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THE Messenger

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A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Celebrate Mount Olive's 60th Year on October 31

October 31st is always a special day for Lutherans, since it is the birthday of the Lutheran Church, commemorating the day (October 31, 1517) when Martin Luther famously posted the 95 Theses on the door of the Wittenberg Church, marking the start of the Protestant Reformation.



This year October 31st will be even more special as we celebrate Mount Olive's

60th year with a weekend of special music, worship, and fellowship. Here are some of the ways we will celebrate:

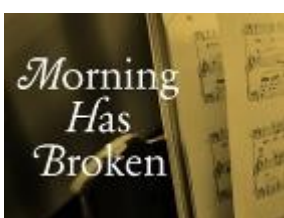
- A not-to-be-missed performance called "Morning Has Broken" by the Bach Society of Minnesota on Saturday, Oct. 30 at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. (more details below)
- Festival Worship at 9:00 am, Sunday Oct. 31, will feature special music, video or in-person greetings by former Mount Olive pastors, the unveiling of a specially-created Anniversary Banner, and the premiere of a newly commissioned hymn by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan and Travis Beck.
- A special reception at 10:00 am, Sunday, Oct. 31 in the Fellowship Hall to welcome new and old friends.
- The publishing of an updated History of Mount Olive by Richard Geier, and a new photo directory.
- A chance to buy monogrammed Mount Olive clothing celebrating our 60th year, all available to order for the holidays.

Also, don't forget that in celebration of our anniversary year we have established the **60 for 60 Fund**, to raise \$60,000 by year-end for our mission partners. In our traditional Concentric Circles of Blessing, we hope to support the following ministries:

- Olive Branch Community
- Family Promise
- Good Earth Village
- Lutheran Bible Institute of Kiomboi, Tanzania
- Mount Olive Seminary Scholarship Fund
- Kijota Hull High School Scholarship Fund

Come Celebrate With Us!

Pastor Glenn Monson



Bach Society Concert October 30

Morning has broken. It is a new day and it is time to invite live music back into our lives! The musicians of the Bach Society will take us through a journey from dawn to dusk with their upcoming concert of instrumental music from Bach, Telemann, Artistic Director Matthias Maute, and more.

Tickets will be available (\$30) beginning Oct. 4. Visit bachsocietymn.org/morning-has-broken/ for more details and please note that they require proof of vaccination and masks in order to attend.

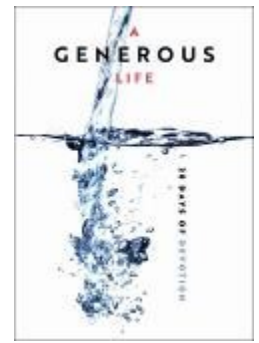
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A Generous Life

This fall our Stewardship emphasis will center on the spiritual meaning of giving. To explore this in depth, each household will be provided a devotional book entitled *A Generous Life, 28 Days of Devotion*. The hope is that every day for 4 weeks, each household of Mount Olive will spend some time contemplating the spiritual benefits of generosity. Some questions we might ponder are:

- Why is generosity one of the hallmarks of discipleship?
- What makes generosity a spiritual practice akin to prayer, worship, and meditation?
- What are the spiritual benefits of generosity?
- Why is financial generosity mentioned so often in the Bible?



Watch your mailbox, or check your mail slot at church for your copy of *A Generous Life*, and join in exploring this important subject. **Stewardship Sunday** will be October 24, when all households will be encouraged to make an annual pledge to the ministry and mission of Mount Olive. By that time, we hope that everyone will understand a bit more about why our giving is so important to God and to our spiritual health.

Check out the “Wall of Wonder!”

In celebration of Mount Olive’s 60th Anniversary, you are invited to help build the “Wall of Wonder,” a timeline of Mount Olive’s history on display in the front entry. It is an opportunity for you to share your own perspective on the past 60 years and help us look toward the future with a greater understanding of where we have been. Instructions are posted in the entry. We’ll have a time to reflect on the findings later this fall; watch for more information in coming newsletters. For more information, contact [Travis Beck](#).

New Member Coffee and Reception

If you have been at in-person worship either in the sanctuary or at Tailgate worship, you might have noticed some new faces since the pandemic first struck. The fact is, we have a good number of new people joining us each week, both online and in-person. On Sunday, October 10 at 10:00 am, all regular visitors, those interested in membership, and any current members in attendance are invited to the Fellowship Hall for coffee and treats and an informational session about the ministry of Mount Olive. On Sunday, October 17, all interested households will be received into membership during worship services. If you would like to be included in membership, but cannot attend one or both of these events, please let Director of Congregational Life, Nancy Britson know (nancy@molive.org), and she will contact you. Welcome, new members!

Photo Directory Update

Thank you to everyone who has helped us by providing photos and updated information for our new photo directory. We will distribute paper or digital copies on Anniversary Celebration Weekend. Please fill out the update forms available at church or on the Mount Olive [website](#) and return them to church by October 17. The forms outline all of the options for providing new pictures and contact info for your family. Contact Nancy Britson in the church office with any questions- nancy@molive.org.

2022 Offering Envelopes – Last Call!

Only 14 households have made their request. So...if you wish to have offering envelopes for 2022, please send Bill Hollander a note at bill.h@molive.org, call him at church, 507-288-1580, or drop a note in the offering basket or the office drop box (next to the mailboxes in the hallway). Additionally, if you would like to convert to electronic giving, he can help you set up that simple process. Thanks! **Envelopes will be ordered in October!!!**

Wednesday Evening Worship

Did you enjoy attending Saturday evening worship? Busy on Sunday mornings with work or other activities? Do you enjoy a more casual worship setting? Need 30 minutes in the middle of the week to center yourself amid the busyness of the fall? If any of these sound like you, consider joining us for Wednesday evening worship at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Still centered on the Word and the Sacrament of Holy Communion, this service has a more casual and reflective feel. Please contact any of the pastors with questions you may have. Note that like Sunday indoor worship, everyone is asked to wear a mask.

Blessing of the Animals

On October 3 we will celebrate The Blessing of the Animals during our Tailgate Worship in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Bring your dog, cat, hamster, pig, goat, snake (you get the idea) to the parking lot at 11:00 am. Toward the end of the service we will bless your beloved animals.



Confirmation Sunday October 24

Kate Klavetter will be confirmed at the 9:00 am worship service on Sunday, October 24. She has been actively engaged with her faith and continues to be a leader at Mount Olive. Help us celebrate this milestone with Kate by coming to the 9:00 am worship service on the 24th.

Music Groups Resume

It was wonderful to hear the Mount Olive Choir, Brass and Bells groups in worship on Rally Sunday. If you'd like to join the choir, practice is each Wednesday, 7:30-8:30 pm, in the sanctuary. Choir members should be vaccinated and masks should be worn in accordance with current public health guidelines. Anyone interested is invited to attend. The handbell choir and the brass group also meet in-person this fall on Thursday evenings. Contact Travis Beck for more information if you are interested in playing handbells or joining the brass group this year— travis@molive.org.

Worship Volunteers Needed

Worship volunteers are needed this fall to keep our 9:00 am Sunday service running smoothly. Volunteers help with greeting, ushering, reading the lessons, leading prayers, serving communion and more. **Ushers are especially needed.** We ask that all volunteers are fully vaccinated as a safety precaution. If you would be willing to help out, please click here to sign up: www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0449a5a92aa1fb6-mount1 or contact Nancy Britson, Volunteer Coordinator, with your availability or questions— nancy@molive.org or 507-288-1580 ext. 202. Training is available for new volunteers.

Fall Worship Schedule

Sunday, 9:00 am—Traditional Worship, a full service with Holy Communion in the sanctuary.

Sunday, 11:00 am—Tailgate Worship, a condensed service in the parking lot with Tupperware communion (bring your own communion supplies). Geared towards families, there is also a children's sermon.

Wednesday, 6:30 pm—Wednesday worship, also with Holy Communion, follows the lectionary texts from the previous Sunday.

Online Worship— Livestream each Sunday at 9:00 am, available on the Mount Olive [YouTube channel](#) after 10:00 am on Sunday. The link is shared on www.molive.org each week. See the [worship](#) link for past sermons.

God's work. Our hands.

September 12, 2021, was Mount Olive's annual "God's work. Our hands." Sunday. Members of all ages, and even some visitors, came to lend their helping hands for 7 different service projects. Here's what they accomplished:

- Several yards of mulch hauled and spread
- 15 kindness rocks painted
- Countless cookie-cutter bird feeders made
- 20 birthday cards decorated for Camp Noah
- 40 quilt squares designed
- 107 bandages rolled for Global Health Ministries
- 45 fleece cat and dog toys made (many more went home to pets)

Thank you to everyone who participated in "God's work. Our hands." Sunday! It was great to see everyone visiting and working to serve others in our congregation, the community, and the world. Special thanks go to all those who helped lead the projects: Nancy Britson, Serena Crawford, Jeremiah Fletcher, Joshua Fletcher, Samantha Fletcher, Olivia Hafeman, Pastor Luke Hollander, Dave & Elaine Monson, Aaron VanBuskirk, Alex Wanek, Ann Willis, and Sherry Will.
—Carrie Fletcher, Director of Service and Social Outreach



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Family Promise Update

Family Promise is planning to welcome volunteers back to their new static site, The North Star House. Volunteers will be required to attend an orientation session prior to doing so. The next orientation will be held on Monday, October 18, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. You can register for this or a future date by clicking on the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/family-promise-volunteer-orientation-tickets-166805526821>. You may still volunteer to drop off a meal without attending an orientation by clicking on this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4fa4aa22a3f94-prepare>. For a list of items that the house needs click this link: <https://www.fprochestermn.org/wish-list>.



Family Promise's first Trunk or Treat Fundraiser

On Friday evening, October 29th, please join Family Promise for their first Trunk or Treat to take place in the parking lot of the United Way Building. You can participate for \$20 a car, with the proceeds benefiting Family Promise Rochester. They will be selling hotdogs, chips, and desserts and will also have a photo booth where you can purchase pictures of your spooky little ones! Set up will begin at 5:00 pm with the Trunk or Treat running 6-8:00 pm. If you would like to get involved, decorate your car/trunk and come join in the fun! Volunteers are needed to help sell food and to donate candy to hand out to the children that attend. Call 507-281-3122 for more information.



Channel One

Empty Bowls remains a crucial part of Channel One's work to increase food security for our friends and neighbors. The past year has introduced many obstacles to ensuring that people in our region do not go hungry. All the funds raised from the 17th annual Empty Bowls will be put back into our community and will directly benefit those who are facing uncertainty during this unprecedented time.



Empty Bowls: To-Go will take place again this year on October 12th and 13th, 2021! The hours are 11:00 am to 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm both days. Participants will enjoy gourmet soups and bread from local restaurants as well as hand-painted bowls— as a reminder of those who may not know where their next meal will come from. **This event is pre-order only.** Click below to complete your order www.helpingfeedpeople.org/empty-bowls/place-your-order/. **Orders close on Sunday, October 10 at 7:00pm.** For any questions about Empty Bowls, call Jessica Sund at 507-424-1729 or e-mail jessicasund@channel-one.org.

Mount Olive Quilter's Thank You

From the Mount Olive Quilters: *Our thanks to Mount Olive members and friends for their generous fabric and monetary donations. We appreciate your support for our mission near and far with our quilts. Last week 50 baby quilts were taken to HeadStart to be given out to children. It's so wonderful to feel their joy in receiving our donations. We continue to need people to take home the quilt squares to sew into quilt tops. Those quilt square packages are in the cupboard in the Gathering area and can be returned there when finished sewing. Thanks again!*



Some of the quilters with a recent donation of 50 quilts to HeadStart.

The Quilting group meets every Thursday at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Elaine Monson, 507-272-6404 or Donna Grever, 507-206-4605 with any questions

Mount Olive Prayer Shawl Group

The Mount Olive prayer shawl group will meet on **October 12** at 10:00 am in the Library. Yarn, needles, patterns, and guidance are supplied; please contact Vickie Kubly if you would like to join the group at 507-282-7696. If you would like to request a prayer shawl for someone who is experiencing illness, loss, or a difficult time, please contact Vickie, or you may call the church office at 507-288-1580.

Personal Care Kit Collection

In September we collected items for Personal Care Kits to help our neighbors around the world. Lutheran World Relief's supply of Personal Care Kits remains critically low as requests for assistance across the world increase. Thank you to those of you that donated items for the kits or provided a monetary donation.

These kits contain basic hygiene supplies that help reduce the spread of germs and disease. The kits are sent around the world to people dealing with the effects of war, disaster, and poverty. Personal Care Kits not only send a tangible message of God's love amidst suffering, and they also save lives by helping families stay healthy in difficult living conditions.

The kits will be assembled on Service Sunday, October 10, 2021. If you have any questions or want to know more about how you can help this important ministry, contact Cathy Hanson at 507-398-3917.



Sunday Forums Have Strong Start

On Sunday, September 19, a strong group of about 20 adults met to open the 2021-22 Sunday Forum series, as they listened to the first of 3 segments from the documentary, “Love Them First,” a film about children, teachers, and staff at Lucy Laney Elementary School in North Minneapolis who “choose hope.” The Sunday forums meet each week at 10:10-10:50 am, following the first worship service. All adults and older youth are welcome. The line-up for October is as follows:

- 10/3 “Love Them First” Part III
- 10/10 Service Sunday for children, youth and parents. All other adults invited to New Member Coffee.
- 10/17 Presentation by the Mount Olive Team Exploring Anti-Racism on the local impact of red-lining.
- 10/24 Presentation by ISAIAH, social justice ministry partner on local housing and justice issues.
- 10/31 No forum – 60th anniversary reception

Genesis Study Continues

The Genesis Bible Study with Pastor Glenn continues in October as scheduled below:

- Wednesdays at 7:30 pm, via Zoom, October 6 – October 27.
- Thursdays at 10:30 am, in the church library, October 7 – October 28.

If you would like to join the group for these sessions, you are welcome to do so. Study guides are available in the church office for \$10 each. Contact Nancy in the church office for the Zoom link, nancy@molive.org.

Women of the ELCA Update

Fall is a time for reflection and sometimes redirection. The Mount Olive Women of the ELCA board has

decided to take a break this year and therefore board operations are on pause. Circles will continue to meet, (see options below), quilters will continue to quilt, and both individuals and Circles may continue with any programming they like. The church will handle all finances. If you have questions related to funds for projects and programs, please contact Bill Hollander in the church office. The board will reconvene sometime later next year and decide its next steps. If you have further questions about the “Great Pause”, please contact Nancy Britson—nancy@molive.org.

Meanwhile, Mount Olive circles have begun meeting this fall for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. There are six different groups, each named for a woman in the Bible, that meet at different times and places. Please contact one of the leaders listed below for more information. This fall, the groups will be participating in a study from *Gather* magazine entitled “The Gift of the Spirit” by the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith. Subscribe to *Gather* at this link, <https://www.gathermagazine.org/subscribe/>, or call 1-844-409-0576. Copies to share are also available in the church office. **Study Leaders for the October meeting dates will meet with Pastor Glenn on Tuesday, October 5 at 5:30 pm in the conference room near the office.**



Circle	Meeting Day and Time	Leader
Miriam Circle	3 rd Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm, outdoors at church or Zoom	Erin Sinnwell-990-6079
Lydia Circle	2 nd Monday of each month, 6:30 pm, in Fellowship Hall	Jolene Baker-289-4851
Mary Circle	4 th Friday of each month, 9:30 am, in church library	Stephanie Pasch-261-7320 & Lynn Nelson-358-2837
Naomi Circle	4 th Tuesday of each month, 1:00 pm, at church & Zoom	Sharon Parker-269-0385
Rachel Circle	4 th Thursday of each month, 6:30 pm, at church & Zoom	Jodi Schoer-288-1951
Ruth Circle	4 th Tuesday of each month, 10:00 am, in church library	Vickie Kubly-282-7696

Sunday School

Large group Sunday School has taken off! This high energy, outdoor option has been great and transitions right into our family friendly Tailgate Worship. If you have a child 0-18, consider bringing them for 10:30 am Sunday School in the parking lot. We block off an area, bring chalk, a sand table, and more activities that can be used (even during worship). The music, skit/story and activities make this a fun event!



Second Service Sunday

Instead of Sunday School on October 10, we will continue the Second Sunday Service Projects. Meet at 10:30 am on the east side patio and please bring masks. Kids will take turns entering the Gathering Area to complete the project, assembling personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. Weather permitting, the doors will remain open and there will be music while they wait for their turn. All ages welcome.

October Sunday School Schedule:

October 3 – large group Sunday School
 October 10 – Second Sunday Service Project
 October 17 – large group Sunday School
 October 24 – MEA Break; no Sunday School
 October 31 – 60th Anniversary Celebration

Confirmation Retreat

October 3, 1-4pm in the Fellowship Hall; contact Pastor Luke with any questions. – luke@molive.org.



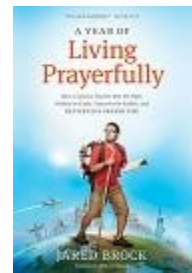
High School Roller Disco

Are you in high school? Do you like having fun? If so, consider joining the Mount Olive high school youth for a fun fellowship event in downtown Rochester on Saturday, October 9. The city is turning the Peace Plaza into a Roller Rink that weekend and we are going to take advantage! There will be great music, funky lighting and a disco ball! Plus, skates are free to rent. Watch your emails for more details about our meeting place and time. <https://www.downtownrochestermn.com/events/roller-disco>

Adult Book Study

Would you like the opportunity for a casual, but faith-based book study with other adults?

We're offering a participant-led study of the book, *A Year of Living Prayerfully: How A Curious Traveler Met the Pope, Walked on Coals, Danced with Rabbis, and Revived His Prayer Life* by Jared Brock. A description: Although up to 90% of us pray, very few of us feel like we've mastered prayer. *A Year of Living Prayerfully* is a fascinating, humorous, globe-trotting exploration of prayer that will help you grow your own prayer life. Everyone is welcome to the discussion on Saturday morning, **November 13**. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am over a light breakfast and coffee. RSVP to Nancy in the church office—nancy@molive.org.



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(Mostly) Men's Discipleship

Men's Discipleship is a Bible study group for men (and at least one woman) meant to move them closer to God and to help them understand God's will in their lives. They meet weekly, on Zoom, on Saturday mornings at 8:30 am. They will finish their study of Romans and start Corinthians this fall in their continuing study of Paul's letters. This group is open to anyone in the congregation. Contact Mark Masbruch for more info. and the Zoom invitation-mmasbruch@hotmail.com.



Olive Branch October!

The Olive Branch calendar is practically bursting at the seams! Why? So that people curious about us can find a variety of ways to connect. We're going to get these calendars into the hands of as many people as possible and you can help us - but more on that in a minute.

We are delighted to announce Olive Branch Church has a new home for the fall/winter: Gray Duck Theater! This locally-owned micro-cinema features a small movie theater and full-blown coffeeshop with amazing coffees, teas, and pastries. What makes this feel like a real partnership is that Gray Duck shares Olive Branch's foundational commitment to full LGBTQIA+ celebration. Stop by sometime and check out their coffee or weekend films. It's a super-creative staff who have welcomed us with open arms.

Olive Branch Church happens Monday evenings. Doors open at 5:30 pm for snacks and coffee in the coffeehouse. Church is at 6:00 pm in the theater, and we have access to their projection and sound system. Yes – sound system! (The main drawback of our summer location was that people couldn't hear as well as we would have liked.) At 7:00 pm we will stick around to chat, relax in the coffeehouse or play some games on the big screen. (Drawful, anyone?) We're out by 8 pm. If you'd like to support Olive Branch Church at our new site, please join us. Your presence will be a gift. As ever, there will be music, message, midrash, and time for reflection.

Now back to outreach: Another way you can support Olive Branch is to connect us with people – neighbors, family, or friends who might appreciate hearing what we're up to. You give us an address, we'll deliver a physical flyer.

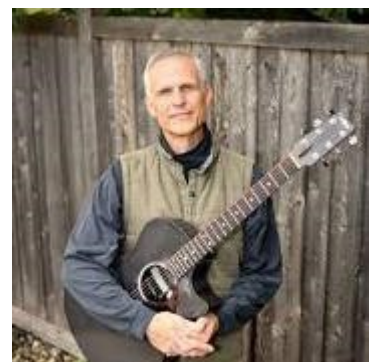
We'll be dropping off flyers at homes with PRIDE flags and Black Lives Matter signs in their yards. Our note will read something like, "We noticed your great yard sign. Thanks for helping to make Rochester a safe place! Olive Branch church shares your commitment. If you ever want to visit, we'd love to meet you." Our October events will be listed as we list them for you here:

- Oct 4, 6pm Olive Branch Church at Gray Duck Theater**
- Oct 5, 6pm Meet-Up at Purple Goat patio (kids welcome)
- Oct 7, 10am Off The Page Bible study (Zoom)
- Oct 11, 6pm Olive Branch Church at Gray Duck Theater**
- Oct 16, 4pm All Ages Pumpkin Carving at Mount Olive
- Oct 18, 6pm Olive Branch Church at Gray Duck Theater**
- Oct 25, 6pm Movie Night at Gray Duck Theater**
- Oct 27, 10am Artist Studio (open studio) at Mount Olive.

Questions? Contact Pastor Lisa at lisa@molive.org.

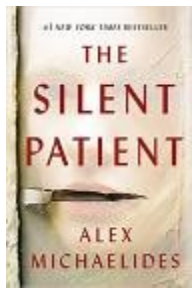
Peter Mayer Concert

Friday, November 12 at 7:30 pm MN singer-songwriter Peter Mayer will be in concert at the Chosen Bean in Chatfield, MN. An award-winning artist, Peter is one of Richard BC's musical heroes, and we've used his songs at Olive Branch. If you enjoy artists like James Taylor and David Wilcox, you might like Peter's music. If you're interested, we're not going as a group, but maybe we can meet up for supper beforehand. Get your tickets online at www.chatfieldarts.org/peter-mayer-1 right away, because space is limited. If you decide to attend, email Richard at richard@molive.org if you'd like to connect before the show.



Monday Book Group

The **Monday Book Group** gathers monthly to discuss a wide variety of literature. They will meet via Zoom on **October 11** at 6:30 pm. This month's selection is *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides. *The Silent Patient* is a shocking psychological thriller of a woman's act of violence against her husband—and of the therapist obsessed with uncovering her motive. If you would like to be added to the email list or receive the Zoom invitation for October, contact Jodi Schoer at mjschoer@charter.net.



Ripe Olives Meets October 8

The Ripe Olives, Mount Olive's group for retired folks, meets on the 2nd Friday of each month at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. On **October 8**, we will be joined by Mount Olive member, Paul Johnsen, as he shares his passion for electric vehicles. Paul purchased his first EV (Electric Vehicle) in 2018 and liked it so much that he's become something of an **EVangelist**, talking about EVs to whoever will listen. Paul will talk about EV ownership, driving, charging, maintenance, and answer your other questions. Coincidentally, Paul and other local EV owners will be hosting an event at the Rochester fairgrounds on Saturday morning, Oct. 2. See rochesterelectricvehicles.com for more info. For Ripe Olives, there'll be a simple continental breakfast, coffee, and juice. Please RSVP to Nancy Britson in the church office, 507-288-1580 or nancy@molive.org or sign up in the Gathering Area at church.



Family Pumpkin Carving

Join us on Saturday, **October 16** from 4-5:30 pm to carve pumpkins! This will be a great time for family fellowship with music, snacks, hot beverages, a campfire, and more. Bring a pumpkin and your carving gear and we will see who is the most creative and who is best with a carving knife. We will have extra pumpkins and carving supplies for those that need it. All



ages welcome! This will take place on the patio on the east side of the church. If the weather is inclement, we will move inside and be masked. Contact Pastor Luke with any questions—luke@molive.org.

20-30 Somethings Fellowship Hosts Needed

Do you describe yourself as a “young” adult? Are you in your 20s or 30s (or close enough)? Would you be interested in a fellowship event? We are looking for someone who would be willing to “host” an evening at a brewery, or a game night, or a coffee morning, or, really, anything! If this sounds like something you would be interested in, contact Pastor Luke, luke@molive.org, to help get our “young” adult fellowship going again!

Rochester Pops Orchestra Resumes

The Rochester Pops Orchestra will launch their 2021-2022 concert season on October 24, 2021, 3:00 p.m., at Bethel Lutheran Church. They'll be celebrating that *Broadway Is Back* and highlighting some of your favorite Broadway selections both old and new.

Advanced ticket prices are Adults \$12.00, Seniors \$10.00, Students(13-18) \$5.00, and children 12 and under FREE. Purchase tickets from www.rochesterpops.com or by calling the box office at 507-318-0801 beginning in October. Tickets will also be sold in the Gathering Area at Mount Olive, Sundays October 3rd, 10th, and 17th. All seats are \$2.00 more at the door the day of the show. Masking and social distancing are expected. If you have any other questions, please feel free to call Jane Sheffield at 507-289-7792.



“Listening People” Concert and Picnic Enjoyed by All

A crowd of around 70 people enjoyed the picnic supper and concert on the Mount Olive lawn on Friday, September 17. The weather was beautiful and Richard Bruxvoort Colligan and Travis Beck did a wonderful job entertaining the crowd with their music. Dad jokes, liberally sprinkled throughout, and a



visiting neighborhood bunny added to the enjoyment. Thanks to Curt Britson for making the pulled pork and to picnic servers, Shelly Sellnow, Julianna Martin, Carrie Fletcher, Nancy Britson and Pastor Glenn and Ruth Monson for their help.



Upcoming Concert Dates to Save

Rochester Pops Orchestra will launch their 2021-2022 concert season on October 24, 2021, 3:00 p.m., at Bethel Lutheran Church.

Bach Society Concert, Morning Has Broken, at Mount Olive on October 30 at 7:00 pm.

Mayo Clinic Chamber Symphony returns to Mount Olive for a concert on Sunday, October 31 at 3:00 pm.

Minnesota singer-songwriter Peter Mayer will be in concert at the Chosen Bean in Chatfield, MN on Friday, November 12 at 7:30 pm .

Look for more information in this newsletter and in upcoming Mount Olive bulletins.

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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