

Saturday, April 17 at 2 pm in Trinity Chapel - Senior music majors **Kayla Ann Busch and Grace Stromer** present their senior recital.

Tuesday, April 19 at 7 pm in Trinity Chapel - **Guitarist Chris Kachian** returns to the Bethany campus for an evening of music performed with Prof. Adrian Lo. Kachian has performed throughout the Americas, Europe, and Asia and with orchestras in Germany as well as the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra and the Minnesota Opera. Free.

Community Events

Please join the Minnesota Valley Chorale for their "Minnesota Moments" concert. "Minnesota Moments" will feature pieces by composers with Minnesota connections at our Spring Concert on Friday, **April 15** at 7:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Mankato, and on Saturday, **April 16** at 7:30 p.m. at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10 per person.

Looking for a fun opportunity with a flexible schedule? New 2 You has an immediate opening for a part time position. The position is 18-22 hours/week including two Saturday's a month and involves a lot of standing. The applicant must be able to lift heavy objects. Looking for a friendly face to help people when dropping off donations, assisting volunteers with the cash register and supporting the manager with other duties as assigned. This position pays \$9.00/hr. Stop by New 2 You to pick up an application. For questions, call 507-385-1455 and ask for Lila.

Mothering Many Book Release Party! Join editor Marie MacPherson on Saturday, **April 16** at Erlandson Park from 3-5pm with your family for an afternoon of celebration! Feel free to bring along bikes or other outdoor games. Books will be available for purchase for \$10. Poor weather cancels this playdate and we will reschedule for the following Saturday, same time, same place.

Mothering Many: Sanity-Saving Strategies from Moms of Four or More. Description: 25 moms of 160+ children navigate 56 challenges that mothers frequently face: menu-planning, laundry, time-management, self-care, homeschooling, intimacy, home-devotions, and much more! Conceived by one perplexed mom and gestated over eight years, Mothering Many has finally been birthed through a labor of love by dozens of fellow Christian women. Literally written between nursing babies and wiping bottoms, this book offers hundreds of strategies, insights, and ideas for strengthening your home for the Lord. So, if you're too busy from the rigors of motherhood to brainstorm for improvement, crack open this book and let these moms troubleshoot for you!



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School, ELS

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Pastors John J. Petersen & Luke Ulrich / Principal Larry Rude

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.

Explanation of the Week:

Our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd. (Jn 10:11-16) He is not like the hireling, who cares nothing for the sheep and only for himself, who flees when he sees the wolf coming. Rather, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks out His scattered sheep to deliver them. (Ezek 34:11-16). He gathers them and feeds them in rich pasture. He binds up the broken and strengthens the sick. He lays down His life for wandering and wayward sheep. On the cross Christ bore in His body the attacks of the predators of sin and death and the devil for you that you might be saved. He now lives to restore your souls in the still waters of baptism, to lead you in the paths of righteousness by the voice of His Gospel, to prepare the table of His holy supper before you, that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (Psalm 23) "For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls." (1Peter 2:21-25)

~Prelude

~Hymn 350 vv. 1, 4, 5 *He's Risen, He's Risen*

~Girls' Choir, "*Loving Shepherd*" – J. S. Bach

*Loving shepherd, comfort and guide us, Keep us in Thy tender care.
And in Thy mercy stay beside us, Safely Thy lambs now gather,
Bring us in faith together, And Thy pastures now prepare;
And Thy pastures now prepare.*

*And when I walk with darkness around me, Thou art near and I will fear no ill.
So with Thy love and kindness surround me, Goodness and mercy bringing,
From living water springing, Lord of Love grant me Thy comfort still;
Lord of Love grant me Thy comfort still.*

~Psalmody and Prayer (*Psalm 33 – selected verses*)

P: The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

C: By the word of the LORD the heavens were made.

P: Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous!

C: For praise from the upright is beautiful.

P: Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him,

C: on those who hope in His mercy.

P: To deliver their soul from death,

C: and to keep them alive in famine.

P: Our soul waits for the LORD;

C: He is our help and our shield.

~Collect (p. 155)

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, out of Your fatherly goodness You have been mindful of us poor, miserable sinners, and have given Your beloved Son to be our Shepherd, not only to nourish us by His Word, but also to defend us from sin, death, and the devil: We beseech You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that, even as this Shepherd knows us and helps us in every affliction, we also may know Him, and, trusting in Him, seek help and comfort in Him, from our hearts obey His voice, and obtain eternal salvation; 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.

Relay for Life: The Colleges Against Cancer group at Bethany Lutheran College will be putting on a Relay for Life in the Sports and Fitness Center at BLC on April 15th from 6PM-12AM. There will be speakers, a luminaria ceremony, food, games, and fun. All are welcome to attend! Also, before the Relay, at 5:30, there will be an ice cream social for all attending survivors and caregivers. To sign up, please visit: RelayForLife.org/BLCMankatoMN.

Bethany's spring play *Aboveboard* is the premiere of a new comedy by Emily Kimball and Peter Bloedel, directed by Peter Bloedel. **Performances are April 22-24 and 29-30.** Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 pm, Sunday matinee at 2 pm. The box office opens on April 11. Reserve your tickets at blc.edu/theater or at [507-344-7374](tel:507-344-7374) on weekdays, 1-5 pm.

The Bethany Lutheran College Activities Committee invites you to attend Luthapalooza 2016 on **April 24** at Sibley Park's Leas Schwickert Arts Pavilion from 1pm-5pm! Performing bands include the Bethany Drumline, Midlife Crisis, The Last Man's Club, The Whithers and The Futons. There will be food available for purchase and yard games to play. It is recommended that you bring lawn chairs and/or blankets. This event is FREE to the public!

Today, April 10 at 2 pm in Trinity Chapel - Acclaimed pianist **Ralph Votapek** returns to the Bethany campus for a Guest Artist Series concert, featuring works by Beethoven, Chopin, and concluding with George Gershwin's *Grand Fantasy on Porgy and Bess*. All will be played on the college's Steinway D grand piano. Tickets will be available at the door one hour before the concert. \$10 for adults and \$6 for students/seniors (60+)

Monday, April 11 at 7 pm in Trinity Chapel - The Sioux Trails chapter of the American Guild of Organists (STAGO) present a **student organ recital** in Trinity Chapel. Organ students representing Gustavus Adolphus College, Martin Luther College, and Bethany Lutheran College will perform. Free and open to the public.

Thursday, April 14 at 7 pm in the YFAC Gallery - BLC art majors Adrian Whitney, Angela Timm, Kaitlyn John, Taylor Frieht, and Kasarah Smart present their **senior art show** titled *The World Around Us*. The gallery talk and reception will take place in the gallery of the YFAC, free and open to the public. This art exhibit will be on display from April 13-24.

of the LYA convention). Any questions? Contact Lance Johnson, or Peter or Sarah Bloedel.

Are there any veterans whose name we have missed on our bulletin board in the social hall? If so, please e-mail or call Lois Johnson at lannej12@gmail.com or 278-3369. We also want to recognize any active duty member or member's son or daughter on our board. We would like their name, military branch, years of service, and a picture if possible.

New 2 You Volunteer Appreciation/Annual Meeting: As our way of giving thanks for your unwavering support throughout the year we are holding our Volunteer Appreciation/ Annual Meeting on April **24th** at St. Paul's Church, North Mankato. Your efforts combine to help us with our goal of supporting Christian education. Thank You! Please join us for dessert and conversation from 2-4PM. (*Mt. Olive provides volunteers on the first Saturday of every month. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.*)

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.

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Gospel Outreach with Media: Join the discussion online! This online conference, sponsored by *The Christ in Media Institute* at Bethany Lutheran College will include sessions by WELS and ELS presenters on: using technology to publicize your church, school, or website; streaming worship in world languages; moving the gospel from cell-phone to cell-phone worldwide; teaching basic Christianity across cultures using technology; Christian writing for the (small and large) screen; engaging school children in world missions using media; and much more! This online discussion is active until the end of the day, **Sunday, April 10**. Go to GOWM.org to participate.

The Mankato chapter of the Bethany Auxiliary will host its annual tea honoring women in the graduating classes at Bethany Lutheran College on Tuesday, **April 12** at 7PM in Honsey Hall on the campus. The invitation to attend the tea is open to all women who would like to meet and congratulate these recent or upcoming graduates. Following the reception and time of fellowship the chapter will hold their usual spring business meeting.

~**Girls' Choir, "The King of Love, My Shepherd Is"** – Henry Baker, arr. Mark Schweizer

*The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am His, and He is mine forever.*

*Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth;
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.*

*And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never,
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever.*

~**Hymn 353 vv. 1, 3, 4 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won**

~**Epistle Lesson**

1 Peter 2:21-25 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: "Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth"; who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

~**Alleluia Hymn 344 vv. 1, 3 Christ the Lord Is Risen Again**

~**Gospel Lesson**

John 10:11-16 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

~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 289 vv. 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 *Join All the Glorious Names*

~Lesson & Sermon Text

Ezekiel 34:11-16 For thus says the Lord GOD: "Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down," says the Lord GOD. "I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment."

~Sermon Theme

"The Promise of the Good Shepherd"

1. He finds and gathers His lost sheep.
2. He cares for them and brings them home.

~Offering & Hymn 371 *The Lord's My Shepherd*

Mount Olive's Evangelism Committee invites you to join us in our Summer Outreach Programs. Show your love for Mount Olive Lutheran Church and School by wearing a **T-Shirt** to wear around town or to wear as we participate in the North Mankato Fun Days Parade on Saturday, July 9th, or at any of our other upcoming community outreach events! If you don't have a shirt (or need a new one) **you can order one for \$8** (\$10 for sizes XXL & up). Order forms can be found on the narthex table. Please fill them out and submit to the church office.

Softball Coach(es): We will be in need of a softball coach(es) for this year's softball season at Mt Olive. Practice times are after school and the days will depend on the availability of our softball coach. Practice is held at Washington School's softball field. We have one tournament on Tuesday, May 17 at Caswell Park beginning at 9:00 AM. We usually also play two pick-up games at MVL before the tournament. The dates have not been set yet. Coaches are required to pitch to their own team. If interested please contact Mr Zibrowski at mrz@mtolivelutheran.org Thank You.

Pizza Ranch Fundraiser for Camp Bus: Youth going to Camp Indianhead can sign-up to work at Pizza Ranch to raise funds for camp transportation. The fundraiser will take place on Monday, **June 20** during synod week from 4:30 to 9:00PM. Youth may sign-up for 1 or both shifts. Contact Lance Johnson for information [507-720-2130](tel:507-720-2130) or lgustavj77@gmail.com.

Camp Indianhead is scheduled for **July 10-15** at Luther Island Camp, and is open to boys and girls ages 11-16. The cost per camper is \$275. Register online at: islandcamp.org (scroll down and click on our logo, then click "create new parent") or ask the church office for registration and health forms. **Families are encouraged to reserve bus seats early for their camper(s).** Reservations made by **May 8, 2016** cost \$30 per camper, and \$45 per camper after. The bus holds 35 passengers, so please email or call Lance Johnson with the names of your camper(s) at: lgustavj77@gmail.com or [507-720-2130](tel:507-720-2130). We appreciate and thank Lance for serving our campers and families in this way!

Sr. Youth Group: Start gearing up for this year's trip to Dallas, TX with the Lutheran Youth Association (LYA) on **July 28-31, 2016**. The convention's theme this year is, "Two Kingdoms". **Go to: els.org/lya16/ to register. The cost is \$250 before May 1st, or \$300 after.** We have reserved up to three buses to leave from Mankato, MN on Wednesday, July 27th at 3PM, and return on Monday, August 1st by late-morning. (You will be notified of the cost soon! **Please note that this cost IS SEPARATE than the cost**

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8:30am; 265/185 **10:45am;** 208/141 **Monday:** 28/19

GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$21,377.31

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

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.

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:** David Norris (captain), Ryan Buch,
Kyle Buch, Dan Gerdts

2nd Service: Bill Bohning (captain), Daniel Neubauer, Mark Olson,
Scott Pithan, Taylor Pithan, Ethan Pithan

Greeters: **1st Service:** Ernie & Marge Lillo,
Eldon Sting, Keith Anderson

2nd Service: Steve & Lois Jaeger,
James & Carolyn Gates

Offering Counters: Will Holt, Lance Schwartz

Altar Guild: Joni Bode, Sharon Madson

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

Sunday April 10	8:30AM 9:40AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 5-7PM 7:30PM	Girls' Choir Sings Divine Service Sunday School/Bible Information Class Open Forum Divine Service Lutheran Girl Pioneers Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
Monday April 11	9:30AM 5:30PM 6:30PM 6:30PM	Area Pastors' Conference Board of Stewardship Divine Service Church Council Meeting
Tuesday April 12	8AM	Women's Bible Study - Books of Acts
Wednesday April 13	8-10AM 8:05AM 9AM 2:40-5:30PM 3:45PM	M.O.M.'s Bible Study CDS Chapel Bible Study - <i>The Epistle of James</i> Scholastic Book Fair Begins Confirmation
Thursday April 14	2:40-5:30PM	Scholastic Book Fair
Friday April 15	2:40-4PM 9PM	Scholastic Book Fair Youth Lock-in at Lake Crystal Rec. Center
Saturday April 16	9AM	Christian Service Committee Meeting
Sunday April 17	8:30AM 9:30AM-12:15PM 9:40AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 12PM 5-7PM 7:30PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion and New Member's Received Scholastic Book Fair Sunday School/Bible Information Class New Member Reception Divine Service w/Holy Communion Voters' Meeting Lutheran Girl Pioneers Co-ed Recreational Volleyball