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“He Is Risen”



A United Methodist pastor was asked to conduct a graveside service for a member of his church. The only problem was the cemetery was more than an hour and a half away from the church. The pastor wasn't feeling well so he decided to ride with the Funeral Director in the Coach.

By the time they arrived at the cemetery, the flue had completely invaded his body. Feverish and sick, he made it through the service, but he was starting to look like death warmed over.



As they headed back home, the funeral director suggested the pastor stretch out in the back of the coach. It had curtains and nobody would see him. The pastor thought it was a good idea and promptly fell asleep.

He awoke when the vehicle stopped. Taking a few minutes to

fully awaken, he slowly sat up and drew the side curtain to see where he was. When he did so he found himself face to face with a gas station attendant, who was surprised and shocked to see a body in the back of the hearse staring back at him.

With all the color drained out of him and his eyes as wide as saucers, the gas pump flew into the air, and the attendant ran back into the gas station, while the funeral director tried to catch up to explain the whole situation.

I'm pretty sure that's how the women who came to the empty tomb that first Easter morning must have felt. They too must have been startled as they ran back to the Disciples with their hearts pounding with both shock and excitement.

As you know from your own reading of scripture it wasn't a funeral director who shared the Good News with the women, it was an angel. And not just any angel but the Angel of the Lord who shocked them with the words: "He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go tell his disciples and Peter, He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He

told you."

My friends, I pray that as we stand upon the threshold of Easter that our hearts are also pounding with joy and excitement as we ready ourselves to proclaim to the world and one another that "Christ has Risen!"

Pastor Bertell

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship
9:00 AM

Sunday School
10:15 AM

Bible Class
10:30 AM

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Spring LWML Zone Rally

The Zone Spring Rally will be held on Sunday, April 14, at St. John's Lutheran of Revillo. Registration will be at 1:30 with the program, entitled "Grace, Mercy, Peace" to begin at 2:00. Registration is \$10.00. There will be a presentation by Deaconess Lisa Miller of Emanuel Lutheran of Milbank. Pastoral Counselor Tom Mueller of Sisseton/Waubay will conduct the 2024 LWML Prayer Service. The ingathering will include the same items as those requested for the District Convention in Aberdeen in June. You will find the list on the wall in the south hallway, with donated items going to Safe Harbor and Journey Home. There will be a car pool from Mt. Olive. Plan now to attend.



Coming Soon: VBS



Fun and adventure awaits you! Join us for the Great Jungle Journey from Genesis to Revelation.

When: June 2nd-6th
Time: @ 6 pm—8 pm
Where: Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

Volunteers & Children register @
www.myvbs.org/mtolivechurch

For more information contact
Brittany Luoma, Director
605-520-6637 or luoma.tb@live.com

April LWML Information

The April meeting of Mt. Olive LWML will be held on Thursday, April 11, at 1:30 p.m. at the church. The topic will be taken from the new spring *Quarterly* and will be given by Pastor Birtell. The roll call will be to bring a get well card with unattached stamp. Hostess will be Sharon Falk. All ladies are invited and en-



Mt. Olive Birthdays

As we continue to remember those members of Mt. Olive with birthdays on the "5's" and those 90 years and older, we find only one name on the April calendar. That person is:

Allan Kansas on April 27th

Please remember Allan with a card, phone call and/or prayers on his special day.



New Picture Directory Registration



The Registration for scheduling photo times is online and ready to go! A family letter with instructions is on the back table. Or you can visit the Mt.Olive website The dates are Tuesday, May 21 and Wed.,May 22. The time of day is 2:00 to 8:30PM each day. If you need assistance call Dorothy Bassingthwaite at 605-882-1372 and she can schedule you. We will be doing registrations on the Sundays of April 14 and April 21 during fellowship hour also. The whole process takes about 45 minutes including arriving 10 minutes before your appointment and selecting your free 8X10 photo which will be mailed to you. You are able to order additional pictures if you choose. You will get a directory. We are so blessed to have new members at Mt. Olive and this is a great way to connect with them! Thank You!!

Station	City	Freq	Day
KMSD	Milbank	1510 AM	Sunday 7:00 AM

People Of Christ With The Message Of Hope

April 7

"Raise the Flag"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Learn how the followers of Christ are raising God's flag in the world.

(Acts 1:1-11)

April 14

"Breathe In, Breathe Out"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez

The Holy Spirit breathes life into the Church and the Church breathes that life out to the world, with the love of Christ.

(Acts 2:42-47)

April 21

"More Than He Bargained For"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Whatever we ask of Jesus is probably too small, because Jesus provides more than what we expect.

(Acts 3:6)



April Birthdays			
4/1	Jeff Fox		Paul McIntire
	Andrew Woodland	4/18	Jean Harms
4/4	BJ Gunther	4/19	Cody Oleson
4/7	Jim Bassingthwaite		Glen Ragels
	Debi Pahl		Anika Woodland
	Kaitlyn Kunkel	4/20	Linda Pietz
4/8	Lisa Keller		Damara
4/9	Jacey Helle		Schoenefeld
4/10	Jessica Roberts	4/22	Matthew Falk
	Wendy Brown		Linda Lindgren
4/12	Emily Rose		Lydia Stemwedel
4/13	Evan Crismon	4/24	Wendy Brinkman
	Preston Fox	4/27	Allan Kannas
	Hudson Lau		Xavier Rudebusch
4/14	Hudson Schoenefeld	4/29	Audrey
			Fuerstenau
4/15	Charlene Young-Cunningham		Paxton McIntire
	Timothy McElhany		Ashton Lucas
4/16	Lincoln Jordan	4/30	Dylan Collins



April Anniversaries

4/8/00	Josh & Kim Konrad
4/16/94	Matt & Roxanne Brey
4/17/09	Julie & Larry Miller
4/22/17	Aaron & Alexis Schoenefeld

April Faith & Care Family
"Family of Christopher"

Elders of the Month:
 Neil Schamber & Brent O'Bryan

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| Albright, Frank | Johnson, Tyler |
| Albright, Karen | Konrad, Allison |
| Altman, Vickie | Konrad, Josh & Kim |
| Anderson, Red & Joyce | LaMee, Dawn |
| Blumeyer, Zach | Larson, Roy & Sharon |
| Brown, Craig & Wendy | Lauseng, Vicky |
| Drevecky, Dan | List, Jay |
| Drevecky, Mary | Maag, Bethanie |
| Drevecky, Robert | Maag, Karlie |
| Drevecky, Roberta | Maag, Regan |
| Fox, Jeff & Lori | McIntire, Paul & Lisa |
| Fox, Joshua | Oleson, Cody |
| Fox, Preston | Oleson, Tony & Betsy |
| Froke, Phyllis | Oleson, Sierra |
| Glover, Brenda | Pahl, Doug & Debi |
| Glover, Jeff | Pahl, Kiesen |
| Glover, Michael | Ramsey, Joey |
| Harms, Danielle | Sauer, Danielle |
| Harms, Janelle | Schoenefeld, Norma |
| Harms, Jean | Schroeder, Traci |
| Heidenreich, Merle | Steen, Vergean |
| Heidenreich, Stephen & Patty | Stemwedel, Jessica & Cory |
| Hulscher, David & Paula | Taecker, Garrett |
| Hulscher, Kate | Taecker, Kristina |
| Hulscher, Lukas | Taecker, Wyatt |
| Hulscher, Nathan | Waldron, Barbra & Paul |
| Hutchins, Del | Waxdahl, Erika |
| Johnson, Marion | Waxdahl, Myra & Tyler |
| Johnson, Emily | Waxdahl, Nathan |
| Johnson, Jeff | Westerman, JoAnn |

May & Care Family
"Family of Daniel"

Elders of the Month:
 Doug Jerke & Stephen Heidenreich

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| Adler, Penny | Kreutner, Gregory |
| Anderson, Carolyn | Kreutner, Joshua |
| Beutler, Carol | Kreutner, Stephanie |
| Brey, Amber | Lau, Jon & Maria |
| Brey, Matt & Roxanne | Linke, Lloyd & Cindy |
| Brey, Nathan | List, Emma |
| Christians, Mike | List, Grace |
| Collins, Ashley | Lunzman, Sarah |
| Collins, Dylan | Luoma, Trent & Brittany |
| Collins, Jeff & Carol | Messerschmitt, Vera |
| Cook, Missy | Montgomery, Judith |
| Erickson, Aaron & Becki | O'Bryan, Brent |
| Erickson, Tatum | Olson, Wilma |
| Falk, Charles & Sharon | Olson, Tom & Endres, Lorie |
| Falk, Matthew | Ploof, Brenda |
| Gregoire, Ashley | Puthoff, Brad & Robin |
| Hahler, Gary | Ramsey, Mark & Linda |
| Hinkelman, Candace | Riedel, Jerry & Karen |
| Iverson, Joel | Rose, Emily |
| Jorden, Alex & Arlene | Rose, Megan |
| Jordan, Jamie & Abigail | Rose, Todd & Sheila |
| Kapp, Marsha | Schmitz, Allison |
| Keller, Lisa | Spies, Aaron |
| Kiefer, Adam | Spies, Ryan |
| Kiefer, Nancy | Spies, Todd & Denise |
| Koepke, Barry | Webb, Linda & Bud |
| Koepke, Candace | White, Ardis |
| Koepke, Marilyn | |
| Kreutner, Roger & Nancy | |

Each family unit at Mt. Olive is assigned to a "Faith and Care" family. These groups give our members the opportunity to put their faith into action, and to care for one another. Family assignments and sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board.

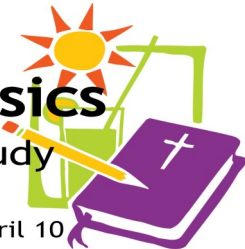
SUNDAY SERVICES: Everyone is encouraged to help with the regular tasks of the church on Sunday. These tasks include ushers, acolytes, readers, greeters, and also servers during fellowship time.

FELLOWSHIP: People have the opportunity to get to know each other better by working together, and planning together. Each Faith and Care family should gather early in the month before their turn is up, to organize and schedule.

This gathering could be a pot-luck just for that group, or some other event that gives everyone a chance for worthwhile fellowship.

CARE: There is a wide variety of people in each group. There are some who will not be able to be directly involved in group activities, because of health reasons. Or perhaps they have responsibilities at home or work and are not able to get away. We hope the Faith and Care group will be in touch with everyone in the group at least once during the month they serve. If there is a special need that exists, perhaps someone in the group can help.

Back to Basics



Bible Study

7:00 PM
 Beginning April 10



ELDERS OF THE MONTH
APRIL

Neil Schamber
 &
 Brent O'Bryan

ELDERS Contact Information

- Pastor Brad Birtell - 402-276-1188
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 Neil Schamber - 237-3834
 Doug Jerke - 880-7007
 Brent O'Bryan - (712) 261-0316
 Chris Pownell - 354-0489
 Stephen Heidenreich—
 (970) 333-8155

ACOLYTES



Acolyte Calendar

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April		May	
4/7	Nora Pownell	5/5	McKenzie
4/14	Trevan Schoenefeld		Konrad
4/21	Elijah Wold	5/12	Lydia Stemwedel
4/28	Levi Jondahl	5/19	Alayna Arthur
		5/26	Nora Pownell

