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SUNDAYS

DIAL-IN VIA PHONE
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11am

**WATCH THE MPLS
WORSHIP SERVICE AT
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10am

HOLY COMMUNION

8:30am only

NURSERY

9, 10am

JUNE 5

PENTECOST

Acts 2:1-12

M 9, 10am

SERMON Pastor Ruud

W 9, 10am

SERMON Pastor Cieslik

LAKE HARRIET BAND

SHELL WORSHIP

10am

SERMON Pastor Lose

JUNE 12

PAUL THE APOSTLE

Romans 1:1, 7-17

M 9, 10am

SERMON Pastor Lose

W 9, 10am

SERMON Pastor Kalland

JUNE 19

**THE HEART OF
THE GOSPEL &
COMMUNION SUNDAY**

Romans 3:21-28

M 9, 10am

SERMON Pastor MacLean

W 9, 10am

SERMON Pastor Freeman

**No Holy Communion at
8:30am*

JUNE 26

**THE HOPE THAT DOES
NOT DISAPPOINT**

Romans 5:1-10

M 9, 10am

SERMON Pastor Hammersten

W 9, 10am

SERMON Pastor Dixon

WEDNESDAYS

HOLY COMMUNION UPDATE

Due to the three summer worship dates that are Communion Sundays, (June 19, July 17, August 21), there will be no Service of Holy Communion offered on the first Wednesday of each month during the summer.

MIDWEEK SUMMER WORSHIP AT THE MOUNT OLIVET CONFERENCE & RETREAT CENTER

Looking for a way to worship on Wednesday evenings this summer? Come to the Conference & Retreat Center each week beginning June 22. More information is available on page 10.

COVER IMAGE

The Marsh Walk at the Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center.



Paul's Letter to Mount Olivet Church

What in the world could letters written two thousand years ago say to us today? It's an important question, but one we often don't think to ask when considering the letters of the Apostle Paul. It might be that we're so used to coming to church on Sunday and listening as someone reads a passage from "The Letter to the Romans" that we often forget that, before they were part of the New Testament, Paul's letters were just that: actual letters. Paul never imagined he was writing a new part of Scripture. Instead, he was trying to address the perils, problems, and possibilities of Christians new to the faith who were struggling to figure out how the Gospel might shape their life in the world.

We continue reading them today because, while many things have changed over the last two thousand years, some pretty essential things have not: we still struggle to understand our place in the world, we're still beset by insecurities and challenges, we still desperately want to be loved, be accepted, and lead lives of meaning and purpose. And the Apostle Paul's down to earth, passionate, and personal letters to Christians living in the first century address these and other questions with which Christians in the 21st century still wrestle.

While Paul is often called "The Second Founder of Christianity" because he took the Gospel to the edges of the known world, he was an unlikely candidate to be a follower of Jesus. As we recently heard in our Sunday readings from the Book of Acts, Paul initially persecuted the fledgling Christian movement, rounding up early believers and sending them to prison. But on the road to Damascus, Paul encountered the Risen Christ, who commissioned him to be "the Apostle to the Gentiles" and the rest, as they say, is history.

Except it's not just history. Paul's writings have continued to influence followers of Christ ever since he first wrote them. In fact, across the centuries, Paul has influenced the most significant theologians of the Church: from Augustine in the 4th century to Thomas Aquinas in the 13th, and from Martin Luther and John Calvin in the 16th century to Karl Barth in the 20th, Paul's insights into the grace of God in Christ and the shape of Christian life in the world continue to kindle hope in the hearts of believers.

For this reason, on Sundays this summer we'll be reading some of the best known passages from Paul's writings in a series we're calling, "St. Paul's Letter to Mount Olivet Church." Just a little background on Paul may help you enter into this series more fully. By way of timeline: Paul was likely a few years younger than Jesus and became a follower of him around 33-34AD. Paul embarked on three different missionary trips in the late 40s and early 50s, founding a number of largely Gentile congregations along the way. After getting a congregation started, Paul would move on, eager to spread the Gospel far and wide. He kept in touch with his congregations by letter, which are what we have collected in the New Testament. Paul was arrested in the late 50s and was eventually tried in Rome around 60AD. He spent several years under house arrest, continuing to teach the Gospel and writing to his congregations, before being executed for the faith sometime between 64-68AD.

Paul is chiefly known for his radical trust in God's grace alone. Perhaps because he had persecuted the Church yet was accepted by Jesus, he believed that no one was beyond the reach of God's love. His belief that Gentiles did not have to first become Jewish before becoming Christian and were therefore not subject to Jewish law stirred a lot of controversy in the early church, and Paul argued forcefully with some of the early leaders of the Christian movement, including Peter the disciple and James, the brother of Jesus, until his view prevailed.

This summer, we will read portions from three of Paul's Epistles (which is just a fancy name for "letter" 😊): Romans, 1 Corinthians, and Philippians. Each shares Paul's conviction that in the death and resurrection of Christ we see just how much God loves us, we receive the promise that God will never abandon us and, because our future and destiny are secure, we are invited into lives of service to others. Paul's message, as we'll learn together, continues to guide us as we seek to *believe* in the grace of God, *belong* to a servant congregation, and *become* the people and church God needs us to be. See you in church – both in-person and digitally – this summer!



Pastor Lose

DAVID J. LOSE, SENIOR PASTOR

DELAYED CONFIRMATION (FOR OVER 60 YEARS)

I first met our Mount Olivet Home resident, Ted, via an email from his daughter. She requested a spiritual care visit for her dad. In the email she shared a lot of general background information she thought would be helpful before I met with Ted in person. One specific life event she highlighted was that as a teenager, Ted was denied Confirmation by his pastor over 60 years ago. After being denied Confirmation, Ted left the church and church involvement. Ted's daughter stated that he has recently become more interested and active in spiritual practices and in his Christian faith.



It wasn't long after I introduced myself as a Lutheran pastor and the chaplain at Mount Olivet Home that Ted launched into the story of being denied Confirmation as a teenager. I could sense deep hurt and resentment coming from within his soul. It was clear to me that Ted felt wronged by a pastor and let down by the church. It was also clear that his renewed spiritual life was a source of joy and strength, yet tempered by never being Confirmed. I left that first meeting with Ted feeling sad for him and for all people that have left the church because of ungracious pastors.

At our second meeting, I asked Ted if he wanted to be confirmed here at one of our worship services in Lund Chapel. I'll never forget the radiant smile that broke out on his face and he said, "Oh, I would love to be Confirmed before I die." Arrangements were made with Ted's family for his Confirmation/The Rite of Affirmation of Baptism for Palm Sunday. It was a moving sacred experience for all who were present. Many tears of joy were shed. Ted was finally Confirmed and became a member of Mount Olivet Lutheran Church at 82 years of age. He has said several times since being Confirmed, "I am so glad to be a member of a church again." We are so glad to have Ted as part of our Mount Olivet Home community and Mount Olivet Lutheran Church.

PASTOR DALE PETERSON, *Director of Spiritual Care at Mount Olivet Home and Mount Olive Careview Home*

LAKE HARRIET BANDSHELL WORSHIP



Lake Harriet
Bandshell Worship

10am, Sunday, June 5, 2022

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Sunday, June 5, 10am, Lake Harriet Bandshell

Enjoy this annual outdoor worship experience at Lake Harriet Bandshell. The Cathedral Choir and alumni will be singing, bring a lawn chair or a blanket to sit on. The offering taken at this service goes to the Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery. We hope to see you there!

LIFE & GROWTH

APR 14 - MAY 13

BAPTISMS

Louie Decker Arvig
son of Stefanie and Jamie

Helen Patricia Bosacker
daughter of Linda and Peter

Greta Beth Bosman
daughter of Annie and Brendan

Isla Lou Engebretson
daughter of Kelli and Scott

Parker Alan Grove
son of Jennifer and Ryan

Bennett John Jenkins
son of Cheryl and Billy

Cade Leroy Klem
son of Colette and Joshua

Norah Cynthia LaMar
daughter of Courtney and Travis

Kip Landon McCleary
son of Heidi and Eric

Dane George Schmidt
son of Deanna and Kohlton

Link Tshajyej Tcheutsing
son of Kelsey and Stephen

Madelyn Judith Wynia
daughter of Beverly and Donald

WEDDINGS

Elizabeth Altenburg & Seth Hau, April 22

Kaitlin Storo & Sam Welter, April 30

DEATHS

Jacqueline Attleson
1931 – 2022

Eleanor J. Baack
1928 – 2022

Madeline O. Habighorst
1926 – 2022

Patricia Meyers
1930 – 2022

Mary L. Outcalt
1946 – 2022

M. Delores Roehl
1925 – 2022

Martin R. Scalici
2000 – 2022

Ellen Stewart Nelson
1940 – 2022

Richard A. Westin
1938 – 2022

DAILY READINGS

FROM PASTOR KALLAND

JUNE 2022

- 1 Proverbs 16:28, Gossip Separates Friends
- 2 1 John 1:7, Walk In The Light
- 3 Psalm 119:30, Location Of Our Heart
- 4 Matthew 10:38, Take Up Your Cross
- 5 Proverbs 10:32, Lips Of The Righteous
- 6 Matthew 18:20, Where Two Or Three Are Gathered
- 7 Romans 6:15, By No Means
- 8 Acts 2:4, Filled With The Holy Spirit
- 9 1 John 1:5, No Darkness At All
- 10 Psalm 67:7, God Bless Us
- 11 Proverbs 16:16, Wisdom And Insight
- 12 Isaiah 41:13, God Will Help You
- 13 Numbers 6:24-26, Benediction
- 14 Psalm 138:8, Endures Forever
- 15 Hebrews 10:24-25, Encouraging One Another
- 16 Isaiah 30:18, God Of Justice
- 17 Ezekiel 36:23, Before Their Eyes
- 18 Ephesians 3:20-21, More Than We Can Imagine
- 19 Romans 8:18, Not Worth Comparing
- 20 Psalm 37:16-17, The Lord Upholds The Righteous
- 21 Romans 8:15, The Spirit Brings Adoption
- 22 Psalm 10:7, Used In Blessing
- 23 Isaiah 41:4, with the First And The Last
- 24 Romans 8:14, Led By The Spirit
- 25 Proverbs 29:25, Trust In The Lord
- 26 John 14:23, Home With God
- 27 Acts 5:32, Witnesses
- 28 Psalm 37:3, Trust, Dwell, Enjoy
- 29 Acts 2:38, The Gift Of The Holy Spirit
- 30 Psalm 143:8, Show Me The Way

DEVOTION

The song, "It's Hard To Be Humble" was written and recorded by American Country Music artist Mac Davis. It became an international hit in 1980. The opening verse is, "Oh Lord it's hard to be humble when you're perfect in every way. I can't wait to look in the mirror 'cause I get better looking each day. To know me is to love me, I must be a hell of a man, Oh Lord it's hard to be humble, but I'm doing the best that I can." It sounds like this guy's ego shows up days before he does! Ego stands for Edging God Out.



At times we can all get a bit "full of ourselves." When we act and believe as if we are at the center of the universe we're competing with God...we're acting as if we are God. Life goes better when we are 'right-sized.' God helps us with that. In Proverbs 11:2 we read, **"When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but wisdom is with the humble."** More words to live by are found in Philippians 2:3-4, **"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others."**

Our selfish motives can turn us into takers instead of givers. One way to remain humble is to remember what God has done for us in Christ Jesus. Daily turning our wills and our lives over to the care of God helps to "right-size" us. Blessings on your day. — PASTOR KALLAND

THE BUZZ AROUND THE BEES

The bees are back! Actually, they never leave as they winter in their hives on the roof of the church. Although it was a long cold winter, spring brought activity to the apiary, also known as the hive. As the temperature warms, the bees' diet changes from honey that was stored inside the hive to pollen. Since there was no pollen before any flowers appeared, the bees were fed a pollen substitute and given fresh water beginning in April. The flowerpots in front of the building then provided a natural source of pollen which can be seen on the bees' little legs as they return to the hive.

Last fall, I harvested two-and-a-half gallons of honey. This was a successful harvest considering last summer's drought, and with only two hives! This season we expanded to a total of six hives! The new bees came from the same local farm as last year and when they arrived, I unwrapped the existing hives and prepared them for another season. I also installed a monitoring system allowing me to monitor the internal temperature, humidity, weight, and I am able to count each bee as they come and go via my phone or a computer.

If you are interested in learning more about the bees, I will be hosting a class on **Tuesday, June 21, at 10am at the Mpls Campus**. Please register at mtolivet.org. If you have other questions, contact me at mnelson@mtolivet.org. Thank you all for your interest in honeybees!

MICHAEL NELSON, *Mount Olivet Beekeeper*



MOUNT OLIVET SUMMER CAMPS

MEET YOUR 2022 SUMMER CAMPS STAFF!



BISHOP SCHUGEL

Hi everyone, my name is Bishop and I'm a student at Creighton University majoring in Journalism. I love working with kids because they have so much energy. They are a constant source of fun, and being able to help them learn and grow is an awesome thing to see. I am hoping the main thing kids will get out of this summer is a positive church experience. Mount Olivet has had such a positive impact on my life and it all started with my first summer camp experience!



JORRUN KUEHN

Hi! My name is Jorrun and I'm so excited to be working with the Mount Olivet day camps this summer! Next year, I will be a junior at Gustavus Adolphus College majoring in Communication Studies. This summer, I can't wait to get to know all of our campers and have so much fun making music, learning about cool subjects, and being creative! I am especially excited for nature camp and cooking week.



CADI STREETAR

Hi all! I'm Cadi and I'm so excited for this summer! I am currently a student at Augustana University majoring in Communication Disorders and ASL. The activities I'm looking forward to most are swimming, going on nature hikes, and cooking week! I hope that kids this summer will learn something new, engage in new activities, and all the kids meet new friends! I also want all the kids to leave their experience feeling like they belong, and embracing their true selves.



SOPHIE NORMAN

I'm Sophie and I'll be a junior in the fall at Gustavus Adolphus College. I love working with kids because of how goofy and imaginative they are. Every kid has a unique perspective on the world and I love hearing their stories and conversations about anything and everything! I'm looking forward to singing together, going on nature hikes, and doing all the fun and new arts and crafts activities that each theme week will bring!

Visit 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 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!

View your GKS Staff, including professional music educators, at mtolivet.org

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

MOUNT OLIVET EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION

Discussions are at 7pm the second Wednesday of every month at the Mpls campus or via Zoom, which will be decided monthly.

You can join in for one discussion – or all! Contact Katie Stevenson at katies@mtolivet.org or 612.767.2232 to register and for further information. (And watch for more information about a daytime book discussion!)

UPCOMING SUMMER

READS:

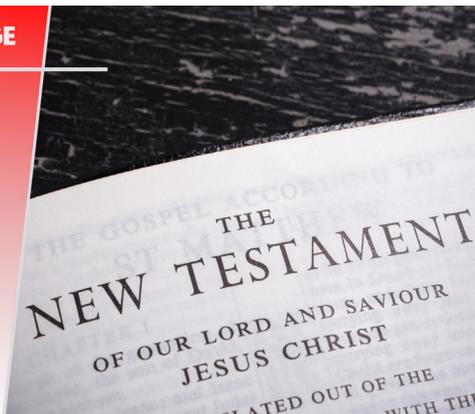
JULY 13: *Remember* by Lisa Genova

AUGUST 10: *The Mothers* by Brit Bennett

SEPTEMBER 14: *Lightning Strike* by William Kent Krueger

LIVING THE MESSAGE

EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE NEW TESTAMENT



LIVING THE MESSAGE

This past year, the Living the Message Bible Study focused on the New Testament. Below are a few takeaways from this series taught by Pastors Ruud and Lose. Thank you to all who joined in— we hope you have many takeaways, too. (And please know it's never too late to take this series, you can watch the monthly videos found at mtolivet.org/education whenever you'd like.)

Next year's series will begin in October 2022 and focus on the heart of Christianity: learning more about the foundations of our faith through the stories told in Genesis to Revelation. More information to come. Consider making this one-hour+ monthly commitment a part of your life! Take time to grow in God's word. I promise it will be worth it.

- A “Gospel” is a declaration of good news.
- Jesus’ most prolific proclamation throughout the synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) center on the kingdom of God/heaven.
- The “maverick” Gospel of John has two main parts: the *Book of Signs* and the *Book of Glory*.
- The book of Acts hones in on three common and important threads about what it means to be the church for both the disciples of the early church—and also for us today: preaching and teaching the Word; fellowship; and service.
- Saul was a giant critic of the church prior to his conversion. Post-conversion, Paul became a missionary pastor who articulated a strong “gospel of grace,” and is often called the second founder of Christianity.
- Paul’s influence was so great that many wrote under his name. Those attributed-to-Paul letters have helped shape the theology and practice of the church in some wonderful ways, but they have also stoked fires of division in practice and proclamation as they dealt with new questions of order and practice within the churches, households, and communities of the early church.
- Revelation is less about predicting the future and more about God’s eventual triumph in the future. Revelation also speaks to the importance of worship, and drawing people into right worship.
- And above all: we are all children of God, God loves us, and we are not alone.

KATIE STEVENSON, *Coordinator of Adult Education*

MEET YOUR 2022 CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES CAMP STAFF!



KRISTI YOUNGDAHL, CAMP DIRECTOR

I love singing *Hark to the Chimes* before all our meals and I am most looking forward to being in Lake Caribou all summer long!



KRIS ERICKSEN, CAMP COORDINATOR

My favorite 11 o'clock activity is crafts, and I am most looking forward to being in the chapel and the lodge with everyone!



GEOFF ARENSEN, STAFF MENTOR

My favorite themed meal is twin lunch because I can wear my MN TWINS HATS! I am most looking forward to evening chapel and singing together!



HEIDI YOUNGDAHL, CAMP NURSE

My favorite 11 o'clock activity has to be basketball. I am looking forward to spending time with all of the camp staff and of course playing "Bear Hunter Deer Hunter."



MADY LIPKIN, CAMP COOK

There are too many great songs at camp to choose from, but if I had to say a favorite it would be *How Great Thou Art*. I am most looking forward to nightly chapel, swimming in Lake Caribou, and seeing all the campers smile and laugh everyday!



MACEY OLIVER, MENTOR

My favorite 11 o'clock activity is Nature, and I'm most looking forward to playing softball.



KATIE RIDLER, MENTOR

My favorite themed meal is Christmas Dinner, and I am most looking forward to reconnecting with the confirmation and Junior High Alive kids this summer and spending lots of time outdoors!



SAM SANDA, MENTOR

My favorite camp song is *Battle Hymn of the Republic*, and I am most looking forward to jumping in Lake Caribou!



JULIA JALLO, MENTOR

My favorite 11 o'clock activity is Upper Court/Basketball and I am excited for singing around the campfires at hootenannies and of course playing softball!!



GAIL FISCHER, MENTOR

I love High School Lunch and I can't wait to hang out with the campers and take daily swims in beautiful Lake Caribou!



CHARLIE TEIEN, MENTOR

My favorite 11 o'clock activity is chilling with (me) Charlie in the Holiday Lodge. I'm Looking forward to Lake Caribou and to meet new campers and catch up with the familiar faces!



ISABEL ST. DENNIS, MRS. FUN

I think the best themed meal is Disco, and I am most looking forward to seeing all of the campers and counselors again and spending time outside!



JACKSON NELSON, MR. FUN

My favorite camp song is *The Yodeler*, and I am looking forward to running all of the activities for the campers!



COLE ANDERSON, WATERFRONT

My favorite chapel song is *My God and I*. I am excited to see everybody up at camp again, and just being together having fun!



ADDIE CAVENDER, WATERFRONT

I love High School Lunch as a theme meal. I'm excited to meet all the campers and to be in my favorite place with my favorite people!!



AND LEARN ABOUT THEIR FAVORITE THINGS AT COP!



CLAIRE BORNE, MRS. INSIDE

My favorite camp song is #72, *This World is Not My Home*. I am looking forward to welcoming the campers each week as they come off the buses.



JUSTIN BACH, INSIDE STAFF

In my opinion the best themed meal is the luau, and I am very excited to reconnect with my old campers.



JACK GLIEDEN, INSIDE STAFF

My favorite 11 o'clock activity is nature and this summer I am excited to have time to learn and grow with some of my favorite people as well as meet new ones, and I am also looking forward to swimming in Lake Caribou.



CLAIRE ROMANO, INSIDE STAFF

My favorite camp song is *Sanctuary*, and I am excited for just being up at camp and for the Special K bars!



FRANCES EGAN, INSIDE STAFF

The best themed meal is Backwards Lunch because who doesn't love dessert first? I'm excited to meet all the new campers and reconnect with my church friends on staff!



CONNOR FUZZEY, INSIDE STAFF

My favorite themed meal is the Western Dinner and I am most looking forward to getting to know the campers, the youth of our congregation, and strengthening my relationship with God!



JAKE ANDERSON, MR. OUTSIDE

My favorite themed meal is Pirate Lunch, and I'm most looking forward to being submerged in nature and mentoring the workstaff.



LUKE YOUNGDAHL, OUTSIDE STAFF

My all time favorite 11 o'clock activity is basketball. I am most looking forward to making sure each camper feels loved and always has a safe space to come back to.



KRISTOFER WHEAR, OUTSIDE STAFF

My favorite camp song is *My God and I*. I'm looking forward to meeting all the campers, counselors, and workstaff!



MATTHEW CONROY, OUTSIDE STAFF

My favorite camp song is the *Old Rugged Cross*, and I am most looking forward to playing lots of softball.



MICHELLE IWEN, KOJA OFFICE STAFF

love playing gaga ball during 11 o'clock activity and I'm looking forward to forming new relationships and evening chapel services!



OLIVIA YOUNGDAHL, LAUNDRY LADY

I think the best themed meal is 50's Dinner, and I am really looking forward to swimming in Lake Caribou everyday.



ELISABETH THOMPSON, CRAFTY LADY

My favorite 11 o'clock activity is crafts, of course! I am so excited to get to know each camper that comes through the gates!

SEND A CARD OR LETTER TO OUR CAMPERS!

Camper Name and Camping Dates
Cathedral of the Pines
PO Box 159
Lutsen, MN 55612-0159

BUS HOTLINE

Buses are scheduled to arrive at the Mpls Campus at approximately 6:30pm. The COP Bus Hotline is updated for each camping session. The Camp Bus Hotline Number is 612.767.2304.

MOUNT OLIVET SUMMER MIDWEEKS

And It Was Good . . .

Spend this summer exploring the beauty of God’s creation. Genesis 1 poetically describes God’s creation of the sun, moon, and stars, and the plants, animals, and people over six days. God joyfully ended each day by declaring, “And it was good.” Then God rested on the seventh day. Join the Mount Olivet pastors each Wednesday at the Conference & Retreat Center from June 22 through August 3 as they preach through the seven days of creation.

Begin each evening with fellowship and delicious food. Join our site naturalist, Dan Kahl, for nature talks and take-home tips for enhancing the beauty of your own yards. Then gather together for worship.

Bus transportation will be available from the West campus, Minneapolis campus, and 7500 York. Please register for buses 72 hours in advance. A minimum of 10 people is required from each site to provide busing. If we need to cancel the bus, you will be notified 48 hours in advance.

Schedule: 4:30pm Buses leave West and 7500 York, 5pm Bus Leaves Mpls Campus, 5:30-6:30pm Dinner Served, 6:30-7pm Nature Talk, 7:15pm Worship, 8pm Bus Departs

Cost: Dinner and program \$20. Bus Transportation \$10.

REGISTER AT MTOLIVET.ORG

DATE	PASTOR	SCRIPTURE	NATURE CLASS	MENU
JUN 22	Pastor Charlie Ruud “First Day of Creation”	Genesis 1:1-5	The Moon: Earth’s Flashlight	Pork Schnitzel with Mushroom Cream Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Asparagus, Tossed Garden Salad, and Lemon Cheesecake Bars
JUN 29	Pastor David Lose “Second Day of Creation”	Genesis 1:6-8	Dry Shade Gardening	Stuffed Turkey Loaf with Orange Cranberry Glaze, Scalloped Potatoes, Sauteed Green Beans, Tossed Garden Salad, and Chocolate Cake
JUL 6	Pastor Kurt Kalland “Third Day of Creation”	Genesis 1:9-13	Invasive Insects	BBQ Ribs, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, and Rhubarb Cheesecake
JUL 13	Pastor Bill MacLean “Fourth Day of Creation”	Genesis 1:14-19	How to Help the Birds	Fried Chicken, Macaroni and Cheese, Cucumber Salad, and Raspberry Sorbet
JUL 20	Pastor Ben Cieslik “Fifth Day of Creation”	Genesis 1:20-23	Hummingbirds: Avian Mighty Mites	Jerk Chicken topped with Tropical Salsa, Coconut Spiced Rice, Sweet Potatoes, Garden Salad, and Vanilla Panna Cotta
JUL 27	Pastor Mark Dixon “Sixth Day of Creation”	Genesis 1:24-31	Oddities in Nature	Slow Cooked Corned Beef with Braised Purple Cabbage, Steamed Potatoes, Garden Salad, and Crème Brulee
AUG 3	Pastor Rebecca Freeman “Seventh Day of Creation”	Genesis 2:1-4	Animal Stories	Roasted Turkey Dinner with Turkey Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Cranberry Compote, Glazed Carrots, Garden Salad, and Chocolate Torte with Raspberry Coulis

Spring and Summer Rhythms

Spring finally arrived at Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center, and now summer is just around the corner. The wildflowers are blooming. Frogs are croaking in our wetlands. Bluebirds, wood ducks, hummingbirds, and orioles have returned as well. Guests are basking in the beauty of God's creation and in fellowship with one another.

Throughout the months of April and May, we hosted 13 church retreats, 13 non-profit organizations, eight individual and family gatherings, and seven Mount Olivet Lutheran Church groups, including a Junior-Senior High Retreat, a COP Preview Night for our rising third graders, and our annual Mother's Day Brunch. Hope, joy, and gratitude are in the air!

We are energized and excited as we head into our own busier season of programming in these next three months—outdoor concerts to inspire and entertain you, a summer midweek series to nurture your connection to God, and a week-long nature camp to encourage kids in their care of creation. We hope to see you soon!

THERESA LATINI, *Executive Director, Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center*



Outdoor Summer Concert

**Friday, July 15, 6-8pm,
Conference & Retreat Center,
\$20 includes dinner and
concert**

Throughout the summer, we host three monthly outdoor concerts including local music, a delicious meal from the culinary team, and fun for the whole family.

Zach Spirov is a lifelong Minneapolis musician and urbanite. Among a variety of career choices, Zach spent seven plus years as a member of Mount Olivet's Youth Staff. Playing music in a performance setting, group gatherings, and special events has been a through line in his life, and has expanded over the last decade. He has played venues around the Twin Cities since 2008. Notable spots include 7th Street Entry, Aster Cafe, and the 318 Cafe. Zach is a genre blender, and has credited influence from a wide spectrum anywhere from Americana Folk, Gospel, and roots rock music, to RnB and hip-hop. He currently has a residency at the Troubadour Wine Bar in uptown every Thursday night. Zach is looking forward to reconnecting with old friends, seeing familiar faces, and sharing in a summer evening together at the Conference and Retreat Center. To register visit mtolivet.org.



TENDING TO TRAUMA: YOURS, MINE, AND OURS

Monday, August 8, through Tuesday, August 9

Save the date for a retreat with therapist and professor Carla Dahl who will lead us in exploring how to relate to our personal trauma histories, how to recognize and tend to the evidence of traumatic experiences in others, and how to deepen our awareness of collective trauma. More information is available on our website at mtolivetretreat.org, and registration is now open.



Centennial Gala: A Night Out For Mount Olivet

What a night! Postponed for over two years, our Centennial Gala – A Night Out For Mount Olivet was one for the record books! With over 410 people in attendance, the Hutton House was packed with excitement, energy, a spirit of giving, and joyful celebration. Mount Olivet’s 100+ years of ministry was highlighted with pictures reflecting a century of service to our communities, with special attention paid to our affiliated ministries: Mount Olivet Home, Careview Home, and Day Services, Mount Olivet Rolling Acres, Cathedral of the Pines Camp, and the Mount Olivet Conference and Retreat Center.

Attendees mingled with old friends and made new ones, browsed and bid on the many silent auction items, enjoyed fabulous food, and celebrated the many ways our congregation supports and uplifts so many! It was also a night of joyful generosity, as through the Fund-A-Need drive, general donations, and silent auction proceeds we were able to raise over \$115,000 for our affiliates.

Along with our many generous monetary and silent auction item donors and winners, the Gala Committee thanks our Centennial Committee, who donated funds to underwrite the food and venue for our evening, and also offers gratitude to our premium sponsors for the event: Warren Herreid and Jeannine Rivet, Kraus-Anderson, Atomic Data, Barry & Carla Becklin, Mary Hershberger Thun & David Thun, Brenda and Dave Odegaard, Bullis Insurance Agency, Washburn-McReavy, William & Judy Walter, Northland Securities, Elim Preferred Services, Gary & Launa Wert, Todd Klemmensen and Lakes Area Realty.

Thanks be to God for this rich history, and for the amazing works Mount Olivet and its affiliates have in store for the future.

Laurie Hancer, *Staff Liaison to Mount Olivet Homes Auxiliary*





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WAYS TO GIVE

Give Online: with your credit card or bank information by visiting 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 Lerobl-Morgan in our finance office at 612.767.2255 or by email at tricial@mtolivet.org.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

UKRAINE RELIEF UPDATE

The headlines related to the hardship and misery created by the unprovoked war in Ukraine have dominated so much of our news of late. As I write, more than 5 million refugees have fled Ukraine to other countries and the need and opportunity to assist them grows daily.

At Mount Olivet, we are supporting Lutheran World Relief's efforts to ease the suffering of these displaced children of God. LWR was started in the years after World War II and has more than 75 years of experience responding to emergencies in some of the most difficult parts of the world. As a member of the Board of Directors, I've been proud of the efforts of the LWR staff and also so grateful for the support Mount Olivet has offered to assist in these efforts. Here is a brief recap, as of May 15, of the ways our support – combined with that of so many other individuals and congregations – is making a difference:

Lutheran World Relief has committed \$7 million to respond to the crisis in Ukraine and will expand that commitment as more funds come in. Inside Ukraine, we are supporting health centers by providing supplies such as surgical and wound care kits, IV kits, defibrillators, and stretchers. We are also providing ongoing support to six facilities that are being used to shelter internally displaced persons, which will provide nearly 60,000 nights of shelter for people who need a place to stay. In Poland, we are distributing emergency cash and vouchers to more than 1,300 refugee families for the next three months. We're also integrating a referral system at these sites to protect women and children from sexual exploitation and abuse.

None of this would be possible without the generous support of Mount Olivet and many others. Thus far, we at Mount Olivet have sent \$80,000 to our partners at LWR and we will continue to collect and send funds. If you would like to support this effort, you can mark contributions to Mount Olivet "Ukraine," or you can support Lutheran World Relief directly by going to their website at lwr.org. Thank you, thank you, for your generous support. It is making a huge difference!

PASTOR LOSE, *Senior Pastor*

MOUNT OLIVET COMMUNITY MEALS

Thursdays, 4pm, Mpls Campus

Mount Olivet Church hosts a community meal of in-house scratch-made healthy meals, including entrée, soup, vegetable, salad, fruit, dessert and beverages. Dinners are served via curbside pick-up at our Mpls Campus. Dinner service begins at 4pm. These meals, free of charge, are our opportunity to support anyone who needs a meal or time spent with others. All are welcome every Thursday! *Thank you for the donations of handled grocery bags! We currently have an abundance of bags for our community meals. Please recycle bags in another way at this time.*

UPCOMING EVENTS



GREET & GIVE DONATION DRIVES

Monday, June 6, 4-6pm, Mpls Campus & Monday, June 20, 4-6pm, West Campus

Please join us in assisting our community partners by participating in the June Greet and Give Drive at both campuses. This month we are focusing on the following items.

Mpls Campus: Items most needed by Simpson Housing are household cleaning supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, and new training underpants for toddlers. Non-perishable food donations will go to CES (Community Emergency Service).

West Campus: Items most needed by Love INC are new sheet sets in sizes twin, full or queen, gas cards in \$10 increments, and full-size personal care items. Non-perishable food donations will go to Bountiful Baskets.



14TH MOTORHEADS @ MTKA DRIVE-IN

Tuesday, June 7, 6-7pm arrival time, 4656 Shoreline Drive, Spring Park

All car enthusiasts are invited to this classic 50s-style restaurant that features car hops, burgers, and cool cars. At 7pm, Pastor Kalland will share a brief devotion. No reservations needed. Cost: food ordered off menu.



SENIOR CHOIR OPEN SING

Sunday, June 12, or July 10, 8am Rehearsal, Sing at the 9 & 10am Services Mpls Campus

Have you ever thought about joining the choir? At the Mpls Campus, we will offer a pop-up choir experience for anyone interested in singing for worship. This is an easy opportunity to join with members of the Senior Choir and experience the joy of singing beautiful music with others. It will be a fun morning and we would love to have you join us! Visit mtolivet.org for more information and to sign up!



MOUNT OLIVET JUST-FOR-FUN GOLF SCRAMBLE

Monday, June 13, Island View Golf Club, 7795 Laketown Pkwy, Waconia, tee times begin at 8am

Join your friends and Mount Olivet Pastors for this just-for-fun golf event! \$92 per person required with registration (includes golf, electric cart, driving range, box lunch, and prizes). Register as a foursome. Purchase \$5 mulligans when you register. Come rain or shine.

If the course is not playable, grab your box lunch and rainchecks will be issued. Please register by June 6 at mtolivet.org.

AT MOUNT OLIVET



YOUNG IN HEART - ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Friday, June 17, 1pm, Mpls Campus, \$3 per person

Ice Cream-Kids-Summertime, what more could you ask for?! Young in Heart and Friends are invited to attend an Ice Cream Social and musical treat in the Gym. Our K-6th graders participating in the summer program, God's Kids Sing, will share their "Dress Rehearsal" performance with us. Register at mtolivet.org or by contacting Julie Goodman 612.767.2208 or julieg@mtolivet.org by 6/14.



FRIENDS FOREVER: NORTH SHORE TRIP

Monday, July 11 through Wednesday, July 13, Lutsen, \$45

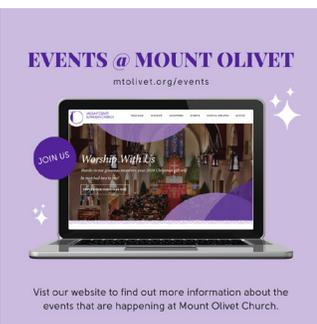
Take a trip up to Lutsen and enjoy the beautiful North Shore with the Friends Forever group! Weekend activities include spending time at COP, Grand Marais, devotions with Pastor Lose and Pastor MacLean, and more! Cost includes two meals at camp, and a Beach BBQ at Lutsen Resort. Transportation is on your own. Accommodations can be made by calling Lutsen Resort at 218.663.7212 and telling them you are part of the Mount Olivet Church group for July 11-13. Registration for this event is required at mtolivet.org by June 24.



FLYING SOLO COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD

Sunday, July 17, following the 10am service, Mpls Campus

Join us for worship and then enjoy some coffee and sweet treats in the courtyard at the Mpls Campus following the service. Flying Solo is an adventure, service and fellowship group for Singles ages 40-60! If you have questions, please contact Pastor Freeman at rffreeman@mtolivet.org.



VISIT MTOLIVET.ORG

Check out our events page at mtolivet.org/events to register and find detailed information about the things you can be a part of this summer!



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