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**THU, JUL 4**

## *Midweek Summer Worship at the Conference & Retreat Center*

Message: **PASTOR KALLAND**  
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**SUN, JUL 7**

## *The Stoning of Stephen*

Holy Communion 8:30am

Nursery 9, 10am

**M** 9, 10, 11am

Sermon: **PASTOR MACLEAN**

Music: Jocque Warner, tenor

**W** 9, 10am

Sermon: **PASTOR DIXON**

Music: Diane Loudon, cello

**WED, JUL 10**

## *Midweek Summer Worship at the Conference & Retreat Center*

Message: **PASTOR HAMMERSTEN**  
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**SUN, JUL 14**

## *Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch*

Holy Communion 8:30am

Nursery 9, 10am

**M** 9, 10, 11am

Sermon: **PASTOR HELGEN**

Music: Carah Hart, soprano

**W** 9, 10am

Sermon: **PASTOR KALLAND**

Music: Luke Randall, baritone

**WED, JUL 17**

## *Midweek Summer Worship at the Conference & Retreat Center*

Message: **PASTOR LOSE**  
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**SUN, JUL 21**

## *The Conversion of Saul & Communion Sunday*

Holy Communion served during all worship services

Nursery 9, 10am

**M** 9, 10, 11am

Sermon: **PASTOR RUUD**

Music: Julie Johnson, flute

**W** 9, 10am

Sermon: **PASTOR DIXON**

Music: Christine Staebell, mezzo soprano

**WED, JUL 24**

## *Midweek Summer Worship at the Conference & Retreat Center*

Message: **PASTOR DIXON**  
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**SUN, JUL 28**

## *The Raising of Tabitha*

Holy Communion 8:30am

Nursery 9, 10am

**M** 9, 10, 11am

Sermon: **PASTOR LOSE**

Music: Luke Randall, baritone

**W** 9, 10am

Sermon: **PASTOR RUUD**

Music: Dana Donnay, oboe

**WED, JUL 31**

## *Midweek Summer Worship at the Conference & Retreat Center*

Message: **PASTOR RUUD**  
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**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 WDG 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.

**SUMMER COFFEE** Sundays 5/26 through 9/2 following all worship services **M** Lower Narthex **W** Narthex Hosted by the Board of Life & Growth

**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.



# Celebrations!

Celebrations matter. They remind us of where we've come from and what we've accomplished. In this way, they also remind us of who we are and where we're going.

Think for a moment of the Fourth of July celebration we'll enjoy early this month. When we remember the story of the Founders of this country boldly signing the Declaration of Independence and thereby risking life and limb for their convictions, we gain a greater sense of the importance of freedom and are motivated to participate in our democracy to safeguard it. Similarly, on Reformation Sunday, we not only mark the historic significance of Martin Luther hammering his 95 Theses onto the door of the castle church in Wittenberg, but are reminded that we continue to be shaped by the free grace that is ours in Christ. Celebrations matter. They root us in our identity, remind us of our heritage, and point the way forward into our future.

This fall, we'll begin a very important celebration: the Centennial Anniversary of Mount Olivet Lutheran Church! Think about that for a moment. For one hundred years, Mount Olivet has been welcoming people into the fellowship we share as disciples of Christ. We have been educating children, offering pastoral care and support, creating opportunities to grow in faith, marrying couples, baptizing children, burying the faithful, caring for one another, gathering for worship, surrounding each other and the larger world with prayer, meeting the needs of our communities, and in all these ways witnessing to our faith in God through both our words and actions... for one hundred years!

We have several important goals for this celebration. The first I'd describe as primarily internal: Develop greater awareness of, and engagement in, Mount Olivet's mission by giving thanks to God for our history and listening for God's call for the future. The second, by contrast, is more externally focused: Share Mount Olivet's story with, and heighten our profile in and connection to, the communities we serve. The third goal is, perhaps, the overarching, even ultimate goal of our celebration: In this way, prepare Mount Olivet for another century of faithful service!

Perhaps it's just as important to name what is not a goal: Simply celebrating Mount Olivet. Don't get me wrong, there is a lot to celebrate! But... celebration is not an end in itself. Rather, we will give thanks for what has been accomplished and look ahead to the

opportunities in front of us, all in order to prepare to answer God's call in the coming century. Dag Hammarskjöld, the Swedish diplomat and Secretary General of the United Nations, sums up our hopes for this celebration in the following brief prayer: "For all that has been, thank you! For all that is to come, yes!"

In a mailing to go out later this summer and in the September Messenger, we will share more of the dates, plans, events, and ways to participate in this important celebration. For now, I want you to mark on your calendar Sunday, September 8, as the Kick-off to our celebration. Rally Sunday, the first day of a new program year when Sunday School is back in session, the Choirs are again in the loft, and folks are returning from summer vacations near and far, is always a joyous time of seeing familiar and new faces, renewing relationships, and looking ahead to a wonderful year. This year, it will be even more special, as we officially start our Centennial Celebration with festival worship and a "Centennial Block Party" at both campuses. In Minneapolis, we'll close off James Avenue behind the church and use the parkland behind Burroughs School to have food, games, and fun activities for all ages. At our West campus, we'll have the same inter-generational events and family-friendly focus, but our celebration will be spread throughout our newly opened West Campus addition! Indeed, we look forward to enticing folks to explore this new building with additional games and a treasure hunt to boot! At both campuses, it will be a wonderful way to start our celebration.

As we head into the fall, you can expect an expanded Messenger, with some additional pages devoted to our history, our present mission, and our hopes for the future. One Sunday a month will be set aside to highlight one of the many significant ministries at Mount Olivet, and there will be several significant Service and Fellowship events spread across our anniversary year. So get ready, because celebrations matter! As the Psalmist of Israel sang centuries ago, so we also say today: "The Lord is both my future inheritance and present blessing. The boundary lines of life have fallen in pleasant places. Yes, I have a wonderful heritage!"

*Pastor Lose*

DAVID J. LOSE, SENIOR PASTOR



## Life & Growth

MAY 15 - JUN 17

### Baptisms

Charles Jay Bosman, son of Anne and Brendan  
Jack Robert Burgan, son of Rochelle and Brian  
Gemma Elizabeth Chottepanda, daughter of  
Sarah and Kushal

Alexia Rose Dunsmore, daughter of Rachael and  
Jamie

Jolie James Dunsmore, daughter of Rachael and  
Jamie

Charles Daniel Holbrook, son of Amy and Matt  
Andrew Thomas Jaster, son of Kate and Dane  
Jack Daniel Jensen, son of Breanna and Jack  
Jax Joel Jensen, son of Jasmine and Richard  
Jayla Jo Jensen, daughter of Breanna and Jack  
Ramona Anne Karakash, daughter of Melissa and  
Edward

Clayton Peter Kotrba, son of Sarah and Kory  
Niko Liam Lavrentyev, son of Erica and Kirill  
Henry Michael Logan, son of Erin and Robert  
Camila Marie Mendez, daughter of Tana and  
Esdras

Leif Matthew Mulder, son of Hanna and Scott  
Hazel Jane Ness, daughter of Liza and Josh  
Hannah Lynn Pence, daughter of Stacy and Tyler  
Ellie Marie Peterson, daughter of Joleen and  
Joseph

Audrey Jean Rangel, daughter of Carmen and  
Anthony

Blake Catherine Rempp, daughter of Amy and  
Randall

Martin Carlyle Salzman, son of Allison and Derek  
Ava Elizabeth Stadelman, daughter of Megan  
and David

David Richard Stowe, son of Nancy and Richard

### Weddings

Megan Williams & Boyden Lee, May 18

Kristin Beese & Alec Gorge, June 8

Laura Johnson & Bob Larson, June 8

Sara Dillon & Sarkis Zenobian, June 8

### Deaths

David G. Adams, 1944 – 2019

Rev. James R. Anderson, 1938 – 2019

David H. Anderson, 1950 – 2019

Robert O. Anderson, 1925 – 2019

Sylvia T. Collison, 1922 – 2019

Ione K. Johnson, 1922 – 2019

Jeffrey C. Larson, 1931 – 2019

William H. Mead, 1960 – 2019

Carl R. Moser, 1925 – 2019

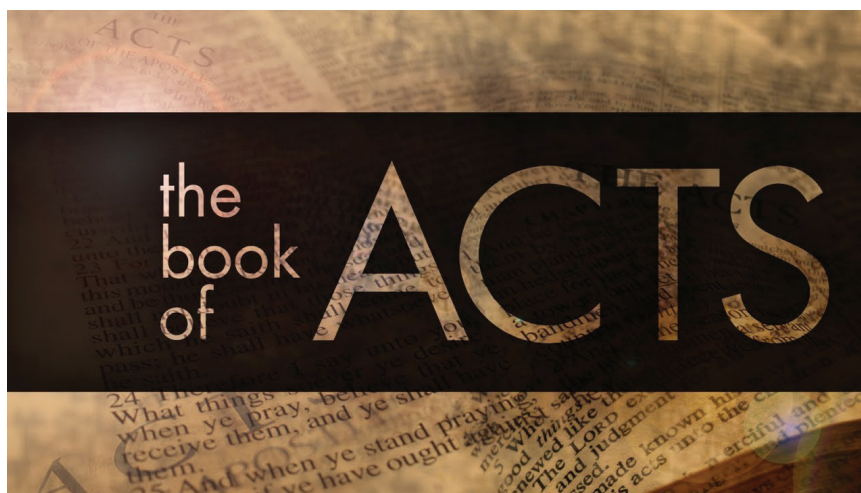
(John) Jack C. Mueller, 1929 – 2019

Faye P. Peterson, 1927 – 2019

Mary K. Seurer, 1950 – 2019

Gladys I. Strommen, 1923 – 2019

William R. von Hassel, 1929 – 2019



## Our Journey through Acts continues in July

### July 7: Acts 7:54-8:3 – The Stoning of Stephen

We hear the story of Stephen, a devoted member of the early church who is stoned by those who cannot believe, and indeed find threatening, God's redeeming work in Christ.

As we listen to Stephen's story, we might wonder: when have we struggled or suffered because of our faith or, from another point of view, when have we found God's call difficult to believe or follow?

### July 14: Acts 8:26-39 – Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

We are treated to the unusual and delightful story of Philip, one of the early disciples, and his encounter with an Ethiopian Eunuch who wants to be baptized. It's probably hard for us to imagine just how surprised Philip was by this request, or the social and cultural boundaries he had to cross to grant the Eunuch's request as he realized that God's love was far more inclusive than he'd first thought.

So we might wonder together: what people is God calling to faith and to Mount Olivet that we had not expected and perhaps were not ready to receive, and what we can do to be faithful to sharing the word of God's expansive love?

### July 21: Acts 9:1-19 – The Conversion of Saul

Today's story is the conversion of Saul, better known to us as the Apostle Paul – the name he took after his conversation. Saul was someone who initially persecuted the church but came to faith and became one of its most famous and effective promoters.

Like Saul, we might also harbor expectations about what God expects from us. How then, we might ask, do we respond when God calls us in a direction we'd never expected?

### July 28: Acts 9:36-43 – The Raising of Tabitha

We will hear the story of the raising of Tabitha. Because of this sign of compassion and healing, many of Tabitha's neighbors came to faith.

For this reason, we might ask: Where has God been active in my life, and how might my witness to God's goodness invite others to consider a deeper relationship with God?



## DEVOTIONS

School's out... what do you like to do in the summer? Vacation? Head up to the cabin? Others really enjoy summer house projects... yard work, landscaping. For me, going to Cathedral of the Pines has been a highlight for the past 50 plus years.

So where does God rank on your summer plans? Will God go with you? Does a break from school and work mean a break from God?

During a recent landscaping project of tree trimming and wood cutting, a man went to the hardware store to check about getting a new saw for cutting firewood. The salesman took a chain saw from the shelf and told him it was the newest model, with the latest in technology, guaranteed to cut ten cords of wood a day. The customer thought that sounded great, so he bought it on the spot.

The next day the customer returned, looking somewhat exhausted. "Something must be wrong with the saw," he moaned. "I worked as hard as I could and only managed to cut five cords of firewood. I used to cut seven with my old saw."

Confused, the salesman said, "Here, let me try it out back on some wood we keep there." They went to the woodpile, the salesman pulled the starter cord, and as the motor went Vrooommm..., the customer jumped back shouting, "What's that noise?"

Sometimes we can be like the customer trying to saw wood without the power of the saw to help. Going to church helps me stay connected to the power of the Holy Spirit, makes life's daily chores and challenges more easily managed.

I hope your summer includes time to pause and remember you are loved and cherished by Christ. The Lord is with you. I look forward to seeing you in church. It's important to "encourage one another daily, as long as it's called 'Today'" (Hebrews 3:13). — PASTOR KALLAND



## Mount Olivet Centennial Celebrations Begin This Fall! Save the Date

**Rally Sunday, September 8, 2019**

All Congregational Block Party  
In between worship services at Mpls & West Campus  
Enjoy food, fellowship, and fun activities for all ages!

**Christmas For All, Sunday, December 8, 2019**

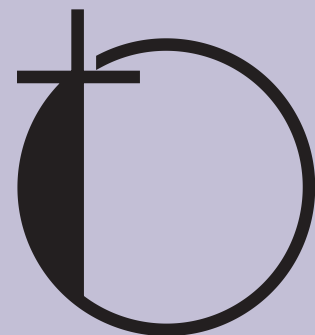
All Congregational Service Project  
Mpls & West Campus  
Support local organizations that provide assistance and  
create shopping opportunities, through donations, for  
families at Christmas time!

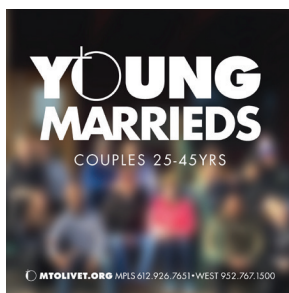
## Daily Readings

July 2019

FROM PASTOR KALLAND

- 1 Isaiah 61:1, Proclaim Freedom
- 2 Psalm 119:45, Walk in Freedom
- 3 Ephesians 3:12, Approach With Freedom
- 4 2 Corinthians 3:17, There Is Freedom
- 5 Galatians 5:13, Called To Freedom
- 6 Romans 12:9, Cling To What Is Good
- 7 Acts 18:9-10, I Am With You
- 8 Isaiah 6:8, Whom Shall I Send?
- 9 Acts 4:19-20, Which Is Right in God's Eyes?
- 10 Amos 5:24, Let Justice Roll
- 11 Hebrews 12:2, Fix Your Eyes On Jesus
- 12 Mark 12:30, Heart, Soul, Mind, Strength
- 13 Matthew 7:13-14, Narrow Gate
- 14 Deuteronomy 30:19, Choose Life
- 15 James 1:12, The Lord Has Promised
- 16 John 8:34, Everyone
- 17 2 Peter 3:9, Wanting All To Repent
- 18 3 John 1:11, Imitate What Is Good
- 19 Psalm 1:6, The Lord Watches Over Us
- 20 Philippians 4:6-7, The Peace Of God
- 21 Hebrews 13:5-6, Will Never Leave Or Forsake Us
- 22 Psalm 27:1, Our Light, Salvation, Stronghold
- 23 Daniel 6:26-27, The Living God
- 24 Isaiah 25:7-8, Wipe Away Tears
- 25 Romans 8:38-39, Nothing Will Separate Us
- 26 Revelation 5:12, Worthy Is The Lamb
- 27 Psalm 30:2, You Healed Me
- 28 Jeremiah 17:14, You Saved Me
- 29 James 5:14, Pray In the Name Of the Lord
- 30 Isaiah 53:4-5, By His Wounds We Are Healed





### Young Marrieds @ Fulton Brewery

Tu 7/19 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!



### 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](http://mtolivet.org) for free no-obligation preregistration of vehicles by Aug 14. Contact: [fellowship@mtolivet.org](mailto: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. Enjoy some delicious meals and explore the "Experiencing Loss and Change in the Third Chapter of Life" with **PASTOR MACLEAN**. There will be free time to explore Lutsen through the resort activities (kayaking, hiking, etc.) or sightseeing along the North Shore, as well as a visit to 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](http://mtolivet.org) by 7/8. ☞✂

### Save the Date: Mount Olivet Gala

F 10/11 5:30pm Double Tree Park Place Hilton. Join us for our annual Mount Olivet Gala! This festive evening features a silent & live auction, dinner and dancing to the band, **SYNERGY**. Proceeds will benefit the Mount Olivet Home, Careview Home, Day Services and Rolling Acres. These programs serve all who need our care - from newborns to the elderly, those experiencing Alzheimer's disease and people of all ages with mental and physical disabilities. Donations welcome: monetary or items for the live or silent auction. Come have a night out for a good cause! Cost: \$100.



### 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](http://mtolivet.org) by 7/2. ☞✂

Sign up for **REALM** at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org) to stay connected with small groups, register for classes and events, track and download giving statements, update contact information, change family details, and set notification preferences. Click on the login button at the top of our website's homepage.





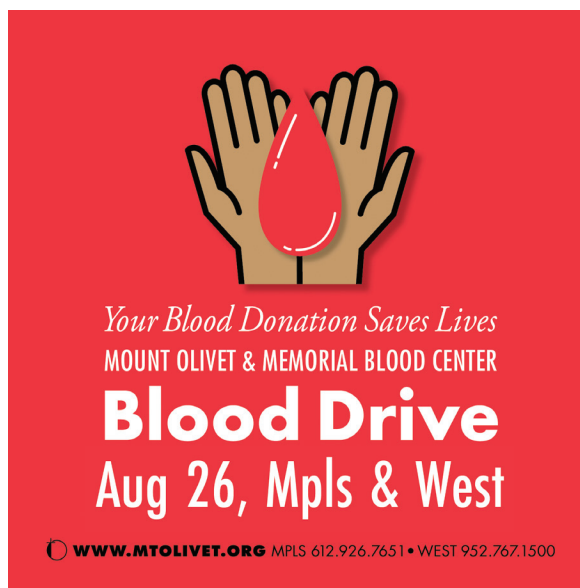
### MOCW Social

W 8/7 5-8pm, Edina Country Club, 5100 Wooddale Ave Edina.

Did you know as a member of Mount Olivet, women are automatically a member of MOCW? Did you know you don't have to be in a circle to attend MOCW events? Grab your fellow circle members, non-member friends, or come as you are to enjoy a night of fellowship! The MOCW board is hosting a fun social to bring together all circle members and anyone that has ever wondered what MOCW is all about. Join us on Wednesday, August 7th at an open house-style happy hour. Drop by Edina Country Club anytime between 5:00pm-8pm. MOCW will be providing apps and there will be a cash bar available. **NO NEED TO REGISTER!** Donations accepted the night of the event. Hope you can join us for this enjoyable night out!

*Lori Anderson joined Grace Circle right before the Social last year. She took the social as an opportunity to, "meet new members of the circle and see her friends in other circles. I enjoyed seeing all my peeps last year at the social!" When asked what Lori enjoys most about being in a circle, she responded: "friendship, serving, and community."*

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OR BY CALLING 612.926.7651  
M = Mpls Campus, W = West Campus  
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### Blood Drive

M 8/26 M 2-6:30pm W 3-6pm Parking Lots. Please save the date and consider donating blood. Even if you're not personally in need, at some point we will all know a friend, neighbor, family member, or co-worker who needs a blood transfusion. In fact, 1 out of 3 people will need blood in their lifetime. From natural disasters to unforeseen catastrophes, emergency hospital procedures to life-long battles with chronic diseases, the demand for blood is constant. The supply is not. And since there is no substitute, only volunteer blood donors can roll up their sleeves and save lives.

**To register for the blood drive visit [mbc.org/searchdrives](http://mbc.org/searchdrives).**

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Questions? Please contact Andrea Brown 612.767.2209, [andreab@mtolivet.org](mailto:andreab@mtolivet.org)



### World Hunger Sunday Food Drive

Su 7/21 M W Parking Lots. Urban Ventures' "farmers market" and food truck will be at the Mpls Campus with food grown just off the Mpls Greenway.

Purchase fresh produce to donate to the food drive and/or take home. Food and monetary donations go to VEAP M and Bountiful Baskets W.

## Register Now to Hear Mount Olivet Author Pastor Judith Mattison!

Tu 7/16 7-8:15pm, **M** Rm 207. Do not miss the opportunity to hear Mount Olivet author **PASTOR JUDITH (JUDIE) MATTISON** speak about her very personal memoir *I Will Not Break*. ☑ Come hear Judie speak, engage in discussion, and get your book signed! Books for this event can be purchased on Amazon, many local bookstores, from Carol Throntveit; carolt@mtolivet.org, or at the event.

### Pastor Judith Mattison to Speak About Her Award-Winning Memoir, *I Will Not Break*

In her deeply moving memoir, former Mount Olivet Pastor Judith Mattison shares the pain, shame, fear, and anger she endured when in her 30s, memories began to surface of the physical and emotional abuse she suffered at the hands of her father. With candor and courage, Judie tells her story of remembering, confronting, understanding, and healing that first broke her apart and then allowed her to discover new wholeness and hope. As she noted in a November 15, 2018 *Edina Sun Current* article, she now is at a place where she knows "a sense of confident openness" in which she can "speak the truth without as much fear or hesitancy. Not angry, not bitter. Just honest and unafraid." Now, she says, "I'm just interested in telling others what I've learned and giving them hope." — **CAROL THRONTVEIT**



*Judith Mattison's memoir is an extraordinary testament to courage in the face of abuse and gratitude in the face of loss. By her candor and witness, she invites all of us to be more vigilant to the possibilities of abuse in our communities.*

— **SENIOR PASTOR DAVID LOSE**

## Books: Loyal Friends Shared with Friends!

2nd W September 2019 through June 2020 7-8:30pm, **M** Library.

Ernest Hemingway once said, "There is no friend as loyal as a book."

We all read for so many different reasons: We read for information and research, we read to further our education, we read Scripture to better know God, and some just read to be entertained. Whatever your reason for reading, don't you sometimes just wish you could talk with someone else who had read the same book?

The Mount Olivet Evening Book Discussion Group has been meeting monthly for many years. We choose ten books to read throughout the year. Some friends come faithfully each month; others come if they are interested in a particular book. Mount Olivet members and non-members are all welcome. The discussions are meaningful, and we don't always agree on the merit of the book. So if you have always wanted to share thoughts on a book, give us a try.

### Evening Book Discussion 2019-2020 Book Selections

9/11: *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris

10/9: *Women Rowing North* by Mary Pipher

11/13: *The Red Daughter* by John Burnham Schwartz

12/11: *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine: A Novel* by Gail Honeyman

1/8: *Turtles All the Way Down* by John Green

2/12: *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen

3/11: *Waking up White: And Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving

4/8: *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

5/13: *The Witch Elm* by Tana French

6/10: *Small Fry* by Lisa Brennan-Jobs

**Mount Olivet also has Midday (3rd Tuesdays) and Women's book discussion groups that meet Fall through Spring. Watch for more on those in future Messengers.**

## COFFEE AND CONVERSATION:

### Downsizing and Decluttering

Th 7/18 10-11:30am, **M** Rm

207. 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](http://mtolivet.org) by 7/17.



# THE PARABLES OF JESUS

## Midweek Summer Worship 2019

*Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center*

7984 257TH ST W, FARMINGTON, MN 55024

Join our pastors Wednesday evenings through 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.*

*\*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.*

DATE	PASTOR	SCRIPTURE	SPECIAL MUSIC	NATURE CLASS	MENU
<b>JUL 4*</b>	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
<b>JUL 10</b>	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
<b>JUL 17</b>	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
<b>JUL 24</b>	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
<b>JUL 31</b>	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
<b>AUG 7</b>	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



### July Camping Schedule:

6/27 - 7/2: 5th & 6th Grade Week  
 7/5 - 7/10: 7th & 8th Grade Week  
 7/10 - 7/15: Confirmation Week  
 7/15 - 7/19: 3rd & 4th Grade Week  
 7/19 - 7/24: 5th & 6th Grade Week  
 7/24 - 7/29: 7th & 8th Grade Week  
 7/29 - 8/3: Confirmation Week

### Please Send Letters To:

(Name of Recipient)  
 Cathedral of the Pines  
 760 Caribou Trail  
 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](http://www.mtolivet.org).

**Bus Hotline Phone Number:**  
 612.767.2304

### Worship at COP:

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



**Registration for Fall Youth Programs is Now Open!**

Opportunities at **M** **W**

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

## Youth Service Projects

Since its institution, Mount Olivet's youth department has had a foundation in serving others. Many of the activities, projects, and staples of our programming are founded in the ideals that our faith promotes: compassion, love, and service. In addition to fun games and relational opportunities, Mount Olivet's youth have been engaging in numerous service opportunities, providing care for many different demographics. In an age where overscheduling is prevalent and the competition for our time has never been higher, why do our youth choose to serve others?

### Gracie Weikle – Hands and Feet

"I love volunteering because you always feel so good after doing it. The people you are helping need your time way more than your friends, homework, or anything else. Different people that you meet can make a huge impact on your life. They will leave a mark on your life just as much as you did to them. It's by far the best thing you can do for yourself and others."

### Jack Zentner – God's Kids Sing

"Volunteering is such a great opportunity for me to connect with the younger kids in my community. I have fun playing with them and teaching valuable lessons on teamwork and respecting peers."

### Jeanna Edlund – God's Kids Sing

"I love volunteering because it's a great way to be a leader to kids in church. The activities you do and help lead are always so fun and entertaining, so you never get bored! You can meet other high school volunteers at Mount Olivet who you may otherwise not meet. I'd recommend volunteering to anyone ready to play with kids and eager to get kids having fun participating in all forms of music."

### David Woolner – Workstaff at COP

"Workstaffing at Cathedral of the Pines was awesome because I became friends with a ton of people outside of my school that I didn't know. You get to experience camp in a way you don't see as a camper."

### Kate Mollrem – Circle of Friends

"Circle of Friends had such a big impact on me and my first year of high school and it was awesome to have something to look forward to every Monday night. I loved being able to meet new people and also make strong relationships with my partners and watch as they got to learn and grow. I especially loved being able to see people from COF outside of church like at school and in my community."

### Sam Pearson - Circle of Friends

"I like volunteering at Circle of Friends because of the positive relationships it helps me build. I enjoy spending time with those in my community and doing the fun events that COF provides. It's a great way to start every week!"

**"IN THE SAME WAY, LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE OTHERS, SO THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GIVE GLORY TO YOUR GOD IN HEAVEN" - MATTHEW 5:16**

### Minnesota United vs. Aston Villa - Summer Hi-League Event (10-12th Gr) (2019 Grads)

W 7/17 **M** 6-9:30pm **W** 5-10pm. Join your church friends and the youth staff for an evening at Allianz Field to watch the **MINNESOTA UNITED** take on Aston Villa! This is friendly match against one of English Premier League clubs! This event is open to current Hi-Leaguers and 2019 Graduates. Transportation from both campuses will be provided please arrive by 6pm **M** Lower Narthex and 5pm **W** Narthex. **SPACE LIMITED.** Register by 6/30. \$35 Contact Jeff Larson at 952.767.1581, [jeffl@mtolivet.org](mailto:jeffl@mtolivet.org) if you have questions.



# Thank You for Supporting the Cathedral Choir!



Singing at First United Methodist Church of San Diego and enjoying the sun and fun!  
April 2019



The Pumpkin Patch, Livia's Salt, Noodles and Company and Davanni's Dinner Nights, Bake Sales, and Victoria Burrow's Golf Event helped benefit the Cathedral Choir.  
We thank you for all your support!





# SUMMER IN THE CITY

## 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. ☎

**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. ☎



## 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 for Weekday Cherub Choir (3-5yrs old). Space available for 3 year olds. If you have a 4 year old, please contact Linda Healy, 612.767.2216, linda@mtolivet.org about joining the wait list. ☎



## Parents Share Summer Session

*W 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.

## 4th Grade Bible Presentation Sunday, September 22nd - Registration Information and Save the Date!

Su 9/22 **M** 12noon service **W** 11am service.

At baptism, parents make a promise to help their children grow in the Christian faith and life. As a community of faith, we, too, make a promise to support the newly baptized in their new life in Christ. One way we honor this promise together is by presenting Bibles to students during Sunday School. On Sunday, September 22 during worship (**M** 12noon **W** 11am), all 4th grade students will receive a Bible. This is an exciting day for these young people and their families as they continue to grow in faith and learn more about God's story.

We will be presenting 4th graders with their Bibles in church on Sunday, September 22nd at both campuses (**M** 12noon service **W** 11am service).

### Please register your 4th grader for this event online.

**MINNEAPOLIS CAMPUS:** Please have your 4th graders in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30am to check in. The group will process into church for the 12noon service and sit as a class. After the service, please pick up your child in the Fellowship Hall.

**WEST CAMPUS:** Please have your 4th grader in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30am. to check in. The group will process into church for the 11am service and sit as a class. After the service, please pick up your child in the Fellowship Hall.

For Questions please contact Katy Michaletz, 612.767.2245, kmichaletz@mtolivet.org



## Sunday School Service Day was a Success!

On Sunday, May 12, the Sunday School and Choir Sunday School groups at the Minneapolis Campus partnered up with VEAP for a Donate + Do morning of service. Families were asked to bring in toilet paper to Sunday School— and as a group, we repacked hundreds of rolls of toilet paper for the people served by VEAP. All ages— from preschool to 6th graders to our wonderful Sunday School teachers— were able to work together for a great cause. We certainly hope to host this event in the future! Thank you to all the families and teachers who donated!



*"I had a delightful time engaging with the kids and (the CFM) team. Your efforts meant that our pantry shelves are stocked with toilet paper, our most in-demand household item. Thank you!"* — COURTNEY FLUG, VEAP VOLUNTEER MANAGER

## FALL CFM PROGRAM REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Opportunities at **M** **W** See the schedule online at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org).

- 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
- Children's Weekday Choir (3yrs-5yrs):  
Cherub Choir (3yrs-5yrs)



# FALL YOUTH PROGRAMS

## NOW REGISTERING

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## Lance and Trudy Olson 2019 Vision Partners of the Year

At the recent Mount Olivet Vision Partners event held at the American Swedish Institute, Lance and Trudy Olson were recognized for their exemplary leadership in our Mount Olivet family.

The Olsons were married at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church in 1994 by Pastor Paul Youngdahl. Just two years later, they signed their first will and named their church as a charitable beneficiary. They were in their late 20s.

"We never thought twice about making a bequest for our church in our will," said Lance. "Our faith is important to us," added Trudy. "Why wouldn't we want to help ensure Mount Olivet's future?"

This dynamic couple supports Mount Olivet's mission in myriad ways, including serving on the Board of Planned Giving, the Congregation Council, and the Mount Olivet Home, Mount Olivet Careview Home, Mount Olivet Day Services board. Together they have served on the Board of Life and Growth and volunteered at Cathedral of the Pines camp. The list goes on and on....!

Thank you, Lance and Trudy, for the example you set over the last 25 years!



*Pastor Lose, Lance & Trudy Olson, and Mari Carlson*

## IN THIS TOGETHER: What the World Needs Now Takes ALL of US 2019 Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly May 3-4, 2019

- Did you know that there are 143 ELCA Lutheran Congregations in the Minneapolis Area Synod? They assemble yearly to share their stories, hear new stories, and become inspired to be renewed by the Holy Spirit through worship and prayer.
- "The theme engaged what some call the 'issue of our generation' — the reality of climate system change and the church's calling to serve the world Christ came to save. We heard from Presiding Elder Stacy Smith with deep ties to Flint, Michigan; from Bishop Bruce Ough, a leader at Standing Rock; from Dr. Larry Rasmussen, a premiere Lutheran environmental ethicist; Mikka McCracken, a millennial Korean American whose faith story in the ELCA is so powerful, inspiring, and authentic." — **BISHOP ANN SVENNUNGEN**
- What the world needs will take all of us: "In Christ all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible... in Christ all things hold together. For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Christ God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of the cross." — Colossians 1:16-17; 19-20
- Karen Johnson, Mary Knutson, Pastor Helgen and Pastor Ruud were voting members from Mount Olivet. Thanks to Mary Knutson for providing this update.



# VOLUNTEER THIS FALL

We would love to have your support as a volunteer this fall! Opportunities await in Sunday School and Choir Sunday School, Youth Choirs, and Confirmation at the Minneapolis and West Campuses. Join us in this meaningful way to support our youth, serve our church — and have fun!

## CONTACTS:

- M** **W** Sunday School & Choir Sunday School: Katy Michaletz, 612.767.2245 or [kmichaletz@mtolivet.org](mailto:kmichaletz@mtolivet.org)
- M** **W** Youth Choirs: Beverly Claflin, 612.767.2263 or [beverlyc@mtolivet.org](mailto:beverlyc@mtolivet.org)
- M** Confirmation: Angie St. Dennis, 612.767.2244 or [angelas@mtolivet.org](mailto:angelas@mtolivet.org)
- W** Confirmation: Zach Spirov, 952.767.1583, [zachs@mtolivet.org](mailto:zachs@mtolivet.org)

## The Charitable IRA Rollover

### *Make a difference for Mount Olivet*

Giving to the ministries of Mount Olivet Lutheran Church is a very thoughtful gesture and greatly appreciated. As you think about ways to make a gift or fulfill your yearly general fund pledge or your capital campaign pledge, you may want to consider using the Charitable IRA Rollover.

Key qualifications of the Charitable IRA Rollover include the following:

- You must be 70½ years or older to use the Charitable IRA Rollover.
- Only traditional IRAs are eligible for gifting.
- Checks from your IRA must be written out to qualified 501(c)(3) charities, which includes the church and its affiliated ministries.
- Donors can also request a direct stock transfer from their plan administrator to a charity.
- Gifts cannot be made to a private foundation or to a donor-advised fund.
- Gifts cannot be used to fund a charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust.
- IRA gifts will not be treated as taxable withdrawals.
- If you have not taken your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), this transfer will count towards your RMD for any given year.
- Any individual may directly transfer up to \$100,000 annually to any 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

Thank you for your love and support of your church and its many ministries, which your generosity makes possible. For more information on the ways to give or to request information and forms to use when making a Charitable IRA Rollover, please contact Mari Carlson, director of development, at [mcarlson@mtolivethomes.org](mailto:mcarlson@mtolivethomes.org) or 612.821.3150.

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### World Hunger Sunday Food Drive

Su 7/21   *Parking Lots.* Urban Ventures' "farmers market" and food truck will be at the Mpls Campus with food grown just off the Mpls Greenway. Purchase fresh produce to donate to the food drive and/or take home. Food and monetary donations go to VEAP  and Bountiful Baskets .


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