



Accent on Worship

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 - *Lucy, our cat.*

The other night while I was working on my sermon for this past Sunday, I left my word document open while taking a break. When I returned, I found this note from our cat, Lucy, and my sermon was gone. Luckily, clicking the undo a couple times brought me back to where I was, but my perspective had changed.

Admittedly, it was late at night and so my mind wondered a bit, trying to interpret what Lucy had typed, realizing that I don't even know how to type the division sign on my keyboard. Perhaps she was reminding me to never go into a career with numbers. But, jokes aside, Lucy's wandering onto my keyboard helped me to pause for a while and think about creation.

Think about the times our dog and cat have made us laugh or knew when we were having a bad day, the way the birds greet us in the morning, and how the pollinators are busy at work. It made me think the creatures that are nearly extinct and the ones that have shown great resiliency. And about my pets that have died though their memories continue to be a blessing.

On Monday (and at Mount Olive on Sunday), we celebrated the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, which has been a beautiful tradition of blessing the animals in our lives and remembering the fullness of creation.

It is said that St. Francis had gone into creation to preach sermons to the birds as if they were waiting to hear something. Although this reflects the person of St. Francis, I think the birds were also preaching to St. Francis, transforming him just as all of creation continues to transform us.

Lucy's sermon didn't make it into the pulpit on Sunday, but the proclamation of all of God's beloved creation will continue to shape and transform our lives.

SUNDAY READINGS

Sunday, October 10
20th Sunday after Pentecost,
Lect. 28 B
 Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
 Psalm 90:12-17
 Hebrews 4:12-16
 Mark 10:17-31

Sunday, October 17
21st Sunday after Pentecost,
Lect. 28 B
 Isaiah 53:4-12
 Psalm 91:9-16
 Hebrews 5:1-10
 Mark 10:35-45

Sunday Worship

9:00 am – Eucharist
 11:00 am – Eucharist
 (Livestreamed)

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wed., October 6

10 am – Staff meeting
 5:30 pm Children's Choir
 (on Zoom)

No Cantorei rehearsal

Thurs., October 7

7 pm – Narcotics
 Anonymous

Sat., October 9

9 am – Gardening Day
 10 am – Book Discussion
 Group

Sun., October 10

Pentecost 20

9 am – Holy Eucharist
11 am – Holy Eucharist

Mon., October 11

7 pm – Vestry meeting

Tues., October 12

Noon – Bible Study

Wed., October 13

10 am – Staff meeting
 5:30 pm Children's Choir
 (on Zoom)

No Cantorei rehearsal

Sunday Morning Schedule

There are **two worship services on Sunday morning, at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.** To be able to continue COVID-related safety measures, we ask the following:

During this time, we will continue to request R.S.V.P responses for each worship in order to allow for physical distancing in the sanctuary. We will continue to require that you wear a well-fitting mask that covers your **nose and mouth**. Please do not move the pew ropes, to help with social distancing, and **please** leave the short pews for those with wheelchairs. This is especially important to protect those who are not vaccinated, including children. Coffee hour has been temporarily suspended.

The link to RSVP for worship is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/mountolive> . This link will be live each Wednesday for the following Sunday.

Calling All Members!

The usher corps is in great need of additional people to serve at our doors and in our sanctuary. Due to the comings and goings of many of our tenured ushers, we are seeking any member, new or veteran, to serve on the usher corps. Duties have currently changed to accommodate our response to Covid-19, but they overall stay the same in the way we welcome our members and guests.

If you think you could give up your pew once every few weeks and be ready to greet, collect offering, and direct the communion traffic flow, you would be a prime candidate! This job is also really great for families, engaging all individuals while carrying out the necessary tasks.

If you would be interested in this position or if you have any questions about it, please contact Brian Jacobs at 612-251-5942 with a call or text. He will be happy to train anyone interested and would quite possibly have you fill in this coming 4th quarter for some of the people who are unable to be with us. Otherwise, you would be scheduled in the first quarter of next year. The number of times serving per quarter ranges anywhere from two to four times and may involve evening and weekday services, depending on the season.

*In the
 presence of God.
 Being the
 presence of God.*



Fall is upon us, but the unseasonably warm weather reminds me that Mount Olive has air conditioning in the sanctuary, thanks to our geothermal HVAC system. Let's check in with Marty Hamlin and Judy Hink on why air conditioning in our worship space is so important.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WT8oiOfGoQkedeghunm-2HWu9J03E6em/view?usp=sharing>

Boldly into the Future Updates

Boldly Into the Future donations and pledges now total 385,395!

Thanks so much to everyone that has returned their pledge! Please get your pledges in as soon as possible. You can mail your pledges to Mount Olive, drop them off on Sunday, or go to the Mount Olive website, fill in a [pledge form](#) and email it to welcome@mountolivechurch.org. If you have any questions about Boldly Into the Future, please email Chandler Molbert at vpres@mountolivechurch.org.

Harvest Festival

The Boldly Into the Future leadership team will be hosting a harvest festival and celebration on Sunday, October 24, after the semi-annual meeting. We need cooks and helpers to sign up to make this a success. Brats and beer and all the trimmings will be provided, but we're looking for cooks and bakers to make dishes at home and bring them in that day (or the day before, if necessary). We will also need set-up and take-down help before and after the event. Can you help? We certainly hope so! Go to the SignUp Genius link below, select the way (or ways!) that you can help, and sign up. We'll be in touch before the event with further instructions. Thanks! We hope to see you there.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/MountOliveHarvest>

Semi-annual Congregation Meeting to be held October 24

The October semi-annual Congregation Meeting for 2021 will be held on Sunday, October 24, at 12:30 pm, immediately following the second liturgy. The meeting will be held in-person (with social distancing and masks) in the Undercroft, with the option of also attending online via Zoom. The primary agenda item will be discussion of Mount Olive's 2022 budget.

Additional information, including specific agenda, budget materials, and instructions for accessing the meeting online will be sent out closer to the time of the meeting. Please plan to attend either in-person or online to discuss and vote on the proposed budget.

The **Review of the Proposed 2022 Annual Budget** will be held online via Zoom on **October 19, at 6pm**. This will be your opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback. Please use the following Link to attend this meeting [Join Zoom Meeting](#):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84327206737?pwd=WkxNMUNxWTNlcFFyRWE4VDDiam5Ldz09>

or you may log into Zoom with the following Meeting ID: 843 2720 6737 Passcode: Budget2022.

The Boldly into the Future team will be hosting an Oktoberfest Celebration in the Mount Olive south parking lot immediately following the Congregational Meeting.

Missions News

Help Afghan Refugees

While your Missions Committee considers how we might be more directly involved in Afghan resettlement, here is the latest expression of need from our friends at Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota:

Donate to our Emergency Housing Fund – this is the most emergent need we currently have. Please support a refugee family including Afghan families by easing their transition to MN. [You can donate at donate.lssmn.org/resettlement.](https://www.lssmn.org/resettlement) Any amount makes a difference! ***Please note: we are not currently able to place families directly into homes with community members.*** If you have a rental unit in the Twin Cities or St. Cloud areas that might be an option for a family, please let us know!

Send physical Target gift cards-- We can then give these to families upon arrival. If you take this option, please also provide us with your name, physical address, phone number, and the gift card's value (either through mail or email). This helps us a great deal. You can either buy a gift card and send it through the mail OR buy a physical gift card online and have it shipped to our address. Gift cards can be sent to:

LSS Refugee Services
C/O Cate Duin
2400 Park Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55413

Help us restock our supply room – We are running short on key items! You can shop our online **Target Registry** and the items will ship straight to us! [Click here for the Target Registry.](#) These items make a difference for refugee families including Afghan families as they start their next chapter here in MN. Or, you can also [buy items from our Amazon list.](#) If you take this option, please also email us at refugee.services@lssmn.org with your name, physical address, phone number, and the value of the gifts you donated so we can issue you a receipt (which helps us too with tracking).

Book Discussion

The Mount Olive Book Discussion group meets on the second Saturday of each month, beginning at 10:00 am. They have resumed meeting at church.

For the October 9 meeting, the book will be *The Darling*, by Russell Banks, and for November 13, the book is *The Little Red Chairs*, by Edna O'Brien.

Tuesday Noon Bible Study: New Link!

The Tuesday Noon Bible Study is now meeting in person again, in the West Lounge. For those who are unable to come in person, we will continue to hold the meeting over Zoom as well. Please note that we are no longer using GoToMeeting.

The link for the Tuesday noon Bible study will continue to be the same every week.

To join from your computer, tablet, or smartphone, [click here.](#)

Getting to Know Our Newest Members

Over the next couple of issues of *The Olive Branch*, we will introduce you to some of our newest members who joined Mount Olive on September 19.



My name is **Gerald Lawson Duncan** and I go by my nickname, Jerry. I come to Mount Olive Lutheran Church by way of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church located in North Minneapolis where I was a member for over a decade.

I was a member of the Men's chorus, the Missions Ministry and served as the chair at one point. I served on the Grief Ministry and the Culinary Ministry. I also volunteered for the food and clothing distribution and Vacation Bible School. I attended Bible study and Sunday School. I also volunteered for various groups and ministries when help was needed.

I attended Field Elementary, Ramsey Jr. High and Washburn High School, all in south Minneapolis, then on to the U of M Twin Cities campus.

I was employed as an Accountant at the U of M for 35 years and retired in June 2013. I now say that "I've mastered the art of doing nothing and I'm good at it!"

I live close to Theodore Worth Parkway and enjoy walking my Golden Retriever, Farmer. I love gardening and go crazy at garden centers every Spring.

I look forward to continuing my spiritual walk at Mount Olive Lutheran Church.



Ken and Gayle Schulz have a long history with Mount Olive. Gayle is a cradle Lutheran, who was baptized, confirmed, and married by her father. She met Ken after nursing school in St. Louis – both were singing in the Bach Society chorus. Soon after their wedding in 1972, they moved to Minneapolis and joined Mount Olive. Ken started grad school at the University and Gayle began a long career in geriatric nursing. While at Mount Olive, they were active in the "Young Marrieds" group, and their three children were baptized here. After completing his degree, Ken worked for Honeywell for seven years; then took a position with Pitney Bowes, and the family relocated to the town of Bethel, Connecticut. Ken finished his career at the Federal Aviation Administration's Technical Center. As an Engineering Psychologist, Ken worked with engineers and designers to make complex systems easier and safer to operate and maintain for their human users. The work took him into electric-power generating plants, factories, high-volume mail processing facilities, flight-simulator cockpits, and more. Gayle continued nursing and finished her career working with people at the end of their lives.

The Schulz family enjoys travel, and their long residence in New England gave opportunities to explore our nation's history in Boston, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., and to appreciate the natural beauty of the Green and White Mountains and the Lakes District of New Hampshire. New York City was an hour-and-a-half away;

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among the many experiences it offers, they especially enjoyed the Bach Cantata series at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on Central Park West. Closer to home, state parks and nature preserves offered many trails, some easy, some steep and rugged.

They have returned to the Twin Cities with their daughter, Rebekah, and 2 granddaughters, Kaia and Lina, who also have joined Mount Olive. They are looking forward to participating in the worship life of the church. Gayle particularly has an interest in social ministry issues but wants to help anyplace she is needed. Ken enjoys singing, hiking and cycling, wood and metal working and electronics, and is sewing face masks for the family. He is enjoying choir with Cantor Cherwien. He has experience working with the recording console and hopes to be involved with that again.

National Lutheran Choir All Saints Programs

After so many months of distance and turmoil, the National Lutheran Choir is returning to live performances with their annual program of remembrance. Join them in November for “All Saints: We Remember,” a live concert, and “Requiem Aeternam,” a virtual program, to honor loved ones we have lost this past year through sacred choral music.

Audience-submitted names of those who are no longer with us will be shared during these programs as we each mourn and heal from the loss of important people in our lives. To submit a name, visit www.NLCA.com/all-saints-2021.

All Saints: We Remember (Live Concert)

Friday, November 5th - 7pm @ Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN

November 7th - 4pm @ St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Mahtomedi, MN

Adults and seniors: \$30 | Students: Pay what you can | 18 and Under: Free

Requiem Aeternam (Virtual Program) Available for streaming November 6-8

Pay what you can; Suggested donation of \$5 per household

For tickets and more information, visit NLCA.com or call 612-722-2301.

In Our Prayers

Please pray throughout the week for the following persons: Julia Adams; Joe & Elizabeth Beissel; Susan Cherwien; Charlotte Erlandson; Nancy Flatgard; Leila Froehlich; Art Halbardier; Leanna Kloempken; Mary Lee; Carla Manuel; Carolyn Mowery; Rhoda Nelson; Jerry Ostlund; Evelyn Royce; John Salveson; Pariann Schenk; James Wilkes; *Adalyn Lerum*, relative of Nancy Anderson; *Danna Nelson, Jacques*, friends of Jim Bargmann; *Tom McCarr*, friend of Keith Bartz; *Sara Brunette*, daughter-in-law of CJ Brunette; *Arthur Kaemmer*, friend of David Bryce; *Lela Frazier*, sister of Irene Campbell; *Klarrisa Ramirez*, friend of Gretchen Campbell-Johnson; *Kristin Eklund-Johnson, Greg Eklund, Ryan Snelling*, daughter, son, and friend of Harry & Jeanette Eklund; *Brianna Merriman and baby*, daughter of Margaret Gohman; *Rolf Skeji*, relative of Judy Graves; *David G. Gutierrez, Sr., Chris and David Gutierrez, Jr.*, father and brothers of Consuelo Gutierrez-Crosby; *Carol Halter (missionary in Hong Kong)*, friend of Eunice Hafemeister; *Norma Pera and Hilde Dobberpubl*, sisters of Eunice Hafemeister and aunts of Linda Hafemeister; *Cat Robinette*, friend of Emily Hellerich; *Tami Huisinga*, relative of Wes Huisinga; *Craig Cunningham*, brother-in-law of Brian Jacobs; *Bob Adamson*, relative of Jerry Jones & Robbie Ross; *Roger Bradford*, friend of Mary Rose Kaliher; *Barbara Dahl*, sister of Carla Manuel; *Dani Olson, Harper Linguist, Steve Camper*, relatives and friend of Julie Manuel; *Jan McCuen*, mother of Matt McCuen; *Brenda Frankman*, friend of Rachel Meurett; *Martha Johnson*, sister of Rhoda Nelson and aunt of Sherry Nelson; *Kathleen Austad*, sister of Jerry Ostlund; *Sue Smith, Steve Swanson, and Mary Peterson* friends of Dwight Penas & Kathy Thurston; *Vince DeLusia*, friend of Cynthia Prosek; *Rudd Rayfield, Jolie Mesbber Hassler, Katelyn Bowden, Cindy Williams*, father and friends of Robin Rayfield; *Leila Jeffers*, mother of Lynn and Lisa Ruff; *Miranda Alvis*, niece of Tim Sneer; *Carrie*, friend of Paul & Melissa Stone; *David Duran*, friend of *Kevin Vazquez, Andrew Wiechman*, son of Grace Wiechman; *Judy Bonnes, Tommie and Susie Hunter; Barbara C. Johnson*, friends of Mount Olive.

Prayers for all in the health care system here and around the world who put their lives at risk to care for those infected with COVID 19 and caring for all others who are ill as well.

Our continual prayers are offered for peace: We pray for all the world's governments, leaders, and peoples, especially for those who work overseas toward peace: *Ross Chambers*, nephew of Berta & Bob Wick; *Solveig & Philip*, daughter and son-in-law of Karen Johnson; and *Tyson Crosby*, relative of the Crosby family. (*Italics indicates non-member friends of Mount Olive.*)

About our prayer list ...

If you have submitted a name or names to be published on our prayer list, please review the list regularly, to make sure those for whom we are praying are still in need of our prayers. Contact the church office with any updates.



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