

OCT 2019

MOUNT OLIVET

# MESSENGER

*Believing, Belonging, Becoming*



## EXODUS: THE ROAD TO FREEDOM

VOLUME 7, ISSUE 10

# Join Us for Worship

**M** MINNEAPOLIS CAMPUS  
5025 KNOX AVE S  
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55419  
612.926.7651

**W** WEST CAMPUS  
7150 ROLLING ACRES RD, P.O. BOX 153  
VICTORIA, MN 55386  
952.767.1500



## EXODUS: THE ROAD TO FREEDOM

### SUN, OCT 6

#### *Exodus 1:8-21*

Holy Communion 8:30am and following the last service  
Sunday School & Choir Sunday School 9 & 10am; Nursery 9, 10, 11am

**M** 9, 10, 11am, 12noon

Sermon: **PASTOR HAMMERSTEN**

Music: Senior & Cathedral Choirs; Julie Johnson, flute

**W** 9, 10, 11am

Sermon: **PASTOR KALLAND**

Music: Senior & Cathedral Choir

### SUN, OCT 13

#### *Exodus 1:22-2:10*

Holy Communion 8:30am and following the last service  
Sunday School & Choir Sunday School 9 & 10am; Nursery 9, 10, 11am

**M** 9, 10, 11am, 12noon

Sermon: **PASTOR MACLEAN**

Music: Senior, Cathedral, Chancel Treble Choirs;  
Centennial Singers

**W** 9, 10, 11am

Sermon: **PASTOR DIXON**

Music: Senior, Cathedral, Chancel Treble Choirs;  
Chancel Ringers

### SUN, OCT 20

#### *Exodus 2:11-15, 23-25*

Holy Communion 8:30am and following the last service  
Sunday School & Choir Sunday School 9 & 10am; Nursery 9, 10, 11am

**M** 9, 10, 11am, 12noon

Sermon: **PASTOR HELGEN**

Music: Guest Choir: National Lutheran Choir

**W** 9, 10, 11am

Sermon: **PASTOR FREEMAN**

Music: Justin Staebell, baritone

### SUN, OCT 27

#### *Reformation Sunday - Exodus 3:1-15*

Holy Communion 8:30am and following the last service  
Sunday School & Choir Sunday School 9 & 10am; Nursery 9, 10, 11am

**M** 9, 10, 11am, 12noon

Sermon: **PASTOR LOSE**

Music: Senior, Cathedral, Chancel Tenore, Alleluia & Cherub  
Choirs

**W** 9, 10, 11am

Sermon: **PASTOR RUUD**

Music: Senior, Cathedral, Chancel Tenore, Alleluia & Cherub  
Choirs

### WED, OCT 2

#### *Wednesday Worship & Community Lunch*

**M** 11am — followed by a Community Lunch,  
\$6, no reservation required  
Message: **PASTOR DIXON**



**MOUNT OLIVET  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
STEWARDSHIP 2020**

Each and every week, we strive to tell the story of God's ongoing work to redeem and bless God's people through our worship on Sundays and programs and activities throughout the week. All of this is funded by your generous pledges. Thank you to all who have pledged for 2020! If you haven't yet pledged, please do, so that we can continue inviting others onto the road of freedom that is ours in Christ. (See page 17)

***Thank you!***

#### **A New Performing Group: The Centennial Singers**

As we kick off Mount Olivet's Centennial celebration, we're excited to introduce to you Mount Olivet's newest performing ensemble, THE CENTENNIAL SINGERS. This select group is comprised of Mount Olivet's professional singers who will perform anthems in a variety of styles during the noon worship service at the Minneapolis Campus on most Sunday mornings. The celebration of one hundred years of inspirational music continues!

# The Road to Freedom

If you know much about the story of the Exodus, you can probably thank Hollywood. The dramatic story of God's rescue of the Israelites from Egyptian slavery has been a mainstay of the silver screen for decades. Released in 1956, Cecil B. DeMille's epic *The Ten Commandments* brought the central story of the Old Testament to life so effectively that most Americans still see Charlton Heston's face when they think of Moses. A generation – or two! – later, and Stephen Spielberg retold the story through vivid animation in 1998's *The Prince of Egypt*. Even more recently, Christian Bale took up the role of Moses in the highly-stylized *Exodus: Of Gods and Kings* (2014).

Why do we seem to have such an appetite for this biblical story? Perhaps it is the pulsating notes of drama that punctuate the story: baby Moses being placed in a basket among the bulrushes to avoid a ghastly fate, his transformation from a timid and slow-of-tongue shepherd to a formidable leader, the confrontation between Moses and Pharaoh, plagues and pestilences of all sorts, a nighttime escape and flight to the Sea, hopelessness turned to victory when God separates the waters of the Red Sea, and the deliverance of the Ten Commandments as both gift and expectation from atop Mount Sinai.

But I suspect that a more compelling explanation for the enduring prominence and popularity of this story are the themes at its core: deliverance from oppression, rescue from bondage, and the promise of freedom and a new life in a land “flowing with milk and honey.” Little wonder that many of the spirituals composed and sung by the African American slaves of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries were rooted in this very story – “Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land, tell old Pharaoh: Let my people go!” – or that Harriet Tubman, conductor of the Underground Railroad, was known as “the Moses of her people.”

Beneath the drama of the story, and undergirding the significant themes of deliverance and redemption, is a promise that is as simple as it is powerful: God sees when we are hurting... and cares... and does something about it. In fact, a powerful refrain knitting the various twists and turns appears initially at the end of the second chapter and then is repeated in various forms throughout the story: “God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God looked upon the Israelites, and God took notice of them” (2:24-25).

To be seen. To be heard. And in these ways, to be granted the dignity that you deserve to be seen and heard, that you are worthy of God's attention! These are promises that need to be told and retold, repeated in our songs and worship, announced from the pulpit and in everyday conversation, simply because they are so hard to believe. I mean, really, that the God who not only created but still sustains the vast cosmos would also notice the troubles of the Israelites, would be sympathetic to the travail of the slaves, or would care about the tragedies great and small that befall us? This is, when you stop to think about it, a message and promise that seems too good to be true.

Perhaps that is why it is not only the central story of the Jewish Bible that we name the Old Testament, but also the story around which the New Testament authors interpreted the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, for instance, Jesus represents a “new Moses” – which is why he gives his most significant sermon from a mountain top. In Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Jesus' last supper with his disciples, and the time and place where he institutes the Lord's Supper, is a celebration of the Passover commemorating God's deliverance of the Israelites. And John, the Gospel we will read this year from December through May, arranges the entirety of his telling of Jesus' passion to correspond with events first narrated in Exodus so that Jesus is once and for all the Passover Lamb whose death guarantees life, deliverance, and freedom for all who believe.

This story, as we experience it in the reading of Scripture, interpreted from the pulpit, and brought to life in music, is still our story. We, too, even amid the relative wealth and freedom enjoyed by most North American Christians, are still in need of deliverance. We are still, that is, on the road to freedom. I look forward to traversing that road with you this fall, so that we may once again come to know and experience the love of the God who notices, cares, and redeems God's people.

See you in Church!

*Pastor Lose*

DAVID J. LOSE, SENIOR PASTOR





## Life & Growth

AUG 15 - SEPT 16

### Baptisms

Thomas James Feeney, son of Laura and Rory  
Finn Elliot Groth, son of Emily and Matthew  
Griffin Brett Heim, son of Alyssa and Louis  
Tessa Kristine Jochims, daughter of Megan and  
Jonathon

Avarie Rae Lewis, daughter of Alyson and Evan  
Eva Mae Lewis, daughter of Alyson and Evan  
James Steven Mackall, son of Courtney and  
James

Zach Michael Melander, son of Jessica and  
Derek

Maximus Edison Geordie Morneau, son of Krista  
and Justin

Myles Edmond Louis Morneau, son of Krista  
and Justin

Audrey Suzette Patil, daughter of Ali and Zach  
Dakota Hope Ariella Reiter, daughter of Nicole  
and Domic

Tekla Ruth Schwinger, daughter of Ingrid and  
Peter

Connor Robert Varney, son of Sarah and  
Andrew

Warren Frederick Varney, son of Sarah and  
Andrew

Lauren Elizabeth Wagner, daughter of Rachel  
and Ryan

### Weddings

Haley Springer & John Hopps, August 16

Carly Goodlund & Daniel Garber, August 24

Catherine Larson & Derek Johnson,  
September 7

Hannah Ericksen & Mark Polsgrove,  
September 13

### Deaths

Ryan C. Allen, 1984 – 2019

O. Charlotte Carlsen, 1924 – 2019

Mary A. Broberg, 1927 – 2019

Wells M. Gustafson, 1928 – 2019

Gerald P. Kispert, 1927 – 2019

Mary Jo Larson, 1927 – 2019

Karin A. Neimeyer, 1932 – 2019

Leonard J. Nadasdy, 1930 – 2019

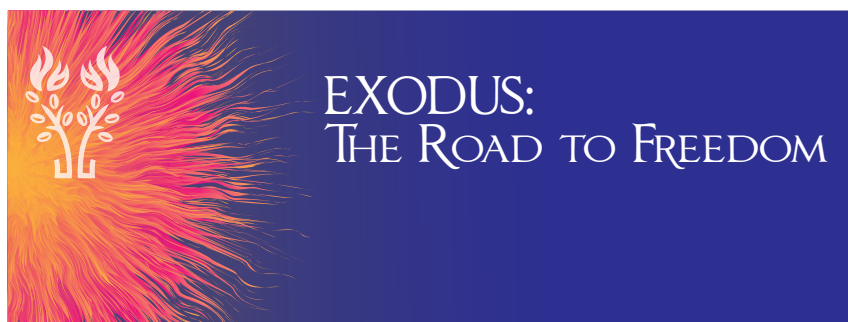
Donald R. Peterson, 1933 – 2019

Eugene M. Skibbe, 1930 – 2019

Marilyn L. Sorensen, 1922 – 2019

Romona D. Tokheim, 1928 – 2019

Cheryl J. Young, 1944 – 2019



## You Are Seen. You Are Heard.

There are few stories more exciting and hopeful than the story told in Exodus. Join us each and every Sunday as we bring it to life through Scripture, sermon, and song. As backdrop to this adventure, it will help to remember that our journey through Genesis last fall ended with the story of Joseph, the kid with the fancy coat who was sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, protected by God, rose to a position of authority in the government of Pharaoh, and then used by God to save all of Egypt — and his brothers and their families! — from famine. Genesis concludes with Joseph forgiving his brothers and the arrival of all the tribes of Israel to seek food and shelter as immigrants to Egypt.

**October 6**, we will learn that “a new Pharaoh arose who did not know Joseph,” and this ominous line is the backdrop to a story of fear and cruelty that is all too familiar (Exodus 1:8-21). Why, we might wonder, is fear — of failure, of the future, and especially of others — still so powerful?

*How can we live into the freedom that comes from obeying the most repeated command in Scripture: “do not fear!”*

**October 13**, We will learn a number of details about Moses’ narrow escape from death as a baby (Exodus 1:22 2:10): the sacrifice and trust of his mother and sister to hide him away and surrender him to God’s care in a basket placed in a river, the compassion and courage of Pharaoh’s daughter to disobey the command of her powerful father in order to save this foreign child, the fact that Moses’ name comes not from his family but from his adoptive mother, and God’s sure and steady presence throughout all these events.

*Where, we might ask, is God at work in the details of our lives, spurring us to acts of courage, sacrifice, and compassion?*

**October 20**, will fill in some of the gaps of the story that we might have forgotten (Exodus 2:11-15, 23-25) — how Moses grows up among the elite as a member of Pharaoh’s household, commits murder in an act of anger and outrage, flees when word of his crime surfaces, and begins a new life “on the lamb” in a foreign land. It’s easy for us to assume that biblical characters are noble heroes, but a close reading of the story reveals a different take: that God works even through deeply flawed people to achieve God’s purposes.

*How might God still be at work, we may wonder, through our lives, even using our flaws and failures to advance God’s mission of freedom, grace, and love?*

**Reformation Sunday is October 27**, and it is the perfect day on which to hear the story of the burning bush and the revelation of God’s name (Exodus 3:1-15). As we’ll discover, there’s more to this story than meets the eye, as Moses tries to get the upper hand on the voice calling him to deeds beyond his reckoning and God insists that the only way to truly get to know God is to come along onto the road to freedom. A similar experience motivated Martin Luther to introduce people to the God of love we know in Jesus, a determination that forever changed the church and world and still powerfully shapes our lives today.



## DEVOTIONS

How do we live together and why? What is the point of Christian community, and what is this fellowship of the Holy Spirit I keep hearing about? Can't I be a Christian on my own? Can't I just go about my business quietly believing what I believe, and doing what I ought?

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2)

"Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." (Matthew 18:20)

These are two of the most beautiful and encouraging verses in all of scripture on the subject of Christian community. I find it interesting that both appear in longer passages reflecting on the problem of sin and how it should be handled. It turns out that sin is an inescapable component of life together, even the life of Christian fellowship in the church.

It might be helpful to think of sin not just as naughty and avoidable choices. Sin and the consequences of sin are unavoidable, and often have nothing to do with personal responsibility. Sickness and death, for example, are features of life in this sinful world, but will have no place in God's new creation.

We gather together, then, to make each other's burdens light. We gather together to take away the sting of sin and replace it with the joy of Jesus Christ. I see that happening every week at Mount Olivet—through the preaching of grace and mercy in the pulpit, in the informal and invaluable support you share in the narthexes of both campuses (and thanks be for the expanded space at West!), in the sheer happiness that multiplies at every gathering of the Mount Olivet Friends, Young Adults, Young in Heart, and so many more groups. I see joy alive and growing in the faith formation taking place in all sorts of educational offerings for Christians of every age—at COP, in choirs, in service opportunities, and in countless other holy moments. We gather together because we have been given to one another to care for one another. Thanks be to God for another year of fellowship and care just begun. — PASTOR DIXON

### New Member Orientation

Sunday, 10/13, 12:30-2pm, MPLS; Sunday, 10/27, 2-3:30pm, WEST;

or Saturday, 11/9 9:30-11am, MPLS

People who will be joining Mount Olivet on Sunday, 11/10/19 are invited to attend one New Member Orientation. You will meet pastors, staff, members of the Board of Life and Growth, connect with other new members and find out what it means to be a member of this amazing congregation! Contact Carol Nault, 612.767.2204, caroln@mtolivet.org if you have questions or are interested in joining.

**CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION  
INFORMATION ON PAGE 7!**



## Daily Readings

October 2019

FROM PASTOR KALLAND

- 1 Luke 6:35, Love Your Enemies
- 2 2 John 1:6, Walk in Love
- 3 Proverbs 17:17, A Friend Loves
- 4 Judges 5:31, Be Like the Sun
- 5 Zechariah 8:16, Speak the Truth to Each Other
- 6 2 Thessalonians 1: 11-12, Constantly Pray for You
- 7 Hosea 6:6, Mercy Not Sacrifice
- 8 Romans 14:17-19, Peace and Mutual Edification
- 9 Luke 12:33-34, Treasure and Heart
- 10 1 Peter 4:10, To Serve Others
- 11 Zechariah 7:9-10, Justice, Mercy and Compassion
- 12 Daniel 7:13-14, Everlasting Dominion
- 13 Isaiah 47:4, Our Redeemer
- 14 2 Samuel 22:29, Turns Darkness Into Light
- 15 Psalm 8:3-4, What are Humans That Care For Us
- 16 Haggai 2:6-7, Fill the House with Glory
- 17 Revelation 1:8, Alpha and Omega
- 18 Psalm 42:11, Put Your Hope in God
- 19 2 Peter 1:16, Eyewitnesses of God's Majesty
- 20 Psalm 112:1, Delight in God's Commandments
- 21 Deuteronomy 28:9, Walk in Obedience
- 22 1 Kings 8:61, Live by God's Decrees
- 23 2 Peter 1:20-21, Carried By the Holy Spirit
- 24 Romans 5:1, Justified Through Faith
- 25 Galatians 5:24, Crucified the Flesh
- 26 1 Peter 2:9, A Chosen People
- 27 Romans 5:17, Through Jesus Christ
- 28 Matthew 10:28, Don't Be Afraid
- 29 Romans 8:15, The Spirit You Received
- 30 1 Peter 3:14, Do Not Fear Their Threats
- 31 Psalm 23:4, The Lord Is With You



### Young Adult Event (22-45yrs)

*Tu 10/15 7-8pm, Utepils Brewing, 225 Thomas Ave N, Minneapolis.* If you find yourself free on Tuesdays this Fall join us for Young Adult 3rd Tuesdays! We will meet at Utepils Brewing for our first 3rd Tuesday of the year! Come to hang out, get to know each other, and enjoy a brew. Pastor Dixon will be in attendance, look for him to find where MO will be gathering together. Hope to see you there!

### Young Adults: #adulging/cooking (22-45yrs)

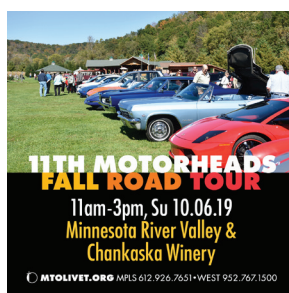
*Tu 10/29 7-8:30pm, M Kitchen.*

Want to hone your skills at preparing chicken breast? Learn a new easy recipe to quickly whip up at home? Sign up to be a part of our next installment of #adulging. We will meet in our MO Mpls Kitchen to learn from our chef how to master some basic cooking skills. Space is limited for this class so don't hesitate to register!

Cost: \$5

### Hi-er League: Pizza & Sacred Ground (18- 22yrs)

*W 11/27 6:30-7:30pm, M Lounge & Main Sanctuary.* Come reconnect with your friends at the start of Thanksgiving Break. Join us for pizza and Sacred Ground with Genevieve Kalland, Anna Kragness, Andrew Young, and Ben Hammersten.



### 11th Motorheads Fall Road Tour – The Minnesota River Valley & Chankaska Winery

*Su 10/6 11am W and Chankaska Winery in Kasota.* Following worship, join fellow Motorheads for quick Qdoba lunch at church followed by a 1-hour fall drive along the Minnesota River Valley. Our destination will be the Chankaska Winery in Kasota where we will enjoy food and wine tasting. All vehicles are welcome! Your return trip is on your own. Cost is \$42 per person. Register by 10/2.

### Men's Dinner John Rosengren

*Tu 11/5 6:30-8pm M Fellowship Hall.* Come hear John Rosengren speak about his book: **THE**

**FIGHT OF THEIR LIVES: HOW JUAN MARICHAL AND JOHN ROSEBORO TURNED BASEBALL'S UGLIEST BRAWL** into a Story of Forgiveness and Redemption. Doors will open at 6pm. Dinner will be served at 6:30 with the presentation by John following. It is sure to be a night of baseball that you do not want to miss! Cost is \$15. Register at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org) by 10/29.

### Men's Breakfasts

*Tu 7am, The Hilltop Edina;  
Th 7am, American Legion  
Chanhausen.*

Oct 1/3: **SPEAKER**

Oct 8/10: **PASTOR MACLEAN**

Oct 15/17: **SPEAKER**

Oct 22/24: **PASTOR DIXON**

Oct 29/31: **TRACY MURPHY**



### MOCW Holiday Boutique

*Sa 11/2 9am-2pm M Fellowship Hall, Lower Narthex, Gym.*

In addition to specialties and handmade gifts from our Women's Circles and the Careview gift shop, there will be over 60 local vendors (many NEW vendors to the boutique this year, including Mount Olivet Spirit store featuring Mount Olivet gear, along with a Cathedral of the Pines having a booth!), a Bistro-style menu with breakfast served 9-10am and lunch 11-1pm; and the Dala House kids-only shopping with \$5 gifts for parents and grandparents. This event is a major fundraiser for Mount Olivet. Come get your Christmas shopping started and know you are giving back to Mount Olivet at the same time! Questions?

Contact the Fellowship

Department at  
[fellowship@mtolivet.org](mailto:fellowship@mtolivet.org)

### Lutefisk Dinner Volunteers Needed!

*Shifts available on Th 12/5 or F 12/6 M Fellowship Hall.* Wanted: Lutefisk Cooks, Lefse Rollers, Servers, and More! Your help is needed for the 90th Annual Lutefisk Dinner to be held on Friday 12/6. If you are interested in volunteering, reach out to Jenny Nellis at 612.767.2247 or email [fellowship@mtolivet.org](mailto:fellowship@mtolivet.org).

## CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION PREVIEW!

How many senior pastors has our church had? How many assistants/associates? Where did the first services take place? Are there living family members that remember stories from those early days? Where did our logo come from? And... did you know that Reuben and Ruth Youngdahl entertained the entire growing congregation at their home on Lake Harriet Boulevard for many years?

Ever wonder about these and other Mount Olivet facts, figures, and stories? We began celebrating our Centennial on Rally Sunday, September 8, and will continue reminiscing about the rich history of our church, as well as looking forward to our next century of service through fall of 2020. It will be a full year of giving thanks for all God has done in and through Mount Olivet and looking ahead in anticipation for what God will continue to do.

The Mount Olivet Centennial Committee is hard at work planning a full year of worship experiences, educational opportunities, fun activities, and service-oriented outreach events. Our goal is to share the wonderful story of Mount Olivet far and wide so as to inform our members and the larger community of the deep-rooted history of a congregation that has been active and dynamic over the past century. Our goal is also to lay the foundations for a second century of service and growth.

We are a congregation that believes God is at work forming us into the people and community the world needs us to be. Founded on January 11, 1920, Mount Olivet today has 15,000 baptized members, over 250 high school students in the Cathedral Choir, two campuses, and six affiliated ministries. Grateful for our past, and focused on the future God is already fashioning, we are excited to welcome you to share our 2020 Vision for a wonderful Centennial celebration!

## Month to Month Ministry Highlight

NOVEMBER  
Adult Ministry  
DECEMBER  
Music Ministry  
JANUARY  
100 Year Anniversary  
FEBRUARY  
Cathedral of the Pines  
MARCH  
Mount Olivet Rolling Acres  
APRIL  
Children & Family Ministry  
MAY  
Youth Ministry  
JUNE  
Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center  
JULY  
Mount Olivet Counseling Service  
AUGUST  
Mount Olivet School of Music  
SEPTEMBER  
Mount Olivet Homes, Day Services & Grace Hospice  
OCTOBER  
Service & Outreach Ministry

## SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP EVENTS



© MTOIVET.ORG MPLS 612.926.7651 • WEST 952.767.1500

### Sunday 12/8/2019 at Both Campuses

Christmas for All is an all-congregational service project focused on giving back during the holiday season. We will partner with local organizations to create shopping opportunities for families. A lists of suggested donations will be provided. Donations will be receive at church and distribute to our partners. Volunteer opportunities include; setting up the stores, working at the store and assisting shoppers!



### Spring 2020 at the West Campus

Feed My Starving Children is called to feed God's starving children hungry in body and spirit. FMSC is a Christian non-profit organization committed to feeding God's children hungry in body and spirit. Join us for this fun event where adult and youth (6yrs+) volunteers will hand pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children around the world. With God's help we will work together with to end hunger.



### Thursday 5/28/2020 at The Hutton House

Come raise a glass to Mount Olivet in celebration of 100 years! Drop by between 5-10pm. Your \$30 ticket gets you in the door, nosh on heavy apps, play some yard games, and take a memorable photo in the photo booth. In your exclusive "100th year" glass have a drink on us to toast to our past, present, and future! Cash bar and Valet parking will also be available. This is a 21+ event.



## BIBLE STUDIES

### Living the Message Pastor's Introduction

Tu 10/1 6-6:45pm **M** 207 or Tu 11/5 6-6:45pm **W** Gronseth Fellowship Hall. Whether or not you participate in a Living the Message small group, you are welcome to join us at **PASTOR RUUD'S** introductions to each month's study. In Oct, we will contemplate John 1:1-18 while asking, *What is Jesus' relationship to God?* In Nov, we will focus on John 3:1-21 to answer, *How is it possible for us to be in relationship with God?* These and all our monthly studies will take us deeper into key texts and themes in John, the Gospel on which our Sunday sermons will be based Dec through May. Please come—you'll be glad you did. If you wish to start a new Living the Message group, contact Carol Throntveit, carolt@mtolivet.org.



### Wednesday/Thursday Word: Questions God Asks in the Bible—And of Us!

W 10/9, 16, 23, 30 & 11/13, 20 11am-12noon (optional small group 10:30-11am), **M** Rm 207; Th 10/10 through 11/14 10-11:30am **W** Rm 228/229. There are hundreds of questions God asks humans from early in Genesis and throughout Scripture. As they did when first spoken, these probing questions help us to better understand ourselves, God's character, and the relationship God desires to have with us. Don't miss this fascinating study! Each week a different pastor will unwrap some of the questions God asks in the Bible. Cost: donation given in class. ☞☜

### Mondays & Tuesdays Together: Exodus — Divine Delivery and Dwelling

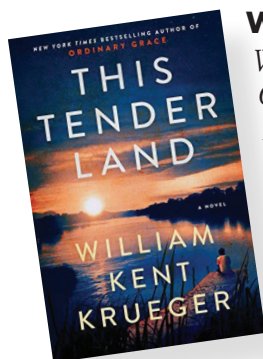
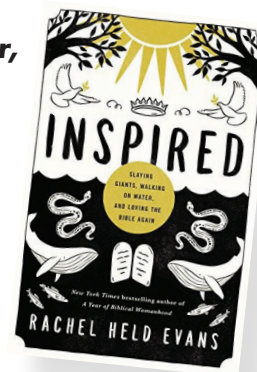
M 10/14 through 11/11 7-8:30pm **W** Gronseth Fellowship Hall or Tu 10/15 through 11/12 7-8:30pm **M** Rm 207. Add depth and richness to our Sunday morning sermon series as we focus on the Book of Exodus by joining **DR. MARK THRONTVEIT, ELVA B. LOVELL EMERITUS PROFESSOR OF OLD TESTAMENT**, on a five-week journey through this book overflowing with memorable characters, powerful stories, and themes central to our lives and faith. Cost: donation given in class. ☞☜



## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

### Women's Early AM Discussion: Inspired — Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again

Th 10/10 through 10/31 7-8am **M** Rm 482 & 486. Join **PASTOR HELGEN** to discuss this fascinating book by the late Rachel Held Evans, whose own quest for understanding changed her and could change you! Among the questions she explores are: *What is the purpose of the Bible? What does it mean to say it is inspired? How is it meant to be read?* In answering these and other questions, Evans examines favorite Bible stories and possible interpretations, retelling them through memoir, original poetry, short stories, soliloquies, and even a short screenplay. As she wrestles with difficult passages and debates Scripture's mysteries, she discovers the Bible is a living, breathing, captivating, and confounding book able to equip us to join God's loving and redemptive work in the world. Books are available online and in some local bookstores. Note: This study will repeat at West in the spring. ☞☜



### Women's Book Discussion: This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger

W 10/16 through 11/6 9-10am **M** Rm 482 & 486. For those who loved Krueger's bestseller, *Ordinary Grace*, the long wait for the sequel is finally over. It begins in 1932, at the Lincoln School in Minnesota, harsh "home" to hundreds of Native American children, forcibly separated from their parents, to be "educated." It is also home to orphans Odie and Albert O'Banion, who escape in a canoe along with their best friend Mose and a brokenhearted little girl named Emmy. Together they journey into the unknown seeking a place to call home, and along the way cross paths with others who are adrift: struggling farmers, traveling faith healers, displaced families, and lost souls of all kinds. An enthralling, big-hearted epic, *This Tender Land* reminds us how the magnificent American landscape connects us all, haunts our dreams, and makes us whole. Cost: \$15 (includes book) ☞☜

- **Evening Book Discussion** 2nd W 7-8:30pm, **M** Library. Books: *Women Rowing North* by Mary Pipher (10/9), *The Red Daughter* by John Burnham Schwartz (11/13).
- **Midday Book Discussion** 3rd Tu 11:30am-1pm, **M** Library. Books: *Take Me with You* by Catherine Ryan Hyde (10/15), *Carnegie's Maid* by Marie Benedict (11/18). Bring a bag lunch if you wish; all are welcome to join us!

**A Not-at-All-Boring Luther "Look" Part 2 (Adults)**

Th 11/7 & 11/14 7-8:30pm **M** 482/786. Dr. Mary Jane Haemig easily takes the seemingly boring and turns it into WOW! And that's exactly what you can expect as she opens up two more of Luther's most influential works turning 500 in 2020! Last spring, she unlocked the theological treasures *Freedom of a Christian* and *Treatise on Good Works*. This fall, she will delve first into *Appeal to the Christian Nobility*, in which Luther implores the German princes to work actively for the reform of the church for the sake of the faith. Next, she will explore *Babylonian Captivity of the Church*, Luther's entreaty to reconsider the sacramental Christian life, which he argues has been distorted for the papacy's own purposes and power. Written in the midst of growing tensions over the authority and power of the papacy, these powerful and pivotal Reformation writings put Luther himself in peril. Make the time to come--you won't be sorry!

**Save the Date! A Day Advent Journey**

Tu 12/3, 10am-3pm, Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center. Join Pastors Hammersten, Pastor Helgen, Pastor Freeman, and the Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center Director, Rev. Theresa Latini as we journey together into the special Advent season!

**LGBTQ Voice and Verse**

2nd Tu 6-7pm **M** 208. Join **PASTOR RUUD** and others for this educational opportunity of communal study in love, support, and continued understanding of all aspects of gender identity and sexual orientation in faithful life together. Through shared experience, discussion, and learning, the gathering seeks to build mutual awareness and insight in this particular reality of faith and life toward honor and love for all.

**ONGOING GROUPS**

- **Chair Holy Yoga** M&W 12:15-1:15pm, **M** Gym, F 10-11am **W** 228/229. A great physical and spiritual boost to your day that does not require getting down and up from the floor, yet greatly improves balance, strength, and flexibility. Connect, exercise, have fun, and meditate on Jesus' love! Taught by certified instructors. \$5 paid to instructor.
- **Learning Swedish Language through Hymns and Songs** M through 11/25, **M** Choir Rm 142. Have fun learning a bit of Swedish through singing Swedish hymns and folk songs. Led by Peter Johnson, you will sing in unison (not 4-part harmony) and acapella (without accompaniment). As you learn the songs, you also will learn something of Swedish phonetics, vocabulary, and grammar—and have lots of fun! Last year, the group learned more than 20 songs and hymns in only two six- to eight-week sessions!

**PASTORAL CARE**
**Alzheimers Association  
Dementia Caregiver Information Group**

10/10, 10/24, 11/14 & 12/12 1:30-2:30pm, **M** Rm 208. Please join Marc Kuhnley, trained facilitator through the Alzheimers Association to learn how to be an effective caregiver to your loved one, be of support to your family, and take care of yourself. Registration is limited. Please call the Pastoral Care Department to register 612.926.7651.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry MPLS Meeting**

M 11/11 10am, **M** Lounge. Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry Team and those interested in joining are invited to come! No RSVP needed! Questions? Contact Andrea Brown, 612.767.2209.

**Young in Heart  
& FRIENDS**  
65YRS+

© MTOLIVET.ORG MPLS 612.926.7651 • WEST 952.767.1500

**Young in Heart (65+)**

Tu 10/22 12noon, **M** Fellowship Hall. Featuring Bob Coates Band. \$9 and donation to Pastor Scott's On Call Ministry. Friends welcome! Register by 10/18: 612.926.7651.

*This Month's Ministry Highlight is Pastoral Care, please see pages 10 through 13.*



## A Century of "Soul Care" at Mount Olivet

The care of the soul is the heart of Mount Olivet's ministry. Care has meant many things over the years: comfort in distress, emotional healing from the wounds of living, and support during illness or grief. Today the term "care" is also used to promote wellness – emotional, physical, and spiritual.

"Soul Care" is a promise the congregation makes to its members: to be there for them throughout life's stages ... from birth to death, in happy times and trying times.

The best care comes from a relationship with God. Meeting with caring disciples who are themselves wounded and seeking healing is, in itself, "soul care." The singing of hymns is therapeutic, as are prayers and the sacraments. Confession is good for the soul. The preaching of the Gospel points us to effective living. Everything a congregation is and does must contribute to the well-being and growth of the individual and the group.

Luther put it this way: "This life therefore is not righteousness, but growth in righteousness, not health, but healing, not being but becoming, not rest but exercise. We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it, the process is not yet finished, but it is going on, this is not the end ... it is the road."

Mount Olivet has been practicing "soul care" for 100 years. Our clergy are trained in the art of care and they minister to members and non-members alike. Through teaching and preaching, they train the

laity in caring and reaching out to those in need.

Pastors prepare couples for marriage and counsel those who are struggling in their family relationships. They comfort the grieving and visit those in hospitals or confined to their homes. Pastors may be found at the scene of a terrible accident. They are on call 24/7. They pray, they listen with their ears and hearts, they respond to perceived needs, they hear confessions. They bring Holy Communion. They share Bible verses of God's love, forgiveness, and presence. And they encourage a culture of love and care for one another. Yes, soul care.

At Mount Olivet members are encouraged to use the title "Pastor" when speaking of and to our clergy. This is not to put them on a pedestal, but a reminder to them of the privilege and special responsibility they have of caring for all.

Photographs of our shepherds spanning 100 years – nine senior pastors, two interim senior pastors, and 41 associate pastors – will be on display in the narthex areas of both campuses during the month of October. Take time to view their faces, recall memories of your relationships with them, and give thanks that God continues to call faithful pastors who minister in Christ's name.

*Pastors bring communion to homebound members in the pews at a quarterly worship service, thanks to alternating vacant rows. What a blessing for these "pillars" of the church to be physically present at Mount Olivet, worshiping in the main sanctuary,*





## Pastoral Care Ministry

Pastoral Care Ministry began under the leadership of Pastor Carl O. Nelson to promote good health and well-being of the body, mind and spirit. This ministry encompasses people at every stage of life – from birth to death. Our goal is to provide a place where confidentiality is of utmost importance and people can share in the best and worst of times.

The Pastoral Care Department staff and volunteers provide physical, emotional, and spiritual support to the members of our congregation as well as our community. We offer listening ears, ongoing support, resources, encouragement, friendship, lots and lots of prayers, as well as a network of support groups, seminars, and professional referrals.

We try to recognize that lifestyles, life stages and circumstances alter the mental and physical health and well-being of many individuals. We want to offer a support system that helps to meet each person's unique needs. In doing so, we strive to identify, encourage, and support the ongoing need for dignified and compassionate spiritual care of all, including the physically and mentally ill, the elderly, those who are grieving, and the dying. No matter the circumstances, we attempt to help people experience the reality of a greater presence and abiding love in their lives.

It all boils down to one thing: we desire to show Christ to others in the way that we care for each other.

*Jim Klobuchar wrote in a tribute to Pastor Reuben Youngdahl following his death: "There are hospital aides who knew that the best kind of therapy for some of the patients was nothing the doctor could give them, but rather a two-minute visit with Reuben K. Youngdahl." Through the years Mount Olivet pastors have continued this legacy of comfort and care through hospital visits organized with the help of the Pastoral Care Team. Here Pastor Fuzzey warmly greets a grateful Lucy Nelson during her hospital stay.*



*"We are so thankful to the pastoral care team. During my long bedrest with our second son they arranged meals, visited us, and brought a prayer shawl. We felt so much support. We also loved when Julie and Pastor Helgen came to visit when our new little one arrived."*

*~ Winona and Brian Duren, with sons James and Patrick*

### Editor's Note:

*Mount Olivet has begun a more than year-long celebration of our 100th Anniversary. This is the second in a series of Messenger articles that will highlight various aspects of our history and the departments that provide the programs and coordinate the ministries that constitute God's great work in and through our church. Since October is Mental Health Awareness month, it is appropriate that we continue our series with a look at our Pastoral Care ministry through the years.*





## Pastoral Care: Evolving to Meet Our Needs



**Young in Heart** began in 1957, led by Pastor Reuben Youngdahl and advisors Pastor Carl Nelson and Sister Marjorie Axleton, serving people 65 years young and above. The guiding motto was "The Heart that Loves Is Always Young." Fifty people attended the first lunch; today we average over 130 attendees.

Young in Heart luncheons are held once a month from October through May. It is a time to gather for a message from one of our pastors, a delicious meal, and lively entertainment. This is such a great opportunity to share faith, food and fellowship!



**Prayer Ministry** began around 1972 and now consists of about 60 volunteer prayer warriors, each assigned to a day of the week. We call prayers in to the team lead each morning, then the phone tree begins. We've also expanded to praying by email. Either way, our volunteers pray throughout the week for the prayer concerns of others. The power of prayer is with us all!

Prayer Shawl Ministry started in 2005 with five knitters including Mary Johnson (our current coordinator of all things prayer shawl!), Carol Skaar, Therese Hackenmueller, Mary Gravendar and Jane Burton. Today we have over 65 knitters selflessly praying for others as they knit beautiful shawls. The recipients feel wrapped in those prayers as they go through a difficult time. The volunteers of this ministry, which meets quarterly at Minneapolis and monthly at West, also knit hats, scarves and mittens that are donated to those in need in the community.



*Pastor Fuzzey and the task force were awarded NAMI's Faith Community of the Year Award in 2004.*

The **Mount Olivet Mental Health Task Force** has been in existence since 1987. Pastor Tim Fuzzey and Joanna Kuehn were the original founders of this great group made up of professionals, consumers and lay people.

The mission of the task force is to both raise awareness and reduce the stigma associated with mental health issues. It is a collaboration with the community, one that empowers persons and families impacted by mental health issues to full participation in our congregation and all aspects of life. Since 2018, the task force has also been working with other churches through the Mental Health Connect collaborative.

The Mental Health Task Force hosts educational events during the year to continue to raise awareness and education and reduce the stigma surrounding mental illness. Look for our members at the Mental Health Awareness Sunday each October to learn more.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The original **Blood Donor Club** began in 1954. We continue today with Memorial Blood Center drives at both campuses. The demand for blood is constant. The supply is not. And since there is no substitute, only volunteer blood donors can roll up their sleeves and save lives.

**Funerals** are another area we are blessed to coordinate. We can help pre-plan a service (which is a priceless gift to your family), as well as orchestrate the actual service.



*Elvi Bankey, the first parish nurse at Mount Olivet, and also the first parish nurse in the Twin Cities.*



*Sandy Connell has served as the parish nurse since Elvi's retirement.*

The **Parish Nurse Program** began in 1991 through Methodist Hospital Foundation. Elvi Bankey began Mount Olivet's program and helped to grow this ministry throughout the metro area by recruiting and hiring other parish nurses for other faith communities. Our Parish Nurse Committee is made up of other health professionals who put together and host an Annual Health & Wellness event that provides education on a current health and wellness topic for our members and the community.

### GET INVOLVED!

**Caregivers: A Ministry of Friendship** and **Link Callers: A Friendly Phone Call** are two Pastoral Care ministries that run on volunteer power, so consider joining us! This is an amazing opportunity to be paired up with another member to provide unconditional support and friendship through visits or phone calls. Our volunteers say this "work" is as gratifying for the giver as it is for the receiver.



*Thanks to Pastor Dennis Johnson, the Pastoral Care Team and Centennial Committee History Team for their contributions in researching and writing this feature.*



Pastoral Care hosts **Homebound Communion** events three times a year. These events could not be done without the help of many amazing volunteers who pick up and bring home our homebound members with canes, walkers, wheelchairs and all. Once at church they share in a communion service and lunch. It is a gift to see the smiles, laughter, and sometimes even tears in their eyes as these "pillars" worship together before gathering in Fellowship Hall to share a full meal with friends and family. For many of these saints, the church has been their social and spiritual "hub," and now they primarily listen to the service on the radio. Communing with God and each other and socializing with friends both old and new is a gift to these dedicated members.



**Services of Remembrance** are held each year in the first part of December at both of our campuses. Since the year 2000 these services offer the chance to light a candle in a loved one's honor and find a moment of peace in the midst of the holidays. It is a gift to give yourself, family, and friends to remember those who have gone before us. If you have never attended this service, please make it a priority this year. You will not be disappointed. Make time to join us as we embrace the calm of the sanctuary, listening to the sounds of a talented harpist, soloist, and a beautiful service to honor our loved ones.



## 7TH & 8TH GRADE

### Confirmation Classes Begin

10/2/2019 - 4/29/2020 **M**  
 Sundays 8:45-9:45am, Wednesdays  
 4:30-5:30pm & 7-8:15pm, **W**  
 Wednesdays 7-8:15pm. Please  
 register for your preferred class  
 and campus if you have not done  
 so already! **NO CLASS 10/20 M**.

### Chancel Choir Gustavus Retreat

4:30pm F 11/1 through 2pm Sa  
 11/2 **M** 5pm F 11/1 through 1:30  
 Sa 11/2 **W**. Join your Junior High  
 Music & Youth Staff for a fun trip  
 to Gustavus! We will rehearse  
 in Christ Chapel, eat our meals  
 in the college caf, have a dance,  
 sacred ground devotions & shop  
 in the college bookstore! This  
 is our favorite event of the year!  
 Cost is \$85 ☎

**JHA - Scremtown Event** F 10/4 5-10pm, **M** Youth Center **W** Narthex.  
 Dinner at Champps in Minnetonka then off to Scremtown for scary  
 attractions! If you get scared easily you might want to pass on this one. Cost  
 is \$35 which includes transportation, dinner, and admission. Contact: Kate  
 Belschner, 952.767.1502, kbelschner@mtolivet.org. Register by 10/2. ☎

### JHA - MEA Day Away

Th 10/17 9am-4:30pm, **M** Youth Center **W** Narthex. Transportation is provided  
 from both campuses. Looking for a fun time over your fall MEA break? Look  
 no further! Join your Junior High Youth Staff for **MEA DAY AWAY!** We will  
 start our morning by heading over to Hyland Park for hiking and games, and  
 then we will spend the afternoon at the Mall of America for lunch, shopping,  
 and rides at Nickelodeon Universe! Cost: \$35.  
 Contact: Tierra Davis, 612.767.2237, tdavis@mtolivet.org. Register by  
 10/16. ☎

### JHA - 8th Grade Winter Retreat

12:30pm F 12/27 through 10am Sa 12/28, **M** Youth Center **W** Narthex. 8th  
 Graders - We have had such a great year with you so far, and we would love  
 to spend some time with you this winter break to shop, swim, worship, see  
 a movie, grab dinner, and reflect on the New Year together! We have an  
 awesome full day planned, followed by a night at the retreat center, and we  
 hope you can join us!! Transportation from both Campuses. Cost: \$70.  
 Contact: Tierra Davis, 612.767.2237, tdavis@mtolivet.org. Register by  
 12/25. ☎

## 9TH - 12TH GRADE



### PUMPKIN PATCH

Come and visit the Pumpkin Patch! Mount Oliver's  
 Pumpkin Patch is open starting on Monday, October 14.  
 The last day is Wednesday, October 30.

Hours of Operations are:  
 Mondays through Fridays 11am – 7pm  
 Saturdays & Sundays 9am – 5pm.

# Hi-League

Sunday Evenings.

10/6 **TABLE TALKS** (**M** **W** 7-8:30pm).  
 10/13 **PUMPKIN PATCH PARTY** **M** 9:45am.  
 10/17 through 10/20 **FALL CAMP @ COP**.  
 10/27 **HOOTENANNY @ WEST CAMPUS**  
 (**M** bus 6:30-9pm **W** 7-8:30pm).

## NEW! Party at the Pumpkin Patch

Sa 10/26 9am-12noon, **M** Pumpkin Patch at 1700. It's a party at the pumpkin patch - and you're invited! Join us for mini-donuts, a bounce house, pumpkins, and more! Invite your friends and neighbors as we support the Cathedral Choir Pumpkin Patch while having great fun for the whole family!

### MEA Day Away!

Th 10/17 8:30am-4:30pm, **M** **W**. 3rd - 6th graders-join the CFM team for a great day of fun! We'll be exploring the newly renovated Bell Museum, along with games, activities and fun with your church friends! Bring your own lunch! Cost is \$30. ☑



### Musikgarten (Birth-3 yrs with caregiver)

M, Tu, W, F, Sa through 12/14 TimesVaries by Day, **M** Room 393. These weekly classes are for children birth to three years of age and their parents/caregivers. Together you'll sing, chant, move, dance, listen, and play simple instruments, all activities that bridge the natural connection between music and movement and nurture musical expression. Your child will have the opportunity to sing, dance, and play simple instruments such as rhythm sticks, jingles, shakers and drums. Our licensed Musikgarten teachers will help your child develop listening skills, focused attention, imagination, creativity, and self-expression. Cost is \$108. For questions, please contact Colleen Roess at 612.767.2258, colleenr@mtolivet.org

### Open Gym is Back!

Sa 10/12 & 11/16 9-11am, **M** Gym. Come run, jump, and play - and get to know our new Nursery Coordinator, **SAM BALZER** as she continues the Open Gym fun! Designed for children ages 1-6 and their parents. \$5/family at the door.



### Babygarten— a weekly preliteracy program for infants and toddlers.

Th 10/10 through 11/14 9:45-10:45am, **M** Rm 296. A weekly faith based program for infants and toddlers focused on preliteracy skills through story, song, prayer and art. Facilitated by **AMY PORTHAN**. Cost is \$72. Registration is open and will close once filled. ☑

### Parents Share (Fall Session)

W 10/2 through 11/20 9:30-11am, **M** Rm 199. Parents Share, now in its forty-first year, is a gathering of parents, who bring their current parenting issues and gather the wisdom and experience of all of the parents who attend. **MARILYN SHARPE**, Mount Olivet member and certified parent educator, facilitates the group. She is always dazzled by the resources, lived experiences, and ideas of the group, filled with compassion and support for every parent.

Each session will include one topic identified by the group during the first week and prepared and presented by Marilyn during the first half hour of the last seven sessions. The final hour will be filled with the topics being lived by participants. Nursery provided by Mount Olivet and limited to the first eight children to contact Marilyn.



## “Because we love our church!”

Do you ever wonder about some of the behind the scenes activities that happen in preparation for worship? Here are a few stories as a small, yet wonderful, example of volunteers who give of their time to our choirs because they love their church.

The MPLS Cathedral Choir has 253 Cathedral Choir robes. Management of the robes, the hangers, the numbers, the fitting, the refitting for growing kids is a job in itself, but can you imagine being responsible for washing 253 robes of all sizes? Seven long-standing volunteers know exactly what that means. Each summer dedicated members of the Melody Circle take on the task of washing robes. Robes that have been worn every Sunday for 2 services each week as well as during donut time, which of course means donut frosting! The job takes about a month to complete. The volunteers generally take 10 – 20 robes home at a time, lovingly wash, and hang to dry, rehang on numbered hangers, and return to the church. And why do they do it? “We love Cathedral Choir and we love our church.”

At Mount Olivet, we are fortunate to have two main choirs that sing weekly in worship at each campus. If you add up how many pieces of music that is each Sunday, the answer is 360 pieces of music per week. Because the choirs sing approximately 29 weeks over a period of nine months, that translates to 10,440 pieces of music. This number does not include the Sundays and holidays where the choirs sing more than one anthem per service such as Christmas Eve and Easter (four anthems), Christmas Concerts (five anthems) as so on. The amount of music that is moving in and out of the music library is virtually thousands throughout the choir year. Maintaining the music library is possible with the help of the Wednesday volunteers who each week faithfully pull, count, mend, stamp, and re-file anthems. They keep the music library and all the choir folders organized and full of wonderful music. Why do they do it? “We love our choirs and we love our church.”

If you were to come to church at 7:45am on a Sunday morning and go to the Mpls Rehearsal Hall, you would see three volunteers that without fail are sitting behind the check-in table ready to greet the Cathedral Choir kids. These volunteers have been volunteering for Cathedral choir collectively for 37 years and for the choir program in general for 52 years! Their children are grown, they all work full time and lead busy lives, yet they come each week to be together, to welcome the kids by name, and to worship at the 9am service in order to hear the choir sing. They love being a part of the making it all happen and they love their church. For all volunteers, we give thanks, but there is always more to do. If you love your church and want to get involved, we have a place for you!

Come join us! [Beverlyc@mtolivet.org](mailto:Beverlyc@mtolivet.org)





# MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH STEWARDSHIP 2020

Thank you to all who have returned your 2020 pledge to Mount Olivet!  
If you haven't yet pledged, there is still time! Please return your completed pledge by:

**\* PLACING IN THE OFFERING PLATE ON SUNDAYS \***

**\* MAILING VIA THE RETURN ENVELOPE \***

**\* ONLINE VIA YOUR REALM ACCOUNT \***

## THANK YOU!

\*\*\*\*\*

**ON RALLY SUNDAY 2019 WE KICKED OFF OUR CENTENNIAL  
CELEBRATIONS WITH A BLOCK PARTY AT BOTH CAMPUSES**

Thank you to all the volunteers and attendees that made that day such a success!



## COLUMBARIUM AT THE WEST CAMPUS

We are pleased to announce that thanks to the generosity of longtime Mount Olivet members, Jeannine Rivet and Warren Herreid, a columbarium will be built at the West Campus on the south end of the new addition. It will be a beautifully landscaped outdoor area equipped with special lighting and heated sidewalks. It will also be easily accessible from the parking lot.

For those new to the term, a *columbarium* is a thoughtfully designed memorial that serves as a respectful final resting place for cremated remains. It contains numerous niches, which are individual spaces within the columbarium where urns are securely stored. As the cremation rate in the United States has risen to over 50%, the final resting place for many people is not always a cemetery. For this reason, many Twin Cities churches of various denominations have installed a columbarium as an affordable and memorable way to honor loved ones and connect them to their beloved congregation.

This gift was inspired not only by the love Jeannine and Warren have for Mount Olivet, but also by the meaningful relationship they developed with Senior Pastor John Hogenson. "Pastor Hogenson was excited about a new West Campus addition which would help grow ministry," said Warren. "In the face of his terminal illness, Pastor Hogenson's deep faith and courage inspired us to make the gift of the columbarium in his memory for the West Campus," added Jeannine.

Pastor Lose expressed his own sense of gratitude this way: "This incredible gift, motivated by the hope of resurrection that is ours in Christ, will serve generations of Mount Olivet members who loved their church during their lives and want to be connected to it in the promise of resurrection at the time of death. I cannot say how grateful we are to Jeannine and Warren."

This fall Kraus-Anderson will prepare the site for the installation of the granite structures that will be set in place next spring by Eickhof Columbaria Company. More details about the columbarium and how to purchase niches will be published in future articles in *The Messenger*, with the expectation that as early as next spring we will put this marvelous gift to use in ways that connect people to Mount Olivet through a lasting memorial and important focal point of our faith.



**Architectural  
Renderings of West  
Campus Columbarium**





# MOUNT OLIVET HOMES' AUXILIARY EVENTS

## Annual Gala

*F 10/11 5:30pm Double Tree Park Place Hilton.* Join us for our annual Mount Olivet Gala! This festive evening features a silent & live auction, dinner, and dancing to the band, Synergy. Proceeds will benefit the Mount Olivet Home, Careview Home, Day Services and Rolling Acres. These programs serve all who need our care - from newborns to the elderly, those experiencing Alzheimer's disease and people of all ages with mental and physical disabilities. Tickets available at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org). Donations welcome: monetary or items for the live or silent auction. Treat yourself to a night out for a good cause! Cost: \$100.

## Fall Fest

*Sa 10/19 9am-1pm, Mount Olivet Homes.* All are welcome to attend the Annual Fall Fest at Mount Olivet Home. Once again, the **BOB COATES BAND** will provide lively music and there will be festivities throughout the home to celebrate the fall season. FREE!

## Marsh Walk Dedication Breakfast & Fall Volunteer Day!

*Sa 10/26 8:30am-3pm, Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center.* Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center invites you to the dedication of the Marsh Walk and to help ready the grounds for the winter season. Join us at 8:30am for a delicious breakfast, prior to the dedication ceremony lead by **PASTOR LOSE** at 9:30am. After the ceremony stay and help with projects that include building a new trail footbridge, cleaning out flower beds, and raking leaves. Volunteers will enjoy a beautiful fall day at the retreat center with warm fellowship and a delicious lunch and snacks. The pool, sauna, and whirlpool are also available to use after the work is done. Spend a day with us as we care for God's creation!

Installation of the new 425 foot marsh walk, complete with an observation deck and bench, is finished. Visitors to our Mount Olivet Conference and Retreat Center will now enjoy God's beautiful creation in a safer manner as they use the marsh walk to access a small island off the shores of Chub Lake. Fall is a perfect time to enjoy the view from the island with its two reflection points. We extend heartfelt thanks to the many generous donors who contributed more than \$110,000 towards the renovation. Volunteer help with demolition and installation provided additional savings for which we are also most appreciative. There is still time to make a gift in support of this important project. For questions about donations, please contact Mari Carlson, Director of Development at [mcarlson@mtolivethomes.org](mailto:mcarlson@mtolivethomes.org) or 612.821.3150.



**Crafty Ladies Retreat** *F 11/8 3pm through Su 11/10 1pm, Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center.* Experienced and beginner crafters are invited to Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center for a weekend of uninterrupted crafting, great food and warm fellowship. The retreat is self-directed – the weekend is your own! Work on your crafting, meet other crafters, and relax and unwind with a peaceful walk in the woods or a dip in the whirlpool. Costs include crafting space with electrical outlet, overnight accommodations, six meals, use of all amenities and tax. Massage sign-up available during registration (additional fee). Cost is \$140 for a dorm room, \$175 for a double room, and \$235 for a single room. ☎

## Estate Planning: The Greatest Gift You Can Give Your Loved Ones! (30 years+)

*W 10/16 12-2:30pm, M Fellowship Hall.* Learn about wills and trusts with estate planning attorney, Stuart Bear. Having an up-to-date will or trust is one of the greatest gifts you can give your loved ones. A well-thought-out estate plan makes it easier for your family, avoids disputes, and ensures that your wishes are followed. Family circumstances and estate planning laws change periodically, so it is important to review your documents every few years. You can also perpetuate your values by leaving a legacy for organizations important to you. Lunch will be provided. Register at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org) by 10/11. Questions? Contact: Tyler Hauser, 612.821.3151, [thausen@mtolivethomes.org](mailto:thausen@mtolivethomes.org).



Mount Olivet Messenger

USPS 365-500

Published monthly by

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church

5025 Knox Avenue South

Minneapolis, MN 55419-1095

Periodicals postage paid at

St. Paul, MN

POSTMASTER

Send address changes to

Mount Olivet Messenger

5025 Knox Avenue South

Minneapolis, MN 55419-1095

PAGE 4



# EXODUS: THE ROAD TO FREEDOM

## STEWARDSHIP 2020

Each and every week, we strive to tell the story of God's ongoing work to redeem and bless God's people through our worship on Sundays and programs and activities throughout the week. All of this is funded by your generous pledges. Thank you to all who have pledged for 2020! If you haven't yet pledged, please do, so that we can continue inviting others onto the road of freedom that is ours in Christ. Thank you! (See page 17)

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE PAGE 6



## Beautiful Blessings

The  
Mount  
Olivet

# Gala

Friday, October 11, 2019, 5:30pm

 DoubleTree by Hilton Hotels

PAGE 14

MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

## PUMPKIN PATCH

October 14 - 30

1700 Chapel Parking Lot

Mondays through Fridays: 11am-7pm

Saturdays & Sundays: 9am-5pm