

The Olive Branch

August 30, 2017

Accent on Worship

Pastor Joseph Crippen

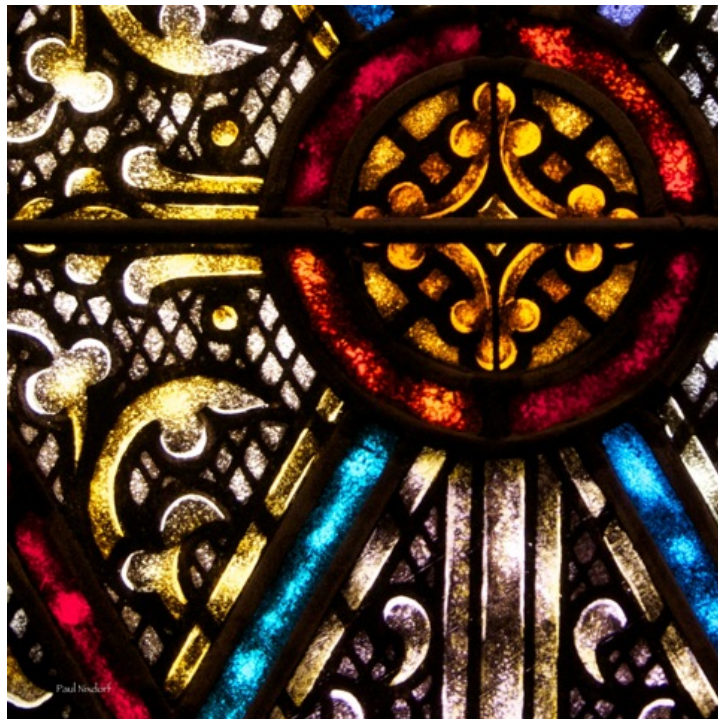
Holy Cross: Eucharist Sept. 14

On Thursday, Sept. 14, Mount Olive will celebrate Eucharist at 7:00 p.m., on the feast day of the Holy Cross. This is a new celebration for this congregation, except when Sept. 14 has fallen on a Sunday. However, evening and weekday Eucharist is a cherished part of the life of this congregation. We celebrate Epiphany and

Ascension, two of the major festivals, on their actual day. We celebrate the feast of Jesus' Presentation, on Feb. 2, and the feast of Mary, Mother of our Lord, on Aug. 15, and these most often are weekday evenings. The Worship Committee has considered over the years other festivals that might be worthy of adding to our schedule, given the grace these others have been for our worship life.

The feast of the Holy Cross has been celebrated in East and West, and was particularly important to Lutheran calendars, especially in northern Europe. It is a day, apart from Holy Week, where we can center our worship and our life on meditating on the cross of Christ and its meaning and grace for the world. In a world persistently in love with power and dominance, we center our faith on a crucified God, who showed a path of sacrificial love for the life of the world. A yearly day on which to focus our hearts and minds on this central truth of God's love will be an important touchstone for our faith as we live in a broken world longing for such Good News.

One of the greatest joys I have serving in this call with you, among more than I can count, is presiding at an evening Eucharist. To be at the altar and see all these people who have taken time in a busy life to come together, celebrate the Eucharist, pray, sing, be fed, is a holy and treasured moment for me in my ministry here. Holy Cross will be another such holy time and holy space. I hope it will be for many of you, as well.



Sunday Readings

September 3, 2017

**13th Sunday after
Pentecost (22 A)**

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalm 26:1-8

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

September 10, 2017

**14th Sunday after
Pentecost (23 A)**

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Psalm 119:33-40

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

Summer Worship

**Holy Eucharist is
celebrated each
summer Sunday
morning at
9:30 a.m.**

Sunday Parking Help Available!

The parking situation at Mount Olive will be challenging for the next weeks and months with the installation of the geothermal wells in the parking lot. The Congregational Life Committee is offering a parking service on Sundays for persons for whom parking in the remote lot or on the street and walking back to church may be difficult.

If you feel you might benefit from this service, please contact Larry Duncan or Art Halbardier for assistance.

Could You Help with This?

The Congregational Life Committee is in need of a few people who could help park cars before worship and be available after church to retrieve the car.

If you can help, please contact please contact Larry Duncan or Art Halbardier.

Fall Frolic - For the Fun of It!

All are invited to take part in a joyful, intergenerational church party on Saturday, September 16, from 4:30 - 9:00 PM.

Get to know your church family a bit better, meet new people, bring a friend along and show off the beautiful community we all love!

There will be a meal provided, activities for all ages, time for informal conversation and hobnobbing.

Young people, seniors, singles, families, and couples are all expected, and will find new ways to engage with one another and with the world outside our walls as we together live more deeply into our vocation to love one another, as Christ has loved us.

Save the date and plan to come, be fed, find refreshment, learn, and grow with your fellow church folk.



Book Discussion

For the September 9 meeting, they will read *The Nightingale*, by Kristin Hannah, and for October 14, *The Snow Child*, by Eowyn Ivey.

The Book Discussion Group meets on the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the West Assembly area. All readers welcome!

Olive Branch Publication

Weekly publication of *The Olive Branch* resumes on September 6 (with the next issue). Beginning on September 4 (for the Sept. 6 issue), all information for *The Olive Branch* is due on Mondays.

Deviled Egg Plates Needed

Mount Olive Hospitality is looking for some donated deviled egg plates to use for receptions.

If you have one (or more!) that you would be willing to donate, please contact Tom Olsen at 952-929-9781.

Calendar

Wednesday, August 30

9:00 am Staff Meeting
8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, September 2

11-2 Diaper Depot open
Noon Community Meal
1-3 pm Prayer Shawl group meets at Black Eye Roasting Co.

Sunday, September 3 - 12th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee and fellowship
11:00 am Theological Discussion Group

Monday, September 4 - Labor Day holiday

Church offices Closed

Tuesday, September 5

Noon Bible Study
4:00 pm Diaper Depot open
7:00 pm Missions Committee meeting

Gene Hennig Memorial Bethania Kids Benefit

Tickets are now on sale for the Gene Hennig Memorial Bethania Kids Benefit, which will be held on Friday, October 13, 2017, 6 pm to 12 am, at the James J. Hill Library in downtown St. Paul.

All proceeds go to Bethania Kids, the non-profit organization Gene co-founded in 1987 to aid disadvantaged children in South India. This event will be a meaningful celebration of Gene's life and a celebration of the nonprofit he worked hard to build for nearly 30 years.

The Hennig family would love to see you there! Tickets and event details are available at www.ghhbkb.preclickbid.com.

Join Our Response for Hurricane Relief!

Your Missions Committee is earmarking funds for hurricane relief. You can join by donating at <http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/US-Hurricane-Relief>, or by marking a blue mission envelope for **Hurricane Relief**.

One hundred percent of donations received through ELCA Disaster Relief will be used to help the victims of this disaster.

All You Need Is Love?

Thursday Bible Study Begins Sept. 21

The first Thursday Bible study series of this year begins on Thursday, Sept. 21, skips a week, then continues from Oct. 5 to Nov. 2.

Meeting in the Chapel Lounge from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Pr. Crippen will be leading a study on the First Letter of John, titled "All You Need Is Love?"

This treasured epistle is a deep, joyful exploration of the power of God's sacrificial love to reconcile all things, and the desire of God that we share in that love for the sake of the world.

As usual, there will be a light supper when we begin. If anyone wishes to provide the first meal, please let Pr. Crippen know.

All are welcome to this study opportunity!

It Takes a Village ...

There is an oft used African proverb that says, "it takes a village to raise a child." I know that was the case with my children, and Mount Olive played a particularly critical role in that regard.

If you like working with children or are interested in children's Christian education then we have openings for volunteering (either full or part time) for the coming school year. This is a wonderful chance to help form our children in ways that will resonate far longer than the one hour a week you spend with them. If you're curious about this vital ministry or would like to help out please contact Diana Hellerman (diana.hellerman@gmail.com) for more information.

Transitions Support Group to meet Wednesday, September 13, 2017

If you're looking for support and encouragement to cope with the challenges and uncertainties in your life, plan to join us on Wednesday, September 13, from 6-7 pm, in the Library at church.

This is an opportunity to share in fellowship, prayer, and discussion with others in the Mount Olive community.

For more information, please contact Cathy Bosworth 612-708-1144 , marcat8447@yahoo.com, or Heather Halen 612-822-0953, hjoyhalen@hotmail.com

Welcome, Vicar Christy!

Jessica Christy is our new vicar for this year, serving her seminary internship with us. She started August 15, but this is the first *Olive Branch* where we have a chance to introduce her.

Jessica grew up in the Twin Cities and is a graduate of Princeton University. She received an M.Div. from Union Theological Seminary in New York, and is now working on an M.Th. at Luther Seminary. Her boyfriend Richard has his Ph.D. in computer security and works with the team that does security for Google Docs.

There will be an opportunity to get to know Vicar Christy a little more at the adult forum on Sept. 10. The format will be different from past years, with both the congregation and the vicar having the opportunity to answer questions that help both to know each other. For now, please make her welcome among us!

Please wear your nametags on Sunday mornings in coming weeks, to help her learn names.

News From the Neighborhood

Anna Scott, Coordinator of Neighborhood Outreach & Ministry



Are you fixin' for a Fall rummage sale? Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association is hosting 75 different sales on Saturday Sept. 9, from 7:00am - 12:00pm. It's a great chance to tour around the neighborhood, explore new streets, and maybe find some treasures!

Get involved" Sheridan Story

You may have heard, but school is starting up again and that means a lot of excitement as kids go back to class.

Mount Olive supports Jefferson Community School on 26th & Hennepin through the Sheridan Story, by packing a bag of food in backpacks for children for the weekend when they don't have access to school-provided meals. Mount Olive has the opportunity to support the work of Sheridan Story and encourage the staff and students at Jefferson through our care and attention to their needs. Here are a few ways to support our partner school:



- ✓ Sponsor a child and provide a weekend meal throughout the school year. Go to <https://app.moonclerk.com/pay/dt4r5ucqxat> to donate through the Mount Olive page. For \$130 you can feed a child and their family a meal for the whole school year!
- ✓ Pack backpacks on Friday afternoons with a team of volunteers. It's simple, hands on, and a great way to interact with the staff and students you are serving.
- ✓ Keep your eyes open for upcoming opportunities to be involved in Jefferson events like
- ✓ providing cakes for a cake walk or manning the booth at a book fair.

Can you help? Have any questions? Contact Anna Scott 612-827-5919 or speak with Elaine Halbardier for more info.

Mount Olive's New Social Group

A new group is forming at Mount Olive. Their purpose? To enjoy the company of fellow members of the Mount Olive community while experiencing sights and activities in our region. Our first gathering will be a trip to Sponsel's Apple Orchard in Jordan, MN, on Friday, Sept. 22. We will meet at Mount Olive at 10:00 a.m. and carpool to the orchard, pick apples, drink cider, and have lunch. If you have ideas for future gatherings, please call or email Carol Austermann at carol44bunny@gmail.com.

This group will hold a planning meeting on Sat. , Sept 9, at Noon (following Book Discussion group, around Noon). If you'd like to be a part of planning events, please plan to come.

Summer of '17: Construction Update



This week, the installation will be completed and the system will begin supplying clean electrical energy to our building. A dream realized. Prayers answered. Thank you for your patience.

The most obvious sign of progress in construction is the growing number of large holes appearing each week in the floor of the nave. Hole cutting is essentially done as of this week.

Of course, the cutting of each of these holes generates a considerable amount of dust and debris.

Many thanks are due to Sexton

James and numerous volunteers who have prepared the nave for worship each Sunday.

It's a bit chaotic in the undercroft these days, where most of the equipment for heating and cooling will be tucked away out of sight. The caution tape on the doorways and stairwells should be respected. Meanwhile, progress continues on drilling the geothermal wells. By the end of this week, approximately half of the wells will be in place. And, by next weekend, hot water should be restored to the kitchens and restrooms. Bringing a new gas line into the church was not simple. Keep watching the blog at <http://moboldstep.blogspot.com> for regular, sometimes daily updates.

Pray for the success of this project and the faithful workers who are doing wonderful work for Mount Olive.

From Conflict to Communion

2017 is the first ever joint Lutheran/Catholic commemoration of the Reformation. In preparation for this singular event, the Roman Catholic/Lutheran Joint Commission published the document, "From Conflict to Communion."

On Sundays, October 8, 15, and 22, following the second liturgy, Don Luther will lead a discussion group focused on this document. To register, email Don at luther5708@usfamily.net, or call him at 612-861-4777. In preparation for the gathering, "From Conflict to Communion" can be downloaded for free by visiting <https://www.lutheranworld.org/content/resource-conflict-communion-basis-lutheran-catholic-commemoration-reformation-2017>.

Save the Date

Holly Near and John McCutcheon will be together for a concert on September 23, at 7:00 PM, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 9185 Lexington Avenue North, Circle Pines, Minnesota. The concert is a benefit for the health work we support in Chile through ELCA missionary Karen Anderson and Educación Popular en Salud (EPES)/Action for Health in the Americas (AHA). EPES is celebrating 35 years of working for justice and dignity in health, working with women in Chilean shanty towns. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door and can be purchased online at epes35brownpapertickets.com, or directly from Judy Hinck.



Bread for the World Sunday: September 3

It is fitting that we begin our fall education hour by taking action to speak for those who are hungry. From Bread for the World:

“In 2017 we are raising our collective voice to ask Congress to make funding decisions that put our country and the world on track to end hunger by 2030. Your messages to Congress will push legislators to make funding decisions that will support vital anti-hunger and anti-poverty programs and policies.

The Trump administration's newest proposed budget for fiscal year 2018 includes deep cuts to domestic and international programs that serve poor and hungry people. The White House has sent Congress a list of programs to cut. The budget proposes:

- More than \$1.7 trillion in cuts to safety-net programs including SNAP (formerly known as food stamps), Medicaid, and refundable tax credits for low-income working families.
- More than \$190 billion in cuts to SNAP itself, impacting millions of senior citizens, working families, and unemployed Americans.
- Eliminating funding for Food for Peace, which funds emergency food aid and development programs.

These budget cuts would make it nearly impossible to end hunger and extreme poverty. You can make an impact. Tell Congress to reject these cuts.”

- **The Stewardship Committee** is seeking offering Counters on Sundays. Contact Kat Campbell Johnson or Brian Jacobs to volunteer.
- **The Evangelism Committee** is looking for volunteers to help with the Reformation 500 / Children's Book Fair on Sundays, October 1 and 8, between services and after 2nd liturgy. Help set up books, take orders and money, take down set-up. Contact Lora Dundek, lhdundek@usfamily.net or 651/645-6636.
- **The Property Committee** is looking for a couple of people who are willing to provide valet service on Sunday mornings for some who need this service due to the current parking lot unavailability. Details on page 2.

SEPTEMBER, 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Abbreviations</i> <i>BFW – Bread for the World</i> <i>NLC – National Lutheran Choir</i> <i>N.A. – Narcotics Anonymous</i></p>					1	2 11am – Diaper Depot Noon – Community Meal 1-3 pm – Prayer Shawl group
3 FOOD COLLECTION 9:30 am – Eucharist 11 am – BFW Campaign of Letters 11 am – Theological Discussion group	4– LABOR DAY Church offices closed	5 Noon – Bible Study 4-6 pm – Diaper Depot 7 pm – Missions Committee	6 10 am – Staff Mtng. 5:30 pm – Neighborhood Ministries committee mtng. 7 pm – Cantorei rehearsal 8 pm – N.A.	7	8	9 10 am – Book Discussion
10 Regular Schedule Resumes 8am – Eucharist 9:30 – Church School/Adult Ed. 10:45 – Eucharist 6:45 pm – Mount Olive Serves Our Saviour’s Dinner	11 6 pm – Vestry mtng. (Note early start!)	12 Noon – Bible Study 4-6 pm – Diaper Depot 7 pm – NLC rehearsal	13 10 am – Staff Mtng. 5:30 – Children’s Choir meal 6 pm – Children’s Choir 6 pm – Transitions Support Group 7 pm – Cantorei 8 pm – N.A.	14 – Holy Cross Day 7:00 pm - Holy Eucharist	15	16 11am – Diaper Depot open Noon – Community Meal 4:30 pm – Fall Frolic
17 8 am – Eucharist 9:30 – Church School /Adult Ed. 10:45 – Eucharist 1 pm – Nurturing Fellowship	18 4-6 pm – NLC Board meeting	19 Noon – Bible Study 1-3 pm – CoAM Advisory Committee 4-6 pm – Diaper Depot 7 pm – NLC rehearsal	20 10 am – Staff Mtng. 5:30 – Children’s Choir meal 6 pm – Children’s Choir 7 pm – Cantorei 8 pm – N.A.	21 6 pm – Bible Study	22 10 am – Apple Orchard Outing	23
24 8 am – Eucharist 9:30 – Church School /Adult Ed. 10:45 – Eucharist	25	26 Noon – Bible Study 4 pm – Diaper Depot 7 pm – NLC rehearsal 7 pm – Internship Committee	27 10 am – Staff Mtng. 5:30 – Children’s Choir meal 6 pm – Children’s Choir 7 pm – Cantorei 8 pm – N.A.	28	29 8:30 am-5 pm Godly Play Training	30 8:30 am-5 pm Godly Play Training

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congregation.*

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