

The Olive Branch

September 6, 2017

A Message from Lutheran Disaster Response

Hurricane Harvey Relief

The situation:

Please stand by our neighbors as we begin the long road to recovering from Hurricane Harvey, one of the most catastrophic storms to hit the country in more than a decade.

Our response:

Lutheran Disaster Response's affiliate is actively present, collaborating with community leaders and officials to initiate the proper responses, particularly the long-term recovery efforts. Together, we have a strong history of working with disasters in the Gulf Coast area. Recovery efforts are expected to take years, and Lutheran Disaster Response will be there to accompany those affected through every phase of this disaster.

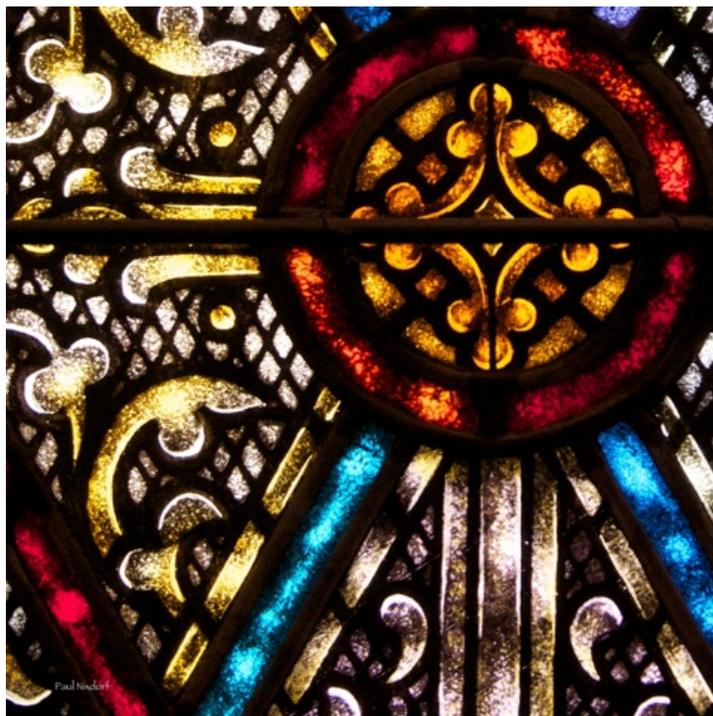
We invite you help our neighbors on the Gulf Coast during this time. Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those left homeless or otherwise affected by this disaster for years to come.

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response will be used entirely (100 percent) for this disaster until the response is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support. Give today to support the needs in this response and others like it.

What you can do:

- Pray: Please pray for the people who have been affected and are in the path of Hurricane Harvey. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need.
- Give: Gifts to "U.S. Hurricane Relief" will be used to assist those affected by the hurricane until the response is complete. You may place a donation for this in your blue missions envelope - or any envelope, make your check payable to Mount Olive and write "Hurricane Relief" in the memo line, and Mount Olive will send all donations to LDR. If you prefer, you may also send it directly. Make checks payable to Hurricane Response - United States and send to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.

The need is great. Please be generous.



Sunday Readings

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

September 17, 2017

15th Sunday after
Pentecost (24 A)

Genesis 50:15-21

Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

Holy Cross Day
Thursday, September 14
Holy Eucharist
at 7:00 pm
All are welcome.

Sunday's Adult Forum

9:30 am in the Chapel Lounge

September 10: "Conversation with the Vicar," with Vicar Jessica Christy

Sunday's forum will be a guided conversation about the background and call to ministry of the vicar serving at Mount Olive this year, Vicar Jessica Christy.

Next Sunday, September 17: "From Genesis to Exodus," presented by Anna Scott, Coordinator of Neighborhood Outreach & Ministry at Mount Olive.

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.

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.

Deviled Egg Plates Needed

Mount Olive Hospitality is looking for some 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 before bringing them to church. Thanks!

Book Discussion

For the September 9 meeting, the Book Discussion group 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!

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 here: <https://www.lutheranworld.org/content/resource-conflict-communion-basis-lutheran-catholic-commemoration-reformation-2017>.

Calendar

Wednesday, September 6

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
5:30 pm Neighborhood Ministries Committee meeting
7:00 pm Cantorei rehearsals resume
8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, September 9

- 10:00 am Book Discussion group
Noon Social Group planning meeting

Sunday, September 10 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Regular Sunday worship schedule resumes!

- 8:00 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee and fellowship
9:30 am Sunday Church School / Adult Forum
10:45 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee and fellowship
6:45 pm Mount Olive serves Our Saviour's meal

Monday, September 11

- 6:00 pm Vestry meeting (*please note early start time!*)

Tuesday, September 12

- Noon Bible Study
4:00 pm Diaper Depot open
7:00 pm National Lutheran Choir rehearsal

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.

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!

Mount Olive's New Social Group

A new group is forming at Mount Olive. The purpose of this group? 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 this 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

Not going to change the title of this update just because we've passed Labor Day! We're going to hang onto it, in hopes of influencing the climate forces to stay warm a little longer. Insider tip: if you see any good sales on sweaters, consider stocking up! Just in case a cold snap comes along before the heat is ready.

There's been so much demolition these past weeks, but here's proof that construction is actually happening side-by-side. New ducts and piping are finding new homes as you can see...
...and a lot more pieces stand ready to join them soon.

And, we should have hot water restored by this coming weekend! Little things can mean so much.



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/dt4r5ucqxt> 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.

Volunteer Tutors Needed!

Sharing & Caring Hands/Mary's Place needs volunteers ages 14+ willing to help with their after-school tutoring program. This includes helping students with homework, helping students practice reading, and working with a large population of refugee children just learning English. No teaching/tutoring experience required. They will provide training/orientation to help you feel comfortable!

Program Starts : Mid-September; Open Mondays, Tuesdays, & Wednesdays from 4-6 pm. Volunteers will pick one day per week to attend. Interested? Email kklement@sharingandcaringhands.org.

National Lutheran Choir Opens New Season with Reformation concert

The National Lutheran Choir begins its 32nd season with world premier performances of *Holy Spirit Mass*, by Kim André Arneson, commissioned for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, at the Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis, and the Ordway Concert Hall in St. Paul.

For more information, or to order Season Passes and tickets, visit NLCA.com.

World Premiere: Holy Spirit Mass

Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis, October 27, 2017 – 8pm
Ordway Concert Hall, St. Paul, October 29, 2017 – 4pm

Bread for the World

If you were out of town Sunday, you can still participate in our offering of letters. Just write your letters at home and send them off or bring them to church and we'll send them for you. 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 with questions or 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, lhdunek@usfamily.net or 651/645-6636.
- **Neighborhood Ministries Committee** is looking for volunteers to help serve monthly meals at Our Saviour’s Shelter (2nd Sunday of each month at 6:45 pm). Contact Rod & Connie Olson at olsonrr@gmail.com, or Elaine Halbardier at elaineandart2@comcast.net.

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Sunday Eucharist: 8:00 & 10:45 am

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Staff

Pastor - *Joseph Crippen*

Cantor - *David Cherwien*

Vicar - *Jessica Christy*

Coordinator of Neighborhood Outreach
and Ministry - *Anna Scott*

Administrative Assistant - *Cha Posz*

Sexton - *James Wilkes*

*Mount Olive is a Reconciling in Christ
congregation.*

Transitions Support Group to meet Wednesday, September 13 (Tonight!)

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.

Regular Sunday Worship Schedule Resumes This Weekend

**Beginning this Sunday, Sept. 10,
we return to our regular Sunday
worship schedule of two
liturgies each week,
at 8:00 and 10:45 a.m.**

**Sunday Church School
and Adult Forum take place
between the liturgies,
beginning at 9:30 a.m.**