

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Sunday, November 3, 2019, 8:30 & 10:45 AM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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Pastors John J. Petersen & Luke Ulrich | Vicar Jacob Kempfert | Principal Adam Pavelchik

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.

Explanation of the Week: *The church has observed the Feast of All Saints since the mid 300s AD. On this specially appointed day, the church recalls the memory of all the faithful departed and the triumph of Christ over all false gods. Though we recall the saints who have departed from the troubles of this life--a life of difficulty and hardship described by Jesus in His Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5:1-12)--it is not a day of sorrow or sadness, but rather a day of joy and celebration. We celebrate the fact that those who have departed in the faith are living and even now communing with us around the throne of the Lamb. Though we may mourn and miss those who have departed, we rejoice in knowing that they are enjoying the feast of Heaven (Is 25:6-9) and that we will join them there; for we, too, are saints because of the salvation shared with us through the work of the Lamb, our Lord Jesus Christ (Rev 7:10).*

Order of Service, Rite One (p. 41). This order of service, known as the “Bugenhagen Order,” grew out of the Lutheran Reformation. It was provided for use in the churches of Denmark and Norway in 1537 by Johannes Bugenhagen, Martin Luther’s pastor. Minor revisions were made to this service in 1685 and 1889 before it was translated into English for **The Lutheran Hymnary** (1913). The service printed here comes directly from the **Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary** (1996).

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 Prayer**

(ELH p. 41)

P: O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ’s sake. Amen.

~**Opening Hymn 539 Jerusalem, My Happy Home**

(Mt. Olive Sunday School Choir, vv. 1-4; Congregation, vv. 5-9)

~**Confession of Sin** — Admitting our sinfulness to God

(ELH p. 41, 1)

P: Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins. 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 a 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.

~**Kyrie Eleison** – “Lord, Have Mercy”

(ELH p. 42-43)

C: ♪ O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us. O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us. O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us.

~**Absolution** — *God's declaration of forgiveness* (ELH p. 43, I; Mk 16:16, Jn 1:12)

P: Lift up your hearts unto God! Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only 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 will be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all. Amen.

~**Gloria in Excelsis Deo** — *"Glory to God in the Highest"* (ELH p. 44-45; Luke 2:14, John 1:29)

P: Glory be to God in the highest

C: ♪ And on earth peace, good will toward men. All glory be to God on high Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended; God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall dwell on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

~**Salutation** — *The people's blessing for the pastor's work* (ELH p. 45)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

~**Collect** — *The congregation's prayer of the day* (ELH p. 45; p. 165 #138)

P: O almighty and everlasting God, through Your only-begotten and beloved Son, Jesus Christ, You will sanctify all Your elect and beloved: Give us grace to follow their faith, hope, and love, that we together with all Your saints may obtain eternal life; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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.)

~**Epistle Lesson**

Revelation 7:13-17 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; for the Lamb who is in the midst

of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

~Holy Gospel Lesson

Matthew 5:1-12 And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

C: ♪ God be praised for His glad tidings.

~Nicene Creed — *Confession of faith*

(ELH p. 47)

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 532, vv. 1, 4, 5 *Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense*

~Old Testament Lesson & Sermon Text

Genesis 25:7-10 The total days and years of Abraham's life were one hundred seventy-five years. Abraham breathed his last and died at a good old age, an old man who lived a full life, and he was gathered to his people. His sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the Cave of Machpelah in the field of Ephron, the son of Zohar the Hittite, which is near Mamre. This was the field that Abraham had purchased from the descendants of Heth. Abraham was buried there with Sarah, his wife.

~Sermon Theme

"The End of a Full Life"

1. God grant that we will die full of faith...
2. Full of peace...
3. And, full of hope.

~Prayer & Special Petitions

~Offering & Hymn 553, vv. 1, 2 *Behold a Host, Arrayed in White*

*(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. Instead, we ask you to fill out a "Get Connected!" card and place that in the offering plate.)*

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** — *Preparing our hearts for Communion*

(*ELH p. 50; 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.

~**All Saints' Preface**

(*ELH p. 51, 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; who in the multitude of Your saints did surround us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. 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. 51-52*)

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

~**Exhortation** — *Preparing our hearts for Communion*

(*ELH p. 52*)

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. 53; 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. 54; 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. 55; 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 554, vv. 1-3 *For All the Saints*

Hymn 312, v. 1 *Bread of the World*

Hymn 554, vv. 4-6 *O Blest Communion*

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

Hymn 536 *O Son of God, We Wait for 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 — *In appreciation of God's gifts* (ELH p. 56)

P: Let us give thanks and pray: We thank You, Lord God Almighty, that You have refreshed us with these Your salutary gifts; and we beseech You of Your mercy, to strengthen us through the same in faith toward You, and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

~Benediction — *Final blessing for God's people* (ELH p. 56-57; 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 553, v. 3 *Then Hail! Ye Mighty Legions*

~Closing Prayer (ELH p. 57)

P: O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

~Postlude — *Opportunity for prayer & to greet one another!* (See "Prayers for Worship"
—ELH p. 40)

Preacher: Pastor John Petersen / Liturgist: Pastor Luke Ulrich

Organists: 1st: Dennis Marzolf / 2nd: Elisabeth Urtel

Sunday School Choir Director: Katie Sulzle

On this All Saints' Sunday, we remember our dear friends...

*Dennis Davis
Marvel Hildebrandt
Robert E. Goetzke
Orla Petersen*

*Linda Loge
Christopher Waltz
Linda Teigen
Gerald Johnson*

Blessed be their memory!



LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:

Sunday: 8:30am, 492; 10:45am, 155

Monday: 14

Monthly Giving Update:



Given to the General Fund (Sept. 1-30)	\$63,279.67
Given to the Building Fund (Sept. 1-30)	\$7,614.18
<u>Total Given (Sept. 1-30)</u>	<u>\$70,893.85</u>
General Fund Budgeted (July 1-Sept. 30) (\$80,847.34/month x 3 months)	\$242,542.02
General Fund YTD	<u>\$170,931.51</u>
<u>Difference (Shortfall)</u>	<u>(\$71,610.51)</u>

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

*To give your offering online, go to www.mtolivelutheran.org and click on the link "donate on line."
Or 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: Deb Johnson, Elli Fisher

2nd Service: Dan & Joanne Maas

**Ushers: 1st Service: David Norris (captain), Jacob Norris,
Dan Gerdts, Bill Bohning, Peter Finken**

**2nd Service: Jim Gates (captain), Dan Neubauer,
Jeremy Espeland, Kurt Shrader, Jayden Larsen**

Offering Counters: Dan Gerdts, Joe Meyer

Altar Guild: Carol Petersen, Sherri Bukowski

WEEK AT A GLANCE: *November 3, 2019—November 10, 2019*

<p>Sunday, November 3</p>	<p>8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 1PM 2PM 7:30PM</p>	<p>All Saints Day Sunday School Children Sing Divine Service w/Holy Communion Sunday School/BIC/Bible Class Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another Instrumentalists Rehearsal Co-ed Recreational Volleyball</p>
<p>Monday, November 4</p>	<p>8:05AM 5:30PM 6:30PM 6:30PM</p>	<p>CDS Grandparents' Day CDS Chapel Board of Deacons Divine Service w/Holy Communion Board of Ed</p>
<p>Tuesday, November 5</p>	<p>8AM 1PM 6:30PM 7PM</p>	<p>Women's Bible Study (Job) Mt. Olive Crafters Jesus Cares Ministry M.O.M.s Bible Study</p>
<p>Wednesday, November 6</p>	<p>9AM 3PM 4PM 4PM 7PM</p>	<p>No CDS Chapel MVL Veterans Ceremony Bible Study (Baptism) Youth Choir 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Classes Large Catechism Class Senior Choir</p>
<p>Thursday, November 7</p>	<p>8:30AM</p>	<p>M.O.M.s Bible Study, at Peace Gym Set-up for Dedication</p>
<p>Fri., Nov. 8</p>		<p>No CDS School (Parent/Teacher Conferences)</p>
<p>Sat., Nov. 9</p>		
<p>Sunday, November 10</p>	<p>8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 11:45AM Noon 1PM 6PM 7:30PM</p>	<p>New Organ & Building Dedication Senior Choir Sings Divine Service Sunday School/BIC/Bible Class Divine Service Dedication Ceremony Dinner Lutheran Pioneers, at St. Mark's Artemis Video Gaming Co-ed Rec Volleyball</p>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Flowers given to God's glory today: The flowers on the altar are given by Ron & Becky Bequette in honor of their 20th wedding anniversary. The flowers underneath the cross are given by Jana Finken in honor of Joe & Beret Finken's 1st wedding anniversary. The flowers beside the cross are given by Cathy Kluge, Connie Meyer, Carol Hagen, and Ron Scheetz in honor of the 100th birthday of Cleo Kjenslee on November 5.

Dedication Celebration
Sunday, November 10

Celebrate the dedication of the new organ and new facilities.

Worship at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

ELS President John Moldstad, Jr. preaching.

Dedication Ceremony at 11:45 a.m.

Dinner at noon.

HyVee chicken, table settings, and beverages will be provided. Those attending are asked to bring either a side dish (last names A-L) or dessert (last names M-Z).

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP FOR DINNER IS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3!

Please sign up in the narthex or on the Mt. Olive website by the end of the day on November 3 so that the appropriate amount of chicken can be ordered.

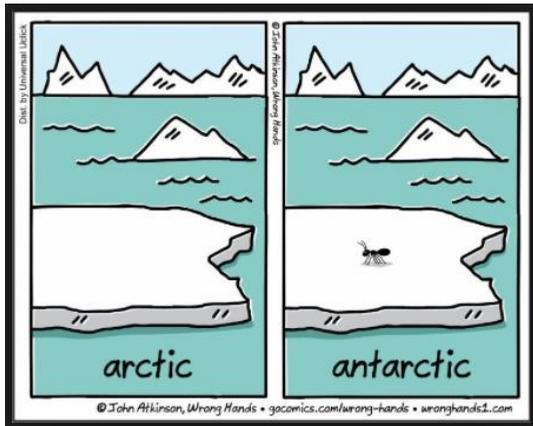
A freewill offering will be taken to defray the cost of the chicken.

Suggested donation: \$2/person.

Attention Musicians! We are organizing a group of instrumentalists to play preservice music (hymn arrangements) before both services on Sunday, **November 10**. If interested, please bring your instrument to rehearsal today from 2-3PM in the church sanctuary. All woodwind, brass, string, and percussion players are welcome! Questions can be directed to Benjamin.Faugstad@blc.edu.

The Senior Choir will be providing special music for Mt. Olive's Dedication Service on Sunday, **November 10**. If you are interested in singing for both services that day, come to rehearsal on Wednesday, November 6, at 7PM. All voice parts welcome!

Mt. Olive Members: We are choosing items for the time capsule that will be placed in our new cornerstone. We plan to include our most recent church directory, and we ask that all of our members sign their names next to their photo or near their printed name at the table in the Narthex. Thank you.



Scholastic “Arctic” Book Fair
Opens TODAY – in the library
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

The Book Fair needs volunteers. If you can help, for even an hour, please sign up. The sheet is posted on the library’s door. The Book Fair runs from November 3-7. Thank you!

Support our troops on Veterans Day: On November 11, we recognize and honor those who served in the United States military. Some veterans come back with physical and emotional wounds that need attention, but they’re too proud to ask for help. The Lutheran Military Support Group provides help to men and women from the ELS and WELS during active duty and after discharge. Next Sunday, **November 10**, there will be an ammunition box in the entry way where you can make a donation to support this organization. Brochures with more information about this group will also be available.

All Mount Olive Veterans are invited to attend our CDS Chapel service on Wednesday, **November 13**, in recognition of Veterans' Day. Check the November issue of the *Olive Press* for more details. Please RSVP to Adam Pavelchik via email at principal@mtolivelutheran.org, or call the school office at 507-345-7927.

Mark your calendars for the Fall Congregational Information Meeting on Sunday, **November 17**, at 9:40 AM in the social hall. All members are welcome.

Kwik Trip Gas Cards: Due to a special promotion, current Kwik Trip Cards donate **15%**; for every \$100 you buy in gas cards, \$15 is donated towards the cost of the

activity of your choice. Proceeds from Kwik Trip Gas cards can help pay for Mt. Olive youth activities like Camp Indianhead, LYA, and Honor Choir. If you are thinking of attending any of these activities or want to help support others who attend, consider buying Kwik Trip Cards. Contact Rebecca Strom at 507-386-0372 with questions.

After School Care is in need of buttons, especially white ones, in various sizes. If you have buttons you aren't using, please bring them to the ASC room.

Missing black cart: Would anyone in the congregation know the location of the black cart that stood next to the desk in the library? It was removed about a week ago. The library needs it. Thank you.

Applications are now being accepted for a part-time office assistant position here at Mt. Olive. Interested individuals may pick up an application in the church office.

A volunteer basketball coach is needed for the Boys A squad basketball team at Mt. Olive Lutheran School. Practices are usually from 2:30-5:30 PM at Mt. Olive on Mondays and Thursdays; times will be determined by when coaches are available. Contact Mr. Zibrowski at mrz@mtolivelutheran.org if you are interested.

Interested in playing some simple carols on recorders this Christmas? Adults with advanced skills are hoped for, but students with some lessons (i.e. Mt. Olive Music Camp attendees) are welcome. If you are interested, call Daniel Neubauer (507-514-2035) between now and Thanksgiving to register.

From Minnesota Valley Lutheran:

Christmas Wreaths: MVL students will have Christmas wreaths for sale **today and November 10 and 17** between services in the narthex.

MVL Fall Play: the last performance of "Murder's in the Hair" is **today** at 2 PM.

Veterans' Day Program: Wednesday, **November 6**. The public is invited to the program that begins at 9 AM.

MVL is looking for a study hall supervisor, beginning January 6, 2020. Contact Dr. Tim Plath, MVL's principal, at 507-354-6851, or tplath@mvlhs.org, for more details.

For all other new announcements, refer to the November issue of the MVL *Memo* on the narthex table.

Happening at Bethany Lutheran College:

Monday, November 4, at 7 PM in Trinity Chapel: BLC's Jazz Band, led by director Ben Faugstad, welcomes guest guitarist and BLC art professor Bill Bukowski to their fall concert. Beatles tunes will be featured. Free and open to the public.

Thursday, November 7, at 7 PM in YFAC Gallery: All are invited to the opening art talk and reception for an art show of illustrations by Derek Wehrwein; the show is on display through November 27.

Plan to attend BLC's fall play, "The Spiritual Tragedy of Dr. Faustus," by Christopher Marlowe; directed by Benji Inniger. Performances are **November 8-9** and **15-16** at 7:30 PM and Sunday, **November 10**, at 2 PM. Reserve tickets online at blc.edu/theatre or call 507-344-7374 weekdays between 2-5 PM.

Monday, November 11: Groundbreaking for the ELS military monument, beginning with a special service at Trinity Chapel at 10 AM and an outdoor on-site ceremony at 11 AM. See the November issue of the *Olive Press* for more information.

Monday, November 11, at 7:30 PM in Trinity Chapel: guest musical ensemble Me La Amargates Tú performs "Echoes from Sefarad--A Combination of Ladino and Spanish Romances." This international ensemble preserves and performs Sephardic Jewish music from medieval Spain. \$10 suggested donation at the door.

Tuesday, November 12, at 7 PM in the YFAC: the Mankato chapter of the Bethany Auxiliary will meet. Prof. Benji Inniger of the Bethany theatre department will be the speaker. His topic will be, "Adaptive Audio: Using Layers, Time, and space to make immersive theatre experiences with sound and music." Following the presentation, members of the auxiliary will hold a business meeting.

Wednesday, November 13, at 7 PM in Trinity Chapel: concert by the United States Air Force Band of Mid-America's Midwest Winds Woodwind Quintet. Read more about this event in the November *Olive Press*.

Tuesday, November 19, at 7 PM in Trinity Chapel: The Bethany Music Department presents the Fall Semester Honors Recital. Students enrolled in weekly private music lessons auditioned for the privilege of performing in this recital.

Tickets are available now for BLC's annual Christmas at Bethany concerts. Admission is free, reservations are required. This year's four concerts take place on Thursday and Friday, **December 5 and 6** at 5 PM, and Saturday and Sunday, **December 7 and 8** at 3 PM. The November *Olive Press* has more details.

Mankato Area Lutheran Pioneers Wants You!

We are looking to grow the membership of our Mankato Area Lutheran Pioneers.

Who: **Children** (Kindergarten through Sixth Grade) and **Adult Volunteer Assistants**

What: Pioneers is a Christ-Centered youth program, assisting kids in developing interests in many areas, with a goal of providing skills that kids can build upon to enhance their Christ-Centered life.

When: Once a month, on a Sunday from 1-3 PM. Our next meeting is **November 10** from 1-3 PM.

Where: We rotate between all the ELS and WELS churches in Mankato.

Why: Join us to build relationships with other youth throughout the Mankato area and learn (or teach) fun new skills that you can utilize throughout your life!

Cost: \$30 per member. This is utilized to fund our fun activities and provide materials, such as the fabric for our sewing project, and to maintain membership with the LGP organization.

This year's theme is "Leisure," with the verse; Psalm 149:3:

"Let them praise His name with dancing; Let them sing praises to Him with timbrel and lyre."

Activities include: sewing, painting, tubing, gardening and serving others.

Anyone interested in joining is welcome to join us at our next meeting, or reach out to Jen Jacob with further questions at mankatoarealutheranpioneers@gmail.com.

Date	Location	Leisure Activity	Church for Devotion
November 10	Peace	Sewing	St. Mark's, Mankato
December 8	Homeless Shelter	Serving others	Mount Olive, Mankato
January 5	Mount Kato Sledding Hill	Tubing	St. Marks, Mankato
February 16	Mount Olive	Painting	Mount Olive, Mankato
March 15	LCRC	Swimming	District Event
April 19	TBD	Gardening	Mount Olive, Mankato
May 17	Peace	Closing Celebration	Peace, North Mankato