

## PENTECOST

Sunday, May 20, 2018, 8:30 & 10:45 AM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School

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Pastors John J. Petersen & Luke Ulrich | Principal Larry Rude | Evangelical Lutheran Synod

**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:** *Man's self-exaltation causes a confusion of language. In his desire to make a name for himself, he brings the judgment of being divided and scattered. (Gen 11:1-9) However, by the coming of the Holy Spirit, mankind is brought together and united in Christ. Language barriers are broken down as the people hear the wonderful works of God in their own native tongue. (Acts 2:1-21) Through the preaching of the cross, the Holy Spirit draws people from all nations into the one, holy, Christian, apostolic church. The Holy Spirit teaches and brings to our remembrance the words of Jesus, which are the words of the Father who sent Him. These words bestow forgiveness and peace to those who keep and hold on to them in love for Jesus. For He said, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (Jn 14:23-31)*

Order of Worship: Rite Two



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 26 – O Holy Ghost, Thou Gift Divine**  
*(vv. 1-2, Sunday School Choir; vv. 3, 4, Congregation)*

~**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 #1; 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: Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins.

**C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: I ask each of you, in the presence of God who searches the heart: Do you confess that you have sinned, and do you repent of your sins?

C: **I do.**

P: Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins, and do you desire forgiveness in His name?

C: **I do.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May He comfort your heart by His holy Absolution, and strengthen you by His Sacraments, that your joy may be full. Peace be with you!

**C: Amen.**

**~Gloria Hymn 2, v. 1 *Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord***

**~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*

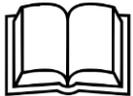
*(ELH p. 66; p. 157 #78)*

P: Let us pray: O God, You taught the heart of Your faithful people, by sending to them the light of Your Holy Spirit: Grant us by that same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns, 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.)*

**~The Old Testament Lesson**

**Genesis 11:1-9** Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. And the Lord said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." So the Lord scattered them abroad from

there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

**~Gradual Hymn 33, v. 1 *We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost***

**~The Epistle Lesson**

**Acts 2:1-11** When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently. Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were completely baffled and said to each other, "Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God."

**~Alleluia**

*(ELH p. 67)*

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

**~The Holy Gospel**

*(ELH p. 68)*

P: The Holy Gospel for Pentecost Sunday is written in the 14th chapter of the Gospel according to St. John, beginning at the 23rd verse.

**C: ♪ Glory be to You, O Lord!**

**John 14:23-31** Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will hold on to my word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. The one who does not love me does not hold on to my words. The word that you are hearing is not mine, but it is from the Father who sent me. "I have told you these things while staying with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I told you. "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, and do not let it be afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. "I have told you now before it happens so

that, when it does happen, you may believe. I will not speak with you much longer, because the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me. But I want the world to know that I love the Father and that I am doing exactly what the Father has instructed me. “Get up. Let’s leave this place.”

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

**C: ♪ Praise be to You, O Christ!**

~**Nicene Creed** — *Confession of faith*

*(ELH p. 69)*

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

**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.**

~**Chief Hymn 11** *Come, Holy Ghost, in Love*

~**Exordium** — *Festival exhortation and introduction from the preacher*

~**Exordium Hymn 399** *O Light of God’s Most Wondrous Love*

~**Sermon Text**

**Acts 2:4-6** They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently. Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. When this

sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language.

### ~Sermon Message

*“Brought Together Through the Words of the Holy Spirit”*

### ~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.*

### ~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.

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### III. The Service of Holy Communion



*(Following Christ's command, we receive His grace to us in the special meal He instituted for the forgiveness of our sins. Here, He feeds with His true body and His true blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. This is the same body which was born of the Virgin Mary, and the same blood which dripped down the wooden cross. This part of the liturgy is one of the oldest parts, dating back to at least the third century AD.)*

*Questions and prayers to assist in preparing for the Lord's Supper are found in the black hymnal pp. 38–40.)*

**Guests & Visitors:** *We practice "Close" or "Closed Communion" (or "Membership Communion"). We do this out of love and concern for you. We want to make sure that those who take this holy meal receive it as a blessing and not to their harm as Scripture warns. We also understand that those who come forward to take communion are professing a unity of faith with our congregation and are in full agreement with the teachings and doctrines of Mount Olive Lutheran Church and of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Therefore, we ask those who have not taken Holy Communion with us before to speak with a pastor before communing. Thank you.*

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#### ~Preface

*(ELH p. 72 ff.; 2 Tim 4:22, Col 3:1, Ps 136)*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: ♪ And with your spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts unto the Lord.

**C: ♪ We lift up our hearts unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

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

#### ~The Proper Preface

*(ELH p. 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day, as He had promised, the Holy Spirit on the chosen disciples. At this the whole world rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

#### ~Sanctus — "Holy"

*(ELH 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**

*(ELH p. 77-78; 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 pow'r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**~Words of Institution**

*(ELH p. 78; Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)*

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."

**~The Pax Domini — "The Peace of the Lord"**

*(ELH p. 79; Jn 20:19)*

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

**C: ♪ Amen.**

**~Agnus Dei — "Lamb of God"**

*(ELH p. 79ff; Jn 1:29)*

**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**

*(Communicants come forward at the direction of the ushers. During the Distribution, the congregation sings the following hymns:)*

**Hymn 401 *O Day Full of Grace***

**Hymn 402 *Holy Ghost with Light Divine***

**Hymn 328, vv. 7-9 *Jesus, Sun of Life***

**Hymn 325 *O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee***

**~Dismissal — Assurance of blessing for those who have communed**

*(ELH 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.

**~Collect of Thanksgiving**

(ELH p. 83, 11)

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink the 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.**

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

(ELH p. 83-84; 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 33, v. 2 Shine In Our Hearts**

**~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>: Elisabeth Urtel / 2<sup>nd</sup>: John Baumann*

*Sunday School Choir Director: Katie Sulzle / Accompanist: John Baumann*  
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**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE**

**Sunday: 8:30am, 281; 10:45am, 159;**

**Monday: 29; Ascension Day, 44**

**GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$9579.98**



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

*Romans 12: 1 Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice—holy and pleasing to God—which is your appropriate worship.*

*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**

**Greeters: 1<sup>st</sup> Service:** Ernie & Marge Lillo, Steve & Lois Jaeger

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service:** Mark & Vivian Smith, John & Nada Foede

**Ushers: 1<sup>st</sup> Service:** Nathan Graham, Chad Sorensen,  
Darrell Iverson, Ray Iverson, Art Westphal

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service:** Paul Tweit (captain), Blake Fosburgh,  
Lance Johnson, Bob Fosburgh

**Offering Counters:** Bruce Gratz, Craig Christensen

**Altar Guild:** Joni Bode, Lynette Merseth

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**ELS**

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Bethany Lutheran College are intimately united. The college gives a visibility and identity to the synod. In turn, the synod gives moorings to the college and elects both the Board of Regents and Board of Trustees for the college. Since 1928, most conventions of the synod have been conducted on the college campus.



**The ELS Historical Society** will revisit the convention of one hundred years ago at Albert Lea and Lime Creek on Saturday, **June 16**. The theme of the day will be "Still Under the Oaks". The program will begin at 3:00PM at Our Savior's Lutheran Church (Albert Lea, MN). Following the program and a catered lunch, a brief commemorative service will be held at Lime Creek Lutheran Church (Lake Mills, IA). Anyone interested is welcome to partake in this special event. **Registrations are due by June 1** in order to make reservations for the catered meal; registration forms are on the narthex table.

**WEEK AT A GLANCE: May 20, 2018—May 27, 2018**

<b>Sunday</b> May 20	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 1PM 3:30PM 7:30PM	<b>Sunday School Children's Choir</b> Divine Service w/Holy Communion Sunday School/Bible Study/BIC Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another Commissioning Service, Dr. Mike Smith, Trinity Chapel, BLC Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
<b>Monday</b> May 21	6:30PM 7:15PM 7:30PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Softball, Caswell 1 Evangelism Committee
<b>Tues.</b> May 22	8AM	Women's Bible Study – <i>Colossians</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> May 23	8:30AM 7PM	No Bible Study Great Plains Pastors' Conference, BLC Men's Chorus
<b>Thursday</b> May 24	12:30PM 6:30PM	<b>Mt. Olive CDS play: <i>Aladdin, Jr.</i>, YFAC, BLC</b> <b>Mt. Olive CDS play: <i>Aladdin, Jr.</i>, YFAC, BLC</b>
<b>Fri.</b> May 25	8:05AM 10:15AM 11:15AM 6:30PM	CDS Chapel Pathstone Service (Pastor Ulrich) <b>CDS Early Dismissal: no end-of-the-day busing</b> <b>Mt. Olive CDS play: <i>Aladdin, Jr.</i>, YFAC, BLC</b>
<b>Sat.</b> May 26		
<b>Sunday</b> May 27	8:30AM 10AM 11AM 7:30PM	<b>All-School Choir</b> Divine Service Divine Service w/ <b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation</b> Graduation Reception No Artemis Video Gaming Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Flowers on the altar** are given to God's glory by Duane and Brenda Garbers in honor of their 43<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary.

## Congregational Update

Members of Mount Olive,  
Fundraising has begun for the Building on Our Mission expansion project! For all those who have made 'pledges of intent' towards the Building on Our Mission campaign or wish to support the project, **NOW** is the time to begin making your gifts!

Through April 30, \$130,000 in gifts have been received out of a total of \$473,000 in total pledges, which is a great start. Half of our members who made pledges have submitted their first gift, and we encourage all members to begin making contributions as we get closer to groundbreaking this Fall. Also, watch the B.O.O.M. thermometer heat-up in the Narthex as our fundraising grows!

Here are the ways to fulfill your expressed commitment towards the successful completion of our building project:

1. Offering Envelope

- Indicate your gift to the 'Building Campaign' on the line 'Special Gift For' with a dollar figure in addition to your regular offerings.

2. Online Automatic Payment

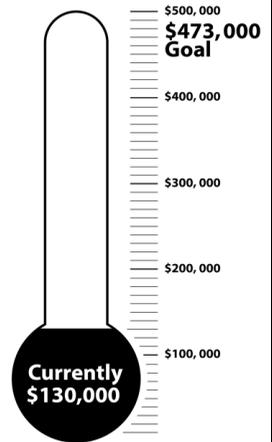
- Debit or credit cards are accepted to set-up weekly or monthly payments at [www.mtolivelutheran.org](http://www.mtolivelutheran.org). Click 'Donate Online' at the bottom of the page. Create your profile; indicate 'Building Campaign' in the Special Funds – Other box. Please call the church office if you require assistance in setting up your recurring gift.

If you are a new member of Mount Olive and would like to learn more about supporting the Building On Our Mission campaign, please contact any member of the Building Committee: <http://www.mtolivelutheran.org/publications/building-projects/building-committee/>. Gift intent forms are available in the church office and in the Narthex.

*"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops;  
Then your barns will be filled to overflowing,  
and your vats will brim over with new wine." – Proverbs 3:9-10*

Sincerely,

Members of the Building Committee



### **Building Committee Update**

The Building Committee met on Tuesday, May 15. The interior designer from ISG brought samples of many of the finishes and colors that had been selected by the user groups for various areas of new construction. The committee discussed and provided input on the various choices and approved the items that have been decided upon at this time. As noted in the May 6 Update, various items regarding the project were identified at the May 1 meeting with ISG and WEB as needing “additional research and analysis by ISG and WEB.” The committee spent time discussing the responses from ISG and WEB and their impact on the final plans. All decisions by the committee will now be shared with ISG to be incorporated into the schematic design and the cost estimates. Refining of the schematic design will continue until all necessary decisions have been made resulting in a final cost estimate for the project. The committee also discussed a variety of items regarding various additional aspects of the project and will continue to keep the congregation as well informed as possible on continued progress. The committee requests the ongoing prayers of the congregation that decisions and plans may all be in accord with God’s good and gracious will for His church here at Mt. Olive.

**On the narthex table are copies of** the *Building On Our Mission* packets and the *Mt. Olive Herald*; **forms** for LYA registration; **signup sheets** for Camp Indianhead busing and volunteering at New 2 You; **April editions of** *The Cross-stitch Corner and Thoughts of Faith*; **May editions of** the *ELS President’s Newsletter*, *The Olive Press* newsletter & calendar, and *MVL’s Memo*; and **giving envelopes** for *MVL memorials*.

**Call Extended:** A call has been extended to Mr. Benjamin Schramm to be the next principal at Mt. Olive Lutheran School. **Please keep Mr. Schramm in your prayers** as he deliberates where the Lord would best have him serve in God’s Kingdom.

**Congratulations to our 8th grade students and their families** as they prepare for their graduation on **May 27**: Anna Schwartz, Annika Younge, Ayden Brandel, Bryn Brown, Caleb DeWitt, Caleb Tomhave, Carter McCabe, Cassandra Mueller, Christian Edwards, Daniel Norris, Ingrid Bloedel, Jordan Richtsmeier, Joseph Mueller, Montian Natrakul, Morgan Paulsen, Rylee Woller, Samuel Barbosa, Samuel Halvorson, Simon Kovaciny, and Thomas Wosmek.

**Save the Date!** Make plans to join us for Mr. Larry Rude’s retirement celebration on Sunday, **June 10**, at 11AM. More details to follow.

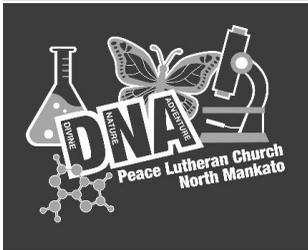


WORLD CUP SOCCER VBS!  
Jesus... For The Whole World!  
1 John 2:2

**Camp VBS Craft Planner Needed NOW:** Preparations are underway in planning Mt Olive's Camp VBS 2018, and one person is needed as soon as possible to help with the planning the craft project (and possibly lead it the week of VBS if you're available). Please contact Sally Sorensen ([sallyksorensen@gmail.com](mailto:sallyksorensen@gmail.com)) or at (507)382-0239 if you are interested in learning more about serving in this way.

**Hot Lunch Coordinator/Supervisor** for the Mt. Olive CDS will be needed for the 2018-19 school year to prepare and serve lunches. Please contact Principal Rude if you are interested.

**VBS 2018 at Peace Lutheran Church,** North Mankato, will be Monday-Wednesday,



**June 11-13**, from 9AM to 2PM. Our theme will be "Divine Nature Adventure-DNA." Daily adventures and science experiments will focus on how God creates, changes, and sustains us. Children ages 4 through going into 6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to attend. The cost is \$5/child. **Registration is required.** Forms are available at [peacemankato.com](http://peacemankato.com) and must be turned in to the church office at Peace by Sunday, May 27.

**Attention Youth: We are looking for helpers with our summer parades!** On Saturday, July 7, 2018, Mt. Olive will be participating in the North Mankato Fun Days parade. Family Fun Shows will be giving each Mt. Olive youth that participates in the Fun Days parade 5 **free** ride tickets and one **free** game at the Duck Pond at the end of the Parade Route. Sign up by contacting Michelle Graham (507-720-7258).

**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. 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 at 507-514-2035 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). Buses will be leaving Wednesday morning, July 25 and probably returning late Monday, July 30; cost

is estimated to be \$300-325/rider. If you would like to use the busing, please contact Chaplain Moldstad at donm@blc.edu or Angela Merseth at ammerseth@gmail.com.

**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.

**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. Contact Lance Johnson at [lgustavj77@gmail.com](mailto:lgustavj77@gmail.com) or cell phone (507-720-2130) if you have questions.

### **Bethany Lutheran College**

**Tuesday, May 22, at 7 PM in Trinity Chapel:** The Bethany choirs, directed by Dennis Marzolf & Ann Fredrickson, return from their May tour for this Homecoming Concert. A free will offering will be collected.

**Thursday, May 24, at 6:30PM in Trinity Chapel:** Bassist Jesse Dietschi, Toronto, Canada will play along with the Mankato Area Youth Chamber Orchestra. MAYSO asks that audience members help support the local food shelf by bringing a donation to the concert.

**Summer Music Camp, June 16-21:** Vocal and instrumental music study, performance, and recreation for current 9-12 graders, directed by Bethany music professors Dennis Marzolf, Mark DeGarmeaux, and Benjamin Faugstad. Cost: \$275 or \$175. Visit .blc.edu for more info and for the application.

### **WELS**

**Commissioning Service:** The members of Mt. Olive are cordially invited to a special worship service at which Dr. Michael K. Smith will be commissioned to serve at Asia Lutheran Seminary (WELS). The service will take place **today** at 3:30PM in Trinity Chapel at Bethany Lutheran College. The Rev. John Petersen will preach for the occasion, and the Rev. Jonathan Leach (WELS) will perform the rite of commissioning.



**WORLD CUP SOCCER VBS!**

**Jesus... For The Whole World!**  
**1 John 2:2**

**Advance Registration Required**

**Deadline: Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**

## **FREE Soccer Camp & FREE T-Shirt**

Soccer Camp plus ALL the other great stuff that goes along with VBS...  
Bible Lessons, Crafts,  
Music & More

June 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>  
8:15am - Noon

Camp VBS is for students entering  
Preschool (age 4 by September 1<sup>st</sup>)  
through 5th Grade (Fall 2018).

**Sign-up Online:**

**[www.mtolivelutheran.org](http://www.mtolivelutheran.org)**

## **CAMP VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Interested in sharing the Gospel with 150 kids? Spend a fun, high-energy week helping with Camp VBS.

People 7<sup>th</sup> grade and older are encouraged to volunteer.  
(If you are in 6<sup>th</sup> grade you may volunteer to help alongside your parent.)

If you would like to volunteer, but have children that are too young to attend Camp VBS -- we do provide babysitting for those little ones.

**Sign up online: <http://signup.com/go/xvuRPZm>**

Please contact Sally Sorensen (507) 382-0239 or [sallyksorensen@gmail.com](mailto:sallyksorensen@gmail.com) with any questions.