



# Olive Branch

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

## What Day Is It?

Each December, Thrivent mails a desk calendar to Lutheran Pastors. Immediately, we all look to see what day Easter will fall on this year. You never have to ask, 'what day is Christmas this year?' but Easter is an annual mystery (something to do with full moons and an equinox.)

### What date does Easter fall for you?

This year, the moon and stars align for an early Easter, but whatever the date, Easter always follows Lent and Good Friday. By definition, there can be no resurrection until *after* death has occurred. It all sounds so obvious, but how easily we forget!

*Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his (Romans 6).*

Just as there was no resurrection for Christ until after His crucifixion, there is no resurrection life for you and me until **after** our old self [is] crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we [will] no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin (Romans 6).

### Baptismal death brings resurrection life as a child in God's house.

Early Christians began worshipping on Sunday rather than Saturday because it was on the 'first day of the week' that Jesus was resurrected. To that first generation of believers, every Sunday was a 'little Easter'.

It remains the same for us. Each Sunday we die with Christ and our sins are crucified with Him as we confess our sins before God and one another. Every Sunday we are raised to new resurrection life as we receive Christ's forgiveness through the Word of absolution and the power of His body broken for you and His true blood poured out for the forgiveness of your sins. Together with Christ, we are risen! We are risen indeed!

May God's Easter blessings of new resurrection life be yours on this and every Lord's Day!

Pastor Harmon



**Maundy Thursday**  
10 AM/7 PM, March 24  
Service with Communion



**Good Friday Worship**  
10 AM/7 PM, March 25



**Easter Sunday Worship**  
7, 9 and 11 AM  
Easter Breakfast will be served from 6:30—10:30.  
Saturday Worship at 5 PM

**HE IS RISEN INDEED!**



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| 1  | Bodemann, Kathleen<br>Schonack, Rebekah<br>Wallace, Emily  |    | West, Katie<br>Sowl, James   |
| 2  | Eller, Steve<br>Fields, Tom<br>Eickmann, Philip<br>Schonack, Brooke<br>Amore, Melanie<br>Keating, Cayden | 17 | Dunkel, Michael<br>Goeglein, Eric<br>Stewart, James<br>Carpenter, Zachary                                  |
| 3  | Robinson, Wanda<br>Smith, Haley  | 18 | Tae, Alyssa  |
| 4  | Warkentin, William   | 20 | Cobb, Jerry  |
| 5  | Fabrizius, Darlyne   | 21 | Reneau, Earla<br>Asmus, Duane<br>Johnston, Gay   |
| 7  | Mc Coy, Joe<br>Latimer, David  | 22 | Mc Gee, Lucille<br>Dickinson, Jean<br>Frevort, Mary<br>Tae, Jeanie<br>Hawkins, Nicole<br>Wetherbie, Andrew |
| 8  | Mc Clain, Pam<br>Goggins, Clayton  | 23 | Sall, Rick<br>Kuenker, Amy<br>Tappe, Emma  |
| 9  | Endsley-Burge, Charlene<br>Kuenker, Tessa  | 24 | Ahrens, Nancy  |
| 10 | Strauch, Virginia<br>Barnard, Lindy<br>Kuenker, Paul<br>Mc Lane, Sawyer<br>L'Italien, Iris               | 25 | Kilgore, Doris<br>Thiel, Robin   |
| 11 | West, Britney<br>Muth, Zachary   | 26 | Cammack, Heather   |
| 12 | Engleman, Virginia<br>Kaczmarek, Steven<br>Walters, Joyce<br>Farrell, Kathy<br>Sall, Lauryn              | 27 | Williams, Robert<br>Hadley, Kari<br>Mc Coy, Alora  |
| 13 | Raimondo, Barbara<br>Schutt, Becky   | 28 | Rehwalt, Harvey  |
| 14 | Schlue, Cindy<br>Gates, David<br>Kelly, Cynthia<br>Hess, Alicia  | 29 | Florum, Chester  |
| 15 | Williams, Judith<br>Abell, Timothy<br>Qadi El-Idrissi, Gabriel<br>Sullivan, Delaney                      | 30 | Parker, Kira   |
| 16 | Kletke, Virginia<br>York, George<br>Egan, John V III<br>Spoerl, Andrew<br>Ledwith, Eric                  | 31 | Goeglein, Beth<br>Giovannini, Kelley<br>Myers, Lacey<br>Schulenburg, Michael                               |



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| 7  | Keating, Lindsay/Christopher<br>Student, Dave/Ann |
| 8  | Gorton, Doug/Cheryl                               |
| 15 | Hadley, Jack/Erwina                               |
| 19 | Quandt, Harold/Bobbie                             |
| 20 | Meehan, Richard/Jane                              |
| 21 | Van Stone, Kent/Diane                             |
| 23 | Broom, Robert/Ruth                                |
| 24 | Ray, Barbara/Roy                                  |



## Easter Lilies



Share your Easter joy by bringing an Easter lily to enhance our worship services. Bring lilies to Mount Olive's Library between Monday, March 21, and Noon on Friday,

March 25. Lilies may be taken home after the late service on Easter or left until April 3 when the remaining lilies will be taken to a nursing home. Sign up in the Altar Flower notebook at the ARK if you plan to bring a lily.

## Young at Heart

Wednesday, March 9, 11:30 AM  
Potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall

The Jubilate Choir from Lutheran High School Parker will present our program. Please bring extra food for this group of 19 who will join us for lunch.

Come enjoy these singers, fellowship and good food. Newcomers are most welcome!

Hosts: Bob Gombos, Karen Montross,  
Bud/Lucille McGee, Orville/Betty Geisler

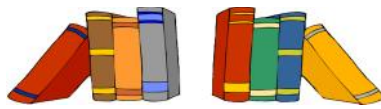
## Book Club List for 2016

Date	Book	Author	Leader
March 2	<i>The Postmistress</i>	Sarah Blake	Roxanne Seewald
April 6	<i>Killing Patton</i>	O'Reilly/Dugard	Joanne Petersen
<b>May 4</b>	<b><i>The Swan Thieves</i></b>	<b>Elizabeth Kostova</b>	<b>Kathy Meyer</b>
<b>June 1</b>	<b><i>The Girl on the Train</i></b>	<b>Paula Hawkins</b>	<b>Marsha Raebel</b>



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

Please note the two books listed in red have been switched.



## Mount Olive's Ready for Spring!

Save the Date  
April 17 ~ 4:30 PM

Variety Supper Show  
in the Fellowship Hall

\$10 per person  
Ticket sales begin March 13

Tips will help support  
Mount Olive Youth

Spring  
Fling



April 17, 2016



## Blood Pressure Check

**Saturday, March 19**

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

**Sunday, March 20**

**9-11 AM**



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.

(In the Church Office)



**Lutheran Women's  
Missionary League**

**Faith Circle** will meet Thursday, March 17 18, 9:30 AM at the home of Jo Natomeli.

**Glory Circle** will meet March 10 , 7 PM at the home of Carolyn Morton.

**Mercy Circle** will meet at Mount Olive on Tuesday, March 1, 9:30 AM.

## OPERATING INCOME/EXPENSES JANUARY 2016 (FISCAL YEAR JULY 2015-JUNE 2016)

Church Income	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Regular Offerings	448,791	459,458	(10,667)
Other Income	9,617	8,605	1,012
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>458,408</b>	<b>468,063</b>	<b>(9,655)</b>
<b>Church Expenses</b>			
Personnel/Benefits	285,416	322,726	(37,310)
Programs	62,531	66,921	(4,390)
Administrative	24,056	25,524	(1,468)
Properties	72,183	78,853	(6,670)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>444,186</b>	<b>494,024</b>	<b>(49,838)</b>
<b>Net Church Income</b>	<b>14,222</b>	<b>(25,961)</b>	<b>40,183</b>
<b>ECEC Income</b>			
Tuition	101,966	120,177	(18,211)
Personnel/Benefits	87,461	94,740	(7,279)
Administration	1,741	2,151	(410)
Instructional	8,090	20,844	(12,754)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>97,292</b>	<b>117,735</b>	<b>(20,443)</b>
<b>Net ECEC Income</b>	<b>4,674</b>	<b>2,442</b>	<b>2,232</b>

## Military Appreciation

Serving and protecting our American interests at home and abroad is a high calling! We praise our men and women who serve in the Armed Forces. Include in your prayers our military who are also members of Mount Olive. Prayer for their safety and give thanks for their service!



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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Brian Bechley – US Army     | * Brandon Ulmer – US Army |
| Steven Gerdjikian – US Army | Kevin Selander – US Army  |
| James Stewart – US Army     | * Don Mammano – USAF      |
| Shelley Stewart – US Army   | * John Otten – US Army    |
| CJ Maul – US Army           | 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     |
| Ian Johnston – US Navy      | John Donner – US Army     |
|                             | Sean DeCarlo—US Navy      |
|                             | Thomas Nygard—US Navy     |
- \*Friends of Mount Olive

## Endowment Fund

*The Mount Olive Endowment Fund Committee strongly desires to continue to honor grant requests. However, the Fund's interest has been depleted by grants given to the people listed below. With the downturn in the market we have been unable to respond to grant requests recently submitted. We may only grant requests from the interest on the corpus of the Fund.*

*Contributions to the Fund through a gift sent to the church office, and through memorials and will bequests will increase the Fund's corpus and provide more interest as the financial market recovers. We will then be able to support current grantees and consider additional requests.*



We plead for fervent prayers for Rev. Charles Ferry and his family in Medan, Indonesia. Rev. Ferry contracted Dengue (DENgee) disease from a mosquito bite and spent a week in the hospital recovering from the symptoms of this painful disease. This happened in the middle of the family's move from Jakarta to Medan. So his wife, Cheryl (expecting their fifth child soon), and their children were on their own to carry out the move and get acclimated to new and sometimes hostile surroundings. (See Pr. Ferry's latest newsletter on the Endowment Fund bulletin board for complete details.)

### The Fund is Currently Supporting:

**Rev. Ferry and his family** in Medan, Indonesia where he is a missionary for the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in bringing the message of the Gospel to the heavily Muslim populated areas in Southeast Asia.

**Vicar Austin Kraft**, son of Larry and Nancy Kraft, in Gypsum, Colorado who serves at a storefront mission LCMS congregation, Grace Fellowship. Vicar Austin is preparing for ordination in the pastoral ministry at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri. The Fund is paying for his tuition at Concordia Seminary.

**Jonathan Jennings** is completing his second year at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Jonathan, together with his wife, Stephanie (nee Stibrich) will be given a vicarage assignment at an LCMS congregation this spring. The Fund is currently helping with Jonathan's tuition at Concordia Theological Seminary.

**Tyler Stibrich** continues his work with the Missions Door Christian ministry on the campus of the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona. Support for his work requires donations from a variety of sources and the Endowment Fund is one of them.



*Please refer to the Mount Olive Endowment Fund bulletin board by the Church Office for updates.  
Your support for the Endowment Fund is appreciated.*

### 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), Duane Asmus, Orville Geisler, Gary Johnson, Kevin Meador and Brian Pelepchan

## Wednesdays at Mount Olive



### Praise Party First Wednesday 5:45 PM

All children, age 3-grade 5 are invited to participate in our Kid's Praise Party. 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 5:45-6:45 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 5:45-6:45 PM. Preschool Praise and Play meets in the ECEC.

## Sunday School Nursing Home Singing Visit

**March 13, 9:00 AM**

On Sunday March 13, the children will sing at Manor Care Nursing Home during the Sunday School Hour. We will meet at Mount Olive and families may carpool to the Nursing Home. We will meet, carpool, and then sing at 10:00 AM. After singing we will return to Mount Olive. There will be no regular Sunday School classes that day. Parents must accompany children or arrange to have another parent responsible for their child/ren. We are excited to share God's love through our singing!



## Easter Egg Hunt and Alleluia Party

**March 19, 9:00 AM**

Children of all ages are invited for a morning of Easter fun and celebration! Children should bring along their Easter basket or a bag and meet at Eastridge Elementary School for the actual egg hunt. (Children will meet at Mount Olive, if the weather is too poor for an outdoor hunt.) The egg hunt will begin at 9:00 AM. Following the egg hunt, all participants are invited for an Alleluia celebration at Mount Olive.

At the Alleluia party, children will learn how God has made them new through the story of the butterfly. Each child will also receive a goodie bag with crafts and activities to do while at the celebration or later at home. Snacks will be provided. All children must be accompanied by an adult at the egg hunt and party.

**Wrapped candy and small prize donations** will be gathered in a tub in the Narthex. Donations must be received by March 28, to allow the egg stuffers time to fill eggs.



## Children's Palm Parade

**March 20, 8:00/10:45 AM**

All children are invited to participate in the Palm Parade on Palm Sunday. Children will gather in Skidmore Hall before the 8:00 AM worship service and before the 10:45 AM worship service. All children will receive palm branches to wave in the parade.

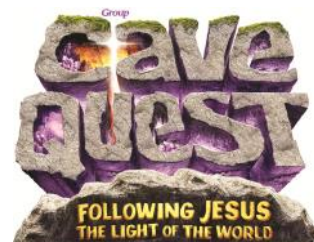
## Vacation Bible School June 20-24, 2016

Children age 3\* through grade 5 are invited for a week of stories, games, crafts, snacks, music and more! Children will experience bible adventures and learn how Jesus gives us hope, courage, direction, love, and power.

Registration opens April 24, 2016. Registration will be available online. Simply visit our church website ([mtoliveluth.org](http://mtoliveluth.org)) and click on the VBS Logo. Vacation Bible School is free for all children. Registration will close June 15, 2015. **There will be no registrations accepted after June 15.**

Youth and adult volunteers are needed in all areas. Talk to Robin Kurth or e-mail her at [rkurth@mtoliveluth.org](mailto:rkurth@mtoliveluth.org) to sign up!

\*All children must be 3 years old by January 1, 2016, easily separated from parents, and potty trained.



# Youth and Family Ministry

## SCHEDULE

### March

6	9:30 AM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM	The Story (Confirmation and High School) <b>Help with Seder Meal (6-12 Grade)</b> <b>IMPACT/Movie Night (6-8 PM)</b>
13	9:30 AM 6:00 PM	The Story (Confirmation and High School) <b>IMPACT</b>
20	9:30 AM 6:00 PM	The Story (Confirmation and High School) <b>NYG Meeting/IMPACT</b>
26	6:00 PM	<b>Easter Breakfast Prep</b>
27	5:00 AM	<b>Easter Breakfast Prep/Serving</b>

# IMPACT

**STARTING**  
**MARCH 6th**  
AN EXPERIENCE  
THAT WILL  
IMPACT  
YOUR  
LIFE

**SUNDAY**  
**NIGHTS**  
**6:00-**  
**8:00 PM**

### Register For:

The **10th Annual Golf Tournament** will be held at Murphy Creek Golf Course on **June 4, 2016!**

Proceeds will help fund youth activities, primarily the National Youth Gathering in July 2016.  
[www.golf.mtoliveluth.org](http://www.golf.mtoliveluth.org)

### Easter Breakfast is coming up fast!

Please consider helping out as the proceeds help fund our youth program, and especially the NYG this year!

Most importantly please come and eat to support us!

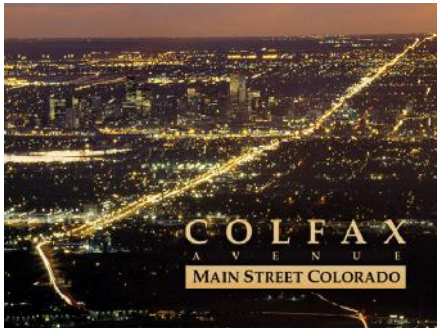
For more information please watch for advertisements and emails, or contact Becky at [rschutt@mtoliveluth.org](mailto:rschutt@mtoliveluth.org)



**OPEN TO 8-12TH GRADE**  
**FUN.**  
**FELLOWSHIP.**  
**FAITH.**

## Wanderers

On **Friday, March 18**, take a fun and surprising bus tour of Denver's famous Colfax Avenue along its entire 26-mile length with the Wanderers. Presented by History Tours guide, Kevin Pharris, about the evolution of the avenue, a microcosm of Denver society. No street walking is necessary. Depart Mount Olive at 10 AM aboard a chartered bus and return by 3 PM. Lunch on your own at a Colfax eatery. \$20 includes tour and transportation. Please prepay by March 4 to the Church Office.



On **Friday, April 22**, the Wanderers depart Mount Olive to sample the original Highlands neighborhood in northwest Denver before it disappears in the rush of all the "new-builds". Denver Screen Printing and Embroidery at 3333 Mariposa will explain how that picture got on your favorite t-shirt on a brief tour, and then we'll go to lunch at Highland Tavern, 3400 Navajo. Cost is \$3 in addition to lunch. After lunch we'll proceed to 35<sup>th</sup> and Kalamath for a slow drive-by viewing of *Neighborhood Epic*, a series of tile mosaics on the I-25 sound barrier wall installed in 1993 as part of Denver's Public Art Program.

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

## Early Childhood Education Center

Here comes the Spring weather and we can't wait! There is so much to discover with the changing of seasons. Outdoor play in the snow or rain is such a learning experience! Have you ever made snow ice cream? We have!!!

Our special day this month is ABC day. We will explore our ABC's through games, song, stories, snack and many fun learning activities! We're getting ready to rock with the **ALPHABET!**



We enjoyed celebrating Lutheran Schools week with you. Rejoicing in God's blessings through our schools is awesome!!! We are so thankful for this opportunity to share Jesus with our children and families. There are many children who only hear about JESUS when they are with us. We hope and pray that going to chapel, singing Jesus songs, praying and experiencing Jesus' love and grace is making lasting impressions.

We are registering for the 2016-2017 school year for the ECEC. Call JoAnn at 303.750.9856 for a tour and more information. We would love to have your child as part of our school family growing in Jesus' love and grace!



### Church Staff

Rev. Robert Harmon, Senior Pastor  
 Rev. Michael Borgstede, Associate Pastor  
 Robin Kurth, Director of Child and Family Ministry  
 Becky Schutt, Director of Christian Education Intern  
 Kim Montross, 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.



Web: [mtoliveluth.org](http://mtoliveluth.org)



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



Blog: [mtoliveluth.blogspot.com](http://mtoliveluth.blogspot.com)

**The deadline for the newsletter is the 10th of each month.**



## God's Servants

March 6 4th Sunday in Lent	March 13 5th Sunday in Lent	March 20 Palm Sunday	March 27 Easter
<b>Elders</b> <b>Saturday</b> <b>8:00</b> Stan Humbargar <b>10:45</b> Kevin Hixson	<b>Communion Assistant</b> <b>8:00</b> Larry Bargmann	<b>Ushers</b> <b>8:00</b> Glenn Krueger, Mike Dunkel, Darold Boettcher <b>10:45</b> Lois Gottberg, Ed Pierce	
<b>Greeters</b> <b>Saturday</b> Pat Wallingford <b>8:00</b> Tom/Jane Fields Virginia Engleman <b>10:45</b> Phyllis Eifler	Kenneth Schultz  Pat/Nancy Amore Marilyn Eisenach  Stan/Claudia Humbargar	Marlene Blesch  Orville/Betty Geisler Sylvia Zwingelberg  Irene Ciciulla/Lois Gottberg	Gayle Miller  (7 AM) Bud/Lucille McGee (9 AM) Marilyn Eisenach Adams/Schrandt (11 AM) R/J/P Borgstede S/C Humbargar
<b>Hosts</b> <b>8:00</b> Joanne Petersen <b>10:45</b> Heather Cammack	Edwina Heiser  JoAnn Stibrich	Tom Fields  Claudia Humbargar	
<b>Welcome Center</b> <b>8:00</b> Jane Fields <b>10:45</b>	Devonne Domineck  Robert Borgstede	John Petersen  Jeanne Borgstede	
<b>Organists/Pianists</b> Karen Montross	Marsha Raebel	Eickmann/Cairns	Raebel/Cairns
<b>Lay Readers</b> <b>8:00</b> Stan McKinster <b>10:45</b> Phyllis Eifler	Joe Stibrich	Darold Boettcher  Jim Wert	Pastors  Pastors
<b>Altar Care</b> Susan Shellenberger Cindy Meador Sandra Sall	Sandra Sall Zoe Flint Lori Bowers	Marian Burrell Michele McKinster Nancy McWhirter Kathy Bodemann	Jane Dunn Linda Huyghebaert Diane Van Stone Zoe Flint
<b>Acolytes</b> <b>8:00</b> Mia Wells, Alyse Coverly <b>10:45</b> Q. Sullivan/F. Quintana	Madison Myers/Julia Matney  Rachel/Sara Bogh	Teag/Kira Parker  Lauren/Meghan Emerson	
<b>Assist Pews</b> Jo Natomeli	Robert/Jeanne Borgstede	Devonne Domineck	Darlene Ommen
<b>Bulletin Helpers</b> Fabozzi/Kalthoff	Bud/Lucille McGee	Larry/Sheila Auffert	Eisenach/Donner/Heiser