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Making Disciples

In some ways, “making disciples” is a bit like making chocolate chip cookies. I don’t want to push the analogy, but you can put the flour, sugar, butter, eggs, salt, vanilla and chocolate chips on the counter, or even in a bowl and without any other action you will simply have a mess of ingredients. Without a recipe will you be certain of getting something worthwhile out of the effort? If you only just mix everything up, what will you have—raw cookie dough may be tasty to some but it is finally not healthy nor finally do you end up with cookies.

I mention this because our Governing Board just met in retreat to talk about vision and ministry goals and began their

discussion with Matthew 28 and hearing Jesus’ directive to “Go!” and “Make Disciples.” Mount Olive has the ingredients for this vision and ministry on hand. The Governing Board is providing the recipe—the directions to go ahead, but there’s more needed than just our plans and directions. Jesus reminds us of this in Matthew 28—“all authority” has been given to our crucified and risen Lord and in our baptism “in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” connects us with this Lord and His commission. Cookies not baked are not healthy. Disciples that are not connected to the Lord and trained by His Word and shaped by His Spirit are probably just “half-baked.”

So, counting on the good news that we are called by God through our baptisms how will we—together with Him—serve? Making disciples takes into account those verbs of our mission statement—reach, care and build—as we count on His Word and Spirit. The Governing Board looks to 2012 and prays for growth—both inwardly, as the Word and Spirit make us disciples in our hearts and minds, and outwardly, as the Lord’s work bears fruit in the world, connecting those around us with the salvation Jesus has won. What will this growth look like—what recipe, what directions do our prayers seek?

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Church Picnic



**August 21
11:45 AM**

*Games and activities
for all ages!*

**Please bring a salad, side dish
or vegetable.**

(Hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken will be provided, along with an ice cream sundae bar and drinks.)

**There will be a toddler bouncer
and a water slide,
so bring suits and towels
for the children!**



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The Governing Board has identified four general areas for discipleship.

1. We will seek to better integrate the ECEC into the Mount Olive community and our mission and ministry.
2. We will, by God's grace and Spirit, see an increase in the number of members active in worship and service in the 20 to 50 year old range. (We're not ignoring the 50+ year olds—this age group has a higher level of participation already proportionately and we want to train up a new generation of leaders.)
3. We want to better engage and increase participation in our ministry opportunities of our younger members aged 3 to 18.
4. Finally, we want to provide financial educational and stewardship opportunities for our members.

These are the goals for 2012.

Keeping *Kindle the Fire* in view and anticipated elimination of our mortgage debt, the Governing Board is laying plans for how those funds freed for ministry can be directed. We will start setting aside monies so that by 2016 we can either foster a daughter congregation and/or expand our existing footprint to accommodate expanded ministries at our present campus. We will also want to expand our budget allocations in the mission/human care, Christian formation and ECEC areas while keeping administration costs in check and reducing the percentage of our budget that is our staff salaries and benefits. We are not looking to reduce staff, but as the Spirit blesses our efforts to grow with increased members and increased stewardship we hope to see our salary and benefits expend a smaller percentage of our work program.



Kindle the Fire



Keeping with the chocolate chip cookie theme, this is a lot to digest. How will this all come to be? Zechariah reminds the people of God: "Not by might, not by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord." We go forward in our plans trusting in God's Word to shape our plans and God's Spirit to move us into action. These things also will happen because you—the members of Mount Olive—will help. Through your prayers, your commitment of time and talents as well as your support, these goals will be reached under God's grace. The Governing Board is planning a presentation for you in the near future to better inform and engage you as we go out with Christ's commission into our community and world. As we go, there is...

...Joy in the journey,
Pastor Jeff Shearier

Online Giving

In addition to the *Joyful Response* program, Mount Olive will be implementing other forms of online giving.

What is online giving?

Online giving is the same as online bill payment—simply put, online giving connects the available resources of individuals with the financial needs of the church in a way that is safe, reliable and available anytime. Online giving is today's checkbook.

Online giving is not a replacement for onsite giving. Mount Olive will still accept cash and checks placed in offering plates during regular services.

Payment will be by debit card, credit card, one time gifts, etc.

Be on the lookout for more information regarding online giving.



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Our Mission Statement

God has called us to *reach* out, *care* for and *build* people toward maturity in Christ.

The deadline for the newsletter is the 10th of each month.



Happy Birthday to ...

8/1	Hull, Lillian Crane, Patti Conner, Daniel Mena, Amanda		St. Martin, John 8/10 Jost, Patty Petz, Grant Dankenbring, Cody		Pierce, Benjamin Jost, Tim 8/20 Madurel, Felix Steffen, Elaine		Archuleta, Karen 8/29 Spoerl, Annabel Taylor, Larry Sprankle, Ava Stark, Vincent Watkins, Gabriel
8/2	Terry-Elliott, Leanna Quandt, Harold	8/11	Marshall, Richard Melcher, Sharon	8/21	Borgstede, Sara Lauck, Maureen		8/30 Buerck, Joshua Montross, Karen
8/3	Storm, Kerry Kelly, Joshua Marschner, Cynthia Meier, Sharon	8/12	Taylor, Connie Urbach, Penni Keil, Brenda	8/22	Pierce, Arthur Thies, Charles Cook, Tiffany Fangmeier, Robert		8/31 Morton, Carolyn Coverly, Kathy Guigli, Denice
8/4	Student, Dave Carpenter, Lauren	8/13	Whitworth, Lucille		Howard, Emily		
8/5	Stephens, Matthew Pierce, Edwin	8/14	Eads, Emily Hall, Elaine	8/23	Buckingham, Rick Eifler, Phyllis		
8/6	Miller, Ruby Coverly, Andrew	8/15	Shadewald, Thomas Herrington, Amy Cochran, Ian	8/24	McCarthy, Karen		
8/7	Johnston, Adam		Hixson, Melinda Cobb, Colleen	8/25	Potzer, Pamela Sattler, Lynn Johnson, Jeremy Johnson, Justin		
8/8	Wallace, Darriel		French, Elliot Pierce, Xavier	8/26	Chambless, Haley Dunn, Terry Lake, Adam		
8/9	Myers, Sandra Bray, Ryan Meador, Kevin Horton, Emily Natomeli, David Fields, Jane	8/16	Johnson, Scott 8/17 Dankenbring, Jessica 8/18 Jones, Bianca	8/27	Bair, Frank		

Anniversary Wishes to ...

8/3	Lehew, Jessica & Donald		Romer, James & Linda
8/4	Berlinski, Don & Elaine	8/18	Elmshouser, Mark & June Keil, Calvin & Joyce
8/5	Eifler, Larry & Phyllis		
8/6	Miller, Gayle & Traverso, Mike Stibrich, Joseph & JoAnn	8/19	Marshall, Richard & Ginny Mc Kinster, Stan & Michele
8/7	Humbargar, Stan & Claudia	8/21	Fabrizius, Paul & Darlyne
8/8	Raimondo, Louis & Barbara	8/22	Andrie, Craig & Kathy
8/9	Kelly, Eugene & Cynthia Kirkeide, Aaron & Tracy	8/23	Colehour, Joyce & Corey Zuber, Mark & Tracy
8/10	Chambless, Kevin & Marnie	8/24	Shadewald, Thomas & Ellie
8/13	Borgstede, Michael & Sara	8/25	Dunkel, Cole & Kari
8/14	Miller, Teri & Jeff	8/27	Johnson, Richard & Pamela Montross, Kim & Karen
8/15	Lash, Terri & Thomas	8/29	Frazee, Mike & Patricia
8/16	Klekamp, David & Jennifer		

Coming October 9!



**The Jesus
I thought
I knew**

Mount Olive's Fall 2011
Spiritual Growth Campaign

**Who was Jesus?
Who is Jesus?**

Find out more this Fall!

Blood Pressure Check

Saturday, August 20
4:30-6:15 PM

Sunday, August 21
9-11 AM
(In the Church Office)



Before and after each worship service we provide an opportunity for you to have your blood pressure checked by a nurse. It is quick and simple and a great way to monitor your health.

Helping Hands Care Packages

Human Care Ministry continues the "Helping Hands Care Package" to help families in need of short term assistance with food. The items listed below are being stocked. This is in addition to our efforts and support of Aurora Interchurch. Please look for these items on sale or when shopping in bulk and donate items monthly as you are able to support this ministry for those in need. For questions, please contact Pastor Borgstede, 303.755.9123.

- Peanut butter
- Cereal – small boxes
- Easy prepare meals like Mac and Cheese or Ramen Noodles
- Can soup with pop-top lids
- Can vegetables and fruit with pop top lids
- Granola bars or similar packaged snacks
- Water bottles
- Small single can/box juices
- Crackers
- Also small toiletries like toothbrush, toothpaste, hand sanitizer, and/or deodorant

Benevolence Fund

One goal of the Human Care Team is to provide minimal assistance to those in need. We provide a small food pantry to assist those who come in to us for assistance. This has worked well and thank you for your donations for this pantry. If you know someone in need of a few groceries let us know.

We can also provide assistance to your members in need through our Benevolence Fund. It is a designated fund, meaning the money put in this fund remains there year after year until we use it. It doesn't come from our regular budget, but is "filled" by generous donations from members of Mount Olive. If you would like to donate to the designated fund, you can mail the Church Office your donation, or place your donation in the offering plate, indicating that it is for the Benevolence Fund.

Thank you for your support and if you are in need of assistance, please feel free to contact Pastor Borgstede, 303.755.9123.

Senior Transportation

We provide transportation for those who have no other means to get to church and are able to get onto our bus (not wheelchair accessible) within a 2-3 mile radius from Mount Olive. There is a simple form to fill out and no cost for this bus service. Please contact Pastor Borgstede (303.755.9123) for more information or to get a form.



Dates are:
August 14 and 28
September 11 and 25
October 9 and 23

Aurora Interchurch

August donations —

Canned fruit and vegetables

Brown grocery bags are needed every month.



Reach Out
To Those in Need

You don't need to give every month. We ask that you give when you can, what you can. Thank you for all you do for others.



**CROSSWAYS
INTERNATIONAL**

**An in-depth Bible study course
that covers the entire Scriptures in two years.**

Crossways will again be taught by Pastor Jeff Shearier. Two sessions will be offered, if there is enough interest. A Monday morning session will meet 9:30 until 11 AM beginning August 29, and a Wednesday evening session will be scheduled during OASIS, meeting from 5:30 until 7 PM.

Interested participants can purchase materials for the class for \$16.95 per person per ten week session. There is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex table for those interested.

Please speak with Pastor Shearier with any questions.

Stephen Ministry

Ministering to those who are experiencing ...

Loneliness	Loss of a loved one
Retirement changes	Unemployment
Discouragement	Childbirth
Hospitalization	Separation/divorce
Terminal illness	Being shut-in

Are you in need of ...

Someone who cares?

Someone who supports?

Someone who listens?

Someone who shares?

If so, contact the Church Office, 303.755.9123,
and talk with Pastor Borgstede or Kaye Cairns.

Early Childhood Education Center



The signs of fall are here, school busses out and about, new school supplies at the stores, cooler weather, vacations over and the beginning of school! This August begins our 40th year for the ECEC and we are raring' to GO! We have touched over 4,350 children and families with the love of Jesus. WOW!

Our loving and qualified staff for the 2011-2012 school year are: Michelle Howard, Tammy Schoenhals, Carol Sudan, Melissa Walker, Kate Wright and JoAnn Stibrich. You can "Meet the Staff" later this month. The ECEC bulletin board in the hallway will feature each teacher as they share a little bit about themselves. On August 28 the ECEC staff will be commissioned at the 8 AM service as they begin another year of ministry to children and families in our community.

This past school year we were able to help nine children to attend the ECEC with tuition assistance through our Education Grant Fund. Without this assistance these children may not have been able to come to our school and learn and grow with Jesus' love. The ECEC Scrip fundraiser will once again be available, with all proceeds going to help families with tuition. JoAnn is available each Sunday to answer questions and to purchase any gift cards you need. Please support this fundraiser, as you are able so we can continue to teach the next generation all about JESUS!!!

As another year begins for the ECEC children, families and staff, we ask for your prayers that we may be blest to be a blessing to them. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of these children!

Think Scrip ... Think ECEC



Mount Olive Youth Ministry

Youth Website

Check out mtoliveyouth.com for more information about upcoming events, pictures from recent events and registration forms for retreats and trips. Have an idea for the website? Email or text Brent Howard with your idea.

Sign up for Weekly Email Youth Updates ...

Sign up at the youth website for weekly email updates. You 'll stay informed about important student ministry news.

... or Sign Up for Text Message Updates ... or Both!

Click on the " Text Message " link on the youth website for text message updates. And don' t worry, we 'll keep your number safe!



Upcoming Events

Jr High JOURNEY—Bible study for middle school students (Grades 6-8) meets every Sunday in Room 2, 9:30-10:30 AM.

Sr High REEL TIME—Bible study for high school students (Grades 9-12+) meets every Sunday in Room 10, 9:30-10:30 AM.

August 14—High School IMPACT—6-8 PM

August 21—Church Picnic—12-3 PM

August 28—High School IMPACT—6-8 PM

August 31—H2H Family Kick Off—7-8:30 PM

September 7—H2H Learning Event—7-8:30 PM

September 11—High School Youth Parents Meeting—10:45 – 11:45 AM

September 11—High School IMPACT—6-8 PM

September 14—H2H Fellowship Event—7-8:30 PM

September 21—H2H Learning Event—7-8:30 PM

September 23-25—High School FALL RETREAT

September 28—H2H Learning Event—7-8:30 PM

September 30-October 1—unPaved Conference

October 5—NO H2H Event

October 9—High School IMPACT—6-8 PM

October 12—H2H Service Event—7-8:30 PM



Child and Family Ministry

AUGUST

Praise in the Park at Utah Park

August 11, 10:00 AM

Children and their families are invited for a morning of fun at Utah Park in Aurora. Children will hear a story, create a craft, and enjoy a snack. Children nearby at the playground are welcome to join our fun. Families may stay, play, and bring along a picnic lunch if they choose to extend the fun.

Blessing of the Backpacks

August 21



Students of all ages are invited to bring their school bag/back pack to worship. Children will receive a blessing for the new school year and a cross to keep in their back pack as a reminder that God is always with them. Children will be blessed in both worship services.



We are called by God to:

reach out to children,
care for children and
build children toward
maturity in Christ.

It is the goal of the Child and Family Ministry Team to accomplish this mission by equipping and encouraging parents to be active teachers and intentional examples of faith in their children's lives, as they share Jesus' love.



Child & Family Ministry Volunteers

Sunday School Staff

Sunday School team teachers and substitute teachers are needed. Every class has two or more teachers. Teachers take turns teaching and share responsibility. Curriculum is provided.

Kid's Club

Adult volunteers are needed to lead Kid's Club the first Wednesday of every month. Kid's Club meets from 5:30-6:50 PM. Adult volunteers will plan crafts, games, stories and singing. The children will be divided by age level and volunteers will work with one age group.

Preschool Praise and Play

Adult volunteers are needed to help with Preschool Praise and Play, Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:50 PM. Volunteers help with supervision, set-up and clean-up, while showing God's love to His children. No preparation is involved in this position.

Faith Legacy

Adult volunteers are needed to lead each section of the Faith Legacy Series. Volunteers would commit to one age level and teach for one month. The curriculum is provided and no experience is necessary.

Child and Family Ministry Team

There are currently three spaces available on the Child and Family Ministry Team. This team works together to create meaningful experiences for children and their families to grow in faith, friendship, and service to others. This team meets once every other month.

Servant Opportunities Coordinator

It is our goal to help our children to be more like Jesus. In the coming year, we hope to provide more opportunities for children to serve others in our church and community.

Coloring Center

A youth or adult volunteer is needed to clean up the coloring/quiet activity center each week. This can be done at the volunteer's convenience.

**Contact Robin at 303.755.9123 or
rkurth@mtoliveluth.org to volunteer
or learn more about serving.**



Cookie Cans

Cookie Cans for College Kids is off for the summer, but we will start up again in the fall on Saturday, October 1. Please continue to bring your coffee cans into the Church Office, but hold off on the package items until September so they won't sit around all summer. Your donations for postage are also greatly appreciated and can be left in the Church Office or in the 'Cookie Can' on the Narthex table.



I am also looking for someone who might want to train with me to head up the Cookie Can ministry in the future. If you are interested or if you have any questions, please contact Kathy Pelepchan at 303.693.4161 or email at kpelepchan@msn.com.

Altar Flowers

Have you ever thought about signing up for Altar flowers for a special occasion or just to beautify the Altar, but were not sure how to go about it?

It's easy! The flower chart is located on the wall next to the door to the Church Office. There are lines for each Sunday in the year. Each Sunday has space for two bouquets. You fill in your name, phone number and reason for the bouquet on the date of your choosing. You can sign up for one bouquet for a cost of \$30.00 or both bouquets for \$60.00. Or you can sign up for more than one Sunday. The choice is yours!

Usually the week before your flowers will be placed on the Altar, you will receive in your Mount Olive mailbox an envelope with your name, date your bouquet will be on the Altar and the amount due. Put your cash or check in that envelope and place it in the green basket on the counter in the office around or before the date you have chosen.

That's it. Then all you need to do is pick up your bouquet (it's yours, you purchased it) anytime after the 10:45 AM service on the date you chose and take it home to enjoy!



Thank you to all of the people that have purchased flowers in the past and plan to do so in the future. It makes the Altar look beautiful and glorifies our Lord.

Game Day

Monday, August 15

11 AM—2 PM

Light lunch and fun games to play.

(You can bring your own game, too!)

Please sign up in the Narthex.



**Join us for fun,
fellowship and food!**

Use Your Values to Guide Financial Decisions

Your values serve as an important foundation for how you manage your money. They're the things that are most important to you—for example, your faith, family, friends, health, education or giving back. Your values give you a rock-solid sense of who you are and what you believe in.

Your values come from experiences in life. They also drive your decisions and actions. For example, if you value your health, you may exercise daily. If you value learning, you may continue your education by attending classes.

Developing a clear and compelling list of your values makes it easier to choose how you want to use your time, talents and treasures.

When it comes to your money, you have three choices:

1. share
2. save
3. spend

As a steward of your resources, having a guideline for how you use your money can be helpful.

What's more, your values can be a clear, consistent guide to who you are and what you want to become. Investing time and energy to define your values and then aligning your actions with your values is a powerful way to achieve your financial goals and live the life of your dreams.

For more information on how your values can help you achieve your financial goals, contact Robert (Bob) Apmann, CPA, FIC with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, at 303.690.8924 or Robert.apmann@thrivent.com today or visit thrivent.com.



2011 Mount Olive Youth Mission Trips

Mount Olive's High School and Middle School youth have travelled across the country for many years to reach out to people in various communities with the love of Jesus. Youth learn to care for the physical and spiritual needs of others all while growing in their faith. The summer of 2011 continued this ministry of helping youth grow in their relationship with Jesus as they served those in need.



Our Middle School group headed to St. Louis for the Week of Hope Workcamp, June 25—July 2. At a Week of Hope Workcamp, youth and adults built meaningful relationships with those they served, those they served with, and most importantly, a deeper relationship with Jesus. Service projects on this trip included running a VBS, preparing meals for the poor, and cleaning the home of an elderly person.

Our High School group traveled to Camp Lutherhaven in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, to work with Idaho Servant Adventures, who partner with numerous Christian organizations and agencies throughout north Idaho in service to children, youth, adults and families. Many of those served live in some of the most disadvantaged counties in the nation. This trip was July 15—July 24.

Youth Ministry FUNdraisers

Date(s)

Event

April 24

Easter Breakfast

Thank you to all who joined us for the Easter Breakfast! And, thank you to ALL of the parents and youth who provided a great breakfast and even better service. Over **\$1,300** was raised to help our middle school and high school students get to our summer mission trips as well as future trips and events.

June 4

Golf Tournament at Murphy Creek

Over **\$5,500** was raised for three purposes: 1. Youth earn money toward future trips; 2. Some funds will go toward helping youth attend events/trips/retreat/activities they otherwise would not be financially able to attend; and 3. For youth outreach efforts, such as: Overland Outreach, unpaved Ministries, etc.

June 10-11

Community Garage Sale

\$4,700 was raised at the Community Garage Sale. Funds raised will go to help youth attend future trips, especially the St Louis and Idaho Mission Trips. Thank you all who donated items to the sale. Thank you to all of the youth and parents who worked over 200 hours to sort, price and display many thousands of items.





LWML Through the Eyes of a Young Woman Shelley Stewart

June 24-27 I travelled to Peoria, Illinois (just southwest of Chicago) as one of the Young Woman Representatives (YWRs) of the Rocky Mountain District LWML to the National LWML convention. The other district YWR was a girl named Mona Book from Colorado Springs. We met the other YWRs from all over the country and the delegates from our Rocky Mountain District. We sat next to the voting delegates during the voting for new officers and mission grants for the 2011-2013 biennium.

I learned many things. Among these, that our LWML at Mount Olive has been greatly blessed. Some churches don't even have an LWML society, let alone circles and activities. Other YWRs shared many fun ideas for activities, such as a Chocolate Breakfast hosted by Dove. I also learned many things about our bylaws in the District, as well as National, and the importance of officers from both. I had a wonderful, blessed time, and I encourage any young woman (young is objective: we had some girls in college, and some that were forty-ish) to apply for this experience, and see where God plans for you to go!

The Mighty Mites

It's summer—don't forget sunscreen AND don't forget MITES! Mission grants need our attention year round ...others need our help to share the Word around the world.



Exchange Student Hosting

International Exchange Student Hosting Opportunity –

Lutheran High School in Parker is seeking families to open their homes and hearts to host an Asian student for the 2011-2012 school year. This is an incredible opportunity to learn about another culture and grow a life-long relationship. Orientation and guidance will be provided along with a generous stipend to host a student.

If you would like to welcome an international student into your family, we would like to speak with you! The experience is priceless. If you would like more information regarding this unique and rewarding opportunity, please contact Annie Suarez, AEEA Student Liaison/Homestay Coordinator at LHS at 303.841.5551 or anna.suarez@lhsparker.org.

Wanderers

Come fly with George! On **Friday, August 19**, the Wanderers will leave church at 9:30 AM. George Kerr, a member of Miniature Aero Sportsters, will demonstrate radio-controlled aircraft at the group's 48-acre flying site northeast of DIA. Transportation by church van and private cars. Luncheon on your own at Di Cicco's, 67th and Tower Road. \$5 includes program and transportation.



On **Friday, September 16**, visit Rambler Ranch at Elizabeth and see 200 cars ... a vintage kitchen with Kelvinator appliances ... even a replica of a 1920s Sinclair gas station. Owner Terry Gale will explain how it all began with his dad's 1954 Ambassador Custom. Depart Mount Olive at 9 AM and return approximately at 2 PM. Cost of \$15 includes tour and transportation by church van and private cars. **We will picnic there so please bring a covered dish to share – table service provided, plates, napkins and utensils.**

Sign up on the Narthex table or contact Phyllis Eifler with questions.



Become a Wanderer by ...

... signing up for any of the tours on the sign-up sheets on the Narthex table. All ages are welcome. It's a fun way to get better acquainted with all that Colorado has to offer and it's a great way to get better acquainted with other Mount Olive members.

Branson Show Extravaganza

You and your friends are invited to join the Grace Wanderers on a Branson Show Extravaganza 7 day, 6 night tour departing Sunday, November 27, 2011. The \$669 per person, double occupancy price includes transportation, lodging, 10 meals and seven Branson shows.

Please call Phyllis Eifler at 303.333.6893 for registration. Pick up detailed information from the Wanderers notebook on the Narthex table.



Elders Corner

Stan McKinster

This month the Elders responsibility we will look at is "Be available to members of the congregation in matters of spiritual life. Each member is assigned an Elder but can approach any Elder with spiritual concerns." This is one of the most important responsibilities we can do; to be available, to encourage, to support, to listen to, to pray for and pray with the members of Mount Olive.

Each of the 14 Elders have a zone, which is a group of 30-35 assigned family units to help our Pastors with spiritual oversight. We as Elders believe this is so important that this year we are committing ourselves to contacting our family units at least two times. It might mean a phone call, a note or an e-mail. As an example, in May we held a meet and greet your Elder during the fellowship time after early worship. We had another meet and greet Saturday night, July 16.

Next month we will look at the last responsibility of the Elders.

... so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God (1 Corinthians 2:5).

50th Anniversary Celebrations



Friends of Larry and Phyllis Eifler are invited to join them for a 50th wedding anniversary celebration on Saturday, August 6, from 2-4 PM in the Fellowship Hall. (No gifts, please.)



Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Gunnison, CO, will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Saturday, August 13, beginning at 2 PM. On Sunday, August 14, there will be the 10 AM service with a light luncheon and fellowship to follow the service.

For more information please call 970.641.1860 or email 50th@mountcalvarygunnison.com.

Music Ministry

Come and sing!

If you...

- like to sing
- don't read music but can pick up a tune quickly
- have friends or family that think you have a nice voice
- sing along with the radio successfully
- have always wondered what being in a choir is all about

... come sing with the Chancel Choir this fall!

Rehearsals are Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:30 PM. No auditions are necessary and we are prepared for new people each week (so don't feel our first rehearsal is your last chance to join in!). You will find a group of warm, loving, and fun people who enjoy making a joyful noise together.

All music and materials are supplied—all you need to supply is a desire and a voice! Come check us out and see what Chancel Choir is all about starting September 7!

Mount Olive Music Ministry Ensembles

Fall is a great time to begin your involvement in any of Mount Olive's music ensembles. Listed below are the various opportunities and rehearsal times. Most ensembles will begin rehearsal after Labor Day—watch the bulletin news for more information! If you are interested in participating in a group, please contact Rebecca Elmshouser, the ensemble director, or attend a rehearsal!

Bel Canto Handbells

The adult handbell group meets on Monday nights from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Bell Room.

Director: Kim Montross

Brass Ensemble

The Brass Ensemble meets on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Sanctuary.

Director: Diane Asmus

Carillon Handbells

The HS—young adults handbell choir meets Sunday mornings from 10:30 AM—12 Noon in the Bell Room.

Director: Kim Montross

Chamber Ensemble

The Chamber Ensemble is comprised of woodwind and string instruments. Please contact Christine Krueger for more details. Director: Christine Krueger

Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir (HS-Adult) meet Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:30 PM in Skidmore Hall.

Director: Rebecca Elmshouser

Children's Music (Kindergarten-middle school)

The children's music program meets on Wednesday nights from 5:30-6:55 PM and introduces children to singing, handchimes and handbells.



SMILE Workshop

**Speak, Meet, Invite,
Lead, Encourage =
SMILE!**

**For Greeters, Ushers,
Welcome Center Volunteers**

**Wednesday, September 7
6:30 PM**

How do we make everyone feel
welcome at Mount Olive on
Sunday mornings?

Come to this workshop and find out.
Training is for all those already
involved, or who would like to be
involved in this welcoming ministry.

Questions? Contact Pastor Borgstede,
303.755.9123.

Income/Expenses June 2011

Income	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Regular Offerings	432,148	478,992	(46,844)
Other Income	29,666	10,021	19,645
ECEC	74,959	82,825	(7,866)
Total Income	536,773	571,838	(35,065)
Expenses			
Personnel/Benefits	307,764	310,370	(2,066)
Programs	72,762	75,165	(2,403)
Administrative	12869	16,511	(3,462)
Properties	103,556	109,004	(5,448)
ECEC	76,168	81,246	(5,078)
Total Expenses	573,119	592,296	(19,177)
Net Income	(36,346)	(20,458)	(15,888)

KINDLE THE FIRE

Fund Balance January 1, 2011: 16,041

YTD Income: 71,999

Additional Mortgage Principal: 74,750

Net: 13,290

Book Group

Read By	Book and Author	Leader
August 3	<i>Michelangelo and the Pope's Ceiling</i> by Ross King	Kathy Meyer
September 7	<i>A Reliable Wife</i> by Robert Goolkrick	Cynthia Southern
October 5	<i>The Help</i> by Katherine Sackett	Jennifer Klekamp
November 2	<i>Extraordinary, Ordinary People</i> by Condoleeza Rice	Mary Rindahl
December 7	<i>Same Kind of Different As Me</i> by Hall and Moore	Anne Shearier



Expand your reading list. Stretch yourself ...
read something you have never heard of ...
then join in on our discussion in **BOOK
GROUP**. We meet the first Wednesday of the
month at 5:45 PM.