



Mt Olive Lutheran Church  
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January 7, 2024

**+ The Epiphany  
Of Our Lord +**

***Treasuring God's Truth, Living out His Love***

Welcome to worship, dear family of God. As we celebrate the Epiphany  
[and/or the Baptism of Our Lord], may God enlighten us all.

This day after Epiphany, may we follow your light, dear Jesus, as the wise  
men followed the star.

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**What's Happening**

1. In House services \* Personal hearing devices  
are available at the AV desk.
2. Sunday School September- May  
(Ages 3 - 6th Grade)
3. Bulletins will be mailed on Wednesday  
afternoon to those w/o internet services and  
are unable to attend a service in person.
4. Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 - Noon

**In Person and On Line Bible Classes:**

1st Wednesday of the month @ 1:00 PM @ LMS  
Tuesday's - Men's Bible Study @ 7:00 AM  
Wednesday's - Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 AM  
Thursday's - Bible Study @ 9:00 AM  
Friday's - Harrison Bay @ 2:00 PM

**Altar Duty for January:** Debbie Connolly &  
Heather Berthiaume

**Counters:** Linda V & Lindsey E

**Reader:** Joel Reinitz

**Sunday 12/31/2023 Attendance:** 39

**Sunday 12/31/2023 Offerings:** \$2,255

**Vanco 12/31/2023:** \$170

**Order of Service**

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**Ringling of the Bells**

**Hymn:** 395 O Morning Star, How Fair and  
Bright sts. 1, 4-6

**Gloria in Excelsis**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 60: 1-6

**Epistle Reading:** Ephesians 3:1-12

**Alleluia**

**Holy Gospel Reading:** Matthew 2: 1-12

**Sermon**

**Offertory**

**Prayer of the Church**

**Preface**

**Sanctus**

**Lord's Prayer**

**The Words of Our Lord**

**Communion**

**Pax Domini**

**Agnus Dei**

**Hymn:** 397 As With Gladness Men of Old

**Nunc Dimittis**

**Benediction**

**Announcements**

**Hymn:** 411 I Want To Walk As A Child Of The  
Light

**Treats in the Fellowship Hall**

**Happening this week**

**1/6** - Epiphany  
**1/10** - Leadership Meeting @ 6:30PM

**Pastor William Moeller**, who was pastor of Mt. Olive from 1967 to 1997, has passed away. We pray for his wife, Mary Helen, and for his three sons and grandchildren, and all who knew him, that in their loss they may experience God's peace and joy. "Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:14–16 ESV)  
Obituary and funeral information below

Rev. William F. Moeller, Sr., age 89, of Leaf Valley, died on Saturday, December 30, 2023, at his home.  
A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, January 13, 2024, at Zion Lutheran Church in Alexandria with Rev. Scott Brown, Rev. Terry Finner, and Rev. Matthew Lorenz presiding. Interment will take place at Ebenezer Lutheran Cemetery, Leaf Valley. Visitation is from 4-7 p.m., with a prayer service beginning at 6:30 p.m., Friday, January 12, 2024, at Lind Family Funeral Home in Alexandria and will continue one hour prior to the service at the church. Please check back for William's full obituary. Thank you.  
**Rev. William F. Moeller, Sr. Obituary 2023 - Lind Family Funeral Home (lindfamilyfh.com)**

**Thrivent Choice Dollars**

If you earn Choice Dollars on your Thrivent investments, please call to designate your dollars starting in January 2024 for your earnings from 2023. You are able to

designate the Choice Dollars to Mt Olive or any other non-profit of your choice. Call 1-800-847-4836. If you do not designate your Choice Dollars, Thrivent may have other plans on how to best use them. Designate 2022 dollars by March 31st, 2024.



**Christian Life Gathering**

Everyone is invited to a Christian Life Gathering on Saturday, January 20, 2024 From 9:00-11:00am at Victory Lutheran Church, 16200 Berger Drive in Eden Prairie (952-934-0956). There is a \$5 registration fee, first timers are free. Joel Landskroener will be presenting "Why Lutheran Schools are Essential" based on Colossians 2:8. Joel is the Executive Director at Mayer Lutheran High School (MLHS). Gifts from the Heart being collected are \$10 coffee or fast food gift cards for MLHS Staff. This Christian Life Gathering is hosted by the Lake Minnetonka LWML Zone.

**Gillespie Center Pancake Breakfast**

One delicious breakfast, two great causes! On Sunday January 21st from 9:00-1:00. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$14 at the door. Kids 5 and under eat FREE!



Purchase tickets at the Gillespie Center, From a Village Hall Member or on Venmo and tickets will be waiting for you at the door! Proceeds go to the Gillespie Center and to the Island Park Village Hall renovation.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Isaiah 60:1–6**

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and

thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. <sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. <sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. <sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

**EPISTLE**

**Ephesians 3:1–12**

<sup>1</sup>For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— <sup>2</sup>assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. <sup>4</sup>When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. <sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the

heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

**Matthew 2:1–12**

<sup>1</sup>Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup>"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." <sup>7</sup>Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." <sup>9</sup>After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup>And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.