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**MESSENGER**



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## SUNDAYS

**DIAL-IN VIA PHONE**  
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9, 10, 11am

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8:30 & 11:45am

**NURSERY**  
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## FEBRUARY 2

**SERMON AT NAZARETH**  
*Luke 4:16-30*

**M** 9, 10, 11am

**SERMON** Pastor Olson Popp  
**MUSIC** Alleluia, Cathedral &  
Sanctuary Choirs

**W** 9, 10, 11am

**SERMON** Pastor Lose  
**MUSIC** Alleluia, Cathedral &  
Sanctuary Choirs

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## FEBRUARY 9

**FISHING FOR PEOPLE**  
*Luke 5:1-11*

**M** 9, 10, 11am

**SERMON** Pastor Dixon  
**MUSIC** Cathedral &  
Sanctuary Choirs

**W** 9, 10, 11am

**SERMON** Pastor Cieslik  
**MUSIC** Cathedral &  
Sanctuary Choirs

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## FEBRUARY 16

**A CENTURION'S  
SERVANT**  
*Luke 7:1-10*

**M** 9, 10, 11am

**SERMON** Pastor Grangaard  
**MUSIC** Elena Stabile, soprano

**W** 9, 10, 11am

**SERMON** Pastor Hammersten  
**MUSIC** Justin Staebell,  
baritone

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## FEBRUARY 23

**JOHN THE BAPTIST  
DOUBTS**

*Luke 7:18-28*

**M** 9, 10, 11am

**SERMON** Pastor Lose  
**MUSIC** Cathedral &  
Sanctuary Choirs

**W** 9, 10, 11am

**SERMON** Pastor Dixon  
**MUSIC** Cathedral &  
Sanctuary Choirs

# God's Story and Ours

The cover of this month's *Messenger* is a depiction of St. Luke writing his Gospel, and it reflects a conviction that animates much of my work as a pastor in the Church: if the Christian Church in North America is to grow again, we need to discover in Scripture stories that are both *interesting* and *influential*. Both those words matter: First, *interesting*. While we may have grown up thinking that the Bible is important, I don't know how often biblical stories capture our imagination, and thereby shape how we think about ourselves and the world. Similarly, *influential*. The stories that are important to us – whether in the Bible, from our favorite books and movies, or peddled by Madison Avenue – often influence, whether consciously or not, the decisions we make about how we will spend our time, energy, and resources.

Interesting and influential. You can see almost immediately how interconnected these two words are. Because if we don't find biblical stories interesting, it's hard to imagine that they will exercise all that much influence over our daily decisions or dilemmas. Which is why we are taking our time to read through much of Luke's gospel this winter and spring.

Our goal is that we learn to hear these stories not simply as *God's story* – the stories told by the faithful through the ages about God and God's work in the world – but also as *our story*, those stories that tell us the truth about our life with each other in this world. For this reason, we will be invited not simply to learn some of the important stories about Jesus that Luke tells us, but also to find ourselves in them. What do I mean by that? Simply, that we can identify with the characters, imagine that what Jesus says to them he also says to us, and discover in their story parallels to our own hopes and dreams, opportunities, and challenges.

On February 2, for instance, Jesus goes back to his hometown to preach his first sermon. He first says that God sent him to do amazing things like heal the sick, give sight to the blind, release the captives, and more. But then he makes a point to tell his congregation that God often does these things for people we might not think deserve them. And... they get kind of mad. How would you react to such a message?

On Sunday, February 9, Jesus promises his disciples that they will become "fishers for people." What does that mean, not only for the twelve original disciples, but for the 16,000 present-day disciples that make up Mount Olivet Church? Might we be "catching people"

when we invite friends or neighbors to worship or to a fellowship event? What about our volunteering at Simpson House and other outreach ministries? And what about our daily activities as spouse or parent, employee or volunteer, student or friend? How is God using us to "fish" for people in these ordinary places?

Jesus' surprise at the great faith of a Roman centurion will be the focus of our attention on February 17. As we listen to this story, we might find ourselves surprised by those God works through, remembering that God often shows up – not just in the Bible but also our own lives – in the places we least expect God to be. And on February 24 we are reminded that even someone as faithful as John the Baptist had his doubts, inviting us to name, live with, and even overcome our own doubts about God's activity in our lives and world.

Are you getting a sense of how this works? The Bible has stories about God's encounter with people long ago that help show us the patterns of how God continues to get involved in our lives today. So the more we read and talk about these stories, the easier it is to recognize God's presence and activity in our lives now.

I always find it interesting that the Bible not only begins at the beginning with the story of creation (the word "Genesis" literally means "the beginning"), but it also ends at the very end, with the story in Revelation of God's complete redemption of the world. Which means that this story isn't over yet, that it continues even today, and that we are invited to take up our part and play our role in God's ongoing story and mission to save, love, and bless the world. The stories we tell and share on Sundays are, indeed, God's story, but they are also ours, and I'm eager for you to see yourselves in them, understand how they can shape your life, and share them with others with confidence.

See you in Church!



Pastor Lose

DAVID J. LOSE, SENIOR PASTOR



West Campus

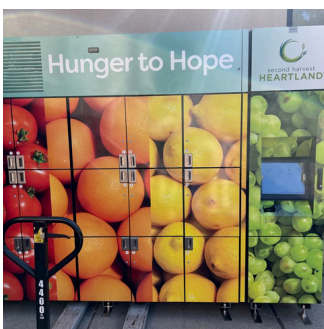
## DO YOU KNOW... WHAT THE “NAVE” IS?

The “nave” of a church is the main and central part of the sanctuary where the congregation sits. It is usually rectangular and is separated from the chancel (up front where you find the altar, pulpit, and lectern) by a step or rail or both. Nave comes from the Latin “navis,” which means ship (think “navy” or “naval”). That meaning is reflected architecturally in the shape and design of the ceiling of the nave, which is meant to look like the inside of the hull of a ship. Just as a ship carries you across the waves, calm or turbulent, of the oceans, so the church carries us across the waves, calm or turbulent, of life. So the next time you are in the sanctuary at either of our campuses, look up at the ceiling of the nave, notice how it is shaped like the inside of a ship, and remember God’s promise to carry you and accompany you through all things!



## TEACHING OUR CHILDREN HOW TO BE GENEROUS

When my son was about to turn 16, I mentioned to a friend that I would soon be teaching him how to drive. My friend replied immediately, “Oh, you’ve already done that.” “What do you mean,” I asked. “He’s been watching you drive for years!” It turns out that my friend was right. While children learn some things through our direct and intentional teaching, they learn much more simply by watching us. This is true, not only of driving, but also how we navigate disagreement; it includes how we use technology as well as how we handle stress. And it includes not simply our attitudes about generosity, but also whether we actually live generously. We all want our children to be generous, to share their gifts and blessings with others. As it turns out, the best way to do that is to show them how you are generous. If you are writing a check to the church or making an online donation to a charity, you can invite them to participate, perhaps discussing why you support a particular ministry or cause. Children become generous by watching their parents be generous. And children learn to worry that they will not have enough when they don’t see their parents sharing with others. Our children are watching; let’s give them something worth seeing! — SENIOR PASTOR LOSE



## COMMUNITY EMERGENCY SERVICES

In the September 2024 Messenger, we shared that Community Emergency Services (CES) was combating food insecurity in a new and creative way, through Food Lockers accessible to the community 24/7. Working with the company that manufactures Amazon Drop-boxes (found in Whole Foods, for instance), CES constructed and installed refrigerated lockers that clients can access anytime day or night via QR codes on their phones to pick up food they have requested. In October, Mount Olivet presented our partners at CES with a check for \$38,000 to pay for the first set of lockers and their installation. In December, CES President Jamie Dolynchuk shared with Pastor Lose and Pastor Freeman a note from one of their clients: “I’ve always been too nervous to go to a food shelf and have opted to go hungry out of autistic social anxiety instead. This option is truly a blessing and I wouldn’t know what to do without it. Thank you!” What a testimony to the power of a creative commitment to meeting people where they are! You can support this and other Mount Olivet outreach efforts, by bringing a check labeled “outreach” to church, or give online at [mtolivet.org/giving](https://mtolivet.org/giving). So far,

we have received donations to cover \$15,000 of the \$38,000 we committed. Thank you for your faithful generosity!

### VOLUNTEER

Community Emergency Service (CES) and Crosstown Meals on Wheels (formerly Southwest Meals on Wheels) are both looking for additional volunteers to deliver meals throughout the metro area. Please contact Laurie Hancer [lhancer@mtolivet.org](mailto:lhancer@mtolivet.org) or 612.767.2267 if you would like more information on this vital community ministry.

## LIFE & GROWTH

**DEC 14 - JAN 13**

### BAPTISMS

**Aurora Delphine Keogh**

*daughter of Jessica and William*

**Callan Noel Kroog**

*daughter of Clare and Robert*

**Maeve Maren Kundering**

*daughter of Megan and Joshua*

**Adam Clifford Laddusaw**

*son of Grace and Wesley*

**Elsie Christine Richards-Orhn**

*daughter of Kailey and Parker*

**Solveig Grace Thompson**

*daughter of Courtney and Theodore*

**Blake Dianne Tichy**

*daughter of Liv and Ross*

**Layla Rae Wasmund**

*daughter of Victoria and Sam*

**Milea Mae Wasmund**

*daughter of Victoria and Sam*

### WEDDINGS

**Ellen Stowe & Gregory Dorr**

*January 4*

### DEATHS

**Diane C. Anderson**

**Merrali L. Benson**

**Lou Ann Ellison**

**Lorraine Fiero**

**Dalores C. Haroldson**

**Jeanine Martinson Black**

**William L. McReavy, Sr.**

**David E. Milbrath**

**Marjorie Nosbush**

**John F. Perry**

**Dallas L. Petersen**

**Margery A. Philipson**

**Steven L. Smith**

**Richard L. Stellmaker**

## DEVOTION

*"When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?" –Psalm 8:3-4*

The stars! What is it about them that draw us in? On your first night ever at Cathedral of the Pines Camp, when you look up and find yourself gobsmacked by their intensity away from the city light, or on any cold winter's night when you look up and see the twinkles large and small. When rumors of Northern Lights make us stop what we're doing and run outside. Full moons cause women to go into labor, newlyweds to wake up their brides, moms to text their grown children: Look up! The Creator of all grabs our preoccupied minds and says "Stop and look! There is wonder all around!"

There's not much left that causes us to stop and look these days, wonder is reserved for babies and puppies and the heavens. Not so for God. God stops to look at us. You and I! Perfectly imperfect in God's eyes. Now that's a New Year's miracle! Thank you, God, for loving us that much.

— PASTOR HAMMERSTEN



## NOW HIRING! SUMMER 2025 DAY CAMP STAFF

We are looking for staff to join our 2025 Day Camp team! In this position you will have a fun summer supervising and leading activities with kids, building your leadership skills, and staying connected to Mount Olivet! Applications for full and part-time positions are open to those who graduated high school in 2024 or earlier.

To apply, please email Kristin Olson at [kolson@mtolivet.org](mailto:kolson@mtolivet.org). Applications must be received by March 1 to be considered.

*Information about the Mount Olivet Day Camps including schedule, registration information, and cost can be found at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org).*

## MOUNT OLIVET PRESCHOOL FALL 2025 OPENINGS

We would love to partner with you for your child's preschool learning! Part-time and full-time (both full day) openings are anticipated this fall for our youngest learners. It's a great time to connect with our preschool staff for a tour and learn more about this special community! For more information and specifics, please contact the Preschool Director, Lisa Rosenfield, at [lrosenfield@mtolivet.org](mailto:lrosenfield@mtolivet.org) or 612.767.2216.



# TOGETHER WE CAN

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church and its affiliates would like to invite you to a night of celebration and fundraising. This is an evening where over 500 attendees participate in providing generosity to the affiliates by donating, attending, and learning more about the life-changing work that is being done by each of these organizations. Your support by attending this event, being a sponsor, donating to our silent auction and wine wall, or giving to one of the six beloved organizations is what guarantees a successful evening filled with inspiration.

All proceeds from this event are given back to these organizations, empowering them to continue providing exceptional service and care to over 15,000 individuals each year. Together, we can make a meaningful difference in these communities!

## HERE ARE SOME WAYS YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT THE MOUNT OLIVET GALA!

### SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS ARE NEEDED

The Gala Committee is encouraging the congregation to donate one of the following suggested items below. Donations are due by April 15 and can be dropped off at the Mpls Campus. For donation questions, please contact Karen Beese, Gala Chair, at 612.747.1256. All donations must be new. Here is a list of suggested donations we are looking for to use in the Silent Auction.

- Restaurant gift cards
- Bottles of wine for the Wine Wall
- Experiences (boat rides, cooking classes, themed dinners)
- Tickets (sporting games, concerts, Broadway shows, theater)
- Jewelry and fashion items
- Home maintenance tools
- Pet services (grooming, boarding, pet accessories)
- Home décor and artwork
- Personal service gift certificates (salon, massages, fitness)
- Travel (airline tickets, condos, cabins, resorts)
- Themed baskets (Italian, baking, baby, coffee)
- Cash donations

### ATTEND THE EVENT

Thursday, May 1, 2025, Oak Ridge Country Club, \$40

*Ticket sales open March 1*

Contact: Laurie Hancer, Coordinator of Service & Volunteers, at 612.767.2267 or lhancer@mtolivet.org.

### BECOME A SPONSOR

Sponsorship levels available from \$1,000 to \$20,000

Sponsorship Goal for 2025: \$95,000

Contact: Tyler Hauser, Coordinator of Development, at 612.767.2214 or thauser@mtolivet.org.

### MAKE A DONATION

The Mount Olivet Gala Supports the following affiliates:

Cathedral of the Pines Camp

Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center

Mount Olivet Day Services

Mount Olivet Home and Mount Olivet Careview Home

Mount Olivet Rolling Acres



CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES CAMP



MOUNT OLIVET CONFERENCE & RETREAT CENTER



MOUNT OLIVET CAREVIEW HOME



MOUNT OLIVET DAY SERVICES



MOUNT OLIVET HOME



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



# LIVING THE MESSAGE

## EIGHT ESSENTIAL BIBLE STORIES

This Living the Message series is taught by Pastor Lose and runs the first Tuesday of the month through May 2025, 6:30-7:30pm or via emailed videos. All are welcome at any time.

### LUKE 15: GOD DOESN'T WAIT FOR US TO BE READY

Tuesday, February 4, 6:30-7:30pm, Mpls Campus Room 207

There are a few passages in the Bible that are so well known, so beloved, so enshrined in our imagination through art and music that we absolutely know just what they mean. Except when we don't!

Jesus' parable of "the prodigal son" is one of those stories. Of course, we know what this story means: God is always willing to receive the repentant, always willing to wait for the sinner to turn around and seek forgiveness. We know and love this story in part because it reinforces a common theological pattern we have internalized so deeply we don't even recognize it: we sin, we suffer the consequences of that sin, we "come to our senses" (to echo the words of the parable) and repent, and then God receives and forgives us. Wash, rinse, repeat.

The God of our imagination is just, even stern, setting clear and orderly expectations, but ultimately also patient and forgiving, eager to receive us back in mercy once we've repented. But in this familiar parable, Jesus offers a different picture of God, portraying God not as stern but as rather indulgent, not as orderly but as somewhat desperate, and not as patient but as downright impatient to receive and restore us, whether or not we've truly repented.

It's that last part that's hardest to imagine. Isn't repentance essential? I mean, if we don't repent and are still forgiven, don't we risk mocking God's justice? Good questions! Come join us for our February *Living the Message* to hear Jesus' answer!

### JONAH 4: GOD'S LOVE IS BIGGER THAN WE THINK

Tuesday, March 4, 6:30-7:30pm, West Campus Rehearsal Hall

Jonah in the belly of the whale may be one of the most iconic images contained in the Old Testament. Yet few of us know much about the story. And what we do know, we tend to read as something of a morality tale: "Jonah didn't do what God wanted and was swallowed by a whale. Better do what God wants!" But that isn't even half – or even one-tenth! – of the story.

Over the years, two friends have made statements about this story that hint at the surprising and important message contained in this slim book.

**STATEMENT #1:** "Jonah portrays the prophet as schlemiel." Schlemiel is a Yiddish term that describes an incompetent or unlucky person or, more broadly, a fool. It is a familiar stock character in Jewish humor. Describing Jonah this way helps remind us that this story is not history or even a morality tale, but rather satire. Jonah, it turns out, is everything a prophet shouldn't be, and the point of the story is to teach him – and more importantly, us! – who God really is and what God really wants.

**STATEMENT #2:** "Once you get to the heart of the story, the episode with the whale is the easiest part to believe." Early in the story, Jonah is swallowed by a whale and lives in its belly for three days. Those who read this story literally feel the need to defend this, while those who don't take the Bible seriously dismiss it on the basis of scenes like this. Both misunderstand the heart of the story that proclaims that God's love is bigger, more expansive, and more inclusive than Jonah, (or we!), ever imagined.

Come to the West Campus in March and hear this amazing story in a whole new way.



## JOIN US!

REGISTER FOR ALL ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES AT [MTOLIVET.ORG/EDUCATION](https://www.mtolivet.org/education) OR BY CONTACTING KATIE STEVENSON AT [KATIES@MTOLIVET.ORG](mailto:katies@mtolivet.org) OR 612.767.2232.



# CARING FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

TIM HOKANSON, *Director of Mount Olivet Home, Careview Home, and Day Services*

I am pleased to give an update on the wonderful ministry to the elderly that Mount Olivet has on Lyndale Avenue, serving over 275 people every day.

In 1955, the owner of the small 19-patient Vocational Hospital contacted Pastor Rueben Youngdahl to see if Mount Olivet Church would accept the hospital as a gift. The stipulation was that the property on Lyndale Avenue was to be used as a service to the elderly. The property was accepted, and after purchasing some additional land, Mount Olivet Home was built in 1960 and Mount Olivet Careview Home in 1965. Then in 1995, Mount Olivet Day Services was built, and this completed our Lyndale Avenue facilities.

On our campus we have 94 beds of intermediate skilled care and, when needs increase, residents can then move to Mount Olivet Careview Home for skilled nursing care. At the start of our "Continuum of Care," elderly still living in the community may need attention during the day. Mount Olivet Day Services is the place where they can come and receive social interaction, activities, a noon meal, and medication administration, all before returning to their home at the end of the day.

One increasingly important part of the Homes is our 24-bed Transitional Care Unit (TCU). This is a Medicare-certified service for those elderly that need very short-term medical care. For instance, care after orthopedic surgeries, recovery from a fall, stroke treatment, and other unfortunate short term medical issues that

require 24-hour care. A full-time therapy department can provide much needed physical, speech, and occupational therapy which is chiefly covered under a Medicare benefit. With an average stay of a few days to a few weeks, the TCU primarily helps patients recover enough to return to their homes.

Mount Olivet Home, Mount Olivet Careview Home, and Mount Olivet Day Services have greatly benefited from their affiliation with Mount Olivet Church. Over the years, there have been thousands of volunteers, an active Auxiliary, a committed Board of Directors, and hundreds of church members who have become residents. One special program for over forty years has been the Adopt-a-Grandparent program. Two Mondays per month during the school year, middle schoolers from the church come to the Homes where they are connected to residents to establish relationships. Craft projects, discussions, and games from a grandparent relationship with the students. This is yet another way the Homes can help shape positive attitudes toward the elderly.

Mount Olivet Home and Mount Olivet Careview Home have been recognized as one of the top nursing homes among the 350 nursing homes in Minnesota. We can all be thankful and proud that our main focus is to give the highest quality of care to those who seek our services from the Homes or Day Services. It is why we exist.

Thank you, members, for your partnership with this important ministry.



# THANK YOU!

## WAYS TO GIVE

Thank you to all who support Mount Olivet through your pledges and gifts. If you'd like to make a one-time gift or set up a recurring gift to Mount Olivet and its ministries today, there are many ways to do so:

- Scan the "Give Here" QR Code

### GIVE HERE



- Visit [mtolivet.org](https://mtolivet.org) under GIVING
- Bring to church
- Contact Tricia Lerohl-Morgan, Coordinator of Financial Records, at [tricial@mtolivet.org](mailto:tricial@mtolivet.org) or 612.767.2255

## YOUR 2025 PLEDGE

If you have not yet made a 2025 pledge and would like to, it's not too late! Scan the "Pledge Here" QR code below and pledge today!

### PLEDGE HERE



## Ministry Moment: *Behind the Scenes of the Christmas Concert*

The annual Christmas Concert is a beautiful tradition of the season. Two concerts on the second Sunday of December are watched by thousands of friends, family, and music lovers (in-person and via livestream!) Amazing! It's also amazing the day before... when all the musicians, directors, and supporting players come together to make it all happen. From the many run-throughs of all the anthems to the processions and logistical movements, it is a sight to behold. (And the 2024 concert included a Christmas hat cue for the drummers!) It is a joy to watch everyone coming together, giving their time and talents to offer a Christmas gift for all. Thank you, Mount Olivet, for supporting this special and vital-to-our-congregation Christmas Concert! *If you missed the 2024 Christmas Concert, visit [mtolivet.org](https://mtolivet.org) to watch the video.*

# FEATURED EVENTS

## MOCW LADIES' NIGHT



**Tuesday, February 11, 5:15-7pm, Mpls Campus, \$25**

Join all of your favorite Mount Olivet Women for an evening of fellowship, good food, and even better conversation. Marjorie D. Grevious MS, MA, E-RYT 500hr, will speak on the topic "Aligned Towards Joy." Marjorie will help us learn how to become intentionally aligned in body, mind, and spirit, creating space for more joy to evolve in our lives. Marjorie combines a rich background of spiritual/theological education, with over 40 years of yoga practice, 10+ years of yoga study and teaching, and more than 20 years in social services to help others discover and utilize their innate ability to heal and grow from what binds them. Her approach focuses on grounding in your truth, finding clarity of purpose, and tapping into the transformative power of ease. She is dedicated to helping people realize how all aspects of life can work together for your greatest good. Your \$25 registration includes dinner and the presentation. Register online at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org) by February 4.

## SPRING MENTAL HEALTH EVENT

**Saturday, March 8, 9:30-11am, Mpls Campus**

Do you ever feel at a loss in terms of knowing how to best support loved ones who may be having a hard time? The Mental Health Task Force invites you to join us as we partner with the Mount Olivet Counseling Center to discuss the topic of "Supporting Loved Ones and Yourself While Navigating Mental Health Challenges." This event will provide tools and information to build confidence in helping others, while also covering how to best care for yourself during these times. The morning includes options to attend two breakout sessions provided by our Mount Olivet Counseling Center therapists on the following topics: supporting your child, supporting your parent or older adult, and supporting a friend or family member through addiction. The Mount Olivet Counseling Center provides ongoing individual counseling to both Mount Olivet members and community members on a wide array of topics, many that will be covered during this event. A light breakfast will be served. Register at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org) by March 6, or by contacting Rachel Sufficool at [rsufficool@mtolivet.org](mailto:rsufficool@mtolivet.org) or 612.767.2235.

## LOOKING AHEAD CAMINO DE SANTIAGO WOMEN'S PILGRIMAGE

**Wednesday, September 24 through Sunday, October 5**

For well over 1,000 years, Christians from all over the world have gathered together on a spiritual pilgrimage called the Camino de Santiago, or the Way of St James. Pilgrims begin walking in different countries, taking many different routes, and all converge at the grand Cathedral de Santiago in Galicia, Spain, to see the shrine of St James. It is believed by many to be a transformational journey. Please join Pastor Freeman and Pastor Hammersten on this spiritual journey. We will begin walking in Madrid, and make our way to the Cathedral located in northwestern Spain, hiking between 4-16 miles each day. We are looking forward to this time set aside for reflection, to feeling God's presence on our journey, and to deepening our relationships with other Mount Olivet women!

For more information, please contact Pastor Hammersten at [monicah@mtolivet.org](mailto:monicah@mtolivet.org) or 612.767.2236 or Pastor Freeman at [rffreeman@mtolivet.org](mailto:rffreeman@mtolivet.org) or 612.767.2239.



# UPCOMING AT MOUNT OLIVET

## FEBRUARY 2025

**MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION AT [MTOLIVET.ORG](https://mtolivet.org)**

### **FIKA MUSIC SERIES: FÍORA STRING ENSEMBLE - DANISH FOLK MUSIC**

**Sunday, February 2, 12:15-1pm, Mpls Campus**

Inspired by the Irish word *fíora*—meaning *real, true, or genuine*—the Fíora String Ensemble brings heartfelt, expressive performances to life. They will present an enchanting concert of Danish music with pieces like *Shore and Naja's Waltz* by Fredrik Sjölin, *Polska from Dorotea*, *Shine You No More* by RT Sørensen, and *Unst Boat Song*. The four principal players have a wealth of experience from all genres and styles of music and have worked and performed at such noted venues as Orchestra Hall, Ordway Center for the Performing Arts, the Guthrie, Northrop Auditorium, and Carnegie Hall.

### **YOUNG IN HEART & FRIENDS LUNCHEON**

**Tuesday, February 18, 12noon-1:30pm, Mpls Campus, \$10**

Join us for lunch and to hear from our Director of Worship and Music, Dr. Beverly Claflin who will share her insight on all things music related at Mount Olivet, from all of our many choirs to the Fika Music Series and Mount Olivet School of Music & the Arts. Please register by February 14 at [mtolivet.org](https://mtolivet.org) or by contacting Tricia Asuncion at 612.767.2210 or [tasuncion@mtolivet.org](mailto:tasuncion@mtolivet.org).

### **MOUNT OLIVET SCHOOL OF MUSIC & THE ARTS ART CLASS: LANDSCAPE WATERCOLOR PAINTING**

**Monday, February 24, 6-8pm, Mpls Campus, \$40**

Paint a beautiful scene in watercolors. Step-by-step instructions and a discussion on the difference between dry brush work, wet-on-wet, and wet-on-dry are included. This is a great, no-fear, way to learn to paint in watercolors. All supplies are included. Register today at [mtolivet.org](https://mtolivet.org).

### **CAREER & CALLING VIRTUAL MEETING**

**Thursday, February 27, 5:30-7pm, Microsoft Teams**

Mount Olivet's Career & Calling ministry offers an arena to nurture our careers and support each other, as we aim to grow professionally through networking, learning, and supporting each other as we balance work and life. Register online at [mtolivet.org](https://mtolivet.org).

## MARCH 2025

### **FRIENDS FOREVER: SAINT PAUL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA**

**Friday, March 7, 11am-1pm, Wooddale Church - Eden Prairie, \$30**

Join us as we head to Wooddale Church in Eden Prairie to hear the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra play *The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires* followed by lunch together at a nearby restaurant. Your ticket price of \$30 includes your ticket to the show and lunch. Tickets are limited. Please register no later than Thursday, February 6, at [mtolivet.org](https://mtolivet.org).

### **FIKA MUSIC SERIES: SPRING SERENADE**

**Sunday, March 9, 12:15-1pm, Mpls Campus**

Experience the beauty and emotion of musical storytelling at our Spring Vocal Serenade concert. This performance showcases the rich traditions of British and American composers, featuring a selection of their most cherished works sung by Mount Olivet's exceptional soloists, Justin Staebell, Laura LeVoi, and Brian Haase. Join us for a journey through love, nature, and the human experience, brought to life by beautiful voices and rich harmonies.

### **16TH MOTORHEADS @ LE CHATEAU**

**Tuesday, March 18, 5:30-8:30pm, Park and Shuttle from the West Campus, \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, \$10 under 18**

Join fellow Motorheads for this fun gathering at the Herreid-Rivet home (Le Chateau). Enjoy delicious food, cool cars, interesting displays, devotions, and more! Register at [mtolivet.org](https://mtolivet.org) by March 16 for reduced pricing.

### **MOUNT OLIVET PRESENTS: FAURÉ REQUIEM**

**Thursday, March 20, 7-8pm, Mpls Campus**

Mount Olivet warmly invites you to attend a performance of Fauré's Requiem. Renowned for its serene beauty and rich harmonies, this performance will be led by guest conductor Dr. Matthew Mehaffey, Director of Choral Activities at the University of Minnesota. The concert will feature choral singers, professional instrumentalists, and Mount Olivet's own distinguished soloists: Laura LeVoi, soprano, Justin Staebell, baritone, and Brian Haase, bass.



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# Ladies' Night

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**5:15PM, MPLS CAMPUS**

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