



MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 24, 2025

Dear Mount Olivet Family,

I am writing to share updates regarding the steps we are taking to ensure that Mount Olivet remains a safe environment for all members, visitors, preschool families, and staff. While we regularly review and assess our safety and security practices, since the tragedy at Annunciation we have reviewed those current practices at both campuses with renewed focus on points of potential vulnerability.

Overall, we are glad to report that the current security practices at the West Campus continue to be sufficient. At the Mpls Campus, we will be exploring some longer-term structural improvements to enhance security, but in the short term have two concrete steps we are taking now.

The first relates to a set of 53 cameras that we have installed both inside and outside the building. This was a project that we started a year ago with assistance from a grant from the Department of Homeland Security, and we are glad that those cameras will soon be fully operational.

The second immediate step we are taking involves our use of the ten different entrances to church, and I wanted to share that we will be making the following changes regarding our day-to-day operations, effective November 1.

Sunday mornings:

- All doors will remain open except for door #7 (facing 50th St, near the James Ave corner), which will always be locked.
- In addition to the police directing traffic in the street between services, they will also patrol the perimeter of the building during worship.
- We will continue to have plain clothed security officers patrolling on the inside of the building all morning.

Daily:

- Door #3 (on the southwest corner of the building, outside our reception area) will be the single door open and the primary entrance and exit during business hours.
- We will open other doors when we have funerals, weddings, and all-congregational/community-wide events as needed, to provide access to the main doors off the parking lot.
- When doors are locked, we will have clear signage directing people to the proper door.

We are fortunate to have a long-term partnership with the Minneapolis Police who have assisted us in reviewing our security measures and developing these plans, and their presence directing traffic brings us another layer of security. Please know that we will continue to review our processes and appreciate your patience and flexibility as we strive to ensure Mount Olivet remains a safe and inviting place.

Thank you so much for your continued commitment to, and support of, Mount Olivet.

Yours in Christ,
Senior Pastor Lose

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