

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, April 8, 2018, 8:30 & 10:45 AM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School

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**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.

### **Explanation of the Week:**

*"There are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood." (1 John 5:4-10) These three point to Christ and flow from Christ. Jesus shows His disciples His hands and the side from which blood and water flowed, saying "Peace be with you." He presents the wounds which turn our fear to gladness, which restore us to the Father. Jesus breathes on His disciples and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit." (John 20:19-31) His breath, His words are Spirit and life. They raise up our dry, dead bones and give us new and everlasting life. (Ezekiel 37:1-14) Christ now gives His ministers to speak His forgiving, Spirit-filled words to the penitent in His stead. Our Lord continues to come to His people, presenting His wounds to us in the Sacraments of water and blood. He bids us to touch His side at His table, to receive His risen body and blood in true faith, that believing we may have life in His name.*



I. The Service of Preparation

*(We prepare ourselves for worshiping God by acknowledging our unworthiness to stand before Him, and by receiving His forgiveness through absolution (forgiveness). We respond with thanks and joy.)*

~**Prelude** — Preservice music & opportunity for prayer

*(See “Prayers for Worship”  
—ELH p. 40)*

~**Opening Hymn 366, vv. 1-3 Ye Sons and Daughters of the King**

~**Invocation** — *Calling upon the Triune God*

*(ELH p. 60; Matt. 28:19)*

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

**C: ♪ Amen.**

~**Confession & Absolution** — *Admitting Our Guilt & Receiving God’s Forgiveness*

*(ELH p. 60 #2; Ps. 124:8, Ps. 32:5)*

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.**

**~Introit** — *Entrance Psalm*

(ELH p. 62; 1 Peter 2:2, Ps. 81:1,7,10,16)

P: Alleluia! Like newborn babes,

**C: desire the pure milk of the Word. Alleluia.**

P: Sing aloud to God our strength;

**C: make a joyful shout to the God of Jacob.**

P: You called in trouble, and I delivered you;

**C: I answered you in the secret place of thunder.**

P: I am the LORD your God,

**C: who brought you out of the land of Egypt;**

P: open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

**C: With honey from the rock I would have satisfied you.**

P: Alleluia! Like newborn babes,

**C: desire the pure milk of the Word. Alleluia.**

**~Hymn of Praise 73 *Thine Is the Glory***

**~Salutation** — *The People's Blessing for the Pastor's Work*

(ELH p. 66; 2 Tim. 4:22)

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: ♪ And with your spirit.**

**~Collect** — *The Congregation's Prayer of the Day*

(ELH p. 66; p. 155 #64)

P: Let us pray: Grant, we beseech You, almighty God, that we who have celebrated the solemnities of the Lord's resurrection, may, by the help of Your grace, bring forth the fruits thereof in our life and conduct; through the same, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, 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



*(After receiving the forgiveness of sins, we thanked God by singing His praises and praying to Him. He now increases our faith through His holy Word which we hear through the Lessons and especially through the Sermon where God's Word is applied to our lives today.)*

**~Old Testament Lesson**

***Job 19:25-27***

For I know that my Redeemer lives,

And He shall stand at last on the earth;

And after my skin is destroyed, this I know,  
That in my flesh I shall see God,  
Whom I shall see for myself,  
And my eyes shall behold, and not another.  
How my heart yearns within me!

**~Men's Chorus *Speak, O Savior* (Sophia/Schop/Bach)**

*Speak, O Savior; I am list'ning, As a servant to his lord.  
Let me show respect and honor To Your most holy, precious Word,  
That each day, my whole life through, I may serve and follow You.  
Let your Word e'er be my pleasure And my heart's most precious treasure.*

*As I pray, dear Savior, hear me; Let Your words in me take root.  
May your Spirit e'er be near me That I bear abundant fruit.  
May I daily sing Your praise, From my heart glad anthems raise,  
Till my highest praises given In the endless joy of heaven.*

**~Epistle Lesson**

**1 John 5:4-10** Everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world: our faith. Who is the one who overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. This is the one who came by water and blood: Jesus Christ. He did not come by the water alone but by the water and by the blood. The Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. In fact, there are three that testify: the Spirit, the water, and the blood, and these three are one. If we accept the testimony of people, God's testimony is even greater, because it is the testimony that God gave about his Son. The one who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in him, but the one who does not believe has made God out to be a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God gave about his Son.

**~Alleluia**

*(ELH p. 67)*

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

**~Holy Gospel**

*(ELH p. 68)*

P: The Holy Gospel for the second Sunday after Easter is written in the 20th chapter of the Gospel according to St. John, beginning at the 19th verse.

**C: ♪ Glory be to You, O Lord!**

**John 20:19-31** Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews,

Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

P: This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**C: ♪ Praise be to You, O Christ!**

~**Apostles' Creed** — *Confession of faith*

*(ELH p. 68)*

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.**

~**Chief Hymn 366, vv. 4-8** *That Night th' Apostles Met in Fear*

**~Sermon Text**

**John 20:19** On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together behind locked doors because of their fear of the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, "Peace be with you!"

**~Sermon Theme**

***The Risen Lord Proclaims PEACE!***

- 1. He gave comfort to the disciples in time of distress.*
- 2. He continues to give comfort to us.*

**~Offertory — Prayer of Renewal before Offering**

*(ELH p. 70-71; Ps. 51:10-12)*

**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.**

**~Offering and Organ Voluntary**

*The members of Mt. Olive give offerings as a joyful response to what God has given them. These offerings support the work of Gospel ministry in our community and around the world. **Visitors:** Please do not feel obligated to participate in this offering. We ask you to fill out a Welcome Card and place that in the offering plate.*

**~Hymn 483, vv. 7, 8 Naught Shall My Soul From Jesus Sever**

**~Prayer of the Church**

*(ELH p. 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.

~Lord's Prayer

(ELH p. 85; Mt. 6:9-13)

**C: 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. For Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

~Collect

(ELH p. 86-87, #III)

P: Grant, we beseech You, Almighty God, unto Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom which comes down from above, that Your Word, as becomes it, may not be bound, but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and in the confession of Your name abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

~Benediction — *Final Blessing for God's People*

(ELH p. 87; Num. 6:24-26)

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.**

~Closing Hymn 532, vv. 2, 3 *Jesus, My Redeemer, Lives*

~Postlude — *Opportunity for prayer & to greet one another!*

(See "Prayers for Worship"  
—ELH p. 40)

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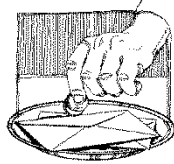
**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE**

**Maundy Thursday: 308/235; Good Friday: 227/179**

**Easter Sunday: 7:30am, 298; 10am, 325/194**

**GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$25,363.89**

Online: \$1524.17



**A TIME FOR  
GIVING**

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

*Psalm 116:12-13 What shall I render to the Lord / For all His benefits toward me? / I will take up the cup of salvation, / And call upon the name of the Lord.*

*Did you know you can give your offering online? Just go to [www.mtolivelutheran.org](http://www.mtolivelutheran.org) and click on the link, "donate on line." If you would like to continue using your assigned envelope, just **write the word "online" on the envelope and drop it in the plate** during the offering.*

***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 11:30 AM.*



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## SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK

**Ushers: 1<sup>st</sup> Service:** Ross Hermanson (captain),  
Craig Brown, Broderick Brown, Will Holt, Nathan Younge

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service:** Jim Gates, Scott Dzwonkowski,  
Kent Waletski

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service:** Mike & Anita Smith, James & Carolyn Gates

**Offering Counters:** Will Holt, Lance Schwartz

**Altar Guild:** Sharon Madson

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### ELS

Following 1918, the reorganized synod was small. Yet this did not dampen the spirit of its members. It was said, "A small body such as our synod still enjoys certain privileges and advantages ... We are as it were, one family and still of the first generation; and though it is readily granted that large numbers can accomplish vastly greater things, we do well in enjoying while we have it, the intimacy ... where plans and aims and hopes still largely take place."

**WEEK AT A GLANCE: April 8, 2018—April 15, 2018**

<b>Easter Sunday</b> April 8	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM Noon 5PM 6PM 7:30PM	Divine Service Sunday School/Bible Study/BIC Divine Service Board of Stewardship Lutheran Pioneers (meet at Mt. Olive) Artemis Video Game Night Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
<b>Monday</b> April 9	9:30AM 10AM <b>6:30PM</b> 6:30PM	Area Pastors' Conference Veterans' Bible Study <b>Divine Service</b> Church Council Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b> April 10	8AM 6:30PM 7PM	Women's Bible Study – <i>Colossians</i> PTF Meeting MOM's Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b> April 11	8:05AM 8:10AM 9AM 2:45PM 4PM 6PM 7PM 8PM	CDS Chapel MOM's Bible Study Bible Study – <i>Daniel</i> Youth Choir Confirmation Class Refugee Outreach Adult Choir Men's Chorus
<b>Thurs. Apr. 12</b>		
<b>Fri. Apr. 13</b>	6PM-8PM	Junior Youth
<b>Saturday</b> April 14	Noon to 5PM	Canvassing
<b>Sunday</b> April 15	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 1PM 2PM-7PM 7:30PM	<b>Senior Choir</b> Divine Service w/Holy Communion Sunday School/Bible Study/BIC Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another ELS Homeschool Symposium at BLC Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Flowers on the Altar:** The flowers beautifying the altar today are given to God's glory by Mark and Vivian Smith in honor of their 36<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Easter Flowers:** Many thanks to those who purchased flowers to beautify our altar for Easter Sunday! If you have not yet paid for them, please stop in the office and Annette or Gail will be happy to help you. **Today is the last day** to take your tulips home to enjoy with your families.

**On the narthex table are copies of** the *Building On Our Mission* packets and the *Mt. Olive Herald*; **forms** for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Sermon Notes and LYA registration; **signup sheets** for Camp Indianhead busing information, volunteering at New 2 You, and softball teams; **February edition** of *Thoughts of Faith*; **April editions of** the ELS *President's Newsletter*, *The Cross-stitch Corner*, *The Olive Press* newsletter & calendar, and MVL's Memo; and **giving envelopes** for *MVL memorials*.

**Lutheran Pioneers:** Due to poor weather conditions, today's meeting is at Mt. Olive at 5 PM.

**Our Monday Evening Services** resume tomorrow, Monday, April 9, at 6:30 PM.

**Congratulations to our 8th grade students and their families!** They'll be quite busy during the upcoming weeks as they prepare for their next two big milestones of confirmation and graduation: Anna Schwartz (b), Annika Younge (b), Ayden Brandel (b), Bryn Brown (b), Caden Heyn (c), Caleb DeWitt (g), Caleb Tomhave (b), Carter McCabe (b), Cassandra Mueller (b), Christian Edwards (b), Daniel Norris (b), Ingrid Bloedel (b), Jordan Richtsmeier (b), Joseph Mueller (b), Lexi Karge (c), Montian Natrakul (b), Morgan Paulsen (g), Rylee Woller (g), Samuel Barbosa (b), Samuel Halvorson (g), Simon Kovaciny (b), Tenley Madson (c), Thomas Wosmek(g), Will Enz (c). [(c)onfirmants, (g)raduates, and (b)oth]

**Call extended:** A call has been extended to Mr. Brent Sorn, currently teaching in Washington, as principal at Mount Olive Lutheran School. Please keep Mr. Sorn in your prayers as he deliberates where the Lord would best have him use his many talents to serve God's Kingdom.

**Sign-up for Connect Groups today!** What are Connect Groups? We are small groups of Mt. Olive members who are gathering for food, drink, prayer and to talk about the sermon, usually in a casual setting where we can connect and grow in faith. There are multiple groups to choose from that meet at various times throughout the week. Join

now by signing up in the Narthex between services or online at [www.mtolivelutheran.org/connect-groups/](http://www.mtolivelutheran.org/connect-groups/)

**Babysitters Wanted!** We are looking for babysitters during the Connect Group season. Most babysitters would be needed on weeknights. Babysitters will be contacted by each group facilitator who needs babysitter(s). If you are interested, please call Jon Basel at 512-373-9064. Almost any age babysitter is welcome.

**Canvassing April 14th!** Our next canvass date is on April 14 at noon. Our main goal is to spread the Gospel and tell our neighbors that they can come to Mt. Olive to hear more about the Good News! Lunch will be provided; we will have a quick warm up and prep, then we will go out together to have fun sharing the Gospel. Afterwards, we'll have supper to celebrate the success of planting seeds. Please RSVP if you are able to attend so we can get an estimate for food and other materials. Invite your children, friends, and family who can tag along! You can RSVP via [jbasel@mtolivelutheran.org](mailto:jbasel@mtolivelutheran.org) or text at 512-373-9064.

**PTF Spring Large Group Meeting:** Parents of Mt. Olive students are invited to join us Wednesday, **April 18**, at 6:30 PM at Mt. Olive for our PTF Large Group meeting. At this meeting, we will create one complete "Wish List" for the Fall 2018 Charger Challenge Fundraiser. Please submit your ideas for the 2018 "Wish List," including cost and brief summary, to Angela Merseth at [ammerseth@gmail.com](mailto:ammerseth@gmail.com), by Monday, April 9. All proposals will be brought forward for voting at this Large Group Meeting. Childcare will be provided.

**Spring Cleaning:** The annual Mt. Olive spring cleanup is **April 21**. Sign-up sheets for the 8 AM and 1 PM shifts are available in the narthex. In case of inclement weather, April 28 is the substitute date.

**Mount Olive would like to have a float with music** for the Fun Days Parade on July 7 and the Tater Days Parade on July 21. We are looking at easy hymns: *God Bless Our Native Land*, *A Mighty Fortress*, and the like. The Bonnett's are providing the trailer. Grade school, high school & college students, and adults are hereby encouraged to find their horns and get ready for some parade fun! Contact Dan Neubauer if you are interested.

**Teens and parents:** Check the table in the narthex for registration packets for LYA 2018 in Tacoma, WA, July 26-29. Confirmed youth through college age are encouraged to attend. For more information, or to register online, go to [els.org/lya18](http://els.org/lya18).

**For All You Softball Fans and Athletes:** It is that time of the year again and we are forming softball teams! There is a sign-up sheet out in the narthex if you would like to join us for family and fun. Men's church league is on Monday nights and co-ed league is on Tuesday nights.

**Mt. Olive School Scrip Program** offers gift cards for purchase for a wide variety of retailers. A percentage of gift card purchases go towards Mt. Olive Tuition. Visit [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) to view the 400+ participating retailers. If you have questions or need help getting started email Tanya Norris [scrip@mtolivelutheran.org](mailto:scrip@mtolivelutheran.org) or Tiffany Riesgraf [triesgraf@yahoo.com](mailto:triesgraf@yahoo.com).

**Save your pop tabs!** After School Care's Service project this year is saving pop tabs to benefit the Ronald McDonald house charities! So far this year, **we've filled one tub....**help us fill another!

### **Save the Dates!**

**Camp VBS 2018** is **June 25-29**. More information will be coming as summer nears.

**Camp Indianhead is July 8-13**. Parents who wish to receive information for camp and bus transportation can provide their email on the sheet available on the Narthex table.

### **Bethany Lutheran College**

**Bethany Graduation Tea:** The Mankato chapter of the Bethany Auxiliary invites all interested women to attend the annual Graduation Tea honoring the young women graduating from Bethany during 2018. The tea will be held in Honsey Hall on the Bethany campus on **Wednesday, April 11** at 7 p.m. You may **RSVP TODAY** to Lois Jaeger at 507-351-5488. We hope many of you will be able to attend!

**Today at 3 PM in Trinity Chapel:** Lyra Baroque Orchestra from St. Paul, MN performs the work of C.P.E. Bach (the second eldest son of J.S. Bach), featuring Wilbert Hazelzet on baroque flute and Marc Destrubé on baroque violin. Tickets for this Guest Artist Series concert are \$10 at the door. Attend a pre-concert talk at 2:15 PM.

**Monday, April 9, at 7 PM in Trinity Chapel:** Tenor Adam Tecken and soprano Natalie Dworak present a voice recital. Free and open to the public.

**The Minnesota Valley Chorale** will host their Spring Concert “Crescendo” featuring works by Haydn, Britten, Mendelssohn, Mozart, and Handel on Friday, April 13, at Church of St. Peter, St. Peter, and on Saturday, **April 14**, at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College. Both concerts take place at 7 PM. Tickets can be purchased through any MVC member, at the door, or on Eventbrite.

**Sunday, April 15, at 4 PM in Trinity Chapel:** BLC Jazz Band concert, directed by Ben Faugstad, with special guests Erik Hermanson and the Cleveland High School jazz band.

**Thursday, April 19, at 7 PM in YFAC Gallery:** Art Talk and Reception, Senior Art Show, with art by Alicia Kranz, Kirsten Elyea, Justine Bennett, and Kyliya Irwin. The art will be on display through April 22.

**April 20-21 and 27-28 at 7:30 PM and April 22 at 2:00 PM in Lee Theater, YFAC:** The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde, directed by Peter Bloedel. The box office opens April 9 at theatre.blc.edu and at 344-7374, weekdays 1-5 PM. Synopsis: In 1890s London, two bachelors, John ‘Jack’ Worthing and Algernon ‘Algy’ Moncrieff, create alter egos named Ernest to escape their tiresome lives. The pair attempts to win the hearts of two women who, conveniently, claim to only love men called Ernest.

**Children’s Clothing Swap:** A group from Bethany Lutheran College is organizing a children's clothing swap at Peace Lutheran Church on **April 28th**. If you would like to donate clothing items (up to teens sizes), please drop them off at Peace Lutheran Church or the Mount Olive narthex table clothing donation box or the porch of Karina Clennon at 166 Long Street. Her phone number is 507-380-1030.

### **ELS**

**Parents and Educators:** You are cordially invited to join the ELS homeschoolers at a symposium in Bethany’s Meyer Hall on **April 15th** from 2-7 PM. Presenters include Rev. Johann Cauwwe (WELS) speaking about hymnody and Dr. Ryan MacPherson speaking about family devotions. Anyone is welcome to attend. Please register online at <http://www.planetreg.com/elshomeschool>.

**Benefit Concert:** for the Branch Lutheran Schools of Haiti will be held Saturday, **April 21**, at 7 PM at Peace Lutheran, North Mankato. Music will be provided by “Dr. T. and the Academia Nuts” and special guests, including Adrian Lo. Sandwiches, snacks, and beverages will also be provided.

### MVL

**Host Families Needed!** Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School is in need of host families for international students who want to attend our school. Host parents are compensated monthly for taking in and supporting these young people. For further information contact MVL at 507-354-6851 or sgrams@mvlhs.org.

**Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School** is searching for a Director of Mission Advancement. Interested individuals should contact MVL Principal Tim Plath at tplath@mvlhs.org or 507-354-6851 for more information, as well as a job description and application.

**Minnesota Valley Lutheran** is hosting their first father-daughter dance on **April 14**, called "Tiaras & Ties." It's a free event for girls in preschool through fifth grade and their fathers (or significant men in their lives); details are on the front page of the April 2018 MVL Memo on the narthex table.

### WELS

**Concert:** Jonah Backus and the Conquerors, a music group made up of MLC Students, is giving a free concert **today** at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in New Ulm. They play upbeat, Christ-centered music. All are welcome. Check them out on youtube.

**In The Olive Press are** all other new announcements. Please pick up your copy from the ushers.