



2ND LAST SUNDAY

Sunday, November 17, 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 Lord Jesus will return in glory on the Last Day with all His holy angels. We are told, “When the Son of Man comes...all the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.” (Matthew 25:31-46). Though it is a serious and fearsome day, God’s people have nothing to fear. Eternal destruction does not belong to them—instead, we will be found as those “glorified among his saints.” (2 Thessalonians 1:3-10) As we await that last day, we can do so as Isaiah encourages us to, “Lifting up our voices with strength...not afraid!” (Isaiah 40:9-11) We have peace as this final day approaches—peace that comes to us through our Baptisms and as we receive the Lord’s Supper. Therefore, we can join Simeon in singing: “Lord, now You let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word.” (Nunc Dimittis)*

I. The Service of Preparation



(We prepare ourselves for worshipping 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 535, vv. 1, 4, 5** *Farewell I Gladly Bid Thee*

~**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, I; 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 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

~**Mt. Olive Youth Choir Anthem** — *No Eye Has Seen* (arr. Hal Wright; based on 1 Cor. 2:9)

No eye has seen, no ear has heard,

No mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him,

For those who love the Lord!

God's love is so great! His mercy so sweet!

His plan is a wonder to me! I'll serve my great Lord.

'Til one day we meet! And then I will serve Him more!

~**Hymn 522 O Faithful God, Thanks Be to Thee**

(Youth Choir, vv. 1, 2; Congregation, vv. 3, 4)

~**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. 165 #133)

P: O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that, being ever mindful of the end of all things and the day of Your last judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You forever hereafter; 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.

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

Isaiah 40:9-11 Get up on a high mountain, O Zion, you herald of good news. Lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, you herald of good news. Lift it up! Do not be afraid! Say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" Look, God the Lord will come with strength, and his arm is ruling for him. Look, his reward is with him. The result of his work is in front of him. Like a shepherd he will care for his flock. With his arm he will gather the lambs. He will lift them up on his lap. He will gently lead the nursing mothers.

~Epistle Lesson

2 Thessalonians 1:3-10 We are always obligated to thank God for you, brothers, as is fitting, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love that each and every one of you has for one another is increasing. So we ourselves boast about you in God's churches in regard to your patient endurance and faith in all your persecutions and in the trials that you are enduring. This is evidence of God's righteous verdict that resulted in your being counted worthy of God's kingdom, for which you also suffer. Certainly, it is right for God to repay trouble to those who trouble you, and to give relief to you, who are troubled along with us. When the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his powerful angels, he will exercise vengeance in flaming fire on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. Such people will receive a just penalty: eternal destruction away from the presence of the Lord and from his glorious strength, on that day when he comes to be glorified among his saints, and to be marveled at among all those who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

~Alleluia — "God Be Praised"

(ELH p. 67)

C: ♪ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

~Holy Gospel Lesson

P: The Holy Gospel for the 2nd Last Sunday is written in the 25th chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, beginning at the 31st verse.

C: ♪ Glory be to You, O Lord!

Matthew 25:31-46 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and

you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was lacking clothes and you clothed me. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.’ “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or lacking clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ “The King will answer them, ‘Amen I tell you: Just as you did it for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it for me.’ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire, which is prepared for the Devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you did not give me food to eat. I was thirsty and you did not give me anything to drink. I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, lacking clothes and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not take care of me.’ “Then they will also answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or lacking clothes or sick or in prison and did not serve you?’ “At that time he will answer them, ‘Amen I tell you: Just as you did not do it for one of the least of these, you did not do it for me.’ And they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

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 537, vv. 1-3 *Day of Wrath*

~Sermon Text

Matthew 25:31-32 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

~Sermon Message

“What Is to Be Expected on Judgement Day?”

~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 & Hymn 537, vv. 4-6 *Faint and Weary Thou Hast Sought Me*

*(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.)*

~Prayers & Special Petitions

(ELH p. 71-72)

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 unto the Lord, our God.

C: ♪ It is good and right so to do.

~Proper Preface

(ELH p. 73, 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”

(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 538, vv. 1-7 *The Day Is Surely Drawing Near*

Hymn 333, vv. 1, 2, 6, 7 *Christ, the Life of All the Living*

~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. 82, 1)

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: ♪ **And His mercy endures forever.**

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 534, v. 14** *O Sweet and Blessed Country*

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

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

*Preacher: Pastor Luke Ulrich / Liturgist: Vicar Jacob Kempfert
Organists: 1st: Cassie Johnson / 2nd: Mark DeGarmeaux
Youth Choir Director: Katie Sulzle / Accompanist: Elisabeth Urtel*

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:

Sunday: 8:30am, 228; 10:45am, 250. Monday: 9

Monthly Giving Update:



Given to the General Fund (Oct. 1-31)	\$72,668.30
Given to the Building Fund (Oct. 1-31)	<u>\$5,821.93</u>
Total Given (Oct. 1-31)	<u>\$78,490.23</u>
General Fund Budgeted (July 1-Oct. 31) (\$80,847.34/month x 4 months)	\$323,389.36
General Fund YTD	<u>\$243,599.81</u>
<u>Difference (Shortfall)</u>	<u>(\$79,789.55)</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,
Daniel Norris, Dan Gerdts, Bill Bohning

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 17, 2019—November 24, 2019*

<p>Sunday, November 17</p>	<p>8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 1PM 5PM 6:30PM 7:30PM</p>	<p>Divine Service w/Holy Communion Sunday School/Congregation Informational Meeting Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another Youth Group Handbell Choir Co-ed Rec Volleyball</p>
<p>Monday, November 18</p>	<p>5:30PM 6:30PM 7:15PM</p>	<p>Board of Parish Ed & Youth Divine Service w/Holy Communion Board of Stewardship</p>
<p>Tuesday, November 19</p>	<p>8AM 1PM 6:30PM 7PM</p>	<p>Women's Bible Study (Matthew) Mt. Olive Crafters Jesus Cares Ministry M.O.M.s Bible Study</p>
<p>Wednesday, November 20</p>	<p>8:05AM 9AM 3PM 4PM 4PM 7PM</p>	<p>CDS Chapel Bible Study (Baptism) Youth Choir 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Classes Large Catechism Class Senior Choir</p>
<p>Thursday, November 21</p>	<p>8:30AM 7PM</p>	<p>M.O.M.s Bible Study, at Peace CDS Band Concert</p>
<p>Fri., Nov. 22</p>	<p>10:15AM</p>	<p>Service at Pathstone</p>
<p>Sat., Nov. 23</p>		
<p>Sunday, November 24</p>	<p>8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 6PM 6:30PM 7:30PM</p>	<p>Stewardship Sunday; Senior Choir Sings M.O.M.s Pie Sale Divine Service Sunday School/BIC/Stewardship Presentation Divine Service Artemis Video Gaming Handbell Choir Co-ed Rec Volleyball</p>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Flowers today: The flowers on the altar are given to God's glory by Elli Fisher.

Today between services: Fall Congregational Information Meeting at 9:40 AM in the social hall. All members are welcome.



YOUTH GAME NIGHT!

- Jr. & Sr. Youth (7th to 12th Grades)
- Sunday, November 17th
from 5-7:30pm
- Pizza. Bible Study/Devotion.
- Board Games. Video Games. Gym Time.



**Meeting at Mt. Olive Social Hall at 5:00pm
Sunday, Nov. 17th.**



Planned Giving:

Special Presentation and Speaker on Sunday, **November 24:** Pastor Daniel Basel will be sharing the message for the day at our services. During our adult Bible study hour, Pastor Basel and Attorney and Mt. Olive member Daniel Birkholz will present on the topic of "What You Need for a Good Estate Plan" and help you answer key stewardship of gifts questions, such as "Who needs to have a will?" or "What circumstances suggest that a living trust is better?" If you have children, earthly goods, or others to be cared for in your absence, you may well benefit from "The Dans' Talk". Please do join us. Sponsored by Mt. Olive Planned Giving Committee.

Sunday, November 24, is the Moms On a Mission (M.O.M.s) Holiday Bake Sale.

Between church services, pick up your homemade holiday pies just in time for your Thanksgiving celebrations! Apple, pumpkin, cherry, and pecan pies will be available. Your free will donation will go towards funding childcare during the spring 2020 session of our Bible study.

Thanksgiving--An Opportunity for Service: Mt. Olive is again serving a Thanksgiving meal for congregational members and the community from noon to 1 PM on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, **November 28**. You will find sign-up sheets on a table in the old narthex for opportunities to help prepare, provide or serve this meal. PLEASE sign up by **November 24**.

Mt. Olive Members & Visitors: if you want to sign up for the Thanksgiving Dinner, sign-up sheets are on the dinner volunteer sign-up table in the old narthex.

Red Cross Blood Drive: Friday, **November 29**, from 10 AM – 3 PM at Mt. Olive. To schedule an appointment to donate, visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767. Qualifying donors will receive a long sleeve t-shirt and a \$5 Amazon gift card.

Winter Clothing Drive: Mount Olive students will start collecting winter clothing donations for “The Reach” between **December 1 and December 15**. Donations of gently used, clean, winter clothing articles can be placed in boxes located outside of each classroom. In addition, the Evangelism Committee is donating devotion books for teens and Arch books for younger children. Some of our students will be wrapping donation boxes, and others will assist with delivering our donations.

Save the Date: The ELS Ottesen Museum's annual Christmas Open House is Tuesday, **December 10**, from 2:30 - 5:30 PM. This year's theme is "Symbols of Faith: Chrismons and Their Meanings." The Museum is located at 4 Browns Court in Mankato. See the poster on the narthex bulletin board for more details.

Our sincere condolences to Marie MacPherson and her family as they mourn the death of her mother, Kim Holtz, who passed away in Wisconsin this past Tuesday after a long illness. May God's peace and strength be with them!

Ammo Can Donation Report: Thanks to the generous contributions after last Sunday's services, checks for a total of \$180 were forwarded to the Lutheran Military Support Group to help carry out their mission.

Last week, Mt. Olive celebrated the dedication of our new organ and new facility. Members of the Building Committee would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest appreciation to Committee Chairman Bill Bohning. His exceptional leadership over the past 4+ years has contributed tremendously toward the ministry of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church and School. We thank him for his tireless efforts, organizational skills, open communication, and positive attitude as the leader of this project. We are blessed to have benefitted from his talents!



Thank you for your amazing support of the Senior Youth Group's "Wall of Money" Fundraiser! Through your generous gifts, we have received enough money to purchase everything on our Wish List. Praise God for this wonderful new Youth Room!

Sign up to bring flowers to beautify our church altar; openings remain for November 24, December 1, and December 8. The 2020 flower calendar is now available for sign-up as well.

After School Care is in need of large bows for Christmas donation box wrapping. Please bring your donation to the ASC room or the School office. Thank you!

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, such as Mt. Olive youth activities like Camp Indianhead, LYA, and Honor Choir. Contact Rebecca Strom at 507-386-0372 with questions.

Scrip Cards: It's that time of year again--if you are thinking of purchasing gift cards or presents for Christmas, be sure to order them through the Scrip program so you can earn credit towards tuition or the tuition assistance/tuition reduction programs. Upcoming order dates are **November 24, December 8, and December 22**. If you have questions, please contact Sara (507-279-2909) or Tiffany (507-317-2958).

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

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

Interested in playing some simple carols on recorders for Christmas Day preservice music? Contact Daniel Neubauer at 507-514-2035 or danube14445@gmail.com for more details before Thanksgiving.

From Minnesota Valley Lutheran:

Christmas Wreaths are for sale **today** between services in the narthex.

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.

MVL Bus Drivers Needed: Full-time and part-time positions are available, with paid training. Contact Site Manager Casey Stearns at 507-995-5387 for more details.

The Spirit of MVL Recognition Reception is Saturday, **November 23**, at 4 PM at the Best Western Conference Center in New Ulm. Visit mvl.org/spirit-of-mvl for more details and to make your reservation.

Happening at Bethany Lutheran College:

Monday, November 18, at 7:30 PM in Meyer Hall Room 101: "Alpine Evasion: 1944." In July of 1944, an American B-24 bomber was hit while on a mission over Munich, Germany. On board was the lower turret gunner, Paul Petersen, from Scarville, Iowa, a 1941 graduate of Bethany Lutheran High School. By God's grace, all eleven crew members bailed out of the disabled plane just before it crashed in the French Alps. Join us as we trace God's protecting hand over Paul and his crew mates during the following weeks of their escape and eventual liberation. Part of the In Depth series.

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

Sanctify the Arts: Join the Bethany community for a two-day conference exploring how we navigate art as Christians and as Christian artists. The Conference takes place on **Saturday, November 23, and Sunday, November 24**, beginning at 1 PM followed by a reception at 2:30 PM and Q&A at 3 PM. Speakers for Saturday are William Bukowski, Donald Moldstad, and Andrew Overn. Sunday will feature Jacob Kempfert,

Jason Jaspersen, and Benjamin Inniger. The Conference will take place in Honsey Hall Room 337.

Tickets are available now for BLC's annual Christmas at Bethany concerts on Thursday and Friday, **December 5 and 6**, at 5 PM and Saturday and Sunday, **December 7 and 8**, at 3 PM. Admission is free; reservations are required. For tickets, call the BLC Fine Arts office at 507-344-7365 or visit blc.edu/christmas-at-bethany.

From Our Sister Synod:

All women are invited to "Advent by Candlelight" on Sunday, **December 1**, beginning at 5:30 PM at St Paul's Lutheran Church in North Mankato. Enjoy beautiful music, a delicious dessert, and an Advent prayer service. Register by calling the church office (507-345-7049) or by email (secretary@stpaulsnorthmankato.com).

Jesus Loves Me Learning Center at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in North Mankato has staff positions available. Email directorjlm@stpaulsnorthmankato.com for more information or call 507-508-2041.