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JULY 4

BREAD FROM HEAVEN

Exodus 16:1-18

Watch the worship service at mtolivet.org. Radio Broadcast on WDGY 740AM at 11am.

M 9, 10am
SERMON Pastor MacLean

W 9, 10am
SERMON Pastor Dixon

JULY 11

THE WIDOW OF ZERAPHATH

1 Kings 17:1-16

Watch the worship service at mtolivet.org. Radio Broadcast on WDGY 740AM at 11am.

M 9, 10am
SERMON Pastor Freeman

W 9, 10am
SERMON Pastor Kalland

JULY 18

JESUS RAISES THE WIDOW'S SON & COMMUNION SUNDAY

Luke 7:11-17

Watch the worship service at mtolivet.org. Radio Broadcast on WDGY 740AM at 11am.

M 9, 10am
SERMON Pastor Ruud

W 9, 10am
SERMON Pastor Dixon

JULY 25

JESUS HEALS THE GERASENE DEMONIAK

Luke 8:26-39

Watch the worship service at mtolivet.org. Radio Broadcast on WDGY 740AM at 11am.

M 9, 10am
SERMON Pastor Lose

W 9, 10am
SERMON Pastor Freeman

COVER PHOTO

Entrance to Cathedral of the Pines Camp taken by Peter Stratmoen

A SUMMER OF FAITH ALIVE POEMS AND PRAYERS OF THE BIBLE

Join Pastor Bill MacLean and the Conference & Retreat Center Director, the Rev. Dr. Theresa Latini, as they explore the inspiring insights, honest struggles, soaring praise, and earthly wisdom of the Old Testament. With a special emphasis on the book of Psalms, this Faith Alive series will touch on some of the most beautiful and masterful pieces of ancient literature.

You can listen to Faith Alive anytime on the Mount Olivet website – mtolivet.org – under the “Worship Tab” or tune in on Sundays at 11am on WDGY 740AM where it follows the broadcast of our Sunday worship.

SCHEDULE: July: Pastor Bill MacLean; August: Rev. Dr. Theresa Latini

WEDNESDAYS

IN-PERSON HOLY COMMUNION

M **W** 12noon

The first Wednesday of each month, a short in-person communion service will be offered. No registration required.

MIDWEEK WORSHIP AT MOCRC

More details are available on page 7.

Dreaming God's Dreams

I want to engage you in an imaginative exercise. It's Monday, January 13, 2020. A day earlier we'd had a marvelous day of worship and fellowship at both campuses celebrating the date one century and one day earlier when nineteen adults and fourteen children first gathered together to worship as the community that would soon become Mount Olivet. Emboldened by the joyous spirit of the day before, I call the staff together to set goals for the coming year:

- With regard to Adult Education, I note that we have nearly 200 members actively involved in some form of Bible study. My goal is to triple that number.
- Our Thursday evening Community Meal is serving about 120 meals to community neighbors facing food scarcity. I want to see that increase tenfold.
- I ask our Children & Family Ministry and Worship & Music teams to create a weekly, recorded children's message that follows our narrative lectionary and reaches 300 people weekly.
- After a decade of decline in the number of people who attend our fall stewardship meatball dinners, and after three years most recently where we began to see those numbers increase again, I set a target of increasing this year's attendance by 20%, which would be more attendees than we've had in over 15 years.
- As for worship, noting that we regularly reach about 3000 people a week, I ask that, with all due respect, we try a little harder and double that number.

Okay, so do you have that scenario in mind? And the reaction you imagine? Well, suffice it to say the best result would have been good natured laughter, as the staff assumed I was kidding, perhaps followed by frustrated shrugs and eye-rolls, if not outright revolt, if they thought I was serious.

But here is the thing: this is exactly what has transpired over the last year!

- 600 people in Bible study.
- 2000 meals shared weekly.
- 6000 people regularly engaged with online Sunday worship.
- More than 300 weekly views of our *Going God's Way* video for kids.
- A 20% increase in the number of meatball suppers served.

And these statistics don't begin to capture just how many of our youth and adults were supported and involved through Mount Olivet's Pastoral Care and Youth Ministry teams.

None of this is to underestimate just how difficult this past year has been, with the sacrifice of our regular gatherings on Sundays and throughout the week, suspending so many cherished activities and events, and the isolation so many of us felt bereft of the opportunity to see, greet, and hug each other in person. It has been a very, very difficult year.

But it has also been a remarkably fruitful year. If you drove by either of our campuses on a Sunday morning you would be tempted to think that Mount Olivet had shut down, waiting for the pandemic to pass. Yet nothing could be further from the truth! In a variety of ways, we are more engaged with each other and with our larger community than at any time previously. We have, in relatively short order, built a third — digital — campus, and the things we have learned about connecting with each other via digital means will serve us well in the years to come.

What contributed to this vibrant year of ministry is a combination of the generosity and faithfulness of our members, and the resilience, faith, and creativity of our staff. But more than anything else, what guided us through a difficult, yet fruitful year is the grace of the God we know in Jesus. The God who, when there seems to be no way forward, makes a way!

All of which gives me confidence to start dreaming again. As we emerge from the pandemic, we are invited to dream what God hopes for this congregation, how God might use us to serve the communities in which we live, what ambitious projects or new areas of ministry God is calling us to, and more. We are invited, that is, to dream God's dreams for Mount Olivet, a community that has been faithfully ambitious in the pursuit of its ministry for more than 101 years.

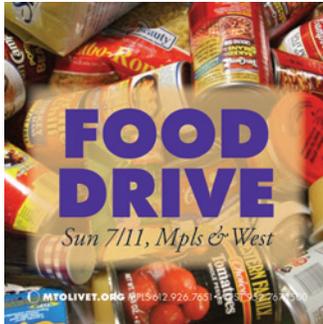
Make no mistake, even on the other side of the pandemic, there will be challenges galore. If that were not true, we would clearly be setting our goals too low! Yet if we continue to rely on God's grace, trust in God's guidance, support one another in love and prayer, and pull together to offer our very best for the sake of this Church, then Mount Olivet's future is incredibly bright!



Pastor Lose

DAVID J. LOSE, SENIOR PASTOR

UPCOMING EVENTS



JULY 11

FOOD DRIVE 10am-12 noon, *Mpls & West Campuses*. Please donate non-perishable food items for our community partners. Donations from the Mpls campus will benefit VEAP and West campus donations will benefit Bountiful Baskets.



JULY 12

JUST-FOR-FUN GOLF SCRAMBLE *Island View Golf Club, Waconia*. Cost is \$85 per person and includes golf, electric cart, driving range, box lunch, and prizes! Register at mtolivet.org by Monday, July 5.



AUGUST 10

MOCW SOCIAL 5-8pm, *Edina Country Club*. 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 people together. No need to register. Donations are accepted the night of the event. Hope to see you there!



AUGUST 22

17TH MOTORHEADS' SHOW & BLESSING *Service 5pm Show, 6:30pm Blessing of Motors & Drivers, West Campus*. Featuring awesome vehicles, the **Nordic Surf Band**, outdoor blessing service, awards, and FREE raffle drawing. Food will be served outdoors, so bring your own chair. No pre-registration necessary (windshield signs and souvenir dash plaques will be available at the event). Rain or shine!

LIFE & GROWTH

MAY 15 - JUNE 17

BAPTISMS

Jack Henry Brockway
son of Natalie and Mitchel
Lincoln James Ellefson
son of Shanna and Patrick
Louis Jack Engler
son of Amanda and Conrad
Ella Helen Handahl
daughter of Ashley and Lukas
Anders Henry Herrlin
son of Kara and Mike
Natalie June Hoyt
daughter of Sarah and Nathan
Kaylee Monique Idrogo-Lam
daughter of Mimi and Manuel
Enzo Felix Lavrentyev
son of Erica and Kirill
Beau Alan Lindner
son of Jenni and Scott
Cruz Mickey Martinez
son of Ashley and Miguel
Edward Mark Newman
son of Emma and Dan
Grayson David Saatzer
son of Alyssa and Austin
Louisa Bell Sayre
daughter of Margaret and David
Owen Ricky Schmid
son of Elizabeth and Kevin
Brooks Nicholas Spalding
son of McKenzie and Nick
Charlotte Alise Vetter
daughter of Jaimie and Jason
Easton Parker Wenzel
son of Ashley and Eric

WEDDINGS

Haley Magnuson & Daniel Nelson, *May 29*
Kallie Dean & Michael Stewart, *June 4*
Lindsey Olsen & Justin Luetschwager, *June 5*
Katherine Pearson & Blake Wragge, *June 12*

DEATHS

Donald O. Akins, 1934 – 2021
Myrtle C. Brown, 1920 – 2021
Marilyn J. Creighton, 1931 – 2021
Darrell R. Denison, 1939 – 2021
Priscilla J. Henneman, 1936 – 2021
Margret Nelson, 1935 – 2021
Wayne R. Nelson, 1938 – 2021
Cynthia L. Veum, 1945 – 2021
Duane A. Wold, 1933 – 2021
Clorasteen S. Wilson, 1928 – 2021

DAILY READINGS

FROM PASTOR KALLAND

JULY 2021

- 1 2 Thessalonians 3:3, The Lord Is Faithful
- 2 Romans 14:1, Without Quarreling
- 3 Psalm 111:10, The Beginning Of Wisdom
- 4 Philippians 4:12, The Secret Of Being Content
- 5 Mark 16:16, Believe And Baptized
- 6 Proverbs 16:8, A Little Righteousness
- 7 Philemon 1:25, Grace And Spirit
- 8 Revelation 3:21, Sit With Jesus
- 9 Psalm 139:13-14, Wonderfully Made
- 10 Luke 6:22, Because Of The Son Of Man
- 11 Colossians 3:15, The Peace Of Christ
- 12 Psalm 116:1-2, The Lord Hears
- 13 1 Peter 3:13, Do Good
- 14 Romans 1:20, Clearly Seen
- 15 Psalm 119:60, Hasten And Not Delay
- 16 Matthew 6:26, Look At The Birds
- 17 2 Corinthians 4:18, Unseen Is Eternal
- 18 Proverbs 4:23, Guard Your Heart
- 19 Mark 16:15, All The World
- 20 Galatians 3:26-27, Clothe Yourself With Christ
- 21 Psalm 118:24, Rejoice Today
- 22 Zechariah 1:3b, Return
- 23 2 Corinthians 5:7, Live By Faith
- 24 Psalm 119:7, Upright Heart
- 25 Genesis 1:28, Be Fruitful
- 26 James 3:17, Wisdom From Heaven
- 27 Psalm 84:10, Doorkeeper
- 28 1 Corinthians 13:13, The Greatest Of These
- 29 1 Chronicles 29:14, Everything Comes From God
- 30 Psalm 37:23, Delight In God
- 31 Mark 11:25, Forgiveness

DEVOTION

It struck me the other day how much we consume. I don't mean food and drink. I mean words, stories, information, and opinions. We read and hear and watch more than any generation in human history. If you are what you eat, how much more should we be concerned about the effect of all these words and images on our hearts and minds? Who are you becoming? To what voice are you listening? In the midst of this super-saturated information age, the Word of God endures. But how often do we hear it?

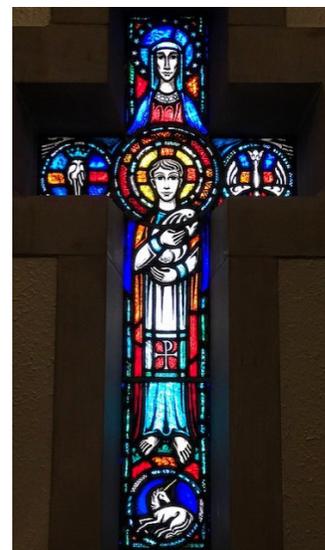
What percentage of our "daily intake," so to speak, is it? If we're lucky, we set aside one morning a week, we take one short pause from all the noise of this world to hear God's promise (you are loved) and God's commandment (forget yourself and serve your neighbor). And then we are plunged back into the fray: hot takes, breaking news, outrage, overtime, earn, achieve! This summer, I pray you take more time, or make more time, to listen to the voice of one who loves you and gives you life, rather than all the voices that will wring you out. And remember, we're here to help!

— PASTOR DIXON



GOING GOD'S WAY: DID YOU KNOW?

- All the stained glass windows in the Vestry are of Jesus as a Child.
- This main cross window shows a young Jesus with Mary, his mother, above Him.
- Jesus is holding a lamb referencing Jesus as the Good Shepherd and the Lamb of God.
- On the left is a blessing hand symbolizing the blessing of God.
- On the right is a dove representing the Holy Spirit.
- At the bottom is a Unicorn which is a symbol of mystery and the unique human and divine nature of Jesus.
- Years ago, the room was used for baptisms of children and small weddings.



Going God's Way is an online worship video for kids available each week featuring our pastors and staff. We hear the bible story, sing songs, and more! Videos are available at mtolivet.org/going-gods-way



“Indeed, the word of God is living and active...” – Hebrews 4:12

Join your Mount Olivet pastors all summer long for a brief discussion of the biblical story we’ll be hearing in worship on the upcoming Sunday as part of our summer preaching series “God Makes a Way!” These Wednesday weekly videos introduce the stories for you to live with and think about throughout the week before coming to church (in-person or online!). Join in discovering how God continues to bring us faith for life through the good word of scripture!

JULY 4

Story: *Bread from Heaven*

Scripture: Exodus 16:1-18

Pastor Dixon and Pastor Lose

JULY 11

Story: *The Widow of Zarephath*

Scripture: 1 Kings 17:1-16

Pastor Freeman and Pastor Ruud

JULY 18 (COMMUNION SUNDAY)

Story: *Jesus Raises the Widow’s Son*

Scripture: Luke 7:11-17

Pastor Dixon and Pastor Ruud

JULY 25

Story: *Jesus Heals the Gerasene Demoniac*

Scripture: Luke 8:26-39

Pastor Freeman and Pastor Lose

Subscribers will receive “The Gospel Unplugged” video email each Wednesday. In each video, Pastor Ruud or Pastor Lose will discuss the upcoming Sunday scripture story with one of the preaching pastors. If you are not yet a subscriber, please visit mtolivet.org and navigate to our Connect @ Mount Olivet page to become one!

“ORDINARY BLESSINGS” A DISCUSSION WITH PASTOR AND AUTHOR, REV. META HERRICK CARLSON

Thursday, August 5, 7-8pm, via Zoom.

Join Pastor Ruud as he hosts this Zoom discussion with pastor, author, and poet, Meta Herrick Carlson, about her book “Ordinary Blessings: Prayers, Poems, and Meditations for Everyday Life.” This gem of a book inspires faith in the common and often routine moments and transitions of daily life. Meta is an avid writer and speaker and serves as Minnetonka Campus Pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Twin Cities. She has a gift for speaking it plain, crafting blessings for loving yourself, enduring hard things, authenticity, living with others, and revealing the grace of God in the rhythms of each day. You won’t want to miss it!

Register at mtolivet.org/education.

Have Questions? Contact Katie Stevenson at katies@mtolivet.org or 612.767.2232.



Midweek Summer Worship

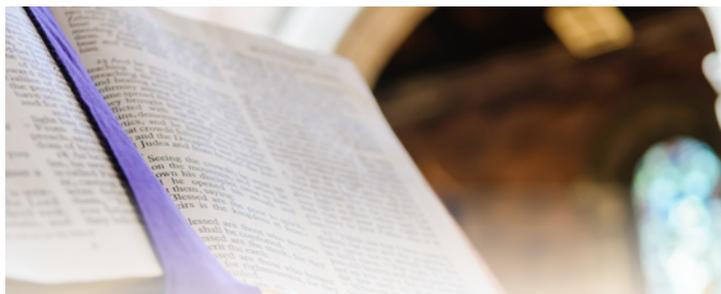
Journey through the Psalms

Dinner \$15. Bus Transportation \$10.

Register at mtolivet.org.

Often called the “prayer book of the Bible,” the Psalms teach us to express ourselves fully to a God who listens with compassion. Humble gratitude, soaring praise, anguished lament, bitter outrage, awe-filled wonder, and restored hope: all this, and more, is brought before God in the Psalms. Join the Mount Olivet pastors each Wednesday evening at the Conference & Retreat Center as they explore some of the Psalms they find most inspiring and resonant with their faith.

SCHEDULE: 4:30pm: Bus Leaves 7500 York, 5pm: Bus Leaves Mpls Campus, 5:30-6:30pm: Dinner Served, 6:30-7pm: Nature Talk, 7:15pm: Worship, 8pm: Bus Departs Conference & Retreat Center



JULY 7	PASTOR KALLAND
JULY 14	PASTOR HAMMERSTEN
JULY 21	PASTOR FREEMAN
JULY 28	DR. MICHAEL CHAN, LUTHER SEMINARY
AUGUST 4	REV. DR. THERESA LATINI

UPCOMING EVENTS

Learn more and register at mtolivet.org.



JULY 23-25

RENEWING CONNECTIONS: A RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Join the Rev. Dr. Theresa Latini and Rev. Kara Root, for a weekend of renewing your connections to God, friends, and nature.



JULY 31

OUTDOOR CONCERT

Featuring Heartfelt, a unique acapella blend of four women spanning four decades of life. From tight harmonies of the 1930s to fun renditions of current pop hits, Heartfelt will soothe your soul and touch your heart.



AUGUST 16-18

WOMEN CHURCH LEADERS' RETREAT

Led by Rev. Dr. Karoline Lewis, this retreat will focus on theological issues and practical strategies to embolden embodied and authentic leadership in the church today.



AUGUST 28

OUTDOOR CONCERT Enjoy an old-fashioned country gospel show, featuring Parson Paul (aka Johnny Pineapple) and the Gloryland Express. Take a journey down memory lane with favorites *I Saw the Light*, *I'll Fly Away* and more!

IS TELETHERAPY REAL THERAPY?

Have you been curious about trying a virtual counseling session? Teletherapy refers to psychotherapy services that occur via phone or synchronous video conferencing, where the therapist and client are not in the same physical location. Due to the pandemic, therapists have now learned how to lean into this practice intentionally, and continue to learn strategies to enhance the experience. A majority of therapists had never used video-conferencing before, but now an even greater majority have said they would like to continue offering at least a portion of their services via teletherapy (Hardy, 2021).

Benefits of teletherapy: Research has found that the effectiveness of online therapy often mirrors in-person therapy. It can increase accessibility, allowing therapists to connect with people who may otherwise not be able to access services physically. It can reduce barriers related to childcare and scheduling, and increase convenience/comfort in being able to connect from a space of your choosing. For **families**, multi-location capability can offer increased family member attendance, (McKenny, 2021), and parents and teens sometimes want to be in separate rooms! For **couples**, teletherapy is helpful for those in long-distance relationships, military couples, couples that are separated or in high-conflict relationships (McCoy, 2013).

So get comfy, make sure you're in a confidential, safe space, perhaps get that cup of tea and box of tissues handy, and take advantage of a listening ear for YOU for a change. We look forward to speaking with you soon!

SHANNON HIMANGO, MA, LMFT, Director of Mount Olivet Counseling Service

WELCOME SHERRI!

Sherri Dunham is our newest addition to the Counseling Service, having come on board May 3. She is a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC). She earned her MA in Counseling Psychology from the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis and has been practicing since 2010. Sherri has experience working with adults, adolescents, and couples of diverse cultural and ethnic identities with issues surrounding depression, anxiety, trauma, life transitions, grief and loss, and more. Sherri's integrative approach to talk therapy rests at an intersection of clinical psychology and spirituality, which is tailored to her clients' values and priorities. Working with Sherri can help you build a stronger and more compassionate inner foundation so that you can experience greater ease in all of your relationships, including the one with yourself. Sherri works Monday through Friday, which includes daytime and evening hours.



To schedule a teletherapy appointment with Sherri, just contact Molly at mpach@mtolivetcounseling.org. She looks forward to speaking with you!

SHERRI DUNHAM, MA, LPCC, Mount Olivet Counseling Service

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church is one of the few churches in America that provides professional, ethical, licensed counseling services to aid church and community members in dealing with the tensions, pressures, and stresses of daily life. Our services help people work through their problems through the use of psychotherapy and/or medication in a supportive setting that is open to those of all faith perspectives. Our therapists include Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists, Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors, and a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor. We offer therapy for adults, older children, adolescents, couples and families. A variety of therapy groups are offered as well. We are currently offering secure telehealth services via video or telephone, due to COVID-19.

To schedule an appointment or gain more information about Mount Olivet Counseling Service, please contact Molly Pach at 612.927.7335 ext. 10, or by email at mpach@mtolivetcounseling.org

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

"I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream for Ice Cream! It's summertime, and that means ice cream treats! Young in Heart and friends are invited to celebrate summer (and being together!).

Please join us on Wednesday, July 21, 2 pm in the Mount Olivet Church Minneapolis Campus parking lot.

Cost is \$2. Please call Ann LaBree, 612.767.2288, to make a reservation.

In the event of inclement weather, we will have a drive-thru option through the parking lot to pick up your treat.

PASTORAL CARE RESOURCES

- If you or a loved one are hospitalized, please contact Andrea 612.767.2209, Julie 612.767.2208, or Ann 612.767.2288.
- If you need to reach a Pastor for emergencies including imminent deaths, hospitalizations, or support after office hours please call the on-call phone at 612.916.9016.
- Mount Olivet's Prayer Ministry team provides prayer support to those in need of prayer. In order to submit a prayer request, please call 612.767.2300.



Never Doubt the Power of Prayer

"The function of prayer is not to influence God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prays." —Soren Kierkegaard

For most of us, prayer is a big part of our daily ritual and everyday lives. Prayer can help to give you a sense of peace amidst chaos and it can even help to act as a cushion if and when life throws you a curve ball.

Prayer does make a difference; and when you, or someone you know, needs more support with your daily conversations with God, Mount Olivet Prayer Ministry has over 50 members who will intercede on your behalf. Each day our prayer volunteers fulfill the prayer requests submitted online on our Connect @ Mount Olivet page on our website or those left on the Mount Olivet prayer line. You can leave a voicemail at 612.767.2300 using only first names, with your prayer request and know that your request is confidential.

Lord, in every need let me come to You with humble trust saying, "Jesus, help me." In all my doubts, perplexities, and temptations, Jesus, help me. In hours of loneliness, weariness, and trials, Jesus, help me. In the failure of my plans and hopes; in disappointments, troubles, and sorrows, Jesus, help me. When others fail me and Your grace alone can assist me, help me. When I throw myself on Your tender love as a father and savior, Jesus, help me. When my heart is cast down by failure at seeing no good come from my efforts, Jesus, help me. When I feel impatient and my cross irritates me, Jesus, help me. When I am ill and my head and hands cannot work and I am lonely, Jesus, help me. Always, always, in spite of weakness, falls, and shortcomings of every kind, Jesus, help me and never forsake me. Amen. —Anonymous

SUMMER & FALL EVENTS FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

For more information about these offerings, please contact Geoff Arenson (Youth 7th-12th grade) geoffa@mtolivet.org, 612.767.2212, Beverly Clafin (Music-all ages) beverlyc@mtolivet.org, 612.767.2263, or Katy Michaletz (Children 1st-6th grade) kmichaletz@mtolivet.org, 612.767.2245.



DAY CAMP

1st-4th Graders - July 12-16
3rd-6th Graders - July 26-30
 This is a daily camp that runs from 8:30am-4:30pm at the Mpls Campus. Cost is \$175 per camper. Register at mtolivet.org.



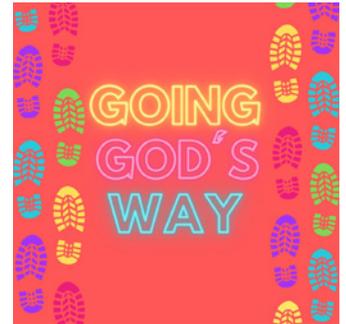
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We love hanging out with the Mount Olivet Youth at camp. There have already been so many memories made, and we know there are more to come!



INSTAGRAM

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM!
 7th-12th graders
@mtolivet_youth. Read Devos, watch videos, and stay in the know!



GOING GOD'S WAY

Singing is the perfect way to get involved at church and grow your faith! Come join in the fun! For information visit mtolivet.org and follow **@mtolivetmusic** on Instagram.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

REGISTER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

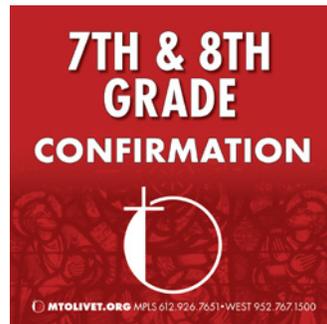
Visit mtolivet.org/sunday-school to register for Sunday School!



CHOIR

JOIN CHOIR THIS FALL!

We have so many opportunities for your child to sing at church this fall. For dates and times and more information visit mtolivet.org.



CONFIRMATION

REGISTER FOR CONFIRMATION!

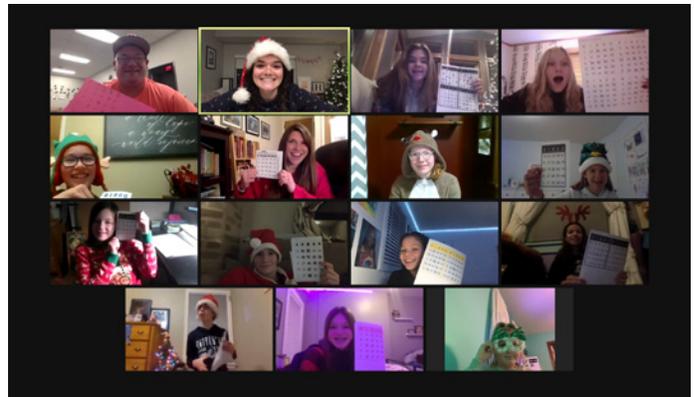
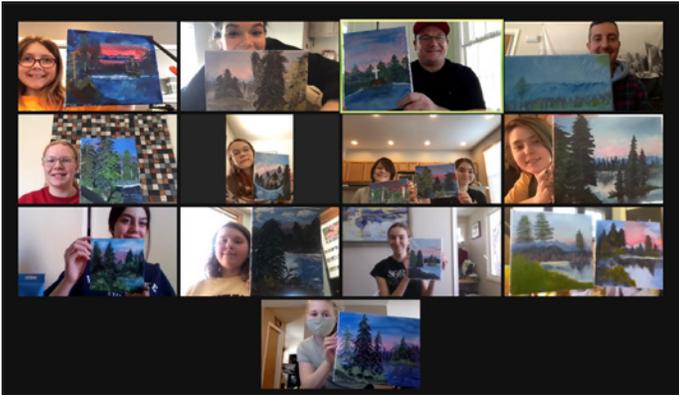
This year we will be offering Confirmation Sundays 8:45-9:45am, Mpls or Wednesdays 7-8pm, Mpls & West. Please register through Realm!



YOUTH PROGRAMS

JHA & HI-LEAGUE

We have a fun filled fall planned for ages 7th-12th graders! We are excited to have the chance to be together again in-person!



SO HOW DO YOU MEASURE THE PANDEMIC YEAR?

PHOTOS CLOCKWISE

Zoom Bob Ross Painting Class with our Junior High Alive Kids, Youth and Youth Staff at the West Campus in the Youth Center, MO Hoops Team of 2020-21, and Christmas BINGO Zoom Party!

- We have painted four new murals in the youth office!
- We have played seven games of impromptu softball.
- 12 MO Hoops games and one championship. They even had a formal attire banquet in the Youth Center!
- We made about 15 video projects with the kids.
- Created and sent out 21 virtual confirmation lessons.
- We started sending weekly devos written by staff and hi-leaguers.
- We had at least 50 cups of coffee with kids.
- We met SO many pets online and even a few in person!
- There were over 100 zoom meetings and events!
- 141 7th Graders joined Confirmation!
- SO MANY new fun events were created including: Cruise ship Bingo, Bob Ross Painting Class, Pictionary and Charades, Just Dance Dance Party, Virtual Karaoke, AGP Baking Show, and even a few Parking Lot Parties!
- The Youth Staff learned a lot of new hip lingo like... *Built different*- to be completely different, extraordinary, or above average. *No cap*- similar to no lie, it is used to convey authenticity and truth. *Light the lamp*- commonly used when scoring a goal.
- A countless number of favorite church memories were told, shared, and created by the kids!

Sunday Morning Volunteers

Volunesia (noun): that moment when you forget you're volunteering to help change lives, because it's changing yours. Join the Children & Family Ministry team this fall by helping with Sunday School! We provide all the materials and you provide your love of Jesus and kids! Opportunities at the Minneapolis and West Campus during the 9 and 10am services to teach a class, team teach, sub, or help in the Educational Ministry Lounge (EML). Can't wait to hear from you!

AMY PORTHAN, *Children's Faith Formation Coordinator*
612.767.2285 amyp@mtolivet.org

Sunday Morning Nursery

Nursery care will resume at both the Minneapolis and West campuses during Sunday worship beginning on Rally Sunday, September 12th. Families with children 6 weeks to 3 years are welcome in the nursery anytime it's helpful for your family on a Sunday morning. No registration needed, please feel free to check in with our Nursery Coordinator, Sam Balzer (sbalzer@mtolivet.org), for additional information.

If you would like to work in the Nursery, please reach out to Sam Balzer, Nursery Coordinator, to learn more about these part-time positions at both the Minneapolis and West Campus. Nursery staff must be 16 years old and complete training prior to beginning their important work in the nursery.

MOUNT OLIVET PRESCHOOL

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR FALL 2021!

We invite your family to join the Mount Olivet Preschool this fall! New program options include year-round, full-time and part-time care for children ages 3-5 years old. We continue in the tradition of high-quality preschool education with added children's music classes, facility improvements to the classroom spaces and playground, a food program, and more!

Please contact Alyssa Hill, Preschool Director, with additional questions and for information on tours, program options, and availability at Ahill@mtolivet.org or 612.767.2216.

Our registration process has moved online! This new system allows for easy enrollment and access for parents to view account information, pay tuition online and access account documents at any time. We look forward to partnering with you in your child's early learning experience!



Looking Ahead

RALLY SUNDAY (September 12) is coming and I am so excited! After missing a year of being together for worship, fellowship, service and more, it will be simply wonderful to gather and worship, to hear our wonderful choirs, and jump into another year filled with all the activities through which Mount Olivet keeps us connected to God and to each other. Below you'll find some updates on various times of worship and other activities as well as a preview of a new Sunday School program.

WORSHIP: After worshipping together in-person at both campuses at 9 and 11am beginning Palm Sunday, and then transitioning to a summer schedule of 9 and 10am, we are excited to gather for Sunday worship at 9, 10, and 11am at both campuses. The noon hour will be reserved for special services like First Communion, Baccalaureate, and Bible Presentation on Sundays as well as special fellowship and service opportunities throughout the year.

CONFIRMATION (GRADES 7 & 8): This fall, in-person confirmation classes will resume and be offered at the Mpls Campus on Wednesdays at 7pm (beginning October 6) and on Sundays at 8:45am (beginning October 3). And also at the West Campus on Wednesdays from 7pm (beginning October 6). Our celebratory ninth grade Confirmation Service will be held at the Minneapolis Campus on Sunday, September 19 at 3pm.

DAVID LOSE, *Senior Pastor*



SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are excited to announce an enhanced educational model for our children on Sunday mornings that combines the best of Choir Sunday School and Sunday School!

This fall, our kids will get to be a part of a music- and arts-based Sunday morning experience that involves Bible study taught by our pastors, singing as a choir, participating in worship services, playing percussion instruments, art, creative drama, movement, as well as small group discussions and games. All activities that help us discover new church friendships, create community, and develop our faith! Both campuses will offer sessions for children ages 3 through 6th graders Sunday morning at 9 and 10am. We invite all of our children into this rich and rewarding experience! Registration is open online at mtolivet.org.

Questions contact Katy Michaletz, Director of Children & Family Ministry, at kmichaletz@mtolivet.org, 612.767.2245 or Beverly Claffin, Director of Worship & Music at beverlyc@mtolivet.org, 612.767.2263.

Sunday School Classes

Cherub: Preschool age Sunday School

Alleluia: Kindergarten and 1st grade

Hosanna: 2nd and 3rd grades

Chapel: 4th, 5th and 6th grades





A Future With Confidence

In recent weeks, I've heard a number of us share that, for the first time in fifteen months, we feel like we can look to the future with confidence. After more than a year of adapting and coping and supporting each other, our community and country, we finally seem to be getting back to normal. As we step into that new and exciting future, two thoughts:

First, it is vital to remember that we got through the last year **together**. No one comes through a global pandemic alone, and we were all reminded of just how much we depend on each other. Digital worship, recorded Bible studies, Zoomed-classes and meetings and time for fellowship – all of these things made it possible to come through perhaps the most challenging year of Mount Olivet's 101-year history. And... all of these things were made possible through the commitment, prayers, and generosity of this congregation. *Thank you, thank you, for your prayers, participation, and financial support!* As a congregation, we are emerging from the pandemic ready to look to the future with confidence only by the grace of God and through your generosity.

Second, as we begin to listen for God's voice and dream of what God may want to do with, in, and through Mount Olivet, we will only be able to accomplish these dreams – you guessed it – **together!** There are great days ahead for Mount Olivet, and the possibilities for how we can live into God's dreams for us are endless. Your continued prayers, participation, and generous financial support will be simply critical to become the Church God desires us to be. So let's rejoice over the accomplishments of the last year and embrace the possibilities before us with confidence. Because it is God who is calling us, leading us, equipping us, and accompanying us into a new year of mission, hope, and fellowship.

PASTOR DAVID LOSE, *Senior Pastor*

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A GIFT TO MOUNT OLIVET

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Realm Connect App: *login using your Realm username and password and click "Giving."*

Text to Give: *text "MTOLIVET" to 73256 and follow the instructions provided.*

Contact Us: *we are here to help! Contact Tricia Lerohl-Morgan in our finance office at 612.767.2255 or by email at tricial@mtolivet.org.*

Donor-Advised Funds & Charitable IRA Rollover:
Contact Mari Carlson, Director of Development, at 612.821.3150 or by email at mcarlson@mtolivethomes.org.

Stocks: *Contact Deanne Nelson in the finance office at 612.767.2280 or by email at deannen@mtolivet.org.*



COME VOLUNTEER!

As volunteer opportunities continue to open up, please consider sharing your talents with one of our Mount Olivet Homes! Our residents, participants and staff are eager to welcome you back. Whether you have volunteered for years or looking for a new opportunity, we have a spot for you! Some upcoming events and ongoing possibilities for each affiliate are listed below. Please contact the appropriate Volunteer Coordinator for information on these and other opportunities!

MOUNT OLIVET HOME & MOUNT OLIVET CAREVIEW

Contact: Laurie Hancer, Coordinator of Volunteers, lhancer@mtolivethomes.org or 612.821.3232.

GIFT SHOP ATTENDANT: Assist residents in shopping in the on-site Gift Shop.

ACTIVITIES ESCORT: Accompany residents and staff on outings.

MANICURES: Our residents love to be pampered!

CHAPEL/ENTERTAINMENT ESCORT: Assist in transporting residents to and from activities.

BINGO ASSISTANT: A favorite activity for the residents.

SOCIAL HOUR ASSISTANT: Assist staff in gathering residents, socializing and passing out treats.

MUSICAL GIFTS: Please share your talents with our residents!

PET VISITS: Small-group or individuals meetings with your well-mannered pet!

MOUNT OLIVET DAY SERVICES

Contact: Marsha Kimble, Volunteer Coordinator, mkimble@mtolivethomes.org or 612.861.3305.

ENTERTAINERS: Provide entertainment for adults and or children; instrumentalists, vocalists, dancers, and speakers.

OUTING ESCORT: Assist staff with transporting participants to events offsite, therefore enhancing program quality.

PET THERAPY ASSISTANT: Provide therapeutic interaction for adult participants with loving pets. Volunteers can share pet stories, photographs, and offer small-group interaction with your pet. Veterinarian records are required and pets must be well-trained and calm.

PROGRAM ASSISTANT: Enhance program quality by assisting with activities: set tables, serve lunch and snacks, assist with games and crafts, spend time interacting with participants, or share a hobby by demonstration (cake decorating, stamp collecting, etc).

MOUNT OLIVET ROLLING ACRES

Contact: Laurie Mahoney, Volunteer Coordinator, LMahoney@mtolivet-mora.org or 612.322.2638.

YARD CLEAN-UP: This may include cleaning off deck furniture, patios and garages. We are getting our yards ready for outdoor activities. This would be a 4-hour shift.

MEAL PREP: We are looking for volunteers to prepare some frozen meals for our homes. We would ask the volunteer to deliver the meals to the home. This would be a meal for six adults, with contact-free delivery.

SUMMER CARNIVAL: We are hosting a summer carnival on Monday, August 9 from 4:30-7:30pm at our main campus in Victoria. This will be our own mini State Fair! We need volunteers to help us run the booths and serve food.

GREET & GIVE DONATION DRIVE UPDATE

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO Greet and Give Drives in July due to the church-wide Food Drive on Sunday, July 11 (*more details on page 4*).

Mount Olivet Greet and Give Drives will resume in August in ongoing support of our ministry partners: CES, Bountiful Baskets, Love INC, VEAP, St. Stephen's Human Services and Simpson Housing. Staff will be on hand from 4-6pm on the 1st Monday of the month at the Mpls Campus and the 3rd Monday of the month at the West Campus. Please visit our website to find the latest list of essential items needed.



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