

# The Olive Branch

January 30, 2019



## Sunday Readings

**February 3, 2019**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
Epiphany**

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalm 71:1-6

I Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30

**February 10, 2019**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
Epiphany**

Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]

Psalm 138

I Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

## Accent on Worship

*Anna Scott*

A good dumping of snow sure brings out the neighborhood. People are out in the early hours of the morning shoveling, contemplating the cost-benefit of digging out their car to get where they need to go. Even from inside the rhythmic scrape of shovels down the sidewalk or the hum of snow blowers is a call to the rest of the block to bundle up and get the job done. It's rather interesting to me that I see more of my neighbors on a snowy morning than I would on a lovely summer day. We smile and greet one another with an understanding chuckle at our collective struggle. The motivation of communal accountability is a marvelous thing. It gets sidewalks shoveled in subzero temperatures. It grows community gardens. It can build or tear down walls, businesses, churches.

Right now the Longer Table Lending team is still in the pursuit of creating a program that offers no-interest loans to people in a financial need. Throughout this long, arduous process, there have been moments of great pride as well as lows of frustration. Standing from a new vantage point as I prepare to take this work from inside the office to my home, I've been reflecting on the larger picture of what is at work. What keeps us at the table? What pushes us to keep scheduling the meetings and making the calls and moving it all forward when sometimes it feels like we're just bouncing against walls far bigger than we can climb over?

I found my answer in a snowy sidewalk. It's ridiculous really, to go outside in freezing temperatures while the sun still hides and the wind whips around to clear a driveway and a sidewalk. But I feel responsible – not only to myself and my family, but to my neighbors. It is communal accountability that drives so much of our behavior for better or worse. The way we obey traffic laws, the way we give to our church community, the way we interact (or not) with the views of others around us are all held within a sacred web of connection. We are building Longer Table because we are pulled by a force deeply embedded in a sense of love and connection that, when released whole-heartedly, can be a scary beautiful powerful thing. Just like how Mount Olive was created. Just how our many dreams to come will draw us out on wintry mornings or for evening meetings to come together and do something wonderful.

## Sunday Adult Forums

*Sunday, February 3, 2019:* "Civil Rights: Then and Now," presented by Mount Olive member Dr. Brad Holt.

Reflections on a journey to the South to meet "foot soldiers" of the civil rights movement of the 1960s, and discussion of the situation today. The forum includes information about the "lynching museum" in Montgomery, Alabama, the role of women in the bus boycott, and the march from Selma.

*Sunday, February 10, 2019:* "The Book of Isaiah's," part 1 of a 2-part series presented by Earl Schwartz, Assistant Professor of Religion, Hamline University.

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## Sign Up!

Sign-up sheets are available for Sunday Altar Flowers and also for hosting Sunday Coffee Hour.

**If you would like to sign up for Altar Flowers**, pick your Sunday(s) and sign up on the chart located on the wall just outside the church office. Please note that altar flowers cost \$25 per bouquet and two bouquets are needed each Sunday. If you wish to provide both bouquets, please sign both lines with your designation for the worship folder. If you wish to provide just one of the bouquets, sign only one line with your designation. Make checks payable to Mount Olive and leave them in the church office, or send them in to the office by mail. Please do not place payment for altar flowers in the offering plate.

**Volunteers are also needed to sign up to host Sunday coffee hour.** The sign-up sheet for that is conveniently located in the East Assembly Room right at the window where coffee is served! If you are new to hosting Sunday coffee and would like to give it a whirl, experienced people can be on hand to help show you the ropes. Bring some light refreshments or goodies to share.

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## Attention Mount Olive Worship Assistants!

The Servant Schedule for the 2nd quarter of 2019 (April - June) will be published at the beginning of March 2019. The deadline for submitting requests is February 9, 2019. Please email your requests to [peggyrf70@gmail.com](mailto:peggyrf70@gmail.com).

## Book Discussion

The Book Discussion Group meets on the second Saturday of each month at 10 am in the West Assembly Area. All readers welcome! For the February 9 meeting, they will read *Middlemarch*, by George Eliot. For March 9, *Germinal*, by Emile Zola.

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## New Members to be Received Feb. 10

Mount Olive will receive new members on February 10, at the late liturgy.

If you are interested in joining at that time, please speak with Pr. Crippen or contact the church office.

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## New Testament Images

Mount Olive is pleased to host an exhibit of the artworks of Kirsten Malcolm Berry. Twelve of Kirsten's latest works, drawn from New Testament texts, are on display in the Chapel Lounge and West Assembly areas.

To learn more about Kirsten Berry and her artwork please visit her website at: [www.kirstenmalcolmberry.com/originals](http://www.kirstenmalcolmberry.com/originals)

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## Calendar

### Wednesday, January 30

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting  
5:30 pm Children's Choir supper  
6:00 pm Children's Choir rehearsals  
7:00 pm Cantorei rehearsal  
8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### Friday, February 1

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

### Saturday, February 2 - Presentation of Our Lord

- 11:00 am Diaper Depot open  
Noon Community Meal  
1:00 pm Funeral Visitation for Fred Sulzbach  
1-3 pm Prayer Shawl group meets at Blackeye Roasting  
**2:00 pm *Funeral Eucharist: Fred Sulzbach***  
**7:00 pm *Holy Eucharist for the Presentation of Our Lord***

### Sunday, February 3 - Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

- 8:00 am *Holy Eucharist***, followed by coffee & conversation  
9:30 am Sunday Church School  
**10:45 am *Holy Eucharist***, followed by coffee & conversation  
Noon Theological Discussion

### Monday, February 4

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### Tuesday, February 5

- Noon Bible Study  
4-6 pm Diaper Depot open  
7:00 pm Missions Committee meeting  
7:00 pm National Lutheran Choir rehearsal

### Wednesday, February 6

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting  
5:30 pm Children's Choir supper  
6:00 pm Children's Choir rehearsals  
7:00 pm Cantorei rehearsal  
8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

## Save the Date:

### Taste of Nigeria

On February 24 we will celebrate our growing partnership with the Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria. Mount Olive is developing a relationship with the LCCN's seminary, Bronnum Seminary in Yola, Nigeria.

On Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> we will have a chance to learn more about the LCCN and Bronnum, and since Mount Olive member Brad Holt will be in Yola at the time, we hope to share a live video exchange with Brad, Ibrahim Bitrus, and other members of the community. Also, of course, we will feast Nigerian style at our Taste of Nigeria dinner following our second liturgy.

Plan on a day of celebrating this amazing Lutheran church, one of the largest and fastest growing Lutheran church in the world.

## Thanks!

Thank you to all the bakers who made cupcakes for the reception following the Monica Czausz organ recital sponsored by Mount Olive Music and Fine Arts: *Carol Austermann, Lora Dundek, Jeanette Eklund, Heather Halen, Emily and Dan Hellerich, and Cynthia Prosek.*

## Mount Olive's New Librarian

The Education Committee, the Vestry, and Mount Olive Staff would like to welcome our new librarian, Brooke Roegge, who is taking over after the long tenure of Leanna Kloempken.

Here is a little about Brooke.

Brooke, along with her husband Matt, has been a member at Mount Olive since 2004. Brooke and Matt have a 4 year old daughter named Genevieve (aka Ginny), who also attends Mount Olive.

In 2010, Brooke received her Master's degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. Her coursework emphasized digital libraries, organization of digital information, and metadata. Brooke has worked in a few special libraries, including the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, William Mitchell College of Law, and the Department of Employment and Economic Development. In addition to her background in libraries, Brooke also has a background in web development. Currently she is employed with MNIT Services as a Front End Web Developer, and works as part of a small team that provides enterprise level support to state government agency websites. In her role at MNIT, she specializes in metadata, improving search, and information architecture.

Brooke is excited to take on the role of librarian for Mount Olive and looks forward to incorporating technology into the library and building on the foundation of wonderful work done by our previous librarians.

Please continue to watch the Olive Branch for continued updates to our Library ministry and the resources available to you.

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## National Lutheran Choir Winter Concert Recording: *Carols We Love to Sing*

Carry on the Christmas-time cheer, and join the National Lutheran Choir's live concert recording of *Carols We Love to Sing*, third in the popular Hymns We Love to Sing CD series. Audience members will have the opportunity to both listen to National Lutheran Choir perform special arrangements of carols and participate in the recording session by singing along to popular congregational hymns.

Sunday, February 10, 4:00pm  
St. Michael's Lutheran Church  
9201 Normandale Blvd.  
Bloomington, MN 55437

Tickets: Adult \$28 | Senior \$26 | Students and Children FREE. For tickets and more information, please visit [NLCA.com/18-19season](http://NLCA.com/18-19season) or call (612) 722-2301.

## News From the Neighborhood

*Anna Scott, Coordinator of Neighborhood Outreach & Ministry*

*Chain Reaction Theater presents: What Guys Really Want - Heartfelt Stories About Masculinity*

Sunday, February 10, 3:00 p.m.

Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church, Minneapolis

Society's narrow definition of masculinity creates a tremendous challenge for boys and men to be their true, authentic selves. Boys and men are inundated with negative messages from the media, movies, music, peers and family, as to how they should act and behave. This production uses heartfelt stories of masculinity from the male perspective to raise awareness and create a conversation about how masculinity is shaped and formed among boys and men...too often in an unhealthy way...and how we as a community can change that.

Admission is Pay-as-you-can with a suggested ticket price of \$15. Tickets can be purchased online for \$15 at Brown Paper Tickets or at the door by cash, check or credit card.

All seating is general admission.

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## Save the Date!

*Minneapolis Area Synod Tool Kit and Conference Assemblies*

*Saturday, Feb. 23, beginning at 9 a.m.*

*St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Bloomington, MN*

A morning of engaging workshops, fellowship, time with Bishop Ann Svennungsen, and conference meetings.

The hour-long Tool Kit workshops are:

- New Strategies for Organizing Mission & Ministry: Effective Church Council Leadership
- Who Lives in My Neighborhood? An Introduction to MissionInSite
- A Small Church Can Make a Big Difference
- Church Safety and Emergency Preparedness
- Ready to Talk About Culture and Race?
- How to Run a Meeting
- Financial Best Practices for Churches
- Five Marks of a Vital Congregation and Two Questions Not to Ask
- Using Story to Invite People into your Congregation
- Better Council Effectiveness Through Relationships
- Good Stewardship: Maximizing the Value of Your Real Estate
- Digital Media 101: Social Media and Websites
- Navigating the Church Human Resources Jungle
- The Skill of Connecting with your Community Through One-to-One Conversations

Both experienced and new church leaders are strongly encouraged to attend!

**FEBRUARY 2019**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1  6 pm – N.A. Social event	2– <b>Presentation of Our Lord</b> 9am - Confirmation 11 am – Diaper Depot open Noon – Community Meal 1-3 pm – Prayer Shawl group meets at Blue Ox Coffee Co. 2 pm – <b>Funeral Eucharist: Fred Sulzbach</b>  <b>7 pm – Holy Eucharist</b>
<b>3- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> FOOD COLLECTION 8 am – Eucharist 9:30 – Church School /Adult Ed. 10:45 – Eucharist Noon – Theological Discussion	5  7 pm – N.A.	5 Noon – Bible Study 4-6 pm – Diaper Depot Open  7 pm – Missions Committee 7 pm – NLC rehearsal	6 10 am – Staff Mtng. 5:30 pm – Children’s Choir meal 6:00 pm – Children’s Choir rehearsal 7 pm – Cantorei rehearsal 8 pm – N.A.	7	8	9 9am – Confirmation 10 am – MFA committee meeting  10 am – Foundation Board meeting  10 am – Book Discussion
<b>10 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> 8 am – Eucharist 9:30 – Church School /Adult Ed. 10:45 – Eucharist, with Reception of New Members 6:45 pm – Mount Olive Serves Our Saviour’s Meal	11  7 pm – Vestry meeting  7 pm – N.A.	12 Noon – Bible Study 4-6 pm – Diaper Depot Open  7 pm – NLC rehearsal	13 10 am – Staff Mtng. 5:30 pm – Children’s Choir meal 6:00 pm – Children’s Choir rehearsal 7 pm – Cantorei rehearsal 8 pm – N.A.	14	15	16  11 am – Diaper Depot open  Noon – Community Meal
<b>17 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> 8 am – Eucharist 9:30 – Church School /Adult Ed. 10:45 – Eucharist	18  6:30 pm – Reconciling Works comm. mtng.  7 pm – N.A.	19 Noon – Bible Study 4-6 pm – Diaper Depot Open  7 pm – NLC rehearsal	20 10 am – Staff Mtng. 5:30 pm – Children’s Choir meal 6:00 pm – Children’s Choir rehearsal 7 pm – Cantorei rehearsal 8 pm – N.A.	21	22  8am-5pm – Godly Play Training event	23
<b>24 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b> TASTE OF NIGERIA 8 am – Eucharist 9:30 – Church School /Adult Ed. 10:45 – Eucharist Noon – Taste of Nigeria meal	25  7 pm – N.A.	26 Noon – Bible Study  4-6 pm – Diaper Depot Open	27 10 am – Staff Mtng. 5:30 pm – Children’s Choir meal 6:00 pm – Children’s Choir rehearsal 7 pm – Cantorei rehearsal 8 pm – N.A.	28		

## Allies and Friends Workshop

Who: Muslims and Lutherans together

What: A day of conversation, learning, and relationship-building

When: Saturday, Feb 2nd, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Where: Grace University Lutheran Church, 324 Harvard St SE, Mpls. (University of Minnesota East Bank)

Registration required. Visit [mpls-synod.org/events](http://mpls-synod.org/events) for more information.

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## Together in Hope: A Concert of Hope and Reconciliation

*Featuring the Together In Hope Choir with current and former members of the St. Olaf Orchestra*

*Saturday, February 9, 2019, 8:00pm*

*The Basilica of Saint Mary*

*1600 Hennepin Ave Minneapolis, MN 55403*

*mary.org | 612.333.1381*

*Doors will open for general seating at 7:15pm*

*Concert is free of charge*

The Together In Hope Choir, an ecumenical, professional-caliber ensemble of 60 voices, brings a message of healing and Christian reconciliation.

Directed by Mark Stover of the University of Michigan and Teri Larson of The Basilica of Saint Mary, the Choir will be accompanied by current and former members of the St. Olaf Orchestra. The performance features the U.S. premiere of *So That the World May Believe: A Motet for Unity and Service* and *Holy Spirit Mass*, by Kim André Arnesen.

The evening will include a shared ecumenical message from Archbishop Bernard Hebda and Bishop Ann Svennungsen.

The Together In Hope Project's mission is to advance healing and reconciliation through the transformative power of music. For more information, visit [www.togetherinhopeproject.org](http://www.togetherinhopeproject.org).

## LGBTQ Grief Support Group

This ongoing support group is for those who have experienced a death, serious break-up or divorce in a same sex relationship. The group offers support and understanding to cope and adjust to the loss of a relationship.

The group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at Bradshaw Minnehaha, 3131 Minnehaha Ave, Mpls.

For more information call Tony at 612-724-3621.

## **Mount Olive Lutheran Church**

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*A congregation of the Evangelical  
Lutheran Church in America*

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

### **Contact Us**

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On the Web: [mountolivechurch.org](http://mountolivechurch.org)

### **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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