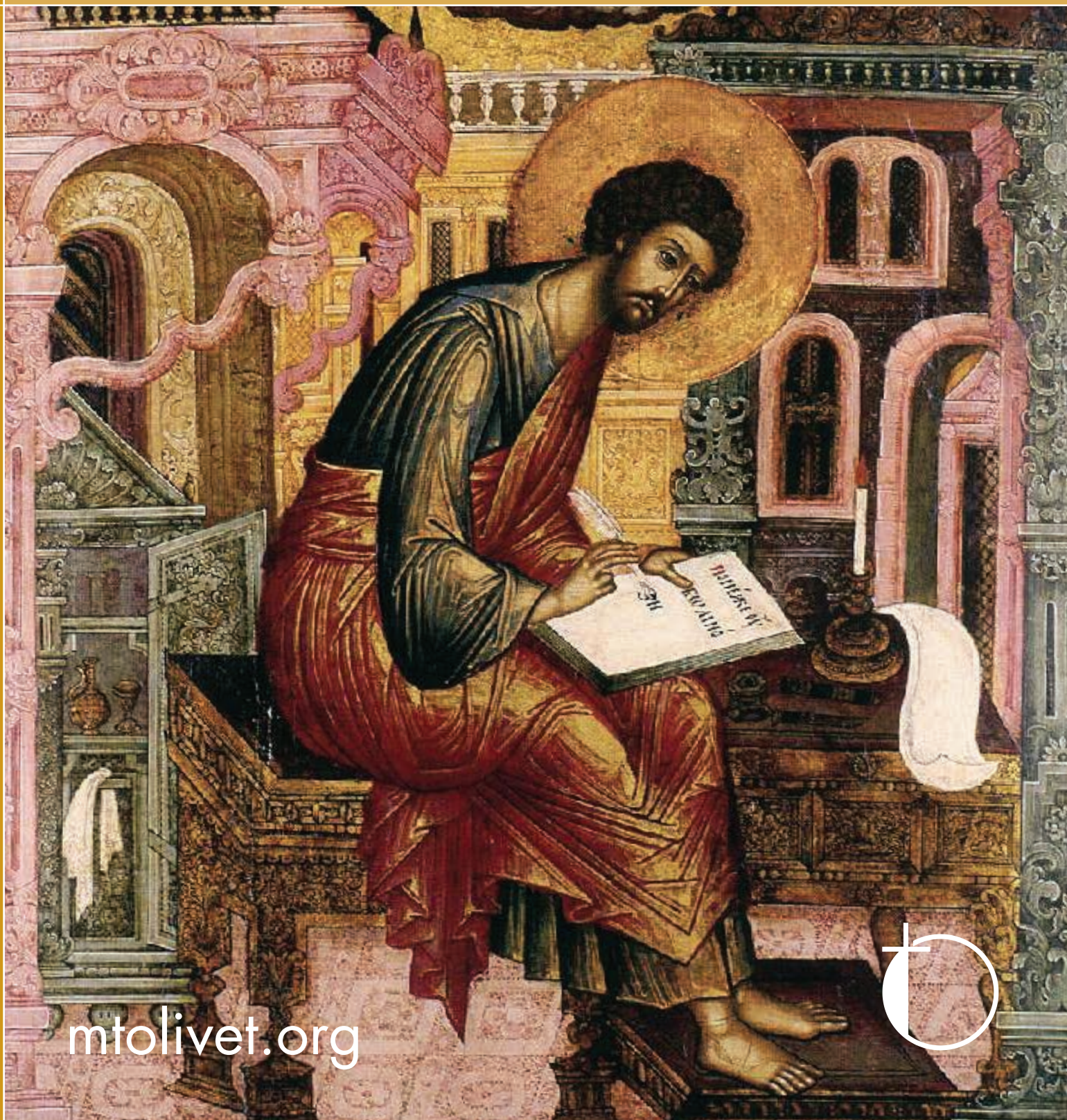


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SUN, FEB 3

Luke: Signs & Wonders "Fish for People"

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

M 9, 10, 11am, 12noon

Sermon: **PASTOR RUUD**

Music: Guest Robert Robinson with Senior & Cathedral Choirs
Sunday School: 9, 10, 11am
Choir Sunday School: 9, 10 am



W 9, 10, 11am

Sermon: **PASTOR HELGEN**

Music: Senior & Cathedral Choirs; Chancel Ringers
Sunday School: 9, 10 am

WED, FEB 6

Wednesday Worship

M 11am – followed by a Community Lunch, \$6, no reservation required

Sermon: **PASTOR DIXON**

SUN, FEB 10

Luke: Signs & Wonders "Healing on the Sabbath"

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

M 9, 10, 11am, 12noon

Sermon: **PASTOR HAMMERSTEN**

Music: Senior & Cathedral Choirs; Chancel Ringers; Luke Randall, baritone
Sunday School: 9, 10, 11am
Choir Sunday School: 9, 10 am

W 9, 10, 11am

Sermon: **PASTOR DIXON**

Music: Guest Robert Robinson with Senior & Cathedral Choirs
Sunday School: 9, 10 am



**LENTEN
DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS
WILL BE AVAILABLE
AT BOTH CAMPUSES
ON MAR 1.**

SUN, FEB 17

Luke: Signs & Wonders "A Centurion's Servant & Widow's Son"

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

M 9, 10, 11am, 12noon

Sermon: **PASTOR LOSE**

Music: Cathedral & Chancel Choirs
Sunday School: 9, 10, 11am
Choir Sunday School: 9, 10 am

W 9, 10, 11am

Sermon: **PASTOR MACLEAN**

Music: Cathedral & Chancel Choirs
Sunday School: 9, 10 am

SUN, FEB 24

Luke: Signs & Wonders "The Woman Who Showed Great Love"

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

M 9, 10, 11am, 12noon

Sermon: **PASTOR DIXON**

Music: Senior, Cathedral, Alleluia & Cherub Choirs
Sunday School: 9, 10, 11am
Choir Sunday School: 9, 10 am

W 9, 10, 11am

Sermon: **PASTOR LOSE**

Music: Senior, Cathedral, Hosanna, Alleluia & Cherub Choirs
Sunday School: 9, 10 am

LISTEN & WATCH

M 11am Sunday worship services are broadcast **LIVE** at 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 for viewing and listening at your convenience.

ACCESSIBILITY & HEARING DEVICES

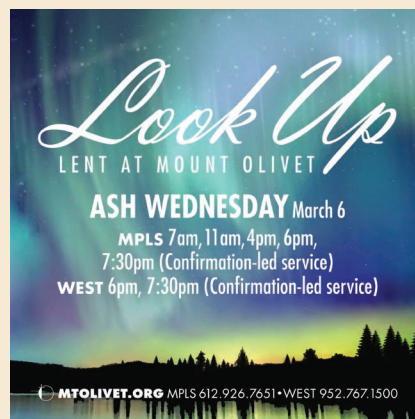
M W sanctuaries are handicapped accessible. Use the elevator located in the **M** main entry to go to the sanctuary on the 2nd level. Enter through the **W** main level doors to go to the sanctuary. Hearing devices also are available at the **M W** information desks located in the narthexes (lobbies).

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.

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.



God's Story and Ours

The cover of this month's Messenger is a 17th-century painting of St. Luke, writing his Gospel, and reflects a conviction that animates much of my work as a pastor and leader in the Church: if the Christian Church in North America is to grow again, we need to discover in Scripture stories that are both interesting and influential. Both those "i" words matter: "Interesting." While we may have grown up thinking that the Bible is important, or authoritative, or even inspired, I don't know how many of us actually found the stories in Scripture all that interesting. Similarly, "influential." The stories that are important to us – whether in the Bible, from our favorite books and movies, or peddled by Madison Avenue – often influence, whether consciously or not, the decisions we make about how we will spend our time, energy, and resources.

Interesting and influential. You can see almost immediately not only that both of these words are important, but also interconnected. Because if we don't find biblical stories interesting, it's hard to imagine that they will exercise all that much influence over our daily decisions or dilemmas.

The importance of finding in the Bible stories that are both interesting and influential is a big part of why we are following a more narrative approach in our Sunday worship and Sunday school this year. But an even deeper concern is that we see these stories not simply as God's story – the stories told by the faithful through the ages about God and God's work in the world – but also our story, those stories that tell us the truth about our life with each other in this world.

St. Luke wrote, as he says at the beginning of his Gospel, so that readers will know, believe, and trust the truth of the Gospel. It's for this very reason that, throughout the coming months, we will be invited not simply to learn some of the important stories about Jesus that Luke tells us, but also to find ourselves in them. What do I mean by that? Simply that we can identify with the characters, imagine that what Jesus says to them he also says to us, and discover in their story parallels to our hopes and dreams, opportunities and challenges. On February 3, for instance, Jesus promises his disciples that they will become "fishers for people." What does that mean, not only for the twelve original disciples, but for the 14,000 present-day disciples that make up Mount Olivet Church? Might we be "catching people" when we invite them to worship or to a fellowship event? What about our volunteering at Simpson House and other outreach ministries? And what about our daily activities as spouse or parent, employee or volunteer, student or friend? How is God using us to "fish" for people in these ordinary places? These questions help us make this story our own.

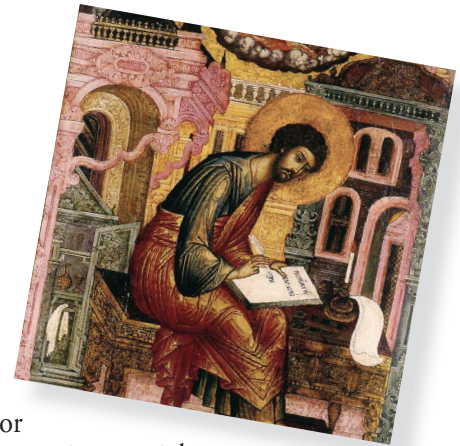
On Sunday, February 10, we will listen to a story that describes Jesus getting in trouble with local religious authorities for healing on the Sabbath and discover that God's grace can't be limited by any human laws or traditions. As we listen to it, we might begin to wonder where God's grace surprises us and where God's Spirit may be leading us, even if others have a hard time understanding it. Jesus' surprise at the great faith of a Roman centurion and his compassion for a widow who lost her own child will be the focus of our attention on February 17. As we listen to this story, we might find ourselves surprised by those God works through and sides with, remembering that God often shows up – not just in the Bible but also our own lives – in the places we least expect God to be. And on February 24 we are reminded that it's only those who know how much they have been blessed who can, in turn, give thanks for, love, and bless others, a message that seems never more relevant amid all the divisive and accusatory rhetoric of our day.

Are you getting a sense of how this works? The Bible has stories about God's encounter with people long ago that help show us the patterns of how God continues to get involved in our lives today. So the more we read and talk about these stories, the easier it is to recognize God's presence and activity in our lives now.

I always find it interesting that the Bible not only begins at the beginning with the story of creation (the word "Genesis" literally means "the beginning"), but it also ends at the very end, with the story in Revelation of God's complete redemption of the world. Which means that this story isn't over yet, that it continues even today, and that we are invited to take up our part and play our role in God's ongoing mission to save, love, and bless the world. The stories we tell and share on Sundays are, indeed, God's story, but they are also ours, and I'm eager for you to see yourselves in them, understand how they can shape your life, and share them with others with confidence. I'll see you in Church!

Pastor Lose

DAVID J. LOSE, SENIOR PASTOR



Life & Growth

DEC 15 - JAN 14

Baptisms

Eliza Lynn Anderson,
daughter of Emily and Matthew

August Ames Backman,
son of Greta and Daniel

Eleanor Ruth Coulter,
daughter of Charity and Nathan

Cameron Elizabeth Lynn Covart, daughter of
Kelsey and Michael

Harrison Scott Egan, son of Corinne and Brian

Ashton Luke Ehlen, son of Jamie and Corey

Mateo Perez Estrella,
son of Sarah and Ricardo

Emma Charlotte and Greta Brooks Haugen,
children of Sarah and Jacob

Nash Willis Johnson, son of Chad and Kate

Jax Michael Korby, son of Kayla and Jesse

Miles Elliott Madryga,
son of Kristen and Louis

Luca Paul Meyer, son of Danielle and Adam

Resi Jane Nelson,
daughter of Danielle and Tyler

Evelyn Mae Peterson,
daughter of Kendall and Ryan

Sutton Hayes Polasek,
son of Kari and Jason

Calvin James Richards,
son of Allison and John

Evelyn Frances Sattler,
daughter of Paula and Daniel

Isaac Robert Schaeckel,
son of Jenilee and Kevin

Colette Lee Stafford,
daughter of Breanne and Michael

Evelyn Elizabeth Thompson,
daughter of Gretchen and Peter

Brayden Francis Titus,
son of Michelle and Ryan

Charlotte Elizabeth and Marc Edward Wyffels,
children of Chelsy and Scott

Wedding

Valerie Pederson & Daryl Hanzal, Jan 12

Deaths

Helen M. Dittberner, 1928 - 2019

Patricia K. Fischer, 1957 - 2018

Eva D. Johnson, 1920 - 2018

Laura M. Kingbay, 1921 - 2019

Eileen C. Munson, 1932 - 2018

John A. Nugent, 1924 - 2018

Margie A. Olson, 1921 - 2018

Robert G. Overman, 1930 - 2019

Donald M. Popovich, 1934 - 2019

New Member Orientations

Sa 3/16 9:30-11am

M Fellowship Hall

Su 4/7 2-3:30pm

W Gronseth Fellowship Hall

Su 4/14 12:45-2pm

M Fellowship Hall

People interested in joining Mount Olivet on Sunday 5/5 are invited to attend one orientation. You will meet the pastors, staff, members of the Board of Life & Growth, connect with other new members, and find out what it means to be a member of this amazing congregation! Childcare is available. Register at mtolivet.org or contact Carol Nault 612.926.2204 for more information.

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 (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.

New Website Launched!

Mount Olivet's new website launched in late January. Some new features include an updated simple navigation that gets you to the information you are looking for right away, a new calendar to see all of the upcoming events that you can filter by ministry area, an updated staff and pastor's page that includes photos, as well as a new online giving section and easy access to your Realm account. If you have not seen it yet, check out mtolivet.org today!

Also, did you know ... the new mtolivet.org website makes it easier than ever to **WATCH A WORSHIP SERVICE** when you are away from home? When your mouse hovers over the *Worship* category on the navigation bar at top of the site, a menu will drop down, and the second item on the menu is "Live on Sundays." Click that, and you'll find both the livestream of the Mpls Campus 11am service as well as archived video recordings of previous Mpls Campus Sunday worship services. Which means that ... you can attend Mount Olivet even when you are away from home!

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



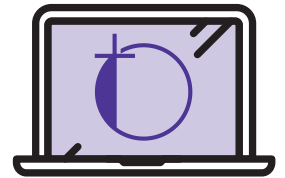
Su 2/3 All **M** Worship Services; Su 2/10 All

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.



Annual Congregation Meeting Su 3/17 1pm, **M** Main Sanctuary. Hear reports, approve the 2019 annual budget, and elect new Congregation Council and Board of Life & Growth members. All are welcome!



DEVOTIONS



The Joy of Your Salvation

One of my very favorite people is a beautiful parishioner I know only by the name “O and O” – *Old and Ornerly*. She is anything but O and O – she always has a smile on her lips and a mischievous twinkle in her eye, and you can just feel her joyful heart when you’re in her vicinity, but that is exactly how she introduced herself to me the first time we met, and it’s stuck ever since. I get the feeling she was somethin’ in her day: Perhaps a roaring 20s Great Gatsby flapper dancer, the life of the party in sequined dress with fringe and long black gloves.

February can be a dreary time of the year for those of us living this far north of the equator. The sun never quite seems to show up as often as our brains crave it. The Good News, however, is that the Son is always shining here, reminding us that eternal life is ours. We will meet again in God’s presence with those that we love. We are loved and forgiven. So as long as we’re free of the great big worries, let’s use our winter days to spread a little love and joy. Be a little more like our friend “O and O”... spreading joy everywhere she goes. – PASTOR HAMMERSTEN

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me in your free spirit.” (Psalm 51:10-12)

If you and your family or group of friends are looking for a fun and easy way to spread some joy, we have some wonderful children of God living in our 33 Rolling Acres group homes who could really benefit from a bit of joy. If you’d like to “adopt” a home by sending birthday cards, reading books, planting some flowers, watching a movie together, or sending over cookies or a gift card to a local restaurant, please let me know. Thank you! – PASTOR HAMMERSTEN 612.767.2236 MONICAH@MTOLIVET.ORG.

Look Up this Lent!

Our Lenten theme this year is both simple and imperative: “Look Up!” Look up to see the actual people God has placed in your life. Look up to appreciate, enjoy, and care for the beauty of the world God has created and entrusted to us. Look up to see God continually at work in our lives for good.

One way we will do this is by connecting our faith with the myriad ways that technology is shaping our lives. We’ll delve into this idea through two **TRUTH TALKS** (at each campus) on Wednesday evenings in Lent, first exploring how technology has helped us extend ourselves by connecting with more people and places via social media, and then wondering how we can retain what is most important to us in terms of our ideals and values and see each other as beloved children of God – even online.

Our **LENT MIDWEEK** worship services will revolve around biblical stories of what happens when we look up: we see God at work in our lives, we see people with needs we can meet, we discover people with gifts to share, and we are surprised at what God is doing right in front of us!

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS – that inform sermons, music, prayers, and Sunday school lessons each week – share with us some of the really “big” stories of Luke’s Gospel, including the parables of “The Good Samaritan” and “The Prodigal Son,” both of which surprise us with God’s grace when we look up to see it. And our **LENTEN DEVOTIONS** follow Jesus’ Passion, reminding us that when we look up to the cross we see God’s incredible love for us laid bare.

A full schedule of the events and activities that will shape our Lenten experience and encourage us to “look up” will appear in the March *Messenger*. For now, please keep in mind that our Lenten journey begins **ASH WEDNESDAY** on March 6 with Holy Communion services at: **M** 7am, 11am, 4pm, 6pm, 7:30pm (Confirmation-led service)

W 6pm, 7:30pm (Confirmation-led service)

Daily Readings

FEB 2019

FROM PASTOR KALLAND

- 1 Psalm 3:2-6, The Lord Sustains
- 2 Ecclesiastes 7:9, Slow to Anger
- 3 Proverbs 3:5-6, In All Your Ways
- 4 Psalm 34:14,
Seek and Pursue Peace
- 5 Matthew 11:28,
Christ Gives Rest
- 6 Psalm 37:37,
Prosperity for the Peaceable
- 7 Titus 1:15-16, Pure and Impure
- 8 James 1:5, Ask God
- 9 Mark 12:30-31,
Two Greatest Commandments
- 10 John 13:34, A New Commandment
- 11 1 John 4:7, Love Comes from God
- 12 Ephesians 4:2,
Bear with One Another in Love
- 13 Isaiah 54:10,
The Lord’s Compassion
- 14 1 Corinthians 13:4, Love Is
- 15 John 3:16, God So Loved
- 16 Zephaniah 3:17, God Is with You
- 17 Jonah 2:2, God Listens
- 18 Psalm 22:19, My Strength
- 19 Malachi 1:11, Great Name
- 20 1 Samuel 2:2, No One like God
- 21 1 Chronicles 16:11,
Seek God’s Face
- 22 Isaiah 40:30-31, Renewed Strength
- 23 2 Timothy 4:7, Kept the Faith
- 24 Jude 1:20-21, Pray
- 25 Hebrews 11:1, Faith Is
- 26 Galatians 5:22-23,
Fruit of the Spirit
- 27 Matthew 21:21, Powerful Faith
- 28 1 Peter 1:21,
Faith and Hope in God



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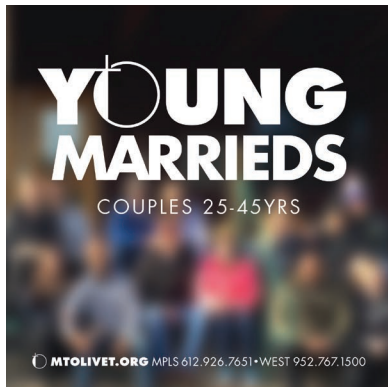
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Flying Solo:
Stevie Ray's
Comedy Cabaret
 (singles 40s-60s) Sa 2/9 8pm,
 Chanhassen Dinner Theatre. Join
 us for a few laughs and fellowship!
 Register by 2/3. \$31. ☑



Young Marrieds'
Game Night
 (couples 25-45) Sa 2/9
 7-10pm, Winona & Brian Duren's
 Home, South Mpls. Please bring
 your favorite appetizer and/
 or game to share! Couples only.
 FREE. Register by 2/9.

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Prayer Ministry
 If you'd like prayers for
 yourself or others,
 make your request at
 612.767.2300 or at mtolivet.
 org/care/prayer-ministry.



11th 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. ☑



#adulting/financial
planning basics
(22-45yrs) Tu 2/26 6-7:30pm,
 M Rm 207. Join Mount Olivet
 member **MEGHAN JOHNSON** of
 Thrivent Financial to learn how to
 construct a budget, the importance
 of establishing an emergency fund,
 credit fundamentals, basic investment
 concepts, how to save tax-efficiently,
 and more! Having a financial roadmap
 can help you feel confident in your
 financial situation and help you meet
 your goals. Dinner provided. FREE.
 Register by 2/26. ☑



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.
 A chili dinner (Will Steger's
 favorite menu) will be served.
 \$15. Register by 2/24. ☑



Friends Forever Arizona Round-Up (50yrs+) *Su 3/3; 8:30am Sunday worship at Living Water Lutheran Church, brunch at Pinnacle Peak Country Club, and dinner at Arrivederci Ristorante; Scottsdale, AZ.* Join **PASTOR MACLEAN** and Friends Forever for a special Mount Olivet Sunday in Scottsdale. You are most welcome and encouraged to participate in any or all of these events. Registration needed if attending either or both meals. Register 2/1-3/1. \$20 for brunch, menu items for dinner. ☑ ☕



MOCW Annual Ladies' Night *M 3/4 6:30pm, M Fellowship Hall.* Speaker: **MICHELE VIG**, Founder & Chief Organizer of Neat Little Nest and former president of Caribou Coffee. Topic: "Finding your Passion + Purpose." Learn how organizing can help you unlock your potential! \$15. Register by 2/27. ☑ ☕ **CALLING ALL MEN SERVERS!** Continue the tradition of men serving the ladies – contact 612.926.7651 mocwvolunteer@gmail.com.



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. Enjoy the beauty of a winter day, warm fellowship, inspiring conversation, and a wonderful, 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 952.469.2175 msiems@mocrc.org.



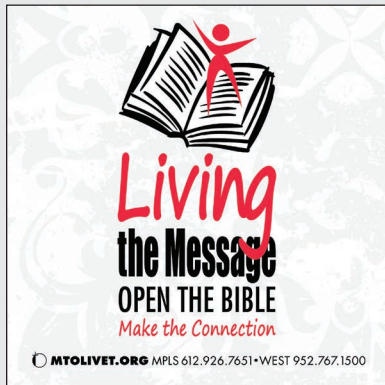
Young Adults Donate & Do @ VEAP (22-45yrs) *Tu 3/26, VEAP, 9600 Aldrich Avenue South, Bloomington 55420.* The goal is for each of us to bring 80(!) rolls of toilet paper (donated by co-workers, friends, and family) to this fun event where we will tour the facility, hear a presentation, and repackage our toilet paper donations. Wear closed-toed shoes and clothes that can get dirty. Register by 3/26. ☑ ☕



46th Fashion Show & Luncheon *Sa 4/6 11am, M Fellowship Hall.* This year's theme is "Favorite Finds for You" and the show will feature a fun mix of boutiques and stores for all ages and lifestyles. The event also will include a raffle to benefit Africa Jam international ministry. Fashion show cost is \$20pp. Purchase 8 seats to reserve a table. All other seating will be first come, first served. Register 2/1-3/28. ☑ ☕

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 2/5 6pm	M Rehearsal Hall
Tu 3/5 6pm	M Rehearsal Hall
Tu 4/2 6pm	W Gronseth Fellowship Hall
Tu 5/7 6pm	M 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 Feb, we will consider Luke 9:18-36 and ask "Why Must Jesus Die?" 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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Of Brokenness and Wholeness: Art of the Prodigal Son

7-8:30pm, M 3/18

W Gronseth

Fellowship Hall,
Tu 3/19

M Rehearsal Hall.

The Prodigal Son, our sermon text for Mar 24, is one of the best-known parables, and one most people either love or find deeply troubling. It also has been the subject of countless artists through the ages, each bringing unique personal and cultural viewpoints to their work as you will learn in this fascinating class led by **DR. PAUL DANIELS**, archivist for Luther Seminary's extensive *Prodigal Son Collection*. Using images from the collection that span more than 400 years, Dr. Daniels will help us explore biblical messages of alienation and restoration in the story as depicted by artists from around the world. As you see and learn how people of different times, cultures, and ages have perceived this story, you will widen your own perspective – and hear it again on the Mar 24 with "new ears"! \$10. ☑ ☑



ARTWORK: PRODIGAL SON BY SISTER MARION C. HONORS, CSJ; LUTHER SEMINARY FINE ARTS; PRODIGAL SON COLLECTION

Book Discussions

- **Evening 2nd W 7-8:30pm, M Library.** Lively conversation is the hallmark of this group, which on Feb 13 will center on *America's First Daughter* by Stephanie Dray and on Mar 13, *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. All are welcome!
- **Midday 3rd Tu 11:30am-1pm, M Library.** On Feb 19, we will be reading *Stars Over Clear Lake* by Loretta Ellsworth. In Mar, our book will be *Saving Simon* by Jon Katz. Everyone is welcome to join us!



Putting One Foot In Front of the Other. Losing Him and Finding Me: The Impact of Dementia for Families

Sa 3/9 8:45-10:30am, **M** Rm 207.

Children's book author, **NANCY CARLSON**, will talk about the journey with her husband's FTD, a horrible type of dementia that left them penniless. Through art, writing, and hiking, she found a way to cope with his illness. \$15 continental breakfast.

Register 2/1-3/9. ☑ ☑



Men's Breakfasts

Tu 7am, The Hilltop Edina;
Th 7am, Chanhassen Perkins.

Feb 6/8: **BIBLE STUDY.** Feb 13/15:
DON PHILLIPS. Feb 19/21: **BIBLE STUDY.** Feb 26/28: **ZACH SPIOV.**

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Young in Heart & FRIENDS 65YRS+

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Young in Heart Luncheon

(65yrs+) Tu 2/26 12noon, Fellowship Hall. Featuring:

HENNEPIN COUNTY ATTORNEY, MIKE FREEMAN. \$9 and donation to Pastor Scott's On-Call Ministry. Friends welcome! Register by 2/22: 612.926.7651.

Wednesdays thru March, Afton Alps

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Ski Club

W through 3/29, 9:30am-9:30pm, Afton Alps, 6600 Peller Ave S, Hastings, MN. Mention "Mount Olivet" to receive discounts on lift tickets and rentals. Look for the "Mount Olivet" table (chalet 2nd floor) to get a ribbon to identify yourself to fellow ski-clubbers on the slopes. Meet at 12noon for lunch at Paul's Restaurant or join us after school or work!

ONGOING

- **Faith-Centered Yoga** 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. **CHAIR HOLY YOGA** Me&W through 5/1 (except holidays) 12:15-1:15pm, M Gym.
- **DEVOTIONAL CHAIR YOGA** Tu 2/5-5/28 12noon-1pm, W CFL Rm 317.
- **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: Andrea Brown 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 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.
- **Learning Swedish Language through Hymns and Songs** M 3/4-5/20 except 4/15 & 22, M Choir Rm 142. Have fun learning a bit of Swedish through singing Swedish hymns and folk songs. Led by **PETER JOHNSON**, you will sing in unison (not 4-part harmony) and *acapella* (without accompaniment). As you learn the songs, you also will learn something of Swedish phonetics, vocabulary, and grammar – and have lots of fun!

SERVICE

- **Joy Circle Baby Kit Donations for Pastor Scott's On-Call Ministry** Through 2/28, M Office & Nursery, or W Narthex. Items needed: new and gently-used books / baby clothing (0-12mos only), diapers, wipes, baby lotion / shampoo. Thank you for helping out this special ministry!
- **March MN FoodShare Food Drive** Su 3/10 M W Parking Lots. Items most needed are: fruit, soups, chilis, boxed mac and cheese, canned tuna, canned chicken, sugar, oil, flour. Do your part to help end hunger in our community! Food and monetary donations go to Community Emergency Services M and Bountiful Basket W.
- **Adopt a Rolling Acres Group 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** 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.
- **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.



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! ☑ ☕

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the residents. We sing songs like “Jingle Bells” and always end with Jesus’ birth story from the Bible and the singing of “Silent Night.” What our 7th- and 8th-graders most like about AGP is the chance to help assist the residents with crafts, learn more about each resident’s childhood and hobbies, and having the chance to walk them to the dining room for dinner at the end of our program night. AGP is a favorite of many of Mount Olivet’s past and present youth! – GEOFF ARENSEN

Sunday Serve

is a unique program for 8th-grade leaders that works to teach students about their community by participating in different service projects for various organizations around the Twin Cities. One Sunday a month, we come together, worship at the 9am service, share in a meal, and learn about the populations around us that are facing stressors we may not be personally familiar with. We made tie blankets for Cornerstone MN, assembled hygiene and pregnancy packs for People Serving People, packed MATTERboxes for the MATTER organization, and shopped for Christmas presents for one of the families in Pastor Scott’s On-Call Ministry. It has been an awesome fall and we look forward to all the projects we have planned for the spring! – TIERRA DAVIS

MPLS CAMPUS FALL RECAP!



Adopt-a-Grandparent

The junior high youth had a great fall at the Mount Olivet Home in our Adopt-a-Grandparent (AGP) Program. Every other Monday night about 25 of our 7th- and 8th-grade Confirmation students meet at Mount Olivet Home and participate in activities with the residents at the home. This fall, we designed

pumpkins, had a Thanksgiving worship service and had a pet night (7th- and 8th-graders bring their dog or cat). The highlight event for me was singing Christmas Carols for

Table Talks

This fall we had three Table Talks with our Hi-Leaguers and adult volunteers. Our Hi-Leaguers had unique opportunities to interact with various leaders in our community. In October, students were introduced to **PASTOR RUUD** and **PASTOR DIXON**, and were able to ask open and honest questions regarding faith. In November, we discussed the difficult topic of mental illness with **KRISTI YOUNGDAHL** after hearing about

her life experiences. And to get in the right mindset before winter break, Hi-Leaguers got to practice yoga and meditation with local mindfulness instructor **CHERI HANNAGAN!** It was great to learn more about each other and develop connections with our adult volunteers. We're looking forward to more discussions in the new year!
 – CHASE CLAFLIN

Circle of Friends

We had a great start to the 2018-2019 school year at Circle of Friends! After everyone had a chance to meet their partners, we kicked off the year by learning tricks from a yo-yo master, carving pumpkins, and having a giant combined dance with Thursday and Mt. Olivet Friends! In addition, Hi-Leaguers and their partners got a chance to share their artistic abilities by painting with a local artist. One of the crowd favorites was when the Zoomobile dropped by for a visit. The perfect way to close out the 2018 calendar year was with a talent show where we got to see some talented singers, dancers, jugglers, and joke-tellers (to name a few). My favorite part has been seeing Hi-Leaguers and their partners strengthen their friendships with one another, especially as the COF season started to pick up speed. Even though we're only halfway through the year, the friendships and bonds in this group are so incredibly strong! We have many more events to look forward to in the spring and I can't wait to see how deep these friendships will grow by the end of the year!
 – ANNIE MOYNIHAN

Hi-League

(9th-12th Gr) *Sunday Evenings.*
 2/10 **CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES CAMP RALLY** (M) 5-6:30pm). 2/17 **TABLE TALKS** (M W) 7-8:30pm). 2/24 **SNOW TUBING** (M W) 4-6pm).

President's Day Away!

(7th-8th Gr) M 2/18 10:30am-3pm (meet at (M) Youth Center & (W) CFL). We will have dinner at Davanni's (pizza & hoagies) and snow tube at Buck Hill! \$35. Register 1/15-2/17. ☑

Sign up for **REALM** at mtolivet.org to stay connected with your Mount Olivet friends, staff, and programs. See page 4.



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

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.

8th-Grade Confirmation Pictures

W 2/6 (girls), W 2/13 (boys), 5-7pm, (M) Rm 482, (W) Narthex. All 8th-grade Confirmands will get their picture taken for the composite photo. There is no cost for the picture, but you may order a package from Lifetouch if you chose to (information will be sent home with students). You may get your picture taken on either of the dates and at either campus. Boys should wear a white shirt and tie. Girls may wear whatever they wish. Robes will be provided.

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Confirmation 7th-Grade Retreats

(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). Get ready for a fun overnight! We will spend time eating good food, playing fun games with the junior high youth staff, swimming, and 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. ☑



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. ☑



NEW! Family Lunch & Learn at the West Campus

Su 2/10, 3/17, 5/19 11am-12:30pm
W *Gronseth Fellowship Hall.* 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. ☑



Open Gym

(1-6yrs & Caregivers) *Sa 2/2, 3/16, & 4/27 9-11am, M Gym.* Come run, jump and play with your kiddos! Wear tennis shoes, bring a water bottle – and we'll provide the fun! \$5 per family. No registration.



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).



Presidents Day Away!

(K-3rd Gr) *M 2/18 8:30am-4:30pm, M Rm 207, W CFL.* Be ready for a day that is jam packed with fun and facts! We will mix the day up some experiments and also head to Pump it Up! \$40 includes lunch, transportation, and activities. ☑



Parents Share Winter Session

W through 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! The first half hour of each session includes a topic identified by the group and presented by Marilyn. The final hour is filled with the topics being lived by participants. Nursery registration: marilynsharpeministries@comcast.net. FREE.

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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, Birth-3yrs	

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. ☑ ☕



Traditions Shared from Generation to Generation

Family camp is a great opportunity to spend time with your family in the beauty of God's creation. It's also a wonderful way to introduce children and parents to camp – especially for children who have never been before, parents who are unfamiliar with COP, and families who want to grow in faith together. There is time to swim and play, laugh and learn, and eat and eat and eat some more (thanks, canteen)! As a newcomer to the Mount Olivet family, it's been quite an experience to learn the traditions of this place and then witness as these traditions are passed down from generation to generation. It was especially beautiful to watch as parents taught children (and other people's children!), big brothers taught little brothers, and old friends taught new friends all the things that make this place special and meaningful. Singing in chapel, hiking to the cross, eating a favorite candy bar from the canteen, and playing games on the ballfield – this place has formed generations of people, the young and the old alike!

KELLY KING-ELLISON shares, "Camp is such a wonderful place to slow down, spend time as a family, and get closer to God in the most amazing little chapel. My son's favorite part about family camp was actually not canteen but playing around camp with his new friends, riding in the boat with **KRISTI YOUNDAHL**, making a dream catcher, and rolling the log in the lake." Kelly's favorite part about camp was hearing her sons sing the beloved church songs both at camp and at home. She says, "It melts my heart every time I hear the boys spontaneously sing *Hark to the Chimes*."

CINDY GEIGER writes, "The best part of family camp was being away from technology and having time to relax as a family. The days were organized so well. Plenty of time to be active as well as time to recharge, which is super important for everyone. The activities kept our kids active and entertained. It was one of our favorite family vacations." Cindy also notes, "Our kids strengthened friendships with children who participate in Mount Olivet choirs with them. They loved having a little independence to roam around camp and play with friends."

We hope you'll join us! – PASTOR HELGEN

COP Family Camp Th 8/15 to Su 8/18, Cathedral of the Pines Camp, Lutsen. Registration is by lottery (sign up at mtolivet.org). Lottery results will be posted at the Camp Rally on 2/10. ☑ ☕

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: FINISHING STRONG!

GOAL: \$13.2 M RAISED: \$10.7 M NEEDED: \$2.5 M



Construction of the West Campus addition is underway, and **YOUR** help is needed to cross the finish line!

If **800 HOUSEHOLDS GIVE \$20 A WEEK FOR 3 YEARS**, the project will be funded!

1st-time capital campaign gifts will be **MATCHED DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR** by generous donors, if you pledge or give by 03.15.19.

Give **NOW** at mtolivet.org, mail checks to Mount Olivet, 5025 Knox Ave S, Mpls, MN 55419 (put West Campus Capital Campaign on memo line), or contact Mari Carlson 612.821.3150 mcarlson@mtolivethomes.org.



Most of us think nothing of shelling out hundreds per year for our kids to play sports.

I encourage you to make that same kind of commitment to support the much-needed West Campus addition that will help our kids develop wonderful relationships with church friends and grow in their relationship with God. – MATT PODHRADSKY



MOUNT OLIVET OUTREACH UPDATE

Mount Olivet members were busy serving those in our communities this past Thanksgiving and Christmas ...

Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Mpls Campus helped fill Community Emergency Service's food shelves with 4,679 pounds of food and hygiene products ... over 2 tons! A special thank you to **MATT IWEN, TIERRA DAVIS** and all our youth volunteers, who braved the cold to help load trucks.

The West Campus donated 1,095 pounds of food to Bountiful Baskets in Chaska, a food pantry that serves those in need in Chaska, Chanhassen, Victoria, and Carver. Thank you to **BILL ERICKSON** and **DIANE MATTHEWS** for leading this effort, along with **ZACH SPIOV** and the youth volunteers who also braved the cold.

Over \$34,000 in monetary donations from the Hunger Appeal were distributed to world and local food initiatives. For the fourth year in a row, Mount Olivet was also able to sponsor a hot meal on Christmas Eve at a homeless shelter.

Community Emergency Service

Mount Olivet high school students packed food and delivered and distributed food to homebound seniors in Horn Towers on 31st & Blaisdell.

Simpson Housing Services

In November and December, Mount Olivet members, including **JOY CIRCLE** members, served four different times by preparing and serving dinner to approximately 120 guests of this homeless shelter.



Pastor Scott's Christmas Share

Mount Olivet Sunday School families of four-year-olds through 3rd-graders served 60 families by collecting 833 gifts.

Most of these families also received a bag of groceries and a bag of hygiene and cleaning products. Many volunteers helped to sort and wrap gifts that were then delivered to families by **PASTOR SCOTT** and **JAY LANSING**.

Redeemer Lutheran Church and Southside Family Nurturing Center Toy Stores

Friends Forever, along with families of 4th-, 5th-, and 6th-graders and Confirmation students (7th- and 8th-graders), collected over four pallets of toys, winter wear, books, games, and gift cards. Through our



efforts along with other churches, businesses, and individuals, both organizations were able to bring joy to hundreds of children this Christmas.

GEOFF ARENSON, Director of Youth Ministry, along with several Hi-Leaguers, volunteered as Christmas elves at the Redeemer Toy Store. They helped shoppers find, label, and wrap Christmas gifts for their loved ones. Each child chose up to four gifts and each one costs 25 cents! Geoff says that all who served did so with great joy, feeling the spirit of Christmas!

Love INC Christmas Dinner Delivered

50 families in need were served by families at the West Campus by packing enough food for a Christmas dinner. Several volunteers helped unload the food truck, put together food boxes, and deliver to the families. Next Christmas we are also hoping to have a toy share with these families.

MOCW Mitten Drive

This year's annual Mount Olivet Church Women's Mitten Drive collected 688 mittens, hats, and scarfs at both campuses and distributed to VEAP, Love INC, Simpson homeless shelter, Crisis Nursery, Washburn High School, the Franklin/Hiawatha Encampment (along with 18 blankets), and Pastor Scott's On-Call Ministry. As **KATIE SHEPHERD** was delivering to the Franklin/Hiawatha Encampment, she heard the organizer ask if anyone had dropped a mitten, then realized it was a sock. A woman shyly responded that it was hers and she had been using the sock as a mitten. Katie was able to witness one of our donated mittens immediately being put to good use.

Thank you to all! – PASTOR MACLEAN

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Cathedral of the Pines **CAMP RALLY!**

Sunday, Feb 10, Mpls Campus
4pm Carnival, 5pm Supper & Program

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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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