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NOVEMBER 7

**ISAIAH PROMISES
GOD'S REDEMPTION TO
ALL**

Isaiah 43:1-7

M 9, 10, 11am
SERMON Pastor Lose

W 9, 10, 11am
SERMON Pastor Hammersten

NOVEMBER 14

A NEW COVENANT

Jeremiah 31:31-34

M 9, 10, 11am
SERMON Pastor Kalland

W 9, 10, 11am
SERMON Pastor MacLean

NOVEMBER 21

**DRY BONES BROUGHT
TO LIFE**

Ezekiel 37:1-14

M 9, 10, 11am
SERMON Pastor Ruud

W 9, 10, 11am
SERMON Pastor Lose

NOVEMBER 28

**FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT & THE
PEACEABLE KINGDOM**

Isaiah 11:1-9; Luke 1:26-33

M 9, 10, 11am
SERMON Pastor Freeman

W 9, 10, 11am
SERMON Pastor Dixon

THANKSGIVING EARLY

M 7pm
Led by Pastor Dixon and
Hi-Leaguers

SUNDAYS

**WATCH THE MPLS
WORSHIP SERVICE AT
MTOLIVET.ORG**
11am

HOLY COMMUNION
8:30 & 11:45am

**FAITH ALIVE RECORDINGS AND GOING GOD'S
WAY VIDEOS WILL CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE AT
MTOLIVET.ORG!**

NURSERY
9, 10, & 11am

**RADIO BROADCAST ON
WDGY 740AM**
11am
Through November 21

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

**NEW! THANKSGIVING
EVE WORSHIP**

M 6pm
SERMON Pastor Ruud

W 6pm
SERMON Pastor Kalland

NURSERY
6pm

HOLY COMMUNION

On the first Wednesday of each month at both campuses at 12noon, a brief in-person Holy Communion service will be offered. No registration required.

FRONT COVER PHOTO

Mount Olivet Staff at a Greet & Give
Donation Drive at the West Campus

Gratitude in Action

For years, I've been fond of saying that I believe gratitude is the noblest emotion. Gratitude has this way of drawing us out of ourselves – out of our normal worries, preoccupations, and concerns – and grants us a sense that we are blessed and a part of something larger than ourselves.

I still believe that's true. But lately it's also occurred to me that gratitude is not only an emotion – something we *feel* – but also an action – something we *do*. We may feel grateful that a friend took us out to lunch, but calling the friend the next day to share how special that gesture was moves from emotion to action. And, precisely because it's an action, it's also a decision. We might call, or we might not. It's up to us. And, precisely because it's a decision, it's available to us at all times and places.

Which is why I think putting gratitude into action is so important. Emotions come and go, and when you get right down to it, can be hard to control. But making a decision to put gratitude into action is always available to us. For this reason, and perhaps not surprisingly, social science research suggests that when we share our gratitude with others, our sense of gratitude – and our general sense of wellbeing – increases. In fact, sharing gratitude has been linked to greater resilience, better health, and a more positive outlook on life.

There are tons of ways to put gratitude into action, of course. You can write a note, call, or text when someone has done something kind for you. You can pay that gratitude forward by doing something kind for another. You can make a donation to some worthy group to share and extend your own sense of blessing. You can go out of your way to tell others what you are grateful for about them. And each time you do any of these, you build your “gratitude muscles,” renew your spirit, and recover a sense of hopefulness about both the opportunities and challenges in front of you.

Of all the Apostle Paul's letters, the one that overflows with the most gratitude is the one he writes to the Philippians. What I find interesting is that Paul writes this letter from prison. Yes, from prison! Which makes me wonder whether Paul may have discovered just how powerful it is to put gratitude into action precisely because things were so challenging. Near the close of this letter, Paul writes, “Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication and with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Good advice

to the Philippian Church in the first century, and good advice to Mount Olivet Church in the twenty-first century.

Speaking of which, there are a number of ways to put your gratitude into action this month and next at both of our campuses. Our Mount Olivet Church Women are sponsoring a coat and mitten drive with donations being received now through December 15. Our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive will be held on Sunday, November 21 and Wednesday, November 24. Christmas For All gifts can be brought to church on Sundays, November 21 and 28 and the Wednesdays, November 24 and December 1. And on December 4, there's an opportunity to deliver Christmas meals from the Minneapolis Campus to some of our homebound members. (Details for all these events can be found in this month's edition of the *Messenger*.)

We also have some marvelous ministry partners that would be blessed by your gratitude. Lutheran World Relief, which for 75 years has extended the love of God to some of the poorest of God's children around the world, is currently working to care for those suffering after the earthquake in Haiti. Lutheran Disaster Response is helping people closer to home deal with the aftermath of hurricanes in the South and wildfires in the West. And Lutheran Social Services is helping to resettle Afghans who aided our military for two decades and must now find a new home.

Finally, one more way to put gratitude into action is through worship. This year, we will hold a single Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 24, at 6pm at both campuses. Come to sing, pray, and share your gratitude for the manifold blessings that attend us daily by our Lord's grace. And, after the service, stay for a cookie and some coffee or even to pick up your Thanksgiving pie at the Mpls Campus (and help feed someone who is hungry!) in what I believe will be a new Mount Olivet tradition (*Details on pg. 6*).

Gratitude as an emotion is wonderful. Gratitude as an action may be even better. So give thanks, in word and deed, so that the peace of God, which passes all understanding, may guard your hearts and minds in Christ.



Pastor Lose

DAVID J. LOSE, SENIOR PASTOR

UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE & HOLIDAY MARKET

NOVEMBER 6, 9AM-2PM, MPLS

NOVEMBER 20, 9AM-2PM, WEST

Join us for this fun event with vendors featuring fine art, crafts, pottery, jewelry, home decor, culinary gifts, the Dala house and more!

FRIENDS FOREVER: FALL DINNER

NOVEMBER 7, 5:30-8:30PM, MPLS CAMPUS

Join the Friends Forever group, by attending this fun gathering featuring musical entertainment, trivia with Pastor Lose, and great food. Please register by Wednesday, November 3 online at mtolivet.org. Cost is \$15 per person.

FLU VACCINATION CLINIC

NOVEMBER 8, 11AM-2PM, MPLS CAMPUS

Get your flu vaccine this fall to protect people around you, including those who are more vulnerable to serious flu illness. No registration necessary. Please bring your insurance card with you!

YOUNG IN HEART

NOVEMBER 17, 12NOON, MPLS CAMPUS

Plan to attend the Young in Heart luncheon in the Fellowship Hall at the Mpls Campus. Pastor Dennis Johnson will entertain with his wisdom and wit! Cost is \$9, and a donation to Pastor Scott's ministry is welcome. Please register by contacting Ann LaBree at 612.767.2288 or annl@mtolivet.org before 11/12.

THE FIRST YEARS WITHOUT THEM

DECEMBER 1 THROUGH FEBRUARY 2, 3-4:30, MPLS CAMPUS

Grief Group, Mount Olivet Counseling Service. For more information contact Molly Pach at 612.927.7335 or mpach@mtolivetcounseling.org.

CRAFTY LADIES

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9 THROUGH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, CONFERENCE & RETREAT CENTER

Experienced and beginner crafters are invited to Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center for a weekend of uninterrupted crafting. We provide the beautiful space and you bring your craft projects! Work on your crafting, meet other crafters, enjoy home cooked meals from our kitchen, and relax and unwind with a peaceful walk in the woods or a dip in the whirlpool. Crafters can register at mtolivet.org for Thursday-Saturday or Friday-Sunday. You choose the dates that work best for you!

LIFE & GROWTH

SEPT 17 - OCT 15

BAPTISMS

Watson Ryan Bradt
son of Kayla and Ryan
Maria Areeya Bredesen
daughter of Soey and William
Ethan Reede Enestvedt
son of Jacqueline and Andrew
Keira Louise Nibbe
daughter of Andrea and Steven
Cora Rose Peterson
daughter of Joleen and Joe
Addison Marie Ringstad
daughter of Jamie and Samuel
Owen George Roach
son of Kate and Connor
Penelope Lucille Schliep
daughter of Kaley and Matthew
Cameron John Snyder
son of Natalie and Peter
Palmer Scott Steege
daughter of Alexandra and Scott
Blake Marie Wollan
daughter of Jennifer and Thomas

WEDDINGS

Sarah Schroeder & Andrew Nelson, September 17
Elizabeth Oberg & Tayne DeNeui, September 18
Carolyn Beese & Daniel Brewster, October 2
Kiersten Bredeson & Shane Collings, October 8
Jacqueline Silverman & Michael Hefferan, October 9

DEATHS

Rev. David A. Aaker
1946 - 2021
Amy M. Anderson
1965 - 2021
Jacqueline A. Fish
1937 - 2021
Myrtle C. Grette
1925 - 2021
Kathleen A. Lucas
1944 - 2021
Margaret A. Luchmann
1944 - 2021
James J. Roen
1964 - 2021
Jeffrey S. Stevens
1974 - 2021
Sharon A. Stickel
1936 - 2021
Joan C. Wong
1939 - 2021



DAILY READINGS

FROM PASTOR KALLAND
NOVEMBER 2021

- 1 Philippians 4:6-7, Anxious
- 2 Isaiah 25:1, Wonderful Things
- 3 1 John 4:19, God First Loved Us
- 4 Galatians 3:28-29, All Are One In Jesus
- 5 Isaiah 1:16, Stop Doing Wrong
- 6 Matthew 6:19-20, Treasures In Heaven
- 7 Philippians 2:14-16a, Shine Like Stars
- 8 Isaiah 1:17, Do Right
- 9 Romans 13:10, Fulfillment Of The Law
- 10 1 Corinthians 13:4-5, Love Is
- 11 Psalm 33:5, Unfailing Love
- 12 John 13:35, By This
- 13 Ephesians 6:12, Our Struggle
- 14 Philippians 2:3, In Humility
- 15 Psalm 97:10, Hate Evil
- 16 1 Corinthians 13:1, Clanging Cymbal
- 17 Romans 15:13, With All Joy And Peace
- 18 Psalm 59:16, Refuge
- 19 1 Corinthians, 13:3 Gain Nothing
- 20 Ephesians 6:10, In The Lord
- 21 Exodus 23:25, Worship The Lord
- 22 James 1:6, Believe
- 23 2 Thessalonians 1:3, Growing And Increasing
- 24 Psalm 18:1-2, Strength, Rock, Deliverer
- 25 Luke 6:45, What Is Stored In Your Heart?
- 26 Proverbs 8:35, Receive Favor
- 27 Romans 8:35, Who Shall Separate Us
- 28 Isaiah 55:9, Higher Ways And Thoughts
- 29 Colossians 3:12, Beloved Chosen Ones
- 30 Isaiah 40:31, Renew Their Strength

DEVOTION

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love (mercy and grace) endures forever." Psalm 118:1

November is a full month. The other day I looked up all the "special days" or "national days" of November. Wow, there are plenty! Pages and pages... look them up sometime. A few highlights: All Saints Day, Love Your Red Hair Day (one of Pastor Hammersten's favorites), Stress Awareness Day, Candy Day, Seat Belt Day, USMC Birthday, Veterans Day, World Kindness Day (wouldn't that be great if it were every day), Play With Dad Day, Cake Day, Black Friday, Cyber Monday, Day of Listening, Philanthropy Day, Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day, World Peace Day, and on and on and on.

Thanksgiving Day is one of my favorite National Days. An official day to help us to remember to give thanks for our many blessings. Gratitude.

Gratitude, does it just have to be one day? I wonder what it would look like if every day we counted our blessings and gave thanks. Gratitude can change our actions. Years ago a friend of mine suggested keeping a gratitude list. On that list write down things for which you are grateful... revisit it daily. It helps.

We can be grateful that we are loved and cherished and held securely in the palm of God's hand. Nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God we have in Christ Jesus. — PASTOR KALLAND



RADIO MINISTRY UPDATE

In recent weeks, we have received word that our long-time partner in radio, WDGY 740AM, is adjusting their technical support of our radio program. This shift in support makes good sense from the station's point of view, as they are now a more automated operation. In turn, this change makes it more difficult for us to produce and broadcast our Sunday service live. For this reason, Sunday, November 21, will be our last radio broadcast. Our 11am Sunday Morning worship service, Faith Alive, and sermons will be available at mtolivet.org, as they currently are via the worship section of the website. One positive outcome of the pandemic is that many of our members have become far more comfortable with technology and our website. We have heard from a number of folks who used to listen to the service on the radio that they are now watching it on a tablet, computer, or phone. We feel confident we can continue the wonderful Mount Olivet tradition of making our services available well beyond the walls of our sanctuaries! If you need assistance with finding the online services, please call the church office at 612.926.7651. We are grateful to the staff at WDGY for their long time partnership and support of our radio ministry.

Happy THANKSGIVING

THANKSGIVING EARLY DINNER & SERVICE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 6PM DINNER, 7PM WORSHIP, MPLS CAMPUS

Celebrate Thanksgiving a little early by joining us for a traditional turkey dinner with all the fixings followed by a worship service led by Pastor Dixon and our Hi-Leaguers. Dinner is \$10 per person, with advance registration required online at mtolivet.org by 11/17.

NEW! THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 6PM, MPLS & WEST CAMPUSES

A new time to worship for Thanksgiving! Pastor Ruud (Mpls Campus) and Pastor Kalland (West Campus) will be preaching. Nursery is available at both campuses. Following the service, stay for cookies and fellowship.

NEW! ORDER YOUR THANKSGIVING PIE AT MOUNT OLIVET

This year we are excited to offer an opportunity for you to pre-order your Thanksgiving pie baked fresh by our fabulous kitchen! A limited quantity is available of: Pumpkin, Apple Crumb, and Pecan. Each pie is \$15 and proceeds will support our community meals and ministry partner, VEAP (Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People). Pies can be picked up on Wednesday, November 24, between 2-5pm and following the 6pm service at the Mpls Campus. Please pre-order online at mtolivet.org by November 17.



MOCW COAT & MITTEN DRIVE

THROUGH 12/15

Donate new winter outerwear, for those who are experiencing homelessness. Drop off at either campus.



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

11/21, 8:30-11:30AM

11/24, 5:30-7PM

Support our ministry partners in their hunger initiatives by bringing non-perishable food items to both campuses.



CHRISTMAS FOR ALL

11/21 & 11/28, 8:30-

11:30AM & 11/24 &

12/1, 5-7PM

Donate a new – unwrapped gift in the \$5-\$40 range for one of our Community Partners.

More details available on page 9.



THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Gifts may be given using the envelope in the Thanksgiving mailing, online at mtolivet.org, or by contacting Tricia Lerohl-Morgan at 612.767.2255 or tricial@mtolivet.org.



SHARE YOUR GIFTS AT MOUNT OLIVET



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

All knitters are welcome whether you are a beginner or a lifetime knitter! Join us as we pray and knit prayer shawls for others in need of comfort, prayer and support. To join this vital ministry, or if you have questions, please contact Julie Goodman at julieg@mtolivet.org or 612.767.2208.

PRAYER MINISTRY

If you have ever requested a prayer before, you know what it means to have others ask/thank/praise God on your behalf – and you know what a difference it makes. If you want to be part of a group that cares for others through intercessory prayer, please call contact our pastoral care team, or join us at one of our quarterly meetings. The easiest part – you can pray in the comfort of your own home, at work, on a walk – anywhere. God is always listening. If you have additional questions, please contact Ann LaBree at annl@mtolivet.org or 612.767.2288.

VIRTUAL STAMPING GROUP

Come join us in stamping to have fun and create cards to be sent to members of the church and our surrounding community. There will also be an opportunity for “free stamping,” to allow creativity in whatever you might like to stamp. It doesn’t matter if you are fairly new, or more advanced in stamping - all are welcome!

The stamping group meets virtually once a month, beginning in November through the spring. This group will take a break for the spring and summer months.

This is a great way to meet people and make new friends. If you are interested in the stamping group or have any questions, contact Julie Goodman at julieg@mtolivet.org or 612.767.2208.

LINK CALLERS/ FRIENDS CONNECT

Feeling a little disconnected from the world and want to connect with some of our church members? Join Link Callers/ Friends Connect. Connect with a parishioner who is feeling lonely and would appreciate a friendly phone call one or two times per month. Check in with one another and enjoy a conversation over the phone. If you are interested in joining this fun group, please contact Julie Goodman at julieg@mtolivet.org or 612.767.2208.

"for unto us a child is born"

After our tour of the prophets in October and November, we turn our attention in Advent to how some of those prophetic passages were used by the Evangelists to interpret and herald the birth of Jesus as God's Messiah. "For unto us a child is born..." "And his name will be Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace..." "Look, the young maiden is with child and shall bear a son and name him Emmanuel..." These are some of the most beloved parts of the Christmas story and we look forward to bringing them to life in word, song, and sermon.



WORSHIP WITH US!

SUNDAYS, 9, 10, & 11AM, MPLS & WEST CAMPUSES

November 28, December 5, December 12, December 19, and December 26

WEDNESDAYS, 12NOON MPLS CAMPUS

December 1: In-Person Holy Communion

December 8: Advent Carols with Pastor Lose

December 15: Christmas Carols with Pastor Lose

CHRISTMAS EVE, FRIDAY DECEMBER 24

2-6pm, West Campus

2-11pm, Mpls Campus

CHRISTMAS DAY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

10am, Mpls Campus

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Friday, December 31, 7pm Worship Service, 7:45pm Potluck, Mpls Campus

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 6:30PM, WEST CAMPUS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 6:30PM, MPLS CAMPUS

If you would like the first and last name of your loved one read during the service, please visit our website to register or by contacting Ann LaBree at 612.767.228 or annl@mtolivet.org. *Please specify which service, or both, you plan on attending.

SAVE THE DATES

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

West Campus: during 11am worship

Mpls Campus: 3 & 5pm and streaming at mtolivet.org.

MOCW CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Saturday, December 18, 10am, Mpls Campus, Cost: \$15 adults, \$6 kids 8 and under.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL & DIGITAL ADVENT CALENDAR

This year's Advent Devotional is written by Senior Pastor, David Lose, and is available for pick up at the Mpls and West Campuses beginning Sunday, November 28. Sign up to receive the devotional via email at mtolivet.org/christmas. We are thrilled to offer our Advent Calendar online at mtolivet.org again! There will be 24 days filled with holiday items that prepare us for this festive, sacred, and joy-filled season. The calendar begins on Wednesday, December 1, through Friday, December 24.

BOY SCOUT CHRISTMAS TREE LOT

Beginning Friday, November 26, Monday through Friday: 5-8pm, Saturdays and Sundays: 9am-6pm.

Boy Scout Troop #110 will once again be holding their Christmas Tree Lot at the 1700 Chapel. Preorders are available now for wreaths, garlands, centerpieces, and trees from their website: troop-110.org/holiday-shop. Holiday items may be picked up the weekend after Thanksgiving. Trees may also be preordered through the website. Delivery is available the weekend after Thanksgiving.



Advent begins November 28!

CHRISTMAS FOR ALL DROP OFF DAY ADVENT JOURNEY

SUNDAYS, NOVEMBER 21 & 28, 8:30-11:30AM & WEDNESDAYS, NOVEMBER 24 & DECEMBER 1, 5-7PM

Please bring new, unwrapped gifts for all ages in a \$5-\$40 range to either campus for our Christmas for All store, which benefits Mount Olivet ministry partners Love INC, Southside Family Nurturing Center and Redeemer Lutheran Church. A list of suggested items is available at mtolivet.org. To volunteer by receiving gifts on drop-off dates and/or assisting on the store date (12/5), please contact Laurie Hancer at 612.767.2267 or lhancer@mtolivet.org. *As a reminder, in an effort to keep our community safe, we are requiring all in-person volunteers to be fully vaccinated.*



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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 10AM-3PM, CONFERENCE & RETREAT CENTER

Join Pastor Dixon, Pastor Ruud, and Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center Director, Rev. Theresa Latini, in studying the many meanings of Isaiah 9, "Unto Us a Child is Born." Together we will begin our Advent journey by exploring questions like these: What child is this (Hezekiah or Jesus or both)? What does it matter that God came to us as a child? How does this child lead God's people, including us, out of darkness and into the light? Register at mtolivet.org.

MESSIAH SING-A-LONG

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 3:30PM, MPLS CAMPUS

Grab your Christmas sweater and choir friends to join Mount Olivet for a fun and casual community sing-a-long of Handel's *Messiah*! This festive forty-five-minute sing-a-long is sure to invigorate your Christmas spirit with great music, comradery, and performances by Mount Olivet's fantastic soloists and musicians. Please bring non-perishable food items to donate to local Mount Olivet ministry partners. This will be a Christmas experience that will check all the boxes – music, fellowship, and giving to others!

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 4-6PM GATHERING, 5PM TREE LIGHTING, MPLS CAMPUS ON JAMES AVE.

Join us as we light the Mount Olivet Christmas Tree on 50th and James Ave in Mpls! We will gather around our tree, share a song, and light up our small corner of south Minneapolis with grateful anticipation of the savior and light of the world, "for unto us a child is born" (Isaiah 9:6). There will be music, food, an opportunity to purchase Christmas trees and wreaths, and even Santa and reindeer will be available for pictures!

MOCW LUTEFISK DINNER

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, SEATINGS AT 3, 4:30 & 6PM, MPLS CAMPUS

Join us for the 91st Lutfisk Dinner. Everyone is invited to an all-you-can-eat buffet of lutfisk, Swedish meatballs, rutabagas, boiled potatoes, pickled beets, and yes, of course, butter or white sauce!

Advanced online ticket sales are requested and are available at mtolivet.org. \$20 adults, \$5 kids 12 and under. Questions? Contact the church office at 612.926.7651. Interested in volunteering? Please contact Heather Goudy, at heathergoudy@hotmail.com.



CHRISTMAS EARLY MEAL DELIVERY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 10AM-12NOON

Your Mount Olivet Church family would like to share the warmth and joy of this Advent season with you! An early Christmas meal will be delivered to your residence by one of our wonderful volunteer drivers. All you need to do is heat it and enjoy! If you would like to receive a meal or be a volunteer driver, please contact Ann LaBree at 612.767.2288 or annl@mtolivet.org.

With the intention of creating the safest environment possible, volunteers are required to be fully vaccinated.



Mount Olivet Careview Home Awarded as One of Newsweek's Best Nursing Homes 2022

Mount Olivet Careview Home has been recognized on Newsweek's Best Nursing Homes 2022 list. This prestigious award is presented by Newsweek and Statista Inc., the world-leading statistics portal and industry ranking provider. The awards list was announced on September 29, 2021, and can be viewed on Newsweek's website. Mount Olivet Careview Home was ranked number 1 in Minnesota.

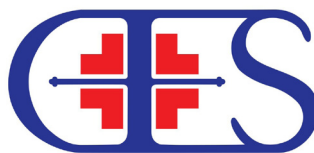
Based on the results of the study, Mount Olivet Careview Home is proud to be recognized as one of Newsweek's Best Nursing Homes 2022. Mount Olivet Careview Home has been serving residents for over 60 years!

Meals on Wheels Drivers Needed!

Community Emergency Service (CES) is looking for 120+ volunteer drivers for Meals on Wheels. During the early pandemic days, they were forced to switch to cold meals but are now getting back to regular delivery - but ready and willing drivers are needed to make it happen.

You'll finish your one-hour route knowing that the 8-10 people you served received the nourishment and personal connection they needed.

Sign up today to deliver meals and make an immediate impact on the lives of seniors in our neighborhood. If you can't volunteer, consider sharing this request with others! Please contact Laurie Hancer at lhancer@mtolivet.org for information on how to sign up.



MOHA BUTTER BRAIDS

Holiday Butter Braids are back! Mount Olivet Homes Auxiliary will be selling Butter Braids for your Thanksgiving and Christmas enjoyment! Sales will again be online through Realm, with pickup scheduled between services on Sunday mornings. Please note the following dates for ordering and pickup:

Thanksgiving Butter Braid:

order 11/1-11/14,

pickup Sunday, 11/21,

9:30am-12noon. **Christmas**

Butter Braid Sales: order

11/22-12/5, pickup

Sunday, 12/12, from

9:30am-12noon.

OPPORTUNITIES TO MENTOR OR TUTOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

We are thrilled to share that we have in-person openings for Literacy Mentors, Middle School Mentors, and substitute Reading Tutors through Simpson Housing. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a mentor or tutor with Simpson Housing, please join us at a future Intro Session. Our upcoming sessions are: **Thursday, November 4, 5:30-6:30 or Thursday, December 2, 5:30-6:30.**

Please contact Laurie Hancer lhancer@mtolivet.org for information on how to sign up.



What About John?

John, the Maverick Gospel

This fall we've been doing a deep dive into the Gospels, giving particular attention to how and where they came from and how best to understand and enjoy them. So far, we've focused especially on the similarities between Matthew, Mark, and Luke, the three Gospels that are most alike.

And now we turn our attention to John, sometimes called the "maverick" Gospel, but one we might just as easily consider the "oddball" Gospel. Because while John shares some of the basic plot points of the other three – starting with John the Baptist, then the calling of the disciples, some teaching and a few miracles, a last meal with his friends, and the crucifixion and resurrection – John is also distinctly, and some would say notoriously, different. Did you know, for instance, that Jesus tells no parables in John's Gospel... and that there's no account of the Lord's Supper... or that Jesus is crucified on a different day than in the other three (the day before Passover instead of Passover)... and that....

I could go on, but I think you get the point. John is just plain different from the other three gospels in almost every way. And for just this reason, early leaders in the Christian Church were a little suspicious of John's account and so his gospel almost didn't make it into the New Testament!

And yet John also shares some of the most theologically rich reflections on the significance of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. John's writings are behind some of our most beautiful works of art and have inspired some of our most beloved hymnody. And John's testimony about Jesus' work to draw us into relationship with God continues to offer tremendous potential to shape our understanding of Jesus, God, and each other. I'm eager to join you for an incredibly rich conversation about John, the Fourth Gospel, the Oddball Gospel, and the Maverick Gospel, all wrapped into one! —PASTOR LOSE, SENIOR PASTOR



NOVEMBER 2: What Is the Kingdom of God and Why Does Jesus Talk About It So Much? *Matthew, Mark, and Luke* with Pastor Ruud

DECEMBER 7: What About John? *John, the Maverick Gospel* with Pastor Lose

In-Person presentations held the first Tuesday of the month at the Mpls Campus except Nov '21 and March '22 when they will be at West; 6:30-7:15pm; Videos emailed out by the first Tuesday of the month. Small groups meet at various times throughout the month.

It's not too late to join this Living the Message series! New participants are welcome anytime and you can catch up by watching the videos. Register at mtolivet.org/education or by contacting Katie Stevenson at katies@mtolivet.org or 612.767.2232

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE!

Missed an Adult Education class? Want to rewatch and learn more?

Adult Education videos from 2020 to today are available at mtolivet.org/education.

Scroll to the bottom of the page, click on "Adult Education Videos," and select what you want to watch. Enjoy classes on "What Does Lutheran Mean?" or take a "Rally in the Valley - A Study of King David" or learn about "The Story Behind the Nativity" as we approach Advent. Enjoy!

UPCOMING EVENTS YOUTH MINISTRY

To register for these events or learn more about these offerings, please contact Geoff Arenson geoffa@mtolivet.org, 612.767.2212, Beverly Claflin beverlyc@mtolivet.org, 612.767.2263, Anna Herd aherd@mtolivet.org, 612.767.2279, Macey Oliver moliver@mtolivet.org, 612.767.2237, or Julia Jallo jjallo@mtolivet.org, 952.767.1502.



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

11/21 & 11/24 7th & 8th grade volunteers are needed for the Food Drives at both Campuses. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Anna Herd at aherd@mtolivet.org.



THANKSGIVING EARLY

11/21, 6PM DINNER, 7PM WORSHIP, MPLS CAMPUS Reservations required for \$10 dinner at mtolivet.org. Worship will be led by Pastor Dixon and Hi-Leaguers



8TH GRADE LEADERSHIP RETREAT

11/5-11/6 Overnight for our 8th grade leaders at the Mount Olivet Conference and Retreat Center!



HI-LEAGUE

11/7: SKATEVILLE 7-9pm, \$15
11/14: 9TH GRADE GAMES & DEVO 10:30-11:30am, Mpls & West Campuses.



CHANCEL CHOIR NIGHT

11/12, 6-10PM, WEST CAMPUS We will be having a fun night at the West Campus for our Chancel Choir Kids!



CONFIRMATION

REMINDERS! There will be no confirmation on Sunday, November 28, or Wednesday, November 24. Join us for Worship instead!



INSTAGRAM

Find us on Instagram [@mtolivet_youth](https://www.instagram.com/mtolivet_youth) to see pictures, goofy videos, devotions written by your church friends, and more! Give us a follow and join the fun!



CATHEDRAL CHOIR

It's never too late to join the Cathedral Choir! 9-12th graders sing on Sunday mornings at both campuses.



Thanksgiving Early

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays. A table filled with good food, family, and friends is the perfect place to reflect. Looking across the table reminds me of how much I truly have, and I am so appreciative for it. But the things I have to be thankful for stretch far beyond what I see at the table.

At Mount Olivet, I am thankful for the amazing youth staff and pastors that are always around keeping people connected, and all of the super fun events that the church hosts. This Thanksgiving especially though, I'm thankful for my relationship with God. He's helped us all through tough times recently, and I know I can always seek comfort at church, and in God's word. —JULES BERGLUND



I believe that Thanksgiving is an amazing opportunity to appreciate this church and what it has done for everyone involved. As a Mount Olivet Hi-League Member and Mount Olivet Board Officer, I have been associated with so many volunteer activities and events and this is one of the many examples of

why I am so grateful and honored to be a part of Mount Olivet. With the amazing community of Hi-leaguers, and youth leaders being my supportive and always positive friends, there is never an opportunity I turn down and never an event I regret going to! I want to thank the youth staff for giving me the opportunity to write this article, and also thank them for being amazing mentors!

—SAM MEYER



I personally have always loved the Thanksgiving holiday. It is a time that we all come together, eat, and play games without the stress of what presents to give or what you hope to receive.

It is also a great time to reflect on how grateful you are even if that means awkwardly going around the table to share.

During that time, I am always reminded of how grateful I am for church and all that it has given me. Not only has it given me some of my best friends but also it has taught me how I deserve to be loved and supported. I think most of all the thing I am grateful for is how it has shaped me into the person that I am and having a safe place where I get to be 100% myself. —LIBBY GLIEDEN



THANKSGIVING
Early Worship
SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 21
 6pm Dinner, 7pm Worship
 Worship service led by **PASTOR DIXON** and **HI-LEAGUERS**
 Register for dinner online at mtolivet.org
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Sunday School

We are off to a great start in Sunday School this fall! We've been singing about the Fruits of the Spirit, and learning about how we are all children of God. Registration for Sunday School is on-going and we will be happy to welcome you whenever it works best for your family!

Additionally, we invite all families to participate in **Christmas for All** – our holiday gift drive that benefits Mount Olivet ministry partners Love INC, Southside Family Nurturing Center, and Redeemer Lutheran Church. Donation drop off for new items (for people of all ages) will be Sundays, November 21 and November 28 – we'll have drop off areas at both campuses near the Sunday School areas. Please contact Laurie Hancer at lhancer@mtolivet.org or 612.767.2267 with questions about volunteer opportunities for Christmas For All!



Preschool

We would love to partner with you for your child's early learning experience! Contact Preschool Director, Alyssa Hill, for information on current openings, programming options, tours, and more! ahill@mtolivet.org or 612.767.2216

UPCOMING EVENTS

FAMILY DAY AWAY

Saturday, November 6, 9am-3pm, Conference & Retreat Center.

Enjoy the beautiful grounds at the Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center! This is a perfect way to unplug as a family, take a swim and hike around the grounds. We'll have some family games and crafts available as well. Swim times are reserved at the time of registration. Register at mtolivet.org.

TURKEY BOWLING

Friday, November 19, 6-9pm, Mpls Campus.

4th - 6th Graders are invited to join us for a night of bowling... with turkeys! We'll also watch a holiday movie and enjoy a popcorn snack bar. Invite your friends and meet in the gym at the Mpls Campus at 6pm! Parents, pick up will be at 9pm. This is a FREE event you won't want to miss! Register at mtolivet.org. If you have questions, please contact Amy Porthan at amyp@mtolivet.org.



Stewardship 2022

WHETHER YOU ENJOYED YOUR MEATBALL DINNER AT MPLS, AT WEST, OR AT HOME — YOUR PASTORS AND STAFF ARE SO GLAD YOU WERE A PART OF THIS LONGSTANDING MOUNT OLIVET TRADITION! IT WAS WONDERFUL TO SEE SO MANY MEMBERS COME TOGETHER, GIVE THANKS, AND GIVE BACK. THANK YOU!

—KATIE STEVENSON, DIRECTOR OF STEWARDSHIP



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Mail your pledge card in its return envelope mailed to you in early September **OR**

Pledge via your Realm account at mtolivet.org **OR**

Contact Tricia Lerohl-Morgan, Finance Department, 612.767.2255 tricial@mtolivet.org

One-time and recurring gifts can also be made via your Realm account at mtolivet.org or by contacting the finance department.



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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

6pm Worship

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