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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.

⇒ **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

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!



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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 three members available to greet for the 10:45 AM service which means



School Supply Drive

Lutheran Family Services 2012 School Supply Drive

- Provide a new backpack, school supplies and a gift card for clothing or shoes for foster and refugee children and teens.
- A list of items broken down by grade levels will be provided

at church. Pick one up and assemble one or more backpacks for a child or teen.

- All backpacks and supplies will be needed by July 29!



Web: mtoliveluth.org



Facebook: **Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Aurora, CO**



Blog: mtoliveluth.blogspot.com



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

Human Care Page

Blood Pressure Check

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

Sunday, July 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.

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:

July 8 and 22
August 12 and 26
September 9 and 23



Aurora Interchurch

July donations — Diapers

Size 4, 5 and 6 only—

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

July Birthdays

7/1	Maul, Kyle Lauck, Shari Emerson, Steve Emerson, Lauren Emerson, Meghan Bond, Gary Mc Coy, Ken	7/6	Talamantes, Barbara Flores, Jeremiah	7/15	Andrie, Carlen Ketchem, Robin	7/25	Cugliat, Bella Kalthoff, Jo Boyd, Kevin
7/2	Sheeler, Gealoni Jost, Kaitlin Andrie, Chloe	7/7	Morse, Beverly Krekow, Rebecca	7/16	Luckel, Iris Wood, Val	7/26	Kala, DJ Southern, Cynthia
7/3	Fangmeier, Troy Barnard, Matt Jost, Neil Woods, Robert Gordon, Kevin	7/8	Warkentin, Judith Campbell, Chad	7/17	Kala, Kelsey Krueger, Christine	7/27	Bruner, Tecumseh
7/4	Bray, Lucinda Bauer, Gloria	7/9	Dreiling, Abigail Steubing, Travis	7/18	Brooks, Sam	7/28	Cisneros, Chase Yoder, Elizabeth Lauck, Sonja Woodcook, Robert Christ, Edward
7/5	Bame, Tyler Wichert, Ed Bair, Sandra Vande Garde, Sheree	7/10	Keener, Nicole Mc Clain, Brian Krekow, Mary	7/19	Krabbenhoft, Mary Hixson, Kevin	7/29	Gorton, Doug Johnson, Opal
		7/11	Wunschel, Judy Humbargar, Claudia	7/20	Polson, Steven Holloway, Rylee	7/30	Ruby, Sierra Goeglein, Miles Bodemann, Dennis Luedders, Stephen
		7/12	Greenhouse, Timothy Pittenridge, Richard	7/21	Huss, Jack Christ, Andrea	7/31	Owen, Lauren Hansen, Helen Petric, Cindy Henninger, Jane
		7/13	Stibrich, JoAnn DeJong, Sharon Fields, Zachary	7/22	Kraft, Larry		
		7/14	Chambless, Kevin Marshall, Ginny Melcher, Kenneth	7/23	Maul, Christopher Warkentin, Michael Henninger, Donald Humbargar, Stan		
				7/24	Mc Clain, Megan Downs, Jim Fields, Josh		

July Anniversaries

7/2	Goggins, Herman & Pam
7/3	Dankenbring, Scott & Kristi Fangmeier, Robert & Sherri
7/4	Abell, Donald & Teri Sattler, Lynn & James Stransky, Angela & Jacob
7/8	Pierce, Edwin & Maria Shipman, Wanda & Clifton
7/9	Reisdorff, Nicholas & Cynthia
7/10	Polson, Steven & Mary
7/11	Polson, Ben & Jodi
7/13	Pelepchan, Walter & Ruth
7/15	Barnard, Matt & Lindy Eckles, Bill & Kimberly Wirth, Arnie & Betsy
7/16	Storm, Alan & Kerry Thies, Charles & Karen
7/18	Rusten, Matt & Amanda Sullivan, Gary & Colleen
7/21	Asmus, Duane & Diane
7/22	Koschik, Michael & Jessica Southern, Cynthia & Vern
7/23	Polson, Matt & Anna
7/28	Eickmann, Nathan & Marlene Schallhorn, Robert & Joann
7/29	Dissette, Donna & Ronald
7/31	Gordon, Joshua & Vicki Miller, Ginger & Barry Skov, Fred & Norma Weldon, James & Dorothy

Income/Expenses May 2012

	Income	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Regular Offerings		369,093	382,603	(13,510)
Other Income		7,453	7,245	208
ECEC		66,792	91,322	(24,530)
Total Income		443,338	481,170	(37,832)
Expenses				
Personnel/Benefits		216,471	218,996	(2,525)
Programs		60,340	66,156	(5,816)
Administrative		10,587	11,772	(1,185)
Properties		80,396	82,541	(2,145)
ECEC		67,111	67,208	(97)
Total Expenses		434,905	446,673	(11,768)
Net Income		8,433	34,497	(26,064)

KINDLE THE FIRE

Fund Balance January 1, 2012: 12,652

YTD Income: 39,049

Additional Mortgage Principal: 46,503

Net: 5,198

ECEC Joys for 2011-2012 School Year

The following comments were made by our children:

Teachers were informed that when we became teachers our nicknames are now teacher so it is OK to call us teacher!

Patrick told his teacher "there are 3 people in 1, God, Jesus and ummm ... that bird!"



The following comments were made by parents:

"As parent's it thrills us to have a place (ECEC) where we can take our kids that will help us raise warriors for Jesus Christ!"

"It is impossible to put into words what a GREAT blessing Mount Olive ECEC has been to our family. God is so good and has such a mighty and wonderful plan all along."

"The transformation we have seen in our little boy has truly been incredible. Thank you for allowing the Lord to use you all in such an important and special way in the ECEC!"

"The teachers are amazing and I am thankful and blessed that the staff is fun, loving, warm hearted and loves Jesus!"

The following comments were made by the teachers:

We have a family who lost their wife/mother right before school started. We have been partnering together with dad as he adjusts to life without his wife and his kids' mom. We are providing a weekly meal for the family. And everyday we share God's love with them. This has been a very rewarding experience for us.

"Thank you for the ministry of the ECEC where we get the opportunity to share Jesus love, grace and forgiveness everyday with 100+ children and parents!!"

Cookie Cans for College Students

Cookie Cans for College Kids is off for the Summer, but we will start up again in the Fall on Saturday, October 6. 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.



A big thank you to all our helpers and everyone who donated time, supplies and postage money! We really appreciate you!

Save the Date

Mount Olive

Church Picnic

August 26

Fun for all ages!

What Has Been Happening

On June 7-9 I attended the Convention for the Rocky Mountain District at the Hyatt in the Denver Tech Center. As a pastoral delegate I represented our congregation in the formal business and elections for our District. Don Henninger was our lay delegate and attended with me these three days. We had the opportunity to hear from the President of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, The Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, and from many other speakers.

We elected a new President for the Rocky Mountain District, Rev. Alan Anderson. Our own Pastor Shearier was elected 4th Vice President and represents the Central Region of our District for a three year term (all elected officers serve a three year term). We elected the Board of Directors and various other positions as well as ratified changes in the District bylaws and heard and voted on many resolutions.

The highlight for me was the time of Bible study led by Professor Jeffery Kloha from Concordia Seminary St. Louis. Our time in I Corinthians was very enlightening and it was great to dig deep into God's Word. If you have questions about the convention, contact me by email, mrborgs@gmail.com, or in person.

Pastor Borgstede

Christ's Church in

This America!

To the church of God that is in Corinth ... (I Corinthians 1:2)

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.

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.

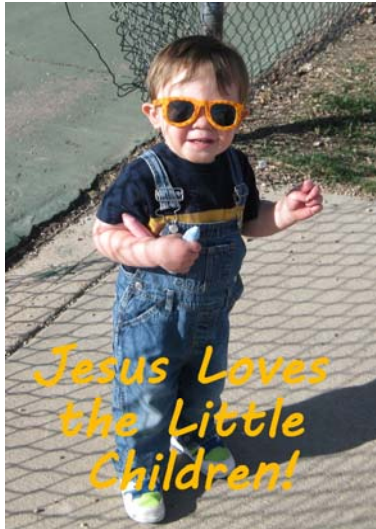
Faith Legacy Teachers

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, July 12

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, except June 24 and July 1 when they will meet downstairs with Preschool.

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.

Head 2 Heart

Confirmation

H2H explores more about what it means that Jesus is our Savior, Redeemer, and Friend. H2H meets most Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM.

Senior High Reel Time

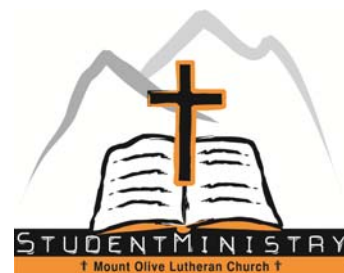
Bible study for high school students (Gr. 9-12) meets every Sunday in Room 10, 9:30-10:30 AM.

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

Women's Choir (meets at 6 PM)

(June 27—rehearsal)

July 5—rehearsal

July 8—*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*,
8:00 and 10:45 AM services

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)

July 5—rehearsal

July 11—rehearsal

July 15—*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*,
8:00 and 10:45 AM services

August 1—rehearsal

August 8—rehearsal

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



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!

Thank You

Thank you to my Mount Olive Family for all your prayers, get well cards, phone calls ... I'm doing fine and getting better.

Betty Pickett



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.

Great News From Kindle the Fire Campaign

Mount Olive Lutheran Church current mortgage balance as of May 31, 2012 is approximately **\$117,000.00**. After Mount Olive makes the mortgage payment plus contributions in June, the mortgage balance will be approximately \$94,000.00.

As of May 31, 2012, Mount Olive has received \$304,730.00 in contributions toward the Kindle the Fire Campaign.

We are looking forward to the day that we can burn our mortgage. At the pace we are setting, it will be sooner than we think! Thank you for your continued support of Mount Olive and the Kindle the Fire Campaign. Please continue to contribute your pledges to the campaign.

Church Staff

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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.

God's Servants - July 2012

July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29
Lessons Lamentations 3:22–33 2 Corinthians 8:1–9, 13–15 Mark 5:21–43	Ezekiel 2:1–5 2 Corinthians 12:1–10 Mark 6:1–13	Amos 7:7–15 Ephesians 1:3–14 Mark 6:14–29	Jeremiah 23:1–6 Ephesians 2:11–22 Mark 6:30–44	Genesis 9:8–17 Ephesians 3:14–21 Mark 6:45–56
Elders Saturday Jim Downs			Communion Assistants	
8:00 Stan McKinster			8:00 Orville Geisler	
10:45 Ed Kilgore			10:45 Bill Helfrich	
Greeters Saturday				
Walt/Ruth Pelepchan 8:00 Don/Elaine Berlinski Edwina Heiser 10:45 Caryl Fagerquist Hilda Wojahn	Darlene Ommen Larry/Nancy Kraft Charles/Karen Thies Elaine Steffen Caryl Fagerquist	Kenneth Schultz Pat/Nancy Amore Joe/JoAnn Stibrich Hilda Wojahn Elaine Steffen	Frank Gates Stan/Claudia Humbargar Jean King Caryl Fagerquist Hilda Wojahn	Virginia Engleman Bud/Lucille McGee Orville/Betty Geisler Elaine Steffen Caryl Fagerquist
Welcome Center				
8:00 Ed/Doris Kilgore 10:45 Gary/Wanda Johnson	Stan/Claudia Humbargar Bob/Jackie Swedberg	Mark Weglowski Gary/Wanda Johnson	Russ/Leone Schonack Bob/Jackie Swedberg	Jeff Keith Gary/Wanda Johnson
Organists Karen Montross	Karen Montross	Marsha Raebel	Mark Elmshouser	Marie Wallace Nathan Eiskmann
Lay Readers				
8:00 Robert Borgstede 10:45 Eric Bame	Jessica Dankenbring Ashleigh Sall	Lynn Sattler Judy Talmage	Arnie Wirth Bob Gombos	Joe Stibrich Emma Sliver
Ushers				
8:00 Glenn Krueger, Dave Student, Mike Dunkel, Tim Krabbenhoft, Travis Krabbenhoft				
10:45 Fred Piazza, David Klekamp, Gary Piazza, Bob Swedberg				
Altar Care				
Michele McKinster Jo Kalthoff Danita Myers	Danita Myers Holly Hopkins Pearl Gleichman	Lynn Sattler Jane Dunn	Donna Bame Emma Sliver Jean King	Danita Myers Ruth Pelepchan Charlene Endsley-Burge
Acolytes				
8:00 Colton Storm Kiersten Borgstede 10:45 Josh Bond	Matthew Clough Kathleen Clough Jason Matney	Bethany Pierce Jozef Dankenbring Joseph Tappe	Collin Brandt Kelcy Brandt Josh Bond Laurn Sall	Landon Wilks Grant Syverstad Jason Matney Joseph Tappe
Assist Pews Jim Langhofer	Marlene Blesch	Jim Langhofer	Darlene Ommen	Mary Rindahl
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