

**MOUNT
OLIVET** | LUTHERAN
CHURCH OF
PLYMOUTH

finding our place in God's unfolding story...

Welcome! If you are a guest this morning, please stop by the Welcome Counter to receive a gift.

For more information about Mount Olivet, please call 763-559-2775 or visit our website: <http://moply.org>.

THE LITTLE BLESSINGS NURSERY

is open on the garden level and available during the 9:45 a.m. worship service. Also, the Family Worship area at the back of the Worship Center is available for parents with young children.

Age-appropriate worship bulletins

are available for children ages three to 12. Find them on the "Busy Bag Tree" in the Welcome Center, to the left of the main entrance to the Worship Center.

Coffee and doughnuts are being served in Fellowship Hall today between services. All are welcome.

FOR PASTORAL CARE

When the office is closed and assistance is needed due to a crisis or emergency, please call Pastor John, Pastor Beth, or Kirsten Kessel, DM at home:

John Strommen, Senior Pastor	763-540-9427
Beth Horsch, Pastor of Faith Formation	763-208-0380
Kirsten Kessel, Diaconal Minister	763-476-6466

COUNSELING SERVICES

Counseling services are available through Peg Roberts, LMFT at Ridgedale Center for Counseling. Call 952-546-5565 to schedule an appointment.

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THIS WEEK

A weekly publication of Mount Olivet Lutheran Church
Week of October 23-30, 2011

All Saints Service in the Chapel Sunday, November 6 7:00 p.m.

Please come for a special service of healing and remembering as we celebrate All Saints Day. A bell will be rung and a candle lit for the special people in our lives who have died this past year. The Chancel Choir will sing and there will be quiet time for personal prayers.

If you would like to have your loved one included in this remembrance, please put their name on the list at the Welcome Counter or call the church office. Contact Pastor Beth for more information.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Confirmation Faith Projects

Be sure to stop by the Fireside Room next Sunday between services. Tenth grade confirmands will be displaying their faith projects and would love to tell you about them!



Concert Series Kick-Off Friday, November 4 CD Release Party: *Get on Board*

The result of many months of preparation, the MO Music Department is pleased to present this CD featuring MO Gathering musicians. Be sure to reserve

your spot by signing up at the Welcome Counter or going to our website: <http://moply.org>. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Doors open at 7 and the music begins at 8:00 p.m. The concerts feature delicious desserts in addition to Fair-Trade coffee, tea and cocoa. As always, profits go to support programs that work to alleviate world hunger.

New Member Class Sunday, November 6

Meet from 4 - 6:00 p.m. to learn more about MO staff and programs, participating in this faith community as well as getting to know others who might be new to MO. Dinner will be served, so please let Jennifer Piper know you are interested in attending by October 23. Contact Jen at 763-509-9405 or jpiper@moply.org.

2012 Offering Envelopes

2012 offering envelope boxes will be assigned in November, so please contact Rindee if:

- You do not have envelopes for 2011 but would like them for 2012.
- You are currently assigned a box for 2011, but no longer wish to be assigned a box for 2012.

FYI: Those who use Simply Giving are not assigned envelope boxes. Contact Rindee Erdmann at 763-509-9401 or rerdmann@moply.org.

YOU CAN HELP

Help is needed to hem the backing fabric for baptismal banners. If you have a sewing machine and would like to help, please contact Emily at edalen@moply.org or 763-509-9411.

Give Blood - Give Life

Did you know that only 38% of the population is able to donate blood, and of that group, only 10% actually do? The Memorial Blood Centers around the metro are always in need of blood - especially around the upcoming holidays and in the summer. If you are one of the 38%, please consider doing so as soon as possible. Contact: the Memorial Blood Center in Plymouth at 763-550-9011.

Parkside Fire Victim lost everything and needs: living room furniture, lamps, etc. If you have gently used or new items to donate, please contact Kirsten Kessel at kkessel@moply.org.

COATS/WINTER CLOTHING are needed for refugees new to Minnesota. The Minnesota Council of Churches will be holding a large coat give-away in October for new refugee arrivals. Coats are needed for children and adults in all sizes. Also needed are snowpants, boots, hats, scarves and mittens. Please bring gently used or new items to the collection bin outside the church office labeled "Refugee Coat Drive." Thanks to Barb Olson for coordinating this.

Mount Olivet CLC needs help on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in the infant room from noon until 2 p.m. If you could help on a regular basis, please contact CLC Director Roz Zuest at rzuest@moply.org or 763-559-3036. ALSO, help is needed from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the PreK room so the PreK teacher can have a lunch break. Thanks for your consideration!

PRISM is in desperate need of non-perishable food (pasta, rice, beans, canned meat, soup) to fill the food shelf. They have never been so low on food and the need has never been greater. PLEASE bring in whatever you can to help fill the need. Thanks!

GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP

If you ordered a *God is in All of It* t-shirt, PLEASE PICK IT UP ASAP! All t-shirts have been tie-dyed, rinsed, and washed (thank a staff member!), and can be found at the Welcome Counter. Your \$5 donation to cover the cost can be left at the Counter, also. Thanks!

October is National Church Library Month

Be sure to stop by the Mount Olivet library - there are many items for children, teens and adults. Check items out by filling out the card on the item and leaving it in the small box on the desk. There are always new items—so check in often!

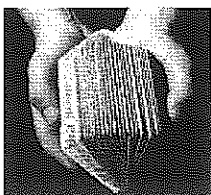
Global Companion Table Celebration

Thursday, November 3, from 6-8:00 p.m. at House of Prayer Lutheran Church in Richfield. Mount Olivet is part of the *Tanzania Cluster*. Come and meet others, enjoy a meal together and learn about the accompaniment model of partnering. Contact Kirsten if you are interested in attending. This event is free and open to all Minneapolis Area Synod congregations.

West Suburban Grief Coalition will meet at St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church through November. Meetings are held every Thursday at 4:30 p.m., with registration and refreshments beginning at 4 p.m. St. Philip the Deacon is located at 17205 County Road 6 in Plymouth. Call 763-475-7126 for directions.

Sorry for the Inconvenience!

If you have looked for the *Picture Directory* on our new website, it is not operational yet. We are working on this and will get it up and running ASAP. In the meantime, PLEASE consider getting your family photo taken! It would be great to have EVERYONE participate. Putting faces to names is really helpful in creating and cultivating the sense of community at Mount Olivet. MO member and professional portrait photographer, Sarah Leschinsky, will take your photo AT NO CHARGE AND WITH NO OBLIGATION! The next photo session is scheduled for Sunday, November 6 from 9:30-11 a.m. Please sign up at the Welcome Counter. Otherwise, please feel free to submit a family photo to Joy Miller at jmiller@moply.org.



Unfolding the Story

Sunday Education Sessions

At 9:45 a.m. in the Conference Room. Doctoral candidate Pastor Erick Thompson will lead the discussion today.

taking questions

wednesdays @ mount olivet

How does Jesus call us to relate to non-Christians?

WHY INTERFAITH DIALOGUE MATTERS

This year we will explore the single theme of how to regard those of different faiths. Each month, we will consider a different faith tradition, usually with a guest presenter who practices that faith. We will devote our time to learning more about that particular belief system, spend some time dialoging with our guest about points of convergence and divergence in our respective traditions, then take some “in house” time on the final Wednesday of each month to process what we’ve learned.

Interspersed with our conversations with other faith traditions will be a monthly study of Brian McLaren’s book, *A New Kind of Christianity*. This book will help us in our understanding of our own faith tradition as we consider others. This reflection time will be led by Pastor John on the first Wednesday of each month

October	JUDAISM
26	Pastor John leads debriefing
November	ATHEISM
2	Book study on Part II of <i>A New Kind of Christianity</i> , pages 67-89.
9 & 16	Pastor & Doctoral student Erick Thompson
23	Thanksgiving Eve—no class
30	Pastor John leads debrief
December	ISLAM

No fee will be charged for **taking questions** this year. These sessions are open to all and a free-will donation will be taken to cover the costs. Sessions meet every Wednesday from 6:50-8:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Contact Joy Miller at jmiller@moply.org or 763-509-9407 for more information.

A New Kind of Christianity books are still available! Contact Joy Miller if you would like to purchase one (\$10).

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Use the white pew card or call the church office (763-559-2775) to let us know of concerns you would like on the Prayer List. Confidential concerns will never appear on this list.

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- Noah Zuest, nine-year-old son of Roz and Dane, who will be having eye surgery in December. Pray for God's comfort and peace as they go through this distressing time.
- Judy Johnson, a friend of Mount Olivet, who continues her battle with cancer. Pray that God's presence will continue to light her way.
- Tiger Luchsinger, who has been having cardiac tests. Pray for good results.
- Merle Moebus, who is recovering and has moved to Northridge for rehab. Pray for continued healing, renewed strength and comfort.
- God's healing presence, comfort and peace for Merv Hanson, brother-in-law of Marlene Hill. Merv is starting a second round of chemo to strat stage 4 pancreatic cancer.
- Molly Parker, who had surgery on October 18, and will be in the hospital for 10 days. Pray for comfort, peace and patience for Molly and her family.
- Stephanie Madson, diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma and who began chemotherapy on September 2. Pray for healing, comfort and peace for Stephanie, her husband Josh, family and friends.
- Rich Ambrookian, recovering at home. Pray for strength, comfort and continued progress.
- Ron Dickmeyer, recuperating from a bone marrow transplant. Pray for continued healing and strength.
- Craig Sunde's brother, Don. Pray that his life will be transformed through a time of awareness, learning, care and hard work.

PRAY FOR MOUNT OLIVET MEMBERS IN CARE CENTERS:

Don Elstad Janet Ontko

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY:

- Joseph Rodriguez, Mitch & Rose Wadman's nephew, on his second tour in Afghanistan.
- Logan Tyler, John & Nancy Darnall's nephew, serving in Afghanistan.
- Neil G. Broman, USMC, stationed in CA.
- Jason Schmid, in Special Forces training.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, October 23

8:30, 9:45, 11:00 a.m. Worship & Communion (WC)
Nursery care is available for children ages birth to two years during the 9:45 a.m. worship service.
 9:45 a.m. NO Bible Explorers
 9:45 a.m. Adult Education Forum (265)
 3:00 p.m. Christmas Play Rehearsal (CM150)
 6:00 p.m. NO *The Deck*

MONDAY, October 24

6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study (265)
 6:00 p.m. Westridge Homeowners Assn (Fireside)

TUESDAY, October 25

6:30 p.m. 4H (CM150)
 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (CM140)
 7:00 p.m. KWR Quilters (265)

WEDNESDAY, October 26

5:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal: Jet's Pizza (FH)
 6:00 p.m. Worship (WC)
 6:15 p.m. Children's Choir
 6:50 p.m. BE
 6:50 p.m. "Trick-Can-Treat" (off-site)
 6:50 p.m. Taking Questions: Judaism debrief
 7:00 p.m. Middle School Events Committee (FH)

THURSDAY, October 27

12:00 p.m. OWLs Luncheon (Fireside)
 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
 7:00 p.m. Christian Yoga (CM140)
 7:30 p.m. Gathering Rehearsal (WC)

FRIDAY, October 28

10:00 a.m. Scrapbookers (265)

SATURDAY, October 29

7:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study (283)
 8:00 a.m. Scrapbookers (265)
 8:00 a.m. Stamping Group (Fireside)
 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Brunch & Pictures (FH, WC)
 10:00 a.m. PWP Bible Study (CM140, CM150, CM170)

SUNDAY, October 30 CONFIRMATION/REFORMATION

8:30, 9:45, 11:00 a.m. Worship (WC)
Nursery care is available for children ages birth to two years during the 9:45 a.m. worship service.
 9:45 a.m. Bible Explorers
 9:45 a.m. Adult Education (265)
 11:00 a.m. Christmas Play Rehearsal (CM150)
 12:30 p.m. COSAD (254)
 1:00 p.m. Rehearsal (WC)
 6:00 p.m. *The Deck* (Youth Room)