



The Olive Branch

April 6, 2023

Accent on Worship

Pastor Joseph Crippen

A community

The women went to the tomb early Sunday morning. Together. The disciples were gathered all weekend in the upper room. Together. Jesus gathered them together on Thursday night for Passover, and though they fled at his arrest, Peter and John stayed outside where he was tried. The women and at least John were with him at the cross. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus buried him together. Jesus felt forsaken by God at the cross, but in the mystery of the life of the Trinity, even then he was not alone.

This is a week we learn the path of Christ is not a solo, individual journey. If Jesus and those first followers couldn't walk this week alone, neither can we. We gather together every day this week so we can live in this shape of God's love for us together.

It's what I missed most on sabbatical. Joseph the pastor was able to step away without anxiety about all of you. I knew that Paul and Mollie would handle any pastoral concerns beautifully, that David and Jim and Cha and Jose would do their usual gracious ministry with this congregation, that the amazing leaders amongst all of you would do what you always do and serve God faithfully here. I had three months without the weight of the pastoral office and cares.

But Joseph the person missed you, my community. A lot. Worshipping elsewhere isn't the same, not because of the way worship was led but because I didn't know people there. I didn't feel at home. I missed my church family.

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So I am deeply glad to be able to walk this Holy Week with you again. I need to learn from Christ what it is to die and rise, to let go of what is harmful and causing of harm, and to walk the path of love that God walked this week. But I can only learn that with you. With our community. Together. Thank you for this gift, for our shared walk.

In Jesus' name,



Congratulations!

Katie Krueger and Matt McCuen welcomed a daughter, Elizabeth Joy Krueger-McCuen, on Monday, March 27.

If you are looking for a way to support Matt and Katie while they are adjusting to a new family life, a Meal Train has been started for them. Simply sign up for a date, make them a meal, and bring it to their home. All of the information you need is at the following link.

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/v554ew>

The National Lutheran Choir's Celebration Weekend

Join the National Lutheran Choir for the conclusion to its 37th season with a Hymn Festival (May 5), the annual Gala (May 6th), and Spring Concert (May 7)! This weekend will celebrate everything the NLC has accomplished under David Cherwien's leadership as he completes his tenure with the choir.

For tickets, registration, and more information, visit NLCA.com/celebration-weekend.

Sunday Readings

April 9, 2023

Resurrection of Our Lord

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-18

April 16, 2023

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

Easter Carry-In Brunch

A Carry-in Brunch will be held this Sunday, Easter Day, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Bring your favorite brunch dish to share!

Reminder!

There will be just ONE Festival Holy Eucharist on Easter, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Regular Sunday schedule resumes on April 16.

Calendar

Wednesday, April 5

9:00 am Staff meeting

Noon *Daily Prayer*

7:00 pm Cantorei rehearsal

Thursday, April 6 - Maundy Thursday

Noon *Maundy Thursday Eucharist*

7:00 pm *Maundy Thursday Eucharist, with Washing of Feet*

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, April 7 - Good Friday

Noon *Stations of the Cross*

7:00 pm *Adoration of the Cross*

7:00 pm Recovery group

Saturday, April 8 - Holy Saturday

9:00 pm Organ/Trumpet rehearsal

10:00 am Easter Vigil rehearsal

8:30 pm *The Easter Vigil*, followed by a Festive reception

Sunday, April 9 - Resurrection of Our Lord / Easter Day

9:00 am Carry-In Easter Brunch

10:00 am *Festival Holy Eucharist*
NO Education hour this week

Monday, April 10

5:30 pm Family Music Time (online) for kids aged birth-kindergarten+caregiver
Vestry meeting postponed one week to 4/17

Tuesday, April 11

Noon Bible Study

Indigenous Art Tour: Sunday, April 23

All are invited to a Docent-led tour of the Indigenous Art collection at Minneapolis Institute of Arts on Sunday, April 23.

Signup is available at this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4AA9A828A2F94-indigenous> .

Tuesday Noon Bible Study Link

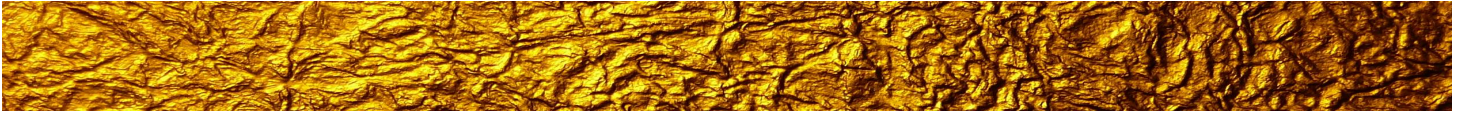
The Tuesday Noon Bible Study is meeting in person, in the **East Assembly Room** For those who are unable to come in person, we will continue to hold the meeting over Zoom as well.

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 April 15 meeting, postponed one week because of Easter, the group will read *The Bohemian Flats*, by Mary Relindes Ellis. For the May 13 meeting they will read *Stoner*, by John Williams.

The Mount Olive book group has been meeting once a month for 20 years, usually on the second Saturday from 10am to noon. While the book selections are predominately novels, they are not always so. Lately the group has been using Zoom to provide remote access to the sessions. If you would like to participate in the group, you can either attend the monthly sessions which meet at the church or join remotely via Zoom. To join from your computer, tablet, or smartphone, [click here](#).



Upcoming Education Topics

April 9 - No Adult Forum (or Godly Play) on Easter.

April 16 - "Homelessness, Housing, and Mount Olive"

Homelessness and issues related to affordable housing have been in the forefront of many of our minds for months if not years now. More and more, members of our society are starting to recognize housing as foundational to many of the other issues faced by member of our community, including financial security, addiction, education, and more. In this adult forum, Coordinator of Neighborhood Ministry Jim Bargmann will facilitate a panel discussion with several members of our community who have experience with homelessness and are doing work in making housing a reality for all.

April 23 - Cynthia Prosek: "Restorative Justice Community Action"

RJCA has provided a community-based approach to criminal prosecution with the mission of fostering individual growth while strengthening communities through restorative justice practices. RJCA serves both youth and adults referred by the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County and Ramsey County. Rooted in indigenous practices, restorative justice focuses on the transformation of individuals, repair of relationships, and community building while addressing harm in the community.

Thank you, thank you!

Dear friends at Mount Olive, thank you so much for the privilege and gift of a time of sabbatical as your pastor. It was a blessed time, with good rest, and lots of reading, and some travel as well. Mary and I were able to visit a number of friends, escape some of the wretched snowstorms, and even get a little warm. I am hearing many good things about your life here while I was gone and look forward to sharing stories in both directions in the weeks to come.

Last Sunday, I was moved to tears as we entered into the nave, singing in the palm procession, seeing you here and being able to worship God with you again. Hearing "welcome home" greetings was a profound gift and blessing. This is home, because of all of you are God's hands and heart and voice to me. And many asked if I was rested and ready to return. I can only say that I don't remember ever being this energetic and ready for Holy Week in my ministry. Usually, it comes after a long winter and a long, busy Lent. So yes, I'm ready and deeply glad to be back.

Thank you for your kindness and encouragement and support. For being Christ to me and Mary and to each other.

In Christ,
- Joseph

April Neighborhood Ministry Partner of the Month: *Lake Street Council*

The Lake Street Council is a non-profit organization built to support the diverse community of residents and businesses that call Lake Street home. They do this through a variety of programs that support entrepreneurs starting new businesses, grant programs to help existing businesses thrive, work to beautify the streetscape, and engage local businesses in policy work that affects the corridor. The Lake Street Council has been instrumental in helping local businesses, many of them family and BIPOC owned, recover from the civil unrest of 2020, giving out 5.5 million dollars in grants to over 300 businesses.

Mount Olive has chosen to support each of our Partners of the Month through a yearly contribution from our budget, and often, like our partners this month, we also volunteer in support of their work. On top of those financial and labor contributions, we encourage any member who wishes to donate 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 work of the Lake Street Council, please visit their website at lakestreetcouncil.org.

Help Us Replace this Ugly, Word-out Sofa!

Have you noticed that the 13-year-old sofas in the West Assembly area are showing wear and tear? Two of our members have offered to purchase one of the sofas needed, but there is an opportunity for others to donate funds to purchase a second one so we have matching items. If you can assist, please note on your check that the amount is for the “West Assembly sofa fund.”



Any amount is greatly appreciated.

Holy Week, Triduum, and Easter at Mount Olive

Thursday, April 6: Maundy Thursday

- + Holy Eucharist, Noon
- + Holy Eucharist, with Washing of Feet, 7:00 pm

Friday, April 7: Good Friday

- + Stations of the Cross, Noon
- + Adoration of the Cross, 7 pm

Saturday, April 8: Holy Saturday

- + The Easter Vigil, 8:30 pm, followed by a festive reception

Sunday, April 9: The Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day

- + ONE Festival Holy Eucharist at 10 am (note schedule!)
- Carry-in Brunch at 9:00 am - before the liturgy
(bring a dish to share!)

Paschal Garden – Last Call!

Donations are being received for this year's Easter Paschal Garden for one more week. If you would like to donate to flowers for Easter, please be sure your contribution is clearly designated for this purpose. Gifts can be given any time between now and Easter. Contributors may take a flower home following the Easter Sunday liturgy.

Coffee Hosts Needed!

The Sunday morning coffee sign up is pretty empty! Please consider providing treats for coffee hour. Remember that Jose makes the coffee and does the dishes. Mentoring is available if you need it. Nothing fancy is needed. (Who doesn't love Oreos?)

If you can help, please sign up on the chart in the East Assembly Room. There are lots of available slots!

In Our Prayers

Please pray throughout the week for the following persons: Julia Adams; Joe & Elizabeth Beissel; Brad Holt; Leanna Kloempken; Mary Lee; Steve Lenius; Carla Manuel; Jude Mostek; Rhoda Nelson; Jerry Ostlund; Russ Pearson; Robin Rayfield; Pariann Schenk; Rodney Schrank; Marjorie Shifflet; Brenda Turner, James Wilkes; Rhonda Fish, friend of Andrew Andersen; Randy Stiegmann and Gerry Coleman, stepfather and 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; Jon Jrocki, friend of David Engen; Joyce Schoenfield, sister of Marilyn Gebauer; Yvonne McCool, sister of Victor Gebauer; Joe & Brenda Patnaude, friends of Tom Graves & Ginny Agresti; Carol Halter (missionary in Hong Kong), friend of Eunice Hafemeister; Gina, aunt of Vicar Mollie Hamre; Quentin Hamilton, friend of Judy Hinck; Ethan Holtmeier, grandson of Patsy & John Holtmeier; Steve Horsfield, friend of Mount Olive; Tami Huisinga, relative of Wes Huisinga; the Klapushynski family (of Ukraine), friends of Jim & Judy Johnson; Michael Uthe and Marcy Reaves, friends of Mary Rose Kaliher; Ann Richards, friend of Carol Martinson; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Brad Krider, friend of Rachel Meurett; Martha Johnson, sister of Rhoda Nelson and aunt of Sherry Nelson; Sandy Nelson, daughter of Rhoda Nelson and sister of Sherry Nelson; Stan & Darlene Nelson, parents of Brad Nelson; Tim Gaudineer, relative of George & Marlys Oelfke; Jennie Kobylinski, niece of Dwight Penas & Kathy Thurston; Jolie Melana Meshbesh, friend of Robin Rayfield; John Seboldt, brother of Gayle & Ken Schulz; Miranda Alvis, niece of Tim Sneer; Greta Sterner, daughter of Martha Sterner and sister of Kate; Carrie, friend of Paul & Melissa Stone; Keith Van Ee, father of Tricia Van Ee Molbert; David Duran, friend of Kevin Vazquez;

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

In hospice care: Leila Froehlich.

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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congregation.*

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