



## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 6, 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:**

*"Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you." (Jn 16:23-33) To pray in Jesus' name is to pray as one baptized. For it is in the water that He put His name upon you, claiming you as His own, making you sons of God in Him with access to the Father. By His incarnation and crucifixion our Lord Jesus broke through the barrier of sin which separated us from God, opening a portal to the Father. To pray in Jesus' name is to pray with faith in Him as the one Mediator between God and men, who gave Himself a ransom for all. (I Timothy 2:1-6) Like Moses in the wilderness, Jesus is our go-between and intercessor before the throne of heaven. He was lifted up for us on the cross that we might be saved and restored to fellowship with the Father. (Num 21:4-9) Looking into this perfect teaching of liberty (James 1:22-27) we pray with boldness and confidence as dear children of God.*



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.)*

~ **Prelude** — *Preservice music & opportunity for prayer*

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

~ **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 3** *Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise*

~ **Confession of Sin** — *Admitting our sinfulness to God*

*(ELH p. 41-42)*

P: Let us confess our sins to God and pray: We poor sinners confess to You, O God, not only that we have been conceived and born in sin, but also that throughout life we have often and in many ways offended You, our Lord and Maker, in thought, word and deed, so that You could with perfect justice reject and condemn us for all eternity.

Therefore we come before You with sorrow of heart, in dread and terror of Your holy justice and of everlasting death. Our sins are a grievous foe, which we should hate in every way as long as we live.

O merciful God, You still grant us in this hour to be reminded of Your fatherly goodness. According to the promise of Your Word we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, and implore You, dearest Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only-begotten Son, our Brother, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised again for our justification:

Forgive us all our sins through faith, which the Holy Spirit increases in our hearts to full assurance.

**C: We therefore pray You, O Lord, through Your servant to declare to us the forgiveness of all our sins. We poor sinners are willing to forgive all who have offended against us. We earnestly desire to grow in true godliness. Help us, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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: Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord: Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and of my holy office I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~ **Men’s Choir**—“***Give Ear, O Lord, Unto My Prayer,***” arr. Walter Ehret

*Give ear, O Lord, Give ear unto my prayer.*

*Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer.*

*Attend to the voice of my supplications.*

*For Thou art good and plenteous in mercy*

*Unto those that call upon Thee.*

*O Lord, hear our prayer, O hear our prayer.*

~**Salutation** — *The people’s blessing for the Pastor’s work*

(ELH p. 45)

P: The Lord be with you.

**C:** ♪ **And with your spirit.**

~**Collect** — *The congregation’s prayer of the day*

(ELH p. 45, p. 156 #71)

P: Let us pray: Lord God, heavenly Father, through Your Son You have promised us that whatever we ask in His name You will give us: We beseech You, keep us in Your Word, and grant us Your Holy Spirit, that He may govern us according to Your will; protect us from the power of the devil, from false doctrine and worship; and also defend our lives against all danger. Grant us Your blessing and peace, that we may in all things perceive Your merciful help, and both now and forever praise and glorify You as our gracious Father; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

**C:** ♪ **Amen.**

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## 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

**Jeremiah 29:11-14** For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive.

### ~Men's Choir - Psalm 116

*(Refrain) I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.*

*I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.*

*Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.*

*The Lord is gracious and righteous; when I was in great need, he saved me.*

*(Refrain)*

*For you, O Lord, have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.*

*How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?*

*I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.*

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

*(Refrain)*

### ~Epistle Lesson

**James 1:22-27** Be people who do what the word says, not people who only hear it. Such people are deceiving themselves. In fact, if anyone hears the word and does not do what it says, he is like a man who carefully looks at his own natural face in a mirror. Indeed, he carefully looks at himself; then, he goes away and immediately forgets what he looked like. But the one who looks carefully into the perfect law, the law of freedom, and continues to do so—since he does not hear and forget but actually does what it says—that person will be blessed in what he does. If anyone considers himself to be religious but deceives his own heart because he does not bridle his tongue, this person's religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled in the sight of God the

Father is this: to take care of orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

~**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 256, vv. 1, 4, 5** *When Afflictions Sore Oppress You*

~**Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text**

**Luke 18:1-8** Jesus told them a parable about the need to always pray and not lose heart: “There was a judge in a certain town who did not fear God and did not care about people. There was a widow in that town, and she kept going to him, saying, ‘Give me justice from my adversary!’ For some time he refused, but after a while he said to himself, ‘Even though I do not fear God or care about people, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice so that she will not wear me out with her endless pleading.’” The Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. Will not God give justice to his chosen ones, who are crying out to him day and night? Will he put off helping them? I tell you that he will give them justice quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

~Sermon Message

***The Lord Expects to Hear From Us!***

1. *He knows our needs.*
2. *He wants to help and protect us.*

~Prayers & Special Petitions

~ **Offering and Hymn 320, vv. 1, 4, 6-8 *Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Bestowed***

*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.*

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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.*

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~**Preface** — *Preparing our hearts for Communion*

*(ELH p. 50 ff.; 2 Tim 4:22, Col 3:1, Ps 136)*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ **And with your spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts unto the Lord.

C: ♪ **We lift up our hearts unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C: ♪ **It is good and right so to do.**

**~Proper Preface**

*(ELH p. 51)*

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, but chiefly are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**~Sanctus — “Holy, Holy, Holy”**

*(ELH p. 51-52)*

**C: ♪ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heav’n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**~Lord’s Prayer**

*(ELH p. 53; 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 pow’r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**~Words of Institution**

*(ELH p. 54; 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. 55; Jn 1:29)*

**C: ♪ O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.**

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

**~Distribution**

**Hymn 327, v. 1 *O Lord, We Praise Thee***

**Hymn 383, vv. 1-3 *Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above***

**Hymn 327, v. 2 *Thy Holy Body***

**Hymn 383, vv. 4-6 *Thy Will Be Done on Earth, O Lord***

**Hymn 327, v. 3 *May God Bestow on Us***

**Hymn 383, vv. 7, 8 *Into Temptation Lead Us Not***

**Hymn 313, vv. 11, 12 *Thy Body Giv'n For Me***

**~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** — *In appreciation of God's gift*

*(ELH p. 56)*

P: Let us give thanks and pray: We thank You, Lord God Almighty, that You have refreshed us with these Your salutary gifts; and we beseech You of Your mercy, to strengthen us through the same in faith toward You, and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

**~ Benediction** — *Final blessing for God's people*

*(ELH p. 56-57; 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 383, v. 9 *Amen! That Is, So Let It Be***

**~ Closing Prayer**

*(ELH p. 57)*

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)*

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*Preacher: Pastor John Petersen / Liturgist: Pastor Luke Ulrich*  
*Organists: 1<sup>st</sup>: Cassie Johnson / 2<sup>nd</sup>: John Baumann*  
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## **LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE**

**Sunday: 8:30am, 270; 10:45am, 397; Monday: 20**  
**GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$15,173.99**



***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](http://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.*

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## **SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK**

**Greeters: 1<sup>st</sup> Service:** Ernie & Marge Lillo, Steve & Lois Jaeger

2<sup>nd</sup> Service: Mark & Vivian Smith, John & Nada Foede

**Ushers: 1<sup>st</sup> Service:** Nathan Graham, Chad Sorensen,  
Darrell Iverson, Ray Iverson, Art Westphal

2<sup>nd</sup> Service: Paul Tweit (captain), Blake Fosburgh,  
Lance Johnson, Bob Fosburgh

**Offering Counters:** Bruce Gratz, Craig Christensen

**Altar Guild:** Joni Bode, Lynette Merseth

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**WEEK AT A GLANCE: May 6, 2018—May 13, 2018**

<b>Sunday</b> May 6	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM Noon 1PM 7:30PM	<b>Men's Chorus</b> Divine Service w/Holy Communion Sunday School/Bible Study/BIC Divine Service w/Holy Communion Board of Deacons Encourage One Another Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
<b>Monday</b> May 7	6:30PM 6:30PM 7PM 8:15PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Board of Education Board of Stewardship Softball, Caswell 3
<b>Tuesday</b> May 8	8AM	<b>CDS—No AM Busing</b> Women's Bible Study - <i>Colossians</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> May 9	8:05AM 9AM 4PM 7PM	CDS Chapel Bible Study - <i>Daniel</i> Confirmation Class Men's Chorus
<b>Thursday</b> May 10	6:30PM	CDS Track Meet—Redwood Falls Ascension Service
<b>Fri.</b> May 11		
<b>Sat.</b> May 12	Noon to 5PM	Canvassing
<b>Sunday</b> May 13	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 6PM 7:30PM	<b>Mother's Day</b> Divine Service Sunday School/Bible Study/BIC Divine Service Artemis Video Game Night Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Flowers on the altar** are given to God's glory by the Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study in memory of Pastor Karl Hermanson, son of Betsy & Ross Hermanson.

**Flowers under the cross** are given to God's glory by Mark & Sandy Johnson.

## Congregational 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 31<sup>st</sup>, \$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, watch the B.O.O.M. thermometer heat-up in the Narthex as our fundraising grows!

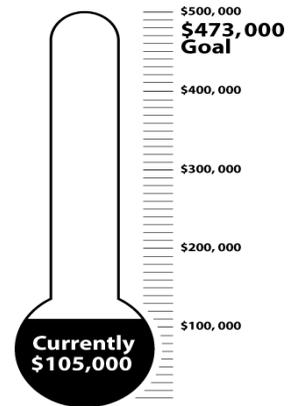
Here are the ways to fulfill your expressed commitment towards the successful completion of our building project:

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](http://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

## **Building Committee Update**

On Tuesday, May 1 the Building Committee met with representatives from ISG and WEB Construction for an update on the progress that has been made in the "Schematic Design Phase" of our building project. During this phase, the architects and designers from ISG have been meeting with user groups to gain additional input related to various areas of the new construction in order to best accommodate the wishes and needs of the congregation and school. This detailed input is allowing the team from ISG to provide more accurate details and descriptions to WEB as they continue to refine their estimated costs for the project. At Tuesday's meeting, ISG presented their refined design plans and WEB presented their first ROUGH cost estimates. The meeting was very productive, and a wide variety of items were discussed in great detail that were either clarified, revised, agreed upon, or required additional research and analysis by ISG and WEB. As a result of this meeting, ISG will now be able to continue refining the design plans, which allows WEB to continue dialing in their cost estimates. Future update meetings will take place to continue refining all details related to the project until a final schematic design and cost estimate is arrived at and agreed upon. The Building Committee will do its best to continue to keep the congregation informed of the process and progress.

**On the narthex table are copies of** the *Building On Our Mission* packets and the *Mt. Olive Herald*; **forms** for 7<sup>th</sup> 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 Cross-stitch Corner and Thoughts of Faith*; **May editions of** the *ELS President's Newsletter*, *The Olive Press* newsletter & calendar, and *MVL's Memo*; and **giving envelopes** for *MVL memorials*.

**Chaplain Don Moldstad** is giving a video presentation on our Synod's history during the adult Sunday School class today in the Social Hall. All are welcome!

**Call Extended:** A call has been extended to Mr. Benjamin Schramm to be the next principal at Mt. Olive Lutheran School. A letter from Mr. Schramm acknowledging the call is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

**Ascension Service:** Please join us for our Ascension Service this Thursday evening, **May 10**, at 6:30 PM, as we celebrate our Savior's return to heaven and His finished work of redeeming us from our sins. Pastor Petersen will preach on Luke 24:50-53 – "The Happy Separation."

**Canvassing Event:** Our next canvassing date is **May 12th** at noon. Our main goal is to spread the Gospel and tell our neighbors that they can come to Mt. Olive to hear more about the Good News! Lunch will be provided; we will have a quick warm up and prep,

then we will go out together to have fun sharing the Gospel. Afterward, we'll have supper to celebrate the success of planting seeds. Please RSVP if you are able to attend so we can get an estimate for food and other materials. Invite your children, friends, and family who can tag along! You can RSVP via [jbasel@mtolivelutheran.org](mailto:jbasel@mtolivelutheran.org) or text at 512-373-9064.

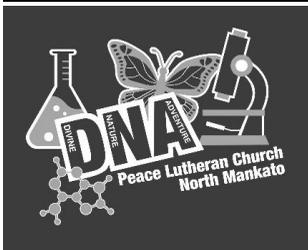
**A Thank-You Note:** “Many thanks to all those people who sent cards and the many prayers given for me during my recent surgery and recovery thus far. I am getting stronger every day. Our Lord is a gracious God!” Marvin Meyer

**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.

**Softball Fans:** join us for the season opener on Monday, **May 7**, 8:15 PM, at Caswell 3, where Mt. Olive will play River Ridge Evangelical Free.

**Softball Umpires needed:** Mt. Olive Lutheran Grade School sponsors a grade school co-ed softball tournament on Tuesday, **May 15**, at Caswell Park. Games begin at 9:00, so umps will need to report by 8:45. The tournament usually gets done around 3:30. We are looking for volunteers (or paid individuals) for umping. Umps do not need to worry about balls and strikes, since they just call the bases. Each batter gets 4 pitches to attempt to get a hit. Batters may still strike out. Umps will need to know the basic softball rules. If you are able to help out on this day ( all day or partial ), please contact Mr. Zibrowski by calling the school office at 345-7927 or emailing Mr. Zibrowski at [mrz@mtolivelutheran.org](mailto:mrz@mtolivelutheran.org).

**VBS 2018 at Peace Lutheran Church,** North Mankato, will be Monday-Wednesday,



**June 11-13**, from 9AM to 2PM. Our theme will be “**Divine Nature Adventure-DNA,**” a science-themed VBS! Daily adventures and science experiments will focus on how God creates, changes, and sustains us, His dear children. Children ages 4 through going into 6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to attend. The cost is \$5 per participant. **Registration is required.** Forms are available at [peacemankato.com](http://peacemankato.com) and must be turned in to the church office at Peace by Sunday, May 27. Invite a friend!

**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 at 507-514-2035 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](http://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](mailto:donm@blc.edu) or Angela Merseth at [ammerseth@gmail.com](mailto:ammerseth@gmail.com) so they can obtain an accurate count.

**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**. Fliers are on the narthex table. Register by Sunday, June 10.

**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. Contact Lance Johnson at [lgustavj77@gmail.com](mailto:lgustavj77@gmail.com) or cell phone (507-720-2130) if you have questions.

### **Bethany Lutheran College**

**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

Bethany Lutheran College became a co-educational junior college in 1927 when it was purchased by the ELS. At that time a high school department also was established which shared both the faculty and the dormitories. The high school was discontinued in 1969. Today, Bethany Lutheran College offers twenty-four majors, twenty-four minors, and eight pre-professional programs taught by seventy-five full-time and adjunct faculty.

**On Saturday, June 16, the ELS Historical Society** will revisit the convention of one hundred years ago at Albert Lea and Lime Creek. The theme of the day will be “Still Under the Oaks”. The program will begin at 3:00 pm at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church (Albert Lea, MN). Following the program and a catered lunch, a brief commemorative service will be held at Lime Creek Lutheran Church (Lake Mills, IA). You do not have to be a member of the Historical Society to attend! Anyone interested is welcome to partake in this special event. **Registrations are due by June 1** in order to make reservations for the catered meal; registration forms are on the narthex table.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:tplath@mvlhs.org) or 507-354-6851 for more information, as well as a job description and application.

### WELS

**Commissioning Service:** The members of Mt. Olive are cordially invited to a special worship service at which Dr. Michael K. Smith will be commissioned to serve at Asia Lutheran Seminary (WELS). The service will take place on Sunday, **May 20**, at 3:30PM in Trinity Chapel on the campus of Bethany Lutheran College. The Rev. John Petersen will preach for the occasion, and the Rev. Jonathan Leach (WELS) will perform the rite of commissioning.



**WORLD CUP SOCCER VBS!**

Jesus... For The Whole World!

1 John 2:2

**FREE Soccer Camp**

*led by enthusiastic & experienced coaches*

June 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>      8:15am - Noon

\*FREE T-Shirt\*

Camp VBS is for students entering  
Preschool (age 4 by September 1<sup>st</sup>)  
through 5th Grade (Fall 2018).

***Advance Registration Required***

***Deadline: Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>***

Sign-up Online:  
[www.mtolivelutheran.org](http://www.mtolivelutheran.org)