

## AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST – “FEAR NOT”

		Building a Foundation		Forming an Identity				
		1960-1964	1965-1969	1970-1974	1975-1979	1980-1984	1985-1989	1990-1994
<b>World/U.S.</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• '60 U.S. President JFK elected</li> <li>• '60 Cuban Missile Crisis</li> <li>• '61 Berlin Wall went up</li> <li>• '62 John Glenn into orbit</li> <li>• '62 The Monster Mash caught on in a flash</li> <li>• '62 Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church merges into the Lutheran Church in America (LCA)</li> <li>• '63 JFK killed</li> <li>• '63ff Assassinations of JFK, MLK, RFK, ++</li> <li>• '64 U.S. President LBJ elected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• '69 Moon Landing – Space Travel</li> <li>• '68 U.S. President Nixon elected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• '70 Beatles broke up</li> <li>• '72 U.S. President Ford elected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• '75 Vietnam War ends; refugee crisis begins</li> <li>• '76 U.S. President Carter elected</li> <li>• '76 Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches formed (AELC)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• '80 U.S. President Reagan elected</li> <li>• '83 Beginning of internet</li> <li>• '84 First smartphone by IBM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• '88 U.S. President George Bush elected</li> <li>• '88 Birth of ELCA.   The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is formed from the merger of three other church bodies</li> <li>• '89 Berlin wall comes down   Demolition of the Berlin wall</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• '90-93/4 End of Apartheid in South Africa</li> <li>• '92 U.S. President Clinton Elected</li> </ul>
<b>Minnesota</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• '64 Hubert Humphrey elected Vice President</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• '65 Minnesota Twins win American League pennant</li> <li>• '67 Start of MN Sales Tax</li> <li>• '69 Warren Burger, St. Paul native, named to Supreme Court of the US</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• '72 Building of the IDS tower</li> <li>• '73 Gov. Wendell Anderson makes the cover of TIME magazine!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• '76 Minnesota vice president Walter Mondale</li> <li>• '76 Election of Herbert Chilstrom as Bishop of MN Synod LCA</li> <li>• '77 Rosalie Wahl – first woman justice on MN Supreme Court</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• '87 Minnesota Twins win the World Series</li> <li>• '88 Farm crisis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• '91 Halloween snow storm</li> <li>• '92 Opening of the Mall of America</li> </ul>
<b>Rocheste</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• '61 Rochester Senior Center Started</li> <li>• '61 IBM Rochester, started in 1956 with 174 employees, now has 2,300 employees</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• '68 Cheap Charlie's opens</li> <li>• '69 Apache Mall opened</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• '70 Mayo Clinic Building expands from 10 to 18 stories</li> <li>• IBM @ its height (60s, 70s, 80s)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• '76 IBM Rochester employs nearly 5,000 people</li> <li>• '78 Several flash floods severely impact Rochester, Austin</li> <li>• '78 Charles (Churck) Hazama, mayor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IBM Rochester employs 6,000 people</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• '90 IBM wins Malcolm Baldrige Award!</li> <li>• '91 IBM Rochester employs over 8,000 people</li> </ul>
<b>Mount Olive</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• '60 Parsonage bought, Mount Olive founded (Aug)</li> <li>• '60 We were new to Rochester when Pastor Johnson visited our home and invited us to join the Lutheran church he was starting in N.W. Rochester. We came to the first service then held on Elton Hills Dr. in what is now the River of Glory Church. We have been members of Mt Olive ever since.</li> <li>• '60 First worship service at covenant church (Nov)</li> <li>• '61 First Service in Mount Olive Building (Christmas Eve)</li> <li>• '62 When the church first started there was no money for janitor services so many of us took turns cleaning the church for several years. We sometimes cleaned as a family.</li> <li>• '64 Linen baptismal napkins were made by Ruth circle for all infants baptized at Mt Olive. A few years later the Altar Guild took over this duty where it continues to this day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• '66 First organ purchased; first St. Lucia Sunday</li> <li>• '68 Building addition for new sanctuary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• '71 Financial independence from mother church</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• '75 Mount Olive sponsors Vietnamese refugee family. "The Mount Olive congregation sponsors a Vietnamese family who effectively assimilate into the Rochester community. Their four children graduate from college including one son who becomes a surgeon. Mt. Olive fulfills its calling to be a blessing for others."</li> <li>• '77 Mount Olive permanent financing of building. Financial stability.</li> <li>• '78 Flood Recover Headquarters @ Mount Olive   Mount Olive houses newly formed Rochester Area Churches Emergency Response</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• '83 Mount Olive starts hosting AA meetings, other outside groups</li> <li>• '83 Carole Ahlers (Joyce) hired as Christian Education Director</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• '86 Pastor Beaver had Altar Guild make two identical epiphany banners depicting baptizing the world and sent one to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Leipzig-Grunau East Germany. He and Mary had visited that church two years before. It was at a time when religion was struggling in that area.</li> <li>• '87 New kitchen, larger parking lot</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• '90 Master weaver Joyce Harter was commissioned to weave 5 sets of paraments and 2 hanging tapestries for Mt. Olive. They were funded by individual families and the congregation.</li> <li>• '90s Karen Schilling volunteer coordinator</li> <li>• '91 Education wing added</li> <li>• '94-98 Mount Olive's Pastor Lynn Ronsberg becomes <u>first</u> woman senior pastor in SE MN Synod!</li> </ul>

		Enlarging the Circle				Growing in Courage		
		1995-1999	2000-2004	2005-2009	2010-2014	2015-2019	2020-2021	Future
World/U.S.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'99 Columbine High School shooting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'00 U.S. President George W. Bush elected</li> <li>'01 9/11</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'08 U.S. President Obama elected</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'16 U.S. President Trump elected</li> <li>'16 Cubs win World Series</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'20 U.S. President Biden elected</li> <li>'20 COVID Outbreak   COVID-19 pandemic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Change in age, demographics</li> <li>Climate healing, environmental healing</li> <li>Less gun violence</li> <li>World peace</li> <li>COVID under control</li> </ul>
	Minnesota	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'98 Ventura elected governor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'02 Wellstone Plane Crash</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'07 I-35W Bridge Collapse</li> <li>'08 Fires in the Boundary Water</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'11(?) Prince died</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'16 Proton beam constructed</li> <li>'17 I35 Bridge collapsed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'20 George Floyd murder and trial</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>political tolerance</li> </ul>
	Rochester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'95 Army Corps of Engineers finishes \$92M flood control on Zumbro River</li> <li>'96 Groundhog Day -35°. A record for 2/2.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'01 Gonda Building opened</li> <li>Dalai Lama came to town</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'13-14(?) Destination Medical Center</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'16 New Senior Center opened by Rec. Center</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'20 Kim Norton, first female mayor of Rochester</li> <li>'21 Rev. Dr. Lynn Ronsberg memorial service held at convention center to fit everyone</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>affordable housing</li> <li>equitable pay</li> </ul>
	Mount Olive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'95 Elected church treasurer, Clarence Wanner</li> <li>'97 Weekly communion begins; minimum age requirement eliminated</li> <li>'98 New stoles were added to match our existing paraments. These were woven by Barbara Berg of Decorah, IA, associate of Joyce Harter</li> <li>'99 Mount Olive partners with Tri-Valley Migrant Head start to provide childcare</li> <li>'99 First long range planning process started (1999-2005)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth trips to BWCA, West Virginia, Black Hills, Colorado, Milwaukee, Houston, New Orleans</li> <li>'00 Mount Olive begins hosting families for Interfaith Hospitality Network</li> <li>'00-10 Pastor Peter Nycklemoe, the master builder, oversees the renovation and updating of the church building with the addition of a shower and second larger kitchen, he leads the congregation into new, effective and gratifying outreach programs. Another Mt. Olive blessing!   Pastor Peter led the renovation of the offices, kitchen and gathering area and expanded the outreach programs</li> <li>'01 Lydia Circle created</li> <li>'02(?) New addition</li> <li>'04 Ordination of Rev. Marie Anderson (This may have been first ordination for Mount Olive)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'05(?) Family Promise hosting</li> <li>'06 Second long range plan started (2006-2010)</li> <li>'09 Pipe organ installed - \$50,000. Renovated - \$225,000.</li> <li>'09 Sanctuary renewal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'10 Nancy Britson joined staff</li> <li>'13 Travis Beck</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'15 Called to be Senior Pastor, November 2015 - Glenn Monson</li> <li>'19 Started hosting Childhood Cancer Community! September 2019</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 families of ethnic diversity to be members of Mount Olive</li> <li>Olive Branch take off, do well</li> </ul>