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Worship services are: Saturday, 5 PM; Sunday, 8 and 10:45 AM

Volunteer Opportunities

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Mount Olive has some volunteer opportunities available.

⇒ Sunday Morning Bus Driver

The driver of the church bus to the 10:45 AM worship service twice a month is distributed among several volunteers. A driver is responsible for safely transporting members from their home to church and then back to their home. The anticipated time commitment is approximately two hours each week.



Contact the Church Office with questions or to volunteer, 303.755.9123

⇒ Sunday Morning Greeters (Especially for the 10:45 AM service)

The greeter is responsible to ensure that every person entering the church is greeted and that

visitors are offered assistance as appropriate so everyone feels important and welcome. The anticipated time commitment is approximately 30 minutes before the service for which you are scheduled to greet.

At this time there are only four members available to greet for the 10:45 AM service which means they are greeting two or three times each month. The need for additional greeters is great! Do you have a passion for making people feel welcome?

Contact Mount Olive Church Office at 303.755.9123 with questions or to volunteer!

Mount Olive Church Picnic August 26 ~ 11:45 AM



Web: mtoliveluth.org



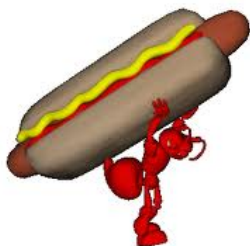
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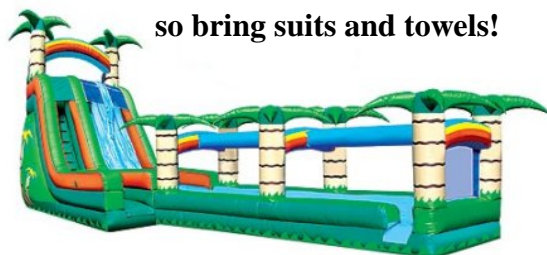


Twitter: [mtoliveluth](https://twitter.com/mtoliveluth)



Please bring a salad or a vegetable.

(Hamburgers, hot dogs and dessert will be furnished.)



There will be a toddler bouncer ~ and a water slide for children and adults, so bring suits and towels!

Fun for all ages!

Human Care Page

Blood Pressure Check

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

Sunday, August 19
9-11 AM
(In the Church Office)

Before and after each worship service we provide an opportunity for you to have your blood pressure checked by a nurse. It is quick and simple and a great way to monitor your health.

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 Mike at 303.755.9123 for more information or to get a form.

Dates are:

August 12 and 26
September 9 and 23



Aurora Interchurch

August donations —

— canned fruits/vegetables

Brown grocery bags are needed every month.

You don't need to give every month. We ask that you give when you can, what you can. Thank you for all you do for others.



Reach Out
To Those in Need

Benevolence Fund

If you need assistance, contact Pastor Mike at 303.755.9123.

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, please 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, contact Pastor Borgstede, 303.755.9123.

Food Pantry



The Food Pantry is open every Friday from 9-10 AM.

Human Care Ministry continues the "Helping Hands Care Package" to help families in need of short term assistance with food. The items listed here 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, 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

August Birthdays

1	Hull, Lillian		Bray, Ryan		Cochran, Ian	24	Mc Carthy, Karen
	Crane, Patti		Horton, Emily Jean	16	French, Elliot	25	Sattler, Lynn
	Maxwell, Amanda		St Martin, John		Pierce, Xavier		Potzer, Pamela
2	Quandt, Harold	10	Jost, Patty	17	Johnson, Scott	26	Dunn, Terry
	Terry, Leanna		Nicholson, Braylon	18	Jost, Tim		Mc Coy, Janet
3	Meier, Sharon	11	Marshall, Richard		Dankenbring, Jessica		Chambless, Haley
	Marschner, Cynthia		Melcher, Sharon		Pierce, Benjamin	27	Bair, Frank
	Storm, Kerry		Kershman, Rebekah	20	Steffen, Elaine	28	Schulte-Beyeler, Amanda
	Kelly, Joshua	12	Urbach, Penni		Madurel, Felix	29	Taylor, Larry
4	Student, Dave		Taylor, Connie	21	Lauck, Maureen		Spoerl, Annabel
5	Pierce, Edwin		Keil, Brenda		Borgstede, Sara	30	Montross, Karen
6	Miller, Ruby	13	Whitworth, Lucille		Pelepchan, John		Buerck, Joshua
	Coverly, Andrew	14	Hall, Elaine		Pelepchan, William	31	Morton, Carolyn
7	Johnston, Adam L		Eads, Emily	22	Thies, Charles		Guigli, Denice
8	Wallace, Darriel	15	Shadewald, Thomas		Fangmeier, Robert		Coverly, Kathy
9	Fields, Jane		Herrington, Amy		Pierce, Arthur		Parker, Cassandra
	Myers, Sandra		Hixson, Melinda	23	Eifler, Phyllis		
	Meador, Kevin		Cobb, Colleen		Buckingham, Rick		

August Anniversaries

3	Jessica & Donald Lehew
4	Don & Elaine Berlinski
5	Larry & Phyllis Eifler
6	Joseph & Joann Stibrich
	Gayle Miller & Mike Traverso
7	Stan & Claudia Humbargar
8	Louis & Barbara Raimondo
9	Eugene & Cynthia Kelly
	Aaron & Tracy Kirkeide
10	Kevin & Marnie Chambless
13	Michael & Sara Borgstede
	Andrew & Amanda Beyeler
14	Teri & Jeff Miller
15	Terri & Thomas Lash
16	David & Jennifer Klekamp
	James & Linda Romer
18	Mark & June Elmshauser
	Calvin & Joyce Keil
19	Richard & Ginny Marshall
	Stan & Michele Mc Kinster
20	Adam & Lynette Buchner
21	Paul & Darlyne Fabrizio
22	Craig & Kathy Andrie
24	Thomas & Ellie Shadewald
	James & Sharon Dejong
25	Cole & Kari Dunkel
27	Kim & Karen Montross
	Richard & Pamela Johnson
29	Mike & Patricia Frazee

Income/Expenses June 2012

Regular Offerings	428,699	445,966	(17,267)
Other Income	7,787	7,669	118
ECEC	66,792	91,689	(24,897)
Total Income	503,278	545,324	(42,046)
Expenses			
Personnel/Benefits	256,269	258,112	(1,843)
Programs	64,895	76,418	(11,523)
Administrative	12,315	14,062	(1,747)
Properties	94,632	98,994	(4,362)
ECEC	77,982	81,744	(3,762)
Total Expenses	506,093	529,330	(23,237)
Net Income	(2,815)	15,994	(18,809)

KINDLE THE FIRE
Fund Balance January 1, 2012: 12,652
YTD Income: 49,822 Additional Mortgage Principal: 51,723
Net: 10,751

Summer Fun in the ECEC



LEARNING and FUN continue throughout the hot, summer months. L.E.A.P. (Let's Enjoy Active Play) for Summer began 6 years ago and is held on Wednesday through June and July. Our outdoor activities include water play, games, messy art, a trip to the "big" playground, spaghetti fights, pancake Frisbee's, picnic lunch, and lots of large motor play.

The afternoon continues with indoor fun around themes like Superheroes/Princess Party, Safari Sensation, Let's Get Dirty, Pirates, and Footloose and Fancy Free. WOW! We are so blessed to be able to share Jesus and learning with the children in the ECEC!

Financial Peace University

Beginning September 13 ... a new and improved Financial Peace University Class.

Financial Peace University is now only nine weeks long and has been updated with new speakers and new material! But the message is still the same - dump debt, build wealth and GIVE!

Join us starting Thursday, September 13 at 7 PM at Mount Olive to start saving and knocking down that debt!

Go to the Mount Olive website - mtoliveluth.org - and look for the SIGN UP FOR FPU button. Class packets can be ordered online also.

We're looking forward to seeing you there! Any questions, call Kathy Pelepchan, 303.693.4161.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Thank You Mount Olive for purchasing candy bars from LWML! Your sweet tooth helped to send four enthusiastic members to the 2012 Rocky Mountain District Convention in El Paso!

Mount Olive was also able to send Maranda Huss as a Young Woman Representative and Jessica Dankenbring as a Teen Representative. Maranda and Jessica enjoyed their experiences at the convention, learning and growing with other Christian young women, and we are all excited to see what else God has in store for them and for our LWML.

Thank You also Mount Olive members for your support of Gifts from the Heart. The Rocky Mountain District collected: 5644 pairs of underwear and socks, 86 quilts, 11 afghans, 4 blankets, 72 decorated/filled pillowcases. These were donated to the Ysleta Mission in El Paso. (In addition, 10 zone banners/lap robes were donated to veterans in wheelchairs at the VA Hospital in Fort Bliss, TX.)

Christmas in August?

It may still be Summer, but the school supplies are in the stores, so that means Christmas will be here soon. We have found a tasty way to count down the holiday season - Chocolate Advent Calendars! LWML will be taking orders for your Advent calendars soon, so be thinking about how many you want to have in your home and give as gifts. More details to come, just check the LWML bulletin board in the hall.

Mount Olive's Book Club List for 2012-2013

Date	Book	Author	Leader
August 1	<i>The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks</i>	Rebecca Skloot	Anne Shearier
September 5	<i>102 Minutes: The Untold Story</i>	Jim Dwyer and Kevin Flynn	Jennifer Klekamp
October 3	<i>The Kitchen House</i>	Kathleen Grissom	Nancy McWhirter
November 7	<i>11/22/1963</i>	Stephen King	Liz Rehwalt
December 5	<i>Death Comes for the Archbishop</i>	Willa Cather	Mary Rindahl
January 2	<i>The Weed That Strings the Hangman's Bag</i>	Alan Bradley	Kathy Meyer
February 6	<i>Still Alice</i>	Lisa Genova	Janice Muir
March 6	<i>The Tiger's Wife</i>	Tea Obrecht	Liz Rehwalt



We meet the first Wednesday of the month at 5:45 PM in the Library.

Volunteer Task Force



After the April 29 Town Meeting where several 2013 targets for Mount Olive were discussed, I have formed the Volunteer Task Group with about a dozen people involved (and we are always open to having more input since this is a “think tank” type of group). We had our first formal meeting June 3 at 9:30 AM.

There are several things we will do as a task group over the next several months to a year, but the one we are focusing on right now is to find Mount Olive’s “Kingdom Concept.”

What does that mean? We will be looking at the demographics of the area we are in as well as the makeup of Mount Olive (what resources and talents we have) to find a *unique* area of ministry we can serve in for our community.

What does this have to do with volunteering? Well, once we see a particular need and know that we have something unique

to offer, then we can clearly state what we need volunteers for and how they can serve.

We are getting area demographics, looking at stats of Mount Olive, driving around the neighborhoods and asking people questions all to find out our unique way we can serve our community. **So, we need your input!**

- When you think about **Aurora** and the surrounding area what things come to mind? How would you describe Aurora?
- When you think of **Mount Olive** what things come to mind? If you were to describe Mount Olive to

someone who has never visited us what would you share?

We would like specific answers to these questions from YOU! There is no right or wrong – this is your opinion, and we want it! It will help us start getting a picture of who we are and where God has placed us, which will then help us see what we need to do. You can answer these questions at Mount Olive or you can do it online at mtoliveluth.org.

(See the *People* article on page 9.)

Child and Family Ministry



Sunday School Staff

Sunday School team teachers and substitute teachers are needed. Every class has two or more teachers. Teachers take turns teaching and share responsibility. Curriculum is provided.

Kid's Club Leaders

Kid's Club meets the first Wednesday of every month, from 5:30-6:50 PM. Volunteers will plan crafts, games, and stories. The children will be divided by age level and volunteers will work with one age group.

Praise & Play Helpers

Preschool Praise and Play meets Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:50 PM. Volunteers help with supervision, set-up and clean-up, while showing God's love to His children. No preparation is involved in this position.

Faith Legacy Teachers

Volunteers are needed to lead each section of the Faith Legacy Series. Volunteers would commit to one age level and teach for one month. The curriculum is provided and no experience is necessary.

Coloring Center

A volunteer is needed to clean up the coloring/quiet activity center each week. This can be done at the volunteer's convenience.

Contact Robin at 303.755.9123 or rkurth@mtoliveluth.org to volunteer or learn more about serving.

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.



Praise in the Park at Country Lane Park Thursday, August 16

Families are invited for a morning of fun at Country Lane Park in Aurora. Families should meet at the park at 10:00 AM. Children will hear a story, create a craft, and enjoy a snack. Children nearby at the playground are welcome to join our fun. Families may stay, play, and bring along a picnic lunch if they choose to extend the fun. Friends and guests are welcome!



**Country Lane Park
10099 E. Colorado Ave
Aurora, CO 80247**

(On Colorado, between Havana and Dayton)

Summer Sunday School, Sundays 9:30 AM

Preschool

This Summer, preschool children will gather each Sunday in our preschool area for a Praise and Play experience. We will hear a story, sing praises, create a craft, and play with friends. Children will go out to the playground and should dress accordingly. Our youngest children should be accompanied by an adult each week.



Elementary

This Summer our children entering grade 1 through grade 5 will grow in faith through a Bible lesson and faith activity and grow in friendship through fun together. Children will go out to the "big kids" playground and should dress accordingly. Elementary kids will meet in Room 3 each week.



Youth and Family Ministry

Weekly/Monthly Events

Junior High Journey

Bible study for middle school students (Gr. 6-8) meets every Sunday in Room 2, 9:30-10:30 AM.

Confirmation

Confirmation explores more about what it means that Jesus is our Savior, Redeemer, and Friend. Confirmation meets most Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM.

Senior High Reel Time

Bible study for high school students (Gr. 9-12) meets every Sunday in Room 10, 9:30-10:30 AM.

Senior High Impact

Senior High youth meet twice a month on Sunday evenings from 6-8 PM (unless otherwise noted) for food, devotions, and fun activities.



Please watch the weekly bulletins, e-mail, and text messages for information about summer youth events!



Helping Students...

to **REACH** out with the love of Jesus,

to **CARE** for and serve others,

and to **BUILD** up and grow in their faith.

Music Ministry

Summer Music Ensembles

Women's Choir (meets at 6 PM)

August 15—rehearsal

August 22—rehearsal

August 26—*What Wondrous Love*,
8:00 and 10:45 AM services

Men's Choir (meets at 7 PM)

August 1—rehearsal

August 8—rehearsal

August 12—*Alive in Christ Jesus*,
8:00 and 10:45 AM services

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Fall music ensembles will resume rehearsals the week after Labor Day (September 5 and following). Contact directors for more information!



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!

Confirmation

2012-2013

It is that time of year again for Confirmation to start. Confirmation is for our 6th-8th graders and it is a time of learning and growing in their faith as they become young men and women.

Instruction takes place Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 PM at Mount Olive. The structure of our time together includes whole group instruction, small group interaction and other activities to help our youth have a fun, engaging and learning opportunity. Letters will be going out to all our 6th-8th grade families with more information. If you don't receive a letter or are just curious about our program, please contact Pastor Mike.

Our first event is Wednesday, August 29, 7 PM which is a Family Covenant Night. All parents and youth need to attend this night where more information about the program will be presented as well as a meaningful family worship service together.

Wanderers

On Friday, August 24, the Wanderers depart Mount Olive at 9 AM for a self-guided tour and lunch at Miramont Castle Museum at Manitou Springs. Two chair lifts are available for those who find steps difficult. In the afternoon we will visit Seven Falls, the only waterfall in Colorado to make the National Geographic list of International Waterfalls. An elevator provides a fantastic view of the falls! We will return approximately 5:30 PM. Cost of \$45 includes transportation, lunch and admissions.

The Wanderers will see the 40 by 60 foot "Great Map of Colorado" embedded in the terrazzo floor of the atrium as we begin our tour of The History Colorado Center on **Friday, September 28**. The new museum at 1200 Broadway opened April 28. Depart Mount Olive at 9:15 AM and return approximately 2 PM. Lunch on your own in the Rendezvous Café in the museum. Cost is \$10 for transportation and tour.

On **Friday, October 26**, the Wanderers depart Mount Olive at 9 AM to visit Longhopes Donkey Shelter at Bennett, which began in 1999. Lunch will follow at Lulu's. \$12 includes tour and transportation. Return approximately 2 PM.



Become a Wanderer by ...

... signing up for any of the tours in the binder 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.

Stephen Ministry

Ministering to those who are experiencing ...

- | | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Loneliness | Loss of a loved one | Retirement |
| Unemployment | Discouragement | Childbirth |
| Hospitalization | Divorce | Being shut-in |

Are you in need of someone who ...

cares? supports? listens? shares?

If so, contact the Church Office, 303.755.9123, to talk with Pastor Borgstede, Cynde Fischer or Kaye Cairns.

Church Staff

- Rev. Jeff Shearier, Executive Pastor
- Rev. Michael Borgstede, Associate Pastor
- Robin Kurth, Director of Child and Family Ministry
- Rebecca Elmshauer, Director of Music Ministries
- Mike Kallas, Operations Manager
- Kaye Cairns, Office Manager
- JoAnn Stibrich, Director of the ECEC
- Larry Kraft, Custodian



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.

God's Servants - August 2012

August 5
10th after Pentecost

Lessons
Exodus 16:2-15
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:22-35

Elders Saturday Howell Parker

8:00 Duane Asmus

10:45 Ed Kilgore 8/5 and 8/12, Dave Klekamp 8/19 and 8/26

Greeters

Saturday

Marlene Blesch

8:00

Roy/Lenore Sande
Lillian Hull

10:45

Hilda Wojahn
Elaine Steffen

Welcome Center

8:00

10:45

Bob/Jackie Swedberg

Organists

Mark Elmshouser

Lay Readers

8:00

Kevin Chambless

10:45

Janet Buckingham

August 12
11th after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:1-8
Ephesians 4:17-5:2
John 6:35-51

Sy Harjes

Lois Schliske
Robert/Jeanne Borgstede

Caryl Fagerquist
Hilda Wojahn

Pearl Johnson

Gary/Wanda Johnson

Marsha Raebel

Heather Cammack

Dave Klekamp

Kathy Meyer
Holly Hopkins
Caryl Fagerquist
Pearl Gleichman

Annie Chambless
Anna Potzer

Josh Bond
Jason Matney

Marlene Blesch

Bud/Lucille McGee

August 19
12th after Pentecost

Proverbs 9:1-10
Ephesians 5:6-21
John 6:51-69

Jim/Renee Minter

Marilyn Eisenach
Scott/Kristy Dankenbring

Elaine Steffen
Caryl Fagerquist

Glenn/Chris Krueger

Bob/Jackie Swedberg

Mark Elmshouser

Kim Montross

Jim Wert

Cindy Meador
Danita Myers

Jacobie Dankenbring
Jozef Dankenbring

Joseph Tappe
Kyra Harmston

Jim Langhofer

Larry Auffert

August 26
13th after Pentecost

Isaiah 29:11-19
Ephesians 5:22-33
Mark 7:1-13

Howell Parker

Don/Elaine Berlinski
Larry/Nancy Kraft

Hilda Wojahn
Elaine Steffen

Joreen Jones

Gary/Wanda Johnson

Nathan Eickmann

Don Berlinski

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