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“sip a savory soup for supper”

February 24, 5 – 6:15PM

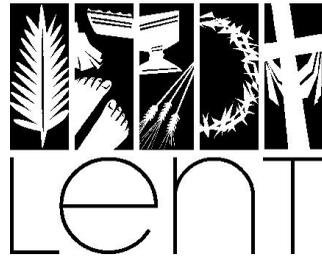
-Chicken noodle soup

-Taco soup

-Cheesy vegetable soup

-Chili

Sponsored by Bethany Women’s Auxiliary



**Midweek Lenten Services: February 17<sup>th</sup>-March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

***“Ironies of the Passion” Lenten Series + Mt. Olive***

**February 24<sup>th</sup>: Midweek Lent 3—Pr. Keith Siverly (St. Mark’s)**

*“He Had Been Wanting to See Jesus” Luke 23:6-12*

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>: Midweek Lent 4—Vicar Christopher Johns (St. Paul’s)**

*“We Have No King but Caesar” John 19:12-16a*

**March 9<sup>th</sup>: Midweek Lent 5—Pr. Gary Wong (St. Paul’s)**

*“It is Better That One Man Die for the People” John 11:45-53*

**March 16<sup>th</sup>: Midweek Lent 6— Pr. Roger Knepprath (St. Paul’s)**

*“Are You Afraid of the Man on the Cross?” Luke 23:39-43*



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**Lent 2**

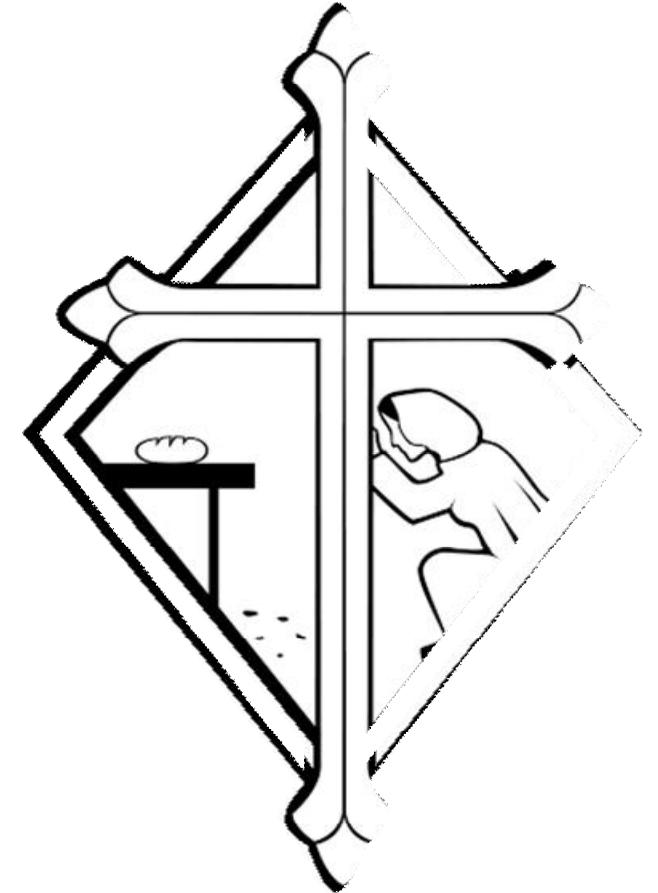
Sunday,

February 21, 2016

8:30 & 10:45am



Evangelical  
Lutheran  
Synod





[www.blc.edu/riseup2016](http://www.blc.edu/riseup2016) or contact Joni Bode at [507-344-7749](tel:507-344-7749) or email [Joni.Bode@blc.edu](mailto:Joni.Bode@blc.edu).

**Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. in Trinity Chapel** - The Bethany Music Department presents the **New Music Recital** in which Bethany students showcase compositions they have written this year. All pieces, representing many musical genres, are performed by Bethany students and faculty. This recital is free and open to the public. Welcome, everyone!

**Art Lecture and Reception: Thursday, Feb. 25 at 7PM** in the YFAC Gallery. "Work Hard", Mixed Media by Daniel G. Kaniess (1955-2012). Kai Isa Kaniess will speak at the lecture. Free, with reception to follow.

**Jazz Concert:** The Center for Intercultural Development and Resources (CIDR) presents The Langston Hughes Project at the Sigurd K. Lee Theater on **Friday, Feb. 26th, at 7PM**. The Langston Hughes Project is a multimedia concert performance of Langston Hughes' jazz poem suite titled, *Ask Your Mama: Twelve Moods for Jazz*. This concert performance links the words and music of Hughes' poetry to topical images of *Ask Your Mama's* people, places, events and to the visual artists Langston Hughes admired and/or collaborated with over the course of his career. The Ron McCurdy Quartet performs. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children, students, and seniors (60+). Order tickets online, by phone [507-344-7374](tel:507-344-7374), or at the door.

### **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](http://www.splnewulm.org). For more information contact Pastor Don Sutton at [507-354-3641](tel:507-354-3641) or [dsutton324@gmail.com](mailto: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).

**~Absolution** (p. 89)

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

**~Hymn 235 vv. 2, 4 *Behold the Lamb of God***

**~Collect #42** (p. 152)

P: O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength: Keep us both outwardly and inwardly, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

**~Old Testament Lesson**

**Genesis 32:22-30** And he arose that night and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven sons, and crossed over the ford of Jabbok. He took them, sent them over the brook, and sent over what he had. Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!" So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob." And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell me Your name, I pray." And He said, "Why is it that you ask about My name?" And He blessed him there. So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: "For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved."

**~Gradual** (pp. 92-93)

**C: ♪ The Word of our God stands forever. Blessed be God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Word of our God stands forever.**

**~Epistle Lesson**

**1 Thessalonians 4:1-7** Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God; for you know what commandments we gave you through the

Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.

~Lenten Verse (p. 93)

**C: ♪ Lord, by Your cross and resurrection You have set us free. You are the Savior of the world.**

~Nicene Creed (p 95)

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

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

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

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

~Hymn 255 vv. 1, 2, 5 *Lord, Hear the Voice of My Complaint*

Cards are sold between services on **Communion** Sundays year round. Contact Angie Younge: 389-9137 or Rebecca Strom: 386-0372 with questions.

### **Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School**

**Scrip Program:** MVL is looking for several volunteers who would be willing to help with our Scrip program. Volunteers would need to be available on Monday and Friday mornings to spend time at MVL. If interested, contact Principal Tim Plath at [507-354-6851](tel:507-354-6851) or [tplath@mvlhs.org](mailto:tplath@mvlhs.org).

**Palmer Bus Service for MVL** is looking for a bus driver for the Mankato Route. Training is available to get a license and you do get summers off! There are no student issues... They say **Thank You** when they get off the bus. Contact Randy Gieseke at [507-995-5387](tel:507-995-5387).

**Booster Club Pork Chop Dinner & Winter Band Concert:** Join with MVL family and friends on **Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>** for a day of good food, fellowship, and entertainment, from 10:30AM-1PM, sponsored by a Thrivent Financial Action Team. The Band Concert begins at 1:30PM.

**Open House and Registration:** We will be hosting our Open House and Registration event on the evening of **Tuesday, March 22**. That evening, beginning at 6:30PM, we will offer tours of our school, a session for parents and students on our mission, academics and activities, and an opportunity to register for the 2016-2017 school year. Parents and students of incoming 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited and encouraged to attend. More information will be shared with the eighth grade students of our association Lutheran elementary schools.

### **Bethany Lutheran College**

**Women's Retreat:** Mark your calendar and plan to join us for *Rise Up 2016: Powerful Women Living in Grace*, where women from all walks of life will draw strength and grace from their Savior. The weekend will include guest speakers Carrie Pfeifer, First Lady of Bethany Lutheran College, Rev. Don Moldstad, Jennifer Schwertfeger and Laura Harstad. The weekend begins at 5 pm Friday, March 11 at Courtyard by Marriott Hotel & Event Center and continues Saturday, March 12 on the Bethany Lutheran College campus beginning at 9:00 am. Group rates for 8 or more are available. For more information and registration options visit the Bethany website at:

**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.

**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!

**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. Lenten Suppers are served from 5-6:15PM. Please contact the church office if you or your group wishes to host a Lenten supper on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**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](http://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](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) to view the 400+ participating retailers. If you have questions or need help getting started email Tanya Norris [scrip@mtolivelutheran.org](mailto:scrip@mtolivelutheran.org) or Krista Petzel [krista.petzel@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### **~Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text**

***Matthew 15:21-28*** Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

### **~Sermon Theme**

***"When God Gives Us Opportunities to Shine..."***

1. Persist through challenges.
2. Trust in His help.

### **~Prayer of the Church (pp. 96-97)**

P: Let us pray for the Church and for all people according to their need.

P: Almighty God and Father, we thank You for all Your goodness and tender mercies, especially for the gift of Your dear Son, through whom You have revealed Your grace. We pray that You would plant Your Word in our hearts that we may cling to it in faith and bear much fruit in well doing.

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

P: Strengthen and defend Your Church, that by Your Word and Sacraments faith may grow and love toward all increase. Guide and protect all who spread abroad the light of Your truth throughout the world. Bless the schools, colleges, and seminaries of the Church that they may send forth laborers to serve You in the ministry of Your Word, in the ministry of mercy, and in all godly walks of life. Let the light of Your Word shine continually in our homes. Keep the children of the Church in the grace of their Baptism, and grant that all entrusted with their care may bring them up in true faith and obedience to Your will.

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

P: Guide and bless all lawful authority, especially our President, the Congress, and the Governor and legislators of this state. Give them wisdom and sound judgment, that justice may prevail and wickedness be hindered and punished.

**C: Hear, O Lord, and have mercy! Lord be our Helper!**

P: We commend to Your care all who are in trouble, want, sickness or any other adversity, especially those who are suffering for Your name and Your truth. Comfort them, O God, with Your Holy Spirit, that in all their afflictions they may acknowledge Your fatherly will and rejoice in Your gracious and speedy deliverance.

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

P: Let Your blessing rest on seed time and harvest, on commerce and industry, on medicine and science; sanctify the arts and culture, the rest and leisure of Your people. Protect all who travel, and care for all whose labor is difficult or dangerous. Bless all who in their daily calling endeavor to do Your will, and give them the assurance that their work is pleasing in Your sight.

**C: Blessed are You, O Lord, for You have not turned away from our prayer!**

*(Special intercessions may be added.)*

P: Protect our bodies and souls from all harm and danger; support us in our last hour with Your mercy; and finally admit us into Your eternal joy, to love and serve You in the blessed company of Your saints and angels forevermore; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

**C: The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit. The righteous cry out and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.**

**~Offering & Hymn 328 vv. 1, 3, 4 *Soul, Adorn Thyself With Gladness***

**~Preface** (pp. 98-99)

P: The Lord be with you!

**C: ♪ And also with you!**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: ♪ We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**C: ♪ It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**Baptized:** Kinley Blayne Kittleson, infant daughter of Travis & Dionne Kittleson, was baptized by Rev. Daniel Basel here on February 13, 2016 in a private ceremony. She was born on January 19, 2016 at Mayo Health Systems, Mankato. Her sponsors are Angela and Rodney Cox. May she ever grow in Christ and be blessed through this Sacrament.

**Call Extended:** The Mount Olive Voters' assembly, meeting last Sunday, voted to extend a divine call to Mrs. Elizabeth Stokke to teach in our Christian Day School's Kindergarten class. Please keep Mrs. Stokke in your prayers as she contemplates this call.

**Our Sunday School** has been collecting money for the *Gift of Life* humanitarian effort in Ukraine. The total collected so far is \$115.43. *Gift of Life* operates mobile dental and medical clinics as well as pro-life counseling centers throughout Ukraine.

**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](mailto: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 are not held during this 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".

**WEEK AT A GLANCE: February 21, 2016 – February 28, 2016**

<b>Sunday</b> February 21	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 1PM 2PM 7:30PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Sunday School/Bible Class/Bible Information Class Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another MVL Delegate Meeting Co-ed Recreational Volleyball MLC Basketball Tournament
<b>Monday</b> February 22	6:30PM 7:30PM	<b>No School</b> Kindergarten Roundup Evangelism Committee Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b> February 23	8AM	Women’s Bible Study – Books of Acts
<b>Wednesday</b> February 24	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 Soup Supper served by Bethany Women’s Auxiliary Lenten Worship Service Choir
<b>Thursday</b> February 25		
<b>Friday</b> February 26	10:15AM	Service at Pathstone
<b>Saturday</b> February 27		
<b>Sunday</b> February 28	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 4-7PM 7:30PM	<b>ALL CDS Children Sing</b> – Beginning of Lutheran Schools Week Divine Service Sunday School/Bible Class/Bible Information Class Divine Service Sr. Youth to WOW! Zone w/ BLC Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Flowers on the Altar:** The flowers beautifying our altar today are given to God’s glory by Ron & Kathy Koth.

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: You bid Your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

~**Sanctus** (pp. 100-101)

**C: ♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow’r and might. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed, blessed, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

~**Lord’s Prayer** (pp. 101-102)

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

~**Words of Institution** (pp. 102-103)

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** (p. 103)

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

**~Distribution**

Hymn 256 vv. 1-3 *When Afflictions Sore Oppress You*  
Hymn 257 vv. 4-7 *For Thou Hast Promised Graciously*  
Hymn 256 vv. 4, 5 *Learn to Mark God's Wondrous Dealing*  
Hymn 258 vv. 1-5 *Lord Jesus Christ, My Savior Blest*

**~Dismissal of Communicants**

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** (p. 104)

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

C: ♪ **Amen.**

**~Benediction** (p. 104)

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

C: ♪ **Amen, amen, amen.**

**~Hymn 258 v. 6** *I Have Thy Word*

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*Preacher: Pastor Luke Ulrich / Liturgist: Pastor John J. Petersen*  
*Organists: 1<sup>st</sup>: Dennis Marzolf / 2<sup>nd</sup>: John Baumann*  
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**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE**

**Sunday: 8:30am; 317 10:45am; 132 Lenten Service: 187**  
**GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$10,482.00**

***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: 1<sup>st</sup> Service:** Jeff Younge (captain), Aaron Younge, Tim Roemhildt, Joseph Roemhildt, Dustin Basel

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service:** Mark Madson (captain), Kirk Hankins, Joel Petersen, Andy Overn, Ian Overn

**Greeters: 1<sup>st</sup> Service:** Don & Beth Westphal, Eldon Sting, Keith Anderson

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service:** Steve & Lois Jaeger, Bob Goetzke, Connie Long

**Offering Counters:** Sally Sorensen, Chris Kind

**Altar Guild:** Ellie Fisher, LuAnn Sting

