



Olive Branch

Mount Olive
Lutheran Church

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Thanksgiving Worship



Wednesday, November 23

Thanksgiving Eve—7 PM

Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving Day—10 AM

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything
by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God.*

Philippians 4:6

Advent worship begins November 30
10 AM and 7 PM

Mount Olive's LWML Bake Sale
Proceeds support
LWML Mission Projects

Mites

Cross of Christ
Aurora CO



Benevolence for Mount
Olive Members

Pastor Joel Scheiwe
Missionary in China

December 3/4

We're planning...are you? When baking for the holiday season, would you consider doing a few extra cookies, bread, candy, pies or jam ... any kind of goodie to donate to the bake sale? We would appreciate your help. We do have extra freezer space and we will plate them for you! Watch for more details ...

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LifeServe 2011

~ Pastor Borgstede

September 25-29 I had the privilege of attending a conference on equipping volunteers in Louisville, Kentucky. The conference, called LifeServe, was held at the beautiful Galt House Hotel, downtown Louisville, right on the Ohio River. About 500 people from all across the country attended and there were so many options for training that it was almost too hard to choose.

I settled in on 2 one day tracks. On Tuesday I was part of three sessions with Nancy Ortberg focusing on team building, helping people discover their gifts and using them, and spiritual care for the leader. On Wednesday I attended 3 sessions on the use of social media in the church led by Justin Wise. These were very different topics but overlapped in good ways as well. There was a lot I learned and I brought back recordings so I could listen to the speakers again.

I would like to share a few highlights (these are random thoughts):

Culture (attitudes and values that permeate an organization) eats strategy for breakfast each day. You can make the perfect plan but if it doesn't align with the culture it will not succeed. – Session on leadership by Nancy Ortberg

Clarity in vision – what are the three things that set us apart from any other church within a 100 mile radius? What makes us unique and focus on these few things and do them well. – Session on leadership by Nancy Ortberg

Collaboration is not a promise but a way for people to “weigh in,” leaders still make the decision. – Session on leadership by Nancy Ortberg

Why does God do what He does? Beauty – Ecclesiastes 3:11 “He has made everything beautiful in its time.” And What does God want from us? Beauty – Matthew 26:10 Jesus said, “She has done a beautiful thing to me.” – Robert Gelinias, general session

As we continue to work with pain in our lives (and not try to hide it) it is like working with a sharp object over and over again until its rough edges are worn smooth. – Monday, September 26, general session by Robert Gelinias

We need to hand tasks over to other people not because we are too busy to do them, or they are not in our job description, but because we recognize that someone else can do it **better** than we can. Not so proud to admit we need help and others to complete a task well. – Session on leadership by Nancy Ortberg

What is a person's response in a situation? That response points to their giftedness. We all need to point out other's giftedness and celebrate it! – Session on leadership by Nancy Ortberg

Over 750 million active users on Facebook. 50% are logged in each day. 70% of users are outside the US – Session on Social Media by Justin Wise

If Social Media is like a party, don't be the obnoxious person always bragging about themselves! Focus on what the audience wants and needs. – Session on Social Media by Justin Wise

Books I want to read:
Church Unique – Will Mancini
The Five Dysfunctions of a Team – Patrick Lencion
Unleash the Power of Rubber Bands – Nancy Ortberg
Finding the Groove: Composing a Jazz-Shaped Faith – Robert Gelinias
She Did What She Could – Mark 14:8 – Elisa Morgan, general session

Watch Bob Stromberg comedy routines on YouTube – especially his shadow puppets sketch for a good laugh.

I learned many things and will be integrating the things I learned into my life and ministry at Mount Olive. Thank you for giving me the opportunity and support to attend this conference.

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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 ...

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| 11/1 Schilling, Joshua
Wiseman, Rebecca
Sauerbreit, Amy
Mc Guire, Andrew
Marlowe, Matthew | 11/9 West, Stacy
Segebart, Mary
Clow, Katherine
Hildenbrand, Jason
Egan, Pamela
Douglas, Kit
Jost, Andy
Fulton, Taylor | 11/16 Brewer, Lolly
Ehlers, Evelyn
White, Richard
Dixon, Tammy
Cugliat, Cruz | 11/23 Butler, Charles
Ejuwa, Amos |
| 11/2 Osborne, Richard
Wood, Robynn | 11/10 Richardson, Donavon
Archambeau, Geri
Bray, Stacey
Lacy, Parker | 11/17 Turner, Olivia
Mortimore, Micaela
Denke, Kendall | 11/24 Bellis, Aaron
Spoerl, Elizabeth
Mc Kelvey, Jennifer |
| 11/3 Myers, William
Shadewald, Ellie | 11/11 Weldon, Dorothy
11/12 Miller, Teri
Potzer, Anastasia
Whittlesey, William | 11/18 Ahrens, Andra
Cairns, Kaye
Wallace, Chris
Helfrich, William
Bellis, Lynn
Bruce, Donna
Kendall, Raegan | 11/25 Luedders, Renee
Flint, Jim
Guigli, Rebecca
Bowers, Keith |
| 11/4 Dunkel, Elise
Wilks, Landon
Lucas, Sean | 11/13 Ruiz, Cristian
David, Roberta
Schlue, Joe
Johnston, Noah
McCreath, Molly
Bame, Erik | 11/19 Cochran, Karen
Raebel, Marsha
Hanson, Christy | 11/26 Pelepchan, Katie
Kirbach, Kathy
Kahmeyer, Wayne |
| 11/5 Eller, Winnie
Myers, Danita
Pelepchan, Brian
Tae, Kari | 11/14 Spillane, Marje
Richardson, Janece | 11/20 Colehour, Joyce
Arnold, Phyllis
Zdinak, Ashley
Host, Braxton
Veen IV, Pieter | 11/27 Domineck, Devonne
Ford, Christopher
Draper, Amy |
| 11/6 Lish, Judy
Fischer, Kelly
Coverly, Alyse
Kerr, Erin
Natomeli, Lisa
Huebschmann, Matt | 11/15 Lehew, Jessica
Buerck, Samuel | 11/21 Osburn, Theresa
Luedders, Mary | 11/28 Sall, Ashleigh
Berlinski, Robert
Keith, Jeff |
| 11/7 Nebbia-Smith,
Morgan
Hurley, Jill | | 11/22 Fagerquist, Caryl
Draper, Andrew
Skerjanc, Shirley
Wildermann,
Mykenzie | 11/29 Watt, Ian
Hadley, Jack
Sullivan, Gary
Koschik, Joshua |
| 11/8 Weber, Kyle
Joy, Adelaide
Eberly, Margaret | | | 11/30 Lish, Eric
Lish, Savannah
Johnston, Joel
Mc Combs, Barbara |

Young at Heart (55+)

Join us Wednesday, November 9, at 11:30 for a potluck in the Fellowship Hall.

The program will be an energy-saving workshop, sponsored by the Governor's Energy Office.

*Come and get a free
light bulb!*



Anniversary Wishes to ...

- | | |
|---|--|
| 11/3 Pittenridge, Richard & Christine | 11/11 Wichert, Ed & Diane |
| 11/5 Stewart, James & Shelley | 11/14 Jones, Joreen & Graham |
| 11/7 Myers, William & Danita
Parkinson, Elisabeth & Cory
Potzer, Robert & Christine | 11/16 Auffert, Larry & Sheila
11/21 Barstad, Kendall & Marlo
11/22 Meador, Kevin & Cynthia |
| 11/10 Nizami, Shakil & Neena | 11/25 Strauch, Don & Virginia
Wildermann, Angela & Kristopher |
| | 11/26 Wood, Curt & Val |
| | 11/27 Christ, Edward & Andrea
Dunn, Terry & Jane |
| | 11/30 Goeglein, Eric & Beth |

*Happy
Anniversary*

Blood Pressure Check

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

Sunday, November 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 our 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:
November 13 and 27
December 11

Aurora Interchurch

November donations —

Thanksgiving dinner items

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.



Online Giving

In the August edition of the *Olive Branch* we introduced an upcoming program to make contributions via the web. We are currently finalizing the details of this option and are excited as we get closer to implementing it. Once it is activated, detailed information will be provided on how to use this option. In addition, there are no fees associated with online giving.

Members who participate in *Joyful Response* or will use the online giving option, will no longer receive offering envelopes. In addition, Mount Olive has acquired new technology that allows checks to be scanned and applied to your giving record. You can still allocate your offering (as you have previously done on the envelope) by writing your wishes on the memo line of the check. Therefore, beginning January 1, 2012, you will no longer automatically receive offering envelopes. If you currently give your offering in cash, we are happy to provide them.

This improvement will save the church the expense of buying, printing and mailing the envelopes, process the offerings more quickly and accurately which aids the church in our commitment to be good stewards.



Hanging of the Greens

Saturday, November 26

10 AM - 1 PM

An event for the entire church!

We'll decorate the church for the Advent Season and Christmas celebration.

Bring a crockpot of soup to share and dessert will be provided.

Early Childhood Education Center

With Thanksgiving this month it is a perfect time of year to think about all of God's blessings. We will worship in chapel with Miss Robin on November 21 and 22. The children enjoy going to church and this is a wonderful chance for us to share Jesus with them.

We asked the Jr. Kindergarten class and teacher to finish this sentence, Thank you God for.....?:

Rebecca ... "Today! It's my birthday and I'm 5!"
 Savanah ... "My family!"
 Ethan ... "Me!"
 Daniel W ... "The whole world!"
 Shayla ... "Toy story stuff"
 Livia ... "Everything!"
 Jane ... "Trees."
 Keegan ... "Sleep."
 Daniel K ... "My house."
 Mrs. Wright ... "My healthy body."



We're thankful for you!

Thanksgiving dinner is coming to the ECEC – SUPER yummy! The children will help make the fixins' for our Thanksgiving feast. We will have turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, biscuits and pumpkin oatmeal bars. We invite the church staff as our guests. This is a delicious and fun way to learn about Thanksgiving.

November is a very "Thank-full" month!" God is so good and we as a staff, along with the children and families of the ECEC, are so thankful for your love, support and prayers. Together with God's help, we are making a difference in the lives of these children and families.



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 youth@mtoliveluth.org 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.

November 2—H2H Fellowship Event—7-8:30 PM

November 6—Early Communion Class—10:45-11:45 AM

November 6—High School IMPACT—6-8 PM

November 9—H2H Learning Event—7-8:30 PM

November 13—Early Communion Class—10:45-11:45 AM

November 13—Dodgeball Tournament at Colorado Springs—12-4 PM

November 16—H2H Learning Event—7-8:30 PM

November 19—Thanksgiving Baskets—10 AM-1 PM

November 20—Early Communion Class—10:45-11:45 AM

November 20—High School IMPACT—6-8 PM

November 23—No H2H Event

November 26—Hanging of the Greens—10-1 PM

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

Subject to change, please watch weekly bulletin for more information!



Child and Family Ministry

"A Christmas Prayer"

Children's Christmas Program and Family Advent Celebration

Sunday, December 4, 4:00 PM

On December 4 our children will share the message of Christmas and lead carols for their families and friends. Following the program our children, families and friends are invited to make crafts and enjoy a soup supper. If you would like to bring a crockpot of soup to share or help with serving, please contact Robin at rkurth@mtoliveluth.org. We would like all families to bring a dozen Christmas cookies to share. Families are encouraged to invite friends, neighbors and unchurched family members. We are hoping to reach out to others with God's truth this Christmas!



All children age 3 through grade 5 may participate in the Christmas Program.

Saturday Practice: December 3, 9:00-11:00 AM

Kid's Club

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

Kids will celebrate their many blessings and give thanks to God at the November Kid's Club. They will have a short Bible time, make crafts, play games and participate in other Thanksgiving activities.



Friends and visitors are always welcome at Kid's Club.

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.

Rescheduled!

Socks and Sandwiches

November 6, Noon



On Sunday, November 6, our older children will make sandwiches and lemonade during the Sunday School hour. Families who would like to pass out the socks the children have gathered and serve a picnic in Civic Center Park will meet after the 10:45 AM service. Please contact Robin at rkurth@mtoliveluth.org or 303.755.9123 if you would like to volunteer to help on the 6th or have other questions.



THANKSGIVING BASKETS



The Human Care Ministry Team is collecting items for the Thanksgiving Baskets. We need your help in filling the baskets. What a great way to share!

**Collecting items through November 18.
Collection box in Narthex or tables in Fellowship Hall.
Baskets will be assembled and delivered on November 19.**

The items needed have been divided by the initial of your last name, but feel free to bring any item you want – watch for the buy one – get one free items.

- A – B** Spaghetti and sauce
- C – E** Stuffing and gravy mix
- F – G** Pie crust, canned pumpkin and canned milk
- H – J** Jell-O, pudding, cake mix and frosting
- K – M** Muffin, bread, biscuit mix
- N – P** Canned juice
- Q – S** Instant potatoes and rice
- T – V** Canned cranberries, fruit and vegetables
- W – Z** Cereal

Turkeys are also needed. If you want to contribute a turkey, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall. This will help us plan for freezer space.

Additionally, **fresh oranges, apples and potatoes** would be very welcome. Please bring the fresh items to the Fellowship Hall between November 14–18. Donations of **laundry baskets**, to use as food baskets are also needed – this will also help in the delivery process.

If you know of someone who can use a basket, please leave the name, address and phone number in the Church Office along with your name and phone number by November 13.

Thank you, Senior Youth, for assembling and delivering the baskets!

For more information, please call the Church Office at 303.755.9123.

Poinsettias



ORDER YOUR **Poinsettias**

\$7 per plant

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to enhance our Christmas worship, sign up on the Narthex table.

Plants are taken home after the Christmas Day worship.

Plants are purchased through Pickens Technical College.

Angel Tree Gifts

We will be placing angels on the tree for the children and adults at Lutheran Family Services. In the past Mount Olive has responded generously to this project.

The tree, located in the Narthex, will appear on November 13.

- † Pick a special angel
- † Purchase the gift
- † Return the unwrapped gift under the tree by December 4



What a joy it is to see all the gifts under the tree. Think of all the smiles on Christmas from the children.



Cookie Cans for College Students – 2011/12 School Year

Cookie Cans for College Students – 2011/12 School Year is off to a GREAT start! We sent out 19 cans on Saturday, October 1 and could have up to 25 for November 5.

It's not too late to receive a can – just submit the name and address of your college age child to Kathy Pelepchan, 303.693.4161 OR email to kpelepchan@msn.com. We are sending cans to graduate and POST-four-year students, too!

We are asking each family submitting a name to help with the project for at least one of the months in which the cans are mailed. It takes about 25-30 cookies for each can. That's 25 cans times 25 cookies = 625 cookies per month or 52 dozen, so **your help is needed and greatly appreciated**. If you don't have college age kids but love to bake, we would also welcome and appreciate your contribution too! Cookies can be frozen for future use at home and brought in that Saturday morning. **Make sure you WRAP the cookies and goodies!!!**

We also need donations of cider mix, hot cocoa packets, seasonal candy, granola bars, popcorn, pretzels, cheese/peanut butter-filled crackers, nuts, raisins and other dried fruits, trail mix, rice cakes, Crystal Lite, ice tea and/or other drink packets, etc.

Sign up sheets will be placed on the Narthex table each month.

Thank you so much for all your support and help!



Making Work Work for You

Does your job come with benefits? Taking advantage of them may help you improve your financial situation and be cost effective. Here are a few ways:

- **Enroll in your 401(k):** Enrolling in this type of retirement account offers tax deductions and tax-deferred growth.
 - **Get the match:** If your employer offers a 401(k) match, contribute enough to get the full match. If you don't, you're missing out on free money.
 - **Review how your dollars are allocated:** Review your portfolio each year, and if necessary, rebalance. Be sure to keep in mind your risk tolerance, as well as how long you plan to keep your money invested. Review these assets and your other investments.
- **Take advantage of flexible spending accounts:** These accounts allow you to contribute pre-tax dollars to use during the year to pay eligible medical and child care expenses. Be sure to use wisely.
- **Add on insurance:** Many employers allow employees to buy additional life and disability insurance coverage at a low cost.

For help maximizing your options and making sure work works for you, 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.



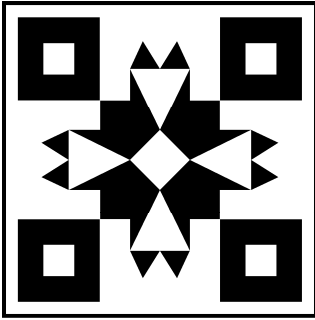
Thank You

The Governing Board would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank several volunteers who consistently maintain our church exterior. Please join us in thanking Sy Harjes for maintaining the beautiful flowers around the building, Dale Kletke for cleaning up the parking lot every morning and Jim Romer who helps out whenever and wherever help is needed.

With Sincere Thanks!

The Governing Board



LWML**Bake Sale and Quilt Drawing**

The annual Bake Sale will be December 3 and 4. (See page 1 for details.) Also, we have two beautiful quilts donated by the Sewing Committee that will be given away with a drawing. So much God-given talent in this church! Tickets will be sold

November 20 and 27. The winners will be selected at the very end of the bake sale on December 4 and announced on December 10/11.



→ Christmas Luncheon

Join us for the Christmas Luncheon
December 10, 11:30 AM
at the DoubleTree Hotel.

\$16 includes luncheon, drink, dessert
and fellowship with
your Sisters in Christ.

Watch for the signup sheet and pay-
ment envelopes on the Narthex table.

Sponsored by Faith Circle

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 November. Questions? Contact Gilda Kaczmarek at 303.693.5519.

Circle Meetings

Charity Circle—Meeting time to be determined.

Mercy Circle—Tuesday, November 1, 9:30 AM at Mount Olive.

Glory Circle—Thursday, November 10, 7 PM, at the home of Jane Dunn.

Faith Circle—Thursday, November 17, 9:30 AM at the home of Phyllis Arnold.

Wanderers

On **Tuesday, November 15** – Boyer's Coffee, 7295 N. Washington, is prepared to host the Wanderers on a tour of their expanded facility. Lunch at Mickey's Top Sirloin, 6950 Broadway, will follow the tour. Depart Mount Olive at 9:30 AM via church bus and cars. Return approximately 2:30 PM. Cost of \$5 includes transportation and tour.



On **Friday, December 9** – Hammond's Candy, at 5735 Washington, is the destination for the Wanderers as they go to "one of the top 10 food factories in the world" according to the Travel Channel. Lunch at Patsy's Inn, 3651 Navajo, is a neighborhood restaurant for over 60 years. Depart Mount Olive 9:30 AM via church bus and cars. Return approximately 2:30 PM. Cost of \$15 includes transportation, tour and lunch. (Drinks extra).

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

**Become a Wanderer by ...**

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

Branson Show Extravaganza

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

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



Elders Corner

Stan McKinster

This month we are highlighting Jim Bishop. Jim has been on the Board of Elders since the beginning of the year. Jim writes:

Hi! My name is James Bishop and I am one of the newest Elders at Mount Olive. My wife, Nancy, and I joined this congregation in 2007, transferring our membership from Saint Andrew Lutheran Church. We joined the congregation at Saint Andrew in 1981 and served in many capacities over the years, which included Sunday School teacher, the board of evangelism, youth leaders and I was an Elder for several years as well.

I was born in Des Moines, Iowa and moved to Denver in the mid-fifties, and lived for a time in southeastern Oklahoma where I met my future bride. A veteran of the United States Army, I served in Korea and Vietnam.

Nancy and I were married in 1970 and have been blessed with two children and three grandchildren, all living and working in the Denver area. I worked in Telecommunications (better known as “cable” to most folks) for 20 plus years before retiring in 2002 because of heart problems. During the late 90’s I commuted from Denver to Philadelphia, PA working on the new digital cable boxes, integrating the software and testing the functionality of the digital hardware.

On Sunday mornings during the early service you can usually find Nancy and I in the very first pew as you come in the middle door from the Narthex. Feel free to stop and say hello before or after the service.

Blessings,
Jim

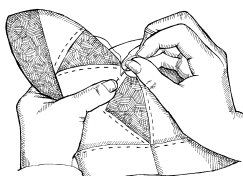
*so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men,
but on the power of God (1 Corinthians 2:5).*

Like to Sew

*Quilters needed to cut and sew quilt tops for
Orphan Grain Train.*

Materials available

*... no cost to you ... just your time
... will train.*



QUILTING GROUP

Call Elaine Berlinski,
303.993.2596.

Music Ministry



Are you on Facebook?

Check out Mount Olive’s Music page by searching for “Mount Olive Music” and “like” us! Schedules, service information, hymn spotlights, etc. will be posted from time to time for your enjoyment!

Mount Olive Music Ministry Ensembles

Fall is a great time to begin your involvement in any of Mount Olive’s music ensembles. Listed below are the various opportunities and rehearsal times. If you are interested in participating in a group, please contact Rebecca Elmshouser, the ensemble director, or attend a rehearsal!

Bel Canto Handbells

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

Brass Ensemble

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

Carillon Handbells

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

Chamber Ensemble

The Chamber Ensemble is comprised of woodwind and string instruments and meets Wednesday nights at 5:30 PM Director: Christine Krueger

Chancel Choir

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

Children’s Music (Kindergarten-middle school)

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



Stephen Ministry

Ever thought about becoming a Stephen Minister?

Mount Olive would like to train another class of Stephen Ministers beginning in January 2012. If you have gifts for caring, encouragement and listening, please prayerfully consider whether you might want to be a part of this exciting ministry.

If you think you might be interested, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders ... Pastor Borgstede, Cynde Fischer or Kaye Cairns. Questions, please call the Church office, 303.755.9123.



Income/Expenses September 2011

Income	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Regular Offerings	639,465	712,382	(72,917)
Other Income	33,023	11,923	21,100
ECEC	114,872	129,863	(14,991)
Total Income	787,360	854,168	(66,808)
Expenses			
Personnel/Benefits	451,051	453,085	(2,034)
Programs	106,136	113,594	(7,458)
Administrative	22,217	27,760	(5,543)
Properties	148,588	158,835	(10,247)
ECEC	113,464	121,846	(8,382)
Total Expenses	841,456	875,120	(33,664)
Net Income	(54,096)	(20,952)	(33,144)

KINDLE THE FIRE
Fund Balance January 1, 2011: 16,041
YTD Income: 96,278 Additional Mortgage Principal: 104,008
Net: 8,311



Book Group

Read By	Book and Author	Leader
November 2	<i>Extraordinary, Ordinary People</i> by Condoleeza Rice	Mary Rindahl
December 7	<i>Same Kind of Different As Me</i> by Hall and Moore	Anne Shearier
January 4	<i>O Pioneer</i> by Willa Cather	Mary Rindahl
February 1	<i>The Cruellest Miles</i> By Gay and Laney Salisbury	Kathy Meyer



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