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SUN, JUN 2

The Choosing of Matthias

Holy Communion 8:30am

Nursery 9, 10am

M 9, 10, 11am

Sermon: **PASTOR RUUD**

Music: Amanda Jenkins, soprano

W 9, 10am

Sermon: **PASTOR HELGEN**

Music: Justin Staebell, baritone

SUN, JUN 9

The Story of Pentecost

Holy Communion 8:30am

Nursery 9, 10am

M 9, 10, 11am

Sermon: **PASTOR MACLEAN**

Music: Brian Ohnsorg, tenor

W 9, 10am

Sermon: **PASTOR KALLAND**

Music: Natalie Ward, soprano

Lake Harriet Bandshell Worship

10am

Sermon: **PASTOR LOSE**

Music: Mpls & West Cathedral Choirs

SUN, JUN 16

Life Among the Believers & Communion Sunday

Holy Communion served during all worship services

Nursery 9, 10am

M 9, 10, 11am

Sermon: **PASTOR DIXON**

Music: Christine Staebell, mezzo soprano

W 9, 10am

Sermon: **PASTOR MACLEAN**

Music: Teresa Elsbernd, mezzo soprano

WED, JUN 19

Midweek Summer Worship at the Conference & Retreat Center

Message: **PASTOR MACLEAN**

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SUN, JUN 23

Peter and John Before the Council

Holy Communion 8:30am

Nursery 9, 10am

M 9, 10, 11am

Sermon: **PASTOR LOSE**

Music: Justin Staebell, baritone

W 9, 10am

Sermon: **PASTOR HELGEN**

Music: Greg Dokken, baritone

WED, JUN 26

Midweek Summer Worship at the Conference & Retreat Center

Message: **PASTOR CRAIG JOHNSON**

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SUN, JUN 30

Ananias and Sapphira

Holy Communion 8:30am

Nursery 9, 10am

M 9, 10, 11am

Sermon: **PASTOR HAMMERSTEN**

Music: Diane Loudon, cello

W 9, 10am

Sermon: **PASTOR LOSE**

Music: Julie Johnson, flute

WATCH & LISTEN LIVE! The **M** 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.

The Story Continues!

Luke isn't finished yet. St. Luke, that is. He told the story of Jesus – from his birth to Mary and Joseph to his death, resurrection, and ascension in Jerusalem – in the book we call, appropriately enough, *The Gospel According to Luke*. But there's still more to tell, as the story of Jesus' meaning and mission continues through the ministry of his disciples. And so Luke wrote a second book that is also part of our New Testament. It's called *The Acts of the Apostles*, and we will read and preach on it across the summer months.

If *The Gospel of Luke* tells the story of Jesus and his ministry, *Acts* tells the story of the Church and its mission to share the good news of Jesus throughout the world. The story begins, like the Gospel, with a brief dedication to a member of Luke's church named Theophilus. We don't know for sure who he is, but his name in Greek means "Lover of God," and he may have been a recent convert to the Christian faith, member of Luke's community, and his patron or sponsor, the one who supported him while he worked on this Gospel.

After addressing himself once more to Theophilus, Luke then provides a little bit of overlap with the Gospel by telling the story of Jesus' Ascension. Which means we hear this story twice... and they aren't exactly the same. Which is okay, as Luke tells the story one way to wrap up his Gospel and tells it another as he prepares us to witness the faith of those early Christians and the growth of the Church.

Which is exactly what Acts is about – the faith and courage, failures and arguments – of Jesus' earliest disciples. But even more, Acts is about how God's spirit – the Spirit of the Risen Christ – continues to animate and strengthen the disciples, to offer their testimony in word and deed, despite very real fears of resistance and even persecution. It is not, we should be clear, a story of one success after another. The disciples make mistakes, have disagreements, and weather controversy. But despite the shortcomings and limitations of those who bear the message of Christ, the church still grows and more and more come to faith and hope in Jesus' name.

One of the key words in this story is a Greek word pronounced "a-ko-loo-toce," which means freely and without hindrance. It crops up a couple of times, for instance when an Ethiopian eunuch, about the last person in the world you'd expect to join the church, asks a skeptical disciple if there's

anything that should hinder him from being baptized. It comes up a few other times, too, including the last sentence of the last chapter of the book. Indeed, it is the very last word St. Luke writes. By this time in the story, Paul has been imprisoned several times and now sent to Rome and awaiting trial. He is under house arrest, and Luke reports, closing Acts by writing, "He lived there for two whole years at his own expense and welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and *without hindrance*" (Acts 28-30-31).

Now what's interesting to me about Luke's ending is that we know from history and church tradition that at the end of these two years, the Apostle will eventually be tried, found guilty, and executed. And Luke probably knew this. But he doesn't tell it. Why? Because while Paul is often considered "the second founder of Christianity" because of the churches he started and the influence of his preaching and writing, the story doesn't end here, either. The story continues even up to this day and age. Each time we gather for worship to hear the good news of Christ through Scripture, song, and sermon, we are empowered by the Spirit that descended upon the first disciples at Pentecost and leave strengthened in faith and prepared to love our neighbor and care for the world God created, sustains, and still loves. Each time we leave worship, that is, we are sent to continue to share the message of God's love in Jesus through our words and actions.

So there it is. St. Luke writes two whole books of the Bible, the first about the life of Jesus, which we read from December through May, and the second about the growth of the early church, which we will be reading and preaching all summer. And yet there is still more story to tell, and we get to write it each and every day in and through our life in the Spirit at Mount Olivet. Pretty cool! I look forward to seeing what God's Spirit will do to us and with us and through us, and I look forward to telling that story with you in our words and deeds.

See you in Church!

Pastor Lose

DAVID J. LOSE, SENIOR PASTOR



Life & Growth

APR 16 - MAY 14

Baptisms

Blake E Avallone,
son of Erin and AJ

Britt Freya Beito,
daughter of Sue and Tom

Elan William Eichenlaub,
son of Stacy

Parker John Evans,
son of Jessica and John

Mavis Julianne Hart,
daughter of Carah and Michael

Owen Bradley Jorgensen,
son of Kelly and Nathan

Ava Claire Luther,
daughter of Brandon and Lauren

Luke Joseph Miller,
son of Jennifer and Jerome

Mary Tyler Nelson,
daughter of Amanda and Tyler

Emelia Grace Schmidt,
daughter of Claire and Danny

John Allen Thomas,
son of Jennifer and Albert

Stella Josephine Wood,
daughter of Kathryn and Cameron

Deaths

William L. Connell, 1924 – 2019

Ricky E. Crosby, 1960 – 2019

Eleanor B. Hagen, 1925 – 2019

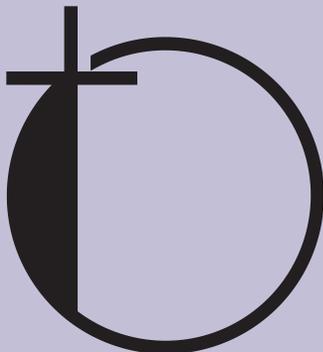
Gladys L. Isaacson, 1917 – 2019

Matthew L. Iwen, 1961 – 2019

Jane Pearson, 1955 – 2019

Eugene G. Philipson, 1926 – 2019

Matthew G. Strand, 1976 – 2019



Summer Sermon Series: *The Acts of the Apostles*



This summer we will read through St. Luke's second book, *The Acts of the Apostles*, that tells the story of the coming of the Holy Spirit and the growth of the early church through the witness of the Apostles. We read this story not only to learn more about the history of the Christian Church, but also so that we can see how God is at work in and through us as well, because the same Holy Spirit that called, emboldened, and sent those first-century disciples is at work calling, emboldening, and sending Jesus' twenty-first century disciples as well. To give you a sense of what is to come in the story Luke continues tell, here are the readings from Acts for June, along with a question or two to get you thinking!

June 2: Acts 1:12-26 – The Choosing of Matthias

Having lost Judas, the company of twelve disciples is incomplete, and so they choose Matthias, another follower of Jesus, to fill his place.

How might God fill the gaps we experience and equip us to overcome disappointment and setback?

June 9: Acts 2:1-21 – The Story of Pentecost

After waiting for a number of weeks in Jerusalem at Jesus' command, the Holy Spirit comes with a rush of wind and flame. But rather than simply comforting the fearful disciples, the Spirit sends them back out into the world that crucified their Lord to witness with courage and compassion to God's continued love for the world.

How might God be equipping us to conquer our fears and witness to God's grace?

June 16: Acts 2:37-47 – Life Among the Believers

The early church grows by leaps and bounds, but it is not without struggle. Noticeably, what marked the life of those earliest believers was trust that God would provide and a willingness to share in order to meet each other's needs.

What is God equipping us to do?

What challenges do we have to overcome?

What can we share with each other to live into God's dreams for us?

June 23: Acts 4:1-22 – Peter and John Before the Council

Many receive the word of Jesus' resurrection with joy. But not all. And so the disciples very quickly experience resistance. Rather than be discouraged, they seize the opportunity to witness their faith.

How might we see challenges and setbacks also as opportunities to trust in God's grace and witness our faith?

June 30: Acts 5:1-11 – Ananias and Sapphira

Just in case we think all is harmony and bliss in the early church, we have a story of disappointment and tragedy, when those who struggle to trust in God's provision and share God's blessings are caught up quite short.

How do we overcome the temptation to hoard, rather than share, God's blessings in our everyday lives?

DEVOTIONS



So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common. - ACTS 2:42-44

When I look around at all you wonderful people that I've spent the majority of my life with, I stand in awe of God's amazing grace and goodness. Most of us became so deeply rooted in this imperfect place we call home—simply by showing up to help: in the kitchen, the parking lot, the classroom, the choir loft, the garage sale, at camp. We showed up seeking fun and friends and fellowship, and then God showed up and gave us faith. And hope. And love. And **FAMILY**.

Our dear friend Matt went to see Jesus last month. We grieve his loss. We grew up here together, we love his parents and his siblings and his children. It hurts.

Yet in the midst of it all, God has been present in all the people that surround his family. I received a text from his son Aaron the day after he died:

"I forgot to tell you that the doctor working with my dad when he passed was a former JS woman from 2001, how about that! She said she saw a post on a JS Facebook group by you but couldn't say anything because he was her patient. We sang 'My God and I' and 'Precious Lord' and said the Lord's Prayer as a family before he passed. I put the picture that you brought of the camp altar on his chest. He would've liked that."

It gives me goosebumps every time I read it. Another generation, showing up to help, given faith and hope and love.

"Great is thy faithfulness, oh God our Father...all I have needed thy hand hath provided, great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me."

- PASTOR HAMMERSTEN



Lake Harriet Bandshell Worship

10am, Sun, Jun 9, 2019

Sermon: Pastor Lose, Music: Mpls & West Cathedral Choirs

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Daily Readings

2019

FROM PASTOR KALLAND

- 1 Hebrews 10:19-20, Confidence
- 2 Revelation 3:5, Acknowledge That Name
- 3 John 12:25, For Eternal Life
- 4 2 Corinthians 4:17, Momentary Troubles
- 5 Job 19:25, Our Redeemer Lives
- 6 John 14:6, Jesus Is the Way
- 7 Proverbs 10:7, Righteous in Blessing
- 8 1 John 3:16, Laid Down His Life for Us
- 9 Isaiah 56:4, An Everlasting Name
- 10 John 15:13, Greater Love
- 11 1 Chronicles 16:12 Remember
- 12 Isaiah 46:9, There Is No Other
- 13 Psalm 77:11, Remember Miracles
- 14 1 Peter 4:14, God Rests On You
- 15 Malachi 3:10, Bring It All
- 16 Proverbs 3:9, Honor the Lord
- 17 Acts 3:6, In The Name of Jesus
- 18 Matthew 6:21, Where Is Your Treasure?
- 19 1 Samuel 2:6-7, Humbles and Exalts
- 20 Revelation 3:17, Rich
- 21 1 Corinthians 16:13, Be On Guard
- 22 Joshua 1:9, The Lord Is With You
- 23 Ephesians 5:25, As Christ Loved
- 24 James 1:20, What God Desires
- 25 Isaiah 40:31, Renewed Strength
- 26 Joshua 24:15, Serve the Lord
- 27 Psalm 16:8, Will Not Be Shaken
- 28 1 Timothy 6:17, Put Hope in God
- 29 John 8:36, Free Indeed
- 30 Galatians 5:1, Christ Set Us Free



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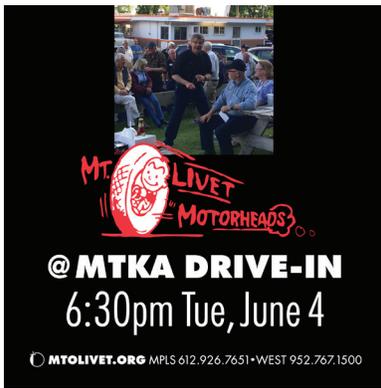
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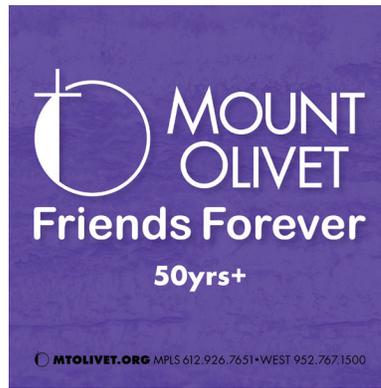
11th Motorheads @ Mtka Drive-In

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.



15th Motorheads' Show and Blessing of Motors & Drivers

Su 8/18 5pm Show, 6:30 Blessing of Motors, **M** Parking Lot, Fellowship Hall & Main Sanctuary. Featuring awesome vehicles, hot dogs, popcorn, ice cream treats, **NORDIC SURF BAND**, blessing service, awards, and **FREE** raffle. There is no charge for spectators or exhibitors, but donations are encouraged and appreciated! **EXHIBITORS:** Visit mtolivet.org for free no-obligation preregistration of vehicles by Aug 14. Contact: fellowship@mtolivet.org for questions, sponsorship, or raffle donations.

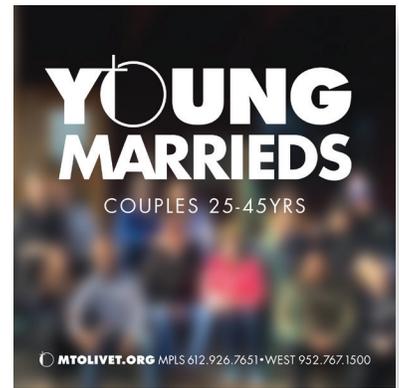


Friends Forever: North Shore Retreat

(50yrs+) 3pm check in time M 7/22 through W 7/24 Lutsen Resort & Cathedral of the Pines. Come join us for a Friends Forever getaway up North. Escape the city with friends for a few days. Enjoy some delicious meals including a scrumptious breakfast buffet and a BBQ on the beach and Pastor MacLean will help us explore "Experiencing Loss and Change in the Third Chapter of Life." There will be free time to explore Lutsen through the resort activities (kayaking, hiking, etc.) or sightseeing along the North Shore. We will also visit Cathedral of the Pines. Lodging and transportation are your own responsibility. A block of rooms has been reserved at Lutsen Resort (use code #393882 and ask for Mount Olivet 2019). Don't forget to ask about additional discounts that apply for seniors and active military. \$80 per person. Register at mtolivet.org by 7/8. ☑

Young in Heart Luncheon and Men's Breakfast

These groups will go on hiatus during the Summer months. If you have questions or want to get involved, please contact us at 612.926.7651.



Young Marrieds @ Fulton Brewery

Tu 7/9 7-9pm, Fulton Brewery, 414 N 6th Ave, Minneapolis. Join other Young Married couples for a fun summer night out! Fulton will be open to the public, however we will be reserving the "Garagery" just for Mount Olivet. This event is **FREE!** Food & beverage off the menu, on your own. Please RSVP on Realm. Hope you can join us for a casual night out!

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.



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!



Career & Calling Happy Hour and Twins Game

W 7/24 5:30pm, Meet at Gluek's Restaurant & Bar, 16 N 6th Street, Minneapolis.

If you've enjoyed our Career & Calling breakfasts, but wished for more time to get acquainted with other professionals and career-minded people, you won't want to miss this unique networking event. Or if you've ever thought "I should be networking more," but struggled to find the energy, identify a promising event, or figure out your "elevator pitch," this is an encouraging, low-stress place to start.

Join us at Gluek's from 5:30-7pm for a beverage, appetizers, and a friendly networking exercise to spark connections and conversations.

Continue the evening at Target Field, where we'll sit as a group and cheer on the Twins against the Yankees. Or attend whichever half of the evening works best with your schedule. Either way, networking in a fun and friendly environment is the name of the game

at our Career & Calling Happy Hour + event, where you'll meet encouraging people who will inspire your professional endeavors.

\$10 for Happy Hour (drink ticket & apps), \$20 for Twins Game. To help us plan for the evening, please register at mtolivet.org by 7/2. ☎

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MOUNT OLIVET Garage Sale

THANK YOU!

Thank you, everyone, for all of your hard work and donations! We had 210 volunteers who worked tirelessly to help us raise over \$20,000 for our Mount Olivet's affiliates: Careview, Day Services, Rolling Acres and the Home. Without you, we would not have had a successful sale and delivered such a great outreach to our community.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

SAT, NOV 2, 2019 9AM-2PM

MOUNT OLIVET MPLS CAMPUS 5025 KNOX AVES

VENDORS WANTED!
 APPLY AT MTOLIVET.ORG JUNE 1-30

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Vendor Applications for the Holiday Boutique to be held Sa 11/2 9am-2pm M will be accepted 6/1-6/30 at mtolivet.org. Vendors will be accepted through a juried selection process based on the following: Mount Olivet membership status, past sales, vendor experience at other events as proxy/product type, originality of product, creativity, marketability, and the general appeal / quality of products. Vendors will be notified no later than 8/1 of their acceptance. Once accepted, the cost is \$25 non-refundable fee, plus 15% of your total sales collected immediately following the event. ☎

Register Now to Hear Mount Olivet Authors Mary Knutson and Pastor Judith 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! See more about Mary's presentation below; watch for more about Judie's book in the *July Messenger*. ☒☒

Mary Knutson Speaks About Her Award-Winning Memoir



Come and hear Mary speak about her book *Maja and Me: My Journey with My Lesbian Daughter*, and engage in discussion. This is a story of heartfelt honesty that includes not only times of confusion, pain, rejection, challenge, and anger, but also faith, pride, healing, victory, and love. Unusual in that the book is written from the mom's point of view, we travel with Mary as she moves from surprise and disbelief to accepting and embracing her daughter's identity and partner. For anyone seeking greater understanding, this award-winning, deeply rich story is a good place to start.

To gain the most from the discussion that evening, you are encouraged to read the book ahead of time. Books for this event and for Pastor Judith Mattison's discussion of her memoir, *I Will Not Break* on July 16, can be purchased on Amazon, many local bookstores, from Carol Throntveit, carolt@mtolivet.org, or at the event.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION: Safeguarding Our Seniors

Th 6/20 10-11:30am, **M** Rm 486. Pastoral Care and Adult Learning are teaming up to present "Safeguarding Our Seniors". Have you been pressured to provide personal information over the phone or via email? Have you received a call or letter stating you owe or have won a large sum of money? Presenters Maggie Menk and Sally Kellogg will join us to raise awareness, empowering seniors and their families to take action against elder fraud and financial abuse. All are welcome.

Cost: \$5. Register at mtolivet.org by 6/19.

Downsizing and Decluttering

Th 7/18 10-11:30am, **M** Rm 486. Pastoral Care and Adult Learning are teaming up to present "Downsizing and Decluttering." Senior Move Specialist and Sorter with Gentle Transitions, Jill Freeman will be presenting educational tips to help those considering an upcoming move or who would like to declutter for the future. From downsizing, sorting, getting rid of the excess, to packing, unpacking and resettling, you will gain valuable knowledge and a multitude of resources to help you get through the process "gently". All are welcome Cost: \$5.

Register at mtolivet.org by 7/17.

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.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

- **Evening Book Discussion**
2nd W 7-8:30pm, **M** Library.
Book: *The Great Alone* by Kristen Hannah (6/12).
- **Midday Book Discussion**
3rd Tu 11:30am-1pm, **M** Library.
Book: *Rosemary: The Hidden Kennedy Daughter* by Kate Clifford Larson (6/18).

ONGOING GROUPS

- **Chair Holy Yoga** M&W through 8/28 12:15-1:15pm, **M** Gym. \$5 paid to instructor.
- **Quilting** M 6:30-8:30pm **M** Rm 197. Drop in anytime.
- **Spiritual Energy Healing** M except holidays 6-8pm, **M** 1700 Lower Level.
- **Infant Massage (Adults)**
By Appointment.

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THE PARABLES OF JESUS

Midweek Summer Worship 2019

Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center

7984 257TH ST W, FARMINGTON, MN 55024

“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. Join our pastors each Wednesday evening from June 19 to August 7 as they explore some of Jesus’ parables they find most intriguing, challenging, and potentially life-changing. Enjoy fellowship, great food, time in nature, and inspirational worship! Bus transportation will be available from both campuses and 7500 York.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Call the retreat center at 952-469-2175 or register on Realm. \$15 adults, \$8 3-13yrs, \$5 bus.

Schedule: 4:30pm Buses Leave West Campus & 7500 York, 5pm Bus Leaves Mpls Campus, 5:30pm Dinner, 6:30pm Nature Class, 7:15pm Worship, 8pm Buses Leave MOCRC.

DATE	PASTOR	SCRIPTURE	SPECIAL MUSIC	NATURE CLASS	MENU
JUN 19	Pastor Bill MacLean “Ten Bridesmaids”	Matthew 25:1-13	Amanda Jenkins, soprano	The Indoor Garden	Garden Salad, Fresh Baked Rolls, Asian Beef Steak, Napa Cabbage Cole Slaw, Jasmine Rice, Orange Sesame Cauliflower & Chocolate Torte with Marinated Fruit
JUN 26	Pastor Craig Johnson “The Unforgiving Servant”	Matthew 18:23-35	Teresa & Jerry Elsbernd, vocal duet	Fall Color Perennials	Garden Salad, Fresh Baked Rolls, Rhubarb Glazed Pork Loin, Yukon Gold Whipped Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Banana Cream Pie
JUL 4*	Pastor Kurt Kalland “Sheep and the Goats”	Matthew 25:31-46	Linda Berger, piano	Batastic Bats	Blueberry Watermelon Feta Salad, Grass-fed Burgers, Brats, Baked Beans, Corn on the Cob & Red, White & Blueberry Shortcake
JUL 10	Pastor Monica Hammersten “The Lamp”	Mark 4:21-34	Justin Staebell, baritone	The Smaller Majority	Garden Salad, Fresh Baked Rolls, Caribbean Island Chicken with Mango Salsa, Wild Rice Pilaf, Seasonal Vegetables & Rhubarb Peach Dumplings
JUL 17	Pastor David Lose “Talents”	Matthew 25:14-30	Richard Owen, piano	Recycling: The Plastic Tip of the Iceberg	Garden Salad, Fresh Baked Rolls, Grilled Bruschetta Chicken, Roasted Fingerling Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Peach Cobbler
JUL 24	Pastor Mark Dixon “Day Laborers”	Matthew 20:1-16	Genevieve Kalland, soprano	On Safari in Tanzania: The People	Marinated Dill Cucumber Salad, Fresh Baked Corn Bread Muffins, BBQ Ribs, Cheesy Smoked Scalloped Potatoes, Baked Macaroni & Cheese & Triple Chocolate Brownie Sundaes
JUL 31	Pastor Charlie Ruud “Wedding Banquet”	Matthew 22:1-14	Zach Spirov, guitar	On Safari in Tanzania: The Birds	Garden Salad, Fresh Baked Rolls, Marinated Flank Steak with Chimichurri Sauce, Roasted Cauliflower Puree, Roasted Chumbo Asparagus & Ameretto Fruit in the Clouds
AUG 7	Pastor Anna Helgen “The Lost Sheep and Lost Coin”	Luke 15:1-10	Luke Randall, baritone	On Safari in Tanzania: The Animals	Garden Salad, Fresh Baked Rolls, Roasted Turkey, Yukon Gold Whipped Potatoes, Roasted Honey Glazed Carrots & Pumpkin Spice Cheesecake

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

CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES



I'm **KRISTI YOUNGDAHL** and I am your Camp Director up at Cathedral of the Pines! I'm excited for another great summer with all the hi-leaguers and campers, and am most looking forward to swimming in beautiful Lake Caribou!



I'm **KRIS ERICKSEN** and I'm so excited to be heading into my 23rd summer as Camp Coordinator. I coordinate all of the details that go into helping Camp happen each summer from registrations, to managing the volunteers, to providing info to and answering questions from both parents and campers. I am very much looking forward to being at Camp with all of our campers (young and old) and to begin and end each day in our beautiful Linner Chapel. I am truly blessed!



Hey all! My name is **GEOFF ARENSEN** and I will be the Camp Staff Mentor this summer at camp! I am also the Youth Director at church. I especially look forward to my coffee time with the camp staff. I also love being able to watch campers experience Cathedral of the Pines – the friendships that are formed and the times we are together in chapel singing as a whole camp are my favorites!!



Hello! My name is **TIERRA DAVIS** and I will be Kristi's Assistant this summer at camp. Currently, I work in the junior high department at church, and I am so excited to be up at camp with all of the kids and counselors I see throughout the year. I can't wait for another summer of softball, brownie delights, chapel, and Lake Caribou!



I'm **HEIDI YOUNGDAHL** and I am the health care coordinator for COP. This will be my seventh year at COP. My duties are to coordinate with all of our great volunteer health professionals and assist with camper check-ins, medications, and treatments. I so look forward to reconnecting with all the kids and families that pass through the gates. Also, my favorite daily activity is to sauna and jump into Lake Caribou!



My name is **MADY LIPKIN** and my role is to make the menus, order the food, and cook with the lovely volunteers that come up each week! I'm looking forward to coming up with some fun new meals, nightly chapel, swimming in Lake Caribou, and seeing all the friendly faces that come through the camp gates each summer!



My name is **ERIK TELLEEN** and I will be the Counselor Mentor this summer at Camp. I have worked for the Minneapolis Public Schools for the past 10 + years as an Educator, a Coach (tennis, basketball, softball)-and as a Mentor/Youth advocate. I have been blessed to have many years of experience on the Camp staff in a variety of roles but none more important to me than the role of Counselor Mentor. I was also lucky enough to be a part of the wonderful Youth Staff at Mount Olivet Church and I know how important that job is to our church. COP changes lives .. period. I can't wait to get up there, meet all of you and experience COP together!



My name is **RACHEL ERICKSEN**, I am an Early Childhood Special Education Teacher in West Saint Paul and I will be the camper mentor this summer at camp. My favorite camp activity is hanging out in the craft shop and attending chapel each night. My favorite camp meal is the taco bar, my favorite chapel song is "Here I am Lord," and I LOVE living on Lake Caribou for the summer.



Hey, my name is **ANDREW RUONA** and I am Mr. Outside at camp this summer. I graduated from the University of Minnesota Duluth, and I currently work at Mount Olivet. I am excited to teach kids skills that will be useful for the rest of their lives!



The mission of Cathedral of the Pines Camp is to serve children and young people by enhancing their spiritual and emotional development. A typical camp day includes Bible-centered Christian living classes, swimming, hiking, sports fundamentals, crafts, large and small group games, and, of course, delicious food! Each day at Cathedral of the Pines begins and ends in the chapel overlooking beautiful Lake Caribou.

Please Send Letters To:

(Name of Recipient)
Cathedral of the Pines
760 Caribou Trail
PO Box 159
Lutsen, MN 55612

Note: We do not accept "care packages."

Questions? Have questions about camp policies, what to bring as a camper, or life at COP? Please refer to the Camper Handbook located at www.mtolivet.org.

Bus Hotline Phone Number: 612.767.2304

Worship at COP:

Evening Chapel Services at 7:30pm
Sunday Morning Worship at 10am

June Camping Schedule:

5/30 - 6/2: Hi-er League Weekend
6/11 - 6/16: Family Work Week
6/17 - 6/21: Summer Starter
6/21 - 6/27: 7th & 8th Grade Week
6/27 - 7/2: 5th & 6th Grade Week

SUMMER STAFF 2019!



Hey! I'm **JAYNIE KAISER** and I'm very excited to get to know all the workstaff, counselors and campers this summer as COP's Workstaff Mentor! Since I graduated from UND, I have worked at camp, and as an English teacher in China. I can't wait to see everyone's smiling faces as they step off the buses and onto the ball field!



Hi everyone! I'm **MONICA ANDERSON** and I will be the Craft Director / Workstaff Mentor this summer. I graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College last year. I am most looking forward to hanging out and getting to know all the campers and workstaff and getting to sing at hootenannies!



Hello everyone! I'm **SOPHIA SPENCE** and I will be on the Fun Squad this summer! I just recently graduated from Indiana University and I am most excited to swim in Lake Caribou and play a bunch of games with all the kiddos this summer!



Hey! I'm **EMILY ODERMATT** and I'm going to be on the Fun Squad this summer! I've spent the past year working as researcher in a psychology lab at the U of M. I'm so excited to swim in Lake Caribou, play games, and get to know all the new campers!



Hello! I'm **JACK KEELEY** and I am one of the lifeguards this year on the waterfront. This past year I have been working as a Financial Analyst at Thomson Reuters where I will be working remotely then continuing my job after camp. I am excited to spend time outside by the water with the campers and sauna as much as I can!



Hi everyone! I'm **PAIGE RENO** and I will be on Waterfront at camp this summer. I just graduated from the University of Minnesota where I studied Marketing. This summer, I am excited to share Lake Caribou with all the campers and soak up the sun! Can't wait!



Hey, my name is **JAKE ANDERSON**, and I have been democratically elected as Mr. Inside this summer up at camp. I spent the past year living in Edina, MN working as a Domino's Delivery Expert and I am very excited to be up at camp. I'm most looking forward to playing softball with the workstaff and counselors.



Hello everyone! My name is **HEIDI BACH** and I am on the Inside Crew this summer! This past year I attended the UND and will be returning there in the fall! I can't wait to work with all the workstaff and look forward to seeing all your smiling faces up at COP!



Hey everyone! I'm **KENZIE DAHLMEIR** and I will be an Inside Assistant up at camp this summer! I'm going to be a senior at the U of M this year studying Kinesiology & Spanish. I'm most excited to get to know the campers and to build relationships with them, and to help them explore and grow in their faith!



Hey! I'm **JULIA JALLO** and I will be one of the Inside Assistants up at COP this summer. This past semester I was abroad in Spain learning a new language and exploring Europe! I can't wait to return this summer to play softball, rekindle with my campers from when I was in high school, while also continuing to share my love and gratitude for our awesome camp!



Hi all! I'm **LEXI ROBELLO** and this summer I'll be working as an Inside Assistant. I am super excited to play softball with the counselors and workstaff, eat the awesome camp meals, and go to hootenannies with the campers!



Hi everyone! I'm **AMY ROSE** and I'm an Inside Assistant this summer! This past semester I've been abroad in Aberdeen, Scotland; but will be going into my senior year at Gustavus Adolphus College! I'm looking forward to spending time with everyone who comes up to camp and our time in Chapel!



Hello, my name is **CARL ENGBRETSON** and I will be an Outside Assistant for my second summer up at COP. This past year I have been attending school at Hamline University and will be finishing school next fall at Concordia University. This summer at camp I'm looking forward to seeing everyone I made connections with this past summer and looking forward to making new ones.



Hello my name is **ALEX SWENSON**, this year I will be helping with outside staff at camp! This was my third year at UMD, and recently I was put in a classroom where I was teaching full-time. I am looking forward to living further up the North Shore this summer.



Hi Campers! I am **JACK WATT** and I will be part of the Outside Crew this year at Camp. I am a Marketing major at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. I am most excited this camp year to spend some time on Lake Caribou and also maybe accomplish my goal of hitting the chapel bell on the softball field.



Hi! I'm **GAIL FISCHER**, and I am Workstaff Coordinator this summer. I graduated from Gustavus back in January, and am currently working as a kindergarten teacher. I'm excited to get to know the workstaff better and to spend every night in chapel!



Hi! I'm **STONE ALLAN**, and I will be your Pianist this summer up at camp! I am currently studying Game Design at UW-Stout. I can't wait to see everyone up at camp and have fun!

"I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep." — Psalm 121

Ask A Pastor!

Pastor Helgen answers some of our Sunday School participants' questions about faith, what it's like being a pastor, and more!



Q: What is your favorite part of being a pastor? (Quinn, 4th grade)

A: Dear Quinn, There are lots of favorite parts of being a pastor. I like getting to know people and hear their stories and learn what inspires them. I find it's an honor and privilege to walk with people through their joys and sorrows. I like reading the Bible and preaching and helping others think about the ways that God shows up in the world!

Q: What did Jesus and God find to eat when they were down on Earth? (Jerzie, 3rd grade)

A: Hi, Jerzie. I love your question about what Jesus ate during his life! Luke's Gospel contains many stories of Jesus gathering with people around meals. Some of my favorites are the story of Jesus feeding the 5000 (Luke 9:10-17), the story of the Last Supper (Luke 22:14-38), and the story of Jesus breaking bread with his disciples after he's been resurrected (Luke 24: 36-43). So, some things that Jesus ate are: bread, fish, and wine.

Q: What is your favorite ice cream? (Aisley, 3rd grade)

A: Hi, Aisley. My favorite kind of ice cream is chocolate and I like to put gummy bears in it, too.

Q: How did God create earth? (William, 4th grade)

A: Dear William – God created earth by speaking! You can read the story of creation in Genesis 1. It's a pretty cool story that teaches us about all the ways God wants to be in relationship – with humans and animals and rivers and streams and lakes and mountains and all parts of creation. God hopes that we will care for creation. Check it out!

Q: Do you have to read the whole Bible before you get your job? (Griffin, 3rd grade)

A: You don't! I haven't read the WHOLE Bible, but I've read lots of it. I like that it's a book that stays with us our entire lives. There are stories in there still waiting to be discovered!

Q: Is it hard to study religions? (AJ, 3rd grade)

A: I find it very interesting to study religion and world religions. I have spent most of my time studying our Lutheran tradition, but in college I learned about other world religions – we studied Buddhism, Hinduism, and Islam. I appreciate learning the different ways we come to understand God and our relationship to God. Being a person of faith helps us make sense of the world we live in and how we care for one another.

Thanks to all for your questions!

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! ☑✉



Parents Share Summer Session

W 6/12 through 8/21 9:30-11:30am, **M** 1700 Building.

All parents are welcome. Nursery will be provided for kids of all ages. No pre-registration for nursery is necessary. We will have three wonderful youth babysitters at each session, whom we will pay. A free will offering will be taken. If you can bring toys and activities that your child(ren) enjoy to our first meeting and leave them for the summer, that would be wonderful. Come and experience the incredible wisdom, support, resources, and caring that have been part of Parents Share for 41 years. **MARILYN SHARPE**, parent educator and Mount Olivet member, will facilitate these sessions. All of the parents, nannies, and adults who love children will be your teachers.

SUMMER IN THE CITY

Vacation Bible School: To Mars and Beyond! (4yrs-2nd Gr as of Sep 2019) *M-Th 6/17-6/20 8:45am-11:45am* **M W**. Blast off with the first VBS to land on Mars! Cokesbury's *To Mars and Beyond* will help kids discover the wonders of God's universe. They'll become voyagers on a journey through space, exploring where God's power can take them. Beginning in Fellowship Hall – an outpost on Mars – they'll lift off to distant planets on special missions to collect power sources. Along the way, they'll learn how God walked with heroes of the Bible, and that God is always with them, too. \$45. ☐☒

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. ☐☒

God's Kids Sing! (1st-6th Gr as of Sep 2019) *M-F 6/24-6/28 9am-4pm (8am+ early drop-off available)* **M** *Fellowship Hall* (**W** *Bus 8am-4:15pm*). GKS! is a fun-filled creative arts camp, 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 drop-off fee; \$20 **W** bus fee). Register by 6/24. ☐☒

NEW! Mount Olivet Day Camp (1st-4th Gr as of Sep 2019) *M-F 7/22-7/26 8:30am-4:30pm, Meet at* **M** *Youth Center* (**W** *Bus 8am-5pm*). Join us for a great week of community building, outdoor play, service projects, in-house field trips, and did we mention FUN? We'll spend a couple of days at the Mount Olivet Retreat Center, bring in a few guests, and venture out into the community for an action-packed week! \$175 includes daily lunch, snacks, t-shirt, activities, and bus. ☐☒

Now Offered at
Minneapolis &
West Campus

Babygarten: A Weekly Preliteracy Program for Infants & Toddlers *Th 7/11 through 8/15* **M** *9:45-10:45am, Nursery* **W** *1-2pm*. A weekly faith based program for infants and toddlers focused on preliteracy skills through story, song, prayer and art. Facilitated by **AMY PORTHAN**, Nursery Coordinator and Early Childhood Educator. \$72. For more information contact, Amy Porthan, 612.767.2224, amyp@mtolivet.org. ☐☒



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M = Mpls Campus, **W** = West Campus
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FALL YOUTH PROGRAM REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Opportunities at **M** **W** See the schedule online at mtolivet.org.



- 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)
- Confirmation - 7th and 8th Grade
- 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

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: FINISHING STRONG!

WEST CAMPUS ADDITION UPDATES:

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. Your support is needed and will make a difference!

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. Pledge forms are available at the church and online.

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. Your gift will help with the needs listed to the right. Thank you for your support!

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

GIFTS ARE STILL BEING RECIEVED! PLEASE HELP US "FINISH STRONG!":

- 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



CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES WISH LIST

Please consider helping fulfill the Cathedral of the Pines camp wish list! Gifts of all sizes help fulfill these needs. Thank you so very much!

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



For questions, please call Mari Carlson, Director of Development, 612.821.3150. Please send your gift to: Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Attn: COP NEEDS, 5025 Knox Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55419. You can also make your gift online at mtolivet.org and clicking on the "Giving" tab or logging onto your Realm account. Call Tricia Lerohl-Morgan at 612.767.2255 about online giving.

Memorial Gifts Make a Difference

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church and its six affiliated ministries are grateful to receive support through memorials, tributes, general gifts, and estate gifts. These gifts provide much-needed financial support for programs that enhance the lives of people served and for budgeted operating expenses.

Memorial gifts are a wonderful way to remember family members and friends who have died. Making a gift is a meaningful way to express our sympathy. Gifts given "in honor of" someone are a great way to celebrate special occasions like baptisms, weddings, and anniversaries. The tribute makes the people involved feel very special and pleased that the gift benefits Mount Olivet church.

Every gift given "in memory of" or "in honor of" is acknowledged with a thank you letter. Donor requests to notify someone of their gift are always fulfilled. Envelopes for gifts are available in the church office.

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church thanks the many donors who give so freely and generously. Your gifts represent your love of Christ and the ministry we share.

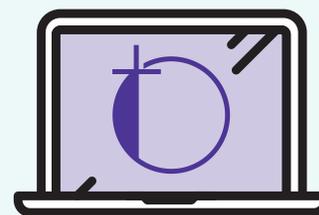
2019 Mount Olivet Vision Partners Event



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 were mailed to all current Mount Olivet Vision Partners. If you have any questions, please contact Mari Carlson, 612.821.3150, mcarlson@mtolivethomes.org.

REALM

Have you created an account yet?



In September of 2018, we transitioned to a new membership login experience called *Realm*. This login experience allows you to do many things such as access the online directory, find groups to join or communicate with the people in the groups you are already a part of, schedule giving, and register for events.

With 2019, nearly halfway through, Mount Olivet wants to highlight a few of the different areas that we think will allow you to use this tool better.

ONLINE REGISTRATION. Realm features a calendar of events to show you what's happening at Mount Olivet and allows you to register for certain events right there! While you are logged in you are able to easily find events you and your family are interested in attending with just a few clicks. **REMINDER:** Realm is not supported on the browser Internet Explorer, but should work with the main browsers such as Chrome, Firefox, and Safari.

SCHEDULED GIVING. When we moved to Realm, we were unable to transfer your payment information for security reasons. If you have not already done so we are asking that you set up new scheduled giving payments through your Realm account.

USING THE ONLINE DIRECTORY. Realm offers an online directory of Realm account holders. In order for you to share your contact information online with members of our congregation, you must create a Realm account. If you have a Realm account and want to share your contact information, please update your privacy settings. When logged into your Realm account please click on your name and select Manage Privacy from the dropdown menu.

UPLOADING A PHOTO. The pastors at Mount Olivet want to get to know you, and the best way to do that is to upload your photo! Accessing your "My Profile" page by clicking on the arrow next to your name. Then click on the big circle on the blue banner with your name and upload a profile picture.

QUESTIONS: 612.926.7651 communications@mtolivet.org.

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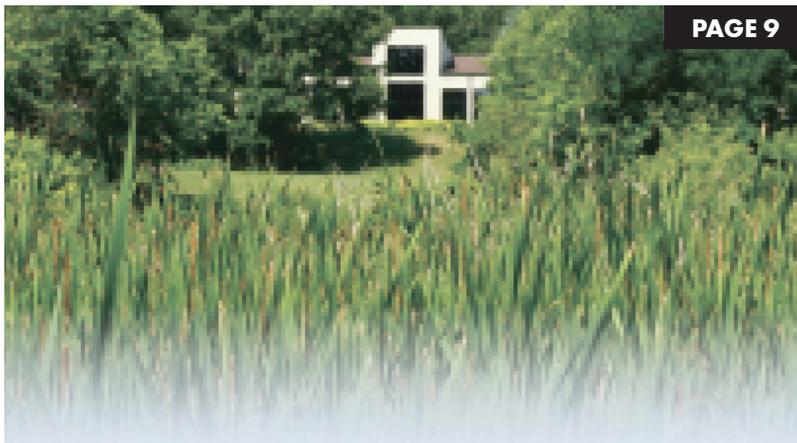
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THE PARABLES OF JESUS

Midweek Summer Worship 2019

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“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.

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Lake Harriet Bandshell Worship

10am, Sun, Jun 9, 2019

Sermon: Pastor Lose, Music: Mpls & West Cathedral Choirs

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