

LENT 4 / ST. JOSEPH, GUARDIAN OF JESUS

Sunday, March 19, 2023, 8:30AM & 10:45AM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School

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Pastors John J. Petersen & Luke Ulrich | Principal Benjamin Springer

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 **"Get Connected!"** card (on the tables at the back of worship area). 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: *God provides for His people. We hear today how the Old Testament people had food miraculously provided for them as they were in the Sinai Wilderness. (Ex 16:11-21) Also, the large group of more than 5,000, who were following Jesus, were provided food in the wilderness from the bread and fish that Jesus multiplied so that all could eat with abundance. These early blessings from God are small compared to the blessing of the true Bread of Life, that is Christ Himself, whom God provides for our salvation. Today, we also are observing the minor Festival of "St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus." We consider how God provides for us through "guardians," "patrons," and "caretakers." God was working through the vocation and role of Joseph to provide for Jesus - so that Jesus might carry out His saving work for us. Likewise, God still provides for us through our earthly fathers and "guardians." We should, of course, appreciate this blessing from God and honor those in these vocations.*



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 thanks and joy.)

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

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

~**Hymn 262 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

~**Invocation** — Calling upon the Triune God

(ELH p. 60; Matt. 28:19)

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: ♪ Amen.

~**Confession of Sin**

(pp. 60-61, form 1)

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: ♪ Who made heav'n and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord;

C: ♪ And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins.

C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: I ask each of you, in the presence of God who searches the heart: Do you confess that you have sinned, and do you repent of your sins?

C: I do.

P: Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins, and do you desire forgiveness in His name?

C: I do.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May He comfort your heart by His holy Absolution, and strengthen you by His Sacraments, that your joy may be full. Peace be with You!

C: Amen

~**Introit** — *Entrance Psalm*

(*ELH p. 62*)

P: Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad with her,

C: All you who love her.

P: Rejoice with her,

C: All you who mourn for her.

P: I was glad when they said to me,

C: “Let us go into the house of the Lord.”

All: 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.

~**The Kyrie Eleison**— *“Lord, Have Mercy”*

(*ELH p. 63, l; Mk 10:47*)

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

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

(*ELH p. 66; 2 Tim 4:22*)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

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

(*ELH p. 66; p. 153, #47*)

P: Let us pray: Lord God, heavenly Father, by Your Son You fed five thousand men in the wilderness with five loaves and two fish: We beseech You graciously to abide also with us in the fullness of Your blessing. Preserve us from greed and the cares of this life, that we may seek first Your kingdom and Your righteousness, and in all things perceive Your fatherly goodness; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

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

(EHV)

Exodus 16:11-21 The LORD spoke to Moses: "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Say to them, 'At evening you will eat meat, and in the morning you will eat bread until you are full. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.'" So in the evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning a layer of dew surrounded the camp. When the layer of dew was gone, there were thin flakes on the surface of the wilderness, thin as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" because they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "This is the bread which the LORD has given to you as food to eat. This is what the LORD has commanded: All of them are to gather as much of it as they need to eat. You are to take an omer per person based on the number of people each of you has in your tents." The Israelites did this, and some gathered more, some less. When they measured it with an omer, the one who gathered more did not have too much, and the one who gathered less did not have too little. All of them gathered as much as they needed to eat. Moses said to them, "No one is to leave any of it until morning." However, they did not listen to Moses. Some of them left part of it until morning, and it became full of worms and stank. So Moses was angry with them. They gathered it each morning. All of them gathered as much as they needed to eat. When the sun grew hot, it melted away.

~Lenten Sentence

(ELH p. 67)

C: ♪ Christ has humbled Himself, and become obedient unto death; ev'n the death of the Cross.

~Holy Gospel Lesson

(ELH p. 68; EHV)

P: The Holy Gospel for the fourth Sunday in Lent is written in the sixth chapter of the Gospel according to St. John, beginning at the first verse.

C: ♪ Glory be to You, O Lord!

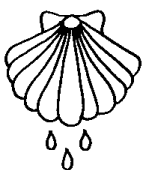
John 6:1-15 After this, Jesus crossed over to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (or Tiberias). A large crowd followed him because they saw the miraculous signs he was performing on those who were sick. Jesus went up on the hillside and sat down

there with his disciples. The Jewish Passover Festival was near. When Jesus looked up and saw a huge crowd coming toward him, he asked Philip, "Where can we buy bread for these people to eat?" But Jesus was saying this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to have just a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There's a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what is that for so many people?" Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, so they sat down. There were about five thousand men. Then Jesus took the loaves and, after giving thanks, he distributed pieces to those who were seated. He also did the same with the fish—as much as they wanted. When the people were full, he told his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over so that nothing is wasted." So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with pieces from the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. When the people saw the miraculous sign Jesus did, they said, "This really is the Prophet who is coming into the world." When Jesus realized that they intended to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

P: This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

C: ♪ Praise be to You, O Christ!

~The Order of Holy Baptism— (2nd Service Only)



(Holy Baptism has the power to work the new life of faith in the hearts of sinners. This regenerative washing "with water through the Word" is intended for all people since all — including infants and children — are members of a sinful human race and are in need of God's grace and forgiveness. Jesus has also commanded that "all nations" be baptized. Confession of sins and Absolution are a return to, and a renewal of, one's Baptism. Matt. 28:19, John 3:5, Eph. 5:26, Titus 3:5, Acts 2:38-39)

~Baptism of Adelaide Haven Merseth

(ELH p. 133ff)

~Nicene Creed — Confession of faith

(ELH p. 69)

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.

~Hymn 187 *Our Father, by Whose Name*

~Sermon Text

(EHV)

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23 After the Wise Men were gone, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared to Joseph in a dream. He said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, because Herod will search for the child in order to kill him." Joseph got up, took the child and his mother during the night, and left for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod. This happened to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son." ...After Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt. The angel said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to kill the child are dead." Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus, Herod's son, had succeeded his father as ruler in Judea, he was afraid to go there. Since he had been warned in a dream, he went to the region of Galilee. When he arrived there, he settled in a city called Nazareth. So what was spoken through the prophets was fulfilled: "He will be called a Nazarene."

~Sermon Theme

"Lenten Lessons from St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus"

~**Offertory** — *Prayer of renewal before offering*

(ELH p. 70-71; Ps 51:10-12)

C: ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.

~**Offering Prayer**

(We take this time to acknowledge and thank God for moving the hearts of His people to continue to support the mission and work of our church. Our ushers will bring the offering plates forward to the altar and the pastor will offer a prayer of thanks.

Please note: You may place any offerings into the plates on the stands at the main aisle entrance to the Sanctuary either before or after the service. Online giving is also available through mtolivelutheran.org or by text message through your smartphone by texting the amount you would like to give to 833-726-3742 (a link will be provided for first-time users to register an account.)

~**Prayer of the Church**

(ELH p. 71-72)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

(Special petitions are included)

P: For..., let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: O Lord, heavenly Father, by the power of the Holy Spirit we faithfully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. We praise You for His victorious resurrection from the dead. We thank You for the strength of grace and majesty of faith which He bestows on the Church by virtue of His ascension to Your right hand, where He intercedes for us as our Advocate and High Priest. Grant that the Holy Spirit will gather us into the company of all the faithful from the ends of the earth, so that we may celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

In Your mercy receive our prayers. Deliver us and preserve us. To You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. Amen.

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

(ELH p. 72-73)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: ♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

C: ♪ It is good and right so to do.

~The Proper Preface

(ELH p. 75)

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** — “*Holy*”

(ELH p. 76)

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

~**Lord’s Prayer**

(ELH p. 77-78; Mt. 6:9-13)

P: 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.

C: ♪ For Thine is the kingdom and the pow’r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

~**Words of Institution**

(ELH p. 78; 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.”

~**The Pax Domini** — “*The Peace of the Lord*”

(ELH p. 79; Jn 20:19)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: ♪ Amen.

~**Agnus Dei** — “*Lamb of God*”

(ELH p. 79ff; 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.

~**Distribution**

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

Hymn 316, 317 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

Hymn 266 O Bread of Life From Heaven

Hymn 264, vv. 3, 4 Hence With Earthly Treasure

Hymn 325 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

~**Dismissal** — *Assurance of blessing for those who have communed* (ELH p. 81)

P: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and His precious blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith to everlasting life. Depart in peace. Amen.

~**Nunc Dimittis** — *“Now I Depart”* (ELH p. 81-82; Lk 2:29-32)

C: ♪ Lord, now You let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel. 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.

~**Collect of Thanksgiving** (ELH p. 83, II)

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup;

C: ♪ We proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

P: Let us pray: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in lovingkindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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.

~**Salutation** — *The people’s blessing for the Pastor’s work* (ELH p. 84)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

~**Benedicamus** — *Call for blessing* (ELH p. 84; 2 Cor. 13:14)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

~**Benediction** — *Final blessing for God’s people* (ELH p. 84; 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.

~**Hymn 49, vv. 1, 5, 7 All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name**

~**Postlude** — *Opportunity for prayer & to greet one another!* (See “Prayers for Worship” —ELH p. 40)

Officiant: Pastor Luke Ulrich
Organists: 1st: Cassie Johnson / 2nd: Mark DeGarmeaux

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8:30am, 161; **10:45am**, 154; **Monday**: 24
Sunday Live (8:30am) Online Viewing: 27
Wednesday: 185; **Live Online Viewing**: 14

WE THANK THOSE SERVING OUR LORD TODAY:

Greeters: 1st Service—Keith Anderson, Will & Lisa Holt
2nd Service—Bill & Sherri Bukowski, Art & Terri Westphal
Offering Counters: Lisa Holt, Brenda Garbers, Connie Meyer
Altar Guild: Elyse Haugen, Carol Leiferman, Lisa Holt
Media Center: John Baumann (March 19); Dave Norris (March 22)

Weekly Financial Update

Given Last Week: \$14,473.52
Line of Credit (LOC) Challenge given last week: \$75.00
LOC total as of 3/16/23: \$14,110.66 (\$5,889.34 still needed to make \$20,000 goal)
Fiscal Year-to-Date Surplus (Deficit) as of 02/28/23: \$62,594.53

Romans 8:31-32 What then will we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also graciously give us all things along with him?

Did you know you can give your offering online? Just go to www.mtolivelutheran.org and click on the link "donate online".

Mt. Olive Worship Services on TV

Mt. Olive services are available on local cable channel 181 (Charter) and 7 & 507 (Consolidated Communications) on Wednesdays at 10am and Thursdays at 11:30am.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: *March 19, 2023 — March 26, 2023*

Sunday, March 19	8:30AM	Divine Worship w/Holy Communion
	9:40AM	BIC/Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:45AM	Divine Worship w/Holy Communion
	2PM	Adult Pickleball
	7:30PM	Coed Recreational Volleyball
Monday, March 20	10AM	Veterans Bible Study
	6:30PM	Divine Worship w/Holy Communion
	6:30PM	Board of Stewardship
	7:30PM	Evangelism Committee
Tuesday, March 21	9AM	Ladies' Bible Study
	1PM	MOM's Bible Study @ Mt. Olive
	6:30PM	Jesus Cares Ministry
Wednesday, March 22	8:10AM	CDS Chapel
	9AM	Adult Bible Study
	5PM	Lenten Meal
	6:30PM	Divine Worship
	7:30PM	Adult Choir Practice
Thurs., Mar. 23	8:30AM	MOM's Bible Study @ Peace
Fri., Mar. 24		
Sat., Mar. 25		
Sunday, March 26	8:30AM	Divine Worship
	9:40AM	BIC/Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:45AM	Divine Worship
	2PM	Adult Pickleball
	6-9PM	Artemis Gaming
	7:30PM	Coed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS—Mt. Olive Lutheran Church & School

Flowers on the altar today are given to God's glory by Gabe & Sarah Cornish in honor of Jack Angel.

Baptisms:

Wednesday, March 8: Ella Kay Litynski, infant daughter of Michael & Kristin Litynski, was born on March 8, 2023. Sponsors are Jeremy Matzke and Emily Holzhueter.

Today: Adelaide Haven Merseth, infant daughter of Myles & Sarah Merseth, was born on March 13, 2023. Sponsors are Caleb & Olivia Dinse and Mackenzie Merseth.

Please keep Pastor Patrick Ernst and his family in your prayers as he considers the call from Mt. Olive and his current call at St. John's Lutheran in Frankenmuth, MI.

The Bethany Auxiliary will be serving a pulled pork sandwich supper on Wednesday, **March 22**, from 5:15-6:30pm, followed by our midweek Lenten worship service at 6:30pm.

Would your group like to serve a meal before the March 29 Lenten Service? If interested, please contact the church office.



Brass players, adults or students: a brass band will be accompanying the organ on familiar hymns for the Easter Sunrise service. Let the church office (or Dan Neubauer at 507-514-2035) know that you are available to play. Music will be sent to you for a short run-through sometime during Holy Week. Thank you.

Mt. Olive is sponsoring a Diaper Drive from March 12 to April 5 to benefit Options for Women, a local crisis pregnancy center. Donations can be placed outside each classroom and in boxes in the Youth Room Hallway.

Help us deliver Easter Dinner to The Reach, a drop-in center for homeless/at risk youth in the Mankato area. Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex.

Easter Flower Baskets: to contribute towards Easter flower basket arrangements, please use the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Indicate if your donation is in honor or memory of someone. Suggested donation is \$20; however, any amount is acceptable. Insert checks made payable to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church into the provided envelope and place it in the church office Flower Box. Last day to order: Sunday, **March 26**. Individual plants will be available to take home after Easter.



New 2 You Family Thrift – Volunteers Needed! Mt. Olive provides volunteers at New 2 You on the first Saturday of each month. Our next scheduled date is Saturday, **April 1**. The sign-up sheet is on the narthex table. Please call New 2 You at 507-345-1455 if you have any questions. Thank you!

Thank you, Mt. Olive Crafters, for all of your efforts in creating chemo hats. The Andreas Cancer Center staff and patients are very grateful.

WELS Youth Night is Sunday, **March 26**, from 6:00-8:15pm at The Beacon ministry center in Mankato MN. All teens in 9th-12th grade are invited; sign up in advance using the QR code on the poster on the narthex bulletin board.

Happening at Bethany Lutheran College:

Organ concert, today, at 5pm in Trinity Chapel: Jake Marzinske will play music of Bach, Buxtehude, Pachelbel, and others.

Organ concert, Sunday, **March 26**, at 7pm in Trinity Chapel: Kaleb Schmidt will play music of Bach, Buxtehude, Bender, and others.

Job Openings: Bethany Lutheran College is taking applications for the following positions: Coordinator of Campus and Community Events; Adjunct Faculty - Mental Health Counseling; Director of Finance & Business Affairs. Please see the Bethany website for additional information.

**Coming March 29 – April 2
Mt. Olive School Gym**

March 29: 2:45-5:45pm
March 30: 8:30-11:45am
March 31: 8:30-11:45am
April 2: 9:30am-12:15pm



We will be using I:55 Book Fairs as our source of books for our upcoming Book Fair. I:55 Book Fairs exists to glorify the name of Jesus Christ. This core value permeates every aspect of their business from the products they select to the services they offer. In today's culture, it is difficult for parents and educators to protect students from unwanted knowledge. For this reason, I:55 screens their products through the filter of faith. I:55 Book Fairs works with schools, churches, and organizations throughout the US. They seek partners with a common purpose of business and ministry. "I:55" stands for Isaiah, Chapter 55; you are encouraged to read it.

Minnesota Valley Lutheran Events:

MVL Jeans & Dreams Booster Club Auction, April 1, at Turner Hall in New Ulm. Doors and cash bar open at 5 pm; dinner begins at 5:30pm (free-will donation). Check the poster in the narthex for more details.

Registration for MVL Summer Camps is now open. To sign up or obtain more information, go to <https://mvl.org/summer-camps/>. Sign-up deadline is April 28.



MIDWEEK #4 - WEDS., MARCH 22 - PSALM 109

Vespers Service: 6:30p | Preacher: Pr. Ken Mellon

MIDWEEK #5 - WEDS., MARCH 29 - PSALM 69

Vespers Service: 6:30p | Preacher: Pr. Matthew Moldstad

(Join us before our Wednesday Evening Services for meals provided by the various groups of our congregation. Lenten meals are served from 5pm to 6:15pm)

Mount Olive Lutheran Church Mission Statement

The mission of Mount Olive Lutheran Church is to proclaim the Gospel of Christ through God's Word, so that souls are called into and kept in the Christian faith unto eternal life.