



Olive Branch

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2011 High School Graduates

Join us on Sunday, June 5, after the 10:45 AM service in the Fellowship Hall for a reception for the graduates.

Congratulations graduates!



Timothy Abell
Gateway High School
Community College of Aurora

Robert Diaz
Eaglecrest High School

Jessica Mitchell
Cherokee Trail High School
Metropolitan State Denver

Marty Andrie
Smoky Hill High School
Colorado School of Mines

Colton Gaines
Smoky Hill High School
William Jewell College

Johanna Ramirez
Eaglecrest High School
Community College of Aurora

Andrew Bowers
Lutheran High School Parker
Concordia University, Nebraska

Caitlin Herman
Lutheran High School Parker
Community College of Aurora

Sierra Ruby
Rangeview High School
Community College of Aurora

Shelby Brandt
Cherokee Trail High School
University of Wyoming

Emily Horton
Cherokee Trail High School
University of Northern Colorado

Jordan Scherner
Overland High School

Nycole Burke
Highlands Ranch High School

Joel Johnston
Overland High School

James Shearier
Lutheran High School Parker
Colorado State University

Shelby Candelaria
Rangeview High School

Neil Jost
Lutheran High School Parker
Colorado State University

Jared Taylor
Rangeview High School
Metropolitan State Denver

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Vacation Bible School
8:45 AM-Noon, June 20-24

All children age 3 (by 1-1-11)-Grade 5
are invited to PandaMania
Where God' is Wild about You!



Register online at mtoliveluth.org!

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Be Confirmed ~ Pastor Borgstede

Our annual confirmation service has come and gone for 2011. This year we had 10 young people come forward and “confirm” in voice that they believe in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and that Jesus is their Savior. My oldest daughter, Rebekah, was among the 10. (Mom and I are proud of you Bekah!)

I am seeing more and more how important, not only because I watched my daughter, it is to speak out loud our faith in Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Romans 10:9 says, *If you confess with your **mouth** that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.* (emphasis mine, ESV) Why would Paul say it is important to confess with our mouth? Isn't just believing in our heart enough? Does this mean I have to talk to people?

While it is with our heart that we believe – God plants the seed of faith in us through Baptism and His Word – there is an active component, a speaking component to our faith that I

think is very important: and not just the obvious – telling others about Jesus who don't know Him. I believe it is important to verbalize our faith as a way of *confirming* to ourselves and the world that we know Jesus as our Savior. Speaking out loud has a way of adding importance, helping in memory, and confidence and building up whatever we are learning or believing.

Let me give you a few examples:

- How many times does a parent ask a child who has wronged another to say, “I am sorry,” verbally (and when they mumble we make them say it louder). We do this to 1. Help the person who has been hurt or wronged but also 2. To teach our child, through speaking, something important – that they should apologize when they have done something wrong.
- Goal setting or making a promise – When we make goals that we keep to ourselves it is often easy to not complete them. But when we tell

our goals to someone else now we have someone “watching” and we are more likely to accomplish our goals or promises.

- Hearing helps in memory retention – why do we read aloud to our children? To help them learn how to read. When we are studying in school often it is good to study with others and speak the material out loud to help in memory retention.
- Conviction – When you are truly excited about something do you keep it inside or do you tell others? And when you tell others and they get excited doesn't that increase your excitement and joy!

You could probably come up with others but I think you get the point – there is something special in verbally sharing things that are important to you. And the same is true with our faith. Not only do we verbally share our faith so others can hear about Christ (witnessing) but we share our faith as a way of

strengthening it and allowing it to grow in us. It is a way of confirming to ourselves how wonderful God's love for us is in Jesus Christ.

Each Sunday we confess our faith in a formal way through the Apostle's Creed or Nicene Creed. This is one way to be confirmed in our faith. But there are many, many other ways to speak of our faith. How can you *share* your faith to let others know and to build up your own faith life?



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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 ...

6/1	Rindahl, Mary Conner, Joanna		Auffert, Larry Tae, Hillary		Burke, Jenessa Matney, Julia		Mc Guire, Matthew
6/2	Woodcook, Stephanie Lang, Kirsten Reisdorff, Nicholas St. Martin, Cindy	6/9	Conley, Taylor Gravning, Dorothy Fabrizius, Paul Collier, Leah	6/16	Becker, Roger Fields, Rachel Kendall, Jessica Worden, Zane	6/20	Engleman, Jerry Ball, Thomas
6/3	Gleichman, Pearl Koo, Kerry Sliver, Emma Morse, Paul Berlinski, Ian Bachofer, Marie	6/10	Samuel, Gideon Fisher, Kristina Orthel, Stephanie Wallingford, Patricia Dyer, Jim		Park, Ester Richardson, Deshawn Sande, Lenore Schallhorn, Joann Rupp, Walter Bleeke, Wendy Greunke, Leo	6/21	Elliott, Hayley Wood, Curt Fujita, Lilian
6/4	Choe, Joseph Mc Casland, Diane Kirkeide, Aaron	6/11	Elmshouser, Matthew York, Judy Fabozzi, Shirley Conner, Michael		King, Jean Klekamp, David Natomeli, Alyssa Wildermann, Kyle	6/22	Jones, Marcia Schrimpscher, Tommy
6/5	Borgstede, Rebekah		Ford, Jeff		Natomeli, Alyssa Wildermann, Kyle	6/23	Schrimpscher, Tommy Carpenter, Joshua
6/6	Smith, Steven Burley, Megan Meador, Cynthia Gee, Isaiah Storm, Kaitlyn	6/13	Johnston, Brooke Martin, Kate Leonard, Karl Jones, Kimberly Haller, Helen	6/17	Koschik, Jessica Norell, Mildred Strauch, Don Diaz, Madeline Campbell, Jenny	6/24	Carpenter, Joshua Fehrman, Mary
6/7	Bellis, Ian Miller, Jeff Rust, Jordon Andrie, Benjamin Huyghebaert, James Sauerbreit, Maddie	6/14	Polton, Robin Hall, Tobie Host, Braden Latimer, Mike	6/18	Towne, Tim Halboth, Olivia Lish, Barbara Fangmeier, Sherri	6/25	Sullivan, Tim Bowers, Alex Tessema, Ella
6/8	Vellequette, Ashton	6/15	Kelsey, Jerry Sharpley, Ruby Thaemert, Gracie	6/19	Wendell, Bailey Yotter, Isaac	6/26	Sullivan, Tim Bowers, Alex Tessema, Ella
						6/27	Schliske, Lois Bame, Eric Meehan, Jane Abell, Donald
						6/28	Groulik, Dorothy Shearier, Susanna Grunwald, Georgia
						6/29	Marschner, Rebecca Eckles, Katelynn Essig, Leonard
						6/30	Marschner, Rebecca Eckles, Katelynn Essig, Leonard Samuel, Zerhanes Shelby, Madison

Anniversary Wishes to ...

6/1	Chernet, Robert & Ingrid Forbord, Lubna & Paul Pierce, Arthur & Jennifer Taylor, Larry & Connie	6/9	Derr, Walter & Jean Weber, Kyle & Jennifer	6/22	Griebel, Dennis & Diane Talamantes, Santiago & Barbara
6/2	Bogh, Russell & Ramona Neuharth, Chris & Kristin	6/10	Egan, John & Pamela	6/23	Krames, Paul & Adriane Pelepchan, Brian & Kathy
6/3	Heimbigner, Jerry & Angie Owen, Lauren & Greg	6/11	White, Richard & Elaine	6/24	Riebau, Michael & Nancy West, Stacy & Rod
6/4	Geisler, Orville & Betty	6/12	Dunkel, Michael & Karen Johnson, Scott & Lyndsay	6/25	Belier, John & Rita Emerson, Steve & Nancy Gaines, Don & Pam Klein Natomeli, David & Greta
6/5	Hixson, Kevin & Melinda Luedders, Stephen & Mary Rupp, Walter & Joane Wendell, Ray & Peggy	6/13	Borgstede, Robert & Jeanne	6/26	Clow, Bruce & Stephanie Latimer, David & Ronda Sharpley, Irv & Ruby
6/6	Osburn, Theresa & Gregory	6/14	Mc Clain, Mike & Pam	6/27	Essig, Leonard & Katherine Hall, Tobie & Elaine
6/7	Lish, Judy & Eric	6/15	Becker, Roger & Shirley Mc Kelvey, Charles & Christine Myers, Tony & Kelly	6/28	Ripke, Jonathan & Megan
6/8	Fields, Tom & Jane Greve, Mark & Sherri Petric, Peter & Cindy	6/17	Deden, Michael & LaTisha Krueger, Glenn & Christine Van Dyke, Don & Kristine	6/29	Liss, Leonard & Kathy Johnson, Gary & Wanda Smith, Nathan & Claudia
		6/18	Grein, Steven & Stephanie Kilgore, Ed & Doris Kirbach, Heinz & Kathy		
		6/21	Berlinski, Robert & Carolyn		



Blood Pressure Check

Saturday, June 18
4:30-6:15 PM

Sunday, June 19
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:
June 12
July 10
August 14 and 28

Aurora Interchurch

June donations —

Ziplock bags
(sandwich, quart and gallon)

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.



Early Childhood Education Center

ECEC TOP TEN LIST

Blessings Your Child **Will** Receive While Attending the ECEC

10. Mom and Dad get some peace and quiet
9. Baking and eating snacks
8. It's OK to get messy and dirty
7. Learning and more learning
6. Easel painting and FUN art activities, playing with play dough, building blocks, exploring in the sensory tables, dramatic center, recess, writing books, reading books, special days, parties and much more
5. Learning to be a friend
4. Feeling loved, getting hugs and being forgiven
3. Experience that school is fun
2. Singing and praying

**And the number 1 blessing your child will receive while attending the ECEC ...
... learning about Jesus and growing in FAITH!!!!**

We invite your family and preschooler to be part of our ECEC family. We are now registering children for the 2011-2012 school year. You may get additional information on our website at mtoliveluth.org or call JoAnn at 303.750.9856. We want your child to receive the many blessings of a Christian preschool and kindergarten.

Seventeenth Annual Adult Gathering (55+)

September 13-15

At the Estes Park Center, YMCA of the Rockies Estes Park

Theme: *Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind.* (Matthew 22:37).

Gathering Highlights

The Rev. Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick, President Emeritus, LCMS, will be the keynote speaker. He will speak on *New Testament Leadership for the 21st Century*. He will also deliver the homily for the closing worship service.

Mr. John Stonestreet, Executive Director of Summit Ministries, will speak on *Thinking Worldviewishly: Loving God with Your Mind*.

Deborah Holmes with MedX of Estes Park will speak on health and fitness.

Double occupancy (\$399.55) Single room (\$336.12) Triple occupancy (\$154.32 each)
Registration deadline is July 7!

Registration forms are available in the Church Office.



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.

June 4—Student Ministry Golf Tournament—7:30 AM
(Volunteers meet at 6 AM)

June 5—Graduate Blessing—10:45 AM

June 5—Graduate Cake Reception—11:45 AM

June 5-9—Garage Sale Set Up—10 AM-4 PM and 5-9 PM

June 10-11—Garage Sale—8 AM-3 PM (Meet at 6 AM to set up)

June 12—High School IMPACT—6-8 PM

June 14—ALL YOUTH EVENT—Elitch Gardens—9 AM-6 PM

June 26—High School IMPACT—6-8 PM

Jr High Mission Trip— Week of Hope, St. Louis June 25-July 2

July 10—High School IMPACT—6-8 PM

July 12—ALL YOUTH EVENT—WaterWorld—9 AM-6 PM

Sr High Mission Trip— Idaho Servant Trip, July 15-24

July 30—HeavenFest

July 31—High School IMPACT—6-8 PM

August 14—High School IMPACT—6-8 PM

August 21—Church Picnic—12-3 PM

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

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

September 23-25—High School FALL RETREAT

September 30-October 1—unPaved Conference



Child and Family Ministry

JUNE

Children's Ministry Special Events

VBS Family Projects June 13-17

Families are invited to help prepare for VBS. Contact Robin at rkurth@mtoliveluth.org to schedule a time to help decorate, organize stations or prepare materials. This is a great way for families to serve God together! There are projects for children of all ages.



VBS Friendship Sunday Saturday, June 26 10:45 AM Worship

All VBS participants are invited to sing during our 10:45 AM worship service and share VBS fun with our congregation.. Our VBS friends are also invited to our fellowship time at 9:00 AM and Sunday School at 9:30 AM.



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.

Summer Sunday School Cinema

Begins June 5!
9:30 AM



This summer our children, age 5-grade 5, will gather each Sunday in Skidmore Hall to explore the Bible on the Big Screen. When the main feature is not an hour long, children will enjoy a short *Davey and Goliath* episode.

- June 5 – *The Good Sport Gang*
- June 12 – *What's in the Bible-Genesis*
- June 21 – *Let My People Go*
- June 26 – *Wanderin' in the Desert*
- July 3 – *Inspirational Hero-Abe Lincoln*
- July 10 – *Battle in the Promised Land*
- July 17 – *Daniel*
- July 24 – *David and Goliath*
- July 31 – *The King is Born*
- Aug 7 – *Miracles of Jesus*
- Aug 14 – *The Kingdom of Heaven*
- Aug 21 – *Worthy is the Lamb*
- Aug 28 – *He is Risen*

Summer Sunday School Praise & Play

Begins June 5!
9:30 AM



This summer our children, age 5 and under, will gather each Sunday in our preschool area for a Praise and Play experience. We will hear a story, sing God's praises, create a craft, enjoy a snack, and play with friends each Sunday. Our youngest children should be accompanied by an adult each week.

Adult volunteers are needed each week for Sunday School Cinema and Praise and Play. Please e-mail Robin Kurth at rkurth@mtoliveluth.org or sign-up on the bulletin board if you are able to help one or more weeks.

Snacks are needed for both Sunday School Cinema and Praise and Play. Roaring Waters drink bags and individually wrapped snacks can be used for both groups. **Thank you!**



June 20-24

Morning, 8:45 AM–Noon
Afternoon, Noon–4:00 PM

Register online at
mtoliveluth.org!



VBS Volunteers

ALL VBS volunteers must attend a training session. This year, our youth and adult volunteers will attend separate sessions. In addition, all volunteers age 18 and older must attend a Risk Management Workshop every five years. The training session will last approximately one hour and the Risk Management Workshop will directly follow. The training will take place in Skidmore Hall. Please choose one session from the list below.

June 5, 10:45 AM (Adult)

June 6, 6:30 PM (Youth)

June 7, 6:30 PM (Adult)

June 8, 6:30 PM (Youth)

June 9, 6:30 PM (Adult)

There are still volunteer opportunities available for PandaMania. Contact Robin at rkurth@mtoliveluth.org or 303.755.9123 or sign up in the Narthex.



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 Pelechpan at 303.693.4161 or email at kpelechpan@msn.com.

Game Day

Tuesday, June 14

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!

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.

Has Your Life Changed

I see it every day. A person who has never felt the need for financial guidance walks through my door right after a significant life event – maybe the birth of a child, a marriage or even an unexpected inheritance. Life events such as these turn financial advice from a nice-to-have into a need-to-have.

Marriage. About two-thirds of married people say they disagree with their spouse about money! A good way to lessen the stress is to discuss your values, goals and needs with a financial professional and make decisions together.

Birth or adoption of a child. Making room in your budget for the new addition is important. It's also important to evaluate your need for additional disability income and life insurance coverage. Many new parents start looking at college funding options as well.

Inheritance. Many people devote time and attention to what will happen if they die, but often overlook the fact that they might receive a loved one's legacy. A financial professional can help you responsibly steward and invest the money in ways that align with your values, goals and needs.

Retirement. Both financially preparing for retirement and appropriately tapping one's financial assets in retirement are key needs in our changing society.

If you need financial guidance because of a life event or would like to discuss how Thrivent Financial 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 continues this ministry of helping youth grow in their relationship with Jesus as they serve those in need.



Our Middle School group will head to St. Louis for the Week of Hope Workcamp, June 25-July 2. At a Week of Hope Workcamp, youth and adults build meaningful relationships with those they serve, those they serve with, and most importantly, a deeper relationship with Jesus. Service projects on this trip might include running a VBS, preparing meals for the poor, or cleaning the home of an elderly person.

Our High School group will travel 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. We leave on July 15 and return 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—7:30 AM

Golf Tournament at Murphy Creek

The cost is the same as last year: \$125 per person. Get your team together and compete for great prizes. Or, get a hole-in-one and win a new car. Sponsorships, individual and business, are available. Not a golfer? Donations in any amount are also accepted. Or donate a golf shirt, golf club or gift certificate for golfer prizes. **ONLINE registration is open. Just click the Golf Tournament button on the church website (mtoliveluth.org) or go to mtoliveyouth.com.**

June 10-11—8 AM-3 PM

Community Garage Sale

As of May 29 we are accepting items for the sale. Items can include most anything: baby items, furniture, household items, appliances, books, clothing, toys, tools, sporting goods, antiques, collectibles and most anything else you think of. Thank you!



LWML

LWML Mystery Trip Saturday, June 4, 9 AM

It's a **MYSTERY Trip**....can you guess where the LWML is going on June 4? Clues are:

1. Blue skies kiss the deep blue sea.
2. Goddess shape, pillars hold you up.
3. Gold over head; cool breezes soothes your soul.



Come along...we will carpool. Sign up sheet on the Narthex table.



Our very own Shelley Stewart will represent the Rocky Mountain District at the LWML Convention in Peoria, IL June 23-26. The theme is *Being With Jesus — Living on the Edge*. Mount Olive LWML is excited that we will get a first-hand report from Shelley when she gets back—HAVE FUN, Shelley!

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.

Let the SONshine in ...



Faith Circle—Thursday, June 16, 9:30 AM at the home of Phyllis Arnold.

Grace Wanderers



July 20-24 the Grace Wanderers invites you to participate in the Historic Route 66/Theater Tour to Lindsborg, KS, Sand Springs, OK and Palo Duro Canyon State Park (south of Amarillo, TX) and Shuler Theater in Raton, NM. Other stops include the Kansas Underground Salt Museum, Route 66 Museum, Oral Roberts University, Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, Capulin Volcano and the cross at Groom, TX. and the Trinidad Trolley Tour.

Detailed flyers are available in the Wanderers' notebook located on the Narthex table or by calling Phyllis Eifler at 303.333.6893. Tour price is \$600 per person double occupancy or \$750 single, and includes lodging, transportation, admission fees and 8 meals.



Grace Wanderers

(Cape Cod and New York City, October 14-27, 2011 tour is filled!)

Wanderers

On **Wednesday, June 8** you're invited to join the Wanderers for a "Tour of Estemere" at Palmer Lake. Built in 1897 by a prominent dentist and former Palmer Lake mayor, Estemere is an elegant, landmark Victorian mansion. Prior to the automobile, Palmer Lake enjoyed visits from Denverites seeking to escape the city's summer heat in a picturesque small town with a rural nature. It was also an important stop for the railroad in the 1870s because the steam trains had to take on water from Palmer Lake, the only natural water supply available, before heading down from the Palmer-Divide Summit. We'll lunch at O'Reilly's Pub in Palmer Lake before going to the Vaile Museum nearby for a brief visit to learn about Dizzy and The Star on Sundance Mountains. Depart church at 9 AM for the Estemere Mansion Tour and return approximately 3 PM. Cost is \$12 which includes tour and transportation.

You are invited to join the Wanderers on **Thursday, July 14**, as we travel just a few miles west of Greeley to the only Atlas Missile Silo open to the public; Pete Ambrose, a Vietnam veteran, county employee, and self-styled museum curator of the missile will give the tour of the old underground structure, built in 1959 as part of America's defense for five years. Depart Mount Olive at 9 AM via church bus and cars. Lunch at Santeramos Italian Food (sandwiches too) in Greeley follows the 10:30 AM tour. \$10 includes tour and transportation. Return approximately 2:30 PM.

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



Become a Wanderer by ...

... simply 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.



Elders Corner

We continue this month looking at another duty for which the Elders at Mount Olive are responsible. From the *2009 Guidebook and Directory*, this month we look at the item that states: Elders support and encourage the pastoral and other staff and families through prayer and regular dialogue.

This support, encouragement and prayer obviously goes beyond the week-end contact and mid-week activities. For the last several years usually an elder will meet with an individual staff member from both the church and the ECEC once during the year for what we call "conversations with staff." This is simply a time of about (30-60 minutes) where the elder and staff member talk about how the staff member is doing personally, and also how things are going in relationship with their ministry at Mount Olive. Obviously the elder commits to keep the staff member in prayer throughout the year. These are usually very positive times to meet for both the staff member and the elder, and an excellent way for the elders to get to know different staff members on a little more personal level.

Next month will continue with another responsibility that the elders oversee at Mount Olive.

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

Thank You

The family of Art Heiser would like to thank you for all the support and love during this time ... for all the cards, food and many kindnesses.

Edwina Heiser and Family

Celebrate Life, Take a Walk with Us

Together we can take important steps and do something that can genuinely save lives in our community. With every step you take in the Walk for Alternatives, Saturday, June 4, 9:30 AM at the City of Cuernavaca Park in downtown Denver, you will be joining hundreds of others in raising the funding needed for programs and services that make a difference for life. Alternatives Pregnancy Center invites you to lovingly Celebrate Life by walking or by supporting a walker. Visit WalkforAlternatives.org or call Alison Winslow, 303.758.1838 or email her at aglwinslow@yahoo.com.



Music Ministry

Summer Music Opportunities

Men's Choir

The Men's Choir will meet on Wednesday nights from 7-8 PM in Skidmore Hall for the two weeks prior to singing in a worship service. The rehearsal dates and Sundays the group is scheduled to sing this summer are:

Wednesday, June 29—Rehearsal

Wednesday, July 6—Rehearsal

Sunday, July 10—Sing in 8 and 10:45 AM services

Wednesday, July 13—Rehearsal

Wednesday, July 20—Rehearsal

Sunday, July 24—Sing in 8 and 10:45 AM services

If you are interested in joining this group, please sign up on the form located on the column right inside Skidmore. While signing up for this group is not mandatory, it is encouraged so that adequate music may be provided at each rehearsal.

Women's Choir

The Women's Choir will meet on Wednesday nights from 6-7 PM in Skidmore Hall for the two week prior to singing in a worship service. The rehearsal dates and Sundays the group is scheduled to sing this summer are:

Wednesday, July 6—Rehearsal

Wednesday, July 13—Rehearsal

Sunday, July 17—Sing in 8 and 10:45 AM services

Wednesday, August 10—Rehearsal

Wednesday, August 17—Rehearsal

Sunday, August 21—Sing in 8 and 10:45 AM

services

If you are interested in joining this group, please sign up on the form located on the column right inside Skidmore. While signing up for this group is not mandatory, it is encouraged so that adequate music may be provided at each rehearsal.

Vocal soloists, small groups, and instrumentalists

Individuals and small groups are also encouraged to share their God-given musical talents with the church to lift praises through song. Instrumental and vocal musicians are especially needed to help provide special music for worship services this summer. If you are interested in singing or playing a solo, forming a small musical ensemble, etc. to help fill the summer worship music calendar, please contact Rebecca Elmshouser (RElmshouser@mtoliveluth.org or by calling the church office) with the dates you are available. Help is also available in finding and selecting music suitable for the worship services



Audio Sermons

Audio sermons are available at mtoliveluth.org (click on the link under worship times). You can also access them in iTunes by typing in the search box "Mount Olive Lutheran Church Sermons." Then you can 'subscribe' and get the podcasts of our sermons automatically.



Night at the Zoo

Join Lutheran Family Services of Colorado for a special Night at the Zoo....we have reserved the Denver Zoo for a private event for friends, family and guests of LFS. All who come will enjoy admission to the zoo, an all-American grilled dinner, carousel and train rides and much more, while helping LFS grow and thrive. The Annual Family/Charity event, is on Friday, June 10, at 6:30 PM at the Denver Zoo.

Income/Expenses April 2011

Income	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Regular Offerings	293,523	324,002	(30,479)
Other Income	10,145	9,042	1,103
ECEC	64,296	72,736	(8,440)
Total Income	367,964	405,780	(37,816)
Expenses			
Personnel/Benefits	195,714	197,409	(1,695)
Programs	51,199	55,002	(3,803)
Administrative	8,542	12,885	(4,343)
Properties	70,786	74,812	(4,026)
ECEC	48,383	54,420	(6,037)
Total Expenses	374,624	394,528	(19,904)
Net Income	(6,660)	11,252	(17,912)

KINDLE THE FIRE

Fund Balance January 1, 2011: 16,041
YTD Income: 41,963 Additional Mortgage Principal: 61,631
Net: 6,373

Book Group

Read By	Book and Author	Leader
June 1	<i>Founding Brothers</i> By Joseph P. Ellis	Anne Shearier



Book Group will meet at the Shearier home (2523 S. Eagle Street, Aurora) to pick books for the next year. Come with book suggestions and bring a salad or dessert. We will meet at 5:45 PM on Wednesday, June 22.

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.

