

THIS WEEK - November 18-25, 2018

SUNDAY Saints Triumphant	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 1:00 p.m. - Adult Co-Ed Volleyball
MONDAY	7:45 a.m. - SCRIP Desk 2:45 p.m. - SCRIP Desk	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. - Pioneers Boys & Girls	6:30 p.m. - Handbell Choir 6:30 p.m. - Board of Stewardship
WEDNESDAY	MOL School - 1/2 Day No Bible Class No PSI	6 p.m. - Festival Worship
THURSDAY Thanksgiving	9 a.m. - Festival Worship	MOL School - No School Church Office Closed No Foundations Bible Study
FRIDAY	MOL School - No School Church Office - Open 1/2 Day No Men's Bible Study	
SATURDAY		5:30 p.m. - Worship
NEXT SUNDAY Christ the King	8 a.m. - Worship 9:10-9:25 a.m. - SCRIP Desk Open 9:15 a.m. - Fellowship Hour	10:10-10:25 a.m. - SCRIP Desk Open 10:30 a.m. - Worship 11:45 a.m. - S.S. Teachers Meeting 1 p.m. - Adult Co-Ed Volleyball

OFFERINGS/OTHER INCOME		BUDGET	ACTUAL
Offerings	Week of 11/12/18	\$30,475	\$22,869
Offerings	Year-to-date	\$1,280,392	\$1,148,075
Offerings + Other Income	Year-to-date	\$1,788,542	\$1,628,295
Forward in Faith	Week of 11/12/18		\$12,200
Forward in Faith	Total Campaign to-date		\$1,878,531

USHERS (November)

Saturday 5:30 p.m. - Todd Letau, Captain; Keith Wundrow, Ed Stern, Dale Schmidt, Chris Reichelt.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Tim Weiing, Captain; Todd Ziegler, Zach Ziegler, Richard Mueller, Matt Gregersen.
Sunday 10:30 a.m. - Jessie Vander Heyden, Captain; Carl Van Grinsven, Glen Vick, Thomas Ermers.
Monday 6:00 p.m. - John Hoh, Captain; Bob Luedtke, Victor Bode.

GREETERS This Week: (8:00 a.m.) - Richard & Kay Van De Weghe, Jeff & Sheryl Schultz;
(10:30 a.m.) - Kevan & Emily Lubinski, Richard & Joan Mueller.
Next Week: (8:00 a.m.) - Richard & Marion Hinz, Dorothy Lee;
(10:30 a.m.) - Corey & Jamie Zorowski, Mark & Karen Johnson.

COFFEE CAFÉ This Week: (8-10 a.m.) - Mark & Anne Tollefson; (10 a.m.-noon) Ron & Kathy Erickson.
Next Week: (8-10 a.m.) - Marilyn Rudolph, Sara Gerndt; (10 a.m.-noon) . Louise Kesting, Karen Thomas

AV TEAM This Week: **November 17** – Alex Krueger; **November 18** (8:00 a.m.) - Cody Manske;
November 18 (10:30 a.m.) - Caden Rindt; **November 19** - Ryan Picard.
Next Week: **November 24** – Erick Nason; **November 25** (8:00 a.m.) - Jerry Evansen;
November 25 (10:30 a.m.) - Noah Schuff; **November 26** - Scott Krueger.

SCRIP DESK This Week: Sheryl Schultz Next Week: Sheryl Schultz

ALTAR GUILD (November) Kay Van De Weghe, Cindy Zank, Karen Doell, Lynn Page, Margaret Kastner.

Announcements

Attendance All Services: 983

Saturday: 220

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. 299, 10:30 a.m. 335

Monday: 129

The Altar Flowers are placed to God's Glory by Karen Thomas in loving memory of her parents, Dorothy and Harris Thomas.

Holy Baptism: The Christian baptism of Mason James Kenneke will take place during Sunday's 10:30 a.m. service.

Movie Bible Study: The new WELS Evangelism Movie *"To the Ends of the Earth"* will be shown and discussed during a special two week Sunday morning Bible Class, beginning on **November 18**. Pastor Wordell will lead this study in the Church Sanctuary at 9:25 a.m.. There will be no Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall for these two weeks. Come and follow in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul!

Service Folders from the Dedication of Mount Olive's Building Expansion contain interesting facts about the history and construction of our new facility. If you didn't receive one, please take one home with you today. They are located on the table in the narthex.

Divine calls received: Our 8th grade teacher, Mr. Nathan Gartner, has received a call to serve as upper-grade social studies teacher and athletic director at St. John's Lutheran School in Lannon, WI. Our 5th grade teacher, Miss Heidi Schone has received a call to teach 3rd and 4th grade at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Columbus, Ohio. Please keep them in your prayers as they consider where in the Kingdom the Lord would have them serve.

Thanksgiving Services: Our Thanksgiving Festival of Worship services will be held on Wednesday, **November 21**, at 6:00 p.m. and Thursday, **November 22**, at 9:00 a.m.

Adult Volleyball will begin in Mount Olive new gym on Sunday, November 18 at 1:00 p.m. Men and women, high school age and older, are welcome. We'll meet every Sunday at 1:00 or 3:00 p.m. (opposite the Packers game.) All players are asked to carry in the shoes they'll use on our new court. Join us for some fun and exercise!

Poinsettia Orders: To help decorate our chancel during Christmas, we will be taking orders for twenty-one poinsettias. There is a sign-up sheet for ordering the poinsettias in the Atrium. The cost is \$24.95 per poinsettia.

2nd Annual Declutter for a Cause: We are hosting our 2nd Annual "Free Will Donation Christmas Shopping Event" A.K.A "Making Hearts Happy Christmas Event." From November 19-30, drop off in the Mount Olive Commons any clean, gently used toys, games, books, kid movies, or Christmas church attire. Then on Saturday, December 1, come pick out free toys for your kids for Christmas! Our event will take place from 10 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in Mount Olive Lutheran School's Commons area. The cost of the items is a freewill donation. A bake sale and gift wrapping station will also be available. All proceeds will be forwarded to Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. For more information, or to volunteer to assist, contact Amie Fox at (920) 716-2483.

Wisconsin Herd Basketball Game: On Friday, December 7, the Wisconsin Herd has invited Mount Olive members to come enjoy a game of basketball and fellowship at Menominee Nation Arena in Oshkosh. The Wisconsin Herd plays the Raptors 905. A section is reserved for just Mount Olive members. We also have a discounted ticket price of \$13 a ticket. Feel free to invite grandparents, friends, and/or neighbors to attend this event. The game is at 7 p.m. If interested in purchasing tickets, please follow the link located in the Mount Olive Connected weekly email. For questions, please contact Nathan Gartner (nathan.gartner@mountoliveappleton.com).

Advent Season: This Advent season Mount Olive will offer Advent Suppers prior to the Wednesday evening services. The suppers will be served from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. starting on Wednesday, December 5, and continuing throughout Advent. The suppers will be hosted by the Board of Stewardship and other groups in the church and school. Come out and support your Mount Olive groups and have them take on the mealtime burden as you enjoy fellowship and supper before we are nourished by the Word.

FVL Donation Box & Volunteer Sign-up Sheet Now Available: FVL is asking our members to consider donating items for upcoming events that include Musicfest, Foxfest, and FVL's annual golf outing. These items will be collected in November and then used to create auction baskets for these events. Please also consider helping with these events by signing up on the volunteer sheet for both pre-event and event day help. Thanks for your help with these events that help support valuable FVL programs.

Greeting Cards: Thanksgiving cards are now available in the card rack in the Atrium. Other occasion cards now have a fall theme as well. Christmas cards will be coming soon. If you need to purchase a card for an upcoming occasion or to just say, "Thinking about you" to someone special, please consider giving one of these beautiful, handcrafted cards. All money donated for these cards goes to Forward in Faith.

Greeter Program: Now through December 3, you will 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 January through June will be in your mailboxes by the middle of December.

To choose your dates online, please follow this procedure:

- Go to www.mountoliveappleton.com.
- Click on “Members Page” at the top. Under “Volunteer @ Mount Olive,” 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.
- You will receive an email notice two days before your scheduled greeting time.

If you prefer not to sign up online and have specific dates you can or cannot greet, either put a note in my mailbox (A811), contact me by phone (920-739-6839), or email me (tebartel@sbcglobal.net) by December 3. If you haven’t greeted in the past but are interested, please follow the above steps. We welcome new faces to the program!

Elaine Bartel, Greeter Coordinator

Ushers Needed - 10 a.m. Christmas Eve Service: In order to reduce overcrowding and to free up more space for people to invite friends and family to join us, we are adding a 10 a.m. worship service option on Christmas Eve. Because of this addition, we are in need of additional ushers to serve during that service. If you’re able to serve as an usher for that service, please contact Mark Arnold (arnie_08@yahoo.com) or Pastor Schreiner.

Community Old-Time Gospel Sing-a-Long—Featuring Paul Pagel and the Sunshiners: Please join us on **November 18** at 2:00 p.m. at the Thompson Center on Lourdes (2331 E. Lourdes Drive) for a sing-a-long. Come and enjoy old gospel songs. This is a FREE event, with no collection taken.

Christmas at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary: The Seminary Chorus, a 52-voice men’s choir composed of students at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, will present its annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, **December 9**, at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. in the campus auditorium. Featured will be traditional and contemporary anthems for choir and hymns and carols for the audience. There are no advanced tickets sales; a free will offering is appreciated. The seminary is located 11831 N. Seminary Dr. in Mequon. Find more information on Facebook and at wls.wels.net.



Patsy Draeger

Born: March 17, 1934

Entered Eternal Life: November 21, 2017

Roger Bosin

Born: October 15, 1946

Entered Eternal Life: January 22, 2018

Lois Sonnenberg

Born: October 28, 1932

Entered Eternal Life: February 1, 2018

Irma Marko

Born: November 14, 1918

Entered Eternal Life: March 2, 2018

Clifford Broehm

Born: May 10, 1928

Entered Eternal Life: March 11, 2018

Margaret Jenkel

Born: January 2, 1919

Entered Eternal Life: May 6, 2018

Karl Korth

Born: July 17, 1939

Entered Eternal Life: May 13, 2018

Thomas Towner

Born: June 12, 1946

Entered Eternal Life: August 25, 2018

Ronald Schroeder

Born: December 14, 1937

Entered Eternal Life: October 23, 2018

¹⁴ These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore, they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. ¹⁶ Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. Revelations 7:14-16

Advent by Candlelight

At the manger we have: Glory to gaze upon, a Gift to count upon, a Comfort to lean upon, and a Hope to draw upon.

Sunday, December 2, at 4:00 p.m. all women and girls age 6 and above, have the opportunity to go to the manger together at Mount Olive's annual Advent by Candlelight event. We'll spend time in worship exploring how God turned our sinful darkness into light through his Son. We'll sing about what child this is who gives us gifts of salvation, forgiveness, and peace. We'll watch as a young girl lays a blanket in the manger symbolizing the eternal comfort he provides. With wonder we'll watch the candles glow representing the hope that shines through the silent night and motivates us to share that light with the rest of the world that so needs the gospel's good news. After our worship service, we will recess to the Atrium for fellowship over a light catered meal. We'll connect with old friends and new, taking deep breaths to ensure we soak in the true reason for the season.

Please register yourself and a friend on the Atrium sign-up sheet or from the SISTERS Facebook page, which will help us plan for catering counts.



FVL NEWS



PARENTS ENROLLING 8TH GRADERS at FVL for 2019-20: Please complete the online enrollment application at fvlhs.org. (Click "Enroll at FVL" on the right side of the screen. The form will be available as of 10/29.) Once completed, you will receive a link to set a scheduling appointment or to request a different date that fits your schedule.

THE FVL AND FVL SCHOOLS HOLIDAY BAND CONCERT will be held Sun., 11/18 at 2 PM in the FVL auditorium.

FVL AND FVL SCHOOLS are again sponsoring the broadcast of the Appleton Christmas Parade! Watch for the FVL Schools commercials and tune in for FVL Enrollment Director Ben Priebe's live interview from downtown Appleton. The date is Tuesday, November 20 at 7 PM. Check it out on WFRV-TV5.

FVL'S FOX FOLK MARIONETTE TROUPE will be presenting "The Search for the King" at the Apple Creek YMCA on Sat., 12/1 at 11 AM and 1 PM. They will be sharing the same program at St. Paul-Green Bay for their Christmas for Kids event at 1 PM on Sat., 12/8. Come and enjoy this great family-friendly Christmas tradition!



WELS News & Notes

New Magazine Series Explores Witnessing



This month's issue of *Forward in Christ* magazine (FIC) is featuring a new series on witnessing. "Ambassadors: Help them see Jesus" will offer tips and strategies to help readers as they proclaim the gospel message to others.

"When we come to faith, we discover the love of God; he has forgiven us and given us heaven. We want to tell others about what we have, but we sometimes don't know how to do it," says Rev. John Braun, FIC executive editor. "We created the 'Ambassadors' series to provide some practical strategies for opportunities when we feel awkward telling others about Jesus. It will show how to give a simple witness about Jesus and his love."

Authors for this 12-part series often will share personal stories as they discuss topics such as examining every unique situation, abandoning Christian jargon, avoiding arguing, and dealing with intimidators and know-it-alls. Articles will also look at the importance of praying, studying the Word, and knowing your limitations.

This series is just one part of FIC's direction to help its readers with outreach. "We are sent to make disciples of all nations, including our relatives, friends, and neighbors. In the past months FIC has focused on the gospel, the one tool God has given us to extend his kingdom. The gospel is the power of God to salvation," says Braun. "We have also explored the ministry of Jesus and found lessons for our evangelism efforts in his ministry."

This emphasis directly connects with the synod's goal to reach one million souls with the gospel message by this Christmas Eve. The Christmas Eve service theme, "A Light in the Darkness," highlights that Jesus is the light at a time when studies suggest that many are experiencing depression and anxiety. "Our goal is simply to help our readers to speak the gospel to those still in darkness," says Braun.

Forward in Christ also wants to highlight readers' efforts to share Jesus. "We want our readers to share their stories about the successful witness opportunities and the failures," says Braun. "Every opportunity to speak about Jesus is different, but we can learn from each other." Readers can submit their stories directly to FIC by e-mailing fic@wels.net, with the subject line: "How I shared Jesus." *Forward in Christ* plans to print these stories in upcoming issues.