

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, April 22, 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:

The people of God are pilgrims and sojourners in this world, looking ahead to a destination yet to come. (1 Peter 2:11-20) Though we are now children of God, the fullness of what we shall be has not yet been revealed. (1 John 3:1-3) We are those who wait on the Lord. "The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him." (Lam. 3:22-33) Jesus tells us that the wait is just a little while. "A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father." (John 16:16-22) Though you must experience sorrow for a time, though you must live as strangers in a world that is at enmity with Christ, yet your sorrow will be turned to joy when He returns. "Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength." (Is. 40:25-31) The little while of weeping shall be replaced with an eternity of rejoicing in the presence of Christ the crucified and risen Savior. "And your joy no one will take from you."



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 joy.)

*(See "Prayers for Worship"
—ELH p. 40)*

~ **Prelude** — *Preservice Music & Opportunity for Prayer*

~ **Opening Prayer**

(ELH p. 41)

P: O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

~ **Entrance Hymn 375 O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe**

(vv. 1-3, Youth Choir; v. 4 ALL)

~ **Confession of Sin** — *Admitting Our Sinfulness to God*

(ELH p. 41)

P: Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins. Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us a true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

~ **Kyrie Eleison** — *"Lord, Have Mercy"*

(ELH p. 42-43)

C: ♪ O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us. O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us. O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us.

~ **Absolution** — *God's Declaration of Forgiveness*

(ELH p. 43, I; Mk 16:16)

P: Lift up your hearts unto God! Almighty God, our heavenly Father has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and

has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all. Amen.

~ **Youth Choir**—“*Sing to the Lord a New Song*” (Psalm 96), arr. Kenton Coe

*Sing to the Lord a new song
Sing to the Lord and bless His name
Sing to the Lord a new song*

*Proclaim the good news of His salvation.
Declare His glory among all nations,
His wonders among all peoples.
Ascribe to the Lord the honor due His name.*

*Let the heavens rejoice
Let the earth be glad
Sing to the Lord a new song.*

~**Hymn of Praise 448, vv. 1, 3** *I Will Sing My Maker’s Praises*

~**Salutation & Collect** — *The Congregation’s Prayer of the Day* (ELH p. 45, p. 156 #69)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ **And with your spirit.**

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, of Your fatherly goodness You allow Your children to come under Your chastening rod here on earth, that we might be like Your only begotten Son in suffering and hereafter in glory: We beseech You, comfort us by Your Holy Spirit in all temptations and afflictions, that we may not fall into despair, but that we may continually trust in Your Son’s promise, that our trials will endure but a little while and will then be followed by eternal joy; that we thus, in patient hope, may overcome all evil, and at last obtain eternal salvation; through the same, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. **C:** ♪ **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

Lamentations 3:18-26 I said, "My endurance has vanished, along with my hope from the LORD." Remember my affliction and my homeless wandering, the wormwood and bitterness. My soul always remembers, and it has sunk within me. Nevertheless, I keep this in my heart. This is the reason I have hope: By the mercies of the LORD we are not consumed, for his compassions do not fail. They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness. My soul says, "The LORD is my portion. Therefore, I will hope in him." The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. It is good to hope quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

~Epistle Lesson

1 Peter 2:11-20 Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and temporary residents in the world, to abstain from the desires of the sinful flesh, which war against your soul. Live an honorable life among the Gentiles so that even though they slander you as evildoers, when they observe your noble deeds, they may glorify God on the day he visits us. Submit to every human authority because of the Lord, whether to the king as the supreme authority or to governors as those who have been sent by him to punish those who do what is wrong and to praise those who do what is right. For this is God's will: that you silence the ignorance of foolish people by doing good. Do this as free people, and do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but use it as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king. Slaves, submit to your masters with total respect, not only to those who are good and kind but also to those who are harsh. For this is favorable: if a person endures sorrows while suffering unjustly because he is conscious of God. For what credit is it to you if you receive a beating for sinning and patiently endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and endure it, this is favorable with God.

~The Holy Gospel

John 16:16-23 "In a little while you are not going to see me anymore, and again in a little while you will see me, because I am going away to the Father." Therefore some of his disciples asked one another, "What does he mean when he tells us, 'In a little while you are not going to see me, and again in a little while you will see me,' and 'Because I am going away to the Father'?" So they kept asking, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We don't understand what he's saying." Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, "Are you trying to determine with one another what I meant by saying, 'In a little while you are not going to see me, and again in a little while you will see me'? Amen, Amen, I tell you: You will weep and wail, but the world will rejoice. You will become sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn to joy. A woman giving birth has pain, because her time has come. But when she has delivered

the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, because of her joy that a person has been born into the world. "So you also have sorrow now. But I will see you again. Your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you. In that day you will not ask me anything. Amen, Amen, I tell you: Whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you."

C: ♪ God be praised for His glad tidings.

(ELH p. 46)

~Nicene Creed — Confession of Faith

(ELH p. 47)

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 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 377, vv. 1-4 *Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me*

~Sermon Text

John 16:19-20 Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, "Are you trying to determine with one another what I meant by saying, 'In a little while you are not going to see me, and again in a little while you will see me'? Amen, Amen, I tell you: You will weep and wail, but the world will rejoice. You will become sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn to joy."

~Sermon Message

"Encouragement to Wait Patiently on the Lord"

~Prayer of the Church & Apostolic Benediction

(ELH p. 48-49, 2Cor 13:14)

P: Everlasting and merciful God, we beseech You in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

C: To have mercy upon us and to hear our prayer.

P: Look in mercy upon Your Church. Protect it and sanctify it by Your truth. May Your Word be taught in its purity and Your Sacraments be rightly administered. Grant unto Your Church faithful pastors who shall declare Your truth with power and shall live according to Your will. Send forth laborers into Your harvest and open the door of faith unto all unbelievers and unto the people of Israel. In mercy remember the enemies of Your Church and grant to them repentance unto life.

C: O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, hear us in the truth of Your salvation.

P: Let Your protecting hand be over our country and over all who travel. Prosper what is good among us and bring to naught every evil counsel and purpose. Protect and bless Your servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this state, our judges and magistrates and all in authority. Fit them for their high calling by the gift of Your Spirit of wisdom and fear, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

C: Hear, O Lord, and have mercy! Lord be our helper.

P: According to Your promise, O God, be the defender of the widow and the father of the orphan. Relieve and comfort the sick and the sorrowful (especially our brother/sister _ who is ill/grieving). Graciously help those who are assaulted by the devil and who are in peril of death. Be the strength of those who are suffering for the sake of Christ's holy name. Grant that we may live together in peace and prosperity. Bestow upon us good and seasonable weather; and bless us with upright Christian counsel in all that we undertake.

C: O Lord, be with all in trouble. Hear their prayers to the honor of Your Name.

P: We especially commend to Your care and keeping this Your congregation which You have bought with a great price. Keep from us all offenses and bind us together in the unity of Your holy love. Grant that the little ones who are baptized in Your name may be brought up in Your fear. At Your table give to those who there commune with You peace and life everlasting.

C: Let all rejoice who trust in You; let them shout for joy because You defend them.

P: In Your mercy look upon In Christ's name we pray.

C: Lord, in Your mercy hear our prayer.

P: Be merciful, O God, to all, according to Your great love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. When our final hour shall come, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection to Your glory.

C: Amen. Grant us Your peace, O Lord!

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

C: Amen.

~ Offering and Hymn 377, vv. 5-8 *Death Cannot Destroy Forever*

*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.*

~ Collect of Thanksgiving

(ELH p. 58-59, III)

P: Lord God, our heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your great mercy You have given us Your holy and blessed Word, by which You also among us gather Your Christian Church. We humbly entreat You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we receive Your Word with thankful hearts, and live according to it, and ever increase in Christian faith, and hope, and love, and at last obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, 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. 59; 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.

~ Closing Hymn 448 vv. 4, 6 *When I Sleep, He Still Is Near Me*

~ Closing Prayer

(ELH p. 59)

P: O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

~ **Postlude** — Opportunity for Prayer & to Greet One Another!

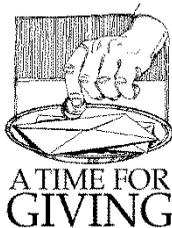
(See "Prayers for Worship"
—ELH p. 40)

Preacher: Pastor Luke Ulrich / Liturgist: Pastor John Petersen
Organists: 1st: Cassie Johnson / 2nd: Mark DeGarmeaux
Youth Choir Director: Katie Sulzle; Violinist: Matthew Strom
Accompanists: Lexi & Blake Fosburgh

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8:30am, 122/75; 10:45am, 84/68; Monday: 27/23

GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$3790.88



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 22, 2018—April 29, 2018

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
Monday April 23	10AM 6:30PM 7:30PM	Veterans' Bible Study Divine Service w/Holy Communion Evangelism Committee
Tuesday April 24	8AM 7PM	Women's Bible Study – <i>Colossians</i> MOM's Bible Study
Wednesday April 25	8:05AM 8:10AM 9AM 4PM 7PM	CDS Chapel MOM's Bible Study Bible Study – <i>Daniel</i> Confirmation Class Men's Chorus
Thurs. Apr. 26	7PM	Confirmation Examination
Fri. Apr. 27	10:15AM	Service at Pathstone (Pastor Ulrich)
Sat. Apr. 28	8:45AM	Confirmation Portraits & Rehearsal
Sunday April 29	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 7:30PM	Confirmation Divine Service Sunday School/Bible Study/BIC Divine Service & Confirmation Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

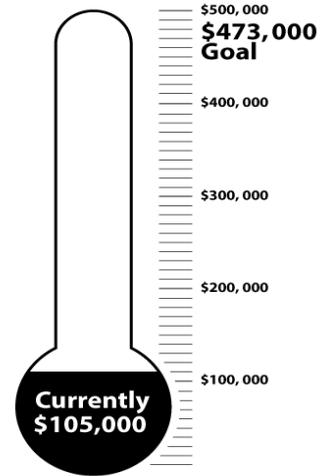
Flowers on the Altar: The flowers beautifying the altar today are given to God's glory by Ron and Kathy Koth.

Special Voters' Meeting: After prayerful consideration, Mr. Brent Sorn has declined the call to serve as Mt. Olive's next principal. A voters' meeting is now scheduled for **Monday, April 30, at 7:30 PM** to extend another call.

BUILDING ON OUR MISSION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Members of Mount Olive,
Fundraising has begun for the Building On Our Mission expansion project! For all those who have made 'pledges of intent' towards the Building on Our Mission campaign or wish to support the project, **NOW** is the time to begin making your gifts!

Through March 31st, \$105,000 in gifts have been received out of a total of \$473,000 in total pledges, which is a great start. Half of our members who made pledges have submitted their first gift, and we encourage all members to begin making contributions as we get closer to groundbreaking this Fall. Also, look for the B.O.O.M. thermometer in the Narthex that will be used to chart our fundraising progress soon! Here are the ways to fulfill your expressed commitment towards the successful completion of our building project:



1. Offering Envelope

- Indicate your gift to the 'Building Campaign' on the line 'Special Gift For' with a dollar figure in addition to your regular offerings

2. Online Automatic Payment

- Debit or credit cards are accepted to set-up weekly or monthly payments at www.mtolivelutheran.org. Click 'Donate Online' at the bottom of the page. Create your profile, indicate 'Building Campaign' in the Special Funds – Other box. Please call the church office if you require assistance in setting up your recurring gift.

If you are a new member of Mount Olive and would like to learn more about supporting the Building On Our Mission campaign, please contact any member of the Building Committee: <http://www.mtolivelutheran.org/publications/building-projects/building-committee/>. Gift intent forms are available in the church office and in the narthex.

*"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops;
Then your barns will be filled to overflowing,
and your vats will brim over with new wine." – Proverbs 3:9-10*

Sincerely,

Members of the Building Committee

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*.

Installation of Rev. Michael Lillienthal is **today** at 4 PM at Our Savior's in Albert Lea.

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]

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.

Lutheran Pioneers will hold their last meeting for the school year at 5 PM **today** 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!

Spring Clean-up: Next Saturday, **April 28**, we'll need volunteers for a few hours in the morning (8-noon) to spruce up the church grounds--grass seed to plant, dirt to move, garbage to pick up, and some minor brush clean up.

Attention Youth: We are looking for helpers with our summer parades! On Saturday, July 7, 2018, Mt. Olive will be participating in the North Mankato Fun Days

parade. This year, we have been presented with a very generous and unique opportunity for our youth! Family Fun Shows will be giving each Mt. Olive youth that participates in the Fun Days parade 5 **free** ride tickets and one **free** game at the Duck Pond at the end of the Parade Route. If your youth or family would like to participate in the Fun Days parade, please sign up by contacting Michelle Graham (507-720-7258). We will share more details with you as the date draws closer.

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.

Please pick up your dishes: Dishes left over from the Easter breakfast have been moved to the Fireside Room; remaining dishes will eventually be donated to New 2 You.

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.

Mt. Olive School Scrip Program offers gift cards for purchase for a wide variety of retailers. A percentage of gift card purchases go towards Mt. Olive Tuition. Visit www.shopwithscrip.com to view the 400+ participating retailers. If you have questions or need help getting started email Tanya Norris scrip@mtolivelutheran.org or Tiffany Riesgraf triesgraf@yahoo.com.

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 from 1-4 PM: Elementary-aged students (~age 6-10) are welcome to join Bethany students for an afternoon of sports, crafts, and other fun activities. The event is free and will be held at the Sports and Fitness Center on Bethany's campus.

Today at 7 PM in Trinity Chapel (rescheduled from last Sunday): BLC Jazz Band concert, directed by Ben Faugstad, with special guest vocalist Ann Fredrickson, plus Erik Hermanson and the Cleveland High School jazz band.

Today at 8 PM in Honsey Hall (rescheduled from last Sunday): The Bethany World Club invites you to an International Tea. 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!

April 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.

Sunday, April 29, at 3 PM in Trinity Chapel: Piano and harp recital Pianist Sarah Wei, student of Dr. Bethel Balge, and harpist Cynthia Krause, student of Phala Tracy, present a recital. All are welcome to attend.

Parents of Young Children: Bethany Library has teamed with the Education Department to start a weekly story time for home school families and/or stay-at-home families with smaller children. Please join us at 9 AM, **April 30**, at the Library.

Monday, April 30, at 7 PM in Trinity Chapel: The Bethany Lutheran College Concert Band and Chamber Orchestra present an end of the year concert. Each ensemble will perform, then both groups combine to perform two full orchestra selections: "Peer Gynt Suite" and "Anvil Chorus".

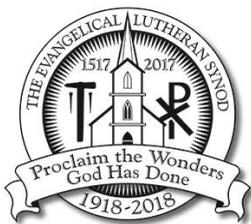
Tuesday, May 1, at 7 PM in Trinity Chapel: Voice student Tony Cordes presents a voice recital.

Wednesday, May 2 at 7 PM in Trinity Chapel: Piano performance major Brittany Moldstad presents her senior piano recital.

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.

Please note the letter on the bulletin board in the entrance regarding some special days and events being planned at Bethany in support of Dr. Polly Browne and her continuing struggle with cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.

ELS



In 1927, the ELS voted to take over the ownership and operation of Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, Minnesota. The school was established in 1911 as Bethany Ladies' College and became available for purchase the previous year. An association was formed first to acquire the college. The price was \$90,000, and carried with it an immediate payment of \$20,000. The fifteen acre campus was valued at \$400,000.

Parents and Educators (rescheduled from last Sunday): 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; you don't have to homeschool to participate! Childcare will be provided during the session. Please register online at <http://www.planetreg.com/elshomeschool>.

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

WLCFS-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/WLCFS-Wisconsin-Lutheran-Children/Licensed-Mental-Health-Professionals>.

COMMUNITY

Visit the VINE Adult Day Program on Wednesday, May 2, from 3:30 – 5:30 PM for refreshments and a tour at 421 E. Hickory St. in Mankato. Older adults in midlife and beyond with physical or cognitive challenges, as well as those who are isolated, enjoy active engagement with others, purposeful activities, and intellectual stimulation. This affordable program delays and/or alleviates a costlier move to a nursing facility or catered living. Call Mary W. at (507) 386-5577 for more information.