## SCHEDULE

### January

27	7:00 PM	Confirmation (Fellowship Hall)
31	9:30 AM 11:00 AM	The Story (Confirmation and High School) <b>Trip to Evergreen Lake (All Youth)</b>

### February

3	7:00 PM	<b>Confirmation (Fellowship Hall)</b>
7	9:30 AM	The Story (Confirmation and High School)
14	9:30 AM 6:00 PM	The Story (Confirmation and High School) <b>Junior High Valentines Day Party</b>
20	12:00 PM	<b>S3 Event</b>
21	9:30 AM	The Story (Confirmation and High School)
28	9:30 AM 6:00 PM	The Story (Confirmation and High School) <b>NYG Meeting</b>

## Save the Date!

### The **10th Annual Golf Tournament**

will be held at Murphy Creek Golf

Course on **June 4, 2016!**

Proceeds will help fund youth activities,  
primarily the National Youth Gathering  
in July 2016.





# Early Childhood Education Center

# Ready! Set! Go!

Registration begins February 8, 8:30-3:00, in the ECEC for the 2016-2017 school year for the members of Mount Olive. Register your child now so you will get your first choice at the class you want for your child. We'd love to have your child with us in the ECEC to learn and grow in Jesus' love. Call JoAnn, 303.750.9856 for additional information.

### 3 Year Olds

MWF 9:00-11:30  
TTH 9:00-11:30

### 4 Year Olds

MWF 9:00-11:30  
TTH 9:00-11:30

### Jr. Kindergarten

M-TH 12:30-3:00

### Combination 3 and 4 Year Olds

M-F 9:00-11:30

### PM Enrichment 3 and 4 Year Olds

M T W TH and/or F 11:30-3:00 (includes lunch bunch)

Monthly tuition and fees for church members are as follows:

	Registration	Supply	Tuition
Preschool	\$40.00	\$35.00	MWF \$180.00
			TTH \$141.00
			M-F \$266.00
			PM Enrichment 5 days \$258.00
			4 days \$227.00
			3 days \$189.00
			2 days \$131.00
1 day \$ 68.00			
			Drop in \$25.00 per day
Jr. Kindergarten	\$45.00	\$40.00	\$221.00
Lunch Bunch (11:30-12:30 PM)		\$4.00 each day	



*Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:7).*



Last winter Aurora Warms the Night assisted 2,477 children and adults in need of safe, warm places to sleep and warm items of clothing during our most brutally cold nights. They have provided these services to half that number already and the full force of winter still lies ahead.

Please join your LWML as we collect gently used and/or new gloves, scarves and hats for those less fortunate and in need. Our collection box is noted for your convenience and each time it's full will be delivered to our mission project.



*YOUR OUTREACH. YOUR LOVE OF NEIGHBOR. YOUR CHEERFUL GIVING.*

God bless, and keep, each of you in 2016  
Gilda Kaczmarek / LWML Human Care



## Wanderers



You are invited to join the Wanderers on **Sunday, February 14**, at the Denver Brass concert, 2 PM at Gates Concert Hall at the Newman Center. \$40 includes transportation, lunch at Olive Garden and ticket to Brass on the Red Carpet. Prepay to Mount Olive Lutheran Church in an envelope marked "February 14 Wanderers." Depart Mount Olive at 12 Noon (following late service).

### Mount Olive Family News

#### We welcome:

Rev. Robert/Diana/Emily/Christopher Harmon  
Tomiko Enomoto/Mia Wells/Koryn Wells,  
Brooklyn Hofmann/Wallace Boettcher

#### We say goodbye to:

Robert/Sherri/Troy Fangmeier

On **Friday, March 18**, take a fun and surprising bus tour of Denver's famous Colfax Avenue along its entire 26-mile length with the Wanderers. Presented by History Tours guide, Kevin Pharris, about the evolution of the avenue, a microcosm of Denver society. No street walking is necessary. Depart Mount Olive at 10 AM aboard a chartered bus and return by 3 PM. Lunch on your own at a Colfax eatery. \$20 includes tour and transportation. Please prepay by March 4 to the Church Office.

On **Friday, April 22**, the Wanderers depart Mount Olive to sample the original Highlands neighborhood in northwest Denver before it disappears in the rush of all the "new-builds". Denver Screen Printing and Embroidery at 3333 Mariposa will explain how that picture got on your favorite t-shirt on a brief tour, and then we'll go to lunch at Highland Tavern, 3400 Navajo. Cost is \$3 in addition to lunch. After lunch we'll proceed to 35<sup>th</sup> and Kalamath for a slow drive-by viewing of *Neighborhood Epic*, a series of tile mosaics on the I-25 sound barrier wall installed in 1993 as part of Denver's Public Art Program.

## Grace Wanderers

Space is available on the Washington D.C. tour, April 5-15, and for the August 8-13 Roaming Wyoming tour See details at the ARK.



**Sign up at the ARK  
for all Wanderer tours!**

### Church Staff

Rev. Robert Harmon, Senior 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.**

## God's Servants

February 7 Transfiguration	February 14 1st Sunday in Lent	February 21 2nd Sunday in Lent	February 28 3rd Sunday in Lent
<b>Elders</b> <b>Saturday</b> <b>8:00</b> <b>10:45</b>	<b>Communion Assistant</b> <b>8:00</b> Ken Skidmore	<b>Ushers</b> <b>8:00</b> Ed Christ, Orville Geisler, Darlene Donner, Wanda Robinson <b>10:45</b> Lois Gottberg, Danita Myers, Peggy Carstens	
<b>Greeters</b> <b>Saturday</b> Tammy Dixon <b>8:00</b> Sylvia Zwingelberg Marilyn Eisenach <b>10:45</b> Irene Ciciulla	Gayle Miller  Darlene Domineck Russ/Leone Schonack  Lois Gottberg	Darlene Ommen  Darold/Verna Boettcher John Joanne Petersen  Peggy Carstens	Sy Harjes  G Adams/M Schrandt Edwina Heiser  R/J/P Borgstede
<b>Hosts</b> <b>8:00</b> Bud McGee <b>10:45</b> Claudia Humbargar	Verna Boettcher  Stan Humbargar	Jane Dunn	Orville Geisler
<b>Welcome Center</b> <b>8:00</b> Tom Fields <b>10:45</b> Bob Borgstede	John Petersen  Jeanne Borgstede	Virginia Engleman  Gary Johnson	Verna Boettcher  Wanda Johnson
<b>Organists/Pianists</b> Eickmann/Cairns	Elmshouser/Cairns	Eickmann/Cairns	Elmshouser/Montross
<b>Lay Readers</b> <b>8:00</b> Kim Montross <b>10:45</b> Jim Wert	Linda Susak  Dorinda Vaughn-Porquis	Don Berlinski  Sandi McCoy	Duane Asmus  Penni Urbach
<b>Altar Care</b> Marian Burrell Michele McKinster Zoe Flint Diane Van Stone	Mary Frevert Sandi Bair Lori Bowers	Susan Shellenberger Cindy Meador Kathy Bodemann	Danita Myers Sandra Sall
<b>Acolytes</b> <b>8:00</b> Paul Borgstede/Alyse Coverly <b>10:45</b> Ashley/Bryan Hawley	Madison Myers/Julia Matney  Dylan Forbord/Tanaya Tappe	Teag/Kira Parker  Chris Bott	Paul/Josiah Borgstede  Trevon Deden
<b>Assist Pews</b> Jo Natomeli	Robert/Jeanne Borgstede	Devonne Domineck	Darlene Ommen
<b>Bulletin Helpers</b> Fabozzi/Kalthoff	Bud/Lucille McGee	Larry/Sheila Auffert	Eisenach/Donner/Heiser