

THIS WEEK

April 22-29, 2018

SUNDAY 4th Sunday of Easter Apple Valley Food Pantry	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		6 p.m. - Worship
TUESDAY	6:30 a.m. - BC at Mary's	6:30 p.m. - Handbells
WEDNESDAY	9:30 a.m. - Bible Class 4 p.m. - Confirmation Examination Practice	
THURSDAY		6:00 p.m. - Confirmation Examination <u>No</u> Foundations Bible Class
FRIDAY	6:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study	7:30 p.m. - Recovery/Peace through Christ
SATURDAY	10 a.m. - Confirmation	5:30 p.m. - Worship
NEXT SUNDAY 5th Sunday of Easter	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	<u>No</u> Adult Co-ed Volleyball (gym closed for school musical)

OFFERINGS/OTHER INCOME		BUDGET	ACTUAL
Offerings	Week of 4/16/18	\$32,459	\$15,215
Offerings	Year-to-date	\$450,074	\$399,089
Offerings + Other Income	Year-to-date	\$614,574	\$540,081
Forward in Faith	Week of 4/16/18		\$16,104
Forward in Faith	Total Campaign to-date		\$1,290,339

USHERS (April)

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Brady Sturm, Captain; John Knapp, Michael Hyne, William Harold, Troy Graham.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Bryan Thede, Captain; Jeff Schultz, Todd Ziegler, Zach Ziegler, Matt Gregersen.

Sunday 10:30 a.m. - Nick Kraftzenk, Captain; Aidan Kraftzenk, Mike Kesting, Mike Strelow.

Monday 6:00 p.m. - John Hoh, Captain; Bob Luedtke, Victor Bode.

GREETERS This Week: (8:00 a.m.) - Ron & Donna Zahn, Roger & Bonnie Vanden Langenberg; (10:30 a.m.) - Bryan & Jennifer Hass, Mark & Karen Johnson.
Next Week: (8:00 a.m.) - Dale & Jean Flunker, Kenneth & Mary Wehrman; (10:30 a.m.) - Jaqueline Dorow, Randall & Valerie Kreuscher.

COFFEE CAFÉ This Week: (8-10 a.m.) - Sarah Raasch, Gloria Krenger; (10 a.m.-noon) Randy & Kristin Kohlstedt.
Next Week: (8-10 a.m.) - Jim & Mary Jo Van Dyke; (10 a.m.-noon) Elaine Bartel, Louise Kesting.

AV TEAM This Week: **April 21** - Erick Nason; **April 22** (8:00 a.m.) - Zach Thede; **April 22** (10:30 a.m.) - Rachel Volkman; **April 23** - Jonathan Leahy.
Next Week: **April 28** - Erick Nason; **April 29** (8:00 a.m.) - Josh Lecker; **April 29** (10:30 a.m.) - Drew Taló; **April 30** - Scott Krueger.

ALTAR GUILD (April) Val Kreuscher, Margaret Kubek, Elaine Bartel, Faye Thede, Sheryl Schultz.

Announcements

Attendance All Services: 272

Saturday: 127

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. *cancelled*, 10:00 a.m. *cancelled*

Monday: 145

The Altar flowers are placed to God's Glory by Sandy Kath and family in loving memory of Larry.

Baptisms:

- The Christian baptism of Isla Marie Hanson, daughter of Lance and Hannah Hanson, will take place during Sunday's 10:30 a.m. service.
- The Christian baptism of Mila Joelle Simonis, daughter of Adam and Mary Simonis, will take place during Sunday's 10:30 a.m. service.

Groundbreaking Poster: If you did not get a chance to sign the poster commemorating the groundbreaking for our new addition, please sign it in the Atrium today. Photos of the groundbreaking ceremony can be found on the Mount Olive website.

Church Parking: During our construction project, all traffic must enter the parking lot only from Doris Lane (west driveway by Pastor Zank's house). The Racine Street driveway (east driveway) will be one lane and used only for exiting traffic. Due to our parking lot being considerably smaller than normal during construction, worshippers should plan on parking on the streets surrounding our campus. **Please note:** All those entering the building during school hours are asked to park on Florida Avenue and enter through the Florida Avenue entrance.

Volunteers Needed: Please fill out and return the volunteer survey located on the back table or at the Forward in Faith page of the Mount Olive website. Thank you!

Apple Valley Food Pantry: Due to the snowstorm last weekend, our April collection date has been rescheduled to this **Sunday, April 22nd**. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

Mount Olive School Custodian Position: At the end of the school year, Mr. Ron Peters will be retiring as our school custodian. With Mr. Peters retiring, Mount Olive is now accepting applications for this full-time position. The starting salary is \$10.00 - \$13.00/hr. depending on experience and abilities. Paid vacation and benefits are also provided. For a complete job description and application form, please contact church.office@mountoliveappleton.com or call 739-9194. Deadline for the applications is May 7th.

Bible Classes to Join:

- **Romans: A Bible within the Bible** is a study led by Pastor Wenzel on Sundays at 9:25 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- 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 Pastor Raasch 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 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Men's Bible Study** led by Paul Kolell meets every Friday at 6:30 a.m. in the Teen Room. The current area of study is the book of Acts.
- **Women's Life Group:** Please join us on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Atrium to delve more deeply into the sermon text and share in fellowship. For more information, contact Ruth Maves at 734-7016. Come feed your faith with us!
- **A Mixed Life Group** meets in the Teen Room on Monday at 6:00 p.m. beginning April 16. Dave Frost serves as the facilitator. New faces are welcome. For more information, or to start your own Life Group, please contact Pastor Raasch.

A Life Guide is available in the Narthex to help you apply today's sermon to your life. Life Groups are also now forming. Contact the church office if you'd like to join one.

First Quarter Offering Statements were emailed to Mount Olive members on April 6th. If you did not receive your statement, please contact the church office (739-9194) or church.office@mountoliveappleton.com.

Staff Appreciation Week at Mount Olive: On **May 7–11**, we will be recognizing our wonderful teachers, pastors, and support staff (cooks, custodians, administration) for their dedicated service to our school. How can you help? The CEA & Board of Christian Education is asking for free-will donations that can be applied towards the purchase of gifts that will be given during Appreciation Week. Your donation will also help provide special treats and snacks throughout the week. We will also be in need of volunteers for the week. Help will be needed for set-up and clean-up of the snack table each day and to sub for teachers during one lunch and recess hour. Please drop off any donations in the offering box in the atrium or at the office by **May 4th**. To volunteer your time please contact Joe Rachoner 920-843-2098 (call/text) jrach2020@outlook.com. Thank you for your support!

Tuition Assistance: The tuition assistance application window for the 2018-19 school year at Mount Olive will be open from April 16th through May 18th. If your family needs financial assistance for tuition costs, this fund will provide dollars to families based on need and the amount of funds available. To find more information about this process, please visit molmustangs.org and click 'Financial Aid Application' within the 'Enrollment' tab. For any further questions, please contact the Board of Christian Education Treasurer Jeff Schultz (education@mountoliveappleton.com).

Pastoral Call Returned: Pastor Kevin Boushek has declined the call that Mount Olive extended to him to serve as one of our pastors. By resolution of our Voters' Assembly on February 28th, Mount Olive will now request that a graduate from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary be assigned to our congregation. Call Day for WLS will be on May 24th. We pray that the Lord of the Church will graciously provide us with an additional shepherd to tend the sheep and lambs of our flock.

Devotions: Every summer, Mount Olive SISTERS likes to encourage each other to have personal devotions using new devotional books. This year, we're focusing on the books, *On Giving Advice To God* (two books). If you buy the books separately, the cost for the first book is \$23.99 and the second is \$24.99. Buying the books together saves 20%, or \$39.18 for the set. Book one covers Advent-Ascension, and book two covers the season of Pentecost (June- November). If you're interested in pre-ordering, please sign-up by May 23rd on the sheet in the Atrium or email Kerri Kleist kerrickleist@gmail.com. To pay, please make your check out to Mount Olive Lutheran Church and either drop off at the church office or in Kerri's church mailbox—A511.

LWMS Convention: Register by May 1st for the 55th Annual LWMS Convention to be held at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay on **June 21-24**. Register at www.lwms.org. Visit the LWMS bulletin board for more details and forms. Come see what LWMS is all about! Should you have any questions, contact Gloria Knoll, Kerri Kleist or Louise Kesting.

Mount Olive Connected is a weekly email sent out every Thursday afternoon. It offers a brief video (sneak preview) of the weekend's sermon, plus some news about upcoming events at Mount Olive. If you would like to receive this in your inbox, please send your email address to church.office@mountoliveappleton.com.

Greeting Cards: Many new confirmation, graduation, and Mother's Day cards are now available in a rack in the Atrium. Help support our Forward in Faith efforts.

The NOVELTY FIFTIES

You are Invited to Mount Olive's 5th-8th Grade Spring Musical

Gracie is in charge of the high school's Hippity Hop dance, but since the gym is under construction, they have to have it at Louise's Luncheonette! To impress her fellow students, Gracie has promised to get Ziggy Springer, a rock and roll star (and her distant cousin), to come perform at the dance. Will she be able to pull it off? Come to Mount Olive's musical to find out!

There are no reserved seats for this event. The doors to the gymnasium will be open one hour in advance for first-come seating. Since our parking lot has shrunk in size, please also remember to think about parking as you make plans to attend the show.

We hope to see you at the musical for some 50's-style fun!

Friday, May 4th at 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 5th at 7:00 p.m.





We, at Mount Olive, want to thank our many volunteers.

You are appreciated and highly valued.

Thank YOU for being an active member
of our Mount Olive family!



Philippians 1:3

“I thank my God every time I remember you.”



FVL NEWS



FVL SCHOOLS BAND CONCERT will be held 4/22 at 6pm in the FVL Auditorium. A free will-offering will be taken.

FVL'S FUTURE FRESHMAN NIGHT is April 23 at 7pm. This hour-long event focuses on how incoming students can make the most of high school. All registered 8th graders & their parents as well as those still undecided are invited. No registration needed.

TWO \$500 LADIES GUILD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS will be awarded to new FVL freshmen or incoming upperclassmen who demonstrate financial need and a love of Christian education. Deadline is 5/4. Details at fvlhs.org.



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WELS News & Notes

Conference of Presidents Spring 2018 Meeting Summary



At its recent meeting, the Conference of Presidents (COP) reviewed the pastoral vacancy situation. It was reported that there are 125 vacancies for pastorally trained positions, with 106 of those in parishes. The vacancy rate remains high, although it has not increased since last fall.

The COP has received questions about whether the Scouting organizations have changed in a way that would make it possible for WELS members to participate. In response, the COP has begun a review of the current nature and organizational statements of those organizations to determine whether conflicts with biblical principles remain. The COP will release a report and Bible study once the study is completed.

It is becoming increasingly clear that the workload for presidents of the largest synodical districts has grown to the point where steps need to be taken to provide assistance and relief. Since we continue to believe that its extremely vital that the district presidents remain in parish ministry, any solutions considered would maintain that approach. The COP hopes to have proposals for providing assistance to the presidents of the Western Wisconsin, Southeastern Wisconsin, and Northern Wisconsin Districts by next fall. The type of assistance may vary from district to district.

The COP called Prof. John Boeder of Martin Luther College to serve as a Christian giving counselor. Another call was issued to Rev. Eric Roecker to serve as the director of Evangelism.

The COP has begun to work with the Commission on Congregational Counseling to provide guidance to congregations seeking to merge or consolidate. The intent is to help those congregations to reconfigure their ministries in a way that results in healthy and, with God's blessing, growing congregations.

The COP will meet in May as the synod's Assignment Committee. Assignment Day at Martin Luther College is Saturday, May 12. Assignment of vicars and graduates at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will take place on Thursday, May 24.

Called to Eternal Glory

Retired pastor Rev. William Bernhardt was recently called home to heaven by our risen Savior.

Bernhardt had served as the host of the *WELS Connection* for more than 25 years—from its beginning in 1987 until four years ago.

“As the host of *WELS Connection*, Rev. Bernhardt provided a consistency that helped the program become one of the most widely used communication tools in our synod,” says Mr. Steve Boettcher, who produces and directs *WELS Connection*. “Every month Rev. Bernhardt had the ability to bring the sights and sounds of our synod to life for our members. Rev. Bernhardt's steady presence reminded viewers that all the various WELS efforts worked together—serving our Lord under the banner of WELS and ultimately for his kingdom.”

Others have since stepped in to host the *WELS Connection*, but for many, Bernhardt will be the face that they always remember. We thank God for his service and for bringing another faithful warrior to his heavenly goal.

Serving in Christ, *President Mark Schroeder*