



# Olive Branch

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## Update Regarding a Call for a Senior Pastor

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God's Blessings, Members of Mount Olive!

I would like to take a moment to share with you what is happening with regards to a Call for a Senior Pastor at Mount Olive. The Call Committee was officially formed in January of this year. The members of the Call Committee are: Charlene Endsley-Burge, Maranda Huss, Don Henninger, Ray Wendell, Eric Bame, Matt Huebschmann, Jeff Claxton, Alison Winslow, and Angela Bond.

Per the Mount Olive Standard Operating Procedures, we have been assigned the following tasks:

1. Lead and review self-study information to understand congregational needs.
2. Develop a profile of the pastoral skills needed by the congregation.
3. Gather suggested names from congregation members.
4. Communicate with the Circuit Counselor and District President regarding the call.
5. Evaluate/prioritize names, if the list is large, to form a preferred list.
6. Research the information provided from the district office. The Call Committee is authorized to conduct either telephone or

in-person interviews to further research interesting candidates. The committee is authorized to recommend names from the call list to the congregation as members of a "prime" list if they desire. They are not authorized to remove names of candidates from the list.

At this point we are in the process of completing step 1 - Lead and review self-study information to understand congregational needs. The Strategic Planning Session was crucial to completing this step. The Strategic Planning Session gave the entire Mount Olive Congregation the opportunity to fully investigate our existing needs and the opportunity to thoughtfully define the vision for the future of our congregation.

Based on the results of the Congregation Self-Study provided by the district AND the results of the Strategic Planning Session, the Call Committee will be able to move forward with step 2 - Develop a profile of the pastoral skills needed by the congregation.

After the profile is complete, our next step is to create a Senior Pastor Call Packet that includes our church history, our current situation, our vision, and the skill sets re-

quired to help us get there. Our goal is to have that packet ready by the end of April. At that point, we will be able to begin gathering names of potential candidates.

While it may feel like this process is taking forever, or maybe just longer than it should, I would like to take this opportunity to assure you that we are making progress. The average length of time to call a new Senior Pastor is 24 months. We are working steadily to ensure that the process continues to move forward while at the same time balancing the need for thoughtful due diligence. The Call to a Senior Pastor is a large undertaking and one that should not be taken lightly.

The Call Committee humbly requests your prayers as we move through the call process. We look forward to sharing our progress with you in the near future in the form of the Senior Pastor Call Packet. In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments, please direct those to any member of the Call Committee.

In His Service,  
Angela Bond



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## Human Care

### Blood Pressure Check

**Saturday, April 20**  
**4:30-6:15 PM**

**Sunday, April 21**  
**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:**

April 14 and 28

May 12 and 26

June 9 and 23



### Aurora Interchurch

**April donations —**

**— rice, macaroni, spaghetti and sauce**

**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

### Cookie Cans

**Cookie Cans for College Students – 2012/13 School Year continues to be a great hit! Our next mailing is April 6.**

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



**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 25-30 cookies for each can. That's 14 cans times 25 cookies = 350 cookies per month or about 30 dozen, so **your help is needed and greatly appreciated.** If you don't have college age kids but love to bake, we 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 in packets or two if large or four if small!!!**

**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.**

**A sign up sheet in at the Activity Center.**

### Food Pantry

Human Care Ministry continues the "Helping Hands Care Package" to help families in need of short term assistance with food. 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. Through your generous support we have been able to assist 30-40 people a month in our community.



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

**We are in need of:**

**Boxed:** Pasta, potatoes, rice, macaroni and cheese, powdered milk, cereals including oatmeal, snack bars; packs of ramen noodles; puddings and jello; mixes (cake, cookie and muffins)

**Canned:** Pasta sauce, stews, ravioli, chili, pork 'n beans, tuna, chicken, hearty and child favorite soups; peas, green beans, corn,

mixed vegetables, carrots; pears, pineapple, Mandarin oranges, peaches

**Jars:** Peanut butter, jelly

**Paper:** Paper towels, toilet tissue

**Toiletries:** Toothpaste, tooth brushes, hand sanitizer, shampoo, deodorant, bath soap

## April Birthdays

1	Skov, Fred	Sudan, Thomas	Latimer, Ronda	25	Kerr, George
	Klein, Pam	10 Bowers, Lori	Johnston, Joshua		Goggins, Herman
	Truett, Kristi	11 Pelepchan, Kathy	20 King, Paul	26	Thies, Karen
2	Harjes, Sy	Gurrola, Theresa	Minter, Jim		Gerdjikian, Lindsay
	Ommen, Darlene	Dreiling, Jacob Jay	21 Olsen, Sandra	27	Fox, Richard
	Andrie, Craig	12 Jones, Joreen	Narveson, Marilyn		Vande Garde, Bruce
	Maul, Teri	Bame, Donna	Samuel, Zereyohannes		Hanson, Richard
4	Johnston, Heather	Scheffel, Nicole	22 Crane, Hazel		Borgstede, Paul
	Obando, Logan	Liss, Kathy	Sonnichsen, Arlene		Thiel, Kiara
5	King, Maddox	15 Kelsey, Linda	Ray, Barbara	28	Wallingford, Brenda
6	Griebel, Dennis	Huebschmann, Amy	Fischer, Cynde		Lehew, Ethan
	Rehwalt, Elizabeth	Wetherbie, Ryan	Nelson, Tom		Lehew, Ford
	Hehr, William	16 Bacon, Dan	Narveson, Andrea	29	Sliver, Gary
	Parker, Teag	17 Warkentin, Zachary	Pelepchan, Nicholas		Bowers, Andrew
	Polson, Finn	Ernst, Benjamin	Gaines, Colton		Raimondo, Gage
7	Buchner, Samuel	Butler, Reba	24 Muir, Janice	30	Johnson, Pearl
8	Scheffel, Rich	Polton, Amelia	Osborne, Deborah		Narveson, Richard
	Conley, Martin	18 Colkitt, Donna	Amore, Pat		
9	Scheffel, Mary	Ellis, Rachel	Andrie, Kathy		
	Johnston, Adam R	19 Student, Ann	Bellis, Colin		
	Mc Kelvey, Brian	Krueger, Glenn	Smith, Natalie		

## Income/Expenses February 2013

Fiscal Year July 2012—June 2013

Income	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Regular Offerings	585,171	604,659	(19,488)
Other Income	11,957	9,761	2,196
ECEC	121,371	143,700	(22,329)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>718,499</b>	<b>758,120</b>	<b>(39,621)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Personnel/Benefits	315,080	340,122	(25,042)
Programs	105,856	109,678	(3,822)
Administrative	14,727	18,472	(3,745)
Properties	106,550	127,526	(20,976)
ECEC	117,666	127,897	(9,362)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>659,879</b>	<b>723,695</b>	<b>(66,090)</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>58,620</b>	<b>34,425</b>	<b>26,469</b>

KINDLE THE FIRE

Mortgage Balance 2/28/13: \$12,298

## April Anniversaries

1	Fischer, Cynde & Dan
6	Kalthoff Glenn & Jo
9	Vaughn-Porquis Dorinda & William
10	Osborne, Richard & Deborah Flint, Jim & Zoe
12	Henninger, Donald & Jane Sande, Roy & Lenore Schoenhals, Dean & Debbie
15	Bair, Frank & Sandra Schonack, Russell & Leone
16	Rehwalt, Harvey & Elizabeth
17	Spoerl, Andrew & Crystal
19	Gerdjikian, Gary & Joann
23	Polton, Guy & Robin
27	Bond, Gary & Angela



## Stephen Ministry

### What is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is a lay ministry where church members are trained to help provide Christian caregiving to individuals experiencing difficulties. Stephen Ministers are equipped to bring Christ's healing love to people who are grieving, in crisis, or experiencing other stresses in life, including:

- ◆ Grief
- ◆ Loss of a loved one
- ◆ Divorce
- ◆ Job loss
- ◆ Despair
- ◆ Serious illness
- ◆ Aging issues
- ◆ Loneliness
- ◆ Pregnancy
- ◆ Life's struggles

### What is a Stephen Minister?

A Stephen Minister is:

- ◆ A lay person who has received 50 hours of training in how to provide distinctively Christian care

- ◆ A caring Christian friend who really listens and walks beside a hurting person
- ◆ Committed to confidentiality

A Stephen Minister is **NOT**:

- ◆ A counselor or therapist
- ◆ A problem solver
- ◆ A casual visitor

### Who can benefit from a Stephen Minister?

Anyone going through difficult times who needs someone to care, listen and share God's love with them on a one-to-one confidential basis.

**If you would like to request a Stephen Minister, or to know more about this ministry, please contact the Church Office at 303.755.9123.**

## Young at Heart 55+

Wednesday, April 10, 11:30 AM  
Potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall

Come join us for good food and fellowship.

Marcus Robinson, Program Coordinator at Denver International Airport, will give us an update on progress and developments at DIA.

**Newcomers are always welcome!**

Hosts will be Jean King, Ellis Jones and Darlene Donner

**Young@HEART**



## Sunday Morning Bible Studies

April 7—May 19

**GRACE** – Based on the Sunday sermons and being used in our LIFE Groups (small groups), this video based Bible study is based on Max Lucado's book *GRACE*. What does God's grace mean to you? How has it affected your life? Has it shaped you, strengthened you, softened you, grabbed your full attention? Listen to Max Lucado teach us to explore deeper the message of God's grace in Jesus Christ. (Fellowship Hall)

**Galatians: The Cost of Freedom** – This study will explore the text of Galatians and how Paul regards our freedom in Christ. Galatians speaks to us concerning: the freedom from sin and death Christ won for us; how our slavery to Christ provides us true freedom; and ways we can live as people whom Christ has freed from sin through the power of the Gospel. (Skidmore Hall)

**The Lord's Prayer** – We pray this prayer every Sunday and probably several times a week. We learned about it in Confirmation classes as a teen. But how often do we stop to marvel at this wonderful, model prayer Jesus gave to us? This study will look closely at the Lord's Prayer and each petition as laid out in Martin Luther's Small Catechism. (Library)



## Mount Olive's Book Club List for 2012-2013

Date	Book	Author	Leader
April 3	<i>Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy</i>	Eric Metaxas	Marsha Raebel
May 1	<i>Destine of the Republic</i>	Candice Millard	Kathy Meyer
June 5	<i>Constantine Code X</i>	Paul Maier	



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

## Early Childhood Education Center

We begin with our celebration of spring and the changes in our weather that God blesses us with. Our school will be "blossoming" into spring. We will make lots of flowers to "spring" up our classrooms. We will celebrate Jesus' resurrection with Easter parties in our classrooms and going to chapel on the April 4 and 5.

One focus at Jesus time this month will be on prayer. Prayer is an integral part of each day in the ECEC. We remind the children to say "Thank you" when someone does something kind or when she/he receives a gift. By doing this we are helping the children learn to say "Thank you" to our heavenly Father in prayer, who loves us and gives us all that we have. Here are some of our favorite mealtime prayers that you can use at home.

A, B, C, D, E, F, G, Thank you God for feeding me. Amen.  
(Sung to the ABC song)

Our hands we fold, our head we bow. For food and drink we thank you now. Amen.

We are thankful. We are thankful.  
For this food. For this food.  
That we are sharing. That we are sharing.  
Thank you God. Thank you God.  
(Sung to Frere Jacques)

Thank you God for giving us food.  
Thank you God for giving us food.  
For the friends that we meet.  
For the food that we eat.  
Thank you God for giving us food. Amen.  
(Sung to the Superman song)

Lions, tigers and DINOSAURS...oh my! This month our special day is all about dinosaurs! We'll learn some "dino-facts" about our prehistoric pals, have a special dino snack and have a lot of "dino-mite" FUN!



Registration for the 2013-2014 continues. Come visit or call JoAnn, 303.750.9856, to learn more about the ECEC and registration.

## Child and Family Ministry

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.

### Infant Parenting Class

April 7, 14, and 21, 9:30-10:30 AM

All parents of infants are invited to a three week class, which will focus on spiritually parenting their child. **On Sunday, April 28**, each child will receive a special blessing during the worship service. This class will meet in Room 8 for the first week.

### 5th Grade Retreat

April 20, 9:00 AM– 2:00 PM

Fifth graders and their same sex parent or another special adult if the parent is not available are invited for our brand new step in the Faith Legacy Series. Fifth graders and their adults will watch the Faith Legacy Series and participate in special activities. Lunch will be provided. On Sunday, parents will present their daughters with a journal or their sons with a baton and say a special blessing over the child during the worship service.

**Please RSVP to Robin, rkurth@mtoliveluth.org**, for this event to ensure enough materials are purchased.

**The Purpose of the Father/Son Retreat** is for sons and their fathers (or a sponsored father in cases where dad is unavailable) to spend quality time together while discussing what it means to become a man; specifically, God's plan for a man. Together they'll explore what it means for a man of God to be strong, honorable, and faithful to the end.

**The Purpose of the Mother/Daughter Retreat** is to facilitate mom-daughter conversations about the daughter's emerging sexuality and to encourage future openness between mom and daughter. Also, it accurately informs pre-adolescent girls about the changes their bodies will soon be going through and to take their cues about beauty and personal value from God's Word.



### Sunday School Staff Appreciation Bunch

April 21, 9:30 AM

On Sunday, April 21, we will give thanks for our dedicated Sunday School staff. While the staff is having brunch upstairs, our children will enjoy a VBS sneak peek! **Volunteers are needed** to plan and serve the brunch and to help with the children while the teachers enjoy brunch. Please talk to Robin if you are able to help.



### June 24-28, 2013

Morning, 8:45 AM–Noon  
Afternoon, Noon–4:00 PM

### Youth and Adult Volunteers Needed!

E-mail Robin at  
rkurth@mtoliveluth.org  
to volunteer.



### Vacation Bible School Kick-off Party

Sunday, April 28  
4:00 PM

VBS Registration Opens!

Sneak Peek at  
VBS Materials!

Crafts!

Pizza Party!

VBS T-shirts Available!

CDs Available!

Everybody Welcome!



## OASIS

Wednesdays  
at Mount Olive

### Dinner

Begins at 5:00 PM Weekly

Prior to the scheduled activities/classes on Wednesday evenings, a meal is provided to help make rushing home for the evening meal and then coming to church unnecessary. A freewill donation is gathered to cover the expense of each meal.

### Kid's Club

April 3, 5:30 PM

All children, age 3-grade 5 are invited to participate in Kid's Club. Children will grow in faith and friendship, while studying God's Word, making crafts, playing games, and eating treats. Kid's Club meets the first Wednesday of every month, from 5:30-6:50 PM.

### Kid's Music

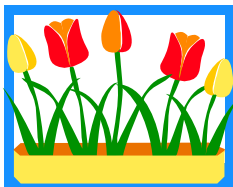
Wednesdays, 5:30 PM

Children in Kindergarten and older learn to play handbells/chimes and sing in our children's choirs. Children use their musical gifts to play in worship throughout the year.

### Praise and Play

Wednesdays, 5:30 PM

All preschool children are invited to praise God through story, song, and play every Wednesday (except the first Wednesday of each month) from 5:30-6:50 PM. Preschool Praise and Play meets in the ECEC.



# 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 7-8:30 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.

### Junior High Summer Mission Trip

Watch for final information!

### ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

On June 7-8 Mount Olive students will offer a community garage sale here. Items may be donated the week of June 2. Thank you!

## COMING EVENTS

### APRIL

- 3—No Confirmation
- 10—Confirmation at 7 PM
- 14—IMPACT 6-8 PM Senior Youth
- 17—Confirmation at 7 PM
- 21—Junior High ENERGY
- 24—Confirmation at 7 PM
- 28— IMPACT 6-8 PM Senior Youth

### MAY

- 4-5—Youth Ministry Weekend  
and Graduate Recognition
- 17—Confirmation Essays at 7 PM  
Congregation is Invited!
- 19—Rite of Confirmation at 10:45 AM

### JUNE

- 1—Youth Ministry Golf Tournament
- 7-8—Community Garage Sale

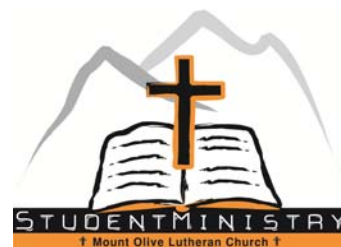
### YOUTH MINISTRY WEEKEND And Graduate Recognition

On Saturday and Sunday, May 4 and 5, we will give thanks for our students and their parents, teachers, and leaders. Each high school graduate is asked to submit a picture in digital format to [jelmschauer@mtoliveluth.org](mailto:jelmschauer@mtoliveluth.org) for a special presentation during the Education Hour. Students will also provide some worship leadership (readers, music, ushers, etc.). We would also like to hear about 2013 college graduates.



### GOLF TOURNAMENT

It's time to register for the 2013 Mount Olive Youth Ministry Golf Tournament at Murphy Creek Golf Course on June 1. You can sign up online at the Mount Olive website: [mtoliveluth.org](http://mtoliveluth.org). or pick up a registration form at the Youth Ministry Desk near the Fellowship Hall. It would be great fun to bring a friend or two from work or some relatives to play in such a worthwhile event. We're also hoping for sponsors to help and seeking rounds of golf, services, gift cards, merchandise, and other items for prizes and hospitality bags. Please contact [golf@mtoliveluth.org](mailto:golf@mtoliveluth.org). Thank you.



### 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.



## HYMN OF THE MONTH

### *This Joyful Eastertide*

**LSB 482**

*This Joyful Eastertide* first appeared in George Woodward's *Carols for Easter and Ascension* in 1894. Woodward was an Anglican priest who wrote much religious poetry to fit traditional tunes, such as VRUECHTEN, a Dutch tune of the 17<sup>th</sup> century. This tune carries a sense of urgency as it rises with the words in the refrain: "But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, but NOW HAS CHRIST ARISEN!" The tune certainly provides a vehicle for the powerful text of 1 Corinthians 15:17-20:

<sup>17</sup>*And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.* <sup>18</sup>*Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.* <sup>19</sup>*If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.*  
<sup>20</sup>*But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.*

Christ's victory over death is *our* victory as He takes on our sin and gives us His perfect righteousness. It's not a stuffy act of history to be kept on the shelf, however; it's a living and active gift that continues to be poured out. As we remember our baptism, hear Christ's word of forgiveness through pastors, and receive Christ's very body and blood in Holy Communion, we are set free from the bonds of sin and death and can also sing: "Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen; But now has Christ arisen!" May this gift of grace be found on our lips and in our lives as we receive and respond to Christ's resurrection with thanksgiving and joy!

### ***Unfamiliar words and phrases explained:***

- ◆ "has sprung to life this **morrow**" (St. 1): morning
- ◆ "Jesus crossed the river" (St. 2): crossing the river can be used to refer to the Israelites crossing the Red Sea to escape bondage in Egypt or crossing the Jordan to enter the Promised Land. Christ is the one who rescues our passing souls from the flood of death, and in baptism the old Adam within us is killed. Paul states in Romans 6:3 that "... all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death ..." Imagery surrounding water, floods, and deliverance abounds in both Old and New Testaments.
- ◆ "trump from east to west" (St. 3): refers to Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 15:51-52 in speaking about the resurrection of the dead. "Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed."

***Watch the May Olive Branch for  
information regarding summer  
music opportunities!***





## Did You Know

- ⇒ Jim and Zoe Flint were on the counting team for over 30 years here at Mount Olive and feel it is time to step down. Thank you for your service!
- ⇒ Pearl Johnson has served for over 13 years as Funeral Coordinator. (Shelley Stewart is her assistant.) Pearl is the liaison between the family and church for all services and can answer general questions in planning the activities on service day.
- ⇒ The Busy Bees began as an active Library volunteer group in 2005. The goal is to maintain the Library so it is a benefit for those attending Mount Olive. See page 10 of the *Olive Branch* for more information.
- ⇒ Pastor Shearier and Anne have purchased a home in Oregon and would like to share their new address with us: 2345 SW 178th Avenue, Beaverton, OR 97006.

## Wanderers

On **Sunday, May 19, 3 PM** the Wanderers will be in the pews of Faith Lutheran Church in Golden to hear *Holy Music of Great Britain, France, and Italy* performed by the Lutheran Chorus. We will depart Mount Olive at 2 PM for the concert with dinner at Jus' Cookins restaurant following the program. Return approximately 6:30 PM. \$17 includes ticket and transportation.

The Westminster Castle, also locally known as "The Big Red Castle" or "The Pillar of Fire" is a historic landmark in Westminster, CO. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, it was completed in 1893 of red sandstone, an example of Richardsonian Romanesque architecture. The checkered history will be explained to the Wanderers on **Friday, June 7** during a tour. Depart Mount Olive at 9:15 AM and return approximately at 2 PM. Cost \$5 includes tour and transportation. Lunch will follow the tour at a popular north Denver eatery.

Become a Wanderer by ...

... signing up for any of the tours in the binder at the Activity Center. 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.

## Bible Talk



April 3, 10 AM, Bible Talk will resume, following the Lenten break, in Room 8 (Mary Martha). Our study will be the book of *James*.

Looking for a Bible study? Join us April 3!



## Mount Olive Family News

### Mount Olive says hello to:

John and Joanne Petersen  
Al and Dee Neitzke  
Lois Gottberg

### We say goodbye to:

Stacy Bray

### Baptisms

Brayden Joseph Kendall

### Deaths

### Church Staff

Rev. Michael Borgstede, Associate Pastor  
Robin Kurth, Director of Child and Family Ministry  
Rebecca Elmshouser, Director of Music Ministries  
John Elmshouser, Interim Director of Youth and Family Ministry  
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.



Members: Jean Derr, Marilyn Eisenach, Betty Geisler, Pearl Gleichman, Alice Harris, Lucille McGee, Ruby Miller, Earla Reneau and Diane Wichert.

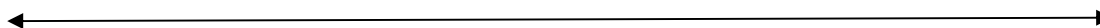
## Busy Bees Library Volunteers

The Busy Bees began as an active library volunteer group in 2005. The goal is to maintain the library so it is a benefit for those attending Mount Olive. The library operates on a trust policy. Any book can be checked out for 3 weeks just by removing the library card, entering your name and the date it is checked out. When you return it, place it in the basket on the counter and volunteers will put it back on the proper shelf.

There are book categories from non-fiction, fiction, family, youth, children and a Bible section. One of the newer categories includes CD's of Veggie tales and other children's favorites. For those who are in a small group Bible study or other study group, the resource and reference area is in the bookcase by the window.

The volunteers invite you to visit the library and check out some interesting reading material.

We do accept donations that are current, in good condition, and appropriate for all age groups, including our children.



## Lutheran Women's Missionary League

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 March.

Questions? Contact Shelley Stewart at 720.217.8076.

**Charity Circle** meets the first Wednesday of the month at Mount Olive, 9:15 AM.

**Faith Circle** will meet April 18, 9:30 AM at the home of Ruth Pelepchan.

**Glory Circle** will meet April 11, 7 PM at the home of Jane Dunn.

**Mercy Circle** will meet April 2, 9:30 AM, at Mount Olive in Room 3.

# LWML Spring Event

**Saturday, May 4**

9:30 AM Continental Breakfast  
10:30 AM Speaker

At 3'7" in height, Gayle Downen lives a full and inspiring life. She presents an encouraging overview of dwarfism and challenges others to live up to their full potential!

Hosted by Faith Circle

## God's Servants - April 2013

**April 7**

Second of Easter

**Lessons**Acts 5:12-32  
Revelation 1:4-18  
John 20:19-31**April 14**

Third of Easter

Acts 9:1-22  
Revelation 5:8-14  
John 21:1-14**April 21**

Fourth of Easter

Acts 20:17-35  
Revelation 7:9-17  
John 10:22-30**April 28**

Fifth of Easter

Acts 11:1-18  
Revelation 21:1-7  
John 16:12-22**Elders Saturday** Howell Parker**8:00** Stan Humbargar**10:45** Gary Sliver**Communion Assistants****8:00** Eric Goeglein**10:45** Bob Swedberg**Greeters****Saturday**

Marlene Blesch

Jim/Renee Minter

Howell Parker

Walter/Ruth Pelepchan

**8:00**Orville/Betty Geisler  
Roy/Lenore SandeLois Schliske  
Lillian HullRobert/Jeanne Borgstede  
Marilyn EisenachEdwina Heiser  
Larry/Nancy Kraft**10:45**Hilda Wojahn  
Elaine SteffenTammy Dixon  
Scott/Kristy DankenbringCaryl Fagerquist  
Hilda WojahnElaine Steffen  
Tammy Dixon**Organists**

Karen Montross

Diane Asmus

Mark Elmshouser

Marsha Raebel

**Lay Readers****8:00**

Lee Brandt

Diane Asmus

Jeanne Borgstede

Jessica Dankenbring

**10:45**

Judy Talmage

Bob Gombos

Emma Sliver

Eric Bame

**Ushers****8:00** Larry Bargmann, Joe Stibrich, Brian Pelepchan, Christina Cateora**10:45** Richard Pittenridge, Frank Candelaria, Gary Sliver, Aaron Kirkeide**Altar Care**Lynn Sattler  
Michele McKinster  
Danita MyersDanita Myers  
Christine Pittenridge  
Danita MyersJane Dunn  
Cindy Meador  
Danita MyersSandy Sall  
Mary Frevers  
Jean King**Acolytes****8:00**Ryan Carbaugh  
Colton StormAnna Potzer  
Kiersten BorgstedeKelcy Brandt  
Collin BrandtBethany Pierce  
Carlie Andrie**10:45**Lauryn Sall  
Kyra HarmstonJason Matney  
Jeff MatneyChristopher Polton  
Josh BondJoseph Tappe  
Gil Tappe**Assist Pews**

Jim Langhofer

Marlene Blesch

Jim Langhofer

Darlene Ommen

**Bulletin Helpers**

S. Fabozzi/J. Kalthoff

Bud/Lucille McGee

Larry Auffert

Walt/Ruth Pelepchan

**Food Pantry Friday 9-10 AM****April 5**

Kathy Pelepchan

**April 12**

Jeanne Borgstede

**April 19**

Pearl Johnson

**April 26**

Dorinda Vaughn-Porquis