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# Mt. Olive Herald

The weekly newsletter of Mt. Olive Lutheran School

May 2, 2024 - Week 37

## 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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## Redwood Falls Track Meet:

**The track bus leaves TOMORROW, Friday, May 3rd at 7:10am sharp from Mt. Olive.** Students should arrive at school no later than 7:05am. Door #5 will be open to get into the building by 7:00am.

We are still in need of parent helpers at the track meet. We are responsible for the boys long jump and the girls long jump. Teachers will be in charge of the events; parents would be assisting.

Please use the below link or QR code to sign up for time slots to help at our 2 field events.



<https://signup.com/go/vToqbNv>

## Transportation Registration Form: 2024-25 School Year

Transportation Registration Forms for next year came home each of your children last week. Mankato Area Public Schools requires that one is filled out for every child and that it is done on paper only. **Please complete the form 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@mtolivelutheran.org](mailto:school@mtolivelutheran.org).

## Calendar

- May 3** Track & Field  
Grades 5-8 @ Redwood Falls
- May 5** Confirmation Sunday  
10:30 am @ Peace (2nd Service)
- May 8** Chapel  
8:05 am (all are welcome)
- May 9** Ascension of our Lord
- May 14** Kindergarten Moosical  
6:30 pm Mt. Olive Sanctuary
- May 15** Chapel  
8:05 am (all are welcome)  
6:30 pm Band Concert  
Mt. Olive Sanctuary
- May 22** 8th Grade Graduation  
6:30 pm Mt. Olive Sanctuary
- May 23** Musical - Wonka Jr.  
6:30 pm at Bethany Lutheran College
- May 24** Last Day of School!  
10:45 am Closing Chapel  
11:15 am Early Dismissal  
6:30pm Musical - Wonka Jr.  
at Bethany Lutheran College

## Congratulations to all the 8th Graders who were, or will be confirmed in their faith this year!

May the Holy Spirit guide you in all that you do.

*Indeed, those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. -Romans 8:14*



### 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 3 weeks left!

*All glory to God!*

Collected this week: **\$30.90**

Total for the Year: **\$2,011.07**

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

### ASC After School Care

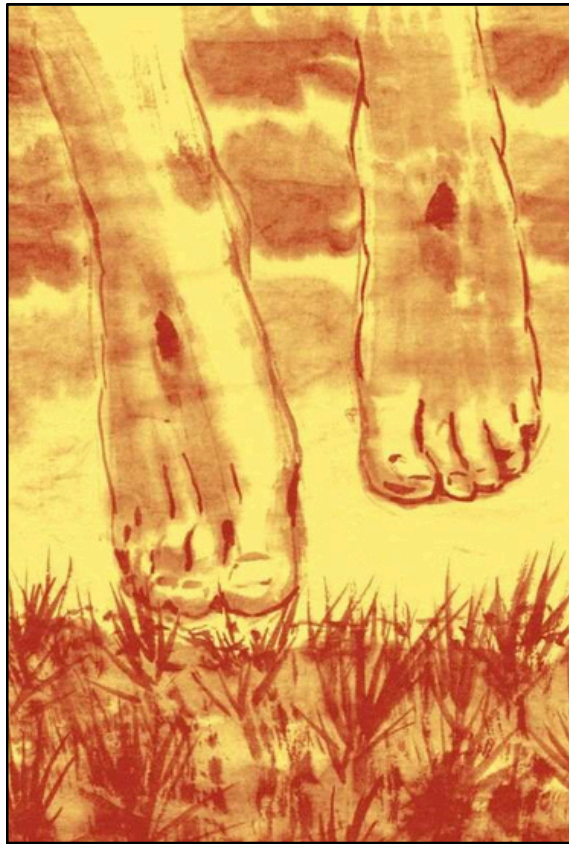
#### Please Save Your Pop Can Tabs!



Please continue to save your pop can tabs for the **Ronald McDonald House Charities**. Drop off any donations in the office or give them to Mrs. Graham in ASC. Ronald McDonald House provides a community of support and respite for families with seriously-ill or injured children. Services include: Lodging, Meals, Kitchen Access and fully-stocked pantries, Laundry facilities, K-12 School, Workout facilities and Supportive, family-focused programming. They take care of these basic needs so families can focus on the well-being of their child.



**Ronald McDonald House Charities**



### Come Celebrate... The Ascension of Our Lord

+ Divine Service w/  
Holy Communion +  
Thursday,  
May 9, 6:30pm

#### Ascension Day BBQ

5:00 - 6:15pm

Hot dogs, hamburgers &  
lemonade provided;  
*please bring a side  
dish to share.*

BBQ to be held outside unless  
weather moves us to the gym.



**Mount Olive**  
Lutheran Church and School



Proceeds from the BBQ will be given to Connections Shelter, a Mankato based Homeless Shelter.



### Mt. Olive Band Concert!

Performed by Mt. Olive's 6th, 7th,  
& 8th Grade Band Students.

Where: **Mt. Olive Sanctuary**

When: **Wednesday, May 15th  
@ 6:30**

Cost: **Free Will Donations  
will be accepted to  
support Mariah's  
work with band  
rehearsals, contests,  
and concerts  
throughout the year.**

### Kindergarten Moosical

Come and enjoy a Barnyard  
Moosical performed by Mt.  
Olive's Kindergarten Class! It  
will be udderly delightful!

Where: **Mt. Olive Sanctuary**

When: **Tues., May 14th @ 6:30**



Episode 2 of the  
"On the Mount  
of Olives"  
Podcast is now  
available! Listen  
as Pr. Ben Wiechmann joins Pr.  
Ulrich & Pr. Soule to talk about what  
Confirmation is all about. Also,  
Episode 3, discussing Ascension  
Day, will be coming soon! Available  
on Spotify Podcasts.





# LUNCH TIME

## Next Week's Menu:

<b>Monday</b> May 6	<b>Bosphorus</b> Cheeseburger, Chicken Nuggets, or Kebabs
<b>Tuesday</b> May 7	<b>Shawarmania</b> Chicken Patty w/ Bun or Gyro on a Bun
<b>Wednesday</b> May 8	<b>Pizza Ranch</b> Cheese or Pepperoni
<b>Thursday</b> May 9	<b>Shawarmania</b> Cheese Quesadilla, Hot Dog w/ Bun, or Mac & Cheese
<b>Friday</b> May 10	<b>Arby's</b> Sliders (Beef, Turkey, or Fried Chicken)

## Volunteering Opportunity



May 2024  
Lunch Volunteer Sign-Up



## 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

## Sporting News:

### Softball Coaches Needed:

Our softball season has begun. We will have 2 teams and are still in need of volunteer coaches. If you are interested in helping out with this year's softball team, please contact Mr. Z. Practices are from 3-4:30 on Tuesdays and Fridays at Washington Elementary School. If you are able to assist but those times do not work, please contact me and we can see about making changes to the schedule. Our big tournament is Thursday, May 16.

### Softball Umpires Needed:

Mt. Olive Lutheran School sponsors a grade school co-ed softball tournament on **Thursday, May 16 at Caswell Park. games begin at 8:30 and finish around 3:30.** Batters will get 4 pitches to attempt a hit; strikes & balls will not be called. Umps will need to know the basic softball rules. If you are able to help (all day or partial day), please contact Mr. Zibrowski.



- **Recess Volunteers Needed Daily (11:30am - 12:50pm)** (Please contact the school office if you're interested.)
- **Lunch Volunteers Needed Daily** (see pg 3)
- **Softball Umps & Coach Needed** (see pg 3)
- **Field Event Volunteers Needed for Redwood Falls Track Meet** (see pg 1)

*A person who spreads blessings will be enriched. One who give a refreshing drink will be refreshed.*  
- Proverbs 11:25



## Dear Parents,

May 2nd and 3rd will be the last day to check out books from the library this year. Please help to **return all books to school by May 16th.**

Thank you for your help.  
"The Library"

## Mystery Reader Mondays!

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





# Enjoying Spring!



# ASC Talent Show





The Bulletin Board:

Roald Dahl's  
**Willy Wonka JR.**  
PRESENTED BY MOUNT OLIVE

**MAY 23 & MAY 24**  
THURSDAY @ 6:30P & FRIDAY @ 6:30P

**BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE**  
YLVISAKER FINE ARTS CENTER - 700 LUTHER DR. MANKATO, MN

Words and Music by Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley. Adapted for the Stage by Leslie Bricusse 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) 541-4684 mtishows.com 2024.

**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](http://www.campshetek.org)

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

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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: [renzner@gmail.com](mailto:renzner@gmail.com)



**Vacation Bible School:**  
Mark your calendars! We are planning on doing a Vacation Bible School here at church July 1-3. We need volunteers to help organize things prior to VBS and also to help teach Bible lessons, help with crafts, etc. during the week of VBS. Please contact Pastor Soule at (763)482-1488 or [pastorsoule@gmail.com](mailto:pastorsoule@gmail.com), or Lance Johnson at (507)720-2130 if you are interested in helping.



**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>.

**The B-Town Drumline**

The B-Town Drumline presents two shows at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., in the Sigurd Lee Theater on Saturday, May 4. This is a fun event for the whole family to enjoy! Twenty-four drummers take the stage for this 20 year celebration of the start of drumline at Bethany (2004). Guests receive complimentary glow sticks and ear plugs for this high energy event. This show is free and open to the public! Drumline show runtime is about 50 minutes. We look forward to seeing you on May 4 at either 4:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. or both!







**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](http://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)*



### Syttende Mai Smørgåsbord

at Norseland Lutheran Church

Saturday, May 18, 2024  
4:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Meatballs, Potatoes, Herring, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Lefse, Fresh Fruit, Breads, Rommegrot, Rice Pudding, Yifas, and Norwegian Cookies

*Adults, \$17.00 | Children 6-12, \$5.00 | 5 & under, free*

 Find us on Facebook:  
[facebook.com/norselandlutheran](https://facebook.com/norselandlutheran)  
 Or at our website:  
[www.norselandparish.com](http://www.norselandparish.com)

Norseland Lutheran Church is handicap accessible and is located approximately 8 miles northwest of St. Peter on State Highway 22.

 37777 MN-22, St Peter, MN 56082

### You are invited to the 2024 ELS Olympics on Saturday, May 4th @ Scarville Lutheran Church

The ELS Olympics is a Track and Field Day for students age 4 through students in 8th grade! All athletes participate in all events available for their age group. See the attached 'Description of Events' to see all events.

**Cost:** \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 per student (under age 5 are free!)

\*You may pay the day of the event or you may mail payment ahead of time.

In case of inclement weather, please check [www.ScarvilleLutheran.com](http://www.ScarvilleLutheran.com) or Scarville Lutheran School on facebook.

Please see last week's newsletter or email for the RSVP & Medical Release Forms

 Description of Events





**Mrs. Sehloff**                      **Grade K**

**Favorite Places:** Chipotle, Amazon, Fleet Farm, Kohls  
**Favorite things:** Cretors cheese & caramel popcorn, sparkling ICE flavored waters, Dr. Pepper, PB M&M, Kettle chips  
**Hobby:** sewing, puzzles, Hallmark movies  
**Survival Kit:** Werther's caramel, stickers, Burts Bees chapstick, glue sticks  
**Favorite flower:** Roses (red)  
**Classroom Wish List:** Magnatiles, Mo Williams books, white cardstock

**Mrs. Gunderson**                      **Grade 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Favorite places:** Chipotle, Papa Murphys, Crooked Pint, Amazon, Hobby Lobby  
**Favorite things:** Bubbler, Cherry Coke, Sweet Ice Tea, sea salt popcorn, Rolos, Caribou, Skittles, peach ring gummies, Peanut Butter M&Ms  
**Hobby:** puzzles, movies, coloring  
**Survival Kit:** Ibuprofen, felt tip markers, stickers  
**Cheer/Relax:** music, wine (sweet)  
**Favorite Color/flower:** purple/any  
**Classroom Wish List:** Dry erase pocket sleeve & markers, picture reading books

**Mrs. Krienke**                      **Grade 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Favorite places:** Panda Express, Nolabelle, Chipotle, Culvers, Scheels, Amazon, Drummers  
**Favorite things:** Chai Tea Latte, Naked Drinks, Cretors popcorn, Black Forest gummy worms/bears  
**Hobby:** Piano, hiking, running  
**Relax:** Aveda massage  
**Favorite flower:** Gerber daisy, Rose bush  
**Classroom wish list:** puffy or smelly stickers, used books  
**Personal wish list:** Christian fiction books

**Mr. Jake Beilke**                      **Grade 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Favorite places:** Pagliai's Pizza, Aldi's, India Palace  
**Favorite things:** Caribou Coffee, Duluth Coffee Company, Kind granola bars  
**Hobby:** mission work, Disc Golf, fishing, gardening, biking  
**Favorite Color:** Blue  
**Classroom Wish List:** Omnikin ball, LCD writing tablets, hacky sacks, Document camera  
**Personal wish list:** Timberwolves tickets, donations to help missionary friends

**Mrs. Ulrich**                      **Grade K aide**

**Favorite places:** India Palace, Boulder Tap House, Jamba Juice, Trader Joes, Amazon, Target  
**Favorite things:** Coffee, sparking water, yogurt pretzels, dark chocolate, chocolate drizzled popcorn  
**Favorite flower/Color:** house plants/red  
**Survival Kit:** Bubbler, hand sanitizer spray  
**Relax:** music, yoga, movies, yogi caffeine free tea  
**Hobbies:** art, traveling, trying new foods/drinks, time with family  
**Candles:** coffee, caramel

**Mrs. Dittmer**                      **Grade 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Favorite places:** Boulder Tap, Pizza places, Chipotle, Amazon, Caribou, Aveda, Kohls,  
**Favorite things:** iced white chocolate or mint mocha, chai tea latte, Bubbler, Caramel or Peanut M&M, hot tamales, Baked Goods  
**Hobby:** baking, puzzles, reading  
**cheer/relax:** words of encouragement, clean house, pedicures, massage, movies  
**Favorite flower:** Tulips or daisy  
**Survival Kit:** Ice Cube Spearmint gum, Post its, Bic Gelocity Pens  
**Classroom Wish List:** Perplexus Maze ball, etch-a-sketch, smelly stickers

**Mrs. Graham**                      **General aide/ASC**

**Favorite places:** Panera, Tandem Bagels, NolaBell, Mainstream, Bella Nova, Target, Scheels  
**Favorite things:** fruit, chocolate covered almonds, popcorn  
**Hobby:** exercise, bike riding, gardening, kayaking  
**Relax:** devotion, long walks, playing piano  
**Flowers/colors:** ALL!  
**Survival Kit:** ibuprofen, black pens, Spearmint gum  
**Wish list:** anything for ASC

**Miss Strom**                      **Grade K/3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Favorite places:** Tav on the Ave, Noodles, Scheels, Target, Hobby Lobby, Chipotle  
**Favorite things:** Coffee, Bubbler, sparkling water, salted nuts, dried fruit, LARABARS, sweet potato chips  
**Hobby:** sports, reading, board games  
**Survival Kit:** Water bottle, trail mix, sticky notes, claw clips, mint gum, chapstick  
**Favorite color/flowers:** orange/tulips  
**cheer/relax:** coffee, smoothies, playing volleyball, watching Vikings WIN!  
**Classroom WishList:** highlighters, stickers, fun erasers, art history books

**Mrs. Halvorson**                      **Grade 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Favorite places:** Chipotle, Nolabelle, Schmidts, Amazon, Starbucks  
**Favorite things:** Bubbly water, Twizzlers, hot mocha  
**Hobby:** baking, biking, backyard campfires  
**Relax:** smiles, appreciation and coffee  
**Favorite flower/color:** Rose

**Mrs. Olsen**                      **Grade 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Favorite places:** Mi Pueblo, Culvers, Panera, Aldi, Amazon, Maurices, Buff City Soap, Indulge Salon  
**Favorite things:** Strawberry sparkling water, iced tea/lemonade, Reese's PB cups, dark chocolate, monster trail mix  
**Hobby:** hiking, reading, biking, family games  
**Cheer/Relax:** music, pedicures, puzzles  
**Survival Kit:** flair pens, Band-aids, paper & binder clips, cherry Carmex, peppermint candy, claw clips  
**Favorite flower/Color:** orchid, roses /Pink  
**Classroom wish list:** white card stock, Teachers Pay Teachers gift card, Dead Sea Squirrels #7-9, Welly bandaids  
**Personal Wish List:** lunch!

**Mrs. Ferkenstad**                      **General aide**

**Favorite places:** Tap House, Chipotle, Starbucks, Scheels, Amazon, Frey Salon  
**Favorite things:** Dr. Pepper, cold brew, hot tamales, white cheddar popcorn, ice cream  
**Hobby:** gardening  
**Relax/cheer:** coffee, Wintergreen mints, puzzles, music, smiles, hugs  
**Survival Kit:** Burts Bees Vanilla chapstick, gum, Gum, kitsch hair ties  
**Favorite flower:** Hydrangea, tulips, succulent  
**Body Products:** Cerave lotion



**Mrs. Moldstad**                      **Grade 5<sup>th</sup>**  
*Favorite places:* Culvers, Chipotle, Caribou, Amazon, Aldi, Aveda, Hobby Lobby  
*Favorite things:* Bubbl'r sparkling water, Diet Mt. Dew, Gum, bagged coffee  
*Hobby:* Piano, gardening, reading  
*Survival Kit:* Extra gum, Ibuprofen, Post-its  
*flower/Color:* Purple Hydrangea, perennials  
*Lotion Products:* Sweet Grass by Sequoia  
*Classroom wish list:* 24 basic calculators, 500 pc puzzles, pink cap erasers, Graphic Novels

**Mrs. Pavelchik**                      **Grade 6<sup>th</sup>**  
*Favorite places:* Buffalo Wild Wings, Aveda, TJ Maxx  
*Favorite things:* Diet Coke, Caribou, Starbucks, Dove Milk Chocolate  
*Hobby:* reading, traveling  
*Bring cheer/relax:* Chocolate, flowers, notes, music  
*Survival Kit:* mints, chocolate, Diet Coke  
*Classroom Wish List:* Smelly stickers, Ticonderoga pencils, Jolly Ranchers  
*Favorite Color/Flowers:* blue/lilacs  
*Candles:* anything beach or tropical

**Mrs. Lin**                                      **Piano**  
*Favorite places:* Tav on the Ave, Panera, Target, Scheels, Amazon  
*Favorite things:* coffee, LaCroix or Spindrift water, Justin PB cups, Chomps beef sticks, Wiley Wallaby Licorice (EXCEPT black)  
*Hobbies:* volleyball, reading, cooking, baking  
*Cheer/Relax:* massages, pedicures, naps, hugs  
*Survival Kit:* sticky notes, gel pens

**Mrs. Lukasek**                      **General aide**  
*Favorite places:* Applebees, Dinos, Papa George, Culvers, Kohls, Aldi, Scooters  
*Favorite things:* vanilla cappuccino, Carmel Cold Brew M&Ms, Twix  
*Hobby:* flowers, books, musicals  
*Bring cheer:* notes of appreciation, funny sayings on coffee mugs  
*Survival Kit:* post it notes, dark chocolate, bible study books, mints, white out, sharpies  
*Favorite flower/Color:* pink mini carnations, Alstroemeria  
*Body Products:* hand lotion – subtle scents  
*Personal wish list:* Christian fiction/mystery books

**Mr. Navarro**                              **Grade 5<sup>th</sup>**  
*Favorite places:* 507 PokeBowl, Chipotle, Hyvee  
*Favorite things:* Dr Pepper, coffee, anything chocolate  
*Cheer/Relax:* comfort food, music  
*Favorite Color:* Blue  
*Survival Kit:* granola bars, peanuts, pens, Advil, chapstick  
*Classroom wishlist:* Air Fresheners, used book  
*Personal wishlist:* ties

**Mr. Zibrowski**                      **Grade 7<sup>th</sup>**  
*Favorite places:* Buffalo Wild Wings, Applebees, Scheels, Boulder Tap  
*Favorite things:* Mt. Dew, Pepsi Zero, peanut M&M, salted nut roll, Nutty Buddy  
*Bring cheer/relax:* music, books, food  
*Hobby:* biking, fishing, woodworking  
*Favorite Color:* blue  
*Survival kit:* mechanical pencils, ziplock bags (quart & gallon), pen, paper, candy bars

**Mrs. Frederick**                      **Grade 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> aide**  
*Favorite places:* Applebees, Olive Garden, Red Lobster, Hobby Lobby, Walmart, Kohls  
*Favorite things:* Diet Dr. Pepper, Diet Pepsi, smoothies, chocolate covered cashews, peanut M&Ms, popcorn, Mike & Ikes  
*Hobby:* crafts  
*Cheer:* Thank You's, smiles, treats  
*relax:* massage, shopping, walking  
*Survival Kit:* water, snacks, Tylenol  
*Favorite Flower/Color:* carnation, tulips, purple  
*Candles:* seasonal  
*Body Products:* subtle scents  
*Wish List:* flair pens, mechanical pencils

**Mrs. Guerrero**                      **Band**  
*Favorite places:* Chipotle, TJ Maxx, Scheels, Target  
*Favorite things:* Any flavor of Bubbl'r, special K bars (scotcheroos)  
*Hobby:* cooking/baking, pickleball  
*Bring relax/cheer:* flowers, coffee, chocolate, warm blankets, candles  
*Favorite color/flower:* tulips  
*Survival Kit:* gum, chapstick, tumbler, pens  
*Candles:* any  
*Classroom Wish List:* dry erase markers, reeds for Woodwinds, Percussion Roller Cart, help filing music

**Mrs. Holzhueter**                      **Grade 5<sup>th</sup> SUB**  
*Favorite places:* Tav on the Ave, India Palace, Betterworldbooks.com, Amazon, Menards, TSC  
*Favorite things:* plain pretzels, pringles, cashews, regular goldfish, kombucha, dried apples/mangos, pretzel M&Ms  
*Cheer/Relax:* elephants, books, herbal tea, walks, listening to podcast/music  
*Hobby:* kayaking, gardening, baking, DIY projects, embroidery  
*Survival Kit:* chocolate, peppermint tea, painters tape, permanent markers  
*Flower/color:* lilacs, daffodils, African violets / bright green

**Mrs. Fosburgh**                      **Grade 8<sup>th</sup>**  
*Favorite places:* Chipotle, Scheels  
*Favorite things:* coffee, dark chocolate  
*Hobby:* hiking, plants  
*Cheer:* Plants & carbs  
*Survival Kit:* salty snacks, classroom treats for students (mini's)  
*Favorite flower:* All  
*Classroom Wish List:* extra Kleenex!  
*Candles:* any  
*Used books:* 8<sup>th</sup> grade appropriate

**Mr. Springer**                              **Principal**  
*Favorite places:* Pub 500, Crisp & Green, Menards, Fleet farm, Home Depot  
*Favorite things:* cliff bars, Body Armor, herbal tea (decaf)  
*Hobby:* doctoral thesis writing, yardwork  
*Cheer:* parent volunteers  
*Favorite color:* black  
*Survival Kit:* key lime or lemon juice, mints  
*Body Products:* hand lotion, citrus, mint or lavender  
*Classroom Wish List:* post it notes, used books

**Mrs. Michaletz**                      **General aide**  
*Favorite places:* Chipotle, Panera, Buffalo Wild Wings, Scheels, Hobby Lobby  
*Favorite things:* coffee, Diet Dr. Pepper, strawberry Twizzlers, Reeses Take 5, Thin Oreos  
*cheer:* chocolate  
*Survival Kit:* gum, handwarmers, coffee  
*Favorite Flowers:* Stargazer Lily, succulents  
*Candles* vanilla

# Minnesota Valley Lutheran Camp aka “Camp Shetek” and “Camp Luther”

## PURPOSE

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**REGISTER EARLY!**

## GOALS

- To help campers grow in their understanding of God’s Word so they may apply it to their lives.
- To help campers discover new ways they might express and practice their faith through their words and actions with other campers.
- To help campers learn good sportsmanship as they participate in the many and varied activities of the camp.
- To teach campers that each day of their life offers continuous opportunities to live praising and glorifying their God.

## Minnesota Valley Lutheran Bible Camp

Camp has often been referred to as “Camp Shetek.” In the past, this Camp was held at Lake Shetek State Park’s Zuya Group Campground, located near Currie, Minnesota. Because this campground is still under construction, camp will again be held jointly with “Camp Luther” at **Sibley State Park’s Group Campground, New London, MN**. For many years Camp Luther has been sponsored by WELS Churches in South Dakota, assisted by Great Plains Lutheran High School. In recent years the camp has been held at Sibley State Park.

**Sibley State Park’s Group Campground has seven cabins with bunk beds** – each accommodating 16 campers and 2 counselors. There is room for up to 112 campers. An additional building will be used for Arts and Crafts. A Main Lodge is used for meals and large group gatherings, such as daily Bible Study and devotions. Lavatory facilities are found in one common Bathroom building that is separate from all of the cabins. For a virtual tour of Sibley State Park, go to: [http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state\\_parks/sibley/index.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/sibley/index.html)

## 2024 DATES

**Camp will be held June 16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.** (Sunday afternoon through Saturday morning). All forms for registering may be found online at our website: [www.campshetek.org](http://www.campshetek.org). The web site will open on February 4, 2024.

**Check-in time will run from 5:30 – 7 pm, Sunday June 16, in the Main Lodge**

**Check-out time will be Saturday, June 22, from 9:30 to 11:00 am**

## CAMPER FEES

Fees for 2024 are: **\$275 if registered by April 14; \$285 after that date.** (A \$75 non-refundable deposit is required with registration. This is part of the total Camp Fee.) These fees include all meals [17], lodging at the State Park, and a one-of-a-kind Camp T-shirt. Siblings will receive a \$20 discount on their camp fees.



## **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

If you are in need of financial assistance, please contact Pastor Renz when you are considering registering. (Please do not wait until the first day of Camp.) Some financial aid is available! No one will be denied a place at camp because of financial difficulties. ([jrenzner@gmail.com](mailto:jrenzner@gmail.com) or 507-327-7222)

## **CANTEEN**

Two canteens are scheduled each day. (Candy & snacks are monitored closely. No one will be allowed to overeat on canteen snacks.) Campers are encouraged to bring extra money for canteen. (The first 20 campers who register will receive a \$10 credit toward their Canteen.)

## **SCHEDULE**

We plan a busy schedule each day with many learning opportunities. Time is taken to study God's Word and apply it to our lives. Activities are planned to give the campers ample opportunity to display and practice their Christian faith as they interact with other campers. The day begins at 7:30 am (breakfast at 8 am) and ends at 11 pm, but not before a nightly Campfire Sing-a-long and Devotion.

## **ACTIVITIES**

Besides daily devotions & Bible Study, activities include: arts & crafts; swimming, volleyball, canoeing (we rent canoes from the State Park), campfire, singing, historic walks, biking (you will need to bring your bike from home), ultimate frisbee, kickball, lawn bowling, various board games, nature walks, skits, a movie night and countless other unique group activities. Our goal is to keep the campers as busy as possible, helping them to have fun and make new friends!

## **THINGS CAMPERS WILL NEED**

Bring a sleeping bag & pillow (or sheets) for the bunk beds; several changes of clothing; a jacket or sweater (it does get cool at night); swimsuit; plenty of towels; soap & shampoo; toothbrush & toothpaste; several pair of good sneakers; mosquito repellent; a flashlight; a Bible; notebook; pen or pencil; stamps.

**DO NOT BRING** any knives, cigarettes, lighters, fire crackers, guns, (all the usual things that are hazardous), shaving cream, cell phones, porn or inappropriate music. If any of these unnecessary items, or other items the counselors deem to be harmful to some or all of the campers are brought, they will be confiscated for the week and returned to the camper AND his/her parents before he/she leaves. We reserve the right to look through a camper's belongings *if we suspect* something prohibited or dangerous has been brought.

**Please help campers pack, so nothing questionable is brought by accident!**

## **MEALS & SPECIAL NEEDS**

So that we can better meet the needs of your child while he/she is at camp, please let us know if any camper has any special dietary needs, food allergies or other special needs – medical or emotional – when you register. There will be a special section on the online registration form for this information.

## **REGISTER EARLY**

Since this is a joint venture, camp may fill quickly. So **register early**. If, however, we have not received 70 registrations by April 27, camp will be cancelled! Please go to [www.campshetek.org](http://www.campshetek.org) to register.

## **QUESTIONS**

If you have further questions about camp, you may call (or text) Pastor James Renz @ 507-375-3395 (home), 507-327-7222 (cell; leave a message), or e-mail: [jrenzner@gmail.com](mailto:jrenzner@gmail.com).