

# The Messenger

The monthly newsletter of Mount Olive Lutheran Church

July and August 2025



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**Sunday Worship  
with Holy Communion  
9:00am**

***followed by Fellowship &  
Education Hour***

**Order of Matins the last  
Sunday of each month**

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**Please call or email Pastor to  
schedule an appointment or to  
give him your prayer requests.**



## **The Children of Israel**

This world is a mess. That is abundantly clear. The recent outbreak of war between Israel and Iran has dominated the headlines, and the United States taking action to destroy Iran's capability to create nuclear weapons has put us in the middle of this conflict. For now, a ceasefire is in place. What happens next remains to be seen, and opinions of all of these things will certainly vary. As your pastor, it isn't my place to weigh in on the politics of these events. The scriptures call us to pray "for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way." (1 Timothy 2:2). Let us be diligent in prayer.

I would like to take a moment to address some theological concerns in the midst of all of this. Because the nation state of Israel is at the center of this conflict, there are many who are using this as an opportunity to apply the scriptures to our current situation and interpreting these as signs of the end times. With social media being what it is today, it is easy to get some preacher picking verses out of Ezekiel or Revelation, and describing how these things are being fulfilled. I even found one video claiming to be a sermon from a prominent preacher on the subject, but the whole message was AI generated. That is concerning. These messages can seem very convincing, especially when they are quoting passages of scripture that seem to verify their claims. How can their message be false when they are quoting the Bible so directly and so frequently?

The problem is that these teachers are using a completely different starting point for their interpretation of the Word of God. If one begins with a faulty starting point you can easily end up in the wrong place. It is kind of like holding a map. If you are looking at the map upside-down when you start your journey, you are not going to end up at the proper destination. The problem isn't with the man, it is with how it is being used.

Much of the confusion stems from an interpretation of Genesis 12:3 in which God makes a promise to Abraham. "I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." From this, many claim that we have a biblical mandate to support Israel. But the questions for us to consider is "who is the fulfillment of this promise?" and "Who is Israel?"

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There are many who falsely claim that the formation of the nation state of Israel in 1948 was the fulfillment of biblical prophecy and they use this as the key for their end times predictions. This is a false understanding (part of a recent but persistent end times view called Dispensationalism). Old Testament Israel and the modern secular nation state of Israel are not the same thing. Yet from this misunderstanding have come numerous times when people have made end times claims that have not come true.

This promise to Abraham is ultimately fulfilled by Jesus, the singular descendant (seed) of Abraham through whom the entire world has been blessed. It is Jesus' death and resurrection that has brought blessing to all the families (nations) of the earth. The apostle Paul makes clear in Galatians 3 that those who have faith in Jesus are the true children of Abraham and in Romans 11 he makes clear that the gentiles have been grafted in, so that all believers in Christ are now Israel. Salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus, both for the Jew and the Gentile. "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise." (Galatians 3:28–29)

There is an old Larry Norman song from the 70's which said, "If you're truly wise you'll keep your eyes on Palestine." Wrong! That is bad theology, but that is what many are doing, trying to interpret the bible based off of the news and headlines of what is happening in the middle east. Instead, let us be "looking to Jesus the founder and perfecter of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2). If we are truly wise we will keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. He will come again, just as He has promised. We pray eagerly for His return, knowing that when He does return it will be a joyful day for all of God's people who are in Christ.

In Christ,  
Pastor Mark Nieman

Though great our sins, yet greater still  
Is God's abundant favor;  
His hand of mercy never will  
Abandon us, nor waver.  
Our Shepherd good and true is He,  
Who will at last His Israel free  
From all their sin and sorrow. (LSB 607:5)

# 50th Anniversary Celebration



You're invited to celebrate with thanksgiving to God  
the blessing of 50 years

Church Picnic  
Saturday, August 2nd  
4:30–7:30pm

Display will be available  
the month of August



Worship:  
Sunday, August 3rd, 9:00am  
Hymn Sing and Reception  
1:00pm–4:00pm

*"The Lord's faithfulness continues through all  
generations." Psalm 100:5*

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# **July–August at Mount Olive**

- **Choir Practice**

- **There will not be choir practice until September.**

If you are interested in praising God through music, give some thought and prayer to joining. We'd love to have you! For more information, contact Janelle Flansch.

- **Hand Bell Practice**

- **There will not be bell practice until September.**

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- **Ladies' Brunch 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month 10:00 am**

Join the women of Mount Olive for food and fellowship. Bring a friend and join the fun! For more information, contact Lani Brandt.

- **Men's Night Out Last Thursday of the month**

Join the men of Mount Olive for food and fellowship! Bring a friend and join the fun! Gathering locations will be announced in the weekly bulletins. For more information, contact Rick Pfeiffer.

- **Dominoes (Mexican Train) 4<sup>th</sup> Friday at 2:00pm**

Never played? Doesn't matter! We will explain our version and help you along!! Bring a snack to share and join in the friendly competition!! For more information, contact Rick Pfeiffer.

**If you are unable to attend worship, here are a few ways to spend time with the Lord on Sunday.**

**Visit Mount Olive's website at [www.mountlivelutheranchurch.360unite.com](http://www.mountlivelutheranchurch.360unite.com) and listen to Pastor Nierman's weekly sermons.**

**Worship Anew [worshipanew.org](http://worshipanew.org) DIRECTV Channel 377 – [TCT Network] 9:30 am**

Today, *Worship Anew* reaches thousands of people each week across the nation and around the world via television stations, the DVD subscription program, as well as by making the program available online.

**Lutheran Hour Ministries [lhm.org](http://lhm.org)**

Catch the Lutheran Hour on these local stations.

KOA Denver, CO 850 AM Sun 6:00 AM

KFKA Greeley, CO 1310 AM Sun 9:30 AM

Sirius XM Family Talk 131, Sun 8:00 AM

## **Our Next Guild Meeting is September 9th**

at 9:00am in the lower level.

All ladies of the congregation are invited for a time of fellowship, prayer, Bible study, in-gathering of Mites and offerings, and a short business meeting. Guests are always welcome! If you have questions, you may contact Joyce Flanscha or Jodi Allison.

Stay tuned to Sunday bulletin announcements for more details.

## **Looking Ahead**

**September 27, 2025**

**We will be hosting the fall LWML Rally at Mount Olive.**

Save the date! Plan to attend! Learn more about LWML!

Pastor Jarvis from University Lutheran Chapel will be our guest speaker.

The day will begin with registration and snacks at 8:30a.m.

Additional details will be available soon.

# **LUTHERANS FOR LIFE MOUNT OLIVE LIFE TEAM**

Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices for life.

## **2025 Lutherans For Life National Conference**

***Registration is open!***

***Early Bird pricing through July 15, 2025***



Lutherans For Life National Conference | September 24-26, 2025 | Great Wolf Lodge |  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

### **Keynote Speakers**

- Jim Daly | Focus on the Family
- Jack Phillips | Masterpiece Cakeshop
  - Judge Ruth Neely
  - Joy Pullman

Rev. Dr. Aric Fenske | Lutherans For Life

### **Register at [lutheransforlife.org](https://lutheransforlife.org)**

#### **Registration Fees**

- Early Bird – Adult (through July 15, 2025): \$100
  - Adult (July 16, 2025, and after): \$150
- Students and Youth, 13 years old through college-age: \$25
  - Children, 12 years old and under: FREE

**For more information about Lutherans For Life visit [lutheransforlife.org](https://lutheransforlife.org)**

Hurting from abortion? *Word of Hope* can help - 888-217-8679 or [www.word-of-hope.org](https://www.word-of-hope.org)

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

We will not have Sunday School during the summer. We will resume after Labor Day.

## **BOARD OF FELLOWSHIP**

The Board of Fellowship is always looking for volunteers for Sunday Morning Coffee Crew as well as Tablecloth Care. There are signups for both in the information center. Thanks for your help!

## **BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE**

### **Donations for July 2025**

### **Meals on Wheels**

This organization serves anyone living in southern Larimer County with limited ability to shop for food and prepare their own meals due to a physical or mental disability, age or illness. Meals may also be delivered to anyone recovering from surgery or hospitalization. Meals on Wheels of Loveland and Berthoud seeks to enrich the lives of anyone homebound with independence and dignity. They are located at 437 North Garfield Avenue, Loveland, CO 80537. More information is available at [www.lovelandmealsonwheels.org](http://www.lovelandmealsonwheels.org)

### **Donations for August 2025**

### **Loveland Police Chaplains Program**

Chaplains serve those in need in police crisis situation. They meet a need that nobody else in the community fills. Volunteer chaplains are all certified or ordained as pastors in their receptive denominations. The program is self-sustaining. The chaplains are on call 24/7. When police respond to an incident where they think a chaplain's help will be useful, they call on them – whether it's for death notifications, family counseling or other types of crises. They can also provide help with meals, lodging or even gas monies. These chaplains provide pastoral care to the community through the police department for people in crisis situations and will connect them with the proper agencies for assistance. Our former Rev. David Feeder is one of the three charter members.

## ***July Servants of the Church***

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.*

*1 Peter 4:10*



### **July 6**

Elder: Rick Pfeiffer

Ushers: Stefan Goeglein, Peter Hammes, and (Brian Fischer)

### **July 13**

Elder: Mike Allison

Ushers: Joshua Nierman, Elijah Nierman, and (Rick Pfeiffer)

### **July 20**

Elder: Steve Hammes

Ushers: Caleb Nierman, Corey Becker, and (Mike Allison)

### **July 27**

Elder: Dan Flanscha

Ushers: Bob Runyan, Tyler Selbe and (Rick Pfeiffer)

### **July Altar Guild:**

Britni Sciligo

### **July Coffee Crew:**

Kaplan's and Dan and Janelle Flanscha



## ***August Servants of the Church***

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.*

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### **August 3**

Elder: Rick Pfeiffer

Ushers: Stefan Goeglein, Joshua Nierman, and (Brian Fischer)

### **August 10**

Elder: Mike Allison

Users: Bob Runyan, Elijah Nierman, and (Peter Hammes)

### **August 17**

Elder: Steve Hammes

Ushers: Stefan Goeglien, Tyler Selbe, and (Mike Allison)

### **August 24**

Elder: Dan Flanscha

Ushers: Joshua Nierman, Elijah Nierman, and (Rick Pfeiffer)

### **August 31**

Elder: Rick Pfeiffer

Ushers: Bob Runyan, Dan Flanscha, and (Steve Hammes)

**Altar Guild:** Britni Sciligo

**Coffee Crew:** TBD

# July



## Birthdays

July 5	Anneliese Goeglein
July 6	Jo Sanford
July 9	Peter Hammes
July 11	Jan Haagenson
July 11	Grace Kaplan
July 12	Heinz Piehl
July 12	Rose Anne Von Hollen
July 13	Bob Runyan
July 13	Grant Young
July 13	Seth Young
July 19	Daniel Brandt
July 22	Pastor Mark Nierman
July 24	Andy Kaplan
July 31	Ken Zuehlke



## Anniversaries

*July 1*  
*Pastor Marvin and Joyce Flansch*  
*July 23*  
*Steve and Martha Hammes*  
*July 24*  
*Pastor and Jodi Nierman*  
*July 25*  
*Roger Sorge and Phyllis Easley*  
*July 26*  
*Daniel and Lani Brandt*  
*July 28*  
*Gary and Lola Thorne*  
*July 28*  
*Fred and Rose Ann Von Hollen*  
*July 29*  
*Matt and Tabitha Peterson*  
*July 31*  
*Allison and Steve Inscho*

### **The flower chart is located in the Information Center.**

- Arrangements are \$50 per week. When paying for your flowers please note "Altar Flowers" including the date you're providing the flowers and place your payment in the offering plate. It's appreciated if flowers are paid for at least two Sundays in advance of the date you sign up for.
- Fill out the specific occasion for your flowers on the flower chart as well.
- If you would like, you may take your arrangement home after the service.

# August



## Birthdays

August 2	Pastor Marvin Flansch
August 5	Brian Beumer
August 6	Braeden Corliss
August 9	Janelle Flansch
August 10	Ronnie Kaplan
August 12	Helga Ripsam
August 16	Micah Goeglein
August 24	Lorraine Gunther
August 30	Claudette Dassow
August 31	Julia Bower



## *Anniversaries*

*August 1*

*Ryan and Amy Sievers*

*August 12*

*John and Ann Kreiger*

*August 16*

*Billy and Natasha Meggenberg*

*August 16*

*Dennis and Jo Ulrich*

*August 18*

*Mike and Jodi Allison*

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- If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Flansch.

# JULY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:30am Ladies Bible Study	<b>5</b>
<b>6 Mite Sunday</b> 9:00am Holy Communion 10:15am Board of Fellowship Meeting 10:45am Bible Class/SS	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:30am Ladies Bible Study	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 9:00am Holy Communion 10:45am Bible Class/SS 11:45 am 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting 12:00 pm Board of Stewardship Meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 6:30pm Parish Planning Council Meeting	<b>16</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9:30am Ladies Bible Study	<b>19</b>
<b>20 Life News</b> 9:00 Holy Communion 10:45am Bible Class/SS  11:45 Board of Elders Meeting	<b>21</b> Set up 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Display in Fellowship Hall	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:30am Ladies Bible Study  2:00pm Dominoes	<b>26</b> 10:00am Ladies Brunch Bunch
<b>27</b> 9:00am Matins 10:15am Board of Education Meeting 10:45am Bible Class/SS  11:45am Voter's Meeting/Potluck	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study	<b>31</b>  6:00pm Men's Night Out		

# AUGUST 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> 9:30am Ladies Bible Study	<b>2</b> <b>50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Picnic</b> <b>4:30-7:30 pm</b>
<b>3 Mite Sunday</b> 9:00am Holy Communion 10:15am Board of Fellowship Meeting 10:45am Bible Class/SS 11:45 Board of Elders Meeting <b>50<sup>th</sup> Celebration Hymn Sing &amp; Reception</b> <b>1-4 pm</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:30am Ladies Bible Study	<b>9</b>
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<b>31</b> 9:00am Matins 10:15am Board of Education Meeting 10:45am Bible Class/SS						

# SEPTEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>3</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:30am Ladies Bible Study	<b>6</b>
<b>7 Mite Sunday</b> 7:45am Tintinnabulations 9:00am Holy Communion 10:15am Board of Fellowship Meeting 10:45am Bible Class/SS  11:45 Board of Elders Meeting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:00 Mt. Olive Guild  6:30pm Trustees Meeting	<b>10</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:30am Ladies Bible Study	<b>13</b>
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