



The Olive Branch

September 23, 2019

Accent on Worship

Pastor Joseph Crippen

What's the deal with St. Michael?

Sunday at Mount Olive we will step away from the regular Sunday lectionary and celebrate what our Church calendar calls a

“lesser” festival: the feast day of St. Michael and All Angels. This has been our practice here for well over two decades, and probably longer. Since not all might be familiar with this part of the Church year calendar, it seems worth a bit of explanation.

The Lutheran calendar we follow is readily accessible: the brief overview is on pages 14-17 in the front of the pew editions of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, our red worship books. Starting on page 18 are the “proprs” for each day (prayer of the day and readings). The first section is the regular Sunday proprs for all three lectionary years, including the six major festivals (called “principal” festivals in *ELW*). The major festivals are Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost, Holy Trinity. We celebrate these days on whatever calendar day they land (half are always on a Sunday.)

The lesser festivals are listed on pp. 15-17 in small capital letters. These are feast days mostly celebrating the apostles and other biblical saints, and some significant events such as Mary’s visit to Elizabeth, and the death of the innocents at Bethlehem. At Mount Olive, our practice is that if one of these lesser festivals occurs on a green Sunday (we don’t override the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, or Easter), we celebrate

it, and use the scheduled proprs for that day. These proprs are listed beginning on page 54, and are organized by date. In addition, there are several lesser festivals – the Presentation, Mary, mother of our Lord, Holy Cross, St. Francis – that we celebrate yearly regardless of whether they’re on a Sunday that year.

The “commemorations” on our calendar are saints and holy people throughout history that the church has recognized but who aren’t part of that first generation of biblical witnesses. We remember these names on Sundays in our intercessory prayers. Our Lutheran calendar is similar to other Western calendars, such as the Roman and the Anglican, with occasional differences, and sometimes is similar to the Eastern calendars. But that still leaves the question: why a feast day for Michael and all angels? Well, there are resources to explain the history of this particular day which I’d be glad to loan for those curious. And you can always come Sunday and see if the sermon sorts that out for you in a way that makes sense.

Sunday Readings

September 29, 2019

St. Michael and All Angels

Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3

Psalms 103:1-5, 20-22

Revelation 12:7-12

Luke 10:17-20

October 6, 2019

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Lamentations 1:1-6

Psalms 137

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

Upcoming Adult Forums

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

- **September 29** - ELCA Statement on "Faith, Sexism, and Justice," presented by Vicar Bristol Reading
- **October 6/13** - "Romans: A Backward Glance," (2-part series) presented by Pastor Joseph Crippen

Fighting Poverty with Diplomas in Guatemala with Common Hope

Did you know Mount Olive Lutheran Church is a Common Hope Faith Community Partner? Common Hope is a Minnesota founded non-profit who for over 30 years has partnered with children and families in Guatemala to help students gain a high school diploma and families break the cycle of poverty through education, health care, housing, and family development. In a country where the national high school graduation rate is just 18.6% and over half the population lives in poverty, families are facing many challenges to reach the goals they have for a better future. Common Hope strives to be a bridge to the resources and services to overcome these challenges, and it's working! Common Hope students are graduating at three to four times the national average.

Sponsoring a student is an opportunity to help a child in Guatemala achieve their education goals and create a better future for their family. As a sponsor, you are the much-needed cheerleader and motivator for a student working towards their high school diploma. Mount Olive members sponsor six students in Guatemala!

September is Sponsorpalooza, a time of year where Common Hope celebrates its sponsors and partners and shares how to Be The Hope for students in Guatemala. **Sponsorpalooza is extra special as Common Hope has an angel sponsor who will match the first month's donation of any new sponsors who sign up in September. What a great time to sponsor!**

[Click here](#) to hear from Edwin, who is a former graduate of Common Hope's program. He shares his personal journey and how Common Hope, and his Sponsors, helped him achieve his dreams.

If you are interested in learning more about Common Hope and how to Be The Hope for students and families in Guatemala, please check out www.commonhope.org or follow Common Hope on [Facebook](#)/[Instagram](#)/[Twitter](#). There will also be information available across from the Chapel Lounge on September 22 and 29 between liturgies. Current Mount Olive sponsors will be there to answer questions.

Thank you for your partnership with Common Hope. You are truly helping to make hope a reality in Guatemala.

¡Muchas Gracias!

Calendar

Wednesday, September 25

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
5:30 pm Children's Choir supper
6:00 pm Children's Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm Cantorei rehearsal
7:00 pm Y2 Confirmation
8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday, September 26

- 6:00 pm Bible Study

Friday, September 27

- 7:00 pm Recovery & Wellness Support group

Saturday, September 28

- 9:30 am Grounds Maintenance

Sunday, September 29 – St. Michael and All Angels

- 8:00 am *Holy Eucharist*
9:30 am Sunday Church School / Adult Forum
10:45 am *Holy Eucharist*

Monday, September 30

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, October 1

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

Krisis of Faith? Thursday Bible Study Continues

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 runs through Oct. 24. Meeting in the Chapel Lounge from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., there will be the usual light supper when we begin.

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 for one more Sunday, September 29, before and after the morning Eucharist.

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!

On October 12 the group will discuss Toni Morrison's *Beloved*, and on November 9 they will discuss *There There*, by Tommy Orange.

Bethlehem Besieged

Following her presentation at the Adult Forum, Jo Lucas gave us a copy of Mitri Raheb's short book *Bethlehem Besieged, Stories of Hope in Times of Trouble*. The book is now in our library, giving you the chance to learn the history behind Bright Stars of Bethlehem, our newest mission partner. The work began at Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem and has now expanded into the Diyar Consortium. The Consortium includes the k-12 Dar al-Kalima School, the Dar al-Kalima University College, the Health and Wellness Center, International Center of Bethlehem, Guesthouse, and the dining room and art galleries. All of these programs are designed to bring hope to the Palestine and Christian population while working for a life of peace between Palestinians and Israelis. As Dr. Rahib concludes, "Holding to a hopeful vision in the context of war gives hope a new meaning. It is no longer something we see but rather something we practice, something we live, something we advocate, something we plant."

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.

Blessing of Animals Sunday, Oct. 6, 3 p.m.

For many years, Mount Olive has celebrated the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi (Oct. 4) with a liturgy giving thanks for and blessing the animals and creatures God has made. We sing Francis' hymn of praise for the creation, read Scripture, pray for animals and those who care for them, and any who bring pets to the liturgy bring them forward for a blessing. We've always done it on the actual day, in the evening, but this year, in hopes of making it easier for families who find a 7:00 p.m. weeknight liturgy a challenge for their schedule, we've moved the Blessing liturgy to the next **Sunday, Oct. 6, at 3:00 p.m.** That gives time for people to go home, eat, and bring back their beloved friends. All are welcome!

National Lutheran Choir All Saints Concerts

The centerpiece of the National Lutheran Choir's 16th annual All Saints concert is the timeless and colossal Requiem by W.A. Mozart. In keeping with the tradition of this concert, a reverent musical event will provide the backdrop to remember, by name, those who have died. Performed with chorus, orchestra and soloists.

- Saturday, November 2, 7:30pm - Wayzata Community Church, Wayzata, MN
- Sunday, November 3, 4:00pm - St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Mahtomedi, MN

Tickets: Adults and Seniors \$42 | Students and Children FREE | Discounts available for groups of 10 or more.

For tickets and additional information, go to NLCA.com or call (612) 722-2301.

OCTOBER, 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Noon – Bible Study 4 pm – Diaper Depot Open 7 pm – Missions Committee	2 10 am – Staff Mtng. 5:30 pm – Childrens Choir meal 5:30 pm – Neighborhood Min. Committee meeting 6:00 pm – Children’s Choir 7 pm – Cantorei 8 pm – N.A.	3 6 pm – Bible Study	4	5 10am – Foundation Board 11 am – Diaper Depot Open Noon – Community Meal 1 pm – Prayer Shawl group meets at Blackeye Roasting Co.
6 FOOD COLLECTION 8 am – Eucharist 9:30 – Church School /Adult Ed. 10:45 – Eucharist 3pm – Blessing of Animals 7pm Organ Recital: Jacqueline Magnuson	7 7pm–LOL Board 7 pm - NA	8 Noon – Bible Study 4 pm – Diaper Depot Open	9 10 am – Staff Mtng. 5:30 pm – Childrens Choir meal 6:00 pm – Children’s Choir 7pm – Y2 Confirmation 7 pm – Cantorei 8 pm – N.A	10 6 pm – Bible Study	11 5pm – wedding rehearsal 7 pm – Recovery & Wellness Support group	12 10 am – Book Discussion Noon – Wedding (Wade/Pfau)
13 8 am – Eucharist 9:30 – Church School /Adult Ed. 10:45 – Eucharist 12:45-Y1 Confirmation 6:45 pm – Mount Olive Serves Our Saviour’s Meal	14 7 pm – Vestry Meeting 7 pm - NA	15 Noon – Bible Study 4 pm – Diaper Depot Open	16 10 am – Staff Mtng. 5:30 pm – Childrens Choir meal 6:00 pm – Children’s Choir 7 pm – Cantorei 8 pm – N.A	17 6 pm – Bible Study	18	19 11 am – Diaper Depot Open Noon – Community Meal
20 8 am – Eucharist 9:30 – Church School 10:45 – Eucharist Noon – Budget Preview meeting 12:45 – Y4 Confirmation	21 6:30 pm – ReconcilingWorks Committee meeting 7 pm - NA	22 Noon – Bible Study 4 pm – Diaper Depot Open	23 10 am – Staff Mtng. 5:30 pm – Childrens Choir meal 6:00 pm – Children’s Choir 7pm – Y2 Confirmation 7 pm – Cantorei 8 pm – N.A	24 6 pm – Bible Study	25 7 pm – Recovery & Wellness Support group 7pm – MFA Organ Recital and reception	26 8:30 – Noon Manz Centenary Workshop
27 – Reformation Sunday 8 am – Eucharist 9:30 – Church School 10:45 – Eucharist Noon –Congregation Meeting	28 7 pm – Worship Committee 7pm – Vicar Committee 7 pm - NA	29 Noon – Bible Study 4: pm – Diaper Depot Open	30 10 am – Staff Mtng. 5:30 pm – Choir meal 6:00 pm – Children’s Choir 7pm – Y2 Confirmation 7 pm – Cantorei 8 pm – N.A	31		

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Welcome to Mount Olive's Newest Members!

Received into membership at the second liturgy last Sunday, Sept. 15 were: Bryant Beck, Kay George, Jim & Judy Johnson, and James Wilkes.

Thanks, also, to those who prepared and served brunch, set up tables, took photos and provided flowers: Andrew Anderson, Lora & Allen Dundek, Candy Husemoller & Jon Siess, Harry & Jeanette Eklund, Johnny Vegesna & Paul Nixdorf, and Naomi Peterson.

Please welcome our newest members when you get a chance!

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.

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

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Pastor - *Joseph Crippen*

Cantor - *David Cherwien*

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Coordinator of Neighborhood

Ministry - *Jim Bargmann*

Administrative Assistant - *Chia Posz*

Sexton - *James Wilkes*

*Mount Olive is a Reconciling in
Christ congregation.*

New Picture Directory Photos Coming Soon!

Does your Mount Olive picture directory photo need updating? Perhaps you've added a child or two to your family since your last photo. Are the young children in your last photo now in high school? Maybe you just want a more recent picture. Whatever the reason, your chance to have a new, updated photo taken is coming in October. Watch for more information in *The Olive Branch* and other places soon.

Your Last Chance!

Well, maybe not . . .

Outdoor Maintenance Saturday resumes this week, September 28. So many times, folks have said, "The church grounds look so beautiful, this year!" It's not magic, it's the hard work of the wonderful volunteers that has made the difference, putting in a Saturday morning now and again.

In other words, **your help is important**, this Saturday morning, 9:30-11:30. If you have some favorite gardening tools or pair of gloves, bring them. Other equipment needed is available at church. Questions? Contact Carol Martinson, Brenda Bartz, or Andrew Andersen.

See you then?