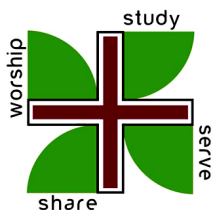


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A Savior for All Nations

In his name the nations will put their hope. (Matthew 12:21)

As I write these words, I am sitting in the Hedena International Airport in Tokyo, Japan. I have a three-hour layover while waiting for my connecting flight to Jakarta, Indonesia. Like many large international airports, this one is bustling with people. Although I cannot always distinguish one nationality from another, I'm pretty sure that most of these people are not from Wisconsin. Their faces, their clothes, but especially their language, tell me that they come from places far from my home. I hear words that I don't recognize and accents that sound unfamiliar to me. Are these people Japanese, Korean, Thai, or Chinese? Some look like they could be from Pakistan or India. I expect that I will soon board a plane with many who are Indonesian. But for every person I see, there is a question ringing in my head, "I wonder if that person knows Jesus?"

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From the Pastor's Pen

While I don't know whether they know Jesus, I do know that they all need Jesus. I'm sure that every person I see is wrestling with some kind of doubt or fears. They all have done things they regret. Deep down, they probably all wonder whether there is a God—and if there is a God, how does that God feel about them? Whether they realize it or not, they will all come face-to-face with a God who will judge the thoughts and attitudes of their hearts.

The question is, “Do they know that that same God who will one day judge them also died for them? Do they know that Jesus spilled his blood to wash away their sins? Have they experienced the peace that comes from knowing that, for Jesus sake, God is not holding their sins against them? I pray they do.

I also pray that God will use me (and you and all our fellow WELS members) to help bring the gospel of Jesus to more and more people like these—people from many nations. Right now, God is opening doors for us in countries like Vietnam, the Sudan, China, and the Philippines. As we make faithful use of the financial resources God has entrusted to us to support mission work at home and abroad, the gospel will continue to be brought to people who don't necessarily look and

sound like we do—but who have the same Savior we have. Truly, the fields are ripe and the harvest is waiting. What blessing that the Good News which we cherish is also the Good News we can share.

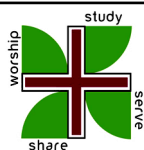
By the time you read these words, I expect I will be back in the familiar surroundings of Mount Olive. Maybe we will be sitting in a Lenten service together, all speaking the same language. As we worship together and go about our daily routines, I pray that the vision of people of every language and nation putting their hope in the name of Jesus as Savior is one that will not soon fade away—from my mind or yours.

To the glory of the Savior
of the nations,

Pastor Robb Raasch



Spiritual Growth



Spiritual Growth Opportunities Winter 2018

Throughout the week, feed your faith and spend time with your Mount Olive family delving into the Word during our Bible classes.

Sundays (9:25-10:15 a.m.)

- **Idols We Never Knew We Had**
(i.e. Success, Technology, Sports, Family, etc.)

Leader - Pastor Raasch
Fellowship Hall

- **The Foundation of Our Faith**

Leader - Pastor Schreiner
8th Grade Classroom

Tuesdays (6:30-7:30 a.m.)

- **Breakfast Bible Study**

Leader - Pastor Raasch
Mary's on North Richmond

Wednesdays (9:30-10:30 a.m.)

- **The Book of Amos**

Leader - Pastor Zank
Fellowship Hall

Thursdays (6:30-7:30 p.m.)

- **The Foundation of Our Faith**

Leader - Pastor Schreiner
8th Grade Classroom

Fridays (6:30-7:30 a.m.)

- **Men's Bible Study**

Book of Acts
Leader - Paul Kollé
Teen Room

Throughout the Week

- **SISTERS Small Groups**
- **Life Groups – Applying God's Word to Life**

Join your fellow believers in applying God's Word to life.
We welcome new people!

Lenten Suppers



Enjoy fellowship and supper before being nourished by the Word during our 6:00 p.m. Lenten worship services.

**Wednesdays
4:30-5:45 p.m.**

During this Lenten season, Mount Olive will offer Lenten Fellowship Suppers prior to the Wednesday evening services. There will be six suppers this season hosted by the Board of Stewardship and other groups within the church and school. Each group will create their own menu, so stay tuned to the weekly bulletin for more information regarding the menu and if donations are needed.

If you have any questions about the suppers, please contact Pete Nelson at 262-853-7544 or at petenelson53@yahoo.com.

**Mount Olive is a Family
Growing in Christ!**

Worship Opportunities

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Worship Times (unless otherwise noted)

Saturdays - 5:30 p.m.
Sundays - 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Mondays - 6 p.m.

JESUS CHRIST
IS OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST

Services

- March 3-5** Worship Service with Lord’s Supper
“The Way of the Cross Means Submission to the Word”
- March 7** Lenten Service (10 a.m. & 6 p.m.)
“Jesus Is Our Self-Sacrificing High Priest”
Lenten Fellowship Supper (4:30-5:45 p.m.)
- March 10-12** Worship Service
“The Way of the Cross Saves Our Lives”
- March 14** Lenten Service (10 a.m. & 6 p.m.)
“Jesus Our High Priest Serves at a Great Altar”
Lenten Fellowship Supper (4:30-5:45 p.m.)
- March 17-19** Worship Service with Lord’s Supper
“The Way of the Cross Requires a New Type of Priest”
Luther Prep Singers singing during Sunday’s services
(No Lord’s Supper during Sunday’s Services)
- March 21** Lenten Service (10 a.m. & 6 p.m.)
“Jesus Our Great High Priest Makes Us Priests”
Lenten Fellowship Supper (4:30-5:45 p.m.)
- March 24-26** Palm Sunday Worship Service
“The Way of the Cross is One of Humility”
- March 29** Maundy Thursday Service (10 a.m. & 6 p.m.)
- March 30** Good Friday Tenebrae Service (5 p.m. & 7 p.m.)
- March 31** *No Worship*
- April 1** Easter Service (6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., & 10:30 a.m.)
6:30 a.m.—Easter Worship with Lord’s Supper
8:30 a.m.—Easter Worship
10:30 a.m.—Easter Worship
Easter Breakfast (7:30-10:00 a.m.)
- April 2** *No Worship*

Mount Olive Family News

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? (1 Thessalonians 3:9)



Thank You Note

When I came to Mount Olive as a new Seminary graduate, I wasn't sure what to expect from such a large congregation. Would I fit in? Would my family find friends or get lost in the crowd? Would I learn everyone's name!? I was

concerned about what serving with other pastors would be like. I was hopeful that I wouldn't make a fool out of myself. But most of all, I wanted to tell you all about Jesus and stay out of the way as the Savior did his work through me.

God blessed my time at Mount Olive. He removed, or at least calmed, my fears. And, he not only allowed me to tell you about Jesus, but I got to see Jesus in you as you shared your hope in him with me. I will miss the Mount Olive family but know that we remain united in Christian faith and will see each other again soon, whether on this side of heaven or forever before our Savior's face in eternity.

Thank you so much for your support in ministry. Thank you for your prayers. Thank you for your patience with a new pastor. Thank you for your forgiveness when I failed you. Thank you for your generosity during my time here and as I left to serve a new congregation. Above all though, thank God, for his grace to each of us in Jesus. We are great sinners. We have a Savior who is greater than our sin. To God be the glory!

The pastors remaining at Mount Olive have a tremendous heart for you all. They pray for you. They shed tears for you. They love you dearly. I pray God blesses them and that he provide you with another under-shepherd who will show you Jesus. Mount Olive will go with me into my new ministry, and you will remain in my heart and in my prayers. The Lord bless and keep you all.

Your brother and fellow servant in Christ,
Pastor Jasper Sellnow

You are welcome to keep in touch with Pastor Sellnow and his family!

His new email address is: revsellnow@gmail.com

Mount Olive Family News

March

BIRTHDAYS

Eleanor Zimmer

March 3

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Fay Dreger

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Fred Strey

March 13

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Mary Borchardt

March 19


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Mount Olive Family News




*Called to
Glory*




January 22, 2018
Roger Bosin

February 1, 2018
Lois Sonnenberg

Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his saints.
(Psalm 116:15)




Holy
Baptism



Affirmation of Baptism
February 10, 2018

Miles Delmar Weber
Son of
Jake and Emily Weber

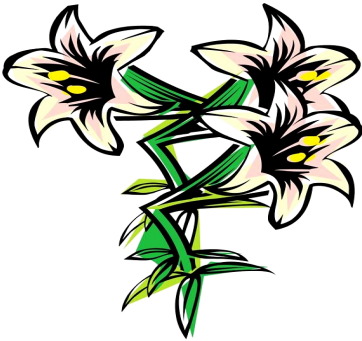
Baptized on
December 27, 2017



*HOSANNA
in the highest!*



Flower Orders



Easter Lily Orders

To help decorate our chancel during Easter, we will be taking orders for Easter lilies. The price for the single-stalk lilies is \$13.95. Please sign up for the lilies in the Atrium. Your lily may be taken home after the 10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday service.

Food Pantry



The purpose of the WELS Apple Valley Food Pantry is to assist WELS individuals and families and others throughout the Fox Valley area identified to us by our WELS pastors. We give grocery assistance to those in need. Assistance may be for a month, a few months, or long term.

Apple Valley Food Pantry's March 2018 Pantry Sunday will be on Sunday, March 18th. Please drop off your donations at Mount Olive by the morning of Sunday, March 18th.

Items needed for the month of March include cereal, all canned meats such as turkey & ham, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, canned fruit, boxed & canned potatoes, jam, crackers, pancake mix, syrup, laundry detergent, and dish soap.

Monetary donations are also accepted. Checks should be made payable to **Apple Valley Food Pantry** and mailed to 129 S. Mason Street, Appleton, WI 54914.

Your donations are very much appreciated. Thank you for helping us help those in need!



The 2018 Flower Donation Calendar is on display in the west school hallway. Members may sign up to donate a floral arrangement for the chancel area. This is a wonderful way to help beautify our church as well as commemorate special events or express gratitude for blessings received.

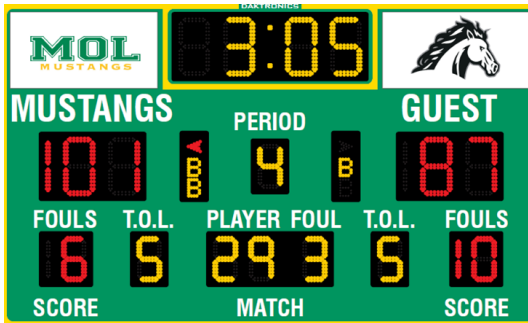


Building Update

The Building Expansion Committee (BEC) received the results of the soil boring test. The test showed a dry, storm water retention pond would need to be located in the NE corner of the property and be dug approximately 3-4 feet deep. Based on the depth of the dry pond, the BEC discussed the possibility of having to erect a fence around the area. As a result, the committee elected to choose an underground storm water storage system. The underground storage will be located under the parking lot and will eliminate the need for the dry pond.

The BEC continues to review, and when appropriate, select vendors. Daktronics was selected to provide the gym scoreboard. The Carroll Company was selected to provide gym equipment (i.e. bleachers, backstops, etc.).

We are still on schedule to begin removing the parsonage the week of February 26th and send the plans to bid the week of March 5th. In the near future, the BEC will be looking to assemble volunteers to assist in the following areas: limited demo, painting, cabinets, resetting playground equipment, and landscaping. As we begin the project, other volunteer opportunities may also be available. Please watch for announcements of how you can help!



“We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord.” Psalm 78:4

Church News



**Summary of Voters' Meeting on
January 24, 2018**

President Kolell called the meeting to order.

Pastor Schreiner opened with prayer.

Pastor Call

- Call sheets were distributed
- Pastor Zank spoke to what responsibilities and characteristics they are looking for in a new Pastor (i.e. Youth Family Ministry position, works well with a team).
- A discussion took place regarding the candidates.
- A motion to accept the candidate list carried.
- Ballots were distributed.

A motion to accept the candidate list carried.

A motion to extend a call to Rev. Brett J. Krause unanimously carried.

A motion to give the Board of Education the ability to fill open positions for 2018/19 school year did not carry.

A motion to adjourn the Voters' Meeting carried.

The meeting concluded with Prayer.

.Respectfully Submitted,
Gregory M. Schmidt, Secretary

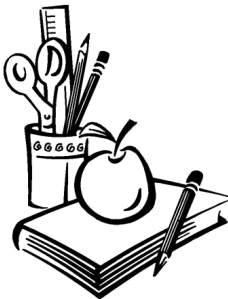


Call Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m.

As we move Forward in Faith, our building project is allowing us to expand Mount Olive's early childhood ministry. There has been considerable interest in our all-day 3K/4K class offerings. This means that we need to increase our teaching staff to accommodate the larger class sizes. We are happy to report that Mrs. April Schaefer has agreed to serve in this expanding ministry. She will join Jessica Enter as one our early childhood teachers.

In December, Mrs. Schaefer accepted our one-year call to serve as an additional First Grade teacher. At the time we were not ready to place a call for our early childhood ministry, but now that we are, it seemed best to work with Mrs. Schaefer to see if she would be agreeable to adjust the parameters of her call. (Mrs. Schaefer has a background in early childhood ministry.)

Since Mrs. Schaefer has agreed to transition to the 3K/4K teacher role for the 2018-19 school year, we will need to place another one-year call to fill the vacancy this leaves in first grade. With this in mind, Mount Olive will hold a call meeting on Wednesday, February 28th after the evening midweek Lenten service.



Please join us in thanking God for Mrs. Schaefer's willingness to serve. Join us also in praying that God will grant another willing worker to serve as our additional First Grade teacher.

Church Library



Featured This Month

Adult Nonfiction

8 Great Dates for Moms and Daughters: How to talk about true beauty, cool fashion, and modesty! by Dannah Gresh.

With all the pressures and influences of today's world, it's only natural that moms are concerned about their little girls and how they will grow up. Quality time between a mom and a daughter can be the greatest protection against the world's pressures to make a girl mature too quickly. The author of this book (popular speaker and founder of the Secret Keeper Girl conferences) has written about fun mother and daughter get-togethers, perfect one-on-one or for a small group of moms and their energetic 8-12 year-old daughters. Each date focuses on one topic surrounding beauty and modesty and is full of fun while at the same time imparting a life and faith-enhancing message. The book provides a mom with everything she needs to plan and carry out the activities.

Adult Fiction

The Dandelion Field
by Kathryn Springer.

This faith-filled romance story of forgiveness and redemption takes place in Banister Falls, Wisconsin after Ginevieve Lightly's car breaks down there. Previous to that time, Gin never lived in one place too long after her husband walked out. She promises her teenage daughter, Raine, they can stay in Banister Falls until she finishes her senior year of high school. Gin will do anything to make sure her daughter has a bright future. However, soon it's a future that becomes compromised when Raine reveals she's pregnant. Dan Moretti is a life-long resident of Banister Falls. After losing his best friend in a tragic accident, Dan devoted himself to responding to fires, rescuing the helpless, and guiding Cody Bennett, his best friend's son, through life. With Cody being the epitome of the good kid, it was an easy job - until Cody said four little words: "The baby is mine." As Gin and Dan do the best they can to guide the two teenagers through their early entry into adulthood, they discover together that romance can bloom in the rockiest of situations. And, God can turn the pieces of a broken past into a beautiful new beginning.

Church Library Internet Link

Search our library materials at www.mountoliveappleton.com.

**Return all materials to the "Book Return" slot at the check out counter.
Come Check us Out!**

Group News



Looking back at February...thank you to all who so generously supported our "Hearts for Missions Bake Sale." We had so many delicious baked items and treats. God blessed our sale and the total amount collected was \$1,741 which will be divided several different ways.

\$100 each to our "Befriend A Mission" assignments:

- Sure Foundation, NY
- East Fork Lutheran School, Arizona

The remainder of money to be divided between the three missions below:

- St. Paul, Adams, WI (Pastor Sellnow's new mission)
- Calvary Academy Scholarship/Tuition Assistance
- Branch Lutheran Schools of Haiti

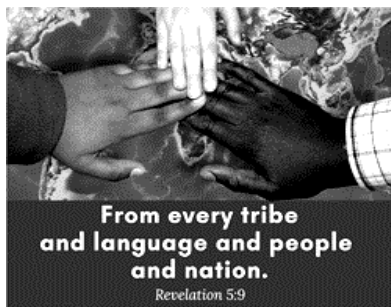
Thank you all again for your generosity.

Looking ahead...Paperland Circuit Spring Rally

**Spring Rally at Grace Oshkosh
April 21, 2018**

Hosted by Grace, Oshkosh
913 Nebraska Street, Oshkosh, WI

Co-hosted by Grace-Pickett and Faith-Oshkosh



Spring Rally Agenda

- 8:00 to 9:00
Registration & Refreshments
- 9:00 to 9:15 Opening Devotion
- 9:15 to 9:55
Business Meeting with Election
- 9:55 to 10:00
Mission Presentation
- 10:00 to 10:15 Offering & Break
- 10:15 to 11:00
Speaker: Prof. Al Sorum -
Pastoral Studies Institute
- 11:00 to 11:05 Stand-up Break
- 11:05 to 11:15
Presentation Wrap-Up
- 11:15 to 11:30
2018 Convention Update
- 11:30 to 12:00
Wrap-up Business Meeting and
Election Results
- 12:00 to 12:30
Closing Devotion and
Installation of Officers
- 12:30 Lunch

The church is handicapped accessible and will furnish babysitting services. Please sign up in the Atrium if you are planning to attend and if you need babysitting services or are staying for lunch. *continued*

Group News

LWMS continued

This year’s mission offerings are going to “Van’s for Missions” as the home project and “Nepal” as the world mission project. Donations for this offering can be placed in the LWMS August envelope in your envelope pack or can be put in the wooden box marked LWMS in the Atrium from March 17th to April 8th.

We are just a few months away from the LWMS convention at the KI Center in Green Bay. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear missionaries and mission speakers from around the world and a great time to meet other sisters in faith. The theme is “Speak O Lord from the Valley to the World.” If you have not registered, please do so soon at www.lwms.org. We hope to see many new faces!

Looking ahead...

- March 13, 6:00 p.m.
Meeting - school library
- April 10, 5:30 p.m.
Catered dinner. Jim & Pat Freer to speak on Nepal, India & Pakistan – Fellowship Hall. This is open to the entire congregation.
- April 21
Paperland Circuit Spring Rally at Grace, Oshkosh
- June 21-24
LWMS Intl. Convention, KI Center, Green Bay, WI

For information, please contact: Gloria Knoll (gknoll@att.net or 739-5108), Louise Kesting (809-8588 or mnlkestg@sbcglobal.net), or Kerri Kleist at (740-5901 or kerrickleist@gmail.com).



ALTAR GUILD



The Altar Guild’s next meeting is Monday, March 19th at 1:30 p.m. in the Teen Room.

March Team

- Marion Hinz
- Bonnie Krueger
- Mary Vick
- Edith Priebe
- Sue Behnke



Ladies Aid

Ladies Aid is an organization for women of all ages. We enjoy fellowship and service for our congregation and the Lord. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month but do not meet in January or July. Please consider attending as a guest or joining Ladies Aid. We would love to welcome you!

Our next meeting takes place on Wednesday, March 7th at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Group News



New members are welcome! All games begin at 7:00 p.m. except when scheduled to play St. John. Those games begin at 7:15 p.m. Snacks are served during games and a dessert is usually served after the games for socializing.

March 11, 2018

St. John at Eternal Love
Mount Olive 1 at Mount Olive 2

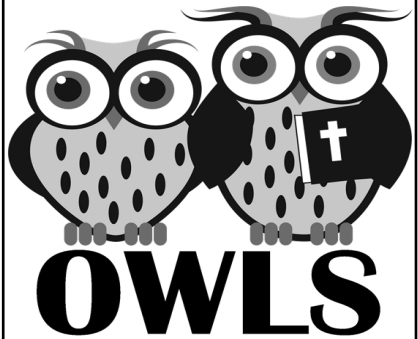
March 25, 2018

Mount Olive 1 at St. John
Eternal Love at Mount Olive 2

April 8, 2018

Fun Day!
St. John (1:30 p.m.)

For more information about the WELS Dartball League, please contact Jim Dahlke (920-733-0518) or Tim Zuberbier (920-257-4209).



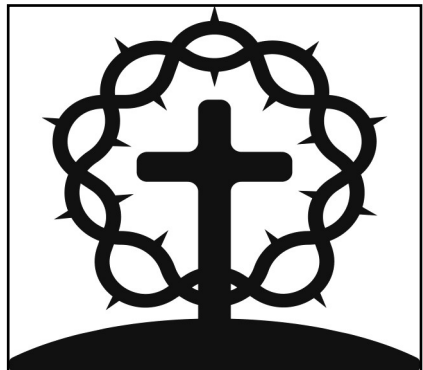
Mark Your Calendars

OWLS Chapter 42 of the Fox Valley will meet on the following dates in 2018:

- May 8th
- August 14th
- November 13th

Locations, times, and programs for the meetings will be sent at a later time.

For more information about the OWLS organization, please go to www.wels.net/serving-you/christian-life/special-ministries/wels-seniors.



Group News

LAW AND GOSPEL LUTHERAN CHURCH MANILA, THE PHILIPPINES

Backpacks, Hymnals, and 2018 Outreach Plans

Along with prayers and excitement, students of Mount Olive Lutheran school and members of our Mount Olive family gathered backpacks to send to our mission partner in Manila. Members of our sister congregation, St. John Lutheran, Appleton (on Hwy. 47) donated the hymnals – all to be sent this month. Thank you to all who made these special gifts!

- 50 new backpacks and many “gently used”
- 20 used hymnals

But why? God is blessing Law and Gospel’s ministry!! Here is what, by God’s grace, the little group plans for 2018...

- Increase the number of regular Sunday school students from 30 in 2016 to 50 in 2017 to 70 in 2018
- Expand the number of Sunday School classes from 2 to 4
- Grades 4 -12 will study Luther’s Small Catechism
- Consider VBS at the Novotas City and Bacoor mission stations and train older current Sunday School students as helpers

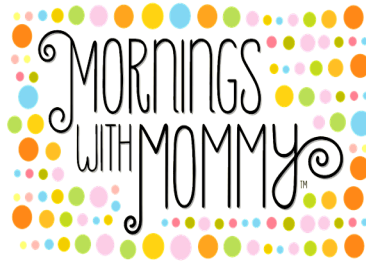
Other blessings:

- The monthly women’s fellowship group averages 16-20 women
- Five people in adult instructions are nearing the end of their course of study
- 10-15 people attend worship and Bible study regularly at the Navotas City (metro Manila) mission station.

Please pray for the Gospel’s success through Law and Gospel and for continued health and strength for Pastor DeGuzman, his wife Marieta, and a well-trained lay helper, Filmore.

Mount Olive Mission Partner Committee

Connecting People with Missions and Missions with People



**Do you have children preschool age or younger?
 Are you looking for a fun, creative, and educational experience
 for your child?**

**Would you like to spend time with other moms?
 If so, join us at Mornings with Mommy!**

Mornings with Mommy is a unique blend of story time, playdate, and learning center that combine to meet the needs of young children.

Upcoming Session



Fun with Food!



**March 2
 Fun with Food**



**March 16
 Eggs and Easter -
 Jesus is Risen!**

Pack your diaper bag and join in the fun!

Register at www.mountoliveappleton.com/mwm. The cost is \$3/family/ session. Space is limited to 20 children. Our sessions take place in the Mount Olive Teen Room. Sign-in begins at 8:15 a.m. For more information, contact Kelly Schreiner at 840-7685.

MOL School News



Mount Olive Lutheran School

Mustang News - March Highlights

March 4

FVL Schools Daddy-Daughter Dance @ FVL – 2p.m.

March 6

FVL Schools Open House (including Mount Olive and Fox Valley Lutheran High School) will be from noon until 7 p.m. Invite your friends and neighbors to visit any of the schools and classrooms. Tours will be given, information provided, and questions may be asked. Encourage new families to visit!

March 8

K-8 attends *Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs of the Black Forest*
@ FVL - 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Forensics Meet at Trinity, Neenah - 6 p.m.

March 11

Daylight Savings Time Starts (Set clocks ahead 1 hour)

March 13

FVL Schools Forensics Meet @ FVL - 5:30-7:30 p.m.

March 15

Discover FVL will be held from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. 7th graders are invited to visit FVL and be introduced to high school activities. FVL will also be offering a late afternoon tour session from 4:30-6:30 p.m. for undecided 8th graders, public school families, homeschoolers, and more.

March 16

End of 3rd Quarter

March 19-23

Mount Olive Lutheran School Spring Break

March 27

FVL Marionette Troupe at Mount Olive - 1:10-2:00 p.m.

March 28

3rd Quarter Parent/Teacher Conferences - Optional

March 30 - April 2

Good Friday and Easter - No school on Friday and Monday

Mount Olive Evangelical Lutheran School assists parents with Christian training of children for life and eternity, provides academic excellence in the light of God's Word, and reflects the light of Jesus in the community and beyond.

FVL Federation Report



FVL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT TO THE FEDERATION

February 2018

FVL Mission

Partners with families and Federation churches, providing students with a Christ-centered education preparing teens for lives of service and for eternity.

SCHOOL NEWS

- Enrollment is currently 614 – 29 more than last year at this time. Currently 153 eighth graders have indicated they plan on attending FVL next year.
- The application window for the *Wisconsin Parental Choice Program* is now open until April 20. Families should check FVL's website to see if they would qualify for this state-run program that helps families to fully-fund tuition for their teens.
- Seniors **Olivia Verbeke** and **Erika Priebe** have been named the Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the Class of 2018. Congratulations to these excellent students.
- In early February, Leadership Week was organized by our *Peer Leadership Group* to strengthen student leadership skills and to create stronger bonds among our student body.
- **Olivia Verbeke** has been named a Regional Writing Gold Key Award winner in the annual Scholastic Writing Competition. Her work will continue on to national competition.
- FVL's *Family Open House* is Tuesday, March 6, from noon-7 pm. Families can register online at fvlhs.org; walk-ins are welcome. A drawing for tuition discount coupons is offered.
- The annual NEC Solo & Ensemble Festival will be hosted at FVL on February 24 beginning at 8 am.
- On March 15, FVL will welcome over 200 seventh graders to *Discover FVL Day*.
- Information on the FoxFest Dinner Auction is now online. The date is April 20 at Liberty Hall. Find out more at fvlhs.org.

STAFFING NEWS

- Please remember Assistant Principal **Dave Voss** in your prayers as he deals with health issues.
- **Vicki Rehberg** has been hired to serve as our new Media Center Assistant; she is taking over for **Kathy Kolell** who has become our in-school substitute teacher and in-school printer. Also **Vickie Elst** recently began her work as a second-shift custodian.
- MLC student teachers **Alec** and **Kendra Bergmann** will be on campus from late February-early May.

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FVL Federation Report

SCRIP

FVL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT *continued*

COCURRICULARS

- The Forensics team is enjoying season success. Next up are sub-district and district competitions.
- Our chapter of *Future Business Leaders of America* qualified 15 students for State competition. The team finished fifth in regional competition and was honored with an Outstanding Chapter Award.
- FVL Theatre will offer its Children's Theatre rendition of *Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs of the Black Forest* on March 8-9. Tickets are available online or at the door.
- FVL's Fox Folk Marionette Troupe is performing for Eternal Love's "Easter Eggstravaganza" on March 24 as well as performing Senior Showcases at Trinity-Neenah and Mount Olive on March 27.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

- Congregation support for operations is 1.0% (or, about \$5K) behind what had been collected at this time last year. We are about \$71K short of budget at this time.
- *Growing in Grace* gifts totaled \$2,856 in January. Just under \$300K is left to retire the mortgage!
- SCRIP sales for January were \$191K. Total sales for the year equal \$1.62M.
- The number of donors for Legacy Project has risen to 426. These gifts go to the FVL Foundation to be endowed for Tuition Assistance.
- With support from our *Partnering with Business* sponsors, January's Musicfest netted over \$18K for FVL's Fine Arts programs.

With You, Serving Jesus,
Principal Steve Granberg



Memorials & Gifts



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FORWARD IN FAITH

- \$15.00** Robert Bauer in memory of Debbie Kuehl's mother
- \$20.00** Pat Bellin in memory of Lois Sonnenberg
- \$25.00** Lillian Court in memory of Ed Court
- \$25.00** Betty Flunker in memory of Judy Mundt's mother
- \$25.00** Betty Flunker in memory of Debbie Kuehl's mother
- \$25.00** Betty Flunker in memory of Lois Sonnenberg
- \$50.00** Jerry & Audrey Greve in memory of Lois Sonnenberg
- \$25.00** Dan & Jeri Grunwald in memory of Lois Sonnenberg
- \$25.00** Jim & Gloria Knoll in memory of Roger Bosin
- \$100.00** Don & Helen Meyer in memory of Lois Sonnenberg
- \$10.00** Lois Miller in memory of Lois Sonnenberg
- \$25.00** Arline Plonske in memory of Patsy Draeger

- \$25.00** Carl & Marion Rudolph in memory of Lois Sonnenberg
- \$50.00** Mark & Carol Schmidt in memory of Lois Sonnenberg
- \$30.00** Wayne & Joan Strelow in memory of Lois Sonnenberg
- \$25.00** Rev. Burton & Lucille Stensberg in memory of their friend Darlene Gruening
- \$25.00** Bruce & Faye Thede in memory of Lois Sonnenberg
- \$15.00** Roger & Bonnie VandenLangenberg in memory of Lois Sonnenberg
- \$25.00** Ken & Mary Wehrman in memory of Lois Sonnenberg

GENERAL FUND

- \$240.00** Family & Friends in memory of Roger Bosin

MINISTERIAL TRUST

- \$50.00** Ken & Arline Kolander in memory of Lois Sonnenberg
- \$25.00** Ron & Donna Zahn in memory of Lois Sonnenberg

MOUNT OLIVE SCHOOL

- \$50.00** Mount Olive Ladies Aid in memory of Lois Sonnenberg

SCRIP

Financial Update



Mount Olive SCRIP is a fundraising program for everyone who wishes to support Mount Olive's ministry.

For more information about Mount Olive's SCRIP program, please contact our SCRIP Coordinator, Carol Schuff, at 739-9194 ext. 235 or at SCRIP@mountoliveappleton.com.

SCRIP DESK HOURS

Mondays & Fridays

7:45-8:15 A.M. & 2:45-3:15 P.M.

Sundays

9:10-9:25 A.M. & 10:10-10:25 A.M.

SCRIP purchases can be designated for *Forward in Faith*.

More information about Mount Olive's SCRIP program can be found at mountoliveappleton.com/scrip.



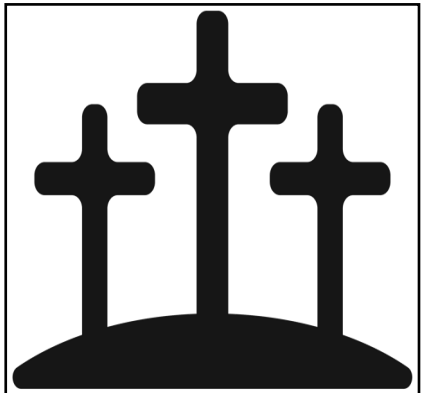
February 2018

General Fund Revenues for the month ending January 31, 2018, were \$9,926 lower than budget. Offerings were \$17,427 lower than budget. Tuition was \$4,524 higher than budget. Other income was \$2,977 higher than anticipated.

General Fund Expenses for the month of January were \$18,714 lower than budget.

The net loss for the month of January is \$21,848 compared to a budgeted loss of \$30,636. This is \$8,788 ahead of budget.

The line of credit balance is at \$0.



Financial Update

Mount Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church

Appleton, Wisconsin

GENERAL FUND INCOME STATEMENT

For the YTD ending January 31, 2018

	Actual	Budget		
	Year to Date	Year to Date	Variance	% Change
Revenues				
Offerings	94,093	111,520	-17,427	(15.63)
Tuition & Fees	28,024	23,500	4,524	19.25
Other Income	4,477	1,500	2,977	198.47
Total Revenues:	126,594	136,520	-9,926	(7.27)
Expenses				
Operating Expenses	126,655	145,370	-18,715	(12.87)
FVL/Synod Distributions	21,786	21,786	0	0.00
Total Expenses:	148,441	167,156	-18,715	(11.20)
General Fund Cash	-21,847	-30,636	8,789	(18.47)
Transfers				
Transfers In	0	0	0	0.00
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0.00
Total Transfers:	0	0	0	0.00
Grand Total:	-21,847	-30,636	8,789	0

COMPARATIVE GENERAL FUND INCOME STATEMENT

For the YTD ending January 31, 2018

	2018	2017		
	4 weeks	5 weeks	Change	% Change
Revenues				
Offerings	94,093	103,802	-9,709	(9.35)
Tuition & Fees	28,024	15,574	12,450	79.94
Other Income	4,477	6,042	-1,565	(25.90)
Total Revenues:	126,594	125,418	1,176	0.94
Expenses				
Operating Expenses	126,655	147,114	-20,459	(13.91)
FVL/Synod Distributions	21,786	11,106	10,680	96.16
Total Expenses:	148,441	158,220	-9,779	(6.18)
General Fund Cash	-21,847	-32,802	10,955	7.12
Transfers				
Transfers In	0	0	0	0.00
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0.00
Total Transfers:	0	0	0	0.00
Grand Total:	-21,847	-32,802	10,955	0

Help for the Homeless

91.9 FM Fox Cities / 101.7 FM Fond du Lac / 91.3 Sheboygan



Hygiene Drive

Feb. 18 - March 11

**Donate Personal Care Items for
Local Crisis Programs!**

Help ease the financial strain on area homeless and crisis programs!

Most Needed Items:

- Cleaning Supplies
- Hair Care
- Laundry Soap
- Feminine Needs
- Deodorant
- Kitchen Trash Bags
- Bathroom Tissue
- Dental Care
- Paper Towels
- Diapers/Baby Care
- Body Lotion
- Face/Bath Soap

Donations remain in the community where they are collected.

**Please place your donations in the “Help for the Homeless” bin
located in Mount Olive’s Atrium.**

Thank you for helping support the homeless in our community!

Retire Wisely Seminar



THRIVENT FINANCIAL
Connecting faith & finances for good.®

RETIRE WISELY

47% of Americans age 56 to 62 could run out of funds to pay for basic retirement expenses if they were to retire at age 65.¹

- Will you have enough to retire?
- Will your retirement income last?
- Are your assets protected?

A FINANCIAL EVENT

Join us for a presentation brought to you by Thrivent Financial, a not-for-profit membership organization of Christians. While many financial firms see money as a goal, we see it as a tool to help the people, causes and communities you hold close to your heart.

EVENT DETAILS:

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Fox Valley Lutheran High School, Room 2511
5300 N. Meade Street, Appleton

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Fox Valley Lutheran High School, Room 2511
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HOSTED BY THRIVENT FINANCIAL REPRESENTATIVE:



Christopher J. Schumacher
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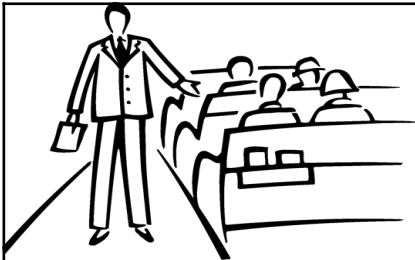
Please RSVP to reserve your spot. Contact Kristin Schumacher at 920-628-2890 or email Kristin.Schumacher@Thrivent.com.

I hope to see you there!



Volunteer Schedules

March Schedule



USHERS

March

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Mike Evers, Captain
 Peter Sehloff, Ross Prochnow,
 Tony Hess, Steve Ahrens.

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Tim Weihing, Captain
 Jeff Retzlaff, Cliff Galleske,
 Mike Kesting, Daryl Hintz.

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Jesse Vander Heyden, Captain
 Scott Plach, David Gauvin,
 Corey Zoromski,
 Scott Rademacher.

Monday 6:00 p.m.

John Hoh, Captain
 Bob Luedtke, Victor Bode.

*Please see the 2018 Usher's Calendar
 for special service usher schedules.*



AUDIO·VISUAL TEAM

March

- 3 - Ethan Cain
- 4 - 8 a.m. - Jennifer Prillwitz
- 4 - 10:30 a.m. - Rachel Volkman
- 5 - Scott Krueger
- 10 - Alex Krueger
- 11 - 8 a.m. - Gabrielle Medema
- 11 - 10:30 a.m. - Drew Talo
- 12 - Aaron Tollefson
- 17 - Connor Graham
- 18 - 8 a.m. - Zach Thede
- 18 - 10:30 a.m. - Eric Wenzel
- 19 - Jonathan Leahy
- 24 - Erick Nason
- 25 - 8 a.m. - Zach Thede
- 25 - 10:30 a.m. - Caden Rindt
- 26 - Scott Krueger

April

- 1 - 6:30 a.m. - Cody Manske
- 1 - 8:30 a.m. - Marcus Medema
- 1 - 10:30 a.m. - Brad Erickson

Volunteer Schedules

March Schedule



March 4

8 a.m. - Sharon Hintz, Gabrielle & Micah Medema

10:30 a.m. - Scott & Janelle Fuhrmann, Josh & Melissa Kaphingst

March 11

8 a.m. - Richard & Kay Van De Weghe, Jerry & Miriam Gronholz

10:30 a.m. - Mike & Kari Mapes, LaWellyn & Yolanda Tesch

March 18

8 a.m. - Richard & Marion Hintz, Mark & Debra Toll

10:30 a.m. - Steve & Liana Collins, Mike & Louise Kesting

March 25

8 a.m. - Tom Ermers, Mark & Carol Schmidt

10:30a.m. - Steve & Catherine Wunderlich, Stan & Brenda Rickert



March 4

8 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Medema Family

10:00 a.m. - noon
Sarah Raasch, Karen Thomas

March 7 (6:30-7:30 p.m.)

Sue & Andy Petit

March 11

8 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Carl & Wanda Van Grinsven

10:00 a.m. - noon
Sarah Raasch, Tara Willenkamp

March 14 (6:30-7:30 p.m.)

JoAnn Klemp

March 18

8 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Dan & Leslie Voss

10:00 a.m. - noon
JoAnn & Jenni Klemp

March 21 (6:30-7:30 p.m.)

Louise Kesting

March 25

8 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Mark & Merri Schroeder

10:00 a.m. - noon
Corey & Jamie Zoromski



UPCOMING EVENTS

See Inside for Details

- February 28 - Lenten Service (10 a.m. & 6 p.m.)
- February 28 - Lenten Fellowship Supper (4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.)
- February 28 - Voters' Call Meeting (7 p.m.)
- March 2 - Mornings with Mommy
- March 6 - School Open House
- March 7 - Ladies Aid Meeting
- March 14 - Lenten Service (10 a.m. & 6 p.m.)
- March 14 - Lenten Fellowship Supper (4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.)
- March 11 - Last Day of the "Help for the Homeless" Hygiene Drive
- March 11 - Daylight Savings Time Begins
- March 11 - Dartball
- March 13 - LWMS Meeting
- March 14 - Lenten Service (10 a.m. & 6 p.m.)
- March 14 - Lenten Fellowship Supper (4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.)
- March 16 - Mornings with Mommy
- March 18 - Luther Prep Singers at Mount Olive
- March 18 - Apple Valley Food Pantry Sunday
- March 19 - Altar Guild Meeting
- March 21 - Lenten Service (10 a.m. & 6 p.m.)
- March 21 - Lenten Fellowship Supper (4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.)
- March 24 - Easter Canvassing (9:30 a.m. - noon)
- March 25 - Palm Sunday
- March 25 - Dartball
- March 27 - Retire Wisely Seminar (10 a.m. & 6 p.m.)
- March 29 - Maundy Thursday Services (10 a.m. & 6 p.m.)
- March 30 - Good Friday Tenebrae Services (5 p.m. & 7 p.m.)
- April 1 - Easter Sunday Services (6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., & 10:30 a.m.)
- April 1 - Easter Fellowship Breakfast (7:30 - 10 a.m.)
- April 10 - LWMS Catered Dinner and Nepal Presentation
- April 21 - LWMS Paperland Circuit Spring Rally
- June 21-24 - LWMS International Convention in Green Bay, WI



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