



The Olive Branch

July 17, 2019

Accent on Worship *Jim Bargmann*

Sunday Readings

July 21, 2019

**6th Sunday after Pentecost
16C**

Amos 8:1-12

Psalm 52

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:138-42

July 28, 2019

**7th Sunday after Pentecost
17C**

Hosea 1:2-10

Psalm 85

Colossians 2:6-15[16-19]

Luke 11:1-13

Sometimes God asks us to do strange things.

In the case of Hosea, God asks him to marry a prostitute. Hosea chooses a woman named Gomar and God gives further instruction in regards to their children. First, their son: "Name him Jezreel," meaning "he sows." The their first daughter, God instructs Hosea to name Lo-ruhamah, meaning, "not pitied." And their third child, also given a name chosen by God, Lo-ammi, or "Not my people."

My children are named Nathan (God gives) and Elizabeth (God is an oath or promise). I cannot fathom naming my beloved child, "not my people."

Poor Hosea. He was called into the life of a prophet, and as such, God used his life as an illustration for the message God was attempting to send to the people of Israel.

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Likely, no one in this community has been called to marry a prostitute. But I know there are members of this community who have given of their time and ability to fight prostitution on Lake Street. I know there are members of this community who give of their time and money to share hot meals with those who would

otherwise go without. Some of you travel halfway around the world on a regular basis to teach and encourage those who are doing God's work in other countries. And some who simply share a bottle of cold water or a cup of coffee - and a listening ear. There are countless acts of love and service done by members of this community in the name of God that may seem strange. The reality is this: even if we are not asked to marry a prostitute and give our children strange names, we are all called by God to do sometimes strange things - things that don't make sense. But God uses those seemingly simple but strange actions as a way to share a message of love - God's own love coming through a simple but strange actions.

Keep listening to God - and be willing to act when you are asked to do strange things.

Adult Forum July 21: "Paris to Pittsburgh"

Grab your coffee and stay for a showing of the National Geographic's powerful film, "Paris to Pittsburgh," a testament to what individuals, cities and states are doing to fight climate change despite our president's withdrawal from the Paris Accords. Yes, the science is clear. Yes, it can be scary. Yes, it would be easier for our country to respond with national leadership. But, we are not powerless. Together as cities and states we can have a real impact on reducing carbon emissions. We need to keep working, keep expanding our efforts, keep up the vocal pressure. Come on July 21 for a summer recharge.

Attention Mount Olive Worship Assistants!

The Servant Schedule for the 4th quarter of 2019 (October - December) will be published at the beginning of September 2019. The deadline for submitting requests is August 9, 2019. Please email your requests to peggyrf70@gmail.com.

Counters Needed

We are in immediate need of a substitute counter for July 21 and July 28 this month. If anyone is available for 60-90 minutes immediately following the liturgy. The counters are an important part of ensuring our offering gifts are received and recognized each week.

In addition, we will need 2-3 new counters will to count our gifts on a rotating or substitute basis due to counters retiring or moving onto other ministries. This is great job for those who like quiet work and a feeling of accomplishment. The skills needed are simple cash and check counting, confidentiality, and ability to communicate with your counting partner. That's about it!

If you can help out the next two Sundays or are interested in counting more often, please contact Kat Campbell Johnson 763-464-7692.

2020 Oberammergau Trip Cancelled

The trip originally announced as a "save the date" event has been cancelled.

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 August 10 meeting they will read *Clock Dance*, by Anne Tyler, and for September 14, *Anil's Ghost* by Michael Ondaatje.

Weeds for Sale, Pick Your Own!

In order to keep our church grounds looking fresh and tidy, it takes work to keep the lawn cut, weeds pulled, and bushes trimmed. This spring our loyal group of volunteers picked up trash, weeded, mulched, and trimmed everything in sight. Now it is summer maintenance time.

Please join us on any of the following dates between 9:30-11:30 am, or feel free to stop by at any time and pull a weed or two.

July 20

August 3, 17, 31

BYOT (Bring your own tools.)
Trash bags, water, and snacks provided.

If you have questions reach out to Andrew Andersen, Brenda Bartz, or Carol Martinson.

The Olive Branch

Calendar

Wednesday, July 17

1:30 pm Staff Meeting
8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, July 20

9:30 am Grounds Maintenance
11:00 am Diaper Depot open
Noon Community Meal

Sunday, July 21 - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, 16C

10:00 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee and conversation
11:30 am Adult Forum: "Paris to Pittsburgh"

Monday, July 22

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, July 23

Noon Bible Study
4-6 pm Diaper Depot open

Wednesday, July 24

10:00 am Staff Meeting
8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, July 26

7:00 pm Recovery & Wellness Support group

Saturday, July 27

1-10 pm Narcotics Anonymous speaker event

Sunday, July 28 - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, 17C

10:00 am *Holy Eucharist*
11:30 am All-Church Picnic @ Powderhorn Park

Monday, July 29

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous
7:00 pm Vicar Committee meeting

Tuesday, July 30

Noon Bible Study
4-6 pm Diaper Depot open
7:00 pm Housing Task Force meeting

Olive Branch Publication Schedule

During the summer months of June, July, and August, *The Olive Branch* is published *every other week*. This is the last weekly issue until after Labor Day.

The next issue will be published on Wed., July 31. **The deadline for information for that issue is Monday, July 29.**

Mount Olive All Church Picnic

*Sunday, July 28th, 2019 at
Powderhorn Park in
Minneapolis*

Plan now to attend an all church picnic on July 28, following the Sunday liturgy and Adult Forum.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, and buns will be provided. Members, friends/guests can bring chips, salads, desserts, etc. More information to follow in the next issue of *The Olive Branch*.

- Gail Nielsen, Larry Duncan,
Congregational Life

Contribution Statements

Contribution statements for the first half of 2019 are available to be picked up at church, near the coatroom. Pick yours up when you come to church! Those statements left after July 28 will be mailed.

News From the Neighborhood

National Night Out

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie, sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch.

Mount Olive will host a National Night Out celebration for our block and neighborhood on August 6, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. This event is one of the ways Mount Olive seeks to be a welcoming presence in our neighborhood and share the gifts God has given us in terms of our physical property and talents. Any are welcome to join us for food, games, a visit with area police and fire personnel, and more. Of course, if you have a National Night Out event in the neighborhood in which you live, we encourage you to attend there. But if you either live in the Mount Olive neighborhood or have no event of your own to attend, please join us!

Back to School Backpack Drive

Again this year, Mount Olive is partnering with Ace in the City to support our neighborhood kids by collecting donations of new backpacks, coupled with a \$20 donation to cover the cost of school supplies. Backpack donations can be brought to church and left in the large, clear tote on the coatroom shelf. Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate (clearly designated for "Backpack Drive"), or brought/mailed to the church office. Ace in the City will sell the backpacks and school supplies at greatly discounted rates to families in need at their Back2School Bash on August 24.

Backpacks and monetary donations will be received through Sunday, August 11.

Mark Your Calendars! Men's Choir, Women's Choir

Each summer we select one Sunday to form these two groups which can highlight the unique sounds of three to four part Tenors and Basses and/or Sopranos and Altos. There will be one rehearsal for each, with music for these unique voicings. (Some of written for the special occasion!)

Summer Men's Choir: Sunday, August 11

One rehearsal on Sunday, August 11, 8:45 am, sing in the 10:00 am Eucharist.

Summer Women's Choir: Sunday, August 18

One rehearsal on Sunday, August 18, 8:45 am, sing in the 10:00 Eucharist.



Summer ACTS

Adults, Children, Teaming to Serve



Over the course of two weeks in June and July

kids from our community participated in learning and service projects at Central Lutheran Church, Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association, Sabathani Community Center, the Minneapolis Fire and Police Departments, the Community Emergency Services Food Shelf, and here at Mount Olive. They not only learned valuable life skills that will help them in future jobs and careers, but learned about how, they even as young people, can use their voices to make a difference in the world.

Property Update



Around the Grounds, Doing Grounds Work, etc . . .



Doesn't it look great around the grounds? This is the result of "grounds work", each 1st and 3rd Saturday, 9:30-11:30. And, you can help make our church grounds attractive.

Required skill: LOW. Required will: HIGH. You can do it.

Next exciting "Grounds Work" morning is this Saturday, July 20. More workers means more fun. Community Meal follows.



Meet the new Mount Olive Mower! This mean, green machine joined the parish recently, a gift of Carla, Steve, Julie and Eric Manuel. No grasses dare rise in defiance. It mows, mulches, and collects in eerie, environment-friendly, battery powered silence. Thank you very much, Manuels.

Our mower has not yet been properly named! Suggest a name this Saturday at Grounds Work. Prize for the winning suggestion: a free bottle of cold water and an extra snack?

Thanks to Tom and Ginny!

Ginny Agresti and Tom Graves have stepped down after leading our Communion Sending Ministry for nearly 8 years. They've coordinated the schedules, worked with the pastor to update lists of those who are receiving communion from our liturgies, and communicated and connected with those who are sent out. Many thanks for their faithful work over these many years! Marilyn and Victor Gebauer have agreed to take over the coordination duties going forward. If questions arise please contact the Gebauers at 651-890-9317 (Victor's cell) or 612-306-8872 (Marilyn's cell). Feel free to text messages or use their email: gebauevm@bitstream.net. If you would like to request home communion for yourself or a family member due to an anticipated absence from Sunday liturgy (short term or long term), please contact the church office (612-827-4557), Pastor Crippen, or the Gebauers.

BARGAIN BOX

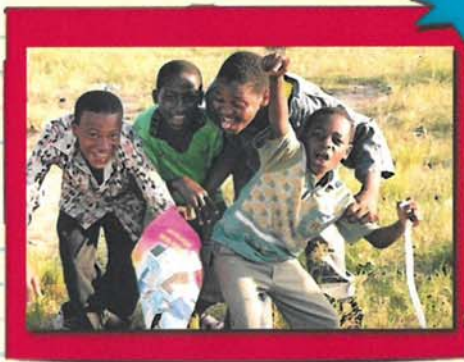
AUGUST 3, 2019

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Mount Olive Neighborhood Ministries



A very affordable way for families to get quality new and gently-used clothes for children of all ages to wear for the new school year.



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August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 9:30-Grounds Maintenance 11 am – Bargain Box 11 am – Diaper Depot Noon – Community Meal 1 pm – Prayer Shawl group
4 FOOD COLLECTION 10:00 am – Eucharist 11:00 am - Coffee & Conversation	5 7 pm – LOL Board 7 pm – N.A.	6 Noon – Bible Study 4-6 pm – Diaper Depot 6-8 pm Neighborhood Night Out	7 10 am – Staff meeting 8 pm – N.A.	8	9 7pm – Recovery & Wellness Support Group	10 10 am – Book Discussion Group
11 8:45 am – Men’s Ensemble rehearsal 10:00 am – Eucharist 11:00 am - Coffee & Conversation 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	14 10 am – Staff meeting 8 pm – N.A.	15 – Mary, Mother of Our Lord 7 pm – Holy Eucharist	16 6pm – Godly Play Training	17 8am-5pm - Godly Play Training 9:30-Grounds Maintenance 11 am – Diaper Depot Noon – Community Meal
18 8:45 am – Men’s Ensemble rehearsal 10:00 am – Eucharist 11:00 am - Coffee & Conversation	19 6:30 pm – Reconciling Works Committee meeting 7pm – Vicar Committee 7 pm – N.A.	20 Noon – Bible Study 4-6 pm – Diaper Depot	21 10 am – Staff meeting 8 pm – N.A.	22	23 7pm – Recovery & Wellness Support Group	24
25 10:00 am – Eucharist 11:00 am – Adult Forum: EPES 11:30 am – Church Picnic at Powderhorn Park	26 7 pm – Worship Committee 7 pm – N.A.	27 Noon – Bible Study 4-6 pm – Diaper Depot 7pm – Missions Committee	28 10 am – Staff meeting 8 pm – N.A.	29	30	31 9:30-Grounds Maintenance

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**Summer Sunday Eucharist:
10:00 a.m.**

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*Mount Olive is a Reconciling in
Christ congregation.*

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