



# Olive Branch

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

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The Aurora Police Department and Neighborhood Watch present

**National Night Out 2013**

*America's Night Out Against Crime*

Come spend a fun evening out with your neighbors

Food, Giveaways, Firefighters, Police Officers and More!

**August 6      6-8 PM**

Mount Olive Lutheran Church



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Join us at the **Church Picnic!**

**August 25**

**Sign up at the ARK!**

**Serving begins at 11:30.  
Please bring a side or salad.**

Hamburgers/hot dogs/chicken/  
ice cream sundae bar  
will be furnished.

**Water slide/splash pools/Bingo**

**Bring swimsuit, sunscreen, towels  
to prepare for water fun for all ages!**

## Human Care

### Blood Pressure Check

**Saturday, August 17**  
**4:30-6:15 PM**

**Sunday, August 18**  
**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 11/25  
 September 8/22



### Aurora Interchurch

#### August donations

#### Canned fruit and 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

## Lutheran Women's Missionary League

### Sundae Sunday, August 4



*Join us during the fellowship hour and make your own sundae!*

*LWML will provide all the "fixin's" and your donations will go to LWML Mites!*

LWML ladies, sign up to help at the ARK!



### LWML Convention in Pittsburgh, PA

Our theme this year was *Quenched by the Water ...* and we were thoroughly quenched!

Along with many days of rain, the convention had many exciting speakers. Some of those were missionaries (current and former), MITE recipients, and pastors of various churches. It's always uplifting to see how far our MITE dollars stretch, and how much each one matters.

New grants for the biennium of 2013-2015 were voted on. The one with the most votes was to train former K9 working dogs as care-giver dogs for hospitals and rehab centers. This was new and surprising to me! What a neat way to care for our fellow Christians and minister to them!

Keep the MITES coming and visit the LWML board for a complete listing of the MITE Missions we're supporting!

By Shelley Stewart  
 Southern Zone Delegate

## August Birthdays

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

## August Anniversaries

8/3	Lehew, Jessica & Donald	8/13	Borgstede, Michael & Sara	8/25	Mc Whirter, Jerome & Nancy
8/4	Berlinski, Don & Elaine	8/14	Miller, Teri & Jeff		Dunkel, Cole & Kari
8/5	Eifler, Larry & Phyllis	8/15	Lash, Terri & Thomas	8/27	Johnson, Richard & Pamela
8/6	Miller, Gayle & Traverso, Mike Stibrich, Joseph & Joann	8/16	Klekamp, David & Jennifer Romer, James & Linda		Montross, Kim & Karen
8/7	Humbargar, Stan & Claudia	8/18	Elmshouser, Mark & June		
8/8	Raimondo, Louis & Barbara	8/19	Mc Kinster, Stan & Michele		
8/9	Kirkeide, Aaron & Tracy Kelly, Eugene & Cynthia	8/20	Buchner, Adam & Lynette		
8/11	Oppenhuizen, Peter & Kaitlin	8/21	Fabrizius, Paul & Darlyne		
8/12	Elmshouser, John & Pat	8/22	Andrie, Craig & Kathy		
		8/23	Colehour, Corey & Joyce		
		8/24	Shadewald, Thomas & Ellie		
		8/24	Dejong, James & Sharon		

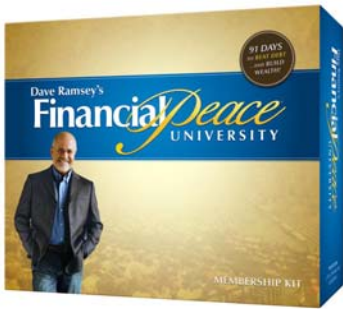
**Mount Olive’s Book Club List for 2013-2014**

Date	Book	Author	Leader
August 7	<i>Time and Again</i>	Jack Finney	Liz Rehwalt
September 4	<i>Salt: A World History</i>	Mark Kurlansky	Jean Dickinson
October 2	<i>The Orchardist</i>	Amanda Coplin	Liz Rehwalt
November 6	<i>Killing Kennedy: The End of Camelot</i>	O’Reilly/Dugard	Joanne Petersen
December 4	<i>Benediction</i>	Kent Haruf	Nancy McWhirter



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

**Financial Peace**



A new Financial Peace Class will be starting September 26, 7 PM. Come join us and watch your debt disappear and your savings grow!

There will be a “preview” night on Thursday, September 12, 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall to see all the wonderful things that could happen with your financial life.

**Go to [mtoliveluth.org](http://mtoliveluth.org) to sign up now!**

**Watch for more information in the September newsletter.**

**Bible Talk**

Bible Talk will resume Wednesday, September 4, 10 AM. The study and discussion will be the “coffee drinker’s” favorite book of the Bible. Join us for study, coffee and lively discussion as we resume Bible Talk.



**Mount Olive Family News**

**Mount Olive says hello to:**

David, Sarah, Gregory and Zachary Neubauer

**We say goodbye to:**

**Baptisms**

Brayden Bollaro  
Nuelle Lovely Dunkel

**Deaths**

Don Kantorowicz  
Walter Rupp

## 24/7 Member Information Access

Mount Olive provides its members with 24/7 access to their member information. All members who wish to access their information can create a log in. It is a part of our website (mtoliveluth.org) where we keep information that would not be available to the public. Once registered, you can:

- view and print the church directory
- view your contributions
- update your own profile with a new address, phone number, email address or even your family or individual photos

Any change made will come to the Church Office as a change request and will not be active until approved.

Go to the Mount Olive website and click on the "Member Sign-In" button.

[Member Sign-In](#)

If you have not signed in before, you will be given an opportunity to create a user account which will then allow you to access your giving record as well as the membership directory.

If you have any questions about this, please contact the Church Office, 303.755.9123.

## Thank You

Grace Thaemert's family would like to thank all her church family and friends who joined the celebration on her 100th birthday, June 15.

Grace has been richly blessed with good friends and excellent health. Please continue to include her in your thoughts and prayers as she enters her second century.



### Operating Income and Expenses June 2013 (Fiscal Year July 2012-June 2013)

Income	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Regular Offerings	875,750	906,500	(30,750)
Other Income	16,020	13,750	2,270
ECEC	159,696	194,581	(34,425)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,051,466</b>	<b>1,114,831</b>	<b>(63,365)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Personnel/Benefits	462,601	523,146	(58,545)
Programs	160,990	171,384	(10,394)
Administrative	21,806	26,716	(4,910)
Properties	164,579	199,004	(34,425)
ECEC	169,116	194,581	(22,498)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>979,092</b>	<b>1,114,831</b>	<b>(130,772)</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>72,374</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>72,374</b>



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**reach** out to children,  
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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.



## Sunday, August 25



### Blessing of the Backpacks

**8:00 AM and 10:45 AM**

Students of all ages are invited to bring along their backpack or school bag on Sunday, August 25 for a special blessing during the worship service. Each student will receive a cross for their backpack as a symbol that God is with them at school and everywhere they may go. Each student will also receive a blessing for the school year. Children may participate without their backpack or school bag. The blessing will take place in both services.

### Church Picnic

**11:45 AM-2:00 PM**



Don't forget your swimsuit, sunscreen and towel for the church picnic! There will be a water slide, little splash pools, and other water fun. Children, youth, and adults are invited to slide down the slide, splash in the water, and squirt one another. Water fun is for all ages!

### 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 6:00-7:00 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 and Play Helpers

Preschool Praise and Play meets Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 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.

### Family Service Club Leaders/Servers

Families with children of all ages (or no children at all) are invited to participate in our new service club. We will meet the first Sunday of each month and participate in a service project together. Volunteers are needed to coordinate the service projects and to serve lunch.

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

# Youth and Family Ministry

## Weekly/Monthly Events

### Junior High Journey

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

### Confirmation

Confirmation explores more about what it means that Jesus is our Savior, Redeemer, and Friend. Confirmation instruction on Sundays beginning in September.

### 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.



### ORDER YOUR CHAIR

It's become a tradition! Senior High students in Mount Olive Youth Ministry have their own chair in the youth room and they keep it when they graduate. If you don't have one and would like one, contact [jelmschauer@mtoliveluth.org](mailto:jelmschauer@mtoliveluth.org) and attend on September 8, please.

## COMING EVENTS

### AUGUST

4—*You Lost Me* at 930 PM and 6 PM

11—IMPACT 6-8 PM

18—IMPACT 6-8 PM

### SEPTEMBER

8—Dan Marshall at 6 PM

22—IMPACT 6-8 PM

## CONFIRMATION MINISTRY CHANGES IN 2013-2014

Beginning in September the primary instruction time for middle school students in confirmation ministry will be on Sunday mornings at 930 AM. More information about this and other changes will soon be communicated to parents of students.



## MOUNT OLIVE GROUP AT NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

July 1-5 in San Antonio

### DAN MARSHALL COMING TO MOUNT OLIVE

Youth Ministry alumni Dan Marshall will be making a special presentation to our congregation on September 8. Youth and their families, and Mount Olive Youth Ministry alumni are especially invited to attend.

Dan will share how God has blessed and led him, especially surviving a horrible plane crash in 2002. Now, he has a ministry working with those who are disabled including work as an adaptive mono ski instructor at Eldora.

2013 Confirmands will receive their Senior High Youth Room chairs that evening.





Hurting? Struggling? Discouraged? Stressed? Confused? Broken? Our congregation's Stephen Ministry equips lay people to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to individuals in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives.

### Stephen Ministry Is Your Ministry

You play an important role in our Stephen ministry. Here's what you can do:

**Pray** for God to bring hope and healing to hurting people through our Stephen Ministry.

**Accept care** from a Stephen Minister during your time of need. God doesn't expect you to bear your burdens alone.

**Tell a friend**, neighbor, coworker, or relative who is hurting about our Stephen Ministry.

### Stephen Ministers Care for People Facing Tough Times

We all experience challenges in life – times when we could benefit from the support of a caring Christian friend. Stephen Ministers are ready to provide the emotional and spiritual care we need when faced with a crisis or difficulty, such as:

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|--------------------------------|--|
| ⇒ Hospitalization              | ⇒ Incarceration                                |
| ⇒ Divorce or Separation        | ⇒ Aging  |
| ⇒ Loneliness or discouragement | ⇒ Birth, adoption, miscarriage, or infertility |
| ⇒ Spiritual crisis             | ⇒ A chronic illness                            |
| ⇒ Unemployment or a job crisis | ⇒ Relocation                                   |
| ⇒ A terminal illness           | ⇒ Recovery after an accident or disaster       |

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





**Summer Bible Study Series  
Wednesday Night, 6-8:30 PM**

Session 3                      August 14                      *Outreach Discipleship*  
Jesus commands His disciples, in both the first and 21st centuries, to *Go and make disciples* (Matthew 28:18-20). How do we really do that? Come to this study and find out.

Bring a snack to share.

Sign up at the ARK to reserve your place.

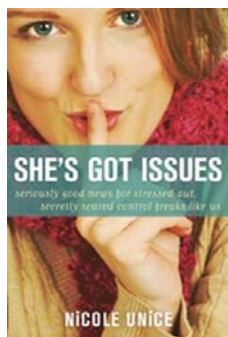
*Summer Women's Bible Study*

**She's Got Issues**

Seriously Good News for Secretly Scared,  
Stressed Out Control Freaks Like Us

Hosted by LWML Circles/Led by Sara Borgstede

**Wednesday night, 6-8:30 PM**



Session 3                      August 14                      Anger and Unforgiveness

We've all got our issues! We deal with our "issues" every day in one form or another; the problem is, after a while, they start to feel . . . normal. We forget that we have access to the power of Christ—a power that can transform our everyday weaknesses into our greatest strengths and gifts!

Bring a snack to share.

**Sign up at the ARK or email SaraBorgs@aol.com to reserve your place.**

**Coming this Fall**

**FaithWeavers for Adults** Now Adults can learn the same lessons the children are in Sunday School! This class will meet in the Fellowship Hall beginning in September.



**Build Up**

*yourself into the person God wants you to be*

**A church wide Bible Study ...  
September 4 through October 6**

Using *The Me I Want to Be* by John Ortburg + *God at Work: Your Christian Vocation in All of Life* by Gene Veith, Pastor Mike and Sara Borgstede will lead a five week program using video, teaching and small group time, an online interaction to help all of us grow as Christians and discover who we are in Christ.

- Wednesday nights, 6-7 PM (space for 150)
- Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:30 AM (space for 50)

**ReachOut**

*with love to the Aurora Community*

**October 13 - Church Wide Servant Event Sunday**

After learning who we are in Christ we are then told to GO. And GO we will on Sunday afternoon hundreds of members will go into our community to show the love of God through simple acts of kindness and sharing of our faith (servant evangelism).

Through pre-arranged activities, sign ups and project managers, members will have tangible opportunities to make an impact for Christ in our community. We will share in lunch before we go and come back to dessert and retell the neat things that happened.

## Did You Know

*By Kaye Cairns*

- ⇒ Alice Harris and Pearl Gleichman supplied us again with 12 more baptismal napkins. Thank you for always making the napkins for Mount Olive.
- ⇒ Sy Harjes has been watering our outside flower pots all Summer. Thank you, Sy!

## Wanderers

The front-range mountain town of Nederland is the destination for the Wanderers on **Friday, August 23**. "The Carousel of Happiness" in Nederland is the dream-come-true of a U.S. Marine fighting in the jungles of Vietnam. With 20 years of hand-carving and restoration and music provided by a fully restored, glass enclosed 1913 Wurlitzer Military Band Organ with amazing capacity to replicate the voices of 101 different band instruments, the 1910 carousel originally served at Saltair Amusement Park built on piers in the Great Salt Lake in Utah. See it-hear it-ride it (optional). Depart Mount Olive at 9 AM and return approximately 3 PM. Cost is \$10 and lunch on your own at Black Forest Restaurant in Nederland.

**Friday, September 20** the Wanderers journey to Colorado Springs to view "Passages" a touring exhibition that employs whiz-bang technology such as holograms and animatronics to

explain the Bible. Hundreds of artifacts and texts from the Jewish, Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox faith traditions, including cuneiform tablets dating to the time of Abraham, first century B.C. Dead Sea Scroll fragments, first editions of the King James Bible and Torah scrolls that survived the Nazi Holocaust are featured. Depart Mount Olive at 8:30 AM and return approximately 5 PM. We'll visit the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame and Museum of the American Cowboy before going to lunch at Patty Jewett Golf Course Restaurant. Cost of \$40 includes transportation, admissions, and lunch. Prepay to the Church Office by September 13. Envelopes are in the Wanderers notebook at the ARK.

On Friday, **October 26**, the Wanderers depart Mount Olive at 9 AM to visit Longhopes Donkey Shelter at Bennett, CO 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 at the ARK. 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.



### Church Staff

Rev. Michael Borgstede, Associate Pastor  
 Robin Kurth, Director of Child and Family Ministry  
 John Elmshouser, Interim Director of Youth and Family Ministry  
 Mike Kallas, Operations Manager  
 Kaye Cairns, Office Manager  
 JoAnn Stibrich, Director of the ECEC



### 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 2013

**August 4**

11th after Pentecost

**Lessons**

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26  
 Colossians 3:1-11  
 Luke 12:13-21

**August 11**

12th after Pentecost

Genesis 15:1-6  
 Hebrews 11:1-16  
 Luke 12:22-34

**August 18**

13th after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:16-29  
 Hebrews 11:17-31, 12:1-3  
 Luke 12:49-53

**August 25**

14th after Pentecost

Isaiah 66:18-23  
 Hebrews 12:4-24  
 Luke 13:22-30

**Elders Saturday** Howell Parker

8:00 Kevin Hixson

10:45 Eric Bame

**Greeters****Saturday** Darlene Ommen

8:00

Bud/Lucille McGee  
 Stan/Claudia Humbargar

10:45

Ed/Doris Kilgore

Kenneth Schultz

Don/Elaine Berlinski  
 Robert/Jeanne Borgstede

Scott/Kristy Dankenbring

Marlene Blesch

Orville/Betty Geisler  
 Lois Schliske

Tammy Dixon  
 Elaine Steffen

Jim/Renee Minter

Roy/Lenore Sande  
 Marilyn Eisenach

Lois Gottberg  
 Judy Talmage

**Organists**

Marsha Raebel

Mark Elmshouser

Karen Montross

Nathan Eickmann

**Lay Readers**

8:00

Heather Cammack

Diane Asmus

Robert Borgstede

Linda Susak

10:45

Dave Klekamp

Jim Wert

Eric Bame

Joe McCoy

**Ushers**

8:00 Larry Bargmann, Joe Stibrich, Brian Pelepchan, Christina Cateora

10:45 Richard Pittenridge, Frank Candelaria, Aaron Kirkeide

**Altar Care**

Jane Dunn  
 Michele McKinster  
 Ruth Pelepchan

Mary Frevert  
 Linda Huyghebaert  
 Pearl Gleichman

Danita Myers  
 Nancy McWhirter  
 Lynn Sattler

Donna Bame  
 Christine Pittenridge  
 Jean King

**Acolytes**

8:00

Ryan Carbaugh  
 Anna Potzer

Kelcy Brandt  
 Jozef Dankenbring

Nick Martino  
 Jacobie Dankenbring

Colton Storm  
 Ryan Carbaugh

10:45

Jeff Matney  
 Josh Bond

Christopher Polton  
 Lauryn Sall

Joseph Tappe  
 Gil Tappe

Jeff Matney  
 Josh Bond

**Assist Pews**

Jim Langhofer

Marlene Blesch

Jim Langhofer

Darlene Ommen

**Bulletin Helpers**

S. Fabozzi/J. Kalthoff

Bud/Lucille McGee

Larry Auffert

Walt/Ruth Pelepchan