

SEPTEMBER 2022

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SUNDAYS

DIAL-IN VIA PHONE
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10am (9/4)
11am (beginning 9/11)

WATCH THE MPLS
WORSHIP SERVICE AT
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10am (9/4 only)
9, 10, 11am (beginning 9/11)

HOLY COMMUNION

8:30am only (9/4)
8:30 & 11:45am (beginning 9/11)

NURSERY

9, 10am (9/4)
9, 10, 11am (beginning 9/11)

SEPTEMBER 25

AN OUTSIDER'S
SURPRISING FAITH

Luke 7:1-10

M 9, 10, 11am
SERMON Pastor Lose

W 9, 10, 11am
SERMON Pastor Freeman

SEPTEMBER 4

REJOICING IN THE
LORD

Philippians 4:4-13

M 9, 10am
SERMON Pastor Ruud

W 9, 10am
SERMON Pastor MacLean

SEPTEMBER 11

RALLY SUNDAY
ABRAHAM'S GREAT
FAITH

Genesis 15:1-6

M 9, 10, 11am
SERMON Pastor Lose

W 9, 10, 11am
SERMON Pastor Dixon

SEPTEMBER 18

BELIEF AND UNBELIEF

Mark 9:14-27

M 9, 10, 11am
SERMON Pastor Ruud

W 9, 10, 11am
SERMON Pastor Lose

9TH GRADE
CONFIRMATION
SERVICE

M 3pm
On Sunday, September 18, at 3pm our ninth grade students and their families will gather for our confirmation service. It's a significant moment in the lives of our young people where they say yes to the promises that God made to them in their baptism. Please hold these young people and their families in prayer on this important day.

WEDNESDAYS

HOLY COMMUNION

The first Wednesday of each month at the Mpls campuses at 12noon, a brief in-person Holy Communion service will be offered. No registration required.

A Welcome Invitation

What if I told you that you had the power to help solve one of the greatest challenges we're facing today?

First, the challenge: we are experiencing what Harvard social scientist Arthur Brooks has described as "an epidemic of loneliness" with two main sources.

Our time online is the first. MIT researcher Sherry Turkle has documented that the amount of time we spend on social media has left people feeling simultaneously "more connected and lonelier." Why this seeming contradiction? Because the connections made online – "friends," "followers," etc. – are relatively superficial, offering an initial sense of connectedness followed by a pervasive sense of isolation. Online interaction can support meaningful relationships already established in-person but routinely fail at creating such relationships.

Second, this trend toward isolation has been greatly exacerbated by the pandemic. Practices that reduced the spread of the coronavirus – limiting in-person interactions, sheltering in place, working and going to school remotely – also compounded our sense of isolation. While some people have rebounded easily as pandemic restrictions have eased, others are still reticent to venture out or are simply out of the routine with regard to many of their interpersonal interactions.

So what is one way we can address this epidemic? By coming to church for worship, fellowship, learning, and service and inviting others to do the same! Think about it: at church you see and greet other people, renew established friendships and make new ones, are encouraged in your faith, and are reminded of all we have for which to be grateful. You also have the chance to learn something new or contribute to the wellbeing of your community – two activities regularly linked to more resilient mental health – in the company of others.

If you're back in the habit of being at church regularly, fantastic! If you have not been making regular participation at church a priority, I encourage you to do so. You will feel better, and so will all those who get to see and interact with you. Our shared life together as a congregation is one of the most important antidotes to the current epidemic.

And then... one more thing: consider inviting a friend or family member to church, too! I know this makes some of us nervous, as we are wary of seeming "pushy" when it comes to faith. Yet when researchers asked church members what brought them to their current congregation, more than two-thirds responded that it was the personal invitation of a friend.

That invitation might be to a friend who is already a member but who hasn't been to church in a while. These may be the easiest invitations to extend because you're building on both an established relationship and a previous practice: "I've missed seeing you at church. It's going to be a fun fall. I hope you'll come around." These invitations also pay high dividends. Methodist minister Rebekah Simon-Parker reports that, when polled, nearly half of people no longer attending church said they would return if someone invited them. Younger respondents were even more likely to favor an invitation, as nearly two-thirds of those ages 18-35 said they would consider returning if someone they knew asked them to come back.

There are lots of folks in our lives who aren't members of Mount Olivet who would also welcome an invitation. Most people seek out church because they sense something is missing in their lives, something a congregation like ours can offer: community, relationships, a sense of purpose, help in navigating life's challenges, a chance to contribute to the greater good, and hope about the future. As Simon-Parker says, "people long to belong," and therefore often welcome what she describes as a "sincere, guilt-free invitation." That is, we're not scolding people for what they're not doing, but inviting them to something we value and think they will, too. A constant refrain in John's Gospel is "Come and see" (1:38, 1:46, 4:29) and offers an example of something we can do, too.

To get started offering this welcome invitation, think of the things you most enjoy about Mount Olivet – the traditional and meaningful worship, the exceptional music, attending a Motorheads or other social event, volunteering your time, being part of a Circle, singing in the choir, serving as a mentor for confirmation, attending a Bible study, etc. Once you've identified some of your favorite activities, think of friends who might enjoy the same and, next time you're together, invite them to come with you. Perhaps they already have a faith community and you'll have established a new connection with them. Or perhaps they will be eager to learn more about Mount Olivet and appreciate your friendly invitation. Either way, you'll have contributed to helping each other out the epidemic of loneliness we're experiencing.

Thank you for your faith, your welcome invitation, and your part in our wonderful congregation. And... see you at Church!



Pastor Lose

DAVID J. LOSE, SENIOR PASTOR



The Fall Sermon Series

Believing, Belonging, Becoming

We believe God has given all of us a mission, and this fall we will explore ours together in Sunday worship. Notice that at the center of Mount Olivet’s mission statement are three verbs. Why verbs? Because life in a Christian community should not be passive but rather active, even dynamic, as we believe God is at work forming us into the people and community the world needs us to be. We’ve chosen stories from Scripture that help unpack the three verbs that identify our mission. Here’s a brief preview.

Believing in Jesus Christ through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Notice, not belief – as in a set of doctrines, or believe – a once-and-done cognitive act –but believing, an ongoing endeavor and journey of developing trust in God. Sometimes believing is easy, sometimes not so much. Either way, we’re here for each other, consistently sharing the good news of God’s grace and love in Jesus that helps us grow our trust in God and each other.

Belonging to the community of Jesus Christ.

Following God’s call can’t be done alone. We are joined together as a community so that we can celebrate with each other when things go well, support each other when life is difficult, listen to each other regularly, and pray for each other at all times. Being part of the church is not about “fitting in,” but rather knowing that you are accepted as you are and invited to participate in all that we share together.

Becoming like Jesus Christ through servanthood.

Martin Luther once said that the Christian life isn’t about “being” – mere existence, but “becoming” – always growing into the person God needs us to be for the sake of the world. That means the life of faith is an on-going adventure, not always easy, but always worthwhile, as together we try to hear God’s call and follow it, becoming the people and community God’s wants us to be.

DONATION DRIVES

In October, we will begin holding a Sunday Morning Donation Drive on the third Sunday of each month, 8:30-11:30 am at both campuses. These events will replace our former Greet and Give drives. As situations are constantly changing, we work closely with our community partners to collect and supply only items that are currently in high need. Please watch for monthly updates on the most-needed items, as identified by our community partners, and bring your donations to worship with you every 3rd Sunday. There will be donation locations in the parking lots. Please contact Laurie Hancer lhancer@mtolivet.org, if you are able to help with item collection on these days.

LIFE & GROWTH

JUL 14 - AUG 12

BAPTISMS

Lily Joy Arnold
daughter of Aubrie and Matt
Violet Ruth Duling
daughter of Jennifer and Bryan
Ella Grace Hanson
daughter of Nicole and Ryan
Soren Lake Helland
son of Sonja and Chris
Estelle Raymond Higdem
daughter of Jana and Cody
Kieran Grunden Macken
son of Jennifer and Patrick
Blake Michael Miller
son of Carolyn and Michael
Ellonia Kay Dorothy Parrington
daughter of Rebecca and Christopher
Jonathan Lucas Parrington
son of Rebecca and Christopher
Michael Nicholas Parrington
son of Rebecca and Christopher
Luca Roma Quale
son of Jacqueline and Dylan
Holden August Quehl
son of Julia and Benjamin
Victoria Claire Willis
daughter of Natasha and Luke

WEDDINGS

Rachel Ericksen & Anthony Sufficool, July 29
Emily Gustafson & Matthew Saatkamp, August 6

DEATHS

Roger W. Carlson
1931 – 2022
Carol J. Chamberlin
1935 – 2022
Karen J. Duffee
1940 – 2022
Linda L. Farrell
1946 – 2022
Jennifer L. Groat
1954 – 2022
Helen M. Larson
1927 – 2022
Carol I. Miller
1934 – 2022
Lois M. Peterson
1931 – 2022

DAILY READINGS

FROM PASTOR KALLAND SEPTEMBER 2022

- 1 Ephesians 2:19-20, Members Of God's Household
- 2 John 15:16, Jesus Chose Us To Carry The Message
- 3 Psalm 31:16, Unfailing Love
- 4 Romans 8:16, We Are God's Children
- 5 Proverbs 3:11-12, Discipline
- 6 Romans 8:11, The Spirit Lives In You
- 7 Psalm 103:8, Abounding In Love
- 8 Proverbs 10:8, Wise In Heart
- 9 1 Timothy 6:7-8, Nothing In, Nothing Out
- 10 1 John 5:4, Overcome The World
- 11 Psalm 119:133, Direct Our Footsteps
- 12 Psalm 23:6, Forever
- 13 Romans 8:19, The Creation Waits
- 14 Romans 6:14, Under Grace
- 15 Proverbs 10:9, Integrity
- 16 Psalm 107:9, Good Things
- 17 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, God's Will in Christ Jesus
- 18 Jeremiah 17:7-8, Trust In The Lord
- 19 2 Timothy 1:9, Before The Beginning Of Time
- 20 Proverbs 17:9, Foster Love
- 21 2 Corinthians 10:3, Not As The World Does
- 22 Psalm 32:7, Hiding Place
- 23 Ephesians 6:11, Take a Stand
- 24 Luke 6:27-28, Love Your Enemies
- 25 1 Corinthians 10:24, The Good Of Others
- 26 Ephesians 5:15-16, Be Careful How You Live
- 27 1 Thessalonians 3:12, Increasing And Overflowing Love
- 28 Psalm 34:22, The Lord Rescues
- 29 Hebrews 11:1, Faith Is
- 30 1 John 3:24, The Spirit God Gave Us

DEVOTION

"O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" – Psalm 8:1,9

I've been geeking out a bit following the first images and information gathered and shown this past month by the operation of the James Webb Space Telescope through NASA, the European Space Agency, and the Canadian Space Agency. Webb has enabled astronomers to observe farther and more clearly into the universe than ever before. Yet, even with this new tool it is wondrous to think of how undoubtedly little we still see and understand.

On a similar note, I bumped into a few sky-gazing campers at Cathedral of the Pines one clear-skied evening last week. In the darkness, we stared at the beauty of the stars, traced satellites in orbit, and spotted a few meteors streaking across the sky from the annual Perseids shower (it peaks this coming week!). My dad's voice came to mind. Recently he noted, "Learning about the universe makes me even more in awe of God's creation and God's love." Then he quoted Psalm 8. "I think to myself 'what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.'"

Preach, old man.

The psalm continues and reiterates how God has placed us – yes, us – as the stewards and caretakers of every living thing on this wondrous life-filled speck in space. Wow! What a calling, and what a gift.

God, help us to honor your creation as you have honored us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. — PASTOR RUUD



September 25, after each worship service, Both Campuses

Your church wants to celebrate our members being a part of our community of faith, volunteering their time, participating in programming, and steadfast generosity, therefore, Sunday brunch is on us! Join us after worship for food and fellowship. Brunch items may include: egg sandwiches and pastries from our amazing Kitchen, crepes from La Belle Crepe (Mpls) and even Nautical Bowls (West). No registration necessary. Hope to see you there!

Strength for today

REGISTER FOR A MEAL!

You are invited to join your Mount Olivet pastors, staff, and friends at a Stewardship meal of your choice or pick up a meal on a night that works for you. These meals are a time to pause and celebrate all the blessings God has given us, and to offer our thanks in return. Watch for your Stewardship mailing for more information. Thank you!

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FOR BOTH OPTIONS:

Online at mtolivet.org or by phone at 612.926.7651



STEWARDSHIP 2023 TRADITIONAL MEALS

At these meals, you will be seated to enjoy your meal complete with all the usual offerings as you hear from Pastor Lose and more. Nursery (6 weeks to 3 years old) and Childcare (3-10 years old) will be provided.

- Tuesday, 9/13, 6pm, Mpls Campus
- Wednesday, 9/14, 6pm, Mpls Campus
- Sunday, 9/18, 12noon, West Campus
- Thursday, 9/22, 6pm, Mpls Campus
- Friday, 9/23, 12noon, Mpls Campus
- Monday, 9/26, 6pm, Mpls Campus



STEWARDSHIP 2023 DRIVE-THROUGHS

Greet your pastors and staff as you drive-through and pick up your meal(s) in your car. Convenient and fun!

- Monday, 9/12, 4:30-6pm, Mpls Campus
- Monday, 9/19, 4:30-6pm, West Campus
- Wednesday, 9/21, 4:30-6pm, Mpls Campus
- Sunday, 9/25, 4:30-6pm, Mpls Campus



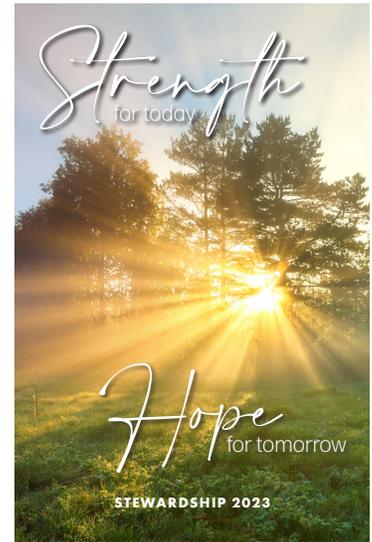
Hope for tomorrow

MAKE YOUR 2023 GIVING PLAN

Pastor Lose and your staff have created a booklet with steps to guide you as you plan your part in Mount Olivet's future. These steps will help you:

- recognize your part in God's story,
- take stock of your blessings,
- give thanks for how God is at work in your life,
- reflect on what aspects of Mount Olivet have most supported you and that you want to see grow and flourish, and
- plan how you can help bring God's dreams for Mount Olivet to fruition with your 2023 giving plan!

Please take a moment this fall to make your 2023 giving plan—ALL members and gifts of ALL sizes are important and needed! Booklets will be sent to current givers and will also be available at church or online. Thank you!



AT ANY OF THE STEWARDSHIP MEAL OPTIONS, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO:

- **RETURN YOUR 2023 PLEDGE CARD** (or be inspired to make your 2023 giving plan!)
- **ENJOY A MEATBALL MEAL IN SOME WAY**
- **BRING DONATIONS:** diapers (sizes 3 & 4 most needed), NEW underwear of all sizes, and canned goods. Donations benefit our community partners: Community Emergency Services (CES); Bountiful Baskets; VEAP: Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People; Simpson Housing; Agate Housing and Services (formerly St. Stephen's Human Services).

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A GIFT TO MOUNT OLIVET

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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 Lehol-Morgan in our finance office at 612.767.2255 or at tricial@mtolivet.org.

God Talk: *Theology In and Out of the Bible*

You are a theologian!
Yes, you really are!

Our word “theology” comes from two Greek words: 1) *Theo*, meaning “God” and 2) *logia*, meaning “words” or, in this case, “words about” or, more formally, “an interest in or study of.” So “theology” means “words about, study of, and an interest in God.” Or, most simply, “God talk.”

All of which means that whenever we’re talking about God, or wondering about God, or thinking about how God works in the world, we’re doing theology. So, yes, you are a theologian! Which also means that you are connected to theologians of the past, people like Martin Luther, and to the men and women who wrote the books of our Bible, because their work is also “theology,” words about and reflections on God.

In fact, when you think about how many different kinds of things there are in the Bible – stories and poetry and wisdom sayings and genealogies and collections of laws and more – you soon realize that the one thing that ties this diverse set of writings together is that each writer was so gripped by an experience of the living God that he or she had to write it down.

And now we get to join that amazing tradition of thinking about, reflecting on, and talking about our experiences of God. Join us in October as we explore the Bible as a book of “God talk” that can help us understand God better and be more confident theologians.

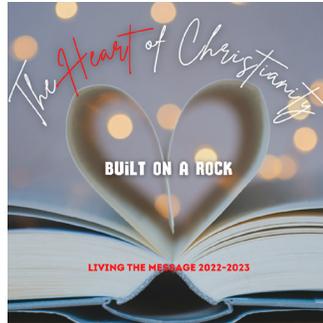
PASTOR LOSE

UPCOMING CLASSES:

OCTOBER 4: God Talk: *Theology In and Out of the Bible* at Mpls

NOVEMBER 1: Original Blessing: *Creation* at West

Taught by Pastors Lose and Ruud the first Tuesday of each month beginning in October (6:30-7:30pm), or via monthly emailed videos.



Pray Without Ceasing

What’s the deal with prayer? Why pray? Ever wonder what exactly prayer is, or what it’s good for? Does prayer actually do anything? Is there such a thing as a bad prayer, or a bad way to pray? What are some tried and true prayers? How many different ways are there to pray? To whom should we pray and what for? What does the Bible say about prayer? What did Jesus say about it? How can we become more confident and practiced at prayer in our faithful lives? And again, why pray? Join some of your Mount Olivet pastors in tackling, discussing, and learning about all these questions and more in a four-session series about all things prayer. In the meantime, we’ll be praying for you!

OCTOBER 19/20: *What Is Prayer?* with Pastor MacLean

OCTOBER 26/27: *Prayer & the Community of the Spirit* with Pastor Dixon

NOVEMBER 2/3: *Prayers My Grandmother Taught Me* with Pastor Kalland

NOVEMBER 9/10: *How Should We Pray?* with Pastor Freeman

This “Word with Your Pastors” series centered on prayer runs 10:30-11:30am Wednesdays at Mpls and Thursdays at West or via emailed videos.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS EVENING & DAYTIME OPTIONS

Come and enjoy a lively discussion of a new book every month. Mary Slinde is facilitating and the same book will be discussed at both the evening and daytime discussions. New members are always welcome! You can join in for one discussion – or all!

UPCOMING BOOKS:

SEPTEMBER: *Lightning Strike* by William Kent Krueger

OCTOBER: *After You’d Gone* by Maggie O’Farrell

NOVEMBER: *Harlem Shuffle* by Colson Whitehead

DECEMBER: *Four Seasons in Rome* by Anthony Doerr

DAYTIME DISCUSSIONS: 10-11:30am the second Tuesday of the month; Mpls

EVENING DISCUSSIONS: 7-8:30pm the second Wednesday of the month; Mpls

STARGAZING WITH MIKE LYNCH

Friday, September 23 & Saturday, September 24, Conference & Retreat Center

Inspired by the recent photos from NASA's James Webb Telescope? Register now for one of two dates for Stargazing, and make the stars your old friends with Mike Lynch, retired WCCO meteorologist and astronomer extraordinaire.

Take a look through giant telescopes aimed at Jupiter, Saturn, star clusters, galaxies, and more. Live video telescopes will also be available. Get to know constellations like The Big Bear, Cygnus the Swan, Pegasus the Winged Horse and learn about their great mythological stories!

Snacks and bottled water are included. Some outdoor chairs will be available, but feel free to bring your own lawn chairs or blankets. This event is held with limited light so guests should be self-reliant.

Cost is \$15 per person which includes program, snacks, and bottled water. Children 3 and under are free. Max cost per family is \$50. Register at mtolivet.org/events for either date.



Growing Through Grief

Saturday, November 5,
9am-4pm, Conference & Retreat Center

Held at Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center and co-sponsored with Grace Hospice, Mount Olivet Congregational Care, and the Counseling Service.

Whether you are grieving the death of a loved one, severed relationships, the loss of dreams, or more, this retreat will provide an opportunity for you to grow and heal. Experientially focused, it will include options for processing grief through music, art, movement, prayer, meditation, and time in nature. Stay tuned for more information!

Register at mtolivet.org. Lunch included. Sliding fee scale options: \$50, \$75, \$125.



Fall Volunteer Day

Saturday, October 29, 2022,
9am-3pm, Conference & Retreat Center

Mark your calendars for a beautiful fall day at Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center to help ready the grounds for the winter season. In addition to seasonal projects, enjoy a delicious meal from our kitchen, have a swim in the pool, or explore the trails. Thanks in advance for helping us care for God's creation!



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

To register for these events or learn more about these offerings, please contact Geoff Arenson, Director of Youth Ministry, geoffa@mtolivet.org, 612.767.2212.



JHA FALL FEST

SEPTEMBER 10 10am-2pm. Get lost in Sever's Corn Maze with the Junior High Youth Staff! Come join us for a fun day full of Fall activities!



HI-LEAGUE KICK-OFF

SEPTEMBER 11 7-8pm, Mpls Campus. Connect with friends you made at camp and get ready for another fun year of Hi-League events!



7TH GRADE CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

SEPTEMBER 14 7-8pm, Mpls & West. Join us for Confirmation Orientation. Get to know the Pastors and Youth Staff better and ask all your Confirmation or JHA questions!



CONFIRMATION SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 18 3pm, Mpls Campus. Help us celebrate our Confirmands! This service is a combined campus event and open to all of your family and friends!



HI-LEAGUE SCHEDULE

9/23 7:30-10pm. Stargazing at the Retreat Center
9/25 7-8:30pm. Hootenanny and COP Slideshow At West



CONFIRMATION CONFIRMATION BEGINS!

Wednesday, September 28 from 7-8:15 pm at both campuses or Sunday, October 2 from 8:45-9:45am at the Mpls Campus. Please register if you have not done so already!



SENIOR RETREAT

9/30 - 10/2 Hey Seniors! Spend a weekend at Cathedral of the Pines with your senior class. Buses will leave and return at 4pm. We hope to see you all there!



STEWARDSHIP DINNERS

Reunite with your friends from camp and help serve stewardship dinner! You get a meal, too! Contact Sam Sanda (ssanda@mtolivet.org) for dates and times.



SERVICE PROJECTS



MO UNITED (MOU)

MO United involves Mount Olivet West Hi-Leaguers and Mount Olivet Rolling Acres residents. At MO United we focus on building new relationships by hanging out at MO United events and engaging in various activities and conversation! We will meet every other Tuesday beginning in October from 6-7pm. There will be two 8-week sessions throughout the year - fall and spring. Event locations will vary each week, but mainly take place at either the Rolling Acres gym or at the West Campus in the Youth Center. Volunteers may choose to take part in one or both sessions, however, regular attendance during those sessions is highly encouraged! If you have any questions or are interested in joining, please contact Julia Jallo at 952.767.1502 or jjallo@mtolivet.org.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS (COF)

Circle of Friends is a social based program that partners teenagers with special needs from around the metro with high school students from Mount Olivet. We do a variety of activities throughout the year both at Mount Olivet and around the community such as bowling, shopping, games, and dances. From October through April, Circle of Friends meets every Monday from 6:30-8pm at the Minneapolis campus. This program is a blast and you will not regret joining! Space is limited! If you are interested in learning more please contact Macey Oliver at 612.767.2237 or moliver@mtolivet.org.

ADOPT-A-GRANDPARENT (AGP)

Adopt-a-Grandparent is a very special service project program for our 7th and 8th graders. We meet about every other Monday night and connect with the residents of the Mount Olivet Home through intergenerational activities. We have a lot of fun together! We play bingo, do crafts, and carol through the building at Christmastime. We even have a night where you can bring your pets! That is a favorite event- it's amazing how fun it is for everyone to show off their furry friends and how much joy there is on this night! Through these events and activities, the residents and our junior high students form friendships and get to enjoy one another's company. If you are interested in joining Adopt-a-Grandparent, please contact Anna Herd at 612.767.2279 or aherd@mtolivet.org.

SUMMER DAY CAMP RECAP!

What an action-packed and fun-filled summer! We're so grateful to have spent time with your kids! A big thank you to our summer staff, Sophie Norman, Bishop Schugel, Cadi Streetar, Jorrun Kuehn, and Kristin Olson for making it a safe and successful season of summer programming.



BISHOP SCHUGEL

One of my highlights from this summer has been seeing all of the campers form new friendships! We have had so many campers come to their first day of camp not knowing anyone, and leaving on the last day with tons of new buddies. Bonding over things like arts and crafts or playing pool in the game room at the Conference & Retreat Center have allowed the campers to be collaborative and interact with each another in new ways, and the laughs and good times that come along are so good to hear!



JORRUN KUEHN

A highlight of the summer for me has been going to the Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center every week. It was so fun to watch the campers explore nature, learn about local plants and animals, make unique crafts, and find new and creative ways to play outside. We've also played games, practiced mindfulness, and of course, had lots of swim time. I always looked forward to going to the Conference & Retreat Center every week. It has been a great resource to have this summer!



CADI STREETAR

My summer highlight has been getting to go on field trips each week that relate to the theme of that week's camp. It was so fun to watch the kids learn and experience new things at all these awesome places. I've also loved getting to know all the kids, they are the true highlight of the summer! What a great summer with my awesome coworkers and amazing campers!



KRISTIN OLSON

We have had so much fun at Day Camp this summer! I have loved being surprised by the activities the kids get super excited about. During Cooking Week, we did a "Just Dance" song where the dancers were fruit and the kids could not get enough! There is nothing better than hearing 60 kids who can't stop giggling.



AMY PORTHAN

My favorite thing about the Mount Olivet Summer Camps was getting to bring smiles and the love of Jesus to kids from all over the community. It made my heart so happy!



FALL EVENTS! SAVE THE DATE!

Fall is a busy season – save the date for an event (or more!) with the Children & Family Ministry team. Detailed information and registration details can be found online.

September 23 & 24:
Stargazing (Details on page 9)

October 2: West
Campus Family Bonfire

October 15: Party at
the Pumpkin Patch

October 22: Family
Day Away

BABYGARTEN

**Thursdays, September 15
through October 20, 10-
11am, Mpls Campus**

We will play, read, and sing at this weekly faith-based hour-long class developed by a children's librarian and early childhood specialist. Babygarten focuses on reading, rhyming, and activities. It is more than a playgroup or storytime. Babygarten provides pre-literacy skills for children in a faith-based environment. Cost: \$72 for six-week session (includes all materials). Questions? Contact Amy Porthan at 612.767.2285 or amyp@mtolivet.org.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

If you peek your head into a Sunday School class at Mount Olivet you may be surprised at what you see. You'd observe kids dancing and making crafts. You'd hear children singing and playing instruments. You'd witness students actively engaged in building community with their peers while learning about and developing their faith.

Mount Olivet offers a unique Sunday School program integrating the Bible story of the week with music, art, and movement. Students are engaged in learning about their faith through singing, dancing, playing instruments, and making crafts. Throughout the year children will also sing as a choir in worship. They'll participate in service projects, enjoy large group time together, and, most importantly, have fun learning about God's story, all while making new friends and building their faith community.

We are so excited to see you in Sunday School this fall, please register today!
CARAH HART, *Coordinator of Children's Choirs*

Sunday School is offered at both campuses during the 9am and 10am worship hours throughout the program year (Rally Sunday to Memorial Day). Register at mtolivet.org! Questions? Feel free to reach out to Amy Porthan, 612.767.2285 or amyp@mtolivet.org.

INTRODUCING OUR FANTASTIC SUNDAY SCHOOL MUSIC EDUCATORS FOR 2022-2023!

MPLS

Preschool age: Cherub Sunday School - Colleen Roess
Kindergarten & Grade 1: Alleluia Sunday School - Carah Hart
Grades 2 & 3: Hosanna Sunday School - Katie Widen
Grades 4, 5, & 6: Chapel Sunday School - Rachel Wixson

WEST

Preschool age: Cherub Sunday School - Dana Donnay
Kindergarten & Grade 1: Alleluia Sunday School - Elizabeth Werness & Gail Breen
Grades 2 & 3: Hosanna Sunday School - Sydney Gramstad
Grades 4, 5, & 6: Chapel Sunday School - Kari Werdahl

UPCOMING AT MOUNT OLIVET

THE BUZZ AROUND THE BEES CLASS

Wednesday, September 7, 10:30-11:30am, Mpls Campus

Michael Nelson, our beekeeper, will hold a second “Buzz Around the Bees” class. If you have other questions, please contact Michael at mnelson@mtolivet.org. This season we expanded to a total of six hives! The new bees came from the same local farm as last year and the bees have been busy again this season! A new monitoring system has been installed to monitor the internal temperature, humidity, and weight that can be viewed via phone or computer. Registration requested at mtolivet.org.

FLYING SOLO EVENTS

RALLY SUNDAY! POTLUCK

Sunday, September 11, 11:30am–1:30pm, Mary Morton’s home

Enjoy a potluck with your Flying Solo Friends at Mary’s home. She will host our group and provide refreshments and paper products, Everyone should bring something to share, i.e., appetizer, fruit, dessert, or dish. Please register at mtolivet.org by Wednesday, September 7.

STEWARDSHIP DINNER

Tuesday, September 13, 6pm, Mpls Campus

Enjoy the traditional Stewardship meal; hear from Pastor Lose, while sitting at a table reserved for the group.

BEGINNER MONET ACRYLIC PAINTING CLASS

Tuesday, September 13, 6-7:30pm, Mpls Campus

In this class you will learn to paint in the style of Claude Monet. You will learn a bit of history of Monet as you follow step-by-step instructions to create his “Cliff Walk”. An 8 x 10 inch canvas and all supplies needed are included. Adults and mature children of all artistic abilities are invited to join this wonderful class! Register at mtolivet.org by Thursday, September 8.

BRUNCH WITH US!

September 25, after each worship service, Both Campuses

Your church wants to celebrate our members being a part of our community of faith, volunteering their time, participating in programming, and steadfast generosity, therefore, Sunday brunch is on us! Join us after worship for food and fellowship. Brunch items may include: egg sandwiches and pastries from our amazing Kitchen, crepes from La Belle Crepe (Mpls) and even Nautical Bowls (West). No registration necessary. Hope to see you there!

MARRIAGE PREPARATION WORKSHOP

Saturday, September 17, 9:30am – 3:30pm, Mpls Campus

As part of planning for your life together, we invite you to participate in a very important, practical and relevant marriage preparation workshop. This fun and engaging six-hour workshop, along with completing the Prepare Questionnaire and talking through the results with a Pastor or Prepare facilitator, is designed to enrich your relationship as a married couple; focusing on important topics like positive communication skills, healthy conflict resolution, financial management, and spirituality. You will have ample time to discuss the topics and materials together as a couple as well as with the other participants. These are all areas we hope will be helpful to you as you mark this momentous occasion, and begin your married life together! Register at mtolivet.org.

YOUNG IN HEART & FRIENDS

Friday, September 23, 12noon, Mpls Campus

Young in Heart and Friends are invited to attend the Stewardship Luncheon on Friday, September 23, at 12noon, in the Mpls Fellowship Hall. Reservations required: online at mtolivet.org or by phone 612.926.7651. We can't wait to see you!

SAVE THE DATES!

PUMPKIN PATCH

Monday, October 10 through
Monday, October 30.

Come purchase a pumpkin to support the Cathedral Choir.

PARTY AT THE PATCH

Saturday, October 15, 10am-
12noon, Mpls Campus

Join us at the Pumpkin Patch for a Party! A festive morning at the Mount Olivet Pumpkin Patch – we'll have live music Dan and Louis and the Invisible Band, a bounce house, and some treats as you shop for your perfect pumpkin!

MOCW HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE & HOLIDAY MARKET

Saturday, November 5, 9am-
2pm, Mpls Campus

Saturday, November 12,
9am-2pm, West Campus

Join us for the MOCW Holiday Boutique and Holiday Market featuring vendors, our Bistro, and so much more! You won't want to miss it!

MOUNT OLIVET HIRES NEW ORGANIST

We are pleased to welcome Jordan Buchholtz as the new Principal Organist of Mount Olivet! Jordan has a strong background in church music playing both organ and piano. She started playing and leading services when she was 15 years old at churches close to her hometown, Spring Valley, MN. She attended college at Luther College in Decorah, IA, and played at the Ridgeway Lutheran Parishes on the outskirts of Decorah during her undergraduate years. She continued her education at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music to receive her Master of Music degree as well as an Artist Certificate in piano performance.



During her time in Kansas City, MO, she was the pianist for the University of Missouri-Kansas City's Wind Symphony and Opera department. Along with her studies, she was the faculty pianist for Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, KS, and the organist and pianist for First Lutheran Church in Mission Hills, KS. She also wrote concert reviews for Kansas City's Online Journal for the Arts at KCMetropolis.org.

In the fall of 2018, Jordan started her Doctoral studies in collaborative piano at the University of Minnesota and was one of the pianists for the opera department. She also became the organist at Mindekirken, the Norwegian Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. From her time at Mindekirken, Jordan has learned a lot about Norwegian culture and music and is excited to share her musical knowledge and organ pieces by Norwegian composers with the congregation of Mount Olivet! She looks forward to meeting everyone at Mount Olivet and is thrilled to start working and collaborating with the rest of the staff!

VOLUNTEERING AT MOUNT OLIVET HOME, CAREVIEW HOME, & ROLLING ACRES



OUR MOUNT OLIVET HOMES NEED YOU!

Did you know that each of our Mount Olivet Home, Careview Home, and Rolling Acres have volunteer opportunities and needs? Whether it is a one-time special event or project, or an ongoing role, we are always looking for people to share their time, talents and love with our residents and clients. Please contact Laurie Hancer lhancer@mtolivet.org to receive initial information and connected with the appropriate facility. We would love you to join us in these meaningful ministries!



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