

**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.

Assisted listening devices

are available at the Usher Stand just outside the
Worship Center doors.

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 the Fireside Room 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 February 5 - 11, 2012

Congregational Annual Meeting TODAY, February 5, 2012 12:15 p.m.

Plan to meet immediately after the
11 a.m. worship service to discuss and
vote on the 2012 budget, approve new
council members and thank outgoing
council members. Copies of the annual
report are available at the
Welcome Counter.

Souper Bowl Sunday TODAY

It's time to restock
the food shelf at PRISM -
If you forgot to bring a can of soup,
please toss a dollar in the stock pot!

Cash contributions
stretch your donation further!

THANK YOU!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Artists, Bakers, and Campers...Oh My!

February 12 from 4-6:00 p.m. we're having a variety show to raise funds for Bible Camp scholarships. If you're known for a spectacular pie, a pan of fantastic bars, or just want to sing a ditty, tell a joke, or showcase some hidden talent, let Emily (edalen@moply.org or 763-509-9411) or Kendall (kjeske@moply.org or 763-509-9415) know! All talents, desserts, and people of ALL ages, are welcome!.

Living Luke Sunday Education Sessions at 9:45 a.m. in the Conference Room

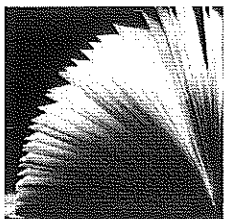
Pastor Steve McKinley will be with us again to discuss the Luke text for this week. Pastor McKinley has served as a parish pastor for 38 years in CT, MA and MN. He is now a member of the internship staff at Luther Seminary. He is the author of five books and over 200 magazine articles, and formerly chaired the Board of Directors at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary.

Brew Crew today after the Congregational Meeting

Meet at Paul and Gail Nelson's home to make another batch of wine and brew some beer. Call 763-550-1858 for directions. All are welcome!

Mount Olivet CLC Director Opening

Roz Zuest, CLC Director, has resigned to take a position as Professional Development Coordinator for the MN Child Care Resource and Referral Network. We thank Roz for her wonderful leadership of the CLC, and wish her well in her new position. We are currently interviewing potential candidates for the director opening. If you know someone you would recommend for this position, please contact Deb Borg at 763-509-9403 or dborg@moply.org.



Living
Luke

Check out the Living Luke blog on our website and add your thoughts to the question of the week! The white board in the Welcome Center is available for that purpose as well.

Family Bible Camp Informational Meeting Feb 21

In June, we plan to get dirty in the garden, explore our backyard and serve our community. If you would like to be involved in any capacity—planning, crafts, games, snacks, set-up, drama/music, or lending a hand here and there, please join Summer Anthony for a short informational meeting on Tuesday, Feb 21 at 6:30 p.m. Contact Summer at santhony@moply.org.

YOU CAN HELP

**Trinity Supper Wednesday, February 15
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.

Getting to know our OWLs

Club 56 is looking for 11 OLDER and WISER LUTHERANS(70+) to get to know and honor as witnesses of faith. On March 14, we will meet and interview OWLs for our special milestone project. Please prayerfully consider sharing your life and faith with us! Contact Holly at hcarlson@moply.org or 763-559-2775 ext 411

Towels and linens needed for new refugee families

The MN Council of Churches needs help in providing new bath towels and new or gently used twin bed sheets in neutral colors for families arriving this month. Please drop off your donations in the tub marked for MCC Refugees. Thank you!!

Health Commons needs scarves, hats, mittens

Those who visited the Daral Quba mosque in December may recall bringing winter accessories to donate to the Health Commons. More are needed! If you can donate new or gently used hats, scarves, gloves, mittens or warm socks, please bring them in. Thanks!

Volunteers Needed

Thursdays, March 22 - May 24 for Home Free's Violence Prevention Class, which Mount Olivet will host. Sign up at the Welcome Counter or contact Kirsten Kessel at kkessel@moply.org if you'd like to help:

- Provide and serve the meal one Monday for class participants and their children (usually 12-15 total) - a great small group of family service project.
- Help with childcare (for children 0-two years) while the parents are meeting from 6 - 8:00 p.m. (High school students are welcome - service hours available.)

Would you like to help make our Holy Communion Milestone special for 5th graders and their families?

Holly and Emily are looking for set up and clean up crews for our Holy Communion Retreat on Sunday, February 26. Talk to Emily or Holly if you can help.

GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP

Msasani Mini-Grants: Small Change for a BIG Difference! A little bit of cash goes a long way toward re-shaping the future of widows and orphans without much hope. Our partner congregation in Tanzania started this program in 1998, providing seed money and guidance to set up sustainable micro-businesses. As little as \$5 can be life-changing! We now have the opportunity to join this ministry. If you'd like to contribute to the empowerment of someone struggling to survive, there are two ways to donate:

- Give cash or check made out to Mount Olivet with "mini" in the memo at the Welcome Counter
- Go to the MO website (<http://moply.org>) and click on "Give Online" at the top of the home page.

Lent Bible/Book Study

Join Pastor Beth as we read *A Lineage of Grace...Five Stories of Unlikely Women Who Changed Eternity* by Francine Rivers. This book contains five novellas on the women in the lineage of Jesus Christ. This book is historical fiction with the outline of each story taken from the Bible. We'll read the book and the Bible stories and share insights and questions. The group will meet weekly for five weeks at 10:00 a.m., beginning Thursday, March 1. Please read the first novella prior to our first meeting. The book is available at the library or at Amazon.com. Please sign up at the Welcome Counter or email Pastor Beth at bhorsch@moply.org.

taking questions

wednesdays @ mount olivet

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

WHY INTERFAITH DIALOGUE MATTERS

Each month, we will consider a different faith tradition with a guest presenter who practices that faith. Our time will be spent learning more about that particular belief system, dialoging with our guest, then making a site visit to a place of worship.

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.

FEBRUARY JUDAISM II

- 8 & 15** Rabbi Barry Cytron will return
- 22** ASH WEDNESDAY: NO CLASS
- 25** Site visit to Adath Jeshurun 10:00 a.m.
- 29** *A New Kind of Christianity*, Part VI: The Church Question: *What do we do About the Church?*, pages 161-172.

MARCH MORMONISM

- 7** *A New Kind of Christianity*, Part VII: The Sex Question: *Can we find a way to address human sexuality without fighting about it?*, pages 173-190
- 14 & 21** Speaker TBD
- 28** Site Visit

APRIL BUDDHISM

- 4** HOLY WEEK: NO CLASS
- 11 & 18** Dr. Roger Jackson, Carleton College Department of Religion, teaches the religions of South Asia and Tibet. He is also a practitioner of Tibetan Buddhism.
- 25** Site visit to Gyuto Wheel of Dharma Monastery in NE Minneapolis.

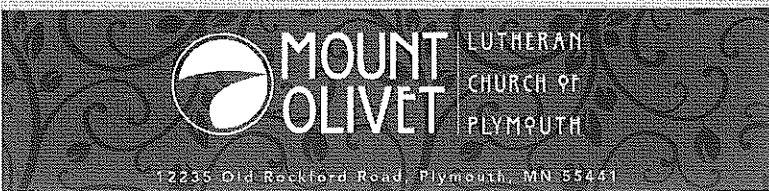
MAY This month will be devoted to completing *A New Kind of Christianity*

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.



Mount Olivet Lutheran Church of Plymouth presents
2012
Day of Peace
Women's Retreat
Saturday, March 3, 2012
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Come find Peace. Join us for a refreshing day just for women. We will have an inspiring speaker, delicious food, good company and an opportunity to create simple fiber pieces to share with others across the globe. The registration fee of \$30 includes lunch, materials and all activities. This day is meant to be shared together so please invite a special woman in your life — mom, grandma, sister or friend. Find more information about this **Day of Peace** and register on-line at our website www.moply.org or contact Pastor Beth Horsch at bhorsch@moply.org.



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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:

- Bruce Torell, Steve and Mary Torell, and all their family, grieving the death of wife, mother and grandmother Mary Ellen on Wednesday.
- Renee Forst, struggling with a staph infection and other health issues. Pray for strength, healing and reduced pain.
- Shirley Ward's brother, Tommy, who had successful surgery on Wednesday to remove a tumor. Pray for continued rest and healing and comfort for all.
- Shawn Lindblad and family as they grieve the death of his grandmother, Catherine.
- Michael Morin, who broke his ankle and had surgery in Denver on Wednesday. Pray for good healing and quick recovery for Michael and peace for his parents, John & Ronda.
- Walt Majorowicz, struggling with bladder cancer and currently hospitalized with an infection. Pray for healing, strength and peace for Walt and his wife Rosalie.
- Brian Sneltsjes and family, grieving the death of his father Arlen on January 22.
- Rich Ambrookian, who has started a new cycle of chemo. The multiple myeloma has returned aggressively. Pray for a miracle of healing and for God's grace for Rich, wife Sue and daughter Tina as they continue this struggle.
- Joe Van Sloun and Benita Bjorgo, their son Ryan, and the rest of their family as they continue to grieve the deaths of their triplets, Faith, Grace & Aaron. Pray for comfort and peace for all.
- Tiger Luchsinger, undergoing chemo treatments.
- Stephanie Madson, as she continues her treatment for Hodgkins lymphoma.

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 Germany.
- Neil G. Broman, USMC, stationed in CA.
- Jason Schmid, in Special Forces training.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, February 5

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 (265)
 12:15 p.m. Congregational Meeting (WC)
 6:00 p.m. NO *The Deck*

MONDAY, February 6

6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study (265)
 4:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (FH)

TUESDAY, February 7

5:00 p.m. Baptism Class (Fireside)
 5:00 p.m. CLC (CM140)
 6:30 p.m. 4H (265)
 7:00 p.m. Knit/Crochet Group (283)

WEDNESDAY, February 8

5:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal: Subway (FH)
 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. Taking Questions: Judaism, Part II (265)

THURSDAY, February 9

5:30 p.m. Christian Yoga (CM140)
 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. RCC Training (265)
 6:30 p.m. 4H (CM150)
 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study (283)
 7:00 p.m. Christian Yoga (CM140)
 7:30 p.m. Gathering Rehearsal

FRIDAY, February 10

6:30 p.m. PMC Event (265, WC)

SATURDAY, February 11

7:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study (283)
 8:30 a.m. PMC Event (265, WC)

SUNDAY, February 12

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
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