



The Olive Branch

April 25, 2018

Accent on Worship *Pastor Joseph Crippen* *Overarching*

What does God require of you, Micah the prophet asks, but “to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (6:8) I have been at the center of a whirlwind of these words in this past week. They were part of my lesson on Micah for last Saturday’s confirmation class. They will be part of the Thursday Bible study lessons either this week or next. In my spiritual direction group last Friday, our director chose these words as the reading to begin our time of silence together.

When the Holy Spirit gets that insistent, placing something in my face that often, I’ve learned to listen. As I write this in my office at church, I am also sitting in front of a calligraphed version of these words. My mother, at some point in her later years, commissioned

a calligrapher to create seven different versions which she gave to each of her seven children. With this swirl of Micah 6 around me these days, I also find myself wondering what my mother hoped for with this gift. Both the Holy Spirit and my mother are asking me to think deeply about these words right now.

These are good words to have hanging over one’s shoulder. Good words to have written on one’s heart, in Jeremiah’s image of chapter 31. We face so many questions as we seek to be faithful Christs. The world changes faster than we can keep up, and even with the best of intentions we still struggle to know what is best to do, right to do, good to do.

Micah says, keep it simple. Do justice. Are you serving God’s justice with your life? Do you see injustice that you can do something or say something about? Live justice, Micah says. That’s a good start.

Love kindness next. I love this one most of all. How does your life show a love of kindness? What would your family, your friends, your life, your world, be like if all day you strove to love kindness (and do it)? Life is complicated, confusing, frustrating, and frightening. Kindness is none of that. Kindness, you know what that is. Kindness is simple enough for any choices you make.

Sunday Readings

April 29, 2018
Fifth Sunday
of Easter

Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

May 6, 2018
Sixth Sunday
of Easter

Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

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Congregational Meeting Set for Sunday, April 29

The Vestry has set the semi-annual Congregation Meeting for Sunday, April 29, following the second liturgy. The agenda will include updates on the Bold Step Forward capital appeal and capital projects, as well as exciting news on the Longer Table Lending program which is about to launch.

In addition, the following persons have been recommended for election as leaders of the vestry for the coming year:

President (1 year term): David T Anderson

Vice President (1 year term): Mark Ruff

Secretary (1 year term): Sue Browender

Treasurer (1 year term): Chad King

Directors of:

Education (3 year term): James Bargmann

Property (3 year term): Art Halbardier

Youth (3 year term): Chandler Molbert

All voting members of Mount Olive are encouraged to attend.

Check Out This Beautiful Update on the Chibok Girls

As we continue to pray for the Chibok girls and others taken by Boko Haram, this beautiful piece has been put together to show how the rescued girls are recovering. Take a moment to view this:

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2018/04/11/world/africa/nigeria-boko-haram-girls.html>

When Brad Holt was traveling and teaching in Nigeria last fall, he saw the girls at the University, but was, of course, not allowed to make contact with them.

We continue to pray for their healing.

Book Discussion

The Book Discussion Group has moved discussion of their next books, *The Stranger* by Albert Camus, and *The Meursault Investigation* by Kamel Daoud to their May meeting on May 12. For the June 9 meeting, they'll read *The Spire*, by William Golding.

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!

Thursday Evening Study

"Beloved, God's Chosen?" is the title of the Thursday evening Bible study that began on Apr. 12. Pr. Crippen is leading this 6-week study that hopes to look at Scripture with fresh eyes on the questions of salvation: what is God doing in salvation? What does it mean for us? What does God think about us? What happens at the cross? How and why and when does God forgive our sins? This Bible study meets in the Chapel Lounge from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday evenings, for six weeks, and all are welcome.

As always, there will be a light supper preceding the study each week.

Calendar

Wednesday, April 25

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
5:30 pm Children's Choir supper
6:00 pm Children's Choir rehearsal (last until fall)
7:00 pm Cantorei rehearsal
8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday, April 26

- 6:00 pm Bible Study

Friday, April 27

- 7-8 pm Recovery & Wellness Support Group

Sunday, April 29 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee & conversation
9:30 am Sunday Church School / Adult Forum
10:45 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee & conversation
Noon Semi-annual Congregation meeting

Monday, April 30

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, May 1

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

Keep us in the Loop!

Do you have a new address? Phone Number? Email Address? Please let us know so that we have current contact information for you.

Help us to help you stay informed and in contact with each other.

Invitation to Young Performers

The annual Mother's Day recital offered by our younger ones will be on May 13. Any performers are not only welcome, but also encouraged! Music, dance, poetry, theater - whatever they're doing and are willing to share in this program is welcomed. Contact Cantor Cherwien to reserve your place in the program.

Sunday Adult Forum

- **This Sunday, April 29:** "Authority," presented by Paul C. Stone.

How can free people experience, let alone understand it? How may we contemplate individuals striving for liberty without committees?

Paul Stone is lecturer in American political and institutional history at the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota. He has degrees from Harvard and Duke Divinity School and is a licensed lay reader in the Episcopal Church.

- **Next Sunday, May 6:** "The Feast of the Ascension," presented by Dwight Penas.

Are You Missing A Pan, Dish, or Bowl?

If so, there's a chance that it could be here at church! There are many dishes which have been left here recently.

Plan to take a look on Sunday when you are here and retrieve any that may be yours. They are located behind the serving counter in the East Assembly Room.

**The Ascension
of Our Lord
Thursday, May 10
Holy Eucharist
at 7:00 pm
All are welcome.**

A Note of Thanks

Thank you, Mount Olive people, for the many prayers and expressions of concern and condolences in the past days. Special thanks to Pastor Crippen, David and Susan Cherwien and Vicar Christy as well as others for hospital visits.

In gratitude,
- Gene Janssen

Transitions Support Group Next Meeting: Saturday, May 12, 2018

This group will hold its next get together at 11:00 - noon, in the Library at Mount Olive. Please note day and time change!

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

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And last, walk humbly with God. Micah says you do not walk this difficult journey of faith alone. The God who made you and loved you and died for you and gives you life is your constant companion. In fear or confusion or paralysis or frustration or whatever, you are never by yourself. So do your walk of faith, but do it with God at your side, holding your hand.

Somehow, right now, the Holy Spirit needed me to hear all this. Maybe part of the reason was so I would share it with you all. So I give you these words now to hold and to live. May you find God's abundant life in them!

In Jesus' name,



The Church Cantatas of J. S. Bach

April 10 @ 6:30 pm - May 15 @ 8:30 pm

John Setterlund and Paul Westermeyer, Chaplain and Dean of the Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, will lead six Tuesday night sessions, April 10 through May 15, 6:30-8:30, about Bach Cantatas, at The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Victoria and D in Roseville (3115 Victoria St. N., Roseville, MN 55113).

Specific cantatas, Bach's life, faith, theology, the worship of the church where he worked, and Bach today will be discussed. (Bach's Cantata 100 will be part of the Word portion of the 9:00 A. M. Eucharist, just as in Bach's Leipzig, on Sunday, May 13, at The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection.) All are welcome.

There is a one-time \$20.00 registration fee which covers all six sessions. Register in the church office with Rachel Wright at rwright@lcrelca.org or 651.484.1292.

News From the Neighborhood

Spring Clean Up – Take Two!

Clean-up date moved! Come celebrate Earth Day and Anna's Birthday by giving the neighborhood a Spring Spruce-Up. We will meet at Mount Olive on Saturday May 5, 9:30-12:00. Working in teams, we'll do some much-needed cleaning up around our building and our streets. Bags, some gloves, and good company will be provided. Afterwards, stick around for the Community Meal at 12:00 if you can.

See you there!

Update from Longer Table Lending

Progress is moving right along to launch the no-interest loan program, Longer Table Lending. Our goal is to be up and running in June and we're in a great spot to get there. Recently we were able to:

- Sign a Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement between Mount Olive and LTL- allowing us to function under Mount Olive's non-profit status and officially accept donations :)
- File our Articles of Incorporation with the State of Minnesota, recognizing us as an official entity (we exist!)
- Open a bank account, buy a website domain, begin writing a grant, develop a logo, and much more.

Thank you for your encouragement so far, and we're excited to share the journey with you. There will be a presentation at the Congregational Meeting on April 29 for more information. We are looking for an administrator (2-4 hours a week by appointment), board members, skills in marketing and accounting, and of course financial support. If you are able and interested in offering your time, talents, or treasures to this project, please contact Anna 612-827-5919, or by mail to neighborhood@mountolivechurch.org, or speak with the LTL team: Carol Martinson, Karen Mohrlant, Neil Hering, Thomas Fenner, Tom Graves, and Ginny Agresti.

**The MAYDAY PARADE is around the corner - literally!
On Sunday, May 6, the parade leaves Little Earth at Noon.
Tree of Life Ceremony in Powderhorn Park starts at 3:00 p.m.
Community workshops are in full swing! Drop by Heart of the Beast
Theater on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays to contribute
to creating the parade. Make a donation to help make
the Parade and Festival happen.**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Noon – Bible Study 4-6 pm – Diaper Depot open 7 pm – Missions Comm. mtng.	2 10 am – Staff Mtng. 6 pm – Internship Comm. 7 pm – Cantorei rehearsal 8 pm – N.A.	3 6 pm – Bible Study	4 6:30 pm – N.A. Social Event	5 9:30 am – Confirmation 9:30 – Spring Clean Up 11-1 – Diaper Depot Noon – Community Meal 1-3 pm – Prayer Shawl group meets at Blue Ox
6 – 6th Sunday of Easter FOOD COLLECTION 8 am – Eucharist 9:30 – Church School /Adult Ed. 10:45 – Eucharist Noon – Theological Discussion	7 4-7 pm – Reception for Bishop Villibus of Nigeria 7 pm – N.A.	8 Noon – Bible Study 4-6 pm – Diaper Depot open	9 10 am – Staff Mtng. 7 pm – Cantorei rehearsal 8 pm – N.A.	10 - Ascension of Our Lord 7 pm – Ascension Eucharist	11 7pm – Recovery & Wellness Support Group	12 9:30 am - Confirmation 10 am – Book Discussion 11 am – Transitions Support Group
13 – 7th Sunday of Easter 8 am – Eucharist 9:30 – Mother’s Day Recital 10:45 – Eucharist 6:45 pm – Mount Olive Serves Our Saviour’s Dinner	14 7 PM – Vestry meeting 7 pm – N.A.	15 Noon – Bible Study 4-6 pm – Diaper Depot Open	16 10 am – Staff Mtng. 7 pm – Cantorei rehearsal 8 pm – N.A.	17 6 pm – Bible Study	18 7pm – Recovery & Wellness Support Group	19 9:30 am - Confirmation 10 am – Evangelism Workshop 11-1 – Diaper Depot 2 pm – Marion Druschel funeral Noon – Community Meal 7 pm – Vigil of Pentecost
20 –Day of Pentecost 8 am – Eucharist 10:45 – Eucharist	21 6:30 pm – Reconciling Works Comm. mtng. 7 pm – N.A.	22 Noon – Bible Study 4-6 pm – Diaper Depot Open	23 10 am – Staff Mtng. 8 pm – N.A.	24 6 pm – Bible Study	25 7pm – Recovery & Wellness Support Group	26 9:30 am - Confirmation
27 – Holy Trinity SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS 10 am – Eucharist 11:30 am - Coffee Fellowship	28 Memorial Day holiday <i>Church offices closed</i> 7 pm – N.A.	29 Noon – Bible Study 4-6 pm – Diaper Depot Open	30 10 am – Staff Mtng. 6 pm – Internship Comm. 8 pm – N.A.	31		

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*Mount Olive is a Reconciling in Christ
congregation.*



Christ
is
Risen!