

THIS WEEK - September 16-23, 2018

SUNDAY 17th Sunday after Pentecost Food Pantry Pick Up	8 a.m. - Worship w/ Lord's Supper 9:10-9:25 a.m. - SCRIP Desk Open 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School 9:25 a.m. - Bible Class	10:10-10:25 a.m. - SCRIP Desk Open 10:30 a.m. - Worship w/ Lord's Supper
MONDAY	1:30 p.m. - Altar Guild	6 p.m. - Worship w/ Lord's Supper 7 p.m. - Council Meeting
TUESDAY	6:30 a.m. - BC at Mary's	6 p.m. - Boy & Girl Pioneers 6:30 p.m. - Handbell Choir 6:30 p.m. - Board of Stewardship
WEDNESDAY	8:15 a.m. - Mornings with Mommy 9:30 a.m. - Bible Class 1:45 p.m. - SISTERS Bible Study	4:00 p.m. - PSI 5:00-7:30 p.m. - Mount Olive, Connected— Family Board Game Night 6:30 p.m. - SISTERS Bible Study
THURSDAY		6:30 p.m. - Foundations Bible Study
FRIDAY	6:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study 8:15 a.m. - MorningsMommy	1 p.m. - Sagunsky/Kuehl Wedding
SATURDAY		5:30 p.m. - Worship
NEXT SUNDAY 18th Sunday after Pentecost	8 a.m. - Worship 9:10-9:25 a.m. - SCRIP Desk Open 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School 9:25 a.m. - Bible Class	10:10-10:25 a.m. - SCRIP Desk Open 10:30 a.m. - Worship

OFFERINGS/OTHER INCOME	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Offerings Week of 9/10/18	\$32,670	\$19,150
Offerings Year-to-date	\$1,011,527	\$896,895
Offerings + Other Income Year-to-date	\$1,446,102	\$1,313,740
Forward in Faith Week of 9/10/18		\$16,127
Forward in Faith Total Campaign to-date		\$1,753,947

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 10:30 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.

GREETERS

This Week: (8:00 a.m.) - Sharon Hintz, Daryl & Mary Hintz;

(10:30 a.m.) - Randall & Valerie Kreuscher, Ken & Carol Richmond.

Next Week: (8:00 a.m.) - Todd & Gloria Krenger, Richard & Tamara Alksnis;

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

COFFEE CAFÉ

This Week: (8-10 a.m.) - Ed Stern, Gloria Krenger; (10 a.m.-noon) Bruce & Kim Willhite.

Next Week: (8-10 a.m.) - Carl & Wanda Van Grinsven; (10 a.m.-noon) Ken & Carol Richmond.

AV TEAM

This Week: **September 15** - Connor Graham; **September 16** (8:00 a.m.) - Jerry Evansen;

September 16 (10:30 a.m.) - Brad Erickson; **September 17** - Jonathan Leahy, Ryan Picard.

Next Week: **September 22** - Kenzie Mielke; **September 23** (8:00 a.m.) - Gabrielle Medema;

September 23 (10:30 a.m.) - Carsen Rindt; **September 24** - Ryan Picard.

ALTAR GUILD (September) Marion Hinz, Bonnie Krueger, Mary Vick, Edith Priebe, Sue Behnke.

Announcements

Attendance All Services: 908

Saturday: 192

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. 332, 10:30 a.m. 271

Monday: 113

The Cross Bouquet is placed to God's Glory by Pam Gruber and daughter Shari Nussbaum and family in loving memory of husband and father, Robert.

Holy Baptism: The Christian baptism of Beckett Robert Cunningham will take place during Sunday's 10:30 a.m. service.

Hot Pad Sale Benefitting Forward in Faith: Betty Flunker has made beautiful quilted larger hot pads/placemats in a variety of designs for all seasons. Betty will be selling them for \$5 a piece between the services on Sunday and after the Monday evening service this week. All the proceeds from the sale to be donated to the Forward in Faith.

Mount Olive, Connected - Board Game Night: Come play some board games and grow more deeply connected with the members of our Mount Olive family on **Wednesday, September 19th**, from **5-7:30 p.m.**! You can play some "new to you" games that Boardlandia will bring and demo, or you can bring your own games to play. You aren't required to bring your own games, though. Card games, including Pokémon and Sheephead, are encouraged too! All ages are welcome. Gaming snacks will be available. No worries if you can't make it right at 5 p.m. Come whenever you can. See you down in the fellowship hall for some board games and connected fellowship!

Mount Olive, Connected - Cribbage Tournament: Love to play cribbage? Here is a great opportunity for cribbage players of all ages to enjoy friendly competition while getting to know other players in our Mount Olive family. We will have 2-person teams with double elimination. The event takes place in the fellowship hall on **Thursday, September 27th** at **6 p.m.** Bring your cribbage boards and cards. (We'll have extras if needed). To help us organize the brackets, sign up your team in the atrium or online. You can also sign up as a single and we'll pair you with another single. The winning team will be awarded custom-made Packer cribbage boards. Light snacks and beverages served.

Canceled Stamps: After October 21st, LWMS will no longer be collecting canceled stamps for India.

Boy & Girl Pioneers: We are “kicking off” the new Pioneer year on **Tuesday, September 18th**. The boy and girl Pioneers are having a joint cookout and potluck in the newly finished Mount Olive parking lot. Families of children in grades 1-8 who are interested in Pioneers are invited to enjoy the evening with us as we play games and have a corn hole tournament - weather permitting. There will also be a brief overview for the families of what we are doing in Pioneers this year and what is expected. Join in the fun!

Pioneers Archery Camp: The first big event for Pioneers will be the Archery Camp – its scheduled the weekend of **September 28-30th** and is open to both boy and girl pioneers this year. More information to follow.

Tuition Assistance: A special offering envelope for Tuition Assistance is included in your packet of envelopes for September. Families who have the need for financial assistance to provide for their children’s education at Mount Olive Lutheran School receive support from these contributions. For the upcoming school year, \$27,570 has been provided to families who have requested assistance for their children. Please give prayerful consideration to contribute to the tuition assistance fund to help meet those needs for our Mount Olive families.

Mission to the Children, Mexico - Toy Collection - 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 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 or battery-operated toys! We also will take Walmart and Target gift cards to send Tucson shoppers to buy toys to save on space in getting things there. The collection box will be in the atrium from September 1-30.

Loss of a Spouse Seminar: Your life has changed forever. The daily emotions and challenges can seem too hard to bear. Please join us for this encouraging GriefShare seminar. In this seminar, receive practical advice from others who have been there, learn what to expect in grief, and how to cope with life without your spouse. The seminar will take place at St. Matthew on **Saturday, October 6th**, from **9-11 a.m.** Register by contacting Joyce at 585-9080 or joymarie48@yahoo.com. Come find help at the *Loss of a Spouse* seminar.



Getting into God's Word

Spiritual Growth Opportunities—Fall 2018

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

Time: 9:25-10:15 a.m.

Date: Sundays, beginning September 16th

Place: Church Sanctuary

"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

Time: 9:25-10:15 a.m.

Date: Sundays, beginning September 16th

Place: Fellowship Hall

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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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 of the September *Messenger* for more details. Sign up either at the SISTERS In Christ retreat or contact Kerri Kleist at kerrickleist@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



FVL NEWS



DOES YOUR CHILD STRUGGLE WITH READING? The FVL Schools Community Parents Night on 10/10 (6:30 pm) will cover strategies and resources to help meet your child's needs. FVL grad and Wisconsin Lutheran College education professor Dr. Mark Murphy is our speaker. Free child care is available for children ages 4 & up. Free tickets are available at all FVL Schools Offices and in the School Office at FVL. More info at fvlschools.org.

THE FVL HOOPS CLUB/ACADEMY AND NOTHING BUT NET will be starting soon. Check fvlhs.org for details.

ATTORNEY TORI KLUSS AND MR. DAVID WENDLAND will present another segment of their THE WAY Educational Series: End of Life Planning seminar on 9/26 at 10 am or 6:30 pm. Discover the advantages of funeral planning and end-of-life healthcare directives. Learn about life insurance and retirement account beneficiary designations and their tax ramifications. Take away specific "to do's" and "not to do's"! Contact Robert Fischer at rfischer@fvlhs.org to register.

STUDENTS & PARENTS - Plan to attend the free College Planning Strategies Workshop on 10/4 at Thrivent Home Office (Rm B112/13). Figure out how to help your student finish college and still retire. Learn how academics, admissions and financial strategies work together to save money. Registration & appetizers at 5:30 p.m. Workshop from 6:00-7:30 pm. RSVP to edana.beck@thrivent.com or phone 920-423-3896. Park in the visitor lot. Space is limited; reserve your seats early.

DUE TO THE FIELD VANDALISM, all FVL home soccer and football games need to be held off-campus this fall. Soccer games will be played at USA Sports Complex. Varsity football games will be at Kaukauna 8/16, 9/21, 9/28. The 9/7 football game will be at Appleton North. All JV1 & JV2 football games will be at Xavier Middle School. Check the FVL online calendar at fvlhs.org.

FVL NEEDS A CUSTODIAN! HIRING NOW! With the building addition now complete, FVL is in IMMEDIATE need of a full-time, 2nd shift (1:30pm - 10pm) custodian! Go to fvlhs.org for more info or to apply. Questions? Please contact Facilities Manager Tyler Techlin at ttechlin@fvlhs.org.



WELS News & Notes

Disasters Provide Opportunity to Show Christian Love



Storm damage in Wisconsin has given WELS members the opportunity to show Christ's love in their communities.

On Aug. 20-21, more than 11 inches of rain fell in a 24-hour time period in Dane County. In some areas, residents were evacuated to higher ground. Homes and vehicles were flooded.

St. Andrew, Middleton, Wis., worked with WELS Christian Aid and Relief to provide help to their neighbors. On Aug. 25, more than 200 volunteers coordinated by St. Andrew helped their community members clean up following the storm.

“As Christians, all our earthly possessions may be swept away in 35 minutes or less,” says Elizabeth Zambo of Christian Aid and Relief, “but our faith, that is anchored to the Rock, will remain secure. These people that have experienced flooding are now being emotionally, physically, and spiritually challenged. I am always amazed when I see the people soon after the disaster strikes and then witness the changes that occur in their faith and attitude over the days, weeks, and months after the disaster. Not only do the people suffering from the flooding grow in their faith, but those who are assisting those in need realize they too are growing in their faith.”

In a report to his members following the clean-up effort, Rev. Kelly Huet, a pastor at St. Andrew, noted, “Lives and communities were impacted today because of your love for Jesus.” St. Andrew is continuing to offer help as homes are now being rebuilt.

On Aug. 28, 17 tornadoes touched down in Wisconsin, including one F2 tornado outside of Brownsville in Dodge County. The church property and parsonage of St. Paul, Brownsville, sustained damage from the high winds and downed trees, but no one was injured.

On Sept. 1, the congregation coordinated an effort with Christian Aid and Relief to offer aid to its neighbors who suffered damage from the storm and to help clear its property. The effort brought together 85 WELS members, including many from surrounding areas. Community members also joined in, as well as a group from Stillwater, Minn., who brought one of Christian Aid and Relief's trailers. These trailers are stocked with items such as chainsaws, generators, rakes, brooms, ropes, buckets, helmets, and gloves.

The Brownsville community was grateful for the volunteers' help. Many were overwhelmed by the number of trees that needed to be cleared from their property.

To learn more about WELS Christian Aid and Relief and to support their work, visit wels.net/relief. To see more photos and videos from these relief efforts, visit facebook.com/WELSChristianAidAndRelief.