

THIS WEEK
August 20 - August 27, 2017

SUNDAY	8:00 & 10 a.m. - Lord's Supper 9:00-9:15 a.m. - SCRIP Open 9:15 a.m. - Bible Study	9:45-10:00 a.m. - SCRIP Open <i>Apple Valley Food Pantry Pick Up</i>
MONDAY	8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. - MOL School <i>Students Bring in Supplies</i>	6:00 p.m. - Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m. - Church Council
TUESDAY	6:30 a.m. - BC at Mary's	5:15 p.m. - Board of Worship
WEDNESDAY	MOL School - First Day of School <i>8:15 a.m. - School Opening Service</i>	<i>5:00-7:00 p.m. - Bargain Garden's</i> <i>Open House</i> 6:00 p.m. - Capital Stewardship
THURSDAY		
FRIDAY		7:30 p.m. - Recovery/Peace through Christ
SATURDAY	8:30 a.m. - Basic Training	5:30 p.m. - Worship <i>Sherry Krueger Bible Distribution</i>
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 & 10 a.m. - Worship 9:00-9:15 a.m. - SCRIP Open <i>Sherry Krueger Bible Distribution</i>	9:15 a.m. - Bible Study 9:45-10:00 a.m. - SCRIP Open <i>12:00-2:00 p.m. - Bargain Garden's</i> <i>Open House</i>

OFFERINGS/OTHER INCOME		BUDGET	ACTUAL
Offerings	Week of 8/14/17	\$27,273	\$21,013
Offerings	Year-to-date	\$854,781	\$825,472
Offerings + Other Income	Year-to-date	\$1,191,154	\$1,208,207

USHERS (August)

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Darwin Hintz, Captain; Harold Luther; Stan Rickert; Terry Jastrow; Tony Hess.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Mark Toll, Captain; Jeff Retzlaff; Ben Plutz; Jeff Schultz; Joshua Enter.
Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Mark Schroeder, Captain; Darion Schroeder; Tom Meyers; Cliff Gallecke; Corey Zoromski.
Monday 6:00 p.m. - John Hoh, Captain; Ron Peters; Victor Bode.

GREETERS (8:00 a.m.) Steve & Sue Priebe, Ethel Schulze;
 (10:00 a.m.) Thomas & Lori Kriplean, Martin & Linda Dalke.
Next Week: (8:00 a.m.) Mark & Carol Schmidt, Tom Ermers;
 (10:00 a.m.) Darwin & Irene Hintz, Bryan & Jennifer Hass.

COFFEE CAFÉ (8-9:45 a.m.) JoAnn & Jenni Klemp; (9:45-11:30 a.m.) Sue & Andrew Petit.
Next Week: (8-9:45 a.m.) Anne & Mark Tollefson; (9:45-11:30 a.m.) Louise Kesting, Tara Willenkamp.

AV TEAM This Week: **August 19** (5:30 p.m.) - Nathan Rickert; **August 20** (8 a.m.) - Marcus & Gabrielle Medema; **August 20** (10 a.m.) - Brad Erickson; **August 21** (6 p.m.) - Jon Leahy.
Next Week: **August 26** (5:30 p.m.) - Kenzie Mielke; **August 27** (8 a.m.) - Jennifer Prillwitz;
August 27 (10 a.m.) - Drew Talo; **August 28** (6 p.m.) - Scott Krueger.

ALTAR GUILD (August) Jan Egli, Sheryl Schultz, Liana Collins, Donna Zahn.

Announcements

Attendance All Services: 777

Saturday: 166

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. 252, 10:00 a.m. 209

Monday: 150

The Cross Bouquet is placed to God's Glory by God's Glory by Pat Bellin & family in memory of her mother Margaret Rehfeldt.

A Closer Look, our summer Bible class/discussion, takes place on Sundays in the Church Sanctuary at 9:15 a.m. All are welcome to join us.

Moving? Don't forget to let us know your new address. Please e-mail your new address to church.office@mountoliveappleton.com or phone us at (920) 739-9194.

Have you been procrastinating? Less than half the tickets now remain for the Northern Wisconsin District's special Reformation worship service, "Unchanging Grace." Tickets are needed for each individual attending this service. If you plan to attend, order your tickets soon! The service begins at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 28th at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center in Appleton. To reserve tickets, register online at www.mountoliveappleton.com or call the church office at (920) 739-9194.

Daily Devotionals: The autumn *Meditations Daily Devotional* booklets are now available in the Narthex racks. Suggested donation is \$3.50 each.

Apple Valley Food Pantry: This Sunday, August 20th, is the collection date for August. Groceries collected at Mount Olive are delivered to the Pantry, housed at St. Matthew, Appleton. Bags of groceries are then prepared and delivered to needy families in our congregation and community. If you would like to assist with this ministry of love, please contact Bob Luedtke (731-0968) or Julie Sieg (475-0284).

A menu of fall Bible Studies is in your mailbox and pew rack. Please use the form to register for the class(es) of your choice. Place your form in the registration box located in the Narthex. You may also register online. Feed your faith with good food this fall!

Tuition Assistance: In your Mount Olive envelope packet, right after the September 3rd envelope, is an envelope for "Tuition Assistance." Your Board of Christian Education has established a tuition assistance committee to evaluate assistance requests from members who send their children to Mount Olive Lutheran School. Thanks to generous gifts to our Tuition Assistance Fund we are able to provide in excess of \$20,000 in assistance for the 2017-2018 school year. Numerous requests the past couple of years have started to deplete the fund to a very low level, such that without significant gifts we will not be able to continue to provide tuition assistance at the levels we have done in the past. Please consider using this envelope to make a special gift that will allow us to continue to assist Mount Olive families in providing a Christian education to their children.

**Bargain Garden Thrift Shop
Open House**



The Bargain Garden Thrift Shop (located in Appleton at 2725 N. Meade Street) is holding Open House times to encourage WELS men and women to volunteer their time in the organization that supports the teen ministry at Fox Valley Lutheran High School.

In order for the Bargain Garden Thrift Shop to continue its support of FVL into the future, it is **VITAL** that our volunteer numbers increase. There are a variety of "jobs" to do - all of which require very little training. Please join us at one of our Open House times on:

Wednesday, August 23rd

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 27th

12:00-2:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be served.

Our store hours offer volunteer opportunities whether you are employed or retired:

Monday - Friday 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Thursday evening 4:00-8:00 pm

Saturday 9:00-Noon

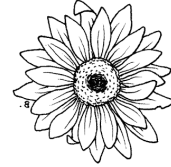
For more information, contact Elaine Bartel at 739-6839.

Working together we can continue supporting the FVL teen ministry!



In June of 2017, Mount Olive congregation approved resolutions to continue to develop plans for an expansion of our current facility and to implement a capital stewardship campaign to fund such a building expansion. A theme for the campaign has now been chosen and a logo has been designed. (Thank you to Michele Pfeifer for her graphic design skills!) The logo and theme emphasize Mount Olive's commitment to work together, in faith, to meet the needs of future generations.

In late August, you will be receiving a mailing with updated building plans based on the excellent feedback that was received from member surveys and open forums. Every member will be invited to informational meetings to share additional information and offer their feedback on the plans. Additional volunteers are needed in various roles. If you are asked to serve, please say, "Yes!" Your involvement will be vital to the success of this exciting endeavor. Stay tuned for more information in the weeks ahead!



SISTERS In Christ Retreat
September 9th from 8-11:30 a.m.
Fellowship and an Optional Lunch

Our retreat's theme is **Ladies of Legacy**, Romans 15:4, *“everything that was written in the past was written to teach, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.”*

Our guest speaker is Amber Albee Swenson, who is the author of the book, “Ladies of Legacy,” which will be available for our fall Bible Study. Our SISTERS In Christ Retreat discussion topics include:

Why your Chatter Matters: In this session, we will look at women of the Bible to see how they used their mouths to glorify God or to get into trouble. Amber will lead the search through scripture to find practical ways to make sure what leaves our mouths is a blessing and not a curse.

Forgiven to Forgive: Every time we pray the Lord's prayer, we pray that God would forgive our sins as we forgive others. In theory that sounds good, but the truth is that forgiving is hard and we rarely do it well. We will look at this petition and forgiving in regard to the repeat offender, the repentant sinner, and the unrepentant thorns in our side. By the time we dig through scripture in each of these areas, hopefully we'll have a new appreciation for the forgiveness we've received, and we'll be more willing to extend forgiveness to others.

Attendance at the SISTERS In Christ Retreat is free. The delicious catered luncheon including salads and desserts is available for a donation of \$10. Registration is requested to help us plan. Registration forms for both the free morning retreat and the \$10 luncheon are available via the SISTERS Facebook page, at www.mountoliveappleton.com, and a signup sheet in the Atrium.

Please register by 9/3/17. For more information about SISTERS or the SISTERS In Christ Retreat, please contact Kerri Kleist at kerrickleist@gmail.com or call/text her at 920-740-5901.

Sign up today for the SISTERS In Christ Retreat - September 9th at Mount Olive

We hope you'll join us at this wonderful, enriching Christian women's event!

Join our fun Coffee Café team!

Sign up alone, as a family, or with friends. Our online sign-up is open now for our October through December schedule. Make sure to sign up early to ensure you get the dates of your choosing!

To choose your dates online, please follow this procedure:

- Go to www.mountoliveappleton.com.
- Click on “Members Page” at the top of the page.
- In the “Volunteer @ Mount Olive” section, select “Coffee Café Sign Up.”
- Scroll through the list of available dates. Click on the ‘Sign Up’ box on the date(s) you wish to serve.
- When finished selecting your date(s), click the “Submit and Sign Up” button at the bottom of the page.
- The dates you chose appear. (You can choose to set up an account, but it is not necessary.)
- Fill in your name and email address and you are finished.

The electronic sign-up will be available until September 4th. After September 4th, we will fill empty dates with volunteers who have not yet signed up. You will receive an email notice two days before your scheduled work time.

Please contact Jennifer Klemp at jklemp31@gmail.com or 920-731-1170 with any questions or for more information about joining the Coffee Cafe team. Thank you for your service!



Look into the empty tomb. Take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Wade in the Dead Sea. Take a cable car to the top of Masada where 957 Zealots made their last stand against the Romans.

Pastor James Humann, retired WELS pastor, invites you to join him and fellow WELS/ELS members as he hosts his fifth tour to the Holy Land. The ten-day tour leaves March 12, 2018, and returns March 21, 2018. The tour will take you to Bethlehem where Jesus was born, to Nazareth where he grew up, to the Jordan River where he was baptized, and to Jerusalem where He was crucified and rose again from the dead. A trip to the Holy Land is the dream of many Christians. For a brochure describing the daily itinerary, general conditions, and price, e-mail Pastor Humann at JHumann383@aol.com or call 253-839-9055.



Does Your Employer Match Gifts?

Did you know that many companies in our area provide gift matching programs for their employees? Below is a list of companies which currently match donations made to churches and/or schools. Most of these companies use a 1:1 ratio for matching (e.g. for every dollar the employee gives to the charity, the company gives another dollar).

If you are employed by a company on the list, please consider taking full advantage of your company's matching gifts. If you are unsure, check with your Human Resources department to see if gifts are matched. If they are, ask for the appropriate form (sometimes they are available online). For help, or to update our company list, please contact the church office at 739-9194.

The little bit of extra effort it takes to utilize a company's matching gift program provides additional dollars to support the gospel ministry that Mount Olive carries out. Using a matching gift program is an excellent way to be a faithful manager of the time and treasures that God has made available to us.



Company Name	Gift Maximum	Gift Minimum	Ratio
Aetna Inc	\$5,000/gift \$10,000/person	\$25	0.5:1
Air Products and Chemicals	\$5,000	\$25	1:1
American Family Insurance	\$3,000	\$25	1:1
Ameriprise Financial, Inc.	\$2,000	\$25	1:1
American Express	\$8000/Yr	\$25	1:1
Appleton (Papers)	\$2000/Yr (only secondary schools)	\$25	1:1
Auto Owners Ins. Co.	\$1250	\$25	1:1
Avery Dennison	\$5000/Yr	\$50	1:1
Bank One	\$1,000	\$25	1:1
Bemis	\$2000 for school, \$500 for church	\$25	2:1 school 1:1 church
Capital Group Co.	\$5000/Yr	\$100	2:1
Charles Schwab Foundation	\$1,000	\$25	1:1
Chrysler Foundation	\$5,000	\$50	2:1

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Company Name	Gift Maximum	Gift Minimum	Ratio
Coca-Cola Bottling Co.	\$10,000	\$25	2:1
Dain Rauscher (RBC)	\$500/Year	\$50	1:1
Ford Motor Service Co.	\$5,000	\$20	1:1
GE	\$50,000	\$25	1:1
Gannett Co., Inc. (Post Crescent and others)	\$10,000	\$50	1:1
Gap, Inc.	\$2,000	\$25	1:1
General Mills	\$15,000	\$25	1:1
Grant Thornton LLP	\$1,000	\$100	1:1
Great West Insurance	\$500	\$25	1:1
GTE Corporation	\$6,000	\$25	1:1
Harley Davidson, Inc.	\$2,000	\$25	1:1
H&R Block, Inc.	\$1,000	\$100	1:1
Home Depot	\$3,000	\$25	1:1
Illinois Tool Works (Miller Electric)	\$5,000	\$25	3:1
Johnson & Johnson	\$1,000	\$25	1:1
Kimberly-Clark	\$10,000	\$50	1:1
Menasha Corp.	\$1,500	\$25	1:1
MetLife, Inc.	\$5,000	\$25	1:1
McDonalds	\$5,000	\$50	1:1
Merrill Lynch & Co, Inc.	\$3,000	\$50	1:1
Microsoft	\$12,000	\$25	1:1
Morgan Stanley	\$2,000	\$50	1:1
Nabisco	\$15,000	\$25	1:1
Neenah Paper	\$2,500	\$50	1:1
New York Life	\$3,000	\$25	2:1
Nissan	\$2,000	\$25	1:1
Northwestern Mut. Life Ins.	\$500	\$25	1:1

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Pechiney Plastics Packaging	\$500/gift \$1000/emp.	\$100	1:1
PepsiCo, Inc.	\$10,000	\$25	1:1
Pharmacia Corporation	\$15,000	\$25	1:1
Plexus	\$250	\$50	1:1
Prudential Insurance Co.	\$5,000	\$25	First \$100 2:1, then 1:1
Quad/Graphics	\$5000	\$25	1:1
Robert W. Baird & Co. Inc.			0.5:1
Rockwell Automation	\$10,000	\$25	1:1
Sara Lee Corporation	\$10,000	\$25	2:1
S.C. Johnson & Son, Inc.	\$3,000	\$10	1:1
School Specialty	\$1,000	?	1:1
Secura Insurance	\$200	\$15	1:1
Sentry Insurance	\$5,000	\$25	1:1
Shell Oil Company	\$5,000	\$25	1:1
Sherwin-Williams Co.	\$5,000	\$25	1:1
Sprint Nextel Corp	\$5,000	\$25	1:1
State Farm Ins. Co.	\$3,000	\$25	1:1
Theda Care	\$200	\$100	
Thrivent	\$20,000	\$25	1:1
Time Warner, Inc.	\$1,000	\$25	1:1
Toyota Motor Sales	\$10,000	\$25	1:1
Unitrin, Inc.	\$10,000 per gift \$20,000 per employee	\$50	2:1
United Parcel Service (UPS)	\$3,000	\$25	1:1
US Venture	\$1000	\$25	1:1
Verizon	\$6,000	\$25	1:1
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. (Sam's Club)	\$1,000.00	\$25	1:1 for fundraisers
Wisconsin Energy Corp.	\$20,000.00	\$25	1:1



Area WELS Announcements

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church of Appleton is celebrating its 150th Anniversary.

You are welcome to celebrate God's goodness with us at these special events:

- September 30, 2017 - Kick off meal at Liberty Hall in Kimberly. (RSVP requested at (920) 733-6701 or office@stpaulappleton.wi.com.)
- October 1, 2017 - Worship at 8 a.m or 10:30 a.m. Refreshments and displays to follow.
- Each Sunday in October - Attend our special worship services.

7th Annual Fall Festival Craft & Bake Sale at St. Matthew Lutheran Church will be held October 13th & 14th. If you are interested in being a vendor for this event, please contact Judy at dloewenhagen@new.rr.com or (920) 419-2364. The space size is 6' x 8.' The rental is \$25. Proceeds from the space rental go to missions and local charities.

Home Business Fair: Eternal Love's Women's Ministry is presenting a Home Business Fair to show what businesses are within WELS. There is no cost to display products. The fair's date is tentatively set for October 28th. To register, phone either 749-7994 or 850-9651 or email kdmctent@aol.com.

Motorcycle Fellowship Ride: On August 27th at noon, meet in the Trinity Lutheran Church parking lot (407 Oak Street, Neenah) where route information will be shared.



FVL News

FVLHS Orientation Day for all students is set for Tuesday August 22nd. Special schedules were emailed to all families and are available at fvlhs.org. The first day of school is Wednesday, August 23rd with an Opening Service at 8:20 am.

Registration for the 2017 FVL Schools Band is open for students - homeschool, FVL Schools, or public school entering grades 5-8. Go to fvlschools.org and click the "FVL Schools Band Registration" link. Please register by August 31st.

FVL FEDERATION OPEN FORUM on August 30th at 7 p.m. - All Federation members are invited to learn more about the possible need for a building addition.



WELS News & Notes

God's Expanding Kingdom



The synod convention delegates had the privilege to listen to presentations from four WELS missionaries serving around the world, including Rev. Paul Nitz, Malawi; Rev. John Hartmann; Zambia; Rev. Luke Wolfgramm, Russia; and a missionary from East Asia.

Nitz is based in Malawi and is the coordinator of the newly formed One Africa team, which is working to coordinate mission efforts across the continent for more cohesive programs and worker training.

Nitz has seen the Lutheran Church of Central Africa grow and become increasingly independent in the two decades he's been there. Now, with the One Africa team, the mission efforts there are being taken a step further. He says, "What gets me excited is that we're going to do work better, improve together, we're going to know more about what each other is doing in different fields, and we're going to collaborate and cooperate a lot more."

Wolfgramm appreciated the opportunity to present the gospel work happening in Russia to the convention. "This is the body that called me to go out and preach God's Word on behalf of WELS, kind of like how Paul went back to Antioch after his first missionary journey to report on what was going and the believers rejoiced. That's what it felt like last night, to come back and share all the good things God is doing in Russia," he says.

A missionary from East Asia talked about the growing gospel work there. "It's really important to have an opportunity like this to speak in person, because we can't share a lot of information digitally or online. To have an opportunity to present our work to people who can go back and share it with their congregations is really important. The important thing to know about East Asia is all the progress that has been made there. We have a synod there; we have national pastors that have graduated from the seminary and are leading their churches."

On Wednesday morning, World Missions Administrator Rev. Larry Schlomer gave an overview of expanding opportunities to spread the gospel around the world. Since the last synod convention in 2015, WELS has made contact and been involved in some capacity with 14 new mission fields around the world. Schlomer says, "What the Lord is doing around the world—the way he's lining up some of these opportunities - is something I don't think we've seen in our synod in a while, if ever. So it's a real challenge for us to take a look around and see where God has placed us in the world, look at the resources he has given us, and see what we might be able to do to get the gospel to more people."

To learn more about WELS Missions, visit wels.net/missions.