



# The Olive Branch

October 31, 2018

## Accent on Worship

*Anna Scott*

### Sunday Readings

**November 4, 2018**  
**All Saints Sunday**  
Ruth 1:1-18  
Psalm 146  
Hebrews 9:11-14  
Mark 12:28-34

**November 11, 2018**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost**  
Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17  
Psalm 127  
Hebrews 9:24-28  
Mark 12:38-44

When I was growing up I would often have elaborate, fantastical dreams. Each morning I'd wake and say to my twin sister, "guess what I dreamt last night!" But not every evening was a fairy tale. Many nights I lay awake traumatized by fears of the reality that seems inevitable: war, violence, anger, hatred that drives humans, whom I believe to be essentially good, in to a frightful, spiritless state of unfathomable evil. In my bed at night, my refuge was the Lord's Prayer. When scary thoughts needled their way in, I would fervently recite the familiar lines until sleep washed over me. "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name..."

Now, as an adult, a wife, and a mother, I am living and watching the world turn in a fearsome tailspin that keeps me up at night. All of history tells a story that I cannot ignore. News of the future of this planet, the state of affairs, the violent acts of people who cannot or will not see beyond their personhood in to a shared humanity make my heart ache with fear and trembling. I do not wish to feel so unnerved. I do not share this with you so you can be concerned for me, but to acknowledge that it is reasonable and okay to feel overwhelmed and scared by the world around us. Fear is not to be ignored, but travelled through. As a person who believes strongly

and deeply in the power that each person possesses, the trail of my fear also points to what I love, and when we can all focus on what we love, we can become an incredibly powerful force driving towards what is good.

My tiny prayers in the night are not moving mountains of darkness, but they do wrap me in a cloak of light. I often think of what was happening in the time that the Lord's Prayer was written. How uncertainty and difficulty have never heeded in the story of humankind, but neither has faith and hope and love. In small and beautiful ways we can continually offer one another peace within the trials, and light through the darkness.

Assalaam alaykum. Namaste. Shalom. Peace be with you.

*"If the world is to be healed through human efforts, I am convinced it will be by ordinary people - people whose love for this life is even greater than their fear." - Joanna Macy*

## Sunday Adult Forums

*Sunday, November 4, 2018*

All Saints Sunday - *no forum this day.*

*Sunday, November 11, 2018*

Anna Scott will offer a presentation about the situation at the Hiawatha Encampment and other Neighborhood Ministries activities.

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## Attention Mount Olive Worship Assistants!

The Servant Schedule for the first quarter of 2019 (January - March) will be published at the beginning of December 2018. The deadline for submitting requests is November 9, 2018. Please email your requests to [peggyrf70@gmail.com](mailto:peggyrf70@gmail.com).

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## Hurricane Relief

As we pray for safety for those experiencing recent hurricanes, we can also join in responding. The ELCA Lutheran Disaster Relief fund will direct 100% of your donations to helping those in the affected areas. You can write a check to Mount Olive with Disaster Relief in the memo line, and we will pool the funds along with your Mission Committee's response, or you can donate directly by following this link:

<https://community.elca.org/hurricane-relief?erid=39513345&trid=d39b7f0a-65d9-49c7-8284-77a2e6ab7f65>.

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## A Word About Altar Flowers

Starting now, if you sign up for altar flowers, please note that your payment for those flowers should be **made payable to Mount Olive Lutheran Church**, instead of Mount Olive Women. Envelopes are provided at the chart.

Also, please include your designation for the flowers when you sign up, or at least be sure to add the designation no later than Wednesday of the week you have signed up for, to ensure that your designation can be included in that Sunday's worship folder.

## Book Discussion

The Book Discussion group meets on the second Saturday of each month at 10 am. For the November 10 meeting, they will read *The Portrait of a Lady*, by Henry James.

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## Left Behind

Stop at the lost and fund table in the coatroom to check and see if there is something YOU may have left behind! These items will be available for pickup for a couple of Sundays. Anything left after then will be donated.

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## New Members to be Received November 18

Mount Olive will receive new members on Sunday, November 18, at the second liturgy. If you are not a member of Mount Olive and would like to join the congregation at that time, please speak with Pr. Crippen or call/email the church office.

## Calendar

### Wednesday, October 31

10:00 am Staff Meeting  
*No Children's Choirs this evening*

7:00 pm Cantorei rehearsal

8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### Thursday, November 1

6:00 pm Bible Study (final for this series)

### Friday, November 2

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

### Saturday, November 3

9:00 am Confirmation

11:00 am Diaper Depot open

Noon Community Meal

1-3 pm Prayer Shawl group meets at Blackeye Roasting

### Sunday, November 4 - All Saints Sunday

8:00 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee & conversation

9:30 am Sunday Church School / Adult Forum

10:45 am *Holy Eucharist, with the Sacrament of Holy Baptism*, followed by coffee & conversation

Noon Theological Discussion

### Monday, November 5

7:00 pm Missions Committee

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### Tuesday, November 6

Noon Bible Study

4:00 pm Diaper Depot open

7:00 pm National Lutheran Choir rehearsal

### Wednesday, November 7

10:00 am Staff Meeting

5:30 pm Children's Choirs supper

6:00 pm Children's Choirs rehearsals

7:00 pm Cantorei rehearsal

8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

## Music & Fine Arts

### Event: November 11, 4 pm

*Cembalo and Viola da gamba  
Tami Morse, Cembalo, and  
Tulio Rondón, Viola da gamba*

Tulio Rondón and Tami Morse celebrate their recent recording of the J. S. Bach gamba sonatas with a Minnesota tour! Hear the complete J. S. Bach sonatas for viola da gamba and obbligato harpsichord, their own arrangement for harpsichord and gamba of the *D-minor Organ Trio Sonata*, and selections from the *French Suite No. 5 in G Major* for solo harpsichord.

A reception will follow the concert.

## Keep Us In the Loop!

Are you moving or have you recently moved? Do you have a new phone number or email address?

Please let us know if your contact information changes, so we can keep YOU in the loop!

Simply call or email the church office with your updates.

Thanks!



## This Weekend: Fall Back!

Daylight Saving Time ends this weekend.

You know what to do.

## News From the Neighborhood

### *Got Bags?!*

The Diaper Depot can reuse your paper or plastic shopping bags for its customers. Please drop them off by the grocery cart in the coat room or in front of the Diaper Depot door. Don't know where the Diaper Depot is? It's downstairs by the elevator and saw 85 families in the month of September. That's a lot of neighbors - and a lot of bags!

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### *Wall of Forgotten Natives - An Update*

Mount Olive has recently made three trips to the homeless encampment on Franklin and Hiawatha Avenues to serve a midday warm meal. We plan to continue as long as needed. Feeding bodies is an important ministry specialty of this community, but there are other ways to learn more and do more to be loving, informed neighbors to those residing at the Wall. If you're wondering what life is like at camp or ways to be involved, please check out the official camp blog run by the Metropolitan Urban Indian Directors: <https://www.franklinhiawathacamp.org>.

The Neighborhood Ministries Committee will be collecting donations specific to the list on the blog (and listed below). If you'd like to make a specific donation that goes towards the meals being served or to the camp, please mark your envelope "Hiawatha" and place it in the offering plate, or drop your donation off in the office. You can also go to the website if you'd like to make a donation directly to one of the support organizations.

### DONATIONS NEEDED:

**Winter Wear:** boots, gloves, hats, coats, thick socks, long underwear of all sizes (adults and kids)

**Blankets, sleeping bags, tarps** (extra large), tents, hand warmers, wood, water, one-pound propane tanks. Non-perishable food items (remember people are camping and cooking is difficult).

**Large pillar candles,** for warmth.

There is a box in the West Assembly area to receive your donations. If you have larger items please call Anna Scott 612-827-5919, or contact her via email to [neighborhood@mountolivechurch.org](mailto:neighborhood@mountolivechurch.org) and she can deliver directly to the camp.

Thank you.

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### *Souls to the Polls*

You may have noticed that we have signs outside Mount Olive that say "Souls to the Polls." A member spotted them in and around the area of Augsburg College and inquired with the college about them. They are being distributed by a number of faith groups, including ISIAH, the Minnesota Council of Churches, the Archdiocese of Minneapolis and St. Paul, and the Black Ministerial Alliance, to encourage people of faith to vote. If you Google "Souls to the Polls," you will find that this effort is nationwide, and appears to be concentrated in neighborhoods of color and other areas where voter turnout has sometimes been suppressed.

## Celebrating All Saints Day in the Home

In the Western Church, All Saints Day on November 1, All Souls Day on November 2, and All Saints Sunday (first Sunday in November) are all days to remember those who have gone before us, known and unknown, great pillars of the church, and also family and friends.

Originally celebrated in the church in the month of May, the celebration of the blessed dead on All Saints was moved to November 1 by Pope Gregory III (ca. 731-741).

There are many ways to keep this festival in the home, from various traditions:

The French place chrysanthemum wreaths on the graves of loved ones.

In Guatemala, kites are flown, to be a “link” between the worlds of the living and the dead.

In England and Ireland, traditional “soul cakes” were baked - a spiced soft cookie with a cross of currants on top. To hear Peter, Paul and Mary sing about soul cakes, go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H4NjrBcn0PA>. For a recipe, go to: <https://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=15536354>.

In many Nordic and Eastern European countries, candles are placed on the graves of the remembered dead.

One could place pictures of departed friends and relatives somewhere in the home with votives in front of them. The following prayer from the funeral liturgy could be said:

“Most Holy God, we remember before you today *(name)*\_\_\_.

We thank you for giving her/him/them to us to know and love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope, through Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord. Amen.”

For more activities and recipes, go to [www.fullhomelydivinity.org](http://www.fullhomelydivinity.org), an Anglican website.

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## The Shape of Discipleship: Thursday Bible Study Current Series

The Thursday Bible study series concludes with its last class of this session this Thursday, November 1. Meeting in the Chapel Lounge from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Pr. Crippen is leading a study on the spiritual disciplines, classic patterns of life that have shaped Christians for centuries. As usual, there will be a light supper when we begin. All are welcome to this study opportunity!

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## Save the Date!

*National Lutheran Choir All Saints Concert: “Dark Night of the Soul”*

- **Friday, November 2, 7:30 pm**  
St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church, Plymouth, MN
- **Sunday, November 4, 4:00 pm**  
St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church, Mahtomedi, MN

Tickets: Adult \$33 | Senior \$31  
| Students and Children FREE.

## NOVEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1  6 pm – Bible Study	2  6-12 pm N.A. social event	3 9am – Confirmation  11 am – Diaper Depot open  Noon – Community Meal  1-3 pm – Prayer Shawl group meets at Black Eye Roasting Co.
4 – ALL SAINTS SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION <b>8 am – Eucharist</b> 9:30 – Church School /Adult Ed. <b>10:45 – Eucharist</b>  Noon – Theological Discussion	5  7 pm – Missions Comm. mtng  7 pm – N.A.	6 Noon – Bible Study  4-6 pm – Diaper Depot open  7 pm – NLC rehearsal	7 10 am – Staff Mtng. Noon – Cong. Life Comm. 5:30 pm – Neighborhood Ministries Comm. 5:30 pm – Choir meal 6:00 pm – Children’s Choir 7 pm – Cantorei 8 pm – N.A.	8	9  7pm – Recovery & Wellness Support Group	10 9am – Confirmation  10 am – Book Discussion  10am-10pm – NA Speaker Event
11 <b>8 am – Eucharist</b> 9:30 – Church School /Adult Ed. <b>10:45 – Eucharist</b>  4 pm – MFA Event: Cembalo and Viola da gamba concert  6:45 pm – Mount Olive Serves Our Saviour’s Meal	12  7 pm – Vestry Meeting  7 pm – N.A.	13 Noon – Bible Study  4-6 pm – Diaper Depot open 7 pm – NLC rehearsal	14 10 am – Staff Mtng.  5:30 pm – Choir meal 6:00 pm – Children’s Choir  7 pm – Cantorei  8 pm – N.A.	15	16	17 9am – Confirmation  11 am – Diaper Depot open  Noon – Community Meal
18 <b>8 am – Eucharist</b> 9:30 – Church School /Adult Ed. <b>10:45 – Eucharist</b>	19 4-6 pm – NLC Board meeting  6:30 pm - Reconciling Works  7 pm – N.A.	20 Noon – Bible Study  4-6 pm – Diaper Depot open  7 pm – NLC rehearsal	21 10 am – Staff Mtng.  No Choirs this evening  8 pm – N.A.	22 – Day of Thanksgiving  <b>10:00 am - Eucharist</b>	23  7pm – Recovery & Wellness Support Group	24
25 – Christ the King  <b>8 am – Eucharist</b> 9:30 – Church School /Adult Ed. <b>10:45 – Eucharist</b>	26  7 pm – Worship Committee meeting  7 pm – N.A.	27 Noon – Bible Study  4-6 pm – Diaper Depot open  7 pm – NLC rehearsal	28 10 am – Staff Mtng.  5:30 pm – Choir meal 6:00 pm – Children’s Choir  7 pm – Cantorei  8 pm – N.A.	29	30	

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**Sunday Eucharist:  
8:00 and 10:45 a.m.**

## **Contact Us**

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## **Staff**

Pastor – *Joseph Crippen*

Cantor – *David Cherwien*

Coordinator of Neighborhood Outreach  
and Ministry – *Anna Scott*

Administrative Assistant – *Cha Posz*

Sexton – *James Wilkes*

*Mount Olive is a Reconciling in Christ  
congregation.*

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