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Mt. Olive Herald

The weekly newsletter of Mt. Olive Lutheran School

May 16, 2024 - Week 39

Bible Passage & Theme

In Him and through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. -Ephesians 3:12

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Please return all library books to school by **May 16th**. Thank you for your help. "The Library"



Congratulations to our Graduating Eighth Graders!!

There will be a special graduation service in the sanctuary on Wednesday, May 22nd at 6:30pm. Grades K-7 will be singing during the service. Students may sit with their families, then go to the front to sing when instructed to do so. Graduates will sit with their class. Please join us as we send them off to high school!

2024

8th Grade Graduates

<i>Alexis Lyn DeVos</i>	<i>Mallory Lois Novak</i>
<i>Aaron Douglas Dittmer</i>	<i>Lillian Grace Olsen</i>
<i>Taryn Adleigh Gunderson</i>	<i>Faith Madeline Peters</i>
<i>Adelyn Jane Harstad</i>	<i>Benjamin Scott Riesgraf</i>
<i>Ray Reinhart Kom</i>	<i>Victoria Lynn Ringen</i>
<i>Nora Rae Kovaciny</i>	<i>Elsa Julie Schrader</i>
<i>Madison Lynn Krier</i>	<i>Brecken Nathaniel Smith</i>
<i>Nora Kylie Krueger</i>	<i>Carly Loren Smith</i>
<i>Owen John Manthe</i>	<i>Chuming (Samuel) Sun</i>
<i>Lydia Belle Norton</i>	

Calendar

- May 22** 6:30 pm **8th Grade Graduation** Mt. Olive Sanctuary
- May 23** 6:30 pm **Musical - Wonka Jr.** at Bethany Lutheran College
- May 24** 10:45 am **Last Day of School!** Closing Chapel
- 11:15 am **Early Dismissal**
- 11:30 am to 1:30 pm **Spring Lake Park Picnic** Put on by the PTF
- 6:30pm **Musical - Wonka Jr.** at Bethany Lutheran College



Words and Music by Leslie Briscose and Anthony Newley. Adapted for the Stage by Leslie Briscose and Timothy A. McDonald. Based on the book, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka Jr. is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, New York, NY (212) 541-4644 mtishows.com 2024.

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School Mission:

Mt. Olive Lutheran School exists to carry out Christ's commission to make disciples of all nations by assisting parents in the Christian training of their children, to live a life of faith here on earth and forever after in Heaven.

Chapel Offerings:



This year, we are supporting a new ELS Congregation, Grace Lutheran Church, in

Redmond, OR, led by Pastor Roger Emmons. Our Chapel Offering goal has been met and exceeded with 1 week left!

All glory to God!

Collected this week: **\$26.77**

Total for the Year: **\$2,080.12**



And do not forget to do good and share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. - Hebrews 13:16



From the Attic:

From the April 20, 2000 Herald. Mr. Pietsch's fourth grade class went Easter Caroling to the Mankato Lutheran Home this morning. They sang traditional Easter hymns and shared the joy of Easter with the residents there.



"Therefore go and gather disciples from all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and by teaching them to keep all the instructions I have given you. And surely I am with you always until the end of the age."

-Matthew 28:19-20

Sporting News:

Sport Camps:

Summer is almost here and what will your children do to keep from being bored? Bethany College and MVL are offering sport camps (and other various camps) for the summer.

Follow the link for Bethany College's summer camps:

<https://blc.edu/campus-life/camps-and-community-education/>

Follow the following link for MVL's sport camps: <https://mvl.org/summer-camps/>

Basketball Skills Camp:

Kory Kettner will be holding a basketball skills camp here at Mt Olive on June 18. More information will be sent home after we work out the details. Please watch for emails and next week's Herald for more information.

Southwest Minnesota State University Basketball Camp

Coach Hanna Geistfeld, former Bethany College Women's Basketball sensation and former B Girls Coach for Mt Olive, is offering a basketball camp thru Southwest Minnesota State University. Hanna is now an Assistant Women's Basketball Coach for Southwest Minnesota State University. Please see the flyer below

SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

2024

camp dates

KIDS ALL SPORTS

June 3rd-6th | Grades K-4th

PLAYMAKERS ACADEMY

June 9th-11th | Grades 5th-9th

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Mystery Reader Mondays!

First Graders are enjoying being surprised by parents and grandparents reading to them...Who will be next? ???



Barb Kaus, from United Way, visited granddaughter, Allison Kaus' first grade class for Mystery Reader Monday. She brought author, Laura Murray, to share her book "The kindness booth." Each first grader received a copy.



LUNCH TIME

Next Week's Menu:

Monday May 20	Bosphorus Cheeseburger, Chicken Nuggets, or Kebabs
Tuesday May 21	Shawarmania Chicken Patty w/ Bun or Gyro on a Bun
Wednesday May 22	Pizza Ranch Cheese or Pepperoni
Thursday May 23	Shawarmania Cheese Quesadilla, Hot Dog w/ Bun, or Mac & Cheese
Friday May 24	Bring your own Picnic to Spring Lake Park Ice Cream provided by Scoops Ice Cream in Elysian

Volunteering Opportunity



May 2024
Lunch Volunteer Sign-Up

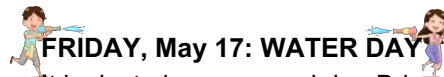
ASC After School Care

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of this school year. It has been a lot of fun watching your children grow in so many ways.

Thank you for the opportunity to care for your children. The ASC team and I enjoy being a small part of their day.

Blessings,
Michelle Graham
After School Care Director

'End of Year' activities planned...
ALL WEATHER DEPENDENT.



FRIDAY, May 17: WATER DAY
It looks to be warm and dry. Bring water guns and clothes to get wet in.

- May 20: Games**
- May 21: Whipped cream**
- May 22: Silly string**
- May 23: Movie**



After School Care graduates 4 from BLC. Jenna, Lucy, Abby and Megan. These ladies have played such a big role in the lives of Mt. Olive students..... Sharing their faith, praying with the kids, engaging with them in activities, laughing encouraging and guiding. May God richly bless each of you as you take your next steps in lifes journey. We will miss you!



Sundays @ Mt. Olive

8:30 AM Worship Service

9:40 AM **Sunday School**
(PreK - 6th)

9:40 AM Adult Bible Study

10:45 AM Worship Service

Mondays @ Mt. Olive

6:30 PM Worship Service



Sundays @ Peace

8:15 AM Worship Service

9:30 AM **Sunday School**
(PreK - 8th)

9:30 AM Adult Bible Study

10:30 AM Worship Service



Celebrating Miss Jenna & Miss Lucy!



PTF Parents - Teachers - Friends

May Executive Committee Meeting Summary

Thank you to all who have volunteered on behalf of our students this year. Many hands make light work and we are grateful for your support. PTF looks forward to seeing all families at the end of the year picnic. See the Herald announcement for more details. Thank you to all who attended the April Large Group meeting. As you know, this meeting is instrumental in setting our Charger Challenge funding priorities for the coming year. After that meeting, the PTF executive committee voted to immediately purchase one 9-square set for use this year (approximately \$800). It's already in use on the playground! The remaining set will stay on the 2024 Charger Challenge priority list. In addition, the PTF Executive Committee voted to immediately purchase the set of 8 stackable stools (approximately \$800). These stools will be used in Willy Wonka, Jr. this month and then be ready for classroom use in the fall.

For a copy of the May Executive Committee Meeting or April Large Group Meeting minutes contact Bethany Ferkenstad at bethany.ferkenstad@blc.edu.

Many students are enjoying a roller skating unit in Phy Ed these last two weeks at school. This was a Charger Challenge Wishlist Item we fundraised for this past fall.



More Roller Skating photos on page 5!



Thanks to the PTF for the new hoodies for the teachers!

Students are enjoying a second nine square set, made possible with the extra dollars the 2023 Charger Challenge brought in! Thank you for your part in this!





New Podcast!

"On the Mount of Olives" Podcast

Episode 3 is now available! Listen as Pr. Ulrich & Pr. Soule

talk about Ascension Day and Pentecost. Subscribe and tune in to Spotify Podcasts.



Transportation Registration Form: 2024-25 School Year

Please complete the Transportation Registration form that came home and send it back to school with your child(ren) or drop it off in the office no later than Friday, May 24th. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Tenold in the office at (507) 345-7927 or school@mtlivelutheran.org.

Kindergarten Barnyard Moosical



First Grade Field Trip: Como Zoo & Edinborough Park






BETHANY
LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Theatre Bible School

After a long hiatus, Mt. Olive is once again hosting Theatre Bible School, June 17-21, at Bethany Lutheran College. Registration is open to students entering 3rd-8th grade. There is a \$40 registration fee (with family discount options) to cover costs of food, costumes, and props, as well as to help compensate directors for taking time out of their work week. Payment will be collected upon arrival at camp; registration will close on June 1. To register or find out more information about the schedule, go to <https://tinyurl.com/TheatreBibleSchool>.




DONATE BLOOD. HELP SAVE LIVES.

Build the blood supply: Come give 5/20 to 6/9 for an exclusive Tetris and Red Cross shirt, ltd. qty.

Blood Drive
Mount Olive Lutheran Church

Gym
1123 Marsh Street
Mankato, MN

Friday, May 31, 2024
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Scan to schedule an appointment.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: MTOLIVEKATO to schedule an appointment.

Minnesota Valley Lutheran Camp
aka "Camp Shetek" and "Camp Luther"

invites you to

JOIN US THIS SUMMER!!
June 16 – June 22, 2024

Camp will be held at the Group Campground
At Sibley State Park near New London, MN
from June 16 – June 22, 2024

Online registration will open on February 4, 2024
www.campshetek.org

Register before April 14 to receive the "Early Bird" rate!
Early Bird - \$275; After April 14 - \$285

Minnesota Valley Lutheran Bible Camp exists to provide elementary age children the opportunity to worship the Lord and grow in their Christian faith as they participate in outdoor activities under the direction of Christian Counselors. It is sponsored by the WELS churches in southwest and south-central Minnesota and eastern South Dakota. **Any student who is entering 4th through 9th grade in Fall 2024 is eligible to enroll as a camper.**

For more detailed information visit the camp website or see the PDF attached to the Herald email.

Rev. James Renz, 2024 Camp Director
(507) 375-3395 or (507) 327-7222 or email: jrenzner@gmail.com

The Bulletin Board:

REGISTER FOR
VBS 2024
June 10th to 13th
9-11:30AM



This year's theme is: The Great Jungle Journey: An Epic Cruise from Genesis to Revelation. For age 4 to entering 6th grade. To register go to: peacemankato.com/vbs. Registration closes on May 31st. VBS HELPERS NEEDED: Adults as well as youth. 7th grade or older. If you are interested in helping, please talk to Missy Vandermause (missy@galleriavid.com) or Emily Wiechmann (eawiechmann@gmail.com)



Register Now!

Mount Olive VBS July 1-3, 2024

1 Peter 3:21



8:00am - Noon
Pre-K - 4th Grade

1123 Marsh St, Mankato

www.mtolivelutheran.org

LUTHERAN
YOUTH
ASSOCIATION

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JULY 25-28
CHICAGO, IL

A Lutheran Youth Convention exploring the freedom we have in Christ, because we are justified outside of ourselves.

LYA National Youth Association Convention:

Registration is now open!

July 25-28, 2024

Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, IL

For high school-aged youth (confirmed or completed 8th grade)

Early registration until June 1: \$300

Late registration from June 2-July 1: \$350

For more information and to register, go to ELS.org/LYA.

Registered LYA Attendees: Contact Lance Johnson by May 12 to receive your \$100 refund for LYA.

DEFENDING CHRISTIANITY: DISCERNING FALSE WORLDVIEWS



With Rev. David Thompson -
(Director of The Center for Apologetics and Worldviews)

"We now often refer to our society as post-Christian, similar to what Christians faced in the first three centuries when they were a minority. Today, other worldviews have moved in, even taking culture by storm. At the same time, we are exactly where God wants us. It is a good time to live. But it is crucial we understand the importance of defending Christianity, especially in view of the worldviews that challenge us and our children."

Join us for this 3-Part Study:

- Sunday, April 28th, 9:40am
- Sunday, May 12th, 9:40am
- Sunday, May 26th, 11:00am
(After 2nd Service-Summer Service Schedule starts)