

Chaplain Bruce Rippe, M.Div, BCC

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Chaplain Bruce Rippe is the Senior Manager of Spiritual Care Services at McKee Medical Center in Loveland, Colorado.

Bruce was born in Gary, Indiana in 1950. During childhood he moved frequently with his family while his father was on active duty in the U.S. Army. Bruce graduated from high school in Portland, Oregon.

Bruce completed his B.A. degree in history at Valparaiso University in 1972. In 1974-75, Bruce was the first vicar to serve at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Aurora, CO. In 1976 he received his M. Div. degree at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Bruce was ordained at Lutheran Church of the Holy Cross, Scottsdale, AZ in June, 1976.

On August 1, 1976 Bruce was installed as the first Assistant Pastor at Mount Olive. He was active in all of the pastoral duties of that position. Bruce was particularly engaged with the OMOGY youth group; and enjoyed many retreats and outings with those remarkable young people.

Bruce departed Mount Olive in September 1979 to pursue his clinical training as a hospital chaplain. He completed his residency at Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center in Denver in 1983. His career as a hospital chaplain as spanned over 30 years. Since 1984 he is a Board Certified Chaplain in the Association of Professional Chaplains. Bruce directed the pastoral care program at Exempla/Lutheran Medical Center in Wheat Ridge, CO from 1994-1998.

Bruce has been serving McKee Medical Center in Loveland in his current role for the past 16 years. Bruce is also an active board member of the McKee Medical Center Foundation. He was instrumental in the development and design of the McKee Interfaith Chapel which was dedicated in 2010.

He is honored by this opportunity to participate with the members of Mount Olive in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of this congregation by Rev. Ralph Phipps and a dedicated core group of founding members who envisioned the possibility of the thriving faith community that Mount Olive has become in 2015.



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**As part of our 50th Anniversary celebration,
Chaplain Rippe will be our guest preacher the
weekend of January 24/25.**



Rooted in Christ
Branching Out to Others

They Fell Down And Worshipped Him

(Read Matthew 2:1-12)

Often people will ask me, "How did you decide to become a pastor?" I tell them of how I, initially, did not want to be a pastor and how God sent people into my life to encourage me to consider and then to serve as a pastor. Sometimes, I wonder to myself, "My father is a pilot. How did I ever become a pastor? How did I ever get to be serving as an I.I.M. here at Mount Olive Lutheran Church?"

Carol and I enjoy telling the story of how the Lord brought us together. He walked with us, guided us, separately, through some blessed times and difficult times. God led us to a Christian website, to notice each other, to talk, to meet, to grow together, and to marry. What a surprising journey!

This month brings into our midst a former pastor, Pastor Rippe, as we continue to celebrate God's 50 years of blessing and guiding this family of believers called Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Aurora, CO. God has been the One leading and guiding His servants, pastors, D.C.E.'s, teachers and others to come and serve the congregation and to serve Him in this place. His plans have unfolded as He has worked to let more and more souls know of His saving love in Christ. He has done so through the labors of called and volunteer workers here at Mount Olive. What a 50 year story this is! What a journey!

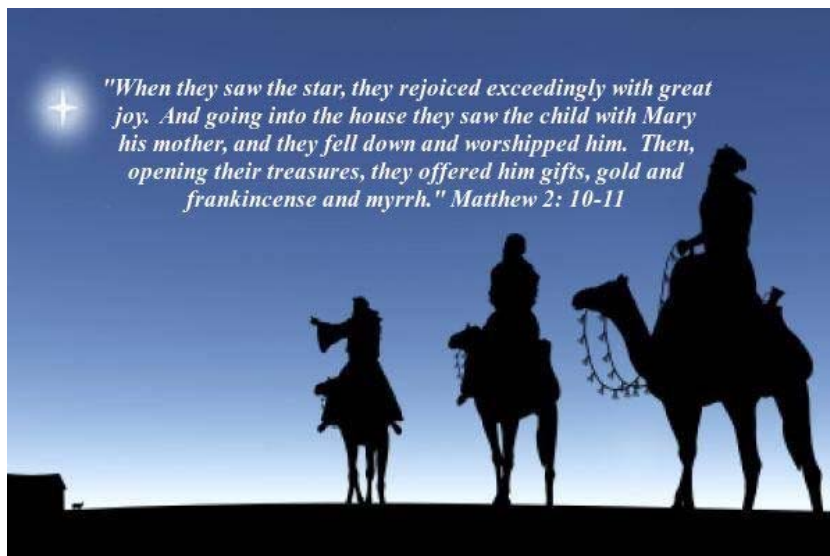
Just as we all have our individual stories, so do the "magi" (wisemen) that are mentioned in Matthew's gospel account. After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the days of the Herod the king, the magi arrived in Jerusalem. These wise men were students of the stars from the East. They traveled a great distance from their home in order to find the "King of the Jews" that the stars and some writings from the Hebrew Scriptures (that they had come in contact with) had led them to discern would be born in Judah (southern Israel). When they worshiped the baby Jesus in Bethlehem, they had traveled many miles from a different culture, language group, and religious group of people. They had been spared (by God) any harm from Herod. Still, God had used their interest in Astrology, their partial knowledge of the Hebrew Scriptures (probably from the time when the people of Israel had been taken to Babylon as slaves), and their persistence to bring them to an encounter with the God-made-flesh, Messiah. Thus, here they were, non-Jewish men, to worship the promised Messiah. What a journey! They had traveled the journey, but truly, it was God who set them on the journey, led, guided, and protected them on the journey.

Originally, it was God who sent His Son into the world to seek and save that which was lost. All people have gone astray. All have sinned. Jesus, the Son of God, came to seek and to save all people. He has journeyed to us! God became a man for us!

God is still leading people on their journey to see, to know, and to worship His Son! As we have shared our stories of arrival at faith in Jesus and as we celebrate, this winter, our parish's 50 year journey to the present, may we be ready to welcome other "travelers" (some from quite a distance away from here) as they still seek to worship Jesus, the King of the Jews.

Happy and Blessed Epiphany (also, known as "The Gentile Christmas."),

Rev. Craig A. Patterson



"When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh." Matthew 2: 10-11

Blood Pressure Check

Saturday, January 17

4:30-6:15 PM

Sunday, January 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.

Legacy Series Starting Thursday, January 8



*Sign up now!
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 January 8.

Go to mtoliveluth.org for the link to sign up or to get more information!!

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

Funeral Coordinator

Did you know we have had a Funeral Coordinator at Mount Olive? If your family has experienced a death and has had a funeral service at Mount Olive then you probably know we have a funeral coordinator and know how helpful this person can be taking care of the "details" of a funeral service.

For over 14 years Pearl Johnson has served in this role as a volunteer for Mount Olive. Her years of service have been invaluable as she has been an aid to the pastors and families who plan and go through a funeral service. Pearl is now stepping down from this position and we want to thank her for her many years of dedicated service.



And now it is time to find someone else who could be a funeral coordinator for Mount Olive. What does a funeral coordinator do? Well, in a nut shell, a coordinator makes contact with a family who has experienced a death, reviews the "details" of the funeral, helps in the planning and then on the day of the funeral helps in the set-up and details of the worship service and overall makes sure that things run smoothly. Is this something you are interested in serving? If so, please contact the Church Office for more information.

Young@HEART

Wednesday, January 14 11:30 AM

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck lunch and program. The Aurora 88 Singers will be back to entertain us.

Come for a tasty lunch, fellowship, and a wonderful musical program.

Please bring a little extra dessert for the singers.

Hosts will be Phyllis and Larry Eifler,
Ellie Jones, and Marilyn Eisenach

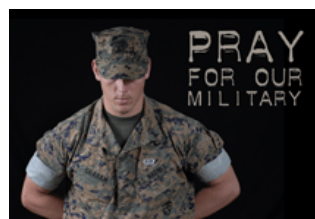
Newcomers are most welcome!



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Kelly, Eugene
Weglowski, Mark
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27 Latimer, Mallory
28 Ammon, Phyllis
Smith, Cody |
| 2 Neuharth, Kristin
Hixson, Julia | 12 Becker, Shirley
Terry-Elliott, Teres
West, Amanda | 21 Asmus, Diane
Johnson, Gary
Conley, Cheryl
Ford, Clara | 29 Parkinson, Elisabeth
Johnston, Ian
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French, Elizabeth |
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Meyer, Kathleen
Schonack, Mark | 22 Sande, Roy
Wendell, Peggy
Klekamp, Jennifer
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de la Garza, Christie | 31 Lockyer, Alice
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Pierce, Maria | |
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Belier, John
Reisdorff, Noah | |
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Vorbeck, Timothy
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Taylor, Jared | 17 Dyer, Constance | | |
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| 1 George/Connie Kerr | Brian Bechley – US Army | Ian Johnston – US Navy |
| 4 Ken/Janet Mc Coy | Steven Gerdjikian – US Army | Brandon Ulmer – US Army |
| 9 Kathy/Tom Farrell | James Stewart – US Army | Kevin Selander – US Army |
| 11 Jim/Debra Wert | Shelley Stewart – US Army | Don Mammano – USAF |
| 11 Katherine/Nick Pollard | CJ Maul – US Army | John Otten – US Army |
| 21 Jimmy/Amy L'Italien | Kevin L. Christ – USAF | Austin Norcross – US Army |
| 24 Stephen/Maureen Lauck | Matthew Kepler – US Army | Tom Sudan – USAF |
| 28 Kevin/Maria Matney | Travis Geisler – US Army | Katie Hubbard – US Navy |
| 29 Harold/Dee Struempler | Alexander York – USAF | Alex Bowers – US Army |



Book Club List for 2014—2015

Date	Book	Author	Leader
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
April 1	<i>Stella Bain</i>	Anita Shreve	Marsha Raebel
May 6	<i>All The King's Men</i>	Robert Penn Warren	Liz Rehwalt
June 3	<i>Caleb's Crossing</i>	Geraldine Brooks	Jennifer Klekamp



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

Cookie Cans for College Students 2014-15 School Year



Cookie Cans for College Students – 2014/15 School Year is going GREAT! We have 11 cans on our list! There will be no mailing in January because most kids are home for the holidays! Cans will be sent out again on Saturday, February 7, March 7 and April 4.

Home-baked cookies are ALWAYS a hit with the kids, but we still 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., to fill up the cans. Please mark them for cookie cans and drop off in the kitchen before February 7 or come at 9 AM and help us pack!

Monetary donations are always helpful to offset postage costs, too. You can drop them in the Church Office or put them in the Cookie Can on the bookshelf in the Narthex. Thank you!

Thank you so much for all your support and help! The students really enjoy getting goodies from 'home'!

LWML Circles

Faith Circle will meet Thursday, January 15, 9:30 AM. Location to be announced.

Glory Circle will meet Saturday, January 10, at the Village Inn on Tower and Pena at 1 PM. More info to follow.

Mercy Circle will meet Tuesday, January 6, 9:30 AM at Mount Olive.

ECEC

Welcome 2015! We're ready for a new year!

Our church body began in 1847 with 12 churches and 14 schools. Today we have over 6,100 churches and 2,400 schools. There are approximately 250,000 children in Lutheran schools hearing of God's love and saving grace everyday. At our ECEC we have 95 children and families. We pray the young believers in our care grow in their faith, moving on to become disciples of Jesus Christ. Some may ask the questions, "Are Lutheran schools still worth all the money?" Maybe the question needs to be, "Are our children worth the money spent on Lutheran schools?"

This month we celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week with Lutheran schools all across the country from January 26-February 1. Join us as we celebrate God's blessings through our schools! Some of our cele-

Mercy Forever



brations this week include **Crazy Hat Day!** We will wear our craziest hat and go on a hat parade! We also celebrate with V.I.P (Very Important Person) Day. Every child invites one adult friend to join us at school. We will paint, read stories, explore our classroom, and make lots of **FUN** memories together. We will end our special time together with a program in the Fellowship Hall. The children will sing for their V.I.P. and share a snack together made especially by the children. What a celebration week we will have!

Since 1972, our ministry through the ECEC has touched approximately 4,450 children with the Word of God. We thank God for giving us this mission field!

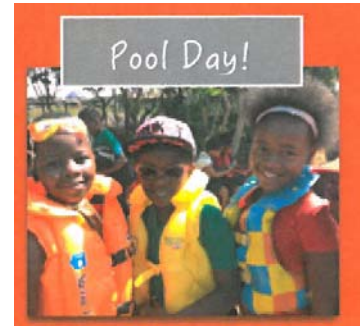
Endowment Fund

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 -

We thank the Lord for Kristin's visit with us in December. We pray for continued blessings on Kristin's ministry to the wonderful children she teaches in South Africa. And we pray for God's blessings on the current building of additional classrooms at her school.



In our final weeks of school all the students enjoyed a day of swimming.

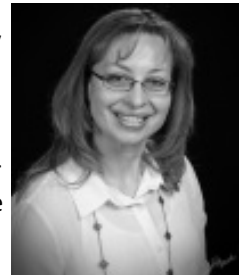


Tyler Stibrich in Arizona -

Tyler is incredibly grateful for the opportunity to serve with Mission Door on the campus of the University of Arizona, Tucson. God has blessed his ministry with the opportunity to meet and interact with many students and mentor a few awesome young men as they grow in Christ. Jordan, pictured with Tyler, started hanging out with Tyler's ministry despite not knowing God and was baptized last spring. Plan to welcome Tyler as he visits Mount Olive on Saturday, January 10, and Sunday, January 11.

Sara Borgstede in Colorado -

God has blessed Sara with many opportunities to share His Word and her testimony this Fall. She spoke at the University of Colorado, two high schools, and four churches; wrote a series of Bible studies and devotions for the LCMS youth resource website; and continues to write on her blog at www.saraborgstede.com. We pray for the Holy Spirit's encouragement and incite for upcoming speaking engagements already scheduled in 2015.



Rev. Charles Ferry in Indonesia -

Pastor Ferry spent much of his time in November away from home meeting with fellow Christians in Singapore, Taiwan, and North Sumatra. Pastor Ferry writes: "These particular seminars were attended by pastors, elders, and other lay leaders from their congregations, and some traveled quite a distance to attend. Your LCMS is making a huge differences in many lives through these conferences."



The kids with their "Welcome Home Dad" banner.

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

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.

January Family Service Club

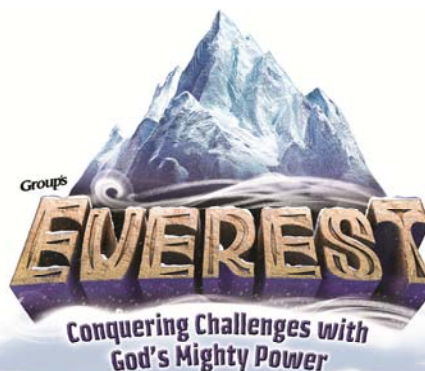
January 11, 11:45 AM

Families are invited to spread the warmth of God's love by tying blankets for Project Linus. We will gather at 11:45 AM for a simple lunch, which will be provided. Then we will work on several fleece blankets. The blankets are shared with children in times of crisis. For more information, please visit www.projectlinus.org.



Family FUN Night Potluck and Family Fun Stations January 24, 5:00-7:00 PM

Come in from the cold and be warmed by Jesus' love at Family FUN Night. We will begin with a family-style potluck. Bring your children's favorite foods to share. Water and desserts will be provided. After dinner, families will enjoy family fun stations. Stations may include crafts, games, play-do, and other fun things to do as a family. This event will take the place of our annual Winter Carnival.



Vacation Bible School June 22-26, 2015

Save the date!

Infant Parenting Class

January 4, 11, 18
9:30-10:30 AM
Room 8

Infant Blessing January 18 10:45 AM Worship

All parents of infants are invited to a three week class, which will focus on spiritually parenting their infant. On Sunday, January 18, each child will receive a blessing during the worship service. This is the first step in the Faith Legacy Series. Parents are invited to purchase a Faith Chest for their child. The chest is used to hold special treasures along the child's faith journey.

February Family Service Club

February 8, 11:45 AM

Families will be stuffing bags with socks for the homeless and then passing them out downtown. We want to help keep the toes of the homeless clean and warm this winter. Most of the socks we pass out are for men. There are usually a few women as well. We need lots and lots of socks! Sock donations will be gathered during the month of January. Please give any donations to Robin Kurth or leave them in the Church Office.



Sock donations are needed for our February Service Club. Help keep the toes of the homeless warm this winter!

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.

MINISTRY TO AND MINISTRY WITH PARENTS!

“... churches alone do not and cannot have much influence on their children. In fact, the greatest influence a church may have in affecting children is by impacting their parents.”

George Barna Revolutionary Parenting

Tyndale, 2007, p. xvii.

COMING EVENTS

JANUARY 2015

4-930 AM **REELTIME** and **JOURNEY**
(Confirmation Instruction)
7-7 PM **Oasis**
11-930 AM **REELTIME** and **JOURNEY**
630 PM **IMPACT**
14-7 PM **Oasis**
18-930 AM **REELTIME** and **JOURNEY**
21- 7 PM **Oasis**
25-930 AM **REELTIME** and **JOURNEY**
1200 PM Senior and Junior High
Joint Activity

28-7 PM **Oasis**

MARCH

15-400 PM Youth serve Parish Fellowship Winter Event

MAY

17-1045 AM Rite of Confirmation

JUNE

18-20-**COLLIDE** In Ft. Collins

NEW YOUTH MINISTRY

INFORMATION SITE

FOR PARENTS!

<https://sites.google.com/site/mtoliveyouthaurora/>

Downloadable Calendar

Articles

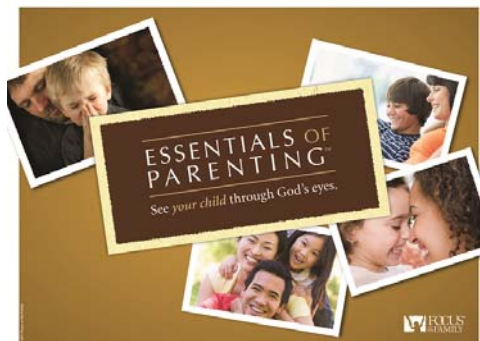
Blogs

Forms

More— Try it and See!

COLLIDE

Rocky Mountain District
Youth Gathering
For Junior and Senior Youth
June 18-20, 2015
Ft. Collins, CO



REVOLUTIONARY PARENTING RAISING KIDS WITH A FAITH THAT LASTS

“It proved to me I wasn’t insane and my children weren’t either”, one parent said about meeting with other parents in an ongoing discussion and parent support group.

Parents of students in all grades—especially adolescent middle and high school ages—are invited to join the parenting “class” on Sundays in January and February that will include lots of information about great parenting and discussions about how to use the information in family relationships. There will be some special class presentations and discussions about *adolescence* especially, our Mount Olive *Faith Legacy* opportunities and information to help through these challenging years. And grandparents? Want to find out more about how to be a great grandparent? These discussions can help you do just that! Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM.

We are interested in offering these sessions at an optional time too. If you cannot attend on Sunday mornings, please contact John Elmshouser.

Fiftieth Anniversary

Did you know / Do you remember ...

(Written by Terri Johnson)

- ⇒ In 1995, Pastor Jeffrey Shearier was called to Mount Olive to serve as our Assistant Pastor focusing on Evangelism, Adult Education and Assimilation.
- ⇒ Anne Shearier and JoAnn Stibrich served as Directors of the ECEC in 1995. JoAnn has continued in this position and will celebrate 20 years as our ECEC Director in 2015.
- ⇒ Larry Biel was called our new Director of Christian Education also in 1995.
- ⇒ We completed the renovation of the Parish Hall, expansion of the office space and enlarging the Sunday School classrooms and the dedication of these facilities took place on November 23, 1996.
- ⇒ In 1997, Mount Olive congregation had grown to 1,591 members.
- ⇒ Pastor Winter retired in April 1998 and Pastor Shearier accepted the Call to become Mount Olive's new Senior Pastor in 1999.

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

Church Income	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Regular Offerings	321,590	342,202	(20,612)
Other Income	5,740	5,483	257
Total Income	327,330	347,685	(20,355)
Church Expenses			
Personnel/Benefits	212,220	221,844	(9,624)
Programs	45,459	67,889	(22,430)
Administrative	16,965	16,707	258
Properties	61,303	60,358	945
Total Expenses	335,947	366,798	(30,851)
Net Church Income	(8,617)	(19,113)	10,496
ECEC Income			
Tuition	65,433	86,067	(20,634)
Personnel/Benefits	57,948	64,368	(6,420)
Administration	886	2,328	(1,442)
Instructional	4,576	14,871	(10,295)
Total Expenses	63,410	81,567	(18,157)
Net ECEC Income	2,203	4,500	(2,477)



For more than 30 years, the Lutheran Summer Music Academy and Festival (LSM) has offered youth the opportunity to explore faith and musical growth while studying the heritage music of the church. LSM transforms lives and engages talented young musicians in a program where musical excellence is achieved, lifelong friendships are born, faith is deepened, and the spark to serve is ignited.

LSM fosters a spirit of encouragement in which performers can realize their God-given talents. Designed for band, orchestra, choir, piano, pipe organ and composition students completing grades 8 – 12, LSM is a four-week residential training and performance program at Luther College located in Decorah, IA.

If you know of a dedicated young musician looking for a focused but fun summer have them consider LSM. Contact Kim Montross for more information.

Wanderers

Likeable Lakewood: The Wanderers will visit the Lakewood Heritage Center, 801 S. Yarrow, on **Friday, January 23**. Located on the former May Bonfils Stanton estate in Belmar Park, the history of Lakewood is depicted through historic structures and thousands of artifacts. Depart Mount Olive at 10 AM and return approximately 2 PM. Lunch is on your own at Great Wall Super Buffet, 3215 S. Wadsworth. Cost of \$10 includes transportation and tour, payable on the day of the tour.

On **Friday, February 13** visit the new Ralph Carr Colorado Judicial Center with the Wanderers. Located at 13th Street and Broadway in downtown Denver, it opened in 2013 and is named after Colorado's 29th governor who spoke out against the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II. Our guided tour includes a courtroom visit and discussion about the Colorado court system and the Colorado Judicial Branch. See the outstanding art, (including John Fielder photography) and enjoy the Colorado Judicial Learning Center. Depart Mount Olive at 9:30 AM and return approximately 1:30 PM. Lunch is on your own in the cafeteria. Cost of \$5 includes tour and transportation, payable on the day of the tour.

Sign up at the ARK for all tours!

Mount Olive Family News

We welcome:

Alf Gimbel

We say goodbye to:

Michael Ashby

Virginia Downs

Jim/Renee/Chris/Stacy Minter

Baptism

Grant Ryan Holloway

The popular Highland neighborhood at 33rd and Pecos is the Wanderers' destination on **Friday, March 13**, as we tour the historic St. Patrick's Catholic Church, adjacent to Our Lady of Light Monastery, home of the Capuchin Poor Clare Sisters. Lunch is on your own at Rosa Linda's Mexican Café, 2005 W. 33rd Ave. Depart Mount Olive at 9:30 AM and return approximately 1:30 PM. Cost of \$10 includes transportation and tour, payable on the day of the tour.



On **Sunday, April 12** the Wanderers will experience the jazz explosion of 1920's Harlem at Aurora's Vintage Theater, 1468 Dayton Street at a 2:30 PM performance. Lunch precedes the tour.

Details by February 1.

Thank You

To My Mount Olive Family,

Thank you so much for the visits, the cards, the texts, the meals and especially the prayers for me during my hospitalization in November. They all meant the world to Mark and me. I am feeling stronger everyday thanks to all of you!

With love,
June Elmshouser



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.

January 4

2nd after Christmas

Lessons

1 Kings 3:4-15
 Ephesians 1:3-14
 Luke 2:40-52

January 11

Baptism of Our Lord

Genesis 1:1-5
 Romans 6:1-11
 Mark 1:4-11

January 18

2nd after Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-10
 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
 John 1:43-51

January 25

3rd after Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
 Mark 1:14-20

Elders Saturday**8:00****10:45****Communion Assistants****8:00** Paul King**10:45****Greeters****Saturday****8:00****10:45****Organists**

Karen Montross

Mark Elmshouser

Marsha Raebel

Diane Asmus

Lay Readers**8:00**

Joey Schilling

Christina Cateora

Josh Fields

Wendy Bleeke

10:45

Jim Wert

Phyllis Eifler

Penni Urbach

Judy Talmage

Ushers**8:00****10:45****Altar Care**

Marian Burrell
 Jane Dunn
 Diane Van Stone

Nancy McWhirter
 Zoe Flint
 Lori Bowers

Sue Shellenberger
 Cindy Meador
 Kathy Bodemann

Danita Myers
 Sandra Bair
 Diane Van Stone

Acolytes**8:00**

Josiah Borgstede
 Awet Samuel

Ryan Carbaugh
 Christopher Polton

Emma Afman
 Alyse Coverly

Awet Samuel
 Josiah Borgstede

10:45

Kyle Wilderman
 McKenzie Wilderman

Frances Quintana
 Mariah Mason

Julia Matney
 Jeff Matney

Austin Talmage
 Gil Tappe

Assist Pews

Jo Natomeli

Bob/Jeanne Borgstede

Devonne Domineck

Darlene Ommen

Bulletin Helpers

S. Fabozzi/J. Kalthoff

Bud/Lucille McGee

Larry Auffert

Walt/Ruth Pelepchan