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SUN, SEPT 1

Paul Preaches in Rome

Holy Communion 8:30am; Nursery 9, 10am

M 9, 10, 11am

Sermon: **PASTOR RUUD**

Music: Maggie Lofboom, mezzo soprano

W 9, 10am

Sermon: **PASTOR MACLEAN**

Music: Claire Loudon, violin

SUN, SEPT 8

Rally Sunday, Centennial Block Party

Holy Communion 8:30am and following the last service
Sunday School & Choir Sunday School 9 & 10am; Nursery 9, 10, 11am
Regular Worship Hours Resume!

M 9, 10, 11am, 12noon

Sermon: **PASTOR LOSE**

Music: Senior & Cathedral Choirs; Brass

W 9, 10, 11am

Sermon: **PASTOR DIXON**

Music: Senior & Cathedral Choirs; Brass

SUN, SEPT 15

Blessed & Called

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

M 9, 10, 11am, 12noon

Sermon: **PASTOR RUUD**

Music: Senior & Cathedral Choirs; Centennial Singers;
Thomas Glass, baritone

W 9, 10, 11am

Sermon: **PASTOR HELGEN**

Music: Senior & Cathedral Choirs

SUN, SEPT 22

The Value of Generosity

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

M 9, 10, 11am, 12noon

Sermon: **PASTOR LOSE**

Music: Senior & Cathedral Choirs

W 9, 10, 11am

Sermon: **PASTOR DIXON**

Music: Senior & Cathedral Choirs

4th Grade Bible Presentation during last service at each campus.

SUN, SEPT 29

Gratitude Sunday

Return your completed 2020 pledge card during worship with joy and thanks to God!

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

M 9, 10, 11am, 12noon

Sermon: **PASTOR ROLF JACOBSON**

Music: Senior & Cathedral Choirs; Centennial Singers

Food Trucks between services on James Ave. - see page 7

W 9, 10, 11am

Sermon: **PASTOR LOSE**

Music: Senior & Cathedral Choirs

Dedication of new addition immediately following the 11am service at West - see page 5



Pastor Rolf Jacobson, Professor of Old Testament and the Alvin N. Rogness Chair of Scripture, Theology, and Ministry at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, will preach at Minneapolis on

Gratitude Sunday, September 29. Known for his humor and faithful biblical interpretation, Jacobson is an in-demand preacher and teacher. He has been a colleague and continues to be a friend of Pastor Lose's, preaching at Pastor Lose's Installation Service in 2017.

Pastor Lose will preach at West on Gratitude Sunday, and lead the special dedication for the new addition following the 11am service.

Please remember to bring your completed 2020 pledge card to worship on Gratitude Sunday, September 29!

Thank you!

Wednesday Worship & Community Lunch

WED, SEPT 4

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

Message: **PASTOR KALLAND**

September and the Secrets of Stewardship

There's nothing quite like September at Mount Olivet. We begin with Rally Sunday on September 8th, with choirs back in the loft, Sunday School up and running, and this year with a festive picnic and block party at both campuses to kick off our Centennial Anniversary celebration! Then comes Confirmation on September 15th, as we witness two hundred of our youth affirm their faith as young adults. On September 22nd, we give our fourth-graders Bibles and rejoice as they begin reading on their own the story and promises of God. At the close of the month, we pledge our support to our many ministries on **Gratitude Sunday, September 29th** – this year with a special dedication of the new addition at our West Campus and food trucks in Minneapolis.

Yes, September is a magnificent month at Mount Olivet, and woven through all the celebrations and events is stewardship. Indeed, were it not for the faithful and sacrificial stewardship of the generations before us, we would not have this incredible church and its many ministries.

But before you make any decisions about whether you will pledge, about how much you will commit to Mount Olivet's ministry, or even about whether you will attend a stewardship dinner, I want you to consider the following question: *What if God doesn't use stewardship to raise money, but instead uses stewardship to raise Christians who trust God?*

We tend to think about stewardship as the way the church raises money to pay its bills. And of course, like any other congregation, Mount Olivet does indeed have bills to pay... and salaries to provide, and insurance to cover, and numerous financial commitments that are critical to helping Mount Olivet fulfill its mission. And make no mistake – your faithful pledging allows us to plan a responsible budget, meet those commitments, and carry out the many ministries you value.

But... what if that's only half the story? What, in fact, if it's not even the most important half? You see, I believe that as important as your stewardship is to this congregation, it's even more important to you. Why? Because stewardship reminds us that all we have comes from God, that God has promised to provide what we need, and that God will always take care of us. And because of these promises, we are free to give what we have generously and grow in our faith and trust in God.

At this particular cultural moment – when we are besieged daily by literally thousands of ads seeking to create in us a sense of lack – it's incredibly easy to believe that we will never have enough to be happy. The Christian faith, however, offers a different message, one that revolves around what I think of as three “stewardship secrets.”

1) *Happiness doesn't lead to generosity; rather, generosity leads to happiness.* It's easy to think that once we're successful, once we've achieved what we want, once we have enough – money, time, love, whatever – to be happy, then we can be generous. But across my life I've found the opposite to be true: Being generous to others creates happiness, and that happiness in turn makes it more likely to succeed in whatever we may be doing.

2) *The only time money provides lasting happiness is when we give it away.* Recent research demonstrates that while buying something for ourselves – a new piece of clothing, a dinner out, the latest gadget – provides an immediate surge of good feelings, in a relatively short while we return to our previous state of happiness. But buying something for someone else, or making a gift or donation to others, creates long-lasting periods of happiness and well-being.

3) *The key to joyful stewardship is being intentional and prayerful.* We have all been blessed with different financial resources. The key to growing in your generosity and trust in God is taking the invitation to faithful stewardship seriously. How does your giving compare to other financial commitments in your life? What would it mean to add five, ten, or twenty dollars a week to your offering? What does God want to do through the gifts which you have been given? These and similar questions move stewardship – and the faith and trust it creates – from being an after-thought to being front and center of your life.

Stewardship, it turns out, isn't simply something we do at Mount Olivet; rather, it's at the heart of who we are... and *who God is calling us to be*. I want to thank you in advance for your generosity and I look forward to seeing how God will grow our faith and trust in the coming year. In the meantime, see you in Church!

Pastor Lose

DAVID J. LOSE, SENIOR PASTOR



Life & Growth

JUL 16 - AUG 14

Baptisms

Lawrence Peter Bureson, son of Camille and Peter

Eleanor Jo Cristan, daughter of Alex and Stewart

Caroline Dorothea Jorgensen, daughter of Jane and Andy

Hailey Faith Engebretson, daughter of Krista and Tyler

Daniella Marie Oltvedt, daughter of Tina and Chris

Kyler Boe Richardson, son of Alison and Britten

Talyn Lee Weiland, daughter of Tana and Tyler

David Alan Wynia, son of Beverly and Donald

Weddings

Teegan Wohlers & Brett McReavy, August 3

Heidi Anderson & Anthony Carrozzella, August 4

Deaths

Paul R. Carlson, 1966 – 2019

Victor G. Carlson, 1929 – 2019

Frederick A. Dahl, 1926 – 2019

Virginia H. Elfstrom, 1918 – 2019

Lois M. Haugerud, 1921 – 2019

Harriette H. Moe, 1926 – 2019

Steven R. Nelson, 1958 – 2019

Charles J. (CJ) Peters, 1998 – 2019

Joan K. Scott, 1961 – 2019

New Member Orientation

Sunday, 10/13

12:30-2pm, MPLS

Sunday, 10/27

2-3:30pm, WEST

Saturday, 11/9

9:30-11am, MPLS

People who will be joining Mount Olivet on Sunday, 11/10/19 are invited to attend one New Member Orientation. You will meet pastors, staff, members of the Board of Life and Growth, connect with other new members and find out what it means to be a member of this amazing congregation! Contact Carol Nault, 612.767.2204, caroln@mtolivet.org if you have questions or are interested in joining.

New Pastoral Call for Mount Olivet: The Reverend Rebecca Wold Freeman

How long have you served as a Pastor?

I was ordained in August of 2007, so about 12 years.

What other congregations has you served?

St. John American Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD as an associate pastor (2007-2010), Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD, as an associate pastor (2011-2014), and Bethel Lutheran Church in Northfield, MN, as an associate pastor (2014-present)



What do you love about being a pastor?

I love God and I love people, and to be a pastor has been such a life-giving way to bring the two together. I also love that it's a position that gets to interact with all generations of people...and quite often at the same time! It seems like such a natural place to live out my faith. Whether it be worship, fellowship, education, outreach, pastoral care, service — there isn't a place where God isn't present...and there's a whole lot of life going on when connections are made between God and people. For that I am grateful.

What are some things you like to do outside of work?

I like to be with my family any chance I get. Whether that be biking together, traveling together, playing games together, visiting our extended family and friends, or just relaxing at the lake (or in front of the tv at the end of the day), it's fun to be together. I also love watching/attending sporting events, especially when I know the athletes involved in them! I also really love a good cup of coffee and a good conversation.

Who are the people in your family?

My husband is Sedge. We've been married 12 years. We met at Gustavus almost 25 years ago, but it took us awhile to realize we might want to be married. We have two children— Stellan, a boy who is 10, and Liv (rhymes with Steve), a girl who is 7.

What are there some interests/activities of your kids or husband that you'd like to share?

Sedge and Stellan both like to play hockey. Liv likes to swim. Our whole family likes to bike. We even did the first two days of the RAGBRAI (Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa) when our kids were 5 and 2....in a long bike train — Sedge and me on a tandem, Stellan on a tagalong attached to the tandem, and Liv in a trailer behind the tagalong. It's perhaps our greatest family feat (at least I felt accomplished after surviving two 90+ degree days with even greater humidity with two children ages five and two biking 120 miles from sun-up to sun-down)!

A New Performing Group: The Centennial Singers

As we kick off Mount Olivet's Centennial celebration, we're excited to introduce to you Mount Olivet's newest performing ensemble, **THE CENTENNIAL SINGERS**. This select group is comprised of Mount Olivet's professional singers who will perform anthems in a variety of styles during the noon worship service at the Minneapolis Campus on most Sunday mornings. The celebration of one hundred years of inspirational music continues!

DEVOTIONS

Jesus said to Nicodemus, "The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." John 3:8 (NRSV)



Last year, I read a book, *Sticking Points*, by Haydn Shaw, business and leadership developer. He noted there are four different generations in the workplace for the first time ever, and five generations of consumers. It brings richness and difficulty. He then describes the planet the elders grew up on compared to that of the budding adults of today. With all the change it can be as if we are from different planets, complete with different language, customs, and predicaments. It's new territory that demands new discernment.

Of course, I drew the connection to church.

This summer at Mount Olivet we dug into the stories of the early Christian church from the book of Acts. I'm struck by how the Spirit of Christ was constantly out ahead of the disciples. The disciples were essentially catching up – to how God's grace works, to whom and where it goes, and figuring out what it meant for the order of the church's life, proclamation, organization, and commitments. It caused sticking points, too.

Sometimes we might not all be speaking the same language, but I'm mindful that the Spirit on the first Pentecost allowed people to hear one another in one's own language. How would it be for us to continue to learn each other's language so we can communicate the heart of the gospel of Christ? How is God's Spirit propelling us today into new places and predicaments? How shall we catch up?

Gracious God, as the gales of your Spirit continue to gust, lead us to press on in your grace. Teach us that to which to cling and that which to let go, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our hope and life. Amen — PASTOR RUUD

A Dream Fulfilled, A Promise Made at the West Campus

It was an ambitious dream: both our campuses were in need of capital improvements. At the Minneapolis Campus, that meant a new front entrance and elevator and a remodeled kitchen, and new space for education and music. At the West Campus, that meant a new addition with space for education, fellowship, and music to accommodate all the children and families that were joining (just completed!!). It was, without a doubt, a grand vision and ambitious dream, one that depended on the generosity and commitment of the entire Mount Olivet congregation.

On September 29, immediately following the 11 am service at the West Campus, we celebrate the fulfillment of that dream with the dedication of the West addition. As we give thanks for this grand space – large enough, we pray, to hold the plans God has for Mount Olivet in the western suburbs – we also make a promise to invite all those in the surrounding communities to share the life and community we enjoy in Christ. So join us for this dedication, and join us in making and keeping this important promise!



Daily Readings

September 2019

FROM PASTOR KALLAND

- 1 1 Peter 2:24, By His Wounds
- 2 Luke 18:42-43, They Also Praised God
- 3 Genesis 4:7, If You Do
- 4 Romans 5:8, Christ Died for Us
- 5 Ephesians 1:7, The Riches of God's Grace
- 6 Mark 11:25, Forgiveness
- 7 Psalm 103:12, East from West
- 8 Romans 10:9-10, Jesus Is Lord
- 9 Proverbs 19:11, Overlook an Offense
- 10 Lamentations 3:31-32, Unfailing Love
- 11 Psalm 119:28, Strengthen Me
- 12 Habakkuk 3:17-18, Yet I Will Rejoice
- 13 Isaiah 33:2, Be Gracious to Us
- 14 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17, In Every Good Deed and Word
- 15 Psalm 147:3, Heals the Brokenhearted
- 16 James 1:2-4, Consider It All Joy
- 17 1 Corinthians 13:12, Only In Part
- 18 James 1:27, Look After Those in Need
- 19 Romans 1:17, Live by Faith
- 20 Revelation 3:21, Victorious
- 21 John 8:12, Light of Life
- 22 James 2:17, Faith in Action
- 23 2 Corinthians 12:9-10, Weaknesses, Insults, Hardships
- 24 1 Chronicles 16:10, The Hearts
- 25 Isaiah 6:3, Full of His Glory
- 26 Habakkuk 3:3-4, Splendor Like the Sunrise
- 27 Zechariah 2:11, Live Among Us
- 28 Revelation 1:7, So Shall It Be
- 29 Psalm 19:1, The Heavens Declare
- 30 Job 38:4-7, Where Were You?

Mount Olivet Centennial Block Party

Rally Sunday, September 8, 2019

All Congregational Block Party

In between worship services at **M W**.

Join us as we kick off Mount Olivet's 100th year Celebration!! This event is FREE and will include food, games, face painting, and more!

West Campus: As we expect a great turnout at Mount Olivet West on Rally Sunday and for the Centennial Block Party, we have arranged for overflow parking at the Holy Family School, parking lot which is approx. two miles away, with shuttle buses going to and from the parking lot and the Church. There will be Two shuttles running from 7am-1pm, going between the two locations.

Volunteer for the Centennial Block Party

Su 9/8 Between Services **M W**. There will be many opportunities to take part in Mount Olivet's Centennial Celebrations. The Block Party is in need of your help! Consider volunteering for an hour and then take part in the festivities.

Volunteer needs include helping run carnival games, face painters, serving food, clearing tables, trash patrol, and so much more! We need you to help make this a successful and fun event for all!

Register at mtolivet.org or by contacting Katie Marxhausen at 612.767.2219, kmarxhausen@mtolivet.org

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Young Adult 2019 Schedule

3rd Tu 10/15 through 12/17 7-8pm, unless otherwise noted. If you find yourself free on Tuesdays this fall, join us for 3rd Tuesdays! We will meet at local breweries or for a service project, to hang out, get to know each other, and do some good. Below is the calendar for October through December. Be on the look out for other possible pop-up events like another #adulting! Looking forward to seeing you this year!

Date	Time	Location	Pastor
10/15	7-8pm	Utepils Brewing	Dixon
11/19	7-8pm	Modist	Ruud
12/17	6-8pm	Mount Olivet Careview Homes	

Stewardship: Young Adults & Young Marrieds

M 9/16 6pm **M** Fellowship Hall Meatballs, meatballs, meatballs! Come find us at this Stewardship dinner to reconnect after summer and have a meal. RSVP online at mtolivet.org, via the postcard sent to you, at church, or by phone at 612.926.7651. Nursery is available for children 6mo - 3 years old, and there will be Children & Family Ministry activities for children 4-12 years old.



MOCW Holiday Boutique

Sa 11/2 9am-2pm **M** Fellowship Hall, Lower Narthex, Gym.

In addition to specialties and handmade gifts from our Women's Circles and the Careview gift shop, there will be over 60 local vendors, a Bistro-style menu with breakfast served 9-10am and lunch 11am-1pm; and the Dala House Kids-only Shopping with \$5 gifts for parents and grandparents. Questions?

Contact the Fellowship Department at fellowship@mtolivet.org

Food Trucks on Gratitude Sunday!

Su 9/29 between services **M** James Ave. Invite your friends and neighbors to the 4th annual Sunday with Food Trucks! New date this year! Trucks will include Rusty Taco, Kona Ice, Kabomelette, and new this year are Tot Boss and Mini Donuts! There will be live music, coloring sheets, and time to catch up! If raining, join us in the Fellowship Hall after visiting the Food Trucks.



Career & Calling Breakfast

W 9/25 7-9am **M** Fellowship Hall. Join us for good food and good conversation about how our God-given skills and passions can guide our work in the world. Wishing you had a better handle on what your skills and passions are? We've got a great tool for you in speaker **JEFF PELLETIER'S** Life's Core Purpose™ video, which will help you identify – in less than an hour and with two powerful words – what your strengths are and how you want to use them in the world.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

7:00am | Opening prayer & breakfast

7:30am | Welcome

7:40am | "Life's Core Purpose" presentation & "Great Work with Great Faith" conversation

9:00am | Program concludes

You have our blessing if you need to leave early. It's a work day, after all!

Men's Breakfasts

Tu 7am, The Hilltop Edina;

Th 7am, American Legion Chanhassen.

Sept 10/12: **BIBLE STUDY**

Sept 17/19: **THERESA LATINI**

Sept 24/26: **BIBLE STUDY**



11th Motorheads Fall Road Tour – The Minnesota River Valley & Chankaska Winery

Su 10/6 11am **W** and Chankaska Winery in Kasota. Following worship, join fellow Motorheads for quick Qdoba lunch at church followed by a 1-hour fall drive along the Minnesota River Valley. Our destination will be the Chankaska Winery in Kasota where we will enjoy food and wine tasting. All vehicles are welcome! Your return trip is on your own. Cost is \$42 per person. Register by 9/30.



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** where you can reconnect with your partner, meet new friends, share in devotions, hike, explore Grand Marais, and enjoy the beauty of Cathedral of the Pines in Lutsen, MN. Cost is \$150 per couple which includes lodging and meals. Transportation is on your own. Registration is open!

MOHA EVENTS

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, 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.

Mount Olivet Homes' Auxiliary Fall Fest

Sa 10/19 9am-1pm, Mount Olivet Homes. All are welcome to attend the Annual Fall Fest at Mount Olivet Home.

BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday/Thursday Word: Questions God Asks in the Bible—And of Us!

W 10/9, 16, 23, 30 & 11/13, 20 11am-12noon (optional small group 10:30-11am), M Rm 207; Th 10/10 through 11/14 10-11:30am W Rm 228/229. *Where are you? What is this you have done? Do you have reason to be angry? Who do you say that I am? Why are you afraid? Does this offend you? What do you want me to do for you?* These are but a very few of the hundreds of questions God asks humans from early in Genesis and throughout Scripture. As they did when first spoken, these probing questions help us to better understand ourselves, God's character, and the relationship God desires to have with us. Don't miss this fascinating study! Each week a different pastor will unwrap some of the questions God asks in the Bible. Cost: donation given in class. ☞☞

Mondays & Tuesdays Together: Exodus — Divine Delivery and Dwelling

M 10/14 through 11/11 7-8:30pm W Gronseth Fellowship Hall or Tu 10/15 through 11/12 7-8:30pm M Rm 207. In October and November, Mount Olivet continues to "Enter The Story" as we focus on the Book of Exodus in Sunday morning worship. Add depth and richness to that experience by joining the always fascinating and frequently funny **DR. MARK THRONTVEIT, ELVA B. LOVELL EMERITUS PROFESSOR OF OLD TESTAMENT**, on a five-week journey through this book overflowing with memorable characters, powerful stories, and themes central to our lives and faith. Cost: donation given in class. ☞☞

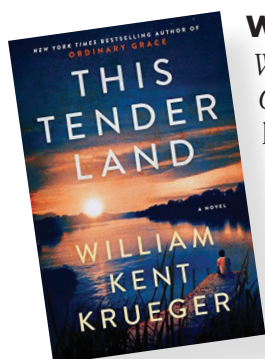
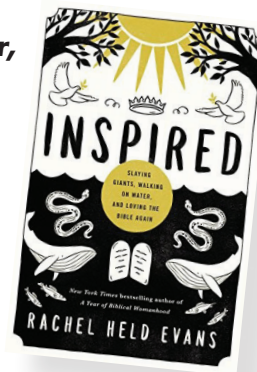
Living the Message Pastor's Introduction

Tu 10/1 6-6:45pm M 207. In Oct, we kick off our Living the Message 2019-2020 year by exploring *What is Jesus' Relationship with God?* (John 1:1-18). This and each monthly study with **PASTOR RUUD** will take us deeper into key texts and themes in the Gospel of John, from which our Sunday morning texts will come in December through May. Rich in imagery and metaphor, John's gospel is unique and surprising in many aspects, including the depth to which he explores Jesus' relationship to God. Whether or not you participate in an LTM group, you are welcome to join us in this time of learning at the monthly introductions. Please come—you'll be glad you did. If you are interested in forming a new group, contact Carol Throntveit 612.767.2246, carolt@mtolivet.org.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Women's Early AM Discussion: Inspired — Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again

Th 10/10 through 10/31 7-8am M Rm 482 & 486. Join **PASTOR HELGEN** to discuss this fascinating book by the late Rachel Held Evans, whose own quest for understanding changed her and could change you! Among the questions she explores are: *What is the purpose of the Bible? What does it mean to say it is inspired? How is it meant to be read?* In answering these and other questions, Evans examines favorite Bible stories and possible interpretations, retelling them through memoir, original poetry, short stories, soliloquies, and even a short screenplay. As she wrestles with difficult passages and debates Scripture's mysteries, she discovers the Bible is a living, breathing, captivating, and confounding book able to equip us to join God's loving and redemptive work in the world. Books are available online and in some local bookstores. Note: This study will repeat at West in the spring. ☞☞



Women's Book Discussion: This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger

W 10/16 through 11/6 9-10am M Rm 482 & 486. For those who loved Krueger's bestseller, *Ordinary Grace*, the long wait for the sequel is finally over. It begins in 1932, at the Lincoln School in Minnesota, harsh "home" to hundreds of Native American children, forcibly separated from their parents, to be "educated." It is also home to orphans Odie and Albert O'Banion, who escape in a canoe along with their best friend Mose and a brokenhearted little girl named Emmy. Together they journey into the unknown seeking a place to call home, and along the way cross paths with others who are adrift: struggling farmers, traveling faith healers, displaced families, and lost souls of all kinds. An enthralling, big-hearted epic, *This Tender Land* reminds us how the magnificent American landscape connects us all, haunts our dreams, and makes us whole. Cost: \$15 (includes book) ☞☞

- **Evening Book Discussion** 2nd W 7-8:30pm, Vicki Peterson's, 5250 Penn Ave S, Minneapolis. Books: *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris (9/11), and *Women Rowing North* by Mary Pipher (10/9).
- **Midday Book Discussion** 3rd Tu 11:30am-1pm, M Library. Books: *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate (9/17). *Take Me with You* by Catherine Ryan Hyde (10/15). Bring a bag lunch if you wish; all are welcome to join us!

SPEAKER NIGHT

A Messy Journey to Forgiveness

(for Teens and Adults)

Tu 9/24 Refreshments 6-6:45pm, 7-8:30pm Message **W** Gronseth Fellowship Hall. Their daughter Katherine's murder was the first known homicide linked to Craigslist. But the murderer stole more than her life that day. In the words of her father, Pastor Rolf Olson, that evil act "almost took away my ministry, Nancy's teaching, our marriage, the good our children would do in the world." While admitting that deep despair and raging anger created a true crisis of faith, **PASTOR OLSON AND NANCY** refused to let evil win. It was not an easy journey, but they have found a way out of near-impenetrable darkness to life-affirming light – a journey to forgiveness.

If you have struggled to forgive, do not miss this life-giving story that teaches not only what forgiveness really means, but how to begin and why. ☐✂

WELLNESS CLASS: Eat to Thrive

Sa 9/21 through 10/12 8-8:40 Yoga & Meditation 8:45-10am Eat to Thrive Class **W** B02 & B03 (Yoga & Meditation) Gronseth Fellowship Hall (Eat to Thrive Class). This four-part class is designed to help you learn how to honor and energize your physical framework by listening to what works with your uniquely wonderful, God-given body. Mount Olivet member and **WELLNESS SPEAKER KRIS ROACH** will provide the nutritional science and spiritual inspiration to guide you through a safe, healthy two-week cleanse that will transform the way you approach food and wellness. For an extra wellbeing boost, join Lisa Domyahn for 40 minutes of gentle yoga and meditation before each class. Cost: \$80 (Eat to Thrive), \$30 (Yoga & Meditation) \$110 for both. ☐✂

COUNSELING SERVICE SUPPORT GROUPS

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

Getting Through to Your Teenager without Yelling (So Much) 2nd & 4th Tu 9/10 through 11/26 7-8pm.

Resilience Group W 9/11 through 12/18 4-5pm, Mount Olivet Counseling Service.

The First Year without Them W 9/11 through 12/18 2-3pm.



Viewing & Discussion for ages 10-65.

More info on page 15!

PASTORAL CARE

Suicide Awareness Symposium: The Role of Faith Communities in Suicide Awareness and Prevention, Helping, Healing, Hope

Sa 9/28 8:30am-3:30pm, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 4100 Lyndale Ave S. Mental Health Connect and its members made up of local area churches including Mount Olivet present Keynote Speaker, **REV. DR. RACHAEL A. KEEFE, PASTOR OF LIVING TABLE UCC**. Join us for workshops, exhibits, and a panel discussion addressing how faith communities can recognize and respond to this important topic. Cost is \$30 for individuals, \$35 per person for groups of 3 or more.

WORKSHOPS INCLUDE: Youth Suicide Prevention — Increasing Protective Factors, Suicide Risk and Prevention for LGBTQIA Communities, QPR- Question, Persuade and Refer - Suicide Prevention Training, and Preventing Older Adult Suicide — How to Help. Certificates of participation will be available. To register visit eventbrite.com and search "Suicide Awareness Symposium". Questions? Contact the BLCTC Main Office at 612.312.3400.

Alzheimers Association Dementia Caregiver Information Group

2nd & 4th Tu 9/12 through 12/12 1:30-2:30pm, **M** Rm 208. Please join Marc Kuhnley, trained facilitator through the Alzheimers Association to learn how to be an effective caregiver to your loved one, be of support to your family, and take care of yourself. Registration is limited. Please call the Pastoral Care Department to register 612-926-7651.

Prayer Ministry Meeting

M 9/9 1pm, **M** Lounge. Members of the Prayer Ministry Team and those interested in joining the Prayer Ministry Team are invited to join us for a meeting and fellowship. No RSVP needed. Direct questions to Andrea Brown, 612.767.2209.

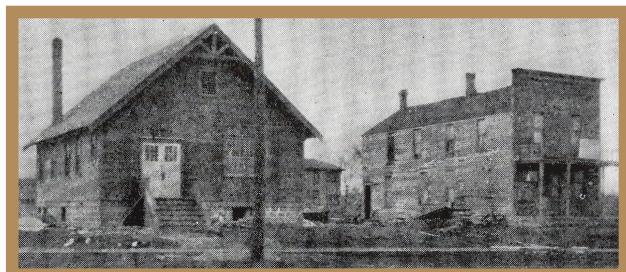


Editor's Note:

This September, Mount Olivet begins a year-long plus celebration of our 100th Anniversary. This is the first in a series of Messenger articles that will highlight various aspects of our history and the departments that provide the programs and coordinate the ministries of this great church. Since September is Stewardship month, it is appropriate that we begin our series with a look at the generosity of our members through the years.

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church: 100 Years of Generosity

So, how did Mount Olivet grow from a small group of people into one of America's most significant churches? One must cite leaders with vision, of course, however, the underlying story is, from the beginning, the **generosity and commitment of the members!**



After outgrowing the Iverson farmhouse, a pledge of \$1800 resulted in the purchase of land, which included a former Richfield post office (pictured above on the right). It also quickly became too small for our growing church, and in 1923, the new building (pictured above and below) was built for \$3,000 right next to it. Much of the labor and equipment was donated by members of the congregation. The first worship service in the new church was held March 4, 1923.



The first service of the new Mount Olivet Lutheran Church was held at the vacant Iverson Farm Homestead at 55th Street and Lyndale Avenue South on a cold January day in 1920.

The Founders Set the Tone: Co-Laborers with God

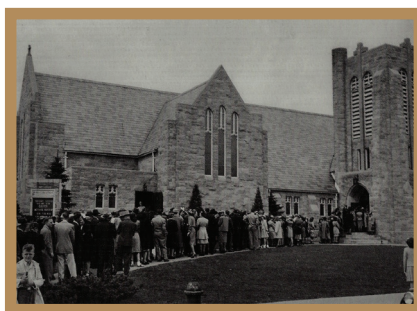
A remarkable and typical example of dedication and sacrifice comes from an early history, which records: The Ladies Aid held monthly meetings of the congregation in homes and received offerings between \$200 and \$400 per month (\$2500 and \$5,000 in today's dollars). Remarkable and typical of the founders. And then there's this, from the Tenth Anniversary brochure (1930):

To the pioneers of Mount Olivet, charter members and others of the early years, this brochure is lovingly dedicated. You who dared venture into the struggles of starting a new congregation, well aware of the herculean task you were undertaking, coming as most of you did from another "struggling" congregation--you knew it meant hard work, endless sacrifice, and all the other discouragements of a small beginning. But you allowed the voice of faith to whisper in your ear: "We are God's co-laborers," and you dared to believe that with that partnership all would be well. Your faith is our example."

Most of us have heard the adage that when it comes to real estate, the three most important words are "location, location, location." Church leaders know that in the mission of the church it is "relationships, relationships, relationships." LOVING relationships emanating from the LOVE OF GOD. So, the generosity of the people built buildings with "love in the mortar joints" which made each building a place of love and service. Thanks be for those who came before us!

Love in the Mortar Joints... Continued!

Generous giving built the first modern church at 50th and James for \$60,000 in 1939, and it was debt free in six years! Outgrowing the “new church” more quickly than anyone had imagined, the present church in Minneapolis was built in 1948 across the street and an educational unit was added in 1954. Again, buildings meant mission and outreach.

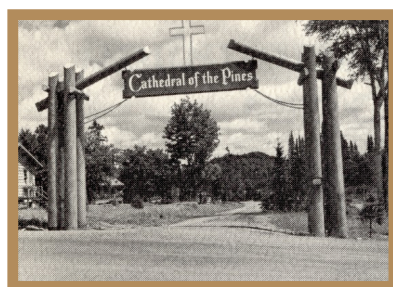


50th & James (now our 1700 Chapel)



*Mount Olivet Home and Careview
as featured in the Mount Olivet Church
50th Anniversary booklet in 1970*

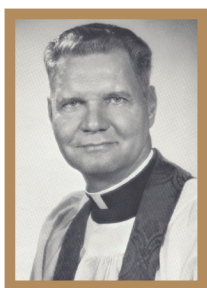
Cathedral of the Pines was purchased in 1949 with a handshake and a \$50 down payment from Pastor Reuben Youngdahl. The council immediately ratified the decision and pledged the amount necessary for the down payment. The vision continued to expand with the establishment of Mount Olivet Home in 1960, Careview in 1965, and then Mount Olivet Rolling Acres, also in 1965.



Cathedral of the Pines



*Mount Olivet Rolling Acres
Administration Building Dedication Service
1969*



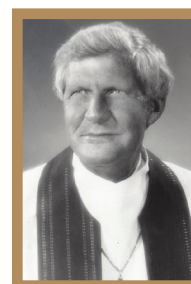
Pastor Reuben Youngdahl

How did this growth happen? Bold faith, inspired leadership, and generosity. Pastor Reuben Youngdahl attracted persons who were successful in business. He inspired in them a vision and invited their gifts, and they provided crucial building blocks for significant projects.

At the same time, these ambitions would never have been realized absent the many smaller gifts made--often given sacrificially--that provided the underwriting for these ventures. Gifts large and small together built a great servant congregation.

Never Stop Dreaming

Under Paul Youngdahl's leadership, the land for the Mount Olivet Retreat Center was purchased, Mount Olivet Home and Careview were expanded, Mount Olivet Day Services was created, and a second campus in Victoria was planted. In the interim time between the leadership of Senior Pastors Paul Youngdahl and David Lose, Pastor Craig Johnson, Senior Pastor John Hogenson, and Pastor Dennis Johnson kept new building projects going: 1) at the Minneapolis Campus, a new kitchen and elevator were added and greater space for music and education along James Ave. was built, and 2) at the West Campus, the space available for music, education, and fellowship has been greatly expanded. All of this speaks to the **significant vitality** and **faithful generosity** of a **dynamic congregation**, and these ministries will be expanded upon in coming issues of the *Messenger*. There is truly so much for which to be grateful!



Pastor Paul Youngdahl

The Saints in Heaven

Under the leadership of Pastor Paul Youngdahl, with assistance from staff member Tom Wersell and volunteer leader Joe Langer, the planned giving ministry was initiated in the early 1980s. Wersell and Langer put much emphasis on the importance of persons having a will and using that will to continue the work of the church on earth after a life is over.

The next step was the creation of the Mount Olivet Vision Partners, in 1995, under the direction of Mari Carlson. To date, 600 individuals and families have given or indicated a future gift through planned giving. Yes, the work of the saints in heaven is still going and makes a crucial difference. Pastor Paul Youngdahl, aware of the importance of these efforts, once wrote: *The Endowment Fund is close to my heart and of great consequence for us and future generations...the Fund will open new doors of service in our Savior's name. Please include it in your estate planning, as our family has, for your joy and your church's strength.*



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



*Volunteers serving at the Lutfisk Dinner,
which raises more than \$15,000 annually.*

Generosity of Time and Talents

Mount Olivet members not only give financial gifts, but also contribute hours of volunteer time in fundraising for the ministries of Mount Olivet and our affiliates. The annual Garage Sale and Lutfisk Dinner, the Rolling Acres Golf Scramble, Gala, and more all require many people working together in a common cause (with a bonus side effect of building camaraderie and lasting friendships!). Camp volunteers, Sunday School and Confirmation teachers, ushers, pew and altar guild members, choir members and *all* the volunteers who run the myriad programs and outreach activities are the heartbeat of who we are as a servant congregation. The generosity shown by our volunteers will continue to be celebrated in upcoming issues. For now, thanks be for all who give of themselves with joy and gratitude!

All This and Meatballs, too!

No article on stewardship at Mount Olivet would be complete without also mentioning our beloved fall Stewardship Dinners. The famous "Meatball Dinners" have been running continuously from the 1940s. Members come together around meatballs, scalloped potatoes, and more to hear the story of Mount Olivet's mission and to re-commit ourselves to being good stewards of God's gifts and to underwrite (pledge time!) the mission of bringing Christ's love to all. Fellowship, faithful anticipation, and generous giving underpin these annual events.

The story, of course, is not nearly over. Indeed, generosity and faithful stewardship is at the heart of every Mount Olivet story. In future issues, we'll share how generosity supported our congregational programs and our missions around the community and our world. For now, know that the formula for a dynamic congregation is this fundamental: love + prayer + money + God's multiplying of gifts = miracles!



*Dianne McCain with some made-with-love-
by-many-wonderful-volunteers meatballs!*

*Thanks to Pastor Dennis Johnson, Katie Stevenson, the Centennial Committee History Team,
and Peter Stratmoen for their contributions to this article through research, writing, and photographs.*

Through gifts of time, talents, and treasure, the legacy of generosity continues...



"I started ushering at Mount Olivet in 1976, eventually co-chairing the Board of Ushers with Gene Bale in 1990. It has been a rewarding experience seeing the faithful members come week after week to worship and listen to the word of God! Mount Olivet has truly been a big part of my life!"

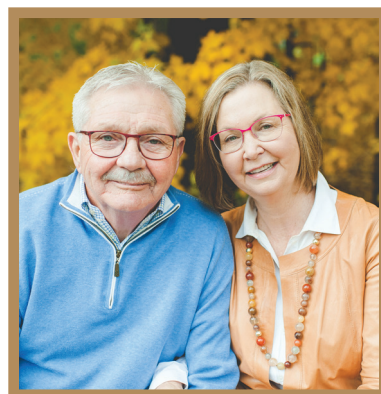
~ Chuck Ehlers, with wife Bonnie

A huge thank you to Chuck for 43 years of ushering!



"The love of God is alive at Mount Olivet through the hard work and love of the congregation. It is clear that, as Jesus taught us in Matthew 22:39, Mount Olivet's goal is to help and accept everyone."

~ Jack Moody, Hi-League graduate 2019



"Giving is truly a selfish act. The joy we feel by sharing the gifts we have been given is immeasurable. I challenge you to try it!"

~ Rebecca Mason, with husband John

***Be a part of the legacy of generosity!
Pick up your pledge card at a Stewardship Dinner!
Make your reservation today!***



**MOUNT OLIVET
LUTHERAN CHURCH
STEWARDSHIP 2020**

All Mount Olivet members are invited and encouraged to attend a Stewardship Dinner where you will receive your

2020 PLEDGE CARD.

Then, on
**GRATITUDE SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 29,**

return your completed pledge during worship – with joy and thanks to God for all your blessings!

STEWARDSHIP DINNER DATES

Mon 9/9	6pm	Mpls
Tue 9/10	6pm	Mpls
Wed 9/11	6pm	Mpls
Thurs 9/12	6pm	Mpls
Fri 9/13	11:30am	Mpls
Mon 9/16	6pm	Mpls
Tue 9/17	6pm	West
Wed 9/18	6pm	West
Thu 9/19	6pm	Mpls

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SUMMER 2019 CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES CAMP REFLECTIONS

What an **AMAZING** Summer we had a Cathedral of the Pines Camp! We hope to see you on Rally Sunday, September 8 to reunite with your camp friends and enjoy the fun activities, food, and more at the Centennial Block Party!



"I just got home from counseling the Cathedral of the Pines camp session for students completing confirmation and it was so much fun! During the week, we dressed up for themed meals, ran around camp playing four-way tag, had awesome dances, and had great conversations about the countless benefits of staying involved at church throughout high school. As a counselor, watching my campers get excited about going to church in the coming year was by far the best part of the week. I always love going to camp, but this week was so much fun because I got to see the next generation of high schoolers that will continue to maintain the incredible community that is the Mount Olivet youth program!" -

BELLA HUEFFMEIER, COUNSELOR

"This summer has been so fun to see both new faces and old faces up at Cathedral of the Pines. From new pastors to new campers, the staff has loved spreading the magic of camp to everyone who has come through the gates. The summer has flown by, and although we are sad that it is coming to an end, we are beyond excited to continue the relationships we have made here back in the cities!" -

PAIGE RENO, CAMP STAFF



CATHEDRAL OF
THE PINES CAMP

"My week at Cathedral of the Pines was one of the best weeks ever! I was able to participate in many fun activities such as the dances, Bear Hunter Deer Hunter, and spending time with my friends. The counselors up my week were super fun and I can't wait to see more of them during Hi-League. The Staff this year was some of the best ever and I'm excited to have them lead this year's church activities. I'm so excited to go into next year with more new friends and a stronger connection with the staff!"

**CASEY CAMPION -
CONFIRMATION WEEK CAMPER**



Confirmation (7th-8th Gr)

Confirmation Classes Begin

10/2/2019 - 4/29/2020 **M** Sundays 8:45-9:45am, Wednesdays 4:30-5:30pm & 7-8:15pm, **W** 7-8:15pm. We are excited for a great year in Confirmation! Please register at mtolivet.org.

Confirmation Service

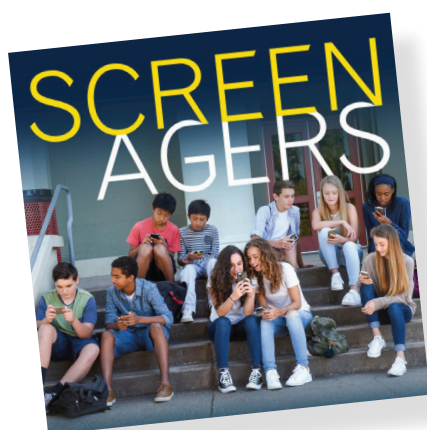
Su 9/15 4-5pm **M** Sanctuary. Please come worship with these amazing 205 young men and women as they become confirmed members of our church! 9th grade confirmands please line up at 3:15pm in the Fellowship Hall.

7th Grade Confirmation Orientation

W 9/11 7-8pm **M** Sanctuary. W 9/18 7-8pm **W** Narthex. All incoming 7th grade Confirmands and Parents please attend the 7th grade Confirmation Orientation. You are welcome to attend at Minneapolis or the West campus regardless of where you will be attending Confirmation classes.

Confirmation Celebration and Rehearsal

Th 9/12 7-8:15pm **M** Main Sanctuary, Narthex, Gym & Fellowship Hall. All 9th grade Confirmands and Parents are invited to the Confirmation celebration and rehearsal! You are welcome and encouraged to attend the Stewardship dinner on this night at 6pm. Register at mtolivet.org. ☎



SCREENAGERS VIEWING & DISCUSSION (FOR 10-65YRS)

M 9/30 6:30-8:30pm **M** Fellowship Hall **W** Gronseth Fellowship Hall. Much like Mount Olivet's Truth Talks last spring, which focused on living loved and living online, the Screenagers documentary offers an opportunity to hear about the benefits and challenges of living in this digital age, and to discuss how to manage our devices so we can live whole, healthy lives. We invite families of children ages 10+ to see and hear the perspectives of kids, parents, and professionals that will spark positive family conversations and help kids further develop skills and strategies for how they engage with technology. This event is free!. ☎

Hi-League (9th-12th Gr) Sunday Evenings. 9/8 **FIRST HI-LEAGUE** **M** 7-8:30pm **W** bus 6:30-9pm). 9/22 **HAYRIDE @ MN HARVEST APPLE ORCHARD** **M** **W** bus 5-8pm). 9/28-9/30 **SENIOR RETREAT** Register online at mtolivet.org.

JHA - Fall Fest (7th-8th Gr) Sa 9/21 11am-3pm, **M** 1700 Building **W** Lower Narthex. Join the rest of your Junior High church friends for a day outside in the fall. We are heading to Severs Corn Maze for the afternoon. Cost is \$25 and includes transportation, admission into the park, & a few extra perks. Transportation is provided from both campuses. Kate Belschner, 952.767.1502, kbelschner@mtolivet.org. Register by 9/20. ☎

JHA - Scremtown Event (7th-8th Gr) F 10/4 5-10pm, **M** Youth Center **W** Narthex. Dinner at Champps in Minnetonka then off to Scremtown for scary attractions! If you get scared easily you might want to pass on this one. Transportation, dinner & admission are included in the registration cost. Contact: Kate Belschner, 952.767.1502, kbelschner@mtolivet.org. Register by 9/20. ☎

MUSIC MINISTRY

MPLS CAMPUS CHOIR

START DATES:

Cathedral Choir (9th-12th grade)

First rehearsal:

September 4, 7-8:30pm with robe assignments at 6:15pm

Chancel Choir (7th & 8th grade)

First rehearsal:

October 2, 5:30-6:30pm

WEST CAMPUS CHOIR

START DATES:

Cathedral Choir (9th-12th grade)

Rehearsal has started!

Chancel Choir (7th & 8th grade)

First rehearsal:

October 2, 5:30-6:30pm

4th Grade Bible Presentation Sunday, September 22 - 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 22 at both campuses (**M** 12noon service **W** 11am service).

Please register your 4th grader for this event at mtolivet.org.

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.

Questions? Please contact Katy Michaletz, 612.767.2245, kmichaletz@mtolivet.org



FALL CFM PROGRAM REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Opportunities at **M** **W** See the schedule
online at 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) - Mpls Only



Parents Share (Fall Session)

W 10/2 through 11/20 9:30-11am, **M** Rm 199. Parents Share, now in its forty-first year, is a gathering of parents, who bring their current parenting issues and gather the wisdom and experience of all of the parents who attend. **MARILYN SHARPE**, Mount Olivet member and certified parent educator, facilitates the group. She is always dazzled by the resources, lived experiences, and ideas of the group, filled with compassion and support for every parent.

Each session will include one topic identified by the group during the first week and prepared and presented by Marilyn during the first half hour of the last seven sessions. The final hour will be filled with the topics being lived by participants. Nursery provided by Mount Olivet and limited to the first eight children to contact Marilyn.

Choir Sunday School

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church

Children & Family Ministry

Age appropriate version of the Bible story enhanced through:

- Discussions: Why Faith Makes a Difference
- Storytelling
- Games
- Activities



Worship Ministry

Narrative lectionary used in Worship:

- Bible Story or Theme
- Scripture Readings
- Prayer of the Day
- Hymns

Music Ministry

Musical activities that relate to the Bible

Story incorporating:

- Songs for Worship
- Bible Story Songs
- Healthy Singing
- Rhythm Games
- Movement and Instrumental Activities



Musikgarten (Birth-3 yrs with caregiver)

M, Tu, W, F, Sa 9/16 through 12/14 Times Varies by Day, M Room 393. These weekly classes are for children birth to three years of age and their parents/cargivers. Together you'll sing, chant, move, dance, listen, and play simple instruments, all activities that bridge the natural connection between music and movement and nurture musical expression. Your child will have the opportunity to sing, dance, and play simple instruments such as rhythm sticks, jingles, shakers and drums. Our licensed Musikgarten teachers will help your child develop listening skills, focused attention, imagination, creativity, and self-expression. Cost is \$108. For questions, please contact Colleen Roess at 612.767.2258, colleenr@mtolivet.org

Register Now for Mount Olivet Preschool for the 2019-20 School Year

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! Space available for 3 year olds in all sessions! Please contact Linda Healy, 612.767.2216, lindah@mtolivet.org if you have questions. ☎

Babygarten— a weekly preliteracy program for infants and toddlers.

Th 10/10 through 11/14 9:45-10:45am, M Annex - 2 year old Room Nursery. 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. Cost is \$72. Registration open 9/1 and will close once filled. ☎

Fall Nursery Hours begin on Rally Sunday 9/8!

Beginning Sunday, 9/8— Nursery will be offered at the 9, 10 & 11am services at both the Minneapolis and West Campus for children 6 weeks to 3 years old.



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Fri 9/13	11:30am	Mpls
Mon 9/16	6pm	Mpls
Tue 9/17	6pm	West
Wed 9/18	6pm	West
Thu 9/19	6pm	Mpls

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2020 Stewardship Dinner Group Nights (Still Open to All!)

Groups listed below will have tables set aside for them and/or will have events following the dinner. But, please remember ALL dinners are open to ALL!

9/9 Career & Calling, COP Volunteer Night 9/10 MOHA, Pew & Altar Guilds 9/11 Confirmation Orientation after meal 9/12 Confirmation Rehearsal after meal
9/13 Young in Heart, Homebound 9/16 Friends Forever, Young Marrieds, Young Adults 9/18 Confirmation Orientation after meal 9/19 Senior Choir, Flying Solo

Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center



Fall Volunteer Day *Sa 10/26 9am-3pm, Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center.* Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center invites you to visit and help ready the grounds for the winter season. Projects include building a new trail footbridge, cleaning out flower beds, and raking leaves. Volunteers will enjoy a beautiful fall day at the retreat center with warm fellowship and a delicious lunch and snacks. The pool, sauna, and whirlpool are also available to use after the work is done. Spend a day with us as we care for God's creation! ☺



Crafty Ladies Retreat *F 11/28 3pm through Su 11/10 1pm, Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center.* Experienced and beginner crafters are invited to Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center for a weekend of uninterrupted crafting, great food and warm fellowship. We provide the beautiful space and you bring your craft projects! The retreat is self-directed – the weekend is your own! Work on your crafting, meet other crafters, and relax and unwind with a peaceful walk in the woods or a dip in the whirlpool. There are limited numbers of single and double occupancy rooms so sign up now! Cost is \$175 for a double room and \$235 for a single room. ☺

Staff Updates

Children & Family and Youth Ministries

AMY PORTHAN will be our new **CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR AT THE MPLS CAMPUS**. She will be coordinating Sunday School and Choir Sunday School, as well as assisting with Children & Family Ministry programming.

MAXWELL JONES will be our new **CHILDREN & YOUTH FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR AT THE WEST CAMPUS**. Maxwell's will be coordinating Sunday School, Choir Sunday School, and Confirmation programs at the West Campus.

Thank you to **ZACH SPIROV, JOSH NELSON, AND CHASE CLAFLIN** for their dedication to Mount Olivet and its ministries. We are grateful for the gifts they shared with members and participants of all ages and their contributions to their teams. We wish them luck as they move on from Mount Olivet to pursue their next adventures!

Operations

TRICIA ASUNCION will be joining the Mount Olivet staff as Facilities Manager at the Mpls Campus. Tricia brings a great deal of experience to this position as she previously worked at Mount Olivet Home as the Director of Facilities Management and Safety. Tricia is married, has four children, one grandchild, and lives in Richfield. Welcome Tricia!

Outreach Ministry

In partnership with Mount Olivet Home/Careview Home, Mount Olivet Church is delighted to welcome **LAURIE HANCER** to our faith community as she joins us on both staffs. She will be the Volunteer Coordinator at MOH/CV and the Outreach Coordinator at church working with our partners in outreach ministries. Welcome Laurie!

Estate Planning: The Greatest Gift You Can Give Your Loved Ones! (30 years+)

W 10/16 12-2:30pm, M Fellowship Hall. Learn about wills and trusts with estate planning attorney, Stuart Bear. Having an up-to-date will or trust is one of the greatest gifts you can give your loved ones. A well-thought-out estate plan makes it easier for your family, avoids disputes, and ensures that your wishes are followed. Family circumstances and estate planning laws change periodically, so it is important to review your documents every few years. You can also perpetuate your values by leaving a legacy for organizations important to you. Lunch will be provided. Register at mtolivet.org by 10/11. Questions? Contact: Tyler Hauser, 612.821.3151, thausen@mtolivethomes.org.



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RALLY SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019


**Regular Worship Hours Resume
Mpls 9, 10, 11am & 12noon
West 9, 10 & 11am**

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CENTENNIAL BLOCK PARTY

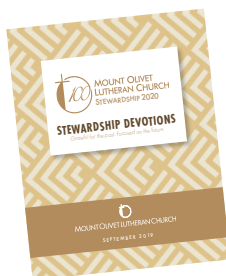
Rally Sunday, September 8, 2019

All Congregational Block Party

In between worship services at .

Join us as we kick off Mount Olivet's 100th year Celebration!! This event is FREE and will include food, games, face painting, and more!

To Volunteer for the Centennial Block Party,
visit mtolivet.org or contact Katie Marxhausen at
612.767.2219 or kmarxhausen@mtolivet.org



Stewardship Devotions

*Enjoy written reflections from 18
members of our congregation –
testimonies of generosity and love that
capture ways God has been and is
currently at work through Mount Olivet.*

Available beginning Sunday, September 1, at both campuses or
sign up at mtolivet.org for a daily email of the devotional.