



# The Olive Branch

October 12, 2022

## Accent on Worship *Vicar Mollie Hamre*

**October 16, 2022**  
**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after**  
**Pentecost, Lect. 29 C**  
Genesis 32:22-31  
Psalm 121  
2 Timothy 3:14–4:5  
Luke 18:1-8

**October 23, 2022**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after**  
**Pentecost, Lect. 30 C**  
Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22  
Psalm 84:1-7  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18  
Luke 18:9-14

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

*"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." - 2 Timothy 3:14-17 (NRSV)*

Second Timothy calls us back to consider our roots in faith. What are the parts of ourselves that we hold from those that have guided us?

My mind goes back to one of the first papers I wrote as an undergrad for my religion degree. My professor reassured me to seek out questions I had never dared to explore and to do so without limits. I recall being nervous about getting my paper back because I had never pushed myself that intensely in high school. A week later, when I got my paper back, the first thing I read at the top was "You sound like a theologian." From there on out, I was hooked.

I brought questions and wondered out loud knowing I had mentors to walk with me, encouraging me to build a foundation. They were reminding me, along the way, that I am a beloved child of God.

Who are the people in your life that have helped you grow, whether it be from your childhood, or those you look to now? What parts of your faith life, from those that have inspired you, do you hold on to? How does it continue to guide you?

As we look to the sacred writings that have guided people for centuries, may you be lovingly inspired—seeking ways to grow and looking back to those who have encouraged you.

*- Vicar Mollie Hamre*

## Sponsor a child in Guatemala through Common Hope!

Mount Olive partners with Common Hope, a nonprofit that is fighting poverty with diplomas in Guatemala. Common Hope recognizes that education is the key to ending the cycle of poverty and creating long-term change. Our programs focus on families and removing barriers that may hinder students from graduating.

Thank you to the members and friends who stopped by the table on Sunday to talk with Courtney (from the US Common Hope staff), Mark, or Lisa. If you missed us or want to learn more about sponsorship, visit <http://www.commonhope.org/sponsorpalooza> to Be The Hope for a student in Guatemala.



## October Neighborhood Ministries Partner of the Month: Central Lutheran Restoration Center

Central Lutheran Restoration center is an integral part of the ministry at one of our sister congregations. The Restoration Center provides a welcoming place for people in downtown Minneapolis experiencing homelessness and economic insecurity. Those who come to the Restoration Center find a place of hospitality and welcome where they can find emergency rental assistance, employment services, clothing, meals, free-use computers, and basic health care services.

Mount Olive has chosen to support each of our Partners of the Month through a yearly contribution from our budget, but on top of that, we encourage any member who wishes to contribute over and above our budgeted amount to those partners doing work in their areas of passion and concern. You can do this using your offering envelopes or our online giving system. All additional contributions to our partner of the month will be distributed to the partner for the month in which the contribution is received.

For more information about the Central Lutheran Restoration Center, please visit their website at <https://www.centralmpls.org/community/restorationcenter>

## Calendar

### Wednesday, October 12

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting  
5:30 pm Children's Choir supper  
6:00 pm Children's Choir rehearsals  
7:00 pm Cantorei rehearsal

### Thursday, October 13

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### Friday, October 14

- 7:00 pm Recovery group

### Saturday, October 15

- 9:00 am Gardening day

### Sunday, October 16 - 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:00 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee & conversation  
9:30 am Education hour for all ages  
10:45 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee & conversation  
12:30 pm Y1 Confirmation  
4:00 pm MFA Event: Consortium Carissimi
- ### Monday, October 17
- 5:30 pm Family Music Time (online)
- ### Tuesday, October 18
- Noon Bible Study  
6:00 pm Neighborhood Ministries Committee
- ### Wednesday, October 19
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting  
5:30 pm Children's Choir supper  
6:00 pm Children's Choir rehearsals  
7:00 pm Cantorei rehearsal

## 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](#).

## Book Discussion

For its November 12 meeting, the Book Discussion group will read *Matrix*, by Lauren Groff, and for December 10, *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell*, by Robert Dugoni.

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

## Mount Olive Octoberfest

Sunday, October 30, following the Congregation Meeting  
in the Undercroft

*Brats, Beer, and all the fixins'*

Go to the following link to sign up to bring German Potato Salad, Bars, or to help in the kitchen!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054AAFAF2FABF49-octoberfest>

**J wonder...** **GODLY PLAY**

This Coming Week, We Will Wonder:

Circle One: Exodus  
Circle Two: The Great Family

I wonder what conversations you will have at home!

Please note that we hold Godly Play every Sunday at 9:30am!

(Note: There will be no Godly Play on November 27, 2022.)

**Contribution Statements**

Contribution statements for the first 3 quarters of 2022 (Jan.-Sept.) were mailed to all contributors last week.

Please take a moment to check yours and make sure it accurately reflects your own records.

If you have any questions about your statement, please call Cha at the church office.

**Mount Olive Music & Fine Arts Presents Consortium Carissimi**

*This Sunday, October 16, 2022 - 4:00 pm*

This program will be the secular music of Dowland and Gesualdo. The Consortium is an early music ensemble with ten singers and lutes, theorbos, baroque guitars, baroque harp and viola de basse, and lirone. Led by director Garrick Comeaux.

This event will coincide with the Twin Cities Early Music Festival 2022. Don't miss it!

A reception will follow.



## Concert to Honor Refugees

*"The Stranger,"* a large scale choral and orchestral work intended to raise awareness about the plight of refugees around the world, will have its US premiere on Saturday and Sunday, October 15-16 at the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts in St. Paul. The Minneapolis-based Together In Hope Choir premiered the work composed by Kim André Arnesen at Olavsfest in Trondheim, Norway, in July.

*The Stranger* was commissioned by the Together In Hope Project. The text was inspired by work done by UNHCR (the UN Refugee Agency) that confirmed all major faith traditions throughout the world share a common ethic of protection, hospitality, and respect for the stranger. More than 100 million people worldwide have been forced to flee their homes, the highest level of displacement on record. Mount Olive, along with other churches, has stepped up to help care for these people and welcome them as family.

Members of Mount Olive are invited to buy tickets at [ordway.org](http://ordway.org) and support Together In Hope Project as they bring attention to the plight of refugees around the world through music. These concerts aim to create a welcome space where we can be in community and share a powerful message of "Welcome!"

### U.S. Premiere of *THE STRANGER*

Sat., Oct. 15, 7:30 PM

Sun., Oct 16, 3:30 PM

Ordway Center for the Performing Arts

Tickets - <https://ordway.org/events/together-in-hope-project-the-stranger>

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## Adult Education

*Upcoming Sunday Adult Forums (9:30 am in the Chapel Lounge)*

**Oct. 16:** *Review of Mount Olive 2023 Budget* - In preparation for the Congregation Meeting on **October 30**, this forum will give you an opportunity to review the proposed budget for 2023 and ask any questions you may have.

**Oct. 23:** *"Faith Development for the Youngest in our Community,"* presented by Jim Bargmann, Coordinator of Mount Olive Neighborhood Ministry - There is an overwhelming amount of information available to parents and grandparent about raising children. From medical professionals to psychologists to educators, there is no shortage of research, advice, and recommendations. But what about faith development? Jesus himself lauds a "child-like faith," but what does that mean? Part of our Lutheran theology and practice is the baptism of babies, but why? Combining information from research in the scientific fields of psychology and medicine with our understanding of faith practices, this Forum will provide an opportunity to learn not only about the foundations of childhood faith but also very practical activities all of whom care about the children in our community can do on a regular basis to encourage parents and support faith development in the youngest among us.



## Mark Your Calendars for these October Activities!

- **Sunday, Oct. 16, 9:30 a.m.** – Proposed (for 2023) Budget Review Meeting
- **Sunday, Oct. 16, 4:00 pm** – Mount Olive Music & Fine Arts presents Consortium Carissimi
- **Sunday, October 30, Noon** – Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting, followed by *Oktoberfest!*

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### And once again, we ask

Dear people of Mount Olive, once again your Global Ministry Committee must respond to disasters. The hurricane damage in Florida and up the coast calls for us to aid our brothers and sisters in Christ. We will send \$1,000 from our budget's tithe, and we ask you to respond as you are able. Please mark your blue mission envelope "ELCA Disaster for hurricane relief," or give directly here: <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/Hurricane-Response>.

Together we work and pray for all of us to do what we can to work for climate justice.

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### Come sing with us!

The Bipes family will gather during the fourth weekend of October to celebrate and give thanks for the good health enjoyed by all six siblings. From youngest to oldest, a span of almost 20 years! The conclusion of our time together will be worship at the 10:45 liturgy on October 23. For as long as I can remember, whenever our family would gather, the event would usually conclude with hymn singing. We would like to include our Mount Olive siblings in this as well. So after coffee, please come back to the nave and join the Bipes family and Cantor Cherwien in the balcony (or the nave if we need the space) for some singing. We simply take turns calling out hymn numbers, the person choosing might suggest certain verses, or which ones are sung in harmony, organ solo, etc. It's always fun and hard to quit!

Hope you will join us.

- Al Bipes

## **New Volunteer Roles in Neighborhood Ministry**

We are expanding our volunteer corps within Neighborhood Ministry to better match the needs of the community at this time. Please read through the following brief descriptions and see if you might be interested in serving in any of these roles. Necessary training will, of course, be provided.

### ***Call Assistant***

The Call Assistant is a work-from-home volunteer role. Our new phone system allows many remote work options that can even include volunteers. This person or people would sign up for blocks of time that work within each person's schedule. During these blocks of time, volunteers would take calls from neighbors looking for assistance and screen those calls for the type of assistance needed. These volunteers would be trained to meet some basic needs over the phone and will be able to schedule appointments with Jim for more complex needs. Volunteers interested in this role should have a smart phone and computer and feel comfortable with the basic operations of both. If you feel comfortable shopping online and using an online calendar, you have the necessary skills for this role. Volunteers would use their own equipment, but because of the technology available in our new phone system, only the Mount Olive phone number would be available to neighbors looking for assistance, ensuring the privacy of volunteers serving in this role.

### ***Rental Assistance Intake Volunteer***

Though our membership in the Align Minneapolis collaborative, Mount Olive can help to provide rental payment assistance to neighbors who have fallen behind on their rent and thereby, work to keep people housed despite financial difficulty. A rental assistance intake volunteer would work with applicants in completing applications and copying documentation. This role would involve signing up for blocks of time at Mount Olive on either Tuesdays or Thursdays, but times are flexible and can accommodate individual schedules.

### ***Food Donation Assistant***

While Mount Olive does not have its own food program, we maintain a strategic partnership with Community Emergency Service (CES), one of our neighborhood food programs. As a service to members and friends of Mount Olive, we occasionally collect non-perishable food at our location. Over the course of time, those donations build up and need to be transported to CES. The Food Donation Assistant would do just that - come to Mount Olive, collect any food donations, and transport them to CES twice a month. Food can be picked up from Mount Olive on Sunday mornings or any weekday between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm, however, donations must be dropped off at CES weekdays between 9:00 am and noon. Within those guidelines, however, volunteers in this role can choose their own schedule.

If you are interested in learning more about any of these opportunities, please contact Coordinator of Neighborhood Ministry Jim Bargmann at [neighborhood@mountolivechurch.org](mailto:neighborhood@mountolivechurch.org). Simply sending an email will not commit you to anything other than a conversation at this point!



## *In Our Prayers*

**Please pray throughout the week for the following persons:** David Tabis; Julia Adams; Joe & Elizabeth Beissel; Nancy Flatgard; Leila Froehlich; Leanna Kloempken; Mary Lee; Steve Lenius; Carla Manuel; Rhoda Nelson; Jerry Ostlund; Russ Pearson; Robin Rayfield; Pariann Schenk; Pat Spaulding; James Wilkes; Rhonda Fish, friend of Andrew Andersen; Gerry Coleman, friend of Jim Bargmann; 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; Marilyn Volker, sister of Allen Dundek; Greg Eklund, son of Harry & Jeanette Eklund; 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; Michael Uthe, friend of Mary Rose Kaliher; Louis Krohnfeldt, former member of Mount Olive; Kevin Lyndsley, former Mount Olive member; Barbara Dahl, sister of Carla Manuel; Dani Olson and Harper Linqvist, relatives of Julie Manuel; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Brad Krider, friend of Rachel Meurett; 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; Steve Swanson, friend 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; Greta Sterner, daughter of Martha Sterner and sister of Kate; Carrie, friend of Paul & Melissa Stone; David Duran, friend of Kevin Vazquez;

Andrew Wiechman, son of Grace Wiechman; Pat Faunce, friend of Eric Zander; Barbara C. Johnson, friend of Mount Olive.

**In hospice care:** Lillian Olson; Carolyn Mowery.

**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.

### *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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*Jim Bargmann*

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*Mount Olive is a Reconciling in Christ  
congregation.*

## The National Lutheran Choir's All Saints Concerts

### *Live Concerts: "Life Changed, not Taken Away"*

Through our annual All Saints Program, we will honor those who have passed while recognizing our past, present, and future journeys. This program will feature John Rutter's iconic work, *Requiem*, along with hymns, candles, and the reading of names of our new saints.

**Friday, November 4 - 7:30pm: St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church, Plymouth, MN**

**Sunday, November 6 - 4:00pm: St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Mahtomedi, MN**

Adults and seniors: \$33 | Students (with valid ID): Pay what you can | 18 and Under: Free  
Visit [NLCA.com](http://NLCA.com) to purchase tickets or learn more.

### *Virtual Program: "The Journey Home"*

This program will feature selections from NLC's 1995 recording, *Soul*, with soloist Tom Tipton including Edward Bairstow's "I Sat Down Under His Shadow," David Mennicke's arrangement of "Down in the River to Pray," Charles Stanford's "Beati Quorum Via," and others – highlighting the spiritual connection between heaven and earth, and the hope this connection brings all of humanity.

Available to all beginning Saturday, November 5. Watch at [NLCA.com](http://NLCA.com).