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Kindle the Fire

As we reread the Case Statement below, let's "Rekindle The Fire" and remember our spiritual pledges by planting petunias again this year in our church flower beds. (The petunias were so beautiful last year.) We ask that on Mother's Day, May 8, each family bring petunias as a symbol of our spiritual pledge to our Lord, to Mount Olive and to spreading the gift of God's love. We will present our offerings in the Narthex and then plant them outside the front doors to remind us of our new spiritual commitment.



We will plant the petunias on Monday, May 9, at 10 AM and we need volunteers to help plant the flowers. If you can come and help, please sign up on the "Plant the Petunias" sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Case Statement:

Mount Olive is nearly a half century old. Where other congregations might be content to maintain and look inward, the members of Mount Olive will not sit idly by. We will kindle the fire of the Gospel by taking up new ministry opportunities in the community and the congregation. However, our \$8,000 monthly debt payment is holding us back. It is suffocating the flame of the Gospel and restricting our ability to capitalize on new opportunities. Together, we can eliminate our debt so the Gospel fire will burn even more brightly among us. *Imagine the possibilities!*

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Confirmation Class of 2011

On May 15, in the 10:45 AM worship service, 10 middle school students will affirm their baptism through the Rite of Confirmation. We ask you to remember them in your prayers as they become communicant members of Mount Olive. Confirmation is not a graduation of sorts, but rather a very significant step in the faith lives of these students. We give God thanks and praise for the faith He has given and continues to nurture through the power of the Holy Spirit. Listed below are the class members and their parents.

Makenna Ruth Berlinski, daughter of Rob and Carolyn Berlinski

Pamela Dolores Potzer, daughter of Robert and Christine Potzer

Rebekah Elaine Borgstede, daughter of Pastor and Sara Borgstede

Alayna Sophia Ramirez, daughter of Ty and Leticia Wilson

Haley Rose Chambless, daughter of Kevin and Marnie Chambless

McKenzie Renee Sievert, daughter of Diana Sievert

Noah Miles Johnston, son of Adam and Lizette Johnston

Emma Marie Tappe, daughter of Steve and Annette Tappe

David William Krueger, son of Glenn and Christine Krueger

Amanda Lou West, daughter of Rod and Stacy West

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One Thing Needful

In the Gospel According to Luke, Chapter 10, we meet Mary and Martha. We do learn a lot more about them from the Gospel that John has written, but Luke includes this story not so much to tell us about Mary and Martha but to tell us about Jesus.

First, Luke tells us that Jesus taught and welcomed women into His circle of followers. This was unusual in Jesus' time period—women and children were not usually invited into a rabbi's circle. Jesus didn't follow social conventions; He calls us out of our comfortable conventions into following Him. That's Luke's second point—Jesus' teaching, His Word, is at the center of who we are and what we do. His Word gives meaning to the rest of what we do. His Word is the mirror in which we see ourselves and the lens through which we look at the world, our goals and dreams and priorities—everything.

This month our eighth-graders will affirm the promises made at their baptisms. At their baptisms,

their parents and sponsors—even the congregation—promised a renunciation of the devil and faithfulness to our God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Now the faith given them by the Holy Spirit and the Word has blossomed and borne fruit and you and I will get to see some of that fruit as they speak of their faith and their Savior through their essays on May 13 and promise that they will be faithful to their Lord and confession of faith even unto death.

In a culture in which parents are encouraged to spend time and money on numerous activities for their children so that those children might have a "fuller" life, the parents of these confirmands decided to sit down with Mary and focus on the "one thing needful" and give them the fullest life. With Christ at their center, these young

people will be able to sort out their other activities and set their goals to use their talents to honor their God.

I'd like to commend those parents and confirmands for their faithfulness and witness. This is a witness and a reminder to those who have made decisions that other things are more important than Jesus and His Word.

I am reminded of a friend of mine from high school. I will call her Gladys—though, that's not her real name. Through our junior and senior high school years together,

Gladys lived for the cello. You would always see her and her cello at the bus stop or getting out of her car. They were inseparable. Gladys' goal—and her parents' dream—was that she would go to New York and study at Julliard. Everything about Gladys was also about the cello.

She was accepted into Julliard. She was awarded an internship to study in Vienna in her junior year of college. I was surprised to

see her that October in Madison, Wisconsin—she was supposed to be in Vienna. We chatted and she told me she had thrown her cello into the Danube and with it, those goals of being a concert cellist. What would she do? She didn't know, but she was enjoying life without her cello. What did she have now that her cello—what had been the most important thing in her life—was gone? Sadly, Gladys had nothing. She, at that time, did not have the "one thing needful."

I'm thankful for parents who have given the gift of Jesus and His Word to their children. When I've had to officiate at funerals for their children, what a delight and joy it is to be able to say to the grieving parents—"you gave him/her what you had—what God asked you to give them—you introduced them to Jesus and gave them His Word." Such a gift makes an eternal difference. Such a gift makes a daily difference—Jesus promises that He has come that we may have life and have it abundantly. Such a gift is our...

...Joy in the journey,
Pastor Jeff Shearier



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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 ...

5/1	Sowl, Patricia	Greunke, Anna	Lauck, Stephen	Piazza, Fred
	Barocio, Chelsie	5/8 Kletke, Dale	Hummel, Jonathan	Piazza, Gary
	Myers, Tony	Mercado, Oliver	5/14 Gerhardt, Mabel	5/20 Mc Carthy, John
5/2	Hixson, Sadie	Mercado, Luis	Campagna, Lila	Shipman, Wanda
	Clough, Kathleen	Mc Clain, Michael	Shearier, Anne	Rains, Vicki
	Clough, Matthew	5/9 Denke, Eric	5/15 Skerjanc, Laura	Jones, Ella
	Fischer, Gabriel	Sowl, Brian	Schilling, Finley	5/21 Elmshouser, Mark
	Gorton, Cheryl	Deden, Michael	Durfee, Vera	Shipman, Clifton
	Holloway, Pamela	Mena, Aspen	Macias, DJ	Krames, Adriane
	Becker, Robert	5/10 Collins, Dayne	Barnes, Lance	Auffert, Sheila
5/3	Borgstede, Kiersten	Sonnichsen, Robert	5/16 Sisson, Scarlett	Nizami, Taimoor
	Romer, Linda	Pickett, Betty	Dankenbring, Scott	Neuharth, Chris
	Gerdjikian, Gary	Abell, Teri	Robinett, Letrisha	Brandt, Shelby
	Zuber, Mark	5/11 Ernst, Melissa	Scheffel, Lisa	Thomas, Kamryn
	Damato, Evan	5/12 Soper, Karen	Diaz, Martha	5/22 Miller, Eldon
	Marschner, Christina	Kirbach, Heinz	5/17 Schoenhals, Debbie	Lish, Ali
5/4	Heimbigner, Angie	Johnson, Pamela	5/18 Clow, Bruce	Clow, Stephanie
5/5	Rains, Doug	Maul, Barry	Lake, Levi	Wichert, Diane
	Flint, Zoe	Edwards, Wayne	5/19 Zdinak, Bill	Fischer, Dan
	Stark, Gregory	5/13 Meador, Jenica	Butenhoff, Kyle	Hehr, Jennifer
5/6	Rosenfield, John	Van Dyke, Don	Stibrich, Joseph	5/23 Macht, Jodi

Anniversary Wishes to ...

5/4	Fields, Josh & Rachel	5/19	York, George & Judy	5/25	Kortleever, Joey
5/5	Stephens, Doris & Steve	5/20	Crane, Milt & Hazel	5/26	Wallingford, Tom
5/6	Huss, Maranda & Eric	5/24	Scheffel, Rich & Mary		Brooks, Brittany
5/7	Bame, Eric & Donna	5/25	Draper, Andrew & Amy		Anderson, Jonathan
5/10	Carpenter, Paul & Susan	5/26	Eads, Clinton & Serena	5/27	Derr, Jean
	Wallace, Matthew & Karri	5/27	Howard, Brent & Michelle		Schonack, Garrett
5/12	Melcher, Kenneth & Sharon		Kletke, Dale & Virginia	5/28	Wert, Matthew
5/15	Cobb, Jerry & Beverly	5/30	Asmus, Joshua & Sandra		Dieterich, Wesley
	Engelhaupt, Ruth & Don		Ford, Jeff & Clara	5/29	Sowl, Raybert
	Skerjanc, Leonard & Shirley		Lana, Edward & Hermione	5/30	Struempfer, Harold
5/18	Downs, Jim & Virginia	5/31	Raebel, Marsha &	5/31	Borgstede, Robert
	Jost, Andy & Patty		Gordon, Kevin		Raimondo, Dalton
					Dunkel, Cole



Blood Pressure Check

Saturday, May 21
4:30-6:15 PM

Sunday, May 22
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:
May 8 and 22
June 12
July 10
August 14 and 28

Aurora Interchurch

May donations —

Cereal and oatmeal

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

May brings the end of our 39th school year for the ECEC. We can remember back to September when our children began the year. Some were crying, apprehensive, shy and quiet, some didn't know one another or their teachers, and some had never heard about Jesus. Now it is May and we have happy children who have made friends, love school and have learned so much, especially about Jesus and His love for us. What a blessed year!

We are celebrating God's gift of Spring this month! As the flowers and plants are blooming, so will our beautiful art. There will be colorful flower gardens on display at home and school! We'll also be taking our learning outside more. We'll create paint murals, experience feet dancing, toilet paper toss and more. We'll be having Beach days this month too. Warm and tropical activities will fill our day. WOW! There is so much learning going on while we have FUN!

Pastor Shearier will lead us in graduation this month. All the children who will be moving onto elementary school will participate in a program and celebrate with a party afterwards. They all look so good in their graduation caps.

We will end the year with family picnics, field day games and activities. This is a fun way to end the year.

We thank you, our Mount Olive family, for all your love, support and prayers this school year. After a restful summer we will be back in the fall to continue to minister to God's littlest ones.

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 snack
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.



The Young at Heart group concludes its activities before the summer break with a lunch at Country Buffet, 1026 S. Sable (NE corner of Sable and Mississippi) on Wednesday, May 11, at 11:30 AM where we will have reserved tables in the dining room.

Please join us.



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.

May 1—8th Graders meet w/Brent—9:30-10:30 AM

May 1—Sr High Worship Practice—9:30-10:30 AM

May 1—Metro Youth Volleyball Tournament @ LHSP—2-6 PM

May 4—H2H Service Event—7-8:30 PM

May 8—8th Graders meet w/Brent—9:30-10:30 AM

May 8—Sr High Worship Practice—9:30-10:30 AM

May 11—H2H Learning Event—7-8:30 PM

May 11—Confirmand Essay Rehearsal—7-8:30 AM

May 13—Confirmation Banquet—5:45 PM

May 13—Presentation of Confirmation Essays—7 PM

May 14—Confirmation Rehearsal—10-11 AM

May 15—Sr Youth Lead Worship—8 and 10:45 AM

May 15—Rite of Junior Confirmation—10:45 AM

May 21—Confirmand Welcome Breakfast (Sr Youth) - 8-10 AM

May 22—Sr Youth Mission Trip Meeting—10:45-11:45 AM

May 22—Jr Youth ENERGY—1-3 PM

May 22—Sr Youth IMPACT—6-8 PM

June 4—Student Ministry Golf Tournament

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

June 10-11—Garage Sale—8 AM-3 PM

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

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



Child and Family Ministry

MAY



Children's Ministry Special Events



**Kid's Club
Year-End Party
Wednesday, May 4
5:30-6:50 PM**

All children are invited to celebrate the end of a year of fun and friendship at Kid's Club. Children will be visiting the Eastridge playground and should wear a jacket if it is cool. Friends are welcome.



**Sunday School Fun Day
Saturday, May 21
10:00 AM-Noon**

All families are invited for a family picnic, as we celebrate a great year of growing in God's Word at Sunday School. Families are asked to bring a dessert to share. Friends and guests are welcome.



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 6!
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 6!
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!](http://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.



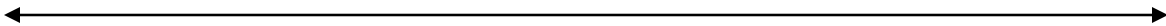


Cookie Cans

Saturday, April 2, 2011 was our last COOKIE CAN mailing for the college school year. The Board of Sharing and Caring would like to thank ALL of you who baked cookies, donated food items, helped pack cans and kept our college kids in their prayers! We appreciate all the time you have given to this ministry and we couldn't have done it without you!

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 me at kpelepchan@msn.com.



Expectations Gone Wrong

Don't delay - Saving today is one of the best ways to secure your retirement

Most people nearing retirement have an important piece of advice for those in their 20s and 30s: Save early and often; start saving now for your retirement.

Although many boomers are optimistic about retirement, if they could do it over again, many would get serious about their future needs much earlier in life.

In fact, according to a fall 2006 survey of 2,500 U.S. adults age 45 to 64 by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans; many baby boomers want others to learn from their mistakes. For example, 86% of those surveyed urged younger generations to start saving as soon as possible.

Interestingly, while 56% of boomers expect to enjoy a standard of living equal to or better than their parents, their confidence is not well-founded.

A majority of those surveyed have not made any formal retirement preparations. What's more, they're more likely to consult with family than a financial professional regarding retirement strategies. This may help to explain why 71% of baby boomers worry about not having enough money in retirement.

Regardless of where you are on your journey to retirement, there's never been a better time to get serious about preparing for what lies ahead.

If you need help preparing for retirement or would like to discuss how Thrivent Financial can help you achieve your financial goals, contact Robert (Bob) Apmann, CPA, FIC with Thrivent, at 303.690.8924 or Robert.apmann@thrivent.com today or visit thrivent.com.

Eagles Wings Award

Mount Olive received the 2010 Distinguished Congregational Partner of the Year Eagles Wings Award on April 9. Lutheran Family Services wrote the following information about Mount Olive's generosity.

"For more than 25 years Mount Olive has supported Lutheran Family Services (LFS) in a myriad of ways. Because of the support, LFS has been able to reach more vulnerable people than ever before.

In the last quarter of a century Mount Olive has contributed more than \$82,000 to programs of LFS. In addition to financial support, Mount Olive has participated in many in-kind projects ... provided hundreds of Christmas gifts for the clients, backpacks and school supplies for foster children, gift cards for our clients' shoes and clothing needs, supplies required to resettle refugee families and finally has donated gift baskets to be used at the silent auctions.

Many representatives from LFS have been invited to give presentations at Sunday services, Bible classes, small group gatherings or youth activities.

There have been members and clergy alike who have served on the LFS board of Directors offering their leadership expertise. Other individuals have served on event planning committees. Many adoptive parents are scattered throughout the congregation and one of the pastors and his wife are even active foster parents with LFS.

Thank you to our friends at Mount Olive who share our mission of walking with the vulnerable in response to the compassionate love of Christ."



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

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!



LWML**May 14 Musical Morning**

Everyone (men *and* women)
is invited to enjoy
a morning of music with the
Aurora Singers
in the Fellowship Hall on May 14.



Come early for coffee/goodies at 9 AM and the
Aurora Singers at 10!

**LWML Mystery Trip
Saturday, June 4**

Can you guess where the
ladies of LWML are
going this year? Join us
for fellowship and fun.

Want to put your
mystery solving talent to work?! Watch for
details and clues throughout the month of May!"

Circle Meetings

Charity Circle—Each Wednesday, 9:30 AM at Mount
Olive.

Mercy Circle—Tuesday, May 3, 9:30 AM at Mount Olive.

Glory Circle—Thursday, May 12, 7 PM at the home of
Connie Kerr.

Faith Circle—Thursday, May 19, 9:30 AM at the home of
Darlene Donner.

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.

(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.



Grace Wanderers



Elders Corner

This month the Elders Corner will continue with the responsibilities of an elder. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has defined the purpose of the Board of Elders as "To oversee the spiritual life of the congregation and of its individual members."

We will begin by looking at two of the items listed in the 2009 membership Guide Book. These two items are assist Pastors with the distribution of the Lord's Supper and Baptism ceremonies during worship services. Also, assist with any other duty during worship as needed.

There is always an elder on duty outside the sanctuary wearing a name tag. He is available to assist with directions or answering any questions you may have. Once in awhile a visitor will have a question about the worship service or what we believe about Holy Communion. Many times on Saturday night the elder is the greeter.

Next month we will look at a couple more duties and responsibilities from the membership Guide Book that involve the elders at Mount Olive Lutheran Church.

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

Thank You

My family and I thank our many friends for the prayers and support given to us during Greg's long fight with bone cancer and his ultimate death. We are so blessed to have such loving and caring friends.

Jean King

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



**SING HIS PRAISE,
HIS LOVE DECLARE**
...a worship conference for
pastors, musicians, and laity

Wednesday, July 27 to
Friday, July 29, 2011

Sing His Praise, His Love Declare: A Worship Conference for Pastors, Musicians, and Laity

Concordia University, Nebraska and St. John's Lutheran Church in Seward, NE have partnered to provide pastor, musicians, and laity with a conference this summer from July 27-29, which will educate, equip, and provide resources on worship-related topics within the Lutheran Church. Scheduled presenters include Carl Schalk, Carlos Messerli, Paul Bouman, LCMS President Matthew Harrison, Concordia University—Nebraska theology and music faculty members, and many more! Registration is \$115. The event schedule and full listings of topics and seminars is available online. For more information or to register for the conference visit seward2011.org, visit "Seward Worship Conference 2011" on Facebook, or see Rebecca Elmshouser.

Summer Music Opportunities

Summer plans in Mount Olive's Music Ministry program include a Men's Choir and Women's Choir that will provide special music approximately once per month. Watch you bulletin for announcements regarding rehearsal dates and times. The groups will rehearse approximately two times before they sing in a worship service. Therefore, participation in these groups will not require a large time commitment, but rather a desire to sing! This is a great way to see if joining a choir is for you!

Individuals 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. More details to come soon!

Income/Expenses March 2011

Income	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Regular Offerings	209,261	235,004	(25,743)
Other Income	9,298	8,192	1,106
ECEC	50,645	54,792	(4,147)
Total Income	269,204	297,988	(28,784)

Expenses

Personnel/Benefits	145,958	149,042	(3,084)
Programs	35,712	38,376	(2,664)
Administrative	6,605	9,593	(2,988)
Properties	56,355	58,148	(1,793)
ECEC	36,966	40,502	(3,536)
Total Expenses	281,596	295,661	(14,065)

Net Income (12,392) 2,327 (14,719)

KINDLE THE FIRE

Fund Balance January 1, 2011: 16,041

YTD Income: 33,241

Additional Mortgage Principal: 43,132

Net: 6,150

Book Group

Read By	Book and Author	Leader
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.

