

APRIL 2022

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# MOUNT OLIVET MESSENGER



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## SUNDAYS

**DIAL-IN VIA PHONE**  
**833.775.1238**

11am

**WATCH THE MPLS  
WORSHIP SERVICE AT  
MTOLIVET.ORG**

11am

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
8:30 & 11:45am

**NURSERY**  
9, 10, & 11am

## APRIL 3

**POWER AND WEALTH  
REDEFINED**

*Mark 9:33-37, 10:17-27*

**M** 9, 10, 11am  
**SERMON** Pastor Hammersten

**W** 9, 10, 11am  
**SERMON** Pastor MacLean

## APRIL 10

**THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY  
AND ANOINTING AT  
BETHANY  
PALM SUNDAY**

*Mark 11:1-11, 14:3-9*

**M** 9, 10, 11am  
**SERMON** Pastor Kalland

**W** 9, 10, 11am  
**SERMON** Pastor Freeman

## APRIL 17

**GOOD NEWS AT THE  
GRAVESIDE!  
EASTER SUNDAY**

*Mark 16:1-8a*

**M** 7, 8, 9, 10, 11am  
**SERMON** Pastor Lose

**W** 8, 9, 10, 11am  
**SERMON** Pastor Dixon

*No Holy Communion services  
at 8:30am or 11:45am*

## APRIL 24

**JESUS' ASCENSION:  
"YOU WILL BE MY  
WITNESSES"**

*Acts 1: 1-11*

**M** 9, 10, 11am  
**SERMON** Pastor Ruud

**W** 9, 10, 11am  
**SERMON** Pastor Kalland

## WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK WORSHIP

**WEDNESDAYS, 12NOON, MPLS CAMPUS &  
STREAMING AT MTOLIVET.ORG**

Spiritual practices are the means by which Christians have sharpened their hearing for millennia. We look forward to delving into the individual and communal dimensions of prayer, Bible study, service, reflection, and worship, and we can't wait to see the impact it has on our congregational life!

**APRIL 6:** *Worship (Communion Service)* with Pastor Ruud

### PHOTO CAPTION

The cover image on this month's *Messenger* is taken from an icon from the Orthodox Church (prevalent in Greece, Russia, and Ukraine) called the "Anastasis," which means "resurrection" in Greek.





# *Come and See What the Lord Has Done!*

One of my favorite lines in Scripture comes from Psalm 46: “Come and see what the Lord has done, the amazing things God has done on the earth.” It’s an “anchoring verse” for me anytime of the year, a reminder that nothing is too big, too difficult, or too fearsome for the Lord to handle. But it seems especially appropriate at Easter, when we reflect on the “amazing thing” God did by raising Jesus from the grave. As the Apostle Paul liked to say, in Jesus’ resurrection, God actually *defeats* death. And ever since, Christians have been invited to ponder that if God can raise Jesus from the dead, what *can’t* God do?

That promise seems especially poignant these days. As I write, we are coming out of the havoc created by the Omicron variant and have just entered into the chaos and tragedy of Russia’s brutal invasion of Ukraine. We are also at the beginning of a teachers’ strike for fair wages and more support for kids in our community. And news outlets report almost daily spikes in anxiety and depression of people at all ages, but especially our youth. The world, just now, seems like a fearsome place.

And so in the first few weeks of April we gather once more to remember Christ’s journey to Jerusalem, his Last Supper with his disciples, his betrayal, trial, crucifixion and then, on the third day, his resurrection. Why? Because these events – told in and through the songs of “The Seven Last Words of Christ,” remembered in our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services, and celebrated with trumpet and timpani on Easter – remind us that the world has *always* been a fearsome place and that God *always* comes to meet us right in the middle of what is most difficult in order to hold onto us, care for us, redeem us, and give us new life. In other words, we gather to hear of the wondrous things God has done because God isn’t done doing wonderful things. And in Christ’s resurrection we’re invited to ask once again, if God can raise Jesus from the dead, what can’t God do?

Encouraged by our worship together, we are strengthened through our faith to take on the important, and sometimes fearsome, challenges of the day in faith and courage. There are limits to what we can accomplish, of course, but trusting that God will in time redeem all things, we can do what we can in the moment to care for our neighbor and make this world a better place. We cannot erase COVID, but we can care for our community by promoting vaccines, wearing masks when necessary, even staying apart for a

time in order to more quickly come together safely. We cannot end the war in Ukraine, but we can work with our partners at Lutheran World Relief to offer tangible and critical care to those who are suffering. We cannot resolve all the differences between teachers and administration, but we can make room for a hundred kids to hang out, have fun, play, and learn in a safe place in the meantime. We can’t eliminate anxiety and depression, but we can remind folks of all ages, and especially our youth, that they are loved and valued.

The cover image on this month’s Messenger is taken from an icon from the Orthodox Church (prevalent in Greece, Russia, and Ukraine) called the “Anastasis,” which means “resurrection” in Greek. It depicts Christ’s descent to the dead and what is sometimes called “the harrowing of Hell,” as Jesus pulls Adam and Eve, and all those who died before he came, out of the grave and into new life. What I love about the image is how it reminds us that God is always at work to create new life, to defeat death, and to instill in all God’s people courage to face the challenges of the moment confident that God is still doing wonderful things.

I have said before and will say again that I believe the world has never needed Mount Olivet more. So, as we look at the important, even fearsome, challenges of the day, let us remember that God’s light shines brightest at the darkest moments, that in Christ’s death we have the promise that God meets us always at the most difficult places of life, and that in Jesus’ resurrection we are reminded that God’s love is more powerful than hate and that God’s love is more powerful even than death. Then let’s ask together and again, if God can raise Jesus from the dead, what can’t God do? And with that confidence in mind, let us continue to go forth, determined to do what we can, anchored by the promise that God’s hand is leading us and God’s love supporting us.

Yours in Christ,



*Pastor Lose*

DAVID J. LOSE, SENIOR PASTOR

## HERITAGE PROJECT

For the last two years, a dedicated Heritage committee has been patiently sorting and documenting Mount Olivet's history and artifacts that have been collected through the years. We need your help! While you are spring-cleaning, please look for any treasures that reflect Mount Olivet's history. You can help by bringing any items that have historical significance in the life of Mount Olivet to the main office. Please label these items "Heritage."

Please note – we do not need 75th Anniversary books, old Bibles and Hymnals, Les Kouba prints, or cookbooks. Examples of items we are looking for are newspaper articles, magazine articles, and church directories. Our future goal is to have this information accessible in an online database for our members.

## COP WISH LIST

It was wonderful seeing many of you at Camp Sunday on February 27! It gets me so excited for the summer of 2022! There is much to do in the coming weeks to get COP ready for the camping season. Please consider helping fulfill the Cathedral of the Pines camp wish list! Gifts of all sizes help fulfill these needs. Thank you so very much! — KRISTI YOUNGDAHL

1. Repave Camp road from the gate to the Chapel
2. Repave the upper court and re-paint the basketball lines
3. New washing machine for the camp laundry room
4. New golf cart for our camp nurse
5. New outdoor garbage and recycling cans throughout the camp
6. New Chapel roof
7. Wood Adirondack chairs for the lodge porch
8. Three large garage doors for the original garage
9. 4-wheeler to greet the buses on the Caribou Trail and to help with chores around camp

Please send your gift to: Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Attn: COP NEEDS, 5025 Knox Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55419. You can also make your gift online at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org) and clicking on the "Giving" tab or logging onto your Realm account. Please put COP NEEDS in the memo line at the time of your contribution. For questions, please call Kristi Youngdahl, Director of Cathedral of the Pines, at 612.840.6520 or call Tricia Lerohl-Morgan at 612.767.2255 about online giving.

## PRAYER REQUEST

Do you know someone who needs a prayer?

Mount Olivet's Prayer Ministry provides prayer support to those in need of prayer.

Options to submit a request include:

Call Our Prayer Phone Line (first name only): 612.767.2300

Via our website (first name only): [mtolivet.org/prayer-ministry](http://mtolivet.org/prayer-ministry)

Leave a Prayer Request: Prayer cards are available at Mpls Campus Pastoral Care Office, Main Office, or Information Desk. Prayer cards are available at the West Campus Information Desk.

## LIFE & GROWTH

**FEB 12 - MAR 14**

### BAPTISMS

**Lynn Hope Austin**

*daughter of Jeannette and Paul*

**Samuel Philip Austin**

*son of Jeannette and Paul*

**Brooks Brian Johnson**

*son of Courtney and Mitch*

**Parker William Lindberg**

*son of Whitney and Stephen*

**Lexington James Myhre**

*son of Bridget and Craig*

**Sage Daniel Rengstorf**

*son of Nicole and Jacob*

**Cameron Eileen Schmiel**

*daughter of Kaithlyn and Brian*

**Lenna Marie Seebinger**

*daughter of Nina and Michael*

**Audrey Elizabeth Seymore**

*daughter of Susan and Cameron*

### WEDDINGS

**Melissa Mrozek & Alexandre**

**Parkin, February 22**

### DEATHS

**Richard L. Anderson**

*1927 – 2022*

**William J. Edlefsen**

*1942 – 2022*

**Logan Nick Foreman**

*1953 – 2022*

**Paula A. Hunke**

*1945 – 2022*

**Robert M. Jensen**

*1957 – 2022*

**Larry E. Larson**

*1952 – 2022*

**Arlan Nelson**

*1930 – 2022*

**Charles T. Root**

*1949 – 2022*

**Fred A. Steen**

*1939 – 2022*



## DAILY READINGS

### FROM PASTOR KALLAND

APRIL 2022

- 1 Proverbs 15:5, Show Prudence
- 2 John 14:15, If You Love Me
- 3 Colossians 3:23-24, Who Are You Serving?
- 4 Romans 12:19, Sincere
- 5 1 Peter 5:10, God Of All Grace
- 6 Matthew 6:2, No Trumpets
- 7 1 John 4:18, No Fear In Love
- 8 Romans 12:11, Serving The Lord
- 9 2 Corinthians 9:7, Cheerful Giver
- 10 Romans 13:1, Governing Authorities
- 11 Ephesians 5:11-12, Fruitless Deeds
- 12 Proverbs 3:7-8, Shun Evil
- 13 Romans 16:17, Keep Away From Them
- 14 Mark 10:27, With God
- 15 Ephesians 4:29, Building Up Others
- 16 Revelation 3:20, Here I Am
- 17 Mark 16:6, Don't Be Alarmed
- 18 Matthew 27:37, This Is Jesus
- 19 Psalm 18:6, In My Distress
- 20 James 1:22, Do What It Says
- 21 Galatians 3:5, Believing What You Heard
- 22 Proverbs 23:5, Cast A Glance
- 23 Philippians 4:9, The God Of Peace
- 24 1 John 4:1, Dear Friends
- 25 Proverbs 10:12, Love Covers All
- 26 1 John 3:11, Love One Another
- 27 Ephesians 2:10, You Are God's Handiwork
- 28 Hebrews 12:11, Not Pleasant At The Time
- 29 John 6:29, Believe In The One God Has Sent
- 30 Ecclesiastes 5:10, What Do You Love

## DEVOTION

**"Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life." —Romans 6:4**

We are Easter people! Jesus defeated death and rose again so that we would all have new life.

Father James Martin says this about Easter, "There's good news, and there's better news. The good news is there is a Messiah. The better news is it's not you."

There will always be voices in this world that try to drown out the good news of Easter, but Easter reminds us that these voices never have the last word. For we are "buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life."

Have you heard the story about the church elder who looked at the attendance numbers on Easter and suggested that they call every Sunday Easter? Of course, we could call every Sunday Easter; we could call every day Easter, in fact! For Easter proclaims the central promise of the Christian faith and life – that Jesus died, but Jesus rose again. This is our promise. This is our hope.

**Dear God, help us to be Easter people, trusting in and sharing Christ's abundant life and love wherever we go. Amen.**

**— PASTOR FREEMAN**



## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATIONS

Mount Olivet offers a tremendous number of worship services, fellowship groups, service opportunities, and educational events and programs. Exploring the possibility of joining Mount Olivet is as easy as contacting Carol Nault, our Director of Membership. She will be in touch to answer your questions and help you explore how Mount Olivet can enrich your faith. Mount Olivet, you will soon discover, is "the biggest little church you will ever find," and we look forward to you becoming an important and valued part of the community.

Attend a very informative New Member Orientation and find out what it means to be a member of this amazing congregation! Meet the pastors, some of the staff, members of the Board of Life and Growth and connect with other people who will be joining Mount Olivet. The upcoming dates are:

**Sunday, April 10, 12noon-1:30pm, West Campus**

**Saturday, April 30, 9:30-11am, Mpls Campus**

**Saturday, May 14, 9:30-11am, Mpls Campus**

New Members will be recognized during the worship service on Sunday, May 15. To learn more or to register, please contact Carol Nault, Director of Membership, at 612.767.2204 or by email at [caroln@mtolivet.org](mailto:caroln@mtolivet.org).



# HOLY WEEK

## PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 10, 9, 10, and 11 am, Mpls & West Campuses

This morning's worship will be a festive service with brass quartet, timpani, and choirs all celebrating Christ's entrance into Jerusalem. Come to lift your voice and wave palm branches with Senior, Cathedral, Chapel, and Hosanna Choirs for the Palm Sunday processions. Join with the whole congregation in singing, "Hosanna to the King!" Streaming at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org) at 11 am

## SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

Wednesday, April 13, 7pm, Mpls Campus

This beloved Holy Week musical event is back after a two-year absence. If you are a Cathedral Choir alum, please join us for a review rehearsal on Wednesday, April 13 at 6pm in the Rehearsal Hall before the performance at 7pm. All singers must be fully masked. Three classes of our High School singers have never sung this work. They will need your experienced voices to join and support them this year more than ever! Streaming at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org).

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 14, 7pm, Mpls & West Campuses

Join in this service of Holy Communion which represents the night Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper. We come to receive the gifts and to commit ourselves once again to the way of Christ.

## GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 15

Mpls Campus: 7am, 12noon, 5pm and 7pm (Tenebrae service)

West Campus: 5pm and 7pm (Tenebrae service)

Communion services to remember the sacrifice that was made on our behalf in the crucifixion of our Lord. The 5pm service at the Mpls Campus will be livestreamed at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org)

## DIGITAL LENTEN CALENDAR

This year's Digital Lenten Calendar will center around "40 days of listening," using spiritual practices in action to reflect and grow in your faith.

## LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

Explore the Passion of St. Mark this Lent. Copies available at church. Daily emails will be sent to subscribers.

## EASTER GIFTS

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

#### WAYS TO GIVE

**Via Envelope:** send back the remittance envelope that was mailed to you in your Easter mailing.

**Give Online:** with your credit card or bank information by visiting [mtolivet.org/online-giving](http://mtolivet.org/online-giving). Scroll until you see the "Give Online Now" button.

**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](mailto:tricial@mtolivet.org).



## ANGEL GIFTS

Assemble & Deliver Baskets  
April 9, 10am-12noon, West  
Campus

April 9, 1pm-3pm, Mpls  
Campus

Please join us in assembling and delivering Easter baskets and food to show God's hope and coming light this Easter season to families identified through our Community Partners. Sign-up at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org) to volunteer, or contact Sam Sanda at [ssanda@mtolivet.org](mailto:ssanda@mtolivet.org) or Macey Oliver at [moliver@mtolivet.org](mailto:moliver@mtolivet.org) with questions.

## SPRING HOMEBOUND COMMUNION SERVICE AND LUNCHEON

Saturday, April 23, 11am-  
1pm, Mpls Campus

A Service of Holy Communion, followed by lunch in Fellowship Hall for homebound members and family. Please join us for this special time of food and fellowship. If transportation is needed, please contact Ann LaBree. Register by contacting Ann LaBree at 612.767.2288 or [annl@mtolivet.org](mailto:annl@mtolivet.org). **DRIVERS NEEDED:** Please contact Ann LaBree at 612.767.2288 or [annl@mtolivet.org](mailto:annl@mtolivet.org), if you are able to provide transportation for this event beginning at approximately 10am.



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## EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 17

### MPLS CAMPUS

7, 8, 9, 10, & 11am

Pastor Lose Preaching

Mpls Campus Streaming online at 11am

Dial-In Phone Option at 11am

### WEST CAMPUS

8, 9, 10, & 11am

Pastor Dixon Preaching

### NURSERY

9, 10, & 11am at both campuses

A joyful worship service celebrating the risen Christ! We will hear the resurrection story as written in the Gospel of Mark and join in song with the choirs and brass in proclaiming that "Christ has risen indeed!"



Thursday, April 28, Open House 5-9pm, The Hutton House 10715 S Shore Dr, Medicine Lake, MN 55441, \$35

This night will include a short program at the top of each hour sharing information about our affiliate organizations and ways to support them, along with a silent auction. This evening will also be a celebration of over a century of Mount Olivet Church's ministry. Cost includes program and heavy appetizers, with a cash bar available. Registration required at [mtolivet.org/event/gala](http://mtolivet.org/event/gala) or call Laurie Hancer at 612.767.2267.

# "DIVINE LAUGHTER, HUMOR, AND WELLBEING?" VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

**Tuesday, April 26 from 6:30-8:30pm**

Register now for the second workshop of *Living Well, Leading Well*, a three-part monthly series of virtual workshops promoting wholeness, wellbeing, and renewal in our personal and professional lives.

What do humor and comedy have to do with faith, theology, and wellbeing? Everything! In the Bible, God laughs at people, people laugh at God, and there are some really funny stories. Think, for example, about Sarah and Abraham both laughing at God in the face when God promised Sarah would bear a son in her old age. Karl and Rolf Jacobson will present on what church members, theologians, and ministers can learn from the serious business of comedy.

Rolf and Karl Jacobson, brothers from the same mother, suffer from the genetically inherited traits of being fans of Minnesota sports teams and Lutheran pastors. Karl is the lead pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Minneapolis; Rolf is the Rogness Professor of Scripture, Theology, and Ministry at Luther Seminary in St. Paul. They've written a few funny books about theology together, including *Crazy Talk: A Not-So-Stuffy Dictionary of Theological Terms* and *Crazy Book: A Not-So-Stuffy Dictionary of Biblical Terms*. Register at [mtolivetretreat.org/events](http://mtolivetretreat.org/events).



## "CULTURAL HUMILITY IN AN AGE OF TRIBAL PARTISANSHIP?" VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

**Tuesday, May 17, 6:30-8:30pm**

In a world where social forces are constantly building walls between groups, what role can the Church play in healing divisions? In this session, Dr. Duane Loynes, Assistant Professor of Urban Studies and Africana Studies at Rhodes College (Memphis, TN) will encourage us to explore the concept of Cultural Humility as we discuss how, with God's help, we can restore what has been broken.

## MOTHER'S DAY WORSHIP & BRUNCH

**Sunday, May 8**

Celebrate mom with delicious food, beautiful views, and warm hospitality at Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center. Pastor Kalland and Rev. Theresa Latini will lead worship at 9am, and brunch will be served at 10am and 11:30am. Choose your brunch seating when you register. Expect mouthwatering dishes like sea salt crusted prime rib, stuffed salmon with lemon caper dill sauce, mandarin orange spinach salad, crème Brule French toast, and a wide assortment of desserts. While you're here, enjoy a dip in the pool, a hike on our trails, or a restful sit on one of our outdoor patios. Let us handle the details while your family makes memories! All are welcome. Cost is \$25 for adults (13yrs+), \$15 for youth (3-12yrs), and children under 3 are free. Reservations open 4/8 at [mtolivet.org/events](http://mtolivet.org/events).

## SPRING VOLUNTEER DAY

**Saturday, May 21**

Save the date for Spring Volunteer Day at the Conference & Retreat Center. Whether you're a family looking for volunteer opportunities, a small group looking for a day away, or a volunteer day regular, we hope to see you for a time of readying the retreat center for summer!





# Seriously... What's Up with Revelation?

Are you ready for a Revelation? In May, the *Living the Message* Bible Study will focus on the last, and what is arguably the most controversial, book of the New Testament. Revelation, or the Revelation to John, is sometimes most known for its graphic visions of beasts and horsemen, angelic beings of heavenly wonder, Hell and blood and fire, a lamb, a lion, stark depictions of judgment, and symbolic language galore. A biblical theologian once quipped, "It's the book of the Bible which might most appeal to our middle-school aged members interested in gory fantasy!" Who wouldn't want to read about the ten-horned, seven-headed dragon, and the epic battle between good and evil culminating in the end of all creation?!

With all its symbolic and graphic content, interpretations of Revelation over the centuries have run the gamut. Sadly, the book has been and is still often used as a weapon of fear, a tool of greedy exploitation, and a warped commodity for spiritual abuse, promoting theologies which have little to do with the rest of scripture or the story of Jesus in the gospels. Even the most skilled and studious Biblical scholars, including the father of the Reformation, Martin Luther, have questioned whether it should have been included in the canon. At the same time, it provides some of the most well-known, comforting, beautifully artistic, and dear passages used almost universally across the ages in the worship practice of the church.

So, how shall we read it? Far be it from perhaps any person to claim to be able to answer all the questions this book conjures, but join in May to dig deeper, learn some background, and hear anew how it may finally bring good news, good encouragement, and good hope for any time.

**APRIL 5 (MPLS CAMPUS): What About All These Other Letters?** *Hebrews, James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, Jude*

**MAY 3 (MPLS CAMPUS): Seriously... What's Up with Revelation?**

*Participate via in-person presentations: 6:30-7:30pm the first Tuesday of the month at the campus listed above and/or emailed videos. Previous videos available at [mtolivet.org/education](http://mtolivet.org/education). Register at [mtolivet.org/education](http://mtolivet.org/education) or by contacting Katie Stevenson at [katies@mtolivet.org](mailto:katies@mtolivet.org) or 612.767.2232*

SO WHAT?!

Does Luther's  
Theology Still  
Matter?



Through his preaching and writing, Martin Luther spurred a reformation of the whole church. His beliefs – that we are justified by grace through faith, that each of us has a calling (vocation), that God uses both government and church to enrich our lives, and that God encourages and directs our lives of faith through law and gospel – shaped the sixteenth century profoundly. But... that was 500 years ago. Does Luther's theology still speak? What relevance do his convictions hold for us today? We'll address these questions by taking a page from Luther's own history. When writing his small and large catechisms, Luther would take central elements of the Christian faith – the Apostles' Creed, Ten Commandments, etc. – and break them down into bite-size pieces and then ask of each one, *Was ist Das?* Literally "What is this?" Or, more broadly, "What does this mean?" or even "Why does this matter?" So also, we'll lift up four key elements of Luther's theology and ask "So what? Why does this still matter today?"

**APRIL 27/28:** *Two Kingdoms: Faith, Politics & the Body of Christ* with Pastor Lose

**MAY 4/5:** *Justification: You Just Can't Help Yourself* with Pastor Ruud

**MAY 11/12:** *Law and Gospel: It's a Matter of Death and Life* with Pastor Dixon

**MAY 18/19:** *Vocation: Why Should I Get Out of Bed?* with Pastor Cieslik

*In-person presentations: Wednesdays at Mpls; Thursdays at West; 10:30-11:30am for both campuses. Also available via pre-recorded videos emailed weekly. Register at [mtolivet.org/education](http://mtolivet.org/education) or by contacting Katie Stevenson at [katies@mtolivet.org](mailto:katies@mtolivet.org) or 612.767.2232.*

# SUMMER CAMPS



## NATURE CAMP JULY 18 - 22 K-6TH GRADE

Held at the beautiful Mount Olivet Conference and Retreat Center, our new Nature Camp will provide a variety of educational and fun learning experiences related to nature and our environment. We will learn about composting, take some hikes, enjoy the pool, engage in nature play and have a lot of fun. Lunch is provided by the Conference & Retreat Center culinary team.



## BUGGING OUT AUGUST 1 - 5 K-6TH GRADE

We'll be busy as a bee during Bug Week learning about pollinators at a Nature Center, enjoying some time outdoors at Oak Hill Park & Splash Pad and the Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center, and getting up close and personal with a variety of bug friends from Bruce the Bug Guy.

Visit [mtolivet.org/summer-camps](http://mtolivet.org/summer-camps) to learn more about all Summer Day Camp options and to register. If you have questions, please contact Kristin Olson, [kolson@mtolivet.org](mailto:kolson@mtolivet.org) or 612.767.2246.

## MOUNT OLIVET DAY CAMPS

Each Day Camp is \$225/session and includes snacks, a t-shirt, activities, and field trips. Camps run from 8:30am-4:30pm, with early drop off (7:30am) and extended day (until 5:30pm) options.

### AGES 4 - 2ND GRADE HALF DAY OPTIONS

**Vacation Bible School at Mpls Campus**

M 6/20 – Th 6/23 \$50

**Vacation Bible School at West Campus**

M 6/27 – Th 6/30 \$50

### KINDERGARTEN - 6TH GRADE FULL DAY OPTIONS

**God's Kids Sing!**

M 6/13 – F 6/17 \$225

**Vacation Bible School Day Camp**

M 6/20 – Th 6/24 \$225

**Cooking Week**

M 6/27 – F 7/1 \$225

**Drop in Days**

W 7/6 – F 7/8, daily rate of \$45

**Super Summer**

M 7/11 – F 7/15 \$225

**Nature Camp**

M 7/18 – F 7/22 \$225

**Imagination Creation**

M 7/25 – F 7/29 \$225

**Bugging Out**

M 8/1 – F 8/5 \$225

**Drop in Days**

M 8/22 – F 8/26, daily rate \$45

**Drop in Days**

M 8/29 – Th 9/1, daily rate \$45

### 6TH - 9TH GRADE

**Summertime Players!**

M 7/18 – F 7/22 \$225



## 2022 YOUTH CAMPING SCHEDULE ELIGIBILITY DETERMINED BY GRADE AS OF SEP 1, 2022

### GRADES 3, 4, & 5

Week 1: Sa, 7/23 – W 7/27

Week 2: Sa, 8/6 – W 8/10

### GRADES 5, 6, & 7

Week 1: M 7/18 – Sa 7/23

### GRADES 6, 7, & 8

Week 1: Su 6/26 – F 7/1

Week 2: Tu 7/5 – Su 7/10

Week 3: W 7/27 – M 8/1

### 9TH GRADE

### CONFIRMATION CAMP (MOUNT OLIVET MEMBERS ONLY)

Week 1: Su 7/10 – F 7/15

Week 2: M 8/1 – Sa 8/6

### GRADES 11, 12, & GRADUATES

Summer Starter: Su 6/19 – Th 6/23

### GRADE 10

10th Grade Starter: Th 6/23 – Su  
6/26

### GRADES 10, 11, & 12

Hi-League Retreat: W 8/10 – Su 8/14

## DAY CAMP COUNSELOR TRAINING

If you're entering 9th - 12th grade – you have the chance to be a counselor this summer for day camps! Leadership training is required to be a counselor. We want you to be well equipped to lead a group of campers through any or all of our day camp options and have a lot of fun at the same time!

Please sign up or attend Cathedral Choir rehearsal on **Wednesday, May 11, from 7:30-8:30pm at the Mpls Campus**. Counselors are encouraged to attend training in person, and we'll add a Zoom date as needed.

If you have any questions about training, please contact Kristin Olson, Children's Camp Coordinator: [kolson@mtolivet.org](mailto:kolson@mtolivet.org) or 612.767.2246.

## JOIN OUR CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY TEAM – WE ARE HIRING FOR THE SUMMER!

If you know a great, energetic person who might be available to assist in summer programming, send them our way! Summer staff must be at least 19 years old. For more information about the positions, job descriptions, and how to apply – contact Kristin Olson, Children's Camp Coordinator: [kolson@mtolivet.org](mailto:kolson@mtolivet.org) or 612.767.2246.

## COP PREVIEW NIGHT

**Friday, May 20 through Saturday, May 21**

Calling all 2nd and 3rd Graders! Are you heading to Cathedral of the Pines this summer or considering it? We have a great night planned for you to meet some of the counselors and fellow campers joining you. You're invited to an overnight at the Mount Olivet Retreat Center. Be prepared to swim, play games, and get excited about COP this summer! \$45/camper includes transportation, food, and lodging. Register at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org).

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REMINDERS

Be sure to tune in to the Easter episode of Going God's Way featuring the children's choirs from both campuses!

**April 3: Sunday School**

**April 10: Sunday School and Hosanna and Chapel Choirs sing in worship at both campuses**

**April 17: Easter Sunday, please enjoy worshiping as a family!**

**April 24: Sunday School resumes**

On Sunday, May 1 our Choir Sunday School classes are inviting all parents to our Informances. Informances are an informal and informative way to share what we've been learning throughout the year! The informality reduces performance pressure for the child and ensures participation for all students. The small performance setting also allows parents the opportunity to easily see and hear their child participating. Informances are meant to be informative so that the audience walks away with a deeper understanding of what the children are doing in Sunday School each week. Parents are welcome to drop in to as many classes as they'd like. It will be a fun morning - the kids are eager to show you all they've learned!



# UPCOMING EVENTS YOUTH MINISTRY

To register for these events or learn more about these offerings, please contact Geoff Arenson [geoffa@mtolivet.org](mailto:geoffa@mtolivet.org), 612.767.2212; Anna Herd [aherd@mtolivet.org](mailto:aherd@mtolivet.org), 612.767.2279; Angie St.Dennis [angelas@mtolivet.org](mailto:angelas@mtolivet.org), 612.767.2244; Macey Oliver [moliver@mtolivet.org](mailto:moliver@mtolivet.org), 612.767.2237; Julia Jallo [jjallo@mtolivet.org](mailto:jjallo@mtolivet.org), 952.767.1502; or Katie Ridler [kridler@mtolivet.org](mailto:kridler@mtolivet.org), 952.767.1581.



## ANGEL GIFTS

**SATURDAY, APRIL 9**

West Campus 10am–12noon  
Mpls Campus: 1pm – 3pm  
Please come volunteer and hang out with us!



## HI-LEAGUE

**4/3:** 9th Grade Hi-League Sharegroup  
**4/10:** 10th Grade Hi-League Sharegroup  
**4/17:** Mpls & West Cathedral Choir Breakfast at Perkins



## CONFIRMATION

**4/10:** Last 7th Grade Sunday Confirmation  
**4/13:** No Confirmation  
**4/20:** Last 7th Grade Wednesday Confirmation  
**4/27:** 8th Grade Parking Lot Party (both campuses)



## 8TH GRADE PARTY

**APRIL 27 7-8:15pm**  
Please join us for the last night of Confirmation. We are excited to celebrate our 8th Grade Confirmands with a parking lot party to end their time in confirmation. This event is for 8th graders only.

# LIVIA'S FUNDRAISER & CHOIR TRIP 2022

Our Cathedral Choir students will be traveling to Chicago, IL, for our annual Choir Trip from Thursday, April 21 through Sunday, April 24. We are so excited for the opportunity to travel together again!! If you want to help support the Cathedral Choir with their Choir Trip, we are selling Livia's Seasoning Salt for \$10 a shaker. Please email [GeoffA@mtolivet.org](mailto:GeoffA@mtolivet.org) to order yours today! We appreciate your generosity and thoughts and prayers as we travel this year.

## CHOIR TRIP LOCATIONS IN THE PAST

1979 – Duluth, MN  
 1985 – Chicago, IL  
 1987 – New Orleans, Louisiana  
 1990 – Chicago, IL  
 1993 – Duluth, MN  
 1996 – Madison, WI  
 1997 – Sioux Falls, SD  
 1998 – Chicago, IL  
 1999 – San Diego, CA  
 2000 – Madison, WI  
 2001 – Phoenix, AZ  
 2002 – Chicago, IL  
 2003 – St. Petersburg, FL  
 2004 – Kansas City, MO  
 2005 – Houston, TX  
 2006 – Chicago, IL  
 2007 – San Diego, CA  
 2008 – Madison, WI  
 2009 – St. Petersburg, FL  
 2010 – Chicago, IL  
 2011 – Dallas, TX  
 2012 – Duluth, MN  
 2013 – Orlando, FL  
 2014 – Chicago, IL  
 2015 – Seattle, WA  
 2016 – Rapid City, SD  
 2017 – Los Angeles, CA  
 2018 – Chicago, IL  
 2019 – San Diego, CA  
 2020 – NO Trip  
 2021 – NO Trip

# CATHEDRAL CHOIR TRIP 2022!

Our Cathedral Choir students will be traveling to Chicago for our annual Choir Trip! We are looking forward to a fun trip together and will be staying right in the heart of Chicago at the Chicago Hilton on the Magnificent Mile! We are especially looking forward to a ballgame at Wrigley Field, having some pizza at Gino's East and checking out Chicago's Navy Pier! The choir will be singing at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Rockford, IL on Sunday, April 24! We are so thankful for the continued support we feel from our Mount Olivet congregation and ask that you keep all of us on the trip in your thoughts and prayers during this weekend!



## WHY I LOVE THE CHOIR TRIP

Each spring at Mount Olivet, our Music and Youth teams join our beloved High School Cathedral Choir on a special choir trip. From the inception of these trips in the early 1970s we have gone to some pretty awesome places over the years. Our last trip to San Diego in 2019 was another fun and meaningful trip. Through the time of the pandemic, we have not been able to go on these trips which makes this year's trip to Chicago extra special. Through a story I wanted to share the profound impact these trips have on students who participate in these trips during their high school years. It was at a lunch on January 10th this year that some of us on the youth staff had the chance to catch up with one of our freshman college students, Bishop Schugel. We were nearing the end of our lunch and we shared stories of special memories of choir trips from three different decades. Although we each had different favorite parts of these choir trips, the common theme was the same: being together and experiencing our faith through the shared love of our Cathedral Choir songs. These trips bring our youth group together and connect us in ways that give us friendships for a lifetime.

— GEOFF ARENSON, Director of Youth Ministry

### PHOTO CAPTION

Pastor Lose and Dr. Beverly Claflin with 2019 Cathedral Choir Trip Group



## Grateful for All the Gifts

In March of 1973, we were married at Mount Olivet by Pastor Youngdahl. Three months later we drove up to Lutsen to spend the summer on staff at COP. Everyone who has ever been a camper or volunteered or worked at camp knows lives change in an incredibly special way there. Our lives certainly did. The experience at COP ignited a lasting connection with Mount Olivet.

The relationships that grew out of our time at camp and from participating in Adult Education classes and other volunteer activities at church have enriched our lives and been an enormous blessing. As we get older, we appreciate those relationships even more. As Pastor Lose said recently, relationships and community are what make Mount Olivet so special. The numerous opportunities to get involved at Mount Olivet make it possible to build those relationships and to experience the good news of God's grace and acceptance and love.

All the different ways that Mount Olivet and its affiliates serve the community make a significant difference in people's lives. We are inspired by the kindness and love of Pastor Scott's ministry, Community Meals, the Greet and Give Drives, Careview Homes, Rolling Acres, the Preschool, and the Retreat Center.

Mount Olivet is at the top of our list of blessings. Each time we walk into church, our lives are recharged by the beautiful setting, our many friends, the way the Gospel is preached and the inspiring music. Songs like *My God and I*, *How Great Thou Art*, and *Crown Him With Many Crowns* are three of our favorites that fill us with joy.

We are grateful for the caring and dedicated staff and pastors. Pastor Youngdahl always reminded us that we are blessed to be a blessing. And so, we try our best to give back with our time and gifts. We would encourage all members to become involved in some way at Mount Olivet (the Bible studies are outstanding!) and experience what we have enjoyed - the gift of relationships, community, and God's amazing grace.

**GARY AND LAUNA WERT**, *Mount Olivet members*



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### WAYS TO GIVE

**Give Online:** *with your credit card or bank information by visiting [mtolivet.org/online-giving](http://mtolivet.org/online-giving). Scroll until you see the "Give Online Now" button.*

**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](mailto:tricial@mtolivet.org).*





# UPCOMING AT MOUNT OLIVET

## HEALING THROUGH DIVORCE

Thursdays, April 7 through June 9, 6:30–8pm, via Zoom, \$125, Mount Olivet Counseling Service

In this support group, cultivate a stronger connection to yourself and others on your journey of healing and recovery from divorce. You will be guided to explore and discover deeper meaning, purpose, and strength buried within your painful experiences, helping you to embrace compassion, hope, and trust in yourself and your life. Sherri Dunham, MA, LPCC joins your healing process to help you embrace self-compassion and thrive in your new landscape.

## LIFE LINE SCREENING

Friday, April 8, 9am–4pm, Mpls Campus

Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive, and painless health screenings. Life Line Screenings can help make you aware of a previously silent, unrecognized problem that can now get treated at an early stage, or confirm that you are on the right path and should continue your healthy habits. To register for your appointment and to receive the special discount, please call 1.800.324.1851, visit LLSA.SOCIAL/HS, or text the word "circle" to 797979. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Goodman at [julieg@mtolivet.org](mailto:julieg@mtolivet.org) or 612.767.2208.

## FLYING SOLO HIKE & EATERY

Sunday, April 10, 3-5:30pm, Sea Salt Eatery, 4801 Minnehaha Avenue South, Mpls

Join Flying Solo for a spring hike at Minnehaha Falls Regional Park in Minneapolis! A striking, wilderness waterfall in an urban setting that overlooks the Mississippi River. After the hike, join those interested in eating at Sea Salt Eatery. Register at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org).

## YOUNG IN HEART

Wednesday, April 27, 12noon, Mpls Campus

Plan to attend the Young in Heart luncheon and meet our newest pastor, Pastor Ben Cieslik! Cost: \$9, and a donation to Pastor Scott's ministry is welcome. Register by April 22 at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org), or by contacting Ann LaBree at 612.767.2288 or [annl@mtolivet.org](mailto:annl@mtolivet.org).

## MEET OUR NEW ART TEACHER, VANESSA!

Vanessa Merry moved to Florence, Italy, at the age of eighteen to study the methods of the great masters in painting, drawing, and printmaking at Palazzo Spinelli. She continued her education and exploration of the human-figure, still-lives, and landscapes in France where she enjoyed Plein-Air painting in the French countryside. She then moved back to the United States and graduated from the University of Minnesota in Visual Arts and Art History.

She has been actively involved in the Twin Cities art scene for many years, receiving several awards for her paintings in local galleries. She was the President of the Robbin Gallery in Robbinsdale, Minnesota, and worked for WARM (Women's Art Resources of MN).

Vanessa continues to create art today, but finds herself happiest when she is in the classroom teaching others. To read Vanessa's full bio, please visit [facebook.com/MtOlivetSchoolofMusic](https://facebook.com/MtOlivetSchoolofMusic).

## ART CLASSES

### BEGINNER ADULT/CHILD ART CLASS

Friday, April 29, 5:30-7:30pm, Mpls Campus, \$35

In this mixed media art class, you will work with a variety of art mediums as you combine and layer them to create a gorgeously unique work of art. The instructor will lead you through the process as you are introduced to each new supply. The final result will truly be a uniquely individual work of art! This is a great class for beginner artists. Register by Monday, April 25.

### BEGINNER ADULT/CHILD POUR PAINTING CLASS

Tuesday, May 10, 6-8pm, Mpls Campus, adult and one kid \$55, adult and two kids \$70, one adult \$35

Pour painting is an innovative way to use acrylic paint to create an art piece. Learn the process of mixing acrylic paints with other materials to give it a more fluid consistency so that it can be poured directly onto a canvas. An 8 x 10 inch canvas and all supplies are included. Please bring a box to take your work home with you.

Register by Thursday, May 5

Register for both of these classes at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org) or by emailing Luke Randall at [mosom@mtolivet.org](mailto:mosom@mtolivet.org).

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**THURSDAY, APRIL 28**

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 MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH