

**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 16 - 22, 2011

## THANK YOU, MOUNT OLIVET

**Last Sunday's  
363.org Sandwich Making Event  
was a great success!  
1000 sandwiches were made  
and \$477 donated to help cover  
the cost of the sandwich fixings.**

**Thanks also to Joni & Steve Marti  
for taking charge of the  
sandwich making!**

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**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.



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

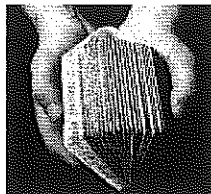
The result of many months of preparation, the MO Music Department is pleased to present this CD featuring MO Gathering musicians. Be sure to reserve your spot by signing up at the Welcome Counter or

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.

**Unfolding the Story**

**Sunday Education Sessions**

At 9:45 a.m. in the Conference Room. Doctoral candidate Pastor Erick Thompson will lead the discussion October 16 and 23 on the scripture for those Sundays.



**Naomi Circle** will meet at Phyllis Hurley's home on Monday, October 17 at 7:00 p.m. for fellowship and book study of *Images of Christ*. New members are always welcome—Naomi Circle meets the third Monday of every month. Contact Judy Sterud (763-546-7299) for more information and Phyllis (763-550-1909) for directions.

**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](mailto:jpiper@moply.org).

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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!

**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](mailto: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>
19	Rabbi Barry Cytron
26	Pastor John leads debriefing
<b>November</b>	<b>ATHEISM</b>
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
<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](mailto: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:

- 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.
- Ed, Connie & Molly Parker. Molly will have surgery on October 18, and be in the hospital for 10 days. Pray for comfort, peace and patience for all.
- Scott & Nikki Fielder. Pray that Scott's doctors will be able to determine a cause for his health issues 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 the three children being baptized today.

#### 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 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.**

9:30 a.m. 363.org Sandwich Making (FH)

9:45 a.m. Bible Explorers

9:45 a.m. Adult Education Forum (265)

3:00 p.m. Christmas Play Rehearsal (CM150)

6:00 p.m. *The Deck* (Youth Room)

#### MONDAY, October 17

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

6:45 p.m. 4H (FH)

7:00 p.m. Reading Circle (Fireside)

#### TUESDAY, October 18

6:30 p.m. 4H (CM150)

6:30 p.m. Knit/crochet Group (283)

#### WEDNESDAY, October 19

5:00 p.m. NO Fellowship Meal

6:00 p.m. Worship (WC)

6:15 p.m. NO Children's Choir

6:50 p.m. NO BE, Club 56, Confirmation

6:50 p.m. Taking Questions: Rabbi Barry Cytron

#### THURSDAY, October 20

9:00 a.m. LWR Quilters (265)

6:00 p.m. NO Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Christian Yoga (CM140)

7:30 p.m. Gathering Rehearsal (WC)

#### FRIDAY, October 21

#### SATURDAY, October 22

7:00 a.m. CLC Conferences

7:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study (283)

#### SUNDAY, October 23

8:30, 9:45, 11:00 a.m. Worship & Communion (WC)

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6:00 p.m. NO *The Deck*