



## EPIPHANY 2

Sunday, January 20, 2019, 8:30 & 10:45 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 **“Get Connected!”** card (found in front of you in the hymnbook rack). 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:** *Our Epiphany season continues as we look at the ways in which God has manifested Himself to us. For this Sunday the main theme is focused on "Divine Sympathy." God is revealed as one who has sympathy for those who are not worthy of it. He desires to help even those who might seem to be most unlikely to receive His help. We see this especially in the Gospel Lesson as Jesus approaches a scandalous and sinful woman and proclaims to her that He is the Messiah that she needs and that He desires to give her "living water!" (John 4:4-26). Knowing the sympathy and mercy that God has given to us, who are also unlikely people, we are encouraged to "Have the same respect for one another." (Romans 12:6-16). We also receive God's mercy and sympathy today as He proclaims to us love and forgiveness throughout the service, and especially as we receive Christ Himself in Holy Communion.*

**Order of Service, Rite Three (p. 88).** Rite Three from the Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary (ELH) present old liturgical texts set to new music. Composed with a modern congregation and modern vocal ranges in mind, the musical settings were written to be challenging yet approachable. Composed by former Bethany Lutheran College Choir Director, Alfred Fremder, Rite Three is musically fresh, yet theologically traditional. It has been a staple of the worship life for us at Mt. Olive since its release with the ELH in 1996. You are welcome to follow along with the musical notation in the front part of the Hymnary (pp. 88-106).

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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 and opportunity for prayer

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

~**Opening Hymn 172, vv. 1, 2, 4** *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

~**Invocation and Confession of Sins** — *Calling upon God & His forgiveness* (ELH p. 88)

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

**C: His mercy endures forever.**

P: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sins:

**C: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of the world: We confess that we have sinned against Your divine majesty by thought, word and deed, provoking Your wrath against us. We earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for our sins. We grieve to think of them. Their burden is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, gracious Father! Forgive us our sins for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that we may serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

~**Kyrie Eleison** — *“Lord Have Mercy”*

*(ELH p. 89; Mk 10:47)*

**C: ♪ Lord, have mercy on us. Kyrie eleison. Christ, have mercy on us. Christe eleison. Lord, have mercy on us. Kyrie eleison.**

~**Absolution** — *God's declaration of forgiveness to you* (ELH p. 89; Ps 86:15)

P: Lift up your hearts. The Lord God, according to His promise, is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. By the command of Christ and the authority of my holy office I forgive your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~**Gloria in Excelsis Deo** — *"Glory to God in the Highest"* (ELH p. 90; Lu 2:14, Jn 1:29)

**C:** ♪ **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth. Lord God, heav'nly King, almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord, Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of God the Father: receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

~**Collect** — *The congregation's prayer of the day* (ELH p. 92; p. 150 #22)

P: Almighty and everlasting God, You govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the prayers of Your people, and grant us Your peace all the days of our life; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. 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.)*

### ~**Epistle Lesson**

**Romans 12:6-16** We have different gifts, according to the grace God has given us. If the gift is prophecy, do it in complete agreement with the faith. If it is serving, then serve. If it is teaching, then teach. If it is encouraging, then encourage. If it is contributing, be generous. If it is leadership, be diligent. If it is showing mercy, do it cheerfully. Do not just pretend to love others. Hate what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another with brotherly love. Think of others as deserving more honor than yourselves. Do not be lagging behind in zeal, but be fervent in spirit, as you continue to serve the Lord. Be joyful in hope. Endure trials patiently. Persist in prayer. Share with the saints who are in need. Be quick to welcome strangers as guests. Bless those who persecute you; bless, and do not curse. Rejoice with those who are rejoicing;

weep with those who are weeping. Have the same respect for one another. Do not be arrogant, but associate with the humble. Do not think too highly of yourselves.

~**Gradual** — *Response to hearing God's Word*

(ELH p. 92)

**C: ♪ The Word of our God stands forever. Blessed be God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Word of our God stands forever.**

~**Holy Gospel Lesson**

**John 4:4-26** He had to go through Samaria. So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the piece of land Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Then Jesus, being tired from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone into town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." "Sir," she said, "you don't even have a bucket, and the well is deep. So where do you get this living water? You are not greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave us this well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his animals." Jesus answered her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I will give him will never be thirsty ever again. Rather, the water I will give him will become in him a spring of water, bubbling up to eternal life." "Sir, give me this water," the woman said to him, "so I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus told her, "Go, call your husband, and come back here." "I have no husband," the woman answered. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say, 'I have no husband.' In fact, you have had five husbands, and the man you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true." "Sir," the woman replied, "I see that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews insist that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will not worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know. We worship what we do know, because salvation is from the Jews. But a time is coming and now is here when the real worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for those are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (the one called Christ). "When he comes, he will explain everything to us." Jesus said to her, "I, the one speaking to you, am he."

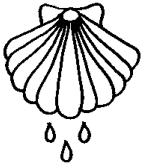
~Alleluia — “God Be Praised”

(ELH p. 93)

**C: ♪ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Your Word is truth. Sanctify us in Your truth. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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### The Order of Holy Baptism (2<sup>nd</sup> Service)



*(Holy Baptism has the power to work the new life of faith in the hearts of sinners. This regenerative washing “with water through the Word” is intended for all people, since all — including infants and children — are members of a sinful human race and are in need of God’s grace and forgiveness. Jesus has also commanded that “all nations” be baptized. Confession of sins and absolution are a return to, and a renewal of, one’s baptism. Matt. 28:19, John 3:5, Eph. 5:26, Titus 3:5, Acts 2:38-39)*

~Baptism of Levi Nehemiah Basel

(ELH p. 133ff)

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~Nicene Creed — *Confession of faith*

(ELH p. 95)

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 in 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, vv. 1, 2, 4 *Come, Holy Ghost, in Love*

~Sermon Text

**John 4:25-26** The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (the one called Christ). "When he comes, he will explain everything to us." Jesus said to her, "I, the one speaking to you, am he."

~Sermon Theme

***Christ Has Come to Help Broken People***

~Prayers & Special Petitions

~Offering & Hymn 149 ***In Thee Is Gladness***

*(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 "Get Connected!" card and place that in the offering plate.)*

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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". 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 — *Preparing our hearts for Communion*

*(ELH p. 98; 2 Tim 4:22, Col 3:1, Ps 136)*

P: The Lord be with you!

**C: And also with you!**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**~Epiphany Preface**

*(ELH p. 99; p. 74)*

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; and now we praise You that You sent us Your only-begotten Son and that in Him, being found in fashion as a Man, You manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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, Holy, Holy”**

*(ELH p. 100)*

**C: ♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow’r and might. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed, blessed, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**~Lord’s Prayer**

*(ELH p. 101; 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. 102; 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.”

**~Agnus Dei — “Lamb of God”**

*(ELH p. 103; Jn 1:29)*

**C: ♪ Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.**

**~Distribution**

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

**Hymn 111, vv. 4-6 *When Jesus Comes, O Blessed Story***

**Hymn 313, vv. 1, 3, 5 *I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table***

**Hymn 182, vv. 1, 2 *One Thing Needful***

**Hymn 313, vv. 8-10 *By Faith I Call Thy Holy Table***

**Hymn 182, vv. 8-10 *Jesus, In Thy Cross Are Centered***

**Hymn 327 *O Lord, We Praise Thee***

**~Dismissal** — *Assurance of blessing for those who have communed* (ELH p. 56)

P: Our crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ, who has now bestowed upon you His holy body and blood, whereby He has made full satisfaction for all your sins, strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto everlasting life. Peace be with you. Amen.

**~Collect of Thanksgiving** (ELH p. 104)

P: Let us give thanks and pray. Almighty God and Father, we thank You for feeding us with the most precious body and blood of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Your Son, and heirs of Your eternal kingdom. Send us out to do the work You have given us to do, to love and serve You as faithful witnesses of 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. 104; 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.**

**~Hymn 11, vv. 3, 5 *Come, Light Serene and Still***

**~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>: Dennis Marzolf / 2<sup>nd</sup>: John Baumann*  
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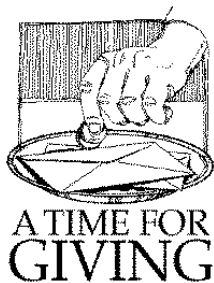


**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:**

**Sunday: 8:30am, 250; 10:45am, 227;**

**Monday: 40**

**Monthly Giving Update:**



Given to the <b>General Fund</b> (Dec. 1-31)	\$133,851.33
Given to the <b>Building Fund</b> (Dec. 1-31)	\$27,490.00
<b><u>Total Given (Dec. 1-31)</u></b>	<b><u>\$161,341.33</u></b>
General Fund Budgeted (July 1-Dec. 31) (\$75,425/month x 6 months)	\$452,550.00
General Fund YTD (July 1-Dec. 31)	\$437,025.60
<b><u>Difference (Shortfall)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$15,524.40)</u></b>

*Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*

*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:** Eldon & Luann Sting,  
Dan & Kathy Bruss

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service:** Dan & Joanne Maas,  
Dean & Cathy Kluge

**Ushers:** **1<sup>st</sup> Service:** Bruce Gratz (captain), Alec Gratz,  
Seth Tweit, John Sehloff, Keith Anderson

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service:** David Munsen (captain), Matthew Munsen,  
Dan Maas, Justin Maas, Craig Christiansen

**Offering Counters:** Steve Lussky, Jon Pfeffer

**Altar Guild:** Connie Gullixson, Connie Meyer

**WEEK AT A GLANCE: *January 20, 2019—January 27, 2019***

<b>Sunday,</b> January 20	8:30AM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	9:40AM	Sunday School/BIC/Bible Class
	10:45AM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	1PM	Encourage One Another
	6PM	Senior Youth Group
	7:30PM	Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
<b>Monday,</b> January 21		<b>No CDS</b>
	6:30PM 7:30PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Evangelism Committee
<b>Tues.,</b> Jan. 22	8AM	Women's Bible Study
<b>Wednesday,</b> January 23	8:05AM	Chapel
	9AM	Bible Class
	3PM	Youth Choir
	4PM	Confirmation Classes
	6PM 7PM	Building Committee Senior Choir
<b>Thurs.,</b> Jan. 24		
<b>Fri.,</b> Jan. 25	11:15AM	CDS Early Dismissal
<b>Sat.</b> Jan. 26		
<b>Sunday,</b> January 27	8:30AM	Divine Service
	9:40AM	Sunday School/BIC/Bible Class
	10:45AM	Divine Service
	<b>Noon</b>	<b>Voters' Meeting</b>
	6PM	Artemis Video Gaming
	7:30PM	Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Flowers on the altar** today are given to God's glory by Jana Finken in honor of Peter & Amber Finken's first wedding anniversary.

**Baptized today during 2<sup>nd</sup> service:** Levi Nehemiah Basel, infant son of Jonathan and Nichole Basel, was born January 11, 2019, at Mayo Hospital-Mankato. His sponsors are Dan Basel and Craig Knutson. May he ever grow in Christ and be blessed therein.

### **Building Committee Update**

Construction of the new addition is on schedule, thanks in large part to the favorable winter weather. Floor slabs from the various rooms previously at the back of the sanctuary have been removed in preparation for new floors that will match current aggregate floor in finished construction. By the end of January, roof decking, exterior wall framing and sheathing, and fire wall framing are scheduled to be complete.

Prayers of thanks: that the construction workers have been kept safe as they work; for favorable weather that has allowed construction to continue on schedule; and for additional grants and gifts beyond pledges that support the project financially. Mount Olive continues to be exceedingly blessed by our gracious Heavenly Father.

**CDS Report Cards:** Parents may pick up their child's report card **today**. Those that aren't picked up will be available in the church office until Wednesday.

**Offering statements and 2019 offering envelopes** are ready for pick-up in the narthex **today**. Please discontinue using envelopes with blue numbers (2018) and begin using envelopes with black numbers (2019). Thank you.

**Senior Youth Open Gym:** Join us **today**, from 6-8PM. We'll start with open gym at 6PM, followed by pizza around 7:15PM. The event is free. Bring a friend!

**The semi-annual voters' meeting** is next Sunday, **January 27**, at noon.

**A few photo slots for the Mt. Olive Picture Directory** are still available on **January 27**. To schedule your photo, go to our webpage ([mtolivelutheran.org](http://mtolivelutheran.org)) and click the banner; or use an iPad at the "Welcome Table" in the Narthex; or call the church office.

**Mt. Olive Night at MVL!** Watch our MVL Boys' Basketball teams take on Sleepy Eye St. Mary's High School on Friday, **February 1**. The Junior Varsity game starts at 6PM, and the Varsity game is at 7PM. Pick up complimentary tickets at the church office.

**The family of Brad Wosmek** appreciates the support that you have provided them in the recent days. A letter from Jen Wosmek is posted on the narthex bulletin board.

**MOMs Group Diaper Drive:** January is national Right to Life month. Join the MOMs group in supporting Mankato's local pregnancy resource center, Options for Women. A collection box is available in the narthex for donations of diapers and new baby items.

**Moms On a Mission Spring Schedule:** The Peace/Mt. Olive Moms On a Mission (M.O.M.s) Bible study will resume in **February** and will meet through the month of April. New and returning mothers: register by e-mailing the appropriate contact so we can have materials ready for you. New mothers may join any study at any time.

	<b>Morning M.O.M.s Study:</b>	<b>Evening M.O.M.s Study:</b>
<b>When:</b>	<b>Thursdays</b> , 8:30-10AM, beginning <u>February 7</u> (drop children off in childcare at 8:15AM).	<b>Tuesdays</b> , 7-8:30PM, beginning <u>February 5</u> .
<b>Where:</b>	Peace Lutheran, North Mankato	Mt. Olive Church/School Library
<b>Study:</b>	We resume our study of the book, <b><u>Boundaries</u></b> , by Cloud and Townsend, with Pastor Hartwig.	We start a new study on <b>1 Peter</b> . Bring your Bible. Other materials will be provided.
<b>Childcare:</b>	Provided; please register children by sending names/ages to Kristen Lukasek prior to February 7.	Not provided.
<b>Contact:</b>	Kristen Lukasek: 507-382-7963 or mattlukasek@yahoo.com	Shaylene Scheele: 309-830-2538 or scheele.shaylene@yahoo.com

**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, February 7- April 5, at Peace Lutheran in North Mankato. This is a paid position. Responsibilities include reading Bible stories, singing songs, supervising activities and feeding provided snacks. For details, contact Emily Peters (emmykf@hotmail.com).

**Camp Indianhead is July 7-12!** Want to go? Look for the sign-up sheet on the Narthex table. You will receive camp info and registration forms as soon as they are released. Connect with Lance Johnson if you have questions.

### **Happening at Bethany Lutheran College:**

**Tuesday, January 22, at 7PM in Meyer Hall, #101:** Persecution in Syria: Bethany seminarian Karim Yaghleji will tell his story about living in Syria, the persecution of Christians, and how we can be encouraged by our Christian family across the world.

### **Notes from Minnesota Valley Lutheran:**

**High School Students:** An admissions representative from Bethany Lutheran will be at MVL on Tuesday, **January 29**. Stop by and talk about your plans for the future.