

The Olive Branch

April 24, 2019

Accent on Worship

ELCA Bishop's Easter Message

Getting a phone call in the middle of the night is never a good thing. I remember the second time my father had open-heart surgery. It was a long procedure and a difficult one, and after it was done the doctor called us to his office and said, "There's been some bleeding. We'll let you know, but you should go home now and rest." And so going home that night, I listened for a phone call in the middle of the night and was awakened only to find out it was morning and it was birds singing, not the phone ringing. My father had made it through the night, and in fact he did recover from the surgery.

This is the joy we feel at Easter, but magnified. All of the hope that had been dashed on Good Friday, the terrible pressure of grief, the terrible

pressure of knowing there was no future in the world, only on Sunday to be greeted not by the ringing of a telephone announcing death but the loud clear singing of alleluias. This is the joy we have, and it's a promise so strong that even when we do die, even when we do confront death, we have the hope and the assurance of eternal life.

Easter makes it possible for us, even at the grave, to sing alleluia.

Christ is risen. Alleluia.

Happy Easter, dear church.

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton

Presiding Bishop

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Sunday Readings

April 21, 2019

Resurrection of Our Lord

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

John 20:1-18

April 28, 2019

Second Sunday of Easter

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 114

I Corinthians 5:6b-8

Luke 24:13-49

Sunday Adult Forums

Sunday, April 28: (Rescheduled!) "Implicit Bias and Micro-inequities," presented by Anne Phibbs, PhD, Strategic Diversity Initiatives.

We cannot move toward true equity in our workplaces, organizations and personal relationships until we address historical and institutional inequality. In order to address the myriad ways that certain people are marginalized based on social identities such as race, gender, disability, religion, class, and sexual orientation, every one of us needs to understand our own identities, how we all demonstrate bias that is often unconscious, and how we are capable of moving toward equity.

Sunday, May 5: "The Arts Connect Us," presented by artist Robyn Sand Anderson

A multi-media exploration into how the arts shape and influence each other beyond words or paint or sound alone.

Easter Paschal Garden Donors

Thanks to the following persons who generously contributed toward Easter flowers and décor last week:

Evelyn Royce, Steve & Sandra Pranschke, Brian Jacobs, Carolyn Mowery, George Ferguson, JoAnn Sorenson, Walter Blue, Donn & Bonnie McLellan, Kathy Thurston & Dwight Penas, Melba Smrcka, Marjorie Shifflet, Andrew Andersen, Al & Margaret Bostelmann, Sue Browender, Dennis Bidwell & Eric Zander, David & Susan Cherwien, Tom Graves & Ginny Agresti, Jim & Marlene Sorenson, Chandler & Tricia Molbert, Gail Nielsen, Katherine Hanson, Judy Graves, Rob & Lynn Ruff, Brenda Bartz, Adam Krueger & Thomas Fenner, Larry Duncan, John Bjork, Walt & Judy Hinck, Rod & Connie Olson, Don Luther, Heather Halen, Nicholas Johnson, Joseph & Mary Crippen, Dale Kruse & Tim Sneer, Marlys & George Oelfke, Carol Martinson, Tom Olsen, Joan Anderson, Allen & Lora Dundek, Mary Rose Watson, Mary R. Dodgson, Mark & Lina Pipkorn, Cynthia Prosek, In memory of Edward Munson, Hans Tisberger, Don Johnson, Annette Roth, Emily Boldischar, Rachel Meurett, Elizabeth Hering, Janet & Larry Crosby, Bob & Berta Wick, Russell & Lynda Pearson, Michael Edwins (in memory of loved ones), Elizabeth Beissel, Marty Hamlin and Cathy Bosworth, Linda Holt, Mark & Lisa Ruff, and Naomi Peterson.

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 May 11 meeting they will read, *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*, by James Joyce.

Pick Up Your Statements

Contribution statements for the first quarter of 2018 are printed and ready to be picked up at church (near the coatroom). Please pick yours up soon!

Statements not picked up by April 28 will be mailed.

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Calendar

Wednesday, April 24

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
5:30 pm Children's Choir supper
6:00 pm Children's Choir rehearsals
No Cantorei rehearsal this week
8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday, April 25

- 7:00 pm Bethania Kids trip meeting

Friday, April 26

- 8:00 am Godly Play training
7:00 pm Recovery & Wellness Support Group

Saturday, April 27

- 9:00 am Confirmation
9:00 am Property Committee Clean Up day
10:30 am Catechism

Sunday, April 28 - Second Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee and conversation
9:30 am Sunday Church School / Adult Forum
No Adult Forum this week
10:45 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee and conversation
Noon Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting

Monday, April 29

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, April 30

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

Palm Plants Available

Palm plants from our Easter celebration are available for the taking - free of charge! - in the East Assembly Room.

These plants do well in a sunny window or in a shady spot on your patio or deck for the summer. Re-potting to a larger pot will encourage new growth and make watering easier.

Test Your Climate Knowledge

The Missions Committee would like to challenge you on your understanding and knowledge of our beautiful Earth. NASA Global Climate Change web site offers quizzes to help us learn about vital signs of the planet. One quiz each week will be offered here until Earth Day to assist you in growing your stewardship of the Earth and all living things. Click the following link to take this week's quiz, "Freeze frames"

<https://climate.nasa.gov/quizzes/quiz-ice/>

Attention Mount Olive Worship assistants!

The Servant Schedule for the 3rd quarter of 2019 (July - September) will be published at the beginning of June 2019. The deadline for submitting requests is May 11, 2019.

Please email your requests to peggyrf70@gmail.com.

Go and Tell the Disciples ..., It's Time to Spread Mulch!

Forgive the lame humor, but it is time to let springtime weeds know: NOT at Mount Olive! Weather has not been our friend, and may not be perfect again this Saturday, but it's time to rise to the challenge, to apply rake and shovel to the task. At last!

Gather at 9 am in the West Lounge area. There will be coffee, other refreshments, and treats there throughout the morning.

If you own a wheelbarrow or garden cart, or have a friendly neighbor who will lend one, please bring it. The church owns only one so these wheeled devices are critical. A large tarp that can be dragged from pile to place is also very useful. Bring what you have.

If you don't own work gloves, some will be available.

Some have responded already to property@mountolivechurch.org, or the church office. Do help the committee by letting us know you're coming. If there are last minute changes, a list is a big help. Thank you!

Join Together to Help

In the last weeks we have all been overwhelmed with pictures and stories of those suffering from floods in our own country--Nebraska, Iowa, Alabama -- and in far off places -- Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Iran. Your Missions Committee has committed \$1,000 of its budget to help with flood relief: \$500 to the ELCA Disaster Relief fund to assist with national flood relief and \$500 to the Lutheran World Relief to assist those in other countries. Won't you join in this effort? You may place your donations in a blue mission envelop and mark it clearly for ELCA Disaster Relief or LWR, clearly mark your donation in the memo line of your check, or place your contribution in a marked envelope. Together we can make a difference.

Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting

The semi-annual meeting of Mount Olive congregation will be held on Sunday, April 28, following the second liturgy (approximately Noon). The purpose of this meeting is to elect new members to the Mount Olive Vestry for 2019-2020. At this meeting, we will also hear about Godly Play (Sunday Church School) and its importance to our church community.

The slate of candidates for election proposed by the Nominating Committee is as follows:

President (1 year term):	Gretchen Campbell-Johnson
Vice President (1 year term):	Mark Ruff
Secretary (1 year term):	Gene Janssen
Treasurer (1 year term):	Doug Parish
Director of Congregational Life (3 year term):	Larry Duncan
Director of Education (2 year term):	Chad King
Director of Evangelism (3 year term):	Lora Dundek
Director of Neighborhood Ministries (3 year term):	Cynthia Prosek
Director of Stewardship (1 year term):	Consuelo Gutierrez-Crosby

Taking Heart: Ramadan Iftar Open House Meals 2019

From the Minnesota Council of Churches (with an invitation from Jim Bargmann, Coordinator of Neighborhood Ministry):

Ramadan is the month of the Islamic lunar calendar during which Muslims abstain from food and drink from sunrise to sunset; in 2019 it falls between the dates of May 5 – June 4. Fasting during Ramadan is one of the “five pillars” of Islam, and is performed to learn compassion, self-restraint, and generosity.

Taking Heart Open Houses is a long-running program coordinated by the Minnesota Council of Churches (MCC) and the Muslim American Society of Minnesota (MAS-MN) to bring Christians and members of other faith communities together with Muslims for food and conversation during Ramadan. Minnesota mosques and Islamic community centers welcome their non-Muslim neighbors for a traditional Iftar, inviting a time of encounter and learning.

Registration is now open so you can sign up for one or more events at: <http://bit.ly/TakingHeartRegister>. These events are free and open to the public.

Now from Jim: I am planning to attend the Taking Heart Abubakar As-Sadique on May 25 if you would like to join me, but you are welcome to attend any of the Open House events that work for you.

Music & Fine Arts Hymn Festival

Held Friday, May 10, 7:30 pm

Mount Olive Cantorei, Cantor David Cherwien, organist and director

Marking the 100th anniversary of the birth of former Mount Olive Cantor Paul O. Manz, Mount Olive will host a hymn festival honoring the life and ministry of this giant in Lutheran hymnody, Manz’s ministry inspired vigorous and meaningful singing across denominational and geographic lines. He is credited with creating the hymn festival program tradition, now frequently used by church musicians, which combines creative hymnody, interpretive improvisation, and reflective spoken thoughts.

National Lutheran Choir Spring Concert: “Light and Dark”

Sunday, May 5, 4:00 pm

Central Lutheran Church, 333 South 12th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55404

So often a shroud of darkness forms around those living under an iron fist, but music is the light that flickers, maintains, and grows despite the circumstances. Light and Dark explores the music of equatorial regions and the dark north of Europe. Influenced by each culture’s unique climate– where cold night breeds mystery and the warm sun imbues a particular colorfulness– music fills the role of storytelling in a unique and fascinating way.

Tickets available at the door or by visiting www.ncla.com.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10 am – Staff Mtng. 7 pm – Cantorei rehearsal 8 pm – N.A.	2	3 8:30 am – Sheridan Story Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast (Rosedale) 6:30 pm – N.A. Social Event	4 9:00 am – Confirmation 11-1 – Diaper Depot Noon – Community Meal 1-3 pm – Prayer Shawl group meets at Blackeye Roasting
5 – 3 rd Sunday of Easter FOOD COLLECTION 8 am – Eucharist 9:30 – Church School /Adult Ed. 10:45 – Eucharist Noon – Theological Discussion	6 7 pm – N.A. 7 pm – LOL Board	7 Noon – Bible Study 3pm – Longer Table Lending student presentation 4-6 pm – Diaper Depot open 7 pm – Missions Comm. mtng.	8 10 am – Staff Mtng. 7 pm – Cantorei rehearsal 8 pm – N.A.	9 6:30 pm – Nigerian Partnership meeting	10 7:30 pm – MFA Hymn Festival	11 9:00 am - Confirmation 10 am – Book Discussion 10:30 am – Catechism retreat Noon – NA Speaker Event
12 – 4 th Sunday of Easter 8 am – Eucharist 9:30 – Mother’s Day Recital 10:45 – Eucharist 6:45 pm – Mount Olive Serves Our Saviour’s Meal	13 7 PM – Vestry meeting 7 pm – N.A.	14 Noon – Bible Study 4-6 pm – Diaper Depot Open	15 10 am – Staff Mtng. 7 pm – Cantorei rehearsal 8 pm – N.A.	16	17	18 9:00 am – Confirmation 11-1 – Diaper Depot Noon – Community Meal
19 – 5 th Sunday of Easter 8 am – Eucharist 9:30 – Church School /Adult Ed. 10:45 – Eucharist	20 4 pm – National Lutheran Choir Board meeting 6:30 pm – ReconcilingWorks Committee meeting 7pm – Internship Comm. mtng. 7 pm – N.A.	21 Noon – Bible Study 4-6 pm – Diaper Depot Open	22 10 am – Staff Mtng. 7 pm – Cantorei rehearsal 8 pm – N.A.	23	24 7pm – Recovery & Wellness Support Group	25
26 – 6 th Sunday of Easter SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS 10 am – Eucharist 11:30 am - Coffee & Conversation	27 <i>Memorial Day holiday</i> <i>Church offices closed</i> 7 pm – N.A.	28 Noon – Bible Study 4-6 pm – Diaper Depot Open	29 10 am – Staff Mtng. 7 pm – Cantorei rehearsal 8 pm – N.A.	30 – Ascension of Our Lord 7 pm – Ascension Eucharist	31	

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

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*Mount Olive is a Reconciling in
Christ congregation.*

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