



The Olive Branch

July 3, 2018

Accent on Worship Cantor David Cherwien

Singing IS Hospitality

I'm sure I've said this before:

there's an aspect of hospitality when we all sing out. Just last week someone said that to me: "The way people sing, I feel free to not hold back and sing out without sticking out!"

That is SO true! I've been in far too many situations where we were all expected to sing, but so few sang out much. In that context, I find I can barely get above "A" below middle C. But when singing with fearless folks, I can sing much higher without any problem! This is because I can use more energy and actually sing properly.

Our voices are all different – that's what makes the assemblies sound so fantastic! Having violins alone would be one sound, but when all strings (high and low), and woodwinds, brass, and percussion play together it's a completely different sound! Singing groups are such a unique sound because various voices are individually different, and create a unique sound when combined with others. It's interesting to hear individual voices and how varied their tonal color is – yet when all combine, magical.

Admittedly, it can be more of a challenge for those closer to the introvert side of the fence. To sing in public is quite the out-going activity. It's an inner part of us we don't share in public easily.

Yet when there is company in singing, we don't feel so out on a limb. The point I'm making here, is don't be afraid: sing out. Encourage a fearless corporate singing atmosphere in which even the most introverted of people among us are comfortable singing along.

Of course, an additional intentionality is noticing the words. As I say to choirs, we "get to" mean what we're singing. Sometimes that too, is an intentional thing: to stop, notice, and think that wonderful Lutheran question: "What does this mean?" This provides the opportunity to "put the meaning into HOW we are singing." The next Psalm we sing – take note – is "how" we're singing reflecting anything of what the Psalm is actually saying? This, too, is witness.

A word of welcome is indeed critical to anyone – long time attendee and first time attendee – but there is even more we can do to give credence to that sense of welcome. High on my list is our singing!

- Cantor David Cherwien

Sunday Readings

July 8, 2018

7th Sunday after
Pentecost

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Psalm 48

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

July 15, 2018

8th Sunday after
Pentecost

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Psalm 24

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

Reception Honoring Leanna Kloempken to be Held July 15

Leanna Kloempken has faithfully served the Mount Olive community as librarian in the Louise Schroedel Memorial Library for over 50 years. This year marks the end of an incredible term of service. All are invited to a reception in her honor, thanking her for her faithful service and celebrating her legacy as our librarian, on Sunday, July 15, immediately after liturgy.

Brother, Can You Spare a ...

Dime? Or some toiletries? For those who will be heading out on a vacation trip, this is a reminder. If you stay in a motel or hotel and do not need to use all the toiletries that are provided, please take the unused pieces with you to donate to the homeless. Many homeless people do not have space for (and cannot afford) large containers of toiletries, so these small ones are more suitable. Please bring your toiletries to Mount Olive and deposit them in a container in the coatroom area. They will be delivered to Our Saviour's Housing where they will be distributed to those who need them most.

Many thanks for your donations.

ALCM Regional Conference Hymn Festival

The Regional Conference of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians (ALCM) will be held at Mount Olive on Saturday, July 28. That conference begins with a hymn festival the evening before the conference, **Friday, July 27, at 7:30 pm.**

The hymn festival will feature Mount Olive Cantor David Cherwien at the organ, Keith Hampton playing Gospel piano, and commentary by Paul Westermeyer.

This event is free and open to the public! Come and sing!

Funeral Eucharist

A funeral Eucharist for Erik Floan will be held at Mount Olive on Saturday, July 14, at 11:00 am. Visitation begins at 10:00 am, and a luncheon will follow the liturgy.

Erik was Mount Olive's Interim Cantor in 2008, during Cantor Cherwien's sabbatical leave.

2018 Graduates – Who Are They?

Mount Olive wants to find out which members graduated from high school, college, or graduate school this past spring. These graduates will be celebrated and remembered in prayer on a Sunday later this summer.

If you have a Mount Olive graduate in your home, please notify the church office.

Olive Branch Publication Schedule

During the summer months of June, July, and August, *The Olive Branch* is published *every other week*.

Deadline for information for the July 18 issue is Monday, July 16.

Calendar

Wednesday, July 4 - Independence Day holiday

Church offices closed

Thursday, July 5

9am-1pm Summer ACTS

Friday, July 6

6:00 pm N.A. First Friday social event

Saturday, July 7

11am-1pm Diaper Depot open

Noon Community Meal

1-3 pm Prayer Shawl group meets at Blackeye Roasting

Sunday, July 8 - 7th Sunday aftr Pentecost

10:00 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee & conversation

6:45 pm Mount Olive serves Our Saviour's meal

Monday, July 9

9am-1pm Summer ACTS

7:00 pm Vestry meeting / Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, July 10

9am-1pm Summer ACTS

Noon Bible Study

4:00 pm Diaper Depot open

Wednesday, July 11

9am-1pm Summer ACTS

1:30 pm Staff Meeting

8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday, July 12

9am-1pm Summer ACTS

Friday, July 13

7:00 pm Recovery & Wellness Support Group

Saturday, July 14

10:00 am Book Discussion group

11:00 am *Funeral Eucharist: Erik Floan*

2:00 pm MFA Event: Fort Wayne Children's Choir concert

Sunday, July 15 - 8th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by (Reception honoring Leanna Kloempken, church librarian, who is retiring)

Monday, July 16

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, July 17

9am-1pm Summer ACTS

Noon Bible Study

4:00 pm Diaper Depot open

6:00 pm Local Safety Commission meeting

Bargain Box to be Held on August 4

It's already time to plan ahead for the next school year. Please help make sure that all children have clothes and school supplies to make school something to look forward to!

On Saturday, August 4, from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, at Mount Olive, Bargain Box will sell new clothing at very low prices and give out free gently-used clothing for kids. This makes going back to school fun for kids and much easier for parents!

Can you help?

- * Volunteer a few hours on that day;
- * Bring donations of new and gently used kids' clothes.

Book Discussion

For the July 14 meeting, the Book Discussion group is reading *Moscow Nights: The Van Cliburn Story* by Nigel Cliff, for August 11, they will read *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance, and for September 8, they will read *Purple Hibiscus* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.

All readers welcome!

Would you like to share Communion with your family?

Every Sunday we send out members of Mount Olive to bring communion to those of our community who aren't able to come to worship. It's a great blessing, and an extension of my pastoral ministry and the ministry of the vicar. We also bring communion at times on visits, and we share the grace of seeing our folks who can't get out. But there is deep grace in having fellow members of the community come on that day and share prayer, a reading, and the Eucharist with sisters and brothers.

Tom Graves and Ginny Agresti organize this ministry, and we have recently had several faithful folks decide it was time to take a break. We'd very much like to have three or four more people who would rotate with the others. It usually means once a month you'd take communion to someone.

If you're interested in talking about this, talk to me (or email), or reach out to Ginny and Tom. You'll find it becomes a great joy, and it is a ministry that enriches the life of our congregation.

Peace,
Pr. Crippen

Fort Wayne Children's Choir to Sing at Mount Olive July 14, 2 pm

The Fort Wayne Children's Choir offers an afterschool music education curriculum that challenges children musically through singing, while learning a discipline that serves them throughout their lifetime. Using the Kodály philosophy, an approach to music education, FWCC teaches children to read music just as a child learns to read words in a book. Singers attain excellence in artistry and music education through 1) music literacy, 2) education about composers, history, and language related to the music selected, and 3) performances.

Participation in the program provides the platform for children to discover their individual voice and at the same time be part of a larger collaborative performance that artistically enriches their lives and the community-at-large.

The Choir has grown from one choir to nine different ensembles, including a preparatory program, Boychoir, and a community choir serving a rural area. With an annual membership of over 300 children, singers represent northeast Indiana schools, including public, private, and home schools; over 5,000 children have participated in the organization.

Summer Choir Opportunities!

- *Men's Choir - Sunday, July 29*
Rehearsals: Wednesday, July 25, 7:00 pm., and Sunday morning at 9:00.
- *Women's Choir - Sunday August 12*
Rehearsals: Saturday, August 11, 10:00-11:00 am, Sunday morning at 9:00.

Anyone interested in singing with either group is welcome! No RSVP required, simply come to the rehearsal.



News From the Neighborhood

Rent-A-Cat Meow-ppportunity

Mount Olive member Renee is looking for a kind soul to look after her 2 lovely cats during a 3-week vacation coming up in the beginning of August. They would even stay in their own home if preferred - just need to be fed, watered, and checked on. If you think you can help Renee out or have more questions please contact Renee O. (directory) or Anna 612-827-5919 , or by email to neighborhood@mountolivechurch.org.

New Neighborhood Partner - Ace in the City

There are good people doing good work all around our neighborhood. Ace in the City is one of the organizations that's been up to a lot of good caring for kids and families, especially the Latino community. Their mission is: "Cultivating community through relationships, we are building safe spaces of belonging where all are known, valued, and loved." Through sports, tutoring, mentoring, or just conversations with families, they are building relationships and making sure people feel seen.

The Neighborhood Ministries Committee (NMC) has recognized the opportunity to partner with Ace in its efforts, especially through school supplies. On August 11, Ace hosts a large Back-to-School-Bash in Powderhorn Park with games, food, haircuts, and most importantly: school supplies! Churches and partners help Ace buy high-quality backpacks that can be chosen by each student, then parents are able to "shop" in a store full of highly discounted supplies, making sure that each child has exactly what they need for their school year. Parents pay a small amount for a great bag and the gear their student will use. And it's a fun day full of activity and chances to get to know people in the neighborhood.

The NMC is excited to launch in to this new partnership with Ace and sharing in the joy of knowing families are supported as each child heads back to school. Look for more information after services in the coming weeks or check out Aceinthecity.org.

Listening Session and Walking Tour with Hennepin County Judges and Community Members Tuesday July 17, 6:00 - 8:00 at Mount Olive

The South Minneapolis Public Safety Coalition (Dedicated to coordinate community wide safety initiatives), The Phillips 50 (Dedicated to focus on the Top 50 Most active offenders with the goal of reducing recidivism), Lake Street Court Watch, and Neighbors in Action (With the goal of doing community walking patrols) among others, are working together advocating for a safer community in South Minneapolis.

At this listening session, Hennepin County judges and law enforcers will walk together with community members to experience our day to day struggles on Lake Street.

Church Library News

For the last time, I am pleased to inform you of a new grouping of books just processed for the Mount Olive library, which should be on display and available for your perusal quite soon. As you will notice, several of these books are donations by specific people and perhaps even more importantly, several more are books given as memorials in the past six months.

Books donated by Dwight Penas include the following:

THE ART OF THE ST. JOHN'S BIBLE – The Complete Reader's Guide, by Susan Sink.

LUTHER – Bibliography of a Reformer, by Frederick Nohl.

ECSTASY AND INTIMACY – When the Holy Spirit Meets the Human Spirit, by Edith M. Humphrey.

LIVING THE SABBATH – Discovering the Rhythms of Rest and Delight, by Norman Wirzbo.

and a five-volume set of well-known Fiction written by Jan Karon – AT HOME IN MITFORD, A LIGHT IN THE WINDOW, THESE GREEN HILLS, OUT TO CANAAN, and IN THIS MOUNTAIN.

Other special donations include: THE ALCHEMIST by Paolo Coelho, given by Peggy Hoeft; LADDER OF ANGELS by Madeleine L'Engle, given by Louise Lystig Fritchie; I WILL TO YOU – Leaving a Legacy for Those You Love, by Herbert Brokering, given by John and Connie Marty; and WHEN A FATHER LOSES A SON, by Herbert Chilstrom, given by Leanna Kloempken.

More books worthy of your perusal and attention: REACHING OUT WITHOUT DUMBING DOWN by Marva Dawn; HONORING OUR NEIGHBOR'S FAITH (rev.ed.) by Robert Bucklee Farlee and Beth Ann Gaede; LORD, TEACH US – The Lord's Prayer and the Christian Life by William H. Willamon, Stanley Hauerwas, and Scott Sayre; THE CUP OF OUR LIFE – A Guide for Spiritual Growth, by Joyce Rupp; MEETING JESUS AGAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME – The Historical Jesus, by Marcus Borg; A HANDBOOK OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, by John Schwarz and GUNS, GERMS AND STEEL – The Fates of Human Societies, by Jared Diamond – (which is a Pulitzer Prize Award Winner).

The following are special memorial books:

THE HEALING POWER OF PRAYER – The Surprising Connection between Prayer and Your Health, by Chester H. Tolson and Harold G. Koenig, given in memory of Maury Anderson.

GABBY – A Story of Courage and Hope, by Gabrielle Giffords and Mark Kelly, given in memory of Helen Bender.

TAKE THIS BREAD – The Spiritual Memoir of a 21st Century Christian, by Sara Miles, given in memory of Betty Diersen.

A GENEROUS ORTHODOXY, by Brian McLaren, given in memory of Robert Garvey.

In closing, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the Mount Olive Staff, Vestry, and this wonderful congregation for welcoming me as your church librarian throughout these many years. This opportunity for me, as in obedience to The Lord's direction for my life and a desire to make a difference in other people's lives, has been an honor and privilege to serve you in this dedicated kind of ministry, but it has also been a very real joy and blessing in my own personal life as well. Thanks also to countless people who volunteered their help, especially over the early years, but now also to those who have given numerous hours of help to me in the more recent years (Mabel Jackson, Dan Olson, Melissa Stone, Rod Olson and Bonnie McLellan) my sincere affection and gratitude!

"To God be the Glory!"

- Leanna Kloempken

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*Mount Olive is a Reconciling in Christ
congregation.*

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