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9 & 10am

HOLY COMMUNION
8:30am (except 6/21)

**NURSERY (NOW FOR
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6 YEARS)**
9 & 10am

JUNE 7

**GRACE IS NOT ABOUT
US.**
Matthew 14:22-33

M 9 & 10am
SERMON Pastor Olson Popp
MUSIC Jake Meyer, clarinet

W 9 & 10am
SERMON Pastor Lose
MUSIC Summer Pop-up choir

JUNE 14

GRACE ISN'T FAIR.
Matthew 20:1-16

M 9 & 10am
SERMON Pastor Cieslik
MUSIC Justin Staebell,
baritone

W 9 & 10am
SERMON Pastor Dixon
MUSIC Christine Staebell,
mezzo soprano

JUNE 21

**GRACE CAN BE
UNCOMFORTABLE.**
COMMUNION SUNDAY
John 13:1-15

M 9 & 10am
SERMON Pastor Grangaard
MUSIC Christine Staebell,
mezzo soprano

W 9 & 10am
SERMON Pastor Kalland
MUSIC Justin Staebell,
baritone

JUNE 28

**GRACE STARTS AND
ENDS WITH GOD.**
Luke 15:1-10

M 9 & 10am
SERMON Pastor Hammersten
MUSIC Amanda Jenkins,
soprano

W 9 & 10am
SERMON Pastor Freeman
MUSIC Jake Meyer, clarinet

PRAYER LINE

We all know the importance 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

Marsh Walk at the Conference & Retreat Center

Grace Abounds

Sometimes we forgot what we once didn't know. Do you know what I mean? Whatever the subject or topic that you know well, you forget that you once didn't know all that much and so, when talking about your favorite subject, often assume everyone knows as much as you do. That's true whether you're a car enthusiast talking about different models, a baker talking ingredients, or a sports enthusiast offering opinions about playoff chances. And it's true of pastors, too. We have a theological vocabulary that we simply assume everyone knows. That list includes not only very technical terms – “perichoresis,” for instance (you can ask me later ☺)– but also simpler and more basic terms that are at the heart of our tradition but which, honestly, we may not entirely be sure what they mean. So this summer, we're going to talk about The Big Three – Grace, Hope, and Forgiveness, delving into various dimensions of these crucial words and elements of our faith, hoping that we not only understand them better, but experience them more fully.

First up, grace! And, before I share a bit about what I believe it means, take a moment to reflect on how you understand grace. What does grace look like? How does it feel? How would you describe it to someone who asked you about it?

The theological definition of grace runs something along these lines: “God's unmerited favor, love and kindness, bestowed upon humanity as a free gift.” And that captures some of it, for sure, but can still sound a little cold, even detached. So let's try again. Grace is a surprising gift, something you didn't expect, definitely didn't earn, couldn't have predicted, and so lifts you up, fills your heart, sets you free, and gives you a sense of courage and hope.”

But while that might get us a little closer, perhaps the best way to understand grace is to experience it. So another question or two: when have you felt utterly accepted and loved, not for what you've done, but simply for who you are? When has someone treated you with unexpected kindness, or maybe even undeserved kindness, forgiving you for something you did, not holding past actions against you, but simply accepting you, loving you, trusting you?

And that might just be the thing about grace. Sure, we can talk about it, but we really only understand it when we experience it. To help make “grace” more three-dimensional, we've chosen a variety of New Testament stories to illustrate various facets of what grace can mean and, even more, do... both to you and for you. Jesus' parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector (May 31), for instance, tells us that grace really is free; as in, it's not something we deserve or earn but is a sheer gift. The story of Peter walking on – and then sinking into – the water (June 7) takes it even further by reminding us that we trust grace not just because it's a gift, but because it's God's gift, and God will always reach out to us in grace and mercy whenever we have need.

The three stories of middle and late June work together to remind us that grace also has an edge. That is, precisely because we are used to earning things – and therefore owning them – the gift-quality of grace can be difficult. As the Parable of the Day-Laborers demonstrates (June 14), when we feel we have worked harder than others it can seem unfair to see them receive the same grace we receive. Similarly, because most of us don't like the feeling of being in need, being recipients, rather than earners, of grace can remind us of our vulnerability, something illustrated when Jesus washes his disciples' feet (June 21). We conclude this brief “grace tour” by being reminded that while grace can at times feel uncomfortable, it is ultimately transformative because it starts and ends with God. Two of Jesus' “lost parables” – lost sheep, lost coin (June 28) – anchor us in the promise that there is nothing God loves more than giving God's children the gifts of grace, acceptance, and forgiveness.

So when you come to church this month – or watch via the livestream – expect to hear a familiar word in a new way. Even more, expect to experience God's grace in a new, richer, and deeper way, as we discover together that grace – that unearned, surprising, and life-changing gift – abounds in and through Jesus our Lord.

See you in Church!



Pastor Lose

DAVID J. LOSE, SENIOR PASTOR

DO YOU KNOW WHY PASTORS WEAR GREEN IN THE SUMMER?

For centuries, the Church has marked the festivals and seasons of the year with different colors. You will see that in the stoles the pastors wear and the paraments that adorn the pulpit, lectern, and altar. Each of these colors has a particular meaning and helps accent the theme of the season. The color for Lent, for instance, is purple, because in the ancient world purple was the most expensive dye and so purple was associated with royalty, and during the season of Lent we mark Jesus' progress to the cross and his "enthronement" as our Savior. Advent is blue, the color of the sky just before sunrise, as we anticipate the coming of the Son of God. Festivals associated with the Holy Spirit – Pentecost (the birth of the Church) and Reformation Sunday (the renewal of the Church) – are marked by red, to remind us of the tongues of flame that descended on the disciples on the first Pentecost. White is the color of purity, joy, and celebration, so it is the color of Christmas and Easter.

The longest season of the Church year is Pentecost. Which means there is both a Sunday of Pentecost and also a season of Pentecost. (Yes, this can be confusing!) And while the color for Pentecost Sunday is red – Holy Spirit – the color of the season of Pentecost is green. Green symbolizes the growth of the church, reminding us that just as the disciples went out from Pentecost to share the good news, so we also are invited to share with others the joy and benefit we find as Christians and members of Mount Olivet. Because the season of Pentecost runs all the way from Pentecost Sunday (May 24) to the start of Advent (Nov 29), green is the color we see in church most often.



THE CURIOUS CALCULUS OF GENEROSITY

Numerous studies indicate that there are few things better for you than being generous. When you share what you have with others, your physical health improves, your mental health improves, your outlook about the future becomes more optimistic, and your sense of connection with others grows stronger. Why? Probably because we are born to be in relationship. We are born to help others. We are born, in short, to be generous. Helping others just feels good, grants us a sense of agency, lends us a sense of purpose, and reminds us that we can make a meaningful difference.

Because we live at a time when most of the ads we see or hear strive to make us feel like we don't have enough – largely with the hope that we will buy more – this insight feels more important than ever. Along these lines, I realized recently that, across my entire life, I've known very few people who were not generous who were happy and, conversely, I've never known a single generous person who wasn't happy. That's the curious calculus of generosity – the more you share with others, the more you have. So look around – at church, in your community, wherever – and think about what you can share, contribute, and give to make a difference. You'll be glad you did! **PASTOR LOSE**

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who support Mount Olivet through your pledges and gifts! To make a one-time gift or set up a recurring gift to Mount Olivet and its ministries:

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



LIFE & GROWTH

APR 16 - MAY 14

BAPTISMS

William Joseph Andersen

son of Kate and Sam

Grace Beth Carlson

daughter of Kaitlin and Brett

Anna Grace Christenson

daughter of Stefanie and Steven

Benjamin Thomas Christenson

son of Stefanie and Steven

Cora Jane Christenson

daughter of Stefanie and Steven

Summer Lynn Happ

daughter of Hannah and Tony

Mara RaNae Holtzman

daughter of Molly and Mitchell

Brady McGregor Lindquist

son of Kymberly and Colin

Juliette Louise Lundquist

daughter of Meredith and Thomas

Elsie Genevieve Malek

daughter of Carlee and Steele

Eli Jeffrey Opdahl

son of Breanna and Lyle

Quinlan Rhys Opsahl

son of Laura and Mitch

Jane Savanna Papas

daughter of Maria and Rob

Morgan Alfred Rice

son of Kristina and Jonathan

Jonathan Alfred Rice

Lincoln Douglas Rowley

son of Alissa and Coby

Lewis Alan Waletzko

son of Ali-Marie and Jake

WEDDINGS

Breanne Andel & Samuel Hegg

Megan Lidtke & Sawyer Schugel

DEATHS

Opal Patricia Baker

Norma J. Munson

Dianne R. Thoraldson

Susan E. Vigants

Louisa C. Walker

DEVOTION

A few weeks ago, while “playing” in the yard of one of my favorite daughters, a sense of peace and a sense of wonderment came over me. I was picking up sticks, raking and uncovering some of the winter mess. The birds were singing, the hostas were making their way up and out of the ground, buds were forming on the bushes, the grass was turning green. Everything around me was springing back to life. Once again I was so moved by God’s creation as it reminded me of things. Things are springing back to life. And so are we, each day in Christ.

I like what Jesus says in Matthew 6: “Don’t worry about your everyday life... Look at the birds of the air they neither sow or reap nor gather into barns yet your heavenly Father feeds them, you are more valuable than they...And why worry about your clothing? Consider the lilies of the field how they grow; they neither toil nor spin...But strive first for the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you.”

Scripture calls to the beauty and growth and bloom of this world to inspire us to live by faith and trust in the Lord. May we take time to pause and take in the beauty of God’s creation. And may we bloom as the flowers of spring and be an example of God’s grace to the world!

You are loved. — PASTOR KALLAND



CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

MINNEAPOLIS CAMPUS UPDATE

You may have noticed work being done on the bell tower at the Minneapolis Campus at the end of May. Repairs will be made because of general deterioration of the existing mortar joints along with biological staining and general dirt on the exterior stones. This includes the arches and columns beneath the stone caps. Additionally, there will be about 30 cracked stones replaced. The project will last about six to eight weeks and will be followed by the replacement of the flat roof beneath the bell tower on the 50th Street side of the building.

WEST CAMPUS UPDATE

Beginning the week of July 6, Rolling Acres Road will be widened to slow down traffic, update public utilities and trails and add sidewalks. As part of this expansion, a round-about will be added at the top of the current entrance into the West Campus parking lot. Our existing exit will be widened and upon completion of the project, will serve as the primary entrance and exit to the West Campus. The county has built a temporary easement for this project within our parking lot for the summer. Building of the round-about and our new access is scheduled to be complete by early September. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate parking at the West Campus during the summer months. For more information about this project, please visit, carvercountypw@service.govdelivery.com.



Mount Olivet Gala: *Invest in Hope*

Nearly 500 Mount Olivet members, friends, and supporters gathered May 7 at Oak Ridge Country Club in Hopkins for the Mount Olivet Gala: *Invest in Hope*. Proceeds benefit Mount Olivet’s Affiliated Ministries—Mount Olivet Home, Careview Home, and Day Services; Mount Olivet Rolling Acres; Cathedral of the Pines Camp; and the Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center.

The evening’s activities included lively fellowship, a silent auction, a raffle, a wine wall, and a short program. Pastor Lose welcomed guests and thanked them for their support before introducing Danielle Fox, Executive Director of Mount Olivet Rolling Acres. Danielle shared how *Invest in Hope* is showing up every day at Rolling Acres—and why continued support matters as needs grow across group homes, youth crisis services, and case management. The program closed with Peter Youngdahl, Director of Development, and Karen Beese, Gala Chair, encouraging 100 percent participation in the evening’s fundraising.

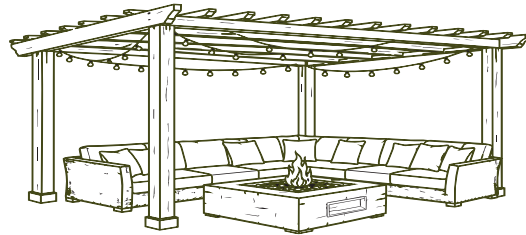
This year’s gala raised more than \$200,000 to support the thousands of people our Affiliated Ministries serve each year. From Nature Day Camp scholarships at the Conference & Retreat Center to new Adirondack chairs at Cathedral of the Pines Camp, every gift strengthens this work. Thank you to our sponsors—individual and business—for standing behind it. And to those who donated silent auction items, gave to the general fund, or supported a specific Fund-A-Need item: THANK YOU!

A special thanks to Karen Beese, our volunteer Gala Chair, for the care and time she poured into planning the event. She was supported by a dedicated team of volunteers, the Mount Olivet Development Team—Peter Youngdahl, Jennifer Bastian, and Tyler Hauser—and members of the Congregational & Engagement team—Laurie Hancer, Jackie Enestvedt, and Libby Fotland. From all of us at Mount Olivet, thank you for making this “party with a purpose” such a success!



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CEDAR COMMONS

— AN OUTDOOR GATHERING SPACE —

CREATING SPACE FOR CONNECTION

The Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center is currently experiencing some of the highest reservation levels in its nearly 50-year history. As more guests gather for retreats, conferences, and renewal, the need for additional gathering space — especially outdoors — has become increasingly important. In response, we are preparing to transform an underused area of the campus into Cedar Commons, a signature outdoor gathering space designed to serve guests of all ages for years to come.

Set beside the playscape and wildflowers, Cedar Commons will extend the indoor meeting spaces of Youngdahl Lodge into the natural beauty of the outdoors, creating a welcoming place for community, conversation, and quiet reflection. Thoughtfully designed improvements will include rebuilt stone walls, a fully accessible patio, comfortable seating, and a gas fireplace that will invite use in every season. This space will expand both the capacity and flexibility of the Conference & Retreat Center, allowing groups to gather in meaningful ways while more fully enjoying the setting that makes Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center so special.

Cedar Commons is more than a construction project; it is an investment in hospitality and belonging. We invite you to partner with us by making a gift to help bring this vision to life and ensure that our campus continues to welcome and serve guests with excellence.

To learn more and give:
Scan the QR code or visit
mtolivetretreat.org/cedarcommons



This photo is an AI rendering meant to capture the character and quality of the space, not the specific design.

MOUNT OLIVET SUMMER MIDWEEKS

Set Free, Sent Forth

WEDNESDAYS, JUNE 24 THROUGH AUGUST 12

5:30-6:30PM DINNER | 6:30-7:00PM NATURE TALK | 7:15PM WORSHIP

Join us for a summer of delicious food, immersion in nature, warm fellowship, and inspiring worship! Each midweek begins with a chef-prepared meal, followed by an engaging nature talk, and concludes with a worship service featuring Mount Olivet pastors and musicians. This year's theme, *Set Free, Sent Forth*, traces one of Scripture's most enduring promises — that in Christ, we are liberated from everything that holds us captive. This freedom is not something we achieve or work toward; it is a gift of grace, received through faith in the God who has already acted decisively on our behalf. Yet God's liberation always has a direction and a purpose. We are freed *for* relationship, for mutual care and flourishing, for the full life God intended for all of us from the very beginning. And here is the beautiful paradox: the Christian set free does not simply walk away unencumbered. Freed from the tyranny of self-justification, we find ourselves joyfully, gratefully bound to one another — not by compulsion or duty, but by love.

Come spend your summer evenings renewed by these stories of liberation, the beauty of God's creation, and the joy of community.

Cost: \$20 for dinner & program | \$10 for bus/van transportation (from 7500 York, West, and Minneapolis Campus)

Best Value: Attend all eight weeks for a one-time purchase of \$120 (\$180 with bus transportation)

Register online now! Find more details at mtolivetretreat.org/events. Questions? Call 952.469.2175.

DATE	PASTOR	SOLOIST	NATURE TALK	MENU
JUNE 24	Pastor Lose	Justin Staebell, baritone	Environmental Sustainability with Megan van Deusen	Parmesan Crusted Walleye or Parmesan Crusted Chicken Breast with Beurre Blanc Sauce, Lemon Herb Rice Pilaf with Sweet Corn, Roasted Asparagus, Mixed Greens Salad with Champagne Vinaigrette, and Strawberry Rhubarb Crisp with Rhubarb from our grounds
JULY 1	Pastor Kalland	Amanda Jenkins, soprano	Herbs for the Heart with Kristen Mastel	Fried Chicken with Hot Honey, Chimichurri Smashed Potatoes, Sauteed Green Beans with Toasted Almonds, Summer Orzo Salad, and Hummingbird Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting
JULY 8	Pastor Hammersten	Christine Staebell, mezzo-soprano	Honeybees with Mike Nelson	Braised Pork Shoulder with Apple Cider Glaze, Roasted Potatoes, Charred Cabbage Wedges with Brown Butter and Thyme, Tossed Garden Salad with Vermouth Vinaigrette, and Lemon Layer Cake with a Berry Compote
JULY 15	Pastor Olson Popp	Matthew Valverde, tenor	Monarch Butterflies with Megan van Deusen	BBQ Chicken, Creamy Corn Orzo, Summer Vegetable Medley, Tomato Salad, and Sticky Toffee Cake with Salted Carmel Sauce and Candied Orange Zest
JULY 22	Pastor Cieslik	Diane Loudon, cello	Owls of Minnesota with Ryan Odermatt	Grilled Flank Steak with Diane Sauce, Twice Baked Potato, Roasted Summer Squash Mixed Greens Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette, and Chocolate Cake
JULY 29	Pastor Dixon	Sophie Norman and Susan Steincross, piano duets	Hummingbirds with Megan van Deusen	Layered Meatloaf with Caramelized Onions and Mushroom Sauce, Whipped Red Potatoes, Braised Carrots, Kale Salad with Apple Cider Vinaigrette, and Apple Crisp
AUGUST 5	Pastor Grangaard	Julie Johnson, flute	Migrating Patterns in Minnesota with Megan van Deusen	Caprese Stuffed Chicken Breast, Herb Buttered Linguine, Roasted Zucchini, Little Gem Salad with Garlic White Bean Spread, and Coconut Almond Cake
AUGUST 12	Pastor Freeman	Tony Potts, baritone	Garden Tour with Andrew Rouna	Roasted Turkey with Cranberry Sauce, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Sauteed Kale and Butternut Squash, Tossed Garden Salad with Maple Vinaigrette, and Pumpkin-tini with Walnut Toffee Crunch



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

God calls us to love one another by feeding, tending to and providing for the needs of our neighbors. You may already know that one in five households in Minnesota faces food and housing instability every day. As the school year ends and summer begins, even more families and children lose access to regular meals and housing.

This summer, I invite you to explore the many opportunities available to love your neighbors through our community ministry partners. God's generous love is reflected through your generosity. If you have questions or would like to get involved, feel free to reach out to me, Pastor Freeman at rfreeman@mtolivet.org or 612.767.2239, or Volunteer Coordinator, Laurie Hancer at lhancer@mtolivet.org or 612.767.2267. You may also contact our community partners directly using the URLs provided below.

BOUNTIFUL BASKET serves Chaska, Carver, Chanhassen, Victoria and the surrounding community to ensure everybody has access to healthy and nutritious food. Everyday volunteer opportunities at the Cologne location. Saturday volunteer opportunities at the Chaska location.

bountifulbasketfoodshelf.org/volunteer

Over 50 years ago, Mount Olivet helped start **COMMUNITY EMERGENCY SERVICE (CES)**, which offers food assistance without barriers to over 150,000 neighbors each year. Volunteer opportunities are always available. cesmn.org/volunteer

GREATER MINNEAPOLIS CRISIS NURSERY'S mission to end child abuse and neglect and create strong, healthy families offers volunteer opportunities daily. One easy and impactful way to get involved is the "Cook for Kids" program. You can volunteer for breakfast, lunch or dinner.

crisisnursery.org/volunteer/cook-for-kids

LOVE IN THE NAME OF CHRIST (LOVE INC) has a network of 30+ churches across 11 denominations in Eastern Carver County addressing unmet needs in the community. Mount Olivet's Gap Ministry provides everyday personal care products for them. Volunteer opportunities to deliver these personal care product packages are available and donations of hygiene products are always needed. loveinccc.org

PASTOR SCOTT'S ON-CALL MINISTRY has shared in the lives of and helped provide for the needs of community neighbors around the metro for 60 years. Volunteer once a month, once a week or every once in awhile!

Each year, **SIMPSON HOUSING SERVICES** provides supportive housing to thousands of people in Hennepin, Ramsey, Anoka, and Carver Counties. Simpson Housing's "Cook and Connect" volunteer opportunities are offered every day.

simpsonhousing.org/cook-connect

In the heart of the Philips neighborhood, **SOUTHSIDE FAMILY NURTURING CENTER** offers a holistic, therapeutic model of early childhood education to hundreds of families and children.

Volunteer opportunities are always available. ssfnc.org

THE DIGNITY CENTER welcomes and supports people facing financial and housing insecurity. Advocates work one-on-one with people to build relationships, set goals and develop a plan to implement those goals. haumc.org/dignity

VOLUNTEERS ENLISTED TO ASSIST PEOPLE (VEAP), located in Bloomington, provides food, social services, and basic necessities in the southern metro area. Volunteer opportunities are always available. veap.org/volunteer



CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES CAMP SUMMER STAFF 2026!



KRISTI YOUNGDAHL, CAMP DIRECTOR
My favorite camp meal is chicken patties! I can't wait to jump in Lake Caribou and play pickleball on Upper Court!



GEOFF ARENSON, YOUTH DIRECTOR
At 11 O'Clock Activity, you can find me on Upper Court! My advice for campers is to take cabin devotions seriously! Take that time to slow down and get to know your counselors and cabinmates.



KRIS ERICKSEN, CAMP COORDINATOR
My favorite camp song is *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*. Campers: remember that you are loved and accepted for EXACTLY who you are!



KATE CAMPION, SENIOR STAFF
My favorite themed meal is Christmas Dinner during 9th grade weeks! Some advice I have for campers is to say yes to everything! Camp is what you make it, and the more you put yourself out there, the more you will take away from your experience!



GAIL BREEN, ASSISTANT TO THE CAMP DIRECTOR
At 11 O'Clock, you can find me leading a Nature Hike! I am psyched to get to know everyone who comes through the camp gates, swim in Lake Caribou every single day, and end each day in the Chapel!



ANNA LUCAS, SENIOR STAFF
My canteen order is a Vanilla Charleston Chew and a Fresca! Campers – put yourself out there and be open to meeting new friends! Camp is such an amazing way to meet new people and strengthen old friendships!



MADY LIPKIN, LODGE MANAGER
My favorite 11 O'Clock Activity is swimming! I am most looking forward to evening Chapel, the beauty of the North Woods, and the campers' smiling faces!



KATE KELLER, SENIOR STAFF
My favorite themed meal is twin lunch. My advice for campers is to swim in Lake Caribou every chance you get, re-apply your sunscreen, and remember the staff is here for YOU! We want you to have the best week ever!



KATHY MOODY, HEALTH CENTER COORDINATOR
My favorite camp song is *Happy*. My advice for campers is to try everything and meet someone new every day!



BISHOP SCHUGEL, SENIOR STAFF
My favorite 11 O'Clock activity is soccer! Remember that there is something at camp for everyone! There's so much to do and see at COP, so give it all a try and you might find your new favorite thing!



SHELLEY OHNSORG, PIANO/MUSIC
My favorite camp meal is grilled cheese and tomato soup. I am so excited for Chapel singspirations, swimming in Lake Caribou, forming new friendships, strengthening old friendships, hiking, and brownie delight!



SYDNEY GRAMSTAD, PIANO/MUSIC
My favorite camp song is *Day by Day*. My advice for campers is to sing loudly, dance silly, and love fully! Know that you have countless people at camp that love you and support you!

SEND A CARD OR LETTER TO OUR CAMPERS!

Camper Name and Camping Dates
Cathedral of the Pines
PO Box 159
Lutsen, MN 55612-0159

BUS HOTLINE

The Camp Bus Hotline Number is 612.767.2204.
It is updated around 4:30pm on change-of-camp dates.

**OWEN SLINDE, MR. INSIDE**

At 11 O'Clock Activity, you can find me hooping it up at Upper Court! I am most looking forward to welcoming everyone who comes through the camp gates!

**MEGAN MCHUGH, MRS. INSIDE**

My favorite camp meal is spaghetti and meatballs! I am most looking forward to meeting new people this summer!

**OLIVER BASTIAN, INSIDE ASSISTANT**

My favorite camp song is *He's Everything to Me*. I can't wait to build deeper relationships with the campers, staff, workstaff, and counselors!

**CASEY CAMPION, INSIDE ASSISTANT**

At 11 O'Clock activity, you can find me on a nature hike! Campers — make sure to come up to camp with an open mind and be ready to make a bunch of new friends!

**SOPHIE GOUDY, INSIDE ASSISTANT**

My favorite camp song is *On Eagle's Wings*. Some advice I have for a first-time camper is to utilize all of the people up at camp who want to support you!

**DORA NAUGHTON OSIER, INSIDE ASSISTANT**

My go to canteen order is Fresca and Take 5! This summer I'm looking forward to being in my favorite place, creating new friendships, and strengthening old ones!

**ANNIE LUND, INSIDE ASSISTANT**

My favorite camp dessert is Brownie Delight! I can't wait to build relationships with the staff and campers!

**ANNIE KLEMMENSEN, WORKSTAFF COORDINATOR**

My favorite camp song is *Here I am Lord*. I am most looking forward to the people and the place, and to making a positive impact on others' camp experience!

**ELSA YOUNGDAHL, CRAFTY LADY**

You'll find me in my favorite place in the world during 11 O'Clock - the Craft Shop! Campers, be yourself and enjoy every moment of it. Also, jump in Lake Caribou every single day — there is no better lake in the world!

**AARON ILLIES, MR. OUTSIDE**

My favorite camp meal is spaghetti and meatballs! I am most looking forward to hanging out with all the campers, Hi-Leaguers, swimming in Lake Caribou, and playing softball!

**RYAN AAFEDT, OUTSIDE ASSISTANT**

At 11 O'Clock, you can find me up on Upper Court! I can't wait to keep the campgrounds polished and the lawns manicured with the workstaff!

**LUKE MEYER, OUTSIDE ASSISTANT**

My canteen order is a Peach Fresca. I can't wait to meet you all and play basketball on Upper-Court!

**MICHAEL OVIKIAN, OUTSIDE ASSISTANT**

My favorite camp meal is egg McMuffins! I am most looking forward to spending time with the workstaffers and Hi-League Retreat!

**TOMMY BOWERS, MR. FUN**

My favorite camp meal is chicken patties! Some advice I have for a first-time camper is to just be yourself! If you're not sure what that means, you'll find out at COP!

**KATIE CAVANAGH, MRS. FUN**

My favorite themed meal is School Spirit lunch during 9th grade weeks! I can't wait to sing in Chapel, swim in Lake Caribou, and play Gaga Ball on Upper Court!

**JENNA DAVIS, WATERFRONT**

My favorite camp song is *This World is Not My Home*. I am looking forward to spending time with all the lovely people who will come through the camp gates!

**KARIANNA LIEN, WATERFRONT**

My go to canteen order is Dr. Pepper and a Reese's Take 5. Campers, words can never fully describe how much camp will mean to you until you experience it. It's the best place in the world!

**GRETA BETZER, KOJA**

My favorite Camp Song is *Be Thou My Vision*. My biggest piece of advice for campers would be to try new things and talk to new people!



MOUNT OLIVET DAY CAMPS MEET YOUR 2026 STAFF!



KRISTIN OLSON, DAY CAMP COORDINATOR

Day camp is special because of our amazing staff. They work hard so that every child feels welcomed and loved and they put their whole heart into making sure each child has a great time at camp.



CADI STREETAR, ASSISTANT COORDINATOR

I have so many favorite things about working at day camp hence why I'm coming back for my 5th summer!! But I think my favorite thing is working with the campers! Seeing them grow more confident throughout the summer, explore new things, and have new experiences is such a fun thing to witness!



KATELYNN PONCIN, ASSISTANT COORDINATOR

Day camp is special because of the unique kids who walk through the doors each day. We welcome familiar faces from past summers while also getting to know new campers. By the end, we've built meaningful connections with one another and created memories that last well beyond day camp.



ELLIE HECKER

My favorite thing about working at day camp is getting to spend time with our campers! It is so incredible to watch them grow throughout the summer and see their personalities shine through!



ASHLEY HURTH

My favorite thing about working at day camp is just being with the kids every day! It's so great building real relationships with the campers and seeing their personalities grow over time! I love being there to support and encourage them and look forward to seeing them every day!



NATALIE HURTH

The thing that makes day camp so special is how it further connects me with my Mount Olivet community, it's so amazing to get to work in my favorite place every day.



AUDREY KRYSIAK

This summer, I am looking forward to building connections with the kids across all the different themed weeks. Whether it's swimming during Splash Into Summer or exploring nature during Going Wild, I'm excited to help create a meaningful summer for all campers!



KATHLEEN MADDEN

I am looking forward to seeing all the returning campers and new campers excited to come to camp and watching them grow over the summer.





HENRY MATSON

I am looking forward to playing games with the kids this summer. Last summer, we had lots of fun playing Magic Scrap (our cleanup game) and Kickball!



ELIZA PRESCHER

My favorite thing about working here is how each week is different. We get to experience something new with a new bunch of campers every week and it is super awesome.



LILLY MOORE

I am most looking forward to giving back to the community that has done so much for me over the years. I am excited and honored to help create that same feeling for the next group of kids and to be a part of something that continues to shape lives the way it shaped mine.



GRACE RAUNER

I like working with kids because they say the funniest things, make me smile, inspire me to be a better person, and always make my day better.



EMILY OHNSORG

My favorite thing about working at day camp is the special bonds that I get to make with all the kids over the course of the summer! They are the highlight of my job!



ZOE RUBENZER

My favorite day camp theme is Splash Into Summer! The energy is always high going into the first week of day camp and it's awesome to be able to spend all week outside swimming and playing games.



PEDRO DE JESÚS PACHECO

My favorite way to make kids smile is cheering them on! It often makes them smile knowing that someone is there to support them and is rooting for them.



BEA STERNBERG

I am looking forward to making lots of art and craft projects with the kids!



WYATT PACYNA

I am most looking forward to meeting and spending time with all of these different kids this summer.



AARON STOA

I enjoy working with kids because of how rewarding it is to see them break out of their shell. My favorite way to make kids smile is through funny jokes and games.

FEATURED HAPPENINGS!

VOLUNTEER SUNDAY

Sunday June 7, 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!



HENNEPIN COUNTY FIX-IT CLINIC

Saturday, June 13, 12noon-4pm, Mpls Campus

Bring your small household appliances, clothing, electronics, mobile devices and more to a free Fix-It Clinic hosted by Mount Olivet's Creation Care Team and Hennepin County. Receive free guided assistance from volunteers with repair skills to disassemble, troubleshoot and fix your items! Items repaired include: lamp, vacuum cleaner, fan, paper shredder, electric kettle, sewing machine, toy, clothing, blender, mixer, wooden chair, smartphone, laptop, and jewelry. Bring any parts and supplies that might be helpful. No pre-registration required. Fix-It Clinics teach valuable troubleshooting and basic repair skills, build community connections and reduce the number of repairable items that are thrown in the trash.



FATHER'S DAY BBQ

Sunday, June 21, 11am-3pm, Conference & Retreat Center, \$25 for adults, \$15 for youth 4-17, free for ages 3 and under

Spend Father's Day in the great outdoors! With 151 acres of woods, prairie, and marshland, take some time to explore our natural playscape or walking trails with the entire family!

We will have outdoor games set up as well as access to our indoor pool. There's an activity for everyone! We'll also have an Outdoor BBQ Buffet set-up from 11am-1pm with all your summer-time favorites; burgers, brats, salads, chips, root beer floats, and more!



GARDEN GROUP BLOSSOMS WITH NEW SEASONAL PROJECTS

The Garden Group is officially underway and already making a visible impact on our shared spaces. Looking ahead, plans are in motion for vibrant summer plantings. Upcoming projects include refreshed pots and floral displays designed to enhance the 50th & Logan sign area as well as the courtyard, adding color and curb appeal throughout the warmer months.



Garden Club

The Garden Group is a friendly, inclusive community, and no prior gardening experience is required—just an interest in learning and contributing. Those interested in joining or learning more are encouraged to contact Lisa Boss at Lisaboss1230@gmail.com or 612.850.3848.

UPCOMING AT MOUNT OLIVET

JUNE 2026

MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION AT MTOLIVET.ORG



2026 MOCW HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE & MARKET VENDORS NEEDED!

We would love to have you participate as a vendor at the **MOCW Holiday Boutique on Saturday, November 7, from 9am-2pm at the Mpls Campus, and/or the MOCW Holiday Market on Saturday, November 14, 9am-2pm, at the West Campus.** Vendor applications open June 1 and are accepted through July 15. All Vendors will pay a non-refundable table fee per event during the application process. 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.



18TH MOTORHEADS @ MTKA DRIVE-IN

Tuesday, June 2, 6-7:30pm, 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.



SUMMER POP-UP CHOIR

Sunday, June 7, 8am Rehearsal, Sing at 9 & 10am services, West Campus

Sunday, July 12, 8am Rehearsal, Sing at 9 & 10am services, West Campus

Come and join the current Sanctuary Choir members to sing for worship at both the 9am and 10am services. Whether you're a longtime choir member, a visitor, or just curious to give it a try, all it takes is signing up so we can plan for you. After we sing there will be time for fellowship with some treats.



FAMILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sunday, June 7, 11am, Mpls Campus

Sunday, June 21, 11am, West Campus

Bring your family to Vacation Bible School in the summer! We will sing, craft, and grow in our faith together once a month at each campus. The June theme will be *Kindness*. Contact Amy Porthan with questions at amyp@mtolivet.org or 612.767.2284.



ART CLASS: WATERCOLOR PAINT WITH INK

Tuesday, June 23, 6-8pm, Mpls Campus, \$40

Come and enjoy painting some beautiful flowers with watercolors!



NEW MEMBER MEET & GREET

Sunday, June 28, 9-11am, West Campus

Interested in becoming a member of Mount Olivet? Come to the Atrium after worship services where Pastor Freeman and Katie Lose, Coordinator of Membership, will be available to answer any questions you may have and explain the new member process.



OUTDOOR CONCERT WITH HEARTFELT

Friday, July 10, 6-8pm, Conference & Retreat Center

Save the date to enjoy a fun evening under the summer sky with local musicians, a cozy crowd, and great vibes to kick off the weekend. Concession-style food available for purchase, and concert is free to the public.



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