

Community Events

Great Service Opportunity in a Great Setting! St. Paul's Lutheran Church, New Ulm, MN is looking for a qualified person to serve as Church Administrator. The position is hired and full-time. Responsibilities include supervision of support staff, finances, human resources, and properties. A job description, more information about our congregation, and an application form are at www.splnewulm.org. For more information contact Pastor Don Sutton at [507-354-3641](tel:507-354-3641) or dsutton324@gmail.com.

Trinity Lutheran's Caring Arms Daycare is going to be in need of a few daycare workers starting in May. We will be losing some MLC graduates and will be looking to replace them. For more information, call Connie Kurtweg at [507-232-2273](tel:507-232-2273) or Arden Enter at [507-317-1640](tel:507-317-1640).

Jesus' Lambs at Peace Preschool will host its **Annual Open House on Tuesday, March 22, 6-8 p.m.** If you have a preschooler, ages 33 months- 4 years, we invite you to our incredible **Open House at Peace Lutheran Church, located on the corner of Look Out and Commerce Drive.** There will be face-painting, games, crafts, entertainment and food. We hope you are able to come and take a tour of our Christ-centered preschool. **If you have questions, please call Joslyn at 385-7752 or email me at joslynmoldstad@gmail.com**



For Ages 4-12, Join us for this day of fun, crafts, activities and lunch!
Parents get a morning to go shopping or just relax while the kids have FUN!

When: March 19, 2016

Time: 9 am to 1 pm

Where: Mt. Olive Lutheran Church
1123 Marsh Street, Mankato

Cost: FREE! (Family Lunch included at 12:15 pm)



To Register Please follow the links at: www.MtOliveLutheran.org

Or go directly to: www.planetreg.com/E1268385122112

If you need assistance please call: (507) 345-4966



Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

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John J. Petersen

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Lent 1

Sunday,

February 14, 2016

8:30 & 10:45am



After-School Care Needs: Mt. Olive's After-School Care Program is looking for donations of used Legos. Please drop off your donations in the office. Thank you!

Valentine's Day Babysitting: The Bethany Vikings women's soccer team will be doing their 9th Annual Valentine's Day Babysitting today from 5-10PM. The Cost per child is \$10 (\$30 max for families of 4 or more). There will be movies, games and fun for kids of all ages. **To register your kids or for more information please contact Head Coach Derick Lyngholm at [507-344-7384](tel:507-344-7384) or at dlyngholm@blc.edu.**

Kindergarten Round Up has been scheduled for **Monday, February 22**, at Mt. Olive and will begin at 6:30PM. Kindergarten enrollment for next year is open to children who will be 5 by Sept. 1, 2016.

Lenten Suppers: Lenten worship services will take place at 6:30PM through March 16. 5PM suppers are planned for 2/17, 2/24, 3/9 & 3/16. Please contact the church office if you or your group wishes to host a Lenten supper on March 2nd.

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.

*What grace is this! Rude agonies! With common thieves he hangs and bleeds.
The sinless Son bears each misdeed. He pays for all, for me.*

*What grace is this! Once wrapped in cloths And gently laid in manger trough,
He's taken, dead, from wretched cross And wrapped again for me.*

*What grace is this? How can it be? He wears this raw humility
To lift me to eternity. Such grace – sweet grace – for me.*

~Collect #41 (p. 152)

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, inasmuch as the adversary does continually afflict us, and as a roaring lion walks about, seeking to devour us: We beseech You for the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus, Christ, to help us by the grace of the Holy Spirit, and to strengthen our hearts by Your Word, that our enemy may not prevail over us, but that we may evermore abide in Your grace, and be preserved unto everlasting life; 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.

~Girls' Choir: **"Abide With Me"** – W. H. Monk/arr. Malcolm Archer

*Abide with me; fast fall the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide;
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.*

*Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes.
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;
Heav'n's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord abide with me.*

~Hymn 287 vv. 5, 6 **If My Sins Give Me Alarm**

~Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 3:1-24 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst

of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?" Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel." To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; in pain you shall bring forth children; your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return." And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them. Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"— therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

~Hymn 302 vv. 1-2 *The Tree of Life*

Bible Class: Join us for Bible Class this morning at 9:40AM. Pr. Ulrich will be presenting the study, titled: "The Gospel to Share: Scriptural Foundations for Mission Work."

Call Meeting: At its January 24th meeting, the Voters Assembly approved adding a full-time, permanent teacher starting with the 2016-17 school year. A special Call meeting is scheduled for **TODAY at 12:00PM** to review a kindergarten Call list and vote accordingly. Please plan on attending if you are available.

More Greeters Needed: We have a list of greeters who have been "on the job" since November. Thanks to all who have served to this point. We have greeters signed up through March. We would like to complete the schedule through the rest of 2016 if possible. If you are interested in joining the greeting team please call/email Steve Jaeger at 351-2900/sjaeger@blc.edu or stop him at church and let him know you are interested. Thank you in advance for your interest in our greeter program.

Sr. Youth Group Event: Bethany Lutheran College is hosting a Youth Group event for Mt. Olive, Peace, St. Paul's and St. Mark's at the WOW Zone! in Mankato on **Sunday, February 28** from 4-7PM. FREE bowling, mini-golf, laser tag, pizza and pop are provided. Please sign-up on the narthex table to let us know you're coming!

Donations Requested: *Easter for Kids* is looking for some donations for their event on March 19. They will need plastic Easter eggs and paper towel or toilet paper roll cardboard tubes. Please drop off your donations in the front entry way. Thank you!

Monday Night Services: Please note that our Monday night services will be suspended during the upcoming Lenten season. We encourage those who cannot attend church on Sundays to join us for our midweek Lenten services on Wednesdays at 6:30PM. The theme for Lent this year is "Ironies of the Passion".

Employment Opportunity at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church and School: Full-time custodian for routine cleaning of Church and School starting April 1, 2016. Includes general maintenance of electrical, plumbing and mechanical systems. Includes grounds maintenance. Experience preferred. Flexible hours generally starting after school dismissal and includes weekends. Wages starting at \$13-\$15 per hour depending on experience. Benefits included. For application and more information call the Church office at (507) 345-4966.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: February 14, 2016 – February 21, 2016

Sunday February 14	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 12PM 5-7PM 5-10PM 7:30PM	Boys' & Girls' Choirs Sing Divine Service Sunday School/Bible Class/Bible Information Class Divine Service Call Meeting Lutheran Girl Pioneers BLC Annual Valentine's Day Babysitting Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
Monday February 15		
Tuesday February 16	8AM 6:30PM	Women's Bible Study – Books of Acts Jesus Cares Ministry
Wednesday February 17	8-10AM 8:05AM 9AM 3:45PM 5-6:15PM 6:30PM 7:30PM	M.O.M.'s Bible Study CDS Chapel Bible Study – The prophet Habakkuk Confirmation Lenten Supper served by the Evangelism Committee Lenten Worship Service Choir
Thursday February 18		
Friday February 19		No School – MLC Basketball Tournament
Saturday February 20		MLC Basketball Tournament
Sunday February 21	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 MLC Basketball Tournament

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar: The flowers beautifying our altar today are given to God's glory by Mark & Sharon Madson in celebration of Clarice Madson's 90th birthday.

~Gospel Lesson

Matthew 4:1-11 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'" Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

~Apostles' Creed

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

C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

~Hymn 302 vv. 3-4 *Now From That Tree*

~Lesson & Sermon Text

Matthew 16:21-26 From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. Then Peter took Him aside and began

to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!" But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men." Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

~Sermon Theme

"Our Lord's Job Description"

1. For Jesus it meant dying on a cross.
2. For us Christians it means dying while carrying a cross.

~Offering & Hymn 251 vv. 1, 2 and 250 vv. 3, 4 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

~Prayer

~Kyrie: Hymn 34 *Kyrie, God Father in Heav'n Above*

~Lord's Prayer

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.

~Benediction

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

C: ♪ Amen.

~Hymn 252 vv. 5, 6 *I Walk With Jesus All the Way*

Preacher: Pastor John J. Petersen/Liturgist: Pastor Luke Ulrich
Organists: 1st: Cassie Johnson/2nd: Mark DeGarmeaux
Boys' Choir director: Larry Rude/Girls' Choir director: Donna Fosburgh
Accompanist: Lexi Fosburgh

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE
Sunday: 8:30am; 256/194 10:45am; 171/127 Lenten Service: 220/168
GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$18,820.39

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

Psalm 116:12, 13 What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits toward me? I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD.

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: Jeff Younge (captain), Aaron Younge, Tim Roemhildt, Joseph Roemhildt, Dustin Basel

2nd Service: Mark Madson (captain), Kirk Hankins, Joel Petersen, Andy Overn, Ian Overn

Greeters: 1st Service: Don & Beth Westphal, Eldon Sting, Keith Anderson

2nd Service: Steve & Lois Jaeger, Bob Goetzke, Connie Long

Offering Counters: Sally Sorensen, Chris Kind

Altar Guild: Ellie Fisher, LuAnn Sting
