

SEPTEMBER 2020

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# MOUNT OLIVET MESSENGER



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## SUNDAYS

When Mount Olivet resumes in-person worship, following Rally Sunday, our Sunday schedule is as follows:

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

Holy Communion 8:30am;  
Nursery 9, 10, 11am; Radio Broadcast on WDGY 740AM at 11am; Watch the Mpls worship service at mtolivet.org at 11am

## WEDNESDAYS

### OPEN PRAYER TIME

**M W** 10am-12noon

Each Wednesday morning our sanctuaries will be opened for personal prayer time, reflection, and meditation. Enjoy a peaceful time to pray in the beauty of the sanctuaries with an opportunity to light a candle and listen to soft music. All social distancing and sanitization best practices will be in place.

### COVER PHOTO

Pastor MacLean and Parish Nurse, Sarah Prescher, and staff serving at one of our Community Meals.

## SEPTEMBER 6

### THE PHARISEE AND THE TAX COLLECTOR

*Luke 18:10-14a*

Watch the worship service at mtolivet.org. Radio Broadcast on WDGY 740AM at 11am.

**SERMON** Pastor Kalland

## SEPTEMBER 27

### A PSALM OF THANKSGIVING

*Psalm 23*

Watch the worship service at mtolivet.org. Radio Broadcast on WDGY 740AM at 11am.

**SERMON** Pastor Lose

## SEPTEMBER 13

### A PSALM OF COURAGE & RALLY SUNDAY!

*Psalm 46*

Watch the worship service at mtolivet.org. Radio Broadcast on WDGY 740AM at 11am.

**SERMON** Pastor Lose

## SEPTEMBER 20

### A PSALM OF SUPPLICATION

*Psalm 121*

Watch the worship service at mtolivet.org. Radio Broadcast on WDGY 740AM at 11am.

**SERMON** Pastor Kalland

Mount Olivet will celebrate 164 9th grade students on their affirmation of Baptism through a confirmation service.

In September, we move from the parables of Jesus to the Psalms of Israel. Below are some questions to ask as you prepare to hear, wrestle with, and live God's Word.

#### September 6 — The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

What criteria do you use to judge others... and yourself? How does this help or hinder your recognition of God's acceptance and love, both of you and others?

#### September 13 — Psalm 46: A Song of Courage

What scares you? Come on, be honest! What are those things in life that terrify you by night and haunt you during the day? What would it mean to admit those fears and entrust them to God?

#### September 20 — Psalm 121: A Song of Supplication

"Supplication" is a fancy word that means asking for help. So... where do you need help right now? And how might God already be at work in your life through the presence of others to give you that help?

#### September 27 — Psalm 23: A Song of Thanksgiving

Perhaps the second most famous verse in the Bible (after John 3:16), Psalm 23 starts out, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." What "wants" dominate your imagination? And how does remembering that God addresses all our fundamental needs help address that?

# Songs of Courage, Faith, and Generosity

Most of us have a favorite hymn. Perhaps you love *Be Thou My Vision* for the sense of peace it creates or how *Beautiful Savior* lifts your spirits. Maybe you enjoy the reassurance brought by singing *Great is Thy Faithfulness* or the sense of majesty of *How Great Thou Art*. We love these hymns because of the emotions they stir and memories they kindle. Hymns meld sacred lyric and inspired music together to help us give voice to feelings that otherwise would be difficult to name.

The 150 Psalms that are collected in our Bible are sometimes called “the hymnbook of ancient Israel.” They, too, are songs that enabled the Israelites to share their deepest feelings, name their darkest fears, ask for help amid trouble, and offer thanksgiving and praise to God. During September, we will focus in our Sunday worship on three of those Psalms, each likely familiar to you, yet each also brimming with additional insight and meaning that can help us be the persons and Church God wants us to be.

September 13th is Rally Sunday. As with all other significant Sundays over the last six months, it will be a different celebration. But it will still be a celebration... of the many gifts we share as members of this congregation, of the manifold opportunities we have to share those gifts to make a difference in the world, and of the start of our fall program year that will provide a variety of ways to grow deeper in our faith. The reading for this day is Psalm 46, which begins, “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble,” and was the inspiration for Martin Luther’s most famous hymn, *A Mighty Fortress*. Its words anchor us in faith during challenging times, point us to the source of all goodness, and create in us the courage not just to persevere, but also to flourish. It’s a Psalm that creates in us the faith and courage to say “Yes!” to all that God invites us to image and accomplish in the coming year.

Psalm 121 is a favorite of many in this congregation and, indeed, of Christians around the world and across the centuries. While its opening line is both familiar and beloved – “I lift my eyes up to the hills, from where does my help come?” – this Psalm is actually

not a prayer of thanksgiving or praise to God for the beauty of the mountains, but rather a cry for help. The last stage of the journey for Israelites making a pilgrimage to the holy city of Jerusalem was through a low mountain range in which bandits frequently hid. Seeing the hills, travelers knew both that they were on the last leg of their journey and that this was the most dangerous part of their trip. And so, looking up to the hills, they offered their prayer for strength and protection. By voicing their needs and fears, they were then able to articulate their faith, “My help comes from the Lord!” Living during uncertain times, we too can find strength by bringing our hopes and fears to the Lord and asking for God’s help.

September concludes with Psalm 23, a song of gratitude for God’s presence at all times, and particularly during times of loss and uncertainty. Gratitude is, I believe, one of the noblest emotions because it draws us out of our normal preoccupations and concerns into a sense of awe over all of our blessings. For this reason, gratitude is also a tremendous antidote to fear, insecurity, and anxiety and creates in us the desire to share our blessings. Our stewardship theme this year is “Grateful Together,” and as we will hear on this Sunday and throughout the month, both of those words matter. We are grateful for our blessings, and we are on this journey of courageous gratitude together.

Songs matter. They give voice to our deepest emotions, fashion and extend our imagination, and enhance our vision. Amid dire headlines and an uncertain future, we are invited to sing a better song than that offered by the culture around us, one oriented to God’s goodness, grace, and promises. So join us in September, as we together explore songs of courage, faith, and generosity!



Pastor Lose

DAVID J. LOSE, SENIOR PASTOR



## TOGETHER @ MOUNT OLIVET

During times of crisis, Christians find hope, solace, comfort, and courage in their faith. Mount Olivet will provide messages, reflections, and words of hope and courage as long as we are facing this pandemic. **We are in this together, and we will get through this together.** For we are not alone, but accompanied always by Jesus the Christ, our Lord and Savior, the one whom even death could not defeat.

Together @ Mount Olivet is a webpage with worship services, devotions, videos and music, which serve as spiritual resources during this time of unrest.

Sign-up today to receive these resources in your inbox at [mtolivet.org/together-at-mount-olivet](http://mtolivet.org/together-at-mount-olivet)



## MOUNT OLIVET COMMUNITY MEALS

Our Mount Olivet Kitchen staff has been busy working on these community meals since March of 2019. The meals were originally held on Thursday evenings, but after a surplus in individuals needing meals, Mount Olivet added an additional meal on Tuesday evenings. When the pandemic hit, there was an even greater need for meals. The Mount Olivet Kitchen staff was ready to hand out meals to those in need via Grab-N-Go. Not only are they making meals, they are making packaged lunches, with sandwiches and soups for families to have during the week when they are unable to get to a dinner. Mount Olivet has been able to provide over 1,500 meals per week!



## MOUNT OLIVET CARES

Rooted in God's love for the whole world made manifest in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, Mount Olivet Lutheran Church commits itself to promoting equality among all people, opposing racism in all its forms, working for the healing and health of our community, examining our own practices so they better align with Jesus' vision for the world, and building relationships of trust and solidarity with people in and beyond our congregation so that we may grow together into the people God desires us to be. To read Mount Olivet's complete statement of commitments, action steps, pastoral responses, educational opportunities, and resources please visit [mtolivet.org/mountolivetcares](http://mtolivet.org/mountolivetcares).



## LIFE & GROWTH

**JULY 16 - AUGUST 17**

### BAPTISMS

**Ruth Mae Baum**  
*daughter of Elise and Richard*  
**Lucy Florence Brueshoff**  
*daughter of Rochelle and Ben*  
**Sadie Elizabeth Clasen**  
*daughter of Betsy and Andy*  
**Porter Ole Eckhart**  
*son of Sydney and Adam*  
**Zachary Calvin Hartzler**  
*son of Greta and Matt*  
**Molly Katherine Leer**  
*daughter of Katie and Andy*  
**Julia Marie Meyer**  
*daughter of Katherine and Michael*  
**Violet Kay Michaletz**  
*daughter of Alexa and Peter*  
**Jens Tyler Nelson**  
*son of Danielle and Tyler*  
**Harper Holly Strand**  
*daughter of Lauren and Thomas*  
**Cameran Elizabeth Wilhelm**  
*daughter of Kristine and Jayden*

### WEDDINGS

**Halle Teigen & Nicholas Ptashinski**, July 18  
**Jennifer Leahy & Douglas Milkowski**, August 1

### DEATHS

**Kenneth H. Anderson**  
1926 - 2020  
**Dorothy T. Barnes**  
1930 - 2020  
**Marlene Stanga Dahl**  
1937 - 2020  
**Roy E. Daumann**  
1932 - 2020  
**Joan L. Eckberg**  
1940 - 2020  
**James G. Fritzell**  
1944 - 2020  
**Karen L. Johnson**  
1945 - 2020  
**Sharol Kaufman**  
1934 - 2020  
**Norman W. Lee**  
1927 - 2020  
**Nancy T. Lindberg**  
1929 - 2020  
**Marlene A. Nelson**  
1938 - 2020  
**Stanford D. Nielsen**  
1951 - 2020  
**Douglas M. Person**  
1942 - 2020

## DAILY READINGS

FROM PASTOR KALLAND  
SEPTEMBER 2020

- 1 Psalm 27:14, Trust and Patience
- 2 John 20:21, Peace be with You
- 3 Luke 11:13, How Much More?
- 4 Proverbs 29:23, Humility and Pride
- 5 Isaiah 55:7, Turn to the Lord
- 6 2 Corinthians 12:10, Weak and Strong
- 7 Psalm 118:6, Fear and Protection
- 8 Mark 8:36, Materialism
- 9 Isaiah 40:8, Reliability Forever
- 10 Proverbs 4:5, Wisdom and Understanding
- 11 1 Timothy 5:8, Family
- 12 1 Corinthians 10:13, Temptation
- 13 Psalm 18:35-36, Protection
- 14 John 7:37, Invitation
- 15 Romans 15:15, Endurance and Encouragement
- 16 Proverbs 17:22, Good Medicine
- 17 John 3:16-17, God is Love
- 18 James 1:12, Perseverance
- 19 Proverbs 17:6, Children
- 20 Ephesians 5:2, Walk in Love
- 21 1 Timothy 5:3, Proper Recognition
- 22 1 Samuel 2:2, No One Like
- 23 2 Corinthians 3:17, Freedom
- 24 Matthew 5:15-16, Let Your Light Shine
- 25 Psalm 16:11, God Makes Known
- 26 1 John 3:1, Children of God
- 27 Mark 9:23, If You Can?
- 28 Proverbs 12:20, Promote Peace
- 29 Romans 12:14, Bless and Do Not Curse
- 30 2 Corinthians 9:11, Your Generosity

## DEVOTION

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. — 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Have you ever noticed the relationship between gratitude and generosity?

There is something undeniably compelling about gratitude, whether we find ourselves on the giving or the receiving end.

A woman living in Appalachian shelter with dirt floors, no heat or plumbing during the Great Depression was asked, "What would you do if someone came along with some money to help you out?" Without missing a beat, she said, "Well, I guess I'd give it to someone who needs it."

The time in which we are living right now rivals that of the Great Depression. Yet, despite the disappointments and losses around us, people continue to laud that for which they are grateful, and share their generous hearts, for which others are grateful.

According to the John Templeton Foundation, people who feel grateful give, on average, 20 percent more time and money to others. Incredible!

The apostle Paul says followers of Jesus do the same: they rejoice, they pray, they give thanks.

The woman in Appalachia knew something of that. And so do you. Greet and Give Drives, Grab and Go Meals, gifts of all kinds keep the mission of God alive through Mount Olivet. Christ's Gospel is evident through you!

Thank you for living your call to follow Christ. It's obvious your lives are grounded in joy, prayer and gratitude. Thanks be to God! — PASTOR FREEMAN



## PARTNERING WITH URBAN VENTURES TO BE "IN THE CITY FOR GOOD!"

Urban Ventures is a faith-based ministry that has been working for more than 25 years to break the cycle of poverty in Minneapolis. By addressing gaps in academics, nutrition, physical activity, parenting resources, and more, Urban Ventures works toward the goal of giving every youth an opportunity for post-secondary education. Mount Olivet has partnered regularly with Urban Ventures by selling produce from their city garden and by selling using their fund-raising coffee (Java City) at Mount Olivet events and offering it for sale to our members.



We are excited to expand this partnership by working with Urban Ventures to address the huge needs in downtown Minneapolis by forming various "action teams." The first step in forming these teams is for interested members to fill out a "Volunteer Survey Form" designed specifically for our members and that can be found on the Mount Olivet CAREs page. We will then work with colleagues at UV to find places for individuals and groups to help rebuild downtown Minneapolis, offer mentorship to youth, provide for the needs of families and children, and more. Interested in seeing us be "in the city for good"? Then fill out the survey today!

# GRATEFUL TOGETHER


## *Stewardship 2021*

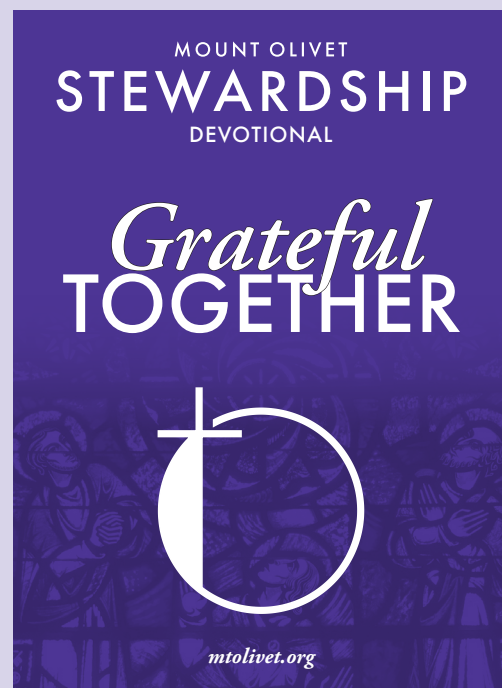
Stewardship this year will look a little different, but my hope is it feels very similar as you reflect on God's gifts to you and then respond with gratitude. First, you will receive a "Stewardship at Home" kit by mail. In it are items to help remind you of the blessings God has given us all: the daily devotions from your pastors and program directors, table graces to say before your meals, and a little bit of fun. Next, you will be sent videos highlighting Mount Olivet ministries (and hopefully providing a few laughs and maybe even a tear or two...). And finally, you are invited to come to a "Pick Up & Pledge" drive-thru to enjoy Mount Olivet's beloved meatball meal at home (Yes! There will be rice pudding!). At the drive-thru or by mail, please return your pledge card for 2021—declaring your intention to joyfully and gratefully give to God's work being done through the ministries and people of Mount Olivet. The logistics may change, but the love remains. Thank you so very much for your generosity.

—Katie Stevenson, Director of Stewardship

## YOUR 2021 PLEDGE CARD

Please complete and return in the enclosed envelope. You may also pledge and set up recurring giving online at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org) (via your *Realm* account). New this year, you are asked to state your pledge weekly because week in and week out—through health and illness, celebration and loss—Mount Olivet is here for you! We, in turn, ask you to support your church each week through your pledge. Thank you!

GENERAL FUND PLEDGE	
Name(s) _____	<p>With gratitude for all of God's gifts, My/our <b>weekly</b> gift to Mount Olivet for 2021 is:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 100px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>Questions? Tina LaBree: <a href="mailto:tina@mtolivet.org">tina@mtolivet.org</a> 612.767.2255</p>
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## DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET

This booklet has messages from all your pastors and program directors. Each day, one will share a story and a scripture about why giving is so important and powerful, most especially for the giver. You may also sign up to receive these devotions in a daily email at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org).

## STEWARDSHIP 2021 "PICK UP & PLEDGE" MEATBALL DINNERS!

### "PICK UP & PLEDGE" MEATBALL DINNER

#### DRIVE-THRU DATES

Pick up times will be 4:30-6:30pm, except where noted.

Mon 9/14, 4:30-6:30pm - Mpls

Wed 9/16, 4:30-6:30pm - Mpls

Mon 9/21, 4:30-6:30pm - West

Wed 9/23, 4:30-6:30pm - West

Fri 9/25, 11am-1pm - Mpls (11am-1pm; lunch delivery available\*)

Mon 9/28, 4:30-6:30pm - Mpls

Wed 9/30 4:30-6:30pm - Mpls

You and yours are invited to come pick up a meatball dinner to enjoy at home and also to return your completed 2021 pledge card. Your Mount Olivet pastors and staff will deliver your dinner right to your car, along with a "Stewardship Bag of Goodies," filled with Mount Olivet fun, including the invitation to watch a festive Stewardship video online! You won't want to miss this opportunity—and your pastors and staff so want to see you!

Please RSVP with the postcard you were sent in your "Stewardship at Home" kit or at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org) by Wed, 9/9!

\*Contact Ann LaBree to have your lunch delivered on 9/25, [annl@mtolivet.org](mailto:annl@mtolivet.org) or 612.767.2288

**WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU! THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING AND RETURNING YOUR 2021 PLEDGE CARD!**

**DONATIONS ENCOURAGED WHEN YOU PICK UP YOUR DINNER: DIAPERS AND CANNED GOODS FOR OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS, AND PAPER GROCERY BAGS FOR OUR COMMUNITY MEALS. THANK YOU!**





# COMING SOON: EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE BIBLE\*

## \*BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK!

What better time than during a pandemic than to explore the Bible. Seriously! And by explore, what I really mean is to have a chance to ask and answer some of your deepest questions about “the holy book.” Because here’s the thing: all of us have questions about the Bible. But, unfortunately, most of us learned somewhere along the way that “good Christians” don’t ask questions but simply take things “on faith.” Maybe when you hear the Genesis story of creation or about Jonah in the belly of the whale, you wonder if this can possibly be true. Or maybe you wonder what it means to claim the Bible is “God’s Word” when you read passages that seem to sanction violence. Or perhaps you’ve been confused or frustrated by Christians who quote Scripture to endorse hateful views but aren’t sure how to answer.



Whatever your questions may be, they aren’t wrong or the mark of a lack of faith. Indeed, I would call them “holy” because God gave us minds to think and explore, question and wonder. And so in this year when we are experiencing challenges of “biblical proportions,” we thought it was high time we gave voice to our questions so that we might discover in the Bible a resource to help us hear God’s word of life, live God’s way of love, and embrace God’s promises of grace. Join us – you won’t be disappointed! **Register for this class at [mtolivet.org/education](https://mtolivet.org/education) beginning in October.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND  
TO REGISTER FOR THESE CLASSES  
VISIT [MTOLIVET.ORG/EDUCATION](https://mtolivet.org/education).**

## Zoom Book Discussion “America’s Original Sin”

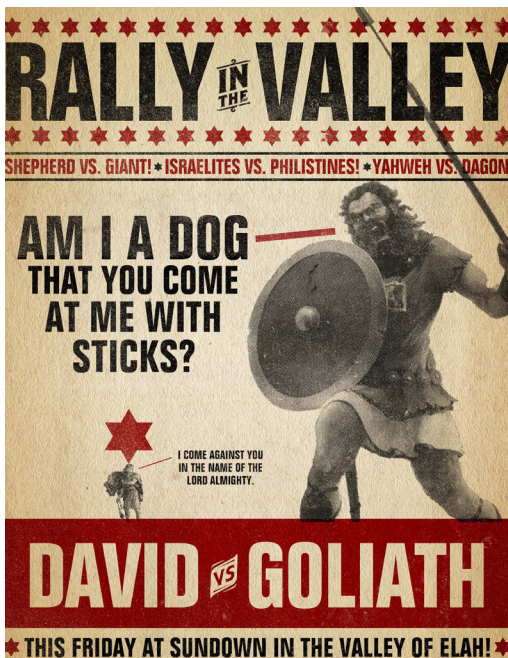
**Tuesday, 9/22, 7-8pm, via Zoom**

What is the mission of the church? What is the relationship between church and society? Does the pastor in the pulpit have an obligation to address events happening in the streets beyond the sanctuary doors? Or should the worship space be reserved for the pure proclamation of the Gospel? What would the Gospel even look like in a “pure” form, not contextualized by our history and experience? Jim Wallis’s book challenges us to ask these questions in an urgent way, especially with regard to the ongoing reality of racial inequality in our country. Join Pastor Dixon for this discussion and to consider these issues in our own context at Mount Olivet. **Register now at [mtolivet.org/education](https://mtolivet.org/education).**

## COMING SOON TO A VIDEO SCREEN NEAR YOU!

A study of King David, Israel’s most famous monarch. There will be videos by our pastors to view, and an opportunity for a Zoom discussion. (Oct/Nov)

**Registration for the King David series opens in October  
at [mtolivet.org/education](https://mtolivet.org/education).**



# Outdoor Concert with Folk Musician Katie Dahl

Friday, 9/18, 6-8pm, Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center, \$20 per person (FREE for children under 13), includes music, a hot dog, chips, and a cookie.

Join us for an evening of nature and song with singer-songwriter Katie Dahl! Katie has performed her original songs everywhere from the dusty cliffs of Mali, to the winding canals of southern France, to the cedar forests of the American northwoods. Particularly well-respected on her home turf of Door County, Wisconsin, Katie tours regularly and has earned accolades nationwide for the depth and power of her alto voice, the literate candor of her songs, and the easy humor of her live performances.

Social distancing guidelines will be in place. Bring your own lawn chairs or blanket.

# Stargazing with Mike Lynch

Friday, 10/2, 7-9pm, Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center, \$10 per person.

Make the stars your old friends as we watch the great celestial show in the skies over the Retreat Center. Mike Lynch, retired WCCO meteorologist and astronomer extraordinaire, will teach you about constellations like The Big Bear, Cygnus the Swan, Pegasus the Winged Horse, and some of their great stories behind them. View star clusters and galaxies on giant video telescopes. Look at Jupiter, Saturn and Mars! Stargazers will receive a big handout package with user-friendly star maps and constellation charts, apps, websites, a telescope-buying guide, and more.

Masks are required and social distancing will be practiced. Individually wrapped safety glass for telescope observation will be provided.

Bring your own beverages and snacks, lawn chairs or blankets. This event is held with limited light so guests should be self-reliant.



# COURAGEOUS AND COMPASSIONATE CONVERSATIONS FOR CONTENTIOUS TIMES

**THURSDAYS, 9/10 THROUGH 10/1,  
7-8PM, VIA ZOOM.**

How can we have meaningful, transformative dialogue across sociopolitical and ideological divides? How can we treat others with respect and uphold their humanity even when we vehemently disagree? How can we persist in advocating for social change especially racial equity and justice in our current context? In this four-part online course, we will explore these questions and more from the perspective of compassionate (or, nonviolent) communication. Topics include:

- The Basics of Speaking with Courage and Compassion
- Speaking Up (Instead of Remaining Silent)
- Transforming Our Enemy Images
- Persisting in Conversation When it Gets Tough

This class will meet virtually via Zoom 7-8pm on the following days: September 10, 17, 24 and October 1

Participants will receive handouts and links to additional reading before each class.

Facilitated by Reverend Dr. Theresa Latini, Executive Director of Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center, and co-author of *Transforming Church Conflict: Compassionate Leadership in Action*. Theresa has consulted with congregations and conflicted groups for over a decade and applied the skills of nonviolent communication to the work of diversity and cultural competency in her prior work as a seminary professor and administrator.

**TO REGISTER VISIT [MTOLIVET.ORG/MOUNTOLIVETCARES](https://mtolivet.org/mountolivetcares)**



# The Healing Power of Laughter

Wednesday, 9/16, 6:30-7:30pm, via Zoom

Mental Health Connect is honored to have Kevin Kling join us Sept 16th at 6:30pm via Zoom to enjoy the healing power of laughter.

Did you know laughter releases endorphins, decreases anger, eases distressing emotions, relaxes and revitalizes, reduces stress and brings more fun into your life?

Humor is very important for mental health. 2020 has been quite a year, wouldn't you agree? Come laugh with us! Invite more fun into your life! Extend the fun and invite your friends, family, neighbors, coworkers and everyone else!

To register visit [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org). Questions? Contact Andrea Brown at [andreab@mtolivet.org](mailto:andreab@mtolivet.org) or 612.767.2209 or Sarah Prescher at [sprescher@mtolivet.org](mailto:sprescher@mtolivet.org) or 612.767.2235.



# Finding Your Mantra

It's September now, though as I write this we are still in the midst of summer. But already I am thinking about the transition of "Back to School" and what it might look like for children, parents, teachers and the ripple effect on our communities. So much has changed in our lives since the pandemic began and so much will continue to change as we find our way through it to the other side. At times like these, when the swirl of unknowns can become overwhelming and even paralyzing, it can be helpful to have a mantra in your "back pocket" for those stressful moments. A personal mantra is something that is real and true for you, that is easy to remember and that offers you encouragement.

Here are some examples to float through your mind: First things first; One day at a time; We're all in this together; Simplify; Jesus, I trust in you; or Just do the next right thing.

Do any of them resonate with you? That last one does with me a lot lately. If I narrow my focus to just the next thing that needs doing it can help me take a breath and rest in the peace of this present moment.

SARA WATNE, MA, LPCC, *Mount Olivet Counseling Service*

**STEWARDSHIP MEAL! IF YOU'D LIKE A MEATBALL LUNCH DELIVERED TO YOU ON FRI 9/25, PLEASE CONTACT ANN LABREE AT [ANNL@MTOLIVET.ORG](mailto:ANNL@MTOLIVET.ORG) OR 612.767.2288**

## NURSE'S NOTES

### PREVENTATIVE CARE FOR CHILDREN/TEENS

"The importance of well child preventive care is well established. An unfortunate impact of the pandemic has been a significant drop in well child preventive care resulting in alarming decline in immunizations and delays in all the other components such as lead, developmental and mental health screening and referral."

Source: Minnesota Department of Health

Please do keep on schedule with well child/teen checkups. Clinics are open, safe and ready to care for your children. Do not delay these important preventative visits.

Do you have a child who is 18 or will be soon? \*TIP\* Once an individual turns 18 years old, they must sign written consent yearly to allow a parent/guardian to participate in their care (make phone calls to the clinic, request appointments, medication refills, lab test results). Regardless of insurance. This becomes particularly important if they are leaving home to attend college. If your child intends to have you assist them with medical care/decisions, the appropriate written consent will have to be on file with their provider. Another reason to schedule that preventive visit!

Please contact Sarah Prescher, RN, Mount Olivet Parish Nurse, 612.767.2235 [sprescher@mtolivet.org](mailto:sprescher@mtolivet.org).

# LEGACY OF LOVE AND SERVICE



**T**he corner of 55th and Lyndale in Minneapolis was once referred to as a “mercy spot” for its redbrick shelter for unwed mothers, children needing care, and a vocational hospital next door that housed and trained practical nurses. As times changed, the need to care for children was replaced with a need to care for the elderly. When the owners donated it to Mount Olivet in 1956, they asked that it be used for senior care.

**MOUNT OLIVET HOME** was dedicated in 1960 and in 2020 celebrates 60 years of service. Today it is a 94-bed, semi-independent living facility with private rooms, spacious lounges and outdoor patios.

The Vocational Hospital next to the redbrick building was torn down in 1965 and rebuilt as **MOUNT OLIVET CAREVIEW HOME** for 150 individuals needing skilled nursing care. Both facilities have dedicated memory care units.

Tim Hokanson, Mount Olivet Home and Mount Olivet Careview Home administrator, said, “In the past 30 years, almost every square inch of both buildings has been renovated.” This includes the kitchen, lobbies, lounges, resident rooms, and the nursing stations. “The biggest change was in 2018 when a \$26 million renovation at Mount Olivet Careview Home began,” added Tim. “This transformed the building into a state-of-the-art facility that is enjoyed by both residents and staff.”

**MOUNT OLIVET DAY SERVICES** was dedicated in 1995 and this year is celebrating 25 years of intentional intergenerational interaction for children and seniors. The goal of helping seniors live independently longer has been achieved many times over. Children appreciate having unconditional love from a “grandpa and grandma.” Today, 35 seniors and 75 children gather daily (pre-pandemic) to develop friendships, explore learning opportunities, and just have fun!



## PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT

The red brick building at 55th and Lyndale donated for senior care to Mount Olivet in 1956; the dedication of Mount Olivet Home in 1960; Pastor Paul Youngdahl visits with residents; the newly built Mount Olivet Home in 1960.





## MOUNT OLIVET HOME CELEBRATES 60 YEARS

## MOUNT OLIVET CAREVIEW HOME MARKS 55 YEARS

## MOUNT OLIVET DAY SERVICES OBSERVES 25 YEARS



### PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT

Mount Olivet Home today; Mount Olivet Day Services: 1st Anniversary; Mount Olivet Day Services: 16th Anniversary; Architectural drawing of Mount Olivet Careview Home with planned portico

### ADMINISTRATORS OF MOUNT OLIVET HOME: (L-R)

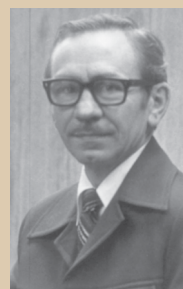
Sister Myrtle Anderson Benson  
(1960-67)

Ruth Storlie (1967-69)

Dale Anderson (1969)

James Kaiser (1970-86)

Tim Hokanson (1986-present)





## THANK YOU MOUNT OLIVET!

In 1960, when Mount Olivet Lutheran Church accepted the opportunity of providing care for seniors on Lyndale and opened Mount Olivet Home, a separately incorporated, nonprofit organization led by an independent board of directors was established. That same board of directors assumed oversight for Mount Olivet Careview Home and Mount Olivet Day Services when they opened in 1965 and 1995, respectively. Tim Hokanson has capably served as the administrator for 34 years ensuring the mission of quality care is fulfilled.

Over the years, Mount Olivet members, residents and their families, and community friends have contributed funds to fulfill myriad programming and capital needs. Many much-needed enhancements would have gone unfulfilled without that support. One example is a new portico, funded by many generous donors, which will be built this summer on the 55th Street entrance to provide residents shelter from rain and snow as they go to appointments. We extend heartfelt gratitude for the generosity that made this possible.

The late Pastor Reuben Youngdahl valued volunteers so he organized the Mount Olivet Homes' Auxiliary before the first doors opened. Under the leadership of the Auxiliary presidents listed to the right, nearly \$2 million has been raised to support the mission. Hats off to Auxiliary members who give faithfully of their time, talent, and treasure.

In the early 1990s, after seeing a documentary about intergenerational day care, Nancy Youngdahl shared the idea with her husband, the late Pastor Paul Youngdahl, who led the effort to establish that program. Now celebrating its 25th anniversary, Mount Olivet Day Services can be proud of the many children who got their start in life thanks to loving care from the staff. Also, many seniors were able to live independently longer because of services they received at what is fondly called MODS.

"Heartwarming, energizing, engaging—these are words that come to mind when I think about the intergenerational interaction that I have seen for the past 23 years," exclaims Ginny Cullen, adult program director. "It's pretty special...I feel blessed to be part of this!"

This is all part of the legacy of Mount Olivet Lutheran Church. Thanks be to God!

**MARI CARLSON**, *Director of Development*



## MOUNT OLIVET HOMES' AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS

1960 - 1964	Vi Brown*
1965 - 1966	Elsie Erickson*
1967 - 1968	Lorna Bosin*
1968 - 1969	Joanne Peterson
1970 - 1971	Alpha Carlson
<b>Strand*</b>	
1972 - 1974	Fran Engelsma*
1975 - 1977	Ruth Hauskins
<b>(Kron)*</b>	
1978 - 1979	Doris Krez*
1980 - 1981	Lorraine Smogard*
1982 - 1984	Donna Langer
1985 - 1986	Phyllis Stellmaker
1987 - 1988	Sharon Hoffman
1989 - 1990	Barb Evjen*
1991 - 1992	Betty Olson
1993 - 1995	Kathy Cunningham
1996 - 1997	Cora Arnold
1997	Audrey Sherman
1998	Bernie Amacher*
1999	Ruth Jarcho
2000	Marilee Griffin
2001	Susan Pearson
2002	Louisa Richardson*
2003	Nancy Dahlquist*
2004	Kathy Hanson
2005	Mardi Ringling
2006	Brenda Odegaard
2007	Sherry Kapanke
2008-2009	Pam Moody*
2010-2011	Jane Melroe
2012	Stephanie Zahrbock
2013	Karen L Johnson
2014	Arlys Stadum
2015-2016	Joyce Muhl
2017	Jeri Weber
2018	Mary Slinde
2019	Lynne Fehland
2020	Dee Henderson

*DECEASED\**

# grace Hospice

Cassia ∞ Mount Olivet

The hospice philosophy of care began in the United States about 40 years ago, mainly operated by nonprofit faith-based organizations. At that time, there was no reimbursement available for this specialized end-of-life care and it was provided as a church mission using volunteers, nurses, and chaplains. Since that time, and with Medicare funding available in 1984, hospital systems and for-profit chains began offering hospice care acting more like a business and not a mission.

When they came together in 2014, the vision of Mount Olivet and Augustana Care was to bring hospice care back to its original roots: rich in spiritual, emotional, and physical care at end of life. To understand each individual and tailor their end of life according to their wishes was the beginning of Grace Hospice.

So here we are six years later and Grace Hospice has provided care to over 1900 people at their end of life. Grace Hospice has grown so quickly because this kind of hospice care is what people are wanting and needing. With this partnership and the mission of each organization, Grace has been able to provide the level of care that people need and want while navigating their end of life journey.

Grace Hospice has grown steadily every year by utilizing a care team of passionate people who are committed to providing compassionate care. The care team is made up of nurses, aides, social workers, chaplains, music therapists, massage therapists, bereavement counselors, and volunteers. They walk side by side with the patient and family and are available 24/7. Jasmine, one of the wonderful hospice aides on the team, summed it up so well, "Grace Hospice allows me to take the time to truly care for patients and their families. A granddaughter was very emotional at the passing of her grandmother. She was trying so hard to control her tears and apologizing. I told her it's ok to feel the way you feel and I cried with her."

Without this wonderful partnership with Mount Olivet we would not be who we are and I am grateful every day.

**SARAH VAN WINKLE**, *Grace Hospice CEO*

More information about Grace Hospice available at [gracecaring.org](http://gracecaring.org).

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is hospice?

Hospice offers physical, emotional, and spiritual care for people dealing with life-limiting illnesses, and caring support for their families. Hospice focuses on providing compassionate care and comfort, not cure.

### Who pays for hospice care?

Medicare, Medicaid, and many health insurance plans will pay for hospice care services. Private pay is an option as well.

### Will people have to move to receive Grace Hospice care?

Hospice is not a place, it is a service. Grace Hospice can come to assisted living communities, skilled nursing, and private homes.

### What makes Grace Hospice different from other programs?

As partners in forming Grace Hospice, Cassia and Mount Olivet Careview Home bring hospice back to its roots. Both organizations have long histories of commitment to quality care, are blessed by dedicated volunteers, and embrace Christian traditions in physical, emotional, and spiritual care.

Also, Grace Hospice provides consistency in care for its patients. The same care team follows each person throughout their journey.

### What do people say they want in hospice care?

People want a say in how their care is delivered. They want to be with loved ones and be pain free. Grace Hospice will empower people to talk about their goals and wishes, and to take control of decisions at end of life.

*"As a volunteer for Grace Hospice watching the staff professionally working with residents, volunteers, family and other staff members while treating all with dignity and respect is a perk of my job. I look for this every visit and often catch them being the vessel of God's love whether they know it or not."*

Mark True, Grace Hospice Volunteer

# Confirmation Class of 2020 Drive-Thru Celebration

Sunday, September 20, West Campus: 1pm – 2pm, Minneapolis Campus: 3pm – 4pm

Families are asked to come to church for a special time to recognize each 2020 Confirmation Graduate (9th Grade Students). This special event will be held at both campuses and families can choose which campus to attend! The celebration will include your Confirmation Certificate and gift bag, a time for a blessing and a classic picture with our Pastors (from your car of course!). Your Mount Olivet Youth Staff will be present to greet each family and help direct you into the parking lot when you get to church. More information will be going out to families soon. Contact Angie St. Dennis at [angelas@mtolivet.org](mailto:angelas@mtolivet.org) with questions.

## WELCOME TO JUNIOR HIGH ALIVE!

Dear 7th and 8th Graders,

While this year might look a little different than years past, I am really looking forward to getting to know your classes extra well through smaller group interactions. JHA is a program designed for 7th and 8th graders. We do a number of fun activities and service projects, all while focusing on growing our relationships with each other and with God. Our service project for the year is Adopt-a-Grandparent (AGP). Junior High Alive gives you a chance to take ownership in your faith journey. By becoming more involved at church you are not only growing your faith but your faith community. Another exciting program is Confirmation. We meet every Wednesday (digitally for now) first in a large group then we split into small groups. Confirmation is a program where you can meet new friends and further develop your relationship with God. We sing, get to know the pastors, and learn so much! We highly encourage you to be as involved as you can! I know my years in JHA played a big role in my faith formation, and I am really excited to join you on yours! The Youth Staff looks forward to meeting and seeing you all soon!

**ANNA ST. DENNIS**, *Coordinator of Junior High Youth, Minneapolis Campus*

## HELLO HI-LEAGUERS!

I can confidently say that this upcoming Hi-League year, whatever it may look like, will be a blast. It's been such a weird summer not being able to get to know all of you incoming freshmen at 9th grade weeks at COP! To all of you 10th-12th graders, I've missed seeing your faces, and can't wait to see you welcome the 9th graders with open arms! I'm so eager for the fall to start up so we can all be together again.

Speaking of the fall, there's so much to look forward to! Although this year may be different, what's really important is that we focus on our relationships with each other and with God. We can do this through Hi-Leagues, where we get a chance to hang out together through different activities. We also have a couple of service projects that are a blast: Circle of Friends (Minneapolis) and MO United (West). These programs focus on building relationships with people from our community who have special needs and give people an opportunity to connect with someone new in a way that might not usually happen in a school setting. If you want to learn more about Hi-League or our service projects, please feel free to reach out to any of the Youth Staff listed here, we'd love to hear from you!

**ANNIE MOYNIHAN**, *Coordinator of Senior High Youth, Minneapolis Campus*

**Do you want to learn more about the programs mentioned above? Please contact the coordinator of each program.**

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# SUMMER EVENT HIGHLIGHT: FAMILY DAY AWAYS

The Family Day Away events have been a highlight this summer! Opportunities for hiking the trails, scavenger hunts, swimming, and most recently - live music - have made these events a fun chance to enjoy a change of scenery as a family.

"This event was a home run! Loose structure which was perfect for our needs - highly recommend!" — Stevens Family

"Thank you for the wonderful event! We really enjoyed ourselves and bonded during our hike." — Eichenlaub Family

The Family Day Away opportunities this fall continue on Saturdays, September 12 and October 10 and we hope you can join us!



## Saturday, 9/12, 10am-2pm

Join us for another day of family fun! All ages will enjoy a change of scenery as you visit Mount Olivet Conference and Retreat Center for a hike around the grounds, outdoor games on the lawn, and swimming in the pool! \$5 per household.

Bring your own food for a picnic lunch, or meals are available for purchase adult or kid meal(s) the time of registration for an additional \$5 per person.

Swimming is by reservation only (part of your RSVP) as we will limit the group size to 10 persons (or less) in the pool area.



## NEW! Children's Worship

We are excited to add Children's Worship videos to accompany our weekly online worship. Each week, beginning in October, Pastor Freeman will be providing a video message for kids, conversation starters about the Bible story of the week, music with Mrs. Hart, and more! We look forward to providing another faith-filled opportunity for families at home. Look for video links on the Mount Olivet website on the worship page!

### PHOTO FROM TOP TO BOTTOM

Sally Dietzenbach and boys: Aaron, Silas, and Adam. Colin & Nelson Michaletz

## Sunday School Newsletter

The Sunday School Newsletter is back! Weekly Bible stories, music, activities, devotions, and prayers are included in the new format. The newsletter is emailed to families monthly – subscribe on Realm - and weekly lessons, activities, prayers, and videos are also available on the Children & Family Ministry page: Mount Olivet Children & Family Ministry.

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# STEWARDSHIP 2021 "PICK UP & PLEDGE" DRIVE-THRU MEATBALL DINNERS!

**"PICK UP & PLEDGE" MEATBALL DINNER**

**DRIVE-THRU DATES**

Pick up times will be 4:30-6:30pm, except where noted.

Mon 9/14, 4:30-6:30pm - Mpls

Wed 9/16, 4:30-6:30pm - Mpls

Mon 9/21, 4:30-6:30pm - West

Wed 9/23, 4:30-6:30pm - West

Fri 9/25, 11am-1pm - Mpls (11am-1pm; lunch delivery available\*)

Mon 9/28, 4:30-6:30pm - Mpls

Wed 9/30 4:30-6:30pm - Mpls

You and yours are invited to come pick up a meatball dinner to enjoy at home and also to return your completed 2021 pledge card. Your Mount Olivet pastors and staff will deliver your dinner right to your car, along with a "Stewardship Bag of Goodies," filled with Mount Olivet fun, including the invitation to watch a festive Stewardship video online! You won't want to miss this opportunity—and your pastors and staff so want to see you!

Please RSVP with the postcard you were sent in your "Stewardship at Home" kit or at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org) by Wed, 9/9!

\*Contact Ann LaBree to have your lunch delivered on 9/25,  
[annl@mtolivet.org](mailto:annl@mtolivet.org) or 612.767.2288

**WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU! THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING AND RETURNING YOUR 2021 PLEDGE CARD!**

**DONATIONS ENCOURAGED WHEN YOU PICK UP YOUR DINNER: DIAPERS AND CANNED GOODS  
FOR OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS, AND PAPER GROCERY BAGS FOR OUR COMMUNITY MEALS.  
THANK YOU!**