

JUNE 2025

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MOUNT OLIVET MESSENGER



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SUNDAYS

DIAL-IN VIA PHONE

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10am

WATCH THE MPLS WORSHIP SERVICE AT MTOLIVET.ORG

9 & 10am

HOLY COMMUNION

8:30am (except 6/15)

NURSERY (NOW FOR AGES 6 WEEKS TO 6 YEARS)

9 & 10am

JUNE 22

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: PETER AND JOHN ON TRIAL

Acts 4:1-22

- M** 9 & 10am
SERMON Pastor Dixon
MUSIC Libby Laufers, flute
- W** 9 & 10am
SERMON Pastor Freeman
MUSIC Justin Staebell, baritone

COVER PHOTO

Cathedral of the Pines Camp Chapel

JUNE 1

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: CHOOSING A NEW APOSTLE

Acts 1:12-16, 20-26

- M** 9 & 10am
SERMON Pastor Hammersten
MUSIC Elena Stabile, soprano
- W** 9 & 10am
SERMON Pastor Freeman
MUSIC Libby Laufers, flute

LAKE HARRIET

10am

- SERMON** Pastor Olson Popp
- MUSIC** Cathedral Choir & Alumni

JUNE 29

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: ANANIAS AND SAPPHIRA

Acts 4:32, 5:1-11

- M** 9 & 10am
SERMON Pastor Lose
MUSIC Amanda Jenkins, soprano
- W** 9 & 10am
SERMON Pastor Cieslik
MUSIC Jake Meyer, clarinet

M MPLS CAMPUS

5025 Knox Ave S
Minneapolis, MN 55419
612.926.7651

W WEST CAMPUS

7150 Rolling Acres Rd
Victoria, MN 55386
952.767.1500

JUNE 8

PENTECOST THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Acts 2:1-21

- M** 9 & 10am
SERMON Pastor Dixon
MUSIC The Twin Cities Brass Revival
- W** 9 & 10am
SERMON Pastor Grangaard
MUSIC The Twin Cities Brass Revival

JUNE 15

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: LIFE AMONG THE FIRST BELIEVERS COMMUNION SUNDAY

Acts 2:37-47

- M** 9 & 10am
SERMON Pastor Hammersten
MUSIC Justin Staebell, baritone
- W** 9 & 10am
SERMON Pastor Olson Popp
MUSIC Diane Loudon, cello

THE TWIN CITIES BRASS REVIVAL - VOLUNTEER SUNDAY

Sunday, June 8, will be a festive worship service with the Dixie-land style music of the Twin Cities Brass Revival at both campuses. Following worship, join us for a treat and a special surprise for Volunteer Sunday, as we show our gratitude for you, our wonderful volunteers!

LAKE HARRIET BANDSHELL WORSHIP

Sunday, June 1, 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 Minneapolis Crisis Nursery. We hope to see you there!



1700 Chapel Hopes and Dreams

“What are we going to do with the 1700 Chapel?” That may have been the most frequent question I was asked in my first two years at Mount Olivet. As we were approaching our 100th anniversary at the time, I would typically respond, “Let’s get through the Centennial and then we’ll figure it out.” Well, as you remember, 2020 ended up being about far more than just our Centennial as together we weathered the pandemic! This side of the pandemic, we have emerged stronger than ever before and can now explore the most faithful use of that important space.

Two elements of our history will set the stage for our plans. First, the 1700 Chapel was built in 1938, the first actual “church” that provided a home to the Mount Olivet congregation formed in 1920. Within a few years, it was apparent the congregation was already outgrowing their building and so they built what we now call the Minneapolis Campus in 1948, right across the street. Then the chapel was sold to First Church Christian Scientist to help pay for the new building. In 2011, we had the opportunity to buy the building back. For several years we used it as a additional location for weddings and Sunday School, and we still use it for overflow parking.

Second, one of Mount Olivet’s core values has been to respond to the needs of the community. This is evident in our Affiliated ministries: Mount Olivet Home, Careview Home, Day Services, Mount Olivet Rolling Acres, our Counseling Center, and more. So it’s natural to see the location of the 1700 Chapel as an opportunity to address the growing need for deeper connectedness and community awareness. This has led us to propose building a community gathering place, with ample room for community groups to meet, hold events and activities, promote the needs and opportunities of our community, and to gather socially. Toward this end, we imagine building and operating a community center that incorporates a coffee house and small-scale brewery to help create a place where people can gather, socialize, and learn about opportunities to get involved in the community.

Several of the central values guiding this project include the following:

- *Giving Back.* It will be run as a separately incorporated not-for-profit, where all net proceeds will be given back to the community through grants to community groups, organizations, and projects (including support for our Affiliates).
- *Community-Focused.* We will design ample space for groups to meet and use for events to strengthen our community and bring greater awareness to opportunities to volunteer.
- *Environmentally Sustainable.* We plan to reclaim as much of the current building as possible and build a new structure that is as “environmentally sustainable as reasonably possible.” That is, we are focused on steps we can take to approach zero-emissions that are within the reach of ordinary people, hoping that this building inspires others to consider how they can support the environment.

- *Promote Volunteerism.* We want to heighten awareness of what’s going on in our neighborhoods and provide opportunities for people to get involved, make a difference, and feel more connected to others while doing so. Toward that end, the working name of this space is: The Mount Olivet Volunteer Public House or, “The Volunteer,” for short. ☺

Thus far, we’ve taken several steps toward realizing this dream.

- We first explored remodeling and renovating the existing building with a thorough review of the costs to address deferred maintenance and update the facility. The anticipated expense was close to what it would cost to build new, even though the renovated building would not be environmentally sustainable and would still be sitting on a foundation of 85 year-old wooden timbers in a very wet part of the city. For this reason, we are now focused on constructing a new building designed to best suit our purposes and be environmentally sustainable.
- Second, we interviewed several architectural firms, settling on HGA, who designed the addition to the American Swedish Institute, the taproom for Surly Brewing, The Church of the Resurrection (United Methodist Church) outside of Kansas City, and many more.
- Third, we worked with our Personnel and Finance Committee and Church Council to approve funding to explore the feasibility of this project.
- Finally, in recent weeks, we’ve had several meetings with representatives from the City of Minneapolis, including the City Planning and Zoning Commission, the Historic Preservation Commission, and our City Council person, Linnea Palmisano. We’ve also engaged the Lynnhurst Neighborhood Association to share our hopes and seek their counsel in how best to communicate with and engage our neighbors.

Next steps include holding one or more community forums to share plans with neighbors and seek their input. With that input, we will then apply to the city for, first, permission to demolish the existing building and, second, a zoning change to accommodate our plans. If we receive a “green light” on these two issues, we will then work to develop both a business plan and architectural plans and move toward construction. I do not imagine a capital campaign for this project as it should generate sufficient revenue to pay for a mortgage and still have funds remaining to donate to community groups.

While we are still far from putting a shovel into the ground, I wanted our congregation to know of our hopes. We will share updates as they come, including dates for any community forums. For now, I look forward to engaging our neighbors to see how we can continue to, as the prophet Jeremiah declares, “seek the welfare of the city.” Thanks, always, for your support and prayers!

Pastor Lose

DAVID J. LOSE, SENIOR PASTOR



DID YOU KNOW?

Do you know why the paraments change to green with Pentecost? But first, do you know what paraments are? ☺

Paraments, from the Latin *paramentum* (adornments), are the colored cloths draped over the altar, lectern, and pulpit in our sanctuaries. Their color changes based on the season of the church year. Advent is blue, like the color of the sky just before dawn, representing the anticipation of the birth of Jesus, the light of the world. Lent is purple, the color of royalty in the ancient world, to prepare us for Jesus' different way of exercising his royal authority through the cross. Christmas, Easter, and All Saints Day are white, symbolizing the new life Jesus' birth and resurrection create. Pentecost and festivals like Reformation Sunday are red, symbolizing the work of the Holy Spirit and reminding us of the descent of the Spirit onto the disciples like "tongues of flame" on the first Pentecost. That leaves green marking the season of Pentecost, the longest of the church seasons that runs from the Sunday after Pentecost to the Sunday before the start of Advent.

Because we hear stories of Jesus' birth, life, ministry, death, and resurrection from Advent to Pentecost, we call the first half of the church year "the Season of Christ." The second half of the church year (Pentecost season) focuses on the growth of the church. On Sundays this summer, we'll be focusing on the stories from the New Testament book *The Acts of the Apostles* that trace the birth and development of the early church. Green, then, reminds us of the growth of the church, and invites us to nurture and celebrate the growth of the church – and of Mount Olivet! – today.

CULTIVATING GENEROSITY AND FULFILLMENT

Some time ago, I came across the following quotation from psychiatrist and cultural commentator David Viscott. It has captivated my thought and guided much of my decision making ever since: "The purpose of life is to discover your gift. The work of life is to develop it. And the meaning of life is to give your gift away."

I invite you to think about the gifts you have identified, to imagine how your life at Mount Olivet can help you develop them, and the creative ways in which you would like to share and give those gifts away. If you are like me, the more you engage in this "life work," the more of a sense of gratitude and fulfillment you'll develop.

PASTOR LOSE

DO YOU KNOW WHAT A MOUNT OLIVET VISION PARTNER IS?

A Vision Partner is someone who has made provision for a future gift to benefit the ministry of Christ through Mount Olivet Lutheran Church or one or more of its Affiliated Ministries. It is a special group of people who desire to practice generosity even beyond this lifetime for a cause that is important to them!

If you would like to inform us of such current plans that are already in place, (making you a Vision Partner) or if you are interested in conversation about charitable planning or have questions about Vision Partners or supporting Mount Olivet ministries, we are delighted and humbled to walk with you in this process!

Please contact Brian Mortenson, Head of Vision Partners and Planned Giving at 612.767.2259 or bmortenson@mtolivet.org with interest or questions.



LIFE & GROWTH

APR 16 - MAY 14

BAPTISMS

Jane Annette Bennett

daughter of Penny and Michael

Colin Michael Devane

son of Caryn and Michael

Lila Dvorak

daughter of Hilary and Mark

Henrik Timothy Fee

son of Jennifer and Charles

Stella Jo Fee

daughter of Jennifer and Charles

Owen Arthur Freund

son of Jessica and Donald

Miles Rodney Grove

son of Jennifer and Ryan

Owen Mark Haukos

son of Amber and Casey

Dixon Jonathan Hempel

son of Heidi and Keith

Rose Armstrong Hunt

daughter of Kirsten and Luke

Desmond Konah Legein

son of Ang

Harper Boulder Legein

son of Ang

Kara Jo Licht

daughter of Katie and John

Theodore Hayes Nebel

son of Sarah and Ryan

Lucienne Margot Pegg

daughter of Ann and Christopher

Mac Louis Perillo

son of Grace and Michael

Owen Jacob Pothas

son of Laura and Eric

Finn Andrew Sand

son of Ellen and Jacob

Evelyn Leoma Schroeder

daughter of Mindy and Steve

Archer Wayne Wiig

son of Jade and Blake

DEATHS

John M. Langren

Elma Larson

Matti Liiste

Susan C. Little

Jane E. Morrow

William E. Overland

Robert W. Ready

DEVOTION

"Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it." – 1 Corinthians 12:27

It's my first summer here at Mount Olivet and I can already sense how things quiet down during these months. There is one less Sunday service, the halls are quieter on Wednesday nights, and the choir loft features other musicians than the Sanctuary and Cathedral Choirs. When you're here, you can sense the people missing. Families are at the cabin and kids are at camp, all of which means less people at church.

On its face, this may seem sad. But Paul reminds us in his letter to the Corinthians that the Body of Christ is not tied to a building. Instead, it's made up of all of you, its individual members. As part of the Body, you are always being called and sent out into the world to love and serve your neighbor. This call never changes, no matter where the summer takes you. Because of this, we can celebrate these quiet months at church, knowing that Christ's Body is on the move, loving the world and God's people in it. — **PASTOR OLSON POPP**



1:1 MATCH TO RESTORE OUR STAINED-GLASS

We need your help! If you have worshiped at the Minneapolis Campus recently, you'll notice that it's a lot brighter on Sunday mornings, as we are currently in the process of removing many of the stained-glass windows to repair and restore them to their original beauty. As you may remember, during the summer of 2020, we removed, repaired, and restored the large stained-glass windows at the front and back of the Minneapolis sanctuary. Now we are tackling the side windows in the sanctuary, sacristy, and vestry. Because of the level of work needed to restore and protect them, the cost is significantly higher than the amount we had anticipated. Because of a generous gift of one of our members, we are excited to offer a 1-1 match up to \$100,000. Please visit mtolivet.org to donate. Together, we can make sure these windows continue to inspire us and future generations. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Mount Olivet Gala: *Together We Can*

On May 1, members, friends, and supporters of Mount Olivet came together at the Oak Ridge Country Club in Hopkins to celebrate the Mount Olivet Gala: *Together We Can*. The Gala benefits the Mount Olivet Affiliated Ministries of the Mount Olivet Home, Careview Home, and Day Services; Mount Olivet Rolling Acres; Cathedral of the Pines Camp; and the Mount Olivet Conference and Retreat Center. Guests were welcomed by staff members of the Affiliates and enjoyed a delightful appetizer buffet while sharing laughter and conversations with friends.

In addition to learning about the vital ministries our Affiliates provide, attendees had the chance to engage in friendly bidding wars for an enticing array of silent auction items such as the *WE Fest VIP Gold Experience and Hotel Lodging or the Mountainside at Silvercreek Condo in Granby, Colorado*, or try their luck with raffle prizes including stunning *1.02 Carat 14k yellow gold martini-style stud earrings donated by Kurt Law*, a *Solo Stove Bonfire with cover*, and a *Travelpro Backpack along with a 21" suitcase*. Guests could purchase tickets for a bottle of wine from our wine wall and dance the night away to the tunes with DJ Aaron.

Senior Pastor Lose began the evening's program by warmly welcoming everyone to the Gala, thanking everyone for their support, and then introduced Peter Youngdahl, Director of Development. Peter lifted up the distinct impact of each Affiliate and then emphasized the Fund-A-Need initiatives connected to each ministry. Peter also offered a challenge to all those present – and the whole Mount Olivet community – not only to take pride in the important work of the Affiliates, but also to become their supporters and advocates.

This year, we successfully raised over \$147,000 which will benefit the thousands of people our Affiliated Ministries serve each year. It truly was an impactful evening as we discovered that, indeed, "together we can" do so much to extend God's love to more and more people. This achievement would not have been possible without our new and ongoing sponsorships, generous donations of silent auction items, contributions to the general affiliate fund, or specific Fund-A-Need items selected by each affiliate. A huge thank you to everyone involved!

A special word of thanks goes to Karen Beese, our dedicated volunteer Gala Chair, for her unwavering commitment and meticulous attention to detail in organizing this fantastic event. She was assisted by a team of volunteers and our Congregational Event planning team. Finally, heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed to making this "party with a purpose" such a success!

LIBBY FOTLAND, *Coordinator of Marketing & Communications*



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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 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Mpls Campus Library

EVENING DISCUSSIONS

7-8:30pm the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Mpls Campus Library

UPCOMING BOOKS

JUNE 10/11:

The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters

JULY 8/9:

The Women by Kristin Hannah

AUGUST 12/13:

The Soul of an Octopus by Sy Montgomery

SEPTEMBER 9/10: *Little*

Women by Louisa May Alcott

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.

SUMMER SOLO BOOK CLUB

JOIN PASTOR OLSON POPP FOR A SUMMER SOLO BOOK CLUB ON RACHEL HELD EVANS' "INSPIRED: SLAYING GIANTS, WALKING ON WATER, AND LOVING THE BIBLE AGAIN." BEGIN READING IN JUNE AND RETURN TO THE JULY MESSENGER FOR QUESTIONS TO SPARK DEEPER REFLECTION.

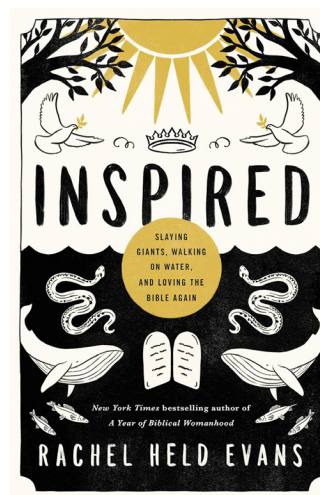
The Bible may be bound into one book, but it's more helpful to think of it as an entire library of books, filled with every genre imaginable: fiction and nonfiction, mythology and history, laws and epics, poems and romance. It is a gift to have such breadth in our scriptural canon, but sometimes it can be hard to know what to do with some of the strange, challenging, or lesser-known stories in the Bible. How do we read them? What do they say about God and Jesus? What do Lutherans believe about it?

We, your pastors, hope to provide you with tools to read this biblical library faithfully through the lens of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen. It is also our hope that in your time with scripture, you might come to find it as a living and guiding companion in your faith and life with God.

It is in this vein that I, Pastor Olson Popp, recommend *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans for some enjoyable and enlightening summer reading. She offers a captivating and creative exploration of the multitude of literature we find in scripture, walking us through confusing laws, fascinating prophets, challenging stories, and how to read Paul's letters to the Galatians and Ephesians when we aren't Galatians or Ephesians. It is a helpful guide across the often-confusing bridge between the biblical story and our own world.

All are welcome to join me in this summer reading quest, but a special invite goes out to those who have big questions about the Bible, want to open it again after some time away, or like Rachel Held Evans, desire to be captivated by the story of God and God's people. I think you'll be surprised by just how fun a read it is!

PASTOR OLSON POPP



MOUNT OLIVET SUMMER MIDWEEKS

Signs and Wonders: Jesus' Miracles in the Gospel of John

Join us for a summer of delicious food, immersion in nature, warm fellowship, and inspiring worship! Each midweek begins with a meal prepared by our professional chefs, followed by an engaging nature talk by our Nature Educator, and concludes with a worship service featuring Mount Olivet pastors and musicians. This year's theme, *Signs and Wonders: Jesus' Miracles in the Gospel of John*, explores seven miracles revealing God's abundant love. From turning water into wine to raising Lazarus, these moments invite us to experience Jesus' presence and the fullness of life he offers us all. Come be renewed by the wonder of these stories, the beauty of God's creation, and the joy of community.

HOW TO REGISTER!

Cost is \$20 for dinner, service, and nature class. An additional \$10 charge is required for transportation from 7500 York, West, and the Mpls Campus. Online registration is open!

Pay for each week separately or save on time and money by making a one-time purchase of \$105 to attend all seven (\$175 with bus transportation). Please call the Conference & Retreat Center at 952.469.2175 with any questions.

SCHEDULE:

4:30pm Transportation leaves 7500 York and West Campus

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, Transportation \$10.

DATE	PASTOR	SOLOIST	NATURE TALK	MENU
JUNE 25	Pastor Lose	Brian Ohnsorg, tenor	Nature Is Us	Baked Chicken Ricotta Meatballs with Spinach Alfredo, Buttered Egg Fettuccine, Roasted Asparagus, Mixed Green Salad with Champagne Vinaigrette, and Vanilla Panna Cotta with Raspberry Sauce
JULY 2	Pastor Kalland	Amanda Jenkins, soprano	The Beauty of Minnesota	Fried Chicken, Crispy Smashed Potatoes, Sautéed Green Beans with toasted Almonds, Summer Orzo Salad, and Strawberry Rhubarb Crisp
JULY 9	Pastor Freeman	Justin Staebell, baritone	The Beauty of our Conference & Retreat Center	Pancetta Herb crusted Pork Tenderloin with Rosemary Cream Sauce, Wild Rice Pilaf, Buttered Snap Peas, Mixed Green Salad with Citrus Vinaigrette, and White Chocolate Raspberry Swirl Cheesecake
JULY 16	Pastor Olson Popp	Diane Loudon, cello	The Golden Ratio	Grilled Flank Steak with Wild Mushrooms and Bearnaise sauce, Twice Baked Potato, Roasted Summer Squash, Mixed Green Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette, and Key Lime Pie
JULY 23	Rev. Dr. Theresa Latini	Matthew Valverde, tenor	Wild Rice Cultivation	Chicken stuffed with Tomato, Mozzarella and Basil with Marinara, Herbed Buttered Linguine, Seasonal Garden Medley, Caesar Salad, and Vanilla Crème Brûlée
JULY 30	Pastor Cieslik	Brian Haase, bass	Tiny but Mighty: Detritivores	Layered Meatloaf with caramelized Onions and Mushroom sauce, Whipped Red Jacketed Potatoes, Seasonal Garden Medley, Summer Salad with grilled Peaches and Creamy Yogurt Honey Dressing, and Apple Bread Pudding with Caramel Sauce
AUGUST 6	Pastor Hammersten	Susan Steincross and Sophie Norman, piano duets	Bioluminescence	Roasted Turkey with Cranberry sauce, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Tri-Colored Glazed Carrots, Mixed Green Salad w/Maple Vinaigrette, and Pumpkin Mousse with Toffee Crunch



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

SIMPSON HOUSING

For over 30 years, Mount Olivet has partnered with Simpson Housing Services to prepare and serve monthly meals for Simpson Housing shelter guests. It's a great way to meet new neighbors, learn about housing insecurity, and bond with church friends and love and serve neighbors! Once or twice a month, 10 volunteers gather at Zion Lutheran Church in Minneapolis from 5:30-8:30pm to prepare and serve dinner, clean up afterward, and get to know our Minneapolis neighbors. Each time we serve 50+ shelter guests.

If you're interested in participating in this ministry, we'd love to welcome you to the Mount Olivet team! Each month, a registration email goes out to volunteer team members. The first to sign up will serve that month. Because the slots fill up so quickly, know that there are always opportunities to sign up on your own as a family or community group. Laurie Hancer, our Coordinator of Service & Volunteers, is happy to help you learn more about ways to get involved in this great ministry! Please contact her at lhancer@mtolivet.org.



COMMUNITY EMERGENCY SERVICE (CES)

Mount Olivet partners with many local and international social service agencies each day to live out our mission of service and care. It's one way we can concretely love our neighbors as God loves us.

One of these organizations, Community Emergency Service, was started in 1971 by the generous donation of Mount Olivet member Russell Lund of Lunds Grocery. Our partnership with Community Emergency Service continues today. Through its Food Shelf, Meals on Wheels, and Ani-Meals (meals for pets) programs, Community Emergency Service shares resources and builds community by providing food and hope to neighbors in need. Learn more by visiting cesmn.org.



On March 12, our 6th-8th grade students addressed food insecurity in our city by packing meals to benefit Community Emergency Service. Thanks to Meals from the Heart, both the Minneapolis and West campuses were transformed into packing stations where 50,000+ meals were put together for our neighbors in need. One in five Minnesotans does not have enough to eat. Learning about food insecurity through this hands-on service opportunity puts faith into action in a very tangible way. If you'd like to learn about more ways to put faith into action, please contact Laurie Hancer at lhancer@mtolivet.org - she would love to help!

Thanks for putting faith into action and sharing God's love!

MEET YOUR 2025 CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES CAMP STAFF!



KRISTI YOUNGDAHL, CAMP DIRECTOR

My favorite 11 o'clock activity is swimming because Lake Caribou is the best! I can't wait to make new friends!



KRIS ERICKSEN, CAMP COORDINATOR

My favorite chapel song is *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*. I'm looking forward to helping all who come through the gates catch the COP spirit.



GAIL GREEN, ASSISTANT TO THE CAMP DIRECTOR

My favorite themed meal is 50's dinner. I'm looking forward to jumping in Lake Caribou EVERY day and hanging out with all of the staff, campers, counselors, and workstaff!



MADY LIPKIN, LODGE MANAGER

My go-to canteen order is a La Croix and pack of Skittles. I can't wait to see the joy on everyone's faces, laughing, and Lake Caribou!



KATHY MOODY, HEALTH CENTER COORDINATOR

My favorite 11 o'clock activity is nature. I'm looking forward to watching new friendships form and current friendships become stronger.



GEOFF ARENSON, YOUTH DIRECTOR

My favorite chapel song is *He's Everything to Me*. I'm most looking forward to hootenannies, chapel, nature hikes, and basketball on upper court!



SAM SANDA, SENIOR STAFF

My favorite themed meal is 50's dinner. I can't wait to swim in Lake Caribou!



CONNOR FUZZEY, SENIOR STAFF

My favorite canteen order is a Fresca and Kit Kat. I'm looking forward to fostering a sense of community and life-long relationships at my favorite place in the world!



KATE CAMPION, SENIOR STAFF

My favorite 11 o'clock activity is nature. I can't wait to watch the battles between the counselors and workstaff during softball!



ANNA LUCAS, SENIOR STAFF

My favorite chapel song is *On Eagle's Wings*. I'm most looking forward to singing songs during meals!



SAMANTHA MPAURO, SENIOR STAFF

My favorite themed meal is Christmas dinner. I'm looking forward to evening chapel and softball.

SEND A CARD OR LETTER TO OUR CAMPER!

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.
It is updated around 4:30pm on change-of-camp dates.



AND LEARN ABOUT THEIR FAVORITE THINGS AT COP!



ANDREW OLSON, MR. INSIDE

My favorite pop in the canteen is Dr. Pepper. I'm most looking forward to enjoying the beautiful waters of Lake Caribou.



MABEL DOW, MRS. INSIDE

My favorite chapel song is *My God and I*. I'm looking forward to attending evening chapel and playing sandlot!



KATIE CAVANAGH, INSIDE ASSISTANT

My go-to canteen order is a Charleston Chew and Fresca. I'm looking forward to spending every day with the best people at the best place in the world!



JENNA DAVIS, WORKSTAFF COORDINATOR

My favorite chapel song is *Precious Lord*. I'm most looking forward to swimming in Lake Caribou!



AARON ILLIES, MR. OUTSIDE

My canteen order is a Brisk and Reese's. I am most looking forward to hanging out with the campers and Hi-Leaguers and swimming in Lake Caribou.



TOMMY BOWERS, OUTSIDE ASSISTANT

My favorite chapel song is *The Old Rugged Cross*. I can't wait to be a mentor to campers and to connect with the camp staff!



ELLIE TEIEN, MRS. FUN

My favorite themed meal is western dinner. I am looking forward to playing outside all summer long, making new friends, and strengthening old friendships!



ELEANOR YOUNG, WATERFRONT

My favorite chapel song is *On Eagle's Wings*. I am looking forward to giving back to the place that has played such a crucial role in my life and shaped me into who I am.



MADDIE BOWERS, CRAFTY LADY

My favorite 11 o'clock activity is crafts! I can't wait to tear up the dance floor at the camp dances!



HENRY BASTIAN, MR. INSIDE

My favorite 11 o'clock activity is nature. I am most looking forward to getting to know the workstaff each week and jumping in Lake Caribou!



MEGAN MCHUGH, INSIDE ASSISTANT

My favorite themed meal is 50's dinner. I can't wait to greet the campers when they get off the buses!



OWEN SLINDE, INSIDE ASSISTANT

My favorite 11 o'clock activity is upper court. I'm looking forward to building relationships with other staff members and everyone that comes through the camp gates!



ALEX ILLIES, MR. OUTSIDE

My favorite themed meal is twins lunch. I am most looking forward to spending time in nature with all of the great people who come through the camp gates.



RYAN AAFEDT, OUTSIDE ASSISTANT

My favorite 11 o'clock activity is playing basketball on upper court. I can't wait to be with my Mount Olivet family all summer long!



BISHOP SCHUGEL, MR. FUN

I am most looking forward to getting to run games like circle scavenger and the counselor hunt with the campers. I'm also super pumped for all the camp dances!



HAAKON LIEN, WATERFRONT

My favorite 11 o'clock activity is swimming. I am most looking forward to softball.



GRETA BETZER, KOJA

My favorite themed meal is 50s dinner. I'm most looking forward to spending time in nature and creating new friendships!



MOUNT OLIVET DAY CAMPS

MEET YOUR 2025 STAFF!



KRISTIN OLSON, DAY CAMP COORDINATOR

Day camp is special because there is always something new! Whether you're with us for one week or the whole summer, each day is an opportunity for new experiences.



CADI STREETAR

Day camp is so special because all the kids create such special bonds with each other and it's so cool to see those bonds form throughout the summer. I also just love creating relationships with the staff and the kids and seeing the kids grow throughout the summer!



SOPHIE NORMAN

My favorite day camp theme is Nature Camp! I love taking the kids on hikes around the Conference & Retreat Center and helping them discover little pieces of nature they've never seen or heard before.



KATELYNN PONCIN

My favorite day camp activity is anything outside. The kids love running around when it is nice out and enjoying the sunshine. It is especially fun when we do water games!



KAITLYN WISDORF

My favorite day camp memory is the talent show from Imagination Creation week. It was so fun to see all the campers show off their talents. Watching them cheer one another on was so heartwarming and really showed how special camp is. I look forward to another summer of fun with both returning and new campers!



ZOE RUBENZER

My favorite day camp memory is the talent show!



OLIVER BASTIAN

My favorite day camp memory from last year was teaching the dance for the songs from God's Kids Sing. It was enriching seeing the kids perform the dance that I helped teach them, and see the joy it brought them and their parents.



CASEY CAMPION

My favorite day camp theme is cooking week! This week is so much fun for the kids since we get to have fun cooking and eat delicious treats!





LIZZIE NORMAN

What makes day camps special is being at Mount Olivet and contributing to the long-lasting memories our campers make at church.



ANNIE KLEMMENSEN

Day Camp is where kids are encouraged to try new things, explore their interests, and connect with others in meaningful ways. Each day is filled with adventure, discovery, and fun, making Day Camp a summer highlight.



SOPHIE GOUDY

Day Camp at Mount Olivet is such a special thing for so many reasons. Being able to spend my summer getting to know these kids and watching them grow is so fun! I cannot wait to spend another summer helping out at Day Camps and spend time with all these amazing kids!



ELLIE HECKER

I love working with kids because they are so full of energy and laughter! You get to be goofy and have fun without caring what anyone else thinks. There is so much to learn from them and I can't wait to spend my summer full of smiles!



NATALIE HURTH

I am most excited for the week of God's Kids Sing because that was one of my favorite programs I did growing up!



ASHLEY HURTH

I love working with kids because it is so fun to see them grow and learn in new ways. I love being there for them and building relationships with them because they are absolutely adorable!!



EMILY OHNSORG

I love working with kids because of their fun energy and how creative they can be! It's so rewarding to be a small part of them growing and developing as people.



KATHLEEN MADDEN

My favorite way to make kids smile is remembering an activity they told me about and asking them how it went the next day.



DORA NAUGHTON

I love working with kids because every day is a new and exciting adventure! Kids bring aspects of joy and creativity to the world that we need more of!



BEATRICE STERNBERG

My favorite way to make a kid smile is by making crafts or drawings for them! I love being creative and sharing it with others!



KEYAN SCHUGEL

I like working with kids because they never take anything too seriously and always seem to know how to make you smile and laugh.



HENRY MATSON

The week I am most excited for this summer is Nature Camp, because I love the beauty and nature of the retreat center and all the different hiking opportunities there.

FEATURED EVENTS

VOLUNTEER SUNDAY!

Sunday June 8, after worship services at both campuses

We are grateful for our Mount Olivet volunteers' steadfast generosity and participation! Volunteers support worship services, direct traffic, make prayer shawls, work and serve in the kitchen, the tasks go on and on, and these volunteers are what makes Mount Olivet so special. On Volunteer Sunday we have planned a special thank you with refreshments and even a surprise. Join us!



COFFEE AND CONVERSATION: NANCY LOYD WITH GRACE HOSPICE

Tuesday, June 24,
10-11:30am, Mpls Campus,
Free

Join us for coffee and conversation with our guest speaker Nancy Loyd, Grief Support Manager with Grace Hospice. Nancy will share the benefits of hospice care and when someone should consider hospice care. Nancy will also share the history of Grace Hospice and how Mount Olivet is connected with Grace Hospice. Register at mtolivet.org.



2025 MOCW HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE & MARKET VENDORS NEEDED!

We would love to have you participate as a vendor at the MOCW Holiday Boutique on **Saturday, November 1, from 9am-2pm at the Mpls Campus**, and/or the MOCW Holiday Market on **Saturday, November 8, 9am-2pm, at the West Campus**. Vendor applications open June 1 and are accepted through July 15. All Vendors will pay a \$50 non-refundable table fee per event during the application process. Please note that there are a limited number of second table requests and there will be an additional charge of \$50 requested at the time of registration. All vendors 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 at mtolivetboutique@gmail.com or for the **West Campus Holiday Market**, contact Nicole Ensrud and Christine Davis at westholidaymarket@gmail.com.



UPCOMING AT MOUNT OLIVET

JUNE 2025

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



LAKE HARRIET BANDSHELL WORSHIP

Sunday, June 1, 10am

Join us at this outdoor worship service with Pastor Olson Popp preaching and music by the Cathedral Choir. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket to sit on for the service. The loose offering taken at this service goes to the Minneapolis Crisis Nursery. We hope to see you there!



17TH MOTORHEADS @ MTKA DRIVE-IN

Tuesday, June 3, 6pm-8pm, 4656 Shoreline Drive, Spring Park

All car enthusiasts are invited to this classic 50s-style restaurant that features car hops, burgers, and cool cars. Arrive between 6pm and 6:45pm. At 6:45pm, Pastor Kalland will share a brief devotion. No registration needed.



FRIENDS FOREVER: NORTH SHORE

Saturday, July 12 through Monday, July 14, Cathedral of the Pines Camp, \$50 per person

Take a trip up to Lutsen and enjoy the beautiful North Shore and our beloved Cathedral of the Pines Camp with the Friends Forever group! We will gather throughout our two days together in faith, fellowship, and fun. There will be time at COP with devotions, meals, and chapel, as well as free time on the North Shore! Transportation and lodging are on your own. Registration is required by July 1.



GEL PLATE PRINT MAKING ART CLASS

Monday, June 30, 6-8pm, Mpls Campus, \$45

Gel plate printing is a form of monoprinting (getting only one copy of a print) using a flexible gelatin-like plate to create unique textured prints. In this class you will learn different techniques for pulling prints as you experiment with this unique medium.

LOOKING AHEAD!

POP-UP CHOIR IS BACK—SUMMER-STYLE!

Rehearsal: Thursday, July 10, 6-7pm, Mpls Campus

Singing in Worship: Sunday, July 13 8:15-10:30am, Mpls Campus

Join us for a fun two days of music and connection by singing with fellow music lovers! This is a no pressure, all joy type of event — just sign up, show up, sing out, and be part of something special!

SUMMER FOOD DRIVE

Sunday, July 13, 8:30-10:30am, Mpls & West Campuses

Please donate non-perishable food items for our community partners. Cash donations are also accepted! Our partners have avenues to stretch our dollars even further, so cash is always a great option. Donations from the Mpls Campus will benefit VEAP and West Campus donations will benefit Bountiful Baskets.

WHAT IS GOUACHE? ART CLASS

Monday, August 11, 6-8pm, Mpls Campus, \$45

Gouache is a watercolor medium that dries with a matte finish and can be transparent or opaque, unlike traditional watercolors.

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