

**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 served in the Fireside Room 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 2-8, 2011

Blessing of the Animals Today

6 p.m. outside
(the south end of the church building where outdoor worship is held in the summer).

All pets are welcome -
dogs, cats, rats, guinea pigs, birds, rabbits,
gerbils, hamsters, snakes, lizards, turtles -
whatever! Favorite stuffed friends, too!

Bring friends and neighbors -
Mount Olivet's Children's Choir will sing—
People and pet treats will follow the service!

363.org Sandwich Making Event

Sunday, October 9 All morning!
See inside for details!

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVET

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

God is in All of It t-shirt tie-dye sessions TODAY and Wednesday, October 5. Please plan to attend if you have ordered a t-shirt. **THESE ARE THE ONLY TIE-DYE SESSIONS** we will have! Today we will tie-dye by Door C from 9:30—11:00 a.m. and Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. outside Door B.

Third Graders and Parents are invited to a special Bible Milestone class on Wednesday, October 5 at 6:50 p.m. **This class will NOT be offered on Sunday** - Sunday students should plan to attend on Wednesday, so all third graders and their parents can learn together. We will mark the gift of a new Bible and learn how to use it. Parents, please pick up a Bible from Emily as soon as possible.

363.org Sandwich making event Sunday, October 9
Stop in Fellowship Hall between services to make sandwiches for homeless people in the Twin Cities. *Our goal is 1000 sandwiches!* Your donation of \$5 pays for about 10 sandwiches. 363.org is an organization committed to providing food to the homeless the REST of the year—every day OTHER than Thanksgiving or Christmas. Over 2000 sandwiches are delivered daily to local homeless shelters as well as people who live completely out-of-doors. Go to 363.org for more info.

YOU CAN HELP

Parkside Fire Victim lost everything and needs: cookware, flatware, dishes, drinkware, towels, queen size bedding and blanket, dresser, kitchen table and chairs, 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.

Bible Explorers need a storyteller for Sundays and Wednesdays. Please contact Emily or Summer.

Become a taste tester and earn money for yourself and Mount Olivet! There is a bonus program for new testers this fall—sign up online and the first time you participate in a taste test Mount Olivet will receive \$20 instead of the normal \$10. To sign up, go to www.fpitesters.com. For more information, contact Rindee at 763-509-9401 or rerdmann@moply.org.

AUGUST STEWARDSHIP REPORT

	Actual 2011	Budget 2011	Better/(poorer) Vs Budget	Actual 2010
Contributions	\$ 729,036	\$ 710,700	\$ 18,336	\$ 699,221
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 58,150	\$ 10,735	\$ 47,415	\$ 16,548

AVERAGE WEEKLY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

August	405	394
YTD	509	478

STEWARDSHIP: Giving through August 2011

Contributions are \$28,336 Over budget through August, with average weekly worship service attendance running 6.4% over last year. Thank you for staying current on your financial support throughout the summer months!

Net expenses are \$29,000 under budget through August, with over \$17,000 of that due to payroll/benefit savings from open positions earlier in the year. The remainder is due to timing of actual expenses versus budget, which will reverse in the coming months.

Almost 49% of our giving through August came via Simply Giving, an automatic giving program available to all in our congregation. Please consider using this program in order to keep our giving consistent throughout the year. If you have questions about Simply Giving, please contact Director of Finance Rindee Erdmann at 763-509-9401 or rerdmann@moply.org. You can also sign up online using the "Give Now" link on our website at <http://moply.org>. (Please be aware that credit card fees reduce the amount we receive, so please consider using a checking or savings account

GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP

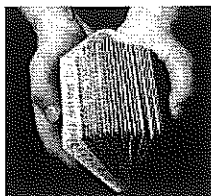
Christmas Play Auditions for children in Kindergarten through Grade 6 will be held today (2-5 p.m.) October 5 (5:30-6 p.m.), Oct 9 (2-5 p.m.), Oct 12 (5:30-6 p.m.). Contact Sara Hoerr at shoerr@moply.org if you can't make any of these times and for more information.

Join the Mount Olivet Brew Crew

Do you like to brew your own beer or make your own wine? Would you like to learn how? Join in the tradition of Martin and Katie Luther and attend the fall kick-off meeting **TODAY** at 1:00 p.m. This year we will plan to meet the first and third Sundays of each month. The first Sundays will feature an outside speaker or a Brew Crew member highlighting a special recipe or technique. The third Sunday we will bottle what we brewed, and offer an opportunity for those who don't have equipment to brew a personal batch. Led by experienced brewmaster Eric Hansen and not-quite-as-experienced-but-very-able-assistant Kevin Miller, on October 2 we'll brew a batch of the ever popular Trappist Ale, Eric will demonstrate his recipe for pumpkin beer, and everyone will have an opportunity to view the calendar of topics and field trips. (Oktoberfest at Gasthof, anyone?) Meet at Paul and Gail Nelson's home—call 763-550-1858 for directions. Also, bring a snack to share. For more information, contact Eric at nodakeric@aol.com or Kevin at Kevin.miller11@comcast.net.

**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, October 16 and 23. October 9 speaker TBD. Plan to attend to learn more about each Sunday's Old Testament scripture.



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.

Christian Yoga has begun a new session on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in CM140. The classes include prayer, scripture, breath, hatha yoga postures and meditation, taught by Yahweh Yoga trained instructor, Julie Thour. Cost is \$50—bring a yoga mat and water. Contact Julie at rjthour@gmail.com or 763-557-0269.

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
5	Book study on the first section of <i>A New Kind of Christianity</i> , pages 1-66.
12 & 19	Rabbi Barry Cytron
26	Pastor John leads debriefing
November	ATHEISM
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.



to this community! **\$3,307** was raised during last Sunday's Make a Difference (MaD) Fund Breakfast Fundraiser. Thanks to those who contributed!

Special thanks to the Men's Bible Study Groups who provided, prepared and served all the food!

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVET

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:

- The family of Bill Johnson, Shirley Kehrberg's nephew and Mary McKoskey's cousin, who passed away suddenly from a massive heart attack.
- Ken, Marilyn & Elizabeth Zieska as they grieve the death of Ken's father, Ken, on September 21. Pray for comfort and peace for the entire family.
- Ed, Connie & Molly Parker. Molly is facing surgery in October and a 10-day hospital stay. Pray for comfort, peace and patience for all.
- Doug Meythaler's mother Vicky, recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- Karen Anderson's cousin Susie Olson, having extensive surgery to prevent further colon cancer.
- Scott & Nikki Fielder. Scott is currently hospitalized with severe pain and bruising and the doctors have been unable to diagnose what is going on. Pray that the doctors will be able to determine a cause and find effective treatment.
- The family of Colleen Rossmann, who died on September 14 after a short battle with leukemia.
- Rolf Sponheim, friend of Lori Schwartz, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and undergoing chemotherapy for a miracle healing. Pray also for Rolf's wife and children.
- 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:

- 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 2

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. Bible Explorers
9:45 a.m. Adult Education Forum (265)
6:00 p.m. *The Deck* (Youth Room)
6:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals

MONDAY, October 3

6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study (265)

TUESDAY, October 4

6:30 p.m. 4H (265)
6:30 p.m. Knit/crochet Group (283)
6:30 p.m. 4H (CM150)
7:00 p.m. Dessert Meeting (Fireside)

WEDNESDAY, October 5

5:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal: Jet's Pizza (FH)
5:30 P.M. Tie-dye t-shirts (Door B)
6:00 p.m. Worship (WC)
6:15 p.m. Children's Choir (272)
6:50 p.m. BE, Club 56, Confirmation
6:50 p.m. Milestone Class: Grade 3 and parents
6:50 p.m. Taking Questions: *A New Kind of Christianity* book study, Part I—pages 1-66 (265)
8:00 p.m. 10th Grade Confirmation (Fireside)

THURSDAY, October 6

6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (WC)
7:00 p.m. Christian Yoga (CM140)
7:30 p.m. Gathering Rehearsal (WC)

FRIDAY, October 7

5:00 p.m. Wickham/Murr Rehearsal (WC)

SATURDAY, October 8

7:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study (283)
8:00 a.m. Church Innovations (265)
4:00 p.m. Wickham/Murr Wedding (WC)

SUNDAY, October 9 MILESTONE

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. Bible Explorers
9:45 a.m. Faith on the Fly (CM150)
9:45 a.m. Adult Education (265)
1:00 p.m. Rehearsal (WC)
6:00 p.m. *The Deck* (Youth Room)