

The Olive Branch

October 25, 2017



Accent on Worship

Cantor David Cherwien

Reformation

I get asked often: "What makes music 'Lutheran' or 'of the Reformation'?"

In a sense it's like asking the question, "Do Lutherans have the one and only true faith?" The answer is a definite "Yes - but we know we're not the only ones who have it". Lutheran music began long before Luther. Lutheran music even began before the time of Christ, as some things we sing came from Hebrew worship, perhaps prior to that.

One can define music as "Lutheran" in several ways. Participation is a key word in identifying Lutheran qualities. Certainly in the text - for Luther, music participates in proclaiming the Word. It's about something - something that points and leads us to God and God's saving grace. Participation in singing is another key thing. At the time of Luther most music was sung by the choir. Luther knew the value of singing and brought that back to the people - in the vernacular. Vernacular means in their language, with music which reflects the nature and rhythmic flow of their vernacular language.

Two erroneous assumptions get made, however. The first is that Luther rejected Latin, or the Mass, in favor of something "simple." Hardly. Nor did he want to reject high-art music offered by the choir. Not so. What he did was "add" - and "re-form," not replace. The second was that he used "bar songs" for hymns. Some claim this meant simple music sung in bars, but the word "bar" came from "bar form" which was a structural form word, not drinking institution word. He was a highly trained musician who valued high art, with Josquin being his favorite composer. His colleague, Johann Walther, was also a highly regarded composer of high art music at the time. But what Luther did add was musical elements of the time - the Renaissance - with its dance rhythm and shape that matched that of the German language.

To continue the spirit of what Lutheranism means is to continually add to the repertoire. We proclaim the word in song using music which reflects the best of all cultures that sing in various points in time and place on earth. We don't replace, we "re-form" continually.

We commemorate 500 years since the Reformation this Sunday. We are singing many German hymns from that time, but we also will be singing brand new hymns - such as a hymn Susan and I wrote this past summer for a church in Salem, Oregon.

Lutheran music is that which is both memory and vision. We know where we've been, we're constantly adding, reforming our expressions to reflect theology, new vernaculars. We respect and value a high bar with regard to theology and music. And we celebrate that we're all mostly the singers. That's part of it, at least.

Sunday Readings

October 29, 2017
Reformation Sunday
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 46
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36

November 5, 2017
All Saints Sunday
Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

Sunday's Adult Forum

Sunday, October 29: "From Conflict to Communion: Lutheran-Roman Catholic Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017," presented by Don Luther. (See topic information in column on the right).

There will be no Adult Forum next Sunday, November 5.

Transitions Support Group Next Meeting

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

Do you ever think it would be nice to have someone who would just listen to what's going on in your life right now? That's what we do for each other when we meet. Join us on Wednesday, November 1, from 6-7 pm in the church library. This is an opportunity to share your particular concerns with others in the Mount Olive community.

Questions? Please contact Cathy Bosworth 612-708-1144, marcat8447@yahoo.com, or Heather Halen 612-822-0953, hjoyhalen@hotmail.com.

Solar House Party, November 14, 7-8:30pm

The Congregational Life Committee is sponsoring this event to engage and educate members about meaningful steps they can take in their own homes to reduce their carbon footprint by supporting solar energy.

The agenda includes brief informational talks from experts about rooftop solar for homeowners; what is a Community Solar Garden and how to subscribe to one to save on energy bills and help the environment; energy efficiency; and the connection between solar and climate justice.

TIME: 7 to 8:30 p.m. Nov. 14

LOCATION: The home of Mount Olive member Connie Marty, 2478 Lydia Ave. W. in Roseville

Drinks and light appetizers will be served. Registration required because of limited space.

This event also is sponsored by Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light, a nonprofit organization that works with faith communities to build the climate-justice movement, with assistance from solar businesses.

To register, visit www.TinyURL.com/MountOliveSolar

Book Discussion

For the November 11 meeting, The Book Discussion Group will read *Anna Karenina*, by Leo Tolstoy. For the December 9 meeting, they will read *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, by Zora Neale Hurston.

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."

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, October 25

- 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, October 26

- 6:00 pm Bible Study
7:00 pm Loan committee meeting

Saturday, October 28

- 9:30 am Confirmation

Sunday, October 29 - Reformation Sunday

- 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 31

- Noon Bible Study
4:00 pm Diaper Depot open

National Lutheran Choir to Present *Holy Spirit Mass*

Join the National Lutheran Choir on Friday October 27, and Sunday October 29, for the premiere of a major choral-instrumental work. *Holy Spirit Mass*, composed by Norwegian composer Kim André Arnesen. This work commemorates the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and celebrates the common ground shared by all people of God.

- *Friday, October 27, 2017 - 8:00 pm*
Basilica of Saint Mary, 88 17th St. N., Minneapolis, MN 55403
- *Sunday, October 29, 2017 - 4:00 pm*
Ordway Concert Hall, 345 Washington St., St. Paul, MN 55102

For more information and to buy tickets, visit NLCA.com.

All You Need Is Love?

Thursday Bible Study Continues

The first Thursday Bible study series of this year continues through 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!

Attention Mount Olive Worship Assistants

The Servant Schedule for the 1st quarter of 2018 (January - March) will be published at the beginning of December 2017. The deadline for submitting requests to me is November 1, 2017. Please email your requests to peggyrf70@gmail.com. Thanks!

- Peggy Hoeft



Summer of '17: Almost Over

Here's our lovely parking lot, all dressed up, waiting for its asphalt. We hope that pavement can be installed by Sunday – but it still has to pass a couple of tests this week.

The parking lot will be “usable” this winter – which means that it will have a base coat of pavement and lights, but will look kind of rough until spring.

On another front, hopes are high for partial heat this weekend. The Parish House will be warm, the nave - not so much. Warm sweaters are in order.

Perspective for this Reformation Sunday: Among the higher thoughts we shall contemplate during worship, perhaps also consider the temperature our forebears experienced in those old stone churches near the end of October.

Chancel Dusting and Polishing Day

The Altar Guild is hosting a chancel-cleaning event on Saturday, November 11, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

During our construction project, our sexton, James Wilkes, has worked hard to manage the dust, but we have some catching up to do. Please join our crew – for an hour, for the morning. The more hands, the faster we'll finish!

Bring your favorite duster and polishing rags, and help spiff up our worship space for the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Questions? Contact Beth Gaede--bethgaede [at] comcast [dot] com.

Contribution Statements Available

Please pick up your third quarter contribution statements when you come to church! They are located on the small table next to the coat room. Every statement picked up is one less we have to mail.

Those statements which remain after Reformation Sunday, October 29, will be mailed on Monday, October 30.

News from the Neighborhood

Anna Scott, Coordinator of Neighborhood Ministries & Outreach

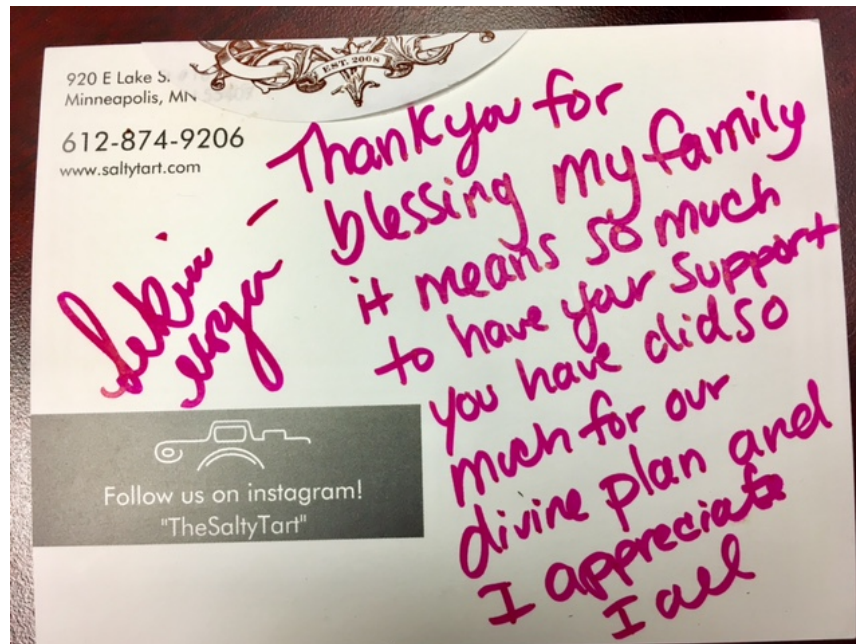
11th Annual Powderhorn Park Empty Bowls

Friday, November 3 at 11am - 7pm

Come together with your friends and neighbors for a community meal of bread and soup to help raise funds to feed those who are hungry in our neighborhood.

Pick out a handmade bowl for your meal, enjoy visiting with your neighbors, and when you leave, take your bowl home with you - now empty - as a reminder that you've done something good to help your neighbors.

A donation of \$20 for the meal and the bowl is suggested. One bowl per adult in-person attendee.



Here's a thank you from a young woman and her partner who were served through our crisis fund. This young couple both have jobs (she works at Salty Tart in Midtown Global market) and are fervently trying to find their own apartment, but nothing is working out when they do not have a long or clear rental history and he has something on his record. So in the meantime they are living in a hotel, paying by the week, and, as in their case that brought them to us, by the day. By Tuesday they had run out of money, but the paycheck comes on Friday.

I've seen this scenario many many times now. We were able to make a payment agreement for the majority of the money so they will pay us back little by little. In essence a loan. It was a matter of offering them something that fit their immediate need, but doesn't collapse our crisis fund budget. They have a place to stay, and we were able to be creative instead of just saying no. In this role I don't get many thank you notes, so I wanted to share these words and this hope with you. (But I can't share the treats she sent along from the Salty Tart, but they were delicious :)

Save the Date!

Reformation 500 Congregational Potluck Meal

Plan now to join your Mount Olive friends and family for a meal to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther's 95 Theses.

We'll gather for a POTLUCK meal after 2nd liturgy on Sunday, November 12. Brats and sauerkraut will be provided – bring a dish to pass!

More details to come!

New Member Welcome

Mount Olive will welcome new members (or associate members) into membership on **Sunday, December 10 at the 10:45 liturgy**. A welcome brunch for the whole congregation will follow the service at 12:15.

If you would like to be included in this new member group, or if you know someone who would like an invitation to join, please contact Cha at the church office (welcome@mountolivechurch.org or 612/827-5919) or speak with Pastor Crippen. Thanks!

Exhibitions at the Basilica

The Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis is hosting three exhibitions in the coming days and weeks which may be of interest to many:

- **Currently, until October 30:** "Rebirth, Reform, and Revision: Reading the Image During the Reformation," an exhibition of prints
<http://www.mary.org/news-events/events/reading-image-during-reformation?instance=0#.WeDTMRNSxLw>
- **November 4-26:** "Windows To Heaven: A Visual Hymn of Praise," an icon exhibit open to the public, with a special exhibit in the John XXIII Gallery: "A Retrospective of the Work of Iconographer Nicholas Markell." Nicholas is the iconographer of three of Mount Olive's icons and recently presented an adult forum at Mount Olive.
<http://www.stcroixiconography.org/windows-to-heaven/>
- **November 19:** Dedication of "The Homeless Jesus" sculpture
<http://www.mary.org/news-events/events/homeless-jesus-sculpture-dedication?instance=0#.WeDUixNSxLw>

Names of the Departed Saints Invited

As a part of our All Saints liturgy on Sunday, Nov. 5, worshippers are invited to submit the names of loved ones close to them who have died in the past year, since last All Saints Sunday, who weren't members of Mount Olive. (Members of the parish who have died are always named.) These other names submitted will be included in the prayers of intercession. You may also contact the church office with the names.

Please keep this to just those who have died this past year, so we can have a more manageable list.

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*Mount Olive is a Reconciling in Christ
congregation.*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>1 10 am – Staff Mtng.</p> <p>Noon - Congregational Life Committee meeting</p> <p>5:30 pm – Neighborhood Min. Comm. meeting</p> <p>5:30 pm – Choir meal 6:00 pm – Children’s Choir 7 pm – Cantorei</p> <p>8 pm – N.A.</p>	<p>2 6 pm – Bible Study</p>	<p>3 6-12 pm N.A. social event</p>	<p>4 9:30 am – Confirmation</p> <p>11 am – Diaper Depot open</p> <p>Noon – Community Meal</p> <p>1-3 pm – Prayer Shawl group meets at Black Eye Roasting Co.</p>
<p>5 – ALL SAINTS SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION 8 am – Eucharist 9:30 – Church School /Adult Ed. 10:45 – Eucharist, with the Sacrament of Holy Baptism</p> <p>Noon – Theological Discussion</p>	<p>6 7 pm – Vestry Meeting</p>	<p>7 Noon – Bible Study</p> <p>4-6 pm – Diaper Depot open</p> <p>7 pm – Missions Comm. mtng.</p> <p>7 pm – NLC rehearsal</p>	<p>8 10 am – Staff Mtng.</p> <p>5:30 pm – Choir meal 6:00 pm – Children’s Choir</p> <p>7 pm – Cantorei</p> <p>8 pm – N.A.</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 9 am – Chancel cleaning</p> <p>9:30 am – Confirmation</p> <p>10 am – Book Discussion</p>
<p>12 8 am – Eucharist 9:30 – Church School /Adult Ed. 10:45 – Eucharist Noon – Reformation Potluck</p> <p>6:45 pm – Mount Olive Serves Our Saviour’s Meal</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Noon – Bible Study</p> <p>4-6 pm – Diaper Depot open</p> <p>7 pm – NLC rehearsal</p>	<p>15 10 am – Staff Mtng.</p> <p>5:30 pm – Choir meal 6:00 pm – Children’s Choir</p> <p>6 pm – Transitions Support Group</p> <p>7 pm – Cantorei 8 pm – N.A.</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 6:30 pm Reformation Exhibit at MIA</p>	<p>18 9:30 am - Confirmation 11 am – Diaper Depot open</p> <p>Noon – Community Meal</p>
<p>19 8 am – Eucharist 9:30 – Church School /Adult Ed. 10:45 – Eucharist</p>	<p>20 3-6 pm – NLC Board meeting</p> <p>6:30 pm - Reconciling Works</p>	<p>21 Noon – Bible Study 1-3 pm – CoAM Advisory</p> <p>Committee meeting</p> <p>4-6 pm – Diaper Depot open</p> <p>7 pm – NLC rehearsal</p>	<p>22 10 am – Staff Mtng.</p> <p>5:30 pm – Choir meal 6:00 pm – Children’s Choir</p> <p>7 pm – Cantorei 8 pm – N.A.</p>	<p>23 – Day of Thanksgiving</p> <p>10:00 am - Eucharist</p>	<p>24 Church offices closed</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 – Christ the King</p> <p>8 am – Eucharist 9:30 – Church School /Adult Ed. 10:45 – Eucharist</p>	<p>27 7 pm – Worship Committee meeting</p>	<p>28 Noon – Bible Study</p> <p>4-6 pm – Diaper Depot open</p> <p>7 pm – NLC rehearsal</p>	<p>29 10 am – Staff Mtng.</p> <p>5:30 pm – Choir meal 6:00 pm – Children’s Choir</p> <p>6:00 pm – Internship Committee meeting</p> <p>7 pm – Cantorei 8 pm – N.A.</p>	<p>30</p>		

