

**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

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## 363.org Sandwich Making Event TODAY

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 information.

## Congratulations to these Third Graders receiving their Bibles:

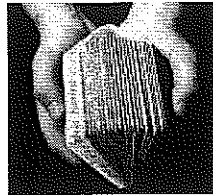
Kaleb Champion	Sonja Coomes
Ethan Elias	Natalie Harms
Henry Hofstad	Isabella Jacobson
Ella Jaeger	Jordyn Lamker
Simone Lundquist	Evan Nash
Liam Noble	Morgan Opp
Marta Pendergast	Lucy Polzin
Megan Potvin	Josh Qualen
Carter Schoenberg	Spencer Sobiech
Joshua Titus	Jack Tuchtenhagen
Vincent Van Hatten	Megan Welk
Thomas Worrell	

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**Christmas Play Auditions** for children in Kindergarten through Grade 6 will be held today from 2-5 p.m. and Wednesday, October 12 from 5 - 6 p.m. Contact Sarah Hoerr at shoerr@moply.org if you can't make any of these times and for more information.

**Unfolding the Story  
Sunday Education Sessions**

At 9:45 a.m. in the Conference Room. Pastor Norm and Barb Olson will show and discuss the CBS News documentary they were featured in: *Refugee Resettlement: Faith Communities Making a Difference*. Doctoral candidate Pastor Erick Thompson will lead the discussion October 16 and 23 on the scripture for those Sundays.



**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!

**If you ordered a *God is in All of It* t-shirt**, but didn't get here to tie-dye: all t-shirts have been tie-dyed but YOU need to pick yours up and rinse, repeat and wash! The t-shirts can be found in Ziploc bags at the Welcome Counter. Your \$5 donation to cover the cost can be left at the Counter, also. Thanks!

**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.

**Many thanks** to all who contributed - and to the Men's Bible Studies who provided, prepared and served the delicious breakfast for the MaD fundraiser. \$3307 was collected to help those in need in our community! An amazing and awesome effort!

**YOU CAN HELP**

**Trinity Supper Wednesday, October 19  
Cooks and servers needed!**

Mount Olivet prepares the meal and brings it to Trinity to serve the Cedar-Riverside Community by 6:00 p.m. Servers are generally done by 7:30 p.m. This is a great family, small group/CASY group service project! Contact Kirsten Kessel (kkessel@moply.org or 763-509-9423) for more information.

**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.

**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](http://www.fpitesters.com). For more information, contact Rindee at 763-509-9401 or rerdmann@moply.org.

**You CAN HELP, continued**

**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**

**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.

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

<b>October</b>	<b>JUDAISM</b>
<b>12 &amp; 19</b>	Rabbi Barry Cytron
<b>26</b>	Pastor John leads debriefing
<b>November</b>	<b>ATHEISM</b>
<b>2</b>	Book study on Part II of <i>A New Kind of Christianity</i> , pages 67-89.
<b>9 &amp; 16</b>	Pastor & Doctoral student Erick Thompson
<b>23</b>	Thanksgiving Eve—no class
<b>30</b>	Pastor John leads debrief
<b>December</b>	<b>ISLAM</b>

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).

## 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:

- Merle Moebus, who continues to be hospitalized for complications from surgery. He hopes to be moved soon to Northridge for rehab.
- 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.
- Becky, Dan & Erin Koller grieving the death of Becky's mom, Dorothy Erickson.
- The family of Bill Johnson, Shirley Kehrberg's nephew and Mary McKoskey's cousin, who passed away suddenly from a massive heart attack.
- Ed, Connie & Molly Parker. Molly is facing surgery in October and a 10-day hospital stay. Pray for comfort, peace and patience for all.
- 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.
- 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.

#### PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

...for Anna Colleen Donohoo, born October 1 to Matt & Angie Donohoo. Angie is one of the MOCLC teachers.

#### 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 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.**  
9:30 a.m. 363.org Sandwich Making (FH)  
9:45 a.m. Bible Explorers  
9:45 a.m. *Faith on the Fly* (CM150)  
9:45 a.m. Adult Education Forum (265)  
1:00 p.m. Rehearsal (WC)  
6:00 p.m. *The Deck* (Youth Room)
- MONDAY, October 10**  
6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study (265)  
5:30 p.m. CLC Staff (CM140)  
6:30 p.m. RCC (265)  
7:00 p.m. Pleasant Hills Homeowners Assn (Fireside)
- TUESDAY, October 11**  
6:30 p.m. 4H (CM150)  
7:00 p.m. Church Council (265)
- WEDNESDAY, October 12** MILESTONE  
5:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal: Subway (FH)  
5:00 p.m. Christmas Play Auditions (283)  
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. *Faith on the Fly* (CM150)  
6:50 p.m. Taking Questions: Rabbi Barry Cytron
- THURSDAY, October 13**  
6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (WC)  
7:00 p.m. Christian Yoga (CM140)  
7:00 p.m. Dessert Meeting (Fireside)  
7:30 p.m. Gathering Rehearsal (WC)
- FRIDAY, October 14**  
7:00 p.m. Faith & Life Lecture (off-site)
- SATURDAY, October 15**  
7:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study (283)
- SUNDAY, October 16**  
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)  
3:00 p.m. Christmas Play Rehearsal (CM150)  
6:00 p.m. *The Deck* (Youth Room)