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MOUNT OLIVET

# MESSENGER

*Believing, Belonging, Becoming*



## *Luke: Signs & Wonders*

ENTERING THE STORY

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# Join Us for Worship

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**WED, JAN 2**

## Wednesday Worship

- M** 11am — followed by a Community Lunch, \$6, no reservation required  
Sermon: **PASTOR HAMMERSTEN**

**SUN, JAN 6**

## Epiphany

Holy Communion 8:30am and following last service; Nursery 9, 10, 11am

- M** 9, 10, 11am, 12noon  
Sermon: **PASTOR LOSE**  
Music: Senior & Cathedral Choirs; Amanda Jenkins, soprano  
Sunday School: 9, 10, 11am  
Choir Sunday School: 9, 10 am
- W** 9, 10, 11am  
Sermon: **PASTOR DIXON**  
Music: Senior & Cathedral Choirs; Teresa Elsbernd, mezzo-soprano  
Sunday School: 9, 10 am

**SUN, JAN 13**

## "The Preaching of John" & Cathedral of the Pines Worship on Camp Sunday

Enjoy a Cathedral of the Pines camp-style worship service and learn about youth summer camp offerings — Cathedral of the Pines Camp, Vacation Bible School, Summertime Players!, God's Kids Sing!, and more. See details on pages 10-11. Registration opens Jan 14. ☑

Holy Communion 8:30am and following last service; Nursery 9, 10, 11am

- M** 9, 10, 11am, 12noon  
Sermon: **PASTOR LOSE**  
Music: Senior & Cathedral Choirs  
NO Sunday School or Choir Sunday School (worship as a family at camp-style service)

- W** 9, 10, 11am  
Sermon: **PASTOR HAMMERSTEN**  
Music: Senior & Cathedral Choirs  
NO Sunday School (worship as a family at camp-style service)

**SUN, JAN 20**

## "The Baptism of Jesus"

Holy Communion 8:30am and following last service; Nursery 9, 10, 11am

- M** 9, 10, 11am, 12noon  
Sermon: **PASTOR MACLEAN**  
Music: Senior & Cathedral Choirs; Joyful Noise!  
Sunday School: 9, 10, 11am  
Choir Sunday School: 9, 10 am
- W** 9, 10, 11am  
Sermon: **PASTOR RUUD**  
Music: Senior & Cathedral Choirs  
Sunday School: 9, 10 am

**SUN, JAN 27**

## "Sermon at Nazareth"

Holy Communion 8:30am and following last service; Nursery 9, 10, 11am

- M** 9, 10, 11am, 12noon  
Sermon: **PASTOR MACLEAN**  
Music: Chancel, Chapel & Hosanna Choirs  
Sunday School: 9, 10, 11am  
Choir Sunday School: 9, 10 am
- W** 9, 10, 11am  
Sermon: **PASTOR KALLAND**  
Music: Chancel Treble, Chancel Tenore & Chapel Choirs  
Sunday School: 9, 10 am



## LISTEN & WATCH

- M** 11am Sunday worship services are broadcast **LIVE** at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org) and at WDGY radio 740AM. **PASTOR TERRY MOREHOUSE'S Faith Alive** program follows the service. Both also are available for download at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org) for viewing and listening at your convenience.

## ACCESSIBILITY & HEARING DEVICES

- M** **W** sanctuaries are handicapped accessible. Use the elevator located in the **M** main entry to go to the sanctuary on the 2nd level. Enter through the **W** main level doors to go to the sanctuary. Hearing devices also are available at the **M** **W** information desks located in the narthexes (lobbies).

## NURSERY

During the 9,10 & 11am worship services, children 6wks to 3yrs are invited to the **M** **W** nurseries located adjacent to Fellowship Hall on the lower level of both campuses. Questions: Amy Porthan [amyp@mtolivet.org](mailto:amyp@mtolivet.org).

## HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION

Because neither the Synod or ELCA require data on Communion registration, we will no longer print registration slips. So, while we encourage you to participate in a Communion service, we will no longer ask you to fill out a registration slip.

# What to Expect in January

As you read this, we're on the verge of debuting our new website at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org) (same address, just an awesome new website!). One of the tabs is called "What to Expect on Sundays." It's obviously written for visitors, one of the primary "intended audiences" of the new site. (Surveys indicate that the vast majority of people looking for a church form their opinions about a church based on the church's website and well before ever stepping foot in the door.) But I've been thinking it might be just as important to communicate this to our beloved members and friends – that is, to you! So ... what can you expect on Sundays at Mount Olivet?

**Warm and Welcoming Smiles** One of the things I love best about Mount Olivet is that people are excited to be there. And that excitement shows in the way we smile when we see each other, greet each other, and welcome both those we know and those we don't yet know to worship. Your presence, smiles, and warm hospitality is what makes people feel welcome, want to come back, and quickly discover that Mount Olivet is "the biggest little church you'll ever find."

**Exceptional Music** Whether you are watching ever-growing numbers of high-schoolers in our Cathedral Choirs process into worship, are moved by the exceptional voices of our Senior Choirs, or are being uplifted by the many talented guest musicians at Mount Olivet, you can count on inspiring and exceptional music. Martin Luther was fond of saying that, "next to the Word of God itself, music is God's greatest gift to us!" And we take that very seriously at Mount Olivet.

**Opportunities to Get Involved in Service, Fellowship, and Learning** If you read your Sunday bulletin insert – preferably not during the sermon! ☺ – you'll be simply amazed at how many opportunities there are for learning, service, and fellowship. In addition, each week we have people in the narthex to help welcome folks to church and help them discover where they'd love to serve.

**Inspiring Biblical Preaching** At Mount Olivet, we're committed to being reverent to God's Word in order to be relevant to God's world. One way we accomplish this is by offering sermons that draw us into the centuries-long story of God's work to love, bless, and save the world so that, as we come to know these stories better, it's easier for us to see God at work in our own lives and, indeed, to become a part of that story. This year, from December through May, we are reading Luke's story of Jesus so that we can better appreciate God's love for us and all the world.

**Choir Sunday School** A big hit this fall has been our new Choir Sunday School at the Mpls Campus for children ages three to sixth grade (to be started at West when construction is complete!). Designed to pair the stories we are reading in church with songs the children

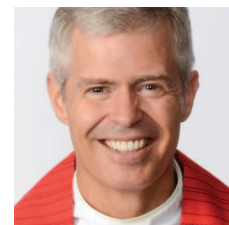
can learn and enjoying singing, Choir Sunday School makes it just a little easier for busy parents to have their kids engaged in our music program and learn the stories of the faith.

**A Well-Run Organization** It takes a lot of planning to get between three and four thousand people in and out of our Minneapolis and West sanctuaries each Sunday. And it takes a lot of people, too – from parking lot attendants to greeters, from Sunday School teachers to ushers, from the altar guild to our pastors – we are working hard to make Sunday an inspiring, life-giving experience.

Suffice it to say, there's a lot that you can expect each Sunday. And a lot you'll miss out on if you're not here. So come. Come to be renewed in your faith, inspired to become the person you want to be, and equipped to serve others in hope and confidence. And while you're at it, bring a friend!

*Pastor Lose*

DAVID J. LOSE, SENIOR PASTOR



## *Luke: Signs & Wonders* ENTERING THE STORY

Jan 13	"The Preaching of John" & Camp Sunday with Cathedral of the Pines Worship	Luke 3:1-18
Jan 20	"The Baptism of Jesus"	Luke 3:15-22
Jan 27	"Sermon at Nazareth"	Luke 4:14-30

After spending Advent and Christmas anticipating and celebrating Christ's birth by reading the first two chapters of St. Luke's Gospel, we turn our attention in January to the beginning of the Epiphany Season. If at Christmas we receive the gift of the baby Jesus, it's during Epiphany that we unwrap this gift and see how the babe born in Bethlehem grows to adulthood and announces the coming kingdom of God in word and deed. This year, we celebrate Epiphany on Sunday, Jan 6, hearing about the journey of the three magi through Matthew's scripture (Matthew 2:16-23) and hymnody. On Jan 13, we'll have an opportunity to look ahead to all that summer holds for our youth at Mount Olivet on Camp Sunday with a COP-style worship service. And the *Signs & Wonders* series continues on Jan 20 as we further delve into the Gospel of Luke. See you in church!



# Life & Growth

NOV 16 - DEC 14

## Baptisms

Quinn Harper Anderson,  
daughter of Jenna and Patrick  
Cato James Anderson-Boser,  
son of Beth and Brandon  
Gabriella Rose Chauhan,  
daughter of Amanda and Anil  
Meredith Joanna and Frederick Marion Diehl,  
children of Kelly-Ann and William  
Caroline Leslie Erickson,  
daughter of Kristen and David  
Mara Eloise Flury,  
daughter of Margaret and Christopher  
Charles James Froemming,  
son of Jennifer and Adam  
Anders Allen Halverson,  
son of Katie and Sean  
Ethan Francis Houck-Lyden,  
son of Nina and Trenton  
Cora Marilyn Jepson,  
daughter of Kim and Chris  
Sophie Marie Johnston,  
daughter of Christy and Bryan  
Lucy Marie Kruger, daughter of Jill and Sean  
Charles James Leer, son of Katie and Andy  
Chloe LaRae Levins,  
daughter of Taryn and Michael  
Luke Thomas Lewis, son of Andrea and John  
Emery Mae Mason,  
daughter of Kate and Reid  
Hazel Emerson Merkel,  
daughter of Mollie and Jesse  
Mackenzie Grace Nelson,  
daughter of Meighan and Jesse  
Grace Winter Neumann,  
daughter of Katie and Terran  
Greta Ann Norland,  
daughter of Ranae and Grant  
Theodore Millard Thompson III,  
son of Courtney and Theodore  
Ava Kaprielyn Womack,  
daughter of Christina and Lucas

## Weddings

Marilyn Mark & Bruce Norback, Dec 2  
Kaila Jordan & Jens Lillehei, Dec 14

## Deaths

Bill T. Antholz, 1936 - 2018  
Katharine A. Canfield, 1940 - 2018  
Jeroy C. Carlson, 1923 - 2018  
John W. Carlson, 1924 - 2018  
Barbara K. Dressell, 1941 - 2018  
Raymond H. Ehlers, 1936 - 2018  
Gregory Hitchcock, 1948 - 2018  
Beverly L. Huesmann, 1935 - 2018  
Maxine J. Johnson, 1924 - 2018  
Ruby L. Johnson, 1918 - 2018  
Ruth Luren, 1925 - 2018  
Harvey M. Peterson, 1928 - 2018  
Virginia Solomonson, 1919 - 2018  
Joyce E. Stelzig, 1937 - 2018  
Jan D. Stockbridge, 1934 - 2018  
Catherine J. Van Sloun, 1952 - 2018



## Farewell Carol James

*For God ... will not overlook your work and the love that you showed for his sake in serving the saints, as you still do.*  
(Hebrews 6:10)

More than 15 years ago,

**CAROL JAMES** invited me to speak at the Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center. And so began one of my most treasured professional and personal relationships. Since then,

we have partnered on so many events that there are those who call us "Carol squared." What an honor to be coupled with this special woman in such a way! Yes, we each bring unique, but complementary talents to the partnership, but what makes it easy and so enjoyable is who Carol James is at the core—a person who just naturally looks for, encourages, and supports the positive and the possibilities in people. A compassionate, caring leader and friend.

I have no doubt that Pastor Paul Youngdahl recognized the kind of person Carol is when he chose her as Executive Director of MOCRC almost 20 years ago. Nor would he have missed her astute business and marketing mind, which along with her creative visioning for MOCRC have contributed so greatly to the life and mission of the congregation, including its outreach to the wider community.

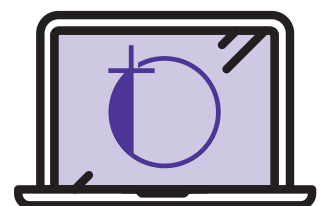
As Carol herself often says, MOCRC is centered in Christian hospitality. No matter the event, from booking it to waving goodbye, she and her staff endeavor to anticipate needs and assure the best experience possible—to exceed expectations. What's more, they succeed! Whether you are there for a Mount Olivet event or you come as part of an outside group, your experience is one of gracious hospitality and the personal touch. That takes work and commitment, and for Carol, it comes from the heart.

Sadly for us, Carol now has chosen to begin a new chapter in her life, giving herself more time to spend with her precious grandchildren and children, to travel with husband Donald, and to pursue a variety of personal interests, including volunteering.

While we will greatly miss you, Carol, we thank God for all you have given to us over the years. We look forward to seeing you in church and wish you only the best in this new chapter of your life. Knowing you as I do, it will be fun to see how once again you exceed expectations!

*Well done, good and faithful servant!* (Matthew 25:21) As you move forward, know that our prayers for your happiness go with you, as do these words of blessing: *May God be present on your journey, may Christ guide your steps, may the Spirit strengthen you, and may your life be filled with true joy and peace.* – CAROL THRONTVEIT, DIRECTOR OF ADULT LEARNING

**Realm** is our new online member login experience where you connect with a small group; register for classes and events; track giving and download giving statements; make your pledge; update contact information, change family details; etc. Set up your account at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org) (click on the login button at the top of the page). **REALM TROUBLESHOOTING** 2nd Wed 11am **M** Rm 207A. Staff and volunteers will assist you with problem-solving any issues you may be encountering. Be sure to bring your Laptop/iPad and/or Phone along with your passwords.



## DEVOTIONS

## Epiphany

On January 6, the church will celebrate Epiphany, which is a Greek word meaning “manifestation.” Christ’s significance to the world was first made apparent (manifest) when three wise men came traveling far across the desert, following a moving star, in search of a newborn king.

As we reflect upon 2018, we recall the good and the bad, and consider what we’ve lost and gained. And then we turn our attention to the future – making resolutions to improve some aspect of life for ourselves or for others. Perhaps the story of the wise men can teach us about seeking and finding hope.

First, they went out looking for the great God-given goodness they believed existed. It’s always easier to stay where we are, despairing, and fortifying our own positions. But sometimes, finding new hope requires that we venture out in faith. Maybe you’ll need to risk a change or two in your life to discover the newborn hope you long to find.

Second, the wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These seem like strange gifts for a baby, but they were the most valuable things the kings possessed. When you go out in search of new hope, bring your best gifts, and prepare to give them away. You’ll be surprised how offering your time, your resources, or your love and prayers benefit those who receive these gifts from you. And you’ll feel more hopeful, useful, and valuable because of what you’ve been able to give.

Finally, after finding Jesus, the wise men returned by another road. When you go out in search of newborn hope, you may change your paths. New hope can reorient us and redirect us. As we begin 2019, I hope that you can rejoice in all that is good – especially in the nearness of God. Happy New Year! – PASTOR MACLEAN



## Registration for Summer Camping Programs Opens Jan 14

**Camp Sunday 1/13, All Worship Services with Additional Information in**  
**M Fellowship Hall, W Narthex.** Enjoy a Cathedral of the Pines camp-style worship service and learn about youth summer camp offerings – Cathedral of the Pines Camp, Vacation Bible School, Summertime Players!, God’s Kids Sing!, and more. See details on pages 10-11. Registration begins 1/14. ☑

## Robert Robinson Sings Feb 3 at Mpls and Feb 10 at West!



*Su 2/3 All M Worship Services; Su 2/10 All W Worship Services.* Acclaimed gospel singer, **ROBERT ROBINSON**, joins our Cathedral and Senior Choir members from both campuses to provide special music. Robert began singing at the age of 6 and has since become a “beloved institution” in the Twin Cities music community and beyond. Robert’s recordings will be available for purchase in the narthex after services.

## Daily Readings

JAN 2019

FROM PASTOR KALLAND

- 1 Revelation 21:5, All Things New
- 2 Isaiah 65:17, New Heavens and New Earth
- 3 Psalm 33:3, A New Song
- 4 Colossians 3:9-10, Put On a New Self
- 5 Lamentations 3:22-23, New Every Morning
- 6 Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, Time for Every Matter
- 7 Ezekiel 11:19, New Spirit
- 8 Romans 6:6-7, Our Old Self Crucified
- 9 2 Corinthians 5:17, A New Creation
- 10 Isaiah 42:9, New Things I Declare
- 11 Ephesians 4:22-24, Be Made New
- 12 Psalm 40:3, New Song in My Mouth
- 13 Isaiah 43:19, A New Thing
- 14 Deuteronomy 31:6, The Lord Your God Goes with You
- 15 Jeremiah 29:11, Plans for You
- 16 Isaiah 41:10, I Will Uphold You
- 17 Psalm 46:1-3, Ever-Present Help
- 18 Isaiah 26:3, Perfect Peace
- 19 Habakkuk 3:19, The Lord is My Strength
- 20 Psalm 119:114, Refuge and Shield
- 21 Proverbs 18:10, Safe
- 22 Psalm 29:11, Strength and Blessings
- 23 Philippians 4:13, All Things
- 24 Isaiah 40:29, The Lord Gives
- 25 Ephesians 3:16, Strength in Your Inner Being
- 26 Psalm 34:8, Taste and See
- 27 Joshua 10:25, Strong and Courageous
- 28 Philippians 3:10-11, I Want to Know Christ
- 29 Zechariah 4:6, By the Spirit
- 30 Exodus 15:2, My Salvation
- 31 Romans 8:31, God is for Us



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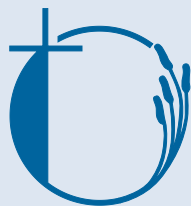
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## Women's Weekend

1/25-1/27 4pm Friday to Sunday Brunch, Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center. All those faithful women! In the Bible and today, God takes ordinary women and helps them do extraordinary things – often without them even knowing they have. In countless ways, they inspire us with examples of what it means to trust in, rely on, and respond to God's love and promises. Join **PASTOR HAMMERSTEN**, **PASTOR HELGEN**, **CAROL THRONTVEIT**, and a great group of fun, insightful women to learn more about some of these women from the Bible and history while also recalling and sharing "extraordinary ordinary" women from our own lives and faith. Be prepared for lots of laughter, the possibility of tears, and soul-nurturing time to enjoy wonderful food, walks in the woods, relaxing in the whirlpool, and massages by appointment (extra cost). Only dorm rooms are left (\$140pp). \$25 nonrefundable deposit due at registration. Register: 952.469.2175 [msiems@mocrc.org](mailto:msiems@mocrc.org).

## A Day Lenten Journey: What is Lent for Lutherans?

Tu 3/12, 10am-3pm, Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center. The innovations and disruptions Martin Luther brought to the medieval church included changes to Lenten season practices. How close are we – or aren't we – to those practices today? And what difference does it make? Join **PASTOR DIXON** and guest presenter **DR. THOMAS LECAQUE** of Grand View University as we explore these questions and more. You will leave with a new "Lutheran Toolkit" for your own deeply meaningful Lenten season, and have enjoyed the beauty of a winter day, warm fellowship, inspiring conversation, and a delicious lunch! \$20 for lunch and program. Bus available for \$5 from **W** (8:45am), 7500 York (8:45am), and **M** (9:15am). Register by 3/12: [mtolivetretreat.org](http://mtolivetretreat.org) 952.469.2175 [msiems@mocrc.org](mailto:msiems@mocrc.org).



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## Career & Calling Breakfast

W 1/30 7-9am, **M** Fellowship Hall. C&C breakfasts offer a chance to step away from the emails, task lists, and meetings and look at the bigger picture of our careers align with God's calling. In Jan, **PASTOR RUUD** will speak on the importance of Sabbath. Join us for good food and good conversation! Free (donations encouraged). ☑ ☕



## 11th Annual Motorheads' Winter Event

Tu 2/12, Arrive Between 5:30pm and 7pm (shuttles run continuously until 9pm), Park and Shuttle from Mount Olivet West, 7150 Rolling Acres Road, Victoria. Join us for this fun gathering at **WARREN HERREID'S** amazing garage complex. Enjoy delicious food, cool cars, interesting displays, devotions, **THE MEDICINE SHOW MUSIC COMPANY**, and a replica of the "**BACK TO THE FUTURE**" **DELOREAN** car. \$10 paid by 2/10, \$15 at the door, \$5 for youth 18 and under. ☑ ☕



## MOUNT OLIVET Presents: An Evening with **WILL STEGER**

**SUN, FEB 24, 5-7PM**

**M FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Mount Olivet members and the community are invited to this dinner event with **WILL STEGER**, a world-renowned explorer from Minnesota known for his numerous polar expeditions, deep understanding of the environment, and his efforts to raise international awareness of environmental threats. Will became the National Geographic Society's first Explorer-in-Residence in 1996, has authored four books, received several honorary doctorate degrees, and founded two non-profits – the *Will Steger Wilderness Center* in Ely, MN and *Climate Generation: A Will Steger Legacy* dedicated to engaging educators, youth and communities in solutions to address climate change.

A limited number of autographed books will be available for sale. Books also are available at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com). A chili dinner (Will Steger's favorite menu) will be served. \$15. Register by 2/24. ☎

**Michelle Vig**  
Neat Little Nest, Founder+Chief Organizer  
**LADIES' NIGHT, MON, MAR 4  
6:30PM, MPLS CAMPUS**  
\$15. REGISTER AT [MTOLIVET.ORG](http://MTOLIVET.ORG) OR 612.926.7651  
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## **MOCW Annual Ladies' Night**

**M 3/4 6:30pm, M Fellowship Hall.** Speaker: **MICHELE VIG**, Founder & Chief Organizer of Neat Little Nest. Topic: "Finding your Passion + Purpose." Michele was the president of Caribou Coffee before following her passion to help people transform their lives by tidying up their homes and workspaces. She will share her philosophy on how organizing (mind/time/stuff) has helped her unlock her own potential and can help you, too! \$15. Register 1/2-2/27. ☎ **CALLING ALL MEN SERVERS!** Continue the tradition of men serving the ladies – contact 612.926.7651 [mocwvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:mocwvolunteer@gmail.com).

**Young in Heart  
& FRIENDS  
LUNCHEON**  
**TUE, JAN 22  
12NOON  
MPLS CAMPUS**  
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## **Young in Heart Luncheon**

**(70+) Tu 1/22 12noon,**

**M Fellowship Hall.** Featuring:

**THE BENSON FAMILY SINGERS.** \$9 and donation to Pastor Scott's On-Call Ministry. Friends welcome! Register by 1/18: 612.926.7651.

Wednesdays thru March, Afton Alps

**MOUNT OLIVET  
Ski Club**

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## **Ski Club**

W 1/2-3/29, 9:30am-9:30pm, *Afton Alps*, 6600 Peller Ave S, Hastings, MN. Mention "Mount Olivet" to receive discounts: \$29 adult / \$24 senior lift tickets, \$23 rental (skis or snowboard, boots, poles, helmet), \$10 helmet rented alone. Look for the "Mount Olivet Ski Club" table (chalet 2nd floor) to get a colored ribbon to identify yourself to fellow ski clubbers on the slopes. Meet the group for lunch at Paul's Restaurant at 12noon or gather up family and friends after school or work!

**Men's Breakfasts**  
**TUESDAYS @ 7AM**  
THE HILLTOP, EDINA  
**THURSDAYS @ 7AM**  
PERKINS, CHANHASSEN  
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## **Men's Breakfasts**

*Tu 7am, The Hilltop Edina;*

*Th 7am, Chanhassen Perkins.*

Jan 1/3: New Year's Week **NO**

**BREAKFASTS.** Jan 8/10: **BIBLE STUDY.**

Jan 15/17: **CHRISTY ZILKA** "Little Moves,

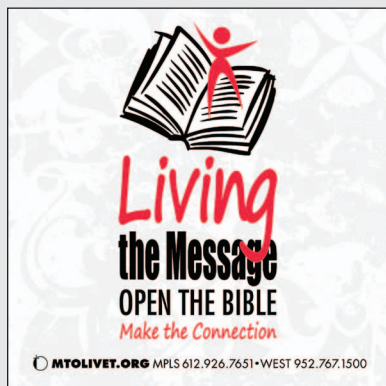
Big Results." Jan 22/24: **BIBLE STUDY.**

Jan 29/31: **LEE NYSTROM** "MN Farm kid, to the NFL, and Back."

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# ADULT LEARNING

All Mount Olivet members, visitors, friends, and family are welcome at Adult Learning opportunities. Questions: Carol Throntveit, Director of Adult Learning 612.767.2246 carolt@mtolivet.org.



## Living the Message Introductions

Tu 1/8 6pm	Ⓜ Rehearsal Hall
Tu 2/5 6pm	Ⓜ Rehearsal Hall
Tu 3/5 6pm	Ⓜ Rehearsal Hall
Tu 4/2 6pm	Ⓦ Gronseth Fellowship Hall
Tu 5/7 6pm	Ⓜ Rehearsal Hall

Whether or not you participate in a Living the Message small group, you are welcome to join us at **PASTOR RUUD'S** introductions to each month's study. In Jan, we will contemplate Luke 7:1-17 and ask "What Was Jesus Doing?" This and all our monthly studies will take us deeper into key texts and themes in Luke, the Gospel on which our Sunday sermons will be based from now through May. Please come – you'll be glad you did. Know, too, that new groups can form at any time. **PLEASE NOTE THAT INTRODUCTIONS NOW ARE ON TUESDAY EVENINGS.** Contact Carol Throntveit 612.767.2246 carolt@mtolivet.org.

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## Mondays/Tuesdays Together: Looking with Luke

M 1/14-2/4

7-8:30pm,

Ⓦ Gronseth

Fellowship

Hall; Tu

1/15-2/5

7-8:30pm,

Ⓜ Rm 207.

Now through May, Mount Olivet will continue to "enter the story" as we focus on the Gospel of Luke in Sunday morning worship. Add depth and richness to that experience by joining **DR. SARAH HENRICH**, Professor of New Testament, on a journey overflowing with memorable characters, powerful parables, and themes central to our lives as disciples. We will uncover early clues as to what lies ahead in Luke's Gospel. We will walk with Jesus as he heals, argues, breaks some rules, and keeps others. We will recognize Luke's unique portrayal of Jesus and explore what it means to live the gospel in the real world. We will witness Jesus praying and teaching us to pray and why. Finally, having been drawn deeply into the story, we will ask: Do disciples of a crucified Lord still have a word for the world? Join us on this memorable and enriching journey! Cost: Donation in class. ☎

**I Can't Wait!** *I haven't always attended the evening studies, but went last fall to "Genesis the BIG Picture," and it was a fantastic class! It offered me fresh, in-depth insights of the text in light and easy to grasp presentations. This new understanding made me recognize how the Sunday sermons and the same old Genesis lessons can be applied to my life. Knowing what a difference that made, I can't wait for this winter's class on Luke!*

– JAYN LINDQUIST



## Wednesday/Thursday Word: The Best-Known Verses NOT in the Bible

W 1/16-2/13 9:30-10:50am,

Ⓜ Rm 207; Th 1/17-2/14 10-

11:30am, Ⓦ CFL Activity Room.

Come learn from and get to know your pastors, as a different pastor each week explores a "teaching" many people think is biblical, but in fact is at best only a half-truth. Learn, too, how these assumed teachings often distort the truth of the biblical message and our understanding of who God is and the relationship God wants with us. Does the Bible really teach, for example, that "God won't give you more than you can handle"? Who is teaching each week is a surprise – that's part of the fun! Join in – and bring a friend. All are welcome! Cost: Donation in class. ☎

## Book Groups

- **Women's Book Discussion: Abide with Me by Elizabeth Strout** W 1/9-1/30 11am-12noon, Ⓜ Rm 208. Strout never disappoints, and this novel is no exception. A story of faith, loss, fallibility, sorrow, growth, and hope, this is a book that draws you into its grace and beauty as only a master storyteller can do and leaves you with lessons for the heart not easily forgotten. \$15 (includes book). ☎
- **Book Group: Evening** 2nd W 7-8:30pm, Ⓜ Library. Lively conversation is the hallmark of this group, which on Jan 9 will discuss *Pachinko* by Jin Lees and on Feb 13, *America's First Daughter* by Stephanie Dray. All are welcome!
- **Book Group: Midday** 3rd Tu 11:30am-1pm, Ⓜ Library. For Jan 15, we will be reading *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt. In Feb 19, we will be reading *Stars Over Clear Lake* by Loretta Ellsworth. Everyone is welcome to join us for our book discussions.

## ONGOING

- **Chair Holy Yoga** *M&W through 5/1 (no 12/24) 12:15-1:15pm, M Gym.* A great physical and spiritual boost to your day that does not require getting down and up from the floor, yet greatly improves balance, strength, and flexibility! Taught by certified instructors. \$5 paid to instructor.
- **Prayer Ministry** *M 3/4, 6/3, 9/9 1pm; 12/2 12noon; M Lounge.* Pray in the comfort of your own home, at work, on a walk – anywhere. God is always listening. Join us at one of our quarterly meetings or call 612.767.2209.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** *10am 2nd M in Feb, May, Aug, Nov M Lounge; 1pm 3rd Tu (except Jul & Dec) W CFL Rm 310A.* Experienced and beginner knitters are welcome to join us as we pray and knit prayer shawls for others in need of comfort, prayer, and support. Contact: 612.767.2209.
- **Quilting** *M 6:30-8:30pm M Rm 197.* Are you a quilter or “would-be” quilter? Join our group! We make little quilts for Pastor Scott’s On-Call Ministry. Instructions and materials provided. Learn new skills, have fun, and serve. Drop in anytime.
- **Spiritual Energy Healing** *M through 5/20 (no 12/24 or 12/31) 6-9pm, M 1700 Lower Level.* Learn and experience how prayer, God’s power, and the natural energy paths within the body can bring comfort and healing.

## GROUP COUNSELING

Location: **M** Counseling Office, 1804 W 50th Street.

Cost: \$10 per session MO members / \$20 non-members. Registration: Anne Lied 612.927.7335 annel@mtolivetcounseling.org.

- **Mindmasters for Anxiety and Depression** *W 1/16-3/20 4-5pm.* This psychotherapy group is for adults of all ages and genders coping with depression, anxiety, and related concerns. The group is ideal for those who are curious whether depression and anxiety are holding them back in personal and work life or who are committed to keeping ongoing symptoms in check, with or without a past mental health diagnosis.
- **Parent Connect** *Tu 1/15-3/19 6-7pm.* This support group is for parents who are looking to connect with other parents and learn how to manage parenting stressors in everyday life. Single parents welcome.
- **Transitions & Stages Group (65+)** *W 1/16-3/20 2-3pm.* For adults over 65 who are feeling overwhelmed by aspects of daily life. Ideal for those adjusting to the loss of a spouse, or to the role of primary caregiver; those transitioning through retirement or housing changes; those navigating short or long-term illness, disability, or financial worries.

## SERVICE

- **Adopt a Rolling Acres Group Home** Are you pondering where you’ll get involved this year, hoping to meet some new people and serve in a fun and new way? Our dream is that every Rolling Acres home (all 32!) for developmentally disabled residents has a team of folks who “adopt” it. Plant a garden, pull weeds, trim bushes, touch up the paint, mail cards, throw a party, decorate for the holidays, bake cookies, play music ... Whatever your talent, you or your group can help make a house a home. Contact: Laura Mahoney 612.322.2638 lmahoney@mtolivet-mora.org.
- **Parking Lot Crew** Contact: **M** Pastor Kalland 612.767.2269 kurtk@mtolivet.org. **W** Diane Matthews 952.767.1501 dianem@mtolivet.org.
- **Ushers** Welcome worshippers, distribute bulletins, and collect offering. Contact: **M** Chuck Ehlers 612.251.6115 chuck.ehlers01@gmail.com, **W** Diane Matthews 952.767.1501 dianem@mtolivet.org.
- **Altar Guild Volunteers** **M W** Help prepare Holy Communion, decorate the altars, and prepare the worship spaces. Contact: Nancy Nelson 612.767.2264 nnelson@mtolivet.org.
- **Nurseries Hiring PAID Staff** **M W** Training provided. Must be 15+ years old. Contact: Amy Porthan 612.767.2224 amyp@mtolivet.org.
- **Help Pastor Scott with Heavy Lifting** Call Pastor Scott 612.721.2588.
- **Personal Care Products for Love INC** **M W** Mount Olivet partners with Love INC (In the Name of Christ) to serve eastern Carver County. Items needed: toilet paper, facial tissues, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving cream, razors, deodorant, and bar soap.



### Advanced Care Planning

*Sa 1/26 & 2/23 8:30-10:30am, M Fellowship Hall.* Join us for this 2-part series. **ANNETTE**

**LANGDON**, Fairview Health Services, will guide us through the MN Health Care Directive document, and share the importance of this document to your family. In our second session, Annette

will be back to answer questions. We will also

have a panel of professionals from our Mount Olivet affiliates to share what they can offer. \$30 for both sessions. Register by 1/25. ☐✂

# Why Cathedral of the Pines?

Camp. A small and simple word used to describe one of the most amazing places I have ever been. When someone mentions camp, I never ask “what camp?” In my mind there is only one *camp*. This one word immediately brings to mind Cathedral of the Pines and all of the special memories and friendships that were formed over the years I was lucky enough spend time there. With this one word I am instantly reminded of the gates on Caribou Trail, the chapel overlooking Caribou Lake, the sound of laughter and pure joy that resonates throughout the camp, and the love and acceptance that is felt by all who enter those magical gates. I attended COP for the first time during the summer before 3rd grade and it immediately became a prominent place in my life. I was fortunate enough to attend camp every year after that first summer and have continued to experience the joy it brings in a variety of ways – as a camper, counselor, workstaff, staff, and cook. The relationships formed at COP, with God as the foundation of these friendships, are those that last a lifetime. My “church ladies” are friends that I know will always be there throughout this crazy journey we call life. These are the friends I laugh and cry with. We depend on each other. We support each other. And the love we share for Cathedral of the Pines binds us together like no other place can. I am thrilled that my children have had the opportunity to grow up attending Cathedral of the Pines and feel the love that is ever present from the moment you drive through the gates. Camp. There is only one Cathedral of the Pines. And it is magical. – KATHY MOODY

## Cathedral of the Pines Camp Rally

Su 2/10 4-7pm, **M**. Hey campers and families! Join us for a fun filled evening to gear up for Cathedral of the Pines Camp! Play camp carnival games in the gym, and go home with some fun prizes. After the carnival, we'll have a complimentary dinner and program put on by your 2019 Counselors & Workstaff. The program includes camp songs, skits, and a slideshow of life at COP. After dinner, we'll have a camp-style worship in the main sanctuary. Lottery results for Opening Weekend, Family Work Week, and Family Camp also will be posted. And don't forget to purchase your 2019 COP apparel in the Youth Center! ☐☒

## COP Camping Weeks

*Grades as of Sep 1, 2019*

*Non-Members: Add \$55*

*Special Diets: Add \$30*

### Grades 3 & 4

(1) 7/15-7/19 M-F \$370\*

(2) 8/3-8/7 Sa-W \$370\*

### Grades 5 & 6

(1) 6/27-7/2 Tu-Th \$405\*

(2) 7/19-7/24 F-W \$405\*

### Grades 7 & 8

(1) 6/21-6/27 F-Th \$425\*

(2) 7/5-7/10 F-W \$405\*

(3) 7/24-7/29 W-M \$405\*

### 9th-Gr Confirmation Camp

For Mount Olivet members only.

An opportunity to celebrate the completion of Confirmation requirements with Mount Olivet youth staff and friends.

(1) 7/10-7/15 W-M \$355\*

(2) 7/29-8/3 M-Sa \$355\*

*\* Full payment requested at time of registration*

**MEMBER REGISTRATION OPENS MON, JAN 14**  
**NON-MEMBER REGISTRATION OPENS SAT, MAR 2**

# 2019 SUMMER

## Camp Sunday

1/13, All Worship Services with

Additional Information in **M**

Fellowship Hall, **W** Narthex.

Enjoy a Cathedral of the Pines camp-style worship service and learn about youth summer camp offerings – Cathedral of the Pines Camp, Vacation Bible School, Summertime Players!, God's Kids Sing!, and more. Registration opens 1/14. ☐☒

## Vacation Bible School: To Mars and Beyond!

(4yrs-2nd Gr as of Sep

2019) M-Th 6/17-6/20 8:45am-

11:45am **M** **W**. Blast off with

the first VBS to land on Mars!

Cokesbury's *To Mars and Beyond* will help kids discover the wonders of God's universe. They'll become Voyagers on a journey through space, exploring where God's power can take them. Beginning in Fellowship Hall – an outpost on Mars – they'll lift off to distant planets on special missions to collect power sources. Along the way, they'll learn how God walked with heroes of the Bible, and that God is always with them, too. \$45. ☐☒ **VOLUNTEERS**

**NEEDED (7TH-12TH GR+)** Our theme this year will make for an “out of this world” volunteer experience! There are opportunities for counseling or leading one of our four activity stations. Contact:

**M** Maxwell Jones 612.767.2285 mjjones@mtolivet.org; **W** Tasha Holifield 952.767.1504 tashah@mtolivet.org.

*“Vacation Bible School was such a rewarding experience! It was so fun to see the early love and learning of their faith that these children had. It provided a great way for children to stay connected to their church community in the summer months!”*

– ELSA BEISE, 2018 VBS VOLUNTEER

# MMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

## God's Kids Sing!

**(1st-6th Gr as of Sep 2019)** M-F 6/24-6/28 9am-4pm (8am+ early drop-off available)

**(M)** Fellowship Hall **(W)** Bus 8am-4:15pm). GKS! is a fun-filled creative arts camp. Participants will have a blast singing, moving, and making awesome art projects in sessions lead by professional educators and enthusiastic high school counselors. Bring a school friend and make some new ones – God's Kids Sing! is tons of fun for everyone! \$170 (\$20 early drop-off fee; \$20 **(W)** bus fee). Register 1/14-6/24. ☐✉



## STP! & STP!2

**Summertime Players! Musical Theater Camp (7th-9th Gr) & Summertime Players! 2 (10th-12th Gr+)**

**(M)** 7/9-7/12 & 7/15-7/18, 9am-4pm with Performances at 4pm & 6pm on 7/18. STP! is action-packed, fast-paced, and specifically designed with middle school kids in mind. STP!2 is the high school-level version of STP! Work with outstanding professional choreographers and vocal coaches as you sing and dance to songs from musical theater and pop music to put on a full-length musical revue in just 8 days! Afternoon summertime fun activities include swimming,

roller skating, bowling, and more! STP! & STP!2 are sure to be some of the best days of your summer! \$300. Register 1/14-7/9. ☐✉

*"Our 13-year-old granddaughter had a terrific time at the STP camp. She walked in a shy girl, coming all by herself, not knowing anyone, and walked out with 59 new friends in her iPhone! And I would add a wonderful set of memories to go along with the new friends!"*

– STP GRANDMA

## NEW! Mount Olivet Day Camp

**(1st-4th Gr as of Sep 2019)** M-F 7/22-7/26 8:30am-4:30pm, Meet at **(M)** Youth Center **(W)** Bus 8am-5pm). Join us for a great week of community building, outdoor play, service projects, in-house field trips, and did we mention FUN? We'll

spend a couple of days at the Mount Olivet Retreat Center, bring in a few guests, and venture out into the community for an action-packed week! \$175 includes daily lunch, snacks, t-shirt, activities, and bus. Registration opens 1/14. ☐✉



## Summer Counseling Opportunities

**(7th-12th Gr+)** There are many opportunities to counsel this summer when you are not at COP! Contact: kmichaletz@mtolivet.org or beverlyc@mtolivet.org.

- **Vacation Bible School** **(M W)**  
M-Th 6/17- 6/20 8am-12noon
- **God's Kids Sing!** **(M)**  
M-F 6/24-6/28 9am-4pm
- **Summertime Players!** **(M)**  
7/9-7/12 & 7/15-7/18, 9am-4pm with Performances at 4pm & 6pm on 7/18.
- **NEW! Mount Olivet Day Camp** **(M)**  
M-F 7/22-7/26 8:30am-4:30pm
- **Family Faith Nights** **(M W)**  
Tu, 7/30, 8/6, 8/13 5-7:30pm

**BUILD FAITH AND FRIENDSHIPS!**



**REGISTRATION  
OPENS JAN 14 AT  
MTOLIVET.ORG**

**HURRY, PROGRAMS FILL FAST!**

# Hi-League

Hi-League programs build your faith and meaningful relationships!

- **Hi-League: New Year's Bingo (9th-12th Gr)** Su 1/6
- **Hi-League: Bowling (9th-12th Gr)** Su 1/13
- **Hi-League: Table Talks (9th-12th Gr)** Su 1/20
- **Hi-League: Ice Skating (9th-12th Gr)** Su 1/27

**REALM** is our new online member login that enables you to stay connected with your Mount Olivet friends, staff, and programs. Details on page 4.

# Confirmation

## Confirmation

begins in 7th grade and concludes with a Service of Confirmation the September of 9th grade. Confirmation students learn about the Bible, Lutheranism, faith, and God while building relationships with their peers, pastors, small group leaders, youth ministry leaders, and church.

## No Confirmation

W 1/2 **M W**.

Confirmation resumes

Su 1/6 **M** and W 1/9 **M W**.

## High School Confirmation & 7th-Grade Make-Up Confirmation

Su 1/6-1/27 10-11am, **M W**

*Youth Office.* This class is for high school who would like to get Confirmed and for students who have not completed 7th-grade Confirmation. Taught by our high school youth staff. The course will end with a special Confirmation service on Su 1/27. Register:

**M** Angie St. Dennis 612.767.2244 angelas@mtolivet.org, **W** Zach Spirov 952.767.1583 zachs@mtolivet.org.



## Youth Choirs

Register anytime to join the Cathedral Choir (9th-12th Gr) and Chancel Choir (7th-8th Gr). Weekly rehearsals are offered at the below days and times. ☐✂

### MPLS CAMPUS

- **Cathedral Choir (9th-12th Gr)** W 7-8:30pm.
- **Chancel Choir (7th-8th Gr)** W 5:30-6:30pm.

### WEST CAMPUS

- **Cathedral Choir (9th-12th Gr)** W 7-8:15pm.
- **Chancel Choir (7th-8th Gr)** W 5:30-6:30pm.

## Confirmation 7th-Grade Retreats

**W** Jan 11-12, **M** Jan 18-19, **W** Feb 1-2, **M** Feb 15-16, **M** Mar 8-9, Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center, Buses Leave at 4:40pm on Fridays and Return at 10:30am on Saturdays (meet in the **M** youth center or **W** narthex, depending on where the bus leaves from).

Great ready for a fun overnight! We will spend time eating good food, playing fun games with the junior high youth staff, swimming, hanging out with our high school counselors. We also will have a special Communion service with our pastors, and of course Sacred Ground! All Confirmands are required to attend one retreat. Only 20 boys and 20 girls can attend each retreat. It does not matter which campus you attend Confirmation. You will need to pack a sleeping bag, pillow, swimsuit, and towel (if you plan on swimming), toiletries, and jammies. No electronics or phones allowed. Please leave them at home. Please register today because these retreats fill up fast! FREE. ☐✂



## MOUNT OLIVET Presents:

### Justin Lind-Ayres on Parenting, Poop, and the Prodigal Love of God

Sa 1/12 9-11am, **M** Lounge. Join us for conversation with **JUSTIN LIND-AYRES**, author of *Is That Poop On My Arm? Parenting While Christian*. Justin Lind-Ayres, a pastor and father of three, is a remarkable preacher and storyteller, inviting his readers to reflect on their own stories of parenting, both the heartache and the joy.

He helps us make sense of this wild world of parenting in faith – to celebrate the holiness of the messy parts, to listen to our children with wonder and curiosity, and to teach stewardship through the tooth fairy! Books available at amazon.com and from Fortress Press. Childcare provided. FREE. ☐✂

**THIS IS EVENT IS PAIRED WITH OPEN GYM (FREE):**

9-9:30am	Drop off kids in gym. Parents meet in the lounge.
9:30-10:30am	Presentation and discussion with Justin Lind-Ayres.
10:30-11am	Pick up kids in gym. You're welcome to play until 11am.

Look for the new group on Facebook: **MOUNT OLIVET PARENTING & FAITH** for weekly discussion leading up to Jan 12 and info about other upcoming events.

## Parents Share Winter Session

W 1/9-2/27 9:30-11am,

**M** Rm 199. Led by certified parent educator, **MARILYN SHARPE**, this parent support group has been going strong for 40 years! Each session includes a topic identified by the group and presented by Marilyn during the first half hour. The final hour is filled with the topics being lived by participants. Nursery provided by Mount Olivet and limited to the first eight children. Nursery registration: marilynsharpemministries@comcast.net. FREE.

## Babygarten

(Infants to 3yrs & Caregivers) Th 1/10-2/14

9:45-10:45am, **M** 2yr Room.

A faith-based program that provides pre-literacy skills through story, prayer, and art. Leader: **AMY PORTHAN**, early childhood educator and nursery coordinator. \$72. ☒ ☒



## NEW! Family Lunch & Learn at the West Campus

Su 1/20, 2/10, 3/17, 5/19 11am-12:30pm **W**. Join us for a mixed-age Sunday School option once a month! Families come to the 11am service (parents attend worship, children participate and engage in a variety of Sunday School activities in Gronseth Fellowship Hall). After the service, families come together for a short devotion and share a meal. Please RSVP for meal planning purposes. FREE. ☒ ☒

## Sunday School Reminders!

Jan 6	There WILL be Sunday School & Choir Sunday School
Jan 13	NO Sunday School or Choir Sunday School. Worship as a family at the Camp Sunday COP-style service.

## MLK Day Away!

(4th-6th Gr) M 1/21 8:30am-4:30pm, Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center (Meet at **M** Youth Center, **W** CFL). Have the day off from school? Join your church friends and high school counselors for a day of fun. \$40 includes lunch, snack, materials, and bus. ☒ ☒



## First Communion

- **First Communion Classes (6th Gr & Parents)** Su 2/10 8:15-9am, **M** Fellowship Hall; Tu 2/12 6:45-7:30pm, **W** Gronseth Fellowship Hall. 6th-graders will celebrate the sacrament of First Communion with their church family on Su 3/3 (see below). To have your student's name included in the bulletin for the service, each student and a parent must attend one of the two classes. ☒ ☒
- **First Communion Services (6th Gr)** Su 3/3, **W** 11am Worship Service, **M** 12noon Worship Service. Bring your 6th-grader to Fellowship Hall to check in (**W** 10:30am, **M** 11:30am). The group will process into church and sit as a class. After the service, pick up your 6th-grader in Fellowship Hall. To have your 6th-grader's name included in the bulletin, each 6th-grader and a parent must attend a First Communion class (see above).

## Preschool Registration Opens Feb 1 for 2019-20

**M** Looking for a preschool where your children can learn and grow at their own pace? A place filled with play, music, creativity, and God's love? Look no further than the Mount Olivet Preschool! Our days include: art, music, math/science, stories, outdoor play, large muscle room, dramatic play, faith development, and more! Registration begins 2/1. ☒ ☒

## COP Preview Nights (2nd-3rd Gr as of Sep 2019)

5pm F 5/3 to 10am Sa 5/4, or 5pm F 5/10 to 10am Sa 5/11; Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center, (**M** **W** Bus). Are you heading to Cathedral of the Pines this summer or considering it? We have a great night planned for you to meet some of the counselors and fellow campers joining you. Join us for an overnight at the Retreat Center. We will swim, play games, and get excited about COP this summer! \$45 includes accommodations, food, and bus. Registration opens 1/14. ☒ ☒

## Musikgarten

(Birth-5yrs & Caregivers) 6/18-8/7, **M** Rm 393.

TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS
9:30-10am, Birth-3yrs	9:30-10am, 3-5yrs
10:15-10:45am, Birth-3yrs	10:15-10:45am, Birth-3yrs
11-11:30am, 3-5yrs	11-11:30am, Birth-3yrs
6:15-6:45pm, 3-5yrs	

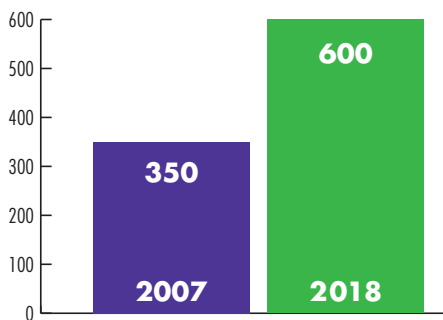
Experience the benefits of music and movement in the development of your child. Our licensed Musikgarten teachers will help your child develop listening skills, focused attention, imagination, creativity, and self-expression. \$56 for the first child, \$28 per additional sibling. Registration opens 1/14. ☒ ☒

☒ ☒ = REGISTER AT MTOLIVET.ORG OR BY CALLING 612.926.7651  
**M** = Mpls Campus, **W** = West Campus  
 SEE PAGE 2 FOR CAMPUS ADDRESSES

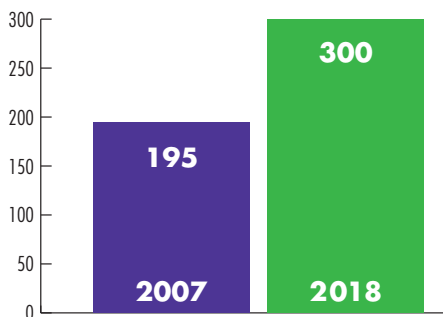
## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: LET'S FINISH STRONG!

## Your Support is Needed to Continue the Growth and Share the Gospel at the West Campus!

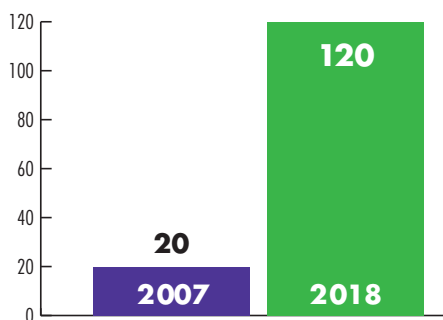
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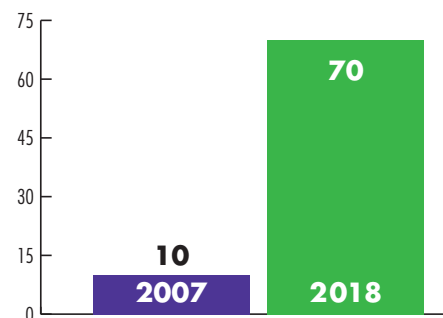
### SUNDAY SCHOOL



### CONFIRMATION



### CATHEDRAL CHOIR



The West Campus building addition is rising out of the ground with the steel beams reaching upwards as if to say, "Here we are, Lord." Exponential growth over the last decade has created significant needs which we must address to continue growing God's church in Victoria. Space is needed for youth education and activity programs, music programs for all ages, hospitality events, staff offices, meeting rooms, and increased sanctuary seating. We are most grateful for the generous pledges and gifts given for the West Campus through our "Building on a Strong Foundation with Christ as our Rock" capital campaign. However, we have a task ahead to raise another \$2.5 M to ensure a "strong finish" for this exciting project. Our contractor Kraus-Anderson says completion will be done in time for Rally Sunday! How exciting! Along with our capital campaign fundraising committee, we are strategizing ways to inspire people to add their support. About 25% of our membership has supported to date! We hope to increase that number and will announce more detailed plans to finish strong in the very near future. Thank you for your support and prayers!

– PASTOR LOSE AND MARI CARLSON, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT



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**GIFTS OF ALL  
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THINK ABOUT  
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*"The people who started Mount Olivet almost 100 years ago are no longer with us, but just look at what their efforts and generosity back then are doing for others today. They knew what really matters, and did something enduring. May we all be like them!"* – DAN & BARBARA LINDSEY



For questions or information on the many ways to give to the capital campaign, please contact **MARI CARLSON**, director of development, 612.821.3150 [mcarlson@mtolivethomes.org](mailto:mcarlson@mtolivethomes.org).

# December Giving – January Living

December's days of Christmas anticipation and celebration are now tucked into our memories. We might be taking stock of the season's highlights as we scan our pictures, pack up the decorations, find homes for new gifts, and, with the arrival of our monthly bills, as we reflect on our holiday spending and year-end giving.



What a perfect time for prayers of thanksgiving. Thank you, God, for the gifts we were able to give. Thank you for filling us with generosity, both the kind that lived within budgets and that challenged our fiscal limits when we saw and answered the needs of your precious but less-advantaged children. Thank you for stretching our hearts to more broadly share our love in the world, whether our love language was giving gifts, dedicating time, offering uplifting words or caring touches, or serving others. Thank you, God, for showing us how we can be a part of Christ coming into our world every day by sharing joy, love, and grace in our closest relationships, our communities, and our world.

As we read in Luke 6:38, *"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."* Jesus reminds us that in giving we become open to more abundant, God-breathed living. We are not playing a zero-sum game, where generosity depletes us and our resources. God gives back to us in the process. And not just the equivalent of what we poured out to others. God sees our generosity and answers with God's own super-sized generosity.

So let's step into this New Year with a bold intention to keep Christmas generosity going, to take the season of giving out of the month-sized box and embrace it as a way of year-long living. However you give (with your time, energy, or finances) and wherever you give (to friends and family, non-profits, or your very appreciative church home), may you feel God working in you and through you to share more of Christ's love and grace in the world.

– LIZ OTTESON, ADULT LEARNING PROGRAM ASSISTANT

**Thank You** for the strong support given in 2018. Last year, Mount Olivet's ministries touched thousands of people through spiritual education, pastoral care, music ministry, youth programming, community outreach, and more. We are grateful to you for fulfilling your annual and capital campaign pledges and giving memorials and other gifts throughout the year. We also appreciate the thousands of volunteer hours given so freely. Your contributions in every way make a difference. We promise to be good stewards of your generosity, and thank you for your continued support in 2019.

**Mount Olivet Vision Partners** are people of all ages who want to share their blessings by making a planned gift for our church or affiliated ministries. Perhaps you would like to leave a legacy? It is simple to make a bequest in your will or a beneficiary designation on retirement assets or an insurance policy. There are also many other ways to make a planned gift that will promote your values and help Mount Olivet and its affiliated ministries. To learn more, please contact Mari Carlson, director of development, 612.821.3150 [mcarlson@mtolivethomes.org](mailto:mcarlson@mtolivethomes.org). Thank you!

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## Reminder to Online Givers:

Thank you to all who have made your 2019 pledge. If you have previously fulfilled your pledge online (either through MyMtOlivet or by authorizing the finance office to do so) – thank you! Going forward, we cannot automatically transfer your financial payment information from our previous system to our new system, Realm. So to fulfill your 2019 pledge automatically, we need **YOU** to:

### VISIT YOUR REALM ACCOUNT

(via [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org)), go to "Giving," click the "+Give" tab where you can schedule recurring gifts to the General Fund 2019 using your credit/debit card or banking/saving account information.

### OR COMPLETE A PAPER

**AUTHORIZATION FORM** which allows the Mount Olivet finance office to manage your scheduled giving. You can download a form online at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org), ask us to send you one, or pick one up at church. Then, return the completed form to the finance office.

**THANK YOU** for your faithful giving and thank you for helping us transition to our new system!

**QUESTIONS?** Please contact Tricia Lerohl 612.767.2255 [tricial@mtolivet.org](mailto:tricial@mtolivet.org).



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# **CAMP SUNDAY!**

## **JANUARY 13**

### **All Mpls & West Campus Services**

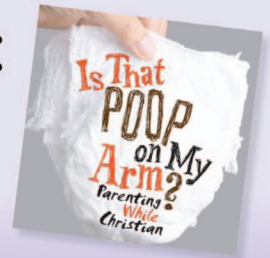
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*Camp Sunday is 1/13. Enjoy a Cathedral of the Pines camp-style worship service and learn about youth summer camp offerings – Cathedral of the Pines Camp, Vacation Bible School, Summertime Players!, God's Kids Sing!, and more. See pages 10-11 for details.*

REGISTRATION APPRECIATED AT

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# **11th MOTORHEADS' WINTER EVENT**

**Tue, Feb 12, 2019**

Shuttle from Mount Olivet West Campus  
7150 Rolling Acres Rd, Victoria (arrive between 5:30 & 7pm)

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