



## TRINITY 14

Sunday, September 17, 2017, 8:30 & 10:45 AM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School, ELS

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Pastors John J. Petersen & Luke Ulrich / Principal Larry Rude

**Welcome!** In the name of our risen Savior we welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshipping with us. If you are a guest please fill out a **Guest Card** (found in front of you in the hymnbook rack) or sign our guest book in the entry. We invite you to come and worship with us again soon. **Large Print** copies of the order of service from the ELS Hymnary are available from the usher stand in the back of the sanctuary. **For the Hearing Impaired:** Our facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher for a receiver.

### **In Expectation of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:**

*LARGE CATECHISM, III. [THE FIRST PETITION] "Hallowed be thy name."...So you see that in this petition we pray for exactly the same thing that God demands in the Second Commandment: that his name should not be taken in vain by swearing, cursing, deceiving, etc., but used rightly to the praise and glory of God...This petition, then, is simple and clear as soon as we understand the language, namely, that "to hallow" means the same as in our idiom "to praise, extol, and honor" in word and deed. See, then, what a great need there is for this kind of prayer! Since we see that the world is full of sects and false teachers, all of whom wear the holy name as a cloak and warrant for their devilish doctrine, we ought constantly to cry out against all who preach and believe falsely and against those who attack and persecute our Gospel and pure doctrine and try to suppress it, as the bishops, tyrants, fanatics, and others do. Likewise, this petition is for ourselves who have the Word of God but are ungrateful for it and fail to live according to it as we ought.*

I. *The Service of Preparation*

~Hymn 24 *Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear*

~**Invocation** (p. 60)

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

~**Confession of Sin** (pp. 60-62, form II)

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: ♪ **Who made heav'n and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord;

C: ♪ **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.

C: **Grant this unto us, O Lord. Amen.**

~Hymn 34 *Kyrie, God Father in Heaven Above*

~**Salutation** (p. 66)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ **And with your spirit.**

~**Collect** (p. 66)

P: Let us pray: Lord God, heavenly Father, by Your blessed Word and Your holy Baptism You have mercifully cleansed all who believe from the fearful leprosy of sin, and You daily grant us Your gracious help in all our need: We beseech You so to enlighten our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that we may never forget these Your blessings, but ever live in Your fear, and, trusting fully in Your grace, with thankful hearts continually praise and glorify You; through Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

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II. *The Service of the Word*

~**Old Testament Lesson**

**Jeremiah 17:13-14** O LORD, the hope of Israel, all who forsake You shall be ashamed. "Those who depart from Me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters." Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for You are my praise.

~**Epistle Lesson**

**Galatians 5:16-24** I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

~**Alleluia** (p. 67)

C: ♪ **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

~Nicene Creed (p. 69)

**C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the Resurrection of the dead and the Life of the world to come. Amen.**

~Hymn 230 vv. 2-3 *O What Blessing to Be Near Thee*

~Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text

**Luke 4:20-30** Then [Jesus] closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, "Is this not Joseph's son?" He said to them, "You will surely say this proverb to Me, 'Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in Your country.'" Then He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own country. But I tell you truly, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land; but to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath, in the region of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except

Naaman the Syrian.” So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff. Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way.

**~Sermon Theme**

***How Should We Receive Jesus?***

1. Some receive Him with familiar indifference.
2. Some with indignant fury.
3. May we always receive Him with joyful gratitude!

**~Offertory Verse (pp. 70-71)**

**C: ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.**

**~Prayer of the Church (pp. 71-72)**

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*(Special petitions are included)*

P: For..., let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

P: O Lord, heavenly Father, by the power of the Holy Spirit we faithfully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. We praise You for His victorious resurrection from the dead. We thank You for the strength of grace and majesty of faith which He bestows on the Church by virtue of His ascension to Your right hand, where He intercedes for us as our Advocate and High Priest. Grant that the Holy Spirit will gather us into the company of all the faithful from the ends of the earth, so that we may celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

In Your mercy receive our prayers. Deliver us and preserve us. To You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. Amen.

~Offering & Hymn 320 vv. 1, 4, 6 *Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Bestowed*  
(Visitors: Please place guest cards in offering plate)

III. *The Service of Holy Communion*

\* **Holy Communion:** *The confirmed, communicant members of our fellowship come to receive the true body and blood of Christ in the Holy Supper. Here Christ gives us this treasure for the remission of our sins. As we commune together we also outwardly demonstrate the unity of faith which we confess. If you are a guest and wish to commune with us, please speak to our pastor prior to the service. Thank you.*

~**Preface** (pp. 72-73)

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: ♪ And with your spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: ♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: ♪ It is good and right so to do.**

~**Proper Preface** (pp. 73-75)

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; but chiefly are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

~**Sanctus** (p. 76)

**C: ♪ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**~Lord's Prayer (pp. 77-78)**

P: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**C: ♪ For Thine is the kingdom and the pow'r and the glory forever and ever.  
Amen.**

**~Words of Institution (pp. 78-79)**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**~Pax Domini (p. 79)**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

**~Agnus Dei (pp. 79-80)**

**C: ♪ O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.**

**~Distribution**

**Hymn 322 *Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Living Bread***

**Hymn 379 *Jesus, Jesus, Only Jesus***

**Hymn 219 *Lord, as Thou Wilt, Deal Thou with Me***

**~Dismissal of Communicants (p. 81)**

P: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and His precious blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith to everlasting life. Depart in peace. Amen.

~Nunc Dimittis (pp. 81-82)

**C: ♪ Lord, now You let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.**

~Collect of Thanksgiving (p. 83, form II)

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup;

**C: ♪ We proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.**

P: Let us pray: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in lovingkindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

~Salutation (p. 84)

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: ♪ And with your spirit.**

~Benedicamus (p. 84)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: ♪ Thanks be to God.**

~Benediction (pp. 84-85)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C: ♪ Amen, amen, amen.**

~Hymn 596 *Praise to Thee and Adoration*

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*Preacher: Pastor John Petersen / Liturgist: Pastor Luke Ulrich*  
*Organists: 1<sup>st</sup>: Cassie Johnson / 2<sup>nd</sup>: John Baumann*  
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**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE**

**Sunday: 8:30am; 320 10:45am; 224 Monday: 23**

**GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$14,489.70**

***NEEDED EACH WEEK TO MEET ANNUAL BUDGET: \$16,790***

*2 Corinthians 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.*

***Mt. Olive Worship Services on TV:***

*Mt. Olive services are being shown on local cable channel 181 (Charter) and 7 & 507 (Consolidated Communications) on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM and Thursdays at 11:30AM.*

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**SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK**

**Ushers: 1<sup>st</sup> Service:** Juel Merseth (captain), Ron Bequette, Greg Lieske, Ron Koth, Tim Merseth, Jordan Merseth

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service:** Dean Kluge (captain), Bill Bukowski, Joe Madson, Jon Mueller, Jacob Mueller

**Greeters: 1<sup>st</sup> Service** – Ross & Betsy Hermanson, Keith Anderson, Lois Otto

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service** – David & Kathryn Sulzle, Steve & Lois Jaeger

**Offering Counters:** Mark Graham, Sally Sorenson

**Altar Guild:** Krista Petzel, Lynette Merseth

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**WEEK AT A GLANCE: *September 17, 2017—September 24, 2017***

<b>Sunday</b> September 17	8:30AM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	9:40AM	Sunday School & Bible Information Class
	9:40AM	Bible Study – Reformation: Grace, Faith, Scripture
	10:45AM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	Noon	Annual Lutheran Softball Tournament, Jaycee Park
	1PM	Encourage One Another
	<b>1:15PM</b>	<b>Senior</b> Youth Group, Theatre Physics
	1:30PM	<b>Junior</b> Youth Group, Theatre Physics
	7:30PM	Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
<b>Monday</b> September 18	6:30PM	Divine Service
	7:30PM	Board of Stewardship
<b>Tuesday</b> September 19		<b>No CDS AM Busing</b>
	8AM	Women’s Bible Study – Genesis
	6:30PM	Jesus Cares Ministry
<b>Wednesday</b> September 20	8:05AM	CDS Chapel
	8:30AM	MOM’s Bible Study
	9AM	Bible Study – Apologetics
	2:45PM	Youth Choir
	4PM	Confirmation Classes
	7PM	Senior Choir
<b>Thur. Sept. 21</b>		
<b>Friday</b> September 22	10AM	Service @ Pathstone, Pastor Ulrich
<b>Sat. Sept. 23</b>		
<b>Sunday</b> September 24	8:30AM	Divine Service
	9:40AM	Bible Study / Sunday School / Bible Information Class
	9:40AM	Mission Bake Sale
	10:45AM	Divine Service
	6PM	Artemis Pre-Season Training
	7:30PM	Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Flowers on the Altar:** The flowers beautifying the altar today are given to God’s glory by Paul & Mary Jane Tweit.

**\*Senior Youth Group\***: Theatre Physics at Bethany! Join us for food and fun starting at 1:15 PM **today** at Bethany's YFAC, room 104. We are serving a meal and **THEN** enjoying the 2:00 PM performance (a change from last week's times). Space is limited; contact Angela Merseth at 541.245.7465. Cost is FREE!

**On the narthex table are forms:** *Lutheran Pioneers* 2017-18 schedule & enrollment, *Charger Challenge Sponsorship*, *B.O.O.M. Campaign Pledge of Faithful Intent*, and *7th Grade Confirmation Sermon Notes*; **signup sheets** for New2You volunteers, baking for the Mission Support bake sale, and Sunday School teacher volunteers; **extra copies** of *The Cross-stitch Corner* (issue 4.4) and the *Mt. Olive Herald*; the **September editions** of *The Olive Press*, *Mission News & Helping Hands* (titled *25 Years of ELS Mission Work in Chile*), *MVL's Memo*, and *President's Newsletter*; a stack of **MVL memorial envelopes** and a stack of agendas for **BLC's National Auxiliary Day** (Monday, 9/25).

**Hurricane Relief:** Please pray for the hurricane victims in Texas, Louisiana, & Florida! If you would like to make a financial contribution to the relief efforts, send a check payable & addressed to *ELS Hurricane Harvey Relief*, 6 Browns Court, Mankato, MN 56001.

**A new Bible Information Class** has just started. Those interested in learning more about our Christian faith are invited and encouraged to join Pastor Petersen in the Fireside Room at 9:40, between services. Grab a cup of coffee and a pastry and join us!

**Bible study entitled Reformation: Grace, Faith, Scripture** has begun in the social hall. Join us as we examine 11 topics that Luther held in esteem.

**Sunday school teachers** are still needed for the 2017-2018 that started last Sunday. Teachers are paired so each doesn't have to teach all **Sundays**. Contact Kent Waletski at kwaletski@yahoo.com or 507-327-2523.

**Sunday school enrollment now open!** Enroll your students at Mount Olive's website (<http://www.mtolivelutheran.org/>) under Services v | Sunday School Registration.

**After School Care is looking for** a few donations for the upcoming school year. The itemized list is posted on the youth room door. Contact Michelle Graham (507-720-7258) with questions.

**Come join us** for the annual Lutheran Softball Tournament **TODAY**. Lunch begins at noon at Jaycee Park (147 Jaycee Court). Stay to cheer on our Mount Olive softball team and fellowship among the rivalry: Peace, Heritage, St. Paul, & St. Mark's. Please note the date change from the *Olive Press*.

**Kwik Trip Cards:** Mt. Olive youth (grades 5-12) are selling Kwik Trip Cards as a fundraiser for our church youth activities. The groups currently receive 5% of the profits. Cards are sold between services on **Communion** Sundays year round. Contact Angie Younge 389.9137 or Rebecca Strom 386.0372 with questions.

**Moms On a Mission (M.O.M.s)** Bible study is in session! Mothers, join us Wednesday mornings, from 8:10-10 AM (fellowship first, Bible study begins at 8:40) in the social hall. Childcare is provided. **Or**, beginning Tuesday, September 26, join our evening study from 7:00 - 8:30 PM in the Fireside room, the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. (No childcare for the evening session.) We are studying the Vocations of Parenthood, from the book *Family Vocation*, by Gene Edward Veith, Jr and Mary Moerbe. Questions? Contact Kristen Lukasek at mattlukasek@yahoo.com. New mothers are welcome to join at any time!

**Mt. Olive's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Charger Challenge** K-8<sup>th</sup> grade students are gearing up this fall! The Charger Challenge is the ONE and ONLY fundraiser for the school year. Students are seeking donors to sponsor them to walk the four mile trek, from Lower North Mankato (starting at Spring Lake Park) to Upper North Mankato (Culver's) and back again! Any monetary amount is acceptable and 100% of the money collected goes to the goal of raising \$18,000. Receipts for tax purposes are also available! The collected money will be used to purchase 10 new iPads, a set of gym scooters, and a new high jump pit. In addition, the money raised will support the special programs and events enjoyed throughout the school year.

**Plan ahead for the Mission Support Bake Sale NEXT Sunday!** Proceeds from this sale are given as Mt. Olive's contribution to the **Women's Mission Rally** held October 28. As we do not have any official women's organizations in our congregation, this is our **only** opportunity to support this group. Please be generous when you purchase something. **All monies collected go to our foreign and home missions.** You may **write** checks payable to **Mt. Olive** with **Mission Support** in the memo.

**Artemis** pre-season training is **next Sunday** at 6:00 PM. Bring your friends! 13 years and up. We learn the game and then prepare for team matches and a tournament. Board games will also be available to play. Supper is provided. Any questions contact Jon Basel at 512-373-9064.

**Mankato High School students**: on Monday, September 25, a BLC representative will be on **East's campus** at 10:30 AM and on **West's campus** at 11:30 AM. Stop by and talk about your goals & plans for your future.

**Be part of the Charger Challenge!** Walk with us, Friday, **September 29**—rain date of Oct. 6—, cheer us from a water station, or just join us for a provided picnic lunch at 11:45 at Shelter #1. Would you like to help by sponsoring the students? Sponsor forms are available in the narthex. And thanks to an anonymous donor, your donation may be doubled! We have a dollar-for-dollar match up to \$18,000! What a blessing! Thank you for your generous support of our Christian day school! Contact Kristin Lehne at 507-340-8750 or [dnhlehne@hickorytech.net](mailto:dnhlehne@hickorytech.net) to ask questions, make a donation, or to help.

**Trash for Cash Supporters!** You may begin turning in your Hy-Vee receipts, Box Tops for Education, empty printer cartridges, Milk Moola, and Tyson's Project A+ labels. Drop them into the plastic PTF bins in the northwest corner of the social hall. Our Christian Day School has grown; the PTF no longer has lockers. What a blessing to the kids!

### **Job Openings**

**Food Service Director at Mount Olive**: Mount Olive Lutheran School is accepting applications for the position of food service director for our hot lunch program. Call the school office at 507.345.7927.

**Concession Stand Worker** (\$10/hour) position description & application instructions are at <https://www.blc.edu/jobs/concession-stand-worker>. Contact Human Resources ([hr@blc.edu](mailto:hr@blc.edu) 507-344-7840).

### **Bethany Lutheran College**

**Theatre Physics** (2:00 PM **today** in Lee Theater, YFAC). This exercise in creative energy features a variety of short scenes of original material by Bethany students and theatre faculty readied in three weeks. Free tickets & freewill donation at the door. Reserve tickets online at [theatre.blc.edu](http://theatre.blc.edu)

**How can we care for the Demon Possessed?** by Rev. Karl Anderson, BLC, Meyer Hall 101, 7:30 PM, **tomorrow, September 18**. Is demon possession real? How we can

know? How did Jesus deal with it? How should we deal with it? Everyone is invited to attend. Part of the In Depth Series.

**Design a Life You Love & Learn to Say Yes to the Plan God has for You, Women's**

**event:** On Wednesday, **September 20**, beginning at 7:00 PM in Honsey Hall 129. Amanda Beilke helps you design a life you love & digs into what God says in the Bible about your purpose for your life. Lizabeth Wehmeier then helps you understand how to financially set up and support the life you designed. It's an evening of personal growth and clarity. This event is free but reservations are required: <http://bit.ly/2gIEt0P>.

**Bethany Concert Band** invitational concert during the Fall Festival weekend is Saturday, **September 30**, at 3:00 PM in Trinity Chapel.

**WELS**

**Grief Recovery Group:** St. Paul's is again offering a grief recovery group from September 11 - October 16, from 6:30-8:00 PM in the lower level counseling room. There is no cost, but to help with planning, call the office at 354-3641. Attendees receive a copy of "Growing Closer to Christ Through Grief and Loss." Dan Loe, Christian counselor, facilitates.

**Kingdom Workers is looking** for dedicated, fervent mission workers to serve for one year or more in positions throughout the world. You can make a difference! Build up and encourage youth leaders, mentor a teacher, become friends with a refugee family, or teach English – all while sharing the hope that we have in Jesus. Apply online at <http://www.kingdomworkers.com/missionworkerpositions.php>

**Community**

**For this 500th anniversary** year of the Lutheran Reformation, PBS broadcasts "Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World." Check for the times on your local station (TPT 2 is offering 3 times: **TODAY at 12 PM.**) Information and trailers are online at <http://www.pbs.org/program/martin-luther-idea-changed-world> & at <http://www.tpt.org/martin-luther-the-idea-that-changed-the-world/>

**Open House celebration** for the VINE Adult Respite Center is Wednesday, September 27, from 3:30 - 5:30 PM.