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## SUNDAYS

### DIAL-IN VIA PHONE 833.775.1238

11am

### WATCH THE MPLS WORSHIP SERVICE AT MTOLIVET.ORG

11am

(10am beginning 5/29)

### HOLY COMMUNION

8:30 & 11:45am

(8:30am only beginning 5/29)

### NURSERY

9, 10, & 11am

(9 & 10am beginning 5/29)

## MAY 1

### THE CONVERSION OF PAUL

*Acts 8:1b-3, 9:1-9*

**M** 9, 10, 11am  
**SERMON** Pastor Cieslik

**W** 9, 10, 11am  
**SERMON** Pastor Lose

## MAY 8

### THE BEGINNING OF PAUL'S MINISTRY

*Acts 9:10-22*

**M** 9, 10, 11am  
**SERMON** Pastor Hammersten

**W** 9, 10, 11am  
**SERMON** Pastor Freeman

## MAY 15

### TURNING THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN

*Acts 17:1-15*

**M** 9, 10, 11am  
**SERMON** Pastor MacLean

**W** 9, 10, 11am  
**SERMON** Pastor Kalland

*11am Baccalaureate Sunday  
at the Mpls Campus*

## MAY 22

### PAUL PREACHING IN ATHENS

*Acts 17:16-31*

**M** 9, 10, 11am  
**SERMON** Pastor Cieslik

**W** 9, 10, 11am  
**SERMON** Pastor Ruud

*11am Baccalaureate Sunday  
at the West Campus*

## MAY 29

### PAUL IN ROME

*Acts 28:23-31*

**M** 9, 10am  
**SERMON** Pastor Kalland

**W** 9, 10am  
**SERMON** Pastor MacLean

## WEDNESDAYS

### HOLY COMMUNION

**M** 12noon  
A service of Holy Communion  
will be offered the first  
Wednesday of each month.

### PHOTO CAPTION

The cover image from Jim LePage's Bible Art

# Room for All!

There's an odd little story near the beginning of Luke's Gospel that has always caught my attention. It's basically a recounting of John the Baptist's preaching. As in the other three Gospels, John is a fiery preacher, announcing the coming of the Messiah and warning the people to "flee the wrath to come." What makes Luke's version different, and also a bit odd, is that he is the only one to include a response from the crowds. John the Baptist closes his sermon with these ominous words: *"Bear fruit worthy of repentance, for even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."* And then the crowds, far from shrinking away or getting angry at John's message, instead ask a remarkably practical question: *"What then should we do?"*

And after announcing impending judgment with some vim and vigor, John's counsel seems fairly ordinary, even mundane. As St. Luke writes, *In reply John said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."*

To simplify a bit, John says, "You should share, be fair, and don't bully." All of which feels more like the stuff of Kindergarten than end-of-the-world judgment. Which may just be Luke's point. *Faithfulness does not have to be heroic.* There are opportunities to do God's will, to be God's people, all around us. These opportunities are shaped by our context: the roles in which we find ourselves and the needs of the neighbor. But make no mistake, opportunities abound. At work or at home, at school or in our places of volunteering, and certainly at church there are manifold ways by which we can offer our faithfulness to God through service to our neighbors.

Perhaps even more surprising than the content of John's ethical instruction, though, is his audience. The people he addresses are not simply ordinary, but instead are the riff raff – poor crowds with little to offer, despised tax collectors who profit from the oppression of their countrymen, mercenary soldiers known for extorting the vulnerable. Yet they are not excluded from John's attention or the possibility of "bearing fruits worthy of repentance." If this is true – if peasants, tax collectors, and mercenaries have

something to offer – then who, we might wonder, is excluded? The answer, as it turns out, is no one. John preaches to all, Jesus comes for all. In the kingdom of God on earth, there is room for all and everyone has a role to play.

At Mount Olivet, we have recently had a wonderful Easter celebration, a powerful reminder that God's love, light, and life are more powerful than all the hate, darkness, and death in the world. And in light of that promise, we are sent out with equal measures of confidence and courage to do what we can to make this world look more like God intends and to share God's love and hope with all we meet. This odd little story from Luke reminds me that we can do that wherever we are. In fact, I've always found it both interesting and instructive that John doesn't tell the tax collectors they have to quit their job and he doesn't implore the soldiers to become pacifists. Even in light of impending judgment, they are called to serve where they are. In this way, John actually makes even the most mundane elements of daily life *holy* – that is, places where God is at work in us and through us for the sake of God's children.

Luke closes his description of this scene by saying, "with many other exhortations, John proclaimed the good news to the people." Words of judgment and warning "good news"? Yes, because John gives the crowds – everyone! – a role to play in the coming kingdom. It demands neither job change nor relocation, neither religious pilgrimage nor exorbitant sacrifice. Rather, participating in God's new kingdom is available to them where they are, requiring only the modicum of faith necessary to perceive the sacred in the ordinary. It is, in short, entirely within their reach: "Share. Be fair. Don't bully."

It may not be heroic, but it is something they can do. And, when you think about it, it is something that anyone can do. Which means that it is something we can do, too. We can, that is, live out the promise of Easter each and every day wherever we are simply by paying attention to the needs of those around us and responding with hope and compassion. We all have something to contribute. We are all part of God's kingdom. Good news, indeed!



Pastor Lose

DAVID J. LOSE, SENIOR PASTOR



# New Pastoral Call: The Reverend Benjamin Mark Cieslik

## TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF AND YOUR

**FAMILY.** Beth (Bevis) and I have two children, Greta (10) and Bjorn (6). We have a one-year-old puppy named Loki, more after the Norse god of mischief than the Marvel character. We're currently living in Edina. Beth works at Target in Responsible Sourcing and the kids attend Cornelia Elementary. Beth and I met at St. Olaf College where I was a history and religion major. Beth is a child of this congregation and was active in Hi-League, attended COP, and worked on camp staff for two summers. We're both so excited to continue raising our kids in this community and for them to be nurtured in faith by the rich worship, music, and children and youth experiences that played a pivotal role in Beth's life.



## HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A PASTOR, AND WHY DID YOU GO INTO MINISTRY?

I was ordained in July of 2010. For nearly 12 years, I served Bethlehem Lutheran Church Twin Cities just a few blocks away from the Mpls Campus. Prior to that I worked as a youth director at Gloria Dei Lutheran in St. Paul. I began working and leading in the church because people saw things in me that I couldn't see in myself. I was nurtured and encouraged by so many faithful people over the years that helped me uncover the ways God was preparing me to be a pastor. I'm here because of good and faithful people like you.

## WHAT IS SOMETHING THAT HAS SURPRISED YOU ABOUT

**MINISTRY?** I'm constantly surprised by the ways people invite you into the holiest of moments in their lives, those moments of profound joy and deep pain. It is such a privilege to share that with people, and I'm always surprised and delighted by the ways Jesus shows up in the midst of it all.

## WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE THINGS TO DO OUTSIDE OF CHURCH?

I love traveling and discovering new places. I love to be outside: fishing, hiking, playing Frisbee on a beach. It's all good. I'm competitive so I like to play games and sports, especially ones I'm good at. Time with friends and family feels especially sacred right now after some years apart because of the pandemic, so just being with the people I love feels good right now. I'm pretty happy any time there's good food and drinks around.

## LIFE & GROWTH

**MAR 15 - APR 13**

### BAPTISMS

**Makenna Mae Aske**  
*daughter of Mandy and Andrew*  
**Hunter Alexander Blom**  
*son of Lisa and Cody*  
**Adrian David Crowe**  
*son of Sarah and Brian*  
**Charlie Knute Eckhart**  
*son of Sydney and Adam*  
**Wells Edward Golz**  
*son of Kimberley and Dustin*  
**Drake Elliott Madryga**  
*son of Kristen and Louis*  
**Liam Thomas Severson**  
*son of Mary and Matthew*  
**Callie Arlene Wester**  
*daughter of Nikki and Drew*

### DEATHS

**Lucy M. Boeck**  
1939 – 2022  
**Tina M. Falkner**  
1968 – 2022  
**Arnold O. Helgemoe**  
1930 – 2022  
**Larry R. Henneman**  
1935 – 2022  
**Cort C. Holten**  
1950 – 2022  
**Gayl E. Madigan**  
1949 – 2022  
**Joyce E. Niehaus**  
1937 – 2022  
**Shirley H. Nordale**  
1928 – 2022  
**Harold L. Olson**  
1935 – 2022  
**Mark R. Pieper**  
1950 – 2022



## DAILY READINGS

### FROM PASTOR KALLAND

MAY 2022

- 1 Psalm 105:1, Give Praise To The Lord
- 2 1 Chronicles 16:34, God's Love Endures Forever
- 3 Mark 8:35, Will Save It
- 4 Ecclesiastes 5:15, We're In This Together
- 5 1 Corinthians 2:28-29, God Chose
- 6 Deuteronomy 28:1, If Then
- 7 Psalm 62:1, Rest In God
- 8 Ephesians 4:26-27, Careful With Your Anger
- 9 Joshua 22:5, Love The Lord
- 10 Mark 6:49-50, Take Courage. It Is I.
- 11 1 Peter 1:8-9, You Love Him
- 12 Philippians 4:4, Rejoice In The Lord
- 13 Proverbs 18:12, Humility Before Honor
- 14 Matthew 5:6, Blessed Are
- 15 Micah 7:18, Delights In Showing Mercy
- 16 Matthew 5:4, Blessed Are
- 17 Matthew 6:7, And When You Pray
- 18 Psalm 119:9, According to God's Word
- 19 1 Timothy 6:11, Gentleness, Endurance, Love
- 20 Amos 5:24, Justice Roll Down Like A River
- 21 Luke 18:27, Possible With God
- 22 Proverbs 18:21, The Tongue Has Power
- 23 Psalm 119:1, Blessed Are
- 24 Proverbs 18:2, Opinions
- 25 Matthew 7:7, Ask
- 26 Proverbs 11:18, Sow Righteousness
- 27 Colossians 3:5, Put To Death
- 28 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, Strong Talk
- 29 Acts 1:9, Before Their Very Eyes
- 30 Proverbs 13:3, Guard Your Lips
- 31 Daniel 2:23, Thanks And Praises To God

## DEVOTION

**"We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose" — Romans 8:28**

Just before those words, Paul speaks of the pain, suffering, and hardships we all experience in this life. He says, "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us." (Romans 8:18). Paul says that in the midst of the world's suffering, in our longings, losses, and hardship, God is at work for good. But can it really be? Can we believe that God is at work for good when there is so much pain, suffering, and evil?

The Jesuit priest and writer Anthony de Mello made an extensive study of this text. He concludes that first, we humans are in no position to make final judgments on the things that happen to us. A certain event may have every appearance of being bad at the time it occurs. And yet, in the mysterious unfolding of life, who knows how the story will finally turn out?

De Mello's second conclusion was this: God is at work for good in our lives. The One who created the universe and gives us humans' great freedom to act for good or for evil, is a God who is capable of taking the worst of things and working the best out of them.

That is what Paul is saying in this passage from Romans. "We know...we believe by faith...that in everything, God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purposes." Paul is not saying that suffering, tragedy, and loss are in any sense good. He's saying that in our suffering and loss, God is still God. And God is always there, working for good. In the difficult times we don't always know how things are going to work out. But Paul says this is what we do know: "In all things, the seemingly good and the seemingly bad, God is at work for good." We can live in faith, hope, and confidence that God's love will triumph in the end. — **PASTOR MACLEAN**



## LAKE HARRIET BANDSHELL WORSHIP



**Lake Harriet  
Bandshell Worship**  
10am, Sunday, June 5, 2022

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**Sunday, June 5, 10am, Lake Harriet Bandshell**

Enjoy this annual outdoor worship experience at Lake Harriet Bandshell. The Cathedral Choir and alumni will be singing for worship. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket to sit on for the service. The loose change offering taken at this service goes to the Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery. We hope to see you there!

# Why We Sing!

I've been singing in choir under the tutelage and direction of Dr. Claflin for nearly 30 years. We've done some amazing things over that time, including singing gospel and bluegrass, with handbells, and "choralography" to name just a few.

One of the most moving experiences in that 30-year period was Sunday, April 3 singing *Kyrie* from *Memorial* by Dr. Rene Clausen. It was written in honor of the events of 9/11. It's a lament, a plea, and a prayer for healing. We've sung it before, but under Dr. Clausen's direction, we **sung** it: we thought of the words we were singing, and expressed those emotions through song.

Next time you're listening to music, or reciting the Lord's Prayer, try the same: think about the words you're saying and what they mean. You might just find yourself moved like we were on this Sunday. — **JEFF JUSTMAN**, Senior Choir 2nd Tenor



Sunday, April 3, was stressful. We all have stressful days. They've been rather frequent during the pandemic for most of us, I think. Then I got to choir and we sang and everything melted away. Dr. Clausen shared his story and I was reminded that God is with me. We sang and I remembered that God has infinite mercy and love for us. And my heart found peace again.

— **KELSEY STOMMEL**, Senior Choir 1st Alto



## SENIOR CHOIR OPEN SING!

Have you ever thought about joining the choir? Are you looking for something new and fun to try? At the Mpls Campus on Sunday, June 12, and Sunday, July 10, we will offer a pop-up choir experience for anyone interested in singing for worship. This is an easy opportunity to join with members of the Senior Choir and experience the joy of singing beautiful music with others. No audition necessary - ask an adult friend or family member to join you - all are welcome! It will be a fun morning and we would love to have you join us! Details below:

Sign up for one or both of the days by visiting [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org)!

Once you've signed up, you will receive a digital copy of the music along with a recording in order to get familiar with the anthem.

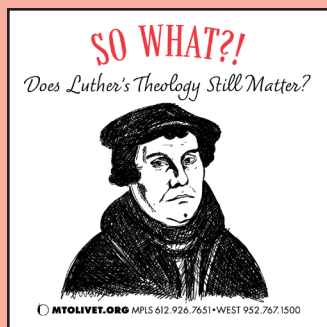
Join us on Sunday, June 12, or July 10 or both! Morning schedule as follows:

8am rehearsal in the Rehearsal Hall, Mpls Campus

9am service - please wear black or visit the Mount Olivet Spirit Store at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org) if you'd like to purchase a black Mount Olivet shirt

9:30-9:50am - Enjoy donuts and coffee with your singer friends

10-10:20am - Sing at the 10am service and leave at 10:20



## SO WHAT?! DOES LUTHER'S THEOLOGY STILL MATTER?

**APRIL 27/28:** Two Kingdoms: *Faith, Politics & the Body of Christ* with Pastor Lose

**MAY 4/5:** Justification: *You Just Can't Help Yourself* with Pastor Ruud

**MAY 11/12:** Law and Gospel: *It's a Matter of Death and Life* with Pastor Dixon

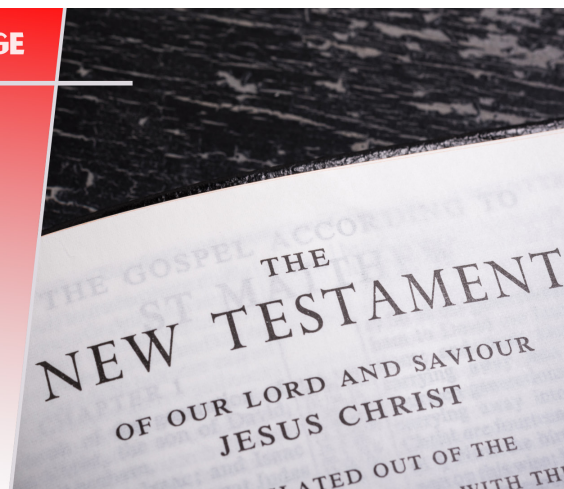
**MAY 18/19:** Vocation: *Why Should I Get Out of Bed?* with Pastor Cieslik

### IT'S NOT TOO LATE: JOIN IN-PERSON OR WATCH THE VIDEOS!

*In-person presentations are Wednesdays at Mpls and Thursdays at West, 10:30-11:30am for both campuses. Also available via pre-recorded videos emailed weekly. Register at [mtolivet.org/education](https://mtolivet.org/education) or by contacting Katie Stevenson at [katies@mtolivet.org](mailto:katies@mtolivet.org) or 612.767.2232.*

### LIVING THE MESSAGE

## EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE NEW TESTAMENT



## LIVING THE MESSAGE

The *Living the Message* 2021-2022 series focused on the New Testament concludes this year with a June BONUS video. Pastor Lose and Pastor Ruud will answer questions submitted throughout the year, while also reviewing topics and lingering questions such as:

- How did the New Testament come to be? Who decided which books got in and why?
- What do the four Gospels have in common? How are they different? And what makes John such a maverick?
- What exactly is the "Kingdom of Heaven"? Are we there already?
- Why did Jesus tell everyone to be quiet about what he was up to? What's this "Messianic Secret" all about?
- Why did Jesus preach in parables all the time? Does anyone else find them confusing?
- Sometimes we read things in the New Testament that don't apply to life today, or don't seem as faithful to God's message, or just seem plain wrong: who gets to decide what's in and what's out?
- How did the Holy Spirit start... and how is the Holy Spirit still working in our lives?

*All are welcome to receive this June BONUS video, even if you haven't taken the class. Let me know and I'll email it to you, or look online at [mtolivet.org/education](https://mtolivet.org/education) for the video link. Stay tuned for next year's Living the Message topic and registration! Join in the learning ~ it's eye-opening and fun, and you can participate in-person or online! Katie Stevenson: [katies@mtolivet.org](mailto:katies@mtolivet.org) or 612.767.2232*

### FINAL IN-PERSON PRESENTATION

Our final presentation in the Living the Message New Testament series is Tuesday, May 3, 6:30-7:30pm, at the Mpls Campus. Pastor Ruud will present on *Seriously... What's Up with Revelation?* Pastor Lose will provide a deeper dive and series wrap-up.



# “Cultural Humility in an Age of Tribal Partisanship?” *Virtual Workshop*

**Tuesday, May 17, 6:30-8:30pm**

In a world where social forces are constantly building walls between groups, what role can the Church play in healing divisions? In this session, we will explore the concept of Cultural Humility as we discuss how, with God’s help, we can restore what has been broken. Join us in this final workshop of the series to develop the virtues and skills needed to join God’s work of healing and justice in the world.

Dr. Duane T. Loynes Sr. is the Assistant Professor of Urban Studies and Africana Studies at Rhodes College in Memphis, TN. He holds an interdisciplinary PhD in Religious Studies from Marquette University. His research and teaching are situated at the sweet spot where race, philosophy, religion, culture, and justice intersect. In addition to his appointment in the Urban Studies and Africana Studies programs, Dr. Loynes also teaches ethics and religion courses for the Life Program at Rhodes, and is a founding faculty member of the college’s post-baccalaureate certificate in Health Equity.

Register now for the third and final virtual workshop of the Living Well, Leading Well 2022 series at [mtolivet.org/events](http://mtolivet.org/events).

# Mother’s Day Worship & Brunch

**Sunday, May 8, Worship 9am, Brunch Seating 10 or 11:30am**

It’s not too late to sign up for the worship service & brunch buffet at Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center on Sunday, May 8. Cost is \$25 for adults (13yrs+), \$15 for youth (3-12yrs), and children under 3 are free. Register at [mtolivet.org/events](http://mtolivet.org/events) by May 7.

# Spring Volunteer Day

**Saturday, May 21, 9am-3pm, Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center**

Join us for Spring Volunteer Day at the Conference & Retreat Center! Whether you’re a family looking for volunteer opportunities, a small group wanting a day away together, or are a volunteer day regular, you are welcome! This year we’ll be planting flowers, wood chipping the trails, and repairing some outdoor benches. In addition to readying the retreat center for summer, you will also enjoy a delicious lunch from the culinary team, camaraderie with other volunteers, and the option to relax in the whirlpool or sauna. Sign up at [mtolivet.org/events](http://mtolivet.org/events).

# OUTDOOR SUMMER CONCERT

**Friday June 3, 6-8:30pm, Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center, \$20 includes dinner and concert**

A night of nature, music, and food! Our outdoor concert series begins with Sweet Rhubarb. Based in Saint Paul, their repertoire includes a mix of folk, pop, bluegrass, and country. Vocal harmonies are the signature element of their performances with well-crafted original songs and covers from all over the map. Any good song is fair game! Learn more about Sweet Rhubarb and sample some of their music at [sweethubarb.net](http://sweethubarb.net).

Our kitchen will serve salmon cakes with an arugula salad with citrus vinaigrette and a strawberry rhubarb semifreddo for dessert. Sit at one of our picnic tables or bring your own blanket or lawn chair and enjoy live music while soaking in the beauty of the Conference & Retreat Center!

**Save the Dates for our future Outdoor Summer Concerts: Friday, July 15 with Zach Spirov and Saturday, August 13 with Louis and Dan and the Invisible Band.**



# MOUNT OLIVET SUMMER MIDWEEKS

## *And It Was Good . . .*

Spend this summer exploring the beauty of God's creation. Genesis 1 poetically describes God's creation of the sun, moon, and stars, and the plants, animals, and people over six days. God joyfully ended each day by declaring, "And it was good." Then God rested on the seventh day. Join the Mount Olivet pastors each Wednesday at the Conference & Retreat Center from June 22 through August 3 as they preach through the seven days of creation.

Begin each evening with fellowship and delicious food. Join our site naturalist, Dan Kahl, for nature talks and take-home tips for enhancing the beauty of your own yards. Then gather together for worship.

Bus transportation will be available from the West campus, Minneapolis campus, and 7500 York. Please register for buses 72 hours in advance. A minimum of 10 people is required from each site to provide busing. If we need to cancel the bus, you will be notified 48 hours in advance.

**Schedule:** 4:30pm Buses Leaves West and 7500 York, 5pm Bus Leaves Mpls Campus, 5:30-6:30pm Dinner Served, 6:30-7pm Nature Talk, 7:15pm Worship, 8pm Bus Departs

**Cost:** Dinner and program \$20. Bus Transportation \$10.

DATE	PASTOR	SCRIPTURE	NATURE CLASS	MENU
<b>JUN 22</b>	Pastor Rebecca Freeman "First Day of Creation"	Genesis 1:1-5	The Moon: Earth's Flashlight	Pork Schnitzel with Mushroom Cream Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Asparagus, Tossed Garden Salad, and Lemon Cheesecake Bars
<b>JUN 29</b>	Pastor David Lose "Second Day of Creation"	Genesis 1:6-8	Dry Shade Gardening	Stuffed Turkey Loaf with Orange Cranberry Glaze, Scalloped Potatoes, Sautéed Green Beans, Tossed Garden Salad, and Chocolate Cake
<b>JUL 6</b>	Pastor Kurt Kalland "Third Day of Creation"	Genesis 1:9-13	Invasive Insects	BBQ Ribs, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, and Rhubarb Cheesecake
<b>JUL 13</b>	Pastor Bill MacLean "Fourth Day of Creation"	Genesis 1:14-19	How to Help the Birds	Fried Chicken, Macaroni and Cheese, Cucumber Salad, and Raspberry Sorbet
<b>JUL 20</b>	Pastor Charlie Ruud "Fifth Day of Creation"	Genesis 1:20-23	Hummingbirds: Avian Mighty Mites	Jerk Chicken topped with Tropical Salsa, Coconut Spiced Rice, Sweet Potatoes, Garden Salad, and Vanilla Panna Cotta
<b>JUL 27</b>	Pastor Mark Dixon "Sixth Day of Creation"	Genesis 1:24-31	Oddities in Nature	Slow Cooked Corned Beef with Braised Purple Cabbage, Steamed Potatoes, Garden Salad, and Crème Brûlée
<b>AUG 3</b>	Pastor Ben Cieslik "Seventh Day of Creation"	Genesis 2:1-4	Animal Stories	Roasted Turkey Dinner with Turkey Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Cranberry Compote, Glazed Carrots, Garden Salad, and Chocolate Torte with Raspberry Coulis

# SUMMER CAMPS



## SUPER SUMMER JULY 11 - 15 K-6TH GRADE

Superheroes are all around us! This week we will go to the Science Museum of Minnesota to check out their Science Superheroes exhibit, make some cool creations at Snapology, swim at the Conference & Retreat Center and show some gratitude to the superheroes in our community.



## IMAGINATION CREATION JULY 25 - 29 K-6TH GRADE

We will foster creativity and spark our imagination this week through theater play, art projects and trips to Crayola Experience and Stages Theater, as well as taking our imagination outdoors at the Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center.

Visit [mtolivet.org/summer-camps](http://mtolivet.org/summer-camps) to learn more about all Summer Day Camp options and to register. If you have questions, please contact Kristin Olson, [kolson@mtolivet.org](mailto:kolson@mtolivet.org) or 612.767.2246.

## MOUNT OLIVET DAY CAMPS

Each Day Camp is \$225/session and includes snacks, a t-shirt, activities, and field trips. Camps run from 8:30am-4:30pm, with early drop off (7:30am) and extended day (until 5:30pm) options.

### AGES 4 - 2ND GRADE HALF DAY OPTIONS

**Vacation Bible School at Mpls Campus**

M 6/20 – Th 6/23 \$50

**Vacation Bible School at West Campus**

M 6/27 – Th 6/30 \$50

### KINDERGARTEN - 6TH GRADE FULL DAY OPTIONS

**God's Kids Sing!**

M 6/13 – F 6/17 \$225

**Vacation Bible School Day Camp**

M 6/20 – Th 6/24 \$225

**Cooking Week**

M 6/27 – F 7/1 \$225

**Drop in Days**

W 7/6 – F 7/8, daily rate of \$45

**Super Summer**

M 7/11 – F 7/15 \$225

**Nature Camp**

M 7/18 – F 7/22 \$225

**Imagination Creation**

M 7/25 – F 7/29 \$225

**Bugging Out**

M 8/1 – F 8/5 \$225

**Drop in Days**

M 8/22 – F 8/26, daily rate \$45

**Drop in Days**

M 8/29 – Th 9/1, daily rate \$45

### 6TH - 9TH GRADE

**Summertime Players!**

M 7/18 – F 7/22 \$225

# CHILDREN & FAMILY UPCOMING EVENTS

## DAY CAMP COUNSELOR TRAINING

If you're entering 9th - 12th grade – and 2022 Graduates – you have the chance to be a counselor this summer for day camps! Leadership training is required to be a counselor. We want you to be well equipped to lead a group of campers through any or all of our day camp options and have a lot of fun at the same time!



On Wednesday, May 11, please plan to attend Cathedral Choir rehearsal at the Mpls Campus. Counselors will be excused early from rehearsal for training from 7:30-8:30pm. Counselors are encouraged to attend training in person, and we'll add a Zoom date as needed. If you have any questions about training, please contact Kristin Olson, Children's Camp Coordinator at [kolson@mtolivet.org](mailto:kolson@mtolivet.org) or 612.767.2246.

## COP PREVIEW NIGHT

Friday, May 20 through  
Saturday, May 21

Calling all 2nd and 3rd Graders! Are you heading to Cathedral of the Pines this summer or considering it? We have a great night planned for you to meet some of the counselors and fellow campers joining you. You're invited to an overnight at the Mount Olivet Retreat Center. Be prepared to swim, play games, and get excited about COP this summer! \$45/camper includes transportation from the Mpls Campus, food and lodging. Register at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org).



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### SERVICE DAY

Sunday School service day is May 15! Children of all ages will participate in repackaging toilet paper for the clients of VEAP. Please bring in toilet paper donations as you are able.

### REMINDERS

We're wrapping up the program year with a party in Sunday School on our last day of class this spring, Sunday, May 22! You can look forward to tuning in to our weekly children's worship video, *Going God's Way*, over the summer, and we'll look forward to welcoming everyone back to Sunday School in the fall. Registration for fall 2022 is open!







## LETTERS TO OUR YOUTH

Dear Mount Olivet 8th Graders,

We are so thankful for how involved you have been in Junior High Alive and Confirmation these last two years. Your time in JHA has been unlike any other! Last year when you first joined our program, all our events were online. We had Zoom painting classes, virtual Adopt-A-Grandparent events, outdoor activities, we even did online Confirmation! This was a hard time to join a new program, meet new people and make friends, but you showed up and did it! We couldn't have gotten through this time without you. We have loved being with you in person this year and are so proud of the leaders you are becoming! We are sad you are leaving JHA and Confirmation, but we know you will have so much fun in Hi-League and at all the high school events Mount Olivet offers!

— ANGIE, ANNA & KATIE



### NEW CATHEDRAL CHOIR OPEN SING!

8th graders at both campuses are encouraged to join the Cathedral Choir rehearsal on **Wednesday, May 18, at 7pm**. Plan on joining in the singing with an ice cream social to follow and receive a FREE Cathedral Choir t-shirt! Come for worship on **Sunday, May 22, 8-10:30am**, to get the full Cathedral Choir experience. Donuts for all!

For more information about Cathedral Choir and to register for this fun morning, please visit [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org) or contact Beverly Clafin at [beverlyc@mtolivet.org](mailto:beverlyc@mtolivet.org) or 612.767.2263.

Dear Mount Olivet Class of 2022,

As a High School Youth Staff we want to share with you how proud we are of you. We are proud of the way you have represented your church through leadership, service, community, and faithfulness.

As leaders you have paved the way for the next generation of Hi-Leaguers, even during the most unpredictable time of recent history. Your service to the church and beyond has strengthened the Mount Olivet community that we are all so proud to be a part of. Through your high school years, we hope that these experiences have also helped you along your personal faith journey.

We look forward to celebrating with you and your family at our special baccalaureate events. We want to remind each of you that the coolest part of church is that it is a place you have for your whole life. Your church community is one that will remain a constant through the good times and also the bad times. We want each of you to know that you are a child of God, you are loved, and that you are not alone. As you start the next chapter in your life, we hope you will stay involved with church through Hier-League and the many other ministries that Mount Olivet offers.

— GEOFF, JULIA, MACEY & SAM



### BACCALAUREATE

**Sunday, May 15, 11am-12noon, Mpls Campus**

**Sunday, May 22 11am-12noon, West Campus**

We invite all Mount Olivet High School Class of 2022 students to one of our Baccalaureate Brunches this spring. Each event will feature messages, slideshow, and a blessing for our 2022 students. For more information please reach out to Geoff Arenson at [geoffa@mtolivet.org](mailto:geoffa@mtolivet.org).



## 2022 YOUTH CAMPING SCHEDULE ELIGIBILITY DETERMINED BY GRADE AS OF SEP 1, 2022

### GRADES 3, 4, & 5

Week 1: Sa, 7/23 – W 7/27

Week 2: Sa, 8/6 – W 8/10

### GRADES 5, 6, & 7

Week 1: M 7/18 – Sa 7/23

### GRADES 6, 7, & 8

Week 1: Su 6/26 – F 7/1

Week 2: Tu 7/5 – Su 7/10

Week 3: W 7/27 – M 8/1

### 9TH GRADE

### CONFIRMATION CAMP

(MOUNT OLIVET

MEMBERS ONLY)

Week 1: Su 7/10 – F 7/15

Week 2: M 8/1 – Sa 8/6

### GRADES 11, 12, &

### GRADUATES

Summer Starter: Su 6/19 – Th 6/23

### GRADE 10

10th Grade Starter: Th 6/23 – Su

6/26

### GRADES 10, 11, & 12

Hi-League Retreat: W 8/10 – Su 8/14

## UPCOMING EVENTS YOUTH MINISTRY

To register for these events or learn more about these offerings, please contact Geoff Arenson [geoffa@mtolivet.org](mailto:geoffa@mtolivet.org), 612.767.2212; Anna Herd [aherd@mtolivet.org](mailto:aherd@mtolivet.org), 612.767.2279; Angie St.Dennis [angelas@mtolivet.org](mailto:angelas@mtolivet.org), 612.767.2244; Macey Oliver [moliver@mtolivet.org](mailto:moliver@mtolivet.org), 612.767.2237; Julia Jallo [jjallo@mtolivet.org](mailto:jjallo@mtolivet.org), 952.767.1502; or Katie Ridler [kridler@mtolivet.org](mailto:kridler@mtolivet.org), 952.767.1581.



### JHA LOCK OUT

#### FRIDAY, MAY 13

8:30pm-7am. Join the Youth Staff for a fun junior high all-night party. This is an event you won't want to miss!!



### HI-LEAGUE

**5/6 – 5/7:** Hi-League Spring

Retreat 5pm-9:30am

**5/15:** Hi-League Sharegroup

7pm – 9pm

**5/22:** Hi-League Celebration

5/22 7pm – 8pm

## MO HOOPS GAME SCHEDULE

### MAY 1, MAY 8, MAY 15, AND MAY 22

Come support MO Hoops by cheering them on at their upcoming games. It's a great way to see your church friends and have fun! Games on May 1, 8, and 15 are played at Christ the King Lutheran, 1900 Seventh St NW, New Brighton. Location for May 22 is still TBD. Contact Sam Sanda at [ssanda@mtolivet.org](mailto:ssanda@mtolivet.org) if you have more questions or want additional information about MO Hoops.





## Shaping Lives

Mount Olivet has done so much for our family over the years. My whole family (including my two daughters) grew up through the youth programs and Cathedral of the Pines. Since the start of our relationship, my husband Jim has fully integrated himself into the church. He loves being a part of the dock crew for Cathedral of the Pines, the parking lot crew for Sunday worship, and attending Motorheads events. I also took great joy in my role as Sunday School Coordinator when my kids were young. After leaving that role, I wanted to continue to be a part of that department and volunteered for the children's programming that had been so beneficial to my kids.



Both Jim and I believe in the importance of giving back to a place that can impact lives on such an influential level. We continue to support Mount Olivet financially because of all that it offers to the members and surrounding communities. When we donate, we are confident that it is going to be managed well and put to good use. It goes without saying that the church has shaped a large part of both of our lives. We want to support it to the best of our ability, so that others can continue to benefit from a place that means so much to us. We encourage others to do the same, as we strongly believe (and have experienced) every part of Mount Olivet's mission of believing, belonging, and becoming.

**JEANNE MOYNIHAN MYERS**, *Mount Olivet member*

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### WAYS TO GIVE

**Give Online:** *with your credit card or bank information by visiting [mtolivet.org/online-giving](http://mtolivet.org/online-giving). Scroll until you see the "Give Online Now" button.*

**Realm Connect App:** *login using your Realm username and password and click "Giving."*

**Text to Give:** *text "MTOLIVET" to 73256 and follow the instructions provided.*

**Contact Us:** *we are here to help! Contact Tricia Lerohl-Morgan in our finance office at 612.767.2255 or by email at [tricial@mtolivet.org](mailto:tricial@mtolivet.org).*





# UPCOMING AT MOUNT OLIVET

## GREET & GIVE DONATION DRIVES

**Monday, May 2, 4-6pm, Mpls Campus & Monday, May 16, 4-6pm, West Campus**

Please join us in assisting our community partners by participating in the May Greet and Give Drive at both campuses. This month we are focusing on the following items. Mpls Campus: Items most-needed by St. Stephen's/House of Charity are: laundry detergent, toilet paper, paper towel, and gas or restaurant gift cards in \$10 increments. Non-perishable food donations will go to CES (Community Emergency Service). West Campus: Items most-needed by Love INC are: diapers of all sizes, gas cards in \$10 increments, and full-size personal care items. Non-perishable food donations will go to Bountiful Baskets.

## FLYING SOLO PICKLEBALL & CIDER

**Sunday, May 7, 12noon-2pm, Minneapolis Cider Company, 701 SE 9th St Minneapolis, Cost: \$15 for Court/Paddle Fee**

Join Flying Solo for Pickleball, fellowship, food and handcrafted cider at The Minneapolis Cider Company. We have 2 courts reserved for pickleball. All levels welcome. If you have your own paddle please bring it. Register at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org).

## ART CLASSES

### BEGINNER ADULT/CHILD POUR PAINTING

**Tuesday, May 10, 6-8pm, Mpls Campus, adult and one kid \$55, adult and two kids \$70, one adult \$35**

Pour painting is an innovative way to use acrylic paint to create an art piece. Learn the process of mixing acrylic paints with other materials to give it a more fluid consistency so that it can be poured directly onto a canvas. An 8 x 10 inch canvas per person and all supplies are included. Please bring a box to take your work home with you. Register by Thursday, May 5 at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org).

### BEGINNER ADULT ACRYLIC PAINTING CLASS

**Wednesday, May 25, 10:30am-12:30pm, \$35**

In this class you will learn to paint in the style of Van Gogh. You will learn a bit of history of Van Gogh as you follow step-by-step instructions to create his irises. An 8 x 10 inch canvas and all supplies needed are included. Adults of all artistic abilities are invited to join this wonderful class! Register by Sunday, May 22 at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org).

## YOUNG IN HEART

**Wednesday, May 18, 12noon, Mpls Campus**

Plan to attend the Young in Heart luncheon with entertainment from Lakeville North's *Now and Then Singers*, a mixed a capella group. Cost: \$9, and a donation to Pastor Scott's ministry is welcome. Register by May 13 at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org), or by contacting Ann LaBree at 612.767.2288 or [annl@mtolivet.org](mailto:annl@mtolivet.org).

## 14TH MOTORHEADS @ MTKA DRIVE-IN

**Tuesday, June 7, 6-7pm arrival time, 4656 Shoreline Drive, Spring Park**

All car enthusiasts are invited to this classic 50s-style restaurant that features car hops, burgers, and cool cars. At 7pm, Pastor Kalland will share a brief devotion. No reservations needed. Cost: food ordered off menu.

## MOUNT OLIVET JUST-FOR-FUN GOLF SCRAMBLE

**Monday, June 13, Island View Golf Club, 7795 Laketown Pkwy, Waconia, tee times begin at 8am**

Join your friends and Mount Olivet Pastors for this just-for-fun golf event! \$92 per person required with registration (includes golf, electric cart, driving range, box lunch, and prizes). Register as a four-some. Purchase \$5 mulligans when you register. Come rain or shine. If the course is not playable, grab your box lunch and rainchecks will be issued. Please register by June 6 at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org).

## FRIENDS FOREVER: NORTH SHORE TRIP

**Monday, July 11 through Wednesday, July 13, Lutsen, \$45**

Save the date for the Friends Forever trip to Lutsen! Accommodations can be made by calling Lutsen Resort and telling them you are part of the Mount Olivet Church group for July 11-13. For more details and to register visit [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org).



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