

# The Messenger

the monthly newsletter of Mount Olive Lutheran Church

November 2011

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

Wednesday Evening  
Worship and Bible Study  
7:00p.m.

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9:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.  
Friday 9:00a.m. – Noon

Additional hours by  
appointment.

*God loved the world  
so that He gave*

*His only Son  
the lost to save,*

*That all who would  
in Him believe,*

*Should everlasting  
life receive.*

*LSB 571:1*

## **I Believe in . . . Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord**

*Part four in a series on the Apostles' Creed*

### **What does it mean when you confess, "I believe in Jesus Christ"?**

It means that I know and trust in Jesus Christ as my only Savior from sin, death and the devil and believe that he give me eternal life. (From an Explanation of the Small Catechism, question 117)

### **Which words of the Apostles' Creed describe the stages of Christ's humiliation?**

"Conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried." (question 128)

### **Which words of the Apostles' Creed describe the stages of Christ's exaltation?**

"He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead." (question 142)

"Who do people say I am?" Jesus asked this question of his disciples. It is an equally important question for us today. People today espouse all kinds of views about who Jesus is and what it means to believe in Him. As Christians, we know that any answer that doesn't acknowledge that Jesus is God's Son is insufficient. 1 John 4:2-3 says, "Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God." Someone who confesses that Jesus was merely a good man or a prophet does not acknowledge the truth about Jesus revealed in Scripture, for "He is the true God and eternal life" (1 John 5:20). To believe in Jesus Christ is to trust that Jesus is true God and the He alone is the one who has saved us from all sin through his death and resurrection.

In the second article of the creed we confess that Jesus Christ truly is the Son of God and all that he did on our behalf so that we may have the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. We confess Christ's humiliation, that although He was true God He willingly set aside divine rights and powers and humbled Himself to the point of death, even death on a cross. We also confess Christ's exaltation, that by His power He conquered sin, death and the devil, and has ascended into heaven where He lives as our Lord and King. We will be taking a closer look at each of these in the future.

The early church used the symbol of a fish which encompassed all of these truths about Jesus Christ in one concise statement of faith. The fish is a symbol of Christianity not because fish played a part in Jesus ministry or merely because most of the disciples were fisherman. The symbol of the fish was one of the earliest creeds. The Greek word for fish is ΙΧΘΥΣ (i-ch-th-u-s). These five letters were initials for five Greek words which confessed Christ: Iesus (Jesus) Christos (Christ), Theou (God's) Uios (Son), Soter (Savior). Some believe that the fish symbol was a way that Christians would find and identify one another during times of persecution. It was a symbol found frequently in ancient Christian artwork which visually proclaimed the words of 1 John 4:14, "We have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

This is what we confess when we say, "I believe in Jesus Christ." We confess that Jesus is God's Son. We confess that He is our Savior.

In Christ, Pastor Mark Nierman



# Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2011

## **Michael Robert Cox**

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5

## **Benjamin Oakes Flanscha**

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. Romans 1:16

## **Hannah Rae McCrimmon**

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. John 10:27-28

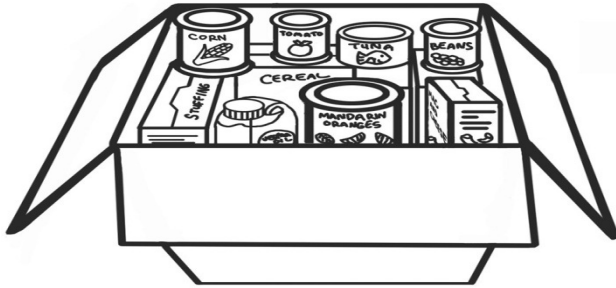
## **Brisco William Schaefer**

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

## **Luther's Prayer for Confirmands**

*Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united Your children in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing them by His blood. Renew in them the gift of Your Holy Spirit that they may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to their Savior. Deliver them from the power of Satan and preserve them from false and dangerous doctrines, that they may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord's Supper strengthen them to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable them to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and their neighbor and to bear their cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of their bodies to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## November Food Drive for House of Neighborly Service



Help for today...hope for tomorrow is the essence of what the House of Neighborly Service has provided to low-income individuals and families in Southern Larimer County for 48 years! HNS was established in 1961 by the local pastors of Loveland to be a central place they could refer people, where there would be ample resources and accountability. HNS still remains a networking service with churches, other agencies and community members to ensure that those who truly are in need are being helped. For every \$1 donated, HNS can purchase up to \$10 worth of food.

Food baskets are House of Neighborly Services' largest program. Clients may receive one food basket per month. Food baskets are prepared according to family size and are meant to last 5-7 days. They are nutritionally balanced and consistent.

They include non-perishable foods such as fruit, vegetables, pasta, cereal, soup, beans, rice, tuna, peanut butter, bread, and pastry products and perishable food such as milk, eggs, butter, meat, and available produce.

In addition, they contain toiletries and incidentals. Requested toiletries, cleaning products, and paper products, as well as baby food, formula, diapers, and senior supplemental drinks are added when available.

Cash contributions are used in this program to purchase the perishable food items and non-perishable foods that are not available to insure the basket is complete and nutritional.

**Bring your items to Mount Olive and place them in the boxes under the mailboxes. We will collect for the whole month of November.**

## 2011 HARVEST DINNER

It's that time of the year again to celebrate the things we are thankful for. Mount Olive Lutheran Church Harvest Dinner will be held as follows so mark your calendar:

**Sunday, November 13, 2011  
5:00 pm bring dishes for  
5:30 pm dinner**

### **PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT: "Faith Comes By Hearing"**

*Faith Comes By Hearing is committed to reaching the nations with the Word of God in audio, offering the Bible in a format that will connect with the world's 50% illiterate population.*

*With every donation you are helping the Word of God spread throughout the literate and illiterate world.  
Every dollar makes a difference.*

***"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..."  
Matthew 28:19***

Sign-up sheets are located on the back bulletin board for the following:

- name
- how many will be attending
- if you will be providing a salad or dessert
- help with setting up and/or cleaning up

Should you have any questions, please contact a member of the Fellowship Board or Betty Layne at 970.635.0557.



# From the Board of Stewardship



November is a popular month for many Americans. In the farm belt most of the crops have been harvested and stored safely away. In other areas snow has already fallen and skiers are anxious to head for the hills to get an early start on the new ski season. Sports fans are treated to a large number of college and professional football games. But perhaps the best thing about November is Thanksgiving Day.

Christians love to join together with fellow Christians and sing hymns of harvest and thanksgiving like:

*“Come, ye thankful people come; raise the song of harvest-home.  
All be safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God’s own temple, come; raise the song of harvest-home.”* (TLH, 574, v 1)

Christians and Lutheran Christians, in particular, recall how Dr. Martin Luther explained the meaning of the petition **“Give us this day our daily bread.”**

Luther said that **“God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all wicked people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.”**

He then went on to explain what is meant by daily bread with these words: **“Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and wants of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.”**

That’s quite a list of things for which to be thankful. We enjoy these many blessings because two things that God delights in doing are “loving and giving.” This is stated so clearly in the well-known words of John 3:16 (NIV): “God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

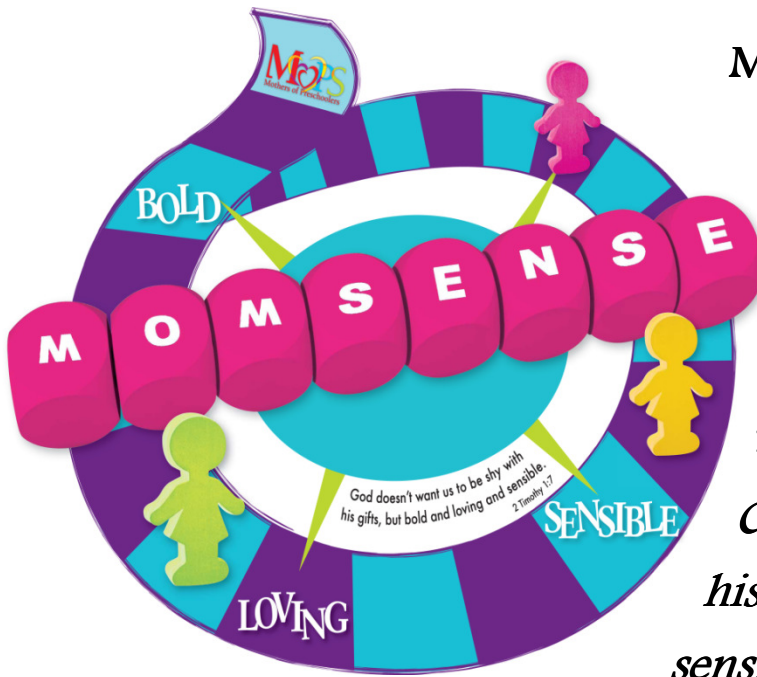
St. Paul, by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, penned these words in Romans 8:31-32 (NIV): “He [God] who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all—how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?”

A suggestion for Christians each morning is to pray, “Thank You, Lord, for the gifts of life, health, work, family, friends, home, daily bread and this new day. Bless and protect us this day in all our activities, travels, work and play.”

One of the best benefits that comes with thanksgiving is thanksgiving that shows up as we freely and joyfully manage all of life and life’s resources for God’s purposes. That is Christian stewardship in the best sense of the word. Happy Thanksgiving!

At the October 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Voters’ Assembly, a motion was put forth and approved for the purchase of a Pulpit Bible with a portion of the funds won by Jack Bloss in the LCEF contest. The ESV Pulpit Bible is a large-format, specialty edition Bible beautifully suited for display in pulpits and lecterns. Its size, 8.5 x 11 inches, is tailor-made for public reading and congregational worship. It has a double-column, paragraph format as well as large print (14.5 point type).

Thanks again to Jack for encouraging congregational participation in order to win the contest!



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*

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:15-11:15am**

**Craft Day:** Create an Advent Calendar Banner to aide you in teaching your children Bible stories. Don't miss this day!

**November 16<sup>th</sup> 9:15-11:15am**

**Don't Break the Ice!**  
A discussion style of how to communicate and involve extended family in the life of your children.

**November 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:45am**

**Steering Team Meeting**

## MOPS News and Notes

**MOPS Moms Craft Catch Up Night**  
**Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**From 7:00pm to 10:00pm**

Bring an appetizer to share and join us to finish your Advent Calendar Banner  
OR  
any project you are currently working on!

Bring a friend and join us for some mom time!





LADIES OF MOUNT OLIVE ARE INVITED TO JOIN US ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> AT 6:00PM FOR A SOUP SWAP!

This opportunity for good food and fellowship is hosted by WINGS.

If you would like to swap, please bring a crock pot of your favorite soup along with a copy of the recipe. If not, just join us for soup sampling and fellowship.

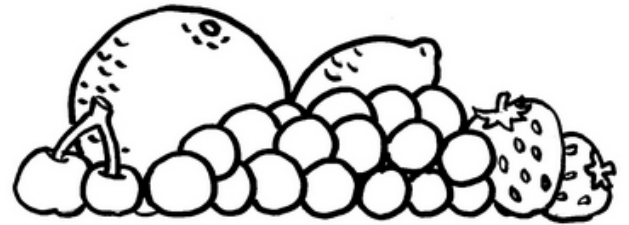
Crackers and beverages will be provided. Bring a friend!

Please call or email the church office if you plan to attend.

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\*\*We will vote on our favorite soups to serve at the three Advent suppers\*\*

Mount Olive WINGS will meet on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. We will be finishing up our "Fruit of the Spirit" Bible Study with the fruit of KINDNESS. Don't forget to bring your mites and offerings! Invite someone new to join us!



love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, & self control. Galatians 5:22-25

The WINGS group has adopted the by-laws and the constitution of the Mount Olive Ladies Guild and serves as an extension of the guild. All ladies are welcome to attend. Meetings include a short Bible Study, Mite collection, planning of service projects, church receptions and social events, prayer, fellowship and dessert! For information please contact Laura Burrill.

Mount Olive Ladies Guild will meet on Tuesday, November 15, 2011, at 9 am in the lower level. Hostesses will be Jan Bloss. Joyce Flansch will lead the devotion: "Growing In Our Faith & Prayer Life". Mary Hoel will lead the Bible Study: "I'm Special". Jan Bloss will lead the Mite Box Devotion. All ladies of the congregation are invited for a time of fellowship, prayer, Bible study, Mite/Offering collection and a short business meeting. Contact Jan Bloss for more information. Come, find out what the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is all about.

\*\*\*\*\*Christmas Cards are Here!\*\*\*\*\*

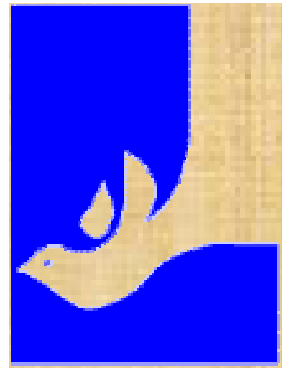
It's not too early to get yours! Check out the great selection in the card case in the fellowship hall. See a member of the Ladies Guild if you need assistance.

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# LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

## Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life!

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In the Fall 2011 issue of LifeDate, the quarterly journal of Lutherans For Life, Dr. James Lamb in his article entitled "Voices For Life" writes, " ... the Church needs to be a voice in the life arena-unyielding but loving, condemning sins against life and consoling those who have sinned against life, calling to repentance and pointing to Jesus.

Our pastors have what it takes to be this voice, our theology which articulates the Gospel so well. LFL seeks to equip pastors to be that voice and make the connection between the truth and grace of Jesus and the life issues. Dr. Lamb continues, "But those who hear this voice also need to BE this voice. The voice of the Gospel moves us into Gospel-motivated action. You can be a voice of prayer praying for our Church, our country, hurting people. You can be a voice of service reaching out to those who need an encouraging word, a helping hand, a comforting presence. You can be a voice of education helping others understand how God's Word of truth and grace connects to life issues. You can be a voice of witness pointing people to the true source of rescue. You can be an activist voice participating in Life Chains, Marches for Life, and prayer vigils. You can be a political voice practicing Christian citizenship and bringing your influence to bear through the political process."

You can also make a difference by supporting Lutherans For Life so that materials and DVDs can continue to be produced and published, speaking engagements can increase in number, the visits to the LFL website can increase, and all work of LFL can continue. Consider joining LFL as a member. Visit with Pastor or Joyce Flanscha or Lynette Ford for details or visit the LFL website.

[www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

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## November Life Thoughts

### November 6 – All Saints Sunday

Who would claim as his children reprobate and rebellious renegades? God did! That's the kind of love He has (1 John 3:1). Not only so, but He also declares us holy children, saints washed in the blood of Jesus splashed upon us in the waters of holy Baptism. Declared like Him now and destined to be like Him when He returns (3:2). Living as saints on our way to sainthood! What a hope-filled way to live!

### November 13 – Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

"The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill" (Zephaniah 1:12b). This reflects the complacent, lukewarm attitude found among some of God's people today. But God's wrath over sin is not something to be complacent about. He will return in judgment. We who "are not of the night or of the darkness" (1 Thessalonians 5:5b) must not tolerate the deeds of darkness, but expose them. At the same time, we point to the hope of salvation we have in our Lord Jesus Christ (5:9).

### November 20 – Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Perhaps we could include in the "least of these" (Matthew 25:40) those our society so often labels "better off dead"—tiny embryos, unborn children, the frail elderly, people with severe disabilities.

### November 27 – First Sunday in Advent

We have a Father Potter! We are the work of His hands (Isaiah 64:8). An ordinary potter would discard vessels that became flawed. Our Father Potter loved the work of His hands so much He became a vessel Himself—a flawless one—in order to redeem the work of His hands. Imagine, He who could "rend the heavens and come down" (64:1), instead came down in the womb of a virgin! What value this gives to the work of His hands.

# Servant Opportunities and Calendar Events

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**Offering Counters** are needed for Sunday mornings. You would be asked to count just once a month. Please see Cindy Fischer if you are able to serve in this capacity. 214-7581. Training will be provided.



**Altar Guild** chart for 2012 is posted on the "Servant" bulletin board. Please sign up to serve for one or two months. If you have questions, see Kellee Zweifel. 744-0913.

**MEN!** We can always use a few more **Ushers**, especially as we near our season of Advent. If you are willing to usher on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings, please contact Rick Pfeiffer. 593-0068.

**New time for Choir Practice!** The choir will now be rehearsing on 8:00am Sunday mornings. If you are interested in singing in the choir, please join us! If you have any questions, see Janelle Flanscha.

**Coffee Hosts** on Sunday mornings! This is a simple task and a great way to greet everyone. Sign up sheet is ALWAYS posted on the Servant Board. If you have questions, contact Betty Layne. 635-0557.

**MOPS@ Mount Olive** is now serving 20 mothers twice a month! This is a wonderful outreach! While the moms meet, the kids play! If you would like to play with the children for 2 hours, twice a month...please contact Laura Burrill, Jodi Nierman or Kellee Zweifel. We meet from 9:15-11:15am the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month.

**Keenagers** will meet on **Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>** for a potluck lunch at noon. Hosts will be the Kasubkes and the Dassows. There will be a presentation by Viegut Funeral Home on funeral planning. Pre-arranging your funeral can be helpful. In this seminar learn how to plan your funeral in advance, so your family does not need to make tough decisions at a tough time. Topics will include; service arrangements, cemetery plots, burial and cremation information, veteran and Medicaid benefits.

**Pinochle** moves to its winter time of **1:00pm** beginning on **Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**. Everyone is welcome.

**Men's Night Out** will be **Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:0pm**. Men will meet at the Loveland Buffalo Wild Wings for dinner and fellowship.

**Advent Services will be held on  
November 30<sup>th</sup>  
December 7<sup>th</sup>  
December 14<sup>th</sup>**

Services will be at 4:30pm and 7:00pm.

Soup supper will be served by the ladies of WINGS and Ladies Guild from 5:00-6:45pm.

Sign up sheets will be up by mid-November to provide desserts for our Advent soup suppers.

**Children's Christmas Program** will be held on **Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm** with cookies and wassail following.

Want to share The Messenger with your friends and family?  
Check it out at [www.mountliveloveland.org](http://www.mountliveloveland.org) and click on the Newsletters link.



**Word Wisdom: What does this mean?  
Just for fun!  
Test your vocabulary with this quick quiz!  
Answers on page 13.**

1. Alb
  - A. A Hebrew measurement
  - B. A cry of repentance
  - C. A white garment
2. Pericope
  - A. A spyglass
  - B. An individual's interpretation
  - C. A selection of Scripture
3. Pentateuch
  - A. An occult symbol
  - B. The books of Moses
  - C. A Philistine city
4. Enchiridion
  - A. A handbook
  - B. Concerning the End Times
  - C. An unanswerable theological question
5. Homily
  - A. A Harvest meal
  - B. A Sermon
  - C. A hymn arrangement

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**Lutheran Link of the Month      [www.lutheranservices.org](http://www.lutheranservices.org)**

Leaders of [The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod](#) (LCMS) will be guests at the White House on Friday, Oct. 28, as part of a day-long event with other representatives from Lutheran health and human service organizations across the country.

[Lutheran Services in America](#), which helped organize the event, expects more than 160 participants from almost 30 states and more than 50 different Lutheran organizations. The leaders are gathering in Washington to receive briefings from Obama Administration officials; attend issue-specific sessions with policymakers; and raise questions, concerns and recommendations about the provision of social services.



**Rev. Randall Golter, [LCMS Rocky Mountain District](#) President is one of ten people representing the LCMS at the White House event.**

The LCMS representatives will seek to learn more about the Obama Administration's priorities and raise key issues facing the church and the communities it supports through the LCMS network of not-for-profit partners known as Recognized Service Organizations.

The LCMS is a founding partner and member of Lutheran Services in America, a network of more than 300 Lutheran health and human service organizations. Working neighbor to neighbor through services in health care, aging and disability supports, community development, housing, and child and family strengthening, these organizations together touch the lives of one in 50 Americans each year and have aggregated annual incomes of more than \$18 billion.



# 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."

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## **Distribution**

Try for a moment to picture the heavenly throng standing before the throne of God on the Last Day. The numbers will be staggering. And yet, united as we all are to Christ, the Bridegroom, we will be one--his elect Bride. As the faithful make their way to the altar to feast on the Bread of Life in the distribution, they are given a glimpse of that holy Bride. Oh yes, we see all of her warts and blemishes: the petty bickering over trivial matters, the deep disagreements on more weighty issues, and the painful ways in which we sometimes treat one another. Yet, by our common confession of the truth, we are one in Christ. As Christ gives himself to us in this holy meal, he strengthens that unity and bids us love one another with a deep and abiding love. How can it be any other way, as we are sent from the table with the blessing to depart in peace?

## **Nunc Dimittis**

Another Lutheran contribution to the church's liturgy is the use of the Nunc Dimittis as the post-communion canticle: "Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace." At first glance it appears that we're taking the words of Simeon completely out of context. After all, what does his experience have to do with ours? How can Holy Communion ever compare to Simeon's unique honor of holding the infant Jesus in his arms during the child's first visit to the temple at the tender age of 40 days (Lk 2:25-38)?

Of course, we would love to have been in the temple and shared in the experience with Simeon. For that matter, we would give anything to have been the first--along with the shepherds--to see the infant Jesus, or to have been with the Magi as they offered their gifts to him. But, as Luther so insightfully taught, we don't find Christ in those places. Through the events of his incarnation, birth, crucifixion, and resurrection our Lord has accomplished our salvation. But the benefits of his saving work--forgiveness, life, and salvation--are distributed to us through his means of grace, his Word and Sacraments. We can't go back to stand with Simeon in the temple. The good news is that we don't have to.

So when, following our reception of the Lord's Supper, we sing Simeon's ancient song of faith--"Lord, now let your servant depart in peace"--nothing could be more appropriate. Indeed, our eyes have seen his salvation. Better yet, we have tasted and seen that the Lord is good (Ps. 34:8). So, what could be better than holding the infant Jesus in our arms? How about eating and drinking his body and blood given for the forgiveness of our sins? This truly is heaven on earth, because here we have Jesus and all his benefits.

***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 sign up on the Servant Bulletin Board.***

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

## **Elder Schedule**

November 6	Rick Pfeiffer and Conrad Brandt	
November 9	Rick Pfeiffer	
November 13	Brian Fischer	
November 16	Rick Pfeiffer	
November 20	Neil Hughes and Dan Daggett	
November 23	4:30pm service	Conrad Brandt
	7:00pm service	Rick Pfeiffer
November 27	Larry Currey	
November 30	4:30pm service	Rick Pfeiffer
	7:00pm service	Brian Fischer



## **Usher Schedule**

November 6	Darrell Viegut, Jerry Layne, Brian Fischer, Ron Hildahl	
November 13	Dan Flanscha, Stephen Flanscha, Jack Bloss, Rick Pfeiffer	
November 20	Darrell Viegut, Rick Pfeiffer, Pat Degooyer, Monte Wegner	
November 23	4:30pm	Jack Bloss, Conrad Brandt
	7:00pm	Jerry Layne, Rick Pfeiffer
November 27	Brian Fischer, Rick Pfeiffer, Dan Flanscha, Pat Degooyer	
November 30	4:30 pm	Jack Bloss, Rick Pfeiffer
	7:00pm	Jerry Layne, Brian Fischer

## **Coffee Hosts**

***Please sign up to serve as coffee hosts!***

November 6	New Member Reception hosted by WINGS
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## **Altar Guild**

Mary Hoel and Claudette Dassow

# Mount Olive Lutheran Church Staff and Parish Planning Council

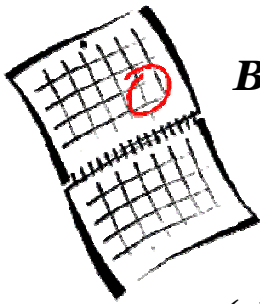
The members of the staff and Parish Planning Council invite your questions, comments, concerns, suggestions, etc. Please feel welcome to contact any one of us in person or by using the email addresses and telephone numbers provided below.

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**Highlights of the October 23, 2011 Voters Meeting:** The voters heard reports from the Pastor, the Treasurer, the Nominating Committee, and all of the administrative boards.

The voters took the following actions.

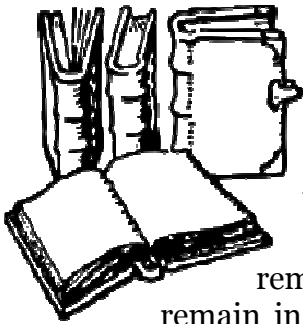
- Nominated Rev. Al Schroeder of Immanuel, Loveland for circuit counselor, pending his consent.
- Elected Conrad Brandt to the office of Vice President.
- Elected Wes Riewe to the Board of Trustees.
- Adopted a \$178,340.00 budget for 2012. Our 2011 budget is \$171,080.00.
- Allocated \$900 from funds received through Thrivent Choice for replacing the carpet in the lower level. This was in addition to \$2000 previously allocated. The carpet project is now fully funded.
- Donated \$515 from funds received through Thrivent Choice to University Lutheran Chapel in Boulder.
- Decided to purchase an altar Bible from funds received through the LCEF promotion earlier this year. Previously, a \$100 donation had been made to House of Neighborly Service from funds received through the LCEF promotion.



## BULLETIN AND NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Do you have an announcement for the weekly bulletin or the Mount Olive Messenger? **Please submit your information to Laura in the church office by email at [mountoliveohio@yahoo.com](mailto:mountoliveohio@yahoo.com).**

- ✓ **Bulletin information is needed by Wednesdays.**
- ✓ **Newsletter submissions no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.**



**From the Board of Education:** In an effort to revise the library as a source for increased Christian Education and a resource for the knowledge of and defense against non-Christian beliefs, the Board of Education has removed many books and is in the process of re-organizing and re-structuring the library. All books that have been removed are currently in boxes in storage. If a book has been removed that you would like to keep or if you feel a book has been removed that should remain in the library, please see a member of the Board of Education. Removed books will remain in storage until January 1, 2012, and any unclaimed books will be donated.

Join us on Thanksgiving Eve, November 23<sup>rd</sup>  
for the Service of Evening Prayer  
at 4:30 pm and 7:00 pm

### *Luther's Prayer for Thanksgiving*

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good and His mercy endures forever. Lord God, heavenly Father, You have created me and endowed me with all that I am or have as a pure gift you Your "fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me." You sustain me from day to day with the gifts of daily bread in the food that I eat, the family that surrounds me, the friends I enjoy, the country where I live, and countless other benefits that I constantly receive from Your open hand. On this Day of Thanksgiving, cause me to gratefully remember the good gifts that You shower upon me. Deepen in me the knowledge of Your goodness, and awaken my heart to praise you for all of Your gifts, especially the forgiveness of sins that You have purchased and won me and the whole world in the atoning death of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Keep me mindful of Your mercies every day and grant that I may thank, praise, serve and obey You not only with my lips but also with a life dedicated to the service of my neighbor. To You, O Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, praise and thanksgiving, now and forever. Amen.



### Answers

1. C. A white garment. A robe worn by anyone helping in a worship service. Alb is Latin for "white" which is symbolic of Christ's righteousness given at baptism.
2. C. A selection of Scripture. The portion of Scripture appointed to be read on a particular Sunday.
3. B. The books of Moses. The first five books of the Bible written by Moses.
4. A. A handbook. A manual or handbook of Christians teaching. A name for a catechism.
5. B. A sermon. Usually a shorter sermon in which the essence of the day and the texts are expounded.

## November Anniversaries

November 5  
Darrell and Judy Luce

November 7  
Pastor & Jeane Israel

November 11  
Charlie & Lynette Ford

November 21  
Jerry & Betty Layne

November 27  
Brian & Lori Meyer

### **New Email Address:**

Floyd & June Starkjohann  
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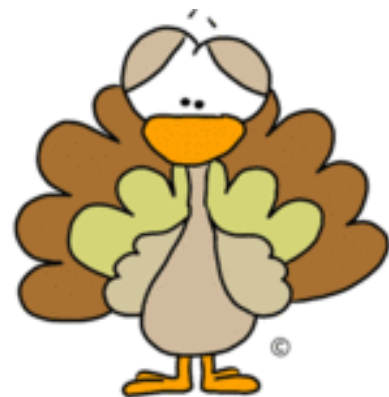
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## November Birthdays

November 1	Norma Zimmerman
November 2	Cristina Hughes
November 4	Wilma Beckmann
November 4	Ralph Hartman
November 5	Bob Jones
November 7	Cliff Closson
November 8	Shelby Soucek
November 9	Riley Brown
November 13	Ashleigh Sheldon
November 13	Betty Tancik
November 14	Craig Campion
November 14	Adrienne Thompson
November 16	Karri Benedetti
November 16	Bernice Schumacher
November 18	Hannah Zimmerman
November 20	Tammy Giroux
November 20	Lilly Kaplan
November 20	Sharon Roe
November 22	Natalie Lahrke
November 22	Frank Knowski
November 22	Ellie Zuehlke
November 23	Gennie Meinecke
November 27	Gregg Roeder
November 28	Joyce Flanscha
November 28	Reid Turner



Happy Thanksgiving!

# November 2011

# Mount Olive Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7pm Elders	2 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:15 am MOPS@ MO 7pm Worship & Bible Study	3	4 6pm Ladies Gathering: SOUP SWAP hosted by WINGS	5 8am Weavers
6 Mite Box Sunday 8am Choir Practice 9 am Holy Communion 10:30am Bible Class/SS New Member Reception	7	8 6pm Board of Evangelism/PR 7 pm Board of Ed, Fellowship, Stewardship, Trustees 7:15pm Board of Youth	9 6:30am Men's Bible Study 7pm Worship & Bible Study	10 Noon Keenagers  7-10pm MOPS Moms Craft Catch Up	11	12 1pm Pinochle
13 8am Choir Practice 9 am Worship Service 10:30am Bible Class/SS 5:30pm HARVEST DINNER	14 1pm Bunco 12 Group  6:30pm WINGS	15 9am Ladies Guild  6pm HOA Lakeside Terrace	16 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:15 am MOPS@ MO 7pm Worship & Bible Study	17  7pm HOA Spring Mountain	18	19
20 8am Choir Practice 9 am Holy Communion 10:30am Bible Class/SS	21	22	23 6:30am Men's Bible Study  4:30/7pm Thanksgiving Eve Service	24  THANKSGIVING	25	26
27 8am Choir Practice 9 am Worship Service 10:30am Bible Class/SS	28	29 6pm Men's Night Out	30 6:30am Men's Bible Study 4:30/7pm Advent Service 5:00-6:30 Soup Supper			