

The Olive Branch

September 27, 2017



Accent on Worship

Cantor David Cherwien

We're finally there.

Folks have been talking about October 2017 for years. It marks 500 years since Martin Luther raised his 95 Theses with the Roman Catholic Church. It was not an intention of his to create a separate church bearing his name, but nevertheless, this is indeed what happened. For some this 500 year milestone is an opportunity to hold up who we are as people of the Reformation. For others, this milestone is an opportunity to remember and lament another division in the church. Perhaps a little of both is appropriate.

Where I like to live with this observance is remembering that we are "church of reformation" (not "replacement"), and we Lutherans are not alone in that regard but we do have a unique journey. Reformation is an ongoing state of being. We stretch, grow, question, re-evaluate, and evolve. We maintain a great sense of balance between remembering and evolving into something new. In that process, we remain not as much people of "a church," but rather a thinking and growing people of God. The evidence we have of this being real is in our hymnal. In it are representations of many eras and places, as songs and hymns contain music, theology, and often culture of those times and places. A glance of the small print shows how expansive this representation is. The reformation includes far more than 1517 Saxony and its era.

There are several events this month marking this milestone here in the Twin Cities. On October 8 at 4 pm, Mount Olive Music and Fine Arts 17-18 series begins with a hymn festival using hymns of Martin Luther himself. Certainly one of Luther's great gifts to the church is a renewed and in some ways new emphasis on the people singing, especially hymns in the vernacular - the language of the people. Many of these hymns are still sung today, thanks to the work of translators providing English language versions. In addition to using the hymns of this theological (and musical) pioneer, we use the format begun by a pioneer serving here at Mount Olive, Paul Manz. In this hymn festival, the series of hymns are sung creatively by all, and surrounded (and interpreted) by organ improvisations and thoughtful spoken reflections, offered by Susan Palo Cherwien.

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Sunday Readings

October 1, 2017
17th Sunday after
Pentecost (26 A)

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalm 25:1-9

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

October 8, 2017
18th Sunday after
Pentecost (27 A)

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm 80:7-15

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

Sunday's Adult Forum

Sunday, October 1: "Writing the Pentecost Icon," presented by 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 degree in Theology and a Master of Divinity from Washington Theological Union. Nicholas was the primary graphic artist for Evangelical Lutheran Worship and its companion books, and in 2012 and 2017 has won the Trout Stamp competition sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. <http://www.markellstudios.com/>

Next Sunday, October 8: "Hymns of Martin Luther," presented by Dr. Paul Westermeyer.

Martin Luther, though he is often regarded as an iconoclast and the first person to introduce congregational singing into the church (with bar tunes), in fact was deeply indebted to and grateful for the hymnic heritage he received. This forum will be a discussion of some hymns Martin Luther wrote, translated, or adapted, with considerations of their backgrounds.

Paul Westermeyer is Emeritus Professor of Church Music at Luther Seminary in St. Paul where he taught, served as the Cantor, and directed the Master of Sacred Music program.

**Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
Wednesday, October 4**

Blessing of Animals – 7 pm

***Bring your pets for this fun annual service
of blessing!***

Book Discussion

For the October 14 meeting, the Book Discussion Group will read *The Snow Child*, by Eowyn Ivey. For the November 11 meeting, they will read *Anna Karenina*, by Leo Tolstoy.

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 27

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
5:30 pm Children's Choir supper
6:00 pm Children's Choir rehearsal
6:00 pm Internship Committee meeting
7:00 pm Cantorei rehearsals resume
8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday, September 28

- 6:00 pm Godly Play Training

Friday, September 29

- 8:30 am Godly Play Training

Saturday, September 30

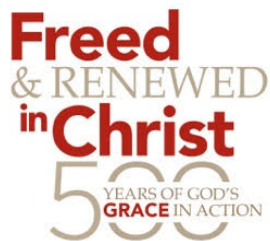
- 8:30 am Godly Play Training

Sunday, October 1 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost

- 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

Tuesday, October 3

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



Reformation Bookstore

As part of our Reformation 500 observance at Mount Olive, there will be a special book sale offered after both liturgies on Sundays, October 1 and October 8.

Get discounts on several books from Augsburg and Sparkhouse Publishing.

Books for both adults and children will be available. This is not a fundraiser, but we will earn books for our church library.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help set up, sell and take down books, you would be welcome! Contact Lora Dundek with questions.

All You Need Is Love?

Thursday Bible Study Continues

The first Thursday Bible study series of this year began last Thursday, Sept. 21. It 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 is 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, we begin with a light supper at 6 pm..

All are welcome to this study opportunity!

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On Reformation Weekend, October 27-29, a huge event is taking place. The National Lutheran Choir has teamed up with Luther Seminary and created a weekend of events: workshops by leading theologians and musicians on themes of "Reformation." Speakers include Don Saliers, Anton Armstrong, Marty Haugen, Mary Preus, and many others. Anyone is welcome to register and attend. The two-day event culminates with a festival service at Central Lutheran Church on Saturday, October 28, at 4:00 pm. ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton is preaching, and the National Lutheran Choir will be joined by a massed choir of between 300 to 400 singers from area churches, including Mount Olive's Cantorei. This service is open to anyone, independent of the workshop events. Visit www.luthersem.edu/reformation for more information about the workshops.

The National Lutheran Choir will be premiering a brand new commission, marking "500 and 50" – 500 years since the split of Lutherans and Roman Catholics, yet celebrating the 50 recent years of Lutheran and Roman Catholic theologians working toward reconciliation, creating the document "From Conflict to Communion." The commissioned musical work for choir and strings being premiered by the NLC is called "Holy Spirit Mass" by young composer Kim André Arnesen. It will be performed by the choir first in Washington, DC at the National Shrine of the Holy Conception, and then here in the Twin Cities at the Basilica of St Mary's on Friday, October 27, and the Ordway Theater on Sunday, afternoon, October 29. Go to www.NLCA.com for more information.

Liturgies on Sunday mornings here at Mount Olive observe reformation as they always have: Word-centered, we continue to sing the hymns and songs of time and places past, while at the same time we learn (and create) new ones to add as evidence of our time and place for the future. Time will sift through our vast contributions keeping what is needed, and what is best.

It's a busy time. But as one person said, "a 500-year anniversary only happens once." Why not be busy about it?

- Cantor David Cherwien

Gene Hennig Memorial Benefit--Get Tickets Now!

While the benefit isn't until October 13, this is the week that planners need a catering count. Do not delay! Call Emily Hennig at 651-210-9289, or log in to <http://ghhbkb.preclickbid.com> to get your tickets. This benefit for Bethania Kids is a great way to honor the 30 years of caring for India's children that Gene and his friends began. Thirty years ago they started by serving 9 orphans. Today, over 1000 kids are served in 4 residential homes, 9 day care and after school centers, 2 rehabilitation centers, and 3 women's empowerment programs, and Mount Olive has been there from the beginning.

News from the Neighborhood

Anna Scott, Coordinator of Neighborhood Ministries & Outreach

Neighborhood Clean-Up

Let's give our neighborhood a little LOVE!

This Sunday, October 1, after the second liturgy around 12:15 pm, we'll do a cleanup of our city blocks to show some care for our neighbors and our streets before the weather turns. Meet Anna Scott, Rook, and others at the red doors to pick up trash, pull weeds, or whatever is needed.

If you have gloves please bring them. Some will be provided.

See you Sunday!

Hurricane Relief: The Need Continues

Many thanks for the strong response you offered for our first appeal for hurricane relief. As you well know, Hurricanes Irma and Maria have only compounded the need. Lutheran Disaster Response continues to use 100% of your donation for its relief work. You can help 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 offering envelope for Hurricane Relief.

MFA First Event of the New Season

*Sunday, October 8, 2017, 4 pm
Hymn Festival: Hymns of Martin Luther*

Cantor David Cherwien, Mount Olive Cantorei, Reflections by Susan Palo Cherwien

As part of the year observing 500 years since the beginning of the Reformation, this hymn festival will include several hymns composed by Martin Luther himself, some still widely sung (such as A Mighty Fortress), some not so often (Even as We Live Each Day). A reception follows in the Chapel Lounge.

“Body and Sold”

“Body and Sold” is a powerful documentary play to inspire discussion and action. Performances are Oct. 14 – Nov. 2 in various Twin Cities locations.

Written from interviews with sex trafficking survivors in five major U.S. cities including the Twin Cities, this powerful documentary play gives voice to victims and inspires discussion and action. The play's interwoven stories of nine juvenile sex trafficking survivors are thought-provoking eye-openers about what is happening to the youth in our communities.

As part of our Super Bowl Awareness campaign, Cherish All Children is encouraging church members to attend this play, and then plan for time to discuss what you've learned and action steps you might take together. The Super Bowl is just one event that highlights the everyday crime of juvenile sex trafficking that happens in all Minnesota counties. Come, and be a part of the solution.

For tickets and more information about times and venues, visit to <http://chainreactiontp.com/body-and-sold/>.

Semi-Annual Meeting Oct. 15: Budget and Bylaws

The Vestry has set Sunday, Oct. 15 as the date of the October semi-annual meeting of the congregation. The meeting will start at 12:15 p.m. On the agenda is the 2018 general budget of the congregation, and recommendations from the Vestry for several bylaw changes.

As usual, there will be a preview meeting a week earlier, Sunday, Oct. 8, after second liturgy, to give people a chance to talk about the budget and these bylaw changes.

Following are the recommended bylaw changes. They are intended to better reflect current congregational practice, and to give more directed guidance to the ministry with youth and their families. If the bylaws are approved Oct. 15, they take effect immediately.

In B4.03 **The Director of Congregational Life**

Replace:

~~f. Make every effort to induce members who have been negligent in their attendance at services, in the use of the Sacraments and the financial support of the Congregation to fulfill their responsibilities as members.~~

With:

f. Make every effort to connect with members who have become or are becoming less active or are worshipping less frequently, to pray for them, and to engage with them in listening for how the Congregation might be of Christly service to them.

In B4.11 **The Director of Youth and Family Ministry** *(add underlined to title)*

The Director of Youth and Family Ministry shall:

Replace:

~~a. Promote, project and facilitate the ministry of the Congregation to and by the youth of the Congregation.~~

~~b. Design and promote programs of education, fellowship and service for junior high and high school age members of the Congregation.~~

With:

a. In conjunction with the Pastor, assist and help lead the Congregation in its ministry with the children and youth of the Congregation and their families.

b. Support, encourage, and assist families of this Congregation in carrying out their role of teaching the faith to their children.

c. Encourage spiritual growth of the youth and children of the Congregation through Bible study, prayer, music, and Christian service, and assist and encourage families to participate in these activities at home.

d. Collaborate with the Pastor, the Cantor, and the Director of Education on educational offerings to the children and youth of the Congregation, as well as classes in Christian parenting, faith in the family, and other similar issues; and assist in planning and recruiting leadership of the same.

e. Collaborate with other Vestry directors to plan and encourage involvement of the youth and children of the Congregation in all aspects of the congregation's ministry.

f. Plan and coordinate activities for youth with other youth groups outside this Congregation.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>1</p> <p>FOOD COLLECTION</p> <p>8 am – Eucharist 9:30 – Church School /Adult Ed. 10:45 – Eucharist</p> | <p>2</p> | <p>3</p> <p>Noon – Bible Study</p> <p>4: pm – Diaper Depot Open</p> <p>7 pm – Missions Committee</p> <p>7 pm – Loan meeting</p> | <p>4 – St. Francis of Assisi</p> <p>10 am – Staff Mtng. 5:30 pm – Choir meal 5:30 pm – Neighborhood Min. Committee meeting 6 pm – Children’s Choir</p> <p>7 pm – Blessing of Animals 7:30 pm – Cantorei 8 pm – N.A.</p> | <p>5</p> <p>6 pm – Bible Study</p> | <p>6</p> | <p>7</p> <p>9:30 m - Confirmation 11 am – Diaper Depot Open</p> <p>Noon – Community Meal</p> <p>1 pm – Prayer Shawl group meets at Black Eye Roasting Co.</p> |
| <p>8</p> <p>8 am – Eucharist 9:30 – Church School /Adult Ed. 10:45 – Eucharist, with the Sacrament of Holy Baptism</p> <p>Noon – Budget Preview meeting 4 pm – MFA Event: Reformation Hymn Festival</p> <p>6:45 pm – Mount Olive Serves Our Saviour’s Dinner</p> | <p>9</p> <p>7 pm – Vestry Meeting</p> | <p>10</p> <p>Noon – Bible Study</p> <p>4 pm – Diaper Depot Open</p> <p>7 pm – NLC rehearsal</p> | <p>11</p> <p>10 am – Staff Mtng. 5:30 pm – Choir meal 6:00 pm – Children’s Choir</p> <p>7 pm – Cantorei 8 pm – N.A</p> | <p>12</p> <p>6 pm – Bible Study</p> | <p>13</p> | <p>14</p> <p>9:30 m - Confirmation 10 am – Book Discussion</p> |
| <p>15</p> <p>8 am – Eucharist 9:30 – Church School /Adult Ed. 10:45 – Eucharist</p> <p>Noon – Congregation Meeting</p> | <p>16</p> <p>6:30 pm – Reconciling Works Committee meeting</p> | <p>17</p> <p>Noon – Bible Study 1-3 – CoAM Advisory Committee meeting 4 pm – Diaper Depot Open</p> <p>7 pm – NLC rehearsal</p> | <p>18</p> <p>10 am – Staff Mtng. 5:30 pm – Choir meal 6:00 pm – Children’s Choir</p> <p>7 pm – Cantorei 8 pm – N.A</p> | <p>19</p> <p>6 pm – Bible Study</p> | <p>20</p> | <p>21</p> <p>11 am – Diaper Depot Open Noon – Community Meal</p> |
| <p>22</p> <p>8 am – Eucharist 9:30 – Church School 10:45 – Eucharist</p> | <p>23</p> | <p>24</p> <p>Noon – Bible Study</p> <p>4 pm – Diaper Depot Open</p> <p>7 pm – NLC rehearsal</p> | <p>25</p> <p>10 am – Staff Mtng. 5:30 pm – Choir meal 6:00 pm – Children’s Choir 6 pm Internship Committee 7 pm – Cantorei 8 pm – N.A</p> | <p>26</p> <p>6 pm – Bible Study</p> | <p>27</p> | <p>28</p> <p>9:30 m - Confirmation</p> |
| <p>29 – Reformation Sunday</p> <p>8 am – Eucharist 9:30 – Church School 10:45 – Eucharist</p> | <p>30</p> <p>7 pm – Worship Committee meeting</p> | <p>31</p> <p>Noon – Bible Study</p> <p>4 pm – Diaper Depot Open</p> <p>7 pm – NLC rehearsal</p> | | | | |

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*Mount Olive is a Reconciling in Christ
congregation.*

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