



# The Olive Branch

August 28, 2019

## Accent on Worship *Pastor Joseph Crippen*

### Sunday Readings

**September 1, 2019**

**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
22C**

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Psalms 81:1, 10-16

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

**September 8, 2019**

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
23C**

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-33

### *Awareness*

*“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.” Hebrews 13:2*

This mysterious word from Hebrews next Sunday shares a wisdom with much of humanity’s story-telling. Myths, novels, plays, oral history, all have stories of hidden identity. One never knows, our collective wisdom says, whom one is greeting. It could be the princess, swapped at birth with a commoner. Or the king, cloaked by the campfire before the battle. Or an angel disguised as a human. You just never know.

I sometimes wonder if we’re missing the point saying, “it could be an angel, so welcome the stranger.” Does it matter if, in Matthew 25, Jesus says that when we feed someone who is hungry or visit someone who is in prison, we are doing it to him? In fact, in that story, everyone wanted to serve their King. None of them knew Christ was in the needy ones; but half of them loved and cared for those in need, anyway.

That seems to be the missing link. Does it matter if the person you help is Christ in disguise, or an angel? Or is the deeper need that you and I are willing to be transformed to see others, as they are, as the very image of God? Worthy of our love and care, even if they are as ordinary as we are.

That, surely, is what Hebrews intends to encourage: mutual love for all. Because love is who we are made to be. And because we are loved eternally by God in Christ. What ends up making the stranger special, the other person holy, is simply that they exist. They, too, are in God’s image. And they, too, are worthy of love. Even our enemies.

God make this so among us, in all ways.

## Adult Forums for September

See brochures in the Chapel Lounge for detailed information about these forums.

**September 1** - Bread for the World letter-writing campaign

**September 8** - "Women Hymn Writers, Past to Present," presented by Susan Palo Cherwien

**September 15** - "Bright Stars of Bethlehem," presented by Jo Lucas, Bright Star area coordinator

**September 22** - TBA

**September 29** - ELCA Statement on "Faith, Sexism, and Justice," presented by Vicar Bristol Reading

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## Sanctuary Church

At the recent church wide assembly, the ELCA passed a resolution designating itself as a "Sanctuary Church." What does this mean? Click on the link below to access a Q and A for more information.

[https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/ELCA\\_SanctuaryDenomination\\_TalkingPoints.pdf](https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/ELCA_SanctuaryDenomination_TalkingPoints.pdf)

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## An Important Word About Your Key Card

Some Mount Olive folks are beginning to have a little trouble with their security (key) cards not working. This is likely caused by the card becoming de-magnetized. One way to be sure YOUR card does not become demagnetized is to keep it away from your credit cards, and keep it away from your cell phone. Both are common culprits with this problem.

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## 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 September 14 meeting they will read *Anil's Ghost* by Michael Ondaatje, and for October 12, *Beloved*, by Toni Morrison.

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## 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 **August 31** for the last scheduled grounds work day, between 9:30-11:30 am, or feel free to stop by at any time and pull a weed or two.

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.

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## Calendar

### Wednesday, August 28

1:30 pm Staff Meeting

8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### Thursday, August 29

7:00 pm Housing Task Force meeting

### Saturday, August 31

9:30 am Grounds Maintenance

### Sunday, September 1 - Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, 21C

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

11:30 am Bread for the World Letter Writing Campaign

### Monday, September 2

7:00 pm LOL Board meeting

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### Tuesday, September 3

Noon Bible Study

4-6 pm Diaper Depot open

6:00 pm National Lutheran Choir orientation

7:00 pm Missions Committee meeting

### Wednesday, September 4

10:00 am Staff Meeting

5:30 pm Neighborhood Ministries Committee meeting

7:00 pm Cantorei rehearsal

8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### Saturday, September 7

9:00 am Chancel cleaning

11:00 am Diaper Depot open

Noon Community Meal

1-3 pm Prayer Shawl group meets at Blackeye Roasting

### Sunday, September 8 - Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, 22C

8:00 am *Holy Eucharist*

9:30 am Sunday Church School / Adult Forum

10:45 am *Holy Eucharist*

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

### Monday, September 9

7:00 pm Vestry meeting

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### Tuesday, September 10

Noon Bible Study

4-6 pm Diaper Depot open

## *Olive Branch* Publication Schedule

Beginning next week, *The Olive Branch* returns to weekly publication.

Information for that and subsequent issues is due in to the church office on Mondays.

## *Paris to Pittsburgh*

Many have asked. If you didn't get a chance to view *Paris to Pittsburgh* with us a couple of weeks ago, or if you did and now you would like to share this film with others, please know that copies of the film are available in the Missions box in the church office. Leave a note when you take a copy, and return it to the box when you are finished. It is also available on-line from National Geographic at <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/tv/paris-to-pittsburgh/>. We were encouraged by stories of the progress that can be made even without a national commitment.

## Chancel Dusting and Polishing Day

The Altar Guild is hosting a chancel-cleaning event on Saturday, September 7, beginning at 9:00 a.m. until about noon. Come when you can; stay for as long as you like.

Questions? Contact Beth Gaede (bethgaede@comcast.com).

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## Offering of Letters – This Sunday!

We will end the summer by taking action! This Sunday, September 1, we will once again gather to urge our legislators to accelerate progress toward ending hunger by increasing funding for global child nutrition programs. “Better Nutrition, Better Tomorrow” is a national advocacy effort, and Bread for the World is our partner. Together we have made a difference in reducing world hunger.

Visit <https://www.paperturn-view.com/us/bread-for-the-world/bread-for-the-world-s-2019-offering-of-letters-to-congress-better-nutrition-better-tomorrow?pid=NDI42441&p=3&v=1.1> for a sample letter and supplemental materials.

See the insert in this issue of *The Olive Branch* for additional information. Let's keep our effort strong!

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## Mount Olive Cantorei Wants YOU!

Only one week until Cantorei rehearsals resume!

We will begin this year on Wednesday, September 4, with an overview and brief rehearsal, followed by a dessert potluck. Bring a dessert to share!

Interested in singing in Cantorei this year? Come on along – all are welcome.

- Cantor David Cherwien

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## Please Note: Summer Worship Schedule Ends

The last Sunday of summer worship schedule will be this Sunday, September 1. Beginning next Sunday, September 8, we will resume our regular schedule of two liturgies each Sunday morning, at 8:00 and 10:45 a.m., with education for children and adults between the services beginning at 9:30.

**Holy Cross Day**  
**Saturday,**  
**September 14**  
**Holy Eucharist**  
**at 7:00 pm**  
*All are welcome.*

## **Longer Table Lending Seeks Administrator**

Longer Table Lending is hiring for its Administrator position.

Check out details on the Mount Olive website. More information to come. Spread the word!

## **New Members to be Received September 15**

Mount Olive will receive new members on Sunday, September 15, at the 10:45 liturgy. If you are interested in becoming a member of Mount Olive, please speak to Pr. Crippen or contact the church office.

## **Last Chance for the Month of August!**

Two weeks ago, 10 hardy workers did a great job of cleaning up the "pollinator garden" in the parking lot. This weekend, we hope to finish up the work planned for August. Saturday. 9:30 -11:30 a.m., and there will be plenty to do.

It's "Labor Day." How better to honor the day than with a little labor? Weather forecast for the weekend is cooler! Yes!

By the way, have you noticed the temporary signs in the parking lot describing why we have pollinator gardens? Thanks to Carol Martinson and Paul Nixdorf for the signs.

Join the landscape warriors as they gather this week, Saturday, August 31.



## News From the Neighborhood

### *Diaper Depot Help Needed*

We are looking to expand our volunteer corps for the Diaper Depot.

We are one of a very few organizations that provide young families with low-cost diapers for their little ones. As word has spread, we have seen a significant increase in the number of families we serve.

With this increase, the number of diapers we need to process on a weekly basis has increased significantly, and the need for more workers is apparent.

There are two ways you can be of service in the Diaper Depot.

First, we are looking for volunteers to pack diapers. Our current volunteers often pack diapers on Tuesdays during the day, either before or after noon Bible study.

Second, we are looking for more people to work the hours the Diaper Depot is open, 4:00 to 6:00 pm on Tuesdays and on the first and third Saturdays (the same weeks as the Community Meal), 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Volunteers working the Diaper Depot will help our clients by packing up the needed diapers, checking out their purchases, and registering new clients.

For both roles, training would be provided and volunteer will be put on a rotating schedule with other volunteers. Time commitment is flexible - volunteers could serve once a week or once a month or any amount of time in between.

Anyone interested should contact Coordinator of Neighborhood Ministry, Jim Bargmann at [neighborhood@mountolivechurch.org](mailto:neighborhood@mountolivechurch.org).

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## Mount Olive Music and Fine Arts New Series

The 2019-20 series has been set and once again includes quite a variety of musical/artistic experiences - something for everyone!

Mount Olive offers these events to the greater community free of charge and you are invited to be a part of that effort through your financial support. A committee representative will be in the Narthex to receive pledges and donations on September 15 and 22 before and after Holy Eucharist.

## Mount Olive Lutheran Church

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*A congregation of the Evangelical  
Lutheran Church in America*

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

### **Contact Us**

Phone: 612-827-5919

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

### **Staff**

Pastor – *Joseph Crippen*

Cantor – *David Cherwien*

Vicar – *Bristol Reading*

Coordinator of Neighborhood

Ministry – *Jim Bargmann*

Administrative Assistant – *Cha Posz*

Sexton – *James Wilkes*

*Mount Olive is a Reconciling in  
Christ congregation.*

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## SEPTEMBER, 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>FOOD COLLECTION</p> <p>10:00 am – Eucharist</p> <p>11:30 am – Bread for the World Campaign of Letters</p>	<p>2 – LABOR DAY</p> <p>Church offices closed</p> <p>7 pm – N.A.</p> <p>7 pm – LOL Board</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Noon – Bible Study</p> <p>4-6 pm – Diaper Depot open</p> <p>6pm – NLC Orientation</p> <p>7 pm – Missions Committee</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10 am – Staff Mt.</p> <p>5:30 pm – Neighborhood Ministries mtng.</p> <p>7:00 pm – Cantorei dessert potluck and rehearsal</p> <p>8 pm – N.A.</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9 am – Chancel cleaning</p> <p>11am – Diaper Depot open</p> <p>Noon – Community Meal</p> <p>1-3 pm – Prayer Shawl group</p>
<p>8</p> <p><b>Regular Schedule Resumes</b></p> <p>8 am – Eucharist</p> <p>9:30 – Church School/Adult Ed.</p> <p>10:45 – Eucharist</p> <p>6:45 pm – Mount Olive Serves Our Saviour's Dinner</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7 pm – Vestry meeting</p> <p>7 pm – N.A.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Noon – Bible Study</p> <p>4-6 pm – Diaper Depot open</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10 am – Staff Mtng.</p> <p>7 pm – Cantorei</p> <p>8 pm – N.A.</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7pm – Recovery &amp; Wellness Support group</p>	<p><b>14 – Holy Cross Day</b></p> <p>10 am – Book Discussion</p> <p>3-8 pm – Youth &amp; Family Jeremiah Project event</p> <p><b>7:00 pm - Holy Eucharist</b></p>
<p>15</p> <p>8 am – Eucharist</p> <p>9:30 – Church School /Adult Ed.</p> <p>10:45 – Eucharist, with Reception of New Members</p> <p>Noon - New Member Luncheon</p>	<p>16</p> <p>4-6 pm – NLC Board mtng.</p> <p>6:30 pm – Reconciling Works comm. mtng.</p> <p>7 pm – N.A.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Noon – Bible Study</p> <p>4-6 pm – Diaper Depot open</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10 am – Staff Mtng.</p> <p>5:30 – Children's Choir meal</p> <p>6 pm – Children's Choir</p> <p>7 pm – Cantorei</p> <p>7pm – Y2 Confirmation</p> <p>8 pm – N.A.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6 pm – Bible Study</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>11am – Diaper Depot open</p> <p>Noon – Community Meal</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8 am – Eucharist</p> <p>9:30 – Church School /Adult Ed.</p> <p>10:45 – Eucharist</p> <p>12:45 pm – Y4 Confirmation</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7 pm – Worship Comm.</p> <p>7pm – Vicar Committee</p> <p>7 pm – N.A.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Noon – Bible Study</p> <p>4-6 pm – Diaper Depot open</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10 am – Staff Mtng.</p> <p>5:30 – Children's Choir meal</p> <p>6 pm – Children's Choir</p> <p>7 pm – Cantorei</p> <p>7pm – Y2 Confirmation</p> <p>8 pm – N.A.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6 pm – Bible Study</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7pm – Recovery &amp; Wellness Support group</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8 am – Eucharist</p> <p>9:30 – Church School /Adult Ed.</p> <p>10:45 – Eucharist</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7 pm – N.A.</p>					

# Bread for the World Offering of Letters

## Preparation Materials

### *2019 Offering of Letters: Better Nutrition, Better Tomorrow*

Good nutrition during the 1,000-day period from the beginning of a woman's pregnancy to her child's second birthday is critical to a child's health and future well-being.

To accelerate progress on nutrition, we must scale up what we know works: improved access to nutritious foods, vitamins and minerals, clean water and sanitation, promotion of breastfeeding, and treatment for severe malnutrition.

All children deserve the opportunity to live a healthy life and reach their full potential. Join us in making this opportunity a reality!

### **Another hunger issue that has just arisen about which it would be good to offer letters--information from the ELCA and also supported by Bread for the World:**

#### **New SNAP rule**

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) has proposed a [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program \(SNAP\) rule](#) that would eliminate an estimated 3.1 million children, families, disabled and older adults from access to SNAP benefits. This blockage of nutrition support for vulnerable and hungry people ignores the will of Congress when it considered this very issue in the 2018 Farm Bill. SNAP serves about 36 million people, the majority of whom are children, the elderly or people with disabilities. The rule eliminates [broad based categorical eligibility](#) ("Cat El"), which is a mechanism used by states to reduce bureaucratic red tape and ensure that vulnerable populations receive the support they need. By eliminating Cat El, states are forced to follow procedures that add to the cost of providing SNAP to low-income populations in areas of wide-spread poverty. People in serious need of healthy, life-sustaining food are qualifying for SNAP by Cat El yet would be denied access if the proposed rule is adopted.

ELCA social teaching urges Lutherans to engage in service and advocacy for our neighbor in need of daily bread. These faith practices express our relationship with Jesus Christ, rooted in baptism that sends us out for the sake of the world.

*"When we pray in the Lord's Prayer, 'Give us this day our daily bread,' we place ourselves in tension with economic assumptions of our society. Rather than being self-sufficient, we need and depend on what God gives or provides through people, practices, and systems. 'Daily bread' is not earned by efforts of individuals alone, but is made possible through a variety of relationships and institutions [note to Martin Luther's 'The Large Catechism']. God gives in ways that expand our notions of who 'us' includes, from people close at hand to those around the globe. In stark contrast to those who seek unchecked accumulation and profit, our attention is drawn to those who are desperate for what will sustain their lives for just this day." – From ELCA social statement [Sufficient, Sustainable Living for All](#).*

ELCA World Hunger works to change the systems that perpetuate poverty based on extensive ministry with our membership, congregations and communities, knowing we can't do it alone. Elected officials must carry out the essential role government plays to help people who need nutritious food.

The comment period ends on September 23. Time is short, and your voice is essential now!

