



# Olive Branch

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Lutheran Church

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## You are Invited to ...

### JOY IN THE JOURNEY Celebration Sunday, October 30, after the late service.

Please sign the roster that is available in the Narthex no later than October 25, so we will know how many to expect.

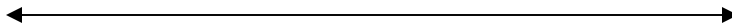


We hope you are enjoying the *Journey of Discovery* Bible study either in the small groups or on Sunday morning. *Journey of Discovery* will take you on a journey of faith and prayer, trusting the Holy Spirit to bless you and your gifts. Get on board and you'll find joy, peace, understanding, and excitement as you grow through His Word in response to God's grace in Christ.

Please take the time to come to the Mount Olive ministries PowerPoint presentation during the coffee time (9-9:30 AM). These presentations will be every Sunday including *Joy in the Journey* Sunday.

You don't want to miss the weekly bulletin inserts that highlight the various ministries here at Mount Olive. You may be unaware of the breadth of some of these ministries.

Please prayerfully consider your offering for the next year. You will have an opportunity to dedicate your pledge cards at the Saturday church service, October 29 or one of the services on Sunday, October 30. Don't worry, if you forget your pledge card, we will have some available for you.



## Partners in the Gospel ... by Pastor Shearier

Remember the Gospel lesson read at baptisms? The words are taken from Mark's Gospel and tells the story of parents (most likely, but it could have been grandparents or other advocates for those children) bringing little children to Jesus so He might touch them and so bless them. These words tell us much about where we begin as Christians and what we do.



We begin with Jesus' touch and blessing in our baptisms. Luther reminds us that it is no mere washing of water going on here—it is the water taken together with the Word (Jesus again, meeting us in His Word with His gifts) that the Holy Spirit uses as the outward sign to assure the inward promises are being kept. Faith and forgiveness takes hold of hearts and lives and Jesus' blessing rests on us. We are His people. We are His followers. Our lives begin in Him and go forward with Him.

So what does that look like? The New Testament gives us many examples from which to learn. One of those is here in the Mark passage we've been remembering: "People brought young children to Jesus..." Our lives are about following Jesus—His Word holding our hearts and shaping our lives. Our lives are about bringing people to Jesus.

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# Partners in the Gospel

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Look at the New Testament. People brought little children to Jesus. Men brought their wives and children to Jesus—when Jesus feeds the thousands, the Evangelists always tell us the families were there, too. People brought others to Jesus to hear and be taught—to grow in the Word. We have Bible studies in homes and at church and our worship is built around this Word who touches and blesses us. Our mission statement at Mount Olive reflects this: We are called by God (baptism again) to ...build one another toward maturity in Christ.” We bring people to Jesus.

There are other examples. The paralytic’s friends lowered him through the roof to bring him to Jesus. The people in the crowd brought the blind and deaf to Jesus. People brought these to Jesus that He might touch them and heal them. You know someone who is broken because of a sorrow that consumes them. You know someone who is so hardened with cynicism or

doubt because of guilt or shame or the consequences of choice they made. You know someone whose pain runs their life. Be like the friends of the paralytic, bring them to Jesus. Let them hear His forgiveness. Remember, “we are called by God (baptism), to...care for...one another...in Christ.” It’s Jesus who changes their lives, we just bring them.

## COME and SEE

Finally, the New Testament tells of friends who won’t let their friends not know Jesus. John the Baptist pointed his followers to Jesus. Andrew brought his brother, Simon (Peter), with the simple invitation, “Come and see.” Philip invited Nathanael to meet Jesus. In each case, Jesus took it from there, these simply brought their friends to Jesus. Yes, you know someone who doesn’t know Jesus as Savior. They might have heard of Him—like Nathanael or Simon—but they don’t know Him like you do. A simple invita-

tion, “Come and see,” brought these to see Jesus. Our congregation seeks to bring people to Jesus through the Early Childhood Education Center, our children’s ministries (Vacation Bible School, Easter Alleluia, just to name a few), our youth ministries (friends bring friends to IMPACT and we go to Prairie Middle School and Overland High School to meet friends) and other ministries that serve not just our members but serve as opportunities for members to invite their friends. “We are called by God (yes, baptism at work again) to reach out...to one another...in Christ.” We bring people to Jesus.

## REACH OUT

Paul calls us “partners in the Gospel.” Thank God this is true. Our partnership is certainly a “junior” partnership—we share in what we have received from Christ in the Gospel. Our Governing Board, in seeking to give

our mission legs, has been developing targets and objectives for us—to help us focus our mission. It is one thing to say, “invite your friends” and a much more specific thing to say, “invite *that* friend *today*.” These targets are encouragements to remember that the families connecting with our Early Childhood Education Center aren’t just clients receiving a service, they are friends for whom we care and with whom we seek to build and to whom we would reach out. These targets remind us there are members of Mount Olive with whom we’ve lost touch—who may feel forgotten or passed by—for whom we want to care and bring them again to Jesus through worship and Bible study. These targets are merely tools in our hands to serve our Lord as “partners in the Gospel.”

## PARTNERS In the GOSPEL

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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 ...

10/1	Vellequette, Jack Shadewald, Colten Sievert, Preston	10/8	Depuy, Rebecca Blesch, Marlene	10/15	Minter, Chris Talmage, Judith Torrie, Bryson	10/23	Quandt, Bobbie Struempfer, Dee
10/2	Grein, Alexander Rust, Mikayla Zuber, Justin Bogh, Russell	10/9	Jones, Graham Miller, Gayle Berlinski, Carolyn Dunn, Jane Barstad, Kendall	10/16	Ford, Stuart	10/24	Berlinski, Makenna Myers, Madison Hyde, Pam
10/3	Stevens, Nathaniel Yotter, Jennifer	10/10	Conner, Anthony Gilmore, Bobbi Tingley, Danny	10/17	Minter, Stacy Asmus, Joshua Asmus, Nathan Syverstad, Grant Butler, Melanie	10/25	Bond, David
10/4	Dunkel, Karen Mc Kelvey, Charles Eirich, Larry	10/11	Kaczmarek, Gilda Forbord, Dylan Sievert, Morgan	10/18	Bargmann, Larry Wallace, Matthew Carpenter, Paul	10/26	Griebel, Jenna Johnson, Lindsey
10/5	Yoder, David Basci, John	10/12	Kirkeide, Whitney Stephens, Doris Brees, Jessica Matney, Maria	10/19	Weldon, James Pierce, Megan Johnson, Wanda	10/27	Guigli, Jennifer Albert, Geri Bishop, Jim
10/6	Brooks, Talayna Kurth, Robin Polson, Amy Krames, Howard	10/13	Stevens, Thomas Shearier, Jeffrey	10/20	Elmshouser, June	10/28	Scheffel, Julie Eickmann, Marlene Natomeli, Ty
10/7	Polson, Mary Dirks, Gretchen Mc Kinster, Michele Haman, Tyler Meuser, Virginia	10/14	Wendell, Ray Depuy, Matthew	10/21	Kelly, Marissa Matney, Kevin Auffert, Margaret Lash, Terri Buchner, Lynette	10/29	Hehr, Adam Cook, Chris
				10/22	Parker, Howell Archuleta, Isaiah Rosenbaum, Velma	10/30	Skerjanc, Scott Valore, Alice Maly, Priscilla Obando, Arnold
						10/31	Matney, Jason Jones, Jeffrey Wojahn, Hilda

## Anniversary Wishes to ...

10/2	Carpenter, Andrea & Chris St. Martin, John & Cindy Zdinak, Andrea & Bill	10/10	Hudacko, Rachel & Michael
10/3	Reneau, Earla & Vaughn Swedberg, Robert & Jacquelyn	10/11	Burrell, Marian & Paul Mc Coy, Joe & Sandi
10/6	Sall, Richard & Sandra	10/12	Kraft, Larry & Nancy
10/7	Bodemann, Dennis & Kathleen	10/14	Hahn, Marcia & John
10/9	Bishop, Jim & Nancy Greenhouse, Joyce & Timothy	10/16	Kahmeyer, Wayne & Kathi
		10/18	Vande Garde, Bruce & Sheree
		10/30	Gurrola, Theresa & Joel

## Young at Heart (55+)

Have you ever wondered what the story is behind the statue of Elray Jeppesen in the concourse at DIA?

Join us Wednesday, October 12, 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck and hear all about the *Pioneering of Aerial Navigation: Past, Present and Future* from guest speaker Joe Dickinson.

young  
at heart

## Blood Pressure Check

**Saturday, October 15**  
**4:30-6:15 PM**

**Sunday, October 16**  
**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:**  
October 9 and 23  
November 13 and 27  
December 11

## Aurora Interchurch

October donations —

**Toothpaste, toothbrush,  
shampoo and conditioner**

**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 (Part 2)

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.

## Pastor Appreciation

October is Pastor Appreciation Month ... this is an excellent time to show your appreciation and encouragement to Pastor Shearier and Pastor Borgstede.

- † **Pray** ... Ask God to shower them with an abundance of love, hope, joy, faith, peace, power, wisdom and courage. Pray that their work among us will be a source of joy for them.
- † **Express appreciation verbally to them** ... Also share complimentary remarks to others about the gifts they bring.
- † **Express appreciation in writing** ... Spoken words are always welcome, but a written one can be read over and over again.

*Thank you Pastor Shearier  
and Pastor Borgstede!*

## Early Childhood Education Center

October is here and we begin our celebration of autumn and God's beauty in Colorado. All the fall colors we see outside will be inside too! We will be making fall art of all kinds: beautiful and colorful trees using our arms as the branches, leaf rubbings, fall wreaths, scarecrows, paper bag pumpkins and more. We will also easel paint beautiful masterpieces! The oven will be going as our little bakers will be baking apple crisp, apple pancakes and zucchini bread. There is so much learning going on as we "play".

The staff will be attending the Rocky Mountain District Professional Church Workers Conference in Breckenridge, October 5-7. We will worship, sing, learn and laugh. This is a wonderful opportunity for staff development and to grow in faith.



What else is going on in October? Jammie Day is coming! We will come to school in our favorite jammies, make a special snack and snuggle down with bedtime stories on Jammie Day. Pastor Mike will lead us in chapel as we learn more about Jesus!

We have 144 children in school and are making new friends and having a great time. There were a few tears for the first few days, but now everyone is coming in with a smile! The teachers, too! The children were asked what they liked about school and the #1 answer was "everything"! Even the teachers answered the same.

**School is FUN and we are BLESSED to be here!**



Happy Fall from the ECEC staff ...

Kate Wright, Carol Sudan, Melissa Walker, Nancy Emerson,  
Tammy Schoenhals and JoAnn Stibrich



**Think Scrip ... Think ECEC**

He has made everything  
*Beautiful*  
in its time.  
Ecclesiastes 3: 11



# Mount Olive Youth Ministry

## Youth Website

Check out [mtoliveyouth.com](http://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](mailto: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.

October 5—NO H2H Event

October 9—High School IMPACT—6-8 PM

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

October 16—High School Mission Trip Info Meeting—10:45 AM

October 19—H2H Learning Event—7-8:30 PM

October 23—High School IMPACT—6-8 PM

October 26—H2H Learning Event—7-8:30 PM

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



## Child and Family Ministry



### Helping Families Grow Spiritually

Faith Legacy Series is a DVD-based curriculum to help families grow spiritually in their home. Parents meet for three sessions with other parents of same-aged children. The sessions include small group discussion interspersed throughout the DVD teachings. When the course is completed, parents speak a personalized blessing over their child while giving the child a blessing object. This blessing event takes place in a worship service so the whole church can better support parents helping their children know, love and follow Jesus.

### Infant Faith Chest Class

October 2, 9,  
and 16  
Room 8/9:30 AM

### Infant Blessing

October 23  
8:00 AM



*Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.*

*These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.*

*Deuteronomy 6:5-7*



## Children's Pumpkin Party

Saturday, October 29, 1-3 PM

Children of all ages are invited for an afternoon of fun! There will be games, prizes, snacks, and more. Children may dress in costume, however it is not required.

### Volunteer to help today!

Youth and adult volunteers are needed to help at each game. Sign-up in the Narthex or contact Robin Kurth.

### Pumpkin Party Donations



Donations of individually wrapped candy and small prizes are needed for each station. Donations may be left in the box in the Narthex. No prizes with scary pictures (witches, ghosts etc) please.



### Socks and Sandwiches

Sunday, October 9,  
Noon

We will be gathering adult socks and hygiene items September 18-October 2. On Sunday, October 9, children will prepare the socks and make sandwiches during the Sunday School hour. Families who would like to pass out the socks and serve a picnic in Civic Center Park will meet after the 10:45 AM service. Please contact Robin at [rkurth@mtoliveluth.org](mailto:rkurth@mtoliveluth.org) or 303.755.9123 if you would like to volunteer to help on the 9<sup>th</sup> or have other questions.

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**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.

## Partners in the Gospel

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Another one of the tools He has placed in our hands for ministry is our wallet or paycheck. A complaint could be made that we've done an awful lot of talking about money lately. It might even have sounded like we're about money more than we are about the Gospel. After all, we're in the middle of *Kindle the Fire* which is focused on

debt (right?) and now we find ourselves in our annual stewardship campaign focused on money (right?) and a couple of the targets talk about budget percentages and investment opportunities (right?). So, are we about money? We are partners in the Gospel by virtue of our baptisms, not in some bank or investment firm.

What God provides for your family and your daily bread He also gives as a tool to be a partner in the Gospel. The talk about percentages and even about investments is really talk about our mission. We want to be good stewards of what God has provided and use these gifts to live out our baptismal call. Your financial gift is a statement made in faith that says, "I want to be a partner in the Gospel." I want to reach out, care and build through the ministries of Mount Olive and trust the staff and leaders of the congregation to steward my gift as baptized partners in the Gospel. If you talk about farming or gardening, yes you talk about the seeds and the harvest, but you also talk about the fertilizer and the tools/ implements needed to reach the harvest. Conversations about money and stewardship are really that: conversations about ways to get to the harvest, conversations about another tool we use to bring people to Jesus that He might touch them and bless them.



There is joy in being a partner in the Gospel. Paul prays that the Philippians would know this joy as they partner with him in the Gospel. I pray this same joy would be yours as we partner together with Jesus. I pray this joy would be something you would invite your friends, your family, your neighbors into as we journey together with our Lord Jesus. We are His people. We are His followers journeying together. There is ...

... Joy in the Journey,  
Pastor Jeff Shearier

## Talk to Your Parents Before it's too Late

Caught in the middle, many baby boomers are raising their children and managing their careers, all while caring for their aging parents. Talking to your parents about care-giving and end-of-life issues is important.



Many people put it off because of being uncomfortable. Reduce the stress and start discussing the location of information, not necessarily the contents.

One tool that can help is a financial inventory. The inventory, which you should update annually, includes:

- **Legal documents:** property deeds, title documents, wills, trusts, living wills and health care and financial directives, birth, marriage and military discharge certificates.
- **Contact information:** attorneys, accountants, financial planners, physicians, clergy, and anyone who provides financial, legal and medical advice and care.
- **Current account information:** type, number and institution for all financial accounts, including: checking, savings, retirement, investment, loans and insurance policies, safe deposit box information and keys, safe combinations.
- **Valuables and collectibles:** location and description of any valuables such as jewelry, silver or gold and collectibles such as stamps and coins.
- **Instructions:** funeral, burial and obituary information and instructions.

This process won't happen in a day. By breaking the information gathering into small, manageable conversations, you can help ensure your parents wishes will be carried out.

For more guidance on talking with your parents, or other loved ones, contact Robert (Bob) Apmann, CPA, FIC with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, at 303.690.8924 or [Robert.apmann@thrivent.com](mailto:Robert.apmann@thrivent.com) today or visit [thrivent.com](http://thrivent.com).





## Cookie Cans for College Students – 2011/12 School Year

**This year our cookie cans** will be sent out on these Saturdays: **2011** - October 1, November 5, December 3, and **2012**— February 4, March 3 and April 7. On these days a coffee can filled with home-baked cookies, hot cocoa or cider mix and seasonal goodies will be mailed or delivered to each college student. Parents or students of Mount Olive submit student names and addresses each year to receive the cookie can.

If you or your child would like to receive a can, **especially the new June 2011 graduates, please submit the name and address to Kathy Pelepchan, 303.693.4161 OR email to kpelepchan@msn.com.**

We are asking that each family submitting a name help with the project for at least one of the months in which the cans are mailed. It takes about 2-1/2 dozen cookies for each can, so your help is needed and greatly appreciated. If you just love to bake, we would also welcome and appreciate your contribution, too!

### Ways to be involved:

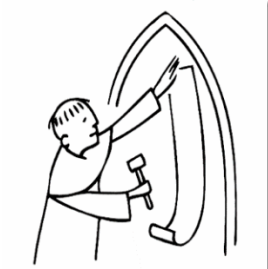
- Bake cookies, wrap them in packs of two with cling wrap or in a snack-size baggie and bring them to church for packing.
- Donate cocoa, cider mix, seasonal candy, granola bars, popcorn, pretzels, cheese crackers, nuts, raisins and other dried fruits, trail mix, rice cakes, Crystal Lite, cider, hot chocolate, ice tea and other drink packets, etc.
- Donate for mailing costs. There is a coffee can on the Narthex table.
- Come and help pack. It takes less than an hour and we have a great time working together and catching up on what our college kids are doing.

**Several ‘thank you’ notes and emails** were received from students last year letting us know how much they enjoyed the cans of goodies and how it “gave them a nice break” from their studies to enjoy a “taste of home”.

**Sign up sheets** will be placed on the Narthex table each month. We hope to have around 30 cans this year and at 2-1/2 dozen cookies per can we will need about 75 dozen cookies each month. If you have 2 lb or 3lb coffee cans with lids, drop them off in the Church Office please! Students living at home can have their cookie can hand delivered but postage for the ‘at school’ group runs between \$6.50-\$8.00 depending on the size of the can. Monetary donations are accepted at any time and are **greatly appreciated**. They can be given to the Church Office or placed in the cookie can on the Narthex table.



**Thank you so much for all your support and help!**



## Reformation Event at Mount Olive

Sunday, October 30, starting at 4:30 PM

**Come enjoy an evening learning about our Lutheran heritage.**

First, Pastor Boettcher will give a presentation on his recent trip to Germany where he was involved with the Wittenberg English Ministry. This will be followed by a showing of the 2003 "Luther" movie starring Joseph Fiennes. Food items will be available for purchase. Look for more information and a sign-up sheet soon.

## LWML

### Serving with Gladness

We have plans ...

... and we want to include YOU!

**October 2 is LWML Sunday ...** A special day to hear and celebrate the wonderful mission projects LWML supports in the USA and around the world. There will be a free-will door offering after each service that will be used to support these projects. Please join us for cake in the Fellowship Hall between services.



**Bake Sale/Quilt Drawing** The annual Bake Sale will be December 3 and 4. We need LOTS of baked goods ... will you help? As you start preparing for the holidays, will you make a little extra to donate and freeze? The ladies will be happy to 'tray' the items for the sale. Also, we have two beautiful quilts donated by the Sewing Committee that will be given in away with a drawing. So much God-given talent in this church!

### December 10 The LWML Christmas Party



Ladies, mark your calendars for the luncheon at the DoubleTree Hotel. A great way to share the season in fellowship with your Sisters in Christ. More information to come.

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 October. Questions? Contact Gilda Kaczmarek at 303.693.5519.

#### Circle Meetings

**Charity Circle**—Meeting time to be determined.

**Mercy Circle**—Tuesday, October 4, 9:30 AM at Mount Olive.

**Glory Circle**—Thursday, October 13, 7 PM, location to be determined.

**Faith Circle**—Thursday, October 20, 9:30 AM at the home of Darlene Donner.

## Wanderers

On **Saturday, October 1**, the Wanderers will step back in time and see how our ancestors settled the plains with a visit to Burlington, CO. Learn about Eastern Central Colorado roots. Our Longhorn Chuckwagon Tour includes Old Town Museum, catered meal in the Saloon, old town express ride to the Kit Carson County Carousel, and a ride on the carousel. A stop will also be made at the World's Wonder View Tower Museum at Genoa. Enjoy the wide open spaces as we depart at 8 AM and return approximately 6 PM. Please check with Phyllis Eifler for availability.

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

**We are highlighting Jeff Claxton this month.**

Jeff Claxton was born in Wichita, KS in 1964 and moved with his family to Kansas City a few years later. His family didn't have an established church until 1974 when he was baptized into the Lutheran faith at Christ Lutheran Church in Platte Woods, MO. He graduated from Raytown High School in 1982 and from Northwest Missouri State University in 1987 with a B.S. in Business Communications.

Due to taking a new job with a company in the Denver area, Jeff moved to Denver in January of 1991. His background has been in supply management serving several different roles from purchasing, warehouse management, inside sales, and inventory control.

Jeff met his wife, Kim McBride Claxton, in 1993 when she was attending graduate school at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. In October of 1997 they were married and had a son, Ryan, in December of 2003.

As a family they enjoy traveling, going to see special events, working out, and just spending time together.



Finally, Jeff has served in several different positions in the Lutheran church over the past several years. These include being president, head Elder, Elder, public relations director, and assistant youth director.

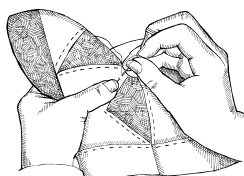
... so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God (1 Corinthians 2:5).

## 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.



# Oktoberfest is Coming

Sunday, October 9

Mount Olive

Lutheran Church

Starting at 4:30 PM

Food

F U N

# Music

Steve Rock Band



## Income/Expenses August 2011

Income	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Regular Offerings	575,780	627,223	(51,443)
Other Income	30,658	10,830	19,828
ECEC	100,331	107,061	(6,370)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>706,769</b>	<b>745,114</b>	<b>(38,345)</b>

### Expenses

Personnel/Benefits	407,573	405,249	2,324
Programs	95,620	99,408	(3,788)
Administrative	18,586	22,074	(3,488)
Properties	133,612	140,639	(7,027)
ECEC	101,140	108,715	(7,575)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>756,531</b>	<b>776,085</b>	<b>(19,554)</b>

Net Income	<b>(49,762)</b>	<b>(30,971)</b>	<b>(18,791)</b>
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### KINDLE THE FIRE

Fund Balance January 1, 2011: 16,041

YTD Income: 87,691

Additional Mortgage Principal: 96,741

Net: 6,991



## Book Group

Read By	Book and Author	Leader
October 5	<i>The Help</i> by Katherine Sackett	Jennifer Klekamp
November 2	<i>Extraordinary, Ordinary People</i> by Condoleeza Rice	Mary Rindahl
December 7	<i>Same Kind of Different As Me</i> by Hall and Moore	Anne Shearier
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



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.