

THIS WEEK

March 18-25, 2018

SUNDAY 5th Sunday in Lent Apple Valley Food Pick Up	Prep Singers at Mount Olive <i>No Lord's Supper</i> 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. - Worship 9:10-9:25 a.m. & 10:10-10:25 a.m. - SCRIP	9:15 a.m. - Sunday School 9:25 a.m. - Bible Study 1 p.m. - Adult Co-ed Volleyball 7:30 p.m. - Adult Open Basketball
MONDAY	<i>No School - Spring Break</i> 1:30 p.m. - Altar Guild	6 p.m. - Worship w/ Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m. - Council Meeting
TUESDAY	<i>No School - Spring Break</i> 6:30 a.m. - BC at Mary's	6:30 p.m. - Handbells 7 p.m. - Board of Stewardship
WEDNESDAY	<i>No School - Spring Break</i> 9 a.m. - BC in Fellowship Hall 10 a.m. - Lenten Worship	4 p.m. - PSI 4:30-5:45 p.m. - Lenten Fellowship Supper 6 p.m. - Lenten Worship
THURSDAY	<i>No School - Spring Break</i>	6:30 p.m. - Foundations
FRIDAY	<i>No School - Spring Break</i> 6:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study	7:30 p.m. - Recovery/Peace through Christ
SATURDAY	9:30 a.m.-Noon - Easter Canvassing	5:30 p.m. - Worship
NEXT SUNDAY Palm Sunday	8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. - Worship 9:10-9:25 a.m. & 10:10-10:25 a.m. - SCRIP 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School 9:25 a.m. - Bible Study	1 p.m. - Adult Co-ed Volleyball 7 p.m. - Dartball 7:30 p.m. - Adult Open Basketball

OFFERINGS/OTHER INCOME		BUDGET	ACTUAL
Offerings	Week of 3/12/18	\$32,669	\$20,641
Offerings	Year-to-date	\$287,360	\$263,176
Offerings + Other Income	Year-to-date	\$386,510	\$361,952
Forward in Faith	Week of 3/12/18		\$16,600
Forward in Faith	Total Campaign to-date		\$1,218,577

USHERS (March)

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Mike Evers, Captain; Peter Schloff, Ross Prochnow, Tony Hess, Steve Ahrens.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Tim Weihing, Captain; Jeff Retzlaff, Cliff Gallecke, Mike Kesting, Daryl Hintz.
Sunday 10:30 a.m. - Jesse Vander Heyden, Captain; Scott Plach, David Gauvin, Mark Schroeder, Scott Rademacher.
Monday 6:00 p.m. - John Hoh, Captain; Bob Luedtke, Victor Bode.

GREETERS This Week: (8:00 a.m.) - Dick & Marion Hinz, Mark & Debra Toll;
(10:30 a.m.) - Steve & Liana Collins, Mike & Louise Kesting.
Next Week: (8:00 a.m.) - Tom Ermers, Mark & Carol Schmidt;
(10:30 a.m.) - Steve & Catherine Wunderlich, Stan & Brenda Rickert.

COFFEE CAFÉ This Week: (8-10 a.m.) - Dan & Leslie Voss; (10 a.m.-noon) JoAnn & Jenni Klemp.
Next Week: (8-10 a.m.) - Mark & Merri Schroeder; (10 a.m.-noon) Corey & Jamie Zoromski.

AV TEAM This Week: **March 17** (5:30 p.m.) - Connor Graham; **March 18** (8 a.m.) - Zach Thede;
March 18 (10:30 a.m.) - Eric Wenzel; **March 19** (6 p.m.) - Jonathan Leahy.
Next Week: **March 24** (5:30 p.m.) - Erick Nason; **March 25** (8 a.m.) - Zach Thede;
March 25 (10:30 a.m.) - Caden Rindt; **March 26** (6 p.m.) - Scott Krueger.

ALTAR GUILD (March) Marion Hinz, Bonnie Krueger, Mary Vick, Edith Priebe, Sue Behnke.

Announcements

Attendance All Services: 876

Saturday: 188

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. 230, 10:00 a.m. 339

Monday: 119

March 14th Lenten Service: 460

10 a.m.: **136**

6 p.m.: **324**

The Altar flowers are placed to God's Glory Richard and Joan Mueller in loving memory of Joan's parents, Norma and James Engel.

Called to Glory: Our Mount Olive family member, Clifford Broehm, was called home on March 11th. Blessed are those who fall asleep in Jesus.

The Prep Singers of Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, Wisconsin, will present a sacred concert during this week's Sunday services. This 37-voice choir, consisting of high school students from around the world, is directed by Mr. Randy Bode (son of our retired Pastor Bode).

A Special Groundbreaking Ceremony for our Building Expansion will take place on **Sunday, April 8th at 9:30 a.m.** in the school parking lot. Please plan to join our Mount Olive family as we gather together to ask God to bless our construction project. To allow all ages to attend, there will be no Sunday School or Bible Class that Sunday.

Bible Classes to Join:

- **Idols We Never Knew We Had**, a class taught by Pastor Raasch, takes place on Sundays at 9:25 a.m. **Sunday's topic is Religion.**
- Sundays at 9:25 a.m. or Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. join Pastor Schreiner as he leads **The Foundations of Our Faith** class in the 8th grade classroom.
- Tuesdays at 6:30 a.m. join us for a **Breakfast Bible Study** at Mary's Restaurant on North Richmond.
- **Book of Amos** is a study led by Pastor Zank on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. (during Lent) in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Men's Bible Study** led by Paul Kollert meets every Friday at 6:30 a.m. in the Teen Room. The current area of study is the book of Acts.

A new Sunday morning Bible Class will begin on March 25. Pastor David Wenzel will lead a study of the Book of Romans (picking up where he left off last fall). After many years of teaching Romans at FVL, Pastor Wenzel will help us see how this "Constitution of the Christian Faith" applies to the lives of young and old alike. Join us in the Fellowship Hall next Sunday at 9:25 a.m.

Easter Canvassing: On **Saturday, March 24th**, the Mount Olive family will be hitting the streets to invite our neighbors to join us for our Easter Sunday services (April 1st)! We'll begin at Mount Olive at 9:30 a.m. for about 30 minutes of easy "training," then we'll walk through a few of the neighborhoods around our church campus passing out invitational flyers until noon. We'll even feed you lunch when we get back! Last year, we had about 20 people join us, and all had a great time sharing Jesus! This is very simple work. All you have to do is be able to walk, smile, and say, "We'd love to have you join us for worship this Easter!" All ages are invited to join us for this awesome way to let our light shine in the community!

Divine Call Extended: At the February 28th voters' meeting, Mount Olive extended a call to **Pastor Kevin M. Boushek** to serve as Mount Olive's Youth and Family Ministry Pastor. Mount Olive also extended a provisional call to **Elizabeth Loberger** to serve as a first grade teacher. Please keep both in your prayers as they deliberate on where God would have them serve.

Can you donate an Easter Lily? To help beautify our Easter Sunday services, Easter lilies are now available to purchase. The lilies are \$13.95 a piece and will be available for you to take home after the 10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday service. A sign-up sheet is located in the Atrium.

SCRIP Office will be closed on Easter Sunday (April 1st).

Midweek Lenten Service: Please join us for our Lenten service on **Wednesday, March 21st**, at **10 a.m.** or **6 p.m.** Before the 6 p.m. Lenten service, enjoy our Lenten Fellowship supper from 4:30-5:45 p.m. This Wednesday's supper will be hosted by Board of Stewardship. Kitchen help and dessert donations are needed. A sign-up sheet is located in the Atrium. Thank for you in advance for your help!

Roller Skating: The Girl and Boy Pioneers would like to invite all Mount Olive children in grades 1-8 to a roller skating event on **Tuesday, April 3rd** at Skaters Edge (5714 Integrity Way, Grand Chute) from **6-7:45 p.m.** Price per person is \$2.00 for admittance and skate rental. (Inline & Speed Skates are \$2.00 extra.) For an additional \$1 per person, you can also add a 16oz popcorn and 9oz soda. Leaders will be present for very general supervision. If you have younger children that need assistance, we ask that you please accompany them. Also, if you are not staying for the event, it would be appreciated if you left your contact information with Jodi Slominsky when you drop the children off. Any questions - contact Jodi Slominsky at 920-594-1946. Come if you can!!

Mount Olive Ladies: Mark your calendars for the Paperland LWMS Spring Rally on **April 21st** at Grace Lutheran Church in Oshkosh. The theme for the day is “From Every Tribe and Language and People and Nation.” The morning begins with registration and a coffee hour from 8:00-9:00 a.m. followed by an opening devotion and business meeting. The guest speaker for the morning is Professor Allen Sorum who will be telling us more about the WELS Pastoral Studies Institute. The rally closes with a devotion at 12:15 p.m. followed by lunch and fellowship. Any mission donations for home mission project “Vans for Missions” and world “Nepal Projects” can be placed in the wooden box marked LWMS in the Atrium. If you plan to attend, **please sign up in the Atrium by April 8th.** We would love to see you there on the 21st!

LWMS Early Bird Registration ends March 30th for anyone who would like to attend the 2018 LWMS International Convention at the KI Center in Green Bay on **June 21-24.** Register at www.lwms.org by clicking the “Speak, O Lord” logo. After March 31st, the price will increase \$20. No registration is required for the opening service on Thursday, June 21st or the closing service on Sunday, June 24th. You may also attend only the Saturday night banquet by reserving your seat and paying through the same registration page on the website. Don’t miss out on the opportunity to go to the convention so close to home! Should you have any questions about the convention, feel free to contact Kerri Kleist, Gloria Knoll, or Louise Kesting. Come see what LWMS is all about!

Mount Olive Lutheran School is now accepting applications for enrollment for the 2018-19 school year. With the addition of our new gymnasium, Kindergarten classrooms, and Early Childhood Center, we can't wait to fill our halls with children. Mount Olive will provide your child with an excellent academic foundation and teach him/her to firmly plant their roots in Jesus. For more information, please visit molmustangs.org. If you have any questions about our school or would like a tour, please contact Principal Landon Zacharyasz (principal@mountoliveappleton.com).

Knoke Education Fund: The Knoke Education Fund was established to help our school expand the fine arts program. This year, we have \$2,600 available. Please pick up the grant guidelines and application form in the school office and submit a proposal to make our fine arts program even better. Applications are due by May 15th.



FVL NEWS

FVL'S ONLINE "GIVING WEDNESDAY" is set for 4/11 to support the Let the Children Come effort. A matching gift fund will be available to maximize gifts given that day. "Text-To-Donate" options and QR code access are already available on the FVL Giving Page at fvlhs.org.

STUDENTS WITH FVL PASSPORTS to submit them at their school office or can mail their entries to FVLHS, ATTN: Ben Priebe. Deadline is 3/28.

FVL'S INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM needs host families - especially those willing to host male students - for 2018-19. Share your faith with an international student! Students stay for 9 months and pay their own expenses. Families receive a stipend to offset costs. Contact Laura Gucinski at lgucinski@fvlhs.org.

A "RETIRE WISELY" WORKSHOP will be presented by Chris Schumacher from Thrivent at FVL on 3/27 at 10 am & 6 pm RSVP by 3/22/18. Please RSVP to Kristin Schumacher at Kristin.Schumacher@thrivent.com/920-628-2890 to reserve your spot.

A "YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY FILING DECISIONS MATTER" SEMINAR will be presented by Jeff Verbeke, from One America, at FVL on 4/3 at 10 am & 6:30 pm. Please RSVP to becky@truenorthfinancialpartners.com to reserve your spot.

THE ASPIRE TEST FOR INCOMING 9TH GRADERS is 4/28 at FVL. Register at fvlhs.org - deadline is 4/12. FVL covers the test cost. If your child is taking the test at their school, please have the results forwarded to FVL.

REGISTER NOW FOR FVL'S 2018 SUMMER CAMPS! Offerings include sports camps plus STEM & Art. Click on the "2018 Summer Camp" link at fvlhs.org.

COME HAVE "A ROARING 20'S GOOD TIME" at FVL's Foxfest 2018. The date is 4/20 at Liberty Hall. Tickets are available now. This event helps fund many aspects of FVL's ministry. Basket donations are needed for the Silent Auction. If you can help, call Megan Beyer at 560-5122. Bring any donations to FVL by 4/3.

FVL TUITION ASSISTANCE & SCHOOL CHOICE: Parents, be sure to check eligibility for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program. WPCP applications are due by 4/20. For families not qualifying for WPCP, the window for applying to FVL's Tuition Assistance Program is open until 5/4. Applications are handled through FACTS, our tuition management service. Go to fvlhs.org for application links. Questions? Contact Heather Knoll (hknoll@fvlhs.org) at 739-4441.



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"Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

Jesus to his disciples, recorded in Mark 6:31

The pace had been hectic; they were exhausted; their batteries needed recharging. So Jesus took his disciples away from the normal distractions and stresses of life. He took them to a quiet place outdoors where they might find rest for body and soul.

Camp Phillip exists to provide relaxation in creation and renewal in Christ to WELS youth, families, adults, churches and schools. To carry out this mission they host family camps, summer youth camps, field trips, church campouts, and adult retreats. The camp is located near Wautoma, WI and features a wide variety of lodging and recreation options on its 177-acre property.

One adult volunteer and former camper wrote, **"I love Camp Phillip. It can have such an impact on one's life. I know from personal experience that Camp Phillip is spiritually inspiring."**

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WELS News & Notes

Highlights of the Synodical Council Winter Meeting



At its winter meeting on February 23-24, the Synodical Council (SC) reviewed the encouraging financial results for calendar year 2017. Congregation Mission Offerings for 2017 were \$21,358,000—an increase of \$298,000 (1.4%) over 2016. Gifts from congregations were \$138,000 more than subscriptions.

As a result, the SC voted to fund the top three items on the unfunded priority list as adopted by the 2017 synod convention. An additional \$150,000 was allocated to Martin Luther College (MLC) for financial aid and for efforts to reduce student debt. Home and World Missions received an additional \$200,000 for new mission starts and programs. The Publication Coordinating Commission of Northwestern Publishing House was given \$50,000 to assist in the publication of theological works and resource material for congregations.

The SC adopted the proposed Support Forecast, which will guide areas of ministry in their planning for the next biennium. The planning assumptions include proposed salary increases of three percent in each year. These assumptions may change as additional financial information is gathered later in 2018.

One item was added to the unfunded priority list—a possible opportunity to establish a theological training facility in Northern Vietnam. The SC will be working with the Conference of Presidents to secure funding for this new opportunity.

The SC received an update from WELS Christian Aid and Relief on the hurricane relief efforts in Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico. WELS Christian Aid and Relief has provided funding for a coordinator to help with major efforts in Puerto Rico now that communication has been restored and most infrastructure has been repaired.

The SC approved the plans of Martin Luther College to undertake a major capital campaign beginning in 2019. The campaign will seek funding for student housing improvements and for student financial assistance.

The SC received an update from the special committee considering options to improve the synod's retirement program for called workers.

The recently passed federal tax reform law no longer allows workers to deduct moving expenses. To prevent workers from being adversely affected by this change, the SC passed a resolution that calls for 20 percent additional reimbursement of moving costs for minister of the gospel and 13 percent for non-ministers of the gospel (both as those terms are defined by the IRS) to help offset the additional tax liability.

Serving in Christ,
President Mark Schroeder