

Spring Flowers

Long before school children began singing, “April showers bring May flowers,” God said: *As the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it* (Isaiah 55:10-11).

God sends rain on the earth not only to bring flowers, but also to bring forth grain for our cornflakes, hay for the cattle we eat and grapes for *wine to gladden the heart of man*, (Psalm 104:15). Like the rain that brings flowers, grain and grapes, God also expects His Word to return to Him, not empty, but full, bearing the fruit for which He sent it.

What is the fruit of God’s Word in your life?

Receive with meekness the implanted word, St. James writes in His Epistle, *which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing* (James 1:21-25).

God has things for you and me to do. Mount Olive Lutheran Church is the place where God plants His saving Word in you and me so we may not be hearers only (deceiving ourselves) but *doers*! Life in God’s church is never passive but always active. Life in God’s church is spent not only receiving, but continually doing for others—not to my glory or the praise of men, but to the glory and praise of God.

So the question remains: What is it I am supposed to do? I’m glad you asked. Scripture gives two definitive lists for the active, *hearing* and *doing* Christian: When the crowds ask Jesus *What must we do, to be doing the works of God?* Jesus answers them, *This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent* (John 6:28-29). Of course, the work doesn’t stop there, believing is only the beginning!

Once God’s Word makes us alive in Christ, God organizes His Word to maximum effect in the church where *He gives some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ . . . speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love* (Ephesians 4:11-16).

That’s the list. God plants His Word in your heart expecting it to accomplish the purpose for which He sends it to you: *building up the body of Christ in love!*

For those of you who do nothing in God’s church, now would be a good time to allow God’s Word full reign in your heart to bring forth His fruit.

For those of you who are very busy, today is the day to ask others to join you as you teach them how to do what you know how to do for this congregation.

God is faithful and loving and will never leave us alone. He knows we can do no good thing in our own power, so He equips His church and each of us individually with His powerful, fruit bearing, all accomplishing Word.

For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world (Philippians 2:13, 15).

May our Merciful God make it so among us!
Pastor Harmon



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Philippians 2:13



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| 1 | Sowl, Patricia
Myers, Tony | 16 | Dankenbring, Scott
Scheffel, Lisa |
| 2 | Adams, Geri
Becker, Robert
Gorton, Cheryl
Holloway, Pamela
Fischer, Gabriel
Clough, Kathleen
Clough, Matthew
Hixson, Sadie | 17 | Schoenhals, Debbie
Gerard, Kelly |
| 3 | Romer, Linda
Gerdjikian, Gary
Knight, Christina
Weber, Jennifer
Borgstede, Kiersten | 18 | Clow, Bruce
Hixson, Leslie |
| 4 | Heimbigner, Angie
Weber, Kateari | 19 | Stibrich, Joseph
Piazza, Gary |
| 5 | Rains, Doug
Flint, Zoe
Stark, Gregory
Vorbeck, Hannah | 20 | Jones, Ella
Shipman, Wanda
McCarthy, John
Van Stone, Kent
Rains, Vicki |
| 6 | Wheeler, Meredith
Parkinson, Fletcher | 21 | Auffert, Sheila
Elmshouser, Mark
Krames, Adriane
Neuharth, Christopher
Thomas, Kamryn |
| 8 | Kletke, Dale
McClain, Michael | 22 | Clow, Stephanie
Lish, Ali |
| 9 | Deden, Michael
Sowl, Brian
Sullivan, Callie | 23 | Macht, Jodi |
| 10 | Schultz, Kenneth
Pickett, Betty
Sonnichsen, Robert
Abell, Teri
Tappe, Joseph
Wells, Koryn | 24 | Hadley, Erwina
Ledwith, Debra
Opl, Dennis |
| 12 | Edwards, Wayne
Kirbach, Heinz
Maul, Barry
Johnson, Pamela | 25 | Kortleever, Joey |
| 13 | Van Dyke, Don
Lauck, Stephen | 26 | Wallingford, Tom |
| 15 | Durfee, Vera
Skerjanc, Laura | 27 | Derr, Jean
Sowl, Natalie
Schonack, Garrett
Holloway, Grant |
| | | 28 | Wert, Matthew |
| | | 29 | Sowl, Raybert
Hawley, Dale
L'Italien, Amy |
| | | 30 | Struempler, Harold |
| | | 31 | Borgstede, Robert
Raimondo, Dalton |

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| 10 | Wallace, Matthew/Karri |
| 15 | Skerjanc, Leonard/Shirley
Engelhaupt, Ruth/Don
Cobb, Jerry/Beverly |
| 18 | Jost, Andy/Patty |
| 19 | York, George/Judy |
| 24 | Scheffel, Rich/Mary |
| 27 | Kletke, Dale/Virginia |
| 30 | Asmus, Joshua/Sandra
Ford, Jeff/Clara |
| 31 | Raebel, Marsha/Gordon, Kevin |



Young at Heart

Wednesday, May 11, 11:30 AM

Let's eat out!

Since Country Buffet is closed, we will meet at the Mr. Panda Restaurant, 2852 S. Havana St. We will have reserved tables. Please join us!

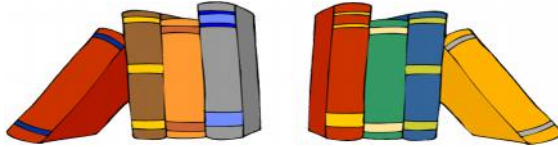


Book Club List for 2016

Date	Book	Author	Leader
May 4	<i>The Swan Thieves</i>	Elizabeth Kostova	Kathy Meyer
June 1	<i>The Girl on the Train</i>	Paula Hawkins	Marsha Raebel
June 29	Tentative—pick new books for year		



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



Book club



Dear Mount Olive,

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ (Philippians 1:3-6 ESV).

These words of the Apostle Paul, written two thousand years ago, reflect really well how I feel about you all! Fifteen plus years is a long time to serve in ministry together. We have seen the highs and lows, the joys and sorrows, the successes and failures any ministry faces in this life. But in all of it we have truly been blessed. We gather as a people of God because of the wonderful gift of Jesus Christ who died and rose again to give us new life! We are abundantly blessed!

My family and I have truly been blessed through you. Thank you for a great farewell celebration on April 3. Your outpouring of love was overwhelming and so cherished by us! Worshiping together, enjoying a meal together, your giving generously through various gifts, and sharing goodbyes we will always remember as we keep each of you in our hearts. It is hard to express in a few words how much we love and appreciate you all. THANK YOU!

As we now part ways, I encourage you to continue in the faithful work of the ministry given to you through our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for all your love, support, and prayers! You are always in our prayers and truly a part of our family!

Pastor Mike and Sara,
Rebekah, Kiersten, Josiah, Paul and Zachary Borgstede



Goodbye!
Thank You!
The Lord's
Blessings!

Blood Pressure Check

Saturday, May 21

4:30-6:15 PM

Sunday, May 22

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, May 19, 9:30 AM at the home of Sylvia Zwingelberg.

Glory Circle will meet Thursday, May 12. Location to be announced later.

Mercy Circle will meet at Mount Olive on Tuesday, May 3, 9:30 AM.

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

Church Income	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Regular Offerings	575,277	593,406	(18,129)
Other Income	12,561	10,480	2,081
Total Income	587,838	603,886	(16,048)
Church Expenses			
Personnel/Benefits	367,231	406,889	(39,658)
Programs	83,733	88,401	(4,668)
Administrative	30,241	31,629	(1,388)
Properties	86,842	93,329	(6,487)
Total Expenses	568,047	620,248	(52,201)
Net Church Income	19,791	(16,362)	36,153
ECEC Income			
Tuition	138,819	165,054	(26,235)
Personnel/Benefits	115,455	124,213	(8,758)
Administration	1,796	2,875	(1,079)
Instructional	9,702	23,707	(14,005)
Total Expenses	126,953	150,795	(23,842)
Net ECEC Income	11,866	14,259	(2,393)

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

Child and Family Ministry



May

- 1 – Last Week of The Story
- 4 – May Praise Party, 5:45 PM
- 18 – Last Day of Praise and Play/
Kid's Music, 5:45 PM
- 22 – Last Day of Sunday School
- 29 – No Sunday School

June

- 5 – Expedition Norway Begins, 9:30 AM
- 5 – Sunday School Fun Day, 12:30 PM
- 7 – VBS Training, 6:30 PM
- 8 – VBS Training, 6:30 PM
- 9 – VBS Training, 6:30 PM
- 16 – VBS Training, 6:30 PM
- 19 – VBS Set-up, 11:30 AM
- 20-24 – VBS



Summer Sunday School Begins June 5!

Our children are invited on an expedition to Norway this summer at Summer Sunday School. Watch for more information and fun details!



Family Fun Day

Pirates Cove Water Park

June 5, 12:30 PM - 6:00 PM
\$5.00/Family

We are trying something new this year. We will meet at Pirates Cove Water Park in Englewood to enjoy a day of friendship and water fun for all ages. The cost is \$5.00/family which will cover the entrance fee and snacks. Families may purchase additional food at the Barnacle Café or bring along a picnic. Glass and knives are not allowed, so food should be prepared in advance. Please reserve your spot by turning in an envelope with your family's \$5.00 fee, names and ages. Envelopes are available at the ARK.

Pirates Cove Water Park
1225 W. Belleview
Englewood, CO 80120

piratescovecolorado.com



VBS

June 20-24
8:45 AM – Noon

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

Youth and adult volunteers are needed in all areas.
E-mail rkurth@mtoliveluth.org to sign up!

Youth and Family Ministry

SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 1	9:30 AM	The Story: Heaven Parent's Study
	6:00 PM	IMPACT
Wednesday, May 4	7:00 PM	Confirmation Preparation for 8th Grade
Sunday, May 8	9:30 AM	Bible Study for Confirmation and Senior High Parent's Study
	6:00 PM	IMPACT
Friday, May 13	5:30 PM	Confirmation Dinner and Essay Presentation
Sunday, May 15	9:30 AM	Bible Study for Confirmation and Senior High
	10:45 AM	Confirmation Service
	6:00 PM	IMPACT (Last One Until Fall!)
Saturday, May 21	12:00 PM	S3: Spring Clean Up
Sunday, May 22	9:30 AM	Bible Study (Middle and High School Together)
	6:00 PM	NYG Meeting
Sunday, May 29	9:30 AM	Bible Study (Middle and High School Together)
	TBD	Middle School Event/Trip-More Info to Come
Tuesday, May 31		Begin of Golf Tournament Prep Week

Register ASAP 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

Beginning at the end of May we will have work to do to get
ready for the tournament. Please plan on being there to
help...especially if you are going to the NYG this year!



Mark your calendars and invite the
family for

**CONFIRMATION
SUNDAY**

**May 15
10:45 AM Service**

Meet Your Confirmands



Confirmation Class of 2016

From Left to Right: Awet Samuel, Christopher Bott, Quinn O'Sullivan, Tanaya Tappe, Lauren Emerson, Teag Parker, Alyse Coverly, Meghan Emerson, Trevon Deden, Rachel Bogh

Confirmation Dinner and Essay Presentation

Friday, May 13
5:30 PM Dinner

6:30 PM Essay Presentation

Confirmation Service

Sunday, May 15
10:45 AM Service

Cake Celebration to Follow (Fellowship Hall)

New Sunday Morning Bible Study

Beginning May 8, 9:30 AM ~ Fellowship Hall

The Origin of the Bible – How It Came to Us
Personal Interpretation and Application
of God's Message to Us

Taught by Pastor Boettcher

Please join us!

Thanks for Your Prayers

We thank God for His miracles for Nathan and for our blessed Christian family at Mount Olive. Thank you for all of your prayers for Nathan and his family. He continues to improve and we continue to praise God.

James 5:16.

Thank you.

The Wallace Family

Wanderers

On **Thursday, June 9**, depart Mount Olive at 9 AM for Ugly Goat Milk Co., 16420 Cavanaugh Road, Keenseburg. \$15 includes tour, sampling of farmstead cheeses and fudge and transportation – payable on the day of departure. Lunch on your own at Pepper Pod Café in Hudson. 36 “kids” were born in mid-March at the award-winning creamery. Mingle with a menagerie of goats, cows, turkeys, ducks, geese and guinea fowl. Return approximately 2 PM.



A big hello from some of the girls at the Ugly Goat Milk Company!

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



On **Wednesday, July 6**, depart Mount Olive at 10 AM for a guided tour of the Boettcher Mansion in the secluded setting of the Lookout Mountain Native Preservation in Golden. Built in 1917 as a summer home and seasonal hunting lodge for Charles Boettcher, it was donated in the 1970s to Jefferson County for public use and enjoyment. In 1984 the Arts and Crafts estate was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. \$10 includes tour and transportation payable on the day of departure. Lunch on your own in Davie’s Chuck Wagon Diner. Return approximately 2:30 PM.

Future tours

August: Rodeo at Deer Trail

September: Oktoberfest in Parker

October: Lunch and tour at the Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs

November: Musical at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Lakewood

December: The Madden Museum of Art, Greenwood Village

Church Staff

Rev. Robert Harmon, Senior 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.



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

God's Servants

May 1 6th Sunday of Easter	May 8 Ascension	May 15 Pentecost	May 22 Trinity	May 29 2nd after Pentecost
Elders 8:00 10:45 Ed Kilgore	Communion Assistant 8:00 Orville Geisler 10:45 Jim Wert	Ushers 8:00 Kevin Meador, Bud McGee, Andy Jost, Adam Johnston, Noah Johnston 10:45 Bob Gombos, Sandi McCoy, Joe McCoy, Ed Pierce		
Greeters Saturday Marlene Blesch 8:00 Edwina Heiser Bud/Lucille McGee 10:45 Phyllis Eifler	Gayle Miller John/Joanne Petersen Russ/Leone Schonack Ed/Doris Kilgore	Kenneth Schultz Marilyn Eisenach Pat/Nancy Amore Diane Van Stone	Pat Wallingford Adams/Schrandt Edwina Heiser Phyllis Eifler	Tammy Dixon Don/Elaine Berlinski Tom/Jane Fields Ed/Doris Kilgore
Hosts 8:00 Orville Geisler 10:45 Heather Cammack	Tom Fields Claudia Humbargar	Verna Boettcher Doris Kilgore	Jane Dunn JoAnn Stibrich	Bud McGee Stan Humbargar
Welcome Center 8:00 Devonne Domineck 10:45	Virginia Engleman	John Petersen Wanda Johnson	Jane Fields Ed Kilgore	Devonne Domineck Gary Johnson
Organists/Pianists Elmshausen/Cairns	Montross/Buckingham	Eickmann/Buckingham	Karen Montross	Marsha Raebel
Lay Readers 8:00 Kevin Meador 10:45 Phyllis Eifler	Steve Polson Jim Wert	Linda Susak Dorinda Vaughn-Porquis	Don Berlinski Sandi McCoy	Duane Asmus Penni Urbach
Altar Care Linda Huyghebaert Marian Burrell Jane Dunn	Diane Van Stone Zoe Flint Lori Bowers	Jane Dunn Linda Huyghebaert Geri Adams	Nancy McWhirter Michele McKinster Cindy Meador Jane Dunn	Diane Van Stone Zoe Flint Sandra Sall
Acolytes 8:00 Teag Parker Kira Parker 10:45 Chris Bott Dylan Forbord	Alyse Coverly Julia Matney Lauren Emerson Meghan Emerson	Mia Wells Frances Quintana Ashlyn Hawley	Julia Matney Madison Myers Awet Samuel Chris Bott	Alyse Coverly Kira Parker Tanaya Tappe Frances Quintana
Coffee Hour Frank Gates	Bud/Lucille McGee	Frank Gates	Edie Brady	
Assist Pews Jo Natomeli	Devonne Domineck	Devonne Domineck	Darlene Ommen	Darlene Ommen
Bulletin Helpers S. Fabozzi/G/J Kalthoff	Bud/Lucille McGee	Larry/Sheila Auffert	M. Eisenach/D. Donner	D. Grahn/M. Hollman