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SUNDAYS

DIAL-IN VIA PHONE
833.775.1238

10am

WATCH THE MPLS
WORSHIP SERVICE AT
MTOLIVET.ORG

9, 10am

HOLY COMMUNION
8:30am only (except 8/18)

NURSERY (NOW FOR
AGES 6 WEEKS TO
AGE 6!)

9, 10am

AUGUST 25

THE UNUSUAL
SUSPECTS
ZACCHAEUS

Luke 19:1-10

M 9, 10am

SERMON Pastor Cieslik

W 9, 10am

SERMON Pastor Dixon

AUGUST 4

THE UNUSUAL
SUSPECTS
JOSIAH

2 Kings 22:8, 10-11; 23:1-3, 21-23

M 9, 10am

SERMON Pastor Lose

W 9, 10am

SERMON Pastor Grangaard

AUGUST 11

THE UNUSUAL
SUSPECTS
DAVID

1 Samuel 16:1-13

M 9, 10am

SERMON Pastor Kalland

W 9, 10am

SERMON Pastor Freeman

AUGUST 18

COMMUNION SUNDAY
THE UNUSUAL
SUSPECTS

MARY & MARTHA

Luke 10:38-42

M 9, 10am

SERMON Pastor MacLean

W 9, 10am

SERMON Pastor Hammersten

**Holy Communion during
worship at 9 & 10am*

REMINDER!

Regular Worship Hours begin on Rally Sunday, September 8.
Worship services at both campuses will be offered at 9, 10, & 11am.

COVER IMAGE

Kids participating in the Summer Day Camps!

Grace, Gratitude, and Generosity

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me. –Philippians 1:2-7a

Having unilaterally declared this as the summer of gratitude in my last column, this month I thought I'd expand a bit on how gratitude relates to two other important words that also begin with "g" – grace and generosity.

While we Lutherans most often use the word "grace" to describe God's unconditional acceptance of us, grace is, most simply, recognizing the "gift-quality" of *any* good thing in your life. It is recognizing that something wonderful in your life did not have to be, exists apart from your own effort, and came to you freely. Theologians have often described this as "common grace," things of the natural world which we recognize as blessings – the beauty of a sunrise or sunset, the delighted smile on a child's face, the faithful love of a parent or partner, the solemn and still immensity of Lake Superior (where we held chapel last night at COP!). We did nothing to earn these things but rather recognize them as sheer blessing and receive them as sheer gift.

When you recognize grace in your life – whether God's grace to us in Jesus or the common grace and ordinary blessings of our life in the world – it naturally stirs in you a sense of gratitude. Precisely because these things did not have to be, precisely because we did not create or manufacture them, a deep sense of thankfulness wells up inside us when we notice the gifts we have been given. And that gratitude is powerful! It creates hope, lifts our spirits, and energizes us to make the most of this life we've been given.

Gratitude, in turn, begets generosity. When you receive something, it's natural to want to give something back in return, to pass on that good feeling, to respond in kind. And generosity wields its own kind of power. When you give something to another, you become more aware of all that you have, you feel empowered

to make a difference, and you feel more connected to those you with whom you are sharing. In all these ways, generosity makes you more keenly aware of how grace-filled your life is. And then it starts all over again! Grace leading to gratitude, gratitude empowering generosity, and generosity multiplying your awareness of grace. And so on, and so on....

A few years ago, my son, Jack, and I were traveling on the Pennsylvania Turnpike in the northeast corner of the state. Our exit was in a sparsely populated part of the region, so there was no one to make change, only a basket that required four quarters to pay the toll. As the car ahead of us just sat in the single exit lane, my then-fifteen-year-old grew increasingly impatient, eventually voicing his dismay and dissatisfaction with the driver ahead of us. I wondered aloud to him whether perhaps the driver didn't have enough quarters and, noting that we had plenty, suggested he take some of ours and offer them. That was, in fact, the case and as Jack got back in the car, he said, with a sense of wonder and delight: "That felt SO GOOD!"

It's a ridiculously small example, I know, yet still offers a huge principle about our life in this world: blessings are all around and when we see and share them, life is so much richer.

This August, I'd invite you to put the "three Gs" to work in your life more intentionally. Take time to recognize the grace you've been given, give thanks, and then choose a way to give back. As this wheel of grace, gratitude, and generosity kicks into action, notice how much more confident and hopeful you are, how much more connected you feel to those around you, and how much more aware you are of the everyday blessings that God bestows on us.

Grace. Gratitude. Generosity. It's a powerful combination. No wonder Paul begins his letter to his beloved congregation in Philippi by weaving these three together – this is what constituted their life in the faith together. May it also be so with us at Mount Olivet this summer and beyond!

Yours in Christ,



Pastor Lose

DAVID J. LOSE, SENIOR PASTOR

JOIN US AT THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!



CAREER & CALLING SUMMER NETWORKING EVENT

Thursday, August 15, 5:30-7:30pm, Wooden Hill Brewing Company

Join Career & Calling for a summer networking opportunity! We invite Mount Olivet members and friends to this faith-based arena for nurturing our careers and hearing God's calling. Whether we are enjoying our current position, wanting to better align our work and our purpose, or exploring a transition - we hope that you can join us! Registration is required as space is limited.



FLYING SOLO

COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD

Sunday, August 18, following the 10am service, Mpls Campus Courtyard

Enjoy some coffee and sweet treats following the worship services. Please register at mtolivet.org if you plan to attend.

BOAT CRUISE

Sunday, September 8, 1:10-4pm, Al & Alma's, \$70

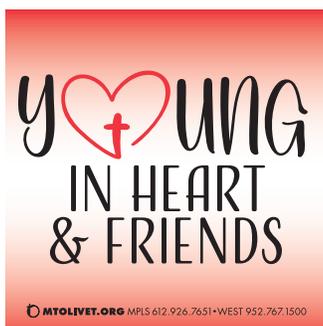
Our Flying Solo year will kick off with a boat cruise on Lake Minnetonka! Join us at Al and Alma's for an afternoon of food and fun! Space is limited to 40 guests. Register at mtolivet.org by Saturday, August 31. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Freeman at rffreeman@mtolivet.org.



20TH MOTORHEADS' SHOW

Sunday, August 18, 5pm Show, 6:30pm Blessing of Motors & Drivers, West Campus

Featuring awesome vehicles, the Nordic Surf Band, outdoor blessing service, awards, and a free raffle drawing. Food will be served outdoors (bring your own chair). There is no charge for spectators or exhibitors, but donations are encouraged and appreciated! No preregistration is necessary (windshield signs and souvenir dash plaques will be available at the event). Rain or shine!



YOUNG IN HEART & FRIENDS

Tuesday, August 20, 1pm, Mpls Campus, \$8 per person

Young in Heart & Friends invites you to join us for a Minnesota Get Together Pie Tasting Event. Come sample the top five pies in the country and see how they stack against the Minnesota top flavors. We will learn about the history of pies and so much more. Bring a friend to share in the experience. Register by August 16, at mtolivet.org, or by contacting Tricia Asuncion at tasuncion@mtolivet.org or 612.767.2210.

LIFE & GROWTH

JUN 15 - JUL 15

BAPTISMS

Madelyn Switz Danny Anderson

daughter of Greta and Paul

Isabel Barrett Brainerd

daughter of Emily and Andrew

Kira Elizabeth DeBeck

daughter of Heidi and Charles

Halston Ann Johnson

daughter of Courtney and Mitch

Benjamin David Lee

son of Heather and Jack

Riley Mae Quale

daughter of Jacqueline and Dylan

Liam John Rosvold

son of Megan and Patrick

Evelyn Lolo Schroeder

daughter of Rachel and Bennett

Duke Richard Stuckey

son of Kelsey and Charles

Lottie Mae Wasserburger

daughter of Kelsey and James

Tatum McCoy Zabel

son of Natalie and Blake

WEDDINGS

Haley Nichols & Wesley

Hebert, June 22

Kennedi Schumacher & Jakob

Oettinger, June 29

Stephanie Erickson & Ryan

Trapp, June 29

Maya Sanaba & Samuel

Hebeisen, June 30

Ashley Vucenich & Tynan

O'Hara, July 3

DEATHS

Mary S. Andrew

1952 - 2024

Gregory A. Carlson

1950 - 2024

William B. Cassada

1928 - 2024

Thomas R. Dahl

1957 - 2024

Gerald D. Dahle

1935 - 2024

Delores J. Duffy

1939 - 2024

Diane K. Holten

1951 - 2024

Timothy D. Manson

1966 - 2024

Wayne O. Podratz

1940 - 2024

Kathryn S. Ross

1962 - 2024

DEVOTION

Nathanael said to Philip, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.'

This summer our young people have done a lot of brave things. They've boarded a bus for a week away from their parents for the first time. They were counselors, responsible for other kids' well-being. They got up on stage, sang, and danced in front of their peers and parents. They met new friends, ate new foods, and visited new places near and far. This summer our young people got out of their comfort zones and experienced something new and they grew.

For a traditional congregation, that some might argue never changes, there are all kinds of opportunities to be stretched. With the program year on the not so distant horizon there will once again be a number of opportunities for people of all ages to be brave and try something new. It might be a Bible study, singing in the choir, serving with one of our community partners, or cultivating new relationships with a small group. What will happen if you try it? Come and see at Mount Olivet. I promise that Jesus will meet you there.

— PASTOR CIESLIK



MOCW SOCIAL

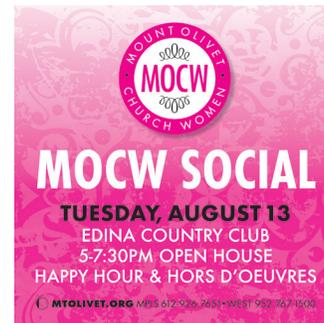
Tuesday, August 13, 5-7:30pm,

Edina Country Club

Enjoy an evening with the Mount Olivet Church Women! Kick off the year with your circle friends, sign up to volunteer for events and service opportunities, learn more about joining a circle, and register for an event. There will be something for everyone with appetizers, a cash bar, and valet available. No registration required. We look forward to seeing you as we get excited for the upcoming year with MOCW!

In addition to this already great fellowship opportunity, we are requesting that attendees bring a donation item for the Dala Houses (Kids only shopping) at the Holiday Boutique and Market. If you are shopping around and happen to find one of the items listed below, please bring it with you to donate.

- MN sports teams' merchandise
- Gardening tools
- Fun men's socks
- Grilling tools/spices
- Fishing gear
- Grooming/shaving kit
- Golf balls
- Key chains
- Card games/small games
- Dog toys



Welcoming Youth and Young Adults

At Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center this summer, we are exploring the theme of God’s hospitality toward all living things: you and me, our neighbors near and far, those alike and different from us, plants and animals, and humans of all ages, races, genders, and nationalities. God creates *all of us* out of nothing, delights in *all of us*, and invites *all of us* to extend that same warm welcome to one another.

Established in 1976 as a nearby camp for Mount Olivet kids and their families, the Conference & Retreat Center has welcomed many youth and young adults for day-long retreats, overnight retreats, and camps in recent months:

- 100 young adults from African immigrant congregations
- 70 college students attending a career and leadership retreat
- 180 middle-schoolers participating in our first Nature Education Day
- 15 students from the University of MN School of Nursing
- 16 Goshen College students completing their May term
- 15 students from Gustavus Adolphus College
- 25 Catholic 8th-graders on a church retreat
- 120 elementary-aged kids participating in two week-long Mount Olivet Day Camps
- 10 at-risk youth on an Alternatives to Violence retreat

We remember Jesus’ words, “Whoever welcomes children in my name, welcomes me” (Mark 9:36) whenever we offer hospitality to youth and young adults. Moreover, we can receive these groups because of the generosity of Mount Olivet Lutheran Church members and friends. The retreat for at-risk youth was fully funded through our Mount Olivet Gala. The 180 middle schoolers were supported by our Nature Education Fund, established in honor of Doris Arnold. And the day camps were organized and led by our own Mount Olivet church staff. To all of you, thank you for joining God’s Wide Welcome!

REV. THERESA LATINI, PHD, *Conference & Retreat Center Executive Director*

SUMMER OUTDOOR CONCERTS

KATIE DAHL Saturday, August 24

RACHEL KURTZ Friday, September 6

Concessions Open: 6-7:30pm, Concert: 7-8:30pm

Join us for two more 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 live music. 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. All are welcome. Even though the concerts are free, pre-registration is encouraged so that we can extend our highest level of hospitality. Register at mtolivetretreat.org/events.

SAVE THE DATES!

CONFERENCE & RETREAT CENTER ANNUAL VOLUNTEER & DONOR DINNER

Tuesday, September 17
6-7:30pm

Anyone who has given time, talents, or financial gifts to the Conference & Retreat Center is invited to an intimate, elevated dinner on Tuesday, September 17. At this special event, you’ll learn about recent and upcoming renovations, visit with old and new staff, hear about our greatest needs for 2025, all while enjoying a delicious meal prepared by our chefs. As gratitude for your generosity, there is no cost, but please register online in advance.

CRAFT AWAY

Friday, November 8 through
Sunday, November 10

Take a break from your everyday routines, and enjoy the pace of retreat center life. Disconnect from distractions and redirect your resources toward creativity. Finish those projects you’ve been wanting to complete for ages, and meet other crafters during your stay! You bring your supplies, and we provide the lodging, meals, meeting space, amenities, and inspiring beauty of the Conference & Retreat Center. Cost includes crafting space with electrical outlets, overnight accommodations, meals, use of all amenities, and tax. Registration is open at mtolivetretreat.org/events.



ATTENTION ALL MOUNT OLIVET VISION PARTNERS!

The Mount Olivet Vision Partners are having an event on Sunday, November 3, to thank you for including Mount Olivet Church or their Affiliate Ministries in your planned giving. This will be an event that you will not want to miss! Invitations will be mailed with specific information about the special dinner and theater performance.

If you have included Mount Olivet or one of the Mount Olivet affiliated ministries in your estate plan for a future gift, but have not informed the church about this intent, now is the time! If you wish to make such a plan and would like to have assistance or a conversation about it, we are here to support you. In either case, we will be very honored to include you in our Vision Partners Program.

Thank you for helping to prosper the Mount Olivet mission into the future!

Questions about the Vision Partner Program? Please Contact Brian Mortenson, Head of Vision Partners & Planned Giving, at 612.767.2259 or bmortenson@mtolivet.org.



MOUNT OLIVET ROLLING ACRES GOLF SCRAMBLE

Monday, September 9, Oak Ridge Country Club
Lunch, Golf, and Dinner: 11am Registration, 12noon Shotgun
Start, 5:30pm Dinner, \$350
Dinner Only at 5:30pm, \$80

Join us at the Mount Olivet Rolling Acres 33rd Annual Golf Scramble! There are two options to participate this year! You can attend and participate in all the festivities by having lunch, golfing, and having dinner at Oak Ridge Country Club, or you can participate in dinner only which will also feature an auction, raffle, games, and more!

Every ticket purchased or dollar donated goes directly to support the seniors and individuals with disabilities that MORA serves. Thank you in advance for helping MORA provide high-quality care and support to the disability community. We are grateful for your participation!

Registration for this is open through August 15. Please register at mtolivet.org today! If you have questions, please contact Heather Guerin, Director of Development at 651.216.6524 or hguerin@mtolivet.org.



THANK YOU FOR A GREAT SUMMER

We're wrapping up another fantastic summer of Day Camps! It is a privilege to spend time with your children and experience all the fun and busyness of day camp activities alongside them – what great kids! We're grateful to Kristin Olson and the Summer Staff for their leadership. Our programs would not be possible without the enthusiasm, care, and dedication the staff bring to each session of camp.

Thanks to all for a safe and successful 2024 Day Camp season! — **KATY MICHALETZ**, Director of Children & Family Ministry





WHAT A SUMMER AT CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES CAMP

What an amazing summer we've had at COP! All the campers, workstaff, counselors, health professionals, volunteer cooks, and of course the amazing camp staff have made this the most spectacular 75th camping season. In celebration of the 75th year of COP we offered *COP Experiences* where individuals could attend camp for a meal and a chapel service with the campers - some of whom had never been to camp before. I loved watching the awe of first timers coming to camp and the joy it brings all ages. In addition, each camping week we have a huge birthday bash to celebrate. The bashes consisted of celebratory cupcakes, party hats, and noisemakers. It's been a blast to watch and feel the love of COP in every person that has walked through the gates this summer.

As I have mentioned a number of times, COP is celebrating its 75th Anniversary by hosting a **75th Anniversary Celebration Party on Friday, October 11, 2024, at the Metropolitan Ballroom & Clubroom**. This open house event will begin at 5:30pm and go until 12midnight. I would like to personally invite all Mount Olivet members (21 and older) to attend! There will be heaps of conversations, laughs, snacks, and dancing. We have hired a 13-piece band that will play music from every generation. It will be a great opportunity to reminisce about the last 75 years of ministry with your friends and all people who hold COP dear to their heart.

If you would like to attend please register using the QR Code below or visit mtolivet.org. I am so grateful for COP, a place we can call our own.

— KRISTI YOUNGDAHL, Director of Cathedral of the Pines Camp



**REGISTER FOR THE COP
75TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION PARTY**



Living the Message: V8: EIGHT VITAL BIBLE STORIES

First Tuesday of the month October-May, 6:30-7:30pm
All held at Mpls except for November and March at West

If you could only share eight stories from the Bible to help someone understand the heart of Christianity, what would they be?

Imagine that a friend of yours wants to know more about the Christian faith, a friend who wants to understand who God is and what God is about. You know from experience that often the easiest way to provide insight and understanding is not simply by relaying explanation but by telling stories. And so you decide to direct them to stories in the Bible, but which ones?

This is the question I have put to our Mount Olivet pastors as well as to some members in our Living the Message class and a number of biblical scholars from around the country. The answers have been far-ranging and fascinating, and from these various suggestions, I will be pulling together what I believe are eight vital stories from Scripture that I think help us get to the heart of our shared faith.

Our Living the Message experience this year will be to delve into these stories, to explore their details and revel in their nuances, and in this way to be re-introduced to the God of Scripture, the God we know most clearly in and through Jesus.

Join us as we encounter through story and experience the living God who created and still sustains the heavens and the earth.

PASTOR LOSE

Confirmation Refresh CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

October 2: Ten Commandments (1-3), November 6: Ten Commandments (4-10), January 22, 2025: Sacraments, February 12, 2025: The Bible, March 26, 2025: Easter 7-8pm, Mpls or West Campus

As we approach this fall, I have for you a question, a secret, and an invitation.

First, the question: how much do you remember from confirmation class? Come on, be honest. And if the answer is “not much,” don’t feel bad. It was a long time ago!

The secret: Martin Luther did not write his Small Catechism – his basic explanation of the heart of the Christian faith and the primary text, along with the Bible, of confirmation – for kids. He actually wrote it for adults. Luther believed, you see, that “parents are the bishops of their children.” (Yes, that’s an actual quotation from Luther!) And so he believed that if parents knew their faith, their kids would learn it more quickly and readily.

The invitation: Join some of your Mount Olivet pastors this year for a “confirmation refresh.” We will meet just five times this year, follow the curriculum of our confirmation class, and take one evening to dive into what our confirmation kids will be spending 3-5 weeks studying. It will be a lively, interesting, and inter-active introduction into the Lutheran understanding of Christianity.

WHO’S IT FOR? Any adults of the congregation, with a particular invitation to parents of current or recent confirmation students. (Come on, wouldn’t you like to be able to talk with your kids about what they’re learning?)

PASTOR LOSE

“In the Beginning”

EXPLORING THE ORIGIN STORIES OF GENESIS

October 23/24 through November 13/14, 10:30-11:30am, Wednesdays at Mpls, Thursdays at West, and via videos

Ever notice how popular origin stories have become of late? Whether it’s tracking how Wolverine or Wonder Woman came to be, or giving us the back story to James Bond, we seem fascinated by what shaped our favorite characters.

That’s kind of what Genesis is – a collection of the origin stories of the Jewish and Christian faiths. Genesis doesn’t so much report history as it tries to explain why things are the way they are. For instance: Where did it all begin? Why do people do dumb things? Does God ever want to give up on us? Why does God choose an old man and woman (Abraham and Sarah) to bless all of humanity? Why aren’t the “heroes” of the Bible more heroic?

Join us this fall as we explore the origins of, well, just about everything by delving into the stories of Genesis.

**REGISTER FOR ALL ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES AT [MTOLIVET.ORG/EDUCATION](https://mtolivet.org/education) OR
BY CONTACTING KATIE STEVENSON AT [KATIES@MTOLIVET.ORG](mailto:katies@mtolivet.org) OR 612.767.2232.**



JOIN US FOR THESE MUSIC & ART EVENTS & PROGRAMS



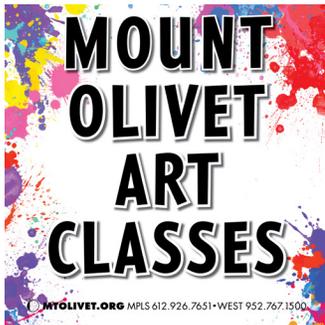
SUMMER POP-UP CHOIR

Come and bring a friend to this fun choir experience. All ages and abilities are welcome!
Please register at mtolivet.org.

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



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!

ONE-STROKE SUMMER FLOWERS

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



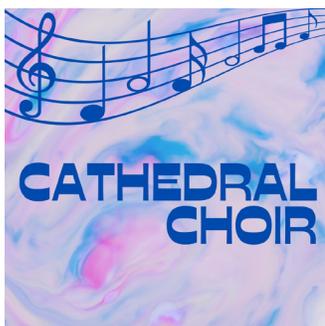
HANDBELL CHOIR START-UP

Thursday, August 22, 6-6:45pm, Mpls Campus Fellowship Hall

Exciting news! The handbells are ringing again! We are seeking individuals with strong musicianship who are proficient in reading music at a basic level to foster the ensemble's growth and capability. At the end of the second class, a proficiency test will determine the performing bell ensemble for the 2024-2025 season.

For those not in the performing bell ensemble but interested in learning and practicing bell ringing, beginner bell rehearsals and opportunities will be available throughout the year. These sessions will cover reading music and learning different bell-ringing techniques.

It's time to dust off the bells, put on your gloves, pick up those mallets, and let the bells ring out once more! To sign up for these two classes, learn more, and get involved, reach out to Dr. Jordan Buchholtz, our Principal Organist and Handbell Director, at jbuchholtz@mtolivet.org.



CATHEDRAL CHOIR

Rehearsals Begin Wednesday, August 30, 7pm, Mpls & West Campuses

Cathedral Choir provides an opportunity for high school aged singers from many different schools and musical backgrounds to join together each week to sing and serve in this special choir that adds youthful energy to our worship services. Cathedral Choir rehearses each week on Wednesday evenings at 7pm and sings during the 9 & 10am worship services most Sunday mornings September through May at both campuses. Register at mtolivet.org or use the QR Code to the right.



SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



Join us this fall in Sunday School! Our unique music-based Sunday School classes, taught by music educators, provide biblical faith formation within the context of a musical experience. Children ages Pre-K through 5th grade are provided opportunities to sing, play instruments, participate in worship, and learn the faith stories and promises of God's unending love for them. Sunday School is taught by professional music educators and dedicated volunteers. Register at mtolivet.org or using the QR Code to the right!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

Cherub: Preschool age

Alleluia: Kindergarten and 1st grade

Hosanna: 2nd and 3rd grades

Chapel: 4th and 5th grades

Questions? Interested in volunteering? Feel free to reach out to Amy Porthan at 612.767.2285 or amyp@mtolivet.org.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
AGE 3-5TH GRADE**



MOUNT OLIVET PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE!

Wednesday, August 28, 5:30-6:30pm

You're invited to take a tour of the classrooms and meet the preschool staff during the annual Mount Olivet Preschool Open House. The Mount Olivet Preschool partners with families to provide an excellent early education experience for children ages 3 years and up. We are currently at capacity for the 2024-25 school year, and welcome inquiries from families looking to start preschool beginning Fall 2025. For more information about the preschool or to schedule a tour – please contact Lisa Rosenfield, Preschool Director at lrosenfield@mtolivet.org or 612.767.2216.



FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT MAKES MOUNT OLIVET HER HOME

This year we were fortunate to get to know Pauline Goth. She spent the school year at Edina as an exchange student from Germany. Pauline grew up near Frankfort, Germany, and attends the Protestant Lutheran Local State Church in her neighborhood. Through Pauline we have learned that the church system is a little different in Germany than it is here. In Germany, it is common to attend your neighborhood church—much like the zoning of public schools in Minnesota. Pauline shared another difference between churches in the U.S. and in Germany, that there is more involvement in programming in churches in the U.S. than the churches in Germany.



When Pauline arrived she knew right away she wanted to find a church to call home during her time here. She asked her host mom and she recommended Mount Olivet. Being a teacher at Edina High School, her host mom said she always sees students wearing Mount Olivet sweatshirts at school! Pauline then met Sydney Raley who told her to come and try choir. Pauline came and was hooked!

Her favorite memory from her time in Minnesota was the weekend she spent up at Cathedral of the Pines Camp for Senior Retreat, of course! She loved the chapel by the lake, and seeing all the leaves change color. She just loved the overall experience of camp and the people she got to know through that time together. When asked what she is going to miss most about her time at Mount Olivet, Cathedral Choir came up quickly. She said “I look forward to choir every week! I have never seen anything like it. I made a lot of friends on the choir trip and I loved singing in the Christmas Concert. *Go Tell it on the Mountain* was my favorite song to sing.” Pauline is now back home in Germany and we miss her already!

REGISTER TODAY!

We are accepting registrations for 6th Grade Starter (6th Grade), Confirmation (7th & 8th Grade), and Chancel Choir (6th-8th Grade) now!

All three of these programs will start at both campuses on Wednesday, September 25.

Scan the QR Codes below to register today!

Please reach out to a Youth Staff member if you have questions about registration.

**6TH GRADE
STARTER**



**7TH GRADE
CONFIRMATION**



**8TH GRADE
CONFIRMATION**



**CHANCEL CHOIR
7TH & 8TH GRADE**



Everything IN LOVE

“Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. And let all that you do be done in love.”
 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

These words from the Apostle Paul will anchor our Stewardship appeal this year, as I believe the world has never needed our message of God’s love more than it does today. Mount Olivet tries to offer many alternatives to the messages of division all around us by inviting all people to live into their identity as God’s beloved children. That is our mission, our call, our privilege. As we enter into our Stewardship season this September—a month dedicated to giving with gratitude and love—I invite you to:

- Come to Sunday worship to hear more about the love God has given us and how that makes a difference in our lives and empowers us to share that love with others
- Make your commitment to Mount Olivet for 2025 (pledge and giving info on the next page)
- Share a meal with your fellow members as together we give thanks for all our blessings (meal info below)

Thank you for being a part of Mount Olivet! I look forward to another year of moving together into the future God has fashioned for us with equal measures of courage and love.

PASTOR LOSE

STEWARDSHIP MEALS

	DATE	TIME	CAMPUS	MEAL TYPE
Register online at mtolivet.org , by calling 612.926.7651, at church, or using the QR Code below! We look forward to seeing you!	Mon, Sep 9	4:30-6pm	Mpls	Drive-Through
	Tue, Sep 10	6pm	Mpls	Traditional
	Wed, Sep 11*	6pm	Mpls	Traditional
	Mon, Sep 16*	6pm	Mpls	Traditional
	Thu, Sep 19	6pm	Mpls	Traditional
	Fri, Sep 20	12noon	Mpls	Traditional
	Sun, Sep 22*	12noon	West	Traditional
	Mon, Sep 23	4:30-6pm	West	Drive-Through
	Tue, Sep 24	4:30-6pm	Mpls	Drive-Through



*Nursery provided for six-week through six-year old children



STEWARDSHIP 2025 PLEDGING, GIVING, AND DONATING

PLEDGE

Please take time to pause, pray, and make your 2025 commitment to Mount Olivet.

To make your 2025 pledge:

- Use the PLEDGE QR Code to the right
- Complete the pledge card that will be mailed to you
- Go online to mtolivet.org/stewardship
- Contact Tricia Lerohl-Morgan, Coordinator of Financial Records, at tricial@mtolivet.org or 612.767.2255.



GIVE

Thank you to all who support Mount Olivet through scheduled giving.

To set up or update your scheduled giving:

- Use the GIVE QR Code
- Visit mtolivet.org under GIVING
- Current Scheduled Givers: LOGIN to your *Realm* Account to update your 2025 giving as needed — including giving frequency, giving amount, credit card info, and end dates.
- Contact Tricia Lerohl-Morgan, Coordinator of Financial Records, at tricial@mtolivet.org or 612.767.2255.



DONATIONS AT MEALS

Personal care items are always in need, so we will again collect toothpaste and toothbrushes at the Stewardship meals which will then be distributed to our community partners: Community Emergency Services, Love INC, VEAP, Simpson Housing, and Agate Housing and Services. Donations of handled paper grocery bags will also be collected for the ongoing Thursday night Community Meals (that served 30,091 meals in 2023!). Thank you!

Thank YOU!

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