

OCTOBER 2024

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**DIAL-IN VIA PHONE**  
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11am

**WATCH THE MPLS  
WORSHIP SERVICE AT  
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9, 10, 11am

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
8:30 & 11:45am

**NURSERY**  
9, 10, 11am

**OCTOBER 6**

**IN THE BEGINNING  
SEVEN DAYS OF  
CREATION**  
*Genesis 1:1-5*

**M** 9, 10, 11am  
**SERMON** Pastor Dixon  
**MUSIC** Alleluia, Cathedral,  
& Sanctuary Choirs

**W** 9, 10, 11am  
**SERMON** Pastor Hammersten  
**MUSIC** Alleluia, Cathedral,  
& Sanctuary Choirs

**OCTOBER 13**

**IN THE BEGINNING  
PARADISE LOST**  
*Genesis 3:1-19*

**M** 9, 10, 11am  
**SERMON** Pastor Cieslik  
**MUSIC** Hosanna, Cathedral,  
& Sanctuary Choirs

**W** 9, 10, 11am  
**SERMON** Pastor Kalland  
**MUSIC** Hosanna, Cathedral,  
& Sanctuary Choirs

**OCTOBER 20**

**IN THE BEGINNING  
THE COVENANT WITH  
NOAH**  
*Genesis 9:8-17*

**M** 9, 10, 11am  
**SERMON** Pastor Hammersten  
**MUSIC** Jordan Buchholtz &  
Leah Siltberg, piano  
duet & Sanctuary  
Choir

**W** 9, 10, 11am  
**SERMON** Pastor Olson Popp  
**MUSIC** Sanctuary Choir  
Quartet &  
Sanctuary Choir

**OCTOBER 27**

**REFORMATION SUNDAY  
IN THE BEGINNING  
THE CALL OF ABRAHAM**  
*Genesis 12:1-4*

**M** 9, 10, 11am  
**SERMON** Pastor Lose  
**MUSIC** Cathedral, Chancel, &  
Sanctuary Choirs with  
Brass Ensemble

**W** 9, 10, 11am  
**SERMON** Pastor Dixon  
**MUSIC** Cathedral, Chancel, &  
Sanctuary Choirs with  
Brass Ensemble

# Serving Others: Our Congregational DNA

I believe that congregations, like people, have a DNA – that is, they have built-in strengths, are pre-disposed toward certain behaviors, and are even hardwired to view and act in the world in predictable ways. If you were to ask me what Mount Olivet’s DNA is, you might imagine I would reply with something about our wonderful music and worship or our investment in our youth or our commitment to accompany people at every age and stage of life. And those would be good guesses because, well, each of those things is true! But... I would be inclined to point to a deeper impulse, which is to *respond to the needs around us in love* or, to put it more simply: *our DNA is to serve others!*

Think about it. We put great time and care into our music and worship not simply for the sake of aesthetic beauty, but because we know that beautiful music and wonderful preaching and worship inspire and encourage people. We do indeed invest in our youth, not simply because we “like kids,” but because we know it’s hard growing up and want to surround our youth with love. Similarly, the congregational care we offer through hospital visits or inter-generational events are carried out with the hope of caring deeply for people no matter where they are in life. We have it in our DNA to serve others.

In addition to how we live this out in all the ministries of Mount Olivet Church, our DNA expresses itself powerfully through the magnificent work of our Affiliated Ministries: Mount Olivet Home, Careview Home, and Day Services; Mount Olivet Rolling Acres; Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center; Cathedral of the Pines Camp; Mount Olivet Counseling Center; and Mount Olivet School of Music & the Arts. In this month’s letter, I thought I’d share a brief bit of background and an update on the ministry of each.

Mount Olivet Homes (semi-independent living), Careview (skilled nursing and memory care), and Day Services (adult day care) – was created when the board of the Vocational Hospital (which trained nurses) felt that the community would be better served by a nursing home and approached Pastor Reuben Youngdahl in 1958 to ask whether Mount Olivet Church would take the lead. Nearly seventy years later, Mount Olivet Homes are widely recognized as one of the premiere elder care institutions in the state.

Mount Olivet Rolling Acres (MORA) has a similar story, as a foundation set up to care for children with developmental disabilities purchased land and began to build a program when it ran into financial difficulties. Because Mount Olivet had a reputation for responding to community needs, the board of that foundation approached Pastor Reuben Youngdahl to ask if Mount Olivet would take over, and with the enthusiastic support and

financial commitment of the congregation, Mount Olivet Rolling Acres was born in 1965. Today, MORA serves nearly 4,000 adults with developmental disabilities daily.

Cathedral of the Pines Camp (COP), celebrates its 75th anniversary this summer, and it could not have been a better example of all that is good about Camp – full sessions (2,000 kids in all), kids learning to be vulnerable and growing in their faith and in friendships, attentive staff and adults to care for them, all in the beautiful north woods! May we continue another seventy-five years... at least!

The Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center has an interesting tie to COP, as the land in Farmington it inhabits was originally purchased during the gas crisis of the 70s in case it became too expensive to bus kids to Lutsen. Fortunately, that was not the case, and Pastor Paul Youngdahl had the vision to create a place of exceptional hospitality and rest that has provided a much-needed and much appreciated sense of sabbath for Mount Olivet members and many others for nearly 50 years.

The Mount Olivet Counseling Center, opened in 1963, continues its original mission to tend the mental health and resilience of our community. Individual, family, marital, and group counseling is offered regularly, with about two-thirds of the session devoted to Mount Olivet members and the remainder gratefully used by folks in our community. You can learn more about the Counseling Center and meet some of our wonderful staff on Mental Health Sunday (October 13), an event co-sponsored by the Center, our Congregational Care team, and our Mental Health Task Force.

The Mount Olivet School of Music & the Arts gathers exceptional musicians from around the Twin Cities to offer musical lessons to students of all ages (currently we have students ranging in age from 7 to 77!). At times we have been blessed to support the band and orchestra of our neighbor, Burroughs Elementary School, and more recently we have added art classes for all ages and also support our Fika Music Series (beginning October 13 at 12:15pm at the Mpls Campus).

So... do you see what I mean? Meeting community needs and serving others in the name of Christ – it’s in our DNA! Thank you for your support of all of our ministries!

Yours in Christ,



Pastor Lose

DAVID J. LOSE, SENIOR PASTOR

# OCTOBER WORSHIP: GENESIS

Humans have been telling stories for as long as, well, we've been human. From the cave paintings of our earliest ancestors to the grand spectacles we watch on stage or the screen, and including even the "little" stories we share with our loved ones at the end of each day, we tell stories to share what's most important to us ... and to share a piece of ourselves. Story is everything. Which is also why we read the Bible. In these stories – stories of creation, of salvation, of healing and redemption – in these stories told by the faithful through the centuries, we come to know who God is, who we are, and who we are called to be. But, increasingly, if you were to ask average church-goers if they could tell you some of the significant stories of Scripture, they would likely hesitate, unsure of where to begin or even whether they knew these stories well enough to share them. That is why, this year, we are committed to exploring some of the major stories of the Bible in worship and education on Sunday mornings in order to learn together and to share the powerful, life-changing stories of Scripture.

**FOR FOUR SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER, WE WILL FOCUS ON SOME OF THE MAJOR STORIES**

**TOLD IN THE BOOK OF GENESIS:**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6**

*Seven Days of Creation*

Genesis 1:1-5

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13**

*Paradise Lost*

Genesis 3:1-19

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20**

*The Covenant with Noah*

Genesis 9:8-17

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27**

*The Call of Abraham*

Genesis 12:1-4

Each story will be read as the Scripture for the day, serve as the focus of the sermon, and inspire some of the music and other elements of worship as well as our Sunday School curriculum. So join us in worship this October!

## MPLS CAMPUS MAIN OFFICE REFRESH!

Over the summer we reimagined and remodeled the Main Office at the Mpls Campus. What used to be three offices, a reception desk, a copy room, a kitchenette, and a volunteer space were transformed into five offices, a refreshed reception area, an additional conference room, a more functional kitchenette, and a streamlined work space for our Communications and Engagement team and the rest of the Mount Olivet staff. Feel free to stop in and check out the new spaces. We love them and know you will, too!



## LIFE & GROWTH

**AUG 15 - SEP 16**

### BAPTISMS

**Murphy Donald Ewasiuk**

*son of Julie and Mike*

**Keng Bear Helgoe**

*son of Sheng and Bjorn*

**Carson Jay Holthaus**

*son of Kristin and Dex*

**Astrid Arlan Krum**

*daughter of Alexandra and Nicolai*

**Millie Rae Krum**

*daughter of Alexandra and Nicolai*

**Kellan Michael McGlynn**

*son of Jennifer and Michael*

**Matthew Michael McGlynn**

*son of Lacey and Michael*

**James Elijah Mityesoglu**

*son of Bryanna and Corc*

**Emerald Jane Mong**

*daughter of Samantha and Harry*

**Margot Bridget Nelson**

*daughter of Maddie and Brett*

**August John Schmiel**

*son of Kaitlyn and Brian*

**Alice Emma Schuster**

*daughter of Riley and Shane*

**Henry Joseph Sigstad**

*son of Danielle and TJ*

**Luella Esther Sigstad**

*daughter of Danielle and TJ*

**Jacob Thomas James Ward**

*son of Deb, Steve, and Jenna*

**Kennedy Evelyn Rose Ward**

*daughter of Deb, Steve, and Jenna*

**Raymond Steven Welter**

*son of Kaitlin and Sam*

**Harrison James Whitney**

*son of Dionne and Daniel*

**Olivia Claire Whitney**

*daughter of Dionne and Daniel*

**Sydney Megan Wollan**

*daughter of Jennifer and Thomas*

### WEDDINGS

**Emily Born & Luke Holliday, August 30**

**Sylvia Wallin & Kevin Davidson,**

*August 31*

**Whitney Walker & Jameson Krause,**

*September 1*

**Nicole Anderson & Eric Reddy,**

*September 7*

**Sarah Benke & Tyler Berg, September 8**

**Heather Bradt & Nicholas Mackenthun,**

*September 14*

**Paige Reno & Charles Johnson,**

*September 14*

### DEATHS

**Patricia L. Buckholz, 1927-2024**

**Hans Buslee, 1954-2024**

**Nancee L. Doepke, 1926-2024**

**Dana M. Dudley, 1933-2024**

**James W. Hancer, 1947-2024**

**Kathy Hanson, 1942-2024**

**Tara L. Jensen, 1969-2024**

**Bruce E. Johnson, 1942-2024**

**Gloria J. Luckhardt, 1944-2024**

**Jeanne C. Olsen, 1945-2024**

**Robert C. Welshans, 1942-2024**

## DEVOTION

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. -Psalm 85:10, 12

The first time my family came to Mount Olivet was to visit the Pumpkin Patch in 2020. Along with pumpkins and photos, we picked up the great Mount Olivet welcome. Each fall we keep an eye out for the rows of pumpkins, the wagons that haul them, as well as the youth staff and volunteers who tend to it all—all visible reminders of the gifts of community, the earth, and the Lord, whose steadfast love endures forever. Church grows where we are: at camp, in the hospital, at school, in worship, and yes, in the pumpkin patch. Faith happens together. We all have different opinions on what pumpkin is best: Cinderella, Knucklehead, Big Moon, Harvest Moon, Jarrahdale, or the correct answer, Pie—even so, it is the Lord who gives what is good. That's a helpful reminder for us this season. We can disagree and, even still, the Lord is good.

God, you plant us on the earth and give us to one another in community. May your steadfast love, faithfulness, righteousness, and peace be the ground of our being—together. Amen.

—PASTOR GRANGAARD



# BRUNCH WITH US!

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

BETWEEN SERVICES, MPLS & WEST CAMPUSES

## NEW MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

### NEW MEMBER ORIENTATIONS

Sunday, October 13, 12noon-1:30pm, West Campus

Sunday, October 27, 12noon-1:30pm, Mpls Campus

Sunday, November 3, 12noon-1:30pm, Mpls Campus

Future Mount Olivet members! Meet the Pastors, staff, members of the Board of Life and Growth, and connect with other new members. Brunch will be served, and childcare is available for infants through 5 years old. Register online at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org).

### NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Sunday, November 10, Mpls & West Campuses

New members will be recognized during worship services.

To learn more, ask questions, or to register for a New Member Orientation, please contact Gail Breen at [gbreen@mtolivet.org](mailto:gbreen@mtolivet.org) or 612.767.2289.

# Everything IN LOVE

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who have made your giving plan and/or pledge for Mount Olivet and its ministries for 2025! We had a wonderful Stewardship season thanks to countless volunteers and all who participated. Thank you!

## REMINDER!

If you haven't yet done so, please take time today to make your 2025 pledge to Mount Olivet and its ministries and/or make a giving plan, and set up scheduled giving. ALL members and gifts of ALL sizes are important and needed! Thank you!



## WAYS TO PLEDGE & GIVE



### 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 above
- Return the pledge card that was mailed to you
- Go online to [mtolivet.org/stewardship](http://mtolivet.org/stewardship)
- Contact Tricia Lerohl-Morgan, Coordinator of Financial Records, at [tricial@mtolivet.org](mailto: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](http://mtolivet.org) under GIVING
- Contact Tricia Lerohl-Morgan, Coordinator of Financial Records, at [tricial@mtolivet.org](mailto:tricial@mtolivet.org) or 612.767.2255



# THOUGHTFUL GIFT GIVING

## CLOSING THE GAP

There are two main sources of revenue that fund Mount Olivet’s ministries:

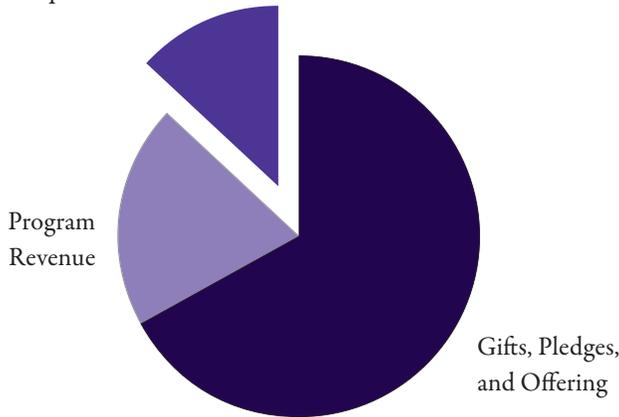
1. Your gifts, pledges, and offerings
2. Revenue generated from programming

The remaining “Gap” comes from drawing on the Mount Olivet Foundation, which was created in 1980 by Pastor Paul Youngdahl. The Foundation contains estate gifts, dedicated gifts, and other funds offered to grow our ministries, ensure Mount Olivet’s future, and close the budget gap between our offerings and expenses. Our hope and intention is to fully fund our budget with member offering and program revenue. Imagine what we could do if the strength of our Foundation and estate gifts were dedicated solely to growing our ministry and impact!

## 2024 REVENUE BUDGET

\$7,509,995	Gifts, Pledges, and Offering (69%)
\$2,483,100	Program Revenue (23%)
\$894,224	The Gap – Foundation & Other Sources (8%)

The Gap – Foundation & Other Sources



## GROWING IN GENEROSITY

### MOUNT OLIVET’S PATTERN OF GIVING

*Where are you in this giving table? Where would you like to move?*

If all those who are currently giving increased their offering by \$10/week, we could nearly close the gap between our offering and budget expenses and dedicate more of our Foundation and estate dollars to new ministry and ensure Mount Olivet’s future!

2023 Average Weekly Gifts to the General Fund\*

AVERAGE WEEKLY GIFT	NUMBER OF GIVERS	% OF TOTAL
\$0.01-\$5	851	27.9%
\$5-\$10	355	11.7%
\$10-\$20	511	16.8%
\$20-\$30	383	12.6%
\$30-\$40	199	6.5%
\$40-\$50	144	4.7%
\$50-\$60	114	3.7%
\$60-\$70	80	2.6%
\$70-\$80	54	1.8%
\$80-\$90	40	1.3%
\$90-\$100	62	2.0%
\$100-\$125	75	2.5%
\$125-\$150	32	1.1%
\$150 and Above	145	4.8%
<b>TOTAL GIVING</b>	<b>3,045*</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*In 2023, 3,045 out of a potential 9,734 giving households gave a gift to the General Fund.

## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AS YOU MAKE YOUR 2025 PLEDGE

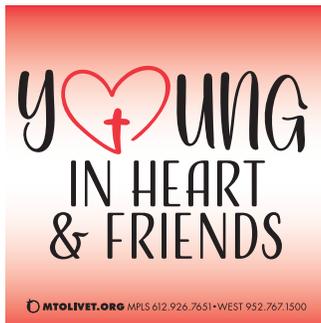
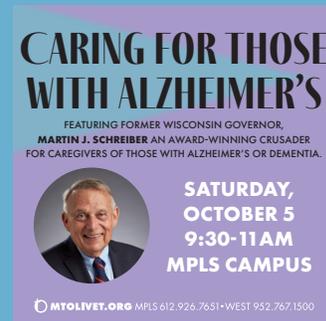
- What ministries have impacted your life this past year?
- Where have you seen other people’s lives impacted in and through Mount Olivet?
- What do you dream Mount Olivet can do and become?
- How can you help us move forward in our mission and ministry?
- What was your gift to Mount Olivet last year?
- How did it feel to contribute to the life and ministry of your church?
- What would you like to give this year?

# CARING FOR THOSE WITH ALZHEIMER'S

**Saturday, October 5, 9:30-11 am, Mpls Campus, FREE**

Former Wisconsin Governor, **Martin J. Schreiber** is an award-winning crusader for caregivers of those with Alzheimer's or dementia. Through his personal experience as a caregiver to his wife Elaine, Marty will share his experience and provide honest insight regarding Alzheimer's disease. Marty will offer practical advice to equip caregivers with information to advocate for their loved one, and ask the right questions of their medical team. Marty's book will be available for purchase, as his goal is to get his book, *My Two Elaines: Learning, Coping, and Surviving as an Alzheimer's Caregiver*, into the hands of people who need it most. Net proceeds from Marty's book go to caregiver support programs.

To register, visit [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org). For questions, contact Nancy Nelson at [nnelson@mtolivet.org](mailto:nnelson@mtolivet.org) or 612.767.2288.



## YOUNG IN HEART & FRIENDS

**Tuesday, October 15, 12noon-1:30pm, Mpls Campus, \$10**

Young in Heart and Friends invites you to join us for lunch and fellowship as we welcome our special guests and newest pastors, Pastor Jeni Grangaard and Pastor Jenna Olson Popp. Come listen to Pastor Grangaard and Pastor Olson Popp as they share about their education, their families, and their passions in life. Friends are welcome to attend! Please register by October 11, at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org), or by contacting Tricia Asuncion at 612.767.2210, or [tasuncion@mtolivet.org](mailto:tasuncion@mtolivet.org)



## COFFEE & CONVERSATION: HOW TO TRANSFORM LONELINESS INTO CONNECTION

**Thursday, October 24, 10-11:30am, Mpls Campus, FREE**

The Mount Olivet Mental Health Task Force invites you to join us for coffee and conversation, with a presentation on the topic, "How to Transform Loneliness into Connection." Sherri M. Herman, MA, LPCC is a licensed clinical psychotherapist, spiritual coach, and loneliness expert who will share about transforming loneliness into connection with expert strategies blending science and ancient wisdom. Learn to avoid common pitfalls, nurture your spirit, and forge deep connections for a brighter future. Register at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org), or by contacting Rachel Sufficool, [rsufficool@mtolivet.org](mailto:rsufficool@mtolivet.org), or 612.767.2235.



## THE JOY IN TEACHING SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Our fantastic and dedicated Sunday School volunteers have many reasons they love to assist in the faith formation of our children in Sunday School.

### CHERUB: PRESCHOOL AGE

“I love being a vehicle for kids to learn that church is a safe and happy place.”

—AMEE LIABRAATEN

“Teaching the little ones the Bible Stories, puts JOY in my heart.”

—MICKEY PORTER

“Teaching Sunday School at Mount Olivet inspires me and brings me joy! In the foundational Bible stories we read and talk about, the children hear how very special they are to God and how much He loves them. We talk about ways to be helpful, kind, and loving in their daily lives—being a light of God’s love in the world. With each new class we teach, the children’s enthusiasm to hear the message of God’s love never changes. Their open hearts teach us how simple and meaningful that enduring message is.”

—LAURIE BEISE



### ALLELUIA: KINDERGARTEN & GRADE 1

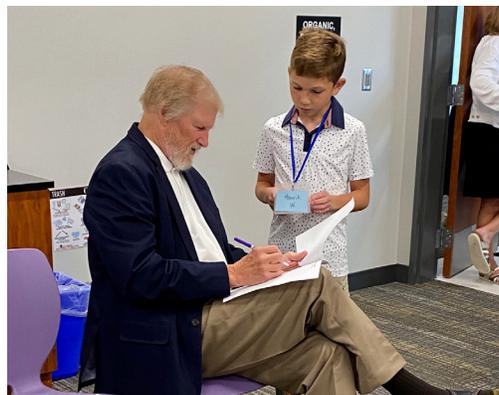
“I love being with the kids. I like seeing them every week and hearing their singing.”

—NATHAN BAUER

### CHAPEL: GRADES 4 & 5

“During my elementary grade school days in Forest City, IA, the Christian witness and faith of two Sunday School teachers, Mr. John Osness and Mrs. Thorland, had a profound influence on my faith development. I never knew their ages, but they were over 70 years old. I knew then, that in my retirement years, I wanted to follow their example and share my faith with young Sunday School students.”

—MARK LUND



# YOUTH MINISTRY UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES



## JHA SCREAMTOWN

**OCTOBER 4**

*6-10pm*

This event is 7th and 8th Grade only. We meet at West for a pizza party then we are off to Screamtown for a fun night of scary attractions!



## SENIOR RETREAT

**OCTOBER 4-6**

Students who are seniors in high school are invited up to Cathedral of the Pines Camp for a special weekend with their class.



## PUMPKIN PATCH

**OCTOBER 14-30**

*Monday-Friday 3-6pm*

*Saturday & Sunday 10am-6pm*

We are back and prepared with all your pumpkin related needs. Proceeds from the Pumpkin Patch support the Cathedral Choir.



## PUMPKIN PATCH UNLOAD

**OCTOBER 13**

*12:30-2pm, Mpls Campus*

Calling all Hi-Leaguers! Help us unload and organize the pumpkins for the Pumpkin Patch!



## MEA DAY AWAY

**OCTOBER 17** *11am-4pm*

We will start our morning with a hike and outside games, and then we will spend the afternoon at the Mall of America for lunch, shopping, and rides at Nickelodeon Universe!



## HI-LEAGUE FALL CAMP

**OCTOBER 17-20**

This long weekend at camp is for our high school students only. Enjoy a cozy and relaxing time at Cathedral of the Pines Camp!



## SHAREGROUPS

**OCTOBER 27**

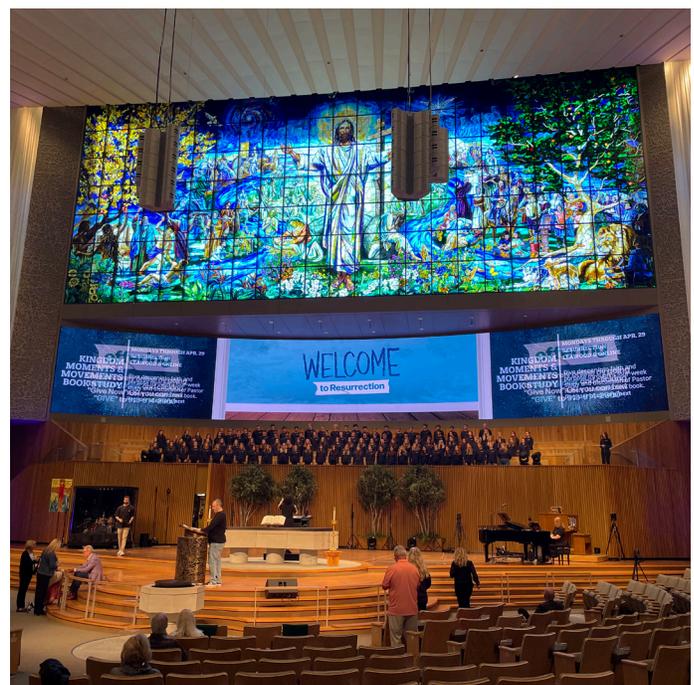
*7-8:30pm, Mpls Campus*

Hi-League students meet in small groups to catch up and do devotions together with leaders.



## THE MOUNT OLIVET PUMPKIN PATCH

The Mount Olivet Pumpkin Patch is a favorite event for our congregation, as well as the neighborhood. Attendees come by to chat with the youth staff and high school volunteers, learn about the Cathedral Choir, have some fall fun, and of course, pick out beautiful (or interesting!) pumpkins. Proceeds from the Pumpkin Patch help to fund the Cathedral Choir trip we take each spring. Last year, 107 high school students, along with 23 chaperones, pastors, and youth staff traveled to Kansas City, Missouri. They shared their musical gifts with the congregation at United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. The sanctuary is beautiful, with an incredible stained glass window portraying some of the most well-known Bible stories. The choir trips are special because our high school students get to experience worship services at other churches, and perform for their congregations, all while having fun and making memories with their church friends. Thank you for supporting the Mount Olivet Pumpkin Patch and the Cathedral Choir trips each year.





## LIVING THE MESSAGE: EIGHT ESSENTIAL BIBLE STORIES

The Living the Message series is taught by Pastor Lose and runs the first Tuesday of the month October 2024 through May 2025, 6:30-7:30pm or via emailed videos. All held at Mpls except for November and March at West. All are welcome at any time.

### EXODUS 3: WHO IS GOD?

Tuesday, October 1, 6:30-7:30pm, Mpls Campus Room 207

When you think of the Exodus story – whether as recorded in the Bible or one of Hollywood’s numerous renditions – you likely think of the confrontation between Moses and Pharaoh, multiple plagues, the Passover, and more. And all that is indeed there. But... before any of that happens, there is God’s encounter with Moses which reveals something essential both about God and about our relationship with God. (Hint: it’s a real relationship!)

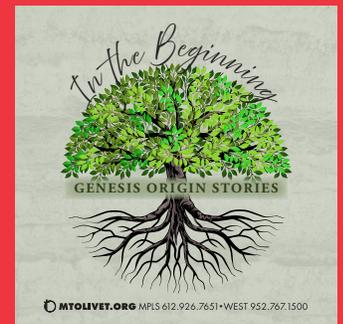
### EXODUS 20: WHAT DOES GOD WANT FROM/FOR US?

Tuesday, November 12\*, 6:30-7:30pm, West Campus Rehearsal Hall

\*One week later due to November 5 Election Day

Across the centuries, various people and cultures have shared their sense of God (or gods) via myths, commandments, prohibitions, ceremonial celebrations, and more. In this regard, the story of the Ten Commandments feels like many other attempts to describe God’s will for God’s people. At the same time, and by looking a little more closely, you discover a God very different from what other communities have imagined... and maybe different from what we imagine! Come to discover a God unlike all others!

REGISTER ONLINE 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.



## “IN THE BEGINNING”: EXPLORING THE ORIGIN STORIES OF GENESIS

Mpls Campus: Wednesdays,  
10:30-11:30am in 207

West Campus: Thursdays,  
10:30-11:30am in the  
Rehearsal Hall

Via emailed video sent one  
week after Mpls class dates.

#### UPCOMING CLASSES:

**NOVEMBER 6 / 7:** *In Place of God, Joseph’s Story* with Pastor Grangaard

**NOVEMBER 13 / 14:** *Stories of Overlooked Women* with Pastor Olson Popp

## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

**DAYTIME:** 2nd Tuesday of  
the month, 10-11:30am

**EVENING:** 2nd Wednesday  
of the month, 7-8:30pm

Both held in the Mpls Campus  
Library

#### UPCOMING BOOKS:

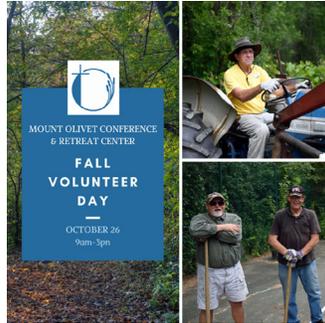
**OCTOBER 8 / 9:** *How to Know a Person* by David Brooks

**NOVEMBER 12 / 13:** *Trust* by Hernan Diaz

# Fall Volunteer Day

**Saturday, October 26,  
9am-3pm, Conference &  
Retreat Center, FREE**

Register now for Fall Volunteer Day to help ready the Conference & Retreat Center grounds for the winter season. Volunteers will help with projects like uprooting annuals, installing deer fencing around white cedar trees, raking leaves, wood splitting, wood chipping, and other seasonal projects. In addition, volunteers and families can enjoy a delicious meal from our kitchen and have opportunities to swim in the pool, explore the trails, play on the natural playscape, and delight in any of our indoor and outdoor amenities. Only free part of the day? No problem. Any amount of time helps us care for this corner of creation!



# Craft Away Retreat

**Friday, November 8 through  
Sunday, November 10,  
Conference & Retreat Center**

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. Stay in a dorm with a small group of friends or in a hotel-style room (double-occupancy and limited single occupancy). Single Occupancy \$390; Double Occupancy \$300; Dorm Occupancy \$240. Cost includes crafting space with an electrical outlet, overnight accommodations, meals, use of all amenities, and tax. All registration types include supper on Friday through lunch on Sunday.



## SAVE THE DATES

### DAY ADVENT JOURNEY

**Tuesday, December 3, 10am-3pm,  
Conference & Retreat Center, \$20**

Day Advent Journey is one of our annual day-time retreats. It provides space to gather with familiar and new friends and enter the season of Advent together through worship, learning, and conversation in a place of inspiring beauty. Begin the day with fresh pastries, enjoy a delicious lunch provided by our professional chefs, and end with communal worship.

### WOMEN'S WEEKEND

**Friday, January 24 through Sunday,  
January 26, Conference & Retreat Center**

This annual retreat will begin with dinner on Friday and culminate with brunch on Sunday. Arrive on Friday afternoon and enjoy the Conference & Retreat Center amenities and fellowship with one another. Register for single occupancy (limited availability), double occupancy, dorm occupancy, or as a commuter. Registration opens Friday, November 1!

# UPCOMING AT MOUNT OLIVET



## BRUNCH WITH US!

Sunday, October 6, between services, Mpls & West Campuses

Your church wants to celebrate our members being a part of our community of faith, volunteering their time, participating in programming, and steadfast generosity! Join us after worship for food and fellowship. Brunch items may include: egg sandwiches and pastries from our amazing kitchen, crepes from La Belle Crepe. No registration necessary.



## FIKA MUSIC SERIES

### DANCING ON THE KEYS

Sunday, October 13, 12:15pm, Mpls Campus & livestreamed at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org), FREE!

A delightful concert of four-hand piano music by composers from around the globe.

### LATIN JAZZ SOIRÉE

Sunday, November 17, 12:15pm, Mpls Campus & livestreamed at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org), FREE!

A musical fiesta featuring a Latin Jazz band.



## FLYING SOLO PRIVATE TOUR AT THE MUSEUM OF RUSSIAN ART

Sunday, October 13, 3-6pm, Museum of Russian Art, \$14 for Adults, \$12 for Adults 65+

Join us for a personal tour of The Museum of Russian Art (TMORA) with Flying Solo docent, Maggie Menk followed by time to explore the museum and their great gift shop afterwards. We'll follow up with a bite to eat at a restaurant nearby.



## MOUNT OLIVET ART CLASSES

### NEEDLE AND WET FELTING: PUMPKIN PAINTING

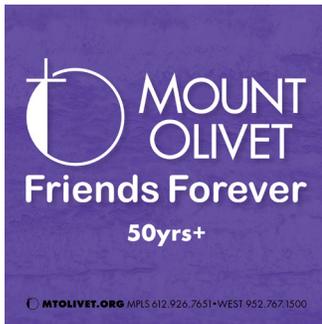
Monday, October 14, 6-8pm, Mpls Campus, \$40

Create a beautiful "painting" completely out of wool roving. Learn to use a wet felting process and needle felting to create a one-of-a-kind image of a pumpkin out of wool. This is the perfect class for the fall season!

### WATERCOLOR PAINTING

Tuesday, November 12, 6-8pm, Mpls Campus, \$35

Following step by step instructions from the instructor, paint a beautiful watercolor painting. You will learn different watercolor techniques, such as wet on wet and dry brushing. This is a wonderful way to learn to paint in watercolors even if you have no experience. All supplies are provided.



## FRIENDS FOREVER

### AUTUMN DINNER

Sunday, October 20, 5-8pm, Oak Ridge Country Club, \$60

Please join us for a yummy dinner and time to catch up with friends and make new ones! Cost is \$60.

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

### THANKSGIVING BRUNCH

Sunday, November 24, 11 am-1 pm, Mpls Campus

Save the date for the Friends Forever Thanksgiving Brunch! We will gather together for worship during the 11am service and have a sumptuous brunch prepared by our very own Sally McNamee.



## CAREER & CALLING FALL KICK-OFF

Tuesday, October 29, 5:30-7pm, West Campus,

Join Career & Calling for our 2024 Fall Kick-Off event! Karla Hult, Kare 11 News Reporter and Anchor, will present on the topic: *Did Someone Say "Pivot"?! As an award-winning journalist with a Master's from Columbia University, and founder of So Many Goodbyes, Karla has, by most standards, achieved professional success. Karla will share tips about embracing the next chapter, however unplanned and challenging, by listening to your own heart and God's unwavering wisdom. Refreshments will be served. We hope that you will join us! Register at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org).*



## MOCW HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE & HOLIDAY MARKET

Saturday, November 2, 9am-2pm, Mpls Campus

Saturday, November 9, 9am-2pm, West Campus

Join us for the MOCW Holiday Boutique and Holiday Market featuring fine art, crafts, pottery, jewelry, home decor, culinary gifts, "Dala House" kids-only shopping, and more!



## LUTEFISK VOLUNTEERS

This year, Mount Olivet is hosting it's 94th Annual Lutefisk Dinner that is sponsored by MOCW! Each year, this dinner hosts more than 1,200 people. What makes this dinner so special is the many hands that help put the meal together - and we need your help! Below are some volunteer opportunities and times that we are looking for volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Heather Goudy, Lutefisk Chair and MOCW President, at [heathergoudy@hotmail.com](mailto:heathergoudy@hotmail.com) with the times and job you'd like to help with.

### AVAILABLE SHIFTS

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 2:** Scooping Cookie Dough at 12noon

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3:** Rolling Meatballs and/or Scooping Cookie Dough at 12noon

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4:** Rolling Meatballs at 12noon

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5:** Making Rutabagas at 9am & Making Rice Pudding at 1pm

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6:** Table Setting and Lefse Rolling at 9am, Making Potatoes at 10am, Making White Sauce at 12:30pm, Cooking Lutefisk at 1pm, Making Butter at 1:30pm, Server/Busser, Buffet Servers, Plate Scrapers, and Coffee/Water Attendants at 2:30-5pm, 5-7pm, or 2:30-7pm.



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