

Mount Olive Messenger

June 2016

As a lifelong Lutheran, one of my favorite ideas from the Reformation period is the concept that we are always reforming (or *always being reformed*) as the People of God. Recently on social media, this has been a trending discussion (check out #DecolonizeLutheranism). Many church leaders have been wrestling with what it means to be *Lutheran* in our current time and place. After all, as much as the Scandinavian traditions of the Upper Midwest have been long connected with the Lutheran branch of Christianity, there is a lot more to our faith than lefse and hotdishes! In an effort to broaden the scope of what it means to be Lutheran, one of the more helpful suggestions has been to intentionally open ourselves to new possibilities, and make room to do things differently as the Church going forward. Our broad diversity as of the People of God is unified in Christ more than anything.

Last week, I had the chance to be interviewed on a podcast that explores what this movement is beginning to look like, in practical terms, around the country. Three pastors hosted our chat: Kyle in Fort Worth, Texas; Lorne in Cincinnati, Ohio; and Alex in Minot, North Dakota. They were curious about how we as the people of Mount Olive are molding our Confirmation curriculum to be intergenerational, experiential, and, most importantly, a more meaningful experience than many of us had in our own Confirmation classes. It was a privilege to share about our Wednesday evening *Metamorphosis* gatherings, and all that they hold. As it turns out, *Metamorphosis* and other gatherings like it are carving out some important new space amidst the contemporary Church. It was inspiring to not only share with these faith leaders what we are learning here in Rochester, but also to listen to how they are breaking new ground in their own congregations, too.

If you'd like to listen in on our conversation, look for Episode #15 at tohellwiththehotdish.com.

Pastor Paul



MOUNT OLIVE LIFE

Global Mission Team is Thinking Colombia 2017

A group of Mount Olive members met with Holly and Karl Dalager, former ELCA missionaries to Colombia, and the SE MN Synod Colombia Operations Team on May 16 and learned that it is very possible for a group of Mount Olive members to visit Colombia in 2017. Tentative dates are March 10-20, and youth accompanied by an adult are welcome. The maximum number of persons is 15, so if you have any interest, please talk to Pastor Glenn soon. The cost will be \$1500-\$2000/person. We will learn more about this great opportunity when ELCA missionaries, Curtis and Katie Klein, visit Mount Olive on July 9-10, and tell us about their work in Bogota, Colombia. Don't miss worship that weekend!



New Member Coffee June 5 at 10:45 am

Interested in membership at Mount Olive? There will be an informational coffee for interested visitors following the 9:30 service at 10:45 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 June 19. For more information, please contact New Member Coordinator, Nancy Britson, nancy@molive.org.

New Member Sunday June 19

New Members will be received at Mount Olive on Sunday, June 19 during the 9:30 service. A reception follows to give everyone a chance to extend a warm welcome to the new members. Please contact Nancy Britson, Welcome Coordinator, if you are interested in joining Mount Olive on June 19.

Worship in the Great Outdoors Coming to Mount Olive

On the weekend of June 25-26, all the worship services at Mount Olive will be outside. On Saturday evening at 5:00 pm we will gather around the campfire, where worship will be led by Jason Sinnwell on guitar, and Pastor Glenn. Then on Sunday at 8:00 and 9:30 we will meet on the church lawn and enjoy a relaxed worship, again with music by Jason. We will have chairs set up, but worshippers are invited to bring a blanket or lawn chair if they desire. After each service there is Coffee Fellowship for the LWR Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund. Pray for clear skies!

Pentecost!

The Day of Pentecost was a bright spot for Mount Olive. A wonderful 'circle of fire' rained down upon the entire chancel, bringing color and movement to the whole sanctuary. Music Director, Brock Besse, arranged all the music and hymns for that day in big band style, and while at the piano, Brock conducted a band of nine horns and rhythm section in leading the congregational song. The children were also involved as we handed out party horns to celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church; a joyful noise was heard by all! After worship there was birthday cake for the kids, and other treats as well. It was a truly remarkable morning. You can watch several parts of the service via you-tube links on Mount Olive's facebook page.



FRIENDS, FAMILY AND FAITH TOGETHER

LEARNING, GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP



Bunco Party June 15 at 6:30 pm

Please join us for an **end of the school year Bunco party** on Wednesday evening, June 15 at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall. Bunco is a dice rolling game that would be easy for ages 5+ to play and ages 5 and under could play if an adult, friend or sibling would be willing to play with them.

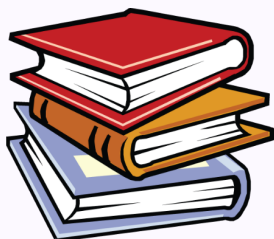
6:30 Explanation of game and rules

6:45 Bunco

7:15 Ice cream treats (outside if weather allows)

7:30-8:15 more Bunco for those who want to stay longer

If you would like to bring a snack to contribute (pretzels, chips, etc.) or a box of ice cream bars, please contact Erin Sinnwell @ 507-990-6079



BOOK SALE

Thank you to all who donated and purchased books at the fundraising event where the monies will support the summer mission trip to Pine Ridge Reservation in July.

Congratulation High School Seniors



Noah Guy

Corbin Holmen

Luke McKeon

Ian Nichols

A.J. Seabrook

Andrea Stensland

Summer Music

Summer Music has begun and Brock would love to hear from you. Whether you sing, play an instrument or both, please contact Brock at (507) 288-1580, ext. 203 or email at bbesse@charter.net to reserve your Saturday and/or Sunday slot now. Let's fill the summer with beautiful songs of praise.



Adventure Club

Honkers Baseball Game: "I Bike/Walk" Rochester June 19, 1:00 pm

Presented by Olmsted County Public Health Park and walk from the trail from the 4th St. parking ramp. Bikers should bike the river trail and park at the stadium. Look for the staff in bright yellow shirts to receive your free ticket.



**The Old Barn
Resort**

CAMP OUT August 12-14

Make reservations now at The Old Barn Resort: 507-467-2512

If you can't make it for the weekend, join us for the day for \$4.
Take part in the activities, food and fun!

ADULTS

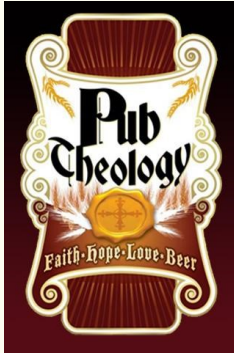
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Pub Theology

See what's trending.

Come to Life's Too Short Brewing Company (2001 32nd Ave NW) on Monday nights, catching up at 5:30. The discussion begins at 6:00.

Pastor Paul Moody leads conversation surrounding a topic which is published at Rochesterpublictheology.wordpress.com and distributed by email. If you would like to be included on the email distribution list, please email Pastor Paul at paul@molive.org.



Mount Olive Quilters

Each Thursday at 9:00 am

You are invited each week to enjoy quilting and fellowship.



THE **GROUND UP**
LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF
COFFEE & COCOA INITIATIVE

Altar Flowers

You may sign up for flowers to brighten the sanctuary. Place orders for birthdays, anniversaries, baptismal birthdays, births, or in the memory of loved ones. There is a sign-up book in the gathering area. Fill out an envelope with the designation and include payment. Place orders at least one week in advance.



Fair Trade Coffee

Stop by the **Fair Trade Coffee** display in the gathering area to check out the varieties of ground and whole bean coffee and tea available for purchase. You can also sign up to sponsor the coffee on an upcoming Sunday. For \$15 you can help offset the cost of the coffee served during fellowship time and celebrate an occasion such as a birthday, anniversary, or the memory of a loved one.



Worship and Sunday Coffee Volunteer Update

Schedules for June Worship Volunteers and Sunday coffee and cookie fellowship have been distributed to all volunteers. The current schedule is updated regularly and posted on the Mount Olive website, www.molive.org, under the "Service" tab. For any questions about volunteering at Mount Olive, please contact Nancy Britson, Volunteer Coordinator, at nancy@molive.org or 288-1580 x 210.

Coffee Fellowship Volunteers Needed: Following Sunday services at Mount Olive, coffee and cookies are served in the fellowship hall. This is a great time to catch up with friends over a cup of coffee, for kids to pick a favorite cookie, and to connect with a visitor or new member. To continue this great tradition, more serving volunteers are needed, particularly during the summer. If you are willing to spend a few minutes serving coffee, cookies, and lemonade it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Nancy Britson if you are available to help.

Worship Volunteers Needed: The month of July includes 5 weekends and **many** opportunities to volunteer in worship services and fellowship at Mount Olive. Nancy Britson, Volunteer Coordinator, utilizes an online program called Sign Up Genius where volunteers choose the dates and positions where they want serve. If you have not received an invitation, or do not "do computers", please contact Nancy to sign up. Training is available and new volunteers are always welcome!

SERVICE AND SOCIAL OUTREACH MINISTRY (SSOM)



Special Event Hosted by Mount Olive **Immersion with Lutheran Social Service of MN** **June 7 from 5:30 to 7:30.**

Immersion is the opportunity for community members to explore and deepen their understanding of community and neighboring needs, and to hear how LSS is meeting those needs in the Rochester Area.

Immersion will provide you with an opportunity to listen to stories of service, and join in fellowship with people from many different churches in Rochester. A team led hands-on service project will be offered as well as a chance to reflect on the stories and experiences shared. Representatives from each service area of LSS will participate. LSS Financial Counseling Program Director, Darryl Dahlmeimer, will speak about "The epidemic of Credit Card and Student Loan Debt: What You Can Do About It, and How You Can Help Others Conquer Their Debt".

A light dinner will be served.

RSVP by May 29 to Renee Schaefer at 507-398-3723.

Mount Olive Garden News

Garden preparation and planting has been underway.

Thank you garden crew!



The new garden vegetable trough is open to those who cannot bend and plant the low gardens. Some of it has been planted and there is room for more.

Please call Lori Kuhlmann-Leibfried at 280-4246 if you are interested in getting involved or have questions.

Family Promise/ IHN News:



IHN is having their first fundraising Gala entitled "No Place Like Home." This event is being held at Somerby Golf Course from 6:30-9:30 on Thursday, June 16.

- Black tie optional, red shoes encouraged.
- Tickets are \$100 each
- Silent auction, speaker, dinner, cocktail hour and cash bar

To purchase tickets, please fill out the form provided in the following link:

<https://app.mobilecause.com/f/suc/n>

If you have any questions about the event or purchasing tickets, call Family Promise at (507) 281-3122.



Project Comfort Coffee June 25/26 Supports LWR Quilt & Shipping Fund

The Project Comfort Coffee is hosted each year by Ruth Circle to benefit LWR's Quilt and Shipping Fund. This fund is used to help defray the cost of shipping the quilts and kits to people in need all around the world. Members will serve homemade cookies and coffee after each worship service the weekend of June 25 and 26 and accept a freewill offering for the shipping fund. All offerings collected will go directly to LWR Quilt and Shipping Fund. In 2015, Mount Olive sent 100 quilts at shipping cost of \$2.25 per quilt, 67 baby care kits at a shipping cost of \$1.30 per kit and 65 personal care kits at a shipping cost of \$2.65 per kit. Checks can be made out to WELCA with "Project Comfort" on the memo line and given at the day of the coffee or put in the offering basket during worship at any time. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Lutheran World Relief
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.



Elder Network Workshops at Mount Olive

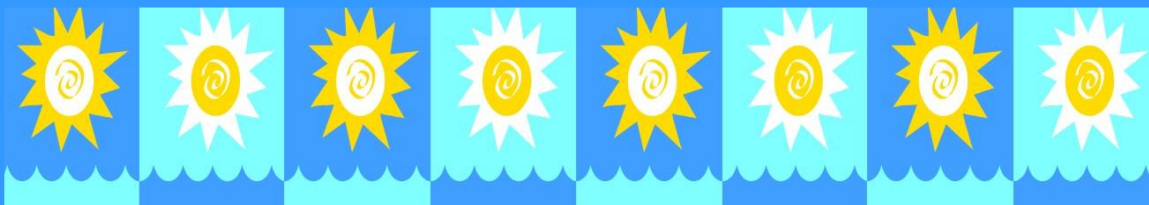
Mount Olive is delighted to be the site of two Elder Network workshops this summer. Both workshops are six weeks in duration and have a suggested fee of \$20 for the entire workshop. The first workshop, **Powerful Tools for Caregivers**, began Wednesday, May 25, 1:00-3:30 pm, in the church library. The second workshop, **Living Well with Chronic Conditions**, begins Wednesday, June 29, 9:30 – noon, in the church library. To register call Holly Brown, Respite Companion Coordinator, at 285-5272 or email her at hollyb@elder-network.org.



NextChapterMinistries
A NETWORK FOR CHANGING LIVES

Next Chapter Ministries Open House

Next Chapter Ministries, a ministry to persons recently released from prison and their families, is holding an Open House on Sunday, June 5, 2-5 pm at 720 3rd Ave. SE. As a future ministry partner of Mount Olive we encourage anyone who can to attend the open house and meet the staff. That day will also be a chance to meet the new executive director, Tierre Webster, who has taken over from Andy Klein, the founding director who is retiring after 25 years of leading this ministry in Rochester.



Worship in the Great Outdoors Coming to Mount Olive **Weekend of June 25-26**

- **Saturday evening at 5:00 pm** - gather around the campfire, worship will be led by Jason Sinnwell on guitar, and Pastor Glenn.
- **Sunday morning at 8:00 and 9:30** - meet on the church lawn, enjoy a relaxed worship with music by Jason. We will have chairs set up, but worshippers are invited to bring a blanket or lawn chair if they desire.

After each service there is Coffee Fellowship for the LWR Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund.

P r a y f o r c l e a r s k i e s !

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div> <div>J u n e</div> <div>2 0 1 6</div> </div>			1 1:00p Powerful Tools for Caregivers with Elder Network 5:30p Fill backpacks for JA Students	2 9:00a Mount Olive Quilters 5:30p Tech Support Team Meeting 6:00p Musician End-of-the-Season Celebration 7:00p 'In the Process' Al-Anon	3 6:00p Serve at Dorothy Day House	4 9:00a Altar Guild Setup 5:00p Worship
5 8:00a Worship 9:00a Coffee Fellowship 9:30a Worship 10:30a High School Senior Recognition Reception 10:45a New Member Orientation Coffee 5:00p Rochester Pops Orchestra End-of-season Party	6 6:30p Cub Scout Troop Meeting	7 9:15a Staff Meeting 5:30p Lutheran Social Service Immersion Event 7:00p Church Softball	8 1:00p Powerful Tools for Caregivers with Elder Network	9 9:00a Mount Olive Quilters 5:30p Facility and Grounds Ministry Team 7:00p 'In the Process' Al-Anon	10	11 9:00a Altar Guild Setup 9:00a Habitat for Humanity Work Day 5:00p Worship
12 8:00a Worship 9:00a Coffee Fellowship 9:30a Worship 10:30a Coffee Fellowship	13 5:30p Public Theology 6:30p Scout Venture Crew	14 9:15a Staff Meeting 6:30p Executive Council Meeting 8:00p Church Softball	15 1:00p Powerful Tools for Caregivers with Elder Network 6:30p End of School Year Party	16 9:00a Mount Olive Quilters 7:00p 'In the Process' Al-Anon	17	18 9:00a Altar Guild Meeting & Setup 10:00a District 41 Al-Anon 10:00a Open House at Muslim Community Center 5:00p Worship
19 New Member Sunday 8:00a Worship 9:00a Coffee Fellowship 9:30a Worship 1030a New Member Reception	20 5:00p Rainbow School Annual Meeting/ Potluck 5:30p Public Theology	21 8:00p Church Softball	22 9:15a Staff Meeting 1:00p Powerful Tools for Caregivers with Elder Network	23 9:00a Mount Olive Quilters 7:00p 'In the Process' Al-Anon	24	25 9:00a Altar Guild Setup 5:00p Worship Outdoors 6:00p Coffee Fellowship for LWR Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund
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