



The Olive Branch

September 11, 2019

Accent on Worship *Cantor David Cherwien*

Sunday Readings

September 15, 2019

**14th Sunday after Pentecost
24C**

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Psalm 14

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

September 22, 2019

**15th Sunday after Pentecost
25C**

Jeremiah 8:18 – 9:1

Psalm 79:1-9

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

The Choir is back!

The Cantorei has resumed its regular scheduled participation and rehearsals. The choir rehearses each Wednesday from 7 to 8:45 pm, and participates in the 10:45 Eucharist each week. Anyone may sing with the choir – no audition is necessary.

Here are some excerpts from the choir's handbook:

What is the Choir's Role?

The singers of the choir are among those carrying out the role of "Assisting Ministers." Assisting ministers arise from the assembly and are representatives for the entire assembly. When a community gathers for worship, the primary voice is that of the assembly itself, and the choir's primary purpose is to help to reinforce and enhance the assembly's voice in hymns and liturgical songs. The choir also provides alternation, and proclamation to the liturgy with its voice alone. To these ends, singers come an additional time to learn music of an approaching liturgy, on behalf of the entire assembly. Through the choir's preparations, the choir can encourage and evoke a sense of healthy and strong singing, and liturgical action.

As Assisting Ministers, the choir's role is an important one, strengthening a highly valued dimension of the liturgy: its music. At Mount Olive this leadership role is taken as seriously as that of liturgical leadership in the front of the Nave during liturgy.

Consistent with Mount Olive's practice of worship leaders being vested, the choir wears albs, a baptismal garment. It is also a visual way of doing what is done musically in becoming one voice as a choir. Wearing the vestment says the singers have become one instead of many, and the vestment render singers equal visually as well as musically.

At Mount Olive, all stanzas of every hymn are sung, keeping the texts complete. (It would have to be a better reason than time to not sing all the stanzas, which is very rare). As an additional means of encouraging vitality, Mount Olive practices "alternations" for multiple stanzas (lower voices, higher voices, harmony, unison, choir, organ, etc.).

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Adult Forums for September

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

- **September 15** - "Bright Stars of Bethlehem," presented by Jo Lucas, Bright Star area coordinator (see page 6).
- **September 22** - TBA
- **September 29** - ELCA Statement on "Faith, Sexism, and Justice," presented by Vicar Bristol Reading

Happy Birthday!

At Mount Olive the delights of sharing life together from very young ages to great maturity abound in our midst.

On Sunday, Sept. 1, 2019, we celebrated four 95+ birthdays, "The Grand Dames," during the coffee hour following the liturgy. Pictured are three of our members, L-R: Melba Smrcka (101 years old), Carolyn Mowery (99 years old), and Leila Froehlich (97 years old).



Mabel Schleif (soon to be 100 years old) was not able to be in attendance.

Congratulation and best wishes to our friends who are celebrating their 95+ birthdays!

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These are identified in the service folder. Some general things the choir has discussed about hymnody can be shared here:

- The first and last stanzas are unison. This is to strengthen the melody
- Rarely do we sing two stanzas in a row the same way, including harmony.
- If there are no instructions (often 3 stanza hymns) the middle stanza can be sung in harmony if harmonies are printed in the hymnal.
- If a hymn is printed in the ELW with a harmonization, it is intended to be vocal.
- When singing in canon, (without the service folder's identifying who sings when), always sing the first entrance strong, but then you are free to jump into another subsequent part.
- Always jump to whatever needs help!
- Sopranos and tenors, when strong hymns end in a low register, the last note(s) may be doubled an octave or 3rd higher (best not more than....)

The Cantorei is a fun group of people, and are always eager for others to feel welcome to sing with them - just come on Wednesday. They'll get you what you need and take you in!

- Cantor Cherwien

Calendar

Wednesday, September 11

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
7:00 pm Cantorei rehearsal
8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, September 13

- 7:00 pm Recovery & Wellness Support group

Saturday, September 14 - Holy Cross Day

- 10:00 am Book Discussion group
3:00 pm Youth & Family Jeremiah Project event
7:00 pm Holy Cross Eucharist

Sunday, September 15 - Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, 24C

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
9:30 am Sunday Church School / Adult Forum
10:45 am Holy Eucharist, with Reception of New Members
Noon New Member Brunch (All are invited!)

Monday, September 16

- 4:00 pm National Lutheran Choir Board meeting
6:30 pm ReconcilingWorks committee meeting
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, September 17

- Noon Bible Study
4-6 pm Diaper Depot open

***Krisis* of Faith? Thursday Bible Study Begins Sept. 21**

John's Gospel has perplexing questions about judgment and grace. Sometimes it seems as if God's grace in Christ is for all; other times it seems to have an exclusive turn. The Greek word *krisis* means "judgment," and that word and related forms occurs throughout John. In the first Thursday Bible study series of this year Pr. Crippen will lead an exploration of what judgment and grace means in John.

The study begins on Thursday, Sept. 19, and will end on Oct. 24. Meeting in the Chapel Lounge from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., there will be our usual light supper when we begin. If anyone wishes to provide the first meal, please let Pr. Crippen know.

All are welcome to this study opportunity!

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!

A committee representative will be in the Narthex to receive pledges and donations on September 22 and 29 before and after the morning Eucharist.

Still Time to Write

Last Sunday we sent over 50 letters to our legislators and to the administrators of the SNAP (food stamp) program opposing the proposed rule change which would limit food aid eligibility.

Responses are needed by September 23, so there is still time for you to make your wishes known. The ELCA Advocacy program is also opposing this rule change. You may send your letter through their website at <https://support.elca.org/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=1169>

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

Thanks!

Thanks to the folks who helped clean sanctuary for the fall activity season on Saturday. The small band – Margaret Bostelmann, Beth Gaede, Peggy Hoeft, Gene Janssen, Bonnie McLellan, Joy Obadiaru, and Steve Pranschke – was mighty and efficient. Margaret and Bonnie even sharpened all the pew-rack pencils! Thanks, all!

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 October 12 meeting they will read, *Beloved*, by Toni Morrison.

Global Climate Strike

September 20, 11:30am - 2:00pm

For the last year young people have been staging school strikes on climate change around the world, including in Minnesota. On Friday September 20, at the request of our youth, people of all ages and around the world will be walking out of our workplaces and homes to demand action on climate change.

The day will begin at St. Paul College at 11:30, with a march to the State Capitol lawn for a rally. To change everything, we need everyone joining together to stop "business as usual" and demand that our leaders take action. This will kick off a week of climate action all over the world. Mount Olive is a Partner congregation with MN Interfaith Power and Light (MNIPL) who is joining many organizations to plan events throughout Minnesota. MNIPL's mission statement is: "Work to build the interfaith climate movement in Minnesota by empowering faith communities across the state to take action that is authentic, effective, and energizing in their context."

Plan to take the day off if you can and invite a friend! You don't want to miss this powerful day! If you need a ride or would like to carpool, contact Judy Hinck at 612-824-4918.

Visit the Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light website at mnipl.org for more details on the week of action!

New Members to be Received This Sunday, September 15

Mount Olive will receive new members this 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.

All Are Invited to Welcome These New Siblings!

Please join our new members for a welcome brunch this Sunday, September 15 after the 10:45 liturgy in the Undercroft. It's a great way to welcome them to life at Mount Olive. Food and beverages provided - you bring the conversation!

Children's Choir, Youth Choir begin September 18th – Next Week! **5:30 p.m. supper; 6:00-6:45 p.m. rehearsal**

The Children and Youth Choirs kick back into operation next Wednesday, September 18. The goal for these choirs is to help our young folks learn about music and singing, and how to be participants in the music of our liturgies. They learn leadership parts and congregational parts, as well as anthems. The Children's Choir (K-3rd grade) learns through activities and visuals, and the Youth Choir (grades 3 to high school) mostly learn through reading sheet music.

All are welcome, let Cantor Cherwien know.

Welcome Back to Mari Espeland (Director of the Children's Choir). Mari teaches music at St Paul Academy School, has led children's choirs in several churches, and has also sung in the National Lutheran Choir.

Palestinian Perspectives: A Film Festival

Join us on September 15, 2019 at 9:30 AM as we gather to view *Salt of the Earth: Palestinian Christians in the West Bank*. It examines the lives of Palestinians living in and around occupied northern West Bank cities. Jo Lucas is a Bright Stars of Bethlehem volunteer, will guide the discussion.

The Mount Olive showing is one of 17 Minnesota locations featuring short and feature-length films about the occupied Palestinian territories as part of the series "Palestinian Perspectives: A Film Festival."

Our congregation is participating with many others in collaboration with the 15th anniversary of Bright Stars of Bethlehem. Founded in 2004, Bright Stars of Bethlehem is a U.S. based nonprofit that promotes peace and justice in Palestine through Dar al-Kalima University of Arts and Culture, Diyar Academy for Youth, and Ajyal Senior Care Center and the newest of our Mount Olive Mission Partners.

Organ Recital: Sunday, October 6, 7:00 pm

An organ recital will be offered by Jacqueline Magnuson on Sunday, October 6, at 7:00 pm. Jacqueline is a Masters in Church Music candidate from Concordia University, Mequon, WI, and is also currently studying with Cantor Cherwien. She will be playing works by Bach, Buxtehude, Howells, Durufle, Cherwien, and Vierne.

The recital is free and open to the public. All are welcome.

Mark Your Calendars:

The Blessing of Animals (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) will take place on **Sunday, October 6, at 3:00 pm**, the Sunday closest to St. Francis Day.

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.

Powderhorn Porchfest Music Festival: Saturday, September 21

Volunteers Needed!

The Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association is one of our key partners in Neighborhood Ministry, working with us to advocate for a stronger, safer, more secure neighborhood for all who call this part of South Minneapolis home.

Throughout the year, they plan several major arts events for our community. Powderhorn Porchfest, a "day-long.... family-friendly showcase of amazing local musicians who contribute to the eclectic and welcoming vibe Powderhorn is known for," is one of those events. Over 2,000 people from around the Twin Cities are expected to attend and Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association is asking Mount Olive members volunteer as Peace Officers. These volunteers will assist with crowd control and monitor access to the festival along the bordering streets.

They are looking for volunteers to cover three-hour shifts on the day of the event, 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm, and 8:30 pm - 11:30 pm. This last shift will also help with clean up.

Event Details

Date: Saturday, September 21

Time: 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Location: 3200 - 3400 blocks along 17th Avenue South

All volunteers will receive a free t-shirt and will enjoy the music when they don't have other responsibilities. Please contact Jim Bargmann, neighborhood@mountolivechurch.org to volunteer.

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Summer Sunday Eucharist:
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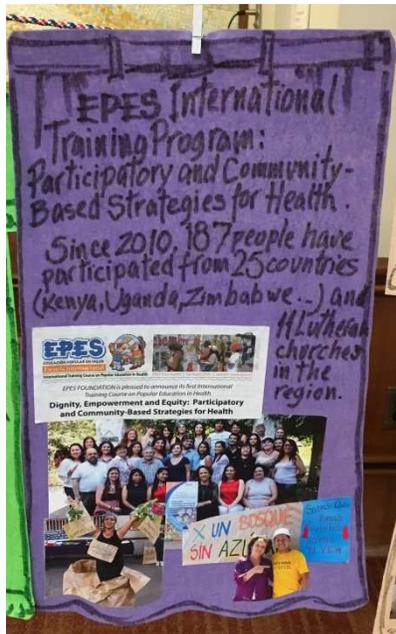
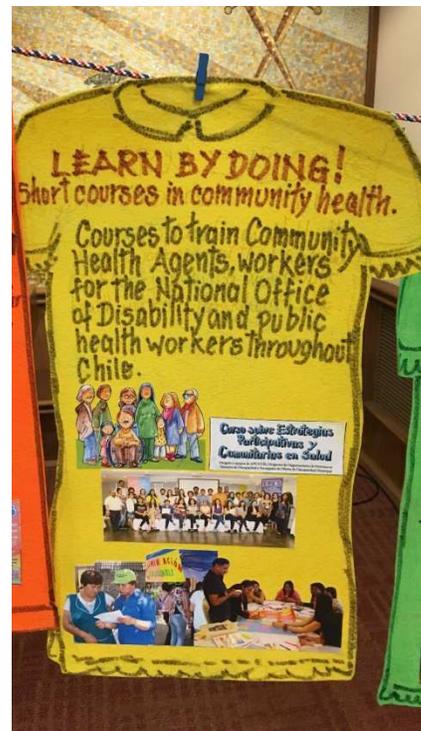
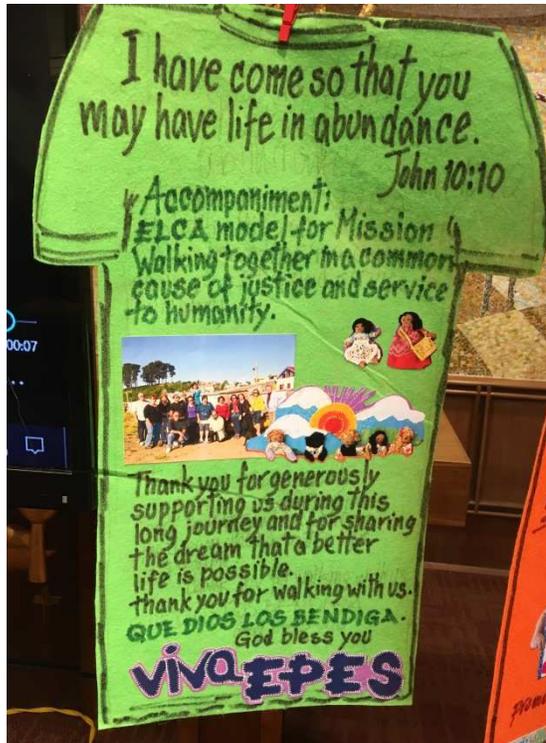
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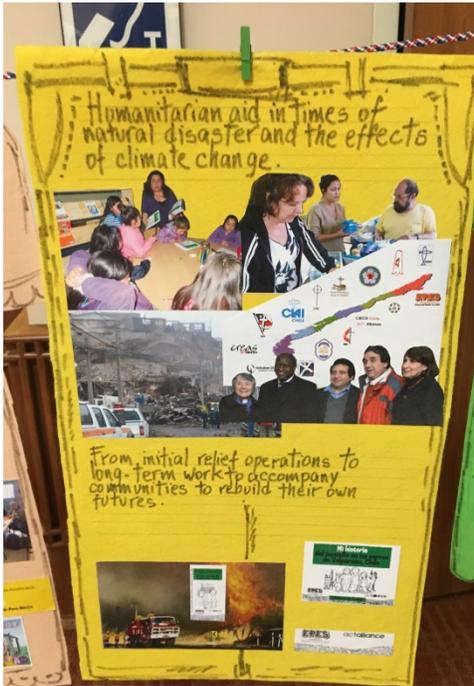
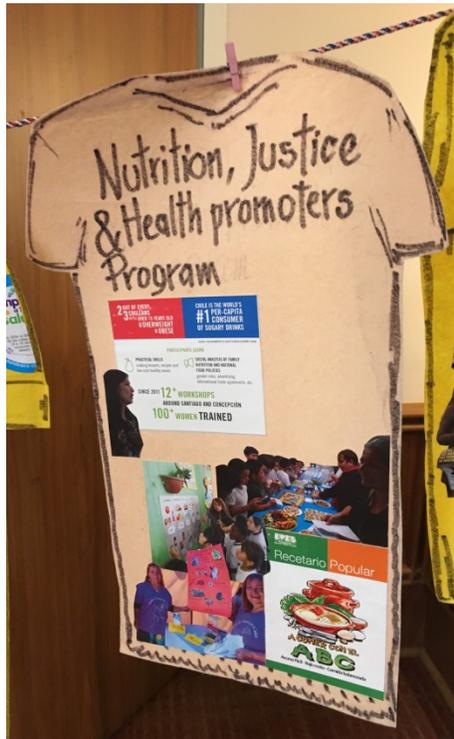
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Mount Olive Hears from Karen Anderson About the Amazing and Expanding Work of EPES in Chile





Karen Anderson (back row, left) with members of Mount Olive Missions Committee: Back row: Lisa Ruff, Donn McLellan, Mark Pipkorn, Pr. Crippen; Front row: Judy Hinck, Mike Edwins.