



TRINITY 14

Sunday, September 2, 2018, 8:30 & 10:00 AM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School

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Pastors John J. Petersen & Luke Ulrich | Principal Silas Born | 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: *The ten lepers cried out from a distance, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" (Luke 17:11-19). Their condition cut them off from God and others. So also do the works of the flesh cut us off from God and others. "Those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God" (Gal. 5:16-24). Thus we cry out with the lepers, "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy," eagerly seeking His good gifts. Jesus said to the lepers, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. So too, we walk by faith and not by sight, being confident of Jesus' help before we see any evidence of it, trusting that Jesus' cleansing words of forgiveness will restore us to wholeness in the resurrection. Let us be as the one leper who returned to the true High Priest to give Him thanks and glory. For Jesus bore our infirmities in His sacrifice at Calvary. His words are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh (Prov. 4:10-23).*



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 354, vv. 2, 5 Thanks to Thee, O Christ Victorious!**

~**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. 60-61 #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.

~Hymn 36, vv. 1, 3, 5 *All Glory Be to God Alone*

~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. 161 #109)

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.**

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

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 What I am saying is this: Walk by the spirit, and you will not carry out what the sinful flesh desires. For the sinful flesh desires what is contrary to the spirit, and the spirit what is contrary to the sinful flesh. In fact, these two continually oppose one another, so that you do not continue to do these things you want to do. But if you are led by the spirit, you are not under the control of the law. Now the works of the sinful flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, complete lack of restraint, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, discord, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, orgies, and things similar to these. I warn you, just as I also warned you before, that those who continue to do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy,

peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful flesh with its passions and desires.

~**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 522, vv. 1, 3, 4** *O Faithful God, Thanks Be to Thee*

~**Holy Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text**

Luke 17:11-19 On another occasion, as Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem, he was passing along the border between Samaria and Galilee. When he entered a certain village, ten men with leprosy met him. Standing at a distance, they called out loudly, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." As they went away they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice. He fell on his face at Jesus' feet, thanking him. And he was a Samaritan. Jesus responded, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give glory to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go your way. Your faith has saved you."

~Sermon Theme

Having Received God's Mercy, Be Thankful!

~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 & 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.

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". 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.*

~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.

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.**

~The Proper Preface

(ELH p. 73)

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 — "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,**

blesed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

~Exhortation

(ELH p. 76)

P: Dear friends in Christ! In order that you may receive this holy Sacrament worthily, it is good that you consider what you must now believe and do. From the words of Christ: "This is My body, which is given for you; this is My blood which is shed for you for the remission of sin" you should believe that Jesus Christ is Himself present with His body and blood, as the words declare. From Christ's words "for the remission of sins" you should believe that Jesus Christ bestows upon you His body and blood to confirm unto you the forgiveness of all your sins. And finally, you should do as Christ commands you when He says "Take, eat' drink of it, all of you," and "this do in remembrance of Me." If you believe these words of Christ, and do as He therein has commanded, then you have rightly examined yourselves and may worthily eat Christ's body and drink His blood for the forgiveness of all your sins. You should also unite in giving thanks to Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for so great a gift, and should love one another with a pure heart, and thus with the whole Christian Church have comfort and joy in Christ our Lord. To this end may God the Father grant you His grace; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

~Lord's Prayer

(ELH p. 77-78; Mt. 6:9-13)

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

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

Hymn 312, vv. 2, 3 *Father, We Thank Thee*

Hymn 63, vv. 1, 2 *Now Thank We All Our God*

Hymn 328, vv. 7, 8 *Jesus, Sun of Life, My Splendor*

Hymn 409, vv. 2, 3, 5, 6 *Thee Will I Love, My Life, My Savior*

Hymn 327 *O Lord, We Praise 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.

~**Nunc Dimittis** — *“Now I Depart”*

(ELH p. 81-82; Lk 2:29-32)

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**

(ELH p. 83, 1)

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: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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** — *The people’s blessing for the Pastor’s work*

(ELH p. 84)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

~**Benedicamus** — *Call for blessing*

(ELH p. 84; 2 Cor. 13:14)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ♪ **Thanks be to God.**

~**Benediction** — *Final blessing for God's people*

(ELH p. 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 333, v. 1** *Christ, the Life of All the Living*

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

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

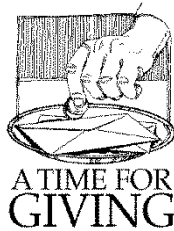
Preacher: Pastor Luke Ulrich / Liturgist: Pastor John Petersen

Organists: 1st: Cassie Johnson / 2nd: John Baumann

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8:30am, 274; 10:00am, 225; Monday: 18

GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$25,015.70



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

2 Corinthians 9:7 Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver.

*Did you know you can give your offering online? Just go to 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.

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK

Greeters: **1st Service:** Ross & Betsy Hermanson,
Keith Anderson, Lois Otto

2nd Service: David & Kathryn Sulzle,
Kira Fosburgh, Marissa Johnson

Ushers: **1st Service:** Steve Beilke (captain), Nate Beilke,
Don Westphal, Eric Westphal, David Reagles

2nd Service: Mike Pleiss (captain), Keith Eisberg,
Loren Halvorson, David Liverseed

Offering Counters: Mark Graham, Sally Sorensen

Altar Guild: Krista Petzel, Lynette Merseth

Within Our Synod



Since its reorganization in 1918, the ELS has participated in foreign mission work in fifteen nations. Today, in addition to the ongoing work in Peru, the ELS conducts mission work in Chile, India and South Korea. In 2008, through the acquisition of Thoughts of Faith, Inc., a church-related organization founded in 1979, the Synod helps promote gospel outreach in Latvia and in the Czech Republic (Czechia), and also supports the Gift of Life and Medical Clinic on Wheels projects in Ukraine.

On the narthex table are copies of the *Building On Our Mission* packets; **sign-up sheets for** the Youth Group Theatre Physics event and helping with the Groundbreaking noon meal; the **July edition of** the *Mission News & Helping Hands*; **September editions of** the *Olive Press* and the *ELS President's Newsletter*; the **September-December edition of** *Meditations Daily Devotions*; and **giving envelopes for** *MVL memorials*.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: *September 2, 2018—September 9, 2018*

Sunday September 2	8:30AM 10AM 1PM 7:30PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
Monday September 3	6:30PM 6:45PM	Labor Day: No CDS; Church Office Closed Divine Service w/Holy Communion Board of Deacons
Tuesday September 4	8AM 6:30PM 6:30PM	Women's Bible Study – <i>Psalms</i> Jesus Cares Ministry Board of Education
Wednesday September 5	8:05AM 9AM 3PM 4PM 5:30PM 6:30PM 7PM	School Picture Day Chapel Bible Study – <i>Daniel</i> Mt. Olive Youth Choir Confirmation Dinner (for Top 20 Presentation) Top 20 CDS Curriculum Presentation Senior Choir
Thurs. Sept. 6		
Fri. Sept. 7		
Sat. Sept. 8		
Sunday September 9	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM Noon 5PM 6PM 7:30PM	Rally Sunday/Groundbreaking Divine Service; Sunday School Teacher Installation Bible Class/Sunday School/BIC Divine Service (Note the time change) Groundbreaking Ceremony, Hog Roast Lutheran Pioneers, at Peace Lutheran Artemis Video Gaming Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the altar today are given to God's glory: all glory and thanks to Him for His great provision.

From The Building Committee

All of the trees, bushes, and plants located along the following areas of our facility need be removed for our building project:

- the immediate area around our current main entrance on McConnell St., including the outside wall that runs along the cry room, band, room, etc.
- the outer wall of the gymnasium and school that runs along McConnell St.
- the boulevard located between the two entrances to our parking lot along McConnell Street.

Any Mt. Olive members who wish to have any of the trees, bushes, or plants that are located in these specific areas may dig them out and take them FOR FREE! For trees that require larger equipment to move, Jordan Smith of Smith Landscaping has offered the services of his company at his cost to move them. **If you are interested in obtaining and moving any of the larger trees, you must contact Smith Landscaping at 507-218-4596 before September 5** and identify yourself as a Mt. Olive member to get the cost and set up a time for removal. **All trees, bushes and plants must be removed before September 10.** This is a first-come-first-served offer!

Groundbreaking Ceremony

Please make plans to be with us for the groundbreaking ceremony on Sunday, **September 9**, at noon. That day will be the formal start to our long-awaited building project! Following a brief ceremony on the church lawn, all are invited to stay for a roast pork dinner. Last names beginning with A-L are asked to bring a side dish to serve, and those with M-Z are asked to bring dessert items. Depending on the weather, we hope to enjoy the meal outside, so please bring lawn chairs. If necessary, we'll gather in the gym. Please see the sign-up sheets in the narthex seeking volunteers to help in the organization and preparation of the needed food items.

All Junior and Senior Youth Group Students: Today is the last day to sign up on the sheet on the narthex table to reserve your ticket to Theatre Physics on Sunday, September 23. See the September edition of the Olive Press for more details.

The Summer Worship Schedule ends today, and service times return to 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM on Sunday, September 9. Join us for Sunday School, Bible Study, or Bible Information Class at 9:40 AM between services.

School Pictures! Woller Photography will be at Mount Olive for portraits Wednesday, **September 5**. If you are interested in having your homeschooled or preschool child(ren) photographed that day, come to the school library at 8:00 AM. Order forms are available in the school office. Package prices start at \$12.

Sunday School registration is available on-line. To register your children, use the following link: <http://reg.planetReg.com/E8817560241250>; or, go Mt. Olive's web page (<http://www.mtolivelutheran.org/>) and click on the Mt. Olive banner. If you have questions, contact Kent Waletski at kwaletski@yahoo.com or 507-327-2523.

Have you considered being a Sunday School teacher? The new Sunday School year begins **September 9**. There is a particular need for teachers and assistants for the Pre-School classroom and for additional substitute teachers. For more information, contact Kent Waletski at kwaletski@yahoo.com or 507-327-2523.

Choir Opportunities

Mt. Olive Youth Choir is available for any of our members who are going into grades 3 to 9 (or so). Practice times run from 3 to 3:45PM on Wednesdays through the school year. More details are available in the September edition of the *Olive Press*.

Senior Choir: Do you enjoy singing with a wonderful group of people and are wondering how to get involved in choir at Mt. Olive? Senior Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, **September 5**. See the September issue of the *Olive Press* for more information.

Men: If you enjoy singing, please join the Men's Chorus. We need you! Call Carl Bloedel at 507-720-6593 if you are interested or have any questions

Lutheran Pioneers will be holding an introductory meeting on **September 9**, from 5-7PM at Peace Lutheran in North Mankato. See the September issue of the *Olive Press* for more details.

The Mankato chapter of the Bethany Auxiliary invites you to join us at 7PM on Tuesday, **September 11**, for "The Sculpture Walk on Bethany Campus" led by Prof. William Bukowski, head of the Bethany Art Department. We will follow Prof. Bukowski as we explore how these sculptures, part of a gift left to the college by art patron Lester Goetzke, affect the landscape of the campus as they have been integrated at various locations. Anyone interested is most welcome to attend. Following the tour, the members of the Auxiliary will gather for a brief business meeting and refreshments.

Mt. Olive's annual Mission Support Bake Sale will be **September 30**. Proceeds from this sale are given as Mt. Olive's contribution to the Women's Mission Rally held in October. As we do not have any official women's organizations in our congregation, this is our only opportunity to support this group. Please sign the sheet on the table in the narthex if you would be willing to make/donate something. A Thrivent Action Team grant will provide funds for supplies, so please mark what you would need. All monies collected at the bake sale go to our foreign and home missions. Thank you!

After School Care is looking for empty pop boxes so we can play life size Jenga. Please drop them off in the youth room. Thank you!

Volunteers are needed to help serve meals at Mt. Olive Lutheran School daily from 10:45 to 12:30PM. If you could help once a week or once a month, please contact the school office at 345-7927.

Library Workers Needed: Do you love reading books to children? We are in need of volunteers to "man" our library on Thursday mornings, Thursday afternoons, and Friday mornings. If interested, please notify Mary Born (388-9220) or mborn@mtolivelutheran.org.

MOMs Bible Study is looking for childcare workers to supervise young children while their moms participate in Bible Study on Thursday mornings from 8:00-10AM, September 20- December 6, at Peace Lutheran Church in North Mankato. Responsibilities include reading Bible stories, singing songs, supervising activities and play time, and feeding provided snacks. This is a paid position. Transportation can be arranged from Mt Olive if needed. Candidates must pass a State of Minnesota background check. Contact Emily Peters (emmykf@hotmail.com) if you are interested.

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.

Happening at Bethany Lutheran College

Wednesday, September 5, 7PM in Meyer Hall 101: Prof. Ralph Meier will speak about the relationship between the Missouri Synod and the old Norwegian Synod (now ELS). They had a long history of cooperation and fellowship. Prof. Meier is from Germany, teaches in Norway, and is doing church history research on our campus.

Thursday, September 6, 7PM in the YFAC Gallery: Art lecture, gallery talk, and reception on “The Art of Theatre: A Display of Theatrical Design and Craft” by Peter Bloedel, Benji Inniger, Emily Kimball, and John Merseth. This show is on display in the gallery through September 23. All are welcome!

Wednesday, September 12, 7PM in Trinity Chapel: BLC's Guest Artist concert series kicks off the year with the Juli Wood Quartet, a jazz group from Chicago, IL. The quartet consists of Juli Wood, saxophone; Mike Schlick, drums; Clay Schaub, bass; and Paul Silbergleit, guitar. Juli Wood is the Finlandia Foundation performer of the year, performing jazz-influenced folk tunes all across the country. A \$10 donation is suggested at the door.

Theatre Physics -Tickets will be available at theatre.blc.edu and at the Box Office starting Monday, September 10. Call 507-344-7374 during weekdays, 1-5PM during the two weeks before the performances, or online anytime. Live pre-show music will be performed in the gallery before all five performances! Catch a show on **September 21 and 22** at 7 or 9PM or the Sunday matinee, **September 23**, at 2PM.

At Minnesota Valley Lutheran

MVL 40th Anniversary T-Shirts: MVL has created special t-shirts based on the school year theme from Psalm 126:3--\$10 for adult (sizes S-4XL), and \$7 for youth (sizes S-XL). Color options are heather red and heather gray. Contact Kristin Matzke at kmatzke@mvlhs.org to confirm sizing/color availability and visit mvl.org/anniversary for more about MVL's 40th anniversary!

Within Our Sister Synod (WELS)

The Beacon Lutheran Student Center at MSU is hosting a block party on **September 6** at 5:30PM for college students and young professionals; more information is available at beaconwels.org.

Kingsway Retirement Living is celebrating its 10 year anniversary this Saturday, **September 8**, from 10AM-2PM at their facility on 815 West Main St. in Belle Plaine. German food, a tractor show, a live band, a strolling concertina, bouncy houses, and pony rides will be available at this free event. RSVP to the event on TLHA Belle Plaine Campus Facebook page. For more information, contact them at 975-873-5900.

Pick up your copy of the September issue of the *Olive Press* from the narthex table today.



Please join us for a
***Ground Breaking
Ceremony***

and Hog Roast

Sunday, Sept. 9; Noon–3 p.m.



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