



Olive Branch

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Lutheran Church

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Senior Living Fair



**Seasons of Our Lives:
Present Challenges and Choices**

Saturday, March 26

8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

FREE - Including Continental Breakfast

Please sign-up at the display table

Great information for people with aging parents, or who are approaching retirement, or are retired and looking for helpful resources.

Two Presentations:

- **Paying for Senior Care: How to Protect Your Assets and Estate** presented by Attorney Bernard Poskus
- **Making the Right Living Choice for You** presented by Joanie Anderson of Christian Living Campuses

Many exhibitors who will provide information and answer questions regarding IN-HOME CARE, RETIREMENT LIVING facilities, ASSISTED LIVING, NURSING CARE facilities, LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE, plus other aids and resources to help people remain independent.

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Lenten Theme

Christ in the Strangest Places: Foreshadow, Fulfilled, Forever

Two tablets of stone, a few vessels of oil, simple markings, a small army, a remote field, a solemn oath--these are some of the strangest people, places and things through which God revealed himself to his people in the Old Testament. The Old Testament is chock-full of passion themes, from the serpent being crushed in Genesis 3:15 to Isaiah's Fourth Servant Song. Yet this series looks at some of the lesser-known Old Testament passion themes and focuses on them by means of single words.

Theme words for each week:

Ash Wednesday: "Mine"	March 9
Week 1: "Nothing"	March 16
Week 2: "Marked"	March 23
Week 3: "Enlist"	March 30
Week 4: "Invest"	April 6
Week 5: "Finish"	April 13



10 AM and 7 PM

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Our Foundation is Christ

So, what’s going on at Mount Olive?

I do hope to set up a reliable method for members to share their accomplishments and accolades on a regular basis—Scripture invites us to “rejoice with those who rejoice....” I’m open to ideas as to how this reliable method of sharing might work.

Last year, our Governing Board adopted several targets for 2010. The board members and staff worked together on accomplishing these targets. One of the results of this shared work was the new set of governing documents. The congregation’s constitution was not changed, but the bylaws, standard operating procedures, and the personnel and policy manual were. You can read or reference these documents at our website: www.mtoliveluth.org. This year, the Governing Board has organized itself into several task forces to accomplish our targets.

The action teams include: the ECEC task force, which will continue to look for

ways to better include this vital ministry into the whole work of Mount Olive; the Financial Study task force, which has the mandate to find ways to manage in even better ways the resources with which our members entrust us for mission and ministry and develop a vision for the future as *Kindle the Fire* frees up money for mission and ministry; the Planned Giving task force that hopes to work with the Endowment Board of Managers to publicize this fund and also develop other avenues for future giving; the Property Maintenance task force, which hopes to develop a schedule for maintenance and improvement of our physical plant so that Mount Olive remains a welcoming place to visitors and a tool for worship and ministry for our members; and, finally, the Spiritual Assessment task force that will help Mount Olive take our spiritual “temperature” and seek Biblical ways to be our Lord’s instruments to grow in His Word for His work. The Board also adopted 1 Corinthians 3:10-11 as their theme verse—this verse can serve each of us as a focus as

we work together—that we build (by God’s grace and Spirit) on the foundation He has laid for us in Christ. Christ is our cornerstone—He holds us together and gives us the sure Foundation in His Word and grace.

How amazing would it be if we were able not just to have our work together as Mount Olive show this to be true, but also each of us able to say at the end of the year, what will endure from what I accomplished this year has been built on Christ. When you have a decision to make or take an action, pray that it bear witness to Christ, bring His mercy to others or contribute to our life together in Him. Our congregation’s Mission Statement incorporates these ideas: that we reach out, care for and build one another toward maturity in Christ. How cool that He invites and works through us for His purposes.

One more thing, Anne and I are going to Africa—Tanzania to be precise. We’re going mostly for a visit, but we’re hoping to take some things along to help some ministries there.

We’re leaving March 15, so look for an open suitcase in the Narthex: we’ll take books appropriate for a primary school library—science, biographies (especially of African or African-American folks) or other useful books (they’ve requested **no** romance novels) being organized and then boxes of latex gloves and packages of gauze for a hospital there. We’ll be gone a little more than a week. Please pray for us on our journey and we will continue to pray that you have

... Joy in the journey.

Pastor Jeff Shearier

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.
1 Corinthians 3:10-11

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Sunday, 8 and 10:45 AM

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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 April Olive Branch is Thursday, March 10. Articles turned in after that time will appear in the May newsletter.



Happy Birthday to ...

3/1	Wallace, Amanda Schonack, Rebekah Bodemann, Kathleen Wallace, Emily	3/10	Barnard, Lindy Kuenker, Paul Mc Lane, Sawyer Strauch, Virginia		Spoerl, Andrew		Kelsey, Lindsey
3/2	Schonack, Brooke Amore, Melanie Fields, Tom	3/11	West, Britney Muth, Zachary	3/17	Dunkel, Michael Nelson, Cheryl Carpenter, Zachary	3/27	Hadley, Kari Brotzman, Benjamin Williams, Robert
3/3	Horning, Matthew Smith, Haley White, Elaine Ashby, Michael	3/12	Walters, Joyce Davila, Angelica Sall, Lauryn Kaczmarek, Steven Farrell, Kathy	3/18	League, Samantha Tae, Alyssa	3/28	Rehwalt, Harvey
3/4	Warkentin, William Yan, Mindy	3/13	Raimondo, Barbara	3/19	Richardson, Dante	3/29	Florom, Chester Howard, Nathan Ernst, Drew
3/5	Fabrizius, Darlyne Strawmyre, Amanda Draper, Joshua	3/14	Schlue, Cindy Kelly, Cynthia Hess, Alicia Gates, David	3/20	Cobb, Jerry	3/30	Jenkins, Joshua Frazee, Carrie Asman, Catherine
3/6	Greve, Walter Johnson, Richard	3/15	Barstad, Marlo Hermann, Nicholas Williams, Judith Campbell, Elizabeth	3/21	Reneau, Earla Asmus, Duane Heling, Sam Johnston, Gay	3/31	Goeglein, Beth Giovannini, Kelley Myers, Lacy
3/7	Latimer, David Hartman, Andrea Mc Coy, Joe	3/16	York, George West, Katie Egan, John Kletke, Virginia Griebel, Diane Ledwith, Eric	3/22	Tae, Jeanie Dickinson, Jean Frevort, Mary Wetherbie, Andrew Mc Gee, Lucille		
3/8	Mc Clain, Pam Kurz, Edward Goggins, Clayton			3/23	Kuenker, Amy Sall, Richard		
3/9	Draper, Emma Kuenker, Tessa Endsley-Burge, Charlene			3/24	Ahrens, Nancy Shellenberger, Lori		
				3/25	Kilgore, Doris Thiel, Robin Carpenter, Andrea		
				3/26	Zdinak, Andrea Cammack, Heather		



Thrivent ChoiceSM

The Thrivent ChoiceSM program allows our members help choose where Thrivent Financial gives back. Members eligible for Choice DollarsSM can help direct Thrivent Financial's charitable dollars to thousands of Lutheran nonprofit organizations and congregations enrolled in the program.

Congregation members should check their Thrivent information to see if they are eligible to participate in this program and if so, should consider designating Mount Olive as a beneficiary of their Thrivent ChoiceSM dollars. Thrivent ChoiceSM dollars designated for Mount Olive Lutheran church in 2011 are being collected and will be used as seed money for a new ministry program or project later this year. Stay tuned for exact details later this summer.

**Thrivent Financial
for Lutherans gives back
with Thrivent ChoiceSM**

Anniversary Wishes to ...

3/7	Student, Dave & Ann	3/20	Meehan, Richard & Jane
3/8	Gorton, Doug & Cheryl	3/23	Broom, Robert & Ruth
3/14	Zuber, Justin & Adrienne	3/24	Johnson, Warner & Opal
3/15	Hadley, Jack & Erwina	3/26	Cooper, Scott & Pamela
3/17	Orthel, John & Stephanie	3/30	Wallace, Chris & Stephanie
3/19	Quandt, Harold & Bobbie	3/31	Fujita, Eugene & Lilian



Blood Pressure Check

Saturday, March 19
4:30-6:15 PM

Sunday, March 20
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:
March 13 and 27
April 10
May 8 and 22
June 12

Aurora Interchurch

March donations ...

Soap (dish and laundry)

Brown grocery bags are needed every month.



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.

Reach Out
To Those in Need



ECEC Celebrates National Lutheran Schools Week

Our church body began in 1847 with 12 churches and 14 schools. Today we have over 6,100 churches and over 2,400 schools. There are approximately 255,000 children in Lutheran schools hearing of God’s love and saving grace everyday. At our ECEC we have 110 children and families. Of those, approximately 53% of our children have no church home. What a mission field! Many of our children come from homes where we are the only Christian influence in their lives. We pray the young believers in our care grow in their faith, moving on to become disciples of Jesus Christ. Some may ask the questions, “Are Lutheran schools still worth all the money?” Maybe the question needs to be, “Are our children worth the money spent on Lutheran schools?”

This month we celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week with Lutheran schools all across the country from March 6-11. Join us as we celebrate God’s blessings through our schools! We begin our celebration of National Lutheran Schools Week with our Open House on Sunday, March 6. You are invited to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments at 9 AM. There will be some “yummy” fixins”. The children will sing at the end of the 8 AM service. The ECEC staff will host Family Sunday School for all children 2-kindergarten and their parents on this day. We will have games, books, singing, and many activities for families to pass on the faith and to help their children learn that Jesus wants us for a helper!

We will begin our school week with V.I.P (Very Important Person) Day. Every child invites one adult friend to join us at school. We will paint, read stories, explore our classrooms, and make lots of FUN memories together. We will end our special time together with a Spring Fling in the Fellowship Hall. The children will be singing for their V.I.P. and then we will share a snack together made especially by the children. We are again singing at the 10 AM Lenten service this week. Icky Mushy Squishy day will end the week. Our school day will be filled with ooey, gooey activities and with dirt and worms for snack! Wow! What a celebration we will have!

Since 1972, our ministry through the ECEC has touched approximately 4,150 children with the Word of God. We thank God for giving us this mission field!

2011-2012 ECEC Classes/Tuition

Registration for the 2011-2012 school year continues in the ECEC Office.

Listed below are the sessions that are available for the school year.

3 Year Old Classes

MWF 9 - 11:30 AM
TTH 9 - 11:30 AM

4 Year Old Classes

MWF 9 - 11:30 AM
TTH 9 - 11:30 AM

Junior Kindergarten

M-TH 12:30 - 3 PM

Combination 3/4 Year Old Classes

M-F 9 - 11:30 AM

PM Enrichment 3/4 Year Old Classes

M, T, W, TH and/or F 11:30 AM - 3 PM (with Lunch Bunch)

Registration Fees (Annual-non-refundable)

Preschool 40.00
Junior Kindergarten 45.00

Supply Fee

Preschool 35.00
Junior Kindergarten 40.00

Tuition for members of Mount Olive (Preschool)

MWF 161.00 per month
TTH 126.00 per month
M-F 239.00 per month
Junior Kindergarten 201.00 per month

PM Enrichment for members of Mount Olive

5 Days 230.00
4 Days 202.00
3 Days 167.00
2 Days 121.00
1 Day 61.00
Drop in 20.00 per day



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.

March 2—H2H Learning Event—7-8:30 PM

March 2—Middle School Youth Quake deposit due—\$25

March 9—No H2H Event—Ash Wednesday

March 13—High School MISSION TRIP meeting—10:45 AM

March 13—Middle School ENERGY (Laser Tag) — 1-3 PM

March 13—High School IMPACT—6-8 PM

March 16—H2H Worship/Learning Event—7-8:30 PM

March 23—H2H Worship/Learning Event—7-8:30 PM

March 27—High School IMPACT—6-8 PM

March 30—H2H Worship/Learning Event—7-8:30 PM

April 1-3—Middle School Youth Quake Retreat

April 3—FUNdraiser: Serve the Hawaiian Dinner

April 23—FUNdraiser: Set up for Easter Breakfast—10 AM-1 PM

April 23—Easter Sunday

April 23—FUNdraiser: Easter Breakfast—7-10:30 AM

May 1—Metro Youth Volleyball Tournament @ LHSP

Middle School Mission Trip— Week of Hope Workcamp, St. Louis, Missouri, June 25-July 2, 2011

High School Mission Trip— Idaho Servant Adventure, July 15-24, 2011

Need a registration form or more information? mtoliveyouth.com



Child and Family Ministry



First Grade Parent Bible Class

March 6, 13, and 20
9:30-10:30 AM, Room 8

Blessing

March 27, 8:00 AM Worship

All parents of first graders are invited to a three week class which will focus on spiritually parenting their first grader. In these sessions parents learn to have effective devotions with their first grader, teach their child to serve as Jesus served, and teach money management and giving. On March 27, children will be presented a towel and basin.



Kid's Club

Age 3 - Grade 5
March 2, 5:30 PM

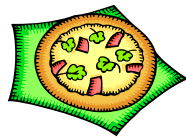
Kid's will enjoy a short Bible time, make crafts, play games and participate in other activities. Friends and visitors are always welcome at Kid's Club.



Family Sunday School

Fellowship Hall
March 6, 9:30 AM

All parents and children age 2-Kindergarten are invited to join our ECEC families celebrate Lutheran School 's Week with interactive Sunday School fun for the whole family.



Bible Bingo Family Night

March 8, 4:00 PM

People of all ages are invited for a fun night of Bible Bingo and pizza. Prize donations for all ages are being gathered. Please place your donations in the Narthex. Guests and visitors are welcome!



Used Book Sale

Saturday, April 2

Sale 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

1/2 Price Sale 1:00-2:00 PM

Hardcover Books—\$2.00

Paperback Books—\$1.00

All Children's Books—\$1.00

Donate your gently used books!

Books may be left in the box or on the shelf located to the right as you enter the Library or in Room 9. Please sort your donations if you have a few moments to share. No magazines or books with torn pages please.

Candy and Small Prize Donations

Candy and small prize donations are being gathered for the Egg Hunt and Alleluia party. Lave donations in the box in the Narthex before April 10.

Egg Hunt & Alleluia Party

April 16, 9:00 AM



June 20-24

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

This summer's VBS will be a wild celebration of God's unconditional love! At PandaMania VBS, kids will discover that God has a purpose and a plan for everyone and that He crafted each of us with His own loving hands. Children age 3 through grade 5 are invited to join the adventure. (Children must be age 3 by January 1, 2011 and potty trained)

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.

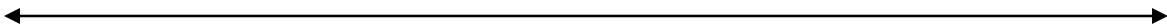


Cookie Can Ministry News

- Next packing day is Saturday, March 5, 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bake and join us!!
- We still need coffee cans to finish up this year. Please drop them off at the Church Office or in the kitchen.
- Please sign up to bake cookies! We need over 60 dozen for each mailing.
- Donations for postage are always welcome! You can drop them off in the can on the Narthex table or in the Church Office.



Bless you for being a part of this ministry! The college kids really appreciate the cans filled with cookies and love from all of us!



Financial Resolutions?

With the New Year came the opportunity to improve your financial well-being. Here are five financial resolutions you may have considered. Or, may still need to consider?

- **Establish your 2011 financial goals**, including your retirement and overall savings goals. Post them where you'll see them often. If they are out of sight, they will likely also be out of mind.
- **Establish a realistic, not pie-in-the-sky, budget** based on what you spent last year, taking rising gas, heating and food prices into account.
- **Cut back on debt** by paying off a credit card balance, foregoing unnecessary purchases or adding \$50 a month to your mortgage payment. Before charging something, ask yourself – *Do I really need this or do I just want this?*
- **Prioritize major purchases** you want to make and figure out how to pay for them out of your current income. Save in advance, if possible. Why pay non-deductible interest if it can be avoided?

Review your will, estate plan and medical directives to ensure they reflect your current life situation.

For help achieving your 2011 financial plan, 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.

Thank You

Thank you for all the cards, calls, prayers and a thank you to Pastor Mike for his visiting at the hospital. I'm home and recovering ... thanks to all.

Betty Pickett

Young at Heart 55+

March 9 11:30 AM
In the Fellowship Hall

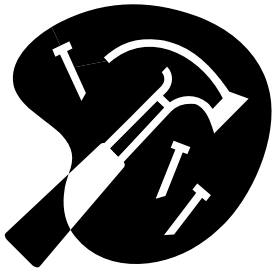
All seniors (55+) are invited to join the Young at Heart for a potluck lunch and program. There is always lots of good food and fellowship.



Devin Paszek from the Nature's Educators Raptor Program will be bringing a couple birds of prey. Their mission is to teach everyone about the importance of birds of prey. They strive to get audiences excited to learn about the wildlife with which we live.



Holy Hammers



Mount Olive is a member of the Holy Hammers, a coalition of about 12 Lutheran Churches who partner with Habitat for Humanity in Metro Denver to build homes for those in need of affordable housing. As a sponsor, the Holy Hammers group is responsible for a portion of the cost to build each house and to enlist a portion of the volunteers to

build the homes. These homes are purchased by partner families who also put in their own sweat equity hours.

Over the past several years, Thrivent Builds grants have allowed the group to increase the number of houses we can support both locally and internationally. For 2011 we are building three homes in the Denver Metro area with start dates in February, May and August.

Please consider helping for a day. Workdays are 9 AM—4:30 PM. No experience is needed. Construction supervisors will teach you on the job. You can also help by bringing lunch to those building.

Mount Olive currently has open slots on March 11 and 12, April 8 and 9 and May 13 and 14. If you or a small group/family would like to volunteer in the future for a specific Friday or Saturday, let Edie Brady know or if you have questions, call 303.693.0447.

Scrip Available

The ECEC continues their Scrip fundraiser. You may purchase gift certificates to hundreds of area retailers and merchants. With every purchase, you earn revenue for the ECEC's Education Grant Fund, which helps children with their tuition to attend our school.

Gift cards are available from such places as:

- Applebee's
- Chili's
- Old Navy
- Texas Roadhouse
- Starbucks
- Chipolte
- Home Depot
- Kohl's

JoAnn Stibrich is available by the Fellowship Hall every Sunday from 9-9:30 to answer questions and take orders, or call 303.750.9856. (For your convenience, many certificates are available for your immediate purchase.)

Think Scrip ... Think ECEC

Forgiveness BRACELET

Jesus died on the cross to forgive our sins, and he tells us to forgive other people, too. Make and wear this craft as a reminder that you are forgiven — and should be forgiving.

What you need:

- Clear plastic bottle (about 16 oz.)
- An adult to help
- Scissors
- Construction paper
- Permanent black marker
- Glue or clear tape
- Thin ribbon or yarn
- Small hole punch

What you do:

1. Remove any label from the bottle. Have an adult help you cut the bottle in half, width-wise. At the middle, cut out two identical half-inch-wide strips.
2. Cut out paper the same size as the plastic strips.
3. On the paper, write "Forgive, and you will be forgiven" (Luke 6:37, NIV).
4. Place the paper between the two plastic strips.
5. Cut and glue the ribbon or yarn to run along the top and bottom of the verse, framing the words.
6. Punch a hole at each end, through all three layers.
7. Tie the bracelet to your wrist with ribbon or yarn.



LWML

You bought 'goodies' in December and some of the money is sent to for our Mite projects. Where does our Mite money go in the Rocky Mountain District? As of January 2011:

Rocky Mountain District Mission Grant Recipients for the 2010-2012 Biennium

Grants	Paid	Unpaid
Trinity/HOPE – Feeding Haitian Children \$ 5,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000
Rocky Mountain District – Debt Assistance Program \$ 7,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 5,000
Kings Camp at Lutheran Valley Retreat \$ 6,000	\$ 0	\$ 6,000
Veterans of the Cross \$ 5,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Developing Religious Curriculum for God's People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities \$ 8,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 6,000
Opening a New Outreach Center Ft. Collins, CO-Lutheran Blind Mission \$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
Support for the University Lutheran Chapel in Boulder, CO \$ 6,000	\$ 0	\$ 6,000
Missionary Household Setup - Lutheran Bible Translators \$ 7,500	\$ 0	\$ 7,500
Expansion of the Ministry of the Lutheran Hispanic Missionary Institute, El Paso, TX \$ 7,000	\$ 0	\$ 7,000
Training Pastors for Gospel Outreach in Africa \$ 7,000	\$ 0	\$ 7,000
Mission Outreach to Immigrants from Ethiopia (Aurora, CO) \$ 7,500	\$ 0	\$ 7,500
Scholarship Assistance to Students Preparing for Ethnic Ministry \$ 3,500	\$ 0	\$ 3,500
\$ 75,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 65,000

LWML Circles

LWML offers small group Bible studies at our **Circle Meetings** each month. They are available on different days and times and meeting places to fit into many of your schedules. The following Circles are meeting in March. Questions? Contact Gilda Kaczmarek.

Mercy Circle will meet Tuesday, March 1, 9:30 AM at Mount Olive.

Glory Circle will meet Thursday, March 10, 7 PM at the home of Jane Dunn.

Faith Circle will meet Thursday, March 17, 9:30 AM at the home of Hilda Wojahn.

Grace Wanderers

Cape Cod and New York City will be the October 14-27, 2011 tour. Fourteen days and 13 nights including four nights in the quaint Cape Cod area and four nights in the New York City area - \$1,349 per person, double occupancy. Explore the historic seaside towns of Hyannis and Sandwich. Visit the JFK Museum. See Central Park, Rockefeller Center, Times Square and Wall Street; enjoy an exciting New York City Harbor Cruise.



Grace Wanderers

Please pick up a flier from the Wanderers' white notebook on the Narthex table, or call Phyllis Eifler, 303.333.6893 for more information.

Wanderers

On **Tuesday, March 15**, join the Wanderers as we tour Boyer's Coffee, started 35 years ago by Bill Boyer. Depart Mount Olive at 9 AM. Lunch will be at the Red Rooster Café. Return to Mount Olive should be approximately 1 PM. Transportation by church bus and cars. Cost is \$5 plus lunch.

On **Monday, April 25**, take a wagon ride (bring a pillow) around the 1100 acres of the Plains Conservation Center at 21901 E. Hampden. Visit the 1887 farm, 2 sod homes and the old schoolhouse. Learn about the effect of the dust bowl on this region. If you have a severe back issue you may ride in the Suburban which pulls the wagon. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy prior to our 1:30-3:30 PM tour. Depart Mount Olive at 11:30 AM via church bus and cars; return approximately 4 PM. Cost is \$10 including transportation and tour.

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



Wanderer Trips

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

This month the Elder we'll highlight is Stan McKinster. Stan and his wife, Michele, have been married over 32 years and have been members of Mount Olive for about four years now. Stan is beginning his second year with the Board of Elders.

Stan and Michele have a son and two daughters ... all married ... and we're blessed with identical twin granddaughters born two years ago in February. Living in Denver, Caroline and Chloe are two of their biggest joys.

Stan enjoys reading, attending sports events at the high school and collegiate level and had the opportunity to be on the coaching staff at Denver Lutheran High School with the girls varsity softball program for the last 6 years.

Stan has been employed by United Parcel Service for 33+ years, and currently drives downtown.

Our goal in the Elder's Corner is not only to introduce you to current Elders, but share with you some of the responsibilities and duties Elders do around Mount Olive. Look for some of these to come out in the next several months.

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



Music Ministry

Thank You!

Thank you, members of Mount Olive, for your warm welcome upon my Commissioning and Installation on February 6 in words of welcome as well as the luncheon and gift card shower. Thank you, also, to the Chancel Choir, Bel Canto, and Brass for your special music in the worship service. Your gifts and talents are greatly appreciated!

Who is Rebecca Elmshouser?

Throughout my life I lived in Kansas and Illinois before settling in Washington, Missouri in 2008 where my mother is currently a Director of Music and music teacher. I have two lively younger sisters that are both currently in college studying to be a physical therapist's assistant and a teacher.

I am a December 2010 graduate of Concordia in Seward, NE where I studied Secondary Education with emphases in English and vocal music. This past fall I completed my student teaching experiences at a Catholic MS/HS in rural Nebraska and at St. Paul's Lutheran grade school in Des Peres, MO. I was blessed with wonderful cooperating teachers who allowed me various experiences within the classroom and church parish to prepare me for a future as a teacher or music director. While attending Concordia I was also privileged to be a member of the University A Cappella (see article below!) and Chamber choirs, which allowed me to tour around the country as well as Spain, Italy, and Austria. It was in A Cappella and Chamber choir that I met my husband, Matt Elmshouser.

Hymns Triumphant: A Chorale Invitational

The Lutheran Chorale will be hosting a Church Choir Workshop on March 12 from 9 AM– 4 PM. Early registration is \$5 to cover the cost of materials and lunch. Sectional topics will include Voice (by part), The Aging Voice, Basic Musicianship, Songs of Faith—Hymn stories, and more! If you are interested in attending the workshop please sign the registration form on the bulletin board in Skidmore Hall.

Concordia Seward University A Cappella Choir

Concordia University Nebraska's premier vocal ensemble, the University A Cappella Choir, will bring its annual spring tour to the Denver area March 31-April 3. The 70-member choir has scheduled performances at schools and churches in Nebraska and Colorado as part of their tour. All concerts are free and open to the public.

Thursday, March 31: Peace Lutheran, Arvada (7 PM)

Friday, April 1: Lutheran High—Parker (2:15 PM)

Friday, April 1: Our Father Lutheran, Centennial (7 PM)

Saturday, April 2: Redeemer Lutheran, Fort Collins (7 PM)

Sunday, April 3: Worship services at Redeemer Lutheran, Fort Collins (8, 9:30 and 11 AM)



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.



Lutheran High School Association

Colorado Lutheran High School Association's Board of Directors announced that in order to meet current financial challenges, it will be reorganizing the ministries of Denver Lutheran High School and Lutheran High School - Parker into one school at the Parker location next academic year. More information at GrowingInHIM.org.

Income/Expenses January 2011

Income	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Regular Offerings	74,506	83,113	(8,607)
Other Income	995	915	80
ECEC	18,415	18,808	(393)
Total Income	93,916	102,836	(8,920)
Expenses			
Personnel/Benefits	50,518	54,900	(4,382)
Programs	9,945	9,758	187
Administrative	1,489	1,916	(427)
Properties	19,414	20,625	(1,211)
ECEC	13,702	15,422	(1,720)
Total Expenses	95,068	102,621	(7,553)
Net Income	(1,152)	215	(1,367)

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Income: 16,518

Additional Mortgage Principal: 16,042

Net: 476

Book Group

Read By	Book and Author	Leader
March 2	<i>Beneath the Marble Sky</i> by John Shors	Anne Shearier
April 6	<i>Prayers for Sale</i> by Sandra Dallas	Janice Muir
May 4	<i>Secretariat's Meadow</i> by Kate Chenery-Tweedy	Jennifer Klekamp
June 1	<i>Founding Brothers</i> By Joseph P. Ellis	Anne Shearier

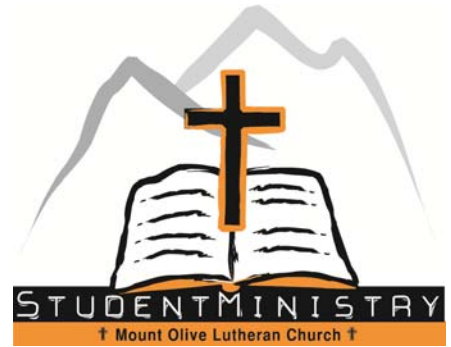


Expand your reading list. Stretch yourself ... read something you have never heard of ... then join in on our discussion in BOOK GROUP. We meet the first Wednesday of the month at 5:45 PM.



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.

How can you help Mount Olive's youth get to St. Louis and Coeur d'Alene? Check out the FUNdraisers listed below. You can also donate money to Mount Olive Lutheran Church and write Youth Mission Trips in the memo. Thank you for all of your generous support!

Youth Ministry FUNdraisers

Date(s)

Event

April 3

Hawaiian Luau Dinner (Served by YOUTH)

April 24—7-10:30 AM

Easter Breakfast

Eggs, ham, pancakes, fruit and pastries to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord! Bring your family, friends and neighbors. Freewill donations accepted.

June 4—7:30 AM

Golf Tournament @ 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 available. Just click the Golf Tournament button on the church website (mtoliveluth.org). Or go to mtoliveyouth.com. Online registration begins March 1!**

June 10-11—8 AM-3 PM

Community Garage Sale

Bring your items to Mount Olive beginning Sunday, May 29. 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!

