

**And whatever you do, in word or deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

We are entering an exciting new beginning in our ministry and mission at Mount Olive. Soon, we will welcome new pastoral leadership. Energizing programs are underway, with more planned for the coming months. Life at Mount Olive is full and rich. Members of all ages are growing in faith and discipleship. Our children are welcomed and nurtured. Neighbors and those in need are being served with love and grace. Worship is dynamic and meaningful.

All of these good things flow from the gifts of time, talent and treasure we share for the sake of our life together in Christ. Your gifts are essential to the continued richness of our ministry together. Now is the time when we ask you to make a pledge so that we can be sure that the ministries that are important to us are fully funded for maximum impact and growth in the coming year.

Our expenses have increased for 2016, primarily in the area of staffing. The cost of health care coverage has increased significantly. Other costs have increased, as well. Please prayerfully consider increasing your giving to help us keep up with increased costs. If you do not currently pledge, please consider making a commitment so that we can go forward with confidence that the resources we need will be available in the new year.

Mount Olive is a strong and committed congregation. Please show your support and commitment to Christ and the work of His church through your pledge.

Stewardship Breakfast October 4 at 9:00 am

Be sure to take part in this annual event. Pastor Paul will premier his new video (no need to break out your tux, black tie, or gown). Pancakes and sausage will be served.

Come to the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 11 at 11:45 am

Come to hear the report of the call committee as they present information about the proposed candidate for Senior Pastor. A congregational vote will take place. Plan to be part of this exciting moment in ministry as we look to the future together.

MOUNT OLIVE LIFE

BLESSING of the ANIMALS



**Sunday, October 4
2:00 pm on the Mount Olive lawn**

Do you have a special pet or animal in your life? Join us as we give thanks for God's varied creation and ask God's blessing on the pets we love. This service is rooted in St. Francis of Assisi's love of God's creatures. All animals, large and small, are invited to attend along with their human friends. Invite family and neighbors to join you for this special service.

Farewell Receptions for Pastor Susan

Pastor Susan's last weekend as our interim senior pastor will be October 17-18. Receptions will be held following each service that weekend. Please plan to attend to wish her well and thank her for her ministry during this time of transition. A basket for cards will be available.

Mutual Ministry News: Congratulations Nancy Britson!

We Celebrate with Nancy as we mark her five year anniversary of serving on the Mount Olive staff.

New Member Coffee November 1 at 9:15 am

Interested in membership at Mount Olive? There will be an informational coffee for interested visitors between worship services November 1 in the library. Please come to meet the staff, other new members, and learn about the ministries at Mount Olive. Childcare is available. New Members will be received into membership on November 15. For more information, please contact New Member Coordinator, Nancy Britson, nancy@molive.org.

Volunteer Interest Forms

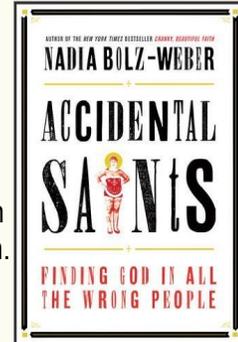
Volunteer Interest Forms are a great way to fit your interests and abilities with the life of the church! The Mount Olive staff and group coordinators use the information from these forms weekly in planning for worship services, social outreach, education, and fellowship activities. Because new opportunities are available, a new form is requested each year. Please click on the link for the Volunteer Interest Form at www.molive.org/volunteer.shtml OR pick up a form at the Welcome Center. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Britson, Volunteer Coordinator at nancy@molive.org.

Pub Theology See what's trending. * * * N E W L O C A T I O N * * *



Come to **Forager Brewery** (1005 6th Street NW, it's by the Kwik Trip on 11th Ave.) on Monday nights for food and catching up at 5:30. The discussion begins at 6:00.

This fall the conversation is inspired by Nadia Bolz-Weber's new book: *Accidental Saints*. Pastor Paul Moody distributes the discussion information by email and publishes it online at Rochesterpublictheology.wordpress.com. If you would like to be included on the email distribution list, please email Pastor Paul at paul@molive.org.



Wednesday Night Meals

Everyone is invited to enjoy a meal and fellowship prior to the Wednesday evening worship and learning. Please sign up in the gathering area to help. Confirmation students may help along with their parents. A suggested donation of \$3 is collected. Each meal includes vegetables, mixed greens with toppings, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, applesauce/fruit cups and cookies.

October 7	Chicken fritters and fries
October 21	Cheesy potatoes and ham
October 28	Italian pasta and garlic bread
November 4	Tacos with fixings
November 11	Chicken Alfredo
November 18	Baked Potato bar

Altar Flowers

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



Fellowship Tables

Have you signed up for Fellowship Tables? These groups of seven to nine adults meet three times during the program year to share a meal and fellowship. It's a great way to branch out, meet new people, or bond with long-time friends without a huge time commitment. Groups are formed for one program year and are open to couples or singles. New this year are "Restaurant Tables", if you would prefer to meet with your group at a restaurant, please indicate this on your form. Registration forms are available in the gathering area and are due by October 18. Direct any questions to Nancy Britson, nancy@molive.org or 288-1580 ext. 210.

FRIENDS, FAMILY AND FAITH MINISTRY

LEARNING, GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP

Sunday School Staff

Pre-K 1

Bethany Buus
Linda Schueler

Pre-K 2

Erin Sinnwell
Lis Blazing
Mike Vance
Anna Strand

Kindergarten

Beth Armstrong
Jen Johns
Connie McCullough

1st Grade

Jen Boysen
Colin Boysen
Andi Stensland

2nd Grade

Kathleen Haase
Kevin Rislw
Beth Determan

3rd & 4th Grade

Carrie Fletcher
Lesa Peterson

5th Grade

Erin Schoer
Jill Mullenbach

6th Grade

Nathan Fletcher
Nels Pierson

7th & 8th Grade

Cheryl Larson
Aaron Larson
Sara Hollander

9th—12th Grade

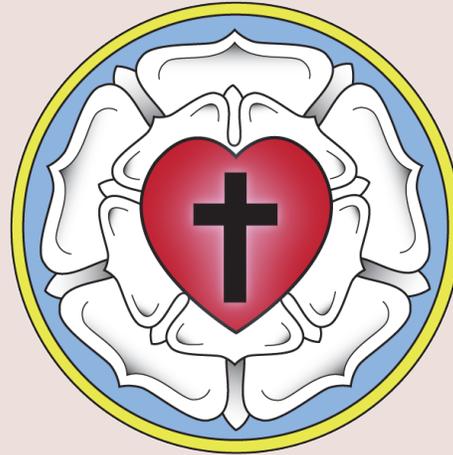
Jim Berg
Greg Heldt
Shannon Heldt

Music

Brock Besse
Lara Smoley
Jim Haase
Jason Sinnwell
Heather Klavetter
Nikee Bergerson

Superintendents

Kim Wanek
Jessi Hafeman



Affirmation of Baptism

Matthew Heldt	Taylor Shaske
Brandon Hughes	Jacob Stensland
Cassie Mullenbach	Andrew Swenson
Mitchell Olson	Bailey Wanek
Matthew Pasch	Jordan Wright
Mickaela Pasch	

October 27 at 10:30 am

Celebrate with our youth as they affirm their baptism and share where they are on their faith journey. Faith statements will be posted near the sanctuary. A reception with refreshments will be held following the service.



Grade 6-8 YOUTH BLAST at Good Earth Village!

November 13-14

Sign up NOW to participate. Cost is \$55.



October 4, 9:30 - 10:15 am

Parents of infants and toddlers not yet in Sunday School join together in conversation and fellowship. Meet monthly each first Sunday in the newly renovated room #13.



Metamorphosis
Intergenerational Fall Wednesdays Begin
October 7 at 6:00 pm
(see full schedule on back cover)

6-12 graders & parents are joining congregation members of ALL ages to discover God's word through the lens of our world! Come and learn, imagine, and discover all that we bring to our world through the stories of one another and God.



Fun In Serving Him

Wednesday Nights
Beginning October 7

Our Wednesday night youth service group, F.I.S.H. (Fun In Serving Him), is open to elementary age children in grades one through 5. The group meets Wednesday evenings from 6:35 to 7:30. The fall quarter will be focused on creating a Christmas tree for the Festival Trees that benefits Hiawatha Homes. Throughout the year, other fun service projects may include baking for the neighborhood firefighters, a neighborhood food collection for Channel One, some basic sewing projects, assembling care kits for college students, birdhouse building and maybe a few off-site service opportunities. If you have any questions please contact Carrie Fletcher or Sara Hollander. Hope to see you there!

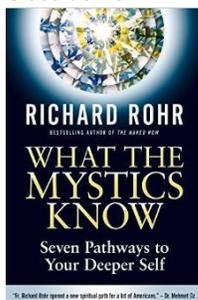


ADULTS

LEARNING, GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP

Faith Seeking Understanding (FSU)

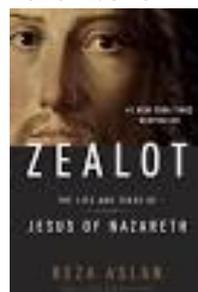
October 6



What the Mystics Know: Seven Pathways to Your Deeper Self
by Richard Rohr

Drawing from the best and most poetic of Richard Rohr's essays from nearly a quarter of a century, each chapter in this new collection examines one of the seven core mystical truths. Organized according to the mystical paths that every worshiper must follow, Rohr identifies the despair of everyday life, promotes opportunities for change even in the face of pain, thereby transforming one's deeper self into a beacon of light that aids in the perpetual metamorphosis of others.

November 3

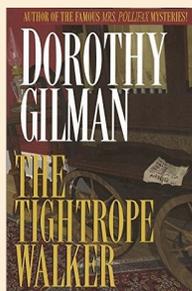


Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth
by Reza Aslan

Zealot questions what we think we know about Jesus of Nazareth - even as it affirms the radical and transformative nature of his life and mission. The result is a thought-provoking, elegantly written biography with the pulse of a fast-paced novel: a singularly brilliant portrait of a man, a time, and the birth of a religion.

Faith Seeking Understanding reads and shares conversations about books on theology, religion, spirituality and Christianity and our changing church. All are welcome.

If you have any questions, please contact Jody Myers at jodyjpmyers@gmail.com.



Monday Book Group | October 12

The Tightrope Walker | by Dorothy Gilman

All are welcome. Meet in the Mount Olive library the second Monday at 6:30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Jodi Schoer at mjschoer@charter.net or Darlene Vowels at vowelsjd@charter.net.

Mount Olive Quilters
Every Thursday, 9 am

You are invited each
week to enjoy
quilting and fellowship.



Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is a vibrant group at Mount Olive! The focus is on fellowship, Bible study, and service in many ways at church, in the community and around the world. All women at Mount Olive are considered a part of this group and we encourage you to participate as you are able. This fall we are studying the book of Ruth and then will continue with: *Worship Matters*. There are six organized circles at Mount Olive that meet monthly during the program year for Bible study, discussion and spiritual care. If you have any questions, contact Sherry Will, Women of the ELCA president at sher05@charter.net

Anna Circle 3rd Wed., 6:30 pm, at church
Lydia Circle 2nd Mon., 6:30 pm, at church
Mary Circle 4th Fri., 9:30 am, in homes

Naomi Circle 4th Tue., 1:00 pm, at church
Rachel Circle 4th Thurs., 6:30 pm, at church
Ruth Circle 4th Tues., 9:00 am, at church

*Empowered
Women*  *Empowering
Women*

Mount Olive Women's Retreat October 9-10

All women are invited!
Register at the table in the gathering area by October 4.
\$30 fee includes registration and meals.
Where: Mount Olive Lutheran Church
When: Friday, October 9, 6:30 pm - 8:30+ pm
Saturday, October 10, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm



Retreat Speaker, Rev. Sarah Nietz, is the lead pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran in Faribault.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Tuesday, October 13 9:00 am

All knitters and crocheters are invited. Yarn, treats, guidance, wisdom, support, and humor are shared! Gather in the front conference room.



Ripe Olives Friday, October 9 at 9:00 am

Pot Luck Breakfast

Bring a dish to share and catch up with Mount Olive's most experienced members. Please sign up in the gathering area where you will find any additional details.



SERVICE AND SOCIAL OUTREACH MINISTRY (SSOM)

Mount Olive Garden ...

It all began with a desire to grow food to help those in need

Garden Firsts:

- April 27, 2015: First crops were planted by the Fletcher crew: Carrie, Samantha, Jeremiah, and Joshua! Renee Schaefer and Gail & Lee Forstie provided support.
- July 12, 2015: First picking yielded 75 radishes. The first green pepper was also picked. The second picking yielded about 65 radishes.



Garden Yields:

- Over 180 pounds of produce has been donated to Community Food Response
- Tomatoes and beans were served as part of the meal for our IHN guests
- Nancy Britson prepared salsa for the fall council meeting from tomatoes and peppers

Garden Helpers:

Carrie, Samantha, Jeremiah, and Joshua Fletcher; Sara Hollander; Gail and Lee Forstie; Phil and Becky Lashinki; Renee and Paul Schaefer; Lori Kuhlmann-Liebfried

A BIG thank you to Bill Hollander, Paul Schaefer, David Erlenbusch and Gene Ostrom for building our gardens! All the wood and manure were donated by these folks leaving us a beautiful and very fertile piece of land to be planted!

As our growing season comes to a close, I would personally like to thank each and every one of you for your participation and/or prayers for a bountiful growing season! There are still tomatoes and beans growing, so we will continue to donate as long as there is produce!

God is good, all the time! Lori Kuhlmann-Leibfried



**More Help Needed:
Backpack Program at John Adams Middle School**

There are now 42 John Adams students who leave school each Friday with food for the weekend. Often students living in poverty don't have nourishing food outside of the school food programs. Those students won't spend the weekend hungry because Mount Olive volunteers fill backpacks each Wednesday with food provided by Channel One. The program has grown and many volunteers are needed. If you can assist with driving to pick up food, packing, or taking the filled backpacks to school, please sign up in the gathering area.



Training and Lunch:
Sunday November 8, 11:45 am at Mount Olive. Sign up in the gathering area.

Choir Concert:
Friday November 20, 7:30 pm at Bethel Lutheran

Mount Olive Hosting Week:
Sunday November 22-29

Many Thanks to the Mount Olive Quilters!



Lutheran World Relief

Special thanks to all our quilters out there who made it possible to donate 100 full sized quilts this year for LWR. We especially want to recognize Mark and Karen Masbruch who donated 500 yards of fabric for quilt making. What a blessing to our work and the many people in need who receive the finished quilts.

Rochester Elementary Literacy Support Volunteers Needed

Rochester Public Schools and Common Good RSVP, a program of Catholic Charities, have partnered to assist K-6 grade classrooms achieve their reading goals. Older adult (55+) volunteers are needed. The program begins in October and runs until June. If you're interested in learning more contact Guthrie at 287-2047.

**Rainbow Christian Preschool (at Zumbro Lutheran)
Annual Fall Festival
Saturday, November 14 from 10am-1pm.**

Come for children's activities, lunch, face painting and more. Tickets can be purchased for the soup lunch and activities.

Silent auction items are in the process of being collected for this event! If you have a home business, this is a great way to advertise.

Contact Erin Sinnwell with questions at 507-990-6079.



Storage Needed

There is a critical need for storage for wood that was harvested from the Ash tree that once stood where the Fellowship Hall is today. The volume of space needed is 4 feet by 4 feet by 9 feet. If you can help with full storage space or partial storage space please contact Warren Kemplin at 507-282-9645.

Metamorphosis

Intergenerational Fall Wednesdays Begin October 7

Come on Wednesday evenings and be renewed by exploring God's Story and Our Story. Through worship and discussion, experience God's saving, redeeming, and liberating acts throughout Scripture. Materials will be provided. Take part and engage in this creative space.

5:30 Gathering meal in the fellowship hall

6:00 Table discussions begin at each table

6:15 Welcome and singing in the sanctuary with Pastor Paul

6:35 Small Groups gather in the fellowship hall
(get to know someone new!)

7:10 Re-gather in the sanctuary: Singing, Prayer, Sending

7:25 Dismissal



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
O c t o b e r 2 0 1 5				1 9:00a Mount Olive Quilters 7:00p 'In the Process' Al- Anon	2 6:00p Serve at Dorothy Day House	3 7:00a Al-Anon Event 8:30a Men's Discipleship 9:00a Altar Guild Setup 5:00p Worship
4 8:00a Worship 9:00a Stewardship Breakfast 9:15a Education Hour Little Leapers 10:30a Worship 11:30a Coffee Fellowship 2:00p Blessing of the Animals 3:00p Rochester Pops Orchestra Rehearsal	5 5:30p Pub Theology	6 9:15a Staff Meeting 6:00p Mutual Ministry 6:30p Service and Social Outreach Ministry Team 6:30p Faith Seeking Understanding Book Group 7:30p Glory Bells	7 5:30p Gather Meal 6:00p Metamorphosis: Intergenerational Fall Wednesday 6:30p Fun In Serving Him 7:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal 8:45p Adult Brass Rehearsal	8 9:00a Mount Olive Quilters 9:00a Rochester Keyboard Club 5:30p Facility & Grounds Ministry 7:00p 'In the Process' Al- Anon	9 7:30a Ripe Olives Pot - Luck Breakfast 6:30p Women's Retreat	10 8:30a Men's Discipleship 9:00a Altar Guild Setup 9:00a Habitat for Humanity Work Day 9:00a Women's Retreat 5:00p Worship
11 8:00a Worship 9:00a Coffee Fellowship 9:15a Education Hour Adult Forum 10:30a Worship 11:30a Coffee Fellowship 11:45a Congregational Meeting	12 5:00p Venture Crew 5:30p Pub Theology 6:00p Widowed Persons 6:30p Monday Book Group 6:30p Lydia Circle	13 9:00a Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:15a Staff Meeting 6:30p Executive Council Meeting 7:30p Glory Bells	14	15 9:00a Mount Olive Quilters 7:00p 'In the Process' Al- Anon	16	17 8:30a Men's Discipleship 9:00a Altar Guild Meeting & Setup 10:00a District 41 Al-Anon 5:00p Worship 5:45p Farewell Reception for Pastor Susan
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25 Reformation Sunday 8:00a Worship & Coffee Fellowship 9:15a Education Hour 10:30a Worship 11:30a Confirmation Reception 7:00p Rochester Pops Orchestra Rehearsal	26 5:30p Pub Theology 6:30p Boy Scout Troop Mtg.	27 9:00a Ruth Circle 1:00p Naomi Circle 7:30p Glory Bells	28 9:15a Staff Meeting 5:30p Gather Meal 6:00p Metamorphosis: Intergenerational Fall Wednesday 6:30p Fun In Serving Him 7:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal 8:45p Adult Brass Rehearsal	29 9:00a Mount Olive Quilters 7:00p 'In the Process' Al- Anon	30	31 8:30a Men's Discipleship 9:00a Altar Guild Setup 5:00p Worship

