



# Olive Branch

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## 50th Anniversary

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Fifty years ago, Pastor Ralph Phipps and his wife Fern, along with their children and the following families: Bollum, Christensen, Dugforde, Egan, Gerken, Gleichman, Green, Hallada, Henderson, Herzog, Huber, Humbracht, Jaquith, Jones, Kammerzall, Knox, Kuhrt, Lana, Mehner, Moesta, Montoner, Price, Rose, Schibonski, Schneider, Skidmore, Slocum, and Stahl, followed God's calling to further His message of salvation through Jesus in the country side of Aurora.

We, the current members of Mount Olive, enjoy the benefits of God's blessings upon their faithfulness, sacrifice and dedication. As we celebrate God's blessings over the next six months, let each of us ask God what He calls us to do to further His kingdom in the city of Aurora. Let the next 50 years show our faithfulness, sacrifice and dedication to Him.

The 50th Anniversary Committee thanks everyone, especially Fern Phipps, who contributed memories for this celebration.

"Hallelujah! Yes, Praise the Lord! Praise him in His temple, and in the heavens He made with mighty power. Praise Him for His mighty works. Praise His unequalled greatness. Praise Him with the trumpet and with lute and harp. Praise Him with the tambourines and processional. Praise Him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise Him with the cymbals, yes, loud clanging cymbals. Let everything alive give praises to the Lord! You praise him!" Psalm 150



## 50th Anniversary Schedule of Events



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**Rooted in Christ**  
Branching Out to Others

**November 9 – 3 PM Hymnfest** with reception following service in Fellowship Hall

**January 24/25** (Celebrate the 70's) Rev. Bruce Rippe, former pastor at Mount Olive, will be the guest preacher

**February 14/15** (Celebrate the 80's) Rev. James Brockmann, former pastor at Mount Olive, will be the guest preacher

Harlan Teske, former DCE at Mount Olive, is planning to come that weekend also

**March 20/21** (Celebrate the 90's) Rev. Frank Winter, former pastor at Mount Olive, will be the guest preacher

**April 18/19** (Celebrate the 2000's) Rev. Jeff Shearier, former pastor at Mount Olive, will be the guest preacher

**Sunday, May 3, 2015** will be the closing celebration banquet at Castlewood Events Center, 7275 S. Lima Street, Centennial. Open to charter and current members of Mount Olive. Watch for further details regarding reservations.

### ***Believers In Christ Are God's Stewards***

(Read II Corinthians 5:14-15)

As we begin the celebratory activities marking Mount Olive Lutheran's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we will have the opportunity to study and grow in our awareness of what it means to be "God's Stewards." Stewardship (management of what has been given to us) is so much more than the handling of money. Indeed, as Dr. Bradley Stoltenow states, "Stewardship in the wider sense is basically the same thing as sanctification." How true this is! God first justifies the sinner and then begins to make us more and more holy. This process is called "sanctification."

In our first **three** sermons in November, we'll grow in our awareness of how God calls and equips us to be His stewards of all of the gifts that He gives to us. This is an art that we will grow in during the entirety of our lives this side of heaven.

Truly, stewardship is all about love. The Apostle Paul points to God's remarkable love when he writes to the Corinthians, "For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf" (II Corinthians 5:14-15). Because God has loved us so deeply and actively, we begin to reflect His love in all that we say, think, and do. Our decisions are guided by His love for us.

It is due to the love of God that Carol and I were brought to be here with all of you. Because God gave to me Christian parents who brought me to Christ; and gave eternal life to me as a baby in baptism, and because He kept me and grew, in me, faith in Christ; because He called me into the ministry and strengthened me in that calling to serve congregations as a pastor; and because He led others to encourage me to gain the extra training for this specialized ministry of Intentional Interim Ministry, we were available for the Call that God led you to extend to me as your Intentional Interim Senior Pastor. In His merciful love and compassion toward this pastor, less than seven years before coming to you, He gave me a loving mate to share this experience of walking with Mount Olive Lutheran congregation. Because God called Carol to be His child, grew that faith in Christ inside of Carol, kept her in the one true faith, sustained her through the tragedy of losing her first husband to death, then leading her to, mysteriously, desire to meet a particular Lutheran pastor who had placed his profile on an online Christian dating site, and because God gave us to each other as husband and wife, we were able to come as a "team" to love you and serve in your midst. What a blessing and honor it is to walk with you in this transition time. We have been so blessed by your love and partnership in the Gospel ministry.

As we continue in our time together, we cannot but encourage all of you to continue to bathe in and grow in the knowledge of God's love for you. He has chosen you to be a "royal priesthood, a people for God's own possession that you might declare the excellencies of Him who has called you out of the darkness into His marvelous light. For once you were not the people of God, but now you are the people of God. For once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy" (I Peter 2:9-10).

We know that God has brought, and will bring, many souls to Mount Olive Lutheran who will encounter the love of God in Christ through you, the saints of Mount Olive Lutheran. We have already witnessed your mercy-filled hearts and your desire to reach more souls with the Good News that Christ has died for sinners. O, how this community, just like every other, needs to hear of such a Savior from sin, death, and the devil.

God's love for you and you loving each other and others with His love is what Carol and I are witnessing in this congregation. Thank you for inviting us to walk this time of transition with you. Now, may God bless our learning to become better and better stewards of what He has given to us. May He always help us to see His love for us clearly and be motivated to be good stewards out of this same love.

Yours in Christ,

*Rev. Craig A. Patterson*  
Interim Senior Pastor



## Blood Pressure Check

**Saturday, November 15**

**4:30-6:15 PM**

**Sunday, November 16**

**9-11 AM**

(In the Church Office)



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

## Early Childhood Education Center

What do you think of when you hear the word Thanksgiving? Make a list of all that you are thankful for and keep that list growing in the month of November. God has blessed us richly and it is so good to always remember that.

Here are some thoughts of what preschoolers think of when they hear that word:

Reece.....Turkey with some kind of sauce on it  
 Katie.....God  
 Kateari.....my brother  
 Adler.....video games  
 Ella.....painting and art  
 Paige.....flowers and bunnies  
 Hunter.....my toys!!!  
 Jonas.....snacks  
 Harshini.....daddy  
 Drew.....the whole beautiful world

And.....Thanksgiving dinner is coming to the ECEC – SUPER Yummy! The children will help make the fixins' for our Thanksgiving feast. We will have turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, pumpkin muffins and Pumpkin decorated cookies. We invite the church staff as our guests. This is a delicious and fun way to learn about Thanksgiving and sharing of a meal.

November is a very "Thank-full" month!" We will celebrate this season in chapel on November 12 and 13 with John Elmshouser. In art we will make many kinds of turkeys, cornucopias, thankful books and more this month.

God is so good and we as a staff, along with the children and families of the ECEC, are so thankful for your love, support and prayers. Together with God's help, we are making a difference in the lives of these children and families.

## Chris Asbury to be Guest Preacher

We are blessed to have another son of Mount Olive to be our guest preacher ... Chris Asbury.

Rev. Chris Asbury is a 2008 graduate of Concordia Seminary, St Louis serving the people of Grace Lutheran Church in Norfolk, NE in his seventh year as associate pastor. His wife, Kelly, a 1999 graduate of Overland High School and 2002 graduate of CU-Boulder, serves as Grace's handbell director and leader of their moms group. Chris, also a 2002 graduate of CU-Boulder, enjoys coaching high school golf at Lutheran High Northeast alongside his regular pastoral duties and opportunities.



Originally from Lompoc, CA, Chris met his wife, Kelly (Crane), at CU-Boulder in marching band. As a daughter of Mount Olive (the oldest child of Tom and Patti Crane), Kelly introduced Chris to the Christian faith taught in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. They married here in June 2002. Having been baptized as a baby, but never taught the basic Christian truths, Chris took adult catechism classes that autumn with Pastor Borgstede and confirmed his faith at Mount Olive in January 2003. Before moving to St. Louis in 2004 for Chris to enter Concordia Seminary's MDIV program, Chris and Kelly enjoyed their time assisting with Mount Olive's Sunday School, prayer group ministry, and serving in worship through the brass and handbell choirs.

The Asbury's continue to be grateful for the many thousands of prayers offered on their behalf throughout seminary and beyond, as well as the faithful encouragement and generous financial support given to them through Mount Olive. Even more, they are thankful for the Christ-centered faith formation God provided them here. Rev. Chris Asbury and wife, Kelly, along with their children (Rebecca - 9, Noah - 6, Megan - 4, and newborn Ashley) look forward to seeing many familiar and friendly faces – along with some new ones, too – at Mount Olive this November 22-23. Pastor Chris will serve as our preacher that weekend and his sermon theme for the Last Sunday of the Church Year will be *Paradise Grows Where Jesus Waters*.

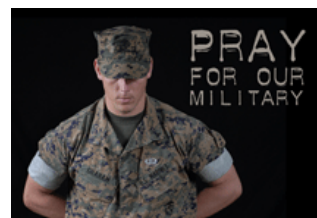


## November Birthdays

- |                      |                       |                        |                      |
|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Schilling, Joshua  | Jost, Andy            | 17 Wallace, Paige      | Spoerl, Elizabeth    |
| Mc Guire, Andrew     | West, Stacy           | 18 Bruce, Donna        | 25 Flint, Jim        |
| 2 Osborne, Richard   | Pollard, Katherine    | Helfrich, William      | Bowers, Keith        |
| Wood, Robynn         | 10 Archambeau, Geri   | Cairns, Kaye           | Luedders, Renee      |
| 3 Myers, William     | Bonita, Thomas        | Bellis, Lynn           | 25 Guigli, Rebecca   |
| 4 Wilks, Landon      | 11 Weldon, Dorothy    | Kendall, Raegan        | 26 Kahmeyer, Wayne   |
| 5 Tae, Kari          | Krekow, Veronica      | 19 Cochran, Karen      | Kirbach, Kathy       |
| Eller, Winnie        | 12 Miller, Teri       | Raebel, Marsha         | 27 Domineck, Devonne |
| Myers, Danita        | Whittlesey, William   | 20 Colehour, Joyce     | Ford, Christopher    |
| Pelepchan, Brian     | Potzer, Anastasia     | 21 Luedders, Mary      | 28 Berlinski, Robert |
| 6 Natomeli, Lisa     | 13 Bame, Erik         | Osburn, Theresa        | Keith, Jeff          |
| Huebschmann, Matt    | Johnston, Noah        | 22 Fagerquist, Caryl   | Sall, Ashleigh       |
| Kerr, Erin           | 15 Van Dyke, Kristine | Skerjanc, Shirley      | 29 Hadley, Jack      |
| Fischer, Kelly       | Lehew, Jessica        | Wildermann, Mykenzie   | Sullivan, Gary       |
| Coverly, Alyse       | Buerck, Samuel        | 23 Butler, Charles     | Watt, Ian            |
| 7 Hurley, Jill       | Neubauer, Christopher | Bryant, Sharon         | Koschik, Joshua      |
| Nebbia-Smith, Morgan | 16 White, Richard     | 24 Mc Kelvey, Jennifer | 30 Frank, Donna      |
| 8 Weber, Kyle        | Brewer, Lolly         | Bellis, Aaron          | Johnston, Joel       |
| 9 Segebart, Mary Ann | Dixon, Tammy          |                        | Lish, Savannah       |
| Egan, Pamela         | Cugliat, Cruz         |                        |                      |

## November Anniversaries

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Parker, Cassandra/Scott | 16 Auffert, Larry/Sheila  |
| 5 Stewart, James/Shelley  | 22 Meador, Kevin/Cynthia  |
| 7 Myers, William/Danita   | 24 Sowl, Raybert/Patricia |
| Parkinson, Elisabeth/Cory | 25 Strauch, Don/Virginia  |
| Potzer, Robert/Christine  | Wildermann,               |
| 10 Nizami, Shakil/Neena   | Angela/Kristopher         |
| 11 Wichert, Ed/Diane      | 27 Christ, Edward/Andrea  |
| 14 Jones, Joreen/Graham   | Dunn, Terry/Jane          |
|                           | 30 Goeglein, Eric/Beth    |



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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Brian Bechley – US Army     | Ian Johnston – US Navy    |
| Steven Gerdjikian – US Army | Brandon Ulmer – US Army   |
| James Stewart – US Army     | Kevin Selander – US Army  |
| Shelley Stewart – US Army   | Don Mammano – USAF        |
| CJ Maul – US Army           | John Otten – US Army      |
| Kevin L. Christ – USAF      | Austin Norcross – US Army |
| Matthew Kepler – US Army    | Tom Sudan – USAF          |
| Travis Geisler – US Army    | Katie Hubbard – US Navy   |
| Alexander York – USAF       | Alex Bowers – US Army     |



**Are you out of debt?**

**Are you on Baby Step 7 and don't know where to go from here?**

*The Legacy Journey* is an all-new, seven-week, biblically based class that teaches you how to truly live and leave a legacy for generations to come. This class will lead you deeper into investing, basic estate planning, purposeful living, safeguarding your legacy, and the discovering the keys to generational wealth and true generosity. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small-group activities, you'll learn a biblical framework for living intentionally now so that later you'll be able to leave a legacy that will secure your family's future and make a lasting impact on the world around you.

*The Legacy Journey* classes meet for around an hour and a half each week for seven weeks at 7 PM and will start on January 8, 2015. Go to [mtoliveluth.org](http://mtoliveluth.org) for the link to sign up or to get more information!!

**Live like no one else so that later, you can life, and give, like no one else!**

## Book Club List for 2014—2015

Date	Book	Author	Leader
November 5	<i>The Light Between Oceans</i>	M.L. Stedman	Marsha Raebel
December 3	<i>Prairie Grace</i>	Marilyn Boy Wentz	Janice Muir
January 7	<i>A Painted House</i>	John Grisham	Joanne Petersen
February 4	<i>Gone Girl</i>	Gillian Flynn	Caryl Fagerquist
March 4	<i>Beethoven's Hair</i>	Russell Martin	Jean Dickinson



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

## Cookie Cans for College Students 2014-15 School Year

We're off to a great start for the 2014/15 School Year! We sent out 12 cans on Saturday, October 4, and have already heard from a few students that they LOVE their cans of cookies, goodies and *Portals of Prayer*!

**It's not too late to receive a can – just 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 sending cans to graduate and POST-four-year students, too!**

**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 12 cans times 25 cookies = 300 cookies per month or about 25 dozen, so **your help is needed and greatly appreciated**. If you don't have college age kids but love to bake, we would 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 twos if large or fours if small!!!**

**We also need donations of cider mix, 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., and seasonal candies - anything small that will fit in the coffee cans.**

**Please** bring your baked goods and other items to the church either by or on the Saturday we pack cans.



*give*  
**THANKS**  
TO THE LORD!

2014

Wednesday, November 26  
Thanksgiving Eve - 7 PM

Thursday, November 27  
Thanksgiving Day - 10 AM

Join us for worship!

## Endowment Fund

News from our current grant recipients who spread God's Word and the good news of the Gospel throughout the world -- For more complete news from these folks, see the Endowment Fund bulletin board.



### Kristin Matasovsky in South Africa -

As Kristin experiences and learns more about the various ethnic groups in South Africa, she offers this prayer: *May God open our eyes and our hearts to new cultures. We are God's people, let us learn from and love one another. Thank you, Lord, for the differences you have made. Amen.*



Lord of all nations, grant me grace to love all people of every race. And in each human may I see Thy kind love redeemed by Thee.



### Tyler Stibrich in Arizona -

Tyler plans new events for Missions Door on the campus of the University of Arizona in Tucson. Students and non-students will gather together for worship, Bible study, and leadership training.

### Sara Borgstede in Colorado -

Sara remains thankful for the support from the Endowment Fund so she was able to attend the "She Speaks" writing and speaking conference in July. Sara has several speaking engagements scheduled and has written a series of Bible studies that will be published at the LCMS website for youth resources.



### Rev. Charles Ferry in Indonesia -

Pastor Ferry had the opportunity "to deliver God's gifts of Word and Sacrament to some expat Lutherans in Singapore some of whom had not partaken of the Body and Blood of Christ for several months because there was no LCMS pastor available to them."

(From Pastor Ferry's September newsletter.)

Sunday School in Indonesia; kids with Dad at the house. Carissa (7+ months old) must have finished her work early and can watch out the window, right?

### The Mount Olive Endowment Fund (MOEF)

- ⇒ Helps aid students preparing for ministry
- ⇒ Assists in unique outreach ministry opportunities in our community
- ⇒ Reaches out in mission opportunities here and abroad
- ⇒ Supports select unbudgeted projects at Mount Olive



Request forms for a MOEF grant may be obtained in the Church Office or on the church website under the "Connecting" heading. Please include the MOEF in your prayers and with gifts, memorials and wills.

The current Endowment Fund Committee includes—Don Berlinski (chairperson), Orville Geisler, Kevin Meador, Kristin Neuharth, Brian Pelepchan and Kathy Pelepchan

## Sunday School Nursing Home Visit

Life Care Center of Aurora

**November 16,  
11:30 AM–1:30 PM**

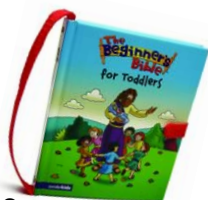
Our children will be sharing God's love with the residents of Life Care Center of Aurora on November 16. We will have lunch at Mount Olive at 11:30 AM, practice our program at Noon, and travel to Life Care Center. We will share a short program in their dining room at 1:00 PM. Our children will practice their parts during the Sunday School hour and during Wednesday evening music practice. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Children will create a craft at our November Kid's Club to share with the residents as well.



### Toddler Bible Class

#### Toddler Parenting

**November 2, 9, and 16**  
**9:30 AM**  
**Room #8**



### Toddler Blessing

**November 23**  
**10:45 AM**

### Volunteers Needed

Adult volunteers are needed to facilitate our Faith Legacy parent classes in 2015. No experience is necessary and materials are provided. Please contact Robin Kurth if you are able to help.

#### Infant Blessing

January 4, 11, 18

#### Preschool (Devotion Kit)

February 1, 8, 15

#### Grade 1 (Towel and Basin)

March 1, 8, 15

## Family Service Club

**November 9, 11:45 AM**



In November our Family Service Club will be creating Christmas Cards for deployed members of our military. We will participate in Operation Gratitude. In addition to Christmas cards, Operation Gratitude gathers many small gift items. We will mail our cards and gifts to Operation Gratitude. They will use our cards and gifts in care packages mailed to our military. Please see the list below for other items you might like to donate. All donations can be given to Robin Kurth. Donations will be mailed November 10. For more information visit [www.operationgratitude.com](http://www.operationgratitude.com)

### Operation Gratitude Care Package Wish List

- Knit Hats & Scarves, Cool Ties or Neck Gators
- Beanie Babies, Webkinz, Trolls, small plush toys
- Christmas Candy
- Socks (preferably black, brown, green, or tan – not white)
- Mini battery-powered fans
- Personal Electronics
- Gift Cards to chain stores, such as Walmart, Walgreens, Target, etc.
- Snacks, such as Energy Bars, Beef Jerky, Trail Mix, Nuts, Sunflower Seeds, Candy, Ready-to-eat Tuna or Chicken Salad kits, Girl Scout Cookies, Single serving Powdered Beverage Mixes, Single serving boxes of cold cereal, Single serving packets of hot cereal
- Personal Care Products, such as Lip Balm, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Roll-on Deodorant, Razors, Individual packets of moist towelettes, Hand/Foot Warmers, Foot powder (travel size)
- Blank greeting cards or stationery

## A Night like No Other Christmas Program and Family Soup Supper

**December 7, 4:00 PM**



On December 7, our children will share the message of Christmas and lead carols for their families and friends. Following the program our children, families and friends are invited to make crafts and enjoy a soup supper. If you would like to bring a crockpot of soup to share or help with serving, please contact Robin Kurth at 303.775.9123 or [rkurth@mtoliveluth.org](mailto:rkurth@mtoliveluth.org). We would like all families to bring a dozen Christmas cookies to share.

**Saturday Practice:**  
**December 6**  
**9:00-11:00 AM**

## OASIS

### Wednesdays at Mount Olive



**Dinner**  
Weekly, 5:00 PM

A meal is provided each week to make Wednesdays easier for families. A donation is gathered to cover the expense of each meal.

**Kid's Club**  
First Wednesday, 5:45 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 Music**  
Wednesdays, 5:45 PM

Children (K-5) learn to play handbells/chimes and sing God's praises every Wednesday (except the first Wednesday of each month) from 6:00–7:00 PM. Children will use their musical gifts to play/sing in worship throughout the year.

**Praise and Play**  
Wednesdays, 5:45 PM

All preschool children are invited to praise God through story, song, and play every Wednesday (except the first Wednesday of each month) from 6:00–7:00 PM. Preschool Praise and Play meets in the ECEC.

# Youth and Family Ministry

## Weekly/Monthly Events

### Junior High JOURNEY/ Sunday Confirmation

Bible study for middle school students (Gr. 6-8) meets every Sunday in Room 2 at 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 at 9:30 AM and Wednesdays at 6 PM.

### Senior High REELTIME

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.

## COLLIDE

Rocky Mountain District  
Youth Gathering

For Junior and Senior Youth

June 18-20, 2015

Redeemer Lutheran  
Ft. Collins

## COMING EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

2-9:30 AM—REELTIME and JOURNEY

5-7:00 PM Oasis

9-9:30 AM—REELTIME and JOURNEY

6:00 PM IMPACT

12-7:00 PM Oasis

16-REELTIME and JOURNEY

19-7:00 PM Oasis Confirmation Class invites congregation to help them pack boxes for Operation Christmas Child

22-10:00 AM—Senior High & Junior Youth pack Thanksgiving Baskets

23-9:30 AM—REELTIME and JOURNEY

6:00 PM IMPACT

26-No Oasis

30-No REELTIME or JOURNEY classes

### DECEMBER

21-11:30 AM Junior and Senior High Christmas Party and Caroling



## JUNIOR & SENIOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES ARE INVITED

On Saturday, November 22, at 9:00 AM, we'll be assembling Thanksgiving food baskets for people in need at Mount Olive. Sharing is a great way of giving thanks for our blessings and living like Jesus! (See page 10 for more details about the baskets and food drive).

## Mount Olive is Packing Boxes!



## We need items to fill the shoe boxes!

Please check out the list and bring items to Mount Olive by

**Sunday, November 16**

*This collection replaces Angel Tree collection.*

### Hear about Samaritan's Purse

Presentation by Rose Lamb  
Church Relations & Prayer Team

Volunteer, Samaritan's Purse, Denver

**Sunday, November 9 at 9:00 AM**

### Come assemble boxes!

## PARENT INTERVIEWS

Dear Senior High Parents, I have begun interviewing parents of senior high students. I would like to visit with you too for a hour or so sometime in the next few months. I'll bring some questions, you can too. Together we'll find some answers. I hope to share the general "data" with the new Youth and Family Ministry Team as they work on a plan for the future of Mount Olive Youth Ministry.  
John





**Wednesday,  
November 12,**  
11:30 AM, potluck  
lunch in the  
Fellowship Hall

We will be entertained by the Aurora 88 Singers.  
**Please bring a little extra dessert for the singers!**

Come to enjoy fellowship, good food and a wonderful musical program!

Hosts: Edie Brady, Karen Montross, Bob Gombos

**Glory Circle** will meet Thursday, November 13, 7 PM at the home of Jane Dunn.

### Thank you

Thank you to all who brought bedding for "Sweet Dreams in a Bag" for the South Central Zone LWML Rally. It was a big success and we put together 26 bags for children.



### Favorite Hymns Update



Thanks to everyone who submitted their favorite hymns. The list of favorite hymns has been compiled and will be used to help select our

hymns over the next year (September 2014 – August 2015). We will be identifying these hymns in the weekly bulletins. Look for an asterisk next to the hymn number.

### Operating Income and Expenses September 2014 (Fiscal Year July 2014-June 2015)

Church Income	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Regular Offerings	188,729	207,597	(18,868)
Other Income	2,862	1,469	1,393
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>191,591</b>	<b>209,066</b>	<b>(17,475)</b>
<b>Church Expenses</b>			
Personnel/Benefits	119,141	125,991	(6,850)
Programs	25,482	42,479	(16,997)
Administrative	8,813	9,245	(432)
Properties	35,445	41,997	(6,532)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>188,881</b>	<b>219,712</b>	<b>(30,811)</b>
<b>Net Church Income</b>	<b>2,710</b>	<b>(10,626)</b>	<b>13,336</b>
<b>ECEC Income</b>			
Tuition	34,620	47,978	(13,358)
Personnel/Benefits	25,152	26,026	(874)
Administration	728	1,372	(644)
Instructional	2,152	5,035	(2,883)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>28,032</b>	<b>32,433</b>	<b>(4,401)</b>
<b>Net ECEC Income</b>	<b>6,588</b>	<b>15,545</b>	<b>(8,957)</b>

### Fiftieth Anniversary

#### Did you know / Do you remember ...

(Written by Terri Johnson)

The National Youth Gathering was held in Denver in August 1989. Many members of Mount Olive helped out with events during the Gathering. Many may recall the thunderstorm (including hail) that arrived during the celebration at Red Rocks Amphitheater.

In 1989 an early communion program was begun that allowed youth in grades six and above to participate in Holy Communion prior to their confirmation.

Mount Olive celebrated our 25th Anniversary with a festival service in November 1989.

Al Schuetz served as Pastor in late 1989 when Pastor Brockman accepted a new call and Pastor Lanning resigned.

Pastor Frank Winter accepted a call to serve Mount Olive in 1990 and his installation took place on Reformation Sunday.

Mark Weinmeister served as our DCE beginning in 1991.

There are 184 members of our congregation that have been members here since the 1980's

## Wanderers

**Friday, November 21** – A unique opportunity to tour KEZW/KOSI radio stations at 4700 S. Syracuse St. followed by lunch at the Original Pancake House. \$5 includes transportation and tour. Depart Mount Olive at 9:30 AM and return approximately at 2 PM. \$5 includes transportation and tour. Lunch extra.



**Friday, December 12** – Tour the 1882 Fleming Mansion in Platt Park with lunch at Hanson’s Restaurant in the Historic South Denver neighborhood. Depart Mount Olive at 9:30 AM and return approximately at 2 PM. \$5 includes transportation and tour. Lunch extra.

**Sign up at the ARK for all tours!**

### Mount Olive Family News

**Mount Olive says hello to:**

Thuy Hoare  
Rev. Robert / Edna Oltejen

**We say goodbye to:**

**Baptisms**

Deacon Chappell Sibley

**Wedding**

Virginia and Robert Perez

**Deaths**

## Thanksgiving Baskets

Collecting items through November 20.

Place food on tables in Fellowship Hall or box located in the Narthex.

The items needed have been divided by the initial of your last name, but feel free to bring any item you want ... watch for the buy one – get one free items. **Please note this list is different from years past.**

- A – B Cereal
- C – D Muffin, Bread and Biscuit mixes
- E – G Canned Juices
- H – J Instant Potatoes and Rice
- K – L Canned cranberries, fruits and vegetables
- M STURDY Laundry Baskets (for packing items -- \$3.27 at Wal-Mart)
- N – R Spaghetti and Sauce
- S Jello, Pudding, Dessert Mixes
- T – Z Jiffy Pie Crust Mix, Canned Pumpkin and Canned Milk

**Turkeys are also needed.** If you want to contribute a turkey, please sign up in Fellowship Hall. Bring the turkeys by **November 20.**

**Fresh oranges, apples and potatoes** would be very welcome. Please bring these items between **November 16- 20.** (We will purchase additional food as needed on November 21.)

**NEW PROCEDURE:** If you know of someone who can use a basket, please complete and return the **THANKSGIVING BASKET REQUEST FORM** by **November 12.**

**Thank you, Senior Youth,  
for assembling the baskets!**

**For more information,  
please call the Church Office, 303.755.9123.**

### Church Staff

Rev. Craig Patterson, Interim / Senior Pastor  
Rev. Michael Borgstede, Associate Pastor  
Robin Kurth, Director of Child and Family Ministry  
John Elmshouser, Interim Director of Youth and Family Ministry  
Kim Montross, Interim Director of Music  
Mike Kallas, Director of Finance and Operations  
Kaye Cairns, Office Manager  
JoAnn Stibrich, Director of the ECEC  
Greg Karampelas, Building 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.**

<b>November 2</b> All Saints' Day	<b>November 9</b> 22nd after Pentecost	<b>November 16</b> 23rd after Pentecost	<b>November 23</b> Christ the King	<b>November 30</b> First Sunday in Advent
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**Lessons**

Revelation 7:9–17 1 John 3:1–3 Matthew 5:1–12	Amos 5:18–24 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 Matthew 25:1–13	Zephaniah 1:7–16 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 Matthew 25:14–30	Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24 1 Corinthians 15:20–28 Matthew 25:31–46	Isaiah 64:1–9 1 Corinthians 1:3–9 Mark 13:24–37
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**Elders Saturday** Howell Parker

8:00 Ed Kilgore

10:45 Stan McKinster

**Communion Assistants**

8:00 Scott Dankenbring

10:45 Gary Piazza

**Greeters****Saturday**

Kenneth Schultz 8:00 Bud/Lucille McGee Stan/Claudia Humbargar 10:45 Lois Gottberg Austin Talmage	Marlene Blesch  Don/Elaine Berlinski Robert/Jeanne Borgstede  Doris/Ed Kilgore	Tammy Dixon  Orville/Betty Geisler Lois Schliske  Kent/Diane Van Stone	Walter/Ruth Pelepchan  Roy/Lenore Sande Marilyn Eisenach  S/K Dankenbring	Darlene Ommen  Joe/JoAnn Stibrich Edwina Heiser  Lois Gottberg Austin Talmage
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**Organists**

Karen Montross	Paul Soulek	Diane Asmus	Marsha Raebel
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**Cantors**

Don Van Dyke	Kim Montross	Marlene Eickmann	Don Berlinski
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**Lay Readers**

8:00 Duane Asmus 10:45 Penni Urbach	Lee Brandt  Dave Klekamp	Linda Susak  Janet Buckingham	Robert Borgstede  Phyllis Eifler	Heather Cammack  Joe McCoy
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**Ushers**

8:00 Glenn Krueger, Dave Student, Mike Dunkel, Tim Krabbenhoft, Travis Krabbenhoft

10:45 Dave Klekamp, Gary Piazza, Bob Swedberg

**Altar Care**

Sue Shellenberger Cindy Meador Nancy McWhirter Jane Dunn	Sandra Sall Mary Frevert Pearl Gleichman	Jane Dunn Linda Huyghebaert Kathy Bodemann	Jo Kalthoff Jane Dunn Zoe Flint Mary Frevert	Marian Burrell Sandra Bair Michele McKinster Sandra Sall
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**Acolytes**

8:00 Josiah Borgstede Awet Samuel 10:45 Kyle Wilderman McKenzie Wilderman	Ryan Carbaugh Christopher Polton  Tanaya Tappe Sara Bogh	Emma Afman Alyse Coverly  Megan Emerson Lauren Emerson	Awet Samuel Josiah Borgstede  Austin Talmage Gil Tappe	Ryan Carbaugh Christopher Polton  Julia Matney Jeff Matney
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**Assist Pews**

Jo Natomeli	Jo Natomeli	Jo Natomeli	Darlene Ommen	Darlene Ommen
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**Bulletin Helpers**

S. Fabozzi/J. Kalthoff	Bud/Lucille McGee	Larry Auffert	Walt/Ruth Pelepchan	D. Grahn/M. Hollman
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