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WHO IS  
JESUS?

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## SUNDAYS

**DIAL-IN VIA PHONE**  
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11am

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

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

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

## MARCH 5

**I AM THE LIGHT OF THE  
WORLD**

*John 8: 12-20*

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

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

**FIRST COMMUNION**

**M** 1pm  
**SERMON** Pastor Ruud

## MARCH 12

**I AM THE GOOD  
SHEPHERD**

*John 10:11-18*

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

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

**FIRST COMMUNION**

**W** 1pm  
**SERMON** Pastor Ruud

## MARCH 19

**I AM THE  
RESURRECTION AND  
THE LIFE**

*John 11:17-27*

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

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

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**M** 12noon

## MARCH 26

**I AM THE WAY, THE  
TRUTH, AND THE LIFE**

*John 14:1-6*

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

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

## LENTEN WEDNESDAY SERVICES

During our Wednesday Worship (12noon, Mpls), 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.

**SERVICE SCHEDULE:**

**MARCH 1:** with Pastor Cieslik (*Communion Service*)

**MARCH 8:** with Pastor Dixon

**MARCH 15:** with Pastor Hammersten

**MARCH 22:** with Pastor Ruud

**MARCH 29:** with Pastor MacLean

**APRIL 5:** with Pastor Freeman (*Communion Service*)

# Who is Jesus?

In his book *Jesus Through the Centuries*, Lutheran historian Jaroslav Pelikan traces the various ways the church has imagined Jesus across its two-thousand year history. Focusing on the theological writings, sermons, and artwork that were prevalent across the centuries that separate Jesus' earthly ministry from our time, Pelikan chooses one image to capture the dominant picture held about Jesus during particular eras. "King of Kings," for instance, was a dominant image during the third and fourth centuries, when Christians were forced to defend their claims of Jesus' lordship over and against the Roman Emperor. "Christ Crucified" dominated the middle ages, when the Roman Catholic Church stressed the need for penance to obtain grace from Jesus' sacrifice for sin. In contrast, the "Mirror of the Eternal" became prominent during the Reformation when Martin Luther and others stressed that in Jesus' ministry of compassion and death on the cross we see not a sacrifice to appease an angry God but the love of God for all people laid bare.

I find Pelikan's work insightful, as it not only gives us a window into how previous Christians thought about Jesus, but also because it raises the question of what image of Jesus we might hold. I don't know how often we think about it, but I am fairly convinced that each of us carries around within us a picture of Jesus. Not a locket or picture in our wallet, but a mental image of who Jesus is and, more importantly, who we imagine him to be for us. I am also fairly convinced that picture might be unconscious, not something we think about often or consciously, but powerful nevertheless. Because how we think about Jesus pretty much determines how we think of God.

Think for a moment of the impact on your sense of God if your picture of Jesus is that of the good shepherd, a painting many of us grew up with, portraying Jesus dressed as a shepherd and joyfully carrying home the one sheep that had strayed. Now think about how your understanding of God would be shaped if your picture of Jesus is that of him on the cross, twisted in agony because he is receiving the punishment we deserve, the punishment God has to levy out to someone. How you picture Jesus very much shapes how you picture God and that, in turn, shapes your faith, your life, even the way you see yourself and those around you.

This Lent at Mount Olivet, we're inviting each other to take stock of our picture of Jesus. To ask the question "Who is Jesus?" more deeply than giving quick, doctrinal answers like he's "the Son of God" or "my Lord and Savior." It's not that there isn't a place for those kinds of confessions, just that we often are so familiar with them, so comfortable making them, that we don't necessarily think about them and therefore they don't necessarily mean all that much to us or shape our life of faith.

We're exploring our pictures and understanding of Jesus in a variety of ways. On Sundays, we'll explore biblical stories in the Gospel of John where Jesus describes himself through a variety of metaphors, saying things like "I am the bread of life" or "I am the light of the world." How do these statements and metaphors help us imagine who Jesus can be for us amid the challenges and opportunities of daily life? In our Lenten Devotions, our pastors will look at some of the "names of Jesus" used across Scripture: Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace, Alpha and Omega, and more. During our Wednesday Lenten Worship Services (12noon, Mpls Campus), 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 impact in our lives. (These will also be sent out as videos via email on Wednesdays.) And at our Lenten Wednesday Truth Talks (see pg. 4), we'll employ our faith in Jesus to help us find greater calm and peace in a stressful post-pandemic world.

So who is Jesus for you? Before you answer, throw yourself into the worship and reflection and fellowship that Lent affords. You might be surprised by what you discover, or you may have your picture of Jesus stretched in ways that help you experience and share God's love more powerfully. I look forward to sharing this journey with you!

Yours in Christ,



Pastor Lose

DAVID J. LOSE, SENIOR PASTOR

# WHO IS JESUS?

## TRUTH TALKS

### POST PANDEMIC RESILIENCE FOR YOUTH & THOSE WHO LOVE THEM

Wednesdays, March 1 and March 22, 6:30-7pm, West Campus

Wednesdays, March 15 and March 29, 6:30-7pm, Mpls Campus & [livestreamed at mtolivet.org](https://mtolivet.org).

There is no doubt about it: the effects of this pandemic have been hard on everyone. These past three years have been dominated by isolation, fear, uncertainty, and exhaustion. Today's youth, who are arguably amidst one of their most significant and challenging life developmental stages, have especially struggled in the context of the pandemic. This two-part series of Truth Talks taught by Mount Olivet Counseling Service Director, Sherri Herman, MA, LPCC, aims to help our youth, and those who love them, connect with the emotional realities of the pandemic and engage in strategies to enhance resilience and support spiritual formation. Join us!

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER

### SUNDAY, APRIL 2: PALM SUNDAY

9, 10, 11am, Mpls & West Campuses

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5: THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST CONCERT

7pm, Mpls Campus and [livestreamed at mtolivet.org](https://mtolivet.org)

### THURSDAY, APRIL 6: THE LIVING LORD'S SUPPER

7pm, Mpls & West Campuses, Mpls is [livestreamed at mtolivet.org](https://mtolivet.org)

### FRIDAY, APRIL 7: GOOD FRIDAY

8am, 12noon, 5pm, \*7pm, Mpls Campus, 12noon service [livestreamed at mtolivet.org](https://mtolivet.org)

5pm, \*7pm, West Campus

\* *Tenebrae Service*

### EASTER SUNDAY - SUNDAY, APRIL 9

7, 8, 9, 10, 11am, Mpls Campus

8, 9, 10, 11am, West Campus

## EASTER CHANCEL GARDEN

[Order online through Sunday, March 19](https://mtolivet.org)

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](https://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 Sunday. 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

### JAN 13 - FEB 13

#### BAPTISMS

**Paisley Lynn Alm**

*daughter of Stacey and Philip*

**Vincent Logan Bredeson**

*son of Jennifer and Perry*

**Nicholas George Court**

*son of Kari and Ben Court*

**Mason Michael Fahey**

*son of Mary and Michael*

**Bodie Jack Green**

*son of Torrie and Connor*

**Cameron Joseph Haglin**

*son of Ashley and Christopher*

**Hudson William Huff**

*son of Mariah and Joseph*

**Margaret Elizabeth Jorgensen**

*daughter of Jane and Andy*

**Anyia Elizabeth Lillehei**

*daughter of Kaila and Jens*

**Lucy Ruth Meyer-Stamp**

*daughter of Erin and Jeff*

**Autumn Ai-Andy Nissen**

*daughter of Amy and Dietrich*

**Stella Louise Pilarski**

*daughter of Sarah and Zachary*

#### DEATHS

**Florence M. Dailey**

1927 – 2023

**Stasia M. Danielson**

1938 – 2023

**Bill Davis**

1942 – 2023

**Patricia M. Johnson**

1942 – 2023

**Arlene Knutson**

1935 – 2023

**Wesley Kuske**

1938 – 2023

**Lorraine M. Manson**

1924 – 2023

**Norma J. Nelsen**

1926 – 2023

**David C. Ridler**

1939 – 2023

**Ruth E. Rogers**

1939 – 2023

**Tamara L. Sulistyo**

1966 – 2023

**Priscilla F. Teisberg**

1929 – 2023





## DAILY READINGS

FROM PASTOR KALLAND

MARCH 2023

- 1 1 John 5:14, According To His Will
- 2 Psalm 103:17-18, Everlasting To Everlasting
- 3 Romans 2:6, Accordingly
- 4 Isaiah 43:2, I'll Be With You
- 5 1 John 5:12, The Son Has Life
- 6 Psalm 42:8, The Lord Directs His Love
- 7 1 Corinthians 2:9, Things God Has Prepared
- 8 Hebrews 11:6, Without Faith
- 9 Psalm 95:6, Let Us Kneel
- 10 Luke 11:28, Blessed are Those
- 11 Isaiah 26:3, Perfect Peace
- 12 Psalm 46:1, Ever-Present Help In Trouble
- 13 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, Compassion And Comfort
- 14 Romans 14:1, Without Quarreling
- 15 Psalm 119:14, Rejoice
- 16 Matthew 5:9, Peacemakers
- 17 Psalm 119:165, Love You Law
- 18 Zephaniah 3:17, The Lord Is With You
- 19 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Bought With A Price
- 20 Psalm 149:4, The Lord Delights
- 21 Proverbs 21:3, Do What Is Right
- 22 Acts 4:12, No Other Name
- 23 1 John 4:20, Whoever Claims To Love God
- 24 Psalm 119:160, Your Words Are True
- 25 Hebrews 4:16, Mercy And Grace
- 26 Jeremiah 29:12, God Will Listen
- 27 Psalm 94:18, Unfailing Love
- 28 Mark 16:16, Whoever Believes
- 29 Matthew 21:9, Hosanna In The Highest
- 30 Psalm 16:8, I Will Not Be Shaken
- 31 Romans 10:10, Heart And Mouth

## DEVOTION

*"Come to me all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest." — Matthew 11:28*

Beat down, weary, exhausted.

Ever feel that way? When you're giving all you've got and it never seems to be enough? It's the worst.

The world has a way of taking your God-given joy and life and spark and hammering away at it to try and make it fit into something it can contain.

My office looks out over Minnehaha Creek. And as beautiful as those waters are, frozen or running free, there is something there even more beautiful. Kids! Several times day the kids from Burroughs Community School are outside for their gym class. Sledding, biking, cross country skiing! They play with wild abandon! Turning cartwheels and somersaults, laughing and enjoying the day. Colorful, perfect, and free.

That's the life that God intends for us! One where we are so alive in the uniqueness that God created us to be that we twirl in our dresses and run in zig-zags and laugh in gratitude for it all. If you could use a little less frozen and a little more running free, take the time to rest. Insist on it. And remember these words from the book of Genesis: "So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them...God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good."

— PASTOR HAMMERSTEN



## CALM BODY, CALM MIND

For most of my career in mental health I believed that working on thoughts was the way to feel better. Cognitive, or thoughts-based, therapy was "all the rage" in my earlier formal training of helping people achieve emotional health. I have since learned that while not a bad approach, it's just one of many approaches we can take to improve our mental health. More recently, body-based therapies have taken a much more prominent position in the world of psychotherapy. We have learned that no longer do we have to solely focus on the thoughts in our brain, we can also focus our attention on the body and achieve relief.

One tried and true example of this concept is modulating our breath. Have you heard, or even given the advice, "just breathe" when someone is feeling upset? There's truth to this and you can try it right now. You're already breathing so just bring conscious awareness to this activity. On your next breath in, try to bring that air all the way down, expanding your belly. Now let that breath out slowly, taking a little bit longer to exhale than it took to inhale. You can even breathe in while you mentally count to four and breathe out while you count to six. Do that a few more times. Now check in with yourself, scanning head to toe. What do you notice? Most people feel a greater sense of calm, openness, release, a renewed clarity or hopefulness. All of these benefits to your emotional well-being can be had without focusing attention on changing even one negative thought or mistaken belief. This is because the body is always sending messages to the mind, and when we can achieve a calm body, a calm mind will follow. — SARA WATNE, MA, LPCC, Counseling Service

# Growing Through Grief

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

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 register at [mtolivetretreat.org/events](http://mtolivetretreat.org/events).



## LEADERSHIP TEAM:

**SHERRI DUNHAM HERMAN**, MA, LPCC is a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor and the Clinical Director at Mount Olivet Counseling Service. She is a trauma informed therapist who specializes in mindfulness and integrating spirituality with clinical psychology.

**MARY LORD**, MM, MT-BC is a Board-Certified Music Therapist with a Certification in Hospice and Palliative Care Music Therapy. At Grace Hospice she provides live music at the bedside for hospice patients and families, helps coordinate bereavement sessions using music-focused interventions and is a passionate educator for the clinical use of music therapy in end-of-life care.

**NANCY LOYD**, MA is the Grief Support Supervisor at Grace Hospice as well as a Certified Spiritual Director. Nancy has companioned others through serious illness, end-of-life, grief and transition for over 20 years.

**SARA WATNE**, MA, LPCC is a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor. At Mount Olivet Counseling Service she provides individual therapy to children, adolescents and adults as well as facilitates the grief support group, "The First Years without Them."

**REV. THERESA F. LATINI** is the Executive Director of Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center and an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

**REV. JEREMY BORK** is the Program Director at Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center and an ordained minister in the Reformed Church in America.

**KRISTEN MASTEL** is a certified Forest Therapy Guide with Forest Therapy Hub, Outreach Librarian, Minnesota Master Naturalist, and has certification in wilderness first aid and CPR.

## SAVE THE DATES!



### MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH & WORSHIP

**Sunday, May 14, 9am**  
Worship, Seatings at 10am  
& 11:30am, Mount Olivet  
Conference & Retreat Center



### SPRING VOLUNTEER DAY

**Saturday, May 20, 9am-3pm,**  
Mount Olivet Conference &  
Retreat Center



## The Body of Christ: *Church and the Holy Spirit*

Church is the place where you hear some pretty incredible promises. Think about it. Week in and week out, we hear not only that there is a God but that God knows us and loves us. Loves us enough, in fact, to die for us. Further, we hear that God walks with us in our daily lives, blesses us in countless ways, and promises us eternal life. Like I said, these are some pretty incredible promises!

And because they're incredible, they can be hard to believe. In fact, that very word – *in-credible* – literally means “not believable.” Which is why we have the Church! In and through the worship services, music, and fellowship the Church offers, the Holy Spirit works to keep us in faith. And not only does the Holy Spirit help us believe, it also equips and empowers us to lead lives of meaning and purpose where we can enjoy the abundant life God desires for us and help others experience abundant life as well.

Join us for the April Living the Message class as we learn more about how the Holy Spirit is at work in our lives and through our congregation to 1) help us believe the good news and 2) share the good news with others and help take care of each other and the world. – **PASTOR LOSE**

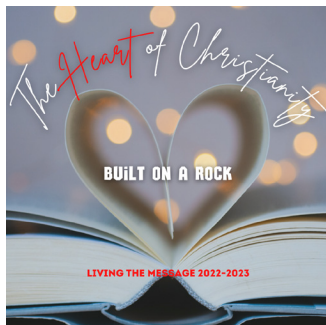
### UPCOMING CLASSES:

**MARCH 7:** Love Wins: *Atonement* (West Rehearsal Hall)

**APRIL 11:** The Body of Christ: *Church and the Holy Spirit* (One week later due to Holy Week)

**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, at the Mpls Campus except where noted), or via monthly emailed videos. All are welcome at any time.



## Word With Our Pastors: *Becoming a Community of Shalom*

Throughout the Hebrew Bible (our Old Testament), the concept of shalom conveys God's desire for all people: relationships marked by wholeness, peace, health, and security. We are called to shalom in our relationships with God, each other, and all creation. When our communities are marked by shalom, they exude compassion, wisdom, and equanimity (i.e., balance and serenity). In this class, we will explore the biblical concept of shalom and pray together for it. Join Reverend Theresa Latini (Executive Director, Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center) and Reverend Dale Peterson (Director of Spiritual Care, Mount Olivet Careview Home and Mount Olivet Home) for a mix of biblical study, reflection, and guided prayer all aimed at helping us receive God's promise of wholeness and peace.

### UPCOMING CLASSES:

**APRIL 12/13:** *The Beauty and Promise of Shalom* with the Rev. Dr. Theresa Latini

**APRIL 19/20:** *Equanimity for Turbulent Times* with the Rev. Dr. Theresa Latini

**APRIL 26/27:** *Compassion for Self and Others* with the Rev. Dale Peterson

**MAY 3/4:** *Wisdom in Daily Life* with the Rev. Dale Peterson  
This four-week series runs 10:30-11:30am Wednesdays at Mpls and Thursdays at West or via videos.

## 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

**MARCH:** *The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich

**APRIL:** *Resistance Women* by Jennifer Chiaverini

**MAY:** *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by V.E. Schwab

Please be sure to register to receive reminder emails and more.

**REGISTER FOR ALL ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES AT  
MTOLIVET.ORG/EDUCATION OR CONTACT KATIE  
STEVENSON AT KATIES@MTOLIVET.ORG  
OR 612.767.2232.**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

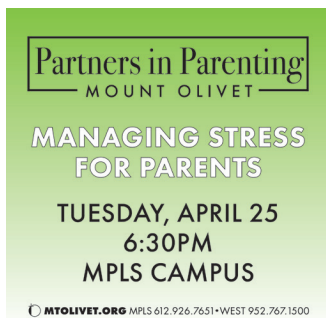


### FAMILY MINI GOLF

Saturday, March 18, 1-3pm, West Campus

Get the family together and work your way through a variety of pre-designed holes throughout the West Campus! Activities will include a friendly putting contest (for prizes!), and an opportunity to design your own hole. There is no charge for this event, please register at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org).

Questions? Contact Kristin Olson at [kolson@mtolivet.org](mailto:kolson@mtolivet.org) or 612.767.2286.



### MANAGING STRESS FOR PARENTS

Tuesday, April 25, 6:30pm, Mpls Campus

Whether our kids are toddlers or teenagers, we parents know that managing stress well can be the difference between a fun, pleasant time together and a day that ends with us wanting to run screaming into the woods! As a parent, regulating your own neuropsychology is half the battle to helping your kids make their way back to calm and peaceful. Please come and join other parents to learn about responding to stress in adaptive ways and helping your kids in a process of co-regulation. Sara Watne, MA, LPCC of Mount Olivet Counseling Service will be leading this informative and engaging presentation. Register at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org).

## JOIN THE CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY TEAM

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

*"A highlight of last summer was going to the Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center every week. It's 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."*

JORRUN KUEHN, 2022 Mount Olivet Summer Camps Staff





## SUMMER DAY CAMPS REMINDER

Summer Day Camps registration was a huge success! As you continue to make your summer plans, please be sure to update Children's Camp Coordinator, Kristin Olson, with any changes in your camp registrations. This helps us in planning and updating wait list information. Thank you!

## SUMMER DAY CAMPS COUNSELING OPPORTUNITIES!

If you're entering 9th - 12th grade – you'll have the chance to be a counselor this summer for day camps! With leadership training later in the spring, you'll be well equipped to lead a group of campers through any or all of our day camp options and have a lot of fun at the same time! Sign up online!



MOUNT OLIVET  
SUMMER CAMPS

# MIDDLE SCHOOL OFFERINGS

For those entering 6th – 8th grade, this is a perfect time to text a few friends and sign up for one (or all!) of our three-day mini-camps and Summertime Players: Middle School Music, Movement and More! a week-long camp! Space is available, and we'd love for you to join us!

## MINI CAMPS (6-8TH GRADE)

**JUNE 13-15, AUGUST 1-3, & AUGUST 22-24**

Cost is \$150/camper

June 13-15: Join us as we visit three different pools around the Twin Cities.

August 1-3: Let your creativity shine and get inspired at an art museum, watching a play and doing a variety of art projects.

August 22-24: Make the most out of the end of summer, we'll go swimming, visit Grand Slam, and go bowling.

## SUMMERTIME PLAYERS!: MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC, MOVEMENT AND MORE! (6-9TH GRADE)

**JULY 10-14, MPLS**

Cost is \$250/camper

Summertime Players is a music-based day camp specifically designed for middle schoolers. This one-week camp is action-packed with team games, singing and dancing to pop and musical theatre songs, and daily field trips.

STP! is the perfect place to make new friends and bond with the Youth and Music staff at MO!

Visit [mtolivet.org/summer-camps](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:geoffa@mtolivet.org), 612.767.2212; Angie St. Dennis [angelas@mtolivet.org](mailto:angelas@mtolivet.org), 612.767.2244; Anna Herd [aherd@mtolivet.org](mailto:aherd@mtolivet.org), 612.767.2279; Macey Oliver [moliver@mtolivet.org](mailto:moliver@mtolivet.org), 612.767.2237; or Julia Jallo [jjallo@mtolivet.org](mailto:jjallo@mtolivet.org), 952.767.1502.



## JHA BOWLING

*Saturday, March 11,  
11:45am-3:30pm.*

Join us for a fun day of bowling at Bowlero in Eden Prairie. We will bowl, eat lunch, and play arcade games. Bring your friends!



## CATHEDRAL CHOIR

Come listen to our high schoolers sing on Sundays, March 5 and 19 at the 9 and 10 am services at both campuses.



## HI-LEAGUE

**3/5:** Sharegroups, 7-8:30pm, Mpls Campus

**3/12:** Hi-League at the Movies, 6-9pm, Willow Creek Theater



## CHANCEL SINGS

Come listen to the Chancel Choirs (7th and 8th grade) sing on Sunday, March 12, at the 10am service at both campuses!



## SPRING FOOD DRIVE

*Sunday, March 19, 8:30-11:45am, both campuses.* Get your confirmation service hours in by volunteering to help with the Spring Food Drive!



## CONFIRMATION

### REMINDER!

No class on Wednesday, March 22 at the Mpls Campus, and no class on Wednesday, March 29 at the West Campus.



## ANGEL GIFTS

*Saturday, April 1, Mpls & West Campuses.* Looking for families, students, and congregational members to help pass out our Angel Gift Baskets around the Metro Area. Contact Laurie Hancer at [lhancer@mtolivet.org](mailto:lhancer@mtolivet.org).



## MO HOOPS

Come join a competitive intramural basketball league with churches from around the Twin Cities! Players, managers, and fans are welcome! Contact Sam Sanda at [ssanda@mtolivet.org](mailto:ssanda@mtolivet.org).



# MO HOOPS



Hello, my name is Jackson Parrish and I am a current MO Hoops player. Two summers ago while up at Cathedral of the Pines Camp (COP), my cabin members and I heard so much about MO Hoops. Everyone told us that the program is solely designed to have fun while creating and strengthening friendships. My cabinmates and I decided to sign up that winter not knowing what we were getting into. Looking back, I think it is one of the best decisions I've ever made!

Most of my cabinmates from COP worship at the West Campus. On Sunday mornings while singing in Cathedral Choir we would text each other between services to get pumped for the games. None of us have any serious basketball knowledge or experience, which makes it so much more fun. While playing is fun, the social aspect of MO Hoops was my favorite. I have made new friendships with kids on my team and also our coaches. After our games the staff takes us all to Culvers to get ice cream and cheese curds. I love spending time with my friends who I don't often see and the Youth staff who make this league possible.

MO Hoops is the highlight of my week, each Sunday. I wish I starting playing MO Hoops way sooner than last year because of all the memories I've made. I sincerely encourage everyone to become a part of the Holy Hoops family and give MO Hoops a... shot! — **JACKSON PARRISH, Senior at Edina High School**

Hi, I'm Jax Wartgow and I was a player on MO Hoops last year. My friends and I blindly signed up for MO Hoops after some encouragement from the Youth staff. My friends and I weren't basketball players, and were hesitant about joining a church basketball league. After the first week, coming out with a win, I was hooked. We played with the idea of fun and friendly competition in mind, so whether we won or lost, we always had a good time. Having never played basketball before, I was thrown in as a center, where I had a ton of fun fighting for rebounds and getting the team hyped up. My teammates and I enjoyed our trips to and from each game stopping at McDonald's and the Dollar Store almost every time. Even though I wasn't a basketball player and I didn't know what to expect, every Sunday brought fun new memories! It was a great way to get closer to my church friends and the Youth staff. To make it even sweeter, my team went undefeated and we won the championship (no big deal). I would recommend MO Hoops to anyone! It was so fun and I have so many fun memories with my church friends that I will always cherish!

— **JAX WARTGOW, Freshman at Florida State University**

MO Hoops is Mount Oliver's high school basketball program that competes against other churches around the Twin Cities. The league aims to promote Christian values through sport and competition. This season, Mount Oliver has three teams and about forty players from eighteen different high schools! MO Hoops also has a group of dedicated managers who help design apparel, take pictures during games, run the scoreboard, and cheer on the teams. Mount Oliver teams compete in the Holy Hoops League, with the 2023 season running from late January through April. Games are held on Sunday afternoons at St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Bloomington. We would love to see you at a game, and please reach out if you are interested in playing next year! — **SAM SANDA, MO Hoops Coach & Youth Staff**

Hello, my name is Annie Lund, and I have participated in MO Hoops for two seasons as a manager/superfan. As an involved member of Mount Oliver's youth programs, the MO Hoops season is my favorite part of the year, and a great way to build relationships with my peers. The Holy Hoops league is not only fun, but it's a great way to get other churches in the community to engage in fellowship and friendly competition. The environment of Holy Hoops allows players of all ages and skill levels to participate in athletics in a supportive way. We pray before and after every game as a way to show sportsmanship and incorporate worship into the match. My friends and I run a MO Hoops Instagram account with game highlights, post-game interviews, and score updates, which just goes to show how much fun we have with the program. Every Sunday I look forward to seeing my friends, watching a basketball game, and cheering on my team. If you are thinking about joining MO Hoops do it! Sam Sanda has created an inclusive and organized league for churches around the Metro. If you aren't interested in playing, feel free to stop by a game or two... maybe you'll get a guest star interview on our Instagram!

— **ANNIE LUND, Senior at Edina High School**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## FLYING SOLO: SERVE AT THE COMMUNITY MEAL

Thursday, March 9, 4-5:30pm, Mpls Campus

Join Flying Solo as we serve our drive-through Community Meal at the Mpls Campus. If you have additional questions, please contact Pastor Freeman at [rfreeman@mtolivet.org](mailto:rfreeman@mtolivet.org). Register at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org).

## 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.

## YOUNG IN HEART & FRIENDS

Tuesday, March 21, Mpls Campus, \$10

Young in Heart and Friends invites you to join us for lunch, fellowship, and a presentation from our Principal Organist, Jordan Buchholtz. Jordan will share her background in music, favorite Scandinavian composers and her experience working at Mindekirken Norwegian Church. Remember to invite a friend, and bring your donations to Pastor Scott's Outreach Ministry. Register by March 17, at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org), or by contacting Tricia Asuncion at 612.767.2210 or [tasuncion@mtolivet.org](mailto:tasuncion@mtolivet.org).

## BEGINNER PAUL CEZANNE PAINTING CLASS

Monday, March 27, 6-7:30pm, Mpls Campus

In this class you will learn to paint in the style of Paul Cezanne. You will learn a bit of history of Cezanne as you follow step-by-step instructions to create a painting inspired by his techniques. 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](http://mtolivet.org) by Wednesday, March 22.



## 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](http://mtolivet.org).

## SPRING HOMEBOUND COMMUNION SERVICE & LUNCHEON

Saturday, April 29, 11am-1pm, Mpls Campus

Please join us for this special time of food and fellowship. A service of Holy Communion followed by lunch in the Fellowship Hall for homebound members and family. To register, please contact Nancy Nelson at 612.767.2288 or email at [nnelson@mtolivet.org](mailto:nnelson@mtolivet.org). If transportation is needed, please let Nancy know. **Drivers Needed:** Transportation for this event beginning at approximately 10am. If you can help drive members to this event, please contact Nancy Nelson at 612.767.2288 or email at [nnelson@mtolivet.org](mailto:nnelson@mtolivet.org).





# LENT SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



## 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-3:45pm, Mpls Campus

During this Lenten season we are inviting everyone to participate in Angel Gifts! We are increasing the number of recipient families and need the help of many to get the baskets filled and delivered. Angel Gifts is a volunteer opportunity where small gift items are collected, assembled into baskets, and distributed to families and individuals in need. Our community partners at each campus work to identify families who will benefit from donations. Each family receives a basket, as well as groceries to make a healthy family meal for Easter. We contract with local stores for these groceries, but encourage gift donations of items such as:

- picture books
- activity books and crayons
- colored pencils
- lip balm and lip gloss
- nail polish
- hair accessories
- sunglasses
- novelty socks
- small brain teasers and puzzles
- trading cards
- earbuds
- small, individually-wrapped candies – all smaller items to fit in the baskets.

Items are collected at both campuses in the marked bins by the main offices. In addition to item donation, you may also get involved by, volunteering your time to deliver baskets Saturday, April 1. A link for volunteer sign up is at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org). Questions? Contact Laurie Hancer [lhancer@mtolivet.org](mailto:lhancer@mtolivet.org) or 612.767.2267.



## SPRING FOOD DRIVE/ SUNDAY MORNING DONATION DRIVE

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

You are encouraged to take part in the March MN FoodShare campaign on Sunday, March 19, during our March Food Drive. Please drop off food or monetary donations at either campus. Items collected in Minneapolis will support Community Emergency Service (CES) and the West donations will go to Bountiful Baskets. This is a great opportunity to help alleviate hunger in our communities! Donations for Angel Gifts baskets will also be collected.



## EASTER BUTTER BRAID SALES

Order online through March 20

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

Mount Olivet Homes Auxiliary is selling Butter Braids online just in time for Easter! Orders will be taken at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org) through March 20. Order pickup will be at **both** campuses – please make sure to specify which campus when you order. A limited supply of extra braids will be available on a first-come basis on April 2, 8:30–11 am. Each Braid is \$15; case (6 of the same flavor) is \$90. Flavors: Caramel Roll, Cinnamon Roll, Blueberry Cream Cheese Braid, Cinnamon Braid, Apple Braid, Strawberry Cream Cheese Braid, and Raspberry Braid.



# MOUNT OLIVET GALA

## *Spring Into Giving*

**OAK RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB**

700 Oak Ridge Road, Hopkins

**THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023**

Open House 5-9pm

Program 7pm

*Live Music 7:30-9pm by Donut Patrol*

Celebrate all of the Mount Olivet Affiliate Ministries!

This night will include a short program at 7pm sharing information about our affiliate organizations and ways to support them.

Cost \$35 for program and heavy appetizers, cash bar will be available.

Casual cocktail attire.

Registration required by Wednesday, April 26, at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org) or by calling Laurie Hancer at 612.767.2267.

Mount Olivet is a large community committed to preaching and teaching the gospel message and made up of numerous meaningful relationships where you can grow closer to God by growing closer to one another and it is a place that shares a commitment to serve our communities. Mount Olivet has made a great impact both in our congregation and in the service of community through our affiliated ministries: Mount Olivet Home, Careview Home, and Day Services; Rolling Acres; Cathedral of the Pines Camp; and the Conference and Retreat Center. Through these institutions – all “top of their class” in their various categories – Mount Olivet touches and transforms the lives of literally thousands of people each year... and has been doing so for most of its 100+ year history. On Thursday, May 4, we have a chance to celebrate, give thanks for, and strengthen Mount Olivet as a place that fosters relationships and serves our communities as we come together for our Mount Olivet Gala. It promises to be a spectacular evening of fellowship, fun, and fund-raising that gives us a chance to renew and revel in our relationships, learn more about the remarkable work our affiliate ministries do, and support them in a variety of ways. Join your Mount Olivet family for a wonderful evening where we give God thanks for relationships and community outreach of our congregation!





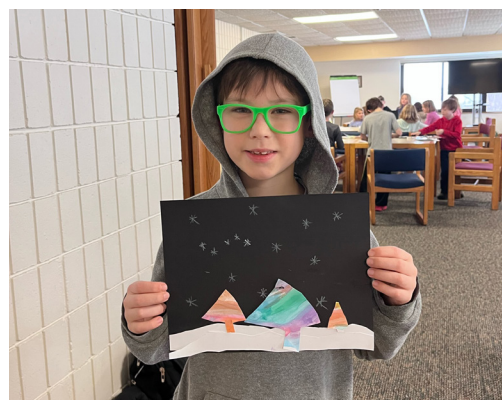
# THANK YOU!

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!

## INVEST IN OUR YOUTH

The Children & Family ministry team held a MLK Day Away event on Monday, January 16. K-6th graders spent the day at the Mount Olivet Retreat Center sledding, swimming, playing games and more while having fun with their church friends!



## BUILD RELATIONSHIP

Raptors of all kinds joined the Young in Heart & Friends lunch on Tuesday, January 17. Unique guests indeed! The University of Minnesota Raptor Center presentation included an owl, hawk, falcon, and bald eagle. It was a wonderful opportunity to see these majestic birds live and up close!

## 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](https://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](mailto:tricial@mtolivet.org) or 612.767.2255.





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