



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, April 15, 2018, 8:30 & 10:45 AM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School

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Pastors John J. Petersen & Luke Ulrich | Principal Larry Rude | Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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.

Explanation of the Week:

Our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd. (John 10:11-16) He is not like the hireling, who cares nothing for the sheep and only for himself, who flees when he sees the wolf coming. Rather, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks out His scattered sheep to deliver them. (Ezekiel 34:11-16). He gathers them and feeds them in rich pasture. He binds up the broken and strengthens the sick. He lays down His life for wandering and wayward sheep. On the cross Christ bore in His body the attacks of the predators of sin and death and the devil for you that you might be saved. He now lives to restore your souls in the still waters of baptism, to lead you in the paths of righteousness by the voice of His Gospel, to prepare the table of His holy supper before you, that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (Psalm 23) "For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls." (1 Peter 2:21-25)



I. The Service of Preparation

(We prepare ourselves for worshiping God by acknowledging our unworthiness to stand before Him, and by receiving His forgiveness through absolution (forgiveness). We respond with thanks and joy.)

~**Prelude** – Preservice Music and Opportunity for Prayer

(See “Prayers for Worship”
—ELH p. 40)

~**Opening Hymn 353 Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won**

~**Invocation and Confession of Sins** — *Calling Upon God & His Forgiveness* (ELH p. 88)

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

C: His mercy endures forever.

P: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins:

C: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of the world: We confess that we have sinned against Your divine majesty by thought, word and deed, provoking Your wrath against us. We earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for our sins. We grieve to think of them. Their burden is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, gracious Father! Forgive us our sins for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that we may serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

~**Kyrie Eleison** — “*Lord Have Mercy*”

(ELH p. 89; Mk 10:47)

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy on us. Kyrie eleison. Christ, have mercy on us. Christe eleison. Lord, have mercy on us. Kyrie eleison.

~**Absolution** — *God’s Declaration of Forgiveness to You*

(ELH p. 89; Ps 86:15)

P: Lift up your hearts. The Lord God, according to His promise, is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. By the command of Christ and the authority of my holy office I forgive your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~Senior Choir: Give Praise to God Our King – A.T. Russell, arr. Mariah Munsen

*Give praise to God our Kingdom Earth and heaven!
Of grace and mercy sing, So freely given.
O Savior, who hast died our expiation,
Thy name be glorified, By all creation.*

*O Holy Ghost, our Guide To heav'nly glory,
In all our hearts abide, Lord, we implore Thee;
In us, blest Spirit, reign, Thine aid bestowing;
Our souls with peace sustain, Peace still o'erflowing.*

*Lift we our hearts on high In adoration;
Our Lord is ever nigh With consolation.
Let ev'ry grief be still, light He will send us;
In life, in death, He will Always defend us.*

~Collect—The Congregation's Prayer of the Day

(ELH p. 155-156 #67)

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, out of Your fatherly goodness You have been mindful of us poor, miserable sinners, and have given Your beloved Son to be our Shepherd, not only to nourish us by His Word, but also to defend us from sin, death, and the devil: We beseech You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that, even as this Shepherd knows us and helps us in every affliction, we also may know Him, and, trusting in Him, seek help and comfort in Him, from our hearts obey His voice, and obtain eternal salvation; through the same, Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

II. The Service of the Word



(After receiving the forgiveness of sins, we thanked God by singing His praises and praying to Him. He now increases our faith through His holy Word which we hear through the Lessons and especially through the Sermon where God's Word is applied to our lives today.)

~Old Testament Lesson

Ezekiel 34:11-16 'For thus says the Lord God: "Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high

mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down,” says the Lord God. “I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment.”

~ **Senior Choir: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*** – J.S. Bach, arr. Mark Schweizer

*The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never,
I nothing lack if I am His,
And He is mine forever.*

*Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedth.*

*And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever.*

~**Epistle Lesson**

1 Peter 2:21-25 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

~**Alleluia**

(ELH p. 93)

C: ♪ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Your Word is truth. Sanctify us in Your truth. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

~**Holy Gospel**

John 10:7-16 So Jesus said again, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: I am the door for the sheep. All who came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. Whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. “A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that

they may have life and have it abundantly. “I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired man, who is not a shepherd, does not own the sheep. He sees the wolf coming, leaves the sheep, and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. Because he works for money, he does not care about the sheep. “I am the Good Shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me (just as the Father knows me and I know the Father). And I lay down my life for the sheep. I also have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. Then there will be one flock and one shepherd.

~**Nicene Creed** — *Confession of Faith*

(*ELH p. 95*)

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the Resurrection of the dead and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

~**Chief Hymn 363** *Thou Art the Way*

~**Sermon Text**

John 10:7-9 So Jesus said again, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: I am the door for the sheep. All who came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. Whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture.

~Sermon Theme

“Which Door Should I Use?”

1. *Jesus Himself is the door leading to life.*
2. *Those who enter through Him are safe, free, and well-fed.*

~ Prayer & Special Petitions

~Offering and Hymn 322 ***Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Living Bread***

*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.*

III. The Service of Holy Communion



(Following Christ's command, we receive His grace to us in the special meal He instituted for the forgiveness of our sins. Here, He feeds with His true body and His true blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. This is the same body which was born of the Virgin Mary, and the same blood which dripped down the wooden cross. This part of the liturgy is one of the oldest parts, dating back to at least the third century AD.)

Questions and prayers to assist in preparing for the Lord's Supper are found in the black hymnal pp. 38–40.)

Guests & Visitors: *We practice “Close” or “Closed Communion” (or “Membership Communion”). We do this out of love and concern for you. We want to make sure that those who take this holy meal receive it as a blessing and not to their harm as Scripture warns. We also understand that those who come forward to take communion are professing a unity of faith with our congregation and are in full agreement with the teachings and doctrines of Mount Olive Lutheran Church and of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Therefore, we ask those who have not taken Holy Communion with us before to speak with a pastor before communing. Thank you.*

~Exhortation — *Preparation for the Lord's Supper*

(ELH p. 97-98)

P: Dear friends in Christ! In order that you may receive this holy Sacrament worthily it is good that you consider what you must now believe and do. From the words of Christ: “This is My body, which is given for you; this is My blood which is shed for you for the remission of sins” you should believe that Jesus Christ is Himself present with His body and blood, as the words declare.

From Christ's words "for the remission of sins" you should believe that Jesus Christ bestows upon you His body and blood to confirm unto you the forgiveness of all your sins.

And finally, you should do as Christ commands you when He says, "Take, eat; drink of it, all of you," and "this do in remembrance of Me."

If you believe these words of Christ, and do as He therein has commanded, then you have rightly examined yourselves and may worthily eat Christ's body and drink His blood for the forgiveness of all your sin.

You should also unite in giving thanks to Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for so great a gift, and should love one another with a pure heart, and thus with the whole Christian Church have comfort and joy in Christ our Lord. To this end may God the Father grant you His grace; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

~Lord's Prayer

(ELH p. 101-102; Mt 6:9-13)

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.

~Words of Institution *(ELH p. 102-103; Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)*

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

~Agnus Dei — "Lamb of God"

(ELH p. 103; Jn 1:29)

C: ✠ Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.

~Distribution

(Communicants come forward at the direction of the ushers. During the Distribution, the congregation sings the following hymns:)

Hymn 368 vv. 2, 4, 5 *A Tender Shepherd Leads His Sheep*

Hymn 426 vv. 1, 3, 4, 6 *Jesus Sinners Doth Receive*

Hymn 354 v. 2 *Thanks to Thee, O Christ Victorious!*

Hymn 371 vv. 1-3 *The Lord's My Shepherd*

Hymn 354 vv. 6, 7 *Satan's Arrows All Lie Broken*

Hymn 371 vv. 4, 5 *My Table Thou Hast Furnished*

~Dismissal — *Assurance of Blessing for Those Who Have Communed* (ELH p. 56)

P: Our crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ, who has now bestowed upon you His holy body and blood, whereby He has made full satisfaction for all your sins, strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto everlasting life. Peace be with you. Amen.

~Collect of Thanksgiving (ELH p. 104)

P: Let us give thanks and pray. Almighty God and Father, we thank You for feeding us with the most precious body and blood of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Your Son, and heirs of Your eternal kingdom. Send us out to do the work You have given us to do, to love and serve You as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

~Benediction — *Final Blessing for God's People* (ELH p. 104; Num 6:24-26)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: ♪ Amen, amen, amen.

~Hymn 19 vv. 1, 3 *Now May He Who from the Dead*

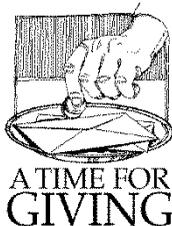
~Postlude — *Opportunity for prayer & to greet one another!* (See "Prayers for Worship"
—ELH p. 40)

Preacher: Pastor John Petersen / Liturgist: Pastor Luke Ulrich
Organists: 1st: Cassie Johnson / 2nd: John Baumann

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8:30am, 279; 10:45am, 161; Monday, 22
GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$28,636.22

Online: \$3888.14



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

Philippians 4:19-20 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

*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: Ross Hermanson (captain),
Craig Brown, Broderick Brown, Will Holt, Nathan Younge

2nd Service: Jim Gates, Scott Dzwonkowski,
Kent Waletski

Greeters: 1st Service: Ross & Betsy Hermanson, Lois Otto

2nd Service: Mike & Anita Smith, James & Carolyn Gates

Offering Counters: Will Holt, Lance Schwartz

Altar Guild: Sharon Madson

WEEK AT A GLANCE: April 15, 2018—April 22, 2018

Sunday April 15	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 1PM 2PM-7PM 7:30PM	Senior Choir Divine Service w/Holy Communion Sunday School/Bible Study/BIC Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another ELS Homeschool Symposium at BLC Meyer Hall Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
Monday April 16	6:30PM 7:30PM	Church Newsletter Deadline Divine Service w/Holy Communion Parish Education & Youth Board
Tuesday April 17	8AM 6:30PM	Women's Bible Study – <i>Colossians</i> Jesus Cares Ministry
Wednesday April 18	8:05AM 8:10AM 9AM 2:45PM 4PM 6:30PM 7PM	CDS Chapel MOM's Bible Study Bible Study – <i>Daniel</i> Youth Choir Confirmation Class Large Group PTF Men's Chorus
Thurs. Apr. 19	5PM	Building Committee
Fri. Apr. 20	1PM & 7PM	Grade 4 Play: <i>Malice in the Palace</i>
Saturday April 21	8AM & 1PM 9AM 5PM	Spring Cleaning Ambassadors Board Game Night
Sunday April 22	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 5PM 6PM 7:30PM	Youth Choir Divine Service Sunday School/Open Forum Divine Service Lutheran Pioneers Awards/Campfire at Peace Artemis Video Game Night Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar: The flowers beautifying the altar today are given to God's glory by Don and Kristin Lehne.

On the narthex table are copies of the *Building On Our Mission* packets and the *Mt. Olive Herald*; **forms** for 7th Grade Confirmation Sermon Notes and LYA registration; **signup sheets** for Camp Indianhead busing information, volunteering at New 2 You, and softball teams; **April editions of** the *ELS President's Newsletter*, *The Cross-stitch Corner*, *Thoughts of Faith*, *The Olive Press* newsletter & calendar, and *MVL's Memo*; and **giving envelopes** for *MVL memorials*.

Congratulations to our 8th grade students and their families! They'll be quite busy during the upcoming weeks as they prepare for their next two big milestones of confirmation and graduation: Anna Schwartz (b), Annika Younge (b), Ayden Brandel (b), Bryn Brown (b), Caden Heyn (c), Caleb DeWitt (g), Caleb Tomhave (b), Carter McCabe (b), Cassandra Mueller (b), Christian Edwards (b), Daniel Norris (b), Ingrid Bloedel (b), Jordan Richtsmeier (b), Joseph Mueller (b), Lexi Karge (c), Montian Natrakul (b), Morgan Paulsen (g), Rylee Woller (g), Samuel Barbosa (b), Samuel Halvorson (g), Simon Kovaciny (b), Tenley Madson (c), Thomas Wosmek(g), Will Enz (c). **Update:** Matthew Strom (c). [(c)onfirmants, (g)raduates, and (b)oth]

Call extended: A call has been extended to Mr. Brent Sorn, currently teaching in Washington, as principal at Mount Olive Lutheran School. **Please keep Mr. Sorn in your prayers** as he deliberates where the Lord would best have him use his many talents to serve God's Kingdom.

Hot Lunch Coordinator/Supervisor for the Mt. Olive CDS will be needed for the 2018-19 school year to prepare and serve lunches. Please contact Principal Rude if you are interested.

PTF Spring Large Group Meeting Set for April 18! Parents of Mt. Olive students, join us this Wednesday, April 18, at 6:30 PM, for our PTF Large Group meeting. At this meeting we will gather at Mt. Olive to create one complete "Wish List" for the Fall 2018 Charger Challenge Fundraiser. Childcare will be provided.

Spring Cleaning: The annual Mt. Olive spring cleanup is **April 21**. Sign-up sheets for the 8 AM and 1 PM shifts are available in the narthex. In case of inclement weather, April 28 is the substitute date.

Lutheran Pioneers will hold their last meeting for the school year at 5 PM **April 22** at Peace Lutheran in North Mankato. The entire family is invited to attend. The Pioneers will be providing the fixings for hot dogs and s'mores; if your family would bring a dish to share, that would be great.

BOGO Book Fair is coming April 25-29! As a “thank you” to everyone who made our book fairs so successful this year, there will be a **Buy One, Get One Free** Scholastic book fair on Wednesday, April 25, from 2:40 PM to 5:30 PM; Thursday, April 26, from 2:40 PM to 5:30 PM; Friday, April 27, from 2:40 PM to 5:30 PM; and Sunday, April 29, from 9:30 AM to 12:15 PM. This is a wonderful time to stock up on books for summer reading! Everything is Buy One Get One Free!

Mount Olive would like to have a float with music for the Fun Days Parade on July 7 and the Tater 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.

Teens and Parents: Check the table in the narthex for registration packets for LYA 2018 in Tacoma, WA, July 26-29. Confirmed youth through college age are encouraged to attend. For more information, or to register online, go to els.org/lya18. **Busing Update:** Chaplain Moldstad has confirmed that buses will be leaving Wednesday morning, July 25, and probably returning late Monday, July 30; cost is estimated to be \$300-325/rider. If you are planning on utilizing the busing, please contact Chaplain Moldstad at donm@blc.edu or Angela Merseth at ammerseth@gmail.com so they can obtain an accurate count.

For All You Softball Fans and Athletes: It is that time of the year again and we are forming softball teams! There is a sign-up sheet 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.

Kwik Trip Cards: Mt. Olive youth (grades 5-12) are selling Kwik Trip Cards as a fundraiser for our church youth activities. The groups currently receive 5% of the profits. Cards are sold between services on **Communion** Sundays year round. Contact Angie Younge: 389-9137 or Rebecca Strom: 386-0372 with questions.

Save the Dates!

Camp VBS 2018 is **June 25-29**. More information will be coming as summer nears.

Camp Indianhead is **July 8-13**. Parents who wish to receive information for camp and bus transportation can provide their email on the sheet available on the Narthex table.

Bethany Lutheran College

Today, at 4 PM in Trinity Chapel: BLC Jazz Band concert, directed by Ben Faugstad, with special guests Ann Fredrickson, Erik Hermanson and the Cleveland High School jazz band.

Today at 7 PM in Honsey Hall: The Bethany World Club invites you to an International Tea at 7 PM. Mingle with Bethany's international students and sample food and beverages from around the world in this festive, cross-cultural culinary event. There is no admission charge, plus there will be music and dancing!

Thursday, April 19, at 7 PM in YFAC Gallery: Art Talk and Reception, Senior Art Show, with art by Alicia Kranz, Kirsten Elyea, Justine Bennett, and Kyliia Irwin. The art will be on display through April 22.

April 20-21 and 27-28 at 7:30 PM & April 22 and 28 at 2:00 PM in Lee Theater, YFAC: *The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde, directed by Peter Bloedel. Tickets are available now at theatre.blc.edu/tickets and at 344-7374, weekdays 1-5 PM. Synopsis: In 1890s London, two bachelors, John 'Jack' Worthing and Algernon 'Algy' Moncrieff, create alter egos named Ernest to escape their tiresome lives. The pair attempt to win the hearts of two women who, conveniently, claim to only love men called Ernest.

Tuesday, April 24 at 7 PM. in Trinity Chapel: Spring Honors Recital.

Saturday, April 28 at 2 PM in Trinity Chapel: Elizabeth Austin and Elise Widmer present their senior recital featuring voice, organ, and Bethany music ensembles. All are welcome to attend.

Children's Clothing Swap: A group from Bethany Lutheran College is organizing a children's clothing swap at Peace Lutheran Church on **April 28th**. If you would like to donate clothing items (up to teens sizes), please drop them off at Peace Lutheran Church or the Mount Olive narthex table clothing donation box or the porch of Karina Clennon at 166 Long Street. Her phone number is 507-380-1030.



ELS

Since the synod from its beginning already was in fellowship with the Wisconsin Synod and the Missouri Synod, the training of pastors and teachers in its early years occurred through these sister synods. In particular, the pastors often were educated at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri

Parents and Educators: You are cordially invited to join the ELS homeschoolers at a symposium in Bethany's Meyer Hall **today** from 2-7 PM. Presenters include Rev. Johann Cauwwe (WELS) speaking about hymnody and Dr. Ryan MacPherson speaking about family devotions. Anyone is welcome to attend. Please register online at <http://www.planetreg.com/elshomeschool>.

Benefit Concert: for the Branch Lutheran Schools of Haiti will be held Saturday, **April 21**, at 7 PM at Peace Lutheran, North Mankato. Music will be provided by "Dr. T. and the Academia Nuts" and special guests, including Adrian Lo. Sandwiches, snacks, and beverages will also be provided.

MVL

Host Families Needed! Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School is in need of host families for international students who want to attend our school. Host parents are compensated monthly for taking in and supporting these young people. For further information contact MVL at 507-354-6851 or sgrams@mvlhs.org.

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School is searching for a Director of Mission Advancement. Interested individuals should contact MVL Principal Tim Plath at tplath@mvlhs.org or 507-354-6851 for more information, as well as a job description and application.

WELS

WLFCS-Christian Family Solutions is currently hiring for multiple positions in our counseling division throughout Wisconsin and Minnesota. To apply, use the following link: <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/Apply/29333/WLFCS-Wisconsin-Lutheran-Children/Licensed-Mental-Health-Professionals>.

In The Olive Press are all other new announcements. Please pick up your copy from the ushers.