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10am

**WATCH THE MPLS
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9 & 10am

HOLY COMMUNION

8:30am (except 7/20)

**NURSERY (NOW FOR
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6 YEARS)**

9 & 10am

JULY 6

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES:

THE FIRST MARTYR

Acts 7:54-8:3

- M** 9 & 10am
- SERMON** Pastor Kalland
- MUSIC** Diane Loudon, cello
- W** 9 & 10am
- SERMON** Pastor Hammersten
- MUSIC** Dana Donnay, oboe

JULY 13

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES:

AN UNLIKELY BAPTISM

Acts 8:26-39

- M** 9 & 10am
- SERMON** Pastor Olson Popp
- MUSIC** Summer Pop-Up
Choir
- W** 9 & 10am
- SERMON** Pastor Lose
- MUSIC** Elena Stabile, soprano

JULY 20

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES:

THE CONVERSION OF SAUL COMMUNION SUNDAY

Acts 9:1-19

- M** 9 & 10am
- SERMON** Pastor Cieslik
- MUSIC** Emily Gerard, harp
- W** 9 & 10am
- SERMON** Pastor Dixon
- MUSIC** Matthew Valverde,
tenor

JULY 27

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES:

THE RAISING OF TABITHA

Acts 9:36-43

- M** 9 & 10am
- SERMON** Pastor Grangaard
- MUSIC** Jake Meyer, clarinet
- W** 9 & 10am
- SERMON** Pastor Kalland
- MUSIC** Charles Gibb, flute

PRAYER LINE

We all know the importance of and power of prayer. If you or someone you love is in need of prayer, please call our prayer line at 612.767.2300.

COVER PHOTO

Mount Olivet Day Camp Staff with
Mount Olivet Pastors

Four Good Reasons Not to Read the Bible Literally

I was surprised to learn recently that three in ten Americans read the Bible literally; that is, they read the Bible as they would a history or science textbook. Lutherans typically do not read the Bible this way, and I thought I'd share four reasons why.

1. *The Bible Does Not Claim to be Inerrant.*

That's right. At no place in its more than 30,000 verses does the Bible claim that it is factually accurate in terms of history, science, or geography (the technical definition of inerrancy). "Inerrant" itself is not a word found in the Bible or even known to Christian theologians for most of history. Rather, the word was coined in the middle of the 19th century as a defensive counter-measure to the increased popularity of reading the Bible in its historical context.

The verse most literalists point to is 2 Timothy 3:16: "All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness." But one can confess that Scripture is inspired by God without resorting to claims that it contains no factual errors. We normally use the language of inspiration in just this way, describing a painting, a performance of Chopin, or even a good lecture as inspired. What binds the various and sundry texts found in the Bible together may be precisely that they are all inspired by the authors' experience of the living God.

2. *Reading the Bible Literally Distorts its Witness.*

While the Gospels share a similar approach in telling the story of Jesus, they vary in many details. For instance, in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Jesus chases the moneychangers out of the Temple near the very end of his ministry, while in John he does the same thing but right at the beginning. When faced with this kind of inconsistency, many people do one of two things: They conclude that such discrepancies mean the Bible is not true, or they attempt to reconcile the differences by, in this case, concluding that Jesus must have chased the moneychangers out of the Temple twice (an account that none of the Gospels record).

Both of these reactions assume the primary purpose of the Bible is to record a factually and historically accurate account of Jesus' ministry. Lutherans, however, tend to think the biblical authors were less interested in history than they were in confessing their faith. From this point of view, differences among the Gospels are not troubling inconsistencies to be reconciled but rather helpful clues to understanding the confession of the author. So rather than ask "who got it right?", we might instead wonder why John describes this event differently than the other Evangelists. In this case, John is making a theological claim that Jesus is the new Passover lamb (John

1:36) and, therefore, once Jesus begins his ministry there is no need for Temple sacrifice.

3. *Most Christians Across History Have Not Read the Bible Literally.*

St. Augustine, for instance, came to faith later in life. An impediment to his conversion was precisely the notion that Christians took stories like Jonah spending three days in the belly of a whale literally. It was not until Ambrose, bishop of Milan, introduced Augustine to the possibility of interpreting stories metaphorically and theologically that Augustine could contemplate taking the Bible – and those who read it! – seriously. Across history, most Christians simply didn't imagine that for something to be true it had to be factually accurate, a concern only advanced after the Enlightenment. According to Martin Luther, the main purpose of the Bible was not to present history but rather to "drive Christ;" that is, express forcefully the truth that we see God's love revealed most clearly in Jesus. Similarly, Karl Barth, arguably the twentieth century's greatest theologian, once said, "I take the Bible too seriously to read it literally."

4. *Reading the Bible Literally Undermines a Chief Confession About God.*

Read the Bible even for a little while and you'll soon realize that most of the major characters are, shall we say, less than ideal. Abraham passes his wife off as his sister – twice! – in order to save his skin. Moses is a murderer. David sleeps around. Peter denies Jesus three times. Whatever their accomplishments, most of the "heroes of the faith" are complicated persons with feet of clay. And that's the point! The God of the Bible regularly uses ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things. Why treat the Bible differently? In fact, reading Scripture literally turns it into an other-worldly, supernatural document that runs contrary to the biblical affirmation that God chooses ordinary vessels – "jars of clay," the Apostle Paul calls them – to bear an extraordinary message.

So if your summer reading includes the Bible, keep in mind that a) truth is bigger than fact, b) differences in the stories are helpful clues, and c) God used – and still uses! – ordinary, flawed people (including you and me!) to do amazing things.

Happy reading! And... I'll see you in Church!



Pastor Lose

DAVID J. LOSE, SENIOR PASTOR



Everything IN LOVE

A SUMMER OF STEWARDSHIP

Summer is a great time to get away, to find time to relax, spend time with family, get outdoors, catch up on some good books, and more! Summer is also a great time to grow in both gratitude and generosity. And, in my mind, those two are inseparable: as we realize how blessed we are and give thanks for those blessings, we simultaneously grow in our desire to share those blessings with others. So let me put that belief into action by offering, at this mid-point in 2025, my thanks to you for your faithful generosity to Mount Olivet!

Thank you for sharing your giving intentions with us through a pledge or scheduled giving. Thank you for your giving across the first half of 2025 that has kept us moving forward in mission. Thank you for your additional and extra gifts at Easter or in honor of a loved one. And thank you for your prayers for the vitality of this congregation. It all matters!

In fact, because of your faithful generosity, we've been able not simply to stay strong, but to grow in our Sunday School and Confirmation programs; in our Camp attendance (both COP and Day Camps), in our Preschool; in our outreach; and in a variety of our offerings on and beyond Sundays. More than that, across the first half of 2025, we were grateful to welcome another 283 new members to the life we share together. We've also been able to take care of our buildings, enhance our digital offerings, and add staff as necessary to meet the needs of our church and community.

So, let me say once again: thank you! Thank you showing up for worship, for taking advantage of our livestream worship when you are away, for volunteering at church and beyond, for entrusting us with your generous gifts, for praying for each other, for showing up for the Gala and so many other events, and in all these ways for caring about the health of this faith community and, even more, for the mission with which God has entrusted us.

That is what Stewardship means – taking care of something on behalf of someone else. This is what you do so regularly and so well: steward your blessings – your gifts, your time, your finances – recognizing that God has given you all these things and more to help share the good news of Christ in word and deed.

So this summer, take a moment to notice your blessings, offer your gratitude for them, and be empowered to share them with others. As you do, you will only grow in your confidence that God is at work in you and through you for the sake of this world God loves so much.

Thank you! Even more, thank God *for* you!

PASTOR DAVID LOSE, *Senior Pastor*

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who support Mount Olivet through your pledges and gifts.

NEW SCHEDULED GIVERS:

If you'd like to make a one-time gift or set up a recurring gift to Mount Olivet and its ministries, there are many ways to do so:

- Scan the "Give Here" QR Code

GIVE HERE



- Visit mtolivet.org under GIVING
- Contact Tricia Lerohl-Morgan, Coordinator of Financial Records, at tricial@mtolivet.org or 612.767.2255

CURRENT SCHEDULED GIVERS REMINDER:

Is your current scheduled giving matching what you planned to give for 2025? If not, please update via your *Realm* account, or contact Tricia Lerohl-Morgan for assistance at 612.767.2255 or tricial@mtolivet.org.



PRAYER MINISTRY

The Mount Olivet Prayer Ministry exists to provide additional prayer support for you, a loved one, a friend... anyone!

What is the Mount Olivet Prayer Ministry?

The Prayer Ministry is comprised of volunteers who make up daily prayer teams.

The Congregational Care Department provides each daily prayer team member (via phone or email) with prayers (first names only) to be prayed on for one week until a new set of prayers is received. This volunteer opportunity is extremely flexible as members can pray on their own schedule and at home, on a walk, etc. Congregational Care would love to have you join the Prayer Ministry! If serving your church and others through prayer is of interest to you, contact: Julie Goodman at julieg@mtolivet.org or 612.767.2208, or Stephanie McGinty at smcginty@mtolivet.org or 612.767.2209

HOW CAN I SUBMIT A PRAYER?

- Call the Mount Olivet prayer line at 612.767.2300
- Online mtolivet.org/prayer-ministry
- At church using the Connect @ Mount Olivet cards, write your prayer on the back and put in the offering plate or bring to the main office
- Tell a pastor!

DEVOTION

Jesus said to them, "Come and see."

— John 1:39

What is power? I think we often imagine it as the ability to conquer or control, but the Bible (and world history) offers us a different perspective. There is truer power in an invitation from a trusted friend. There have been countless failed attempts to compel religious conversions at the point of the sword. But when faith is shared through personal invitations, it spreads like a grass fire across a prairie, converting whole nations and transforming empires.

How might you invite someone to church? How might you change a life? Do you have to prepare a lengthy argument, or a compelling case? No! Follow the example of Jesus and the early disciples. It's as easy as 1-2-3: "Come and see." Come and see what worship feels like. Come and see a pastor with me. Come and see what Confirmation is all about. You have great power. Jesus shared it with you. Don't be afraid to use it!

— PASTOR DIXON



LIFE & GROWTH

MAY 15 - JUN 14

BAPTISMS

Beatrice Eleanor Anderson
daughter of Stephanie and Brent
Lawrence Anthony Anderson
son of Lindsey and Jon
Sadie Rose Bakken
daughter of Mikayla and Brandon
Brooks Daniel Garber
son of Carly and Daniel
Hazel Emaline Greavu
daughter of Rebekah and Jay
Sutton Elizabeth Halverson
daughter of Katie and Steve
Grady Samuel Hogan
son of Emily and Dan
Maverick Jelsing Jensen
son of Elena and Shane
Troy Michael Johnston
son of Ellen and Michael
Clara Lynn Kadolph
daughter of Christine and Michael
Lander William Kumpf
son of Meghan and John
Camille Mia Mjoen
daughter of Jessica and Kjell
Christopher Gerard Poliquin
son of Anne and James
Rosalyn Anne Poliquin
daughter of Anne and James

Drew Marie Risvold
daughter of Nicole and Andy
Olivia Margaret Risvold
daughter of Nicole and Andy
Bennett Michael Rorro
son of Katherine and Michael
John William Satterstrom
son of Christina and Michael
Theodore James Wepler
son of Laura and Adam
Harrison Michael Zavada
son of Jordon and PJ
Leon Mitchell Zavada
son of Jordon and PJ

WEDDINGS

Megan Kissinger & Luke Burandt, May 22
Kathryn Humphrey & Cody Hannula, May 25
Jenna Weidner & Andrew Schmidt, May 31
Nicole Thayer & Ryan Downes, June 7
Annika Awad & Garrett Draper, June 14
Heidi Hueffmeier & Sean Cunningham, June 14

DEATHS

Lowell W. Bliss
Walter G. Koosmann
Nancy L. Langren
Craig M. Shirley
Michael W. Thompson
James E. Weldy

INTRODUCING THE 2025-2026 HI-LEAGUE PRESIDENTS AND VICE PRESIDENTS

PRESIDENTS

My name is Joe Hecker. I go to Southwest High School and I am going to be the Minneapolis campus MOB president this year. I am involved with Circle of Friends and Cathedral Choir. I am really looking forward to meeting new people this year and being even more involved at Mount Olivet.

JOE HECKER, MPLS CAMPUS



Hi, my name is Marlie Smith and I will be a senior at Chanhassen High School! At church I am involved in Cathedral Choir, Mount Olivet United, Mount Olivet Board, Mount Olivet Leadership Team, and of course Cathedral of the Pines Camp! I am super excited to step into this new position of the West Campus MOB President! I am thrilled to be able to get even more involved than I am already, and get others involved as well. I look forward to building my relationships with other board members and getting to know everyone a little bit better.

MARLIE SMITH, WEST CAMPUS



VICE PRESIDENTS

Hi! My name is Ellie Walter and I am going to be a senior at Edina High School, and I am the Vice President of Mount Olivet Board this year at the Minneapolis campus. At Mount Olivet I am involved in Circle of Friends every Monday, Cathedral Choir every Wednesday night and Sunday morning, and attend Hi-Leagues every Sunday night. In the summer I go to Cathedral of The Pines Camp. This upcoming year I am looking forward to getting to know more of the youth community at church. I am also excited to continue to grow my faith and strengthen my relationships with my peers and the youth staff!

ELLIE WALTER, MPLS CAMPUS



Hi! My name is Caroline Williams and I am going to be a senior at Chanhassen High School. I absolutely love being involved at church and I have participated in Mount Olivet United, Mount Olivet Board, Mount Olivet Leadership Team, and Cathedral Choir. I attend as many Hi-league events as I can and of course I love going to camp. As the new West MOB Vice President, I am looking forward to getting to know the incoming freshmen and strengthening bonds with all of the other Hi-leaguers!

CAROLINE WILLIAMS, WEST CAMPUS



NEW! CHILDREN & FAMILY PROGRAMMING COMING THIS FALL!

Please look forward to invitations for your school-age child(ren) to spend time at Mount Olivet with the Children & Family Team this fall!

We know there are many non-school days throughout the school year and we will be planning fun, interesting, and engaging events as part of a new Children & Family Ministry initiative to provide additional care options to families on these days.

Check back in the August Messenger for fall dates and registration information. We look forward to spending time with your kids and their friends!



REGISTER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

We invite children in preschool through 5th grade to join us for Sunday School this fall! Sunday School at Mount Olivet is a combined children's choir and faith formation experience taught by professional educators and experienced volunteers. Weekly lessons include Bible Stories, music activities, friendship building, and arts and crafts.

As children and families participate in faith formation through Sunday School, we expect they will:

- Discover the story of God's love for them and all of God's people.
- Learn and practice lifelong habits of worship, singing and prayer that will nurture and strengthen their faith.
- Begin to cultivate a faith of action that moves them to do for others.
- Form foundational relationships that connect them to one another and to the congregation.

Sunday School is offered at the Minneapolis and West Campuses during the 9 and 10am worship services from Rally Sunday, September 7, 2025, through May 10, 2026. Registration is online along with a more detailed schedule for the program year.

Please contact Amy Porthan, Faith Formation Coordinator, with questions – Amyp@mtolivet.org or 612.767.2285



STANDING WITH MORA TO SUPPORT MINNESOTA'S CHILDREN IN CRISIS

Across Minnesota, especially in Hennepin County, a quiet emergency is unfolding. Our children and teens are experiencing deep mental health distress, and far too many are being left behind. Families, desperate and afraid, turn to emergency rooms as a last resort, only to watch their children wait for weeks, sometimes months, without the specialized care they urgently need. This crisis, known as “boarding,” is more than a failure of systems—it’s a moral crisis.

At Mount Olivet, we choose to act. Rooted in a church community that believes in compassion with action, our affiliate Mount Olivet Rolling Acres (MORA) is leading the way by offering hope, healing, and a fierce commitment to change.

In 2024, MORA launched a bold initiative to open two Youth Crisis Stabilization Homes in Bloomington and Richfield—safe, welcoming spaces for children ages 5 to 17. These homes, opened in May 2025, provide 24/7 professional care, emotional support, and a stable environment where children can rediscover a sense of safety and self-worth. Families are also supported with tools to continue the healing journey at home.

On April 26, 2025, over 100 community members gathered for MORA’s Youth Crisis Stabilization Open House, a joyful event filled with laughter, music, and heartfelt connection. Guided tours offered a glimpse into the care behind every room, and during the ribbon-cutting ceremony, Richfield Mayor Mary Supple, Bloomington Mayor Tim Busse, and Hennepin County Commissioner Debbie Goettel pledged continued partnership and praised MORA’s leadership. The day was made possible by the tireless efforts of MORA staff, Crest Exteriors, Ultimate Events, and volunteers from Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, all of whom reminded us that when a community comes together with love and purpose, anything is possible.

A DAY OF HEALING: A STORY FROM BLOOMINGTON

On May 5, 2025, something extraordinary happened. MORA welcomed the very first resident into its Bloomington home, a young girl who hadn’t stepped outside in over two months.

That day, she felt the sun again. She sat on the patio for hours, the breeze on her face, the warmth of the sun like a long-lost friend. For the first time in a long time, she was free—to breathe, to feel, to simply be.

Inside, healing continued. Her own room. A soft couch. A table set just for her. A space that said: You are safe. You matter. You belong. After weeks in a cold ER, every small comfort became a profound act of restoration.

This is the soul of MORA’s mission: to restore dignity where it’s been stripped away, to offer peace where there’s been chaos, and to remind every child that they are not forgotten.

TOGETHER, WE HEAL

The opening of these homes is a triumph—and just the beginning. MORA plans to open more homes in 2026. With your support, we can ensure no child in crisis is left without care or hope.

How You Can Help:

- **Participate:** Join MORA’s Golf Scramble on August 18.
- **Give:** Donations fund essential services and care.
- **Advocate:** Speak out for better mental health support.
- **Volunteer:** Your compassion makes a difference.
- **Pray:** Lift up the children, families, and staff.

To get involved, contact Emily Osnes at eosnes@mtolivet-mora.org or 651.336.0762.

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

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.

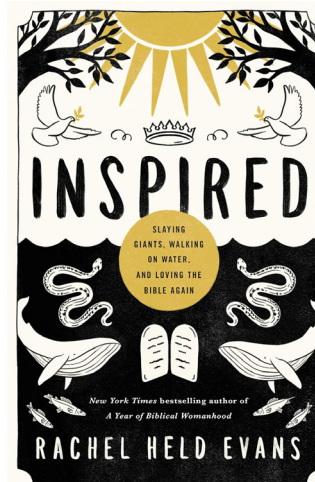
INSPIRED YET?

WELCOME BACK TO PASTOR OLSON POPP'S SUMMER BOOK CLUB! IN JUNE, WE (INDIVIDUALLY, ON OUR OWN) BEGAN READING RACHEL HELD EVANS' "INSPIRED: SLAYING GIANTS, WALKING ON WATER, AND LOVING THE BIBLE AGAIN." AS PROMISED, WE'RE GOING A BIT DEEPER THIS MONTH.

I hope *Inspired* has been a lovely companion for you at the lake, the cabin, or on the porch. Held Evans has a gift for bringing these stories to life in beautiful ways. The thing I appreciate most about her is how she doesn't provide clear and all-knowing answers to the big topics in the Bible. Instead, she models for us how to faithfully read scripture through asking questions, learning context, and reading every story through the lens of our unconditionally loving God.

With this in mind, here are some questions to ponder as you finish reading:

- Did any of Held Evan's retellings (the stories of Hagar, Job, Peter, etc.) shift how you view those biblical characters? Did you relate to any of their stories?
- How does her approach to reading the Bible challenge or affirm the way you've been taught to read the Bible?
- What role does doubt and curiosity play in your life of faith?
- Is there a part of the Bible you've avoided or been confused by? What would it look like to revisit it now?



As we move out of summer and into the fall, I invite you to discern how you might more deeply engage this library we call the Bible. Maybe it's watching Gospel Unplugged or attending the *Living the Message* monthly studies. It could be sitting with a single passage for a week to see what sticks out to you. Perhaps (hopefully!) it's committing to attending worship on a regular basis, which happens to be the community in which we're called to read and wrestle with this holy scripture together!

However you decide to explore these sacred pages, may you continue to be drawn into the ever mysterious, beautiful, and surprising story of God and God's people—a story that continues with you!

PASTOR OLSON POPP

YOUR INVITATION TO CONNECT & GROW

As a lifelong member and the grandson of Reuben Youngdahl, I am deeply honored to be part of the Mount Olivet family. Our active ministry continues to touch countless lives in our metropolitan community, and I am thrilled about the wonderful opportunities that lie ahead.

For over 100 years Mount Olivet's rich heritage has provided services and resources through our affiliate ministries. Because of your generosity, lives are being transformed, and relationships are strengthened.

There are so many positive programs in our affiliates. We want you to learn more about the life-changing work being done at each entity and how you can get involved. As members of Mount Olivet, we all need to be advocates for our church and affiliates, please help us spread the good news about what's going on in our community!

MOUNT OLIVET CONFERENCE & RETREAT CENTER

The Conference & Retreat Center is undergoing some exciting renovations to enhance its facilities for the future. The Summer Midweeks are in full swing and provide a wonderful opportunity to experience the beauty of the ministry, enjoy a meal, learn about nature, and participate in a worship service with Mount Olivet pastors and musicians. Have you attended one of these Midweeks before? Please check out the website for more details about registration and transportation.

MOUNT OLIVET HOME, CAREVIEW HOME, AND DAY SERVICES

We have a place for you to volunteer! Whether you are interested in spending time with residents, assisting with activities, or helping with daily needs, there are countless opportunities to make a difference in a warm and vibrant environment. It's a wonderful chance to give back and be a part of a truly meaningful community experience.

CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES CAMP

This summer we have two 9th grade confirmation camping weeks. What you might not know is that our confirmation weeks are for members only. We are proud to inform you that there are almost 200 9th graders registered. Wow! We continue to ask for your financial support. Our COP foundation provides the resources to keep up with rising costs, building improvements, and transportation costs. Our kids are our future!

MOUNT OLIVET ROLLING ACRES (MORA)

MORA has made significant strides in expanding its Case Management program. This program is dedicated to providing exceptional coordination services that respect the unique strengths and goals of each individual, while providing steadfast advocacy for clients, families, and guardians. Given the high demand for case management in the Twin Cities, MORA's program has ramped up and now serves over 2,600 clients annually and continues to grow with your support.

As you can see, we are making a difference. Although I never had the opportunity to meet my grandpa, I know in my heart that he would be proud of our congregation. We continue to teach the gospel in a way that changes lives. Thank you for your love, prayers, and financial support. Together we are creating a lasting impact.

PETER YOUNGDAHL, *Director of Development*

LET US HELP YOU GET INVOLVED!

Your support—whether through financial contributions, networking, advocacy, or active participation—helps us grow, serve, and make a lasting impact. Let's connect! Reach us at 612.767.2214 or development@mtolivet.org, or by contacting Peter Youngdahl, Director of Development at pyoungdahl@mtolivet.org at 612.767.2213.

HAVE YOU INCLUDED MOUNT OLIVET CHURCH OR ONE OF ITS AFFILIATES IN YOUR ESTATE PLAN?

Please let us know! Or are you wondering about how you might go about blessing the ministry of Mount Olivet to the glory of God even beyond your lifetime, by including it in your will or trust or other possibility? Let us help you in your consideration or planning! Please contact: Brian Mortenson, Head of Vision Partners and Planned Giving, at 612.767.2259 or bmortenson@mtolivet.org.



UPCOMING AT MOUNT OLIVET

JULY 2025

MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION AT MTOLIVET.ORG

2025 MOCW HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE & MARKET VENDORS NEEDED!

Applications accepted through July 15

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**. 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.

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.

SUMMERTIME PLAYERS! PERFORMANCE

Friday, July 19, 4pm, Mpls Campus

This week-long music and movement camp for middle and high school aged kids will culminate in a short performance. Let these creative and talented performers entertain you with a variety of toe-tappingly fun musical numbers that will be sure to put a smile on your face. All are welcome!

YOUNG IN HEART & FRIENDS BINGO

Tuesday, July 22, 1-2:30pm, Mpls Campus, \$8

You are invited to groove and reminisce with Young in Heart and Friends for 80s themed Bingo! Join us as we celebrate the vibrant music, fun and fashion of the 1980s. Dust off your neon outfits and leg warmers, and let's have a blast together! Friends are welcome to this "totally rad" experience. Register by July 18. Contact Tricia Asuncion at 612.767.2210 or tasuncion@mtolivet.org with questions.

LOOKING AHEAD!

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. In this class you will explore this medium as you learn about mixing, layering and creating texture all while following step-by-step instructions as you create from an example in class. All supplies included.

34TH ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE FOR MOUNT OLIVET ROLLING ACRES

Monday, August 18, 4-7pm, Minneapolis Golf Club, \$85 for Dinner and Auction

The annual Golf Scramble fundraiser supports MORA's mission to care for Minnesotans with disabilities and mental health needs. While golf tickets are sold out, there's still time to join the fun: register now for dinner and auction-only option and enjoy a great evening for a great cause. Register by July 25.



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