

Where Were You?

Where were you on September 11, 2001? Any of us old enough to remember that day are old enough to remember where we were when the Twin Towers fell. The world changed that day. Metal detectors began showing up at airports. Barricades and closed streets soon surrounded federal buildings. Indeed, a whole new federal department – the Department of Homeland Security – was established because of that attack.

This year we will be observing the 15th anniversary of 9/11, so that day will be a day of remembrance. But we are not only pausing to remember and pray for those who died that day, and those they left behind. As important as that is; we are going to be the “lights of the world” that Jesus called us to be.

On that Sunday, designated as **God's Work, Our Hands Day**, members of congregations across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will spread out in acts of service and goodwill in their own communities. At Mount Olive all are invited to worship at either 8:00 or 10:30 am. Following 8:00 worship, worshippers will be able to participate in a work project of their choosing – some more rigorous than others (see the list in this newsletter). Then at 11:30, these workers, along with the worshippers from the 10:30 service, will be able to enjoy lunch provided in the church fellowship hall. Then worshippers from the 10:30 service, in turn, following lunch, will take up their choice of service. What a great day this promises to be!

You should know that several of the projects planned for **God's Work, Our Hands Day** are designed to say thank you to our local first responders – our firefighters and medics. They certainly deserve our appreciation for all they do!

One other way we are going to let our lights shine that weekend is to receive a special offering for disaster victims in Baton Rouge, LA. The flooding they have endured is beyond imagination, and our gifts will go directly to Lutheran Disaster Response, one of the top relief agencies in the country, who will be serving the victims of this disaster for years to come. We ask you to make out checks to Mount Olive with memo “flood relief.”

Thank you for letting your light shine.
Thank you for being the people through
whom God's work is done. Thank you.

Pastor Glenn



God's work. Our hands.

MOUNT OLIVE LIFE

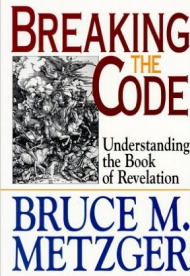
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

The coffee hour and card shower given on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of my ordination on August 21 was beyond expectation! Thank you to everyone who sent or left cards or well wishes. Each one was much appreciated. It is a great joy to serve as your pastor!

Sincerely, *Pastor Glenn*

Come, study the book of Revelation

The book of Revelation has long been a source of confusion for Christians. The Reformers viewed it as a commentary on the crises of their day, hence they identified the Pope as the Antichrist. Others have viewed that book as wholly symbolic, meant only to give encouragement to Christians of any time and place who live under persecution. Still others insist that the events pictured there have only to do with the events happening at the time of the book's writing. We will look at one scholar's view of this book – Bruce Metzger, distinguished professor emeritus at Princeton Seminary. Pastor Glenn leads this study Wednesdays at 6:30 pm beginning September 7. You are invited. Books are \$8 each.



New Mount Olive Picture Directory!



During the weeks of October 5-8, and October 18-22, a Lifetouch photographer and staff person will be on hand to serve you. Go to the Mount Olive website to sign up now. The link is on the right side of the webpage. You may also sign up by visiting a table in the front entry at church where a volunteer will help you. **Sign up by September 18!**

New Member Coffee September 25 at 9:00 am

Interested in membership at Mount Olive? Please come to meet the staff, other new members, and learn about all of the ministries at Mount Olive. Childcare is available. New Members will be received into membership on October 9. For more information, please contact New Member Coordinator, Nancy Britson, nancy@molive.org.

New Saturday Worship format: **CONVENTUS (con-VEIN-toos)**

On Saturday, September 10 at 5:00 pm, our new Saturday worship format begins. Conventus means "life together." This service is designed as a fresh way of speaking to people of our day through the language and action of ancient ritual. All are welcome, but persons unfamiliar with worship are especially encouraged to come and participate in "life together."

September 11 Schedule:

8:00 am Worship Service*
 9:00 - 11:00 am Group A Project time
 10:30 am Worship Service*
 11:00 am Group A Lunch
 11:30 am Group B Lunch
 12:00 - 2:00 pm Group B Project Time



God's work. Our hands.

*Wear God's Work Our Hands T-shirts
and comfortable clothing!

Project	What's Happening?	Who Participates?	Coordinator	Time
Dorothy Day House dorothydayrochesterminn.org	Make placemats for meals served at Dorothy Day house	Children ages 0-3 and a parent	Serena Oudekirk	A
Little Library littelfreelibrary.org	Construct a Little Library for the Mount Olive property	Grade 5 and Up	Sara Hollander David Johnston	A B
Paws and Claws pawsandclaws.org	Make small tied blankets and pet toys for shelter dogs and cats	Children with a parent	Warren & Nancy Kemplin	A B
First Responder Appreciation Cards	Make "Thank-You" cards for Fire Stations and Gold Cross	Children with a parent	Warren Kemplin	A
Cake/Coffee for Fire Stations	Deliver cupcakes, coffee, and thank you cards to each of the 5 fire stations in Rochester.	All Ages	Warren Kemplin Cathy Hanson	B
Cake/Coffee for Gold Cross	Deliver cupcakes, coffee, and thank you cards to Gold Cross ambulance service.	All Ages	Warren Kemplin Cathy Hanson	B
IHN (Family Promise) ihn-greater-rochester.org	Make Welcome Door Hangers for IHN guests when they stay at Mount Olive	Children with a parent	Mark Schultze	A B
Next Chapter Ministries nextchapterrochester.org	Repair and refinish decks at Next Chapter Ministries homes.	Skilled Adults	Gene Ostrom Bill Hollander	A B
"Love One Another" 363days.org	Make sandwiches for distribution to the homeless.	Adults/Children ages 6 and up	Barb Seide	A
Quilting Mount Olive Quilters	Make quilts for new residents of the Gage East Apartments and the Women's Shelter	Adults/Children age 5 and up	Elaine Monson	A B
Knitting Prayer Shawl Group	Knit winter hats for neighborhood schools	Adults/teens	Peg Whitley	A B
Hymn Sing at The Homestead	Lead a hymn sing for residents at The Homestead and join them for afternoon coffee	All Ages	Pam Hansen Nancy Britson	B
Garden Markers communityfoodresponse.org	Make markers for crops in the Mount Olive Garden. Learn about how the garden benefits Community Food Response	Adults/Children with a parent	Carrie Fletcher Lee Forstie	A B

FRIENDS, FAMILY AND FAITH TOGETHER

LEARNING, GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP

Rally Day September 11

Worship 8:00 & 10:30 am

God's Work, Our Hands 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

When we share the love and grace of God with one another, we have an opportunity to embody Christ - God's hands and feet through acts of service.

Be sure to complete and return your Sunday School and Metamorphosis registration forms to the EDUCATION BOX located under the congregation mailboxes or at the designated table on Rally Day

Fall Programming begins September 18

▪ Sunday School & Youth Forum

9:15 - 10:15 am is when our youth gather together for a time of exploring where God is within their daily life.

▪ Sunday Forum

September 18: Bolder Options

September 25: Next Chapter Ministries

▪ Story Book Bible Presentation 3 yr. olds

Our 3 year olds that are starting Sunday School will receive their Story Book Bibles at worship on September 18.

Confirmation

September 13, 6:30 pm Grade 10 youth present Faith Statements to Church Council

September 14, 6:00 pm Parent and youth meeting for grades 6 - 9

October 5, 6:00 pm Wednesday evening community learning begins!

Adventure Club and Mount Olive in Motion

September 17

8:00 pm Moonlight Paddle:

Meet at Mount Olive. Bring your canoe or kayak and paddle Chester Lake in the moonlight.

September 24: Bishop's 5K

November 12

Visit the Minneapolis Institute of Art and the American Swedish Institute. Depart by bus from Mount Olive at 8:00 am and return by 6:00 pm. Space is limited. Sign up in the Gathering Area to reserve your spot.

Cost covers transportation and exhibit fees. Lunch is on your own.

\$38 (Adult) \$35 (Senior 62 +)

\$33 (Youth 6-18) \$28 (age 0-5)

Minneapolis Institute of Art:

Martin Luther: Art and the Reformation

Features over 100 objects that have never before traveled to America. A once in-a-lifetime opportunity, made possible due to the closing of the Luther House in Wittenberg in preparation for its Jubilee Year in 2017

America Swedish Institute:

Family Day at the Swedish Institute welcomes kids of all ages! It will be decorated for Christmas

Dwell in Christ

Women's Retreat October 14-15

with guest presenter Shelly Cunningham

*Empowered
Women*



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No man is an island." The words ring as true now as when poet John Donne penned them almost 400 years ago. But finding deep, nurturing relationships in today's overscheduled, under-connected world isn't always easy. Does it feel like your days are busy but your soul is parched? Do you long for the camaraderie and joy that comes when you feel truly connected to and supported by sisters in Christ? We'll spend time with women of the Bible who faced their own unique challenges finding community, and learn how to nurture healthy relationships that remind us we are not on life's journey alone. Join the women of Mount Olive for a weekend of faith, friends, and fun -- and be refreshed as you let your heart rest in the love of Jesus.



Camping Reflections

The Old Barn Mount Olive Family Camp by Mike Vance

Mount Olive families gathered the weekend of August 12 at the Old Barn Camping Resort in SE Minnesota bluff country. Outdoor meals, bike rides, tubing trips, camp fires, picnics, ice cream, smores, cards, bubbles, and a small worship service capped a wonderful weekend which wrapped up with many happy campers eagerly awaiting the next time we share memories outside Mount Olive, outdoors, and inside God's natural beauty.

Good Earth Village by Brody Vrieze

My week at Good Earth Village was filled with fun games, good food and exploring different places. One of the days we walked down the freezing creek and saw an old chapel that only held about five people. We continued down the creek and saw an underwater cave, then continued and got to the Mahood's cave. That evening was the worship at Three Crosses and a night of story telling. This is just a piece of a great week at Good Earth Village.

Nursery News

The nursery is introducing a new curriculum named Frolic. Getting little ones and their parents involved in faith is the game. Please watch for more information to come.

Welcome Aboard!

Tina Coil is joining the nursery staff and will be caring for your little ones during the



education hour. Tina is married to Jason and is the step-mom of Aiden, Maiah, and Jilene. She enjoys watching/playing sports, sewing, and spending time with family. Tina is a wonderful addition to the nursery.

ADULTS

LEARNING, GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP

This invitation goes out to all women of Mount Olive. This is the season where things start anew. Please join a Mount Olive Women's Circle to share in Bible Study and join in Christian fellowship and fun. This year the study is from the People of Faith series, and will be cover characters from the Bible: Adam, Abraham, Sarah, Jacob, Rachel, Joseph, Moses and Joshua.



Circle Name	Meets Monthly	Time and Location	Contact
Anna Circle	3rd Wednesday	6:30 pm at church	Jene Bodensteiner
Lydia Circle	2nd Monday	6:30 pm at church	Jolene Baker
Mary Circle	4th Friday	9:30 am at members' homes	Sherry Sanden Will
Naomi Circle	4th Sunday	1:00 pm at church	Sharon Parker
Rachel Circle	4th Thursday	6:30 pm at church	Jodi Schoer
Ruth Circle	4th Tuesday	9:00 am at church	Peg Whitley

*Attention all circle study leaders, please attend the monthly Leader Preparation Meeting led by Pastor Glenn the first Tuesday of the month 5:30-6:30 pm, starting 9/6/16 covering *A Gardener (Adam)*.

Men's Discipleship Bible Study

8:30 am each Saturday beginning September 10

On September 10, we will meet at Baker Square North for breakfast and fellowship. Starting September 17 we will meet in the conference room near the church entrance. Our study focuses on scripture or a book that helps us to walk closer to the Lord and to our families, and encourages us in being disciples of Jesus. Come as your schedule allows. If you have questions, you can talk with Mark Masbruch, Paul Johnson or Mark Schoer.

**BAKERS
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Restaurant & Pies

Ripe Olives

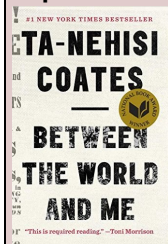
Wednesday, September 21 at 9:00 am

Ripe Olives is a group for Mount Olive's most experienced members, mostly retired folks. The first meeting this fall is a breakfast pot-luck with Pastor Glenn to discern the direction for the upcoming season. Please sign up in the gathering area to join in the fun and fellowship! Bring a breakfast item to share; coffee, juice, and table ware will be provided. Contact Pastor Glenn or Nancy Britson with questions.

Faith Seeking Understanding (FSU) begins Tuesday, September 6 at 6:30 pm

Read and share conversation about a variety of books on theology, religion, spirituality and Christianity and our changing church. If you have questions, please contact Jody Myers at jodyjpmyers@gmail.com.

September 6



***Between the World and Me*, by Ta-Nehisi Coates**

This book is a series of essays, written as a letter to the author's son. Coates confronts the notion of race in America and how it has shaped American history, many times at the cost of black bodies and lives. Thoughtfully exploring personal and historical events, the author poignantly asks and attempts to answer difficult questions that plague modern society.

Pastor Glenn will lead discussion of this selection.

October 4



***Love is an Orientation*, by Andrew Martin & Brian McLaren**

Andrew Martin's life changed forever when his three best friends came out to him in three consecutive months. He was compelled to understand how he could reconcile his friends to his faith. This book is changing the conversation about sexuality and spirituality, and building bridges from the GLBT community to the Christian community and, more importantly, to the good news of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Paul will lead discussion of this selection.

Monday Book Group

**September 12
at 6:30 pm**

All are welcome. Please join us for some wonderful discussion and fun! If you have any questions, please contact Jodi Schoer at mjschoer@charter.net. Meet in the Mount Olive library.



***An Invisible Thread: The True Story of an 11-Year-Old Panhandler, a Busy Sales Executive, and an Unlikely Meeting with Destiny*, by Laura Schroff & Alex Tresniowski**

Exploring the Future Through Purposeful Giving

On Friday, September 30, noon to 2:30 pm, the Mount Olive Endowment Committee will sponsor a luncheon meant to answer your questions about legacy giving. A catered meal will be provided, and speakers will address such issues as:

- What is the history of the endowment?
- What ways are there for me to contribute?
- How are the funds from the endowment invested and managed?
- What are the tax implications?

No gifts to the fund will be received that day, but we hope that this event will encourage you to consider this in the future. All are welcome to attend.

MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES!

Mount Olive has many opportunities to share your talents in a variety of musical opportunities. Music gives life to the word of God through song and allows each individual to experience the scriptures in a new way. If you are interested in participating, please contact Brock Besse, Minister of Music, at 507-288-1580, ext. 203 or email bbesse@charter.net.



Adult Choir - Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary beginning September 7

The choir sings primarily at the 10:30 am service, but occasionally during the 8 am service. Anyone wishing to sing with the choir ages High School youth and up is encouraged and invited to participate. You do not need to be able to read music to participate.



Glory Bells - Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in the bell classroom beginning September 13

The bell-choir primarily rings for both the 8 am and 10:30 am services the second Sunday of each month, and plays during festival celebrations. All are invited to participate!

Brass Ensemble - Wednesdays from 8:45 to 9:30 pm in the music room

Mount Olive is blessed to have a brass ensemble that enhances worship services by majestically leading the congregation in song. There are 2 trumpets, 1 French horn, 1 trombone, 1 tuba, and occasionally a timpani player. If you are interested in participating, or wish to be added to the list as a substitute as positions become available, please contact Brock Besse.



Cantori - This vocal octet includes 2 sopranos, 2 altos, 2 tenors and 2 basses. The Cantori performs at both services once every two months, and works on smaller ensemble pieces from the 18th and 19th centuries. If you are interested, or wish to be a sub, please contact Brock Besse.



Youth Orffestra - A new ensemble for 2016-2017, this group consists of mallets and percussion including the xylophone, glockenspiel, vibraphone and other Orff instruments. Youth in 5th grade and older are encouraged to participate. Musical offerings will be presented on Sunday, December 18.

Junior Choir and Wee-Ones - Sundays from 9:20 to 9:40 am

Junior Choir (grades 2-5) and Wee Ones (Pre-K through 1st) gather in the music room and library to nurture their faith through song. They sing at various times throughout the year. A Youth Christmas Pageant will be presented in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 18 between worship services.

Vocal and Instrumental Offerings - Anyone who sings and/or plays an instrument is encouraged to share their gifts with the people of Mount Olive. Please feel free to contact Brock Besse so that you can be placed on the calendar to share your gifts as you are able.

SERVICE AND SOCIAL OUTREACH MINISTRY (SSOM)



Quilters' Celebration

Please join the quilters for coffee and treats after each service on September 17/18. We are celebrating a milestone! Two thousand quilts have been made since 2003. Our group has been meeting more years than that, but we don't have records as to how many quilts were previously made. Thank you to all the present quilters and to those who have helped us in the past. A special thank you to Karen and Mark Masbruch for their donation of hundreds of yards of fabric. That's right, hundreds! Without their gracious donations, we could not be where we are today.

Our quilts go to Lutheran World Relief, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, Women's Shelter, Families First and any one who has a need. Each year, we give quilted items to the Good Earth Village Gala and auction, which supports the camp. Again, thanks to everyone who has helped us in any way with our mission; those who set up the tables each week; those who donate fabric or money; those who sew quilt tops at home and those who finish sewing the edges of the quilts. We are a team, helping those who are in need! We love what we do!!

Next Chapter Ministries

We have established a wonderful and growing relationship with Next Chapter Ministries in Rochester, a ministry of support and renewal for persons who have been incarcerated and their families.

In August members provided a mini-Vacation Bible School for the children of Next Chapter, whose parents are or have been incarcerated. On God's Work, Our Hands Day other members will help with maintenance and repair projects at the Next Chapter houses.

We are hoping that God will continue to lead us into a deeper relationship as we join with Next Chapter in addressing the needs of those impacted by crime.

Family Promise Rochester

Thank you to everyone who volunteered for the many tasks necessary to host Family Promise (formerly IHN) in August for two consecutive weeks!

Third Annual
**“Bishop’s 5K: Run/Walk to
Alleviate Hunger,”**

Join the Mount Olive team led by Sandy Dalquist and Paul Schaefer. **Participants MUST register and fill out the release form on their own.** Participants may pick up sponsor donation sheets at the table in the front entry.

The Bishop’s 5K is a 3.1 mile run or 1 mile walk open to the first 250 participants. The event will take place on **September 24, 9am** at Soldier’s Field in Rochester. Register online at the synod website: www.semnsynod.org or pick up a mail in form this table.

Entry Fee: \$25 Early Bird by Sept. 1 guarantees a t-shirt \$30
Registration after Sept. 1



**Fall Schedule
Begins
September 11**

8:00 am Worship
9:15 am Education
Hour
10:30 am Worship

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
S e p t e m b e r 2 0 1 6				1 11:00a Mary Marks Funeral 6:30p God's Work Our Hands Planning 7:00p 'In the Process' AI- Anon	2 6:00p Serve at Dorothy Day House	3 9:00a Altar Guild Setup 5:00p Worship
4 8:00a Worship 9:00a Coffee Fellowship 9:30a Worship 10:30a Coffee Fellowship	5 Labor Day, Office Closed	6 9:15a Staff Meeting 5:30p Women of the ELCA Study Leaders 6:30p Faith Seeking Understanding Book Group 7:00p Service and Social Outreach Ministry Team	7 6:30p Adult Bible Study 6:45p Cantori Rehearsal 7:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal 8:45p Adult Brass Rehearsal	8 9:00a Mount Olive Quilters 5:30p Facility & Grounds Ministry 6:00p Sunday School Volunteer Training PK-5 7:00p 'In the Process' AI- Anon	9	10 8:30a Men's Discipleship at Baker's Square 9:00a Altar Guild Setup 9:00a Habitat for Humanity Work Day 5:00p Conventus Worship
11 God's Work, Our Hands Sunday 8:00a Worship 9:00a Coffee Fellowship 9:00a Congregational Service Opportunities 10:30a Worship 11:00a Congregational Meal 12:00a Congregational Service Opportunities 3:00p Rochester Pops Orchestra Rehearsal	12 5:30p Pub Theology 6:00p Widowed Persons 6:30p Monday Book Group 6:30p Lydia Circle 6:30p Boy Scout Troop	13 9:00a Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:15a Staff Meeting 6:30p Full Council Meeting 7:30p Glory Bells	14 6:00p Parent & Youth Metamorphosis Meeting 6:30p Adult Bible Study 6:45p Cantori Rehearsal 7:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal 8:45p Adult Brass Rehearsal	15 9:00a Mount Olive Quilters 11:00a Synod CYF Ministry Meeting 7:00p 'In the Process' AI- Anon	16 5:00p Bucinski Wedding Rehearsal	17 8:30a Men's Discipleship 9:00a Altar Guild Meeting & Setup 10:00a District 41 AI-Anon 2:00p Wedding: Sarah & Jake Bucinski 5:00p Conventus Worship 6:00p Quilting Milestone Recognition Reception 8:00p Adventure Club - Moonlight Paddle or Hike
18 8:00a Worship 9:00a Quilting Milestone Recognition Reception 9:15a Education Hour 10:30a Worship 11:30a Quilting Milestone Recognition Reception 3:00p Rochester Pops Orchestra Rehearsal	19 5:30p Pub Theology 6:30p Crew	20 9:15a Staff Meeting 6:00p Children, Youth and Family Ministry Team 6:30p Mutual Ministry Team 6:30p WomenHeart of SE MN Support Group 7:30p Glory Bells	21 9:00a Ripe Olives 6:30p Anna Circle 6:30p Adult Bible Study 6:45p Cantori Rehearsal 7:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal 8:45p Adult Brass Rehearsal	22 9:00a Mount Olive Quilters 7:00p Rachel Circle 7:00p 'In the Process' AI- Anon	23 9:30a Mary Circle	24 8:30a Men's Discipleship 9:00a Altar Guild Setup 9:00a Bishop's 5K 5:00p Conventus Worship 6:00p Fellowship
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