

The Messenger

the monthly newsletter of Mount Olive Lutheran Church

August 2011

**Mount Olive
Lutheran Church**
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Sunday Worship
9:00a.m.
Education Hour
10:45a.m.- 11:30a.m.

Pastor
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970-203-1652

Office Hours
Tuesday and Wednesday
9:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.
Friday 9:00a.m. – Noon

**Additional hours by
appointment.**

*I know my faith is founded
On Jesus Christ,
my God and Lord;
And this my faith confessing,
Unmoved I stand on
His sure Word
Our reason cannot fathom
The truth of God profound;
Who trusts in human wisdom
Relies on shifting ground.
God's Word is all sufficient,
It makes divinely sure;
And trusting in its wisdom,
My faith shall rest secure.
(LSB 587:1)*

I believe . . .

Part one in a series on the Apostles' Creed

What is a Creed?

A creed is a statement of what we believe, teach, and confess.

What is meant by "I believe in God"?

It means I trust God and His promises and accept as true all he teaches in the Holy Scriptures. (From *An Explanation of the Small Catechism*)

Christian singer and songwriter Rich Mullens recorded a song in which he put the words of the Apostles' Creed to music. The song, simply titled "Creed" is very well done. He confesses, through song, the truths of the Apostles' Creed that the Christian Church has confessed for centuries. In the refrain, he offers a very powerful comment about the creed. He says, "I did not make it. No it is making me. It is the very truth of God not the invention of any man."

We live in a world where people often want to create their own spiritual truth. They create their own creeds based on what they feel to be true about God and their spirituality is based on what they imagine is correct.

The Christian faith is radically different, for what we believe is not derived from human imagination or feeling. It is based solely on the Holy Scriptures which is the very Word of God. Such truth which comes from God we could never have known by ourselves, for St. Paul states in 1 Corinthians 2:9-10, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him, but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit."

As we hear about the truth of God in the bible, it is the Holy Spirit who is at work in us that we may trust in his word and confess that Jesus is Lord (1 Cor 12:3). Thus, the truth of God is not something we have made. Rather the truth of God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, is making us into his people; a people who trust in all of God's promises and accept His Word as truth.

According to an old legend, the Apostles' Creed was formed one day as the twelve apostles were all gathered together. One after another they each uttered a statement they thought should be included in the creed – twelve statements in all. It is a clever legend, but it is not true.

The Apostles' Creed was not written by the apostles. It is called the Apostles' Creed because it states, in a concise form, the teachings which God gave through the apostles in the Bible. As we confess this creed, we are not just reciting the opinions of men. We are confessing the very truth about God revealed in the Bible. God's Church can confidently say, "I believe."

In Christ, Pastor Mark Nierman

The Big Jungle Adventure is over and we couldn't have done it without you! Thanks to all who helped make VBS a success.



Thanks to the following people who donated items for snacks, games and Bible challenge.

**Jean Currey
Char Hildahl
Ruby Smethurst
Kaplan Family
Betty Layne
Diane Stahla
Kellee Zweifel**

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Ellie Zuehlke
Joyce Flanscha
Jeanne Karr
Cheri Hedstrom
Jan Bloss
Laura Burrill**

**Jennifer Soucek
Lynette Ford
June Starkjohann
Claudette Dassow
Janelle Flanscha
Jodi Nierman**

Thanks to the following people who were able to help with assembling craft kits and this past week by being Tribe Leaders, Site Leaders and Helpers!

**Ronnie Kaplan
Janelle Flanscha
Audrey Bliss
Connie Juhl
Briana Fischer
Hannah McCrimmon
Sonia Daggett**

**Andy Kaplan
Ben Flanscha
Briece Burrill
Jan Bloss
Jennifer Soucek
Lynette Ford
LaJean Campion**

**Kellee Zweifel
Larry Dassow
Tasha Burrill
Lizzy Hedstrom
Shelby Soucek
Joyce Flanscha
Glennis Hughes**

**Stephen Flanscha
Claudette Dassow
Laura Burrill
Ashleigh Sheldon
Katie McCrimmon
Dakota Jager
Natalie Schra**



Join the "Big Jungle Adventure" and make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Africa who are at risk of contracting malaria. The Lutheran Malaria Initiative is made up of people just like you—people who learn about, then care about, then do something about malaria. Go online to www.lutheranmalaria.org to donate or get more information today!

From the Board of Stewardship



Many people look forward with excitement to months with special occasions or celebrations, like New Year's Day in January, Valentine's Day in February, Easter in March or April, Mother's Day in May, Father's Day in June, Independence Day in July, Labor Day in September, Reformation Day in October, Thanksgiving Day in November and Christmas in December. August seems to be one of those months when there is not much to celebrate. Major League baseball players refer to this month as the "Dog Days of August." It seems to be a month that has been simply added to the calendar to fill out 31 more days that will add up to 365 for the year.

Even kids sometimes look at August as a boring month. Vacations are usually over, the days seem to move by so slowly, and they actually look forward to the end of August or early September when a new school year starts again. Of course, that will change before very long.

Life is like that. Not every day, week or month is as exciting as some others, but each one presents another opportunity for service. Redeemed stewards look for opportunities to make the most of time because time is an important gift from God. Making the most of time can take us in a number of different directions. Included among these directions are time for meditation and reflection, time for rest and time for planning ahead.

God's Old Testament people sometimes grumbled about getting the Sabbaths over so they could get back to selling wheat, skimping the measure, boosting the price and cheating with dishonest scales...(Amos 8:5). Rather than observing the Sabbath as a day of rest, reflection and worship, they saw it as a wasted day.

Perhaps August has been given to us from God to use like a Sabbath rest. As God's redeemed stewards we can use quiet times for worship, reflection, meditation and planning. This can be a very positive way to use time that some might think is boring.

God's redeemed stewards, in cooperation with and encouragement from fellow redeemed stewards, manage all of life and life's resources [including time] for God's purposes.

Other life resources include money, relationships, abilities, care of our bodies and creation, sharing the Gospel of salvation in Jesus and so much more! Let August be a reminder that we are God's stewards 365 days a year and we live freely and joyfully as His stewards in August as well as the other eleven months of the year.

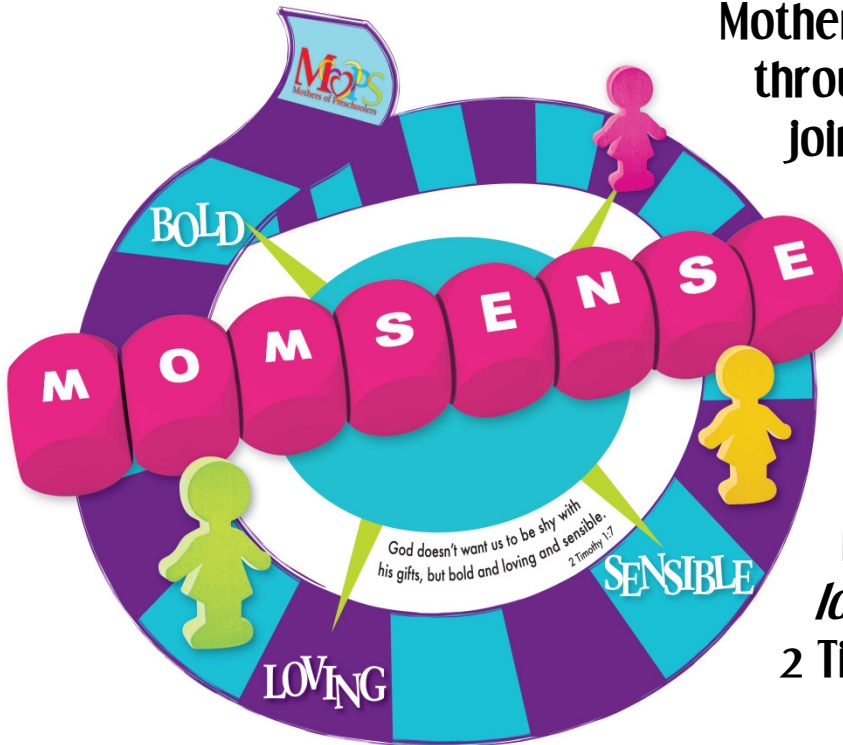
Have a refreshing, relaxing and blessed August!



Concordia
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Lutheran Link of the Month! www.cph.org

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Mothers of young children, infancy through preschool, are invited to join MOPS® Mount Olive.

Join us for a year of learning to be BOLD, LOVING, and SENSIBLE moms in the game.

God doesn't want us to be shy with his gifts, but bold and loving and sensible.

2 Timothy 1:7

MOPS is a time of encouragement, renewal, creativity, personal and spiritual growth as we share our joys and struggles of motherhood and as women.

We will be hosting a registration open house on Wednesday, August 24th from 9:30am to 11:30 am. Stop by to get signed up and learn about our MOPS® Mount Olive group. Annual membership fee is \$40.00 which includes your membership to MOPS International. Regular meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Wednesday mornings from 9:15 to 11:15. Meetings start September 7th.

MOPS WISH LIST

We are in need of the following items to kick off our new year.

Changing table

Clorox wipes

Goldfish crackers

Vanilla wafers

We are also in need of Moppet helpers to watch the kids! If you are available two Wednesday mornings a month and can help with the kiddos we need you. Talk to Laura for all the details.

Please talk to Jodi or Kellee if you can help out in any way! We are looking forward to another great year.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT

UPCOMING CONVERSATIONS OF GRACE



The Rocky Mountain District Evangelism Outreach Team is asking you to join us in prayer as we prepare for the Conversations of Grace at the ROC, to be held at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO, November 4-5, 2011. The theme is “And all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual Rock which followed them; and the Rock was Christ”. 1 Cor. 10:4.

Oh, Rock of our Salvation, because You want “all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1Tim 2:4), send Your Holy Spirit among us to reach those who are spiritually lost. Pray for, and guide our leadership as they discuss the potential topics and presenters, outreach needs of the area, obtain various volunteers who have special gifts, seek funding, and work with the Lutheran Hour Ministries Regional Outreach Conference Manager to finalize the schedule and program. Make us Your instruments in this regard, so that through participation in the ROC, and through our knowledge gained, many lost souls would come to salvation, hearing and knowing that Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life, and we may all join in drinking the same spiritual drink. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

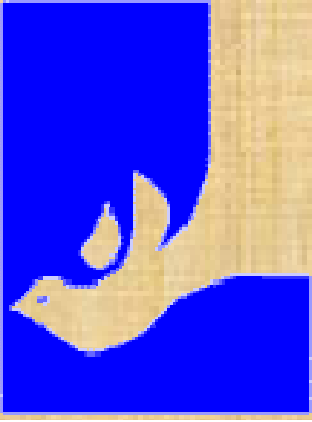
We encourage people to pray for the ROC effort, encourage existing prayer ministries to remember this event in their prayers, and organize prayer events before, during, and after the conference, as appropriate. If you are interested in being a prayer partner for the presenters and workshop leaders prior to, and during the event, please contact Jan Bloss, 303-684-8195, or e-mail Jan at jjbloss.1982@yahoo.com. Registration information will soon be available on the District website.

THERE WILL BE NO LADIES GUILD MEETING IN AUGUST.

WINGS WILL NOT MEET IN AUGUST AS WELL.

LADIES GUILD NEWS:

Mission minded Mount Olive Ladies Guild voted at their June meeting to send \$300.00 to Lutheran World Relief for Tornado Relief in Joplin, MO. Also \$75.00 was donated to the House of Neighborly Service and \$75.00 to the Larimer County Food Bank. We will continue to collect LWML Mites during the summer months. Thanks to all those who support our large Mite Box on the first Sunday of each month.



LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life!

The summer 2011 issue of LifeDate (the quarterly publication of LFL) is available on line only.

The title of this issue is Adopted In Christ and is based on Galatians 4:4-5:

"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons."

Many good articles on adoption are in this issue. Dr. Lamb, Executive Director of LFL, who was recently in Colorado, has an article entitled, "God Only Adopts Sons." Dr Lamb begins, "The tile to this piece may raise an eyebrow or two, particularly the finer and more attractive feminine brows. 'More Biblical male favoritism coming through,' some might say. Actually it is just the opposite. It bestows a high honor upon women (and men) to be adopted by God as sons."

To read the remainder of this article and others vist: www.lutheransforlife.org. Under "Latest Articles," click on "LifeDate Summer 2011."

The following are Life Thoughts for August:

(Life Thoughts are based on one of the lessons for each Sunday.)

August 7 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

The power of the Word that brought forth and controls all creation (Job 38:4-18; Matthew 14:22-33) brings forth and sustains faith (Romans 10:17). It is the Word, not the world that lifts us out of our fears and doubts.

August 14 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

A crumb from the Master's table, when received in faith, brings life and healing to body and soul regardless of who we are or what we may have done (Matthew 15:21-28). When we as the Church fail to address the life issues, we remove even the crumbs from those who desperately need them.

August 21 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sin, and perhaps especially sins against life, can bind us in chains of guilt and shame. Christ gives power to His Church to remove these chains. (Matthew 16:19) May the Church apply this freeing power to these sins as well.

August 28 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

The admonition concerning Christian behavior given in Romans 12:9-21 needs to be heeded in the life arena as well. We can justifiably be angry at abortionists and others who profit from the death of the innocent. But our anger should not lead to taking God's vengeance into our own hands. Indeed, the course for the Christian is the example of Christ who overcame evil with truth and good.

For information and resources go to www.lutheransforlife.org

News & Notes

**KEENAGERS' ANNUAL BARBECUE - OVER 50 YEARS "YOUNG"
JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FOOD AND FUN!**

DATE:	Thursday, August 11, 2011
TIME:	12 Noon till Whenever
LOCATION:	Ron & Char Hildahl's home 3751 Nations Way Berthoud CO 80513
PROVIDED:	Burgers, Brats, Buns and Beverages
BRING:	Either Vegetable Dish, Salad or Dessert

In order to ensure we have enough meat, please be sure to sign-up. The sign-up sheet and directions are posted on the Keenagers bulletin board located on the back wall of the Fellowship Hall.

Any questions, contact either Ron or Char:

HOME PHONE: 970.292.8131

E-MAIL: sukee1@yahoo.com

Pinochle players will get together to play cards on Saturday, August 13th at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring an appetizer to share and join the fun.



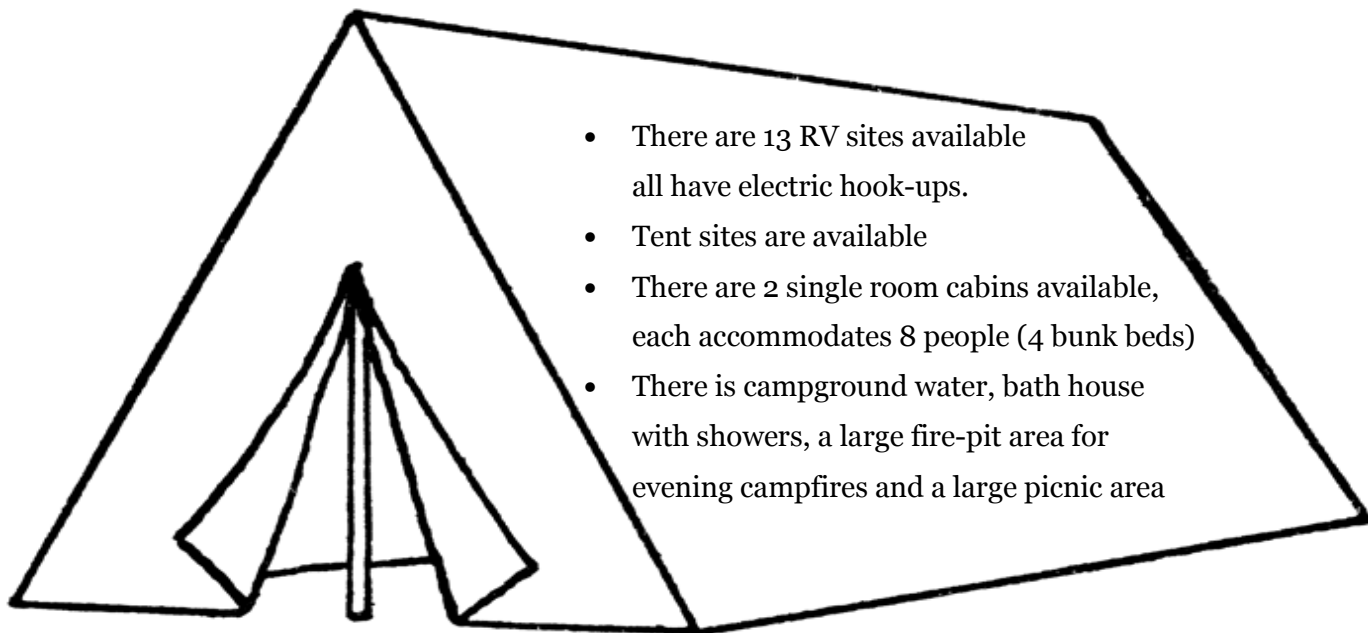
If you are interested in teaching the children of Mount Olive, please contact Pastor and attend the training meeting being held on Tuesday, August 16th at 7:00pm.

We continue to have a need for Sunday School teachers. We have five classes to accommodate the wide age range of kids here!

- ♥ Toddler/Preschool, ages 2(with parent) and 3 year olds
- ♥ Preschool/ Kindergarten, ages 4-5
- ♥ 1st – 3rd grades
- ♥ 4th -6th grades
- ♥ 7th -12th grades

Mount Olive Sky Ranch Camping Trip August 19-21, 2011

Sky Ranch is found in the heart of the Rocky Mountains at the end of the Pingree Park road about 50 miles west of Fort Collins near the CSU Mountain Campus. There are several options for camping.



- There are 13 RV sites available all have electric hook-ups.
- Tent sites are available
- There are 2 single room cabins available, each accommodates 8 people (4 bunk beds)
- There is campground water, bath house with showers, a large fire-pit area for evening campfires and a large picnic area

There will be hiking, fishing and other activities. Sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Contact Monte Wegner 407-9205 if you have questions or need information.



Adult Instruction Class meets on Thursday evening beginning at 7:00pm. The class is open to anyone who is interested in learning more about what it means to be Lutheran as well as those who would like a refresher course on Lutheran doctrine. Talk to Pastor for more information.

Youth Lock In scheduled for Friday, August 26th.
Invite your friends to come for a night of fun.
Watch the bulletin for all the details.



Men's Night Out will be Tuesday, August 30th.
Meet at BBQ Bob's at 6:00pm for food and fellowship.

Taking a Tour of Heaven



What do the parts of the liturgy mean? This is a frequently asked question; maybe you have asked that question yourself. The following descriptions of worship and the parts of liturgy were first published in an article entitled "Taking a Tour of Heaven."

Word of God and Sermon

Frequently we conclude the reading of Holy Scripture with the phrase, "This is the Word of the Lord!" More than just a "word" from God, this is his revelation in which he makes known to us his will, most specifically, his merciful will that desires our salvation. Ultimately, this word points us to the Word, the incarnate Son of God. He is God's final and full revelation to us, the mirror of the Father's heart. That is the point that the writer to the Hebrews makes in the opening verses of his epistle: "In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets, but now in these last days, he has spoken to us by his Son" (Heb. 1:1-2a). Only through him--God's only Son--are we able to know the Father's favor and grace.

In the sermon, the Word of God is brought to bear on the lives of the hearers. This is the equivalent of sitting at the feet of Jesus. But it's more than mere instruction. Through the sermon, God speaks to us with his two-edged sword of condemnation and promise, Law and Gospel. The subject of the sermon is both God and us. Through the sermon we come to a better understanding of ourselves, especially our need for God's forgiveness. But we also come face to face with God's mercy and love. Week after week, God's faithful hear the voice of their Good Shepherd, preparing them, in a sense, for that final day when Jesus calls them to their eternal reward.

Creed

In the course of his earthly ministry, Jesus put this hard question to his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" He wasn't asking for the opinions of the crowds. He wanted a confession of faith. In reality, this confession is no different than the confession of sins. In both, we acknowledge that what God has said is true. When we confess our sins, we acknowledge the truth that God speaks about us--that we are sinners. When we confess the faith of the church in the creed, our confession speaks about God--who he is and what he has done.

In every age, the same question is put to the church: who do you say that I am? As we open our mouths and begin, "I believe in God, the Father Almighty . . .," we confess a profound truth that has passed over the lips of Christians in every generation. This confession of the triune God is the property of no single individual, but of the whole church, including the whole company of heaven. There are more than a few saints and martyrs who put their lives on the line as they defended the truths that we confess in the creeds. Think of Athanasius, that faithful fourth-century pastor and confessor, who was exiled numerous times for his defense of the truth against the false teachers of his day. Or Luther, who stood firm against the combined might of the Roman Church and the Holy Roman Empire. In our own day, there are faithful Christians who risk their lives--and sometimes die--to confess these truths.

In the Revelation to St. John, we find confession going on in heaven. Just listen to the snippets of the grand confession that swirls around God's throne:

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come! (4:8b)

*Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created (4:11).*

Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals,

for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth (5:9-10).

In the same way, as we stand on holy ground where Jesus comes in his Word and Sacraments, we join that noble company of saints and martyrs, confessing these holy truths concerning the triune God.

Worship is like no place else in this world.

But there is one place that it does resemble, and that is heaven.

Servants of the Church

Please sign up to serve!

If you are able to serve as Coffee Hosts or Greeters sign up on the Servant Bulletin Board.

If you have questions about serving, please call the office for more details!

Elder Schedule

August 7th Ron Hildahl & Doyle Hoyt
August 14th Neil Hughes
August 21st Rick Pfeiffer & Conrad Brandt
August 28th Brian Fischer

Usher Schedule

August 7th Jerry Layne, Darrell Viegut,
Bud Van Horn, Brian Burrill
August 14th Conrad Brandt, Pat De Gooyer,
Ron Hildahl, Billy Meggenberg
August 21st Brian Fischer, Jerome Brandt,
August 28th Rick Pfeiffer, Jerry Layne,
Darrell Viegut, Brian Burrill

Coffee Hosts

August 7th Bob and Joanne Nagel
August 14th Conrad and Francine Brandt
August 21st Charlie and Lynette Ford
August 28th Tom and Marilyn Kasubke



Altar Guild

Jan Bloss, June Starkjohann, Ada Mae Rauschenberger

****We need ladies to serve on Altar Guild for the month of December. Please sign up if you can serve. ****

2011-2012 Newly Elected Officers and Board Members

Thank you to everyone who currently serves and to those who are just beginning their service. We appreciate your dedication to Mount Olive.

Chairman – Jerome Brandt

Vice Chairman –

Treasurer – Cindy Fischer

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Neil Hughes

Conrad Brandt

Larry Currey

Brian Fischer

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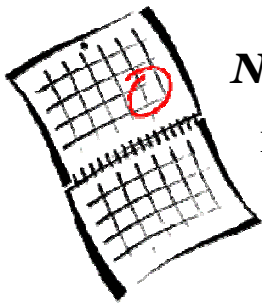
Board of Youth

Billy Meggenberg

Monte Wegner

Lynette Ford

Bob Stamp



NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Do you have an announcement for the Mount Olive Messenger? Please submit it to the church office by email mountoliveloveland@yahoo.com no later than the 20th of each month.

August Anniversaries

August 1	Doug and Ruth Wert
August 2	Dick and Pam Smith
August 10	Monte and Debbie Wegner
August 16	Billy and Natasha Meggenberg
August 20	Jeremie Allee and Melissa Bauer
August 21	Jack and Rebecca Newton
August 27	Joe and Jennifer Soucek
August 31	Wes and Doris Riewe

Our Savior Lutheran Church,
Cheyenne Wyoming
Witness Workshop

Saturday, October 8, 2011 9am to 3pm

Jonah: On a Tough Mission for a Tender God

Sharing our faith is hard. Just ask Jonah!
A close look at this prophet's ministry will
open our minds and hearts to more fervent
mission and ministry.

Presented by Reed Lessing, Ph.D.
Pastor, Theologian, Noted Author and
Dynamic Speaker
Registration deadline is September 28th.
Call 307-632-2580

Email office@oursaviorcheyenne.org
Lunch will be provided.

August Birthdays

August 2	Lucas Flanscha
August 2	Marvin Flanscha
August 2	Kathy Hutchinson
August 2	Katie Mc Crimmon
August 3	John Duesing
August 4	Jack Bloss
August 5	Lizzy Hedstrom
August 8	Lynsay Callies
August 9	Janelle Flanscha
August 10	Ronnie Kaplan
August 10	Isabelle Schaefer
August 11	Adeline Heppner
August 13	Gary Borchert
August 14	Kathy Schaefer
August 17	Tonya Glassmeyer
August 20	McKennah Newton
August 21	Bradley Soucek
August 24	Briana Fischer
August 26	Will Carron
August 27	Art Behn
August 27	Brian Burrill
August 28	Jennifer Soucek
August 29	Kellee Zweifel
August 30	Claudette Dassow
August 31	Julia Bower
August 31	Tara Glassmeyer
August 31	Cheri Hedstrom

August 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 7pm – Elders (old & new members)	3 6:30am Men's Bible Study	4 6:30 pm Adult Instruction	5	6
7 Mite Box Sunday 9 am Holy Communion 10:30am Bible Class/SS	8 1pm – Bunco 12 Group Pastor Nierman's Vacation	9	10 6:30am Men's Bible Study	11 Noon – Keenagers At the Hildahl's	12	13 7pm Pinochle
14 9 am Worship Service 10:30am Bible Class/SS	15	16 7pm Sunday School Teachers Mtg	17 6:30am Men's Bible Study	18 6:30 pm Adult Instruction	19 Camping Trip	20 Camping Trip
21 9 am Holy Communion No SS or Bible Class Campers Return	22	23	24 6:30am Men's Bible Study	25 6:30 pm Adult Instruction	26 YOUTH LOCK-IN	27
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