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Happy Halloween

Every autumn, churches invite families to bring their costumes and depart with candy; they set out pumpkins and celebrate fall weather with an evening of fun. Most Lutheran churches call such celebrations anything they can think of so long the title excludes the word “Halloween.” There are good reasons to shy away from the term “Halloween.” These days many parents associate the term with the devil or witchcraft, two things that should never be trivialized. And some young adults choose to adorn themselves like under-dressed versions of the un-dead and drink until they black out. Lutheran churches do not want to be associated with that type of Halloween, so “Fall Festival” or “Harvest Fest” usually does the trick.

But the history of Halloween is much less alarming than its modern reputation, even if it is just as sinister. Many historians think that Halloween grew out of an old-timey pagan

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From the Pastor's Pen

celebration called "Samhain." Samhain was held on October 31st and was half worship/half harvest festival. (It makes a pastor think twice before hosting a Lutheran "Harvest Fest.")

It didn't take long for the church to Christianize Samhain. Christians had been celebrating each martyr on the anniversary of his death until Pope Gregory III moved all those celebrations to November 1st and called it, "All Saints Day." Soon the period from October 31st to November 2nd was called All Hallowtide, and the first day became All Hallows Eve—Hallow E'en for short.

But there are also plenty of reasons to be skeptical of the Christian version of Halloween. As the Catholic church drifted away from the Bible's teaching about Jesus and forgiveness and salvation, the teaching about what happens when we die also suffered a few terrors. The church taught that you could only get to heaven if you did more good than evil, and most people didn't do enough. The bad news, according to the pope, was that you'd have to spend a very long time in purgatory to pay off your sins. Their version of good news was that a few people had done extra good deeds, and all their merits were stored up like a big treasure. You could make a withdrawal from this treasury of merit, but it would cost you. You could pay money and receive a receipt called an indulgence which

guaranteed a few years off purgatory. Or you could pay with your time, as you spent hours praying and venerating holy artifacts called relics. All Saint's Day became the Black Friday Super Sale for anyone looking to buy some merit. By 1517, a German preacher named John Tetzel was selling indulgences in Saxony, and the ruler of that region had collected over 17,000 relics. If you worshiped them enough, you could earn up to 1,902,202 years off your purgatory sentence. He would display the relics on All Saints Day at the Castle Church in Wittenberg. Can you imagine being a citizen there? How would you celebrate All Saints Day? How many relics would you need to venerate? How many saints could you pray to in one day? How many indulgences can you afford? And how would you ever know you'd done enough?

That's why Martin Luther posted his 95 *Theses* on the church door, and he chose to do it on All Hallows Eve. Those theses weren't a perfect expression of what the Bible teaches, but they gave guilty Christians hope on Hallow E'en back in 1517.

It's been 501 years since that day, and no matter what you call your October 31st celebration, it would be dreadful to spend the day wondering if you've prayed enough, worshiped enough, and worked enough to earn God's love. But God is good. He showed Martin Luther the Bible's teaching. *Jesus Christ*

From the Pastor's Pen

redeemed me. He purchased me from all sins, from death, and from the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death. All this he did that I should be his own and serve him. This is most certainly true.

It is most certainly true that Jesus changes everything. Jesus changes indulgences into silly pieces of paper. Jesus changes All Saints Day into a celebration of God who takes his children to heaven. Jesus changes the burden of purgatory into the freedom of knowing that your spot in heaven is already bought and paid for. Jesus even changes Halloween. He has freed you to mark October 31st with gummy worms instead of guilt. Jesus set us free and 501 years ago Martin Luther posted a notice of that freedom. So with a heart full of Lutheran joy and a mouth full of candy corn, I wish you a happy Halloween.

- Pastor Nate Wordell

Mount Olive Family News

September 29, 2018

**Brooklynn Kay
Miller**

Daughter of
Andrew & Ashley Miller

September 30, 2018

**Simon Alexander
Magiera**

Son of
Andrew & Terri Magiera

**Mount Olive, Connected Event****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 at nathan.gartner@mountoliveappleton.com.

Church News



November Birthdays

Jim Wolfer
Nov. 1
85

Ken Wehrman
Nov. 10
81

Lucille Mueller
Nov. 13
92

Betty Klitzke
Nov. 16
84

Richard Hinz
Nov. 17
87

Pam Gruber
Nov. 22
82

Merlin Putz
Nov. 24
83

Louise Ebert
Nov. 26
77



Church News



Ministerial Student Trust Fund Update

Mount Olive has established a Ministerial Student Trust Fund (scholarship fund) to help support our congregation's young men and women preparing for the public ministry. For the 2018-2019 school year, Mount Olive awarded five scholarships, totaling \$10,000, to our young members preparing for full-time work in God's Kingdom.*

Through Martin Luther College's Congregational Partner Grant program, MLC matched the scholarships, up to \$1000 per freshmen, sophomores, and juniors (full time, traditional undergraduate) students. Four of Mount Olive's students qualified for the MLC match.

Income to the Ministerial Student Trust Fund comes from direct contributions and Mount Olive's Endowment Fund – Ministerial Student Fund. As of September 30th, the Ministerial Student Trust Fund has received \$1,624 in direct contributions, memorials, and interest payment, and \$13,356 from the Endowment Fund.

We ask for your assistance. First, pray for the Mount Olive students and all students preparing for the public ministry. Second, consider making a direct contribution to the Ministerial Student Trust Fund. There is a special "Scholarship Fund" envelope with the November envelopes in your envelope box. Also, the blue envelope can be used at any time to support the Ministerial Student Trust Fund. And lastly, consider including Mount Olive's Endowment Fund – Ministerial Student Fund in your year-end and estate planned giving.

Thank you for your past and future support of Mount Olive's Ministerial Student Trust Fund. Your support of this trust fund will allow Mount Olive to continue to grant meaningful scholarships to the young men and women preparing for the public ministry.

In God's Service,
Mount Olive's Scholarship Committee

* Currently, *Emily Flatau, Anne Manske, Brooke Wasser, and Erin Wenzel* are studying at MLC. *Collin Wenzel* is studying at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

Church News



Summary of Council Meeting on October 22, 2018

President Kolell called the meeting to order.

Pastor Schreiner opened with devotion - *The Power of Weakness*

Jeff Loberger - FVL Update on Mount Olive's contributions to FVL.

Minutes

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

Membership Changes

Transfer In

- Karen Otto (1 child) from St. Peter Lutheran Church, Weyauwega, WI
- M/M Jared (Julia) McLister (3 children) from St. Paul's Lutheran, Alexandria, MN
- Misty Pickett (2 children) from Bethel Lutheran, Menasha, WI
- Kari Tiarks from Christ Lutheran, North St. Paul, MN

Transfer Out

- Roger Johnson to Holy Word Lutheran, Austin, TX
- Anne Marie Medema to St. Peter Lutheran, Freedom, WI
- M/M Darrell (Patricia) Uher to Immanuel Lutheran, Black Creek, WI
- Brent Uher to Immanuel Lutheran, Black Creek, WI
- Marissa Uher to Immanuel Lutheran, Black Creek, WI
- Jane Van De Hey to Martin Luther Lutheran, Neenah, WI
- Megan Voss to Zion Lutheran, Gainesville, FL

Remove

- Jennifer Schlavensky

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

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Church News**Pastors Report**

- Pastor Raasch led a discussion on adding a 10 a.m. Christmas Eve service.
 - This will help alleviate the congestion at the 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. services.
 - The service will also allow more space for outreach in conjunction with the synod-wide program, C18, to reach one million souls this Christmas season.
- New Building
 - Our Building Dedication is on November 11th.
 - The Community Open House is on November 10th from 2-4 p.m.
- Fall Festival is on Saturday, October 27, 2-4 p.m.
 - The chili cook off is full.

Board Reports

- Board of Education – School Choice - Voters' Meeting is Wednesday night.
 - A discussion took place regarding the Voters' Meeting.

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

September Financial Report

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

Mount Olive Vision

- We are working on collecting a list of Board openings.

Announcements

- The next council meeting will be held on Monday, November 19, 2018.
- The Voters' Meeting is on Wednesday, October 24, at 7 p.m.
- We need help with the School Accreditation. Please sign up to help.

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

**Open House****Saturday, November 10****2-4 p.m.**

On Saturday, November 10 from 2-4 p.m., Mount Olive will have an Open House to invite the congregation and community to come and tour our new addition. There will be guided tours, games, a raffle, a bounce house for the kids, and refreshments for all.

**Building Dedication****Sunday, November 11**

On Sunday, November 11, we will dedicate our new addition to the glory of God. In between the Sunday services, there will be a Fellowship Hour with a brief program in the Commons. Refreshments will be served.

**Mark your calendars for
these special events!**

**Flower
Calendar**

The 2019 Flower Donation Calendar is now on display in the west school hallway. Mount Olive members may sign-up to donate a floral arrangement for the chancel area. This is a wonderful way to help beautify our church as well as commemorate special events or to express gratitude for blessings received.



Church News



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

SCRIP purchases can be designated for Forward in Faith.

The last day to make a SCRIP special order for Black Friday shopping is on **Monday, November 12.**

Looking ahead to December, the last day to make a special SCRIP order for Christmas is on **Monday, December 10.**

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.

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



Please consider helping a family in need. Items needed for the month of November include Hamburger Helper, cereal, chunky soup, spaghetti sauce, jam, canned meats, boxed/canned potatoes, cake mix, frosting, paper toweling, and crackers.

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. Donations for Christmas must be given in November.

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).

November collection date:

Sunday, November 11th



Church News**Featured This Month****Adult Nonfiction*****2000 Demons No Match For My Savior: Jesus' Infinite Power Over Evil***

by Allen E. Sorum

The topic of demons sounds like something from a horror movie, but this book places the topic right where it belongs, as a daily struggle in our lives. Is the devil really there? Are demons real? This book makes it clear they certainly are real, dangerous, and not to be taken lightly. But thanks to Christ's victory over the devil and demons, as we grow in this joyful knowledge, we are drawn ever more to Christ and His power to protect our souls from evil.

Unglued: Making Wise Choices in the Midst of Raw Emotions

by Lysa TerKeurst

The author states that God gave us emotions to experience life, not destroy it. This statement forms the premise of this book. Using personal examples and biblical teachings, the author shows us how to make emotions work for us, and not against us. Instances such as resolving conflict in important relationships, finding peace while learning to be honest but kind when offended, significantly improving communication, and gaining a deep sense of calm by learning how to respond to situations out of your control are but a few of the topics discussed.

Church Library Internet Link

Beginning at www.mountoliveappleton.com, click the "Member's Page" heading found at the top of the homepage. Then within the "Quick Links" section on the right, select "Church Library Access." You will be taken to the church library's website where you can perform a custom search or simply click on "New Materials" 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!

Group News



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.

We will hold our next meeting on Wednesday, November 7, at 1:30 p.m. in the Mount Olive Fellowship Hall. Please consider attending as a guest or joining Ladies Aid. We would love to welcome you.



ALTAR GUILD



The Altar Guild will next meet on Saturday, December 1 at 8:30 a.m. to decorate for Christmas.

November Team

- Kay Van De Weghe
- Cindy Zank
- Karen Doell
- Lynn Page
- Margaret Kastner



OWLS

Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors

On Tuesday, November 13, at 1:00 p.m. all seniors are welcome to attend our local chapter gathering hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church (302 N. Morrison St., Appleton).

We will have an opportunity to learn more about our WELS work among the Sudanese. Pastor Michael Ewart will present the topic, "Outreach to the Sudanese: Hope for the Afflicted." In Psalm 9:18, we are reminded, "But the needy will not always be forgotten nor the hope of the afflicted parish."

At the business meeting, elections will be held for vice president and secretary. You may also pay your dues for the 2019 year. Refreshments and fellowship will conclude the afternoon.

For more information about the OWLS organization, please go to www.wels.net/serving-you/christian-life/special-ministries/wels-seniors.

Group News



Join your sisters in Christ from this area at the Paperland Circuit Fall Rally on November 3 at Bethany Lutheran Church (530 W. Parkway Blvd, Appleton). The theme for the day is "Sing praises to him, tell of all his wondrous acts." At the rally, Alicia Michelle and Jane Mose will share pictures, stories, and music of their music ministry which they use to bring awareness of missions.

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and the opening devotion is at 9:00 a.m. The rally concludes at 12:30 p.m. with a lunch and fellowship to follow. Mission box money for this year will be divided between Caribbean Scholarship Fund (home mission) and Proclaimers (world mission). Contact Louise Kesting or Gloria Knoll with any questions.

We would love to have you come to our November 13, "Girl's Night In" event at 6:00 p.m. in the Teen Room. LWMS is hosting a missions and Mount Olive School work night. No meeting that night, just time to talk with our Mount Olive sisters and help with school projects. Please think about spending an hour with us.



LWMS Mission Tree for 2018

This year we have decided to send our mission tree donations to the "Apache Mission, Eastfork Lutheran School," in Whiteriver, Arizona. This is in honor of the 125th anniversary of the mission. Watch the bulletin and December newsletter for more information.

Mark your Calendars

Below are LWMS dates for the coming months:

November 3

Paperland Circuit Fall Rally at Bethany, Appleton

November 13, 6:00 p.m.

"Girl's Night In" mission and Mount Olive School work night – Mount Olive Teen Room

December

LWMS Mission Tree – Apache Mission, Eastfork Lutheran School

January 8, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

Meeting

February 9-11, 2019

Heart for Missions Bake Sale

June 27-30, 2019

2019 International Convention, Des Moines, IA

We look forward to seeing new faces and making new "connections."

Group News



LAW AND GOSPEL LUTHERAN CHURCH MANILA, THE PHILIPPINES

CALLING ACTIVITY	PASTOR	LAITY
Initial survey calls completed	10	10
Law/Gospel presentations	18	10
Personal Contacts with Prospects	8	8
In-reach call	11	11
Number on prospect list	7	
September first-time prospects	15	
September repeat prospects	12	
Prospects - Bible Information Class	5	
Child baptisms	1	
Adult baptisms	0	
Average worship/week	45	

The Nuts and Bolts of Mission Work in Manila

Fall is often time for “Mission Festival” in congregations in the U.S. We pray, sing, give offerings, and thank God for the power of the Gospel. We thank God

that he has saved us and pray he would use us in his plan to save others!

But then there are the “nuts and bolts” of getting the work done. The chart above is taken from the monthly report of our mission partner, Law and Gospel Lutheran Church in Manila. Only 1 pastor, 21 adult members and 62 souls. It is the hard work, the planned work, the person-to-person work of pastor and people together. This is in addition to conducting regular worship (at 3 worship sites) and Sunday School and Bible class.

At first glance – nothing glorious. Nothing impressive. But oh—there is one baptism – a child added to God’s family! And 28 new law/gospel presentations – someone hearing about his sin and his Savior! Five new people in in-depth Bible study. New first-time visitors and a dozen repeat visitors wanting to learn more! Forty-five worshippers every week.

Hard work? Yes. One-at-a time? Yes. All hands needed on deck? Sure. But that God’s Spirit gathers his children turning sinners into saints using our humble efforts in Appleton as well as Manila is more than impressive – it’s miraculous! Thank you for keeping our partners in your prayers.

- Mount Olive Mission Partner Committee

Connecting People with Missions and Missions with People

Group News

SISTERS

"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." Hebrews 10:24, 25

Take Me to the Manger

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, who are able to sit through a quiet reflective service, 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. No hustle or bustle, cooking, or dishes. 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, linked from the Mount Olive website, which will help us plan for catering counts.





Mornings with Mommy is a unique blend of story time, playdate, and learning center that combine to meet the needs of young children.

Registration is now open for our November and December sessions! The themes and dates for these sessions are:



October 31 & November 2

Music and Instruments



November 14 & 16

Harvest Time



December 5 & 7

Happy Birthday, Jesus!

Register at www.mountoliveappleton.com/mwm now to reserve your spot!

We hope to see MANY of you there!

Group News



New members are welcome! All games begin at 7:00 p.m. except when scheduled to play St. John. Those games begin at 7:15 p.m. Snacks are served during games and a dessert is usually served after games for socializing.

November 11

Eternal Love at St. John
Mount Olive II at Mount Olive I

January 13th

Mount Olive II at Eternal Love
St. John at Mount Olive I

January 27th

Eternal Love at Mount Olive I
Mount Olive II at St. John

February 10th

St. John at Eternal Love
Mount Olive I at Mount Olive II

February 24th

Eternal Love at Mount Olive II
Mount Olive I at St. John

March 10th

Fun Day



Lutheran Pioneers

A Christ-centered ministry
for boys & girls grades 1 - 8

SKATE NIGHT FOR ALL MOUNT OLIVE MEMBERS IN GRADES 1-8

Tuesday, November 6th

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Skater's Edge

(5714 Integrity Way, Grand Chute)

\$4 Includes Admission & Regular
Skate Rental
(Blades & Inlines \$2 more)

Add a 16oz Popcorn & 9oz Soda for
\$1 extra per person

Mount Olive families with older children are welcome to join us as well. Jodi Slominsky will be present for very general supervision. If you have younger children that need assistance, please accompany them. If you are not staying for the event, leave your contact information with Jodi. Questions? Please contact Jodi Slominsky at 920-594-1946.





Mount Olive Lutheran School

Mustang News

Upcoming Events

November 7-9

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Wednesday: 3:40-7:20 p.m., Thursday: 3:40-7:20 p.m., Friday: 3:40-6 p.m.

November 8

Grades 5-6 Math Bowl @ FVL - 6 p.m.

November 10

FVLS Dance Camp @ FVL - 2 p.m.

November 13

Grade 7-8 Math Bowl @ FVL - 5:30 p.m.

November 14

K-Gr. 4 Fall Musical "Gettin' Down with Mama Goose" - 6 p.m.

November 15

Winter Sports Pictures

November 17

FVLS Cheer Camp (Grades K-4) @ FVL - 8:15 a.m.

FVLS Cheer Camp (Grades 5-8) @ FVL - 1 p.m.

November 18

FVL and FVL Schools Band Concert @ FVL - 2 p.m.

November 21

Early School Dismissal - 11:30 a.m.

November 22-25

Thanksgiving Recess

Classes resume Monday, November 26th

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.

Memorials & Gifts**Memorials
& Gifts****FORWARD IN FAITH**

- \$25.00** Lillian Court in memory of Ed Court
- \$25.00** Mae Schrab in memory of Eugene Verhagen
- \$20.00** Sue Towner in memory of Tom Towner

FORWARD IN FAITH

- \$200.00** Karen Doell in memory of her dad

**Financial Update**

Mount Olive's
**FINANCIAL
UPDATE**

October 2018

September 2018 financial results are as follows:

- September offerings were \$20,661 **lower** than budgeted.
- Tuition was \$7,525 **lower** than budgeted.
- Other income was \$3,058 **lower** than budgeted.
- Total income was \$31,244 **lower** than budgeted.
- Total expenses, before FVL/ Synod distributions, were \$34,790 **lower** than budgeted.
- The net income / (loss) for September, including FVL/ Synod distributions of \$24,796 was \$(41,146). This compares to a budgeted loss of \$(44,692).

Year-to-date (1/1/18-9/30/18) financial results are as follows:

- Offerings are \$108,991 **under** budget.
- Tuition is \$8,215 **over** budget.
- Total income is \$105,559 **under** budget.
- Total expenses are \$104,795 **under** budget.
- The actual net income YTD is \$(6,997), which is \$764 **unfavorable** compared to the budget.

Financial Update

Mount Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church

Appleton, Wisconsin

GENERAL FUND INCOME STATEMENT

For the YTD ending September 30, 2018

	Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date	Variance	% Change
Revenues				
Offerings	1,000,549	1,109,540	-108,991	(9.82)
Tuition & Fees	300,915	292,700	8,215	2.81
Other Income	147,617	152,400	-4,783	(3.14)
Total Revenues:	1,449,081	1,554,640	-105,559	(6.79)
Expenses				
Operating Expenses	1,207,990	1,312,785	-104,795	(7.98)
FVL/Synod Distributions	248,088	248,088	0	0.00
Total Expenses:	1,456,078	1,560,873	-104,795	(6.71)
General Fund Cash	-6,997	-6,233	-764	(13.50)
Transfers				
Transfers In	0	0	0	0.00
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0.00
Total Transfers:	0	0	0	0.00
Grand Total:	-6,997	-6,233	-764	0

COMPARATIVE GENERAL FUND INCOME STATEMENT

For the YTD ending September 30, 2018

	2018 39 weeks	2017 39 weeks	Change	% Change
Revenues				
Offerings	1,000,549	998,946	1,603	0.16
Tuition & Fees	300,915	288,831	12,084	4.18
Other Income	147,617	149,610	-1,993	(1.33)
Total Revenues:	1,449,081	1,437,387	11,694	0.81
Expenses				
Operating Expenses	1,207,990	1,212,181	-4,191	(0.35)
FVL/Synod Distributions	248,088	248,503	-415	(0.17)
Total Expenses:	1,456,078	1,460,684	-4,606	(0.32)
General Fund Cash	-6,997	-23,297	16,300	1.13
Transfers				
Transfers In	0	0	0	0.00
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0.00
Total Transfers:	0	0	0	0.00
Grand Total:	-6,997	-23,297	16,300	0

Spiritual Growth



Mount Olive Bible Class Offerings

Throughout the week, feed your faith and spend time with your Mount Olive family delving into the Word during our Bible classes.

Sundays (9:25-10:15 a.m.)

- **God, Why?**
Leader - Pastor Raasch
- **Cross Explorations for Adults**
Leader - Pastor Wordell
- **The Foundation of Our Faith**
Leader - Pastor Schreiner

Tuesdays (6:30-7:30 a.m.)

- **Breakfast Bible Study**
Leader - Pastor Raasch

Wednesdays (9:30-10:30 a.m.)

- **The Book of Hebrews**
Leader - Pastor Zank

Thursdays (6:30-7:30 p.m.)

- **The Foundation of Our Faith**
Leader - Pastor Schreiner

Fridays (6:30-7:30 a.m.)

- **Men's Bible Study**
Leader - Paul Kolell

Throughout the Week

- **SISTERS Small Groups**
- **Life Groups – Applying God's Word to Life**

Please consider attending one of
Mount Olive's Bible Classes.
New are people welcome!



To the Ends of the Earth Beginning in your Backyard

As a Christian, you know the joy, peace, and hope of being sure your sins are forgiven and eternal life is yours. You want others to know this as well.

But, perhaps like many Christians, telling others about Jesus is daunting. What do I say? How do I say it? What if I don't have answers to people's questions? Join us for our next Interactive Faith Bible study as we discuss these very questions and concerns.

Pastor Eric Roecker, director of the WELS Commission on Evangelism, will use video vignettes from the new movie *To the Ends of the Earth* to guide our discussion. Our prayer is that these lessons will make you more confident in your conversations with those who do not yet know their Savior.

Join us on November 7, 14, and 28 (6 & 8 p.m. CST). Lord willing, through the Word and our time together, the Spirit will embolden you to take the gospel to the ends of the earth, beginning in your backyard.

Questions? Go to wels.net/serving-you/christian-life/discipleship/interactive-faith.

Reformation Worship

**Fox Cities
Joint Reformation Worship
and Fellowship**

Sunday, November 4th

A Joint Reformation Service will be held on Sunday, November 4th at 3:00 p.m. in the Fox Valley Lutheran High School auditorium (5300 N. Meade Street, Appleton). Guest preacher is Rev. Dr. Michael Berg, assistant professor of theology at Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee. Liturgist is Pastor John Qualmann, Chairman of WELS United of the Fox Valley.

All Federation members are invited to celebrate our gospel heritage restored to us in the Reformation of the 1500's. We are saved by Grace alone, by Faith alone, and according to Scripture alone.

Light refreshments and fellowship hosted by St. Matthew, Appleton, and St. Luke, Little Chute, will follow the service. Please join us for this special worship opportunity!

**November Worship**


 NOVEMBER

Weekend Worship

November 3-5

**End Times—*Cling to God's
Word Until the End***

November 10-12

**A New Building—*Dedicated
to God***

November 17-19

**End Times—*At the End,
Believers Triumph***

November 24-26

**End Times—*At the End, Every
Knee will Bow***

Worship Times

Saturdays - 5:30 p.m.

Sundays - 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Mondays - 6 p.m.

Thanksgiving Worship

November 21 - 6:00 p.m. &

November 22 - 9:00 a.m.

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December Worship**Mount Olive's December Worship Opportunities**

December 1	Saturday	Lord's Supper	5:30 p.m.
December 2	Sunday	Lord's Supper	8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
December 3	Monday	Lord's Supper	6 p.m.
December 5	Wednesday	Advent Service	10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
December 8	Saturday	Worship	5:30 p.m.
December 9	Sunday	Worship	8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
December 10	Monday	Worship	6 p.m.
December 12	Wednesday	Advent Service	10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
December 15	Saturday	Lord's Supper	5:30 p.m.
December 16	Sunday	Lord's Supper	8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
December 17	Monday	Lord's Supper	6 p.m.
December 19	Wednesday	Advent Service	10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
December 22	Saturday	Worship	5:30 p.m.
December 23	Sunday	Worship	8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
December 24	Monday	Christmas Eve Service	10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m.
December 25	Tuesday	Christmas Day Service	9 a.m.
December 29	Saturday	Worship	5:30 p.m.
December 30	Sunday	Worship	8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
December 31	Monday	New Year's Eve Service	6 p.m.

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Advent Suppers



Advent SUPPER

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.

There will be three suppers this season:

December 5th

December 12th

December 19th

The suppers will be hosted by the Board of Stewardship and other groups in the church and school.

Each group will create their own menu, so stay tuned to the weekly bulletin for more information regarding the menu and if donations are needed.

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.



Advent SUPPER Group Host/Serve

Are you part of a church or school group? Would your group like a fun and rewarding way to generate funds for the group? Hosting an Advent or Lenten Supper may work for you. Your group can benefit from the proceeds generated from the meal or can divert the proceeds of the supper to the *Forward in Faith* campaign.

Create your own meal or use one of many menu options. Depending on the menu, it only takes 6-10 people (or more for easier work) to host the meal. It's a great way to generate funds for your group and create fellowship all while giving back to our Mount Olive family.

If you have any questions or are interested in hosting, please contact Pete Nelson at petenelson53@yahoo.com or 262-853-7544.

Caregivers Rock



Family Caregivers Rock Event

A free event called “Family Caregivers Rock” will be held Sunday, November 4, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at The Grand Meridian (2621 N Oneida Street, Appleton).

November is National Caregiving month and family caregivers in the Fox Valley area will be the guests of honor and will be pampered with food, activities, motivational speakers, prizes, refreshments, entertainment, and new friendships. Caregiving can be a thankless task, but on this day family caregivers will be given a few hours of relaxation from their normal daily routine.

An RSVP is required. Please RSVP by sending an email with the name of the attendees to CaregiversRock2018@gmail.com.

If you are a family caregiver, don't miss this great event because “Family Caregivers Rock!” This is a Thrivent Financial Action Team event.

Gospel Sing-a-Long



Community Old-Time Gospel Sing-a-Long Featuring Paul Pagel and the Sunshiners

November 18 at 2:00 p.m.

**Thompson Center on Lourdes
(2331 E. Lourdes Drive)**

Enjoy old gospel songs we have learned from Alan Jackson and the Gaithers:

- *I Shall Not Be Moved*
- *Will the Circle be Unbroken*
- *Because He Lives*
- *When the Roll is Called Up Yonder*
- *I'll Fly Away*
- and lots more!

This is a FREE event, with no collection taken, taking place on a non-Packer football Sunday. The feedback received from past shows has been just super; some have said its the best entertainment they ever had!

Paul Pagel taught at FVL for 25 years. Included in the Sunshiners are two other retired FVL teachers and one former WELS grade school teacher; the remaining five are mostly WELS.



When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our *Surviving the Holidays* seminar helps participants prepare for the holidays and discover:

- ◇ *How to deal with emotions you'll face*
- ◇ *What to do about traditions and other upcoming changes*
 - ◇ *Helpful tips for surviving social events*
 - ◇ *How to find hope for the future*
- ◇ *Receive a GriefShare Holiday Survival Guide*

Please join us for this encouraging seminar.

Saturday, November 10, 2018

8:30 - 9:00 AM Registration

9:00 - 11:00 AM Seminar

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

129 S. Mason St, Appleton, WI 54911

To Register, contact:

Joyce Schroeder (920-585-9080 or joymarie48@yahoo.com)

Char Gafford (920-358-3769 or gaffordchar@outlook.com)

Volunteer Schedules

November Schedule



USHERS

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Todd Lettau, Captain
 Keith Wundrow, Ed Stern, Dale Schmidt, Chris Reichelt

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Tim Weihing, Captain
 Todd Ziegler, Zach Ziegler,
 Richard Mueller, Matt Gregersen

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Jesse Vander Heyden, Captain
 Carl Van Grinsven, Glen Vick,
 Thomas Ermers

Monday 6:00 p.m.

John Hoh, Captain
 Ron Peters, Bob Luedtke

Thanksgiving Eve 6:00 p.m.

Chad Krowas, Captain
 Todd Ziegler, Zach Ziegler,
 Dave Weber, Eli Weber

Thanksgiving Day 9:00 a.m.

Jesse Vander Heyden, Captain
 Richard Mueller, Caleb Kolell,
 Paul Kolell



AUDIO-VISUAL TEAM

3 - Tim Mielke
 4 - 8 a.m. - Marcus Medema
 4 - 10:30 a.m. - Drew Talo
 5 - Doug Van Straten

10 - Ethan Caine
 11 - 8 a.m. - Josh Lecker
 11 - 10:30 a.m. - Brad Erickson
 12 - Jonathan Leahy

17 - Alex Krueger
 18 - 8 a.m. - Cody Manske
 18 - 10:30 a.m. - Caden Rindt
 19 - Ryan Picard

21 - 6 p.m. - Zach Thede

22 - 9 a.m. - Cody Manske

24 - Erick Nason
 25 - 8 a.m. - Jerry Evansen
 25 - 10:30 a.m. - Noah Schuff
 26 - Scott Krueger

Volunteer Schedules

November Schedule



Nov. 4 8 a.m. - John & Cindy Kehl, Jerome & Sue Laabs
10:30 a.m. - LaWellyn & Yolanda Tesch, Steve & Liana Collins


Nov. 11 8 a.m. - Sharon Hintz, Carl & Marion Wenzel
10:30 a.m. - Greg & Gail Leiterman, Douglas & Marisol Mantei

Nov. 18 8 a.m. - Richard & Kay Van De Weghe, Jeff & Sheryl Schultz
10:30 a.m. - Kevan & Emily Lubinski, Richard & Joan Mueller

Nov. 21 6 p.m. - Tom & Eliane Bartel, Lynn Page

Nov. 22 9 a.m. - Louise Ebert, Marsha Fisher

Nov. 25 8 a.m. - Richard & Marion Hinz, Dorothy Lee
10:30 a.m. - Corey & Jamie Zoromski, Mark & Karen Johnson



Nov. 4 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Don & Edie Priebe
10 a.m. - noon
Elaine Bartel, Sarah Raasch

Nov. 11 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Medema Family
10 a.m. - noon
Corey & Jamie Zoromski

Nov. 18 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Mark & Anne Tollefson
10 a.m. - noon
Ron & Kathy Erickson

Nov. 21 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Sue & Andy Petit

Nov. 25 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Marilyn Rudolph, Sara Gerndt
10 a.m. - noon
Louise Kesting, Karen Thomas



UPCOMING EVENTS

See Inside for Details

- November 2 - Mornings with Mommy
- November 3 - LWMS Paperland Circuit Fall Rally
- November 3 - Fall Work Day (8 a.m.—noon)**
- November 4 - Family Caregivers Rock Event
- November 6 - Pioneer Skate Night (for all members in grades 1-8)
- November 7 - Ladies Aid Meeting
- November 7 - Mornings with Mommy
- November 10 - Fall Work Day (Rain Date)
- November 10 - GriefShare—Surviving the Holidays
- November 10 - Community Open House (2-4 p.m.)**
- November 11 - Mount Olive's Building Dedication**
- November 11 - WELS Dartball League
- November 11 - Apple Valley Food Pantry Pick-Up
- November 12 - Last day to Special Order SCRIP for Black Friday
- November 13 - "Girl's Night In" Mission & MOL School Work Night
- November 14 - Mornings with Mommy
- November 14 - K-Gr. 4 Musical "Gettin' Down with Mama Goose"
- November 16 - Mornings with Mommy
- November 18 - Community Old-Time Gospel Sing-a-Long
- November 21 - MOL School—1/2 Day of School
- November 21 - Thanksgiving Eve Service (6:00 p.m.)**
- November 22 - Thanksgiving Day Service (9:00 a.m.)**
- November 22 - Office Closed & No School
- November 23 - Office Closed & No School
- December 1 - Altar Guild Decorating for Christmas
- December 2 - Advent by Candlelight**
- December 5 - Mornings with Mommy
- December 5 - Advent Worship (10 a.m. & 6 p.m.)**
- December 5 - Advent Supper (4:30-5:45 p.m.)**
- December 7 - Mornings with Mommy
- December 10 - Last Day to Special Order SCRIP for Christmas



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