

FEBRUARY 2023

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MOUNT OLIVET MESSENGER



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SUNDAYS

DIAL-IN VIA PHONE
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11am

**WATCH THE MPLS
WORSHIP SERVICE AT
MTOLIVET.ORG**
9, 10, 11am

HOLY COMMUNION
8:30 & 11:45am

NURSERY
9, 10, & 11am

FEBRUARY 5

SEARCHING FOR PEACE
Luke 15: 22-32

M 9, 10, 11am
SERMON Pastor Hammersten

W 9, 10, 11am
SERMON Pastor Lose

FEBRUARY 12

SEARCHING FOR REST
Exodus 20:8-11

M 9, 10, 11am
SERMON Pastor Cieslik

W 9, 10, 11am
SERMON Pastor Freeman

FEBRUARY 19

**SEARCHING FOR
MEANING**
John 6:1-14

M 9, 10, 11am
SERMON Pastor Dixon

W 9, 10, 11am
SERMON Pastor Hammersten

FEBRUARY 26

THE BREAD OF LIFE
John 6:25-35

M 9, 10, 11am
SERMON Pastor Ruud

W 9, 10, 11am
SERMON Pastor Freeman

HOLY COMMUNION

FEBRUARY 1
First Wednesday of the month

M 12noon

ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 22
John 12:20-26

M 8am, 12noon, 5 & 7pm*
SERMON Pastor Cieslik
W 5 & 7pm*
SERMON Pastor MacLean

**Youth-led service*

*12noon & 7pm Livestreamed at
mtolivet.org*

COVER PHOTO CAPTION RIGHT TO LEFT

High School youth lead Thanksgiving Early Worship 2022; Jonathan Monarski, Ingrid Nielsen, Sophie Goudy, Karianna Lien, Eric Bartz, Oliver Bastian, Casey Campion, and Keyan Schugel

Called and Sent

I have long thought that the “hidden treasure” of the Reformation is Martin Luther’s sense of *vocation*. While most of us are familiar with his doctrine of justification – the promise that God forgives, accepts, and loves us just as we are by grace alone – fewer of us know about vocation. Stemming from the Latin word *vocare* – “to call” – vocation captures the belief that each of us is called by God to use our gifts and blessings to care for our neighbors and make the world a better place.

Two elements of Luther’s thought are particularly helpful. First, Luther believed that *we are called to serve wherever we are*. That is, you don’t have to become a missionary or travel to the ends of the globe to fulfill your calling, but can find meaningful ways to help others anytime and wherever you live. Second, he also felt that *we find opportunities to answer our call in a variety of ways through the various roles we play*: employee, employer, parent, child, sibling, friend, citizen, neighbor, and more. That is, each of us has multiple callings, multiple ways of making a difference, and our callings can change over time based on where we are, what we’re doing, and the needs of those around us.

A quotation from theologian and author Frederick Buechner captures Luther’s thought succinctly. In his book *Wishful Thinking: A Seeker’s ABC*, Buechner writes, “The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.” Which means that we discover our calling by paying attention to our gifts, strengths, and joys and matching those to the particular needs and challenges of our community and those around us. All of which prompts me to ask: *what do you most enjoy doing and what are you best at... and what needs do you see that you can address with your gifts and abilities?*

Our Sunday worship service is shaped by these convictions about vocation. We begin with Confession and Absolution so that we are reminded of God’s love and set free to serve. Our faith is strengthened through the Scripture readings, music, and sermon. We depart with a prayer of good courage confident that God is with us. The next time you are in worship, think about how these elements combine to remind you of your calling and send you out into the world confident of God’s presence.

In writing about vocation, Martin Luther stresses that calling isn’t just reserved for people, but also for institutions. On this side of a pandemic that consumed so much of our time and energy over the last three years, I have been thinking about what Mount Olivet’s calling is at this particular time and place, and I would invite you to do the same: *what do you believe Mount Olivet is best at... and how can we use these gifts and blessings to serve our community?*

One way we have tried to live out our calling is by surrounding our young people with the love of God and preparing them for lives of service. Our youth groups, choirs, Sunday School, confirmation, Cathedral of the Pines and more all work together to create a safe place where our young people can learn about the love of Christ through the relationships they form with their pastors, youth staff, music directors, church members, mentors, and so many other caring adults. This, in turn, prepares them to answer God’s call to lives of service through programs like Adopt-A-Grandparent, Circle of Friends, and so many other intentional outreach and service opportunities.

In recent years, our Lenten Truth Talks have also helped us support our youth, inviting us to delve into one key challenge facing our youth and addressing it from the standpoint of our faith. This year, we’ll be talking about how to cope with the stress and anxiety created from weathering the pandemic and how we can find greater peace and calm. Truth Talks run for two sessions at each of our campuses and take place over four Wednesdays in Lent: March 1 (W), 15 (M), 22 (W), and 29 (M). As we have in the past, we gear these Talks both to our youth and to all who care about them, which means that everyone in the congregation is invited! There will be more information about these in the March *Messenger*; for now, mark these dates as we continue exploring our calling as a congregation to strengthen the faith of our youth and equip them for lives of service. Thank you for all you do to make this possible!



Pastor Lose

DAVID J. LOSE, SENIOR PASTOR

WHO IS JESUS?

This Lent we are exploring a foundational question of our faith: Who Is Jesus? We do so hoping to avoid simple doctrinal assertions – the son of God, Messiah, Savior, or Second Member of the Trinity. It's not that these assertions are bad or wrong, just that they don't always help us really understand what God is up to in Jesus or what Jesus might mean to us in our daily lives.

We'll explore who Jesus is and what he can mean to us through a variety of ways:

SUNDAY WORSHIP

In Sunday Worship, we'll explore stories in the Gospel of John where Jesus actually says who he is through a variety of images and metaphors. These passages are often call the "I Am" statements because Jesus begins them by saying "I am the bread of life" (or the good shepherd, the light of the world, and the resurrection and the life). How do these statements and metaphors help us imagine who Jesus can be for us amid the challenges and opportunities of daily life?

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

In our Lenten Devotions – available in both print and online – our pastors will look at some of the "Names of Jesus" used across Scripture: Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace, Alpha and Omega, and more. Copies available at church or sign-up to receive emails at mtolivet.org.

LENTEN WEDNESDAY SERVICES

During our Wednesday Worship (12noon), our pastors will highlight some of their favorite images of Jesus from the world of art and share how these images help them better understand Jesus and his presence and impact in our lives.

LENTEN TRUTH TALKS

And at our Lenten Wednesday Truth Talks (6:30pm), we'll employ our faith in Jesus to help us find greater calm and peace in a stressful post-pandemic world.

Dates Include: 3/1 West, 3/15 Mpls, 3/22 West, and 3/29 Mpls.

EASTER CHANCEL GARDEN

Order online through Sunday, March 19

During this special time of year, please consider honoring or remembering a loved one by purchasing a spring plant to beautify our sanctuaries for Easter morning. The cost is \$25 per plant. Look for plant options and complete your purchase by visiting mtolivet.org/easter-chancel-garden or by calling Jody Barbee at 952.767.1501. A list of the donors and those remembered or honored will be included in the bulletin on Easter morning. Easter plants can be picked up at both campuses on Sunday, April 9, after the 11am service until 12:30pm or on Tuesday, April 11, from 9am-12noon.

LIFE & GROWTH

DEC 14 - JAN 12

BAPTISMS

Jack Gunnar Klintberg
son of Ashley and Eric
Branch Marshall Kosciolk
son of Rachel and Blake
Solveig Elise Thue
daughter of Sarah and Ulrik

WEDDINGS

Madeline Maruska & Kevin Marzolf, December 17
Natalie Meshbesh & James McGuire, December 17

DEATHS

E. Charles Anderson
1929 – 2022
Doris H. Arnold
1940 – 2022
Rose M. Cronk
1923 – 2022
Bernadine A. Dorn
1935 – 2022
Marilee A. Dorn
1928 – 2022
Jean L. Dyste
1925 – 2022
Lee R. Ekola
1935 – 2022
Daniel J. Hales
1957 – 2022
Harriet L. Hallberg
1926 – 2023
Dale E. Henry
1967 – 2022
Deborah L. Ingram
1954 – 2022
John W. Johnson
1929 – 2023
Marcia L. Juair
1940 – 2022
Ethan R. Kappel
2003 – 2022
Vera H. Krause
1917 – 2023
Myrlene B. LeGros
1932 – 2022
Roger T. Omlid
1941 – 2022
Eldon C. Person
1929 – 2022
Elvie E. Peterson
1917 – 2022
Robert Rydland
1946 – 2022
Sharon J. Souba
1944 – 2022
Barbara L. Waldum
1942 – 2022



DAILY READINGS

FROM PASTOR KALLAND
FEBRUARY 2023

- 1 Philippians 3:14, I Press On
- 2 Psalm 119:7, Upright Heart
- 3 Ephesians 4:32, Compassionate, Forgiving
- 4 Exodus 20:12, Honor
- 5 Hebrews 12:1, Run With Perseverance
- 6 Psalm 68:4-5, Sing, Rejoice
- 7 Matthew 19:14, Kingdom Of God
- 8 Proverbs 29:23, Pride
- 9 John 6:35, Bread Of Life
- 10 Colossians 2:9-10, In Christ
- 11 John 15:13, Greater Love
- 12 Psalm 133:1, Together In Unity
- 13 Philippians 1:6, Completion
- 14 1 John 4:11, Love One Another
- 15 Proverbs 14:34, Sin Condemns
- 16 1 Peter 5:6, Humble Yourself
- 17 Deuteronomy 5:33, Walk In Obedience
- 18 Matthew 4:4, Not By Bread Alone
- 19 2 Corinthians 7:1, Reverence For God
- 20 Psalm 33:12, Blessed Is The Nation
- 21 Matthew 24:35, Never Pass Away
- 22 1 Corinthians 13:2, I Am Nothing
- 23 Isaiah 12:4, Give Praise To The Lord
- 24 Romans 12:3 By The Grace
- 25 Psalm 71:8, All Day Long
- 26 Titus 2:11-12, To All People
- 27 Mark 10:52, Jesus Said "Go"
- 28 Isaiah 41:10, I Am With You

DEVOTION

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. — Ephesians 2:8-9

I recently said in a sermon that a long-time friend asked me this question: "As you look back over your life, what's been the most significant spiritual insight that has shaped your life as a pastor and person of faith?" I answered with one word: Grace.

I came to understand grace at another Lutheran church where I was a member in the 1980's. I had grown up in a church where the pastor rarely mentioned the word "grace." He talked about the love of God for us. He talked about how Jesus loves us. But he spent a lot more time talking about what God expects and demands of us in living "the holy life." My fear at the time was what theologians call "works righteousness": Christianity in which the emphasis is on what we must do to be good people and measure up to what God wants us to be.

But as people of faith, what if God's call on each of our lives is for our joyful and thankful response to the gift of God's grace? We're grateful for God's love and acceptance of us, so we share that love by loving and serving others.

So what is God calling you and me to be or to do? To answer those questions it's important to listen for God's call, to discern it, then follow it. We make a difference in the world using the gifts we have received from God. Every life stage transition or move I have made has been related to my calling as a son, a friend, a husband, a parent, or to the next stage of my career, or a new job. I am your pastor because I believe God called me to be here at Mount Olivet.

With God's grace always comes God's call. So, in response to God's grace, how will you live God's call in your life? — PASTOR MACLEAN



IMPORTANCE OF PRACTICING GRATITUDE

Gratitude is derived from the Latin word 'gratus' which means "appreciation" or "thankful." Practicing gratitude on a regular basis allows us to change the way our brains and bodies adapt to our surroundings. Studies have shown that practicing gratitude and being thankful has several mental and physical health benefits, including improving sleep, lowering blood pressure, decreasing stress and anxiety, raising self-esteem, decreasing negative thinking, and building stronger relationships.

Here are few tips for developing a gratitude practice:

- Gratitude journal: Keep a journal of the things you feel thankful for. It can be a short entry or an in-depth entry.
- Gratitude walks: Go for a walk alone or with a loved one/friend and think about or discuss the things/people you appreciate.
- Gratitude phone apps: You can download apps for your phone that will give you reminders and prompts to stop and practice gratitude. Some phone apps will even let you type out a list and save it.

Developing a gratitude practice should be simple, easy to do, can be made into a family/kid's activity and can even be brought into any daily activity.

— NIKKI KNUDSON-DALAL, MA, LMFT, LADC, Counseling Service

Day Lenten Journey *Belonging: The Gospel of John as a Call to Discipleship*

Tuesday, February 21, 9:30am-3pm, Mount
Olivet Conference & Retreat Center

Unique to the Gospel of John are the “I Am” statements of Jesus. From “I am the bread of life” to “I am the vine,” each statement invites believers into a deeper relationship with Jesus. Jesus makes his first “I am” statement when talking with the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:1-42). This provocative encounter shows us the potential and possibilities of our call to discipleship and sets the stage for understanding the other “I Am” statements in John’s Gospel. Join the Reverend Dr. Karoline Lewis, and Conference & Retreat Center staff for an in-depth study of the implications of this text for our Lenten Journey this year. Worship will be led by Pastor MacLean.



Speaker Bio: Karoline M. Lewis, Ph.D. holds the Marbury E. Anderson Chair in Biblical Preaching at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN, where she has taught since 2007. She is the author of multiple books, including *A Lay Preacher’s Guide: How to Craft a Faithful Sermon*; *Embody: Five Steps to Leading With Integrity*; and *John: Fortress Biblical Preaching Commentaries*, as well as numerous articles and book chapters. One of her newest books, coming out soon, is *Belonging: Five Keys to Unlocking Your Potential as a Disciple*.

Ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Lewis is the program director for the Festival of Homiletics, a contributing writer for *Working Preacher*, and co-host of the site’s weekly podcast, *Sermon Brainwave*. She leads conferences, workshops, and retreats internationally on the Gospel of John, the New Testament, interpreting the Bible, preaching, leadership, and women in ministry.

Cost for the standard in-person registration is \$20 for lunch and program. Cost for the virtual offsite registration is \$10 for a livestream of the event. Bus transportation is available for \$10 from West (8:30am), 7500 York (8:30am) and Mpls Campus (9am). To register for the bus, choose your bus stop location (West, 7500 York or Mpls Campus) in the additional items section of this registration. Register at mtolivetretreat.org at your earliest convenience and at least 48 hours in advance.



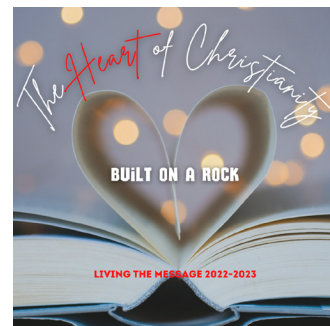
GROWING THROUGH GRIEF

Saturday, March 25,
9am-4pm, Mount Olivet
Conference & Retreat Center

Register now for our next grief retreat. 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. In addition, participants can meet briefly with a counselor, spiritual director, or pastor for support and consultation throughout the day. A sliding scale fee allows you to choose to pay \$50, \$75, or \$125 when you sign up at mtolivetretreat.org/events.

Love Wins: *Atonement*

It's commonly said, "Jesus died to save us from our sin," yet, what does that actually mean? How exactly does Jesus' death and resurrection save? Was Jesus' death unavoidable and necessary, and if so, why? Who demanded it? God? Us? What does the cross and empty tomb actually do to our relationship with God and one another? Christians throughout the ages have pondered these questions and declared a number of possible explanations. In March, we'll dig into these questions and take a look at three traditional "theories" of atonement to see what we may learn. No promises that we'll get it all correct or right, but one thing will remain constant, love and life win. Join in to ponder just how it is that we are forgiven and made new for the sake of Christ. – PASTOR RUUD



UPCOMING CLASSES:

FEBRUARY 7: God con Carne: *Incarnation* (Held at Mpls in 207)

MARCH 7: Love Wins: *Atonement* (Held at West in the Rehearsal Hall)

APRIL 4: The Body of Christ: *Church and the Holy Spirit*

MAY 2: The End of All Things: *Eschatology*

These classes are part of the "Living the Message" series taught by Pastor Lose and Pastor Ruud the first Tuesday of each month through May (6:30-7:30pm), or via monthly emailed videos. All are welcome at any time.



"Sue and Dave Haberle, Lynette and Bruce Butler, and Kathy and John Simmons formed a small but mighty Bible study group with the inception of Living the Message in 2011. Over the last 11 years, this group has evolved from holding in-home sessions to attending the pastor's presentation together, followed by dessert and discussion at a nearby restaurant. Held together by faith, fellowship, and pie, they have been blessed with lifelong friendships."

MOUNT OLIVET BOOK DISCUSSIONS: EVENING AND DAYTIME OPTIONS

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

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

FEBRUARY 8/14: *Ladies of the House* by Lauren Edmondson

MARCH 8/14: *The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich

APRIL 11/12: *Resistance Women* by Jennifer Chiaverini

Register for all Adult Education classes at mtolivet.org/education or contact Katie Stevenson at katies@mtolivet.org or 612.767.2232.

MOUNT OLIVET SERVES: THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS 2022

THANK YOU!

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Mount Olivet helped to fill the food shelves of Community Emergency Service in Minneapolis and Bountiful Baskets in Victoria with over 2,000 pounds of food. Mike Lloyd, CEO of Community Emergency Service emailed, "Your food donation came at the perfect time as food supply has been short and demand has been high. No sooner did the food get unloaded and we started to distribute through both the Food Shelf and Home Delivery. Thank you, Mount Olivet, for your continued faithful support!" Almost \$26,000 in monetary donations from the Hunger Appeal were distributed to our international and local food initiatives.



COMMUNITY EMERGENCY SERVICE

Sam Sanda and Mount Olivet high school students packed, delivered, and distributed food to homebound seniors in Horn Towers on 31st and Blaisdell.

SIMPSON HOUSING SERVICES

In November and December, Mount Olivet members, including Joy Circle, served four different times by preparing and serving dinner to approximately 60 guests who are currently experiencing homelessness.

CHRISTMAS FOR ALL

Thanks to the leadership of Mary Jo Huntley, Jessica Gunderson, Jody Barbee, and Laurie Hancer, the Mount Olivet West Fellowship Hall became a "toy store" with hundreds of donated gifts. Over 80 clients of our ministry partner Love INC. were able to shop for their families with the help of many Mount Olivet volunteers. Toys that were left were then donated to the Redeemer Lutheran Church Toy Store and the Southside Family Nurturing Center Toy Store. Through our efforts,



along with other churches, businesses, and individuals, both organizations were able to bring joy to hundreds of children this Christmas. Geoff Arenson, Director of Youth Ministry, along with several Hi-Leaguers volunteered as Christmas "elves" at the Redeemer Toy Store. They helped shoppers find, label, and wrap Christmas gifts for their loved ones. Each child can choose four gifts and each one costs twenty-five cents! Geoff says that all who served did so with great joy, feeling the spirit of Christmas!



MOCW COAT AND MITTEN DRIVE

Thanks to Sandy Remes and Lisa Jorgenson, the MOCW Coat and Mitten Drive again received and delivered hundreds of warm coats, mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves! All were delivered to long time ministry partners Love INC. (Unity Church), CES, and Simpson Housing Services. We also partnered this year with 3,000 Acts of Kindness, an event that was held at the Minneapolis Convention Center on December 12. The Convention Center becomes a resource center for people experiencing homelessness. This year over 2,700 guests received information about housing, employment, food, rehabilitation, and mental health services. They also received warm clothing, which included the Mount Olivet donations.



CONTINUE TO SERVE THIS WINTER AND SPRING!



SUNDAY MORNING DONATION DRIVES

Sunday, February 19, 8:30-11 am, Mpls & West Campuses

Your previous generosity towards our community partners has been amazing! As we focus only on items in high need we are assured the recipients are receiving what they most need in a timely manner. As we continue to support these agencies in their mission to assist our neighbors, please consider donating the following items this month:

- Mpls Campus: VEAP and Agate Housing and Services high-needs are non-perishable food items, laundry detergent, hand-warmers, and 1-3 person tents (new or gently-used).
- West Campus: Love INC. and Bountiful Baskets are in need of new towels, new sheet sets (twin, full, queen), full-size personal care items, and non-perishable food.



EASTER BUTTER BRAID SALES

Order online February 15 through March 20

Pick Up: Sunday, April 2, 8:30-11 am, Mpls & West Campuses

Mount Olivet Homes Auxiliary is selling Butter Braids online just in time for Easter! Orders will be taken at mtolivet.org through March 20 (please make sure to order under the campus from which you will pick up your braids). A limited supply of extra Braids will be available on a first-come basis on April 3. Each Braid is \$14; case (6 of the same flavor) is \$84. Flavors include: Caramel Roll, Cinnamon Roll, Blueberry Cream Cheese Braid, Cinnamon Braid, Apple Braid, Strawberry Cream Cheese Braid, and Raspberry Braid.



SPRING FOOD DRIVE

March 19, 8:30-11 am, Mpls & West Campuses

Please bring non-perishable food items between services to either campus on Sunday, March 19. Food and monetary donations from the Mpls Campus will go to Community Emergency Service (CES) and to Bountiful Baskets from the West Campus.



ANGEL GIFTS

Donations Accepted through Wednesday, March 29

Assemble & Deliver Baskets on April 1, 10am-12noon, West Campus

Assemble & Deliver Baskets on April 1, 1pm-3pm, Mpls Campus

Please join us in donating, 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. Please drop off NEW items and cash donations to either campus, marking all items "Angel Gifts" through March 29. Help assemble the baskets on Saturday, April 1, at both campuses. More information at mtolivet.org.

FIRST COMMUNION INFORMATION FOR 6TH GRADE FAMILIES & SERVICES

We invite all 6th graders to participate in our First Communion class and service at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church. First Communion is an important milestone in your child's faith life. The First Communion class provides an opportunity to teach your child about the sacrament of Holy Communion and give you an introduction to the Confirmation program. We are excited to celebrate First Communion with your family! Register online. Questions? Contact Katy Michaletz – kmichaletz@mtolivet.org or 612.767.2245



FIRST COMMUNION CLASS DATES: Required for parent and child, please choose one and register at mtolivet.org:

MINNEAPOLIS CAMPUS: Sunday, February 5, at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall

WEST CAMPUS: Sunday, February 26, at 11 am in the Rehearsal Hall

FIRST COMMUNION SERVICE DATES

NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY.

MINNEAPOLIS CAMPUS: Sunday, March 5, 1pm

WEST CAMPUS: Sunday, March 12, 1pm



MOUNT OLIVET SUMMER DAY CAMPS ARE HIRING!

Mount Olivet Summer Camps are hiring! We are looking for individuals who love working with kids to join our team. In this position you'll have a ton of fun going on a variety of field trips, leading crafts and games, and connecting with the Mount Olivet community. Check out mtolivet.org/summer to see what we have planned. We have flexible part or full-time options with competitive hourly wages. Training will be provided. For more information and to apply please contact Kristin Olson at kolson@mtolivet.org



OPEN GYM CONTINUES!

Saturdays, February 11 & March 25, 9-11 am, Mpls Campus Gym

Come run, jump and play with your kids! Designated for families with kids ages 1 to 6- we'll have a variety of activities available for you and your child to enjoy together. This is a great way to burn a little energy with family and friends on a Saturday morning! Wear tennis shoes, bring a water bottle – and we'll provide the fun! Contact Nursery Coordinator, Sam Balzer at sbalzer@mtolivet.org with questions.

WEST CAMPUS NURSERY IS HIRING!

We are looking to hire additional staff to work in the nursery at the West Campus. These are paid positions with flexible scheduling options. Training will be provided. Candidates must be 16 years or older. If you have any interest, please contact Sam Balzer, Nursery Coordinator, at sbalzer@mtolivet.org

PRE K - 2ND GRADE HALF DAY OPTIONS

Vacation Bible School at Mpls Campus

M 6/26 – Th 6/29, \$55

Vacation Bible School at West Campus

M 7/10 – Th 7/13, \$55

KINDERGARTEN - 6TH GRADE FULL DAY OPTIONS

Splash into Summer!

M 6/12 – F 6/16, \$250

God's Kids Sing!

M 6/19 – F 6/23, \$250

Going Wild

M 6/26 – F 6/30, \$250

Nature Camp

M 7/10 – F 7/14, \$250

Super Stem Summer

M 7/17 – 7/21, \$250

Let's Get Cooking at West Campus

M 7/17 – 7/21, \$250

Let's Get Cooking at Mpls Campus

M 7/24 – F 7/28, \$250

Imagination Creation at West Campus

M 7/24 – F 7/28, \$250

Imagination Creation at Mpls Campus

M 7/31 – F 8/4, \$250

Under the Sea

M 8/7 – F 8/11, \$250

Games Galore

M 8/21 – F 8/25, \$250

Drop in Days

M 8/28 – Th 8/31, daily rate \$50

6TH - 9TH GRADE

Summertime Players!

M 7/10 – F 7/14, \$250

6TH - 8TH GRADE

Mini Camps

Tu 6/13 – Th 6/15, \$150

Tu 8/1 – Th 8/3, \$150

Tu 8/22 – Th 8/24, \$150

SUMMER CAMPS



SPLASH INTO SUMMER! JUNE 12-16, MPLS

K-6TH GRADE

On your mark, get set, SWIM! To kick off summer 2023 we will be spending the week visiting three different pools in the Twin Cities as well as going across the street to enjoy the Lynnhurst wading pool. We'll get wet and wild with water games and water balloons, paint with watercolors, and much more.



GOD'S KIDS SING! JUNE 19-23, MPLS

K-6TH GRADE

God's Kids Sing! is a blend of singing, playing instruments, physical education activities, dancing, mindfulness, and all kinds of art projects! Classes are taught by professional educators with the help of an engaging group of high school counselors who love our GKS! campers! Come and be a part of the 2023 GKS, we'd love to see you there!

Visit mtolivet.org/summer-camps to learn more about all Summer Camps options and to register. If you have questions, please contact Kristin Olson, kolson@mtolivet.org or 612.767.2246.

UPCOMING EVENTS YOUTH MINISTRY

To register for these events or learn more about these offerings, please contact Geoff Arenson geoffa@mtolivet.org, 612.767.2212; Angie St. Dennis angelas@mtolivet.org, 612.767.2244; Anna Herd aherd@mtolivet.org, 612.767.2279; Macey Oliver moliver@mtolivet.org, 612.767.2237; or Julia Jallo jjallo@mtolivet.org, 952.767.1502.



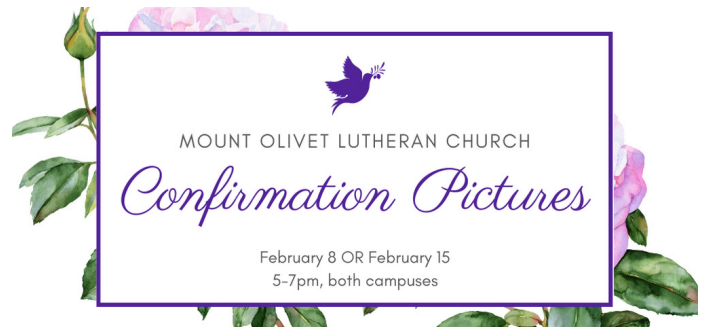
7TH GRADE RETREAT

*Friday, 2/3, 4:45pm through
Saturday, 2/4, 10:30am.*
A bus will leave from the Mpls
Campus at 4:45pm and return
Saturday at 10:30am. We hope
to see you there!



JHA SNOW TUBING

Monday, 2/20, 10:30am-2pm.
Join us for some outdoor fun as
we head to Elm Creek for snow
tubing followed by lunch at
Davanni's!



8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION PICTURES

Wednesdays, February 8 & February 15, 5-7pm, both campuses.
The picture is free and you are welcome to order a package of
pictures. All 8th graders will want to get their picture taken so they
will be on our Confirmation composite made for the Confirmation
Service in September!



YOUTH LED SERVICE

2/22, 7pm, both campuses.
Join us for the Youth Led Ash
Wednesday Service. Come hear
from our 8th grade leaders as
they share their faith!



CONFIRMATION

REMINDER!
No class on Sunday, February
19 or Wednesday February
22. Please attend the Ash
Wednesday Youth Led Service
at 7pm with your family.



HI-LEAGUE

2/5: Sharegroups, 7-8:30pm,
West Campus
2/26: Bowling at Park Tavern,
7- 9pm, Cost is \$15



CHANCEL SINGS

Chancel Choir sings on Sunday,
February 5 at both campuses.
Please come listen to our junior
high choir sing during the 10am
service.



CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES CAMP

MEMBER REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

NON-MEMBER REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 1!

Cathedral of the Pines Camp (COP) is an overnight camp located along the shores of beautiful Lake Caribou just a few miles north of Lutsen, Minnesota, sponsored by Mount Olivet Lutheran Church. COP is a place where kids are the center of our ministry, for more than 70 years! Cathedral of the Pines encourages campers to develop lifelong friendships, deepen their faith, ask questions, learn life lessons, be themselves, and have fun in a beautiful setting. A typical camp day includes Bible class, swimming, paddleboats, nature hikes, sports, arts and crafts, large and small group games, and, of course, delicious food! Each day at Cathedral of the Pines begins and ends in the chapel overlooking beautiful Caribou Lake. All campers sleep in cabins with up to six campers and two trained high school counselors.

YOUTH CAMPING SESSIONS

Eligibility for camping sessions are determined by your child's grade as of September 1, 2023. We encourage you to register for youth camping session as soon as possible, as sessions fill up. All registrations will be online through Campbrain.

There is a Cathedral of the Pines Sponsorship Fund for Mount Olivet members who need financial assistance. Prices below reflect the member price, if you are a non-member please add \$55. If your child has any dietary needs or a special diet add \$45 to the registration price.

For more information about COP, please contact Kris Ericksen at krise@mtolivet.org or 612.767.2207.

GRADES 3, 4, & 5

Week 1: Sunday, July 9 – Thursday, July 13, \$425

Week 2: Saturday, August 5 – Wednesday, August 9, \$425

GRADES 5, 6, & 7

Week 1: Friday, July 21 – Wednesday, July 26, \$465

GRADES 6, 7, & 8

Week 1: Sunday, June 25 – Friday, June 30, \$465

Week 2: Wednesday, July 5 – Sunday, July 9, \$425

Week 3: Wednesday, July 26 – Monday, July 31, \$465

9TH GRADE CONFIRMATION CAMP (MOUNT OLIVET MEMBERS ONLY)

Week 1: Sunday, July 16 – Friday, July 21, \$415

Week 2: Monday, July 31 – Saturday, August 5, \$415

GRADES 11, 12, & GRADUATES

Summer Starter: Sunday, June 18 – Thursday, June 22, \$335

GRADE 10

10th Grade Starter: Thursday, June 22 – Sunday, June 25, \$285

GRADES 10, 11, & 12

Hi-League Retreat: Wednesday, August 9 – Sunday, August 13, \$365

UPCOMING EVENTS

FLYING SOLO: SOUPER BOWL COOKOFF

Sunday, February 5, 5pm

Gather with your Flying Solo friends the WEEK BEFORE the Super Bowl to enjoy a "Souper Bowl" potluck at The Colony at Edina Party Room. Please register at mtolivet.org to bring your favorite soup, toppings, bread, or dessert!

FAMILY PAINTING CLASS

Monday, February 20, 6pm, Mpls Campus

This family painting class is a fun "Date Night" for you and your child to make art together. No experience is needed, this class is about spending quality time with your child and having fun. Each person is provided a 16 x 20 canvas, acrylic paints, and all the supplies needed to create their own masterpiece that can stand alone or be hung side-by-side for a combined work of art. The instructor will lead you step-by-step through the painting. Register at mtolivet.org by Wednesday, February 15.

YOUNG IN HEART & FRIENDS

Tuesday, February 21, Mpls Campus, \$10

Young in Heart & Friends invites you to join us for great music, food, fellowship and upcoming community service opportunities. Our presenter for February will be Carol Veldman Rudie from the Museum of Russian Art. Carol will be presenting Sacred Moments: Holy Week in the Russian Visual Culture. We will learn about Holy Week in a new way. Russian art's distinctive icons and paintings bring added appreciation for the events in the days between Palm Sunday and Easter. New ways of "seeing" these familiar stories enrich connections with the ancient truths re-enacted each year. Bring a friend to share in the experience. Register by February 17, at mtolivet.org, or by contacting Tricia Asuncion at 612.767.2210, tasuncion@mtolivet.org.



MOCW LADIES' NIGHT

Tuesday, February 28, 5:30pm, West Campus, \$15

Join us for MOCW Ladies' Night at the West Campus featuring Meta Herrick Carlson, a pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church and author of "Ordinary Blessings." MOCW is excited to bring back Ladies' Night as we can join together for a time of celebration, fellowship, and conversation! Dinner is included with your registration. Register at mtolivet.org by February 19.

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, March 19, 12noon, Mpls Campus

Join us at the annual meeting to hear from your Mount Olivet Pastors and the Congregation Council as we review the past church year and plan for Mount Olivet's bright future, a future filled with hope.

14TH MOTORHEADS @ LE CHATEAU

Tuesday, March 21, park and shuttle from Mount Olivet West, 7150 Rolling Acres Road, Victoria. Arrive between 5:30pm and 7pm (shuttles run continuously until 9pm).

Join fellow Motorheads for this fun gathering at the Herreid home (Le Chateau). Enjoy delicious food, cool cars, interesting displays, devotions, and more! Cost: \$10 paid by 3/19, \$15 at the door, \$5 for youth 18 and under. Register at mtolivet.org.

SAVE THE DATE: MOUNT OLIVET GALA: SPRING INTO GIVING

Thursday, May 4, Open House 5-9pm, Oak Ridge Country Club 700 Oak Ridge Road, Hopkins

Join us for the Mount Olivet Gala benefiting the Mount Olivet affiliates at the Oak Ridge Country Club. If you are interested in being a sponsor or donating items for the silent auction, please contact, Laurie Hancer at lhancer@mtolivet.org or 612.767.2267.



THANK YOU!

We continue to say THANK YOU for our collective blessings seen through countless Mount Olivet ministries.

Thanks to all for supporting these ministries with your generosity!

INSPIRE WITH MUSIC & THE ARTS

The Mount Olivet School of Music has expanded to include Art Classes—and they're a hit! Budding artists of all ages are making creative treasures while enjoying time together at church. Who knows? Maybe the next Claude Monet or Mary Cassatt is at Mount Olivet!



WALK WITH YOU IN IMPORTANT MOMENTS IN LIFE

Pastor Ruud baptized Katherine Claire as a beloved child of God through water and the Word—reminding us all of Jesus' call to: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

—Matthew 28:19

INVEST IN OUR YOUTH

Mount Olivet offers a music and arts-based Sunday School morning experience that helps our youngest discover new church friendships, create community, and develop their faith. Here the Alleluia Choir at West is getting lined up to share their gift of song during worship. Beautiful all around!



WAYS TO GIVE

If you'd like to make a one-time gift or set up a recurring gift to Mount Olivet and its ministries like the ones shown here, there are many ways to do so! Thank you for your generosity and support!

Give Online: visit mtolivet.org/online-giving or scan the QR Code to the right.

Via Your Realm Account: login and click "Giving"

Text to Give: text "MTOLIVET" to 73256

Contact Us: Tricia Lerohl-Morgan at tricial@mtolivet.org or 612.767.2255.



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LUTHERAN CHURCH AND AUTHOR OF "ORDINARY BLESSINGS"

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023

5:30PM, WEST CAMPUS

\$15 INCLUDES DINNER & PRESENTATION