



MOMs Bible Study Child Care

Would you like to earn a little extra cash?

Looking for: A few reliable childcare workers to supervise young children while their moms participate in Bible Study.

When: Wednesday Mornings from 8:00-10am, Feb 3rd – Apr 27th

Where: Mt Olive Lutheran Church

Responsibilities: Read bible stories, sings songs, supervise activities and play time, and feed provided snack. This is a paid position.

*Must pass State of MN background check

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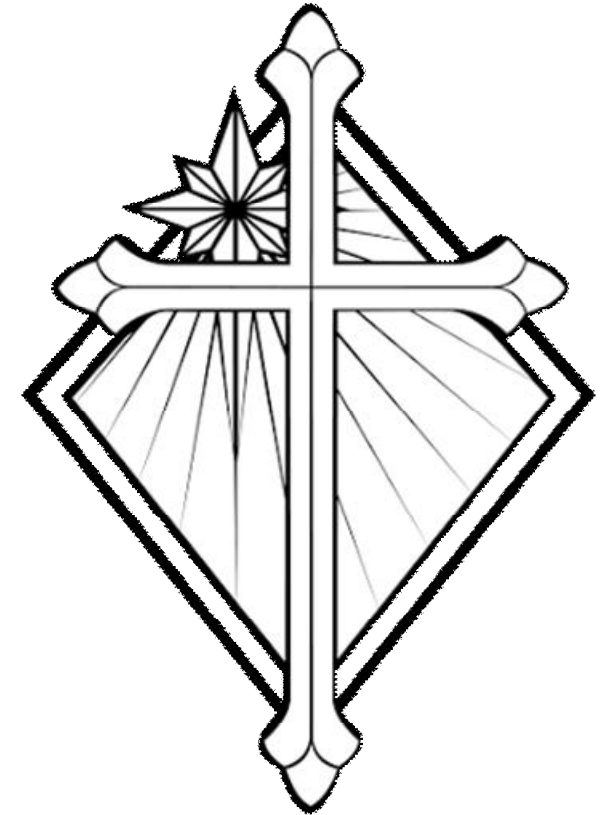
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Larry Rude

Epiphany

Sunday,
January 10, 2016
8:30 & 10:45am

 Evangelical
Lutheran
Synod



Epiphany

Welcome! In the name of our risen Savior we welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshipping with us this morning. 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.

Order of Service, Matins for the Epiphany of our Lord (p. 109)

~Prelude

~Hymn 167 vv. 1, 5, 6 *How Lovely Shines the Morning Star*

~Confession of Sin (p. 109)

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

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

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



Moms on a Mission (M.O.M.s)

Bible Study

Moms supporting moms in raising godly children

A Bible Study for women to gather, support and strengthen each other in our vocation as moms. While the mothers gather, the children have an opportunity to learn Bible stories, sing songs and play with friends in a supervised environment.

Prov 22:6 Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

Topic: Families Under God:

When: Wednesday Mornings, February 3rd – April 27th

Where: Mt Olive Church (social hall)

8:00 – 8:45 Drop off children / Fellowship

8:45 - 9:45 M.O.M.s Bible Study / Supervised children's play

9:45- 10:00 Children join moms for devotion and songs

If you plan to join us please e-mail Kristen Lukasek with your name, children's names and ages.

Questions contact: Kristen Lukasek (mattlukasek@yahoo.com)

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Rachel Ulrich (renderle@gmail.com)

ATTENTION MEN: Join us at our
Men's Greasy Breakfast!



When: Saturday, January 30th, from 8am to 9:30am

Where: Mount Olive Lutheran Church's Fellowship Hall

What: Come and enjoy Breakfast as we have a brief study and discussion on the "Importance of Leading/How to Lead Home Devotions with your Family." Please come and join us! Invite any friends to come join in as well.

For Whom: All Men ages 16-106 Welcome (*Please invite your friends!*)

Cost: Free! (— *Some suggested devotional books will be available for sale at a discounted rate — so you may want to bring along a few bucks.*)



Please RSVP by January 28th by calling the Mt. Olive Church Office: 507-345-4966 Or emailing LukeUlrich@Gmail.com—We want to be sure to have enough food!

~Versicles (pp. 109-110)

P: O Lord, open my lips.

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

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

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

~Psalmody Hymn 103 vv. 1, 4, 5 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* (based on Psalm 72)

~Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6 Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. "Lift up your eyes all around, and see: they all gather together, they come to you; Your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be nursed at your side. Then you shall see and become radiant, and your heart shall swell with joy; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you. The multitude of camels shall cover your land, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come; they shall bring gold and incense, and they shall proclaim the praises of the LORD.

~Choir: "*As With Gladness Men of Old*" arr. Jacob Weber

As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold;

*As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led by Thee.*

As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to Thy lowly bed,

*There to bend the knee before Thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet Ever seek Thy mercy seat.*

As they offered gifts most rare At Thy cradle, rude and bare,

*So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ to Thee, our heav'nly King.*

Holy Jesus ev'ry day Keep us in the narrow way;

*And when earthly things are past Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glory hide. Alleluia!*

*In the heav'nly country bright
Need they no created light.
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,
Thou its sun which goes not down;
There forever may we sing
Alleluias to our King.*

~Epistle Lesson

Romans 3:23-31 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law. Or is He the God of the Jews only? Is He not also the God of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also, since there is one God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.

~Hymn 173 vv. 1, 2, 5 *The Star Proclaims the King Is Here*

(all may stand to sing verse 5)

~Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text

Matthew 2:1-12 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you shall come a Ruler who will shepherd My people Israel.'" Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also." When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. And when they

2016 Offering Envelopes: 2016 offering envelopes are available on the table in the entryway. Please note that your envelope number may be different than last year.

New 2 You: Please continue to support New 2 You by volunteering, making donations, shopping our store, or praying for continued blessings on their efforts. If you would like to become a volunteer please call New2You at [507-385-1455](tel:507-385-1455). *~Mt. Olive provides volunteers on the first Saturday of every month. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.*

Thrivent Members, To designate Thrivent Choice Dollars go to www.Thrivent.com, or call [1-800-847-4836](tel:1-800-847-4836). Options for designating funds include Mount Olive, Bethany College and Seminary, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, Thoughts of Faith, and others.

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 Krista Petzel krista.petzel@gmail.com.

Kwik Trip Cards: Mt. Olive youth (grades 5-12) are selling Kwik Trip Cards as a fundraiser for our church Youth Groups. 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.

GUEST ORGANIST: Our organist for both services next Sunday will be BLC graduate Mr. Mark Davidson who currently serves as music director at Trinity Lutheran Church in Waukesha, WI. Mark occasionally served as organist here during his student days.

The next Red Cross Blood Drive at Mt. Olive will be **Friday, Jan. 29** from 1 – 6PM. To schedule an appointment please call [1 800 733 2767](tel:18007332767) or visit their website www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code MTOLIVEKATO. **1 pint of blood can save 3 lives!**

Attention Jr. Youth: Due to scheduling conflicts and other school sporting events, we are going to postpone our Jr. Youth Meeting that was scheduled for January 15th. We will be back with a fun activity on Friday, February 12th - So mark your calendars!

Basketball Game Volunteers: Do you enjoy watching basketball or being around fun loving people? Please consider helping out at some of Mt Olive's home basketball games. We are in need of volunteers especially for the Charger Classic coming up on Saturday, **January 23** at Bethany College. Sign-up sheets are located in the narthex for the various games. You may sign up for the various time slots that are left open at this point. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Zibrowski. Thank You.

Join us for a playdate! The Moms On a Mission bible study group invites you and your little ones (home schooled older children, too!) to join us for a playdate at K & G gymnastics. On Friday, January 15, from 9:30 to 11:30 our children can play on the equipment at K & G for just \$5 per family. All are welcome to join us. Invite a friend, too! All participants will be asked to sign a waiver. Questions? Contact Kristen Lukasek at mattlukasek@yahoo.com.

Volunteers needed for the Baby Expo: On **January 30, 2016** from 9AM-1PM at the Verizon Wireless Center, Mt. Olive will operate a booth at the Baby Expo. Help us to share God's saving love and information about our church and school. We will have books and other items to give away. Please contact Michelle Graham ([507 720 7258](tel:5077207258)) if you are interested!

Annual Report Deadline Update: At a recent voters' meeting, it was decided to make our June 26, 2016 meeting the annual meeting. No reports are due at this time.

had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

~Sermon Theme

"Come and Worship the True King"

1. Not with a false heart like hypocritical Herod.
2. But with a sincere faith like those Wise Men – the Magi.

~Offering & Hymn 145 *What Child Is This?*

~Prayer

~Canticle: Hymn 166 *Arise and Shine in Splendor* ("Surge Illuminare" -Isaiah 60)

~Kyrie (pp. 116-117)

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

~Lord's Prayer (p. 117)

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

~Collect

P: O God, by the leading of a star You manifested Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: Mercifully grant that we, who know You now by faith, may after this life enjoy the fullness of Your glorious Godhead; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

~Benedicamus (p. 119)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

~**Benediction** (p. 119)

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

C: ♪ **Amen.**

~**Closing Hymn 172 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise**

Preacher: Pastor Luke Ulrich/ Liturgist: Pastor John J. Petersen

Organists: 1st: Dennis Marzolf/ 2nd: Mark DeGarmeaux

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8:30am; 212/176 10:45am; 136/103 Monday: 20/15

New Year's Eve: 112/78

GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$28,094.85

NEEDED EACH WEEK TO MEET ANNUAL BUDGET: \$15,500

2 Corinthians 9:7b, 8 For God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

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 10AM and Thursdays at 11:30AM.

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK

Ushers: 1st Service: Steve Beilke (captain), Nate Beilke, Don Westphal,
Eric Westphal, Elias Bonnet

2nd Service: Mike Pleiss (captain), Keith Eisberg, Loren Halvorson,
David Liverseed, Andrew Zondervan

Greeters: 1st Service: Mark & Vivian Smith, Eldon Sting

2nd Service: Dave & Katie Sulzle, James & Carolyn Gates

Offering Counters: John Pfeffer, Steve Lussky

Altar Guild: Connie Gullixson, Connie Meyer

WEEK AT A GLANCE: January 10, 2016 - January 17, 2016

Sunday January 10	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 5-7PM 7:30PM	Divine Service Sunday School/Bible Class/Bible Information Class Divine Service Lutheran Girl Pioneers Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
Monday January 11	9:30AM 6:30PM 6:30PM	Area Pastors' Conference Divine Service Church Council
Tuesday January 12	8AM	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday January 13	8:05AM 9AM 3:45PM 7PM	CDS Chapel Bible Study 8 th Gr. Confirmation (NO 7 th Gr. Confirmation) Choir
Thursday January 14		
Friday January 15		
Saturday January 16		
Sunday January 17	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 1PM 7:30PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Sunday School/Bible Class/Bible Information Class Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2016 Flower Calendar: The 2016 Flower Calendar for the church year is now up in the entry way next to the bulletin board. Thank you for signing up to bring flowers to beautify our altar this coming year!

Monday Night Services: Please note that our Monday night services will be suspended during the upcoming Lenten season, with the last one being February 1st. We encourage those who cannot attend church on Sundays to join us for our midweek Lenten services on Wednesdays at 6:30PM, beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 10th. The theme for Lent this year is "Ironies of the Passion".