

# MOUNT OLIVET MESSENGER



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## SUNDAYS

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**833.775.1238**  
 10am

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 9, 10am

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
 8:30am (except 6/16)

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

## JUNE 23

**THE UNUSUAL SUSPECTS**  
**THOMAS**  
*John 20:19-29*

**M** 9 & 10am  
**SERMON** Pastor Lose  
**MUSIC** Brian Ohnsorg, tenor

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

**COVER PHOTO CAPTION**  
 2024 Cathedral Choir Trip

## JUNE 2

**THE UNUSUAL SUSPECTS**  
**ESTHER**  
*Esther 4:9-17*

**M** 9 & 10am  
**SERMON** Pastor Cieslik  
**MUSIC** Elena Stabile, soprano

**W** 9 & 10am  
**SERMON** Pastor Hammersten  
**MUSIC** Greg Dokken, bass

**LAKE HARRIET**  
 10am  
**SERMON** Pastor Lose  
**MUSIC** Cathedral Choir & Alumni

## JUNE 30

**THE UNUSUAL SUSPECTS**  
**RUTH**  
*Ruth 1:6-15*

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

**W** 9 & 10am  
**SERMON** Pastor Cieslik  
**MUSIC** Brian Haase, bass

## M MPLS CAMPUS

5025 Knox Ave S  
 Minneapolis, MN 55419  
 612.926.7651

## W WEST CAMPUS

7150 Rolling Acres Rd  
 Victoria, MN 55386  
 952.767.1500

## JUNE 9

**THE UNUSUAL SUSPECTS**  
**SYROPHOENICIAN WOMAN**  
*Mark 7:24-30*

**M** 9 & 10am  
**SERMON** Pastor Kalland  
**MUSIC** Brian Haase, bass

**W** 9 & 10am  
**SERMON** Pastor Dixon  
**MUSIC** Claire Loudon, violin

## JUNE 16

**THE UNUSUAL SUSPECTS**  
**HANNAH**  
**COMMUNION SUNDAY**  
*1 Samuel 1:1-10, 12-18*

**M** 9 & 10am  
**SERMON** Pastor Freeman  
**MUSIC** Diane Loudon, cello

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

## LAKE HARRIET BANDSHELL WORSHIP

**Sunday, June 2, 10am, Lake Harriet Bandshell**  
 Bring a lawn chair or a blanket to sit on and enjoy this annual outdoor worship experience at Lake Harriet Bandshell! The Cathedral Choir and alumni will be singing, and the offering taken at this service goes to the Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery. We hope to see you there!

# Unusual Suspects!

Moses would not have gone in the first round.

If you pay attention to the NFL, you've likely noticed how much more attention the NFL draft gets of late than in years and decades past. As in *exponentially* more. The six weeks or so between the NFL Combine – where likely graduates are scouted and evaluated on a variety of factors – and the nationally televised draft itself have become an arena for endless written and audio commentary on the prospects of various players, draft scenarios of all 32 teams, endless speculation about the draft picks themselves, and finally the predicted impact of those picks on the coming season.

While observing – and occasionally indulging in – the hype over this year's media march to the draft, I started thinking about various biblical characters, wondering how they would have stacked up if there had been a comparable “draft of the saints.” And what I realized immediately is that few of them would have fared very well.

For instance, Moses – surely a candidate for the GOAT of the Old Testament – would never have gone in the first round. Or the second. In fact, if I had been a journalist on the scene, I would have predicted him to go completely undrafted. Why? Not simply because he was a murderer and fugitive (Exodus 2:12-15) – everyone deserves a second chance, right? – but rather because God drafted him to be an emissary to Pharaoh, the most powerful person in the world and... he was a self-confessed lousy speaker (Exodus 4:10)!

Other characters that most of us would think of as “all stars” were similarly unlikely suspects to fare well in such a scenario. Abraham, the one God chose to find a nation, was seventy-five and childless when God called him (Genesis 12:5). David, Israel's greatest king, was the runt-sized eighth son whose own dad considered him such an unlikely candidate to succeed that he didn't even bother calling David in from the fields when the prophet and scout Samuel came to his home (1 Samuel 16:7). Strikingly, the biblical story is so littered with unusual and unlikely candidates that most fans would have questioned God's wisdom in choosing them.

Which might be one of the important themes of the Bible: God regularly chooses ordinary, even unusual, people to do extraordinary things. Why? Three primary reasons. First, so that we know that it is *God* at work in and through God's people for the sake of the world. Second, to remind us that, with God, *anything is possible*. Third, to reinforce that all of us are God's children and therefore *all of us are candidates for God to use* to care for God's world.

On Sundays this summer, we'll be focusing on a dozen or more of those “unusual suspects” – people you'd never guess would do great things – that God chose to work through to advance God's mission. Some of them you'll know, including the aforementioned Moses, Abraham, and David, while others, like Josiah, Hannah, and Zaccheaus, may be less familiar to you. As you listen to their stories, I hope you are inspired by what God saw in them and how God worked through them to make a difference. Even more, I hope you begin to wonder about whether God might similarly choose and work through *you*.

Yes, you! Martin Luther believed strongly that two things happened when we were baptized. First, we are *named* children of God; that is, we are accepted and loved just as we are and promised God's presence all of our lives. Second, we are also *called* by God to lead lives of meaning and impact in service to our neighbors. All of us! No matter what we may think of our gifts or experiences, God thinks we have potential, wants to use us to make a difference on behalf of those around us, and plans to work through us to care for God's world.

Maybe someday you can imagine that God wants to use you to make a difference. And maybe on other days you find it hard to believe, thinking that you are too ordinary, or that something in your past precludes you from serving, or that you don't have the “right stuff” to impact those around you. At these moments, keep in mind the long list of “unusual suspects” that God has used in the past and be encouraged – and maybe warned! – that God continues to draft the most ordinary and unlikely people to do amazing and extraordinary things. I look forward to diving into these stories with you and being surprised not only by what God has done in the past but also by what God is still doing even here, even now, and even through you and me and all of our Mount Olivet family.

See you in Church!



Pastor Lose

DAVID J. LOSE, SENIOR PASTOR

# THE UNUSUAL SUSPECTS

This summer we are looking at a few of the unusual suspects in scripture. Some of these characters will be very well known, others will not, but the one thing they have in common is that God worked through each and every one of them to do something amazing — and they are far from model or ideal people. Join us at worship in June and learn more!

**JUNE 2: Esther**

*"For such a time as this."*

**JUNE 9: Syrophenician Woman**

*"She won't take 'no' for an answer."*

**JUNE 16: Hannah**

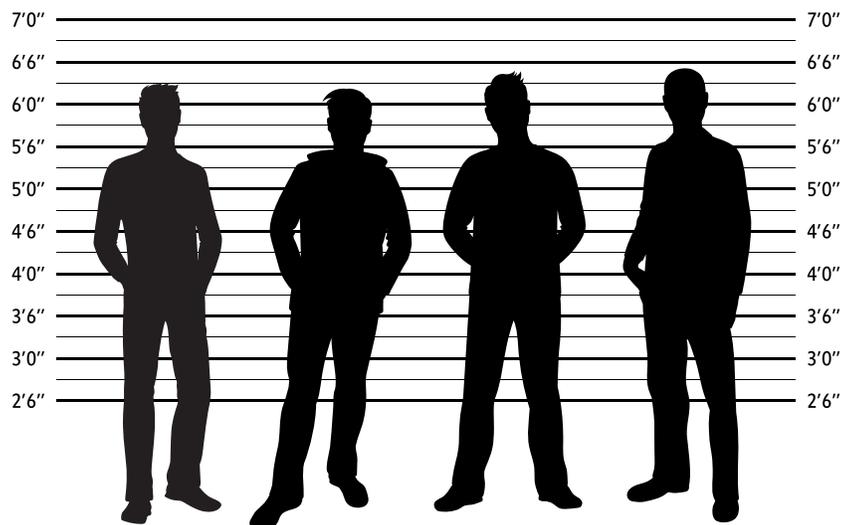
*"Willing to share her heart's desire."*

**JUNE 23: Thomas**

*"Holy doubt, courageous faith."*

**JUNE 30: Ruth**

*"Where you go, I will go."*



## Melchizedek... who?

I want to share with you one of the Unusual Suspects that didn't make the cut for this summer's preaching series.

Melchizedek. If you asked 1,000 people to name ten characters from the Bible, I'd wager Melchizedek never comes up. This guy is an obscure character. Melchizedek is mentioned three times in the entire Bible: in Genesis 14:17-24, in Psalm 110, and in the book of Hebrews. Melchizedek doesn't get a lot of play.

Most biblical scholars aren't really sure what to do with this story. Melchizedek appears on the scene as a part of a coalition of conquering armies who defeated an opposing group of armies. Apparently, Abraham and his men led the charge and were victorious so it's now time to divide the spoils of war. So Melchizedek is evidently both a priest and a king, and he offers a blessing.

Too often we limit the scope of God's blessing to the extravagant and miraculous. But God's promise to Abraham involves the totality of his life. To be sure the implications of the blessing are long lasting and far reaching, but the fruits of a relationship with God are immediate and real for Abraham. A blessing from God is the extraordinary life-giving promise of God creeping into the very ordinariness of life.

That's why reading this goofy little story about Melchizedek can be helpful. It is in and through this outsider, this priest/king that God blesses Abraham. The Most High God, as Melchizedek says, the maker of heaven and earth, meets Abraham in the ordinariness of his life and blesses him through this outsider. Walter Brueggemann, a wonderful teacher, preacher, and writer says, "More than any other in Genesis, these verses in chapter 14 invite us to take creation faith out of the arena of "origins" and see it as the source for life, buoyancy, and joy in the trials of the day."

This funny character reminds us that to be in relationship with God, is to be a person to whom and through whom God's blessings flow each and every day. We are both recipients and vehicles for the grace of God. Not because we have any particular qualifications or titles, but because God has chosen to love us and work on and through each one of us.

See you in church!

PASTOR CIESLIK

## LIFE & GROWTH

**APR 16 - MAY 14**

### BAPTISMS

**Louise Anne Bothwell**  
*daughter of Amy and David*

**Camille Kristine Cutshall**  
*daughter of Alison and Matthew*

**Axel Christian Danielson**  
*son of Jenny and Alec*

**Augustus Andrew Ferrera**  
*son of Allison and Andrew*

**Gianna Lauren Ferrera**  
*daughter of Allison and Andrew*

**Leo Luther Johnson**  
*son of Caitlin and Noah*

**Calvin Stephen Johnson**  
*son of Katie and Derek*

**Penny Jo Kramer**  
*daughter of Carly and Kyle*

**Aiden Henry Krumwiede**  
*son of Madeline and Daniel*

**Easton Andrew Lynch**  
*son of Andrea and Taylor*

**Genevieve Isla Lynch**  
*daughter of Andrea and Taylor*

**Leo Ledin Michaletz**  
*son of Alexa and Peter*

**Parker Marie Wynia**  
*daughter of Lauren and Mitchell*

### DEATHS

**Sonja V. Ashner**  
1926 – 2024

**James M. Barber**  
1933 – 2024

**Audrey E. Bigwood**  
1935 – 2024

**Carolyn M. Burfield**  
1938 – 2024

**Elaine Canton**  
1928 – 2024

**Murna Cassada**  
1928 – 2024

**Bradley J. Kragness**  
1951 – 2024

**Marilyn J. Landreville**  
1935 – 2024

**Robert J. Manfred**  
1940 – 2024

**Marcia J. Meloche**  
1933 – 2024

**Kaari M. Soderholm**  
1965 – 2024

**LuJean A. Swenson**  
1930 – 2024

## DEVOTION

"For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands." — Isaiah 55:12

Get ready for the summer scatter! 'Tis the season for camps and cabins. We have one fewer worship service every Sunday. The choirs are off. Sunday School and Confirmation are on hiatus. It's just...scattered! And it's wonderful. As Minnesotans, we earn our summers, and it is only right and proper for us to spend as much time as possible basking in the warmth. While you're out there, appreciate God's faithfulness and creativity on display in the trees exploding back into their green fullness. Encounter the Holy Spirit in the hills up north as they burst and echo with the sounds of thousands of returning campers of all ages. Maybe we're not scattering after all! Maybe we're going out in joy and being gathered here, there, and everywhere in peace.

**Holy Spirit, you gather us together and make us a church year in and year out. Bless us this summer and remind us of God's love and presence in every clapping tree and laughing breeze. Amen.**

— PASTOR DIXON



## SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE UPDATE

Due to the construction happening at the Mpls Campus, we are going to pause the School Supply Drive for 2024. If you would like to continue this tradition, your local school and teachers are always looking for supplies. Please feel free to bring them a care package with any items for this upcoming school year.



## EXTENDED NURSERY CARE THIS SUMMER ON SUNDAYS!

We're extending nursery care ages for the summer! Families with children ages 6 weeks to 6 years may drop their kids off to move and play at both the Minneapolis and West Campus nurseries on Sundays during the 9 and 10am services. Our trained nursery staff will have

activities for all! You can find the nursery adjacent to the Fellowship Hall at both campuses. If you have any questions, or if you might be interested in working in the nursery, please contact Nursery Coordinator, Sam Balzer at [sbalzer@mtolivet.org](mailto:sbalzer@mtolivet.org).



# Mount Olivet Gala: *Lighting Up Lives*

On May 2, Mount Olivet members, friends, and supporters gathered at Oak Ridge Country Club in Hopkins to celebrate the Mount Olivet Gala: *Lighting Up Lives*. It was truly a spectacular event! Guests were greeted by committee members and were able to enjoy the appetizer buffet, beautiful piano music provided by Susan Steincross in the ballroom, and conversation and laughter with friends. There was also an opportunity to have friendly bidding wars over the lavish display of silent auction items, press their luck at the wine wall, and dance to music provided by a DJ.

A new addition to the Gala this year was our raffle items. Tickets were available for purchase for your chance to win three great prizes: an inflatable stand-up paddle board, diamond earrings donated by Kurt Law, and a Yeti cooler with the finest beer Wisconsin has to offer- Spotted Cow.

Senior Pastor Lose offered a brief program welcoming attendees to the Gala, and introduced Heather Guerin, Director of Development, who highlighted a Fund-A-Need item for Mount Olivet Rolling Acres to restore and create accessible outdoor areas for three of their group home residences. We then heard from Kristi Youngdahl, Director of Cathedral of the Pines Camp, who shared her experience watching the Mount Olivet Affiliates grow into what they are today and how these ministries have impacted her life through the relationships she has made at these organizations.

This year we were able to raise more than \$155,000 for the affiliates: Cathedral of the Pines Camp, Mount Olivet Home, Careview Home, Day Services, Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center, and Mount Olivet Rolling Acres. This wouldn't be possible without our new and continued sponsorships, donations of silent auction items, pledges to the general affiliate fund, or specific Fund-A-Need items chosen by each affiliate. Thanks to all!

A special thank you for Karen Beese, volunteer Gala Chair for her attention and care of this great event. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who played a part in supporting this "party with a purpose!"

**LIBBY FOTLAND**, *Coordinator of Marketing & Communications*



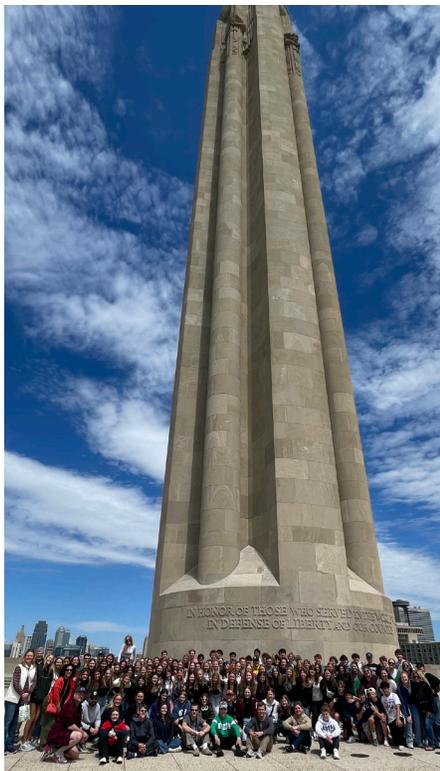
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# ROAD TRIP TO KANSAS CITY!

In April 2024, the Mount Olivet Cathedral Choir sang at the Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. We were greeted by a plethora of donuts and welcomed by the Traditional Worship Director, Kevin Bogan. We even had the pleasure of listening to acclaimed preacher and Senior Pastor, Adam Hamilton. While these trips are about the choir sharing their musical talents with others, they mean so much more than that. The choir trip gives young people a chance to grow deeper in their faith from our nightly devotions, and also creates lasting connections with their peers. This year, we had a blast having dinner at Buca Di Beppo, had a chance to relax by the pool, go shopping, eat some Kansas City BBQ, and of course go to a Kansas City Royals Game! Thank you to the Cathedral Choir!



# MOUNT OLIVET SUMMER MIDWEEKS

## *God's Wide Welcome*

Summer Midweeks at the Conference & Retreat Center begin on June 26 and run for seven weeks through August 7! Each evening begins with a meal from our kitchen, followed by a nature talk from the Conference & Retreat Center staff, and concludes with a worship service led by a Mount Olivet pastor. This year's theme *God's Wide Welcome*, explores biblical examples of God's generous hospitality toward all people, often those least expected. Hear stories that tell the endless ways God extends welcome to absolutely everyone, and be inspired to share that inclusive love with others.

**HOW TO REGISTER!**

Cost is \$20 for dinner, service, and nature class. An additional \$10 charge is required for bus transportation from 7500 York and the Mpls Campus. Online registration is open! Pay for each week separately or save on time and money by making a one-time purchase of \$100 to attend all seven (\$170 with bus transportation). Please call the Conference & Retreat Center at 952.469.2175 with any questions you might have.

**SCHEDULE:**

4:30pm Bus Leaves 7500 York  
 5pm Bus Leaves Mpls Campus  
 5:30-6:30pm Dinner Served  
 6:30-7pm Nature Talk  
 7:15pm Worship  
 8pm Bus Departs  
 Cost: Dinner and Program \$20. Bus Transportation \$10.

DATE	PASTOR	SOLOIST	NATURE CLASS	MENU
<b>JUNE 26</b>	Pastor Freeman	Brian Ohnsorg, tenor	Spirituality Of Trees: How Nature Nurtures Us	Baked Chicken Ricotta Meatballs with Spinach Alfredo, Buttered Egg Fettuccini, Roasted Asparagus, Tossed Garden Salad w with Italian Vinaigrette, and Vanilla Panna Cotta with Raspberry Sauce
<b>JULY 3</b>	Pastor Kalland	Matthew Valverde, tenor	How Trees Communicate: How Nature Speaks To Us	BBQ Chicken, Roasted Herb Potatoes, Grilled Corn Salad with Tomatoes and Avocado, and Strawberry Shortcake
<b>JULY 10</b>	Pastor MacLean	Amanda Jenkins, soprano	Land As A Sanctuary: Why To Invest In Nature	Grilled Salmon with Sundried Tomato Butter and fresh Thyme, Wild Rice Medley, Sauteed Green Beans with Mushrooms, Tossed Garden Salad with Citrus Vinaigrette, and Rhubarb Poke Cake
<b>JULY 17</b>	Pastor Lose	Justin Staebell, baritone	Honeybees: How Nature Gives Us Something Sweet	Grilled Flank Steak with Wild Mushrooms and Bearnaise Sauce, Twice Baked Potato, Roasted Summer Squash, Tossed Garden Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette, and Vanilla Crème Brule
<b>JULY 24</b>	Pastor Dixon	Susan Steincross, piano	Forest Bathing: How To Let Nature In	Grilled Chicken Breast with Apricot Cilantro Chutney, Roasted Red Potatoes, Seasonal Garden Medley, Tossed Garden Salad with Champagne Vinaigrette, and Key Lime Cheesecake
<b>JULY 31</b>	Pastor Cieslik	Diane and Claire Loudon, violin and cello	Living Under Stars: How Nature Reminds Us To Make It Count	Spinach and Roasted Red Pepper Stuffed Pork Tenderloin wrapped in Bacon, Parsnip Puree, Garden Fresh Green Beans, Tossed Garden Salad with Herb Vinaigrette, and Bread Pudding with Caramel Sauce
<b>AUGUST 7</b>	Pastor Hammersten	Sydney Raley, soprano	Color And Its Impact On Wellbeing: How Nature Inspires	Triple Meat Meatloaf with Caramelized Onions and Mushroom Sauce, Whipped Red Jacketed Potatoes, Roasted Asparagus, Tossed Garden Salad with Maple Vinaigrette, and Apple Raspberry Crisp



## SUMMER OUTDOOR CONCERTS

Join us for three nights in nature with free music and concession-style food! Our kitchen will serve dishes like woodfired pizzas, walking tacos, and root beer floats followed by concerts from local musicians. Sit at one of our picnic tables or bring your own blanket or lawn chair, and enjoy live music surrounded by the beauty of the Conference & Retreat Center. Come early for a hike or stay late to stargaze. Concerts will take place near our Natural Playscape, perfect for families with children. All are welcome. Even though the concert is free, pre-registration is encouraged so that we can extend our highest level of hospitality.



### RACHEL KURTZ

Friday, June 21

Concessions Open: 6-7:30pm

Concert: 7-8:30pm



### MOTHER BANJO

Friday, July 19

Concessions Open: 6-7:30pm

Concert: 7-8:30pm



### KATIE DAHL

Friday, August 23

Concessions Open: 6-7:30pm

Concert: 7-8:30pm

## MEET YOUR 2024 CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES CAMP STAFF!



### **KRISTI YOUNGDAHL, CAMP DIRECTOR**

My favorite chapel song is *Precious Lord* and I am looking forward to listening to the sounds of campers, workstaff, and counselors. Screaming, yelling, laughing, and having fun!



### **KRIS ERICKSEN, CAMP COORDINATOR**

Right now, my favorite song is *Jesus Loves Me* because it is also my grandson's favorite. I'm most looking forward to the smiles, laughter, and hugs every day!



### **MADY LIPKIN, LODGE MANAGER**

My favorite song is any song that is sung when the camp staff sings together in chapel. This summer I am looking forward to being back in the kitchen with all the volunteers and inside crew, as well as taking in the beauty of the great north woods!



### **KATHY MOODY, HEALTH CENTER COORDINATOR**

My favorite 11 o'clock activity is nature. I am looking forward to swimming in beautiful Lake Caribou!



### **GEOFF ARENSEN, STAFF MENTOR**

My favorite 11 o'clock activity is nature. The thing I am most looking forward to for this coming summer is being together and singing at the hootenannys.



### **CONNOR FUZZEY, SENIOR STAFF**

My favorite themed meal is Twin Lunch and I'm looking forward to getting closer with the campers, workstaff, counselors, families, and volunteers! And also jumping in the lake!



### **JACK GLIEDEN, SENIOR STAFF**

My favorite themed lunch is Pirate Lunch. This summer I am most looking forward to learning from the pastors and helping them teach the campers and counselors about faith.



### **OLIVIA YOUNGDAHL, SENIOR STAFF**

My favorite camp song is *My God and I*, both verses. I am most looking forward to spending time with campers and jumping in Lake Caribou everyday!



### **SAM SANDA, SENIOR STAFF**

My favorite activity is counselor/workstaff softball and I'm looking forward to working with the kids who are counseling and workstaffing for the first time.

## **COP 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PARTY!**

Friday, October 11, 2024, Open House beginning at 5:30pm, Program at 7pm, Live Band at 8pm, The Metropolitan Club, \$35  
Join us for the Cathedral of the Pines Camp 75th Anniversary Celebration! This 21+ event will be filled with food, dancing, and the joy of decades past. Your presence will make this milestone truly memorable. Register at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org).



## AND LEARN ABOUT THEIR FAVORITE THINGS AT COP!



### HAAKON LIEN, MR. INSIDE

My favorite camp meal is spaghetti and meatballs. I am looking forward to cleaning pots and pans this summer.



### ELLIE TEIEN, INSIDE STAFF

My favorite 11 o'clock is nature! And I'm excited to eat a minimum of two chicken patties every week.



### MABEL DOW, INSIDE STAFF

I'm looking forward to spending the summer with my best friends in such a special place to us all! I can't wait for all the good times I'm lucky enough to have at COP!



### ANNA LUCAS, INSIDE STAFF

My favorite chapel song is *On Eagles Wings*. I can't wait to meet new people and make lifelong connections with staff members, campers, counselors, and workstaff!



### LUKE YOUNGDAHL, MR. OUTSIDE

My favorite 11 o'clock activity is basketball and I am most looking forward to making camp as fun as it was when I was a camper!



### ALEX ILLIES, OUTSIDE STAFF

My favorite themed meal at camp is the Western Dinner. I am most looking forward to having a great time continuing camp's traditions and building connections this summer.



### JACK RAPINI, MR. FUN

My favorite themed meal is Pirate Lunch. I'm looking forward to hooping on upper court.



### BISHOP SCHUGEL, WATERFRONT

My favorite song is *Whisper a Prayer in the Morning*. I'm looking forward to reconnecting with the campers I met while working at our Mount Olivet Day Camps, and meeting new ones.



### KATE CAMPION, KOJA

My favorite camp song is #36, *Day by Day*! I'm excited to meet the new campers and to reconnect with the staff!! I am also looking forward to dock o'clock.



### KATE KELLER, MRS. INSIDE

My favorite 11 o'clock activity is swimming. I'm most looking forward to seeing all the kids from last year and meeting all the new awesome kids starting their COP journey this summer!



### ANDREW OLSON, INSIDE STAFF

My favorite meal is the pig roast at the Luau. The thing I am most looking forward to is just being at camp all summer and getting to experience nature!



### HENRY BASTIAN, INSIDE STAFF

My favorite 11 o'clock activity is nature. I'm most looking forward to seeing how each camp week is different and unique, and getting to know the other staff better.



### MADDIE BOWERS, WORKSTAFF COORDINATOR

My favorite camp song is *Precious Lord* and this summer I'm most excited to spend each day laughing with people I love!



### KRIS WHEAR, OUTSIDE STAFF

My favorite meal is the Luau. I'm excited about using the sauna, swimming in Lake Caribou, and spending time with all the campers, counselors, and staff!



### AARON ILLIES, OUTSIDE STAFF

My favorite song is *Step Into the Sunshine*. I am looking forward to jumping into Lake Caribou and seeing my friends.



### KATE MCHUGH, MRS. FUN

My favorite themed meal is 50's Dinner. I am most looking forward to being on Lake Caribou all summer and swimming everyday!



### SAMANTHA MPAULO, WATERFRONT

My favorite meal is spaghetti and meatballs. This summer I'm looking forward to playing different games at the waterfront!



### BELLA HUEFFMEIER, CRAFTY LADY

My favorite 11 o'clock activity is crafts (completely unbiased opinion). I am most looking forward to spending time with the kids I met last summer and creating new relationships with those I haven't yet met!

#### SEND A CARD OR LETTER TO OUR CAMPER!

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

#### BUS HOTLINE

The Camp Bus Hotline Number is 612.767.2304.  
It is updated around 4:30pm on change of camp dates.



# MOUNT OLIVET DAY CAMPS

## MEET YOUR 2024 STAFF!



**KRISTIN OLSON, DAY CAMP COORDINATOR**

Day Camps are special because we have the opportunity to watch kids grow over the course of the summer. We watch kids gain confidence, make friends, and experience so many new things whether they are with us for one week or the whole summer.



**CADI STREETAR**

Day camp is special because of the relationships we form not only with the kids but as a staff! By the end of the summer it's so hard to say goodbye to the kids you spent all day with and the day camp team that supported you through the summer!



**ELIZA PRESCHER**

My favorite day camp memory was when we went to the splash pad in St. Louis Park and all of the staff and Pastor Dixon got soaked under the water!



**JP LAURSEN**

Day Camps are special because every staff member works really hard to give the kids the best experience possible.



**KATELYNN PONCIN**

Day Camp is so special because there is something for everyone to do each day. We spend all day laughing and making memories together all summer! There is never a dull moment!



**KAITLYN WISDORF**

I like to make kids smile by getting to know their interests and connecting them into meaningful conversations.



**SOPHIE GOUDY**

This summer I'm really looking forward to being able to spend a bunch of time at Mount Olivet. While being away this year at college, I have missed the Mount Olivet community so much. Being able to spend my summer at a place that has brought so much love into my life makes me feel lucky!





#### ZOE RUBENZER

My favorite way to make a kid smile is by being a friend to them! I am excited to help make this summer memorable for the kids.



#### CASEY CAMPION

I'm excited to spend more time at church and help create the church experience for other kids that I loved growing up!



#### NOLAN FUZZEY

I am looking forward to getting to know a bunch of new people at Day Camp and making our days memorable!



#### OLIVER BASTIAN

I love working with kids because I enjoy seeing the children's creativity thrive through the different activities they do.



#### ANNIE LUND

My favorite part about working with kids is being a role model and a leader in their lives aside from immediate family and parents. It is a constantly rewarding and fulfilling job, and seeing a smile on a kid's face makes it all worthwhile.



#### ANNIE KLEMMENSEN

During my time at Mount Olivet, I've witnessed a beautiful cycle of giving and receiving within our community. As a child, the love and joy I found at Mount Olivet's camps helped shape who I am today. Now, I'm eager to pass on that warmth, igniting hearts with the same light.



# UPCOMING EVENTS



## MOCW HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE & MARKET VENDORS NEEDED!

We would love to have you participate as a vendor at the 2024 MOCW Holiday Boutique, on **Saturday, November 2, from 9am-2pm at the Mpls Campus**, and/or the MOCW Holiday Market on **Saturday, November 9, 9am-2pm, at the West Campus**. Vendor application opens June 1 and are accepted through July 15. All Vendors will pay a \$50 non-refundable table fee per event during the application process, please note that there are a limited number of second table requests and there will be an additional charge of \$25 that will be requested at the time of registration as well. 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 and Maggie Carlson at [mtolivetboutique@gmail.com](mailto:mtolivetboutique@gmail.com) or for the **West Campus Holiday Market**, contact Nicole Ensrud and Christine Davis at [westholidaymarket@gmail.com](mailto:westholidaymarket@gmail.com).



## FLYING SOLO: COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD

**Sunday, June 2, following the 10am service, Mpls Campus**

Join us for worship at the Lake Harriet Bandshell. We will gather for fellowship following worship at Bread & Pickle. Flying Solo is an adventure, service, and fellowship group for singles ages 40-60!



## 16TH MOTORHEADS @ MTKA DRIVE-IN

**Tuesday, June 4, 6-7:30pm, Minnetonka Drive-in**

All car enthusiasts are invited to this classic 50s-style restaurant that features car hops, burgers, and cool cars. No reservations needed. Cost: food ordered off menu. Arrive between 6pm and 6:45pm. At 7pm, Pastor Kalland will share a brief devotion.



## NEW! CONGREGATIONAL CARE PRESENTS: COFFEE & CONVERSATION

**Tuesday, June 11, 10-11:30am, Mpls Campus, FREE!**

Join us for coffee and conversation, with a presentation on the topic, "If You Didn't Buy a Ticket, You Haven't Won the Lottery: Avoiding Online Scams." Gary Spears, Hennepin County Technology Coordinator and a representative from Minnesota AARP Resource, will share current and most common online scams, as well as offer practical tips for determining if an inquiry is legitimate. We'll also discuss security settings, online risk, how to alert authorities of a suspected scam, and how to file a report if you believe you've been taken advantage of by a scam. Also included will be time for questions,

with answers provided by Gary and Minnesota AARP Resource. Register at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org), or by contacting Nancy Nelson, [nnelson@mtolivet.org](mailto:nnelson@mtolivet.org), or 612.767.2288.



## SUMMER POP-UP CHOIRS

Come and bring a friend to these fun vocal chorus experiences. All ages and abilities are welcome!

### **SOPRANO/ALTO POP-UP CHOIR AT MPLS CAMPUS**

Rehearsal: Thursday, July 11, 6-7pm

Performances: Sunday, July 14. Rehearsal at 8am, Sing at 9 and 10am Worship Services

### **TENOR/BASS POP-UP CHOIR AT MPLS CAMPUS**

Rehearsal: Thursday, August 1 at 6-7pm,

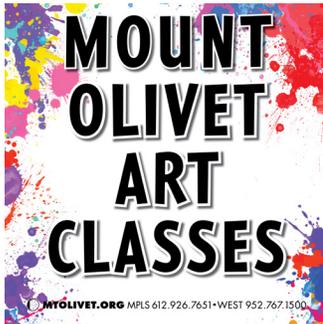
Performances: Sunday, August 4. Rehearsal at 8am, Sing at 9 and 10am Worship Services.



## FIX-IT CLINIC

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

Mount Olivet's Creation Care Team is hosting a fix-it clinic with Hennepin County. Please bring your small household appliances, clothing, electronics, mobile devices and more. There will be free guided assistance from volunteers with repair skills to disassemble, troubleshoot, and hopefully fix your items! 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. No registration necessary, join us!



## MOUNT OLIVET SCHOOL OF MUSIC & THE ARTS

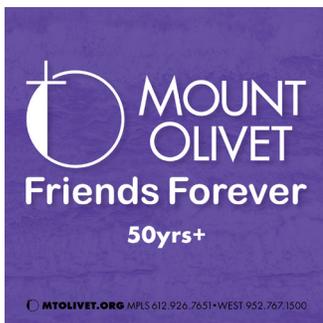
Have you tried one of the Mount Olivet Art Classes yet? If not, summer is a perfect time to do so. Come and enjoy learning and creating something fun and new!

### **ADULT/CHILD SUMMER THEMED PAINTING ART CLASS**

Wednesday, July 17, 6-8pm, Mpls Campus

### **ONE-STROKE SUMMER FLOWERS ART CLASS**

Tuesday, August 13, 6-8pm, Mpls Campus



## FRIENDS FOREVER ON THE NORTH SHORE

Saturday, July 27 through Monday, July 29, Cathedral of the Pines Camp

Take a trip up to Lutsen and enjoy the beautiful North Shore and our beloved Cathedral of the Pines summer camp with the Friends Forever group! We will gather throughout our two days together in faith, fellowship, and fun. There will be time at Cathedral of the Pines with devotions, meals, and chapel, as well as free time in Grand Marias and all the adventures that the North Shore has to offer throughout the summer! Transportation and lodging are on your own. Registration is **REQUIRED** at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org) by July 1.



## COP 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PARTY!

Friday, October 11, 2024, Open House beginning at 5:30pm, Program at 7pm, Live Band at 8pm,  
The Metropolitan Club, \$35

Join us for the Cathedral of the Pines Camp 75th Anniversary Celebration! This 21+ event will be filled with food, dancing, and the joy of decades past. Your presence will make this milestone truly memorable.

Register at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org).



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