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Mount Olive, Connected

“I know that guy. He sits in front of me every Sunday, but I have no idea what his name is. I could introduce myself and ask his name, but that would be awkward. What would I say? It’s probably safest to just keep saying, “Hi.”

Has that thought ever crossed your mind while you sat in church? Or, in the cereal aisle at the grocery store? Or, at a local restaurant? It’s one of the challenges of being a member of a big church with 1,700 members and four services. How can you possibly know everyone?

The reality is, you can’t. You’ll never become best friends with everyone at church, or even remember everyone’s name. But does that become an excuse that prevents us from trying to get to know anyone else we don’t already know?

There’s a level of “safety” in sitting in the same pew at the same service and talking to your same group of friends in the atrium after the service is over. It’s comfortable. But is that the best practice for God’s Kingdom?

When a first-time worship visitor attends church, if they stand solo in the atrium because no one approaches them, do you think they’ll come back? When a new member joins, but never connects with anyone, will she eventually go looking for a different church that feels more like home?

If “We’re a big church. It’s just how things are here.” becomes an excuse to never challenge ourselves to break away from our comfort zone of familiar friends to know other brothers and sisters in Christ, it can hinder our ability to reach out with the Gospel.

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From the Pastor's Pen

I get it. It's awkward and uncomfortable sometimes, but imagine a church that works hard to get to know each other; to bring new people into the group, and make them feel welcome. Picture the relationships that could bloom exponentially just by taking the time to get to know someone else. It would probably look something like this: *"All the believers were together and had everything in common. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved"* (See Acts 2:42-47.)

Sounds pretty awesome, right? The deep connections and loving relationships those believers shared were beautiful. In spite of their many differences, they were united because of their common faith in Jesus, and that made them a family. A family growing in Christ! Sound familiar?

A FAMILY growing in Christ is who Mount Olive is, and what we seek to do! To help us with that, during the month of September, we're kicking off a ministry initiative called, *"Mount Olive, Connected."* A month long push to encourage, equip, and challenge our congregation to branch out and get to know each other better; to give you permission to break out of your comfort zone and

introduce yourself to people you don't know. Get to know their names, their jobs, their interests. That doesn't mean you'll become best friends with everyone, but imagine how much warmer and welcoming our church could be if person by person, we know each other better.

On the weekend of September 9th, we'll focus on establishing better connections with our brothers and sisters in Christ, and why that's so important for our church and our individual faith. We'll also give you an opportunity to put those things into practice with helpful tips, fun challenges, and conversation starters during a special fellowship hour.

Then, throughout the month of September, we're saturating the calendar with opportunities to gather together with your fellow members both at and outside of church. Keep an eye out for more information on events like a Packers tailgate at Mount Olive, family board game night, cribbage tournament, and more!

We'll also have a special Bible class focusing on the biblical principles and practical applications of connecting with our fellow members; practical tips that can help you connect with others outside the church as well!

Join us in September and beyond, as we strive to become not just a friendly church, but a church of friends; a FAMILY growing in Christ! *Pastor Troy Schreiner*

Our New Pastor

Pastor Nathan Wordell was born and raised in West Salem, WI, and Albertville, MN, by his parents, Keith and Laurie, with his siblings, Elise, Joanna, Benjamin, and Joshua. He served as a vicar at St. Paul's - Rapid City, SD, and just completed a two-year assignment as dormitory supervisor, instructor, coach, and pastor at Martin Luther College. In 2017, he was engaged to marry Rachel Nitz. They were married on July 21, 2018.

Rachel was born and raised in Sanford, MI, by her parents Mark and Jayne, with her siblings Matthew, Laura, and Michelle. She graduated from Martin Luther College with a degree in education and has completed a one-year assignment to teach grades 3 and 4 at Sienna Lutheran Academy in Missouri City, Texas. This year she will serve Mount Olive as an assistant in the Early Learning Center.

Please join us in welcoming Pastor & Rachel Wordell to the Mount Olive family!



Cross Explorations**New Sunday School
Format**

A few weeks ago I was sitting with my little nephew on my knee. We had spent a morning playing with blocks and reading, when he asked me a question about Jesus.

To be honest, I don't even recall what his question was, but I do remember that after that question he wanted all our games, books, and songs to be about Jesus. Doesn't it just humble you and take your breath away when children put their child-like faith on display in their daily lives?

That's the goal of our new Sunday school curriculum called *Cross Explorations*. It's a Bible learning experience designed to teach kids and their parents the same Bible story in age-appropriate ways so that families can grow together in faith. Our new look Sunday school will kick off at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, September 16th.

Each lesson begins with all the kids gathered together for a short welcome from a pastor. After the welcome, students get to start their exploration! We'll dive into God's Word with Bible story learning, review, and activities.

During this time, students break off into groups according to their age for Bible study. There's even a class just for grown ups called *Cross Explorations for Adults*. Each group has a teacher to guide them through the lesson. Then the exploration really gets exciting!

Students go beyond basic learning with a variety of activities that reinforce the lesson. With crafts, games, music, drama, and more, each Sunday will bring a fun way to remember and reinforce what we've learned.

Some of the handiest tools available in this new setting are the "Explore More" cards, designed to help students apply the story all week long. They make for great family devotions!

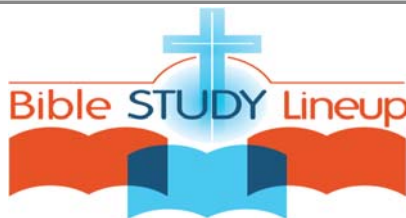
During the first few weeks of Sunday school, we will hold a contest to determine a fun new name for our fun new format. Come check it out, and bring your best ideas for a new program name!

Pastor Wordell

Fall Bible Studies

Getting into God's Word

Spiritual Growth Opportunities
Fall 2018

**“God, Why?”**

Sometimes God allows painful trials to come into the lives of his believers. Such burdens can leave us questioning God's love and fairness. Yet, by carrying our greatest burden, Jesus equips us to bear our earthly burdens gracefully. This discussion-oriented Bible study prepares participants to better handle the day-to-day challenges in their lives and the lives of others.

Leader: Pastor Raasch Date: Sundays, beginning September 16th
 Time: 9:25-10:15 a.m. Place: Fellowship Hall

Cross Explorations for Adults

How do Old Testament Bible stories apply to our lives today? Where can parents go to dig a little deeper into Bible stories their children are learning each week? How can parents strengthen the connection between Christ and the next generation? The answer to all of these questions is found in “Cross Explorations for Adults.” Join our new shepherd, Pastor Wordell, as he leads an adult-level discussion of the same Bible stories your children are learning. (Non-parents are also welcome!)

Leader: Pastor Wordell Date: Sundays, beginning September 16th
 Time: 9:25-10:15 a.m. Place: Church Sanctuary

The Foundation of Our Faith

Do you ever feel like it's time to get back to the basics of the Bible? Do you feel unequipped to answer even the fundamental questions people ask about your faith? Are you interested in learning more about what the Bible teaches, and what our church believes? Interested in becoming a member of Mount Olive? If any of these questions describe you, then our *Foundations* Bible study is for you! This relaxed, conversational study will meet for 7 weeks on Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings with the same session being taught on both of those days to give you the flexibility to attend whichever session best fits your schedule.

Leader: Pastor Schreiner Place: 8th grade room
 Date/time: Thursdays, September 13th, 6:30-7:30 p.m. *or*
 Sundays, beginning September 16th, 9:25-10:15 a.m.

Making Connections for Life

Take a look around church. Is there someone you can see that you may not know? In connection with the *Mount Olive, Connected* initiative spanning the month of September, Evangelism board chairman and teacher, Mr. Ian Schaefer, will be leading a Bible study that explores the biblical focus and the practical skills of establishing deeper connections with the members of our church family that you might not yet know.

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Fall Bible Studies

Making Connections for Life *continued*

The practical skills will be useful not just in church but to make deeper connections with people in every stage of your life!

Leader: Mr. Ian Schaefer Date: Sundays, beginning September 16th
 Time: 9:25-10:15 a.m. Place: Basement Classroom

The Book of Hebrews

Christians persevere! That is the message of the book of Hebrews. This book offers God's people an excellent review of God's plan of salvation. It opens the door to a greater understanding of Old Testament prophecies. To study the book of Hebrews broadens one's knowledge of Old Testament history and worship as well as emphasizes that all people are saved by grace alone in Christ. This mid-morning Bible class continues to gather new faces and old friends for a bite of pastry, a cup of coffee, and a thought-provoking discussion of God's Word.

Leader: Pastor Zank Date: Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 12th
 Time: 9:30-10:30 a.m. Place: Fellowship Hall

Breakfast Bible Study

This early-bird special offers a bite of the Bread of Life along with your cup of coffee or stack of pancakes. Join us at Mary's Restaurant as we discuss how the God's timeless truth still impacts our everyday lives.

Leader: Pastor Raasch Date: Tuesdays, year-round
 Time: 6:30-7:30am Place: Mary's on North Richmond

Men's Bible Study

Where does a man go to grow in his role as a Christian husband, father, man of God? Where can he be intellectually challenged, spiritually fed, genuinely encouraged, and yet still receive a bit of good-natured ribbing? The answer: Mount Olive's Men's Bible Study. Before you do anything else on Friday, stop in to recharge your batteries with your brothers in Christ.

Leader: Paul Kolell Date: Fridays, beginning September 14th
 Time: 6:30-7:30 a.m. Place: Teen room

SISTERS Bible Studies

Our study this fall runs for six weeks in two sessions. We'll have a one-week study and a five-week study. See the SISTERS article on page 14 for more details. Sign up either at the SISTERS In Christ retreat or contact Kerri Kleist at kerrikleist@gmail.com. This is a great opportunity to get to know your Mount Olive sisters better. We would love to have you join us!

Leader: Leah Needham Date: Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 19th
 Time: 1:45-2:45 p.m. Place: Atrium

Leader: Kerri Kleist Date: Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 19th
 Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Place: Kerri's Home

Life Groups – Applying God's Word to Life

Various sessions available throughout the week. See a pastor for details.

Mount Olive Family News



September

BIRTHDAYS

Vivian Huisman
September 8
92

Merlin Stuebs
September 13
80

Donna Woelz
September 14
83

Shirley Schutt
September 18
89

Keith Ploetz
September 22
92

Joan Strelow
September 22
83

THANKS
— from the —
HEART

A sincere "thank you" to the Mount Olive congregation from myself and my family for the special fellowship hour and the well-wishes, gifts, and words of appreciation upon my 40th anniversary in the public ministry. The warm Christian support and encouragement extended by the congregation are a blessing for which we thank God.

In Christ, *Pastor Dennis Kleist*

Church News



Summary of Council Meeting on August 20, 2018

President Kolell called the meeting to order.

Pastor Raasch opened with prayer.

Action Item - Brian Zuberbier - FVL's *Let the Children Come* Campaign

A resolution assigning authority to set Mount Olive's pledge amount for the FVL *Let the Children Come* capital campaign was presented. Mount Olive Church Council gives the Executive Committee authority to set the amount pledged to FVL and sign the Individual Pledge Agreement.

A discussion took place regarding the resolution.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the resolution. The resolution carried.

Minutes

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

Membership Changes

Transfer In

- M/M David (Cassandra) Liebhard (2 children) from Mount Lebanon Lutheran, Milwaukee, WI
- M/M Jeff (Elizabeth) Loberger (5 children) from Christ the King Lutheran, Palm Coast, FL
- M/M Thomas (Gretchen) Sommers from Faith, Fond du Lac, WI
- Rachel Wordell from Divine Savior, Missouri City, TX

Profession of Faith

- M/M Andrew (Ashley) Miller

Adult Confirmation

- Kayla Gunderson

Transfer Out

- M/M William (Carol) Kempf to St. Matthew Lutheran, Appleton, WI
- M/M Jake (Rachael) Larsh (2 children) to St. Peter Lutheran, Freedom, WI

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

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Church News**Pastors' Report**

- Pastor Schreiner is checking in on college-bound members.
- In September, the Board of Evangelism is focusing on keeping *Mount Olive, Connected*.
 - The goal is to help connect everyone within the Mount Olive family.
 - *Mount Olive, Connected* kicks off on September 9th with an hour-long fellowship between services.
- *Cross Explorations* is our new Sunday School curriculum. Sunday School begins September 16th.

Board Reports

- School reaccreditation is coming soon.

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

July Financial Report

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

Mount Olive Vision**Building Expansion**

- See Action Item - 1001 E. Marnie.

Ministry Plan Calendar

- August and September plans are available.
- Board of Evangelism is looking for volunteers for Octoberfest.

Action Item - Wisconsin Parental Choice (WPC) Program

The Board of Christian Education proposed entering the WPC Program at Mount Olive.

A discussion took place regarding the WPC program and the role it would play at Mount Olive. A motion was made and seconded to further pursue WPC at Mount Olive. The motion passed.

Action Item – 1001 E Marnie

The owners have expressed a desire to sell this property to Mount Olive. The building expansion project and currently renting a parsonage make purchasing this property an attractive opportunity.

A discussion took place. A motion was made and seconded to make an offer to purchase the property. The motion passed.

Announcements

- The next council meeting will be held on Monday, September 17, 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

Elijah, Prophet of Power

by W. Phillip Keller.

Enter the world of ancient Samaria during the dynasty of Omri and Ahab and meet Elijah, the "troubler of Israel." Be there when he dared to confront the priests of Baal, challenging the lawless religion of his times. Live beside Elijah in the heat of a rugged desert canyon as he prepared for the challenge, eating carrion dropped by scavenging birds and drinking stagnant water left by infrequent rains. The author immerses the reader in the life of Elijah and urges us to reflect upon the important lessons to be learned as a result.

DVD Video Recording

Communicating Christ Today

by WELS Kingdom Workers.

This five disc set includes thirty-one educational, informative, and entertaining episodes that tell the story of God's amazing love and His promise of salvation through His son, Jesus Christ. A CD Bible study is also included.

To Protect Your Privacy

Before placing materials back on the shelves, the librarians blot out your name and phone number entered on the card when you check out materials.

Our Church Library's Internet Link

To find our library online, click the "Member's Page" heading on www.mountoliveappleton.com. Within the "Quick Links" section, select "Church Library Access." You will be 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.



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

“Appleton Connection” Continues in Bacoor City (a Manila suburb)



In September 2017, Pastor Alvien DeGuzman wrote about the “Appleton connection” to a family in a new area, Bacoor City. He wrote, “The opportunity to start and do mission work in Bacoor City was presented to us by a Lutheran couple from Appleton, Wisconsin. Gemma is a Filipino whose younger brother and his family lives in Bacoor City...” Gemma is a member at St. John Lutheran in Appleton (Mackville).

Here is an update: “The work in Bacoor City, Cavite, is still going on. We are now a few lessons away from completing the Catechism study of those attending our Saturday morning bible class (4 adults). The game plan is that after these 4 adults have completed their Catechism study, we will start opening up our activities to the people in the community in order that our work in the area will expand.”

The travel time from Law and Gospel Lutheran Church, in Quezon City, is about two hours without heavy traffic. Thankfully, God has provided another helper with some Lutheran seminary training, Mr. Ed Pigon. God willing, Mr. Pigon will be able to assist in reaching this new community!

Presently our mission partner, Law and Gospel Lutheran Church, consists of 9 communicants, 60 souls, and 17 active prospects. It is our privilege to “walk together” with this infant congregation as they share the pure Gospel of Jesus and encourage them with prayers, hymnal, school supplies, and financial gifts. Thank you!

Pastor Dennis Kleist and the Mount Olive Mission Partner Committee

Connecting People with Missions and Missions with People

Church News

The Handbell Choir needs 2-3 more ringers to complete our numbers for this year. Do you know your right from your left most of the time? Can you count to four without getting lost? Do you have a desire to praise God in through music? If you answered “Yes” to any of these questions, you can play handbells!

Join us at 6:30 p.m. on September 11th to give bells a try. Previous musical experience is helpful but not necessary; we'll teach you everything you need to know!

Regular rehearsals are held Tuesday nights from 6:30-7:45 p.m. in the church balcony. Contact Amy Nogar at amynkidsco@sbcglobal.net or 830-1767 for more information.

**Handbell Refurbishment**

Thank you to everyone who has generously donated toward the Handbell Refurbishment! The bells were shipped to Malmark in early June.

During the refurbishment process each bell was disassembled, inspected, polished, and parts were repaired or replaced as needed. Six handles needed to be replaced, the cost of which was covered by warranty. After re-assembly, each bell was individually re-tuned to make sure its sound is of the highest quality. Then the entire set of bells was rung together to make sure the tonal qualities blend to ring in perfect harmony. Unfortunately, two of the “C” bells did not match the rest of the set and required new castings, which is not covered under warranty. Finally, the storage cases were also inspected and cleaned. One of the cases needed its lining replaced to avoid damage to the bells. Case repair is not covered by warranty either.

The new castings and case lining added about \$330 to the original \$1,315 refurbishment cost. Currently, the Handbell Choir Fund has received \$812 toward refurbishment. Please consider helping cover the rest of the cost by donating to the Handbell Choir Fund. Thank you!

Church News

Greece Tour



Mission to the Children

Glenn and Lois Erdmann from Bethany, Appleton, will once again be collecting items for Mission to the Children in northern Mexico. This year's collection for the mission from northeastern Wisconsin WELS members is for small Christmas toys for children.

The toys should be new, unwrapped items for children ages 0-15 valued less than \$10 and no larger than a football. No play guns or weapons of any kind! We also do not recommend battery-run items because the people there cannot afford to purchase new batteries. Action figures are okay as are books in Spanish, jewelry and watches for older children, craft and art kits, stuffed toys, outdoor toys such as balls, Frisbees, deflated soccer balls, gloves; cars and trucks for the younger kids; dolls, etc. We also will accept Walmart and Target gift cards to send Tucson shoppers out to buy toys to save on space in getting things there.

The collection box will be in the atrium from September 1-30, 2018. Thanks in advance for your prayers and contributions.



"In the Footsteps of Paul"

You are invited to join a 10-day tour to Greece..."In the Footsteps of Paul." The tour will take place on May 27-June 5, 2019.

The tour includes a 3-day Mediterranean cruise. Places of special interest include Phillippi, Corinth, Ephesus, Athens, Meteora, and Santorini. There is also an optional 3-day extension to Rome.

For details, please contact retired WELS pastor Eugene Kock at pastorkock@yahoo.com.



Family in Christ

Group News


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."

SISTERS Fall Bible Studies

SISTERS will be offering a fall Bible study. The study will run for six weeks in two sessions—a one-week study and a five-week study. Please sign up either at the retreat or contact Kerri Kleist at kerrickleist@gmail.com. The Bible study materials will be available with the facilitator of the time/group that best fits your schedule:

- Leah Needham, Wednesdays , 9-19 at 1:45 pm in the church atrium
- Kerri Kleist Wednesday, 9-19 at 6:30 p.m. in her home located at 1315 Montclair Ct Appleton

Our Bible Sisters: The Proverbs 31 Woman (1 week)

Setting God-Pleasing Goals for Your Life (WELS Women's Ministry Website)

- The goal of this one-lesson study is to grow in our faith, see how God sees us, and see how we fit into God's ministry plan to serve where we are planted.

God's Love (5 weeks)

This is a series of five one-hour interactive Bible studies focused on the very essence of God, as we are told in 1 John 4:16b: "God is love." The studies were written to help us ponder the magnitude of God's love and how it influences all aspects of our lives.

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Group News***God's Love continued***

The sessions are titled: 1 – Being Filled with God's Love 2 – How God's Love Influences My Life 3 – How God's Love Influences My Relationships 4 – How God's Love Helps Me Forgive 5 – How God's Love Helps Me in Difficult Times

SISTERS in Christ Annual Retreat***Our Calling Throughout all Seasons of Life***

It's still not too late to sign up for our SISTERS In Christ annual retreat.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 – *There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.*

What: Our focus at the retreat is to encourage all women of all ages, young women, middle aged women, seasoned women, and single, married, with kids, or without! How is God calling you in your season of life?

This year's retreat will begin with our keynote speaker and then you'll have the option of attending one of the breakout sessions. One of the sessions will be focused on seasoned women who have had a few more experiences in life. We will talk about hands on ministry and sharing your life-wisdom as a mentor. The second breakout session for younger women will be led by our presenter. In this session, we will explore how to maintain your identity in Christ through life's changes.

Where: Mount Olive Lutheran Church

When: September 8th from 8 a.m. to noon

Fees: Registration is FREE. If choosing lunch, there is a \$10 fee. Prepaying online for lunch is available this year or you can write a check and place it in Kerri Kleist's mailbox (A511) or drop it off in Mount Olive's church office.

Register online at www.mountoliveappleton.com or sign up in the atrium.



Group News



Even though we all miss the fun activities of summer, it's exciting to think about all of the new events starting up in fall. Mount Olive's Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) is once again looking forward to a busy and exciting year of "sharing Jesus with the world" through home and world missions. The theme for the year will be "*Woman to Woman, Enriching the Spirit.*" At each meeting we will be sharing articles written by missionary wives both in the United States and overseas. We would love to have you join us for an hour of mission news, mission projects, and wonderful fellowship.

Our first meeting is on September 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the Mount Olive school library. We will spend a little time talking about the recent annual convention in Green Bay and share news of the upcoming rally at Bethany, Appleton on November 3, 2018. We'll also share some program ideas for the 2018-19 year with you.

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northeastern Wisconsin, WELS members, is for small Christmas toys for children. They should be new unwrapped items for children ages 0-15 valued less than \$10 and no larger than a football. No play guns or weapons of any kind! We also do not recommend battery-run items because the people there cannot afford batteries. Action figures are okay as are books in Spanish, jewelry, watches for older children, craft and art kits, stuffed toys, outdoor toys (such as balls, Frisbees, deflated soccer balls, gloves), cars and trucks for the younger kids, dolls, etc. We also will take Walmart and Target gift cards to send Tucson shoppers out to buy toys to save on space in getting things there. The collection box will be in the atrium from September 1-30, 2018. Thank you in advance for your prayers and contributions.

We look forward to seeing you on September 11th at 6:00 p.m. Bring a friend!

Upcoming dates...

October 9, 2018 - Mount Olive LWMS, 6:00 p.m. in the school library.

November 3, 2018 - Paperland Circuit Fall Rally at Bethany, Appleton.

June 27-30, 2019 - LWMS International Convention, Des Moines, Iowa.

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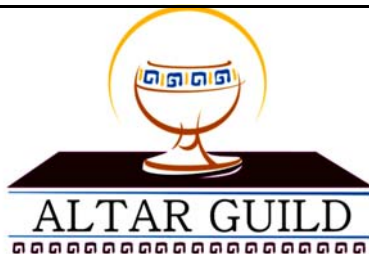
Ladies Aid

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.

Our meetings take place in the afternoon to make it easier for some of our older members to attend. Please consider attending as a guest or joining Ladies Aid. We would love to welcome you.

Please join us for Christian fellowship on Wednesday, September 6th, at 1:30 p.m. in the Mount Olive Fellowship Hall.

Mount Olive



The Altar Guild's next meeting is Monday, September 10th at 1:30 p.m. in the Teen Room.

September Team

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



Sunday, September 16th, is our September collection date. The groceries collected at Mount Olive are delivered to the Apple Valley Food Pantry, housed at St. Matthew, Appleton. Bags of groceries are then prepared and delivered to needful families in our congregation and community.

If you would like to assist with this ministry of love, please contact Bob Luedtke (731-0968) or Julie Sieg (475-0284).

Please consider donating this month to the Apple Valley Food Pantry.

Mornings with Mommy



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 Sessions



September 5 or 7

Things that Go



September 19 or 21

At the Farm

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 mwm@mountoliveappleton.com.

School News



Mount Olive Lutheran School

Mustang News

Volunteers play a big part in keeping the many programs of Mount Olive School running smoothly. Special help is needed for the school's hot lunch program. Parents, grandparents, and retirees - if you can afford to give about 2 1/2 hours of your time, the kitchen team could use your to help serve the hot lunch to the students. For more information and scheduling, please call Stacy in the school office at 739-9194.



September 4

First Day of School (8:15 a.m. - Opening Service)

September 12

Kindergarten Parent Welcome Night 6 p.m.

September 28

Staff Day - No School

October 10

FVL Schools Community Parents Night -
"Reading Problems in Students - Are We Addressing Symptoms or the Cause?" 6:30 p.m. @ FVL

October 25-26

Teacher's Conference - No School

November 7-9

The school calendar looks a little different this year due to the late start. One of the changes is having no half-days for our 1st quarter parent-teacher conference and running the conferences on three nights.

November 7 - 3:30 - 7:30 p.m.

November 8 - 3:30 - 7:30 p.m.

November 9 - 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

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 News**FVL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT TO THE
FEDERATION****August 2018****FVL MISSION**

Fox Valley Lutheran High School, in partnership with families and Federation churches, provides students with a Christ-centered education, preparing them for lives of service and for eternity.

SCHOOL NEWS

- Praise the Lord and thanks to all the volunteers and workers who made it possible to open the 2018-19 school year on time! Student orientation begins on August 20 and the first day of school is August 22.
- Enrollment for year looks to be in the range of 660. More information will be shared on the exact numbers in our September report. This will be the largest enrollment ever on this campus!
- One hundred seventy-two students have received vouchers through the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program. What a blessing for our families to be a part of this program!
- Repair work has begun on our vandalized soccer and football fields. Because of DNR permitting issues only one field can be done at a time. The high cost of the field repairs (\$250K) is because the fields need to be totally redone due to the extent of the damage and our need to protect players from injury.
- FVL is hosting its annual Pastor and Staff Minister Day on Friday, September 14.
- So that grandparents can see the new building expansion, FVL will be hosting Grandparents' Days on Thursday and Friday, October 4-5. Normally these days are only held every other year. Registration information will be shared in mid-September.
- A special Dedication Service for the *Let the Children Come* expansion is set for 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 14. Our guest speaker will be WELS Northern Wisconsin District President Rev. Joel Zank. An open house is planned following the service.

STAFFING NEWS

- Our new faculty Mr. Ryan Lemke (Science), Mr. Jeff Loberger (Director of Mission Advancement/Religion), Mrs. Kathy Stern (Math), Mr. Phil Stern (Religion/Social Studies), and Mr. Jeff Uhlenbrauck (Assistant Principal/Social Studies) will be installed as part of our opening service on the morning of Wednesday, August 24.
- New staff members for 2018-19 include Mrs. Monica Uhlenbrauck who is FVL's new International Program Coordinator and Mrs. Sara Gerndt who is a part-time School Office Assistant.

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FVL News**FVL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** continued

- FVL has a number of faculty and staff members dealing with challenging health situations. Your prayers on their behalf are needed and appreciated.

COCURRICULARS

- The fall sports' seasons have begun and participation numbers are strong. All FVL home football and soccer games will have to be held off campus this fall because of field repairs stemming from last year's vandalism. Check fvlhs.org for game locations. A \$10,000 reward is still being offered for information that would enable police to make an arrest in this case.
- FVL Theatre's fall play will be *The Election*. Public performance dates will be October 18 (7 p.m.); October 20 (4 p.m.); and October 22 (2 p.m.) Watch for ticket info in mid-September.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

- Congregational offerings for operations totaled \$136,605 for June and \$928,899 for the year. The commitment was \$970,400. Offerings this July are behind last year, with collections of \$20,212.
- *Let the Children Come* contributions and pledges to be received by September 1 totaled \$590K as of August 10. A total of \$1M is needed by September 1 to take advantage of low interest rates through tax exempt bonds.
- Scrip sales for July were \$170K. Tuition assistance to families will be \$67K. Total sales since 2003 is now close to \$36M.

With You, Serving Jesus -
Principal Steve Granberg

RETIRE FEARLESSLY SEMINAR AT FVL

- You are invited to join Dan Voss at FVL on Thursday, September 20th at 10 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. for a seminar entitled *Retire Fearlessly*. In this seminar, you will discover five keys to unlocking a retirement that's free from worry, where you can have full confidence in your ability to achieve your goals. For more information or to reserve your spot, please call Leslie Voss at 920-628-5500 or email leslie.voss@thrivent.com by September 14, 2018. Reserve your place today!

Memorials & Gifts



**Memorials
& Gifts**

FORWARD IN FAITH

- \$25.00** Lillian Court in memory of Ed Court
- \$50.00** James & Patricia Freer in honor of Jim & Gloria Knoll's 50th wedding anniversary
- \$50.00** Eric & Sara Gerndt in honor of Jim & Gloria Knoll's 50th wedding anniversary
- \$25.00** Leta Krueger in honor of Pastor Kleist's ministry
- \$50.00** Carl & Marilyn Rudolph in honor of Jim & Gloria Knoll's 50th wedding anniversary
- \$50.00** Roy & Linda Schlavensky in honor of Merlin & Karen Stuebs' 50th anniversary and in memory of Carrie Stuebs

MINISTERIAL TRUST

- \$40.00** Bruce & Faye Thede in honor of Pastor Kleist's 40 years of service
- \$50.00** Marge Thede in honor of Pastor Kleist's 40 years of service
- \$40.00** Ron & Donna Zahn in honor of Pastor Kleist's 40 years of service


SCHOOL LIBRARY

- \$150.00** Bruce & Kimberly Willhite in memory of Bruce's father, Robert Willhite

SCHOOL UNDESIGNATED

- \$35.00** Robert Bauer in memory of Bruce Willhite's father, Robert Willhite





SCRIP

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

School is about to begin and that means that our SCRIP Desk will soon switch back to our regular hours. We will be open on Mondays and Fridays before and after school as well as on Sundays between the services. If you have not enrolled in SCRIP yet, take some time to talk with one of our volunteers to learn more about the SCRIP program, its benefits, and new online shopping options. Start using SCRIP today!

SCRIP DESK HOURS
MONDAY & FRIDAY
 7:45-8:15 A.M. & 2:45-3:15 P.M.
SUNDAY
 9:10-9:25 A.M. & 10:10-10:25 A.M.

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

Financial Update



Mount Olive's
**FINANCIAL
 UPDATE**
 July 2018

- July offerings were \$3,696 **higher** than budgeted.
- Tuition was \$2,354 **lower** than budgeted.
- Other income was \$12,589 **higher** than budgeted.
- Total income was \$13,931 **higher** than budgeted.
- Total expenses, before FVL/Synod distributions, were \$1,802 **lower** than budgeted.
- The net income/(loss) for July, including FVL/Synod distributions of \$20,750 was \$75. This compares to a budgeted loss of \$(15,658).

Year-to-date financial results are as follows:

- Offerings are \$69,246 **under** budget.
- Tuition is \$2,088 **under** budget.
- Total income is \$55,646 **under** budget.
- Total expenses are \$47,514 **under** budget.
- The actual net income / (loss) YTD is \$(9,553), which is \$47,514 favorable compared to the budget.

Financial Update

Mount Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church

Appleton, Wisconsin

GENERAL FUND INCOME STATEMENT

For the YTD ending July 31, 2018

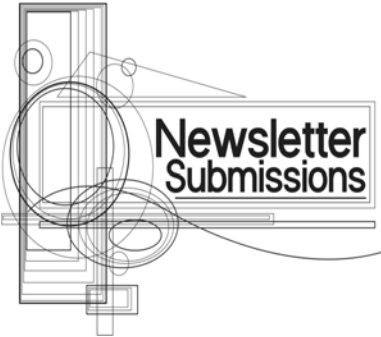
	Actual	Budget		
	Year to Date	Year to Date	Variance	% Change
<u>Revenues</u>				
Offerings	794,509	863,755	-69,246	(8.02)
Tuition & Fees	141,412	143,500	-2,088	(1.46)
Other Income	130,588	114,900	15,688	13.65
Total Revenues:	1,066,509	1,122,155	-55,646	(4.96)
<u>Expenses</u>				
Operating Expenses	896,990	1,000,150	-103,160	(10.31)
FVL/Synod Distributions	179,072	179,072	0	0.00
Total Expenses:	1,076,062	1,179,222	-103,160	(8.75)
General Fund Cash	-9,553	-57,067	47,514	(13.71)
<u>Transfers</u>				
Transfers In	0	0	0	0.00
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0.00
Total Transfers:	0	0	0	0.00
Grand Total:	-9,553	-57,067	47,514	0

COMPARATIVE GENERAL FUND INCOME STATEMENT

For the YTD ending July 31, 2018

	2018	2017		
	30 weeks	31 weeks	Change	% Change
<u>Revenues</u>				
Offerings	794,509	787,764	6,745	0.86
Tuition & Fees	141,412	140,310	1,102	0.79
Other Income	130,588	136,728	-6,140	(4.49)
Total Revenues:	1,066,509	1,064,802	1,707	0.16
<u>Expenses</u>				
Operating Expenses	896,990	930,545	-33,555	(3.61)
FVL/Synod Distributions	179,072	180,573	-1,501	(0.83)
Total Expenses:	1,076,062	1,111,118	-35,056	(3.16)
General Fund Cash	-9,553	-46,316	36,763	3.32
<u>Transfers</u>				
Transfers In	0	0	0	0.00
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0.00
Total Transfers:	0	0	0	0.00
Grand Total:	-9,553	-46,316	36,763	0

Mount Olive, Connected



Newsletter Submissions

Church Bulletin
Tuesdays by End of Day

Messenger
Articles & Calendar Items
15th of Each Month

Send bulletin and newsletter items to **communications@mountoliveappleton.com**

For church bulletin items, please also state how many weeks you would like the announcement(s) to run.

Be Connected!



Mount Olive



We Are Family

Join us for our upcoming
Mount Olive, Connected events!

Kick-off Fellowship Hour
September 9th at 9:15 a.m.

Packers Tailgate Party
September 9th at 4:00 p.m.
Mount Olive Parking Lot

Family Board Game Night
September 18th at 5:00 p.m.

Cribbage Tournament
September 27th at 6:00 p.m.



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Volunteer Schedules

September Schedule



USHERS

September

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Gary Meyer, Captain
 Michael Hyne, Mark Kobin,
 David Kolander, Steve Ahrens

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Bryan Thede, Captain
 Glen Lueddecke, Mike Kesting,
 Mark Tollefson, Robert Bauer

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Chad Krowas, Captain
 Scott Plach, Derek Kritzer, Glen
 Vick, Mike Strelow.

Monday 6:00 p.m.

John Hoh, Captain
 Bob Luedtke, Victor Bode




AUDIO-VISUAL TEAM

September

- 1 - Scott Krueger
- 2 - 8 a.m. - Cody Manske
- 2 - 10:00 a.m. - Drew Talo
- 3 - Aaron Tollefson
- 8 - Tim Mielke
- 9 - 8 a.m. - Marcus Medema
- 9 - 10:00 a.m. - Caden Rindt
- 10 - Doug Van Straten
- 15 - Connor Graham
- 16 - 8 a.m. - Jerry Evansen
- 16 - 10:00 a.m. - Brad Erickson
- 17 - Jonathan Leahy/Ryan Picard
- 22 - Kenzie Mielke
- 23 - 8 a.m. - Gabrielle Medema
- 23 - 10:00 a.m. - Carsen Rindt
- 24 - Ryan Picard
- 29 - Ethan Cain
- 30 - 8 a.m. - Zach Thede
- 30 - 10:00 a.m. - Noah Schuff
- Oct. 1 - Aaron Tollefson

September Schedule




Sept. 2 8 a.m. - Marsha Fischer,
Mike & Kathleen Hyne
10:00 a.m. - Mark & Karen
Johnson, Eric & Noreen
McKown

Sept. 9 8 a.m. - Medema Family,
Doug & Diane Enter
10:00 a.m. - Doug &
Marisol Mantei, Corey &
Jamie Zoromski

Sept. 16 8 a.m. - Sharon Hintz,
Daryl & Mary Hintz
10:00 a.m. - Randall &
Valerie Kruescher, Ken &
Carol Richmond

Sept. 23 8 a.m. - Todd & Gloria
Krenger, Richard &
Tamara Alksnis
10:00 a.m. - Mike &
Louise Kesting, Donn &
Jacqui Komschlies

Sept. 30 8 a.m. - Medema Family,
George & Barbara Green
10:00 a.m. - Glen & Mary
Vick, Kevan & Emily
Lubinski



Sept. 2 8 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
Self Serve
9:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Self Serve

Sept. 9 8 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
Medema Family
9:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Sarah Raasch, Louise
Kesting

Sept. 16 8 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
Ed Stern, Gloria Krenger
9:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Bruce & Kim Willhite

Sept 23 8 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
Carl & Wanda Van
Grinsven
9:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Ken & Carol Richmond

Sept. 30 8 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
Medema Family
9:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Corey & Jamie Zoromski



UPCOMING EVENTS

See Inside for Details

- September 1 - Mission to the Children Toy Collection Begins
- September 3 - No Worship & Church Office Closed**
- September 4 - Mount Olive School - First Day of School
- September 4 - Mount Olive Worship w/ Lord's Supper (6pm)**
- September 5 - Mornings with Mommy
- September 5 - Ladies Aid Meeting
- September 7 - Mornings with Mommy
- September 8 - Mount Olive SISTERS In Christ Retreat
- September 9 - Regular Church Service Hours Begin (8am & 10:30am)**
- September 9 - Mount Olive, Connected Event - Fellowship Hour**
- September 9 - Mount Olive, Connected Event - Packers Tailgate**
- September 11 - LWMS Meeting
- September 11 - "Give Handbell Choir a Try" Night
- September 16 - Sunday School Begins
- September 16 - Apple Valley Food Pantry Pick Up
- September 17 - Altar Guild Meeting
- September 18 - Mount Olive, Connected Event - Family Game Night**
- September 19 - Mornings with Mommy
- September 20 - Retire Fearlessly Seminar with Dan Voss
- September 21 - Mornings with Mommy
- September 27 - Mount Olive, Connected Event - Cribbage Tournament**
- September 30 - Mission to the Children Toy Collection Ends

- October 10 - FVL Schools Community Parents Night

- November 3 - LWMS Fall Paperland Circuit Rally
- November 11 - Mount Olive's New Building Dedication

Mount Olive is a Family Growing in Christ!



Mount Olive

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