


# Fellowship 2016 - 2017



## Mount Olive Lutheran Church

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*1 John 1:3 (NRSV)*

*<sup>3</sup> we declare to you what we have seen and heard so  
that you also may have fellowship with us; and  
truly our fellowship is with the Father and with  
his Son Jesus Christ.*

# Fellowship at Mount Olive

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## Mount Olive Adventure Club

The dynamic and diverse Adventure Club crew explores a wide array of activities, everything from outdoors activities like hiking, camping, tubing, skiing and biking, to educational events like painting, maple syrup making, birdwatching and tagging, to entertainment experiences of music, drama, baseball, and trolley rides. Events are intergenerational and family friendly.

*Scheduled events for this fall include:*



*Moonlight Paddle & Hike at Chester Woods Park  
September 17, 2016 at 8:00 pm*



*Minneapolis Institute of Art: Martin Luther: Art and the  
Reformation Exhibit & American Swedish Institute Tour  
November 12, 2016 All Day  
Space is limited. Sign up in the Gathering Area*

The best way to discover the wide range of outings is to participate in an adventure that appeals to you and possibly allows you to step outside your comfort zone within a loving community. Come join in an adventure! Contact Sara Hollander at [sara@molive.org](mailto:sara@molive.org) for more information to be added to the Adventure Club email list.

## Mount Olive Family Camp Out

***August 2017 More details to come.***

Mount Olive families gather for a weekend in August at the Old Barn Camping Resort in SE Minnesota bluff country. Outdoor meals, bike rides, tubing, camp fires, picnics, ice cream, s'mores, games, crafts, and a small worship service fills the weekend creating memories outside Mount Olive, and inside God's natural beauty.



A 10-day Tour to  
**Germany**

*In the Footsteps of Martin Luther*

**September 27 - October 6, 2017**

We are in for an unforgettable experience as we follow the footsteps of a man who changed the course of the world. Not only did Martin Luther's courage and convictions initiate the Protestant Reformation, but his translation of the Bible into the language of his people impacted German culture, his hymns influenced the development of singing in churches throughout the world, and his cherished union with Katharina von Bora set a model for the practice of clerical marriage. As we pilgrimage through Germany, through the great cities and beautiful countryside of Luther's world, we will gain a deeper understanding and keener appreciation of his exemplary life, and will come away with a desire to live our own lives more courageously and purposefully.

Travel destinations include: arrival in Berlin, All Saints Church in Wittenberg (where Luther's 95 Theses were posted), the Hartenfels castle of Torgau, St. Thomas Church in Leipzig (where Bach served as choirmaster), Luther's home town of Eisleben, and the Warburg castle in Eisenach (where Luther translated the New Testament into German), among others. Travel brochures are available in the church office.

For more information:

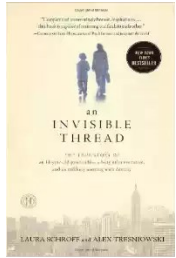
- Call the church office at 507-288-1580 and ask for Pastor Paul
- Email [paul@molive.org](mailto:paul@molive.org)
- Visit [www.myfaithjourneys.com/login](http://www.myfaithjourneys.com/login) and enter group number 17013
- Pick up a travel brochures in the church office.



# Monday Book Group

This group gathers to discuss a wide variety of literature. Individuals are welcome to discuss one book or attend every month to discuss them all! We have leaders volunteer each month to lead the discussion. The group meets in the Mount Olive library the second Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. Please join us for some wonderful discussion and fun! Contact Jodi Schoer at mjschoer@charter.net

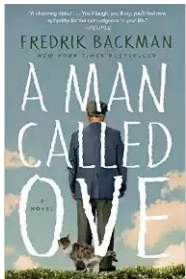
## September 12 **An Invisible Thread: The True Story of an 11-Year-Old Panhandler, a Busy Sales Executive, and an Unlikely Meeting with Destiny**



By Laura Schroff & Alex Tresniowski

*An Invisible Thread* tells of the life-long friendship between a busy sales executive and a disadvantaged young boy, and how both of their lives were changed by what began as one small gesture of kindness.

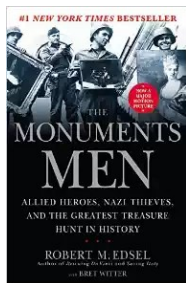
## October 10 **A Man Called Ove**



By Fredrik Bachman

A feel-good story in the spirit of *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* and *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand*, this novel about the angry old man next door is a thoughtful exploration of the profound impact one life has on countless others. "If there was an award for 'Most Charming Book of the Year,' this first novel by a Swedish blogger-turned-overnight-sensation would win hands down" (*Booklist*, starred review).

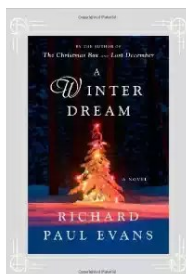
## November 14 **The Monuments Men**



By Robert M. Edsel & Bret Witter

In a race against time, behind enemy lines, a special force of American and British museum directors, curators, art historians, and others, called the Monuments Men, risked their lives scouring Europe to prevent the destruction of thousands of years of culture. This fascinating account follows six Monuments Men and their impossible mission to save the world's great art from the Nazis.

## December 12 **A Winter Dream**

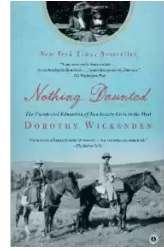


By Richard Paul Evans

The #1 bestselling author of *The Christmas Box* and master of the holiday novel reimagines the biblical story of Joseph and the coat of many colors, presenting an inspiring modern story of family and forgiveness.

## January 9

## **Nothing Daunted: The Unexpected Education of Two Society Girls in the West**

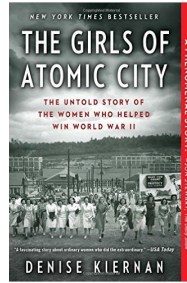


By Dorothy Wickendon

The acclaimed and captivating true story of two restless society girls who left their affluent lives to "rough it" as teachers in the wilds of Colorado in 1916. Dorothy Woodruff and Rosamond Underwood, bored by society luncheons, charity work, and the effete men who courted them, left their families in Auburn, New York, to teach school in the wilds of northwestern Colorado.

## February 13

## **The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold**



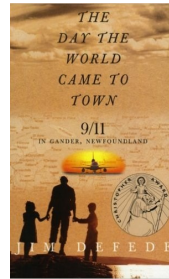
**Story of the Women Who Helped Win WWII**

By Denise Kiernan

The *New York Times* bestseller—an incredible true story of the top-secret World War II town of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and the young women brought there unknowingly to help build the atomic bomb.

## March 13

## **The Day the World Came to Town:**



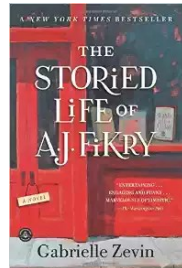
**9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland**

By Jim DeFede

When thirty-eight jetliners bound for the United States were forced to land in Gander, Newfoundland, on September 11, 2001, due to the closing of United States airspace, the citizens of this small community were called upon to come to the aid of more than six thousand displaced travelers.

## April 10

## **The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry**

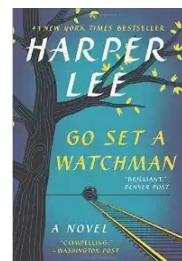


By Gabrielle Zevin

A. J. Fikry's life is not at all what he expected it to be. He lives alone, his bookstore is experiencing the worst sales in its history, and now his prized possession, a rare collection of Poe poems, has been stolen. But when a mysterious package appears at the bookstore, its unexpected arrival gives Fikry the chance to make his life over—and see everything anew.

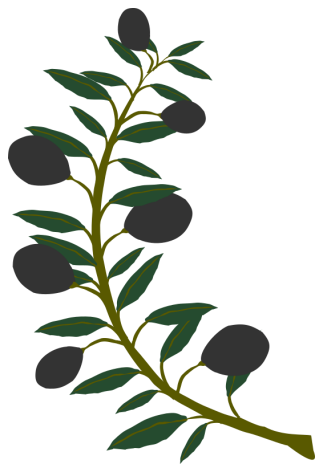
## May 8

## **Go Set a Watchmen**



By Harper Lee

Twenty-six-year-old Jean Louise Finch—"Scout"—returns home from New York City to visit her aging father, Atticus. Set against the backdrop of the civil rights tensions and political turmoil that were transforming the South, Jean Louise's homecoming turns bitter-sweet when she learns disturbing truths about her close-knit family, the town, and the people dearest to her.



## Ripe Olives

Ripe Olives is a group of Mount Olive's more "experienced" adults that meets during the program year for education and fellowship opportunities. Past offerings have included travelogues, trips, fellowship breakfasts, and informational presentations. While anyone is welcome, most attendees are retired folks. The first meeting is a pot-luck breakfast on September 21st at 9:00 am. Pastor Glenn will meet with the group to discern the direction for the year.

Watch [molive.org](http://molive.org), the bulletin, the gathering area sign up table, and the Messenger newsletter for further information.

Contact: Nancy Britson ([nancy@molive.org](mailto:nancy@molive.org))

## Softball Team

The church softball league gets underway in early May and continues into the summer. Co-ed games are played at McQuillan Field and last one hour with lots of friendly competition. Players ages high school through adult are welcome to join the fun. Spectators are always welcome! Watch for sign up details in the spring. There is a participant fee of \$20 to help defray the cost of team registration.

For more information, contact Coach Jason Coil ([jasoncoil2323@gmail.com](mailto:jasoncoil2323@gmail.com)) or Nancy Britson ([nancy@molive.org](mailto:nancy@molive.org))



## Volleyball Team



The church volleyball league starts in November and continues through March. Please sign up in the gathering area to join the team; members will be contacted once the schedule is set. Games are played on Tuesday evenings at Zumbro Lutheran Church and last 45 minutes. There is a participant fee of \$20 to help defray the cost of team registration.

For more information, contact:

team captain, Gina Rislow ([rislow29@gmail.com](mailto:rislow29@gmail.com)) or Nancy Britson ([nancy@molive.org](mailto:nancy@molive.org))

## Fellowship Tables

Traditionally Fellowship Tables have been groups of seven to nine adults that meet three times during the program year to share a meal and fellowship in homes. Last year we added **Restaurant Tables**, a group that has their meals in restaurants, and **Family Fellowship Tables** for families with young children. This year there will be once again be three options for Fellowship Tables groups. These groups are all a great way to branch out, meet new people, or bond with long-time friends without a huge time commitment. Groups are formed for one program year and are open to couples, singles, and families. Please indicate your preference for one or more of the groups on your registration form. Pick up your forms at the information table in the entry or in the gathering area and return by October 16. Groups will begin to gather in late October and November, but latecomers may join in anytime during the year.

Direct any questions to Nancy Britson ([nancy@molive.org](mailto:nancy@molive.org)) or Serena Oudekirk ([serena.oudekirk@phhonline.com](mailto:serena.oudekirk@phhonline.com) or 269-4646) for the family table group.



## Weekend Fellowship at Mount Olive

Each weekend there is fellowship time with coffee, cookies, and lemonade following both Sunday services as well as twice a month following the Saturday service. This is a great time to connect with friends or meet visitors to the congregation. Receptions for new members, Santa Lucia Sunday, and other congregational meals throughout the year are also times to connect in fellowship with others.

To be involved with planning, providing food, or serving, please contact Nancy Britson, Volunteer Coordinator ([nancy@molive.org](mailto:nancy@molive.org))

