

## Greetings



... from the Pine Ridge Reservation in western South Dakota! I'm here with 11 other Mount Olivers and three guides from Lutherans Outdoors, and we are learning much about life.

In the Pine Ridge community, there is a strong sense of togetherness that supersedes the usual boundaries. A distinct hopefulness is rising here, and many are working together to build something new and strong and good in the wake of brutal and severe poverty following some of the most egregious human rights violations in our country's history.

Curtis and Katie Cline, the Lutheran Missionaries in Colombia who visited Mount Olive in July, helped teach us that as people of God, we are called to accompany one another to work for justice and peace in the world. As guests here among the Oglala Lakota Nation, this is an important way for us to approach our relationships. The people here have an incredible vision of a new reality for themselves, which is being enacted in many ways, and it is a privilege to be invited to witness such a hopeful move.

***Pastor Paul***



## MOUNT OLIVE LIFE

**Sunday  
September 11**



# God's work. Our hands.

Planning is well underway for God's Work Our Hands Sunday on September 11. The ELCA has set aside this day as an opportunity to come together to show love and service to our neighbors in Christ's name. This year's dedicated day of service will also mark the 15-year anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States. There will be service opportunities for people of all ages and abilities following the 8:00 service, during the education hour and extending into the afternoon following a congregation meal at 11:30 am. Sunday School children and their families are especially encouraged to be involved on this "Rally Sunday" as we rally for service! In the weeks leading up to September 11, watch for sign up opportunities, listen for the invitations to help with planning or service, and look forward to having a way to actively do something that will make a difference in many lives.

## God's Work Our Hands T-Shirts Available

On God's Work Our Hands day, September 11, volunteers will flood the church and community wearing gold t-shirts proclaiming that Mount Olive is at work.

T-Shirts are available for \$6.50, place your order at the table in the front entry on July 30/31, August 6/7, and August 13/14. The deadline to order is August 14.

Order forms and envelopes will be available in the front Entry. Make checks payable to

Mount Olive or pay via the Mount Olive QR code.

Contact Pam Berg with questions at [pamelakberg@msn.com](mailto:pamelakberg@msn.com).



## Are *all* welcome?

Horrific events continue to violate the dignity of our human family. As a community it is important to have informed, thoughtful conversations to move us forward in faithful action. As Pastor Glenn named in his July 2016 newsletter article, one way to do this is through becoming a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation. While Mount Olive is known as a welcoming congregation, an explicit invitation more accurately communicates the heart of our community of faith.



The Reconciling in Christ (RIC) program recognizes Lutheran congregations, synods, organizations, colleges, and seminaries that publicly declare their welcome to people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and all those who are systemically marginalized in our world. The RIC roster has become known as a resource for people seeking a community prepared to welcome them. To learn more visit Reconciling Works: [www.reconcilingworks.org](http://www.reconcilingworks.org)

A group of congregation members met with Executive Council in July to propose that Mount Olive start exploring what being a RIC congregation means to Mount Olive. Formal conversations will continue at full Church Council in September with hopes of forming a team to steer this effort. In the meantime, a grassroots group continues to gather information and learn together through conversation.

Siblings in Christ, we hope to deepen our commitment to one another. The following people are available to listen and help with any questions you may have:

Becky Lashinski  
Phil Lashinski  
Randi Beyerl  
Jake Johnson

Barb Seide  
Jim Mikkelson  
Peg Mikkelson  
Tom Rigby

Gail Quittem  
Bill Hollander  
Jill Mickelson



## Pastor Glenn's ordination anniversary celebration August 21

The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pastor Glenn's ordination is August 18. The congregation will be celebrating with Pastor Glenn on Sunday August 21. A basket for cards will be available on the Welcome Desk.

## Smile, Say Cheese!

We are happy to announce that we have signed a contract with Lifetouch Directories and Portraits to have a new edition of the Mount Olive picture directory produced this fall. We have reserved two separate weeks during which a Lifetouch photographer and staff person will be on hand to serve you. Please think now about which days might work for you. The weeks are October 5-8, and October 18-22. As usual, for having your picture taken you will receive a free 8X10 and a copy of the church directory once it is published.

You will also have the option of purchasing additional poses and prints. Watch for details coming soon.



## Congregational Directories

Current congregational directories were available in June and July. If you did not get a copy, please contact the church office. A PDF of the directory is also available, email [gail@molive.org](mailto:gail@molive.org) to receive the file.

## Endowment Fund Team at Work

A group of leaders of Mount Olive have been meeting this summer to reactivate a very important ministry tool – the Mount Olive Endowment Fund. This Fund was established years ago and has already been used to support gifts to the Hull School in Tanzania and other mission efforts. During the last several years the fund has been growing quietly due to several small gifts and the income generated by the investments. If you are interested in making a donation to the Endowment Fund, please talk to Bill Hollander, congregation administrator.

## Volunteer Update

### Schedules for August

Schedules for August Worship Volunteers and Sunday coffee and cookie fellowship have been distributed. The current schedule is updated regularly and posted on the Mount Olive website, [www.molive.org](http://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](mailto:nancy@molive.org) or 288 -1580 x 210.

### Volunteers Needed

There are many opportunities to volunteer at worship services and fellowship at Mount Olive in September. An online program called Sign Up Genius is utilized. 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 Britson to sign up. Training is available and new volunteers are always welcome!

### Assisting Minister Training

Assisting Ministers serve in worship to lead the prayers, serve communion, and may also assist with pastor in other ways. Would you be willing to serve in this leadership role? There will be training for new and experienced Assisting Ministers on Sunday, August 28 following 9:30 service. Plan to attend if you are interested in becoming an assisting minister or if you haven't attended training in the last year. Please contact Pastor Paul or Nancy Britson if you have any questions.

# FRIENDS, FAMILY AND FAITH TOGETHER

LEARNING, GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP

## Sunday School 2016-2017

**Are you Registered?** Registration forms may be found on the Mount Olive website and at the Welcome Desk.

**Are you interested in HELPING with Sunday School?** Contact Sara Hollander at [sara@molive.org](mailto:sara@molive.org)

The program year begins with *God's Work, Our Hands Sunday* on September 11.  
Sunday School begins on September 18.

**CYF Meeting - August 16, 7:00 pm**

**Empowered Women**  **Empowering Women**

**SAVE THE DATE: October 14-15**  
**Women's Retreat with guest presenter:**  
**Shelly Cunningham**



Pastor, writer, parent, friend:  
Of all the roles that describe Shelley Cunningham, the one that gives her the most confidence and peace is *child of God* ... mostly because it's the only one that offers her grace

for all the missed deadlines, basketball games, and girls-nights-out. She finds Christ's word best dwells in her when she sings hymns, teaches confirmation class, hikes outdoors, and spends time with other faithful women.

## Adventure Club

**August 12-14**

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



**Save the date: September 17**  
8:00 pm Moonlight Kayaking

**October:** Wait and See!

**November 12**

A trip to the Swedish Institute and the Art Museum to view the Martin Luther Exhibit.



**Mount Olive church softball team is having a great season.**

Come and support them at their final games at McQuillan Field 2!

August 2: 7:00 pm

August 9: 7:00 pm

Playoff schedule to be determined



# ADULTS

LEARNING, GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP

## 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. A sign-up book and order envelopes are in the gathering area. Fill out an envelope with the designation, include payment, and put in the offering plate or office drop box.



## 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](http://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](mailto:paul@molive.org).



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## 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.

## Mount Olive Quilters

Each Thursday at 9:00 am

You are invited each week to  
enjoy quilting and fellowship.

## Faith Seeking Understanding (FSU) - 2016-2017 - First Tuesday, 6:30 pm

Read and share conversation about a variety of books on theology, religion, spirituality and Christianity and our changing church. Two months feature video discussions from *Living the Questions*, no preparation is necessary, come and view with the group and share in the conversation. If you have questions, please contact Jody Myers at [jodyjpmyers@gmail.com](mailto:jodyjpmyers@gmail.com).

Sept. 6	<i>Between the World and Me</i>	Ta-Nehisi Coates
Oct. 4	Love is an Orientation	A. Marin
Nov. 1	<i>Living the Questions</i> -video discussion	
Feb. 7	<i>Encyclical on Climate Change</i>	Pope Francis
March 7	<i>Jesus Feminist: An Invitation to Revisit the Bible's View of Women</i>	Sarah Bessey
April 4	<i>Living the Questions</i> -video discussion	

**Watch for the Book Group table in the front entry on August 6/7 and 13/14 for more information and bookmarks with a list of the year's books.**

## Monday Book Group - 2016-2017 - Second Monday, 6:30 pm

Individuals are welcome to discuss one book or attend every month to discuss them all! There is a volunteer leader each month to lead the discussion. The group meets in the Mount Olive library. Please join us for some wonderful discussion and fun! If you have any questions, please contact Jodi Schoer at [mjschoer@charter.net](mailto:mjschoer@charter.net)

Sept. 12	<i>An Invisible Thread: The True Story of an 11-Year-Old Panhandler, a Busy Sales Executive, and an Unlikely Meeting with Destiny</i>	Laura Schroff & Alex Tresniowski
Oct. 10	<i>A Man Called Ove</i>	Fredrik Bachman
Nov. 14	<i>The Monuments Men</i>	Robert M. Edsel & Bret Witter
Dec. 12	<i>A Winter Dream</i>	Richard Paul Evans
Jan. 9	<i>Nothing Daunted: The Unexpected Education of Two Society Girls in the West</i>	Dorothy Wickenden
Feb. 13	<i>The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II</i>	Denise Kiernan
March 13	<i>The Day the World Came to Town</i>	Jim DeFede
April 10	<i>The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry</i>	Gabrielle Zevin
May 8	<i>Go Set a Watchmen</i>	Harper Lee

## SERVICE AND SOCIAL OUTREACH MINISTRY (SSOM)

### Family Promise Rochester

- Family Promise (formerly IHN) **hosting is at Mount Olive August 21-28**. To volunteer, please see the Mount Olive website for signing up online or by paper after church services throughout August.
- Reminder: training at Mount Olive on Sunday November 13 at noon, lunch included. This is for new volunteers and for people who need to renew their volunteer status every 3 years.
- Choir concert celebrating Family Promise is scheduled for Saturday November 19! Mark your calendars!!



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Building community, strengthening lives.



**NextChapterMinistries**  
A NETWORK FOR CHANGING LIVES

### Vacation Bible School

On three consecutive Thursdays in August (4, 11, and 18) members and staff of Mount Olive will provide a mini-Vacation Bible School for kids at Next Chapter Ministries, a local ministry serving families impacted by incarceration amongst family members. Each Thursday we will provide a simple supper and a program complete with games, Bible stories, songs, and crafts. Please pray for the children of Next Chapter and for all children impacted by incarceration.

### 6th Annual

### BBQ Cook Off Fundraiser

August 20, 3:00 - 6:00 pm • 720 3rd Ave SE  
[www.nextchapterrochester.org](http://www.nextchapterrochester.org)

- ♦ BBQ Competition
- ♦ Pie Baking Competition
- ♦ Bean Bag Tournament
- ♦ Open House Tours
- ♦ Carnival Games for Kids

Email [office@NextChapterRochester.org](mailto:office@NextChapterRochester.org) or call 507-529-5799 to request competition applications and rules.

Have your team registered before August 13.



# Let's Stop Homelessness in Rochester

## **GAGE EAST APARTMENTS**

**will provide supportive housing for 25 units for youth and 30 two and three bedroom apartments for families with children.**



## **Shop the Registry to Give Household Items**

Items and gift cards can be donated through the online registry and at Target.

Visit [Target.com/list](https://www.target.com/list-and-registries) and registries. Search First Name "Gage" and Last Name "East"

Online purchases will be delivered by Target. Please deliver items purchased at Target stores to Center City Housing, 3265 19th St. NW in Rochester

If you have questions, please call (507)251-7917 or [joneil@centercityhousing.org](mailto:joneil@centercityhousing.org)

Center City Housing Corp. is getting ready to open the Gage East Apartments that will house homeless families and homeless youth 16-21 years old. In addition, a comprehensive array of supportive services will be provided to help residents increase their skills to be able to work and finish school. This project will also address the developmental delays that most of the children will bring when they move in. In addition to housing, a capital campaign will raise funds to renovate the old school into the Empowerment Center to provide services from birth into adulthood for the entire northwest neighborhood. Once renovated, over 200 children, teens and adults are expected to be served daily at the Empowerment Center. If you have any questions or want to help out, please call Sheila at 507-696-1881.

## **Thank You!**

### **Project Comfort**

Ruth Circle, sponsor of the fundraising coffees to support of the Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund, thanks the congregation for their generosity.

\$972 was contributed, more than enough to pay for the quilts and kits that Mount Olive contributed in 2015.

### **Colombian Missionaries Visit**

Thank you for your support of Colombian missionaries Curtis and Katie Kline who visited Mount Olive on July 9 and 10.

Funds contributed at the Saturday potluck in their honor and Sunday coffee hours totaled \$928. Mount Olive also contributed \$250 to help their mission.

A photograph of a large pile of fresh garden produce. In the foreground, there are many bright orange carrots with green tops. Behind them, there are several bunches of green beans in a clear plastic bowl on the left, and a pile of red radishes with green tops on the right. Broccoli florets are also visible in the background. The produce is laid out on a light-colored surface, possibly a table or floor. The entire image is framed by a thick green border.

Mount Olive garden  
produce is being  
harvested and delivered  
to Community Food  
Response

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 5:30p Public Theology 6:30p Boy Scout Troop Meeting	<b>2</b> 9:15a Staff Meeting 7:00p Church Softball 7:00p Service and Social Outreach Ministry Team	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:00a Mount Olive Quilters 6:00p Next Chapter VBS 7:00p 'In the Process' Al-Anon	<b>5</b> 6:00p Serve at Dorothy Day House	<b>6</b> 9:00a Altar Guild Setup 5:00p Worship
<b>7</b> 8:00a Worship & Coffee Fellowship 9:30a Worship & Coffee Fellowship	<b>8</b> 5:00p Endowment Fund Committee Meeting 6:30p Lydia Circle	<b>9</b> 9:15a Staff Meeting 6:30p Executive Council Meeting 6:00p Women of the ELCA Board Meeting 7:00p Church Softball	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:00a Mount Olive Quilters 5:30p Facility and Grounds Ministry Team 6:00p Next Chapter VBS 7:00p 'In the Process' Al-Anon	<b>12</b> <div>Adventure Club - Camp at Old Barn Resort</div>	<b>13</b> 9:00a Altar Guild Setup 9:00a Habitat for Humanity Work Day 5:00p Worship
<b>14</b> 8:00a Worship & Coffee Fellowship 9:30a Worship & Coffee Fellowship <div></div>	<b>15</b> 5:30p Public Theology 6:30p Boy Scout Troop Meeting	<b>16</b> 9:15a Staff Meeting 6:00p Worship & Music Ministry Team 7:00p Children, Youth and Family Ministry Team	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9:00a Mount Olive Quilters 6:00p Next Chapter VBS 7:00p 'In the Process' Al-Anon	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9:00a Altar Guild Meeting & Setup 10:00a District 41 Al-Anon Meeting 10:00a Open House at Muslim Community Center 3:00p Next Chapter Ministries BBQ Cook-off 5:00p Worship
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