

LENT 4/LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

Sunday March 11, 2018, 8:30 & 10:45 AM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School, ELS

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Pastors John J. Petersen & Luke Ulrich / Principal Larry Rude

Welcome! In the name of our risen Savior we welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshipping with us. If you are a guest, please fill out a **Guest Card** (found in front of you in the hymnbook rack) or sign our guest book in the entry. We invite you to come and worship with us again soon. **Large Print** copies of the order of service from the ELS Hymnary are available from the usher stand in the back of the sanctuary. **For the Hearing Impaired:** Our facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher for a receiver.

Special Prayer for Lutheran Schools Week:

Heavenly Father, we thank You, that by Your grace, we are able to provide a Christian education for the children of our Church & School. We thank You for giving us devout Christian teachers and staff who selflessly give of their time and efforts in the blessed work of teaching your lambs. Be with them and bless the work that they carry out in Your name. Through their efforts, build up and strengthen the students of our school in the true faith unto life everlasting. Instill in the hearts of these students a love for Your Word and a desire to ever continue in receiving Your means of grace throughout their lives. We thank You for the many families that are blessed by our school, and for the many families that continue to be a blessing for our school with their continued support. We call upon You, Oh LORD, to be with us and bless our Mount Olive Lutheran School. In Jesus' Name we pray. AMEN.

~K-8 CDS Children's Choir *Children of the Heavenly Father* (ELH 174)

~Hymn 6, v. 4 *Alleluia! Let Praises Ring*

~**Confession of Sin** (p. 109)

P: Dearly beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

C: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~**The Versicles** (pp. 109-110)

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: ♪ And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: ♪ Make haste to help me, O Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; forevermore. Amen.

~**The Psalmody**

***Psalm 127* (read responsively)**

P: Unless the Lord builds the house,

C: Its builders labor in vain.

P: Unless the Lord watches over the city,

C: The watchmen stand guard in vain.

P: In vain you rise early and stay up late,

C: Toiling for food to eat—for He grants sleep to those He loves.

P: Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord,

C: Children a reward from Him.

P: Like arrows in the hands of a warrior

C: Are the children born of one's youth.

P: Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them;

C: They shall not be put to shame when they contend with their enemies in the gate.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

~Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 49:8-13

This is what the LORD says.

In the time of favor, I will answer you.

In the day of salvation, I will help you.

I will guard you,

and I will appoint you to be a covenant for the people,

to re-establish the land,

to redistribute inheritances that are now deserted,

to say to the prisoners, "Go forth!"

to those who are in the darkness, "Show yourselves!"

They will graze beside roads,

and they will find pasture on all the barren heights.

They will not hunger, and they will not thirst,

and neither scorching wind nor sun will strike them,

because the one who shows them mercy will lead them.

He will guide them beside springs of water.

I will make all my mountains into a smooth road,

and my highways will be raised up.

Look, people will come from far away.

Look, some will come from the north and the west,

and some from the land of Sinim.

Shout for joy, O heavens,

and rejoice, O earth.

Let mountains burst forth with shouts of joy,
because the LORD is comforting his people,
and he is showing mercy to his afflicted ones.

~Responsory Hymn 262, v.1 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

~Epistle Lesson

Acts 2:41-47 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added. They continued to hold firmly to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of the bread, and to the prayers. Awe came over every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They were selling their possessions and property and were distributing the proceeds according to what anyone needed. Day after day, with one mind, they were devoted to meeting in the temple area, as they continued to break bread in their homes. They shared their food with glad and sincere hearts, as they continued praising God and being viewed favorably by all the people. Day after day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

~Hymn 266 *O Bread of Life From Heaven*

~Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text

John 6:1-15 After this, Jesus crossed over to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (or Tiberias). A large crowd followed him because they saw the miraculous signs he was performing on those who were sick. Jesus went up on the hillside and sat down there with his disciples. The Jewish Passover Festival was near. When Jesus looked up and saw a huge crowd coming toward him, he asked Philip, "Where can we buy bread for these people to eat?" But Jesus was saying this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to have just a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There's a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what is that for so many people?" Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, so they sat down. There were about five thousand men. Then Jesus took the loaves and, after giving thanks, he distributed pieces to those who were seated. He also did the same with the fish—as much as they wanted. When the people were full, he told his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over so that nothing is wasted." So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with pieces from the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. When the people

saw the miraculous sign Jesus did, they said, "This really is the Prophet who is coming into the world." When Jesus realized that they intended to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

~Sermon Theme

Be Confident! Knowing Jesus Fulfills the Needs of His People

~Offering & Hymn 265 *Wide Open Are Thy Hands*

*(The members of Mt. Olive give offerings as a joyful response to what God has given them. These offerings support the work of Gospel ministry in our community and around the world. **Visitors:** Please do not feel obligated to participate in this offering. We ask you to fill out a Welcome Card and place that in the offering plate.)*

~Prayers

~The Kyrie (pp. 116-117)

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

~The Lord's Prayer (p. 117)

C: ♪ Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

~Collect (pp. 118-119, form II)

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your boundless grace, for the sake of Your Son, You have given us the Holy Gospel, and have instituted the Holy Sacraments, that through them we may have comfort and forgiveness of sin; we beseech You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may believe Your Word; and through the holy Sacraments day by day establish our faith, until we at last obtain salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

~**Benedicamus** (p. 119)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ♪ **Thanks be to God.**

~**Benediction** (p. 119)

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

~**Hymn 180 *Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds***

Preacher: Pastor Luke Ulrich / Liturgist: Pastor John Petersen

Organists: 1st: Cassie Johnson / 2nd: Mark DeGarmeaux

CDS Choir Director: Donna Fosburgh

Accompanist: Miranda Dittmer

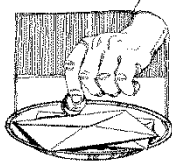
LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8:30am, 238/187; 10:45am, 164/102

Lenten Wednesday: 6:30pm, 185

GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$27,887.15

Online: \$3002.28



**A TIME FOR
GIVING**

NEEDED EACH WEEK TO MEET ANNUAL BUDGET: \$16,790

2 Corinthians 9:7 Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver.

*Did you know you can give your offering online? Just go to www.mtolivelutheran.org and click on the link, "donate on line." If you would like to continue using your assigned envelope, just **write the word "online" on the envelope and drop it in the plate** during the offering.*

Mt. Olive Worship Services on TV:

Mt. Olive services are being shown on local cable channel 181 (Charter) and 7 & 507 (Consolidated Communications) on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM and Thursdays at 11:30 AM.

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK

Ushers: 1st Service – Bruce Gratz (captain), Alec Gratz, Seth Tweit,
John Sehloff, Keith Anderson

2nd Service – David Munsen, Matthew Munsen, Dan Maas,
Justin Maas, Craig Christensen

Greeters: 1st Service – Ron & Mary Younge, Eldon Sting, Peggy Harstad
2nd Service – Don & Beth Westphal, Dave & Tanya Norris

Offering Counters: Lisa Holt, Brenda Garbers, Connie Meyer

Altar Guild: LuAnn Sting, Sharon Madson

WEEK AT A GLANCE: March 11, 2018 — March 18, 2018

<p>Sunday March 11</p>	<p>8:30AM 9:40AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 6PM 7:30PM</p>	<p>Daylight Savings Time Begins Band & K-8 Divine Service Band Bake Sale Bible Class/Sunday School/Bible Information Class Divine Service Artemis Video Gaming Co-ed Rec VB</p>
<p>Monday March 12</p>	<p>9:30AM 10AM 6:30PM</p>	<p>No Evening Service Area Pastors' Conference Veterans' Bible Study Church Council Meeting</p>
<p>Tuesday March 13</p>	<p>8AM 7PM</p>	<p>Women's Bible Study - <i>Colossians</i> M.O.M.'s Bible Study</p>
<p>Wednesday March 14</p>	<p>8:05AM 8:10AM 9AM 2:45PM 4PM 5PM 6:30PM 7:30PM 7:30PM 8:30PM</p>	<p>CDS Chapel M.O.M.'s Bible Study – Family Vocation Bible Study - <i>Daniel</i> Youth Choir Confirmation Lenten Meal-Lasagna, served by BLC Law Club Lenten Service Senior Choir Board of Stewardship Men's Choral</p>
<p>Thur. Mar. 15</p>	<p>1:30PM</p>	<p>BLC Band Concert at CDS</p>
<p>Fri. Mar. 16</p>	<p>11:15AM 1-6PM</p>	<p>Early Dismissal, CDS Red Cross Blood Drive</p>
<p>Saturday. March. 17</p>	<p>9AM 5PM</p>	<p>Ambassadors Game Night</p>
<p>Sunday March 18</p>	<p>8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM Noon Noon-5PM 1PM 1-4PM 5-8PM 7:30PM</p>	<p>Divine Service w/Holy Communion Bible Class/Sunday School/Bible Information Class Divine Service w/Holy Communion Board of Deacons Easter Canvassing Encourage One Another Lutheran Pioneers at Lake Crystal Rec Center Senior Youth at WOW Zone Co-ed Rec VB</p>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Building Committee Update

The “Building on our Mission” program has moved into Phase II – Design Development. As noted in our last update, “This phase will involve the engineering, interior design, and architectural teams at ISG working together to research building system and material options to ensure that everything can be integrated easily into the overall facility plans. This phase is expected to continue through May.” The building committee has held three lengthy meetings since entering this stage to discuss input and suggestions that pertain specifically to the “new construction” portion of the project.

In addition, interviews have been conducted with potential contractors who had accepted an invitation to submit application documents for the project. As a result of those interviews WEB Construction, a Mankato company, has been selected as Mt. Olive’s contractor partner for our project. The WEB team will now begin working very closely with the ISG team as they progress through each phase of the project in the months ahead. ISG will also be scheduling meetings as needed directly with those involved in the use of specific areas of the “new construction” portion of the project. Our construction sub-committee and building committee will also be working very closely with ISG and WEB during all phases of our project.

As the building committee, sub-committees, and all those involved in the planning of this project continue to meet, please keep all in your prayers for wisdom as decisions are made. Prayer and patience are key ingredients in a project such as this, and it is the sincere desire of everyone on the Building Committee that everything be done to the glory of God and according to His will.

No Monday evening services until Monday, April 9th. We are postponing the Monday evening services through Lent and Holy Week. We encourage our Monday worshipers to join us for the midweek Lenten service Wednesday, March 14.

A Thank You Note from the Kintzel Family: “Thank you so much for hosting the Benefit for my husband, Ben Kintzel, back in December. We were so amazed with the turnout of people willing to help support us. I’ve never heard of a church being so welcoming. Thank you again!” Kimberly Kintzel (mother of Coley Saidler, grandma of Owen).

On the narthex table are *Meditations* (March 4 – June 2); **extra copies of** the *Building On Our Mission* packets and the *Mt. Olive Herald*; **forms** for *7th Grade Confirmation Sermon Notes*; **signup sheets** for Beacon Center Lock-In, ELS Historical Society annual meeting busing, Camp Indianhead busing information, volunteering at New 2 You, and softball teams; **February edition** of *Thoughts of Faith*; **March editions of** the ELS *President's Newsletter*, *The Olive Press* newsletter & calendar, and MVL's Memo; and **giving envelopes** for *MVL memorials*.

Bake Sale: Support the the Mount Olive CDS Band by stopping by the bake sale between services **Today**.

Beacon Campus Center Youth Lock-In: All children from 4th-8th grades are invited to the Lake Crystal Recreation Center for a night and morning of fun that begins **Friday, March 16**, at the LCRAC and ends at 8 a.m. at the Beacon Campus Center Saturday morning. Registration forms are on the table in the narthex.

Mt. Olive will host a blood drive on Friday, March 16 from 1 - 6pm. To schedule an appointment to donate, please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit their web page at www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code MTOLIVEKATO.

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**Canvassing for Easter Invites! March 18th** from noon to 5 pm. Mt. Olive members are getting together for inviting our fellow neighbors to our Easter for Kids event and Easter services. We will have lunch provided, a quick warm up and training, and then canvass until supper time to have a meal and celebrate the Gospel seeds planted. Let Jon Basel know if you want to attend so we can estimate materials and food! [jbasel@mtolivelutheran.org](mailto:jbasel@mtolivelutheran.org) or 512 373 9064.  
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WOW Zone for Senior Youth!! Join us **Sunday, March 18th**, from 5-8 pm for unlimited play of bowling, laser tag, and mini golf! Drop off and pick up at the Wow Zone; bring extra \$\$ for the arcade and food. RSVP to Angela Merseth at 541-245-7465 for an approximate "head count" and BRING A FRIEND!!

Open House for Jesus' Lambs Preschool will be held **Tuesday, March 20th, from 6-8 p.m.** at Peace Lutheran Church, 2090 Commerce Drive, in North Mankato. This is a great time to register your child for our fall classes, tour our new building and enjoy an evening of crafts, games, face-painting and food. We are a Christ-centered preschool offering early childhood classes for children to prepare them spiritually to know Christ as their Savior and to ready them also for Kindergarten. For more information, please call Joslyn at 385-7752.

Mount Olive Lutheran Church Senior Citizens: you are cordially invited as our special guests to an “Afternoon with the Arts” sponsored by the students of Mount Olive Lutheran School. Come, hear, and see various talents of our students as they sing, act, and display works of art. This event takes place **Thursday, March 22**, from 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM in the gym of our school. A dessert and coffee is served.

Mt. Olive Talent Showcase: All are invited to the second annual Mt. Olive Talent Showcase on **Friday, March 23** at 6:30. All students will be performing with their classes, art will be displayed in the gym, and individual acts will dazzle the audience with their gifts. Don’t miss this exciting event!

For All You Softball Fans and Athletes: It is that time of the year again, and we are forming softball teams! There are signup sheets out in the narthex if you would like to join us for family and fun. Men’s church league is on Monday nights, and co-ed league is on Tuesday nights.

Thrivent Choice Dollars Allocation: Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about. Eligible members who have designated Choice Dollars have until March 31, 2018, to direct them to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church and School.

Mount Olive would like to have a float with music for the Fun Days Parade on July 14 and the Tator Days Parade on July 21. We are looking at easy hymns: *God Bless Our Native Land*, *A Mighty Fortress*, and the like. The Bonnett’s are providing the trailer. Grade school, high school & college students, and adults are hereby encouraged to find their horns and get ready for some parade fun! Contact Dan Neubauer if you are interested.

Mt. Olive's Tuition Scrip program offers gift cards for purchase for 750+ participating retailers. A percentage of your purchase goes toward your Mt. Olive Tuition. Visit www.shopwithscrip.com to view the list of vendors. If you have any questions or need help getting started, email Tanya Norris (scrip@mtolivelutheran.org) or Tiffany Riesgraf (triesgraf@yahoo.com).

Have you given the church office your email address? Using email for messages to the congregation will help us communicate better and will save on postage. Thanks!

Bethany Lutheran College

Monday, March 12 at 7 pm in Trinity Chapel: **Bekesh Trio** concert, with sopranos Jennifer Haugen and Kathryn Wurster. Admission is FREE, with free will donations

collected to support BLC's "All Steinway Campus" initiative to replace the college's aging pianos with new Steinways.

Evidence for Easter: Explore the Historical Records of the Resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth The BLC History Dept. and the In Depth series invite you to join Christian apologist Allen Quist, author of *The Reason I Believe* (CPH, 2017), on **Palm Sunday, March 25**, at 7 p.m. in Trinity Chapel for a free lecture.

ELS



One year before the ELS was reorganized the merger of Norwegian church bodies occurred. The former Norwegian Synod, overlooking what had happened in the 1880s, unfortunately went along into the merger with churches who had opposed the scriptural position on predestination. The merger came about on the basis of a 1912 doctrinal compromise document known as the "Madison Settlement."

ELS Historical Society Annual Meeting: On Saturday, June 16, the ELS Historical Society will revisit the ELS convention of 100 years ago at Albert Lea and Lime Creek beginning at 3:00 p.m. The registration fee for the meeting and lunch is \$15. Following the catered lunch, we will go to the Lime Creek Church for a commemorative service. Bus transportation, if there are enough people to fill a bus, will be \$15 additional. The bus would depart from BLC at about 1:00 p.m. and return by 9:30 p.m. To determine if there is sufficient interest in taking a bus, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. The deadline for signing up for the bus is Sunday, March 25. Registration for the meeting and lunch is due June 1, and information about payment will be coming in the future.

WELS

Martin Luther College hosts their 23rd Annual Volleyball tournament. If you've been thinking about joining the Sunday evening ***Co-ed Recreational Volleyball group***, now's the time to start! The tournament for the men's team is Saturday, March 17; the women's team is the following Saturday, March 24.

Help Wanted: We are inviting anyone interested in working at Jesus Loves Me Learning Center, North Mankato, MN to stop in or call 507-508-2041 or email lingjlm@hickorytech.net. Wages are competitive, working with kids is awesome, and hours can be flexible.

Community

March is Minnesota Food Share month: Between March 1 and April 8, the March campaign will proportionally MATCH all donations to ECHO, our local food shelf. These donations can be check, cash or food item. ECHO is located at 1014 S. Front St., Mankato, MN 56001. NOW would be a good time to do so, or leave a donation of food in the donation basket at church. In 2017, ECHO gave out 1.7 million pounds of food and provided 6002 meals to children during the summer and Thanksgiving meals to 1155 households. 98% of every dollar received is spent directly on services provided.

Mankato Area Youth Wind Ensemble concert: Join us as we celebrate Spring on Sunday, March 18 from 3-4 pm at Trinity Chapel, Mankato, MN. Tickets are \$10 per person and are available at the door.

For Fun

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN SCHOOL?

1. What year did Mt. Olive Lutheran School start (Hint: it wasn't known as Mt. Olive yet!)?
2. Where was the School located?
3. Who was the first teacher?
4. How many students were in the school when it started?
5. What year did the school move to the corner of Marsh & McConnell Streets?
6. What year did the church move to its present location and change its name to "Mount Olive"?
7. What was Mount Olive's name before "Mount Olive"?

(ANSWERS: 1. Fall of 1945. 2. On the first floor of Bethany Lutheran College's Old Main building. 3. Miss Annette Vogland. 4. 25 students. 5. Fall of 1947. 6. Formal dedication & name change took place on January 30th, 1949. 7. Before Mount Olive, we were known as Bethany Lutheran Church & School. NOTE: The first service of what would become Mount Olive Lutheran Church was held on September 11th, 1927, with Rev. Holden Olsen (who was also the President of Bethany Lutheran College at the time) officiating.)

We have certainly been blessed at Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School!

Lenten Meal Schedule

March 14th - BLC Law Club (Lasagna)

March 21st- M.O.M.'s (Hot Dish Extravaganza)



MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

March 14th - MARCH 21st 2018

"The Sounds of Lent"

March 14th Pastor Dan Witte – Luke 23:27-30
The Wailing of the Women

March 21st Pastor Keith Siverly – Matthew 26:69-75
The Crowing of the Rooster