



Moms on a Mission (M.O.M.s)

Bible Study

Moms supporting moms in raising godly children

A Bible Study for women to gather, support and strengthen each other in our vocation as moms. While the mothers gather, the children have an opportunity to learn Bible stories, sing songs and play with friends in a supervised environment.

Prov 22:6 Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

Topic: Families Under God:

When: Wednesday Mornings, February 3rd – April 27th

Where: Mt Olive Church (social hall)

8:00 – 8:45 Drop off children / Fellowship

8:45 - 9:45 M.O.M.s Bible Study / Supervised children's play

9:45- 10:00 Children join moms for devotion and songs

If you plan to join us please e-mail Kristen Lukasek with your name, children's names and ages.

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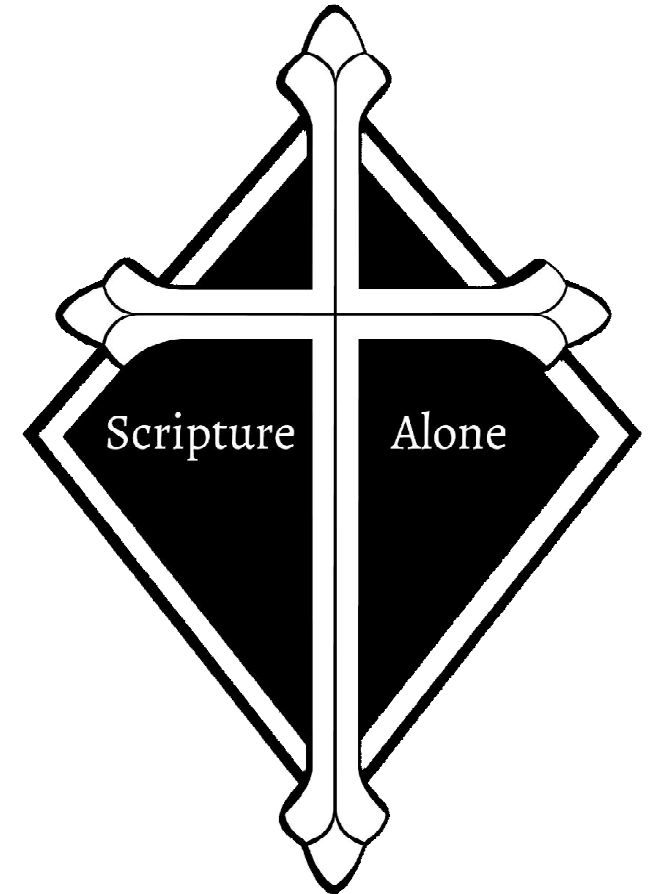
Larry Rude

Sexagesima

Sunday,

January 31, 2016

8:30 & 10:45am



Sexagesima

Welcome! In the name of our risen Savior we welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshipping with us this morning. 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.

~Prelude

~**Children's Choir: "I Pray Thee, Dear Lord Jesus"** (ELH 178, arr. Alfred Fremder)

~**Versicles and Gloria Patri** (p. 108)

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me

C: Make haste to help me, O Lord. 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.

~**Children's Choir: "Kyrie, God Father in Heaven Above"** (ELH 34)

~**Confession of Sin** (p. 108)

C: Almighty God, heavenly Father: I have sinned against You through my own fault, in thought, word, and deed. For the sake of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, forgive me all my sin, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

~**Children's Choir: "All Glory Be to God on High"** (ELH 35 v. 1)

~**Hymn 214 vv. 1-3 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken**

~Collect

P: O God, You see that we do not put our trust in anything we do: Mercifully grant, that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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.**

video production studio at Bethany Lutheran College. This talk will cover the basics of public access TV, studio and student involvement, new community coverage, and more. EVERYONE is welcome to attend the presentation portion of the evening. Following the presentation the members of the auxiliary will hold their regular business meeting. Membership is always open to any women interested in supporting Bethany Lutheran College by staying informed of events on campus and participating in fundraising specifically intended to benefit the students.

Community Events

Great Service Opportunity in a Great Setting! St. Paul's Lutheran Church, New Ulm, MN is looking for a qualified person to serve as Church Administrator. The position is hired and full-time. Responsibilities include supervision of support staff, finances, human resources, and properties. A job description, more information about our congregation, and an application form are at www.splnewulm.org. For more information contact Pastor Don Sutton at [507-354-3641](tel:507-354-3641) or dsutton324@gmail.com.

MOMs Bible Study Child Care



Would you like to earn a little extra cash?

Looking for: A few reliable childcare workers to supervise young children while their moms participate in Bible Study.

When: Wednesday Mornings from 8:00-10am, Feb 3rd – Apr 27th

Where: Mt Olive Lutheran Church

Responsibilities: Read bible stories, sings songs, supervise activities and play time, and feed provided snack. This is a paid position.

*Must pass State of MN background check

Contact: Emily Peters (emmykf@hotmail.com)

Kwik Trip Cards: Mt. Olive youth (grades 5-12) are selling Kwik Trip Cards as a fundraiser for our church Youth Groups. 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.

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School

Scrip Program: MVL is looking for several volunteers who would be willing to help with our Scrip program. Volunteers would need to be available on Monday and Friday mornings to spend time at MVL. If interested, contact Principal Tim Plath at [507-354-6851](tel:507-354-6851) or tplath@mvlhs.org.

Bethany Lutheran College

Reserve tickets now for Bethany's winter musical, *Brigadoon*, by Lerner and Loewe. Tickets may be reserved online anytime at blc.edu/theatre or by phone weekdays from 1-5 p.m. at [507-344-7374](tel:507-344-7374). Tickets are \$10/adults, \$6 for students/seniors 60+. Performances are **Feb. 5-6** at 7:30 p.m., and a Sunday matinee on Jan. 31st at 2PM.

Synopsis: Two Americans on a hunting trip get lost in the Scottish highlands and chance upon the enchanted village of Brigadoon, which rises out of the Scottish mists for only one day every 100 years. When Tommy falls for beautiful villager Fiona, he must decide whether to stay in Brigadoon or return to his modern life in New York City.

Women's Retreat: Mark your calendar and plan to join us for *Rise Up 2016: Powerful Women Living in Grace*, where women from all walks of life will draw strength and grace from their Savior. The weekend will include guest speakers Carrie Pfeifer, First Lady of Bethany Lutheran College, Rev. Don Moldstad, Jennifer Schwertfeger and Laura Harstad. The weekend begins at 5 pm Friday, March 11 at Courtyard by Marriott Hotel & Event Center and continues Saturday, March 12 on the Bethany Lutheran College campus beginning at 9:00 am. Reduced early registration ends January 22 and group rates for 8 or more are available. For more information and registration options visit the Bethany website at: www.blc.edu/riseup2016 or contact Joni Bode at [507-344-7749](tel:507-344-7749) or email Joni.Bode@blc.edu.

Bethany Auxiliary: The next meeting of the Mankato chapter of the Bethany Auxiliary will be on **Tuesday, February 9 at 7PM in the conference room, #234, of Honsey Hall. Amanda Quist will present the program entitled "Community Television at BLC."** Mankato area public access television is now operated by the

~Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 55:10-13 "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out with joy, and be led out with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing before you, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

~Hymn 230 vv. 1, 2 *Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth*

~Gospel Lesson

Luke 8:4-15 And when a great multitude had gathered, and they had come to Him from every city, He spoke by a parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience."

~Apostles' Creed

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

C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

~Hymn 228 *Almighty God, Thy Word Is Cast*

~Epistle Lesson & Sermon Text

1 Corinthians 1:20-25 Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.

~Sermon Theme

"God's Word Imports True Wisdom"

1. Worldly wisdom is good, but it's not the most important.
2. God's wisdom, imparted by His Word, gives salvation and life.

~Offering & Hymn 232 *How Precious Is the Book Divine*

~Prayer

~Lord's Prayer

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;

After-School Care Needs: Mt. Olive's After-School Care Program is looking for donations of used Legos. Please drop off your donations in the office. Thank you!

Valentine's Day Babysitting: The Bethany Vikings women's soccer team will be doing their 9th Annual Valentine's Day Babysitting on Sunday, Feb. 14th from 5-10pm. The Cost per child is \$10 (\$30 max for families of 4 or more). There will be movies, games and fun for kids of all ages. **To register your kids or for more information please contact Head Coach Derick Lyngholm at [507-344-7384](tel:507-344-7384) or at dlyngholm@blc.edu.**

New 2 You Disbursements: We continue to be blessed with strong sales and a wonderful staff at New 2 You which allows us to provide **\$846.37** to Mt. Olive and **\$16,927.42** for Christian Education for the 4th Quarter. Thank you to all who support New 2 You with your time and/or donations. We could not provide the support we do for Christian Education without you! Please continue to support New 2 You by volunteering, making donations, shopping our store, or praying for continued blessings on their efforts. If you would like to become a volunteer please call New2You at [507-385-1455](tel:507-385-1455). **~Mt. Olive provides volunteers on the first Saturday of every month. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.**

Kindergarten Round Up has been scheduled for **Monday, February 22**, at Mt. Olive and will begin at 6:30PM. Kindergarten enrollment for next year is open to children who will be 5 by Sept. 1, 2016.

Lenten Suppers: The season of Lent starts with Ash Wednesday on **February 10**. Lenten worship services will take place at 6:30PM through March 16. 5PM suppers are planned for 2/10, 2/17 & 3/16. Please contact the church office if you or your group wishes to host a Lenten supper on any of the following dates: 2/24, 3/2, or 3/9.

Thrivent Members, To designate Thrivent Choice Dollars go to www.Thrivent.com, or call [1-800-847-4836](tel:1-800-847-4836). Options for designating funds include Mount Olive, Bethany College and Seminary, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, Thoughts of Faith, and others.

Mt. Olive School Scrip program offers gift cards for purchase for a wide variety of retailers. A percentage of gift card purchases go towards Mt. Olive Tuition. Visit www.shopwithscrip.com to view the 400+ participating retailers. If you have questions or need help getting started email Tanya Norris scrip@mtolivelutheran.org or Krista Petzel krista.petzel@gmail.com.

Giving Statements: Your 2015 Giving Statements are available for you to pick up. They are located on the table in the narthex.

90th Birthday: On Sunday, February 14th; Clarice Madson, a long-time member of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, will be celebrating her 90th birthday. She has many fond memories of her friends at Mt Olive and still misses the wonderful congregational singing. Clarice currently lives at The Glenn, a Senior Living Center, in Minnetonka, MN. For those of you who remember her and wish to send a birthday greeting, her mailing address is: Clarice Madson, 5300 Woodhill Road, Apt. #411, Minnetonka, MN 55345.

Donations Requested: *Easter for Kids* is looking for some donations for their event on March 19. They will need plastic Easter eggs and paper towel or toilet paper roll cardboard tubes. Please drop off your donations in the office. Thank you!

Monday Night Services: Please note that our Monday night services will be suspended during the upcoming Lenten season, with the last one being February 1st. We encourage those who cannot attend church on Sundays to join us for our midweek Lenten services on Wednesdays at 6:30PM, beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 10th. The theme for Lent this year is "Ironies of the Passion".

IR. YOUTH: We will be meeting this **Wednesday, February 3rd at 6:30pm**. After a devotion at church, we will be carpooling to the **All Seasons Arena for Ice Skating from 7:15-8:15pm**. Please **bring \$5** for entry & skate rental (or bring your own skates) we will cover the costs of hot chocolate & candy from the concessions stand. Parents can pick you up at the All Seasons Arena at 8:15pm. **SIGN UP** on the sheet on the Narthex table. PARENTS: We need some volunteer drivers to help get the kids from Mt. Olive to the All Seasons Arena. If you are able to drive, please sign up on the bottom of the Sign-Up Sheet on the Narthex Table. Questions: talk to Pr. Ulrich, Scott Fassett, or Lance Johnson.

Employment Opportunity at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church and School: Full-time custodian for routine cleaning of Church and School starting April 1, 2016. Includes general maintenance of electrical, plumbing and mechanical systems. Includes grounds maintenance. Experience preferred. Flexible hours generally starting after school dismissal and includes weekends. Wages starting at \$13-\$15 per hour depending on experience. Benefits included. For application and more information call the Church office at (507) 345-4966.

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

~Collect (pp.58-59, form III)

P: Lord God, our heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your great mercy You have given us Your holy and blessed Word, by which You also among us gather Your Christian Church. We humbly entreat You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we receive Your Word with thankful hearts, and live according to it, and ever increase in Christian faith, and hope, and love, and at last obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

~Benediction (p. 59)

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 583 *God's Word Is Our Great Heritage*

Preacher: Pastor John J. Petersen/Liturgist: Pastor Luke Ulrich
Organists: 1st: John Baumann/2nd: Mark DeGarmeaux
Children's Choir director: Elisabeth Urtel

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8:30am; 338 10:45am; 147 Monday: 20

GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$15,906.11

NEEDED EACH WEEK TO MEET ANNUAL BUDGET: \$15,500

2 Corinthians 9:7b, 8 For God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

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 10AM and Thursdays at 11:30AM.

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK

Ushers: 1st Service: Steve Beilke (captain), Nate Beilke, Don Westphal, Eric Westphal, Elias Bonnet

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

Greeters: 1st Service: Mark & Vivian Smith, Eldon Sting

2nd Service: Dave & Katie Sulzle, James & Carolyn Gates

Offering Counters: John Pfeffer, Steve Lussky

Altar Guild: Connie Gullixson, Connie Meyer



Come join us on
February 10
5-6:15 PM

Sponsored by the Bethany Auxiliary
Proceeds go toward
Auxiliary Projects

WEEK AT A GLANCE: *January 31, 2016 - February 7, 2016*

Sunday January 31	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 2PM 2PM 7:30PM	Divine Service Sunday School/Bible Class/Bible Information Class Divine Service Spelling Bee <i>Brigadoon</i> at BLC's Sigurd Lee Theatre Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
Monday February 1	6:30PM 6:30PM 6:45PM	Divine Service Board of Education Board of Deacons
Tuesday February 2	8AM 6:30PM	Women's Bible Study - Books of Acts Jesus Cares Ministry
Wednesday February 3	8-10AM 8:05AM 9AM 3:45PM 6:30PM 7PM	M.O.M.'s Bible Study CDS Chapel Bible Study - The prophet Habakkuk Confirmation Jr. Youth at All Season's Arena Choir
Thursday February 4		
Friday February 5	7:30PM	<i>Brigadoon</i> at BLC's Sigurd Lee Theatre
Saturday February 6	9:45AM-3:15PM 7:30PM	Mt. Olive Volunteer's at New2You <i>Brigadoon</i> at BLC's Sigurd Lee Theatre
Sunday February 7	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 1PM 7:30PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Sunday School/Bible Class/Bible Information Class Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar: The flowers beautifying our altar today are given to God's glory by Lon & Kathy Knudson.

Bible Class: Join us for Bible Class this morning at 9:40AM. Pr. Ulrich will be presenting the study, titled: "The Gospel to Share: Scriptural Foundations for Mission Work."