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Easter Is Just The Beginning...

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MAY 2019

Join Us for Worship

WED, MAY 1

Wednesday Worship with Communion

© 11am - followed by a Community lunch, \$6, no reservations required Sermon: **PASTOR HELGEN**

SUN, MAY 5

Jesus Appears to His Disciples New Member Sunday

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

Sermon: **PASTOR MACLEAN** Music: Senior, Cathedral, Alleluia & Cherub Choirs

Sunday School: 9, 10, 11am Choir Sunday School: 9, 10, 10am

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

Sunday School: 9, 10am

SUN, MAY 12

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

 9', 10, 11 am, 12noon Sermon: PASTOR HELGEN Music: Senior, Combined Cathedral & Chancel Choirs; Richard Owen & Miriam Jensen, piano duet Sunday School: 9, 10, 11 am Choir Sunday School: 9, 10am
 9, 10, 11 am

Sermon: **PASTOR RUUD** Music: Senior, Combined Cathedral & Chancel Choirs; Chancel Ringers

Sunday School: 9, 10am

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SUN, MAY 19

Promise of the Holy Spirit

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

 9, 10, 11am, 12noon Sermon: PASTOR LOSE Music: Senior & Cathedral Choirs; Monroe Crossing Sunday School: 9, 10, 11am Choir Sunday School: 9, 10am

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

Summer Worship Hours Begin!

SUN, MAY 26

Memorial Day Holy Communion 8:30am Nursery 9, 10am

- 9, 10, 11am
 Sermon: PASTOR KALLAND Music: Takako Senn, trumpet
- 9, 10am
 Sermon: PASTOR HAMMERSTEN
 Music: Adam Rossmiller, trumpet

SUMMER COFFEE

Sundays 5/26 through 9/2 following all worship services Control Lower Narthex Control Narthex Hosted by the Board of Life & Growth



WATCH & LISTEN LIVE! The (2) 11am Sunday morning worship service followed by **PASTOR TERRY MOREHOUSE'S** Faith Alive program is broadcast live at mtolivet.org and at WDGY radio 740AM.

ACCESSIBILITY & HEARING DEVICES Both the Mpls and West Campus church sanctuaries are handicapped accessible. At Mpls, use the elevator located in the main entry to go to the sanctuary on the 2nd level. At West, enter through the main level doors to go to the sanctuary. Hearing devices also are available at the information desk in the narthexes at the Mpls and West Campuses.

NURSERIES for children 6wks to 3yrs are located next to Fellowship Hall on the lower level of both campuses. See times above. Questions: Amy Porthan amyp@mtolivet.org.



It's easy for Christians to think that the main part of the biblical story ends with Easter. And certainly it is a dramatic climax. But it's not the end. In fact, in many ways, it's just the beginning.

It's the beginning of the spread of the good news that love is stronger than hate and life is stronger than death. It's the beginning of the message of hope that quickly spreads from Jerusalem to the four corners of the world. And it's the beginning of the ministry and mission of the church, a mission and ministry that stretches from Jesus' first-century disciples to Jesus' 21stcentury disciples here at Mount Olivet. And what's amazing about all these beginnings is that they were all accomplished through the words, witness, and work of a few dozen people empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Really! By the end of Luke's Gospel, there are about two dozen or so women and men who have followed Jesus through his ministry, who fell away in terror during his crucifixion, who gathered in fear and trembling after his death, who were the first witnesses of the resurrection, and who were then sent to share the good news with everyone they met. And they did! So that just a few dozen people, empowered by the Holy Spirit, changed the world forever.

The story of those first disciples is told in the New Testament book, *The Acts of the Apostles*, which is actually the second half of St. Luke's two-volume story about Jesus and the Church. Having followed Luke's story about Jesus (*The Gospel of Luke*) from December on, we'll turn our attention in May to Luke's story about the early Church (*Acts*) for the summer.

May seems like an ideal time to focus on the many beginnings Luke tells us about in *Acts*. It is, after all, a time of many endings and new beginnings in our own lives. Many of our students are about to end their high school career and begin their future in college, the military, or the work force – a transition we celebrate on May 19th with our Baccalaureate Breakfast. Choirs, confirmation, and Sunday school come to an end on the 19th also, and we begin a period of rest and recreation with family time, on vacation, or up at COP. We draw many of the programs that run during the school year to a close, thank our many volunteers, and begin a period of planning exciting new events and activities for next fall. A long, cold winter is finally and fully over (I'm writing while snow is falling fast and furious in mid-April!) and spring and a new growing season begins.

The question I have been thinking about as we approach a month filled with so many beginnings is both simple and far-reaching: If, as St. Luke describes, God accomplished all these new beginnings and spread a message of love and hope that changed the world through just a few dozen people, what might God do with and through the nearly 15,000 disciples who are members of Mount Olivet?

Think about that for a moment. Nearly 15,000 Christians of all ages and a variety of experiences and backgrounds call Mount Olivet their faith home. What might happen if we devote ourselves anew to sharing the good news in word and deed? How many lives might be changed? How much love and hope might we share? How much pain and suffering might we alleviate? How many people might we encourage and support? How might we, in short, change the world again?

Sometimes it's hard to imagine God working through ordinary people like us (even though the Bible seems to strongly suggest that it's ordinary people God usually works through!). One thing that I've realized over the years is that God's dreams are always bigger than my own. So I would invite you to dream this May. Dream of the difference we can make together. Dream of what Mount Olivet might become as invite friends and neighbors to share the life and fellowship we have found here. Dream of the people we might reach through our outreach ministries. And dream of the difference we can make in our communities through our own words, witness, and work empowered by the Holy Spirit.

And after all that dreaming..., get ready for God to do even more than we'd imagined!

DAVID J. LOSE, SENIOR PASTOR



Life & Growth MAR 15 - APR 15

Baptisms

Olivia M DeHaai, daughter of Lauren and Alex Emma Marie Smith, daughter of Sarah and Matthew Jack Cruz Shirley, son of Crystal and Joel Cora E Endelsma. daughter of Allison and Brad Marit Jane Albers, daughter of Martha and Bradley Connor Robert Deering, son of Laura and Benjamin Noel Arik Mude Wolf, son of Deepali and Nathan Jackson Bruce Keil, son of Amy and Kristopher Jillian Roxanne Gaard, daughter of Jenny and Justin Isabel Austin Wagner, daughter of Amanda and Austin Preston Lee Alexander Buckhanan, son of Kelly and Preston Adelynn Maria Buckhanan, daughter of Kelly and Preston Donovan James McGriff, son of Kelly and Dwight Linnea Carla Heidenreich, daughter of Elizabeth and Kevin Evan Wylder Carlson. daughter of Kori and Zach Hudson L Fetsch, son of Kelly and Alex Olivia Carolyn Milan, daughter of Melissa and Maclean Rachel Marie Cook, daughter of Michelle and Mike Bane William DeVries, son of Brandi and Cole

Deaths

Bernice Amacher, 1928 — 2019 Charlotte A. Amann, 1925 — 2019 David L. Giese, 1933 — 2019 Donald "Pat" Hjelle, 1929 — 2019 Joseph I. Langer, 1929 — 2019 James F. Leucke, 1938 — 2019 Elizabeth A. Sathre, 1977 — 2019 Ruth I. Wilson, 1922 — 2019

Centennial Celebrations: 2020 Vision

How many pastors has our church had? Who directed the first choir? Where did the first services take place? Are there living family members that remember stories from those early days? Where did our logo come from? And... did you know that Reuben and Ruth Youngdahl entertained the entire growing congregation at their home on Lake Harriet Boulevard for many years?

Ever wonder about these and other Mount Olivet facts, figures, and stories? Well, beginning on Rally Sunday, September 8, 2019, at our all congregational kick-off, we will be reminiscing about the rich history of our church as well as looking forward to our next century of service. Celebrations begin this coming fall and culminate in fall of 2020 – a full year of giving thanks for all God has done in and through Mount Olivet and looking ahead in anticipation for what God will continue to do.

The Mount Olivet Centennial Committee is hard at work planning a full year of worship experiences, educational opportunities, fun activities, and service-oriented outreach events. Our goal is to share the wonderful story of Mount Olivet far and wide so as to inform our members and the larger community of the deep-rooted history of a congregation that has been active and dynamic over the past century. Our goal is also to lay the foundations for a second century of service and growth.

We are a congregation that believes God is at work forming us into the people and community the world needs us to be. Founded on January 11, 1920, Mount Olivet today has 15,000 baptized members, over 250 high school students in the Cathedral Choir, two campuses, and six affiliated ministries. Grateful for our past, and focused on the future God is already fashioning, we are excited to welcome you to share our 2020 Vision for a wonderful Centennial celebration!



2019 Mount Olivet Vision Partners Event

The 2019 Mount Olivet Vision Partner event will be held the evening of Monday, June 10, at the American Swedish Institute. Anyone who has remembered Mount Olivet Lutheran Church or its affiliated organizations in their estate plan is a Mount Olivet Vision Partner. If you have a gift in your estate plan and have not told us, please let us know of your kind gesture.

Invitations to this special event will be mailed to all current Mount Olivet Vision Partners. If you have any questions, please contact Mari Carlson, 612.821.3150, mcarlson@mtolivethomes.org.

DEVOTIONS

When Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-inlaw lying in bed with a fever; he touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she got up and began to serve him. - MATTHEW 8:14-15



This is a wonderful story of Jesus healing Peter's mother-in-law. But did you notice that when she was healed, she immediately arose and began to serve her family and friends? Perhaps this can be an alternative to us, as well. We all come down with a fever from time to time. Or maybe we suffer from other debilitating fevers: fevers of grief, fevers of addiction, fevers of resentment, and fevers of worry. On and on they go. These fevers, too, can lay us flat and keep us from getting up and engaging in the fullness, richness, and beauty of life.

What if we no longer allowed the problems that beset us - physical, mental, or spiritual – from controlling our lives? What if we got up and served, despite our troubles?

When someone asks us how we are doing, what if we responded, "Thanks for asking. My back is still killing me today, but I am helping serve dinner at the homeless shelter and I feel great!" Or maybe we could reply, "I am still waiting for those test results, but I am leading a confirmation group. I know that I am making a difference, so that makes me feel wonderful.'

Lives engaged in service offer a model for health and wholeness and purpose. If you're interested in learning about ways to serve here at Mount Olivet, I encourage you to contact Katie Marxhausen, Coordinator of Congregational Engagement, at 612.767.2219 or kmarxhausen@mtolivet.org. - PASTOR MACLEAN

Volunteer Appreciation! Thank You!

Su 5/19 Between all worship services, 🚳 Courtyard 🖤 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!





MAY 9-11, 2019 THU 4-8PM (\$4 ADMISSION) FRI 8AM-5PM & SAT 8AM-12NOON **5025 KNOX AVE S, MPLS**

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

Daily Readings

MAY 2019

FROM PASTOR KALLAND

- Exodus 23:25, Worship
- 2 Daniel 3:17-18. Deliverance
- 3 Jeremiah 17:5, In Whom Do You Trust?
- 4 Revelation 4:8, Was, Is and Is To Come
- 5 Matthew 6:9, How to Pray
- Nehemiah 1:5, The Great and Awesome 6
- Psalm 33:4, Right and True 7
- 8 Isaiah 26:12, Done for Us
- 9 Micah 7:18-19, Who Is Like God?
- 10 Proverbs 31:10, Noble Character
- 2 Corinthians 9:8, God Is Able 11
- Job 33:4, Breath of The Almighty 12
- 13
- Psalm 143:10, Teach Me
- Exodus 31:3, Wisdom, Understanding, 14 Knowledge
- Micah 3:8, How About You? 15
- Joel 2:28-29, Dreams and Visions 16
- 17 Luke 24:49, Power From on High
- 18 Acts 1:8, To the Ends of the Earth
- 19 Acts 2:4, Filled with the Holy Spirit
- 20 Acts 4:31, Boldly Spoke
- 21 John 3:5, Born of Water and Spirit
- Romans 5:5, God's Love Given 22
- 23 1 Corinthians 2:12, Spirit from God
- Galatians 4:6, God Sent the Spirit 24
- 25 Exodus 20:12, Honor, So That
- 26 Proverbs 23:25, Rejoice
- Luke 1:46-47, My Soul Glorifies the 27 lord
- 28 Proverbs 22:6, Train Children Well
- Colossians 3:20. This Pleases the Lord 29
- Psalm 103:17, From Everlasting to 30 Everlasting
- Romans 5:10, How Much More 31



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Young Marrieds Picnic @ Lake Harriet Bandshell Su 6/9 10am

service with picnic to follow. Lake Harriet Bandshell. Join us for the 10am service led by Mount Olivet followed by a free picnic. Kids welcome! Feel free to bring blankets, chairs, and outdoor games. We look forward to gathering together to kick off the summer!

Young Marrieds @ COP

5pm F 10/11 through breakfast Su 10/13, Cathedral of the Pines. Mark your calendars and start planning for a fall weekend away for the 3rd annual adults-only weekend led by **PASTOR HELGEN**! Cost is \$150 per couple which includes lodging and meals. Transportation is on your own. Registration opens 6/1.



Men's Breakfasts

Tu 7am, The Hilltop Edina; Th 7am, Chanhassen Perkins. May 7: BIBLE STUDY. May 9/14: DR. HERB CHILSTROM. May 16/21/23: BIBLE STUDY.



Women of Faith Luncheon

W 5/22 12pm 🛯 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. □ 🕉



11th Motorheads @ Mtka Drive-In

Tu 6/4 6:30-9pm, Mtka Drive-In, 4656 Shoreline Drive, Spring Park. All car enthusiasts are invited to this classic 50s-style restaurant that features car hops, burgers, and cool cars. At 7:30pm, Pastor Kalland will lead devotions at the picnic table area on the hill behind the restaurant. Food ordered off menu.



Hi-er League @ COP

4pm Th 5/30 through 4pm Su 6/2, Cathedral of the Pines. Please join us for our 6th Annual Hi-er League weekend at Cathedral of the Pines! Join **PASTOR DIXON**,

GENEVIEVE KALLAND, ANNA KRAGNESS, and ANDREW YOUNG for a weekend of fellowship and fun. Take this time to unwind before that summer job begins or you have to fully adjust to being home for the summer. This is a wonderful trip to reconnect with your church friends, share college experience, and get support from a loving community. Spots are filling quickly! Register by 5/30.

Young in Heart & FRIENDS ₅5YRS+

Young in Heart Luncheon (65yrs+) Tu 5/21 12noon,

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 Fellowship Hall. Featuring: JAZZ VOCALIST, ERIN LIVINGSTON.
 9 and donation to Pastor Scott's On-Call Ministry. Friends welcome! Register by 5/17: 612.926.7651.

THE PARABLES OF JESUS Midweek Summer Worship 2019 Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center

Please join us each Wednesday from June 19 to August 7 for an evening of fellowship, great food, enjoyment of nature and inspirational worship as we explore some of Jesus' parables they find most intriguing, challenging, and potentially life changing. "Tell all the truth, but tell it slant." These words, from a poem by Emily Dickinson, seem to describe Jesus' favorite way of teaching: parables. Through parables and short stories, Jesus offered his listeners a glimpse into the kingdom of God. But oftentimes these parables were met with confusion. Even today, the meanings of these stories can be challenging to understand and apply to our daily lives.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Call the retreat center at 952.469.2175 or register at mtolivet.org. Bus transportation will be available from both campuses and 7500 York.

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4:30pm	Buses Leave West Campus & 7500 York		
5pm	Bus Leaves Mpls Campus		
5:30-6:30pm	Dinner Served		
6:30-7pm	Nature Class		
7:15pm	Worship		
8pm	Buses Leave Retreat Center		
JUN 19	PASTOR MACLEAN		
JUN 26	PASTOR CRAIG JOHNSON		
JUN 26 JUL 4*	PASTOR CRAIG JOHNSON PASTOR KALLAND		
JUL 4*	PASTOR KALLAND		
JUL 4* JUL 10	PASTOR KALLAND PASTOR HAMMERSTEN		
JUL 4* JUL 10 JUL 17	PASTOR KALLAND PASTOR HAMMERSTEN PASTOR LOSE		

* Th, Jul 4: 11am Buses Leave West Campus & 7500 York, 11:30am Bus Leaves Mpls Campus, 12noon Lunch, 1pm Nature Class, 1:45pm Worship, 3pm Buses Leave.

Mother's Day Brunch Buffet

Su 5/12 Seatings at 11am, 12:30pm & 2pm, Mount Ōlivet 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 ARE AVAILABLE $by \end{tabular}$ phone only: 952.469.2175.



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.

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.

Racial Justice Task Force: Worship at Redeemer

Su 5/5 10am, Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1800 Glenwood Ave, Minneapolis, MN. Please join members of the Racial Justice Task Force in worshiping with our partner congregation Redeemer Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. Prayer and Praise begins at 10am with service to follow at 10:30.

Save the Date for **Authors Mary Knutson** and Pastor Judith (Judie) Mattison!

Tu 6/18 (Knutson) & Tu 7/16 (Mattison) 7-8:15pm, M Rm 207. Do not miss this opportunity to hear Mount Olivet authors

MARY KNUTSON and JUDITH

MATTISON speak about their very personal memoirs: Knutson's Maja and Me: My Journey with My Lesbian Daughter (6/18) and Mattison's I Will Not Break (7/16). Hear the authors speak, engage in discussion, and get your book signed! Books can be purchased at Amazon.com, many local bookstores, from Carol Throntveit, or at the event.

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BOOK DISCUSSIONS

- Evening Book Discussion 2nd W 7-8:30pm, M Library. Books: Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann (5/8). The Great Alone by Kristen Hannah (6/12).
- Midday Book Discussion 3rd Tu 11:30am-1pm, M Library. Books: Educated by Tara Westover (5/21). Rosemary: The Hidden Kennedy Daughter by Kate Clifford Larson (6/18).



Living the Message Introductions

Tu 5/7 6pm Rehearsal Hall

Whether or not you participate in a Living the Message small group, you are welcome to join us at PASTOR RUUD'S introductions to each month's study. In May, we will consider Luke 24:13-35 with a focus on "How Did Jesus' Resurrection Change the World?" 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 Know, too, that new groups can form at any time. Contact Carol Throntveit 612.767.2246, carolt@ mtolivet.org.

COUNSELING SERVICE **SUPPORT** GROUPS

The Mount Olivet Counseling Srvice is located at 1804 W. 50th St, Minneapolis, MN. Price is \$10/ session for members and \$20/ session for non-members. Please contact Anne Lied, 612.927.7335, annel@ mtolivetcounseling.org to attend.

Fostering Collaboration with Your Middle Schooler

Th 5/2 through 6/6 4:30-5:30pm, Mount Olivet Counseling Service. Do you feel like you can't get through to your middle schooler? Having the same arguments over and over? Are you "done" with punitive discipline techniques that really don't work for your family? Learn and practice with other parents the collaborative and proactive approach to solving problems with your middle school age child.

Depression Support

W 5/8 through 7/31 4-5pm, Mount Olivet Counseling Service. Whether you are newly diagnosed with depression, or have had it off and on for a while, know that you are not alone. This group is designed to be a place of support to sort out how depression affects you and to focus on getting and staying well.

Grief Support

W 5/8 through 7/31 2-3pm, Mount Olivet Counseling Service. If you are grieving the death of a loved one, you know there are good days and bad days. Sharing your pain and also your hope with others on the journey can be powerfully healing.

Coffee and Conversation: Safeguarding Our Seniors

(40yrs+) *Th 6/20 10-11:30am*, *Rm 486.* Pastoral Care and Adult Learning are teaming up to present "Safeguarding Our Seniors." This presentation will raise awareness and, empower seniors to take action against elder fraud and financial abuse. All are welcome. Cost: \$5 Register at mtolivet.org by 6/19.

Creation Care Trip to The Mulch Store

Sa 5/4 9-12noon, **(1700** *Chapel.* Join the Creation Care team, Saturday, May 4, as we hit the road for a tour of The Mulch Store's commercial composting facility. Mount Olivet has been composting our waste for over five years and now you have an opportunity to learn more about:

- What is organic waste?
- What is the difference between commercial and residential composting?
- How is this "black gold" used in the community?

Bus transportation and tour are both free. Bus departs from 1700 Chapel. Please dress for the weather and wear rain boots or old shoes. Space is limited. Contact: Julie Reece 612.767.2260, julier@mtolivet.org.

ONGOING GROUPS

- Chair Holy Yoga M&W through 8/28 12:15-1:15pm, ◎ 1700 Chapel Fellowship Hall; Tu through 5/28 12noon-1pm, w 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.
- Quilting *M 6:30-8:30pm* Rem 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.
- **Infant Massage (Adults)** *By Appointment.* Calling all new parents and grandparents! Learn the how and why of infant massage in this personal, one-session, by-appointment class taught by **DONNA TELEN**, R.N., Certified Infant Massage instructor. Benefits include strengthening of the respiratory, digestive, and regulatory systems, better sleep, physical comfort, bonding, and trust. All you need is a baby and a blanket for baby to lie on and you to sit on. If a partner or other caregiver is joining you, he or she can practice strokes on a doll. Call Carol Throntveit at 612.767.2246 to learn more and/or make an appointment.

Service Opportunities

Meals on Wheels Tu & W once every 6 weeks, 11am, Church of Peace, 64th & Xerxes. Meals On Wheels is grassroots volunteer opportunity "Serving Up Smiles" This is a small commitment of one hour every six weeks in the SW area of Minneapolis. Your delivery of a hot meal and conversation is a win-win for both you and your recipient. Contact Katie Marxhausen, 612.767.2219, kmarxhausen@mtolivet.org



Ushering

Sundays
w during worship services and special worship services or events. Are you looking for a way to serve your church in a way that is personally rewarding and provides an avenue to meeting new people? One of the many ways to do just that at Mount Olivet is to volunteer as a Sunday morning usher. Ushers are the first people to greet guests when entering the church. In addition to creating a welcoming and

friendly environment for others, the ushers are responsible for the efficiencies of our Sunday morning worship time together. Come and make some new friends, support the church with your volunteering, and become a part of this important ministry.

Contact: Nancy Nelson, 612.767.2264, nnelson@mtolivet.org, W Diane Matthews, 952.767.1501, dianem@mtolivet.org for more information.

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BACCALAUREATE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019 **7:45am**

Fellowship Hall Gronseth Fellowship Hall Parents of seniors, please register at mtolivet.org

As we look forward to Baccalaureate Sunday, we are incredibly thankful for the senior class of 2019. From counseling various camps, serving our community, and enhancing the worship experience, we are greatful for their dedication and commitment to Mount Olivet. As they move on to new adventures and journeys, a few seniors offered their reflections on what they will take away from their time at our church:



"Over the years, Mount Olivet has been not only a place that allows me to freely discuss my faith but also a place to act out my faith. Through counseling at Cathedral of the Pines camp and singing in Cathedral Choir, Mount Olivet has provided me with platforms to impact others' lives and has taught me to remember that small acts such as a hug to a camper or a smile to a fellow choir member—can create ripple effects." -Elise Pearson



"Mount Olivet has taught me to open myself to God. I have learned compassion through love and kindness of others. My time with Mount Olivet has taught me not just how to better my relationship with God, but how to also better my relationship with myself and how to carry myself as an individual." -Martin Enfield



"There's something to be said for the importance of being able to foster relationships with people all around you, and the environment at Mount Olivet pushes you to create relationships with others that are deeper than the surface level. With its emphasis on letting go of the chaos of the outside world and, instead, being genuine and present with others in its simple get-away-within-the-city, Mount Olivet has allowed me to learn about and love others while they are being their most genuine selves. This loving atmosphere is something I will be forever grateful for and will continue to attempt to create wherever I go." -Addie Cavender



"Mount Olivet is a place where I can be myself and hang out with people from different communities. Through Cathedral of the Pines camp and Cathedral Choir I have learned how supportive everyone is at Mount Olivet. Even when I feel really blue or stressed, I know I can come to church and feel God's loving presence through the wonderful people here. As I head off for college, I aspire to be as caring and supportive as everyone here at Mount Olivet." -Morgan Spence

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.



Hi-League (9th-12th Gr) Sunday Evenings. 5/5 trivia night (O O 7-8:30pm). 5/12 no hi-League. 5/19 final hi- league Barbeque (O 7-8:30pm, W bus 6:30-9pm).



Registration for Fall Youth Programs is Now Open!

• Youth Choirs (3yrs -12th Gr)

• Confirmation (7th & 8th Gr)

Visit mtolivet.org to register or get more information!

2019 SUMMER IN THE CITY

NEW! Mount Olivet Day Camp (1st-4th Gr as of Sep

2019) *M-F* 7/22-7/26 8:30am-4:30pm, Meet at \bigcirc 207 (\heartsuit Bus 8am-5pm). Join us for a great week of community building, outdoor play, service projects, in-house field trips, and did we mention FUN? We'll spend a couple of days at the Mount Olivet Retreat Center, bring in a few guests, and venture out into the community for an actionpacked week! \$175 includes daily lunch, snacks, t-shirt, activities, and bus. $\square \bigotimes$

God's Kids Sing! (1st-6th Gr as of Sep

2019) *M-F* 6/24-6/28 9am-4pm (8am+ early drop-off available) \bigcirc Fellowship Hall (\heartsuit Bus 8am-4:15pm). GKS! is a fun-filled creative arts camp, designed with working parents in mind! This year we learn about the Beatitudes! Kids have a blast singing, moving, and making awesome art projects in sessions led by professional educators and enthusiastic high school counselors. \$170 (\$20 early dropoff fee; \$20 \heartsuit bus fee). Register by 6/24. $\square \bigotimes$

JHA - Valleyfair

(7th-8th Gr) W 8/21 9:30am-4pm ♥ w. Join your Junior High Youth Staff for a day trip to Valleyfair! We will leave at 9:30, from your respective campus, and head to the park for a fun day of rides! Cost is \$30 (\$10 season pass holders) which includes transportation and park admission. Please bring money for lunch. We can't wait for you to join us! Contact: Tierra Davis, tdavis@mtolivet.org. Register by 8/20. ♣



Vacation Bible School: To Mars and Beyond! (4yrs-2nd Gr as of Sep

2019) M-Th 6/17-6/20 8:45am-11:45am . Blast off with the first VBS to land on Mars! Cokesbury's To Mars and Beyond will help kids discover the wonders of God's universe. They'll become Voyagers on a journey through space, exploring where God's power can take them. Beginning in Fellowship Hall – an outpost on Mars – they'll lift off to distant planets on special missions to collect power sources. Along the way, they'll learn how God walked with heroes of the Bible, and that God is always with them, too. \$45. 🛛 🕉

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

Summer Leadership Opportunities

(7th-12th Gr+) Summer is the perfect time to hone your counseling and leadership skills. Working with these camps as volunteer counselors provide a wonderful addition to your resume, or serve as a start to receiving points for the community service letter. Mount Olivet is known for "growing leaders". We would love to spend time with you this summer as you learn and grow into your own unique leadership style! The kids are waiting for you! Register as a counselor within the camp registration of which you are able to volunteer. Contact: kmichaletz@mtolivet.org or beverlyc@mtolivet.org.

- Vacation Bible School @ w M-Th 6/17-6/20 8am-12noon
- 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 @
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JHA - Water Park Day Away

(7th-8th Gr) *F* 6/28 10:30am-3pm [™] Youth Center [™] CFL. Come join the Junior High Youth Staff for Water Park Day Away at Anoka Aquatic Center! Contact: Kate Belschner, 952.767.1502, kbelschner@mtolivet.org. Register by 6/27.] ♂



Visit www.mtolivet.org for details about these fun summer programs!

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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, (O 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. \fbox{O}

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Leaders (7th-12th Gr+)

■ W *M-Th 6/17- 6/20 8am-12noon.* If you are looking for a way to volunteer and have a blast, this is a great opportunity Our theme this year will make for an "out of this world" experience! There areopportunities for counseling or leading one of our four activity stations.

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.



Fall Youth Program Registration is Open! Opportunities at **O W**

- Youth Choirs (3yrs-12th Gr): Cherub Choir (3yrs-5yrs) Hosanna (2nd-3rd Gr) Chapel (4th-6th Gr) Chancel (7th-8th Gr) Cathedral (9th-12th Gr)
- Choir Sunday School (3yrs- 6th Gr): Cherub Sunday School (3yrs-5yrs) Alleluia Sunday School (K-1st Gr) Hosanna Sunday School (2nd-3rd Gr) Chapel Sunday School (4th-6th Gr)
- Sunday School 3yrs 6th Grade
- Confirmation 7th and 8th Grade



Preschool Registration Open NOW for 2019-20

▲ 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! ☐ 8



Presents: SARAH HARDY

Sa 5/4 9-11am The Have 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.

Thank You Volunteers!

As Sunday School winds down for the school year, we want to extend a great thanks to our Sunday School teachers, volunteers, and choir directors! Your dedication, love for children, and love for our church make this ministry possible! We wish all of you a wonderful summer and hope to have you back in the fall!

If you have volunteered in Sunday School before, or would like information about volunteering in Sunday School - we would be happy to share more information about what this important role entails, and see if it would be a good fit! There are opportunities at both campuses on a full-time and part-time basis.

If interested, please contact Katy Michaletz, kmichaletz@mtolivet. org 612.767.2245 or Maxwell Jones, mjones@mtolivet.org 612.767.2285.

Open Gym (1-6yrs & Caregivers)

Sa 5/4 (with Mount Olivet Presents) Event) 9-11am, \bigcirc 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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL DONATE & DO @ MOUNT OLIVET



On Sunday, May 12th, our Sunday School and Choir Sunday School classrooms will partner with VEAP (Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People) and host a Donate & Do toilet paper drive at Mount Olivet. Children are invited to bring toilet paper donations to Sunday School. During class that morning, students and teachers will repackage the toilet paper for VEAP.

Toilet paper is a high-need item for VEAP's clients and it's often the first thing cut when families must make tough financial decisions. **PASTOR HELGEN** and our Young Adult group recently served at VEAP and had a wonderful time working together to help others. Thank you in advance for your donations!

To learn more contact Katy Michaletz, kmichaletz@mtolivet.org, 612.767.2245.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: FINISHING STRONG!

GOAL: \$13.2 M RAISED: \$11.5 M NEEDED: \$1.7 M

THE SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING & COMMITMENT IS MAY 19!

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



"The Congregation Council believes strongly that the West Campus addition needed to be built, so they authorized construction without the project being fully funded, trusting that our members will actively

support their decision. Reaching the goal means that we will not have to take out a loan, which saves interest costs, or dip into the endowment fund, which decreases principal and future earnings." - MARY HERSHBERGER THUN

Pledge **Now** by completing the below form and placing it in the offering plate or mailing it to Mount Olivet, 5025 Knox Ave S, Mpls, MN 55419. Questions: Mari Carlson 612.821.3150 mcarlson@mtolivethomes.org.



"The people who started Mount Olivet almost 100 years ago are no longer with us, but look at what their efforts and generosity back then are doing for others today. They knew what really matters and did

something enduring. May we all be like them!" - DAN & BARBARA LINDSEY

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- O and give online at mtolivet.org.
- O through the Mount Olivet finance office. Please send an authorization form.

Dear Mount Olivet Members,

The beautiful West Campus addition will help us live into the tremendous opportunity of bringing the gospel of Jesus Christ to more people by providing greater opportunities for worship, education, music, fellowship, youth ministry, and service.

The windows are in, our trademark limestone is going up, and construction workers are now framing and sheetrocking the beautiful interior. It won't be long until our wonderful West Campus will be humming with activities that support Mount Olivet's myriad ministries. Please help us to "Finish Strong" with our fundraising and growth in ownership and commitment! It is exciting to announce that we have raised \$11.5 million!! Good news, indeed! But, to meet our goal, we still need to raise \$1.7 million.

If you have already given, we thank you warmly. If you have not given, please help us "Finish Strong" with a pledge, outright gift, stock transfer, or IRA gift. Fill out the form on this page and mail or drop off at church. Nearly a century ago, a small group of believers committed themselves to growing their faith at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church. We are "Building on Their Strong Foundation" as we prepare for the next generation of believers.

Thank you for your support!

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The Conference & Retreat Center Welcomes New Director Theresa Latini

The Mount Olivet Conference and Retreat Center has been extending Christian hospitality to groups from within and outside our congregation for nearly forty-five years. Across that time, it has grown in both its size and the scope of its mission. But even as it has grown, the core values first articulated by Pastor Paul Youngdahl at the establishment of the Retreat Center continue to shape its purpose: that it be a place of natural beauty, Sabbath relaxation and renewal, and magnificent hospitality.

In the years to come, and as the number of retreat centers in the area (and therefore the amount of competition for clients) continues to grow, we will also continue to shape and extend the mission and ministry of this wonderful facility. In particular, we are excited to see the Retreat Center grow from being primarily a wonderful venue which hosts groups to increasingly being a place that also creates and provides programming and other opportunities for personal growth and professional development. Toward this end, I am excited to announce that we have identified and called the next Executive Director for the Retreat Center.

The Rev. Dr. Theresa Latini has significant experience as a teacher, speaker, leader, and administrator. An ordained pastor of the Presbyterian Church (USA), she holds advanced degrees in pastoral care and has taught Congregational and Community Care and Leadership at several seminaries, including Luther Seminary in St. Paul. She also has significant administrative experience, serving both as an assistant dean at Western Theological Seminary (Holland, MI) and most recently as president of United Lutheran Seminary (Philadelphia/Gettysburg, PA). She has received advanced training in facilitating conflict resolution and has worked with numerous congregations and other organizations as a consultant and resource. She is the author of several books related to congregational leadership, small group development, and conflict resolution. A compassionate and insightful leader, Theresa brings with her a vast network of educators and church leaders that will assist her and the whole team at MOCRC in becoming a premiere destination for individual and congregational growth, pastoral education, and professional development. She will begin her tenure at the Retreat Center in mid-May.

My thanks to two groups of people as we prepare to welcome Theresa and her five-year-old daughter, Eleanor, to Mount Olivet. First, I am deeply appreciative for the counsel and insight of the advisory committee that assisted me in calling Theresa to this position: Dan Kahl and Mandie Siems, representing the Retreat Center staff, and Nancy Youndahl, Nancy Lindahl, and Nancy Nash, representing Mount Olivet Church. Second, I am tremendously grateful to the staff of the Retreat Center who have not simply persevered through, but flourished during this time of transition. Well prepared by former Executive Director Carol James, they more than rose to the occasion of keeping the Retreat Center moving forward during this period.

I would encourage the continued prayers of the congregation as we move into this next and exciting chapter for our beloved Conference and Retreat Center. And I invite you to join us this summer for regular mid-week worship on Wednesdays (June 19-Aug 7) as we focus on Jesus' parables in worship and are treated to wonderful meals and warm fellowship in the beautiful setting of the Retreat Center. *— David Lose, Senior Pastor*

NEW MARSH WALK COMING SOON!

The mission of our Mount Olivet Conference and Retreat Center is, in part, to provide opportunities for guests to expand their enjoyment and appreciation of God's creation. The marsh walk is an important part of that mission. After 30 + years of use, this unique amenity providing access to a small island off the shore of Chub Lake, is in need of replacement. Last fall, demolition was completed thanks to dedicated volunteers.

Installation of the new 425 foot marsh walk, complete with an observation deck and bench, will begin this month. If you can volunteer to help in any way, including installing the railing, please contact Dan Kahl, 952.210.2541, dkahl@mocrc.org. Guests will enjoy the new marsh walk when they come to the midweek services in June!

Since last summer, generous donors have contributed \$105,000 towards the goal of \$127,500. There is still time to make a gift, which would be greatly appreciated. Send your check to: Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Marsh Walk Project, 5025 Knox Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55419. For questions about donations, please contact Mari Carlson, 612.821.3150, mcarlson@ mtolivethomes.org. Thank you!



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We will offer our thanks to Mount Olivet volunteers during and inbetween 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! See page 5 for details. PERIODICALS U.S. POSTAGE **PAID** TWIN CITIES, MN

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