

JUNE 2023

BELIEVING, BELONGING, BECOMING

MOUNT OLIVET MESSENGER



mtolivet.org



SUNDAYS

DIAL-IN VIA PHONE

833.775.1238

10am

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

9, 10am

HOLY COMMUNION

8:30am (except 6//18)

**NURSERY (NOW FOR
AGES 6 WEEKS TO
AGE 6!)**

9 & 10am

JUNE 25

**SINGING OUR FAITH
BE THOU MY VISION**

Philippians 3:7-14

M 9, 10am
SERMON Pastor MacLean

W 9, 10am
SERMON Pastor Cieslik

COVER PHOTO CAPTION

Attendees celebrating at the Mount Olivet Gala on May 4, 2023, at the Oak Ridge Country Club. Photo taken by Peter Stratmoen

JUNE 4

**SINGING OUR FAITH
AMAZING GRACE**

Luke 15:20-32

M 9, 10am
SERMON Pastor Lose

W 9, 10am
SERMON Pastor Ruud

BAPTISMS

Rylee May Brockberg
daughter of Kerry and Dustin
Madison Lee Brockberg
daughter of Kerry and Dustin
Culley Michael Casavan
son of Casey and Nicholas
Hallie Anna Czarniak
daughter of Stephanie and Matthew
Cecilia Elizabeth Domaas
daughter of Brooke and Tyler
Grayson Hayes Knuth
son of Anna and Stephen
Georgia Margaret Lewis
daughter of Whitney and Matthew
Charley Mae McGrail
daughter of Katrina and Joe
Mason Mitchell Means
son of Alyssa and Mitchell
James Alan Metzen
son of Alicia and Andrew
Amelia Marie Nebel
daughter of Sarah and Ryan
Walker James Pahl
son of Nicole and Jack
Mia E Picciano
daughter of Amanda and Dominic

M MPLS CAMPUS

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Minneapolis, MN 55419
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JUNE 11

**SINGING OUR FAITH
PRAISE TO THE LORD**

Psalms 150

M 9, 10am
SERMON Pastor Cieslik

W 9, 10am
SERMON Pastor Kalland

**LAKE HARRIET
BANDSHELL**

10am

SERMON Pastor Lose

LIFE & GROWTH

APR 1 - MAY 12

Poppy Teigen Ptaschinski
daughter of Halle and Nicholas
Penelope Knox Schneider
daughter of Katye and Jake
Beau Thomas Simenson
son of Chelsy and Riley
Ava Joy Trigger
daughter of Nicole and Brandon
Madeline Marie Wagner
daughter of Anna and Robert
James Harlin Waldman
son of Breon and Bradley
Olive Ann Wambeke
daughter of Corinne and David
Lillian Drew Wharton
daughter of Briana and Andrew
Ellie Jean Wilhelm
daughter of Kristine and Jayden
Amelia Vivian Willer
daughter of Valerie and Dean

WEDDINGS

Quyen Doan & Benjamin
Haberle, April 29
Sydney Wolf & James
Humbert, May 6
Anna Literski & Daniel
Bedor, May 12

W WEST CAMPUS

7150 Rolling Acres Rd
Victoria, MN 55386
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JUNE 18

**SINGING OUR FAITH
MY HOPE IS BUILT ON
NOTHING LESS
COMMUNION SUNDAY**

Luke 6:46-49

M 9, 10am
SERMON Pastor Dixon

W 9, 10am
SERMON Pastor Freeman

DEATHS

Bjarnie R. Anderson
1947-2023
Juliana Berglund
1937-2023
Patrick J. Conboy
1943-2023
Brandon L. Desjarlait
1994-2023
Tracy R. Eichhorn-Hicks
1950 - 2023
LeRoy A. Forstrom
1936-2023
Henry H. Gyllenblad
1935-2023
Philip A. Larson
1926-2023
Borghild Nygaard
1925-2023
Richard A. Searcy
1929-2023
Karen C. Stoen
1932 - 2023
Geraldine J. Stolle
1921-2023
Michael J. Suyak
1976-2023
John C. Zavada
1948 - 2023



A Summer of Singing and Service

In 2000, Harvard political scientist Robert Putnam released *Bowling Alone* in which he argues that over the previous 50-75 years, the United States has lost significant “social capital” – that is, a sense of belonging and unity that comes from doing things together. His argument was captured succinctly in the title of his book. US citizens have bowled recreationally and competitively for the last 150 years and, at the time of the book’s release, there were more people bowling than ever before. But – and this was Putnam’s point – participation in bowling leagues was simultaneously at historic lows. More people were bowling, but most were bowling alone.

The loss of community this example represents has exacted huge social tolls: increasing rates of depression, more violence, greater polarization, increasing inequity, and more. So much so, in fact, that a recent poll found that, for the first time in American history, most respondents did not believe that the lives of their children would be better than that of their parents or grandparents.

While there is no single remedy for these challenges, I believe that a church like Mount Olivet is uniquely positioned to contribute to the healing of our community, country, and world. Think about it: what we do best is to gather together to support each other, encourage each other, talk with each other, help each other, and in all these ways build a resilient and hopeful community.

This summer we are highlighting two ways we build community and social capital: singing and service. Both may seem, at least at first glance, like small gestures in the face of the societal woes we’re facing, but I think both are actually quite powerful. As we know well at Mount Olivet, singing unites, encourages, and lifts the spirits of those gathered. And for all these reasons, singing is powerful! As Pastor Freeman illustrates in her beautiful devotion (pg. 5), the singing of Lutheran congregations in former Eastern Germany in the 1980s and in Estonia in the 1990s literally changed the world.

This summer, we will lift up the power of singing and, in particular, the power of singing Christian hymns together. On Sundays, we’ll focus on some of our most beloved hymns hoping that we understand them better, enjoy them more, and are knit together more closely through our communal song. On Wednesdays at the midweek services at the Conference & Retreat Center, we’ll focus

on hymns inspired by the book of Revelation. In all these ways, we’ll sing together, grow in faith together, and discover again the truth of Martin Luther’s affirmation that, “next to the Word of God, singing is God’s greatest gift to us.”

Second, I think that there are few things more powerful – both for individuals and communities – than engaging in generous service. Another story might help illustrate this. A decade ago, my son and I were traveling on a toll road through northeast Pennsylvania. There was no toll collector at our exit, only a coin basket to deposit the \$1 toll. Ahead of us was a single car that wasn’t moving and, after a few minutes, my fifteen-year-old son grew impatient and began complaining. I had a hunch that the driver didn’t have any change, so I suggested that Jack offer the driver four quarters. When Jack returned to our car, his impatience had been transformed into joyful wonder as he exclaimed, “That was awesome!” That’s what service does: it lifts us out of ourselves and gathers us up in a sense of wonder and delight. And when we serve together, not only do we multiply the impact of our generosity, but we also build a powerful sense of community.

This summer, we will continue some of our important service ministries such as our Thursday Drive-through Community Meals and Summer Food Drive. We’ll also hold our second School Supply Drive, extending the number of kids we hope to reach both in Mpls and the Western Suburbs. We continue to support partners like VEAP and Love INC locally, and Lutheran World Relief globally. We’re also excited about a new partnership we’re currently developing that seeks to alleviate the crisis of burdensome medical debt that is hurting too many in our community. (Look for more details in the July *Messenger*.)

Singing and service. Two activities that may seem small but can have a huge impact, and two of many ways by which we as the family of Mount Olivet can build resilient and hopeful community and extend God’s healing and redemptive love to the world. Thank you for your part in this vital work and ministry.



Pastor Lose

DAVID J. LOSE, SENIOR PASTOR

Welcome Heather Guerin!

It is a blessing to be serving at Mount Olivet Church and Affiliated Ministries as the Director of Development. I am thrilled to become a part of the Mount Olivet family, which is what it is, a true spiritual family. I am incredibly impressed with the great work that takes place within each ministry of Mount Olivet. This is a place that loves God and loves people and it is very clear that Mount Olivet is consistently assessing the best ways to serve its members and the community at large.

I was born in Germany to missionary parents, then moved to Columbus Ohio when I was two (Go Bucks!). After my dad received his PhD at The Ohio State University, we moved to Minnesota, and I have remained in the Twin Cities most of my life. I graduated from Bethel University with a BSW (Bachelor's of Social Work) when I was 20, and then I joined Youth with a Mission, and worked in the orphanages and hospitals in Romania for a short time. I continued my social work career working with underprivileged youth, domestic violence, human trafficking, and women and children experiencing homelessness. I have seen the immense challenges that this world creates, but have also seen God's grace at work, providing hope, resiliency, and healing.

I was called to attend Bethel Seminary a number of years after college. After graduating and pastoring for a couple years, I began working administratively at non-profits, directing all fundraising efforts, which I have been doing now for 14 years.

I have two beautiful twin girls who will be turning 13 soon. They are the light of my life and I thank God constantly for the miracle I received to be able to have them. I have been married for 24 years to my husband, Beaujon, whom I met in a Lutheran young adult group when I was 19. My household also has four fur babies: two adorable dogs and two guinea pigs, who are a joy to my family.

My job with Mount Olivet is to connect with people who would like to support the great work being done at church and the affiliated ministries. I love meeting with people, getting to know their story, and helping them find a way to create a legacy and further God's work.

Please reach out to me anytime and I hope I will get a chance to meet you soon!

HEATHER GUERIN, *Director of Development*, hguerin@mtolivet.org 651.216.6542



“If I’m Being Honest”

Who have you been honest with today? One of my all-time favorite people, Fred Rogers of *Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood* fame, was fond of saying, “The greatest gift you ever give is your honest self.” As a therapist, I am privileged to sit with people’s honest selves most of the time and I believe it’s one of the key ingredients to people finding improved health and well-being through the therapeutic relationship. Often what clients are talking about with me is how to be honest about themselves with those who matter most to them. Think about what it would be like to have the freedom and safety to say things like:

“I used to think that way, but now I’ve had a change of mind.”

“I’m unsure and I need to pause and maybe start over on this.”

“I need to take a break because I’m at my limit.”

“No thank you, but I appreciate being thought of.”

“I’m not actually having the best of days lately.”

“I’m not sure about that. I need to give it some thought and get back to you.”

“I’m having a hard time with how that was handled.”

These statements are simple yet complete and honest ways to convey the more challenging experiences of being a human: when we disagree, feel confused, sorrowful or depleted or just need to say no. Did you notice how there was no blaming or shaming of oneself or others? This way of being honest about our inner experience while also caring for the relationships we’re in is part of a larger skill set called “interpersonal effectiveness” with which therapy can help. Consider calling the Mount Olivet Counseling Service to schedule an appointment if this seems like something you’d like to learn and practice. We are here to support you in becoming the truest version of you!

SARA WATNE, *MA, LPCC, Mount Olivet Counseling Service*





DAILY READINGS

FROM PASTOR KALLAND

JUNE 2023

- 1 Psalm 112:6, Remembered Forever
- 2 Jeremiah 17:9-10, Who Can Understand It?
- 3 Hebrews 9:28, To Take away Our Sins
- 4 Psalm 112:5, With Justice
- 5 2 Corinthians 5:7, We Live By Faith
- 6 James 4:8, Come Near To God
- 7 Psalm 15:2-3, Blameless Walk
- 8 Matthew 6:34, Each Day's Trouble
- 9 Romans 3:23-24, Justified Freely
- 10 Psalm 18:30, Take Refuge In Him
- 11 Matthew 19:26, With God All Things Are Possible
- 12 Matthew 18:15, Won Them Over
- 13 Psalm 51:10, Create In Me A Clean Heart
- 14 1 Timothy 4:12, Set An Example
- 15 Mark 16:15, Preach The Gospel
- 16 Proverbs 15:23, Joy In Giving
- 17 1 Corinthians 13:13, Faith, Hope And Love
- 18 1 Peter 3:14, Do Not Be Frightened
- 19 Psalm 34:17-18, The Lord Is Close
- 20 John 14:27, Peace
- 21 Philippians 4:13, All Things Through Him
- 22 Proverbs 17:22, Cheerful Heart Is Good Medicine
- 23 Luke 19:10, Seek And Save The Lost
- 24 Philippians 4:5, Gentleness To All
- 25 Psalm 19:14, Words And Meditations
- 26 Philippians 2:5, Same Mindset as Jesus
- 27 Luke 9:16-17, Twelve Baskets
- 28 John 3:30, Increase And Decrease
- 29 Leviticus 19:17-18, Love Your Neighbor As Yourself
- 30 Psalm 108:3, Praise And Sing

DEVOTION

I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. –

Psalm 104:33

St. Augustine once said, “The one who sings prays twice.”

Singing lifts spirits and transforms. I think of two particular movements in the late-1980s and early-1990s inspired by the simple expression of music.

St. Nikolai Lutheran Church in Leipzig gathered weekly for prayer and song in the midst of government oppression. The weekly gatherings drew tens of thousands of people and culminated in a march to the town square, which instigated the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989. Prepared for everything else, the Stasi said they did not have a contingency plan for prayer and music.

Similarly, during the fifty years of Soviet Rule in Estonia, Estonians regularly gathered for communal song and birthed, “The Singing Revolution,” which led to the restoration of Estonian independence in 1991.

Singing makes a difference! In our personal struggles and in our personal joys, Psalm 104 prompts us to sing. God is with us. God sustains us. And God delivers us. When we don't know what else to do, let's follow the Psalmist's lead and sing praise to God as long as we live.

Dear God, Our lives flow on in endless song. Thanks for reminding us to keep singing. Amen.

— PASTOR FREEMAN



LAKE HARRIET BANDSHELL WORSHIP

Sunday, June 11, 10am, Lake Harriet Bandshell

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

EXTENDED NURSERY CARE THIS SUMMER!

We're extending nursery care ages for the summer! Families with children ages 6 weeks to 6 years may drop their kids off to move and play at both the Minneapolis and West Campus nurseries. Our trained nursery staff will have activities for all! You can find the nursery adjacent to the Fellowship Hall at both campuses.

If you have any questions, or if you might be interested in working in the nursery, please contact Nursery Coordinator, Sam Balzer at sbalzer@mtolivet.org.



SUMMER CHOIR FOR ALL

MEN'S CHORUS

Sunday, July 16, 8am Rehearsal

Singing at the 9 & 10am Worship Services, Mpls Campus

Calling all singing men! Adult and high school male voices are invited to sing together in this special summer men's chorus with Brandon Berger conducting! No experience needed! Bring your friends, your neighbor, anyone who loves to sing!

Additional rehearsal encouraged on Thursday, July 13, 6-7pm at the Mpls Campus

SUMMER CHOIR

Sunday, August 6, 8am Rehearsal

Singing at the 9 & 10am Worship Services, Mpls Campus

Have you always wanted to sing in the Senior Choir at Mount Olivet? Now's your chance! You are invited to sing together in this special summer choir! No experience needed! Come enjoy the fun of singing together. It will be a morning you won't want to miss!

Additional rehearsal encouraged on Thursday, August 3, 6-7pm at the Mpls Campus

MUSIKGARTEN

A special class held at the Mpls Campus for children birth to three years of age, and the adults who love them! Here's a testimony for these classes for littles. "It's difficult to put into words how loved we feel and how uplifting our time in class with you is. We always leave our time together with happy hearts. We are so grateful!" Early music education is a powerful tool that can help children exercise their speech, social skills, self-esteem, focus, motor skills, and creativity, but the best part of Musikgarten is that it makes all of these things fun! Register today at mtolivet.org.

SUMMER 1

June 27 through July 27
Tuesdays, 10:15-10:45am
Tuesdays, 11-11:30am
Tuesdays, 6-6:30pm
Thursdays, 11-11:30am

SUMMER 2

August 1 through August 24
Tuesdays, 10:15-10:45am
Tuesdays, 11-11:30am
Tuesdays, 6-6:30pm
Thursdays, 11-11:30am

GOD'S KIDS SING!

Monday, June 19 through

Friday, June 23

For Kindergarten – 6th

Grade

as of Sep 1, 2023

Do you have a budding artist or performer? The popular God's Kids Sing! Camp is created just for them! Our fantastic music educators create a super fun and meaningful week by incorporating singing, playing instruments, dancing, art projects, gym activities, and Bible classes into every day.

Register at mtolivet.org

SUMMERTIME PLAYERS!

Monday, July 10 through

Friday, July 14

For 6th – 9th Grade as of

Sep 1, 2023

Not sure what to do with your middle-school child this summer? Here is the answer! *Summertime Players* is a music-based day camp specifically designed for middle schoolers. It is action-packed with team games, singing and dancing, and daily field trips. STP is the place to be, and the perfect place to make new friends and hang with the Youth Staff!

For more information about Day Camps, please contact Kristin Olson, Children's Camp Coordinator at kolson@mtolivet.org or 612.767.2246

MOUNT OLIVET BOOK DISCUSSIONS: EVENING AND DAYTIME OPTIONS

Come and enjoy a lively discussion of a new book every month. New members are always welcome! Join in for one discussion – or all!

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

JUNE 13/14:

The Lincoln Highway
by Amor Towles

JULY 11/12:

The Maid by Nita Prose

AUGUST 8/9:

The Last Flight by Julie Clark

SEPTEMBER 12/13:

Lessons in Chemistry
by Bonnie Garmus

OCTOBER 10/11:

Our Missing Hearts
by Celeste Ng

Please be sure to register to receive reminder emails and more. You can register online at mtolivet.org/education or by contacting Katie Stevenson at katies@mtolivet.org or 612.767.2232.



DID YOU KNOW?

WHY DO THE PASTORS WEAR THOSE WHITE GOWNS AND SCARVES IN CHURCH?

THE ALB

The alb is the long white gown-type garment traditionally worn by those serving in worship. It dates back to the common garb of the ancient Greco-Roman world and is similar to the tunic Jesus and others would have worn in ancient Israel. When you see an alb, think baptism! The alb is worn as a symbol of the purity and holiness given to people in the promise of baptism. The pastors and leaders surely wear it as a reminder for themselves, but even more as a reminder for the entire gathering of the grace, forgiveness, and sanctity given to all in Christ's name. In this sense, the pastor wears the white alb on behalf of the whole congregation, reminding them of their baptismal righteousness.

THE STOLE

The stole is the colorful scarf-like item the pastors wear around their necks. From the Greek word, *stola*, meaning “garment” or “equipment,” the stole has long been a symbol of a particular degree of training or calling. In this case, it is a symbol of ordination, or being called to the ministry of word and sacrament. When you see a stole, think preacher! It signifies that one has been “equipped” to share the word of God and preach and teach Christ in the sacraments. Generally, only those who are ordained wear the stole. The color typically matches the colors of the liturgical season or festival. It signifies service, like a yoke on an ox, and is a reminder that the wearer is yoked in service to the word of Christ.

— PASTOR RUUD

MOUNT OLIVET SUMMER MIDWEEKS

Singing the Hymns of Revelation

Spend this summer learning and singing music from the book of Revelation. With seven distinct hymns and frequent outbursts of adoration, the book of Revelation has been likened to a musical. It soars with songs of praise that declare God's majesty, and it repeatedly reminds us of God's promised triumph over sin and death.

Join the Mount Olivet Pastors each Wednesday at the Conference & Retreat Center from June 21 through August 2 as they share some of their favorite hymns inspired by the book of Revelation.

Begin each evening with fellowship and delicious food and end with midweek worship. In between, don't miss the nature talks with Site Naturalist, Dan Kahl, who will be retiring this fall after 23 years of caring for the land, animals, and buildings of the Conference & Retreat Center.

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

Schedule:

4:30pm Buses Leave West and 7500 York

5pm Bus Leaves Mpls Campus

5:30-6:30pm Dinner Served, 6:30-7pm Nature Talk, 7:15pm Worship, 8pm Bus Departs

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

DATE	PASTOR & HYMN	SOLOIST	SCRIPTURE	NATURE CLASS	MENU
JUN 21	Pastor Freeman "To God Be The Glory"	Amanda Jenkins, soprano	Revelation 1:1-8	Perennials for Color Harmony Through the Seasons	Herb-Crusted Pork Tenderloin with Blackberry Sauce, Whipped Yukon Gold Potatoes, Roasted Asparagus, Tossed Garden Salad, and Vanilla Panna Cotta with Raspberry Sauce
JUN 28	Pastor Hammersten "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"	Brian Ohnsorg, tenor	Revelation 4:1-11	Creature Feature Night	Roasted Honey Lime Chicken, Roasted Baby Red Potatoes, Sauteed Green Beans, Tossed Garden Salad, and Strawberry Rhubarb Crumble
JUL 5	Pastor Ruud "This is the Feast"	Matthew Valverde, tenor	Revelation 5:9-14	Birdscaping: Landscaping for The Birds	BBQ Ribs, Corn on the Cob, Baked Beans, Blueberry Watermelon Feta Salad, and Grilled Peaches with Vanilla Bean Ice Cream
JUL 12	Pastor MacLean "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"	Diane Loudon, cello	Revelation 21:1-7	The Eyes Have It: A Deeper Look At Animal Eyes	Wood Fired Chicken Enchiladas, Yellow Rice, Cheesy Black Beans, Tossed Garden Salad, and Vanilla Crème Brûlée
JUL 19	Pastor Kalland "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"	Jordan Buchholtz, piano	Revelation 19:1-8	Biomimicry: Nature Did It First	Balsamic Braised Beef Roast, Creamy Polenta, Glazed Carrots, Tossed Garden Salad, and Bread Pudding with Maple Bourbon Sauce
JUL 26	Pastor Dixon "For All the Saints"	Justin Staebell, baritone	Revelation 7:2-17	The Buzz About Bees	Roasted Salmon with Tuscan Butter Sauce, Wild Rice Pilaf, Grilled Asparagus, Tossed Garden Salad, and Lemon Cheesecake Bars
AUG 2	Pastor Cieslik "Crown Him with Many Crowns"	Luke Randall, baritone	Revelation 19:11-16	Garden Tour	Roasted Turkey Dinner with Turkey Gravy, Whipped Yukon Gold Potatoes, Sauteed Green Beans, Tossed Garden Salad, and Pumpkin Pie Cheesecake



SUMMER OUTDOOR CONCERTS

Join us for three nights in nature with free live music and concession-style food surrounded by the beauty of the Conference & Retreat Center! Local artists will perform, and our kitchen will serve food like woodfired pizzas, brats, and homemade lemonade. Sit at one of our picnic tables or bring your own blanket or lawn chair. Come early for a hike or stay late to stargaze. Concerts will take place near our Natural Playscape, perfect for families with children. All are welcome. Even though the concerts are free, pre-registration is encouraged so we can extend our highest level of hospitality. Learn more and let us know you're coming at mtolivetretreat.org/events!



HEARTFELT

Saturday June 24
5:30-7:30pm concessions
6:30-8pm concert



CRAIG & MAREN WASNER AND ROB RYDEN

Friday July 21
5:30-7:30pm concessions
6:30-8pm concert



LOUIS & DAN AND THE INVISIBLE BAND

Saturday August 26
1-4pm family activities
4-6pm concessions
5-6pm concert

MEET YOUR 2023 CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES CAMP STAFF!



KRISTI YOUNGDAHL, CAMP DIRECTOR

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



KRIS ERICKSEN, CAMP COORDINATOR

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



GEOFF ARENSEN, STAFF MENTOR

My favorite themed meal is Twin Lunch because I can wear my MN TWINS HATS! I am most looking forward to evening Chapel and singing together!



KATHY MOODY, HEALTH CENTER COORDINATOR

My favorite 11 o'clock activity is swimming on the waterfront and I'm most looking forward to spending time on Lake Caribou!



MADY LIPKIN, LODGE MANAGER

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



MACEY OLIVER, SENIOR STAFF

The best 11 o'clock activity is Nature and I am really looking forward to spending the summer outdoors and hanging out with campers, counselors, and workstaff!



CHARLIE TEIEN, SENIOR STAFF

My favorite 11 o'clock activity is "Chilling with Charlie." I'm looking forward to goofing off with everyone and swimming in Lake Caribou.



SAM SANDA, SENIOR STAFF

My favorite camp hymn is *I Love to Tell the Story*. I can't wait for Twin Lunch with Aaron and Alex Illies!



MATTHEW CONROY, SENIOR STAFF

My favorite camp hymn is *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*. Chapel services at camp is what I look most forward to!



GAIL BREEN, SENIOR STAFF

My favorite camp hymn is *He's Everything to Me* and I am looking forward to swimming in Lake Caribou, drinking coffee on the lodge porch, and hanging out with all of the campers!



KENZIE DAHLMEIR, SENIOR STAFF

My favorite 11 o'clock activity is swimming on the waterfront. I am most excited to make lifelong friendships and meaningful connections this summer.



KATE MCHUGH, MRS. FUN

The best themed meal at COP is Pirate Lunch. I'm looking forward to getting to greet and watch all the campers step off the bus— it's the best feeling!



JACK RAPINI, MR. FUN

My favorite 11 o'clock activity is Basketball. I am looking forward to helping make camp the fun and memorable experience for others that I remember when I was a camper.



ADDIE CAVENDER, WATERFRONT

I think the best camp meal is 50's Dinner. I can't wait to reconnect with all the campers and high schoolers, and meet new smiling faces this summer!



MARK NEUMAN, WATERFRONT

My favorite hymn is *This World is Not My Home*. This summer I am looking forward to meeting all the campers, workstaff, and counselors and spending time on beautiful Lake Caribou.



AND LEARN ABOUT THEIR FAVORITE THINGS AT COP!



CLAIRE ROMANO, MRS. INSIDE

I love Western Dinner and I'm looking forward to spending time in Lake Caribou.



JAKE ANDERSON, MR. OUTSIDE

My all-time favorite 11 o'clock activity is Archery. Being immersed in the nature of the North Shore and looking out at Lake Caribou is what brings me the most joy at COP.



CONNOR FUZZEY, MR. INSIDE

The best camp themed meal is Christmas Dinner. I'm most excited to get to know the campers and counselors, and swimming in the 'bou!



KRIS WHEAR, OUTSIDE STAFF

My favorite hymn to sing in Chapel is *My God and I*. I'm excited to swim in Lake Caribou after a sauna and hanging out with all the campers, counselors, workstaff, and staff!



HAAKON LIEN, INSIDE STAFF

I love 50's Dinner and I am looking forward to getting to know the workstaffers and spending time outside!



JACK GLIEDEN, OUTSIDE STAFF

My favorite 11 o'clock activity is Crafts. This summer, I am looking forward to building relationships with old friends and making new ones, as well as swimming in Lake Caribou.



KATE CAMPION, INSIDE STAFF

My favorite 11 o'clock activity is Nature because I get to go on hikes and take in the beauty of the North Shore. I'm most looking forward to meeting all the workstaff and spending time with my brother during his graduate summer!



LUKE YOUNGDAHL, OUTSIDE STAFF

My favorite 11 o'clock activity is basketball on the upper court. I'm looking forward to building on the relationships I made last summer with the campers, hi-leaguers, pastors, and my fellow staff.



AARON ILLIES, INSIDE STAFF

My favorite hymn is *Kumbaya* and this summer, I am most looking forward to playing softball, swimming in Lake Caribou, and hanging out with friends!



OLIVIA YOUNGDAHL, KOJA STAFF

My favorite camp hymn is *He's Everything to Me*. I love making new relationships and strengthening old ones, and enjoying time in the sauna and jumping into Lake Caribou!



ALEX ILLIES, INSIDE STAFF

My favorite camp themed meal is Western Dinner. I am most looking forward to making great connections with all of the campers and spending time on Lake Caribou.



SAMANTHA MPAULO, WORKSTAFF COORDINATOR

My favorite meal is Twin Lunch and I'm most looking forward to building connections with the workstaff girls!



KATE KELLER, INSIDE STAFF

My favorite meal is 50's Dinner and I'm looking forward to reconnecting and getting to know the rest of the staff!



BELLA HUEFFMEIER, CRAFTY LADY

The best camp hymn is *Day by Day*, and I am most looking forward to meeting all the campers and spending the summer at my favorite place on earth!

EXCITING NEWS ABOUT COP!

CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES HAS LAUNCHED A NEW WEBSITE JUST IN TIME FOR SUMMER!

VISIT [COP.MTOLIVET.ORG](https://cop.mtolivet.org) TO CHECK OUT THE NEW WEBSITE AND GET INFORMATION ABOUT CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES CAMP.

SEND A CARD OR LETTER TO OUR CAMPERS!

Camper Name and Camping Dates

Cathedral of the Pines

PO Box 159

Lutsen, MN 55612-0159

BUS HOTLINE

The Camp Bus Hotline number is 612.767.2304.



MOUNT OLIVET SUMMER CAMPS

MEET YOUR 2023 STAFF!



KRISTIN OLSON, DAY CAMP COORDINATOR

I can't wait for our 2nd full summer of Day Camps at Mount Olivet! I am excited to continue building relationships with kids and families we met last year as well as all of our new participants this summer.



JORRUN KUEHN

I'm excited to see returning campers again and meet lots of new ones! I also can't wait to spend time outside playing games, swimming, and enjoying the sunshine. It's so fun to watch campers explore the outdoors and learn about nature.



SOPHIE NORMAN

I am most excited for all the new and reused themes we have running this year — especially Going Wild and Nature Camp! I love seeing the kids have fun with all the themed field trips, activities, and crafts and spending my summer with such great coworkers.



BISHOP SCHUGEL

I am most excited to see all of our returning campers again, and meeting all of the new campers! My favorite part of every week is the very first day when everyone files in and grabs their name tags, and I get to learn each and every name. I also can't wait for our Under the Sea week at the end of the summer, because I think that anything relating to the ocean and sea life is so cool.



ELIZA PRESCHER

I hope, kids can make new friends and build strong relationships that they can carry through middle school, high school, and beyond this summer. I also want kids to be able to have a safe, welcoming place to spend their summer and hopefully have a lot of fun!



RONI OSGOOD

I grew up going to Day Camps through Mount Olivet, and I love being able to give kids the same fun experiences I had. I enjoy seeing them get excited over the activities or field trips.



AMY PORTHAN, VBS COORDINATOR/ COUNSELOR MENTOR

I am looking forward to getting to know many new friends at Mount Olivet Day Camps! Seeing their smiles and hearing their laughs bring joy to my heart!



LIZZIE NORMAN

I hope kids meet lots of friends this summer at day camp, as I met so many great people through Mount Olivet who are still some of my best friends today. This church has a way of fostering such a great environment and I can't wait for these kids to be a part of it!



CADI STREETAR

I am so excited to meet new campers! I am excited to be able to create new memories with the campers while enjoying all our new camps this summer! I also am so pumped for "Splash into Summer" I love waterparks and swimming so I can't wait to experience that week!



KATELYNN PONCIN

I have always loved being around kids and I love to see their excitement about things. I can't wait to meet so many little kids and hang out with them all day! It is so fun to see the things they learn throughout the summer.



JP LAURSEN

I'm hoping that the kids who are scared to go to camp or don't want to leave home, will turn into the kids who do not want to leave the camp once the summer is over.



ADDIE HINKIE

I hope camp will help kids grow in their faith while meeting new friends, engaging in fun activities, and having a blast.



EVA DOESCHER

I hope campers are able to meet new friends, feel more connected to Mount Olivet, and make awesome memories!



UPCOMING EVENTS



SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Donations accepted through August 20

Back again this Summer! Mount Olivet is hosting a school supply drive for local elementary schools in the Minneapolis area to ensure students have the materials they need to enrich and succeed in their learning environment. We are also working with Love INC at the West Campus through an existing school supply drive benefiting elementary schools in the west metro. Please bring your donations with you to Sunday worship this summer, or drop them off at the main office at either campus. A list of suggested donations is available at mtolivet.org.

MOCW HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE & MARKET VENDORS NEEDED!

We would love to have you participate as a vendor at the 2023 MOCW Holiday Boutique, on **Saturday, November 4, from 9am-2pm at the Mpls Campus**, and/or the MOCW Holiday Market on **Saturday, November 11, 9am-2pm, at the West Campus**. Vendor application opens June 1 and will be accepted through July 15. New this year! All Vendors will pay a \$50 non-refundable fee per event during the application process, and you will be notified of your acceptance no later than August 1. If you have questions about the Mount Olivet **Mpls Campus Holiday Boutique**, contact Sandy Remes and Maggie Carlson at mtolivetboutique@gmail.com or for the **West Campus Holiday Market**, contact Deb Kind, Teresa Elsbernd, and Nicole Ensrud at westholidaymarket@gmail.com.

15TH MOTORHEADS @ MTKA DRIVE-IN

Tuesday, June 6, 6:30-7:30pm arrival time, 4656 Shoreline Drive, Spring Park

All car enthusiasts are invited to this classic 50s-style restaurant that features car hops, burgers, and cool cars. At 7:30pm, Pastor Kalland will share a brief devotion. No reservations needed. Cost: food ordered off menu.

YOUNG IN HEART & FRIENDS ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Friday, June 23, 1 pm, Mpls Campus, \$3 per person

Young in Heart and Friends invite you to join us for music, refreshments, and fellowship. This month we will enjoy a performance from God's Kids Sing!, a summer music camp program of Kindergarten to 6th graders. First, join us in the youth center for an ice cream social. Bring a friend to share in the experience. Register by June 19 at mtolivet.org, or by contacting Tricia Asuncion at 612.767.2210 or tasuncion@mtolivet.org.

FLYING SOLO: COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD

Sunday, June 25, following the 10am service, Mpls Campus

Join us for worship and then enjoy some coffee and sweet treats in the courtyard at the Mpls Campus following the service. Flying Solo is an adventure, service, and fellowship group for singles ages 40-60!

FRIENDS FOREVER ON THE NORTH SHORE

Tuesday, July 11 through, Thursday, July 13

Please mark your calendars for the Friends Forever trip to the North Shore and our beloved Cathedral of the Pines Camp. We will gather throughout our two days together in faith, fellowship, and fun. There will be time at Cathedral of the Pines with devotions, meals, and chapel, as well as free time in Grand Marias and all the adventures that the north shore has to offer throughout the summer!

Register at mtolivet.org. ***New this year*** *Transportation and lodging is on your own.*



Mount Olivet Gala: Spring Into Giving

On May 4, Mount Olivet members and friends gathered at Oak Ridge Country Club in Hopkins to celebrate The Mount Olivet Gala: *Spring Into Giving*. What an amazing night it was! The venue and weather were perfect, as guests gathered both in the lavish ballrooms and outside on the beautiful decks overlooking the golf course.

Attendees were treated to delicious appetizers, beautiful piano music by Susan Steincross, conversation and laughs with friends, bidding against each other on the silent auction, a random drawing for Mount Olivet "swag bags," and dancing to Donut Patrol, our live band made up of Mount Olivet members.

A new hit for many was the Wine Wall, where purchasers randomly chose bottles at varying price points. Pastor Lose led a brief program highlighting the amazing work of our affiliates, and Pastor Hammersten gave a heartfelt account of how the affiliates have personally affected her throughout her lifetime.

This year's attendance and overall proceeds were the highest in Gala history, as we welcomed over 450 guests and raised over \$150,000 for our affiliates: Cathedral of the Pines Camp, Mount Olivet Home, Careview Home, Day Services, Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center, and Mount Olivet Rolling Acres. This incredible success was due to new and continued sponsorships, donations of silent auction items, pledges to the general affiliate fund or specific Fund-A-Need items chosen by each affiliate.

"The 2023 Gala was a tremendous success thanks to the sponsors, donors, volunteers, staff, and attendees," said Karen Beese, volunteer Gala Chair. "I am so proud of Mount Olivet Lutheran Church and the services it provides to so many people in our community through the affiliates. Bringing our Mount Olivet family together at Oak Ridge Country Club was a joyful celebration. The committee is already starting to plan the 2024 Gala. See you there!"

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who played a part in supporting this "party with a purpose!"

LAURIE HANCER, *Staff Liaison to Mount Olivet Homes Auxiliary*



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WAYS TO GIVE

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

Give Online: visit mtolivet.org/online-giving

Via Your Realm Account: login and click "Giving"

Text to Give: text "MTOLIVET" to 73256

Via QR Code: Scan below

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



Ministry Moment: *Our Pastors*

Thank you to our wonderful Mount Olivet Pastors! They preach and teach the Gospel to all ages in a variety of ways. They inspire and inform through Gospel Unplugged videos and written devotions throughout the year. They make hospital visits, perform baptisms and weddings, and are there with families throughout illnesses and deaths. They build relationships with the youngest in our congregation through Confirmation, Going God's Way, Hi-League, Hi-er League, and spending time with them on the shores of Lake Caribou at COP. They care for us all, inside and outside of our walls, as they work with countless groups, events, and service projects. They are there for us in so many ways it's risky to list because I surely will miss something. I also know they will be borderline mad at me for writing about them because it simply is not in their nature to want these accolades. But for this month, they will have to deal with the thanks. We love and appreciate you all, dear Mount Olivet Pastors! Thank you for all you do every day!

KATIE STEVENSON, *Director of Stewardship who recommend sending a note or email of thanks to one of our pastors today—we are blessed to have them!*

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