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Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 11500 E. Iliff Avenue, Aurora, CO 80014 mtoliveluth.org 303.755.9123 Worship services are: Saturday, 5 PM; Sunday, 8 and 10:45 AM

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THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY

JOIN US FOR A JOURNEY THROUGH THE STORY!

The Story is a book of selections from the Bible, arranged chronologically, that reads like a novel. During this unique 31-week experience, every member of the family reads their own version of The Story. Come discover together with us how our story is found in God's story!

Our journey begins **September 13, 2015**at Mount Olive Lutheran
11500 East Iliff Avenue
Aurora, CO 80014

Look for more information in the coming weeks! www.mtoliveluth.org









The Story is for every member of the family!



- Pierce, Arthur/Jennifer Chernet, Robert/Ingrid Taylor, Larry/Connie Forbord, Lubna/Paul
- 4 Geisler, Orville/Betty
- 5 Hixson, Kevin/Melinda Wendell, Ray/Peggy
- 8 Petric, Peter/Cindy Greve, MarkSherri Fields, Tom/Jane
- 9 Derr, Walter/Jean Weber, Kyle/Jennifer Vorbeck, Timothy/Ellen
- 10 Egan, John/Pam
- 11 White, Richard/Elaine
- 12 Dunkel, Michael/Karen
- 13 Borgstede, Robert/Jeanne
- 14 Mc Clain, Mike/Pam
- 15 Becker, Roger/Shirley Coffey, John/Cathy Myers, Tony/Kelly Mc Kelvey, Charles/Christine
- 17 Krueger, Glenn/Christine Van Dyke, Don/Kristine Deden, Michael/LaTisha
- 18 Kilgore, Ed/Doris Kirbach, Heinz/Kathy
- 21 Talamantes, Santiago/Barbara
- 22 Pelepchan, Brian/Kathy Krames, Adriane/Paul
- 23 West, Stacy/Rod
- 24 Neubauer, David/Sarah Belier, John/Rita
- 25 Luedders, Stephen/Mary Clow, Bruce/Stephanie Latimer, David/Ronda Sharpley, Irv/Ruby
- 26 Essig, Leonard/Katherine
- 28 Liss, Leonard/Kathy
- 29 Johnson, Gary/Wanda Smith, Nathan/Claudia Ruesch, Jim/Kathie

- 1 Dreiling, Olivia
- Reisdorff, Nicholas
 Woodcook, Stephanie
 St Martin, Cindy
 Quintana, Frances
- 3 Gleichman, PearlMorse, Paul
- 4 Mc Casland, Diane Kirkeide, Aaron
- 5 Borgstede, Rebekah
- Meador, Cynthia
 Burley, Megan
 Storm, Kaitlyn
 Gee, Isaiah
 Smith, Steven
- Huyghebaert, JamesBellis, IanAndrie, Benjamin
- 8 Auffert, Larry Tae, Hillary
- 9 Fabrizius, Paul Gravning, Dottie DeJong, James Conley, Taylor Samuel, Gideon
- 10 Wallingford, PatriciaDyer, JimFisher, Kristina
- 11 Fabozzi, Shirley York, Judy Ford, Jeff Elmshauser, Matthew Martinez, Iliana
- Jones, KimberlyPolton, RobinJohnston, BrookeJohnston, Janessa
- 14 Latimer, Mike
- 15 Sharpley, Ruby Becker, Roger Kelsey, Jerry Murphy, Cheryl

- Burke, Jenessa Matney, Julia St Martin, Aidan
- 16 King, Jean
 Sande, Lenore
 Schallhorn, Joann
 Greunke, Leo
 Klekamp, David
 Bleeke, Wendy
 Fields, Rachel
 Kendall, Jessica
 Wildermann, Kyle
- 17 Strauch, Don Koschik, Jessica Campbell, Jenny Asmus, Zoe
- 18 Towne, Tim
 Fangmeier, Sherri
 Lish, Barbara
 Halboth, Olivia
- 19 Mc Guire, Matthew Wendell, Bailey Yotter, Isaac
- 21 Hawkins, Hailey Yotter, Anna
- 23 Neubauer, Zachary
- 24 Bryant, Theodore
- 26 Carpenter, JoshuaTessema, EllaSullivan, TimBowers, Alex
- 27 Schliske, Lois Meehan, Jane Abell, Don
- 28 Grunwald, Georgia
- 29 Essig, Leonard
- 29 Johnson, Rebecca Eckles, Katelynn
- 30 Samuel, Zerhanes





- 2 Goggins, Herman/Pam
- 3 Dankenbring, Scott/Kristy Fangmeier, Robert/Sherri
- 4 Stransky, Angela/Jacob Sattler, Lynn/James Abell, Don/Teri
- 5 de la Garza, David/Christie
- 8 Petersen, John/Joanne Pierce, Edwin/Maria Shipman, Wanda/Clif
- 9 Reisdorff, Nicholas/Cynthia
- 10 Polson, Steven/Mary
- 11 Polson, Ben/Jodi
- 12 Wheeler, Mike/Melanie
- 15 Barnard, Matt/Lindy Eckles, Bill/Kimberly
- 16 Thies, Charles/Karen Storm, Alan/Kerry
- 18 Sullivan, Gary/Colleen Rusten, Matt/Amanda
- 21 Asmus, Duane/Diane
- 22 Koschik, Jessica/Michael
- 28 Schallhorn, Robert/Joann Eickmann, Nathan/Marlene
- 29 Dissette, Donna/Ronald
- 31 Gordon, Joshua/Vicki Weldon, James/Dorothy Skov, Fred/Norma Bryant, Theodore/Sharon

- 1 Mc Coy, Ken
 Lauck, Shari
 Maul, Kyle
 Emerson, Lauren
 Emerson, Meghan
- Oppenhuizen, Kaitlin Andrie, Chloe Sheeler, Gealoni
- Woods, RobertBarnard, MattFangmeier, Troy
- Talamantes, Barbara
 Bair, Sandra
 Vande Garde, Sheree
 King, David
- 6 Flores, Jeremiah
- 7 Morse, Beverly Krekow, Rebecca
- 8 Warkentin, Judith Campbell, Chad
- 9 Dreiling, Abigail
- 10 Krekow, Mary Ann Mc Clain, Brian
- 12 Wunschel, Judy Humbargar, Claudia
- 13 DeJong, Sharon Stibrich, JoAnn Fields, Zachary
- 14 Melcher, Kenneth Andrie, Carlen
- 15 Ketchem, Robin
- 16 Luckel, IrisBishop, Cheryl
- 17 Krueger, Christine
- 18 Brooks, Sam
- 19 Krabbenhoft, Mary Lou

- Hixson, Kevin Neubauer, David
- 20 Petersen, John Van Stone, Diane Polson, Steven Holloway, Rylee
- 21 Neitzke, Alan Christ, Andrea
- 23 Humbargar, Stan
 Henninger, Donald
 Warkentin, Michael
 Maul, Christopher
- 24 Downs, Jim Fields, Josh Mc Clain, Megan
- 25 Kalthoff, Jo Walthall, Debbie Boyd, Kevin Cugliat, Bella
- 26 Kala, Dj Barnard, Wade
- 27 Buchner, Adam
- 28 Christ, Edward
 Woodcook, Robert
 Lauck, Sonja
 Yoder, Elizabeth
 Cisneros, Chase
- 29 Gorton, Doug
- 30 Luedders, Stephen Bodemann, Dennis Jost, Neil Ruby, Sierra Goeglein, Miles
- 31 Hansen, Helen Henninger, Jane Petric, Cindy Owen, Lauren







Blood Pressure Check

Saturday, June 20 4:30-6:15 PM

Sunday, June 21 9-11 AM

Saturday, July 18 4:30-6:15 PM

Sunday, July 19 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.







Thank You to the LWML

Thank You ... Thank You. **Bethesda Lutheran Communities** wishes to thank you for the recent LWML donation of personal hygiene products for people receiving services in Colorado. Your generosity netted a trunk load of various products that are always needed. We appreciate you! Find out more about Bethesda on at bethesdalutherancommunities.org. *Connecting People of All Abilities*.





Brian Bechley – US Army
Steven Gerdjikian – US Army
James Stewart – US Army
Shelley Stewart – US Army
CJ Maul – US Army
Matthew Kepler – US Army
Travis Geisler – US Army
Alexander York – USAF

Brandon Ulmer – US Army
Kevin Selander – US Army
Don Mammano – USAF
John Otten – US Army
Austin Norcross – US Army
Tom Sudan – USAF
Katie Hubbard – US Navy
Alex Bowers – US Army

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Summer Music Opportunities

Vocal Choirs

There will be several opportunities for singing in a choir to enhance our worship service this summer. These vocal groups will meet for one rehearsal on Wednesday evening and then sing in services the following Sunday. No singing or choir experience is needed, just come by and join us. Watch the Sunday bulletin for specific dates.



Vocal soloists, small groups, and instrumentalists

Individuals and small groups are encouraged to share their God-given musical talents with the church to lift praises through song. Instrumental and vocal musicians are especially needed to help provide special music for worship services this summer. If you are interested in singing or playing a solo, forming a small musical ensemble, etc. this summer, contact Kim at kmontross@mtoliveluth.org or by calling the Church Office with the dates you are available. Help is also available in finding and selecting music suitable for the worship services.

Mount Olive Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Annual Report

May 31, 2015 Voters' Assembly

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- ⇒ Financial aid for ministry students
- ⇒ Support for community outreach
- ⇒ Aid for national and international missions
- ⇒ Support for unbudgeted Mount Olive projects

Grants of \$5000 were provided during the last year for mission work in South Africa, and Arizona, and tuition support for a pre-ministerial student at Concordia University Nebraska.

The above grants come from interest earned from the base (corpus) of the Fund which amounts to around \$170,000. The corpus may not be used for grants. Money in the Fund is invested by a professional financial manager as directed by the Endowment Fund Committee. Currently the Fund has a total amount of around \$184,000 which fluctuates with the market.

A goal of the Endowment Committee is to increase the corpus and thereby improve the amount of interest available for grants. This will enable the Fund to provide support for additional worthy causes.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND MAY OCCUR THROUGH:

- ♦ Your regular giving to the Fund
- Memorials in honor of loved ones
- ♦ Will bequests
- ♦ A life insurance beneficiary
- ♦ "Thrivent Choice Dollars"
- ♦ Life Estates or Charitable Annuities or Trusts
- ♦ Stocks and Bonds



In worship this week-end we focused on the Holy Trinity - God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As we closed our worship we sang:

Alleluia! Let praises ring!
Unto our triune God we sing;
Blest be His name forever! . . .
Singing, ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy;
Spread the story
Of our God, the Lord of glory!

We pray that through the love and generosity of the people of Mount Olive the Endowment Fund will grow by the grace of the Holy Trinity so that we will be able to *Spread the story Of our God, the Lord of glory!*

Look for updates of the Fund on the hallway bulletin board, at the ARK, and on the Mount Olive web site.

In Jesus' Name.

The Endowment Committee: Orville Geisler, Kristin Neuharth, Kathy Pelepchan, Brian Pelepchan (Secretary), Kevin Meador (Treasurer), Don Berlinski (Chairperson)







This summer our Sunday School children will be going on a Thailand Trek! This is a Cross Cultural VBS program where kids discover how God loves the world. We have adapted this program to fit into our Sunday School hour. Our children will be experiencing VBS fun all summer long! They will learn new celebration music, enjoy Bible adventures, play Thai games, eat Thai treats, and experience things that kids in Thailand do everyday. Our offering each week will be used to spread God's Word to Kids in Thailand through Operation Kid to Kid.

Thailand Trek Summer Sunday School Registration Form

T-shirt, CD, and DVD Order (optional)

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|------|----------|------|---|
| | Thailand | Trek | T |

Thailand Trek T-shirt (\$5.00)
___(2-4)__(6-8)__(10-12)__(14-16)__Adult Small

___Thailand Trek CD (\$7.00)

____Thailand Trek T-shirt (\$16.00)





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.



Becky Schutt (pronounced "shoot"), will be inducted as our DCE Intern for Youth & Family Ministry on June 14.

Gift Card Shower

Bring a gift card and welcome Becky to our ministry!

Junior and Senior Youth
Welcome Party for Becky on June
14 at 6:00 PM

COMING EVENTS

JUNE

- 1-4 1:00-9:00 PM Haul, sort and mark items for sale
- 5-6 6:00 AM-5:00 PM Mount Olive Youth Ministry Community Garage Sale
- 7 9:30 AM REELTIME and JOURNEY

 First Summer combined class
 5:00 PM COLLIDE Orientation #1

 14 9:30 AM REELTIME and JOURNEY

 Installation of Becky Schutt,
 DCE Intern for Youth & Family
 Ministry
- 5:00 PM *COLLIDE* Orientation #2
 (Parents Attend too please)
 6:00 PM Junior & Senior Youth
 Welcome Party for Becky
 18-20 *COLLIDE* In Ft. Collins
- (District Youth Gathering)
 21 9:30 AM REELTIME and JOURNEY
 22-26 Vacation Bible School
- 28 9:30 AM REELTIME and JOURNEY 6:00 PM IMPACT

JULY

12 10:45 AM Information and Early Registration Meeting for parents and students for 2016 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans

NEW YOUTH MINISTRY INFORMATION SITE FOR PARENTS!

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

Medical and Event
Participation Forms
Articles and Information
Downloadable Calendar

Welcome 2015 Confirmands—see Page 10 for a list of this year's class.



From July 16-20, 2016, thousands of Lutheran Christian students and leaders will gather in New Orleans for a national youth gathering. Held every three years since 1980, the LCMS Youth Gathering provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity.

During the five days of the Gathering, youth spend time together in God's word, worship, service and fellowship with others from across the synod. This event is organized by LCMS Youth Ministry in Saint Louis, MO.

Beginning with the orientation meeting on July 12, we'll be working with families of students so they can attend this fantastic event. The gathering theme is based upon Philippians 1:3-5:

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.

Please start making plans now so these dates work and you can go!

24/7 Member Information Access

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

Once registered, you can:

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

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

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

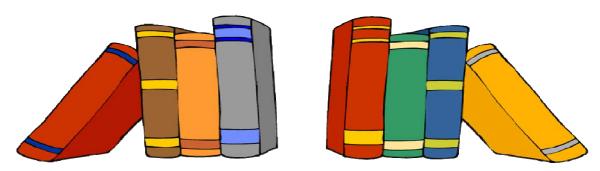
Member Sign-In

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

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

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

| Church Income | YTD Actual | YTD Budget | Variance |
|--------------------|------------|------------|----------|
| Regular Offerings | 678,711 | 727,181 | (48,470) |
| Other Income | 16,461 | 13,730 | 2,731 |
| Total Income | 695,172 | 740,911 | (45,739) |
| Church Expenses | | | |
| Personnel/Benefits | 421,278 | 438,979 | (17,701) |
| Programs | 103,482 | 129,253 | (25,771) |
| Administrative | 30,919 | 32,268 | (1,349) |
| Properties | 114,979 | 115,112 | (133) |
| Total Expenses | 670,658 | 715,612 | (44,954) |
| Net Church Income | 24,514 | 25,299 | (785) |
| | | | |
| ECEC Income | | | |
| Tuition | 149,770 | 194,330 | (44,560) |
| Personnel/Benefits | 127,914 | 149,591 | (21,677) |
| Administration | 1,353 | 3,150 | (1,797) |
| Instructional | 7,426 | 22,182 | (14,756) |
| Total Expenses | 136,693 | 174,923 | (38,230) |
| Net ECEC Income | 13,077 | 19,407 | (6,330) |



Mount Olive Book Club Book Pick Party

Wednesday, June 24, 5:30 PM at the home of Liz Rehwalt

Bring a Salad or Dessert and Book Suggestions

RSVP by June 17 to Jennifer Klekamp at djcjklekamp@msn.com

For more information/directions, please call the Church Office, 303.755.9123.

Wanderers



On **Tuesday, June 30,** visit the Front Range Airport at Watkins with the Wanderers. Learn of its economic impact, businesses operating there, and its consideration as Spaceport Colorado. Lunch at Aviators Bar and Grill in the terminal. Depart Mount Olive at 9:15 AM and return approximately 1:30 PM. Cost is \$5. After lunch we'll drive on 56th Avenue for an unusual view of what one writer calls "the architectural disaster that is DIA's new hotel." "It has ruined our view of the airport. This "pirate ship" has run aground and plundered the future of DIA's vista and vision" wrote Carol Eyerman in a letter to the editor of the Denver Post on March 15, 2015.

On **Friday, July 31**, the Wanderers journey to Harvard Gulch Park to learn the history of the park and CSU history plus a garden tour with Denver County Extension Director Rusty Collins as our guide. See a test garden that yielded 1000 pounds of produce last year. Learn how this orphanage became the offices for Denver County Extension Service at 888 lliff Avenue. A question and answer session follows the presentation. Lunch at Piccolo's, 3563 S. Monaco. Depart Mount Olive at 8:45 AM and return about 1:30 PM. Cost is \$20 payable on the day of the tour includes buffet lunch, tour and transportation.

Sign up at the ARK for all tours!

Mount Olive Family News

We welcome:

Richard Courtney

We say goodbye to:

Sharon Meier
Joe/Katherine Mouton

Junior Confirmands

Josiah Borgstede Ryan Carbaugh Jeff Matney Gil Tappe Katie West

Baptism

James Patrick Sowl

Deaths

50th Anniversary Outreach Project

As part of our celebration, we wanted to share the blessings that God has given to us with others. We selected three organizations to which funds raised would be distributed and our results are in. Thanks to the many donations received during this time, we are pleased to announce that Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, K-9 Comfort Dogs and Holy Hammers for Habitat, will each received a \$1,000 donation!



All this was made possible through the generous gifts of many and it serves as a reflection of Christ's light in the world. Thank you again to all who helped make this possible!

To God be the Glory

Church Staff

Rev. Michael Borgstede, Associate Pastor
Robin Kurth, Director of Child and Family Ministry
John Elmshauser, Director of Youth 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.

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

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| June 7 Second after Pentecost | June 14 Third after Pentecost | June 21 Fourth after Pentecost | June 28 Fifth after Pentecost |
| Lessons Genesis 3:8–15 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1 Mark 3:20–35 | Ezekiel 17:22–24 2 Corinthians 5:1–10 Mark 4:26–34 | Job 38:1-11 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41 | Lamentations 3:22–33 2 Corinthians 8:1–9, 13–15 Mark 5:21–43 |
| Elders Saturday Howell Parker 8:00 David Klekamp 10:45 Ed Kilgore | Ed Kilgore | Stan McKinster | Stan McKinster |
| Communion Assistants 8:00 John Elmshauser 10:45 Bob Gombos | | | |
| Greeters | | | |
| Saturday Darlene Ommen 8:00 | Sy Harjes | Marlene Blesch | Kenneth Schultz |
| Bud/Lucille McGee Pat/Nancy Amore 10:45 | Stan/Claudia Humbargar | Marilyn Eisenach Kaye Cairns | Sylvia Zwingelberg Don/Elaine Berlinski |
| Diane Van Stone | Elaine Steffen | Tammy Dixon | Lois Gottberg Austin Talmage |
| Organists Karen Montross | Diane Asmus | Marsha Raebel | Mark Elmshauser |
| Lay Readers | | | |
| 8:00 Kim Montross 10:45 | Wendy Bleeke | Robert Borgstede | Heather Cammack |
| Janet Buckingham | Sandra Sall | Jim Wert | Sandi McCoy |
| Ushers 8:00 Ed Christ, Roy Sande, 10:45 Steve Polson, Danita | | | |
| Altar Care | | | |
| Sue Shellenberger Cindy Meador | Danita Myers Diane Van Stone | Marian Burrell Michele McKinster | Mary Frevert Zoe Flint |
| Jane Dunn | Pearl Gleichman | Kathy Bodemann | Sandra Sall |
| Assist Pews Jo Natomeli | Robert/Jeanne Borgstede | Devonne Domineck | Darlene Ommen |
| Bulletin Helpers Fabozzi/Kalthoff | Bud/Lucille McGee | Larry/Sheila Auffert | Eisenach/Donner/Heiser |