

# Emblem

Bi-Monthly Newsletter of Olivet Lutheran Church, ELCA

## NEW WORSHIP TIMES BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 8

Over the past year we have been evaluating our worship services. We have looked at our service times, music offerings, the liturgical elements, and a variety of other factors we believe enhance the worship experience. Based on our evaluation, and recognizing the growth of external Sunday morning scheduling conflicts, we have made a commitment to keep our worship services under one hour in length and to move the second service time from 11 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. beginning September 8. We have adjusted our Sunday School time from 9:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. to align with the worship time change.

### Sundays

8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30-10:20 a.m. Sunday School  
9:30-10:20 a.m. Learning & Sharing  
10:30 a.m. Worship

### Wednesdays

5:45 p.m. Worship  
5:45-6:35 p.m. Wednesday School  
6:30 p.m.-7 p.m. Cherub & Joy Choirs  
7-8:15 p.m. Confirmation

If you have any questions, please call the office at 701.235.6603.

## OLIVET BREAKFAST - SEPTEMBER 8

As we kickoff our fall schedule we invite you to join us for a fund-raising breakfast. Proceeds from the breakfast benefit our youth scholarship fund. Breakfast will be served from 8-10 a.m. Come hungry!

## WEDNESDAY DINNERS ARE BACK!

Join us weekly for Wednesday night dinners. Enjoy a home-cooked meal and fellowship. Dinner is served from 5-6:30 p.m. Check Facebook for each Wednesday menu. Cost is \$5 per adult and \$3 for children under the age of 10. Wednesday dinners will begin on Wednesday, September 4. A taco bar will be served.

### SPECIAL EVENTS THIS FALL

Mark your calendars for these special events coming this fall!

- Sunday, Sept. 8:** 3-year old recognition & Olivet breakfast
- Sunday, Sept. 15:** Sun./Wed. School teacher commissioning, church potluck, FPU kickoff
- Sunday, Sept. 22:** 3rd grade bible presentation, Blessing of the Backpacks (not just for kids!)
- Wed, Sept. 25:** Peder Eide Concert/Family Faith Night
- Sunday, Oct. 6:** Octoberfest
- Sunday, Oct. 13:** Welcome to new members, both services
- Sunday, Oct. 27:** Reformation and Confirmation, both services

It's going to be a great fall!

## OLIVET RALLY POTLUCK, CONCERT AND CONGREGATIONAL PHOTO SEPTEMBER 15

We are having a church potluck on Sunday, September 15 starting at 11:30 a.m. with a big congregational photo. BBQs will be provided. Bring a dish to share and be ready for a concert by singer and songwriter Kwaician at 12 p.m. There will be ministry sign-ups in the atrium, games for the kids and a whole lot of FUN! We need YOU in the photo as we begin this year, please join us.

## FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY IS HERE! Financial Peace University has just launched, and your debt free journey starts now!

This fall we have made the commitment to walk beside members of our congregation and the Fargo-Moorhead community as they join over 5 million people who have discovered the path to financial freedom.

Through life changing videos, online tools & resources, and group accountability, participants in FPU will not only receive a proven plan to master budgeting, pay off debt, build wealth, and give generously, but they will receive HOPE.

Statistics show that 89% of people in a typical American congregation don't have a financial safety net. Maybe your safety net is in place but sending a child to college, your own retirement or long-term care for your aging parents is weighting heavy on your mind. You are not alone. **There is hope and a light at the end of the tunnel. That hope is Financial Peace University.**

Just imagine the impact we will have when we are living debt-free! By handling our money using biblical wisdom, marriages and families will be strengthened. Our time can be spent doing what we love, and people will be freed up to be outrageously generous. We will be able to live and give like no one else. This kind of hope will ignite change in our entire community!

Join us September 15th – November 16th for Churchwide Financial Peace University. We are offering 17 classes throughout the week to accommodate your schedule. Each class is led by individuals from our congregation who understand the freedom that comes with living debt-free. \$99, 9 weeks, a lifetime of freedom. Register at [www.olivet.org/fpu](http://www.olivet.org/fpu).

What do you want your life to be like? Are you content with the constant stress and pressure of debt or is it time to take control and be intentional with your resources? You deserve to focus on what truly makes you and your family happy. Don't wait. **Now is the time to change your path and step out of the rat race.**

*I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them. Isaiah 42:16*

Dear Friends,

I hope this finds you well. As Olivet, we are more than a social group. As church, we are called to be Jesus' body in the world. Church shares the story of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Church shares how Jesus' love, mercy and forgiveness shape everything we do! As Church, this means we especially need YOU.

The VITALITY of our church has EVERYTHING to do with you SHOWING UP in the spirit of Christ. "Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it." I Corinthians 12:27 It takes every single person to be Olivet Lutheran Church.

As church, we have many ways to be involved. We show up in worship at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. on Sundays along with an education hour at 9:30 a.m. starting September 8th. We worship on Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m. with Wednesday School at 5:45 p.m. and Confirmation at 7 p.m. Throughout these pages you will find Thursday morning Bible Study, AA, Learning and Sharing on Sundays, Women of the Bible on Mondays, Adult Choirs along with Joy/Cherub Choirs, Food Pantry, Foot Care, Quilting, Octoberfest volunteer opportunities, Soul Sisters, Castaway for Middle School and High School Students, Email Prayer Chain, Recovery information from a recovery coach Sundays in September and more.

There is one I would like to highlight. We've talked about tough topics and faced difficult situations in our life together. We know there is always a light at the end of the tunnel because Christ rose from the dead. There is redemption in Christ. Money is a rough conversation for many people. It touches all of us in one way, shape or form from not knowing if there is enough to ever retire, to one spouse having a secret pile of credit card debt, to not having paid bills for months, to having a spouse died and not knowing what's next.

Financial Peace University could be the tool God is using to bring about discovery, focus, meaning, forgiveness and redemption in your life. There is accountability built into the classes to keep us on track, remind us of why it is important, and it can keep us from making painful mistakes.

So we have the 9 week challenge. We have 17 classes to choose from at [www.olivet.org/fpu](http://www.olivet.org/fpu) with 35 coordinators who have been praying for you all summer long. They will guide you through these nine weeks and you will see a transformation happen. Meaningful conversations, priority setting, focus on Godly living, reflecting values through what we do with resources.

Everyone counts. Showing up matters. The Holy Spirit calls us together as the Body of Christ and we each matter. We have so many opportunities to do so. I look forward to seeing you all this fall. Here are a couple of times you especially don't want to miss. Worship starting September 8, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School and Learning and Sharing at 9:30 a.m.

September 8 -- PLUS a fundraising BREAKFAST supporting our youth scholarship fund. Come hungry as our FPU coordinators serve from 8-10 a.m.

September 15 -- Our churchwide POTLUCK, CONCERT, GROUP PICTURE starting at 11:30 a.m.

We are Olivet strong in Christ, ready for whatever comes our way. Let's show up together and respond to God together in Jesus' name.

Peace,

Pastor Tiffany Sundeen

### Church Council

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## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

**Sundays, 9:30-10:20 a.m. October 6 and 13**  
**New Members Welcomed Sunday, Oct. 13**

Are you considering membership at Olivet? To prepare you for your relationship with the Olivet family, we invite you to participate in two morning classes scheduled at 9:30 a.m. for the Sundays of October 6 and 13. These sessions, led by the Olivet pastors, will review the basics of our Lutheran heritage, highlight the unique history of Olivet, and provide a brief description of Olivet's innovative and far-reaching ministry programs. If you have any questions or would like to join this group of new members, please call the church office at 235-6603.

## OCTOBERFEST 2019

Mark your calendars for a day of Fun, Food and Fellowship as we gather to support the work of Churches United for the Homeless. On Sunday, October 6 we'll enjoy brats, beans root beer floats and more! Do you make a good potato salad? Please bring a potato salad to share and Olivet will provide the rest. Free will donations will be accepted and donated to Churches United for the Homeless.

## OLIVET'S BLOOD DRIVE



Olivet will again be hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, October 16th with appointments from 2:30-6 p.m. Our goal is 40 donors and hope you will help in making this a reality. We provide for the community's need for blood in response to Christ's gift of life, love, and blood for our souls. Sign up

at church beginning on September 29 or contact Brenda or sign up through Vitalant Blood Service Web Site [www.bloodhero.com](http://www.bloodhero.com), sponsor code: olivet. If you cannot donate, please consider donating food or volunteering your time to help save lives.

## SOUL SISTERS STARTING OCTOBER 3

We are ready for a great year and new faces around the table. Together we form friendship, explore faith, read a book which will be Rachel Held Evan's book *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water and Loving the Bible Again*. Pick up a copy of the book. We will have an introduction on October 3 and get a reading list at that point in time. Please bring friends who might be interested as well. See you October 3 and the first Thursday of each month through May from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Upper Room. No need to pre-register. Simply come on the first day. Questions? See Pastor Tiffany or email [tsundeen@olivet.org](mailto:tsundeen@olivet.org).

## CIRCLE CELEBRATION!

Ever think you might be interested in a circle of friends? Taking the first step and joining around a table is worth it. There is a place for you! September 17 from 9-11 a.m. We will have some caramel rolls, juice and coffee along with a Bible study using the Gather magazine.

Subscriptions are available for \$9.95 at <https://www.gathermagazine.org/getgather/> or by calling 844-409-0576.

## STAFF UPDATES

We are pleased to announce Pastor Tiffany went from  $\frac{3}{4}$  time to fulltime starting July 1st, 2019. This change will help us better meet the needs of our congregation. Thank you, Pastor Tiffany!

Carole Skalsky has graciously agreed to expand her service in Olivet's music program to lead music for the Kindergarten – 5th grade students participating in Wednesday school and Sunday school. Carole will continue directing Joy choir on Wednesday evenings. Thank you, Carole!

## OVER 80'S LUNCHEON

We are looking forward to celebrating our over 80's members on Thursday, September 12 starting at 12 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We have a picnic luncheon ready and some fun entertainment.

If you are over 80, sign up in the church office and be ready for a fun luncheon! Questions? Call Pennie at 235-6603.

## COULD YOU BE AN OLIVET VISITOR?

### Kickoff Event on Saturday September 21

Do you have gifts of listening and caring? If so, we invite you to take part in a series of classes to assist you in how to be a caring and compassionate listener at Olivet. These classes will start September 21, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. There is no commitment in taking an assignment until at the end of the class. To sign up for the class leave a message for Deacon Brenda or information at 701-235-6603, ext 23 or email [BBauer@olivet.org](mailto:BBauer@olivet.org).

## PEDER EIDE CONCERTS

**Wednesday, September 25 at 7 p.m. &**

**Wednesday, December 18 at 7 p.m.**

Peder Eide is a nationally known Lutheran speaker and songwriter. He is a very gifted musician and communicator for today's ever-changing youth and families. His humor will make you laugh, his honesty will make you cry and his message about Christ will change your life.

Join us Wednesday, September 25 at 7 p.m. as Peder joins us for Family Faith Night - all are welcome! And don't miss his December 18 Christmas concert.

## WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

After journeying through Genesis and Exodus, we will begin an overview of Leviticus and dig into Deuteronomy starting Monday, September 16 from 1-2:15p.m. We meet every Monday from September through May and discover more about the Bible, support one another, and learn how God is faithful in all things. The study is tailor made to the group, so come and see how God is connecting to your life right now! Questions? Connect with Pastor Tiffany at 235-6603 or [tsundeen@olivet.org](mailto:tsundeen@olivet.org).

## **INTERN PASTOR GRANT VANDERFORD – NEXT STEPS**

September 15 brings the formal ending to my Internship at Olivet Lutheran Church. For the past 18 months, we have had the deep privilege to walk together in learning, discerning, and continuing to form me as a pastoral leader for the church. I am so grateful for the innumerable ways that we have partnered together to serve and learn as a community of faith. I want to be clear in communicating the “next steps” for me and for you as my teaching and home congregation.

On September 29 there will be a time within the worship services where we can give thanks for our partnership and for the ways that God has called us together in the ministry of pastoral formation. From September 2019 through mid-May 2020 I will continue to take a full load of classes through Wartburg Theological Seminary as well as serve Olivet as a half-time (20 hours per week) lay minister. What does this mean? I will continue to preach, teach, and actively participate in our life together here, however my limited hours will lend me to different patterns of work than during my internship.

In the ELCA, candidates for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament (Pastors) participate in a process called Approval and Assignment. During this process I will write essays, have interviews, and engage in conversations with Seminary, Synod and Churchwide staff, discerning together where my gifts and training, as well as the needs and commitments of my spouse, Petra, and our children, Selah and Ingrid, intersect with the needs of the church. After Approval, I will enter into the Assignment process, where I will first be assigned to a region of the ELCA and then to a Synod within that region. In February, once the assignment process is complete and I know which Synod I am assigned to, I will begin to identify and interview, with the assistance and direction of the Synodical Bishop and their staff, for a call in a church in that Synod. With prayer and discernment, our hope will be to have a first call congregation late Spring/Summer 2020.

I want to be clear with you as my home congregation and as my teaching congregation, and address some misunderstandings that I have heard. While I remain open to considering a call at Olivet, I also know that the Holy Spirit moves and directs our footsteps in different seasons of our lives. In this time of transition and growth I am open to hearing where God’s call might lead me to serve. Petra and I hope to remain in the Fargo-Moorhead area, in Eastern North Dakota or Northwest Minnesota, so that we will be close to our family, so that Petra may continue to live out her vocation and call to serve others at Concordia College, so that our girls can attend Oak Grove Lutheran School.

That being said, this changes nothing about, in fact it only deepens, the love and gratitude that Petra and I have for our “Olivet Family.” We certainly will carry into our First Call all the learning, growing, and faithfulness that you have taught us. What a gift this congregation is to the whole church – a place where grace, peace, justice, and thoughtful living are core values! I also hope that you will continue to be a learning/teaching congregation, partnering with ELCA seminaries and Interns, teaching and helping form Pastors and Deacons for rostered ministry in the church!

If you would like to connect and talk about anything please don’t hesitate to call me or send me an email. The coffee is always on and I’m always ready to hear and share stories about what God is up to in our lives!

Peace be yours,

Grant Vanderford  
Intern Pastor

## **SABBATICAL TIME UPDATE FROM DEACON NURSE BRENDA**

I wish to say a BIG Thank You for the time granted to me this summer for a time of Sabbath. I want to acknowledge those who filled in for me during this time. Your work and efforts continued to provide care for those in need. It was appreciated by myself and those who you served.

This sabbatical time enabled me to spend time preparing for a move (downsizing), time with my sister and brother deacons and deaconess, time for sabbath. Rest time and Sabbath time was my main focus to not be weighed down by other’s needs and to concentrate on my own self care: physically, emotionally, and spiritually. I realized very quickly how much I had been neglecting time to be renewed.

This coming year I will continue to evaluate my schedule, goals, and expectations to keep myself a bit more balanced. I will continue to work on exploring my spiritual and diaconal heritage. During my sabbatical I arranged for a Diaconal Adventure Tour to Germany 2020. You can find out about this trip by going to [www.motherhousetour.com](http://www.motherhousetour.com). It is my hope that you will join me in this amazing itinerary.

## COUNCIL UPDATE: TREASURER'S REPORT

Through the month of July, Olivet's income was \$64,971 behind budget. Much of this difference is related to our pledged income. We've been tracking this difference closely and is likely a timing difference with most of pledge payments coming at the end of the year as compared to monthly or weekly payments. We have seen our other sources of income to be more stable such as our un-pledged contributions being \$164,674 and \$1,966 over budget.

Olivet's expenses are currently \$15,444 under budget, the majority of this decrease relates to payroll expenses as noted last Emblem. In the month of July alone, total expenses were \$11,786 under budget and we continue to expect this trend to continue.

	2019 ACTUAL	2019 BUDGET	VS. BUDGET	VS. 2018
RECEIPTS	\$687,481.76	\$752,453.60	(\$64,971.84)	-4.46%
EXPENSES	\$799,995.42	\$815,439.49	(\$15,444.07)	5.05%
DIFFERENCE	(\$112,513.66)			

Thanks to all of you who continue to support Olivet through your generous gifts!

## WE'RE HIRING!

Olivet Lutheran Church is now hiring for a full time **Associate Director of Youth Ministry**. This position will work closely with our Director of Children, Youth, & Family Ministries to lead and engage young people within our congregation. If you are seeking a rewarding career working with middle school through college aged youth in a collaborate environment, apply now. Please send cover letter, resume, and references to Sarah Lundblad, Director of Operations (slundblad@olivet.org).

## FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Summer in the Olivet Food Pantry was eventful! We had our busiest night ever in August, feeding 59 families in one evening, up from 38 families in July. The pantry was open the first Monday of each month in June, July, and August, and will remain on that schedule through the rest of the year. We used monetary donations to stock up on laundry detergent, shampoo, flour, sugar, and cans of tuna, as well as purchasing low-cost items from the Great Plains Food Bank. Many of these items were gone by the end of the summer.

**Here is a list of items we need to restock our shelves:** shampoo, laundry detergent, macaroni and cheese, jelly, baked beans, refried beans and other taco fixings, crackers, oatmeal, and baking ingredients.

Along with donations, we really need more hands and feet. Please consider donating an hour or two of your time each month. It is a blessing to serve God's people, and we are a fun team of volunteers! We could use one or more people to be Monday evening coordinators. This position involves being present when the pantry is open for guests and stepping in where there is need: watching children while parents shop, restocking shelves, assisting guests with carrying bags, and serving up smiles for our guests. Please contact Kim at kjrensch@gmail.com or talk to Pastor Bill if you are interested.

Look for more information about an Olivet Food Pantry open house coming on September 22.

## OPEN FORUM - SEPTEMBER 29

An open forum will be held on Sunday, September 29 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come and hear about what's happening at Olivet and bring any questions you may have.

## YWCA TOWEL MINISTRY

The YWCA is in need of towel sets. Please consider donating one or more towel sets (bath towel, hand towel, and washcloth). Towel sets can be dropped off at the church office. Thank you for your support of this ministry!

## DOWNLOAD THE OLIVET APP!

Olivet now has an app for your mobile devices! You will have access to Olivet's calendar of events, contact information, staff bios, and mobile giving - all at your fingertips. Be sure to sign up for push notifications through the app and you'll receive notifications to remind you of important upcoming events. It's easy to download - text "Olivet App" to 77977. Then click on the link sent to you and follow instructions. If you're experiencing issues, please contact Kelly Heyer at khey@olivet.org.



## THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY SERIES

On Thursdays at 10:30 a.m., Pastor Bill Boelter will lead a Bible Study on the three texts assigned for the following Sunday. The goal of the study is two-fold: to examine the background and underlying message of each lesson and attempt to see the connections among them. All are invited. The study may be of special interest to the lectors who read the lessons at worship. Each week's study is separate from the next which means you can benefit even if you can't be present each week. Questions: Pastor Bill at 235-6603.

## TEAM LEADERS NEEDED

Worship services at Olivet would not be the same without all of our wonderful volunteers! From greeting visitors and guests to serving coffee, ushering, and preparing and serving communion, we depend on the help of our congregation members. Did you know that we need between 18-30 volunteers on any given Sunday in the fall, winter, & spring?!?! To assist with scheduling and encourage congregation involvement, we are asking for Team Leads for the following teams: Ushers, Greeters, Communion, and Coffee Servers. Team leaders are in charge of arranging volunteers (average of 4 per Sunday) in their respective area for 1 month of the year. You can pick the month you'd like to lead and arrange coverage for that month. This is a wonderful chance to engage your family, friends, and other congregation members to play a role in Sunday morning or Wednesday evening worship. If you are interested in assisting the church with this important part of our ministry, please reach out to Pennie at 235-6603 or [pkankelfitz@olivet.org](mailto:pkankelfitz@olivet.org).

## OLIVERSITY

Olivarsity is a college level class without the exams! We will meet on the below dates from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Olivet Lutheran Church Upper Room.

- **September 11:** Downsizing Narrative and Brainstorming Discussion
- **September 18**
- **September 25**
- **October 2**
- **October 9**
- **October 16**
- **October 23: No Olivarsity**
- **October 30: No Olivarsity**

## FACEBOOK GROUP

In addition to our current Facebook page, Olivet has a Facebook group. Both the page and the group are essential communication tools that we use to keep you up-to-date on all the latest happenings at Olivet. Why two? The Facebook Page is for our internal Olivet member and also for the community. It is our way of sharing things about our church that are of interest to the community and to tell our story to potential new members. The Facebook Group is for Olivet member or regular Olivet attendees. On this group, we will post volunteer needs, annual meeting, special requests, etc. **Be sure to be a member of both our Facebook page and our Facebook group! For the group, go to Facebook and search: Olivet Lutheran Church Group. For the Facebook Page: [facebook.com/olivetlutheran](https://www.facebook.com/olivetlutheran)**

## CALLING ALL SINGERS

We need YOU! Join the music at Olivet and come and sing/play with us! Just show up, Wednesdays at 7 PM in the lower level Choir Room to join the Olivet Choir. No homework. No committee meetings. Just fun on Wednesday and satisfaction on Sunday! Easy rewards! While your kids are in Confirmation, come and sing. Empty nest? Come and sing. New to the congregation? Come and meet us (and have a reserved seat on Sunday mornings), Just visiting for awhile? Come and sing for awhile. No auditions, no solos, might need to move to the beat a bit. Or stop and talk to one of the members of the Band following the 10:30 service about adding your music to that ensemble. Be a part of the music at Olivet.

## CHILDREN SHOULD SING

**Wednesday, 6:30-7 p.m.**

Cherub Choir, Room 226, Joy Choir, Room 228

Please consider how you could arrange your schedules to allow your K -- 8th grade children to sing in the Cherub and Joy Choirs. Both groups rehearse at the same time on Wednesday. These ensemble are open to both Sunday and Wednesday School children and 6th-8th grade confirmation students. Our young people should not miss this important element in their development. Scientific studies have proven that music enhances many additional brain functions. Patti Hall (Cherub director) and Carole Skalsky (Joy director) are both educators with children of their own and will give your child a wonderful experience. And they need your children to come! Their first worship appearance will be September 29 at both services. Rehearsals begin Sept. 11.

## FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

Friday Fellowship will begin again on Friday, October 4 with a Noon Potluck. We will begin with the meal followed by a program. Tom Askland will be presenting a photo history of Fargo. Join us at noon for fun, fellowship and food. Please bring a dish to share. All are welcome. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Bill.

## OLIVET QUILTERS

Olivet Quilters will resume Wednesday, September 11 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Donations of clean, gently used sheets, pillowcases and trims are welcome. Thanks for past donations and support of this group. New members are always welcome, no sewing experience required.

## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY - OCTOBER 27 & WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

Our 10th grade confirmation students will be confirmed on Reformation Sunday which is October 27. Confirmation services will also be held on Wednesday, October 30. Please keep our confirmands in your prayers as they prepare for their upcoming confirmation and as they continue their faith journey.

## SEPTEMBER IS RECOVERY MONTH

Sundays in between services from 9:30-10:30 a.m., we will have a recovery coach present along with many materials on recovery, AA, and Al-Anon in the Library Conference Room. We all know someone impacted by addiction. These resources can change lives and sometimes it just takes one step, one friend, one visit to be aware of the many options out there. Stop by for yourself or for a friend throughout all the Sundays in September. Questions? Contact Coach John Campbell 701-238-4222.

## FRESHLY GROUNDED FAITH EVENT

October 25-26, 2019

Friday, 7-9:30 p.m. / Saturday, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

The gathering is held at Hope South/ 3636 25th St S. Olivet is a co-host church for the event. We will meet at Hope in the lobby.

Tickets are available in Olivet's church office for \$40 each.

The event will feature Bible teacher Jennifer Rothschild who will be joined by best-selling author and Life Today co-host Sheila Walsh and worship leader Michael O'Brien. More Info: [www.freshlygroundedfaith.com](http://www.freshlygroundedfaith.com)

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENUS

Wednesday night dinners are served from 5-6:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 per adult and \$3 for children under the age of 10.

**September & October menus all include salad bar and dessert:**

- September 4 - Taco Bar
- September 11 - Chicken & Stuffing, Glazed Baby Carrots
- September 18 - Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn
- September 25 - Ritz Baked Chicken, AuGratin Potatoes, Green Beans
- October 2 - Homemade Chili, Baked Potato Bar
- October 9 - Chicken Swiss, Rice Pilaf, Green Beans
- October 23 - Ham & Scalloped Potatoes, Corn
- October 30 - Tater Tot Hotdish

## COMMUNITY TABLE

Thursday, September 12, 5-7 p.m.

Join Welcoming FM at Plains Art Museum in downtown Fargo for one of our keystone events, Community Table. A potluck will be shared and the event includes an international farmer's market and a performance from local dance team, The Krownz. Learn about upcoming Welcoming Week programs, shop local produce and goods, and enjoy a meal with your neighbor! All events at Plains Art Museum. Doors open at 5 p.m., the meal and entertainment start at 5:30 p.m. The Farmer's Market will be open from 6-8:30 p.m.

## FALL LEARNING & SHARING SCHEDULE

Join us on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall each week for Learning & Sharing. The tentative schedule includes:

- September 8 - Pancake Breakfast
- September 15 - FPU Presentation/Commissions
- September 22 - Food Pantry Presentation and Open House
- September 29 - Open Forum
- October 6 - Oktoberfest
- October 13 - Coffee and Fellowship
- October 20 - Coffee and Fellowship (NDEA weekend)
- October 27 - Reformation
- November 3 - All Saints Sunday
- November 10 - Veterans Day Speaker

## NEW LOUNGE SPACE AVAILABLE

We are excited to offer more flexible lounge space! Over the summer we've repurposed the space that was being used as a Chapel in the south hallway. Stop by and check it out! All are welcome to use that space as needed.

## CROSSROADS = connecting faith + life

Olivet is one of the Lutheran congregations in our area, helping support Crossroads Lutheran Campus Ministry at NDSU. Support is provided by making and serving a meal to college students on campus the first Sunday evening of each month during the school year. We serve a meal at 5:30 p.m., followed by fellowship and worship. It is a great opportunity for not only students to be involved with campus ministry, but also a way for parents of college students to be a part of this connection together. If you would like to learn more about how you could be a part of Olivet's outreach at Crossroads, please contact Kaia Hassel ([youth@olivet.org](mailto:youth@olivet.org)) or Bev Gravdahl ([bgravdahl@olivet.org](mailto:bgravdahl@olivet.org)).

# Children's Ministries

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## IMPORTANT FALL DATES

Mark your calendars for these very important fall dates!

### **Saturday, September 7**

10 a.m. -- 3 year old Sunday/Wednesday School Orientation  
(3 years old by July 31, 2018 and Parents)

### **Sunday, September 8**

\*9:30-10:20 a.m. -- First Day of Sunday School

### **Wednesday, September 11**

First day of Wednesday School, Joy and Cherub Choirs

\*5:45-6:35 p.m. - Wednesday School

\*6:30-7 p.m. - Cherub Choir (K-3rd grade)

Cherub Choir practice weekly and sing at worship monthly and for special occasions. Meet in Room 226.

\*6:30-7 p.m. - Joy Choir (4th-8th grade)

The Joy Choir practices weekly and sings at worship monthly and for special occasions. Meet in Room 228. **New this year, Joy Choir is now open to students up to 8th grade!**

\*Please note new times.

## THIRD GRADE



This is the beginning of your child's Confirmation process at Olivet. The "Introduction to the Bible" class will be held **Sunday, September 15**, 9:30-10:20 a.m. or **Wednesday, September 18**, 5:45-6:35 p.m. for all third graders and their parents. (This class is held during Sunday or Wednesday School). Bibles will be presented to third graders on Sunday, September 22 at the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. worship services, or on Wednesday, September 25 at the 5:45 p.m. worship service.

## FOURTH GRADE

The fourth graders at Olivet have an opportunity to learn more from their Bibles by reading and studying the Gospel of Mark. Fourth graders and their parents will meet together to find out about personal and family devotions during this level of their Confirmation process. Together, the family is expected to complete a daily devotion book at home, which takes about one month. The class will be held **Sunday, November 3**, 9:30-10:20 a.m., or **Wednesday, November 6**, 5:45-6:35 p.m. during the Sunday and Wednesday School hour. There will be a recognition of fourth graders and the completion of their Confirmation requirement at a worship service in December.

## FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

**9:30-10:20 a.m.**

Sunday, **September 8** is the first day of Sunday School! You will be receiving an email with your room assignment. On the first day of Sunday School you will meet your teacher and classmates, sing, do a special project, eat treats and play games! Don't miss out on this fun morning! If you have not registered by September 3, see Michelle Elness in Room 230 on September 8.

## FIRST DAY OF WEDNESDAY SCHOOL

**5:45-6:35 p.m.**

Wednesday, **September 11** is the first day of Wednesday School! You will be receiving an email with your room assignment. On the first day of Wednesday School you will meet your teacher and classmates, sing, do a special project, eat treats and play games! Don't miss out on this fun evening! If you have not registered by September 3, see Michelle Elness in Room 230 on September 11.

## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

**Sunday, September 23, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.**

Students of all ages—bring your backpacks to worship on Sunday, September 23! There will be a special time during each service when you can bring your backpack forward for a blessing and a special gift from your church family.

## CHERUB & JOY CHOIRS

**Wednesdays, 6:30-7 p.m.**

**Cherub Choir - Room 226; Joy Choir - Room 228**

Please join us for Cherub Choir (K-3rd Grade) or Joy Choir (4th-8th Grade) starting Wednesday, September 11! Questions? Contact Patti Hall (Cherub) at [patti.hall.nd@gmail.com](mailto:patti.hall.nd@gmail.com) or Carole Skalsky (Joy) at [carue@hotmail.com](mailto:carue@hotmail.com).

## OLIVET NURSERY

Olivet offers a nursery during Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings for children whose parents are attending worship or other programs in the building. The nursery is located in the south hallway and is for those up to 3 years of age and not yet enrolled in Sunday School. The age restriction reduces the chance of injury to the smaller children. We will be carefully enforcing our policies on when not to accept a child. We cannot accept any child who is ill with a runny nose, cough, mild fever and sneezing. Thank you for following these guidelines so that the nursery is fun and safe for all. Please contact our Nursery Coordinator, Kasi at 235.6603 if you are willing to volunteer a time or two this year. Thank you!

## ATTENTION SECOND GRADERS!



At Olivet, we have a special program just for you! It's our **Guardian Angel** program. Sometime this summer, you may be called to serve as a Guardian Angel. A Guardian Angel is a special friend to a baby who is baptized here at Olivet. You are asked to be a friend to the baby and also to pray for them. This is a wonderful way to connect younger members of the congregation with each other.

# Student Ministries

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## FALL CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

Wed., Sept 4, 5:30-7 p.m.....	Leader Meeting
Wed., Sept 4, 7-8 p.m.....	6th Grade Parent Meeting
Wed., Sept 11, 7-8:15 p.m.....	Confirmation Begins
Wed., Sept 18, 7-8:15 p.m.....	SG Bonding off site
Wed., Sept 25, 7-8:15 p.m.....	Famiy Faith Night & Peder Eide
Wed., Oct 2, 7-8:15 p.m.....	Confirmation
Wed., Oct 9, 7-8:15 p.m.....	Confirmation
Wed., Oct 16.....	NDEA NO Confirmation
Wed., Oct 23, *6-8 p.m.....	Confirmation Banquet (9th & 10th)
Wed., Oct 23, *6-8 p.m.....	Service Projects (6th-8th)
Sun., Oct 27.....	10th Grade Confirmation Services
Wed., Oct 30, 5:45-6 p.m.....	Confirmation Service
Wed., Oct 30, 7-8:15 p.m.....	Confirmation

\*Note the time change.

## OLIVET'S CONFIRMATION

Weekly confirmation classes will again begin in **6th grade**. This means if your child is entering 6th grade this fall, they will begin weekly confirmation classes in September and will be fully a part of our confirmation ministry. Confirmation is a four-year process here at Olivet. We have adjusted the timing of when the students are confirmed to the fall of their 10th grade year. (In years past, they were confirmed in the spring of their 10th grade year.) If you have any questions, or did not receive a letter, please contact Kaia at [youth@olivet.org](mailto:youth@olivet.org). We can't wait to see you all this fall!

## CAMP CASTAWAY - Detroit Lakes, MN

**Middle School: Sept 20-22**

**High School: Sept 27-29**

CAMP CASTAWAY - Detroit Lakes, MN Middle School: Sept 20-22 High School: Sept 27-29 Join us for 2019 Synod Youth Gatherings this fall! We'll be heading out to Camp Castaway on Pelican Lake with our Middle and High School students for two weekends in September for an AMAZING weekend of faith building and epic adventure. We'll worship, play gaga ball, frof, hang on the climbing wall, monkey around on the giant swing, play volleyball, worship & learn together! Please sign up via the Wufoo link. Middle Schoolers- Sunday, September 15; High Schoolers- by Wednesday, September 18. If you have questions, please contact Kaia by email at [youth@olivet.org](mailto:youth@olivet.org). Watch for a Castaway letter reminder. Cost is \$195 and includes all activities, transportation, & meals.

## SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE!

It's Sunday Night LIVE! Join us on the first and third Sunday evenings of every month from 7-9 p.m. in the youth room. We'll hang out, have snacks and throw in some games! Pool? Ping pong? Karaoke? Games? Movies? Music? 4 Square? Bonfire? We can make it what you want it. Maybe we'll even throw in a little devo. Don't miss the first night of Sunday Night live on Sunday, September 15! Open to 6th grade and up.

## VIP NIGHT - PIE NIGHT (has been canceled...)

Due to Village Inn changing their requirements to receive free pie, we will be brainstorming and coming up with another activity to do in its place. Watch your e-mail for more info coming soon!

## BE A PART OF YOUTH MINISTRIES AT OLIVET!

Are you looking to be a part of our youth ministries at Olivet this Fall? We have a spot for you! There are many opportunities to work with youth in Sunday School, Wednesday School or during Confirmation. Please contact Kaia at [youth@olivet.org](mailto:youth@olivet.org) to find out how you can help. Also seeking subs.

## HANG TIME

Hang Time held will be held the first & third Wednesday of every month from 8:15-9 p.m. Come and hang out in the youth room, we'll play games, listen to music, help with homework - you can help us shape what hang time looks like! All confirmation age youth are invited to attend.

## OPEN YOUTH ROOM TIME

Looking for some time to relax and have fun? Come to dinner on Wednesday evenings and stay for open youth room time before Confirmation begins. Dinner is served from 5-6:30 p.m. Youth room will be open from to 6-6:55 p.m.

## WREATH SALES 2019

Fundraise for the upcoming youth trips & retreats by participating in wreath sales. Sell wreaths to help you reach your fundraising goal! Talk to Kaia for more information about how this fundraiser works and get the info packet. We will have a Wreath Sales meeting on Wednesday, October 9 following confirmation.

# ✝ Parish Nurse Ministries

## HOSPITAL VISITS

We call and visit area hospitals on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Due to privacy laws, not all people are listed. If you would like a pastoral visit, please call the church office. There is always an on call person on the answering machine during off hours as well.

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



**Sunday, October 6th at 3 p.m.**

Bring your pets Sunday, October 6 at 3 p.m. to the east side of the church for a special blessing in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. We will gather for a short service of blessing. Please have your pet on leash or in a carrier.

## SERVICE OF HEALING

Join us on Wednesday, October 23 at 5:45 p.m. for a service of healing. The service emphasizes God's healing presence and care through prayer, hymns, message, Holy Communion and anointing/blessing.

## UNITED WAY DAY OF CARING IS SET FOR OCTOBER 10



United Way will again be providing a day of caring on Thursday, October 10. Caring volunteers are scheduled to go to the homes of community members to help with projects. If you would like to receive this service you need to complete a registration form prior to September 15 with Parish Nurse Brenda. Former recipients should have received a registration form.

## EXERCISE CLASS WITH LORI HILL

Four sessions of Somatic Movement Flows beginning September 9. Classes are held Mondays at 5:30 p.m. in the Atrium. Cost is \$10 per session or \$40/series.

## AUDIO TO TEXT FOR HEARING IMPAIRED

Olivet has the capability to convert what is heard in worship into a text format for those who have a hearing loss. To participate in this format you will need a phone or tablet which has Wi-Fi access. Olivet also has a notepad/tablet available for use during worship.

- To access the program:
- Access Olivet Wi Fi
- Go to streamer.center
- Register: Username – Olivet, Password – 123456
- Click on Olivet Room

You should be in a chat room.

If you need assistance contact Deacon Nurse Brenda while at Olivet.

## HEARING ASSISTIVE DEVICES

Amplifier Ear Buds are available at the front desk for use during worship.

## BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Blood pressure screenings will be held the second Sunday of each month in between services in the Parish Nurse Office.

## SOLE TO SOUL CARE - FOOT CARE

Olivet offers foot care which includes: foot assessment, soak, trimming of nails, exfoliation, massage, and option of a paraffin wax treatment. Cost is \$30 payable to Olivet Lutheran Church. Donations are appreciated to alleviate Olivet's costs. Sign up for an appointment by calling 701.235.6603.

**Upcoming dates are:**

September 9, 11  
October 9, 14

## CANCER CARE GROUP

**Meets on the second Thursday of every month at 3 p.m.**

For those who face cancer or family members of those who face cancer. We invite you to a time of support, care, and education.

## TEAR SOUP GRIEF CARE

Olivet offers a grief care program based upon the book, "Tear Soup." It is a time to gather over a warm bowl of soup, warm bread, and conversation to discuss issues of grief and loss. We gather on the second Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. in the staff conference room. (September 12 and October 10)



## OLIVET BOOK STUDY GROUP – 2ND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Begins: Friday September 13 at 12 p.m.  
Book to Read: "I Can Only Imagine".

We will watch the movie that is based upon this book. We will also set up a schedule for the coming year.

## SOUL SHOP WORKSHOP – MINISTERING TO FAITH COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY SUICIDE

**October 24 – All Day, Hjemkost Center**

This workshop is for pastoral care workers, church workers, and those who desire to e a support, hope and connection for those affected by suicide. Pre-registration required. See Brenda for more information.

## LARGE PRINT BULLETINS, SCRIPTURE READINGS, AND HYMNS

If you need large print during your worship experience, please seek out an usher to obtain them.

*For more information on Parish Health Programs contact Deacon Parish Nurse Brenda at 235-6603 ext 23 or email her at [BBauer@olivet.org](mailto:BBauer@olivet.org)!*

### Baptisms

**July 14 - Emma Simone Hausmann**, daughter of Matthew and Jessica Hausmann

**July 15 - Jaden Reed Mueller**, son of Lawrence Renfro and Kayla Mueller

**July 21 - Easton Thomas Schobinger**, son of Jacob and Madison Schobinger

**July 21 - Oliver Matthew Ferguson**, son of Dane and Elizabeth Ferguson

**July 28 - Simone Elizabeth Feltman**, daughter of Jordan and Rebecca Feltman

**August 11 - Emmett Thomas Larson**, son of Zack and Ali Larson

**August 11 - Ingrid Louise Vanderford**, son of Grant and Petra Vanderford

### Funerals

**July 5 - Anthony Smith**

**July 18 - Barb Mueller**

**July 19 - Sylvia Holm**

**August 5 - Margaret**

**August 13 - Sharon Mueller**

**August 16 - Larry Wild**

**August 22 - Allen Braaten**



### Memorials

Thank you to those who gave in honor or memory of their family and friends.

#### ELEVATOR FUND

- **Barb Mueller:** Wilbur & Carolyn Wright
- **Dean Ferguson:** Isabelle Weaver, Joe Peterson, Kay Johnson, Ray & Lois Shannon
- **Alyce Robinson:** Isabelle Weaver, Wilbur & Carolyn Wright

#### QUILTERS

- **Dean Ferguson:** Betty Kuklish, Dale & Jenny Mackenzie, June Hayer, Richard & Judy Reger, Dennis & Myrna Wold, Marcella Mangnall
- **Alyce Robinson:** Marcella Mangnall
- **Evelyn Lyche:** William & Colleen Galbreth
- **Hannah Paulson:** Milton Paulson

#### MORTGAGE LOAN PAYMENTS

- **John Lohman:** Kevan & Jane Schlamowitz

#### OLIVET FOUNDATION

- **Dean Ferguson:** Harriet Smedshammer

#### RADIO

- **Dean Ferguson:** Eleanor Infeld, Gloria Wrigley, Char Wixo, Dorothy Lohman, Dorothy Nystul, Lynn & Elaine Melby, Marion Helbling, Neil & Lois Larson
- **Shirley Shannon:** Eleanor Infeld, Ray & Lois Shannon
- **Alyce Robinson:** LuElla Kleingartner
- **Hannah Paulson:** John & Sandy Tellinghusen
- **Larry Wild:** LuElla Kleingartner
- **Sharon Mueller:** Audrey Needham, Gloria Wrigley, LuElla Kleingartner

#### PARISH HEALTH

- **Dean Ferguson:** Garry & Kay Bakken, Sandra Scheidegger
- **Alyce Robinson:** Family & Friends, G. Reiersen, Garry & Kay Bakken
- **Sharon Mueller:** Dawn Tyson
- **Sharon Wiidakas:** Joy Reski, Lois Foss

#### OLIVET FOOD PANTRY

**Alyce Robinson:** Dan & Margaret Tinnes, Jim & Patty Fox

**Larry Wild:** Dan & Margaret Tinnes

#### CHOIR

**Alyce Robinson:** Mary Anne Laidlaw

#### HOSPITALITY

**Sharon Mueller:** Bob & Gail Monson



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### Worship & Church Information

#### Sunday

- 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month

#### Wednesday

- 5:45 p.m. Service with Communion

#### Office Hours

- 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

#### Information

- Childcare provided at all worship services
- Sunday worship service is broadcast each Sunday on WDAY Radio (970 AM) at 10 a.m.
- Church Office 701-235-6603
- Website: [www.olivet.org](http://www.olivet.org)

**Standard Time  
Begins Sunday,  
November 3!**

