



# The Olive Branch

May 24, 2023

## Accent on Worship *Pastor Joseph Crippen*

### *Come, Holy Spirit*

This Sunday is the Day of Pentecost, and in addition to our usual delight at worshipping God together on such a festival day (remember to wear red!), we also rejoice that two of our young people, Stephanie Obiadaru and Rose Thompson, have decided to affirm their baptism through the rite of confirmation at this liturgy.

This is a time of gladness for our community, and for their families. They are willing to stand before God and before us, their Christian family, and affirm that the promises made over them at baptism by their parents are promises they now make themselves. We will pray the Holy Spirit to stir up in them yet again, that they are filled with the gifts of God for their lives of service and love as Christ in this world.

This is another Pentecost for them and for us. We believe the Holy Spirit has been with them from their beginning, was invited again at their baptism, and will continue to stir in them for the rest of their lives, deepening their faith, challenging them, comforting them, empowering them.

We pray for the Spirit to be with them not because we believe she will not come if we don't, but because in our prayer we are naming this truth, this coming, this Spirit-ed grace, so we know it is real, and theirs, and ours.

Please pray for these beautiful young people this week as they prepare, and in the days and years to come. God's rich blessings be upon them always!

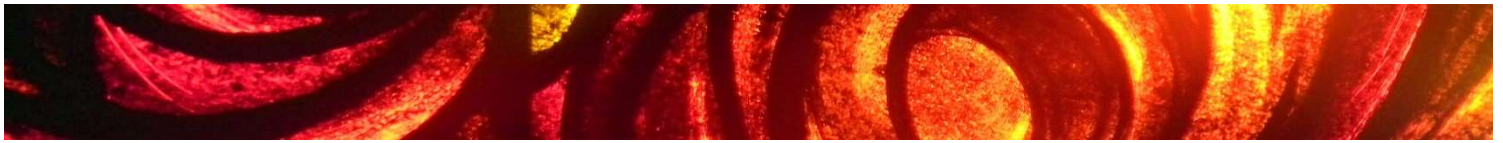
## Sunday Readings

**May 28, 2023**  
*Day of Pentecost*

Acts 2:1-21  
Psalm 33:12-22  
Romans 8:14-17, 22-27  
John 7:37-39

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**June 4, 2023**  
*The Holy Trinity*  
Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a  
Psalm 8  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
Matthew 28:16-20



## Celebrating an Ordination

Mount Olive is blessed to be able to host the Eucharist where long time Mount Olive member **Leif Johnson** will be ordained into the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

Leif has been called to be pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church in Howard, South Dakota.

He will be ordained **this Wednesday evening, May 24, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at Mount Olive**. There will be refreshments and a chance to greet Leif following the liturgy. Clergy who wish to vest should wear red stoles and arrive early to be part of the procession.

All are welcome!

Note: the liturgy will be livestreamed, and a link will be sent via email on that day.

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## It's a Girl!

Our friend Anita Mohammadi delivered a baby girl this morning (Tuesday, May 24)!

Since the family is Muslim and keeps a halal diet, we'd like to invite you to help the family by providing a "new baby meal" with a gift card from one of the area halal restaurants. Here are some suggestions: Curry in a Hurry uses Bite Squad for their delivery and gifts--<https://www.curryinahurrymn.com>; Holy Land Deli--<https://holylandbrand.com/gift-certificates/>; any other Afghan restaurant. The family will then order and pick up their meals. Anita's email is [anitamohammadi209@gmail.com](mailto:anitamohammadi209@gmail.com). You may contact the mentor team with any questions at [global@mountolivechurch.org](mailto:global@mountolivechurch.org).

Help us welcome this new American to the family.

**Vigil of Pentecost  
This Saturday, May  
27  
7:00 p.m.**

*All are welcome.*

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## *The Olive Branch* Summer Publication

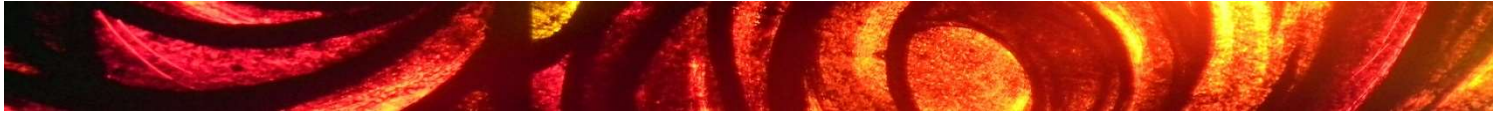
During the summer months of June, July, and August, *The Olive Branch* is published every other week.

This is the last weekly issue until after Labor Day.

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## Summer Worship Schedule Begins This Sunday, May 28

Beginning Memorial Day weekend and running through Labor Day weekend, we celebrate ONE Sunday Eucharist, at 10:00 a.m.



## Calendar

### Wednesday, May 24

10:00 am Staff meeting

7:00 pm *Ordination Eucharist: Leif Johnson*

### Thursday, May 25

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### Friday, May 26

7:00 pm Recovery Group

### Saturday, May 27

9:00 am Confirmation rehearsal

7:00 pm *Vigil of Pentecost*

### Sunday, May 28 - Day of Pentecost

10:00 am *Holy Eucharist*, with Rite of Confirmation, followed by coffee and conversation

### Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day holiday

*Church offices closed*

### Tuesday, May 30

Noon Bible Study

6:30 pm Feminine Divine Study Group

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## Pentecost Reading of Acts 2 in Many Languages

For a number of years, it has been our tradition at Mount Olive to hear a portion of the Pentecost reading from Acts 2:1-21 read simultaneously in various languages. Some of you have either participated in this joint reading in the past or are knowledgeable enough in a foreign language that you might be willing to participate this year.

Anyone who can read aloud in another language is invited to participate in this corporate reading at the morning liturgy on **Sunday, May 28, 2023**. Please contact the church office **TODAY** if you would be willing to participate and we will be in touch soon.

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## 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](#).

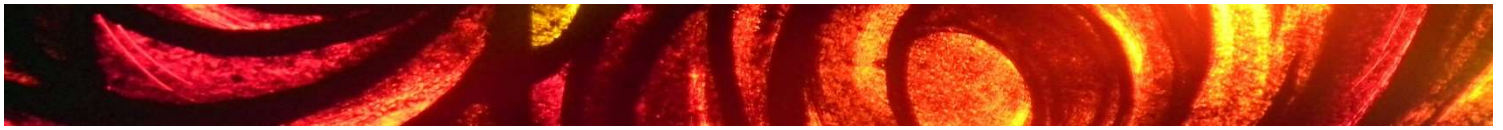
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## Book Discussion

For its May meeting, the Book Discussion group will read *Stoner*, by John Williams. At the June meeting, they will discuss *The Sentence*, by Louise Erdrich.

The Mount Olive book group has been meeting once a month for 20 years, usually on the second Saturday from 10am to noon.

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](#).



## Adult Education

### Looking Ahead: June 18 and 25:

“The Priestly Culture as Taught in Hebrew Scriptures,” presented by Hamline University Prof. Emeritus Earl Schwartz.

We are once again very privileged to have Earl Schwartz join us in the Chapel Lounge on two Sundays, June 18 and 25, following the 10:00 AM liturgy. Earl has been with us before and responses to his presentations are always to bring him back as often as possible. This time Earl will present on the “priestly culture” as presented in the Hebrew scripture which he calls “the underlying 'life force' basis of purity, impurity, and sacrifices.” He will explain how Israelite versions of these practices, as described in biblical texts, do and do not appear to resemble similar non-Israelite practices, and then, how the prophetic tradition came to re-contextualize this all in distinctly biblical ways.

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## From the Congregational Life Committee

### Opportunities for Service

- Calling all knitters and crocheters! Our supply of baptismal prayer shawls is running low. If you'd like to craft an important gift for our littlest siblings, contact Lora. Simple patterns and yarn can be provided.
- Coffee Hour Hosts needed! Instructions and assistance provided! Sign upon the chart next to the coffee counter in the East Assembly Room.

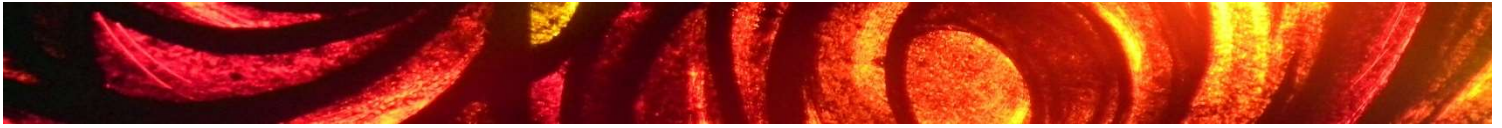
### Save the Dates (More information to come):

- July 30 - Church Picnic at Minnehaha Park.
- August 11-13 - Church Camping Trip to Nerstrand Big Woods State Park
- October (TBD) - Oktoberfest following the semi-annual Congregational Meeting

### Start Something New

Are you just itching to gather with some of your Mount Olive family to have some fun, engage in some serious discussion, or just try something new? Want to visit some lovely gardens? Enjoy a movie night? Search for the Twin Cities' best burger? Go on a family bike ride? If you have ideas for activities that you think would interest others in the congregation, but don't know where to start with organizing or promotion, let Lora know.

For additional information or to volunteer for any of the service opportunities, contact Lora Dundek at [conglife@mountolivechurch.org](mailto:conglife@mountolivechurch.org) or by calling her at 651-645-6636.



## New Members to be Received June 18

New members will be received into the congregation **on Sunday, June 18, at the 10:00 liturgy**. If you are interested in becoming a member of Mount Olive or you have any questions about becoming a member, please speak with Pr. Crippen, Vicar Hamre, Eric Manuel ([evangelism@mountolivechurch.org](mailto:evangelism@mountolivechurch.org)), or call the church office.

## Register for Bach Tage!

Reservations for *Bach-Tage* June 10 & 11 are arriving at the church office daily. Music has been mailed to all who registered, whether they're attending as a full participant or only for the Saturday morning presentation. A downloadable brochure with all of the information you need, including agenda and registration form, can be found [here](#).

Additional questions? Please call (612) 827-5919 or email [welcome@mountolivechurch.org](mailto:welcome@mountolivechurch.org).

If you're planning to attend, please get the registration form to the office very soon. Only three weeks away now!!!

Hope to see you at *Bach-Tage*!



**BACH · TAGE**  
MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN  
MINNEAPOLIS

## Happy Birthday, Dear Leanna!

Our sister in Christ, Leanna Kloempken, will celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 11 this year! Because Leanna is not able to be with us at worship, her family would like to invite her friends from Mount Olive to shower her with cards and notes to help her celebrate this special day.

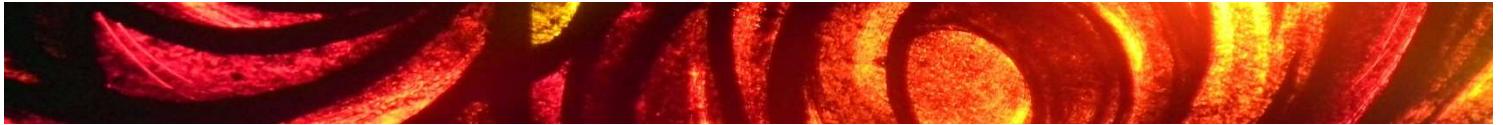
Leanna's address is:

Meadow Woods Assisted Living, 1301 E. 100th St. #329, Bloomington, MN 55425

## MPR to Broadcast National Lutheran Choir Concert

*Wednesday, May 31, 7:00 pm*

The National Lutheran Choir's May 7 concert will be broadcast on Minnesota Public Radio on Wednesday evening, May 31, at 7:00 pm. This was David Cherwien's final concert with the choir and the program is comprised of the choir's and his top experiences during his 21 year tenure with the choir.



## **May Neighborhood Ministry Partner of the Month: *Minnesota Council of Churches***

Minnesota Council of Churches seeks to “build strong communities that are made up of meaningful relationships and guided by our deepest values. They seek to partner organizations and individuals in living out faith in their communities. They do this through refugee services programs, social justice work, justice advocacy work, and fostering interfaith connections. In addition, through their Respectful Conversations program, they facilitate respectful conversations between people of varying backgrounds and train others to lead those conversations.

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 Minnesota Council of Churches, please visit their website at [www.mnchurches.org](http://www.mnchurches.org) .

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## **Climate Justice: From our Partners at Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light (MNIPL) – Webinar Tomorrow!**

Are you interested in electric vehicles (EVs) but concerned about equity in our transition away from fossil fuel-burning vehicles?

[Join us on May 25th, 1 PM CST](#) to hear from a leader in electric vehicle equity advocacy, Kevin Bai of EVHybridNoire! Topics will include the history of transportation inequity, current equity challenges, and just solutions as we move toward cleaner vehicles.

[Register here to sign up for our "EVs and Equity" webinar on May 25th at 1 PM CST!](#)

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## **Attention Bookworms!**

Please note! Due to scheduling conflicts with a funeral and Bach Tage, the June Book Discussion Group meeting will be held on the THIRD Saturday, **June 17**.

## Mount Olive Lutheran Church

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### **Sunday Eucharist:**

**8:00 & 10:45 am**

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### **Staff**

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Cantor – *David Cherwien*

Vicar – *Mollie Hamre*

Coordinator of Neighborhood Outreach  
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Administrative Assistant – *Cha Posz*

Sexton – *Jose Morocho*

*Mount Olive is a Reconciling in Christ  
congregation.*

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