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10am

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9 & 10am

HOLY COMMUNION

8:30am (except 7/19)

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9 & 10am

JULY 5

HOPE CREATES TRUST.

Mark 5:21-24a, 35-42

- M** 9 & 10am
- SERMON** Pastor Kalland
- MUSIC** Claire Loudon, violin
- W** 9 & 10am
- SERMON** Pastor Dixon
- MUSIC** Diane Loudon, cello

JULY 12

HOPE CREATES COURAGE.

Mark 5:24b-34

- M** 9 & 10am
- SERMON** Pastor Hammersten
- MUSIC** Summer Pop-Up
Choir
- W** 9 & 10am
- SERMON** Pastor Grangaard
- MUSIC** Julie Johnson, flute

JULY 19

HOPE SURPRISES. COMMUNION SUNDAY

Luke 24:13-35

- M** 9 & 10am
- SERMON** Pastor Lose
- MUSIC** Sullivan Ojala
Helmbolt, baritone
- W** 9 & 10am
- SERMON** Pastor Cieslik
- MUSIC** Brian Ohnsorg, tenor

JULY 26

HOPE MOVES US TO ACTION.

Matthew 20:29-34

- M** 9 & 10am
- SERMON** Pastor Olson Popp
- MUSIC** Tony Potts, baritone
- W** 9 & 10am
- SERMON** Pastor Dixon
- MUSIC** Amanda Jenkins,
soprano

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

Cathedral of the Pines Camp Chapel

The Power of Christian Hope

In July we turn our attention on Sundays to the second of our three “big” theological words: Hope. Anticipating our explorations, let me start with a few questions. What do you think of when you think of hope? What adjectives would you use to describe hope? What words come to mind as synonyms for hope?

Two movie references will help capture how I think of hope and why I think it’s so important. The first is from the film *The Shawshank Redemption*. The scene revolves around two convicts, two men forced into a level of isolation beyond what most of us can imagine. Andy, played by Tim Robbins, is explaining to some of the other inmates why he was willing to spend a week in solitary confinement for breaking into the warden’s office to listen to a recording of Mozart. Music, he said, reminds you of life beyond the walls of the prison. Music reminds you of who you are. And music, most especially, gives you hope. At this point, Red, played by Morgan Freeman, tells Andy to be wary of hope. “Hope,” he says, “is a dangerous thing.” Dangerous because it can disappoint. Dangerous because it can set you up for heartache. But Andy won’t be deterred, insisting that, without hope, there is no life.

The second is from the film adaptation of Suzanne Collins’ book, *The Hunger Games*. President Snow, the totalitarian ruler of futuristic Panem, asks his Head Gamemaker – the one charged with creating a spectacle as entertaining as it is barbaric – why the Games must have a winner. The answer? Hope. President Snow wants to give the oppressed people of Panem hope that maybe, just maybe, the odds will be in their favor and they may win the Hunger Games and escape their life of servitude. “Hope,” he explains, “is the only thing more powerful than fear.” But for that very reason, it is as perilous for a dictator as it is useful: “A little hope,” he explains, “is effective; a lot of hope is dangerous.”

Dangerous, powerful, essential. Those are a few of the words that I think best capture the character of hope. In his *Letter to the Corinthians*, the Apostle Paul says something similar. When addressing the belief of some in his community that Jesus wasn’t raised from the dead, Paul writes, “If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.” In this sense, Paul realizes that hope is dangerous. If he has hoped in vain, he is pitiable, even pathetic. But, as he continues confidently, “Christ has

been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died!” And that living hope gives him the confidence not simply to endure hardship, but to flourish, confident of God’s ongoing presence and eventual victory.

The biblical stories we will explore on Sunday mornings this month help to flesh out the nature of hope. Two healing stories (July 5 and July 12) remind us that hope creates trust and courage by anchoring us in the promise that whatever may be going on in the present, the future is in God’s hands. The story of two disciples returning to their home in Emmaus on the evening of the first Easter (July 19) offers the insight that hope often surprises you. That is, sometimes the hope of the Gospel may call our immediate hopes, dreams, and desires into question, offering us something bigger and more meaningful than we’d ever imagine. And the story of two blind men who will not keep silent (July 26) promises that genuine hope lends us strength and leads us to action. Hope motivates!

To fully appreciate Christian hope, however, we need to distinguish it from optimism. In fact, this is a regular point of confusion in our culture. Optimism, you see, is the expectation that things will soon get better. Hope, on the other hand, is the conviction that whether you see things improve or get worse, there will be, in time, a good end. Optimism is just fine for the little things—being optimistic about a future job, new relationship, or the prospects of good weather during your vacation. But for the things that matter—that there is life beyond the illness or setbacks we may experience, that life has meaning even when it’s hard to detect, that God will redeem us and all creation when it feels like the world is falling apart—at these times, optimism simply isn’t enough. What we need is hope, the hope secured by the surprising, courage-creating, and transformative event of Jesus being raised from the dead.

So join us Sundays in July—whether in-person or via livestream—to be anchored again in that hope that is, indeed, dangerous, powerful, and essential!

See you in Church,



Pastor Lose

DAVID J. LOSE, SENIOR PASTOR

THANK YOU FOR MAKING MINISTRY HAPPEN

Because of your generosity, your presence, and your commitment to Mount Olivet, we have been able to provide ministry in meaningful and life-giving ways. Here are a few highlights of 2026 thus far.

The year began in January with the celebration of Epiphany, as the Magi led us into a new season of worship and learning. **Neighbor to Neighbor Day**, a fun new faith-in-action initiative, began with members working with five of our community partners for a day of service. The **Community Meal** served weekly, service to the **Minneapolis Crisis Nursery**, and countless youth activities reminded us that ministry happens both inside and beyond our walls.

In February, our outreach and service increased in response to the challenges in our community and the need for support to our neighbors. Together we packed 94,000 meals for local distribution with help from **Meals from the Heart**. In coordination with **Community Emergency Service** and **Second Harvest Heartland**, we looked at new ways of getting food to those who needed it most and, over the next three months, distributed more than 3,500 food boxes.

February also brought us into the season of Lent, gathering for Ash Wednesday services that grounded us in reflection and renewal. Community life flourished through intergenerational events like the inaugural **Intergenerational Cribbage** night and a well-loved **Family Fika concert**, *Mozart's Magic Flute for Kids*, that brought meaningful connections across all ages.

March brought a deepening of discipleship. Hundreds gathered for **Midweek Lenten Services** and an intergenerational Bible study centered on the Gospel of John. Care ministries, mental health education, and music—from Rutter's *Requiem* to fellowship gatherings—continued to nurture both heart and soul.

April led us to the joy and promise of Easter. Through Holy Week services and uplifting worship filled with music and celebration, we proclaimed resurrection hope together. At the same time, ministries like the **Growing Through Grief** retreat offered comfort and healing, and the adult education class on the "I AM" statements in the Gospel of John gave an opportunity to learn more about what Jesus said and did in his ministry.

In May, we welcomed 265 new members to Mount Olivet and honored 70 seniors with Baccalaureate celebrations at both campuses. Our summer series on Grace began in June and opportunities for all ages to learn, grow in their faith, and just have some fun began with **Summer Day Camps**, **Cathedral of the Pines Camp**, and more.

From Epiphany to Easter and beyond, your giving has supported a vibrant, balanced ministry—one that forms disciples, builds relationships, and serves neighbors in love. Thank you for making all of this possible!

MAKE A GIFT TODAY!

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:

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

LIFE & GROWTH

MAY 15 - JUN 15 WEDDINGS

Hannah McCormick & John Wittman IV

Anne Behrendt & Ryan Johnson

Tiffany Huynh & Geoffrey Swisher

Jennifer Jirsa & Stephen Weyler

DEATHS

Jon B. Albrightson

Mary M. Baker

Phyllis J. Gilbert

Richard P. Hokanson

Bradford J. Johnson

Robert C. Peterson

Bruce W. Quigley

David L. Richardson

LaVonne Young

LIFE & GROWTH

MAY 15 - JUN 15

BAPTISMS

Adalynn Mae Alms

daughter of Robyn and Jeremy

Parker Elizabeth Anderson

daughter of Cori and Jesse

Margot Grace Anliker

daughter of Cassie and Tony

Louise Elizabeth Batterman

daughter of Kate and John

Grayson Nicholas Bloom

son of Sarah and Nick

Jack McLain Denker

son of Eleanor and Brandon

Alexa Olivia Fitch

daughter of Nita and Peter

James Owen Fitch

son of Nita and Peter

Parker Grace Gradin

daughter of Taylor and Collin

Maria Jade Gross

daughter of Courtney and Stephen

Shepherd Leo Pierce

Guggenberger

son of Taylor and Evan

Hudson Robert Hamling

son of Sarah and Chris

Lydia Joyce Khambounmy

daughter of Karen and Chanthaly

Troy Lloyd Khambounmy

son of Karen and Chanthaly

Dominic Charles Knapp

son of Michelle and Preston

Caden James Knuth

son of Anna and Stephen

Theo Bennett Larson

son of Emily and Adam

Samuel Larson Mackenthun

son of Annalise and Daniel

Liliann Irene Mereness

daughter of Katelyn and Michael

Everly Rae Potratz

daughter of Kelly and Brian

Eleanor Rose Savarin

daughter of Justine and Andrew

Calvin Grover Simenson

son of Chelsy and Riley

Weston Ryan Willey

son of Cassidy and Corey

Violet Elizabeth Wragge

daughter of Katie and Blake

Celebrating Pastor Scott!

On June 22, Pastor Linton Scott celebrated his 95th birthday! In honor of his birthday and 55 years of ministry to the people of Mount Olivet and surrounding community, Pastor Scott was presented with a *Resolution of Gratitude and Thankfulness* from our Congregation Council. At the Congregation Council's spring meeting, the resolution was presented along with details about Pastor Scott's history and impact on our community.



Pastor Scott first became associated with Mount Olivet when he conducted courses on "Afro-American History and the Urban Crisis" during 1968 and 1969. In 1971, the Mount Olivet Church Council approved an offer of employment on a part-time basis to Pastor Scott to work in the social ministry area. Throughout Pastor Scott's 55 years of On-Call outreach ministry at Mount Olivet, he has provided countless bags and boxes of donated items to thousands of persons and families in need, often seven days a week, and usually late into the evenings. Through his outreach ministry, which continues today and into the future, Pastor Scott built lifelong relationships of trust and provided spiritual guidance to the many recipients of his ministry.

The congregation of Mount Olivet expresses deep gratitude and thankfulness for Pastor Scott's ministry; for his never-ending faith in people from all walks of life; for his trust in God that what is needed will be provided; and for his love for this church and for the many people he cherished and served. Thanks be to God!



Pastor Scott is always looking for volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering for Pastor Scott's On-Call Ministry, please contact Laurie Hancer at lhancer@mtolivet.org or 612.767.2267.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

*Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright. Round yon virgin mother and child
Holy Infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.*

It's 7:30pm and the Chapel bell at Cathedral of the Pines Camp is ringing. Campers are running down to the Chapel porch with their counselors to get in line to enter for evening worship in hopes to get a good seat. Campers love looking across beautiful blue Lake Caribou – seeing the cross situated at the bottom of the hill across the lake. This sight is one that has been a constant for so many of us through the years and continues to be a big part of why COP is so special.

There are so many traditions that take place during the summer at COP—and I love traditions! One that has become a big part of my summer is having the opportunity to sing a Christmas carol each night during evening Chapel at camp. After The Singspiration where campers pick their favorite songs, we end with a Christmas carol to remind us of Jesus' birth and that he came to this world to experience it with us. As a camp community, we are so grateful that we get to celebrate Christmas each night we are at camp – even if it is in this small way.

As someone who loves Christmas, we are able to take time to remember both the meaning behind this holiday and additionally reminisce in our minds over past Christmas memories – that is special, something worth doing, and something I have gratitude in doing each and every time!

Two invitations:

- If you are ever up on the North Shore during the summer, you are welcome to visit camp and join us for our Chapel services so you too can join us in singing a Christmas carol! Services are offered nightly at 7:30pm through Friday, August 14. *Camp will be closed from July 2 through July 6 in observation of the 4th of July Holiday.*
- Part of why Christmas is so special to me, and many of us at Mount Olivet, is because of our fantastic music department. Having the opportunity to sing in the Christmas Concert or walk down the aisle on Christmas Eve is an amazing experience. We would love for you to think about being part of one of our many choirs this fall!

GEOFF ARENSON, *Director of Youth Ministry*

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

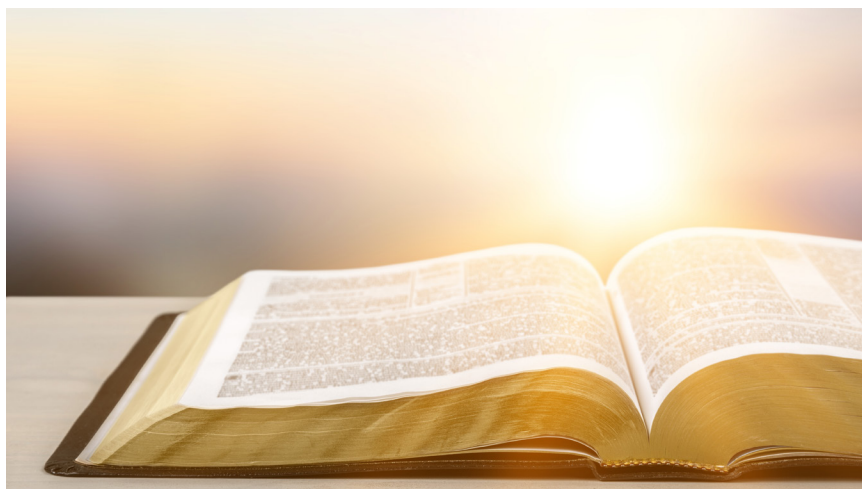
UPCOMING BOOKS

JULY 14/8: *Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake* by Anna Quindlen

AUGUST 11/12: *Snow in August* by Pete Hamill

SEPTEMBER 8/9: *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans

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.



FAVORITE FIVE?

There are sixty-six books in our Bible. What are your favorite five? It's a bit of an odd and sometimes controversial question as some Christian traditions, stressing the divine ("inerrant") nature of Scripture, believe that every book in the Bible is equally inspired, equally divine, equally important.

Martin Luther felt quite differently. Sure, all the books of the Bible are important, but some more than others. He based his assessment on how clearly each book witnesses to God's grace and mercy, especially through Jesus. (This gives us a strong sense of God's parental heart which, in turn, helps us read the whole of the Bible, Old and New Testaments, through that lens.)

I tend to think Luther is right. Some books speak about God most clearly to us and thereby help us in our faith journey most reliably—and probably become some of our favorites. And whether we admit it or not, we tend to read those particular books more, and therefore they exercise more influence on how we read the rest of the Bible.

So: if you could only read five books of the Bible, what would they be? For me, the first four are easy: the Gospels of John and Luke, Romans, and Exodus. John because I love his theology; Luke because he's the best storyteller (and since Matthew, Mark, and Luke are very similar, you don't need more than one of those three). Romans is Paul's summary of his sense of the Gospel, and Exodus shares so much of the character of God – rescuer, promise keeper, protector, etc. But that fifth one? Probably Genesis, but maybe Isaiah or 1 Corinthians.

What about you? Take a moment or two and discover a little more about yourself and how you read Scripture. What five books would you hold onto, recommend to others, and read most frequently?

PASTOR LOSE

One final note: I'm guessing that none of you thought of Leviticus as a favorite book! But that might change, when next fall Pastor Grangaard and Pastor Olson Popp lead a four-week study on – you guessed it! – Leviticus, which it turns out is one of their favorites. Stay tuned for more details on how to join in!



A Geography of Grace

One of my favorite places at Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center is the marsh walk—cattails swaying, red-winged blackbirds calling from the reeds, the sky brilliant blue, and the sun beating down on me. I don't solve any problems out there. But something in me settles. That, I think, is the gift.

Researchers have documented what we sense in moments like these: time spent in nature measurably reduces cortisol, restores attention, and lifts mood. Studies of the Japanese practice of *shinrin-yoku*—forest bathing—show that even brief time among trees strengthens immunity and eases the body's stress response. For children, unstructured time outdoors supports emotional regulation, curiosity, and a capacity for wonder that no screen can replicate. We are, quite literally, made for this.

At Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center, we understand the restorative power of nature as something more than wellness. The land is a geography of grace, a place where the beauty of creation becomes a means through which God's immeasurable love reaches us. The Psalmist knew this. "The heavens are telling the glory of God," Psalm 19 declares—not through speech, but through sheer existence: through prairie grasses bent by the wind, through a night sky thick with stars, through the simple fact that the grass keeps growing. We come here disoriented or worn down, and the land reminds us: you belong. *You are held.*

This summer, we invite you to come and discover that for yourself—or to bring the people you love. The Nature Camp gives elementary-age kids a full week of exploration in our fields and forests. Youth Retreats create space for teenagers to step out of the noise and reconnect with God, with each other, with themselves. Family Reunions on our 151 acres grant rare and unhurried time together.

You don't have to go far to find restoration. Sometimes grace arrives in a meadow, a marsh, a darkened sky full of stars—and the willingness to simply show up.

REVEREND DR. THERESA LATINI,

Executive Director of the Conference & Retreat Center

A GIFT FOR NEW MEMBERS

If you've joined Mount Olivet Lutheran Church since January 2024, we want to welcome you with free access to select events at Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center this Summer and Fall. Join us for any Midweek Service with an elevated meal, nature talk, and worship (Wednesday evenings through August 12). Or, enjoy a complimentary concession pizza at our outdoor Summer Concert with Heartfelt on Friday, July 10. Or receive free snacks at our Stargazing event on Friday, October 9. This is our way of saying: *you belong here.*

Simply register for any one of these events at mtolivetretreat.org and enter the discount code "newmember" at checkout. For free concessions, simply let us know you're a new member.

RESTORE WHAT RESTORES US

Our 151 acres of woods, prairie, and marshland, including five miles of hiking trails, are cared for largely by volunteers. Andrew Ruona, our one full-time groundskeeper, does extraordinary work, but the scale of this land means we genuinely depend on the help of people who love it.

If you enjoy being outdoors, we would welcome your support with planting, weeding, mulching, and trail maintenance. Care for our land, then enjoy it: walk the trails, share a meal with us, and swim in the pool.

Come restore what restores us all! To learn more, contact us at 952.469.2175.



THE EVOLUTION OF GOING GOD'S WAY

KATY MICHALETZ, *Director of Children & Family Ministry*

If someone would have asked me in early 2020 if I could imagine Mount Olivet producing a weekly Sunday School video, I am not sure I would have seen the vision. At the time, Sunday School focused on in-person connection, instruction, and community.

Going God's Way began as a video offering during the COVID-19 pandemic from Mount Olivet to children and families in Sunday School. In its original format, we tried a little bit of everything! Videos featured Bible stories from the pastors, trivia or fun facts about the church or church season, short meditations, readings, and video prayers sent in from numerous families, and more!

Fast forward to our return to in-person Sunday School where we have continued the weekly video for a few important reasons. Each week, children in kindergarten through fifth grade Sunday School

classes see all of their pastors! Not only do they know our pastors by name, they also know a bit about their personality through the ways our weekly Bible Story is interpreted and shared. In *Going God's Way*, we are able to include a visual representation of the Bible story with our Holy Moly curriculum through Spark! This is another way for our kids to connect to the Bible. And we share a common Children's Benediction in song and sign language.

Going God's Way has evolved and remains an important teaching tool in Sunday School. It helps make important connections between our pastors and children, enhances our instruction with a visual learning component, and builds community across classes with our shared benediction!

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT SMART GIVING?

Financial support has always been an important part of the life of the church. It's an act of worship, a response to God's generosity, and a way we join in the work God is doing in our community and around the world. It's also a way to take stock of our blessings and live out of a sense of gratitude and abundance. In recent years, the ways people give have changed and expanded, and many families are surprised to learn there are simple tools that can make their giving easier — and sometimes even more tax-efficient. We invite you to take this short quiz and find out how much you know about giving.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. A gift to your church is generally tax-deductible.	☐	☐
2. Donating appreciated stock can sometimes reduce your taxes more than giving cash.	☐	☐
3. A Donor-Advised Fund (DAF) allows you to receive an immediate tax-deduction today while giving you the flexibility to recommend grants to your church and other charities over time.	☐	☐
4. Leaving a gift to your church in your will or estate plan can reduce estate taxes for some families.	☐	☐
5. You can name the church as a beneficiary of your IRA.	☐	☐
6. Giving regularly — even in small amounts — is one of the strongest predictors of long-term generosity.	☐	☐
7. You can set up recurring giving through most church online platforms or your bank's bill-pay system.	☐	☐
8. Individuals over age 70½ can give directly from their IRA to their church as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).	☐	☐

WHY THIS MATTERS!

Generosity is not just about meeting a budget. It's about shaping hearts, strengthening community, and participating in God's mission. Understanding the tools available today can help families give wisely and joyfully. Thank you!

**Mount Olivet Lutheran Church does not provide legal, tax, financial, or estate planning advice. Please consult your financial advisor or estate attorney regarding your specific situation.*

ANSWER KEY — GIVING QUIZ

- 1. TRUE.** Gifts to a church are tax-deductible for those who itemize.
- 2. TRUE.** Donating appreciated stock, mutual funds, or other assets can avoid capital gains tax, allowing more of the value to support Mount Olivet's many ministries.
- 3. TRUE.** A DAF works like a charitable giving account. Donors make a gift to the fund, receive an immediate tax deduction, and then recommend grants to the church or other charities over time.
- 4. TRUE.** Estate gifts can reduce estate taxes for some families.
- 5. TRUE.** Naming the church as a beneficiary on your IRA is simple and can be done through your IRA beneficiary form rather than a will or trust. You can designate either a percentage or a specific dollar amount.
- 6. TRUE.** Consistent giving builds long-term generosity.
- 7. TRUE.** Scheduled giving is available through Realm or other bank systems.
- 8. TRUE.** IRA owners age 70½ or older, can make QCD's directly to a church.



UPCOMING AT MOUNT OLIVET

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

MIDWEEK SUMMER WORSHIP

Wednesdays, July 1 through August 12, Conference & Retreat Center, \$20 for dinner & program, additional \$10 for transportation

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.

OUTDOOR CONCERT WITH HEARTFELT

Friday, July 10, 6-7pm Concessions, 6:30-8pm Concert, Conference & Retreat Center

Enjoy a fun evening under the summer sky with concession-style food, local musicians, a cozy crowd, and great vibes to kick off the weekend. Join us for a night in nature with free music and concession-style food surrounded by the beauty of the Conference & Retreat Center! Our kitchen will serve food like wood-fired pizzas, walking tacos, and homemade lemonade. Sit at one of our picnic tables or bring your own blanket or lawn chair. Come early for a hike or stay late to stargaze. Even though the concerts are free, pre-registration is encouraged.

SUMMER POP-UP CHOIR

Sunday, July 12, 8am Rehearsal, Sing at 9 & 10am services, Mpls 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.

SUMMER FOOD DRIVE

Sunday, July 12, 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 Basket.

FAMILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sunday, July 12, 11am, Mpls Campus

Sunday, July 26, 11am, West Campus

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

2026 MOCW HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE & MARKET VENDORS NEEDED!

Vendor applications accepted through July 15

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**. 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.

YOUNG IN HEART & FRIENDS: CELEBRATING OUR STORY TOGETHER

Tuesday, July 21, 12noon-1:30pm, Mpls Campus, \$10

Come celebrate the rich history and vibrant life of Mount Olivet Lutheran Church! Enjoy an afternoon of trivia, games, and laughter as we highlight memorable moments from our past. Test your knowledge of our church community, discover inspiring stories, and revisit the special traditions that have shaped who we are today. Whether you're a longtime member or new to Mount Olivet, there's something for everyone to enjoy. We look forward to celebrating with you! For questions or to register, please contact Tricia Asuncion at 612.767.2218 or tasuncion@mtolivet.org.

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