



Adult Forums — Fall 2017

Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Chapel Lounge

September 3 **“Bread for the World: Survive and Thrive—It Begins with You”**
(after 9:30 liturgy)

This is our day to advocate for those who live with hunger. Mount Olive has been a Bread for the World Covenant Church for more than 20 years, and each year we take time to join with millions of others in writing to our congressional representatives urging support of programs that will continue to reduce the number of people who live with hunger in the world. <http://www.bread.org/>

September 10 **“Conversation with the Vicar”** **Vicar Jessica Christy**
A guided conversation about the background and call to ministry of the vicar serving at Mount Olive this year, Jessica Christy.

September 17 **“From Genesis to Exodus”** **Anna Scott**
A picture of economic realities in South Minneapolis and the introduction of the new Genesis Loan Program to lend struggling families a helping hand by creating a safe lending option.

Anna Scott is the Neighborhood Ministries Coordinator at Mount Olive.

September 24 **“The Minneapolis–Leipzig Connection”** **The Rev. Morris Wee**
What's going on in the church of Luther 500 years after the Reformation? What can we learn from our German partners?

Morris Wee is co-chair of the Minneapolis Area Synod's Leipzig Partnership Team, and he participated in the first clergy exchange program, serving at the Sophia Parish of Leipzig from September 2015 to July 2016.

October 1 **“Writing the Pentecost Icon”** **Nicholas Markell**
Nicholas Markell has written three of the icons at Mount Olive: the Ascension (columbarium), the Incarnation, and now, the Pentecost icon, commissioned by Adam Krueger and Thomas Fenner with Adam's family to the glory of God in memory of Adam's father, Alfred E. Krueger (1922–2015). We thank Adam and Thomas for sponsoring the writing of the icon and this forum.

A master iconographer in the Byzantine and Romanesque traditions, **Nicholas Markell** earned a Master of Arts in theology and a Master of Divinity from Washington Theological Union. Nicholas was the primary graphic artist for *Evangelical Lutheran*

December 3, 10 **“A Liturgical Reading of Mark”** **Dr. Charles Bobertz**
Long before the Gospel writers put pen to papyrus, the earliest Christians participated in the powerful rituals of baptism and the Lord's Supper, which fundamentally shaped their understanding of God, Christ, and the world in which they lived. In these forums, a respected biblical scholar and teacher explores how cultural anthropology and ritual studies elucidate ancient texts.
Charles Bobertz is Professor of Theology at the College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, Minnesota.

December 17 **St. Lucia Scandinavian Brunch** **Hosted by the Crosby and Pipkorn Families**

December 24, Christmas Eve **No Adult Forum**

Coming in 2018

February 25, March 4 **"At the Table at the Time of Jesus"** **Earl Schwartz**
Table fellowship and the significance of eating and associated practices at the time of Jesus and his followers.

March 11, 18 **"Liturgical Musings"** **Father Jan Michael Joncas**
What is the significance of the many words and actions in the liturgy? How are they shaping us?

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