

Mount Olive Messenger

July/August 2015

People of Mount Olive,

Summer is in full swing, which for many of us means trips to the lake, time off from work & school, and warm sunny days that nurture our spirits and our earth. While we soak in all the joys of summer, we also have the chance to be nurtured in our faith. Whether it's worship on the weekends, or Bible studies, book groups, Pub Theology, or Adventure Club, there are plenty of opportunities to give and receive of our time, talents, and treasure, keeping us spirituality nourished and grounded in the new life that Jesus continues to bring to our world.

I encourage you to find time and space to experience that new life this summer, whether you're here at Mount Olive, or away with family and friends. Give generously (youtu.be/qz3srQ_RT-A), worship as a visitor with another congregation while you're away, or find a YouTube sermon to reflect on together. You might be surprised where God's love will find you! **Pastor Paul**



One Spirit One Hope One Calling

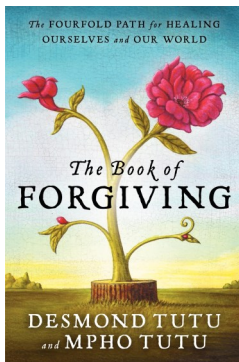
Mission Forward: Call Committee Update

The Mount Olive Call Committee, along with the Southeast Minnesota Synod of the ELCA, is actively engaged in the process of calling Mount Olive's next Senior Pastor. The Call Committee has been conducting interviews and continues to receive names of candidates.

Please keep the Call Committee in your prayers.

*The Mount Olive Call Committee for Senior Pastor:
Dick DeRemee, Mark Masbruch (chair), Jill Mickelson (secretary), Brad Natzke,
Mike Olson, Barb Sorensen, Jim Berg (alternate), Barb Seide (alternate)*

Mount Olive Reads: Summer Renewal and Reflection



The Book of Forgiving: the Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World

by Bishop Desmond Tutu
and daughter, Mpho Tutu.

The ability to forgive and to admit our need of forgiveness allows us to make peace with a past we cannot change.

Jesus calls us to be peacemakers, and forgiveness is central to making peace. Borrow the book from the table display in the Gathering Area or the Rochester Public Library, or purchase the book, digital or hard copy.

On **Wednesday, September 9**, we will gather for a discussion on the book and how we have been challenged and inspired by the call to live as God's forgiving and forgiven people. Please plan to take part!

New Members

Welcomed in June!

We were blessed to have the following new members join Mount Olive in June:

- † **Jake Johnson**
- † **Marvin and Becky Sandness**
- † **Kristine Wagner**

Please introduce yourselves and give them a warm Mount Olive welcome when you see them at worship!



Ministry Team Volunteers Needed

- ⇒ Would you like to be a part of the **Service and Social Outreach Ministry Team**? Please contact Erin Sinnwell at 507-990-6079.

*Believers of one heart and mind
reaching out to serve others.
Acts 4:32-35*

- ⇒ The **Adult Faith Ministry Team** is looking for additional team members. The team's mission is to provide input, review and make recommendations regarding Adult Forum and all Adult Faith ministries. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Paul (paul@molive.org).

I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with the power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and rounded in love.
Ephesians 3:16

ATTENTION: WORSHIP LEADERS

Summer Worship Workshops are coming!

This is your chance for a hands-on, one-on-one workshop with Pastor Paul to develop your leadership skills. Come and join us this summer as we continue to learn how to lead the congregation in meaningful worship.

Please come to one **or more** of the following workshops through the summer at 10:45 am (after Sunday 9:30 worship):

June 28 • July 26 • August 23

All are welcome.

Current volunteers: please plan to attend. No prior experience necessary.



Altar Flowers

You may sign up for a bouquet or a bud vase of flowers to brighten the sanctuary. Flowers may be placed 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 at time of sign-up. Place orders at least one week in advance.

FRIENDS, FAMILY AND FAITH MINISTRY

LEARNING, GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP

Confirmation

Youth (10th graders) Faith Statements

If you have not met with Pastor Paul or Sara to prepare your *FAITH STATEMENT* call or email to schedule a time now!

All statements need to be completed by September 1 for the Council Review!

Adventure Club

July 12, 7:00 pm
Riverside Concert
The Fabulous Thunderbirds

July 23, 5:00 pm
NORDIC FEST
Meet at Mount Olive and carpool to Decorah, Iowa for an evening of pageantry, music, and more!



August 19, 5:00 pm
Berne Wood-Fired Pizza
Music with Six Mile Grove

STOP-PAUSE-PRAY

For our youth serving as Camp Counselors this summer:

- **Good Earth Village:** Michael Determan, Sam Pasch
- **Luther Crest:** Miriam Hanson, Tyler Wright

For our youth attending Church Camp this summer:

Ashley Boysen	Olivia Hafeman	Joey Krieger
Emma Boysen	Daniel Krieger	Grace Larson
Charlie Guy		

For our youth traveling on Mission and Adventure Trips:

- **ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit (7/13-7/19)**

Corbin Holmen	Rachel Kuehl	Phil Lashinski
Andrea Davis	Nick Haugen	Sara Hollander
Noah Guy	Mickaela Pasch	Pastor Paul Moody
Ashley Judy	Mathew Pasch	
Luke McKeon	Becky Lashinski	

- **Boundary Waters (7/24-7/30)**

Chris Welsh	Corbin Holmen	Bob Welsh
Rachel Kuehl	Greta Freed	Sonja Pierson
Noah Guy	Grant Natzke	Nicole Pierson
Grace Freed	Emily Kuehl	

SUNDAY SCHOOL

August 1 registration available online. Paper forms are located at the Mount Olive Welcome Center.

Mark your calendar for Rally Day: September 13

OUTDOOR MINISTRY: Mount Olive Intergenerational Camp Out AUGUST 21-23 at The Old Barn Resort

Call now to reserve your reservations for a camp site: 507-467 2512

Let them know you are with the Mount Olive group and would like to reserve a spot near the reservations already made.

Biking, Tubing, Swimming, SMORES, Golfing, Singing by the campfire, MORE FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FUN ... Don't miss out!

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

Questions: contact Sara Hollander at sara@molive.org

SERVICE AND SOCIAL OUTREACH MINISTRY (SSOM)

Help Provide Needed Items for the Rochester Alternative Learning Center



During the summer months the Rochester Alternative Learning Center (ALC) is as busy as ever with grades K-8 migrant students school as well as night school for

students working 20 hours a week and completing their graduation requirements. There are middle school students in the RAMS program bridging over into ALC attendance in the fall. There are students completing graduation requirements with young children who are cared for right at the school. To say that it is a bustling place is an understatement!

Assistance our church can provide these brave young adults can make a big difference! They are working to get their lives in order to become independent, capable, adults in our community. Here are items we are collecting in July and August to help these students:

deodorant	feminine protection	laundry detergent pods
razors/shaving cream	diapers	men's shorts (L/XL)
chap stick	alarm clock	toilet paper
sunscreen / lotion	athletic wear	

Thank you in advance for your support of this important project! Look for the donation box in the entry of the church. Contact a member of the Service and Social Outreach Ministry Team with questions: Erin Sinnwell, Mark Schultz, Pam Hansen, Pastor Paul

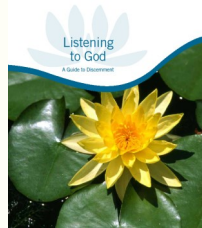
ADULTS

LEARNING, GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP

Summer Bible Study: *Listening to God*

Fourth Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am:
July 28 and August 25
All are welcome!

Join Pastor Susan for a monthly study, "Listening to God". Explore tools and methods that help us discern God's hopes and desires for our lives. We will also discern what our gifts are for ministry within our congregation and community.



Mount Olive Quilters Thursdays, 9 am

You are invited each week to enjoy quilting and fellowship.

beer, conversation and God.

Pub(lic) Theology

See what's trending.

Come to the Tap House on Monday nights for food and catching up at 5:30. The discussion begins at 6:00.

Pastor Paul Moody leads conversation surrounding a weekly topic which is distributed by email and published 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.

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 served during fellowship time on an upcoming Sunday. For \$15 you can help offset the cost and mark an occasion (birthday, anniversary, or the memory of a loved one).

Save the Date

**Ministry Fair/Rally Sunday
September 13**

**PAINTING
THE STARS**
Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith

Mark your calendar!
**August 5
6:30 pm**

Join **Jim and Peg Mikkelson** as they present an engaging video and discussion called *Painting the Stars: Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith*.



Many thanks to our outgoing officers:

- Jodi Schoer: President
- Maureen Gwynn: Treasurer.

Your years of service to the Women of Mount Olive is greatly appreciated.

A big thank you to all the women that completed the Women's Retreat Survey in April. Survey Results with 45 surveys completed:

Most popular topics:

- 1) Spiritual Growth
- 2) Positive Self-Esteem
- 3) Caring for Others

Reasons for attending a retreat:

- 1) Fellowship
- 2) Fun
- 3) Learning

Project Comfort Coffee - July 11/12 to benefit LWR Quilt and Shipping Fund

The Project Comfort Coffee is held each year to benefit Lutheran World Relief's Quilt and Shipping Fund. This fund is used to help defray the cost of shipping quilts and kits to people in need all around the world. Ruth Circle members will serve home-made cookies and beverages after each service the weekend of July 11/12 and accept a freewill offering for the shipping fund. All offerings collected will go directly to the LWR Quilt and Shipping Fund. The cost to LWR for shipping one quilt is \$2.25, one personal care kit costs \$2.65 and one baby care kit costs \$1.30. In 2014, Mount Olive sent 138 quilts, 50 personal care kits and 67 baby care kits to LWR; the cost of shipping Mount Olive's donations was \$530. Checks can be made out to Mount Olive WELCA with the notation "Project Comfort" on the memo line and given at 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.

**Mount Olive Women's Retreat
Save the Date: October 9-10, 2015
Empowered Women = Empowering Women**

Where: Mount Olive Lutheran Church

When: Friday, October 9, 6:30 pm - 8:30+ pm

Saturday, October 10, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

All women are invited to attend this retreat sponsored by Mount Olive Women of the ELCA and Mount Olive.

Retreat Speaker, Rev. Sarah Nietz, is the lead pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran in Faribault, MN. It is the wonder of the gospel that propels her interest in church renewal, preaching and worship, and organizational structure. Above all, it is the scriptural story through Jesus Christ that animates and delights her.

Monday Book Group - 2015-2016 book list and schedule

September 8	<i>The Moon Is Down</i>	by John Steinbeck
October 13	<i>The Tightrope Walker</i>	by Dorothy Gilman
November 10	<i>All the Light We Cannot See</i>	by Anthony Doerr
December 8	<i>The 13th Gift</i>	by Joanne Huist Smith
January 12	<i>The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion</i>	by Fannie Flagg
February 16	<i>The Forgotten: Aten's Last Queen</i>	by J. Lynn Else
March 8	<i>South of Broad</i>	by Pat Conroy
April 12	<i>The Boys in the Boat</i>	by Daniel James Brown
May 10	<i>Tales of a Female Nomad</i>	by Rita Golden Gelmann

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.

Faith Seeking Understanding (FSU) - 2015-2016 book list and schedule

Faith Seeking Understanding reads and shares conversations about a variety of books on theology, religion, spirituality and Christianity and our changing church. The video discussion requires no preparation, come and view with the group and share in the discussions. FSU meets on the first Tuesday of the month as follows: All are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Jody Myers at jodyjpmyers@gmail.com.

September 1	Video Discussion: Painting the Stars: Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith
October 6	<i>What the Mystics know: Seven Pathways to your Deeper Self</i> by Richard Rohr
November 3	<i>Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth</i> by Reza Aslan
December 1	Video Discussion: The Science of Mindfulness
February 2	<i>Stress Free Living</i> by Amit Sood
March 1	Video Discussion – How Jesus Became God: Origin of the Trinity
April 5	<i>Meister Eckhart: A Mystic Warrior for our Time</i> by Matthew Fox

Musical Opportunities Coming This Fall!

Have you ever thought about joining a vocal or instrumental group at the church, but didn't know what was available, or required to participate? Check out the list of opportunities below. If you would like more information, please feel free to contact Brock Besse (Minister of Music) at (507) 288-1580, ext. 203 or email: bbesse@charter.net.

Mount Olive Adult Choir



Rehearsals are every Wednesday evening, beginning at 7:30 pm in the music room. Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 2. The choir sings primarily at the 10:30 am service throughout the year, but will occasionally sing during the 8:00 am service as well. Anyone wishing to sing with the choir is encouraged and invited to participate. You do not need to be able to read music to participate.

Mount Olive Glory Bells

Rehearsals are every Tuesday evening from 7:30 to 8:30 pm in the bell classroom. Our first rehearsal is Tuesday, September 15. The bell-choir primarily plays for both the 8 am and 10:30 am services the second Sunday of each month, but also provides special music during festival celebrations. Anyone wishing to ring bells is invited to participate!



Mount Olive Brass Ensemble



Mount Olive is blessed to have their very own Brass Group that plays throughout the year, enhancing the worship services by majestically leading the congregation in song. Rehearsals are every Wednesday evening from 8:45 pm to 9:30 pm in the sanctuary.

This group consists of two trumpets, one French horn, one trombone, one tuba, and occasionally timpani.



If you are interested in participating in this ensemble, or wish to be added to the list as a substitute as positions become available, please contact Brock Besse.

Cantus Ensemble

This ensemble was new in 2013, and continues to enrich the Saturday evening worship services through song. Rehearsals are every Saturday from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm in the sanctuary. Anyone wishing to participate is invited to attend! Our first rehearsal is Saturday, September 13 at 3:30 pm in the sanctuary choir loft.



Unique Summer Worship Opportunities

Summer worship opens us to God's new creation. The summer months fall within the season of Pentecost, a time of growing in faith and discipleship.

You will want to be sure to take part in these special worship services:

- † **Sunday, July 12: Worship outdoors**, enjoy the sights and sounds of God's summer creation
- † **Saturday & Sunday, July 25 & 26: Mount Olive Youth report** on the Gathering in Detroit (20,000 Lutheran youth together for worship, service and reflection!)

**I was glad when they said to me
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"**

Psalm 122

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July / August 2015			1	2	3	4
5 8:00a Worship and Coffee Fellowship 9:30a Worship and Coffee Fellowship	6 5:30p Public Theology 6:30p Boy Scout Planning	7 9:15a Staff Meeting 2:00p Synod Pastor's Group 6:00p Softball 8:00p Brass Rehearsal	8 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	9 9:00a Mount Olive Quilters 5:30p Facility & Grounds Ministry 7:00p 'In the Process' AI-Anon	10 Office Closed 6:00p Serve at Dorothy Day House	11 9:00a Altar Guild Setup 9:00a Habitat for Humanity Work Day 5:00p Worship 6:00p Project Comfort Fellowship
12 8:00a Worship - Outdoor Service 9:00a Project Comfort Fellowship 9:30a Worship - Outdoor Service 10:30a Project Comfort Fellowship 1:00p Adventure Club, Riverside Concert	13 5:30p Public Theology	14 9:15a Staff Meeting 7:00p Softball	15	16 9:00a Mount Olive Quilters 7:00p 'In the Process' AI-Anon	17	18 9:00a Altar Guild Meeting & Setup 10:00a District 41 AI-Anon Meeting 5:00p Worship
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26 8:00a Worship and Coffee Fellowship 9:30a Worship and Coffee Fellowship 10:45a Volunteer Training	27 5:30p Public Theology 6:30p Boy Scout Troop Mtg.	28 9:30a Summer Bible Study: <i>Listening to God</i> 6:00p CYF Meeting 7:00p Softball	29 9:15a Staff Meeting 7:00p Community Dialogue: Wheelchair Accessibility	30 9:00a Mount Olive Quilters 7:00p 'In the Process' AI-Anon	31	1 9:00a Altar Guild Setup 5:00p Worship
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