THIS WEEK May 20-27, 2018

| SUNDAY Pentecost Apple Valley Food Pantry | 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m Lord's Supper 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 | | |
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| MONDAY | 1:30 p.m Altar Guild | 6 p.m Lord's Supper 7 p.m Council Meeting | |
| TUESDAY | 6:30 a.m BC at Mary's | 6:30 p.m Handbells | |
| WEDNESDAY | No P.S.I. | | |
| THURSDAY | | 6:00 p.m School Graduation & Closing Service | |
| FRIDAY | 6:30 a.m Men's Bible Study | 7:30 p.m Recovery/Peace through Christ | |
| CATUDDAY | | | |
| SATURDAY | | 5:30 p.m Worship | |

| OFFERINGS | S/OTHER INCOME | BUDGET | ACTUAL |
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| Offerings | Week of 5/17/18 | \$29,120 | \$27,849 |
| Offerings | Year-to-date | \$573,232 | \$506,230 |
| Offerings + Other Income | Year-to-date | \$780,082 | \$681,258 |
| Forward in Faith | Week of 5/14/18 | | \$34,572 |
| Forward in Faith | Total Campaign to-date | | \$1,499,923 |

USHERS (May)

Saturday 5:30 p.m.
 Darwin Hintz, Captain; Keith Wundrow, Mark 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. - Jesse Vander Heyden, Captain; Brandon Vanderhoof, Brian Prickett, Michael Keller, Justin Slominsky.

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

GREETERS This Week: (8:00 a.m.) - Mike & Kathleen Hyne, Nina Daane;

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

Next Week: (8:00 a.m.) - Louise Ebert;

(10:00 a.m.) - Gregory & Gail Leitermann, Daryl & Mary Hintz.

COFFEE CAFÉ This Week: (8-10 a.m.) - Marilyn Rudolph, Sara Gerndt; (10 a.m.-noon) Sue Petit, Andrew Petit.

Next Week: (8-9:45 a.m.) - Mark & Merri Schroeder; (9:45-11:30 a.m.) Scott & Lori Plach.

AV TEAM This Week: May 19 - David Deng; May 20 (8:00 a.m.) - Marcus Medema;

May 20 (10:30 a.m.) - Rachel Volkman; May 21 - Jonathan Leahy.

Next Week: May 26 - Ethan Cain; May 27 (8:00 a.m.) - Zach Thede; May 27 (10:30 a.m.) - Brad Erickson; May 28 - Aaron Tollefson.

ALTAR GUILD (May) Kay VandeWeghe, Cindy Zank, Irene Hintz, Lynn Page, Margaret Kastner, Karen Doell.

Announcements

Attendance All Services: 852

Saturday: 192

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. 277, 10:30 a.m. 282

Monday: 101

The Altar flowers are placed to God's Glory by the Don Wenninger family in loving memory of Carol.

The Lectern bouquet is placed to God's Glory by Sue Arent in remembrance of Don's birthday.

Matching Gifts: If you are utilizing a matching gift program through your employer or fraternal organization, please inform Mount Olive's Financial Office whether you would like your company match to be applied to the General fund or the Forward in Faith fund. For more information, please contact Shannon Weyenberg at 920-739-9194.

Gym Reservations: The Mount Olive Gym will be unavailable for reservations until September. The gym will be used for storage throughout the summer.

The SCRIP office will be closed on Sunday, June 3rd, for year-end processing. Normal summer hours will resume June 10th (Sundays from 9:00-9:15 a.m. and 9:45-10:00 a.m.). If you have any questions, please contact Carol Schuff at 920-427-5307.

Coffee Cafe Volunteers and Anyone Interested in Joining the Team: We are using an online sign-up for the next schedule (July - September 2018). Are there dates that will work best for you? To choose your dates online:

- Go to <u>www.mountoliveappleton.com</u>.
- Click "MEMBERS Page" at the top of the page. Choose "Coffee Café Sign Up."
- Scroll through the list of available dates. Click the Sign Up box on the date(s) you wish to serve.
- When finished selecting your dates, click the "Submit and Sign Up" button at the bottom of the page.
- The dates you chose will appear. (You can choose to set up an account, but it isn't necessary.)
- Fill in your name and email address and you are finished.

The electronic sign-up will be available until **June 6th**. After June 6th, we will fill empty dates with volunteers who have not yet signed up. Please contact Jennifer Klemp at iklemp31@gmail.com or 920-731-1170 for more information. Thank you!

A Closer Look: The Sunday morning Bible class this summer is called "A Closer Look" Each Sunday, from 9:15 – 9:45 a.m. the day's preacher will lead a discussion on one of the three Scripture lessons for that Sunday. If you attend the discussion before you worship, you'll get more out of the sermon. If you attend after you worship, you'll get more out of the discussion. Take your pick! In either case, you will benefit from a closer look at God's Word. The discussion will take place in the air-conditioned comfort of the church nave and is open to all ages. A Closer Look begins Sunday, June 5th.

Apple Valley Food Pantry Annual Drive: Help us through the lean summer months. Bags are available in the Atrium. The items used most are cereal, canned pasta, canned/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.

Are you using HuTerra yet? Now you can support the Mount Olive school building project with your everyday purchases. Here's how to make your purchases count:

- 1) Download the My HuTerra app to your smartphone. Select *Mount Olive Ev. Lutheran Church and School of Appleton* as your non-profit charity.
- 2) Shop at participating businesses like Pick 'n Save, Festival Foods, Papa Murphy's, Motomart, Mark's Eastside, Copper Rock, etc. (The app has a complete list.)
- 3) Take a picture of your receipt and submit it through the HuTerra app. HuTerra validates the receipts, calculates rewards, and the distributes pledged funds to Mount Olive. HuTerra will match the first \$10 of rewards you earn.

Greeter Program Sign Up: Now through May 27th, you have the opportunity to sign up online for greeting. At the end of that period, those dates not filled will be assigned according to your service preferences on record. The new schedule for July through December will be in your mailboxes by the middle of June. To choose your dates online:

- Go to www.mountoliveappleton.com. Click on "Resources" at the top of the page. Choose "Greeters Online Sign-up."
- Scroll through the list of available dates. Click on the Sign Up box on the date(s) you wish to serve.
- When finished selecting your dates, click the "Submit and Sign Up" button at the bottom of the page. The dates you chose will appear. (You can choose to set up an account, but it isn't necessary.)
- Fill in your name and email address and you are finished.

If you prefer to not sign up online and have specific dates you can or cannot greet, either put a note in mailbox (A811), contact Elaine by phone (920-739-6839), or email Elaine (tebartel@sbcglobal.net) by **May 27th**. If you haven't greeted in the past but are interested, please follow the above steps. We welcome new faces to the program!

Handbell Refurbishment Needed

Mount Olive's handbells were generously donated in 2000 by Mr. William Selle, in honor of his wife, Ruth A. Selle. They have been used regularly since then to glorify God and enhance worship services.

After so many years of faithful service, they are in serious need of professional refurbishment. During refurbishing each bell will be disassembled, inspected, polished, and parts repaired or replaced as needed. They will also be individually re-tuned to make sure each bell's sound is of the highest quality, and that all the bells in our set ring together in perfect harmony. In addition, the storage cases will also be inspected, cleaned and repairs suggested.

The cost of refurbishment for our 3-octave set of handbells is \$1,315. Shipping to and from Malmark and as well as repairs to the cases is not included in that amount and will be an additional expense.

We'd like to have the handbells refurbished over the summer when our choir takes a break. You can help contribute to their refurbishment by donating to the Handbell Choir Fund. Thank you so much for helping us restore our handbells!



Christ-centered 12-Step Program: Recovery through Christ is a Christ-centered 12-Step program for men and women who are struggling with addictions. The group meets Fridays 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Teen Room of Mount in the Fox Valley Olive in Appleton (930 E. Florida Ave). Peace through

Christ, a group for those who have a loved one struggling with an addiction, meets at the same time and place. For more information, please call Dave at 233-0437. Join us and find support on a God-enabled path to sobriety, emotional healing, and hope.

Bethany Lutheran Church in Appleton is looking to hire a new Administrative Assistant/ Church Secretary for our congregation. After 18 years of service to our Savior and congregation Mrs. Faith Butch will be stepping in to retirement and a new chapter in her life. For a job description or application please direct all inquiries to Shane Herron at shaneaherron@gmail.com.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University: Mondays June 11-Aug 6 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Greenville. Sign up at www.daveramsev.com OR attend the first class at NO COST and then purchase the materials here. The cost of the materials is \$95 or \$105 online.

The Hope Center

Providing Help and Hope to Those in Need

Established in 1986, *The Hope Center* is an outreach ministry of Christian Life Resources based in Appleton, Wisconsin. The center is a non-profit, volunteer agency financially supported by members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. We provide a loving and supportive place for families in the community by enriching the lives of clients physically, emotionally and spiritually. We are currently in need of volunteers and donations. Our needs for 2018 include:

Volunteers

- Office Staff work one or more shifts per month based on your schedule
- On-call Volunteers help with miscellaneous projects on an as-needed basis

Children's Supplies

Diapers and wipes

Hygiene Items

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Deodorant (solid, spray, roll-on)
- Disposable razors
- Shower gel
- Bar soap
- Feminine hygiene products

Paper Products/Cleaning Supplies

- Toilet paper
- Paper toweling
- Laundry soap
- Dish soap
- Dishwasher soap
- Gift Cards
- Grocery store
- Gas only
- Wal-Mart
- Target
- Valley Transit

All donations must shipped or brought to *The Hope Center* (1316 W. Lawrence St., Appleton, WI 54914). If this requirement is a burden, please consider purchasing gift cards which enable *The Hope Center's* team to purchase the needed items. Thank you!

Scandinavia & St. Petersburg Cruise: Pastor James Humann, retired WELS pastor, invites you to join him on a new travel adventure. Instead of the usual land/bus tours he has hosted in the past, he is offering a 13-day Scandinavia & St. Petersburg, Russia, cruise tour. The tour dates are September 12-24, 2018. The ship is the luxurious Norwegian Breakaway, a five-star Grand Class superliner of the Norwegian Cruise Line. The ports of call include St. Petersburg, Russia, home of the world famous Hermitage Museum; Warnemunde, Germany, the gateway to the historic capital city of Berlin; Tallinn, Estonia, medieval city with its cobblestone streets and watchtowers; Helsinki, Finland with its ultra-modern architecture; Stockholm, Sweden with its intricate waterways; Copenhagen, Denmark, home of Hans Christian Anderson. For more information, email Pastor Humann at JHumann383@aol.com.



THE FVL GENERAL BOARD meets Tuesday, 5/22 at 7 p.m. in the FVL auditorium. Federation churches are encouraged to have their representatives attend this important meeting that will share updates on the *Let the Children Come* effort in every church next fall and spring.

FVL'S GRADUATION WORSHIP SERVICE is being held 5/26 at 10 a.m. Doors open at 9 am. The service will also be livestreamed - check fvlhs.org for the link that morning.

DUE TO CONSTRUCTION, the tower entrance will be closed after Memorial Day. Please access the SCRIP and School Offices by way of entrance G on the north side of the building. Please check the website for hours.

WATCH FOR THE FVL MARCHING BAND in the Appleton Memorial Day Parade on 5/28. Parade starts at 9 a.m.

FVL'S GROWING IN GRACE MORTGAGE BURNING CEREMONY will be held Sunday, 6/10 at 2 p.m. in the FVL Chapel. Join us for this special celebration of God's great blessings to our ministry. Tours of the new construction will be offered after the service.

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



WELS News & Notes Pastors Meet to Grow in Grace



From April 18–20, Grow in Grace, the institute for pastoral growth at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wis., hosted more than 200 people for the seventh annual Celebration of Ministry retreats. Held at the Riverwalk in San Antonio, Tex., four retreats ran simultaneously for pastors and their wives who were celebrating 3, 10, 25, and, new to this year, 35 years since graduating from the seminary.

These retreats build relationships with ministry peers and offer encouragement through worship, Bible studies, workshops, and presentations. Bible study topics covered Lessons at the Burning Bush, Philippians, 1 Peter, and 1 John. Separate and joint workshops were offered for pastors and wives and covered topics such as time management, caring for others and yourself, focusing on your own gifts, and financial challenges and opportunities.

Though these workshops and Bible studies are a key part of the retreats, fellowship with classmates, worship services, and a beautiful location also play a part in the experience.

Prof. Paul Zell attended the year 35 retreat, known as Finish in Grace. Zell shares, "One of the best things about being at the retreat is being here with classmates and how we can be thankful for God's grace that we can still do this after 35 years; that's been really neat."

Next year's plans are already underway. All four groups for the 2019 retreats will take place in San Antonio from April 24–26 for the graduating classes of 1984, 1994, 2009, and 2016.

Serving in Christ, President Mark Schroeder

