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A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Pastor Glenn on Pilgrimage

September 26 – October 8, Pastor Glenn and his wife, Ruth will be on pilgrimage in the ancient Christian community of Iona, off the west coast of Scotland. The Iona community was founded by St. Columba, an Irish monk, who arrived on this small island with twelve companions in 563. Iona was to become one of the great missionary centers of the Celtic Church and an important center of faith and learning. From this tiny island, missionaries went forth that would evangelize most of Scotland and northern England.

Celtic Christianity, which today is little known to North Americans, has a rich tradition which emphasizes the goodness of creation as well as God's presence in all of creation. Pelagius, the 4th century theological opponent of St. Augustine, is often pointed to as the father of Celtic Christianity. Pelagius received much criticism from early church theologians for two specific teachings: encouraging women to read Scripture, and an insistence that though sin obscures humanity's essential goodness, it does not destroy it.

Today the Iona community is best known in the U.S. for its publishing arm, Wild Goose Publications, where one can buy music, devotionals, liturgies and books originating in this living community. John Bell is a well-known composer from Iona with hymns in our ELW like "Will You Come and Follow Me" and "Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am."

After a week at Iona, Pastor Glenn and Ruth will continue with the group, touring sites in Scotland, and ending at St. Andrews, where Glenn hopes to do another kind of pilgrimage, by playing the links at the home of golf, The Royal & Ancient Golf Club, founded in 1754.



Above: The Abbey at Iona

Pursuing Peace



Building Community

Pursuing Peace and Building Community

Our central theme this year is from St. Paul's letter to the Romans, where he exhorts his siblings in the faith to "pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding." (Rom. 14:19) Through this theme, whether in our outreach initiatives, our education and worship, or through our fellowship events, we are committing ourselves to the pursuit of God's Shalom (Hebrew for an all-encompassing peace) and the strengthening of each person. You are invited to join in this endeavor. A big thank-you goes out to Stephanie Pasch, who designed this year's theme logo.



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This Day in Mount Olive History

There are present members of Mount Olive who might still remember this time in Mount Olive history. It was October 1964, 55 years ago. Who arrived that month? Pastor Keith Beaver and his wife, Mary. They would continue serving at Mount Olive until Pastor Beaver's retirement in June 1993, nearly 29 years later. Pastor Beaver was not the founding pastor of Mount Olive, but he was the one who led the congregation during its formative years. We continue to thank God for Pastor Keith and Mary Beaver.

60th Anniversary Event #3: Swedish Meatball Supper

On Friday, **November 1**, it will be "all hands on deck" as Mount Olive hosts a Swedish Meatball Supper for the entire community to raise funds for the Hull High School Dining Hall in Kijota, Tanzania. We are hoping to fill the Fellowship Hall in four separate seatings from 4:00 to 7:00 pm that night and show off our great Mount Olive hospitality as well as raise significant dollars. The menu will be Swedish meatballs and gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, cole slaw, cranberry relish, lefse, cookies, coffee and water. The meal will be served family style, so we will need everyone to help: Beforehand we will need people to be Scandinavian cookie bakers, potato peelers, meatball makers, salad makers, set up crew, decorators; at the event we will need dish washers, greeters, money takers, waitstaff, busing of tables, dessert servers, bake sale staff; and after the event we will need cleanup help. The four goals of our 60th anniversary will all be met if we work together to:

- Celebrate the history of Mount Olive
- Raise significant money for outreach
- * Raise our profile in the community
- * Have fun and fellowship together

This promises to be a great congregational event for all. Sign up on the church website, molive.org, or in the Gathering Area following worship.



Stewardship Weekend is October 19-20

This month as Stewardship Season continues, we hear from our program staff and the exciting things that are happening in the ministry areas they are leading. At each worship service, we will view a short video hosted by our staff members answering the question: *Why Does Giving Matter?* Look forward to the following:

October 6: Pastor Lisa Janke will update us on the new Olive Branch initiative.

October 13: Service and Missions Director Sherry Will, shares the multi-faceted work of our Service, Social Outreach, and Global Ministries.

Past videos, from Intern Luke Hollander and Deacon Travis Beck, will be accessible on the Mount Olive website. Be sure to pick up your pledge card in the entry at church beginning Oct. 5 & 6. Stewardship Weekend is October 19-20, when we prayerfully bring those pledge cards for 2020 before God as an offering in worship. This is when we boldly proclaim that we understand why giving matters to us.



Fall Outdoor Clean-Up

The Facilities and Grounds Team is hosting the annual Fall Clean-Up Day on Saturday, October 12th starting at 8:00 am and wrapping up by noon. We will be: pruning trees; edging sidewalks; cleaning garden spaces; raking, and; any other odd jobs needed. All are welcome! Bring the kids! Bring the family! Bring rakes and spades. We hope to see you.



Olive Branch News

We have a mark! After a fun and successful branding process, Olive Branch has a logo! We've already started promoting with business cards, buttons, t-shirts and signage. One of the things people love about our logo is that the rainbow speaks to how we value and celebrate diversity while simultaneously being a symbol of covenant – a promise to be in continued relationship. Another bonus is that it's very versatile, able to be used in different color variations for different purposes. Let Pastor Lisa know if you would like to purchase an Olive Branch t-shirt to sport around Rochester. We have limited quantities but would be happy to take requests for another order!

Olive Branch Event: "To Creed or Not to Creed: that is one question."

Many congregations recite an ancient creed in weekly worship. Many do not. Rather than debating which practice is better, we have something a lot more fun in mind. Join us as we playfully consider the possibility of not being "locked-in" to any single statement of belief or way of thinking about God. As a group we will enjoy conversation, art, food and music as we dream together how Olive Branch can be a community where creativity and questioning are central, and 'locking-in' to anything may not be a viable option.

Date: Sunday, October 20

Time and Venue: Fiddlehead Coffee Co., 412 3rd Ave. SE., 5:30 – 7:00 pm

Contact: lisa@molive.org 507.288.1580. ext. 205



Affirmation of Baptism

Celebrate with our eight 8th graders as they affirm their baptism on Sunday, October 27, Reformation Sunday, at the 10:30am service – Kendall Anderson, Alaina Bickel, Jeremiah Fletcher, Olivia Hafeman, Daniel Krieger, James Prunty, Caitlyn Swartwood and Alex Wanek.

A reception for all confirmands will be held following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Posters with the students' faith statements and pictures will be posted on the windows in the church entry.

Healing Services October 12/13

On October 12 and 13, we will provide an opportunity for healing and prayer at all weekend worship services. One of the pastors is stationed at a single kneeling station on the far side of the worship platform during the distribution of Holy Communion. Worshippers are invited to visit the kneeling station to receive prayers and an oil anointing after receiving Holy Communion. We hope that this opportunity will be an important source of support for those who are enduring difficult times physically, emotionally, or spiritually.

Worship and Fellowship Volunteers Needed

We are always in need of many volunteers for all of our worship services and fellowship times! Mount Olive uses an online program, Sign Up Genius, to schedule volunteers. Sign up to serve at a day and time that works for you. You will receive an automatic reminder as well as additional details and directions from Nancy Britson, Director of Congregational Life. The Sign Up Genius links are available via invitation and are also accessible from the Mount Olive website, molive.org on the Service tab. If you "don't do computers", you may also call Nancy with your availability, 288-1580 ext. 202. Your help is sincerely appreciated!



God's work. Our hands. 2019 Service Accomplishments

September 8, 2019 was Mount Olive's fourth annual, "God's work. Our hands." Sunday. Approximately 200 volunteers aged 2-80+ years came to lend their helping hands for 14 different service projects. Here's what they accomplished:

- 35 birdhouses constructed- Service to the earth*
- 50 birdfeeders made- Service to the Earth
- 100 Blizzard Bags (nonperishable lunches)- Rochester Meals on Wheels.*
- 309 sandwiches made- Rochester Salvation Army lunch program*
- 200 bandages rolled- Global Health Ministries.
- 25 ceramic bowls painted- Channel One, Empty Bowls fundraiser*
- 6 quilts were tied- Rochester Women's Shelter
- 25 men's care kits assembled- Next Chapter Ministries**
- 10 Fleece Blankets tied- Salvation Army*
- 5 batches cookie dough made- Open Table Food Truck*
- 68 Encouraging notes written for John Adam's Students- Food For Friends*
- 30 sleeping bags and blankets collected- Salvation Army
- Singing for residents- The Homestead
- 35 Letters on Global Nutrition Bill written to US Senators and Representative



**God's work.
Our hands.**



Thank you to everyone who participated in "God's work. Our hands." Sunday. It was a fun time for fellowship with everyone working together to help those in our community and elsewhere. Special thanks go to all those who coordinated projects, which includes: Travis Beck, Leah Blum, Carrie Fletcher, Bill Hollander, Luke Hollander, Warren Kemplin, Carrie Krieger, Terry Krieger, Karen Masbruch, Connie McCullough, Elaine Monson, Ruth Monson and Steve Will.



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***Thrivent donated \$250 for a total of \$1750! Thank you Thrivent.**

Family Promise Co-coordinator

Mount Olive is still looking for an individual to help coordinate Family Promise hosting of homeless families. Jason Sinnwell is continuing as coordinator, and would like someone else to assist him in the tasks required in coordinating this important service. Please contact Sherry Will at sherry@molive.org or Erin Sinnwell at etra-cy515@hotmail.com to learn more.



Food For Friends

The Food For Friends program is underway for this school year. This program provides food for students of John Adams to get them through the weekend when school breakfasts and lunches are not available. The food is picked from Channel One and delivered to the church each Wednesday. The food is then packed into bags to be delivered to John Adams on Thursday. There are several volunteer opportunities available for this ministry. There are sign-up sheets in the Gathering Area. If you have any questions about this important ministry, please contact Carrie Fletcher at cxnfletcher@gmail.com or (507) 272-1906. You may also contact Warren Kemplin at warren.kemplin@gmail.com or (507) 254-4932.

Sleeping Bag and Blanket Collection- Salvation Army

As the fall weather sets in, remember those who don't have a place to call their own. A tent has been set up in the church entryway to remind us that not everyone has a warm bed to sleep in. Bring new and used sleeping bags and blankets, and place them in the tent. These will be taken to the local Salvation Army to be distributed to the homeless. Thank you for your contributions. Deadline is October 13.



Channel One Empty Bowls Fundraiser

Empty bowls Luncheon, October 10, 2019, Mayo Civic Center, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm



Join Channel One Food Bank for lunch for the 15th annual celebration of Empty Bowls, a community event to ensure that every person in our region is food secure. Top local restaurants and bakeries will provide a delicious variety of soups and bread, which will be served by local celebrities and community leaders.

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Empty Bowls After- Hours

The fun continues with this addition to a much-loved event. Join Channel One for an evening of philanthropy, food, drinks and more! Support our local Channel One Food Bank. Tickets on sale now. Go to helpingfeedpeople.org/emptybowls.

Call List for Neighborhood Schools Specified Donations

Mount Olive has partnered with neighborhood schools to help students in need with school supplies and clothing items. If you are willing to provide a \$10-\$20 item for a student in need when phoned by Ann Willis or Sherry Will please add your name to the list in the Gathering Area. After you have donated we will cross off your name and call the next name when the school staff tells us another needed item. Questions: Ann Willis (507) 993-1094

Reading Buddies Needed at Elton Hills Elementary School

Donate one hour of your week to be a Reading Buddy with early elementary readers at Elton Hills Elementary School. You will be paired with four children who need extra reading assistance. Each student will read with you for approximately fifteen minutes. Teachers assign the appropriate reading level for each child. Book totes with the designated reading levels are provided. A basic background check for each Rochester Public School volunteer is required and available via <https://tsscapps.rochester.k12.mn.us/VIE/> to complete your Volunteer In Education (VIE) application. Questions? Contact Ann Willis (507) 993-1094.



Mount Olive Quilters

Thursday mornings at 9:00 am

The quilters meet each week in the Fellowship Hall to prepare and tie

quilts that are sent to Lutheran World Relief and local service organizations. Everyone is welcome to join them. They can always use more cotton fabrics for making the colorful quilt tops. Donations may be left in the Gathering Area cabinet. If you have any questions, call Elaine Monson at 272-6404.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, October 8 at 9:00 am

The Prayer Shawl Ministry members gather monthly to knit or crochet prayer shawls to comfort those who are experiencing a difficult time. At the healing services on October 12 and 13, there will also be a blessing on some of the prayer shawls the group has made. If you or someone you know are in need of a prayer shawl please contact Peg Whitley at 288-9033 or the office staff.



Sunday Forums Continue in October

If you love to learn, to be presented with challenging ideas, or just to be better informed, the Sunday Forum is the place for you. We meet most Sundays at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall for presentations on a wide variety of subjects. The lineup for October is:

October 6: Why Giving Matters – Videos and Reflections

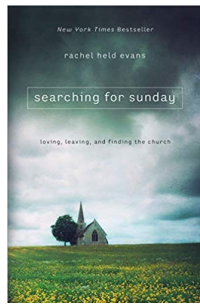
October 13: Service Sunday – Assembling Personal Care Kits for LWR

October 20: The FSU group and Pastor Lisa discuss White Privilege

October 27: No Forum as we celebrate Confirmation Sunday

Pastor Glenn to teach The Book of Acts

The Book of Acts will be the subject of the fall Bible Study this year, taught by Pastor Glenn. The writer of the study says this: “The book of Acts is about transformation. It tells the story of how a small group of Galilean Jews who followed Jesus and witnessed his resurrection became a countercultural movement that spread throughout the Roman Empire.” You are invited to join in this 8-week study, held each Wednesday evening 6:30-7:30 pm, continuing October 9 through November 20. Study guides are \$8.00 each. Please sign up and pay at the sign-up table at church.



Faith Seeking Understanding (FSU)

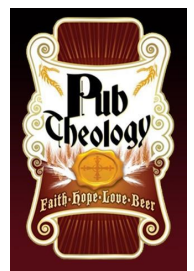
Mount Olive's Faith Seeking Understanding book group reads and shares conversations about a variety of books and videos on theology, spirituality, social justice, and Christianity and our changing church. The next meeting is Tuesday, **October 1** at 6:30 pm in the church library. The book selection for October is ***Searching for Sunday*** by Rachel Held Evans, an influential, inspiring and tremendously important theologian of our time who died very suddenly in May 2019. A memoir about making do and taking risks, about the

messiness of community and the power of grace, *Searching for Sunday* is about overcoming cynicism to find hope and, somewhere in between, Church. The group meets again on **November 5** to discuss ***One Coin Found: How God's Love Stretches to the Margins*** by Emmy Kegler. If you have any questions, Please contact Pastor Lisa Janke at lisa@molive.org or 507-288-1580 ext. 205.

Pub Theology Meets at Fiddlehead Coffee Co.

Nearly every Monday of the year, a group of people from Mount Olive and beyond meet to chat about topics that impact our lives over their beverage of choice at a local pub/restaurant. It is amazing to hear how our theology - our words and understandings of God - impact our perspective and experience on the varied topics we cover. For the month of October, we will meet at Fiddlehead Coffee Co., 412 3rd Ave. SE at 5:30 pm. We are always thrilled to see new faces at the table. Get weekly updates with our location by following us at roches-terpublictheology.wordpress.com, and you can contact

Pastor Lisa at lisa@molive.org to get on the email list.



Men's Discipleship

Men's Discipleship is a Bible study group for men meant to move them closer to God and to help them understand God's will in their lives. They meet weekly on Saturday mornings at 8:30 am in the front conference room at church. This fall, they will begin to study the book of Acts. This group is open to all men of the congregation. Contact Mark Masbruch for more info. - masbruch@hotmail.com.

Spark Monthly Program

SPARK! at the History Center of Olmsted County, 1195 West Circle Dr. SW, is a monthly program designed specifically for people living with memory loss and their care partners. Join them Monday, **October 7**, 10:30-noon at the History Center for Fall Fun. Register by calling Aaron Saterdalen at 507-282-9447.

2nd Sunday of Service- LWR Personal Care Kits

During part of the Sunday school hour on October 13, you will find the children of Mount Olive assembling Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Thank you, Cathy and Keith Hanson, for organizing this important service project. They will also be decorating encouraging notes to place in the Food for Friends bags for John Adams Middle School students.



Youth Board

We are getting the youth board going again. All middle school and high school youth are invited to join. The next meetings are scheduled for: Wednesday, October 23 at 6 pm; and Wednesday, November 20 at 6 pm. This is an opportunity for your teen to explore leadership in the church. We will plan fellowship events, find ways to engage and involve youth in worship, and plan fundraisers for youth trips. Contact Intern Luke if you have a teen that might be interested – luke@molive.org.

High School Lock-in

All High School students are invited to attend a Lock-in at Mount Olive on Saturday, October 5 starting at 5 pm. This will be a great time for fellowship with dinner, games, fun activities, a movie and popcorn and more. This will conclude with worship on Sunday morning. In order for this event to go ahead, at least one adult volunteer is needed to stay at the church with Luke. Additionally, at least 6 high schoolers need to sign up. So please RSVP ASAP! – luke@molive.org.



Fun Times at Sunday School

Pre-schoolers in Linda Schueler and Serena Oudekirk's Sunday School class had fun creating these beautiful "God Made Everything" collages. (left)



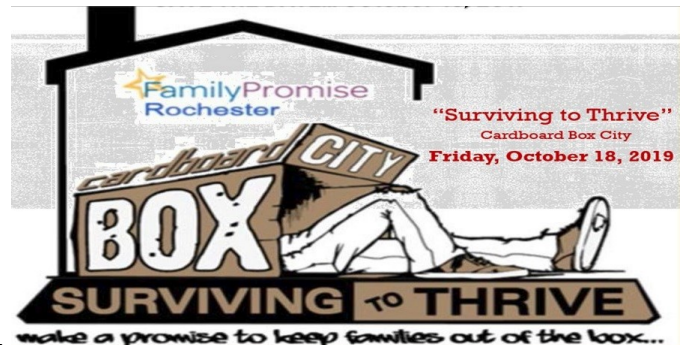
Early Communion Instruction Available

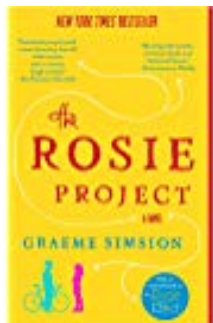
Intern Pastor Luke Hollander will be teaching a one-time class for families with children who wish to begin taking Holy Communion. Come to the sanctuary at 9:15 am, between Sunday services, on October 20. There is no age requirement, only the desire on the

part of the parent(s) and child that now is the time they would like to begin receiving communion. Each child will receive an activity book to help them learn.

Cardboard Box City

Cardboard Box City is back and youth 12 and up are invited to participate on Friday, October 18. The event begins at 5:00 pm and continues until 6:00 am Saturday at the Berean Community Church, 3157 Kenosha Dr. NW. This event is a learning experience for the youth in our community to gain a better understanding of what homelessness looks like. There will be a very simple soup dinner, educational games and activities in the evening and the next morning a light breakfast and a group discussion on their experience. See their Facebook page: Surviving to Thrive – Cardboard Box City for more information.





Monday Book Group

The **Monday Book Group** gathers monthly to discuss a wide variety of literature including: classics, fiction, poetry, humor, memoirs, history, mystery, Minnesota authors, and youth-inspired works. They meet on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. On **October 14**, they meet to discuss ***The Rosie Project***. This international bestselling romantic comedy features an oddly charming, socially challenged genetics professor, Don, as he seeks true love. Contact Jodi Schoer at mjschoer@charter.net with questions.

Ripe Olives

Ripe Olives is a group for Mount Olive's most experienced members, mostly retired folks. They meet the second Friday of the month at 9:30 am for fun and fellowship! Their next meeting is Friday, **October 11**. Kristin Mannix, a Mount Olive member, will speak about strategies and services to support successful aging. As the Associate Director of Elder Network, Kristin works with volunteers, donors and sponsors, grant writing, and leads their community outreach and communication efforts. Learn about resources and services that can help you or someone you know maintain their health and independence throughout their lives. Breakfast will be provided with a freewill donation. Everyone is welcome to attend, sign up at the Gathering Area table. Contact Nancy Britson, Director of Congregational Life, with questions 288-1580 ext. 202 or nancy@molive.org.



Fellowship Tables

Fellowship Tables are a casual, "no agenda" way to gather to share a meal with friends, new and old.

Interested individuals, adult couples or singles, are divided into groups of seven to nine that meet three or more times during the program year to share a meal and fellow-

ship in homes or restaurants. These groups are a great way to branch out, meet new people, and bond with long-time friends without a huge time commitment.

Restaurant and Home Fellowship Tables are formed for one program year. Please indicate your preference for one of these groups on your registration form. Pick up your forms at the counter in the Gathering Area and return by October 20. Each group will have a volunteer organize their first meeting. Most groups will begin gathering in November. Following the first meeting, the group sets its own schedule for the remainder of the year. As the year goes on, groups may invite new members or extend their meetings into the summer. Direct any questions to Nancy Britson (nancy@molive.org)

Mount Olive Women of the ELCA News

Every three years, the Women of the ELCA have a nationwide gathering. On July 16-19, 2020, the gathering will be in Phoenix, Arizona. Early bird registration is now open. Mount Olive Women of the ELCA offers scholarship funds to divide among the members who wish to attend. Worship services, informational sessions, Bible study, and active events are planned as a way for women across the country to learn their place in the body of Christ. For more information about the gathering, Women of the ELCA, or to join one of the small groups, please contact Regina Seabrook at rseabroo@gmail.com or 651-285-3912.



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[www.womenoftheelca.org/
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Circle study leaders, please come to the leader's meeting with Intern Pastor Luke on Tues, October 1 at 5:30 pm.

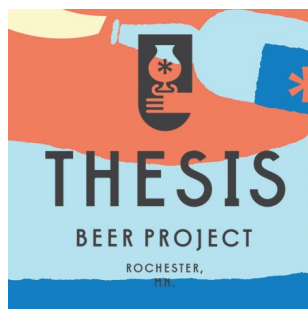
Little Leapers

The Little Leapers group had their first meeting of the program year. Several families attended and spent some time getting to know each other. The little ones had a great time exploring, playing and making new friends. Little Leapers is a group for parents and children who have not yet started Sunday school. They join together to share in caring conversation and fellowship as our little ones take a leap into faith. The group gathers the third Sunday of the month, 9:15 to 10:15 AM. If you have any questions about this group, please contact Kaitlin Maus at: kaitlinridl@gmail.com.



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Fellowship



Young Adult Fellowship

Do you like beer? Are you in your 20s or 30s? If so, please join other young adults from Mount Olive on Wednesday, October 9, 6-8 pm at Thesis Beer Project, 1929 2nd St. SW, for fellowship. You are welcome to bring in dinner or pick up food from a place nearby and, most importantly, there are excellent beers on tap. We will discuss what it means to be involved in the church today and simply hang out. Contact Intern Luke with any questions – luke@molive.org.



Fair Trade Market

2019 Market:

Fri., Oct. 4, 4-7pm

Sat., Oct. 5, 8am-4pm

Sun., Oct. 6, 9:30am-1pm

Products from 20 different vendors/artists

All money goes directly back to the artisans.

Location: Our Savior's Lutheran Church,
2124 Viola Rd NE

Find us on Facebook at OSLC Fair Trade Market

Lyra Baroque Orchestra

returns to Mount Olive for their 2nd concert of the season, *Concerti!*, on October 4 at 7:30 pm. The concert features a full string orchestra led by Jaap ter Linden, featuring Eva Lymenstull in a virtuosic performance of C.P.E. Bach's Concerto for Cello and Orchestra in A Major and Jacques Ogg in W.F. Bach's elegant F Major harpsichord concerto. Visit lyrabaroque.org for ticket purchase and more information.



6th Annual Good Earth Village Gala

On Thursday, October 24 at 5:30 pm at the Rochester Golf & Country Club, friends of Good Earth Village will gather for the 6th Annual Good Gifts Gala. This event is the major fundraiser for our regional Bible camp and retreat center, and a great chance to get to know more about this fine ministry partner. The evening includes a silent auction and social time, dinner, program, and a live auction. Tickets are \$85/person or \$850/table of ten. Why not invite some friends to go together and have a fun night while helping support this essential ministry. Reservations may be made at goodearthvillage.org or by calling 507-346-2494.

The Rochester Pops Orchestra presents: RPO Spooktacular

Sunday, October 27, 2019, 6:30 p.m. Bethel Lutheran Church

Put on your best ever frightfully fun Halloween costume and join the Rochester Pops for our first ever Halloween costume contest as we celebrate the chilling sounds of Halloween with bewitching music from composers such as Danny Elfman, John Williams, and Stephen Schwartz including musical selections from *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, *Beetlejuice*, *The Phantom Of The Opera*, *Wicked*, and *It* to name a few.

Tickets are available now in the Gathering Area or at www.rochesterpops.com.



Flowers in the Sanctuary

If you would like to provide flowers on the chancel, sign up at the Gathering Area cabinet where you will find the calendar and payment envelopes. Place orders for special occasions or in memory of loved ones. Please write your name and the designation for the flowers on both the calendar and the payment envelope. Your envelope may then be placed in the offering plate or the office drop box. Thank you!



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Bible Story Quilt Displayed

The colorful Bible Stories Quilt pictured above was designed and created by Shelley Baldwin, a quilter and the mother of Nikka Vrieze. Shelley Baldwin gave the Quilt to Mt. Olive when her grandson, Caleb Harris, was baptized. It usually found hanging on a wall near the Sunday School rooms. Pastor Glenn used showed the children the quilt on the first Sunday of Sunday School.



On September 14, the Mount Olive Brass played at the installation of Rev. Regina Hassanally as the new bishop of the SEMN Synod of the ELCA.

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."



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