



# The Olive Branch

July 22, 2022

## Accent on Worship

*Jim Bargmann*

**July 10, 2022**  
*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost, Lect. 15 C*  
Deuteronomy 30:9-14  
Psalm 25:1-10  
Colossians 1:1-14  
Luke 10:25-37

**July 17, 2022**  
*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost, Lect. 16 C*  
Genesis 18:1-10a  
**Psalm 15**  
Colossians 1:15-28  
Luke 10:38-42

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

This week's Gospel lesson, Luke 10:25-37, may be one of the most known passages of Scripture, inside and outside of the Christian community. There are mutual aid societies, thrift stores, non-profits, a recreational vehicle club, even a legal precedent and law, named after the so-called "good Samaritan." Many of us who grew up in a Christian community will have heard this story of Jesus every three years and likely, over and over again in Sunday school. Yet, I found myself thankful for this passage this week. Even with as well-known as this story is, even with its constant repetition in our liturgy and education programs, there seems always more here to unpack.

There is of course, the temptation to literally walk by a person in need we all face on a very regular basis. I have had many conversations with many of you about this very thing. I celebrate that many, many of you have such a strong desire to not walk past those in need, leaving them on the side of the road.

But as I consider this article, I found myself flipping the common script of interpretation regarding this passage. So often, we very appropriately broaden the definition of neighbor just as Jesus does. But what about our actual neighbors - those with whom we share a street, a sidewalk, a driveway or even walls? How many of us in our society of busy schedules, garage doors, and fences, have taken the time to connect with our actual neighbors? As I consider this question myself I find myself asking more questions. Do I know my neighbors names? What about their kids - whether little or grown? When was the last time I saw the couple up the street? Do I know what they do for work? What about what they do for fun?

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And yet more questions arise in my mind, more philosophical perhaps, that I would invite you to consider alongside me.

Can the simple act of opening the door to a relationship, a connection, be an act of bandaging wounds? Can doing the work of starting or maintaining a friendship be a way to put someone on our own animal? Can an investment in the life of another, not financially, but relationally, be a way to pay for another's care?

Perhaps. Perhaps yes. Yes. I think so.

- *Jim Bargmann*

### **Children's Choirs coming in the fall**

Our young are not just the "church of tomorrow" – they, too, are part of the church today! This coming fall, as a part of our comprehensive plans for our young, we will launch in-person children's choir school, AND for families with children aged 0 through kindergarten, Mount Olive Family Music time (online), Mondays at 5:30 pm.

On Wednesdays, we will offer a prepared meal for the young AND their parents at 5:30 pm, followed by Choir from 6:00 – 6:45 with two groups rehearsing simultaneously:

Grades 1-3, led by Mari Espeland

Grades 4-whatever!, led by Rebekah Schultz

Each of these will periodically participate in Sunday morning liturgies.

Cantorei will rehearse from 7 to 8:45, led by Cantor Cherwien.

Watch for more details in late summer – but for now, mark your calendars!

## Calendar

Wednesday, ~~February 27~~ July 6

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Thursday, July 7

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, July 8

7:00 pm Recovery group

Saturday, July 9

9:00 am Gardening Day

10:00 am Book Discussion Group

~~9:00 am — Neighborhood Ministries meeting~~

~~Noon — Community Meal~~

~~1:00 pm — Prayer Shawl group meets at Blue Ox~~

Sunday, July 10 ~~3~~ — Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am *Holy Eucharist, with the Sacrament of Holy Baptism*, followed by coffee & conversation

Monday, July 11 ~~Friday, February 22~~

7:00 pm Vestry Meeting

~~5:00 pm — Jobs After School~~

~~Saturday, February 23~~

~~10:00 am — Confirmation~~

Sunday, February 24 — Second Sunday in Lent

~~8:00 am — Holy Eucharist~~

~~9:30 am — Church School/Adult Forum~~

~~10:45 am — Holy Eucharist~~

~~5:00 pm — Jobs After School~~

Tuesday, July 12

## Tuesday Noon Bible Study Link

The Tuesday Noon Bible Study is meeting in person, in the West Lounge. For those who are unable to come in person, we will continue to hold the meeting over Zoom as well.

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

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

## Mid-year Financial Update

Through the end of May, Mount Olive has received \$263,000 in gifts while expenses have totaled \$348,000, leaving us with a year-to-date deficit of \$85,000. While it is not unusual for us to be running a deficit at this time of year, the size of our current deficit is historically large and our year-to-date giving is 12% below the same period last year.

We are blessed with incredible generosity at Mount Olive, as evidenced by the surpluses we've generated during the last two years of pandemic uncertainty. Please prayerfully consider whether you can help close this year's gap over the remainder of the year.

## Congratulations!

Heather Halen and Don Luther wish to announce their marriage on Saturday, June 25, 2022, at Mount Olive.

Congratulations to the happy couple!

## Summer Office Hours

For the remainder of the summer, the church office will be closed on Fridays.

## Circle of Welcome Update

*Patsy Holtmeier*

Susan Snow and I had a good day with the Afghan children on Thursday. Their mom wanted “curls” so we took her to a cosmetology school for a perm. Did you know a perm can take 5-6 hours? Mom thought that sounded great! Susan and I would have the two children while she got her perm.

We picked the family up at their house and brought them to my house in Hopkins. The kids’ eyes soon found all our Goodwill toys in the basement intriguing. After lunch we were off to the park across the street. The splash pad caught the boy's attention. At first, he tentatively walked in, avoiding the many water fountains. But soon he was splashing and enjoying the water. Our little boy found three friends at the splash pad, each unique. Every once in a while, the little boy came running toward Susan and me with a big smile, arms above his head and thumbs up. And then abruptly he would turn around, running back to the water and his new friend. Eventually the first friend had to leave. The second hour was much the same, but in the sandbox with another child. Once again, periodically smiling and giving us a thumbs up. Then that child had to leave. Back to the splash pad at full steam to get completely soaked and clean up all the sand. The third hour brought the final new friend for the day. Our child showed concentration in his play and eagerness to connect with other children. It was fun to see him play with so many other kids.

Not to be outdone by her brother, the little girl helped Susan and me make numerous acquaintances. We had her tucked in her stroller thinking she would go right to sleep as she usually does. But there was just too much to see, and she has just learned to wave (somewhat like the Queen of England). As we walked her in her stroller around the splash pad, she gave a very deliberate wave to all the other parents and grandparents watching their children. So, that wave and smile allowed us to make some new friends too.

The day came to an end when we returned to my home, ate watermelon, a treat they had never heard of or eaten before. They loved it. Now, time to pick up Mom and head back to their home. We had a good day.



## A Visual Alleluia

... from our Pollinator Garden.



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## Interment of Victor Price

The ashes of + Victor Price + (husband of former Pastor Bill Heisley) will be placed in the columbarium at Mount Olive on the 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth, Sunday, August 7, 2022, at Noon. Pastor Crippen will lead the prayers, music will be provided by Cantor Cherwien, and the recipients of the Victor Price Anti-Racism Fund will be formally announced.

You are invited to join in this brief liturgy of Committal.

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## Book Discussion

The Book Discussion group meets on the second Saturday of each month at 10 am at church. All readers are welcome!

On July 9, they will discuss *The Unseen*, by Roy Jacobsen, and for August 13 they will read *Virgil Wander*, by Leif Enger. And, since it is a large work, we already know that for October 8 we will read the trilogy *The Forsythe Saga*, by John Galsworthy.

## Like to shop?

The Congregational Life Committee is looking for a couple of people who would be willing to take inventory of supplies and go shopping once every couple of weeks - with the church's money, of course!

You'll be provided with a brief list of food-related items that we like to keep on hand, (think tea bags, sugar, and half-and-half), and you would check our supply, and visit Costco or another grocery store to shop. If you'd like to serve in this way, contact Lora Dundek at [conglife@mountolivechurch.org](mailto:conglife@mountolivechurch.org).

Thanks!



## All-Church Picnic

**Sunday, July 31, Noon – 3 p.m.**

**Minnehaha Park (Wabun Picnic Area E.)**

**Mount Olive** will supply burgers and buns (with a veggie option), plates, cutlery, and lemonade.\* **You** bring a dish to share. (Electrical outlets for crock pots are available.) Optional – bring a lawn chair or two!

There is a playground close by, and the wading pool MAY be open.

*\*Our picnic permit will not allow alcoholic beverages.*



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## *In Our Prayers*

**Please pray throughout the week for the following persons:** Pat Spaulding; Julia Adams; Joe & Elizabeth Beissel; Nancy Flatgard; Leila Froehlich; Leanna Kloempken; Mary Lee; Carla Manuel; Carolyn Mowery; Rhoda Nelson; Jerry Ostlund; Russ Pearson; Robin Rayfield; John Salveson; Pariann Schenk; James Wilkes; Danna Nelson, Gerry Coleman, friend of Jim Bargmann; Tom McCarr, friend of Keith Bartz; Cassandra Thompson, friend of Al Bostelmann; Sara Brunette, daughter-in-law of CJ Brunette; Arthur Kaemmer, friend of David Bryce; Lela Frazier, sister of Irene Campbell; Mattisyn, friend of Kat Campbell Johnson; Kristin Eklund, Greg Eklund, and Lois Eklund, daughter, son, and daughter-in-law of Harry & Jeanette Eklund; Aimee Engebretson; Joyce Schoenfield, sister of Marilyn Gebauer; Joe & Brenda Patnaude, friends of Tom Graves & Ginny Agresti; 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; Cat Robinette, friend of Emily Hellerich; Ethan Holtmeier, grandson of Patsy & John Holtmeier; Steve Horsfield, friend of Mount Olive; Tami Huisinga, relative of Wes Huisinga; Craig Cunningham, brother-in-law of Brian Jacobs; Marvolyn Refsland and Michael Uthe, cousin and friend of Mary Rose Kaliher; Kevin Lyndsley, former Mount Olive member; Barbara Dahl, sister of Carla Manuel; Dani Olson, Harper Linqvist, Steve Camper, relatives and friend of Julie Manuel; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Brad Krider, friend of Rachel Meuret; Martha Johnson, sister of Rhoda Nelson and aunt of Sherry Nelson; Stan & Darlene Nelson, parents of Brad Nelson; Tim Gaudineer, relative of George & Marlys Oelfke; Kathleen Austad, sister of Jerry Ostlund; Sue Smith, Steve Swanson, and Mary Peterson friends of Dwight Penas & Kathy Thurston; Vince DeLusia and Chris Hoff, friend and cousin of Cynthia Prosek; Jolie Melana Meshbesh, friend 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; Pat Faunce, friend of Eric Zander; Tommie and Susie Hunter, Barbara C. Johnson, friends of Mount Olive.

**At the death of:** Iris Marie Poelzer, niece of Nancy Anderson;

**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: Solveig & Philip, daughter and son-in-law of Karen Johnson; and Tyson Crosby, relative of the Crosby family.

*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.*

***Olive Branch Publication Schedule***

During the summer months of June, July, and August, *The Olive Branch* is published *every other week*.

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*Mount Olive is a Reconciling in Christ  
congregation.*

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