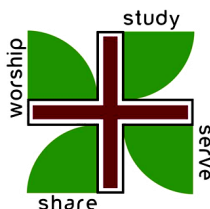


# MESSENGER

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## Why Worship Series?

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Have you ever sat in church thinking, “Why do we do what we do?” If you don’t know the background of “why we do what we do” it seems a bit random, doesn’t it?

Maybe you’ve wondered, “How do the pastors figure out what they’re going to preach on? Do they just close their eyes and put their finger on random pages of the Bible to determine what they’ll read during the service?”

Maybe you’ve also noticed a slight change in worship over the last month. Each weekend’s services have been part of a worship “series.” During the season of Lent, we walked “The Way of the Cross.” Now, during the season of Easter, we’re exploring “Risen! The Ongoing Impact of the Resurrection.” Where did these series come from? Why are we using them?

Many modern churches implement topical sermon series. In a topical series, worship focuses on a main topic, with a sub-theme connected to that main topic discussed each week. Fitting thematic sections of Scripture are selected for each week’s worship. This is certainly a fine practice to proclaim God’s Law and Gospel! In fact, this summer, we will use a couple topical sermon series here at Mount Olive. We’ve also done this in the past.

However, a majority of the worship series used at Mount Olive are connected to a deeper history of

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**From the Pastor's Pen**

the Christian church. To answer our previous hypothetical question, the three readings we use in our services each weekend aren't chosen by dart throwing or casting lots! These three lessons are specifically chosen for that specific weekend of the church year, connected because they share a common, fitting theme.

Scripture readings have been an important aspect of worship all the way back to the Jewish synagogue, where a lesson from the law, and a lesson from the prophets was read in each service. If you read Luke 4:16-30, Jesus reads what was probably the appointed lesson from the Prophets for that day from the prophet Isaiah, in his hometown synagogue of Nazareth.

Throughout the history of the Christian church, subtle changes have occurred, but the focus on proclaiming a variety of Scripture in worship remained. Second century Christians added readings from the New Testament gospels and epistles. Fourth century Christians in Syria included two lessons from the Old Testament and two from the New Testament. By the end of the 5th century, lectionaries (a book or listing that contains a collection of scripture readings appointed for worship on a given day or occasion) provided three readings—one from the Old Testament, one from the Gospels, and one from the other New Testament books.

As confessional Lutherans immigrated to America in the late 1800s, an interest in preserving the historic appointed readings came with. With the publication of The Lutheran Hymnal in 1941, a majority of Wisconsin Synod churches began to read the historic lessons in worship.

On p. 163-165 in the red Christian Worship hymnal, you'll find a three-year lectionary of appointed readings for each specific Sunday. In 2008, the blue Christian Worship Supplement added supplementary options for the first and second lessons. These supplementary readings are intended to better fit the thematic focus of the historic gospel lessons. At Mount Olive, we use these historic lectionaries to select the Scripture readings for each weekend.

The church fathers who compiled these lectionaries often grouped the appointed readings together thematically, allowing each weekend generally to have a common traceable theme. The weekends during a portion of the church year are often also connected by a main theme. This allows a pastor to simply figure out the common theme of each weekend and how it fits into the season of the church year. Then, we can bring out the common themes by turning it into a worship series.

Worship series certainly aren't condemned or commanded.

**From the Pastor’s Pen**

However, the main focus of a weekend or a season of the church year can become more evident and visible when connected to a series and theme. Otherwise, many might not even realize the connections of “why we do what we do” from week to week.

Since “God is not a God of disorder but of peace” (1 Cor. 14:33), we want our worship of him to be as orderly and accessible as possible. Helping everyone see the common thread woven through the readings, hymns, and liturgy for the weekend by turning it into a series, can help us do that.

If you’d like to prepare your mind and heart for the common theme for each Sunday, I’d invite you to look up the appointed readings, listed in the front of Christian Worship (mentioned earlier) and read them during the week ahead of worship. Another great resource is weekly WELS worship helps posted each week at the following website: [wels.net/serving-you/devotions/worship-helps/](http://wels.net/serving-you/devotions/worship-helps/)

It’s my prayer that these worship series will better help you understand the intricate beauty and connection of God’s Word, as well as the wonderful connection we share to the historic practices of the Christian church from the very beginning.

*Pastor Troy Schreiner*

**Ministry Anniversaries**



**Ministry Anniversaries**

In 2018, a number of Mount Olive’s called workers will reach milestone anniversaries in their service as public ministers of the gospel. They are:

Tiffany Mateske – 10 years

Heidi Schone – 10 years

Junel Korth – 15 years

Adam Mateske – 20 years

We thank and praise God for the blessings He has brought to us through these faithful workers. We pray that God will continue to prosper their teaching of the Word among us, so that we and our children may grow in faith and wisdom and good works.

When you see these called workers, please congratulate them for the years of service they have rendered to the Lord’s church.

**Mount Olive Family News**



**May**  
**BIRTHDAYS**

**Red Beyer**  
May 1  
83

**James Tank**  
May 2  
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**Herbert Neeck**  
May 5  
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**Paul Noffke**  
May 5  
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**Lloyd Hoeffner**  
May 8  
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**Roy Schlavensky**  
May 11  
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**Robert Johnson**  
May 17  
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**Kermit Coenen**  
May 19  
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**Nancy Wunderlich**  
May 23  
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**Marjorie Thede**  
May 26  
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**Chuck Dreger**  
May 27  
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**Marilyn Becher**  
May 28  
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**Werner Koehler**  
May 28  
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**Wayne Strelow**  
May 29  
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Mount Olive Family News



April 22, 2018

**Isla Hanson**

Daughter of  
Lance & Hannah Hanson

April 22, 2018

**Mila Simonis**

Daughter of  
Adam & Mary Simonis



**ONE IN THE SPIRIT**



**Class of 2018**

- Isabella Faith Ahrens
- Grant August Bader
- Madelyn Grace Berge
- Madelyn Rhianna Beyer
- Ethan Lewis Cain
- Landon Curtis Ceithamer
- Lexis Emma Ehlke
- Ava Rose Enter
- Katharina Eva Froehlich
- Ethan Robert Gosling
- Aria Rosealee Graff
- Morgan Stanley Kaczmarek
- Noah Andrew Kempf
- Jenna Ann Kriplean
- Carson William Mapes
- Micah John Medema
- Jacob Lee Mindock
- Kaylee Jane Nelson
- Zachary Victor Nogar
- Jackson Marlo Peterson
- Claire Kathryn Pruess
- Avery Jade Rabas
- Braelyn Hana Rademacher
- Benjamin Mark Riehle
- Connor Carlson Ruppel
- Noah Sean Schuff
- Benjamin William Slominsky
- Zachary James Thede
- Nora Jean Unruh
- Joshua William Van Rossum
- Ava Elizabeth Wilson
- Macey Joan Katherine Wilson
- Nathan Michael Wood
- Audra Mae Zanto

**Church News**

***Thank You for Beautifying our Easter  
Worship Services with Lilies!***



**EASTER**



**EASTER**

- Russ & Lynda Aerts  
Bryan & Stefani Avery  
Pat Bellin in memory of Margaret Rehfeldt  
Phil & Mae Blanchfield  
Steve & Liana Collins  
Nina Daane in memory of "Buddy"  
Karen Doell  
Patsy Draeger's Family in memory of Patsy  
Todd & Lori Ebert & Family  
Rob & Connie Freuler  
Karen & Ken Grams  
George & Barb Green  
Jerry & Audrey Greve  
Steve & Laura Gucinski in memory of Steve's Parents Mark & Judy  
Rick & Sue Gulbransen  
Doug & Dawn Gunderson  
Roger & Mary Hall  
Sharon Hintz and Family  
Mike & Louise Kesting  
Ken & Char Kiesling  
Jim & Gloria Knoll in memory of Pam  
Barb Kobin in memory of Harold  
Ken & Arline Kolander  
Tyler & Kristin Krowiorz  
Dorothy Lee  
Bob & Barb Luedtke  
Gary & Betty Manske and Family  
Lucille Mueller in memory of Lloyd  
Dianne Murrow  
Ross & Bernadette Prochnow  
Chris & Candy Reichelt  
Alan & Brenda Rickert  
Noreen Rose  
Dale & Karen Schmidt  
Dave & Patty Schwartz in memory of Pat Pussehl  
Ed, Trudy, & Amanda Stern  
The Strey Family  
Jay & Shelley Vanderhoof  
Roger & Bonnie VandenLangenberg  
Ken & Mary Wehrman

# WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE

## Establishment of WLC Congregational Matching Grant Program

Mount Olive's Church Council, at their March meeting, approved the establishment of the WLC Congregational Matching Grant Program. Wisconsin Lutheran College (WLC) is a liberal arts college affiliated with the WELS and is committed to providing quality teaching, scholarship, and service that are rooted in Holy Scripture; promoting the spiritual growth of students and preparing students for lives of Christian leadership. WLC now offers a Congregational Matching Grant program so that churches can encourage and support students who want to attend WLC. WLC will provide a dollar for dollar match, up to \$1000, for any congregational grants given to full-time, undergraduate students. Each year, a number of Mount Olive students are enrolled at WLC.

The Church Council approved the creation of a WLC Matching Grant Fund with the stipulation that the Mount Olive Scholarship Committee must approve all distributions from the WLC Matching Grant Fund. Based on federal and state tax regulations, donations to the Fund cannot be directed to any specific student, but must be awarded equally among qualified students from the congregation. The actual amount of the yearly grant is the same for every student who submits an application by April 1<sup>st</sup> for the upcoming school year.

Several Mount Olive families made contributions to the WLC Matching Grant Fund to establish the fund, and Mount Olive has awarded grants to Grace Flatau, Mary Kolell, and Addie Slominsky.

As the WLC Matching Grant Fund is a restricted fund, the Fund does not receive support from Mount Olive's operational budget. The WLC Matching Grant Fund is dependent only on direct contributions. If you would like to contribute to the WLC Matching Grant Fund, simply indicate your gift on any blue envelope.

Mount Olive's Scholarship Committee,  
*Al Vetting, Debbie Vetting, and Ron Zahn*

## Church News



### Forward in Faith Construction Update

- All subcontractor contracts for our next expansion have now been awarded.
- The initial bids came in lower than expected.
- Financing has been obtained by issuing tax-exempt bonds. This allowed Mount Olive to obtain interest rates that are lower than traditional financing methods.
- Fox Excavating is currently doing site work.
- Miron Construction is pouring the foundations and will be laying block soon.
- Volunteer projects (playground and gym equipment removal) will be scheduled for early June. Watch for more information coming soon.
- Mount Olive has received a tremendous outpouring of gifts for our Forward in Faith project (\$1,409,514 as of April 22, 2018). These dollars given early in the project helped us reduce the amount of borrowed money. Thank you for your gifts of love!

### Student Mission Trip Grant Awarded

In March, Mount Olive provided a Student Mission Trip Grant to Rachel Volkman. Rachel is a senior at Fox Valley Lutheran High School and during her spring break, along with other FVL students, traveled to Antigua to assist St. John's Lutheran Church run a soccer camp. See more information about Rachel's mission trip on the next page.

The purpose of the Student Mission Trip fund is to provide assistance to Mount Olive members who are in high school or college who are looking to participate in hands-on mission trip experiences in various levels of gospel ministry. This is in line with the ministry emphasis of Mount Olive's Vision: *A path of Discipleship and Community Impact.*

The Student Mission Trip Fund is a restricted fund and does not receive support from general operations. Any contribution will help to increase the balance of the Fund and allow Mount Olive to respond to future requests for support of mission trips. **Grants like this are only possible by your contributions to the Student Mission Trip Fund.** Simply indicate on any blue envelope that your gift is for the Student Mission Trip Fund. Thank you for supporting Mount Olive students through the Student Mission Trip Fund!

Student Mission Trip Committee  
*Al Vetting, Debbie Vetting, and  
Ron Zahn*



## Church News



*When I first heard about the mission trip to Antigua, I tried to suppress my excitement. The trip sounded like a dream come true, but like all mission trips, it cost money. Being a senior in high school preparing for college, spending hundreds of dollars right before graduation did not seem wise. I did not want to get my hopes up, only to back out on such a cool experience due to financial concerns. However, the more I thought about it, the more I realized that this trip couldn't be missed. It would be my last opportunity to go on a mission trip for a long time, and it would be a great experience.*

*Going to Antigua was my first time out of the country, so I wasn't exactly sure of what to expect. When I got there, however, it was everything people had said it would be—and more. It was definitely hot, and the sea was six beautiful shades of blue. Beyond that, though, was the culture, the people. Antiguan work hard and are some of the kindest people I have ever met. When we worshipped with our fellow Christians at St. John's Lutheran Church, it was so apparent that these people loved their Lord and Savior. They sang as loud as they could, no matter how musically talented they were. Everybody would greet us as we walked throughout the school and church grounds. No one ever looked down on us for being a different color.*

*Working with the children in our soccer camp was refreshing. Each kid had his or her own personality. To see each child's strengths and help them improve all around was an awesome experience. We got to share God's love with the school children as we taught them about soccer. We even had the opportunity to share our faith with kids outside the church, kids from the local community that had come out of interest in playing soccer. God willing, maybe these kids will go to more events at St. John's in the future, and they can learn more about their Savior and come to faith!*

*Without the funds I received from Mount Olive, this trip would not have been as much of a success. I would have been more focused on coming up with the money for this trip than sharing my faith and creating great memories with the kids in Antigua. I will never forget my time with those amazing people, and I hope that opportunities like this will be more available in the future. Please keep everyone at St. John's in your prayers, and thank you once again for all the support!*

*~ Rachel Volkman*

**Church News**



**Summary of Council Meeting on April 16, 2018**

President Kolell called the meeting to order.

Pastor Schreiner opened with the devotion “Living with He Is Risen Indeed Peace.”

**Minutes**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the March Council minutes. Motion carried.

**Membership Changes**

**Transfer Out**

- M/M Nick (Shannon) Kraftzenk to St. Peter Lutheran, Freedom, WI
- Jared Kraftzenk to St. Peter Lutheran, Freedom, WI
- Aidan Kraftzenk to St. Peter Lutheran, Freedom, WI
- M/M Craig (Shawna) Reichelt (2 children) to Immanuel Lutheran, Greenville, WI
- Rev/M Jasper (Sarah) Sellnow (5 children) to St. Paul Lutheran, Adams, WI

**Remove**

- Alexander Christensen
- Brenda Long
- Breanna Long
- Brittney Long
- Jon Wilson

A motion was made to approve Membership changes. Motion carried.

**Pastors’ Report**

- Tuesday 4/24 meeting with FVL regarding contribution from Mount Olive to FVL Building Project.
- Pastor Zank will now be working on call assignments.

A motion was made to approve the committee determining how Mount Olive can support the FVL building project. Motion carried.

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**.Board Reports**

- The large graduating 8th grade class will affect enrollment for next school year.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the board reports. Motion carried.

**March Financial Report**

A motion was made and seconded to approve financial report. Motion carried.

**Mount Olive Vision**

**Building Expansion**

- Digging will begin Tuesday, April 17th, for the building expansion.
- Construction bids were very positive. The Building Expansion Committee is considering approaching the congregation with biting off more of phase two.
- The City approved our proposed site for the new garage and will not require Mount Olive to put shrubbery at end of parking lot—blocking the soccer field.

**Ministry Planned Calendar**

- Having two Good Friday services worked well.
- The Church Council nominated Pastor Glende from St. Peter, Freedom, as Circuit Pastor of NW Appleton Circuit.
- Volunteers are needed soon to aid in removing playground and gym equipment.

**Announcements**

- The next council meeting will be held Monday, May 21, 2018.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting concluded with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Gregory M Schmidt, Secretary*

## Church News



## Featured This Month

### Adult Nonfiction

***Show me Your Mighty Hand: Peace From God's Word for Special-Needs Moms***  
by Wendy Heyn.

If you are a mother of a special-needs child, have you ever asked God, "How can this be?" or "Why have you treated me like this?" Have you ever felt like His blessings were hard to see or your prayers were going unheard? Wendy Heyn is a mother of a child with special needs. In this book, she relates nine true accounts from special-needs moms to the questions, pain, and anxieties of Jesus' mother, Mary. Here you'll find great peace, strength, and encouragement while the connection shows moms that they are not alone in dealing with difficult situations. Even if you don't have a child with special needs, you'll be better equipped to help and support moms who face these challenges.

***A Lutheran Looks at Catholics***  
by Curtis Jan.

With one-quarter of the population of the United States identifying itself as Catholic, it is likely you know a member of the Catholic church. This volume of the *Lutheran Looks At* series examines both historic and modern Catholicism from a Lutheran perspective. Drawing on doctrinal statements of the Catholic church, the author shows what Catholics believe about salvation, Mary, the saints, the pope, and other important topics. Though it is often difficult to determine Catholic teachings, the author shows which ones have changed since the momentous Second Vatican Council and which have not changed at all. This book will help you understand modern Catholics - your neighbors, relatives, coworkers and friends - and will equip you to ask questions, open up a dialogue, and share the message of Christ with them.

### Church Library Internet Link

To find our library online, click the "Member's Page" heading found at the top of our website at [www.mountoliveappleton.com](http://www.mountoliveappleton.com).

Within the "Quick Links" section, select "Church Library Access." You are taken to the church library's website where you can do a custom search or click the "New Materials" button to see what's been recently added to the library.

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



## LAW AND GOSPEL LUTHERAN CHURCH MANILA, THE PHILIPPINES

### New Workers in Manilla



After returning from his visit to our mission partner, Law and Gospel Lutheran Church in Manila, Pastor Raasch described its pastor, Rev. Alvien DeGuzman, as a “man of many hats.” As the only pastor of this small church with worship sites in three separate communities, Pastor DeGuzman is “stretched thin” in his service to the growing number of souls God is bringing to him.

But God is also bringing helpers! Men who have previous theological training in the Lutheran Church of the Philippines! Three men who have left that church in search of a confessional Lutheran church faithful to God’s Word in Scripture.

With joy in your heart, please meet Deacon Filmore Alvarez. Deacon Alvarez completed two years at the Lutheran seminary. Disturbed by a lack of clarity and sound doctrinal teaching, he contacted Pastor DeGuzman and has studied and accepts Law and Gospel’s solid scriptural beliefs.

Presently, Mr. Alvarez is serving as a deacon of the part of Law and Gospel congregation meeting in Novatas City, a group of about 30 souls. He assists in Bible study teaching, catechism, and as liturgist. He is comfortable with social media and has potential to use Facebook and other social media for outreach. Our Pastoral Studies Institute, a teaching ministry of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, is working with Deacon Alvarez to continue and complete his pastoral training while he serves in Novatas City.

We thank God that he is supplying workers to this infant church in Manila. You will meet the other two men in future editions of the *Messenger*. Truly, God is able to do more than we can think or imagine! Thank you for keeping this work in your prayers and being part of it!

*Mount Olive Mission Partner Committee*

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*Connecting People with Missions and Missions with People*

Group News



Thank you to all of you who attended our banquet on April 10th. Over 50 men and women heard about the Lord's work being done in India, Pakistan, and Nepal and shared in a wonderful evening of food and fellowship. Nearly \$500 worth of handmade craft items from the Bachana Ministry were sold during the evening and all of the proceeds went to the Pakistan mission along with almost \$500 in donations. Praise God for a wonderful evening!

We are just a few months away from the LWMS convention at the KI Center in Green Bay. The dates are June 21-24, 2018. 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](http://www.lwms.org). We hope to see many new faces!

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



**May Team**

- Kay VandeWeghe
- Cindy Zank
- Irene Hintz
- Lynn Page
- Margaret Kastner



Apple Valley Food Pantry's May Pantry Sunday will be on Sunday, May 20th.

This is our annual Spring Drive. Prayerfully consider donating this month and next month to help us through the lean summer months. The items used most are cereal, canned pasta, canned and boxed potatoes, cookies, canned meats, canned fruits, crackers, jam, shampoo, and conditioner.

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. Thank you for your help!

Group News



# Ladies Aid

## Meeting

Our next Ladies Aid meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 2, at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be entertained by music from some of Sharon Meyer's piano students.

As always, we graciously welcome new faces. There is no minimum or maximum age requirement. We welcome all ladies of Mount Olive.



# Ladies Aid

## Plant Sale

The members of Mount Olive Ladies Aid would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who donated money to our plant sale which helped us relocate the remainder of our china cups, creamers, and sugar bowls. We received a total of \$266.00 in donations for the plants! A special thank you to Mary Borchardt for using her creative talents to think of the idea, her time and talents for selecting/planting, and for her monetary donation of purchasing the plants, soil, and stones. The Ladies Aid will be giving these donations to the "Forward in Faith Campaign."



# Ladies Aid

## China Sale

The members of Mount Olive Ladies Aid would like to extend a HUGE thank you to everyone who donated money to help us relocate our china.

We received a total of \$1,231.00 in donations! The Ladies Aid recently gave these donations to the "Forward in Faith Campaign."



# Ascension OF THE LORD

## Group News



### Mount Olive SISTERS

**The work and goals of Mount Olive SISTERS are guided by, and can be summed up in, the words of Hebrews 10:24, 25**

*"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching."*

Every summer, Mount Olive SISTERS likes to encourage having personal devotions using new devotional books. This year, we are focusing on the book, On Giving Advice To God (two books). All too often, we find ourselves wanting to give advice to God, thinking we know better than he does. In reality, God's wisdom is greater than all human thoughts and ways. Have you ever caught yourself asking, "Does God really know what's best?" Intentionally and unintentionally, our sinful nature often causes us to think that we know better than God does. Truthfully, God's wisdom is endless, absolute, and infallible.

In this two-part devotional journey, celebrated author and theologian Professor Daniel M. Deuschlander reflects on the seasons of the church year, and more, to demonstrate both God's amazing knowledge and man's flawed thinking. Part one focuses on the first half of the church year (life of Christ, December-May) while part two focuses on the second (life of the Christian, June-November). Together, the devotionals provide rich insights into Advent, Christmas, Pentecost, and other topics through the truths of God's Word. Join Professor Deuschlander and rediscover the incredible power of God's wisdom in your life with the On Giving Advice to God book set.

If you buy the books separately, the cost for part one is \$23.99 and part two is \$24.99, or buy the set save 20% for a total of \$39.18 for the set. One of the SISTERS Bible study groups focused on four of the devotionals and found them to be very good and meaningful devotionals! If you're interested in pre-ordering a book, please sign-up by May 23rd on the sheet in the Atrium or email Kerri Kleist at [kerrickleist@gmail.com](mailto:kerrickleist@gmail.com).

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## Group News

**SISTERS** *continued*

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

Looking for other women's devotional ideas check out: [wels.net/serving-you/christian-life/womens-ministry/](http://wels.net/serving-you/christian-life/womens-ministry/).

**Upcoming Events****September 8, 2018**

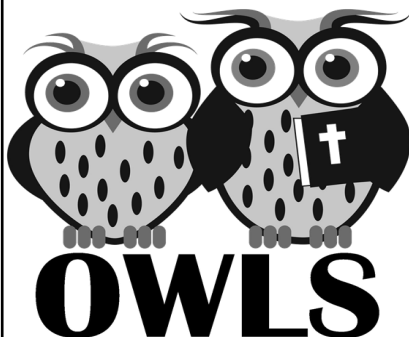
**Annual SISTERS in Christ Retreat** from 8 a.m.-noon with fellowship and lunch to follow.

Our theme this year will be - *Our Calling Throughout All Seasons of Life: God has defined the woman I am to be, and he can make me into that woman!* Ecclesiastes 3:1. There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens. Our focus will be to encourage all women of all ages, young women, middle aged women, seasoned women, single, married with kids or without! How is God calling you in your season of life?

**December 2, 2018****Advent by Candlelight**

More information to follow.

For more information about SISTERS or the events listed above, please contact Kerri Kleist at [kerrickleist@gmail.com](mailto:kerrickleist@gmail.com) or 920-740-5901.

**OWLS Ministry for Seniors**

The Fox Valley OWLS (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) is a ministry to and for seniors of our WELS congregations.

The OWLS invite you to attend our next meeting on Tuesday, May 8th at 1:00 p.m. This will be hosted by St. Luke Lutheran Church, 705 E. Greenfield Drive. The church is located one block north of Hwy 00 in Little Chute.

Our guest speaker will be Elsa Manthey, a licensed Professional and Substance Abuse Counselor with Christian Family Counseling. The title of her presentation will be "By Reason of Strength."

Please join us for an afternoon of Christian fellowship.

**For more information about the OWLS organization, please go to [www.wels.net/serving-you/christian-life/special-ministries/wels-seniors](http://www.wels.net/serving-you/christian-life/special-ministries/wels-seniors).**

**Group News**



**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.

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**Upcoming Session**



**May 4  
Flowers, Birds, &  
Mother's Day**



**May 18  
Let's Build!**

**Pack your diaper bag and join in the fun!**

Register at [www.mountoliveappleton.com/mwm](http://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.



### Mount Olive's School Tuition Assistance Program

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 amount of funds available.

To find more information about this process, please visit [molmustangs.org](http://molmustangs.org), hover the mouse over the 'Enrollment' tab, and click on 'Financial Aid Application.'

For any further questions, please contact the Board of Christian Education Treasurer Jeff Schultz ([education@mountoliveappleton.com](mailto:education@mountoliveappleton.com).)



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

Gracie is in charge of the high school's Hippy 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.

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

**Friday, May 4th - 6:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, May 5th - 7:00 p.m.**



**MOL School News**



# Mount Olive Lutheran School

## Mustang News - May Highlights

### May 7 - 11

Mount Olive Staff Appreciation Week

### May 4 - 5

Please join us for the 5th-8th grade musical, "The Nifty Fifties."

The students will be performing on:

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

### May 9

Grades 5-8 will participate in a track meet with other FVL Schools at Fox Valley Lutheran High School. Grades 5-6 will participate in the morning and grades 7-8 will participate in the afternoon.

Grades 1-4 will participate in Fun and Fitness activities during the afternoon at Mount Olive.

### May 10

Ascension K-8 sings 6 p.m.

### May 10 - 11

7th grade WELS Field Trip to Luther Prep & WLC

### May 23

All school bowling field trip

### May 24

Last Day of School - Early Dismissal 11:30 a.m.

Graduation & Closing Service - 6 p.m.

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**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.**

**Staff Appreciation Week is May 7-11. 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 are 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 at 920-843-2098 (call/text) or at [jrach2020@outlook.com](mailto:jrach2020@outlook.com). Thank you for your support!

## FVL Federation Report



## FVL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT TO THE FEDERATION

**April 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

- Walls are going up on the *Let the Children Come* building expansion. Before the blizzard slowed progress, builders were looking forward to getting floors poured. Giving Day was held April 11. Donations were over \$80K. Coupled with matching gifts, the total was \$163,379! Special meetings with Federation pastors and church leaders are coming in April to share important planning and financial information.
- **Olivia Verbeke** (Immanuel-Greenville) is the valedictorian for the class of 2018, and **Erika Priebe** (Mount Olive-Appleton) is the salutatorian. Class speakers, as voted on by the faculty, are **Alyssa Heckendorf** (Immanuel-Greenville) and **Lucas Adrian** (Mount Olive-Suamico).
- Kinderfest 2018 hosted 262 kindergarten children and 70 parents/chaperones. Over 50 FVL students led activity stations for this fun event under the theme: "I Can Do All Things Through Christ!" Thanks to **Mrs. Vicki Boileau** (St. Mark-Green Bay) for her partnership in helping to lead this event.
- One hundred fifty-eight 8th grade students have indicated they will attend FVL next year. That is similar to the number last year at this time. Total enrollment for next year is projected at 660.
- Applications for FVL's Tuition Assistance Program are open until May 4; see [fvlhs.org](http://fvlhs.org) for details.
- Host families—especially those willing to host male students—are still needed for our international program. Contact **Mrs. Laura Gucinski** ([lgucinski@fvlhs.org](mailto:lgucinski@fvlhs.org)) at 560-5186.

### STAFFING NEWS

- **Mr. Joel Kramer** and **Miss Julie Detjen** recently returned calls to other Lutheran high schools.
- **Mr. Matt Koepsell** is recovering from neck surgery. Please keep him and our other FVL faculty/staff members dealing with major health issues in your prayers.

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## FVL Federation Report

SCRIP

**FVL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT****STAFFING NEWS** *continued*

- FVL is looking to hire a new Maintenance Supervisor as soon as possible since **Mr. Nathan Miller** has taken another job opportunity. The job description and application are available at [fvlhs.org](http://fvlhs.org).
- Part-time teachers **Mrs. Kristin Black** (Foods), **Mrs. Sarah Ferge** (English), **Mrs. Lonette Gregersen** (English), **Mrs. Kris Keller** (German), **Mrs. Donna King** (Guided Studies), **Mr. Mark Krause** (Industrial Arts), **Rev. Brad Ragner** (Latin), and **Mrs. Miranda Radtke** (Art) received one-year calls to continue serving at FVL.

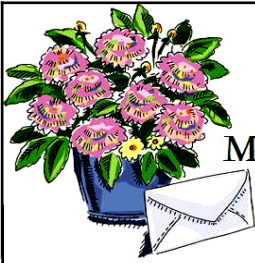
**COCURRICULARS**

- The cold spring has slowed the spring sports season. Please consult FVL's online calendar or web page for the latest dates and times to support our Foxes' teams.
- Our VEX Robotics team competes in the World Championships for the fifth year in a row this month.
- Register online for FVL Summer Sports Camps at [fvlhs.org](http://fvlhs.org) or [fvlschools.org](http://fvlschools.org). Due to construction this summer, no Art or STEM camps are being offered.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

- By God's grace, generous Growing in Grace donations over the years have reduced the mortgage debt to only \$245K. Our plan is to retire the remainder by graduation and celebrate our Mortgage Burning on June 10! *You're invited to this special service at 2 p.m. that Sunday afternoon!*
- Congratulations to the Bargain Garden Thrift Shop! They celebrated their 26th anniversary by presenting FVL with a gift of \$26K designated to support the *Let the Children Come* building expansion.
- Over the first nine months of the fiscal year, congregations have contributed about \$633K for school operations; \$337K needs to be received by June 30 to meet the Federation commitment for 2017-18.
- The FVL Foundation is now over \$4M in assets with the goal of reaching \$5M. Nearly 475 Legacy donors have contributed nearly \$600K in gifts to be endowed for future Tuition Assistance.
- FVL's 26th Annual Golf Outing is set for Thursday, June 14. See [fvlhs.org](http://fvlhs.org) for more information.

With You, Serving Jesus, *Principal Steve Granberg*



## Memorials & Gifts

### FORWARD IN FAITH

- \$25.00** Tom & Elaine Bartel in memory of Clifford Broehm
- \$250.00** Robert Bauer in memory of William & Bernice Bauer
- \$25.00** Lillian Court in memory of Ed Court
- \$25.00** Louise Ebert in memory of Clifford Broehm
- \$2603.00** Family & Friends in memory of Clifford Broehm
- \$355.00** Family & Friends in memory of Irma Marko
- \$30.00** Tom & Kevin & Debra Gertsch in memory of Clifford Broehm
- \$20.00** Jermone & Audrey Greve in memory of Clifford Broehm
- \$50.00** Pamela Gruber in memory of Clifford Broehm
- \$25.00** Richard & Marion Hinz in memory of Clifford Broehm

### Memorials & Gifts

- \$25.00** James & Gloria Knoll in memory of Clifford Broehm
- \$50.00** Jerome & Sue Laabs in memory of Clifford Broehm
- \$50.00** Lucille Mueller in memory of Clifford Broehm
- \$100.00** Richard & Joan Mueller in memory of Clifford Broehm
- \$56.00** Connie Prasher in memory of Joy Rieckmann
- \$25.00** Dennis & Kristin Priebe in memory of Clifford Broehm
- \$10.00** Shirley Rasmussen in memory of Clifford Broehm
- \$50.00** Aaron & Kristin Sass in memory of Clifford Broehm
- \$25.00** Dale & Karen Schmidt in memory of Clifford Broehm
- \$20.00** Mae Scrab in memory of Clifford Broehm
- \$50.00** John & Judy Yohr in memory of Clifford Broehm
- \$15.00** Kay Zuberbier in memory of Irma Marko

**SCRIP**



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

**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.

Please plan ahead when ordering SCRIP. While we do our best to keep the most frequently used cards on hand, we do occasionally sell out of certain cards near special events and holidays. Please keep this in mind when planning your SCRIP orders. Also, remember that SCRIP can be designated for Forward in Faith.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Mother's Day - May 13th

Father's Day - June 17th

**Financial Update**



**April 2018**

General Fund revenues for the month ending March 31, 2018, were \$21,565 lower than budget. Year-to-date offerings are \$24,704 lower than budget. Tuition is \$2,556 higher than budget. Other income is \$17,228 higher than budget.

General Fund expenses for the month of March were \$11,364 lower than budget. Year-to-date expenses for the period ending March 31, 2018, were \$44,042 lower than budget.

The net loss for the month of March is \$27,366 compared to a budgeted loss of \$17,165, which is \$10,201 behind budget.

The year-to-date net loss for the period ending March 31, 2018 in the General Fund is \$18,591, compared to the budgeted loss of \$57,713, which is coming in at \$39,122 ahead 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 March 31, 2018*

	Actual	Budget		
	Year to Date	Year to Date	Variance	% Change
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>				
Offerings	327,991	352,695	-24,704	(7.00)
Tuition & Fees	73,056	70,500	2,556	3.63
Other Income	75,528	58,300	17,228	29.55
<b>Total Revenues:</b>	<b>476,575</b>	<b>481,495</b>	<b>-4,920</b>	<b>(1.02)</b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>				
Operating Expenses	418,330	462,372	-44,042	(9.53)
FVL/Synod Distributions	76,836	76,836	0	0.00
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>495,166</b>	<b>539,208</b>	<b>-44,042</b>	<b>(8.17)</b>
<b>General Fund Cash</b>	<b>-18,591</b>	<b>-57,713</b>	<b>39,122</b>	<b>(9.19)</b>
<b><u>Transfers</u></b>				
Transfers In	0	0	0	0.00
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0.00
<b>Total Transfers:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>-18,591</b>	<b>-57,713</b>	<b>39,122</b>	<b>0</b>

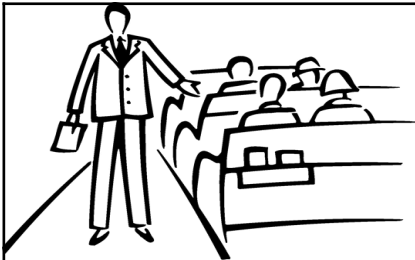
### COMPARATIVE GENERAL FUND INCOME STATEMENT

*For the YTD ending March 31, 2018*

	2018	2017		
	12 weeks	13 weeks	Change	% Change
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>				
Offerings	327,991	338,840	-10,849	(3.20)
Tuition & Fees	73,056	59,476	13,580	22.83
Other Income	75,528	67,134	8,394	12.50
<b>Total Revenues:</b>	<b>476,575</b>	<b>465,450</b>	<b>11,125</b>	<b>2.39</b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>				
Operating Expenses	418,330	432,761	-14,431	(3.33)
FVL/Synod Distributions	76,836	79,888	-3,052	(3.82)
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>495,166</b>	<b>512,649</b>	<b>-17,483</b>	<b>(3.41)</b>
<b>General Fund Cash</b>	<b>-18,591</b>	<b>-47,199</b>	<b>28,608</b>	<b>5.80</b>
<b><u>Transfers</u></b>				
Transfers In	0	0	0	0.00
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0.00
<b>Total Transfers:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>-18,591</b>	<b>-47,199</b>	<b>28,608</b>	<b>0</b>

**Volunteer Schedules**

# May Schedule



## USHERS

### May

**Saturday 5:30 p.m.**

Darwin Hintz, Captain  
Keith Wundrow, Keith Kobin,  
Terry Jastrow, Peter Sehloff.

**Sunday 8:00 a.m.**

Mark Arnold, Captain  
Mark Schmidt, Caleb Kolell,  
Paul Kolell, Mark Tollefson.

**Sunday 10:30 a.m.**

Jay Vanderhoof, Captain  
Brandon Vanderhoof, Brian  
Prickett, Michael Keller,  
Justin Slominsky.

**Monday 6:00 p.m.**

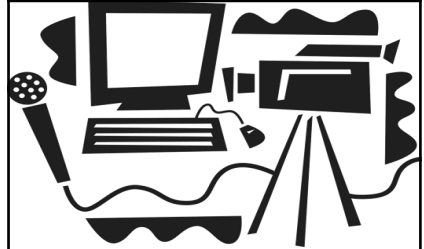
John Hoh, Captain  
Bob Luedtke, Victor Bode.

**Ascension 6:00 p.m.**

Ken Richmond, Captain  
Chad Krowas Robert Bauer,  
Dave Weber, Eli Weber.

**Graduation Service 6:00 p.m.**

Ken Richmond, Captain  
Chad Krowas Jeff Retzlaff,  
Peter Sehloff, Bryan Thede.



## AUDIO·VISUAL TEAM

### May

5 - Tim Mielke

6 - 8 a.m. - Cody Manske

6 - 10:30 a.m. – Eric Wenzel

7 - Aaron Tollefson

12 - Ethan Cain

13 - 8 a.m. - Jerry Evansen

13 - 10:30 a.m. - Noah Schuff

14 - Doug Van Straten

19 - David Deng

20 - 8 a.m. - Marcus Medema

20 - 10:30 a.m. - Rachel Volkman

21 - Jonathan Leahy

26 - Ethan Cain

27 - 8 a.m. - Zach Thede

27 - 10:30 a.m. - Brad Erickson

28 - Aaron Tollefson

Volunteer Schedules

# May Schedule



**May 6**

**8 a.m.** - Gabrielle & Micah  
Medema, Landon & Emily  
Zacharyasz

**10:30 a.m.** - Fred Strey, Karen  
Strey, Ken & Carol Richmond

**May 13**

**8 a.m.** - Jeff & Sheryl Schultz,  
Marsha Fischer

**10:30 a.m.** - Phil & Kym  
Thompson, Ean Gonzalez

**May 20**

**8 a.m.** - Mike & Kathleen Hyne,  
Nina Daane

**10:30 a.m.** - Mike & Louise  
Kesting, Donn & Jacqui  
Komschlies

**May 27**

**8 a.m.** - Louise Ebert

**10:30a.m.** - Gregory & Gail  
Leitermann, Daryl & Mary  
Hintz



**May 6**

**8 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

Cindy Kehl, Sarah Raasch

**10:00 a.m. - noon**

Connie Bode, Tara Willenkamp

**May 13**

**8 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

Medema Family

**10:00 a.m. - noon**

Randy & Kristin Kohlstedt

**May 20**

**8 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

Marilyn Rudolph, Sara Gerndt

**10:00 a.m. - noon**

Sue Petit, Andrew Petit

**May 27**

**8 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

Mark & Merri Schroeder

**10:00 a.m. - noon**

Scott & Lori Plach



# UPCOMING EVENTS

See Inside for Details

- May 2 - Ladies Aid Meeting (1:30 p.m.)
- May 4 - Mornings with Mommy
- May 4 - Mount Olive School Musical at 6:30 p.m.
- May 5 - Mount Olive School Musical at 7:00 p.m.
- May 7-11 - Mount Olive Staff Appreciation Week
- May 8 - OWLS Meeting
- May 10 - Ascension Service (6:00 p.m.)
- May 12 - Spring Clean Up at Mount Olive (8 a.m. - Noon)
- May 18 - Mornings with Mommy
- May 18 - Mount Olive's Tuition Assistance Program Enrollment Closes
- May 20 - Apple Valley Food Pantry - Mount Olive Pick Up
- May 21 - Altar Guild Meeting (1:30 p.m.)
- May 23 - Last Day to Order SISTERS-Recommended Devotional Books
- May 24 - Graduation and Closing Service (6:00 p.m.)
- May 27 - Summer Worship Schedule Begins (8 & 10:00 a.m.)
- May 28 - Memorial Day - Church Office Closed & No Worship
- May 29 - Worship (6:00 p.m.)
- June 21-24 - LWMS International Convention in Green Bay, WI
- June 25 - Summer Church Office Hours Begin (Fridays 8 a.m. -noon)
- Sept. 8 - Annual SISTERS in Christ Retreat
- Dec. 2 - Advent by Candlelight



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