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*A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

## Moving from Chaos to Peace

Lately I have been making my way through Thomas Friedman’s most recent book, *Thank You for Being Late*. The subtitle is “An Optimist’s Guide to Thriving in the Age of Accelerations”. In this book, Friedman documents the incredible pace of change in our world and suggests ways we can deal with it. In one chapter entitled Control vs. Kaos, he talks about how certain places in the world are always in complete chaos, and other places in the world have some general semblance of order. It would be no surprise to anyone that Friedman notes that the vast migrations of peoples these days are from nations where chaos reigns, to places of order. (e.g. North Africans migrating to Europe, or Central Americans migrating to the U.S.)

As we approach this Easter Season I wonder if at least part of the Good News of Easter isn’t that Christ has defeated the forces of Chaos, and brought us under the reign of One who brings order to the Cosmos. Death and Disease, Discouragement and Doubt, Sin and its effects no longer have the last word; Christ does! And that last word is Life! Because He lives, we live also.

How the world longs for a semblance of order. How we all long for peace in our world, our nation, our communities, and our families. We are worn out by disorder, and so we are drawn to the Christ who says, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.” (John 14:27)

May this Easter peace be yours,

Pastor Glenn

## Lenten and Holy Week Schedule

Wednesdays Through April 10	5:45 pm Soup Supper 6:00 pm Bible Study: <i>Questions for Jesus: Studies in Mark</i> 7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer service
Palm Sunday - April 14	8:00 am Worship with Palm Processional 9:15 am Education Hour 10:30 am Worship with Palm Processional
Maundy Thursday - April 18	7:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion
Good Friday - April 19	7:00 pm Worship with a reading of the Passion Story
Vigil of Easter - April 20	7:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion
Easter Sunday - April 21	8:00 am Festival Worship with Holy Communion and Special Music 9:00 am Easter Fellowship 10:30 am Festival Worship with Holy Communion and Special Music

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## Bishop's Nomination Process

Every six years the synod elects a new bishop to lead the 171 congregations of the Southeast MN Synod of the ELCA. Nominations come from congregations and are endorsed by members who attend conference assemblies. This year the conference assemblies, after numerous delays, met on March 24 to vote to endorse the 11 nominees who had been lifted up. Pastor Glenn was one of the 7 nominees who was endorsed. Nominees who were endorsed by the conferences are invited to be part of three synod-wide forums to be held May 13, 14, & 16, prior to the election at the synod assembly, May 31-June 1. Your prayers are invited as we all enter into this time of discernment for the synod, Pastor Glenn, and all the nominees.

## 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Plans Underway

The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of Mount Olive has begun! We had a gathering with interested leaders on March 27<sup>th</sup> and will soon begin planning congregational events. At the Annual Meeting in January we voted to raise \$360,000 to celebrate this milestone, \$120,000 each year 2019-2021. Our hope is that this money will be used to bless our ministry and the ministry of our mission partners for another 60 years. If you'd like to be part of the planning team, talk to Pastor Glenn.



## Alternative Worshipping Community News

The decision to call Pastor Lisa Janke is only the first step in our plans to establish an Alternative Worshipping Community (AWC) in Rochester. An AWC is purely an outreach ministry to those for whom traditional church buildings and traditional church patterns are a barrier. It may be that a person has been hurt or shunned or even traumatized by a church; it may be that a person has experienced addiction or incarceration and finds churches uncomfortable or unwelcoming. There are many reasons why an AWC might be a better fit for a person, so we have determined that God is calling us to provide such an option for people in Rochester. This community will worship every week at an off-site location, and as it forms it may be involved in service projects, fellowship events, and educational endeavors, much like a traditional church. There will be, however, no plans to have this AWC be its own self-sustaining congregation; it will always remain an outreach ministry under the umbrella of the ministry of Mount Olive. If you are interested in being part of the birthing of this new community, talk to Pastor Glenn. We will begin making plans for this community as soon as Pastor Lisa arrives.

## Interested in membership at Mount Olive?

There will be an informational coffee for interested visitors on Sunday, April 28th at 9:15 am in the Library. Please come to meet the staff, other new members, and learn about the ministries at Mount Olive. New Members will be received into membership on Sunday, May 12th at the 10:30 am service. A reception will follow the service to give everyone a chance to extend a warm welcome to the new members. For more information, please contact Nancy Britson, [nancy@molive.org](mailto:nancy@molive.org).



## Mount Olive Softball Team

Spring is just around the corner and the church softball team is looking for some more players, high school aged and up, to fill out the roster. The co-ed games start in early May and continue through mid-August. One hour games are played Tuesday evenings at McQuillan field. Start times range throughout the season from 6-9 pm. It is a fun, family friendly atmosphere! Sign up in the Gathering Area. There is a participant fee of \$30 to help defray the cost of team registration.

## Lenten Theme: “Perfect Love Casts Out Fear”

Each Wednesday in Lent as we gather for midweek services at 7:00 pm, we have reflected on twin themes: God’s love for us and the love of Christ we share. The readings are taken from both Old and New Testaments, and the hymns also reflect these themes. In addition, we continue our tradition of using the Holden Evening Prayer as the liturgy for our midweek gathering. A simple soup supper at 5:45 pm precedes each midweek service. Join us Wednesday, April 3 and April 10 for the remaining services.



### Palm Sunday Processional on April 14

Since Palm Sunday this year falls on a date well into the spring, we are boldly planning to include an outdoor procession into the sanctuary before each service on Palm Sunday this year. All children will be invited to carry palms into the sanctuary and join as the congregation sings in procession to begin Passion Week. Palm Sunday wouldn’t be complete without a visit from Oliver the Donkey. Weather permitting, he will be a part of the festivities. Be sure to attend and wear your festive garb!



### The Great Three Days

If we Christians were to call any days the “High Holy Days”, undoubtedly for us it would be “The Great Three Days of Jesus’ Death and Resurrection”: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. They are really one great drama in which we participate every Holy Week, as we join the disciples of Jesus at the table during the Last Supper, as we witness from a distance the trial, suffering and death of Jesus, and as we gather at the Empty Tomb, celebrating the defeat of Death and the breaking dawn of the Resurrection. You are invited to be part of this holy drama this Holy Week as we gather each evening at 7:00 pm, April 18-20.

#### Children Singing

in Worship 

Wee Ones and Junior Choir -

 Palm Sunday  
10:30 am service.

#### Sanctuary Flowers for Easter

Flowers to beautify the sanctuary for Easter are available to order through April 7. Follow the directions on the order envelopes in the front entry. The flowers are yours to take after the 10:30 Easter Sunday service or you may leave them to brighten the sanctuary.



### Volunteer Information

At each worship service, volunteers serve in many ways to keep the services running smoothly. Others help out during fellowship time following the services. More volunteers are always needed, especially during the busy season of Lent with midweek services and meals. Families are encouraged to serve together. Training is available for new volunteers, so don’t be afraid to try something new.

**How do I get involved?** Volunteers receive regular notices via the online sign-up site, *Sign Up Genius*.

To receive an invitation to the website, or if you "don't do computers" but are willing to serve, please contact Nancy Britson, Director of Congregational Life, and she will help you: [nancy@molive.org](mailto:nancy@molive.org), 288-1580 ext. 202. Sign-up opportunities will also be on the Lenten table in the front entry. Current volunteer schedules are emailed to all participants monthly. The schedules and Sign Up Genius links are also available on the church website under “Service”.

## March Food Drive for Channel One

Thank you for your generous donations of food and money for the March Food Drive for Channel One. Seeing the children of Mount Olive bring these gifts to the altar was a special part of our March offering. Look for donation totals in the May Messenger.



## Family Promise Volunteer News

Mount Olive hosts homeless families enrolled in Family Promise (IHN) April 21-28. Many volunteers are needed for hosting, cooking, driving, and overnight stays. Look for the sign-up sheet in the entryway, sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/yabq5rwc>, or go to the Mount Olive website,

[molive.org](http://molive.org) and click on [Sign up](#) under News and Events: Family Promise (IHN) Hosting. Most tasks require that adults, 18 and over, be certified by attending training. Recertification is required every 3 years, but is as simple as going to [familypromiserochester.org](http://familypromiserochester.org) to watch a 10 minute video. Children under 18 don't require training and are encouraged to participate with their parents.

### Family Promise Volunteer Training

There is an in-person training for first time volunteers offered on Monday, April 1 at 7:00 pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 559 20th St SW in Rochester. Contact Erin Sinnwell at [etracy515@hotmail.com](mailto:etracy515@hotmail.com) with questions.



## \$5 5k to Benefit Family Promise

Terra Loco, 1190 16th St. SW, Suite 150, hosts a 5K on Monday, April 15th at 6:00 pm. All proceeds will go to Family Promise! The run/walk/jog begins at 6pm, so please come 10-15 minutes early to check in and pay your \$5 entrance fee. There are prizes and snacks after the run. Children and strollers are welcome.



**NEXT CHAPTER**  
MINISTRIES

ANNUAL RESTORATION CELEBRATION

*Friday, May 3, 2019*

You are invited to an evening celebrating gospel transformation and restoration. Next Chapter Ministries is hosting a fundraising dinner to share inspiring resident testimonies and stories of teens whose lives are being transformed. Join us as Next Chapter shares their vision and learn how you can partner with them in 2019.

**Friday, May 3, 2019, Doors open: 5:30 pm**

**Silent Auction starts: 5:30 pm- 7:00 pm**

**Dinner and Program: 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm**

Location: Rochester International Event Center, Rochester, MN 55902

Go to [nextchapterrochester.org](http://nextchapterrochester.org) for more information and to purchase tickets.



## Mount Olive Quilters

The quilters meet at 9 am each Thursday in the Fellowship Hall. A recent project has been to prepare colorful quilt tops

to be tied on the Women's Day of Service. The finished quilts will be used to warm Family Promise guests on the weeks they stay at Mount Olive. Anyone is welcome to join the group on Thursday mornings, no sewing experience is required. If you have any questions, call Sandy Schlenker at 529-8215.



## Dorothy Day Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to serve the evening meal the first Friday of each month for guests staying at the Dorothy

Day Hospitality House. Volunteers provide and share a family-style meal with the guests in the home's dining room. We are currently in need of volunteers for **May 3**. A sign up sheet is on the cabinet in the Gathering Area. Contact Jene Bodensteiner at [jbode6@me.com](mailto:jbode6@me.com) with questions or to volunteer.

## Lenten Soup Suppers

Soup suppers continue to be served on Wednesday evenings during Lent, 5:45-6:45 pm. The last mid-week meal is April 10. Thank you to the many volunteers who have helped each week to bring soup, serve and clean up! If you haven't had a chance to help yet, the sign-up sheet is available on the Lenten table in the entry. Helpers are still needed for April 10. The freewill offering for the meals (after expenses) will go to ELCA World Hunger. Contact Nancy Britson with questions at [nancy@molive.org](mailto:nancy@molive.org).



## Food for Friends Drivers and Packers Needed

The Food for Friends Program continues each week, providing bags of food to hungry children at nearby John Adams Middle School. Volunteers are needed to pick-up the food from Channel One during the day on Wednesday, package the food into grocery bags on Wednesday evening at Mount Olive, and deliver the tubs of packaged food to John Adams on Thursday morning. Each task only takes a few minutes of volunteer time, but is so needed. Sign-up forms for these tasks are available in the Gathering Area.

**During Lent, note that the packing time changes to 6:15 pm. Metamorphosis youth are especially encouraged to participate at this time.** If you have questions, or need a replacement in the case of a conflict, contact: Carrie Fletcher at [cxnfletcher@gmail.com](mailto:cxnfletcher@gmail.com) or 507-272-1906 or Warren Kemplin at [warren.kemplin@gmail.com](mailto:warren.kemplin@gmail.com) or (507) 254-4932.

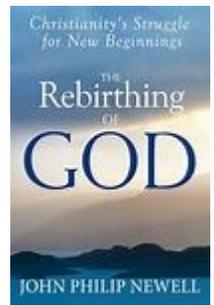


## Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has been working very hard these last few months knitting and crocheting baby afghans for children at the Crisis Nursery of Families First of Minnesota. Twenty-one beautiful afghans in an array of pastel colors were completed and delivered to the Crisis Nursery. They were received with deep gratitude for all the time and love that went into making each one. Thank you to everyone who knit and crocheted these beautiful blankets. In April, the prayer shawl group will attend the Women's Day of Service on April 6 in lieu of their usual meeting.

## Faith Seeking Understanding (FSU)

Faith Seeking Understanding reads and shares conversations about a variety of books and videos on theology, spirituality, social justice, and Christianity and our changing church. The next meeting is on Tuesday, **April 2** at 6:30 pm. The April book selection is *The Rebirthing of God; Christianity's Struggle for New Beginnings* by John Philip Newell. Meet in the Mount Olive Library. Everyone is welcome to join the discussions.



## Women of the ELCA News

Women's small groups (circles) continue to meet monthly for Bible study and fellowship. There are 6 groups that meet at different times and days. If you are interested in joining a circle and would like more information, please contact Renee Schaefer, Women of the ELCA president - [vettelady54601@yahoo.com](mailto:vettelady54601@yahoo.com) or Nancy Britson - [nancy@molive.org](mailto:nancy@molive.org).



## Annual Women's Day of Service

The Mount Olive Women's Day of Service is a day of service, fun and fellowship for all women of the congregation, including girls, grades 6-12. This year's date is Saturday, **April 6, 2019**, 9:00am-1:00pm. Lunch will be provided.

### Which service will you choose?

- Quilting for Family Promise Host Quilts
- Mittens for Neighborhood Schools
- Fleece Blankets for The Salvation Army
- Cat Hammocks for Camp Companion
- Prayer Shawls, Hats and Baby Afghans for various groups
- Bandage Rolling for Global Health Ministries
- Meal Preparations for Project Legacy
- Crafts for the Mount Olive Homemade Market
- Greeting Cards for homebound members



There are tasks for all ages and ability levels, no previous experience is required!

\*Please bring a box of prepackaged, individually wrapped snacks such as Granola Bars, Fruit Snacks, crackers or trail mix for the *In Kind* Collection for John Adams Middle School students.

Sign up at the table in the entry by **April 3**. Contact Sherry Will at [sherry@molive.org](mailto:sherry@molive.org) or 507-281-0457 or Renee Schaefer at [vettelady54601@yahoo.com](mailto:vettelady54601@yahoo.com) with questions or to register.

## Save the Dates!

**Homemade Market** - On **Saturday, May 4** and **Sunday, May 5**, the Mount Olive Women of the ELCA will be having a Homemade Market. A variety of home made and home baked items will be available to purchase following services. Proceeds will benefit Mount Olive quilters, Lutheran World Relief, and others. Please sign up in the Gathering Area if you intend to bring something for the market.



**Spring Meeting** - On **Monday, May 6** beginning at 7:00 pm, we will be having a Spring Meeting open to all women of the congregation. Enjoy dessert, fellowship, and a short program featuring *Project Legacy*. We will collect an offering on their behalf. Officers for 2019/2020 will be elected at a short business meeting. A treasurer and president are still needed; please send nominations to Renee Schaefer - [vettelady54601@yahoo.com](mailto:vettelady54601@yahoo.com).

## Lenten Bible Studies Continue

Each Sunday and Wednesday in Lent, Pastor Glenn leads a study entitled “Questions for Jesus”, exploring some of the most challenging topics in scripture. **You can still get in on this study!** The upcoming topics are:

- **March 31 & April 2** – “How Boldly Can I Pray?”
- **April 7 & 10** – “What Comes First in My Life?”
- **April 14** – “How Much Should I Give?”

Studies are Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the church Library, and Sundays at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. Books for the class are \$7.

## Pastor Deborah Lyanga to Return

You may remember Pastor Deborah from her visit with us last fall. She is a Tanzanian pastor who lives in our synod with her husband Emmanuel Kaghondi and their two boys. She has served in leadership roles in both SE Minnesota and Tanzania. Deborah will be our presenter at the Sunday Forum on April 28 at 9:15 am. Her topic will be the role of Tanzanian women in the church. Be sure to attend and welcome Pastor Deborah back to Mount Olive.

## 5th Grade Milestone Event

Each year, students in Grade 5 gather before the Maundy Thursday service to learn about and prepare for this special remembrance and proclamation. Families with students in grade 5, please plan to join us at 6:00 pm on Maundy Thursday (April 18) to learn more about this communal movement from death to life.



## Good Earth Village Camp

Camp is a place filled with unconditional love, overflowing joy, and where a Christ-centered community is felt at its core. Programs at Good Earth Village near Spring Valley are available for children ages 3 and up and families. Registration for summer 2019 programs is now available! For more information, please visit [goodearthvillage.org](http://goodearthvillage.org). Call 507-346-2494 with any questions or concerns. Register by April 7 and get a free t-shirt. Through May 5th, save 10% with the code EARLY19. Register siblings for camp and save 15% with code SIBLING19. Write code on registration form or enter it on the promotional code area on “My Cart” as you check out.



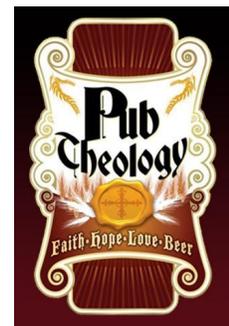
## Spring Metamorphosis

Wednesdays after Easter (beginning April 24), we will gather to Proclaim Community!

Come and join us as we take what we’ve learned all year and begin to figure out what it means to live it out in community. Class will begin at 6:00 pm. There will not be a meal offered for the Spring session.

## Pub Theology

Pub Theology meets for their weekly discussions on Monday evenings from 5:30-7:30 pm at Hy-Vee on 37<sup>th</sup> St. If you enjoy thinking about faith, life, and what it means to be a follower of Jesus in our world today, come join the group, led by Deacon Travis Beck. Meet us at the Hy-Vee Market Grill at the 37<sup>th</sup> Street Hy-Vee. Topics are always sent out a day ahead of time and can be found at [rochesterpublictheology.wordpress.com](http://rochesterpublictheology.wordpress.com). Order food or a beer at 5:30 pm, conversation begins at 6:30 pm. See you at the pub!





## Ripe Olives Meet April 12

Ripe Olives is a group for Mount Olive's most experienced members, mostly retired folks. They meet the second Friday of the month September through May for fun and fellowship! On **April 12**, our speaker will be award winning Post Bulletin columnist Jennifer Koski. Jen's topic will be "Telling Your Story". Bring a notebook and pen (or your ipad or laptop). Breakfast will be provided with a freewill donation at 9:30 am and the program will begin about 10:00 am. Sign up at the Gathering Area cabinet. Contact

Nancy Britson, Director of Congregational Life, with questions 288-1580 ext. 202 or [nancy@molive.org](mailto:nancy@molive.org).

## Breakfast with the Bishop is April 27

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual "Breakfast with the Bishop" will be held Saturday, **April 27**, 9:00-11:00 am at Cabela's in Owatonna. The keynote speaker this year will be Gary Sloan, a member of Grand Meadow Lutheran Church, and the Grand Meadow High School football coach who has coached 4 state championship teams. This is an event sponsored by the SE MN Synod Lutheran Men in Mission group. Cost is \$10/adult and \$5/youth. See sign-up and payment information in the Gathering Area.

## Adventure Club Happenings

The Mount Olive Adventure Club is a diverse and dynamic group of people of all ages that enjoy exploring a wide variety of activities.

### April - Easter Egg Hunt at Mount Olive

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt between services on Easter Sunday, April 21st.

Pre-schoolers through grade 5 can meet at 9:15 am to hunt for eggs. There will be candy for the bigger kids as well. The meeting location will be announced the day before, depending on the weather predictions. Bring your own basket or bag to gather the eggs. Watch for more details to come.



### May - Mount Olive Adventure Club Night at the Minnesota Twins

It's baseball season again, and this year the Mount Olive Adventure Club is showing its Twins' pride by rooting the Twins on to victory (we hope!) over the Chicago White Sox on **Friday, May 24 at 7:10 pm**. We have reserved 55 seats in the lower deck on the first base line in the Supercuts Super Seats. Note: because these seats are on the field level there are *no stairs* to access these seats. Tickets are \$38/person



and a ride to the game in a coach bus is \$15/person for a total of \$53/person. We will leave the Mount Olive parking lot at 4:15 pm, returning at the end of the game. Go to the Gathering area for sign-up and payment. Guests are always welcome. **The deadline for sign-up and payment is May 3.** As an extra bonus, the promotion that night for the first 10,000 fans is Joe Mauer Bobblehead #1 featuring Mauer swinging in his Cretin-Derham Hall High School "Raiders" jersey!



## Holden Village Trip

A group has been formed to join Pastor Glenn and Ruth Monson for a trip to Holden Village this spring. Holden Village is a wonderful Lutheran retreat center (home of Holden Evening Prayer) in the Cascade Mountains of eastern Washington. Inspiring scenery, music and worship, classes and lectures, and wonderful hiking all contribute to an outstanding experience for all ages. If you would like to be on a waiting list to join the group in the event that there are any cancellations, please contact Pastor Glenn - [glenn@molive.org](mailto:glenn@molive.org).

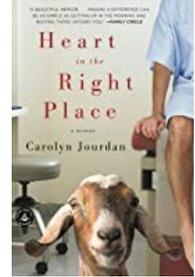


## Easter Sunday Fellowship

There will be a fellowship time between services on Easter Sunday with hot cross buns and other breakfast pastries, fruit, coffee, and juice being served. Please come and enjoy the celebration of the resurrection. To help with serving or providing food, please sign up in the Entry or Gathering Area.

## Monday Book Group

The Monday Book Group gathers again on **April 8** at 6:30 pm in the Library, for their monthly book discussion. The April selection is *Heart in the Right Place* by Carolyn Jourdan. Carolyn Jourdan, an attorney on Capitol Hill, thought she had it made. When her mother has a heart attack, she returns home—to the Tennessee mountains. Jourdan offers to fill in for her mother as her father's receptionist until she gets better. She comes to understand what her caring and patient father means to her close-knit community. New readers are always welcome to join the group. Contact Jodi Schoer for more information, [mjschoer@charter.net](mailto:mjschoer@charter.net) or 288-1951.



## Little Leapers

Little Leapers, the fellowship group for parents and their children who have not yet started Sunday School, will gather in "The Pond" on **April 21**, Easter Sunday. The Pond is located in classrooms 3 & 4 of the Education Wing. The group will meet, 9:15 to 10:15 am, to share in caring conversation and fellowship as our little ones have an Easter Egg Hunt. All are welcome! Contact Serena Oudekirk for more information: [serena.oudekirk@grarate.com](mailto:serena.oudekirk@grarate.com).



## Mayo Clinic Chamber Symphony Concert

The Mayo Clinic Chamber Symphony returns to Mount Olive to present their Spring concert "Something Old, Something New" with guest director, Brock Besse on Sunday, **April 7, 2019**, 3:00 p.m. Music selections will include Aaron Copeland's "Appalachian Spring Suite", Percy Grainger's "Children's March" and "Cinderella Suite" by Prokofiev to name a few. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children and will be available at the door the day of the concert.

## Lyra Baroque Orchestra presents "German Giants"



Lyra Baroque's season comes to an exhilarating close in a rediscovery of music from the cities and courts of Frederick the Great on Friday, **April 26, 2019**, 7:30 pm at Mount Olive. The pre-concert talk begins at 7:00 pm. Led by acclaimed baroque violinist Marc Destrubé, selections from Graupner, Graun, and Telemann, the "German Giants", will be performed. Tickets are available at [lyrabaroque.org](http://lyrabaroque.org) or at the door.

## Rochester Pops Concert

The Rochester Pops Orchestra and Chorale presents "Bringin' Back The 80's" Sunday, **May 12, 2019**, 6:30 p.m. at Bethel Lutheran Church with special guest radio personality, Alex, from MN 97.5. Take a trip back in time with new arrangements of memorable tunes by Billy Joel, Journey, Madonna, Whitney Houston, Olivia Newton John, Chicago and many more. Tickets available online now at [www.rochesterpops.com](http://www.rochesterpops.com) or by calling the box office at 507-318-0801. Tickets will also be available in the Gathering Area beginning on Sunday, April 7.

PLEASE NOTE THE CONCERT TIME CHANGE.



## Mount Olive's Welcome Statement:

*"We trust that God calls Mount Olive Lutheran Church to a ministry of reconciliation. We embrace as a gift the diversity of our neighborhood and the world, and we extend God's hospitality by welcoming, hearing, and treasuring:*

*All gender identities and sexual orientations*

*All races and ethnicities*

*All ages and abilities*

*All economic statuses and education levels*

*All faith journeys and personal histories*

*As Christ welcomes all, we too welcome the full inclusion of all people into the life, ministry, and sacraments of Mount Olive, joining in a journey toward greater love, understanding, and mutual respect."*

### Response to Flooding and Cyclone

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. You can help those affected by the recent devastation caused by Midwest flooding and Cyclone Idai. 100% of designated donations are used for direct response until it is complete. Please make your gifts either by check to Mount Olive or online at the church website and include the memo or comment: Flood Relief.

Information sheets are available on the Welcome

Desk or usher table or you may go to <https://www.elca.org/Resources/Lutheran-Disaster-Response>.



### Art on Display

Check out the bulletin board in the back hallway near the Sunday School rooms with some beautiful examples of the children's art work!

### Thank You Snow Removal Crew!

A big THANK YOU to Mount Olive's snow removal crew. This winter was challenging and record breaking to say the least and everyone did a great job keeping up with the snow removal under some difficult circumstances. Gene Ostrom, Ross Parker, Warren Kemplin, Bill Hollander, and Carrie Fletcher are all deserving of appreciation for the job they did!



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