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Wed 7pm w Apr 3
"THE VIRTUAL
BODY OF CHRIST"

PROFESSOR DEANNA A.
THOMPSON AND PASTOR LOSE

WED, APR 3

Lent Midweek 11 am (Wednesday Worship w/Communion followed by community lunch, \$6) & 7pm

PASTOR MACLEAN

SUN, APR 7

A Pharisee & Tax Collector, Jesus & the Children

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

9, 10, 11am, 12noon Sermon: PASTOR MACLEAN Music: Senior & Cathedral Choirs; Luke Randall, soloist Sunday School: 9, 10, 11am Choir Sunday School: 9, 10am

9, 10, 11am
 Sermon: PASTOR LOSE
 Music: Senior & Cathedral Choirs
 Sunday School: 9, 10am

WED, APR 10 Lent Midweek 11 am & 7pm PASTOR KALLAND

SUN, APR 14

Palm Sunday: The Triumphal Entry

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

9, 10, 11am, 12noon Sermon: PASTOR RUUD Music: Senior, Cathedral, Chancel, Chapel, Hosanna, Alleluia & Cherub Choirs

9, 10, 11am
Sermon: PASTOR HELGEN
Music: Senior, Cathedral, Chancel, Chapel,
Hosanna, Alleluia & Cherub Choirs

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR CHOIR SUNDAY SCHOOL: WORSHIP AS A FAMILY WHERE ALL CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE A PALM!



WED, APR 17

The Seven Last Words of Christ by Dubious

7pm Featuring Cathedral Choir & Alumni; and soloists: Amanda Jenkins, soprano; Brian Ohnsora, tenor; Justin Staebell, baritone

THU, APR 18

The Living Lord's Supper

M 6 & 7:30pm

PASTOR MACLEAN

Music: Senior Choir

w 7:30pm

PASTOR HAMMERSTEN

Music: Senior Choir

FRI, APR 19 Good Friday

COMMUNION SERVICES

7, 12noon, 4 & 6pm

Sermon: PASTOR LOSE

w 6pm

Sermon: PASTOR DIXON

CHILDREN'S SERVICE

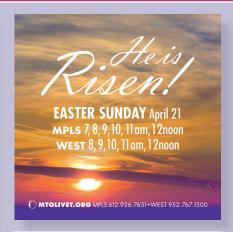
Music: Hosanna, Alleluia & Cherub Choirs

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TENEBRAE SERVICE

- 7pm, PASTORS HAMMERSTEN & MACLEAN
- 7pm, PASTORS HELGEN & DIXON

Follow Jesus' Passion with daily readings that remind us to look to the cross and see God's incredible love for us laid bare. Sign up for emails at mtolivet.org or pick up a booklet at church.



SUN, APR 21

Easter!

Nursery 9, 10, 11am

NO Sunday School or Choir Sunday School

M 7, 8, 9, 10, 11am, 12noon

Sermon:

PASTOR LOSE

Music: Orchestra, Senior, Cathedral & Chapel Choirs



w 8, 9, 10, 11am, 12noon

Sermon:

PASTOR DIXON

Music: Brass Ensemble, Senior, Cathedral & Chapel Choirs



SUN, APR 28

Road to Emmaus

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

9, 10, 11am, 12noon Sermon: PASTOR HAMMERSTEN Music: Chancel & Hosanna Choirs; Chapel Choir & Parents; Chancel Ringers Sunday School: 9, 10, 11am Choir Sunday School: 9, 10am

9, 10, 11 am
Sermon: PASTOR KALLAND
Music: Chancel Choir; Chapel Choir & Parents
Sunday School: 9, 10 am

Fear, Wonder, and Joy

Do you ever wonder whether we would have believed the report of the women returning from the empty tomb? Today, we're so used to talk about Jesus' resurrection that the empty tomb seems like no big deal. But think about those first disciples....

That's what I love about Luke's Easter account. All four evangelists record the doubt, wonder, and fear of the disciples, but Luke is, perhaps, the most honest. When the women return with the news, it's not just that the disciples aren't sure, they regard what they hear as "an idle tale." Something the women

imagined or, worse, made up.

And who can blame them. To their mind – and maybe ours when we're not in church – the dead don't come back to life. The testimony of those women, you see, was frightening, even threatening, before it was comforting. Resurrection breaks all the rules by which we've ordered our lives. I mean, if the dead don't stay dead, what can you count on? And while most of us might admit that the old rules aren't perfect, at least we know them.

Plus, I suspect this news sounded to the disciples just a little too good to be true. Think about it. After all they'd been through, it was probably too much to entertain thoughts that Jesus might come back. I know, I know, Jesus had tried to prepare them for this, for all of it. But who really is ready for the death of a beloved friend, let alone the news that the friend we saw die and grieved with our whole heart is suddenly alive. No wonder they think it's an idle tale.

Further, imagine the immense disappointment if they believe this news and then discover the women weren't being honest, or were simply mistaken. It'd be like a terminally ill patient being told of one more miracle cure or an abandoned child that his parents are waiting for him. Precisely because this news is what we want more than anything in the world, it's terrifying. Already wounded by the loss of their Lord, the disciples fear getting cut once more by the shards of their broken dreams.

Truth be told, I think we're all a little like that. Maybe that's why we've domesticated the empty tomb, why we've become almost numb to the word "resurrection." Maybe we know, deep down, that we're dying, and so the promise of life is frightening. You know what I mean? Despite all of our protests to the contrary, despite all of our pretending, despite our ubiquitous "fine" to the daily question, "how are you?" we know that we're not fine. We know that life

rarely turns out quite the way we'd expected, that we are subject to setbacks and disappointments, that, ultimately, we're fragile, wounded, in need of saving. But we're just afraid enough that no one will be able to save us that we can hardly admit our fear.

Which is where our life together as the people of Mount Olivet Lutheran Church comes in. Through our fellowship and learning, through our service and outreach, through our care and prayer for each other, and especially through our worship together, we create a community of love and trust where we can, first, admit our vulnerability and need and, second, hear and believe God's promise of resurrection life,

hope, and courage.

Luke is, indeed, quite honest about the doubt and fear of those first disciples. But he is just as honest in pointing out that the story doesn't end there. Because after dismissing the women's testimony as an idle tale, Peter can't quite shake the wonder of their news. "What if it's true?" he ponders, and then runs to see for himself. And then, after the fear and wonder, comes joy. He is eventually met by his Lord. He learns that suffering and death do not have the last word. He discovers that God's love is more powerful than anything, even hate, violence, and death. And he is drawn into the new life God offers and goes on to share the good news of God's love throughout the world.

It takes time to move from fear to wonder, and then from wonder to joy. Maybe that's why there are seven Sundays in Easter. A veritable "week of weeks" so that we can hear the good news again and again, admit our fear that we cannot save ourselves, wonder at God's promise that there is more to this life than we'd imagined, and experience the joy of realizing the power of God's love and acceptance. So come to worship on Easter to experience the resurrection promise through music, preaching, and fellowship. And then come again... and again... to let that life-transforming word sink in, moving you from fear to wonder and then from wonder to joy.

I'll see you in Church!

Pastor Lose DAVID J. LOSE, SENIOR PASTOR



Life & Growth

FEB 15 - MAR 14

Baptisms

Mackenzie Spencer Anderson, daughter of Mikaela and Spencer Walter James Buch, son of Brittany and Jeff Alexander Benjamin Busch Parker, son of Renne and Sebastian Leighton Jo Dirlam, daughter of Katie and Adam Eleanor Ann Lucy Dostal, daughter of Kristin and Matt Logan Daniel Giese, son of Ashley and Brendan Carsten Andrew Koehler, son of Ann and Alan Ingrid Marie Koehler, daughter of Ann and Alan Henry Calvin Larsen, son of Elizabeth and Andy Kaylee Belle Meyer, daughter of Kristi and CJ Charlie Thomas Olson, son of Georgia and Peter Isabella Mei Olson, daughter of Georgia and Peter Peter Karl Olson. son of Suzanne and Dave Oliver Jay Vetter. son of Jaimie and Jason Georgia Wei Wang, daughter of Phoebe and Tom

Deaths

Thomas W. Bernard, 1945 - 2019LaVerne H. Bingea, 1926 — 2019 James B. Colehour, 1946 - 2019 Bonnie L. Espeland, 1941 — 2019 Joan I. Grund, 1939 - 2019 Lorraine Hasselquist, 1922 — 2019 Mary E. Johnson, 1924 — 2019 Constance G. Lindblom, 1938 — 2019 Thomas J. Lindauist. 1937 - 2019Harold J. Martens, 1924 — 2019 John E. Mundt, 1955 - 2019 Nathan G. Nelson, 1924 - 2019 Eleanor L. Organ, 1922 — 2019 Lu J. Ragatz, 1931 - 2019 Doris G. Tansil. 1921 — 2019 Rhona Wetherille, 1929 - 2019

Look Up this Lent

TRUTH TALKS: LOOK UP!

The 40-minute Truth Talks are open to all. Confirmation and Cathedral and Chancel Choir members will be in attendance, and we encourage all our households and interested adults to attend, as we believe sharing this experience and learning together is important and builds community.

"The Virtual Body of Christ" W Wed, Apr 3, 7pm with PASTOR LOSE AND

PROFESSOR DEANNA A. THOMPSON. Professor of Religion, Hamline University and Author.
Her newest book, "The Virtual Body of Christ in a Suffering World" (Abingdon, 2016) focuses on the current digital revolution and its potential for helping us better care for one another in the worst times of our lives. We are called to be the body of Christ, living out God's love for us by loving our neighbors, not just in person, but also online. Living loved in the digital age gives us new tools for sharing God's compassion and grace to those who have bought into a story about themselves that is less than what

God desires for them. Sharing the gospel of God's love online, extending God's compassion digitally, and caring for each other via social media are all examples of how we can live into being "The Virtual Body of Christ."

LENT MIDWEEK SERVICES

Our Lent Midweek worship services 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!

- Look Up ... to Friends and Family Wed, Apr 3, 11am Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion, 7pm, PASTOR MACLEAN. Jesus Heals a Paralytic (Luke 5:17-26). The paralytic man's friends bring him to Jesus for healing. When have your friends and family helped you to see God? How does their faith to see a way forward encourage you in your own faith?
- Look Up ... to Be Surprised!
 Wed, Apr 10, 11am, 7pm, PASTOR KALLAND. The Parable of the Great Dinner (Luke 14:15-24). God shows up in the uninvited dinner guests the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame. God sees what we think isn't possible and says, "There is still room!" How has God surprised you?

Holy Week

- Palm Sunday Apr 14 @ 9, 10, 11am, 12noon; w 9, 10, 11am

 The festive palm processional at all services recalls the triumphant journey of Jesus into Jerusalem. All choirs and a brass ensemble will join in proclaiming "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

 Hosanna in the highest." No Sunday School or Choir Sunday School. Children are invited to attend worship and will be given a palm branch in order to actively participate in the services.
- The Living Lord's Supper Thu, Apr 18; 6, 7:30pm; 7:30pm You are invited to witness the scene in the upper room as Jesus and his twelve disciples share a final meal together before Jesus' death on the cross. This visual and meaningful service will feature special music by the Senior Choir. Communion will be served before a live depiction of the famous painting "The Last Supper" by Leonardo da Vinci.
- Good Friday Apr 19; Communion Services 7 am, 12noon, 4, 6pm, 6pm; Children's Services 11 am; Tenebrae Service 7 pm. In this unique worship service we hear Biblical readings that recall the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of Jesus through the events of Holy Week. After each reading, a candle is extinguished, eventually leaving the sanctuary in total darkness. The congregation leaves in silence, anticipating the continuation of the story on Easter morning.

DEVOTIONS

He is risen! He is risen indeed!

This Easter call and response is the cornerstone of my Christian identity and calling. These seven words make possible, and indeed make necessary, all the other words I speak about Jesus Christ and the mercy of God. Without this declaration—He is risen!—there would be nothing at the core of our life and work here at Mount Olivet. The things we do would still be good things, of course. It is good to support shelters and food shelves. It is good to create safe places for kids to come and build strong relationships. It is good to gather together and live in community. But, without the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the promise we've received in our baptisms to share in his victory over death, these things could all be done just as well at the local community center.

In the Gospel of Luke, 24th chapter, we read that three women (Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James) went to the tomb and found the stone rolled away. When they entered, they "did not find the body of the Lord Jesus." Suddenly two figures dressed in dazzling white stood before them and asked, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" The three women left and shared what they had seen and heard with the disciples. This was the first proclamation of the gospel, the good news that our Lord Jesus lives. This Easter, I pray that we all remember we do not worship a body, a fossil, a memory. We worship the risen and living Lord Jesus Christ, who is still busy loving and forgiving us. This is a good word worth sharing. - PASTOR DIXON

New Member Orientations

Su 4/7 2-3:30pm w Gronseth Fellowship Hall Su 4/14 12:45-2pm w 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.

Volunteer Appreciation! Thank You!

Su 5/19 Between all worship services, Courtyard W Narthex. We will offer our thanks to Mount Olivet volunteers during and in-between worship services at both campuses. Volunteering at Mount Olivet not only helps the church to continue its ministries, but also provides opportunities for members to grow in their faith, and become more connected to each other and the community!



MOHA Butter Braid Easter Sales

Su 4/14 8:30am-12:30pm Lower Narthex W Narthex. Butter braids will be sold for \$13 each between services. Interested in pre-ordering a six-pack of the same flavor? Contact Jenny Nellis, 612.767.2247 or jnellis@mtolivet. org by April 4. All proceeds will benefit the Mount Olivet Homes' Auxiliary affiliates. Mount Olivet Home, Careview Home, Day Services, and Rolling Acres.

Daily Readings

APR 2019

FROM PASTOR KALLAND

- 1 Romans 10:17, From Hearing
- 2 Matthew 20:18-19, On the Third Day
- 3 Zechariah 9:9, Lowly on a Donkey
- 4 Matthew 21:9, Hosanna
- 5 John 1:29, The Lamb of God
- 6 Hebrews 9:27-28, To Bring Salvation
- 7 Revelation 5:9, A New Song
- 8 Matthew 26:28, For the Forgiveness of Sins
- 9 Mark 14:61-62, I Am
- 10 John 19:30, It Is Finished
- 11 Luke 24:6, He Has Risen
- 12 Hebrews 9:15. New Covenant
- 13 1 Peter 1:3, New Birth
- 14 Acts 2:32-33, Promised Holy Spirit
- 15 John 11:25, I Am the Resurrection
- 16 Romans 6:5, United
- 17 Isaiah 1:18, White as Snow
- 18 Colossians 2:6-7,
 Abounding in Thanksgiving
- 19 James 5:16, Confess to Each Other
- 20 1 Chronicles 28:20, The Lord God Is With You
- 21 Revelation 22:17. Water of Life
- 22 Psalm 103:2, Do Not Forget
- 23 1 Timothy 1:7, Power, Love, and Self-discipline
- 24 Ecclesiastes 3:14, Endure Forever
- 25 1 Corinthians 1:25, Stronger Than Human Strength
- 26 Acts 5:20. This New Life
- 27 Jonah 2:6, Up from the Pit
- 28 Psalm 118:6, The Lord Is With You
- 29 1 John 5:4, Born of God
- 30 Proverbs 13:12, Tree of Life



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Evereve Shopping Event

Th 4/25 10am-8pm, 3914 W 50th St, Edina. Who doesn't need some new, cute clothes this Spring?! Shop at Evereve on 50th & France Thursday, April 25th, for some fun new fashion. When you check out, say that you are with Mount Olivet. Evereve will then donate 15% of your total purchase back to Mount Olivet. It is a win-win! Join us from 4-6pm for some Happy Hour shopping with some light nosh. Promotion good all day long. If you are unable to join us for Happy Hour, shop earlier in the day!

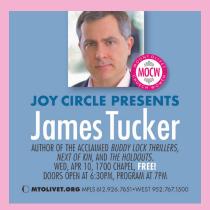
Inspiration Circle Presents: Candlelight Yoga

(ages 13+) Su 4/28 5:45pm, w Gronseth Fellowship Hall. Come for fellowship and rejuvenation as we honor our body, mind and soul. This special event will include a 75-minute gentle yoga session including relaxation led by KARIN JUNGE. Doors open at 5:30 and please arrive by 5:45pm to allow time for check in and to prepare yourself for class. Please bring a yoga mat, water and wear layers. Inspiration Circle generously doante all proceeds from this event to Mount Olivet. Do some self care, while giving back! Cost: \$10 at door.



46th Fashion Show & Luncheon

Sa 4/6 11am, 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.



Joy Circle Presents: An Evening with Author James Tucker

W 4/10, Doors Open 6:30pm,
Speaker 7-8pm, 1700 Chapel. All
are invited to attend a presentation
by local author JAMES TUCKER, the
author of the acclaimed Buddy
Lock Thrillers, Next of Kin, and
The Holdouts. Tucker is a graduate
from the University of Minnesota
Law School and one of four fiction
writers awarded a position at a past
Mentor Series at the Loft Literary
Center in Minneapolis. He lives
near Minneapolis with his wife,
painter Megan Rye, and their
family. Free. No registration.



Women of Faith Luncheon

W 5/22 12pm м Fellowship Hall. Did you know there are 1,000 kids in foster care in need of permanent homes? If 1 out of 4 local churches found one family to adopt a child, we would be answering God's call to love those left behind. Join us at the Women of Faith Luncheon to learn more about Reel Hope Project from KAYCEE STANLEY, an organization that works to be the bridge between Church and State, working with counties and adoption agencies to bring foster kids into forever families. Cost: \$15. Register by 5/15. □ 👸

Garage Sale

MAY9-11, 2019

THU 4-8PM
(\$4 ADMISSION)
FRI 8AM-5PM
SAT 8AM-12NOON
5025 KNOX AVE S, MPLS

DONATE! Sa 5/4 to M 5/6 New and gently used items that are suitable for resale. **VOLUNTEER!** Sa 5/4 to Sa 5/11.



Career & Calling Spring Breakfast

W 4/10 7-9am, M Fellowship Hall. Join us for an engaging and inspiring conversation with **CHRIS WRIGHT, CEO** of Minnesota United FC, as he discusses the benefits of knowing your "Why?" and staying centered on that purpose. Join us for good food and good conversation about what truly motivates our work in the world!

7AM DOORS OPEN 7:15AM PRAYER & BREAKFAST BUFFET 7:30AM PROGRAM BEGINS **9AM PROGRAM CONCLUDES**

You have our blessing if you need to leave early. It's a work day, after all! Free (gently used business clothing donations encouraged). \(\bar{\pi} \beta \)



Flying Solo: Mia Art in Bloom

(singles 40s-60s) Th 4/11 6:30-9pm, Minneapolis Institute of Art, 2400 Third Ave S, Mpls. View fresh floral creations and the artworks that inspired them! Meet at the 2nd floor fountain. Following the exhibit, please join us at Eat Street Social (18 W. 26th St. Mpls) for fun and fellowship. No cost for exhibit. Eat Street Social on your own.

Men's Breakfasts

Tu 7am, The Hilltop Edina; Th 7am, Chanhassen Perkins. **NO BREAKFAST APR 16 OR APR 18**



Spring Homebound Communion Service and Luncheon

Sa 4/27 11am-1pm, **M** Main Sanctuary for the service, and Fellowship Hall for lunch following service. For homebound members, friends and family: A Service of Holy Communion, followed by lunch in Fellowship Hall. You are encouraged to have a family member bring you, or contact Ann LaBree if you need a ride. DRIVERS **NEEDED:** If you are able to provide transportation for this event, please contact Ann LaBree 612.767.2288 annl@mtolivet.org.



Friends Forever: Trip to Luverne, Minnesota (50yrs+) M 5/13 to Tu 5/14 M

8:30am pick up w 8am pick up. Join Friends Forever on a motorcoach journey to Luverne, MN. We will explore local sites and hot spots;

THE HERREID MILITARY MUSEUM, THE PALACE THEATRE, THE BLUE MOUNDS **STATE PARK**, and eat together at THE STERLING'S CAFÉ AND GRILL.

We will also partake in Martin Luther's tradition and stop at TAKE 16 BREWING COMPANY on the way home. Cost includes: motorcoach transportation, one-night stay at Luverne GrandStay Hotel and Suites, four meals (cash bars), tours & entertainment. You do not want to miss out on this great trip! Cost:

\$150 double occupancy; \$195 single

occupany; Register by 5/1. 🛛 🔗



Mother's Day Brunch Buffet

Su 5/12 Seatings at 11am, 12:30pm & 2pm, Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center. Save the Date for the annual Mother's Day Brunch Buffet at Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center, Celebrate Mom with delicious food, beautiful views, and warm hospitality. Let us handle all the details while your family makes memories! Cost: \$20 adults (13yrs+); \$10 youth 5-12yrs; children under 5 are free. **RESERVATIONS OPEN 4/23** by phone only: 952.469.2175.



Just for Fun Golf Scramble

F 5/10 11am-7pm, Deer Run Golf Course, 8661 Deer Run Dr, Victoria.

11am check-in, driving range open, sandwich buffet lunch; 12:45pm golfers get into electric carts; 1pm golf begins; following golf there will be a happy hour, grilled steak / chicken dinner, and awards presentation. Rain or shine. Sign up as an individual or as a group (up to 4). \$100pp must be paid with registration. Bring \$5 cash to buy a mulligan. Register by 5/1. □⊗

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 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 April, we will consider Luke 23:26-49 with a focus on "Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended?" with guest presenter, PASTOR DIXON. 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. Contact Carol Throntveit 612.767.2246 carolt@ mtolivet.org.

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OR BY CALLING 612.926.7651

M = Mpls Campus, W = West Campus

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Tuesdays Together: What Does "Lutheran" Mean?

Tu 4/2-4/30 (except 4/16)
7-8:30pm, ™ Rm 207. Didn't
grow up Lutheran? Been a very
l-o-n-g time since Confirmation?
Wondering what's unique about
being Lutheran or want a refresher
to dig-in more? This 4-week look
at "Lutheran basics" led by PASTOR
RUUD is for you! Leave with a deeper
understanding of what makes
Lutheranism unique and a greater
appreciation for how Lutherans
understand God's love for and
relationship with us. Here are the
basics we will explore together:

Session 1 | Faith Alone: There's nothing for you to do ... No, but seriously ... there's nothing for you to do ... seriously.

Session 2 | Simul Justus et Peccator: Come as you are, leave no better (just forgiven, made new, raised up ... daily)

Session 3 | Theology of the Cross: The power of God found in puny, weak, hidden things, and why we're tempted to want something more.

Session 4 | Vocation: What to do, and what God does with you, now that there's nothing to do, sometimes whether you like it or not.

Wednesday / Thursday Word: Lukan Ladies

W 4/3-5/1 9:30-10:50am, M Rm 207; Th 4/4-5/2 10-11:30am, w CFL Activity Rm. More than other gospel writers, Luke includes women in his accounts of Jesus' ministry and the early church. Named and unnamed, some with only a few verses of mention, Luke shows how these mostly "ordinary" women play extraordinary roles. Join your pastors as they introduce or re-introduce – you to many of these "Lukan Ladies." Which pastor teaches each week is a surprise! All are welcome - bring friends. Cost: Donation.

Visit mtolivet.org for SERMONS, WAYS TO GET INVOLVED, GIVING & MORE!

A Not-at-All-Boring Luther "Look" at Christian Freedom and Good Works

Th 4/25 & 5/2 7-8:30pm

 $oldsymbol{M}$ Rm~207. Dr. mary Jane Haemig easily takes the seemingly boring and turns it into WOW! And that's exactly what you can expect as she leads us in this exploration of two of Luther's most influential works. The first, "The Freedom of a Christian," describes what Christian freedom is and why it means we live our lives in service to our neighbors. The second, "Treatise on Good Works," details what good works are and answers Luther's critics who claimed that he denigrated good works. Make the time to come - you won't be sorry! \$10. **□** 🗷

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

 Women's Book Discussion: Educated by Tara Westover

- of how a young woman whose survivalist parents kept her out of school finally breaks away, enters a classroom for the first time at 17, and goes on to earn a PhD from Cambridge University. Her path to education and to new freedom takes her on a journey that spans not just oceans, but the tricky terrains of family and heart. Along the way, we learn with her that to be "educated" is a matter not limited to the mind. \$15 (includes book).
- Evening Book Discussion 2nd W 7-8:30pm, Library.
 Books: We Were the Lucky Ones by Georgia Hunter (4/10) Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann (5/15).
- Midday Book Discussion 3rd Tu 11:30am-1pm, © Library. Books: Being Mortal by Atul Gawande (4/16), and Educated by Tara Westover (5/21).



Young in Heart Luncheon

(65yrs+) Tu 4/30 12noon, ● Fellowship Hall. Featuring: TIM PATRICK, AWARD-WINNING VOCALIST. \$9 and donation to Pastor Scott's On-Call Ministry. Friends welcome! Register by 4/26: 612.926.7651.

Stop It! Cut It Out!! Behave Like Me!!!

Sa 4/13 8:30-11am, Fellowship Hall. Please join us for a morning with VICKI DEAN-GRAMLICH, Psychiatric Advanced Practice Nurse serving the community. What do depression and addiction look like? How do we relate to individuals experiencing these symptoms? What role do we, as a faith-based community, serve in an individual's path to recovery? Together we will explore how depression and addiction develop, and the crucial role we play in the lives of people with these mental health conditions, both as individuals and as a church. We will also discuss the way psychosocial factors can affect a person's wellbeing in both the short and long-term. We will examine the importance of social support structures and cover resources and strategies available to all of us. \$15 includes continental breakfast. □ 8

Brought to you by the Pastoral Care Department & The Mount Olivet Mental Health Task Force

ONGOING

- Chair Holy Yoga M&W through 5/1 (no 4/22) 12:15-1:15pm, Gym; Tu through 5/28 12noon-1pm, CFL Rm 317. 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* 6/3, 9/9 1pm; 12/2 12noon; **W** 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 May, Aug, Nov 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 (except 4/22). 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 except holidays 6-9pm,* **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 through 5/20 except 4/15 & 4/22*, ♠ Old Choir Rm. 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 a cappella (without accompaniment).

SERVICE

• Easter Angel Gift Baskets Sa 4/13, 10am w Gronseth Fellowship Hall, 2pm W Gym. Help pack and deliver "Angel Gifts" to those in need through Pastor Scott's On-Call Ministry and Love INC. Come with your family, friends, class, or by yourself – all are welcome! DONATIONS ALSO NEEDED: Picture and board books, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, kids' activity books, and crayons. Label "Angel Gifts" and drop off at W. Register at mtolivet.org or at the church offices.

Spring Volunteer Day

Sa 5/18 9am - 3pm Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center. Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center invites you to visit and help ready the grounds for a beautiful summer season. Projects include planting flowers, wood chipping trails, and removing deer fencing. Volunteers will enjoy a beautiful Spring day at the retreat center with warm fellowship and a delicious lunch and snacks. The pool, sauna, and whirlpool are also available to use after the work is done. Spend a day with us as we care for God's creation! Register by 5/17 at mtolivet.org.

Recap of 2018 Fall Service Projects at West

This fall we had four Sunday Serve Events with our 7th & 8th graders at the West Campus. We kicked off the season by joining the Minneapolis campus in putting together Matter Boxes containing healthy food for children in the Minneapolis

school district. In November, the kids at the West Campus assembled over 150 sandwiches for the sandwich project sponsored by the Minneapolis Recreation Development Non-Profit. Talk about over "acheesers!" Sliding into December, Geoff Arenson joined the West campus to help

with our LOVE Inc Tie Blanket project and get to know the kids better before diving into the 7th Grade Overnights. Wrapping up our first half of the year, we ventured over to the Chaska Target for a scavenger hunt to

find items on the Ronald McDonald Wish List. Looking forward to the New Year, our Sunday Serve program at the West campus will be putting together survival packs for the wonderful Organization of Cornerstone, donating treats and loving the puppies at First Hand Hounds, participating in a clothing drive for His House Foundation, and ending with a celebration at our own campus by gardening around

the Center for Faith & Life building—giving back to the church we love so much!

Our Hi-Leaguers (9th-12th Gr) have also been busy volunteering with Cathedral Choir, teaching Sunday Church school, and hanging out with our Mount Olivet Rolling Acres neighbors at MO United! Our Fall session of MO United had game nights, service projects, and even dancing! Once a month we also featured a Table Talk evening with our Hi-Leaguers. During the fall they were fortunate enough to hear messages from Zach Spirov, Kim Kimball (mother of two twin Hi-Leaguers, Megan & Molly) and special guest Jake LaFerriere. Jake is a retired firefighter who was badly burned in a house fire, but has since turned his experience into a positive for burn victims, their families, and firefighters through his organization, Firefighters For Healing.

As the new West addition begins to take shape, we look forward to a full spring and summer of programming out here at the West Campus!

- KATE BELSCHNER, COORDINATOR OF JUNIOR HIGH, WEST CAMPUS & JEFF LARSON, COORDINATOR OF SENRIOR HIGH, WEST CAMPUS

Hi-League (9th-12th Gr)

Sunday Evenings. 4/7 COMEDY SPORTZ (M 7-8:30pm, W bus 6:30-9pm). 4/14 TABLE TALKS (M W 7-8:30pm). 4/21 NO HI-LEAGUE. 4/28 NO HI-LEAGUE.

Hi-League: Comedy Sportz (9th- 12th Gr)

Su 4/7 7-8:30pm Fellowship Hall (bus 6:30-9pm). This time they are coming to us! Join us for a night of improv comedy with the team from Comedy Sportz as they perform a show for us in Fellowship Hall at the Minneapolis Campus! All are welcome - bring a friend! Cost: \$15.

JHA - Lockout

(7th- 8th Gr) F 5/3 8pm - Sa 5/4 6:30am (Youth Center W Narthex). Join your Junior High Youth Staff for their favorite allnighter event – the JHA LOCKOUT! We are so excited for this night and we hope you are too!! We will go to AirMaxx, have some pizza, watch a movie, have a dance, and SO much more while just having an overall awesome time together (while getting no sleep, of course) – what could be better than that?! Transportation from both campuses provided. \$85. □ ⊗

SUMMER YOUTH

Summer Counseling Opportunities

(7th-12th Gr+) There are many opportunities to counsel this summer when you are not at COP!

- God's Kids Sing! © M-F 6/24-6/28 9am-4pm
- Summertime Players! © 7/9-7/12 & 7/15-7/18, 9am-4pm with Performances at 4pm & 6pm on 7/18.
- NEW! Mount Olivet Day Camp

M-F 7/22-7/26 8:30am-4:30pm

• Family Faith Nights **a** *Tu*, 7/30, 8/6, 8/13 5-7:30pm

God's Kids Sing!



STP! & STP!2

Summertime Players! Musical Theater Camp (6th-9th Gr) & Summertime Players! 2 (10th-12th Gr+)

™ 7/9-7/12 & 7/15-7/18, 9am-4pm with Performances at 4pm & 6pm on 7/18. \$300 (**™** Bus additional \$35). Register by 7/9. □ ♂

PROGRAMS

Vacation Bible School: To Mars and Beyond!

NEW! Mount Olivet Day Camp

(1st-4th Gr as of Sep 2019) M-F 7/22-7/26 8:30am-4:30pm, Meet at Youth Center (w Bus 8am-5pm). \$175 includes daily lunch, snacks, t-shirt, activities, and bus. ☐

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 Th-Tu \$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*

Confirmation Camp (9th-Gr)

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*

Hi-League Summer Starter 6/17-6/21 M-F \$280*

Hi-League Retreat

8/7-8/11 W-Su \$310*

* Full payment requested at time of registration.

Visit mtolivet.org to register or get more information!

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.

Confirmation Dates

There will be no confirmation on Wednesday, April 17 or Sunday, April 21 due to Holy Week. Please attend the Holy Week Services.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

- Palm Sunday Apr 14 ■ 9, 10, 11am, 12noon; ■ 9, 10, 11am
- The Seven Last Words of Christ by Dubois Wed, Apr 17, @ 7pm
- The Living Lord's Supper Thu, Apr 18; 6, 7:30pm; 7:30pm
- Good Friday Apr 19; Communion Services @ 7am, 12noon, 4, 6pm, w 6pm; Children's Services @ w 11am; Tenebrae Service@ w 7pm
- Easter Sunday Apr 21; 7, 8, 9, 10, 11am, 12noon; 8, 9, 10, 11am, 12noon



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.



Registration Opens Monday, April 29th!

Opportunities at **w** w

- Youth Choirs (3yrs -12th Gr)
- Confirmation(7th & 8th Gr)



Wed 7pm w Apr 3

"THE VIRTUAL
BODY OF CHRIST"

PASTOR LOSE AND PROFESSOR DEANNA A. THOMPSON

Cathedral Choir Fundraiser at Victoria Burrow (all ages)

Su 4/7 10am-2pm Victoria Burrow, 7999 Victoria Dr, Victoria. Come support the Cathedral Choir with a round of Putt-Putt Golf! Sunday, April 7th from 10am to 2pm, Victoria Burrow will donate \$4 for every \$12 adult round of putt-putt golf (\$3 for every \$9 kid round) played to our Cathedral Choir. Victoria Burrow in Victoria, MN is located just up the road from the West Campus and offers Putt-Putt golf, an arcade, full made-from-scratch menu and more! Come spend a fun afternoon with your friends after church and support our Choir!



Preschool Registration Open NOW 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 open now!

Preschool Summer Sampler

7/16-7/18 (Tu-Th) 9am-11:30am M Preschool. Children may come and see what the Mount Olivet Preschool is all about! Sign up to spend a few days in the preschool. This is a great way for your child to preview the rooms, get a feel for the daily schedule, and spend some time getting to know the teachers and potential classmates for the fall. \$50. \[\infty \end{all.}

Sunday School Schedule

We look forward to finishing the Sunday School year strong! We have Sunday School on the following Sundays: April 7th, April 28th, May 5th, May 12th, May 19th - Last Day of Sunday School! *We do not have Sunday School on Palm Sunday (April 14th) or Easter Sunday (April 21st).

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Family Bingo Night!

Su 4/28 4:15-6pm, M Fellowship Hall. Join the Children & Family Ministry team for the 2nd Annual Family Bingo Night! Great prizes for all ages, fun for the whole family, dinner provided – what more could one ask for?! This was a great evening last year, and we hope you can join us! Bingo starts at 4:30pm with dinner to follow. \$15 per family. $\square \varnothing$



Open Gym

(1-6yrs & Caregivers)

Sa 4/27 & 5/4 (with Mount Olivet Presents Event) 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.

 $\square \varnothing = REGISTER AT MTOLIVET.ORG$ OR BY CALLING 612.926.7651 $\mathbf{w} = \mathsf{Mpls} \; \mathsf{Campus}, \; \mathbf{w} = \mathsf{West} \; \mathsf{Campus}$ SEE PAGE 2 FOR CAMPUS ADDRESSES



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SARAH HARDY

Sa 5/4 9-11am Maye you ever wondered about the influence of social media and screen time in the lives of your children? Join us for discussion with sarah HARDY, a licensed parent educator with the Edina Early Learning Center. We'll discuss our Lenten theme and explore what it means to "look up" as a family—both for parents and for children. sarah hardy holds a B.A. from Stanford University and a M.Ed. in Parent and Family Education from the University of Minnesota. She works as a Licensed Parent Educator at the Edina Early Learning Center supporting parents of children ages 0-18 in group parent education. She has worked as a 1:1 parenting coach and also facilitates in-home, private parent groups. Westminster Presbyterian Church is her church home, where she serves as a Deacon and attends with her family

including husband and two

daughters, ages 16 and 14.

Choir Sunday School at the WEST Campus!

The successful Choir Sunday School program that was started last year at the Minneapolis Campus is coming to the **WEST CAMPUS** for the 2019-2020 school year!

Beginning Sunday, September 9th—Rally Sunday!, there will be two options for your children that we hope will fit into your busy schedules, and offer your children the opportunity to receive quality Christian and Music Education.

• Sunday Morning Choir Sunday School
An integrated approach to teaching scripture, bible stories, and the truths of our faith through rhythmic patterns, playing of melodic instruments, and singing. 9am – Chapel Choir Sunday School (4th-6th grade), Cherub Choir Sunday School (pre-K).

10am – Hosanna Choir Sunday School (2nd-3rd grade), Alleluia Choir Sunday School (K-1st grade).



Sunday Morning Sunday School

Taught by our wonderful Sunday School volunteers, incorporating new ways to teach the stories of the life of Jesus. 9 & 10am Sunday School Classes (pre-K through 6th grade)

Come and join us for these exciting new classes designed for the youngest of our church family!

Parents Share Spring Session

W 4/3 through 5/29 (except 5/8) 9:30-11am, M Rm 199. Parents Share, now in its 40th year, is a gathering of parents, who bring their current parenting issues and gather the wisdom and experience of all of the parents who attend. MARILYN SHARPE, Mount Olivet member and certified parent educator, facilitates the group. She is always dazzled by the resources, lived experiences, and ideas of the group, filled with compassion and support for every parent. Each session will include one topic identified by the group during the first week and prepared and presented by Marilyn during the first half hour of the last seven sessions. The final hour will be filled with the topics being lived by participants. Nursery provided by Mount Olivet and limited to the first eight children to contact

Marilyn. FREE!

Grandloving 101: Tips & Tricks for the New Grandparent

W 5/15, 5/22 & 5/29 10-11am, M Rm 486. Are you soon to be a new grandparent? Do you feel like a refresh on caring for infants might be helpful? We're excited to celebrate grandparents to-be with a 3 part class on grandparenting - topics include: Safe & Healthy Environments, Supporting Your Kids as Parents, and Faith Formation. KATY MICHALETZ & AMY **PORTHAN** will facilitate this class along with support from experts; ANDREW YOUNG, EMT, SHANNON HIMANGO, LICENSED MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST & PASTOR HELGEN. $\square \varnothing$

Baptisms

Register for a baptism class at mtolivet.org.

To schedule a baptism Contact
Josh Nelson 612.767.2284 joshn@
mtolivet.org.



Opportunities at **W** w

- Youth Choirs (3yrs-12th Gr)
- Choir Sunday School (3yrs- 6th Gr)
- Sunday School (3yrs- 6th Gr)

COP Preview Nights

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: FINISHING STRONG!

Goal: \$13.2 M Raised: \$11 M Needed: \$2.2 M



YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED FOR:

- A 48,000 sq ft, 3-story addition embracing the beauty of Schutz Lake and seamlessly connected to the existing sanctuary
- 50 chairs in the new transept and more chairs in the current sanctuary
- 13 classrooms for Sunday School and adult learning
- Three choir rehearsal rooms that double as classrooms with adjacent storage for robes and music
- A large youth center
- A fully equipped commercial kitchen
- A welcoming entry area
- Comfortable seating areas on all levels
- A 2-story indoor garden area
- Administrative offices adjacent to programming areas
- Terraces overlooking Schutz Lake
- Large windows for connection with the outdoors
- Wide hallways for smooth traffic flow
- Improved parking area and enhanced landscaping

Construction of the West Campus addition is moving forward! It is an exciting time to watch the building come to life. Your financial support is needed to help us cross the finish line and Finish Strong! Gifts of all sizes are needed to raise the remaining \$2.2 million. Give **NOW** at mtolivet.org or mail your check to Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Attn: West Capital Campaign, 5025 Knox Ave S, Mpls, MN 55419 (put West Campus Capital Campaign on memo line).

Choose "Capital Campaign — Finishing Strong" from the drop-down box and note your gift is designated for the West Campus.

Contact Mari Carlson 612.821.3150 mcarlson@mtolivethomes.org if you have additional questions.



Service of Thanksgiving & Commitment on May 19



CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES WISH LIST

It will not be long before Cathedral of the Pines opens for its 70th season! More than \$50,000 is needed annually to keep COP in tiptop shape including new equipment and general maintenance such as painting, landscaping, and waterfront preparation. Undesignated gifts of all sizes help fulfill these needs, along with gifts for scholarships, and other specific needs including:

Dryer in lodge basement: \$6,300 Four-wheel drive truck: \$12,000 COP logo rugs: \$2,000 Photo printer: \$400

Gas golf cart: \$6,000 Camper cabin curtains: \$5,000

Mini-Van: \$10,000

Wash stands: \$25,000 (\$45,000 Total)



Ways to make your gift: SEND YOUR GIFT TO:

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church Attn: COP Needs 5025 Knox Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55419

At mtolivet.org by clicking on "Giving" or logging into your Realm account.

For questions about COP Wish List Items, please call Mari Carlson, Director of Development at 612.821.3150.

For questions about online giving contact Tricia Lerohl-Morgan at 612.767.2255.

He is Risen!

EASTER 2019

"Christ is Risen!" Sharing this good news is the reason Mount Olivet exists—from our worship, music, fellowship, youth programs, education, outreach, service, and more. Everything we do is inspired by and meant to share the good news that God is with us, that God sees in each of us someone worthy of love and respect, that God intends to use our gifts to make a difference in the world, and that God's love for us and the world will never end.

Come to the services of Holy Week and Easter to be renewed in your faith. Believe the good news that God loves you. And give generously to share that same good news with all the world. For Christ is Risen indeed!

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

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- Easter Sunday
 Su, Apr 21 7, 8, 9, 10, 11am, 12noon; 8, 9, 10, 11am, 12noon.

Look for your Easter offering mailing or give at mtolivet.org

For details about ways to give, pleagse contact Mari Carlson 612.821.3150 mcarlson@mtolivethomes.org. For questions about your giving record, please contact Tricia Lerohl-Morgan 612.767.2255 tricial@mtolivet.org

Community Outreach Updates

Urban Ventures Coffee

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church Mpls and Victoria are now using Urban Ventures to supply our coffee needs. Ethically-sourced beans are micro-batch roasted in Northeast Minneapolis a few days before being shipped to us. Profits from Urban Ventures coffee provide life-changing support to kids and families with the goal of helping youth reach their potential and break the cycle of poverty for generations to come.

Loaves and Fishes

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church recently became partners with Loaves and Fishes and served our first dinner on March 14. We are beginning this program by serving a biweekly dinner to help our neighbors meet their basic needs for food, dignity, and respect. Our kitchen prepares the meals from food that is donated to Loaves and Fishes. If you are interested in serving, please contact Katie Marxhausen 612.767.2219, kmarxhausen@mtolivet.org.

VEAP

Thank you to all who contributed to the Super Bowl offering to our ministry partner, VEAP, which helped TSA employees affected by the partial government shutdown. Through your generosity, VEAP received from us over 60 bags of food and financial contributions totaling **\$6,136.00**.

- PASTOR MACLEAN, ASSOCIATE PASTOR





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