

OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 15-21, 2020

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Last weekend, we welcomed new members into the Olivet congregation. We are excited they have chosen Olivet as their church home and look forward to getting to know each of them better. Welcome to the Olivet family!



KATIE KEZAR



DAVE GLADUE & CINDY KILE



KAROL-LYN KNUDSON



RHONDA HAWLEY



DANE, ESME & KATRINA
HAMMER



ELSA, JEREMY & CASE
HELBLING



TRAVIS HACKEY



INGRID, BOB, LISA, & MARET
OTTERSON



JENNIFER WICKLOW

FILL THE CUP LENTEN OFFERING

We invite you to participate in Olivet's second annual Fill the Cup Lenten offering. Your support helps fund our benevolence programs for local & global ministries. Fill your cup throughout the week with any loose change or cash at home and return it to church each Wednesday or Sunday during Lent. Last year Fill the Cup raised \$10,279 and we would love to exceed that number this year.

Thanks to a few generous donors, funds received this week will be matched up to \$2,000. We are also working to secure matches for Sunday, April 5 (Palm Sunday) through Saturday, April 11. If you are interested in becoming a matching donor, please contact Pastor Kris Gorden or council member Tim Rensch.

OPEN FORUM

Join us at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 15 in the Fellowship Hall for an open forum. We will highlight Olivet's focus for 2020 and give a brief financial overview.

GREETERS, USHERS, & COMMUNION SERVERS NEEDED

As we approach Holy Week, we are in need of volunteers to fill roles that are a vital part of our worship. If you are a healthy individual who is not considered to be at a higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19, please consider assisting during this time of need. For additional details on how you can help, please call Pennie at 701.235.6603 or email her at pkankelfitz@olivet.org.

PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS

Join us in the Olivet Atrium for a simple worship service each Wednesday afternoon during Lent from 12:30-1:15 p.m. We gather around the cross to sing, pray, and hear God's Word together. All are welcome!

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday Mornings: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m. on WDAY 970AM
Wednesday Evenings: 5:45 p.m.

Communion services are the 1st & 3rd
Sunday of each month and every
Wednesday.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Senior Pastor	Kris Gorden
Pastor	Bill Boelter
Pastor	Tiffany Sundeen
Lay Minister	Grant Vanderford
Deacon	Brenda Bauer
Music	Marlys Herring

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STATEMENT ON CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

As we continue to see the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), our top priority is the health and well-being of our Olivet community. Staff and leadership are preparing and planning for how we may need to adjust our operations should we see an outbreak of the virus in our community. We rely on the World Health Organization, the CDC, the ELCA, and the ND Department of Health for accurate and updated information and guidance. We have spent time researching best practices and evaluating our processes as a church.

We are reminded by the ELCA that when anxiety is high in our culture, worship continues to be a primary location for the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ and the continuing compassion and care of God, as well as where we can find solace and reassurance in the midst of our fears. We are taking great care to continue the ministry of the church, especially in these times. We encourage and promote sharing the peace without physical contact, healthy respiratory etiquette, proper and frequent hand-washing, and staying home when you are sick.

The cancellation of church events and activities, including worship, will be made under the guidance of the CDC and/or the health department. Those who conduct other programs such as Bible studies, choir rehearsals, and other small groups that meet at the church should make decisions with their groups that best fit the needs and comfort level of the group members. In order to eliminate confusion, we ask that all groups immediately inform the church office of cancellations. For the latest updates on worship and activity schedules, visit olivet.org/events or call the church office at 701.235.6603.

COVID-19 WHAT NOW?

Stay Informed.
Don't Panic.
Follow the Guidelines.

There is an abundance of information available about the COVID-19 virus. We encourage you to educate yourself on the disease, prevention and treatment, and new developments using reliable and accurate sources, including www.CDC.gov and www.health.nd.gov.

As part of a series on staying healthy during the flu season, information is available at olivet.org/resources. Handouts are also available in the information towers in the Narthex and the Atrium.

SPOTLIGHT MINISTRY: OLIVET BLOOD DRIVE

Olivet, in conjunction with the local blood services, hosts a blood drive twice a year. We provide for the community's need for blood in response to Christ's gift of life, love, and blood for our souls. Our upcoming blood drive will be held in the Fellowship Hall on **Wednesday, April 8** from 1-7 p.m. Volunteers are vital to the success of this ministry. Blood donors, food providers, assisting as a coordinator or volunteer on the day of the drive are all needed. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Deacon Nurse Brenda at 701.235.6603.

Sign up to donate at vitalant.org and use sponsor code: olivet or sign up with Brenda (bbauer@olivet.org) or 701.235.6603

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Believe it or not, it's that time of year when summer planning is in full swing. We have multiple opportunities for our Olivet community to be involved this summer.

Vacation Bible School: Join us from 9-11:30 a.m., June 1-4 as we transform the Fellowship Hall into "Big Fish Bay." We will spend our time doing crafts, recreation, storytelling and music, all while learning about God's Mercy. VBS is geared for preschoolers who attend Sunday/Wednesday school through 5th grade. Registration will open online April 1. Adults and older youth, if you are interested in helping with VBS, please contact Michelle Elness at 235.6603 or melness@olivet.org. Your participation is vital to the success of our week!

Summer Bible Camps: Many of our youth attend summer camp at either Camp Emmaus or Luther Crest Bible camps. With programs ranging from one day to a full week, children of all ages and comfort levels are sure to find a program that will fit their needs. Information can be picked up at the church or found at each camp's website: www.luthercrest.org or www.pathwaysbiblecamps.org.

High School Service Trip: Let's visit the windy city! This year's high school summer trip will be focused on service, as we complete a number of service projects while we are in Chicago July 27-August 2. If you are up for a week of travel & adventure while growing closer to God and closer to each other, this is the trip for you! Additional trip details and registration information is posted at www.olivet.org/chicago.

Adult Trips & Retreats: Is it really summer if Pastor Bill doesn't take a group of individuals young at heart on an adventure? We are still finalizing details, but be sure to stay tuned for details on this year's trips and retreats!

Transform a life, and your own



Olivet Lutheran Church BLOOD DRIVE

GIVE BLOOD TODAY

COUNCIL CORNER

February was a busy month for the Olivet Council. The annual congregational meeting took place on February 9. During that meeting, we thanked our outgoing council members for their service and welcomed the four new council members who were elected to serve the congregation.

On February 18, the full council met and elected the following individuals to serve as officers on the Executive Commission.

President: Steve Wood Vice-President: Lori Askew Treasurer: Tracy Lyson Secretary: Denise Eide

In addition, council members were assigned to one of the four commissions that serve Olivet. Your commission leadership for 2020 is as follows:

Worship & Witness: Steve Wood, DeNae Millar, Nola Storm, Pastor Kris Gorden

Lifelong Learning: Lori Askew, Nancy Hagglund-Morgan, Amy Aasen, Pastor Bill Boelter

Parish Life & Social Outreach: Denise Eide, Tim Rensch, Dan Hansen, Pastor Tiffany Sundeen

Resource Development: Tracy Lyson, Jill Christopher, Mike Raum, Pastor Kris Gorden

If you want to know more about serving on the Olivet council, or the programs and ministries supported by each commission, please speak to any of the pastors or the council member on duty on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

OLIVET'S YOUTH SERVE LENTEN DINNERS

Throughout the Lenten season, Olivet youth will once again serve dinner each Wednesday evening to help raise funds for Olivet activities, retreats, and trips. Dinner will be served from 5-5:35 p.m. and from 6:30-7 p.m.

March 18: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes & gravy, snow peas

March 25: Chicken & dressing, steamed vegetables

April 1: Bacon wrapped stuffed chicken, rice pilaf, glazed carrots

April 9 (Maundy Thursday): Choice of assorted soups and breads

Adults \$6 , children \$4 (10 and under), family maximum \$20

LENT SCHEDULE

LENTEN WEDNESDAYS

12:30-1:15 p.m. Prayer Around the Cross

5-5:35 p.m. Dinner

5:45 p.m. Worship with Holden Evening Prayer

6:30-7 p.m. Dinner

For the full Holy Week Schedule visit our "Save the Date" section on the back page of this newsletter.



CHILI & CHOCOLATE

Our Chili & Chocolate event last weekend was the perfect opportunity to connect with each other over GREAT food, and to raise over \$1965 for Churches United!

Congratulations to Pastor Tiffany for winning the best chili category and to Kay Johnson for winning the best chocolate dessert category.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know we recently launched an online Olivet boutique with a variety of faith apparel? Choose from a wide-range of clothing options featuring designs by Olivet member, Jenna Meyers of Memories by Meyers. Screen-printed items also featured the Olivet logo on the back. The boutique will be open periodically throughout the year and children and adult options are available. To browse or shop the Olivet boutique, visit olivet.org and click on the featured event.

EASTER FLOWERS

Please let us know if you would like to help cover the cost of beautifying our Sanctuary and Atrium for Easter. Your donation, which can be given in memory or in honor of someone in your life, will enable us to purchase blooming plants, lilies, and palms. Forms will be in the Sunday bulletins and also available in the church office. The final day to dedicate Easter flowers will be March 25.

Save the Date

Save the Date highlights upcoming events for the next 3-4 weeks that occur on a monthly basis or less. For details on events further in the future or events that are held at Olivet but hosted by another organization, please visit olivet.org/events, speak with your group leader regarding the upcoming schedule, or call the church office at 701.235.6603.

SUNDAY 3/15: OPEN FORUM 9:30-10:20 AM

Join us at on Sunday, March 15 in Fellowship Hall for our first open forum of 2020. We will highlight Olivet's focus for this year and give a brief financial overview.

TUESDAY 3/17: CIRCLE GROUPS MEET

Pricilla Circle (9:15-11 a.m.) & Miriam Circle (9:30-11 a.m.) will meet at Olivet. Martha Circle (9:30-11 a.m.) will meet at the home of Marnie Blatchford.

WEDNESDAY 3/25: PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY GATHERING 4-5 PM & 6:30-7:30 PM

Whether you are already involved in making prayer shawls for Olivet or are looking to become involved, we invite you to join us before or after worship on Wednesday, March 25. Come and share what you are working on, pick up a new pattern or two, or just spend some time with others who are interested in crocheting or knitting.

WEDNESDAY 3/25: FIRST COMMUNION & 5TH GRADE CONFIRMATION CLASSES 5:45-6:35 PM

We will meet in the Upper Room.

THURSDAY 3/26: KITCHEN CLEANING 12 PM

Help keep the Olivet kitchen in tip-top shape. All help is welcome!

WEDNESDAY 4/1: OPERATION LOVE 9 AM-1 PM

Operation Love is a ministry event of the women of Olivet. It is a time to gather together to finish quilts that have been worked on all winter, to collect personal care kits, school kits, baby care kits, and fabric kits. These items, including quilts, will be packaged and sent to Lutheran World Relief in May. There is morning coffee and a salad luncheon at noon provided by the circles. Anyone is welcome to attend, join us to work or for the fellowship.

SUNDAY 3/29: FIRST COMMUNION & 5TH GRADE CONFIRMATION CLASSES 9:30-10:20 AM

We will meet in the Upper Room.

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THURSDAY 4/2: CANCER CARE GROUP 3-4:30 PM

If you or a family member are facing cancer, join us for a time of sharing, support, and general care. There is a spiritual reflection time and light refreshments are served. We will discuss how we have faced suffering and finding hope.

THURSDAY 4/2: TEAR SOUP 5:30-7:30 PM

We gather over a warm bowl of soup and fresh bread as we share in caring for each other in our grief. Soup's on at 6 p.m. followed by discussion. This monthly gathering is open to Olivet members and non-members. April's topic: denial, anger, and guilt and how to find ways to cope with those emotions.

THURSDAY 4/2: SOUL SISTERS 7-8:30 PM

Join Pastor Tiffany & the Soul Sisters group in the lounge as we discuss chapters six & seven of the book *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans.

FRIDAY 4/3: READING RELIGIOUSLY 12 PM

Join us in the lounge the first Friday of each month as we discuss books that touch our hearts and souls. April's discussion will be about the book *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein.

FRIDAY 4/3: FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP 2-3:30 PM

Nancy Farnahm, daughter of Howard & Dorothy Barlow, will be sharing information on the benefits of music therapy.

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY (April 5)

8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

MAUNDY THURSDAY (April 9)

5-5:35 p.m. Dinner
5:45 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion
6:30-7 p.m. Dinner

GOOD FRIDAY (April 10)

7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service "Seven Last Words of Christ"
10 p.m. Tenebrae Service led by Celebrate! Band

EASTER SUNDAY (April 12)

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship with Holy Communion
7:30-9:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast
8 a.m. Traditions Easter Worship with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Traditions Easter Worship with Holy Communion
11 a.m. Celebrate! Easter Worship with Holy Communion

SUNDAY 4/5: FIRST COMMUNION & 5TH GRADE CONFIRMATION CLASSES 9:30-10:20 AM

We will meet in the Upper Room.

WEDNESDAY 4/8: BLOOD DRIVE 1-7 PM

Additional details can be found under the spotlight ministry.

WEDNESDAY 4/8: NO 5:45 PM WORSHIP SERVICE

Prayer around the cross will be held at 12:30 p.m. but there will not be an evening worship service on Wednesday, April 8. Please join us for Maundy Thursday worship service at 5:45 p.m. on April 9.

WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS

In addition to worship, Olivet offers a number of ways to connect on a weekly basis. We would love to have you join us!

Sundays, 9:30-10:20 a.m. Learning & Sharing
Sundays, 9:30-10:20 a.m. Sunday School
Mondays, 1-2 p.m. Women of the Bible
Tuesdays, 5-6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Quilting
Wednesdays, 5-6:45 p.m. Dinner
Wednesdays, 5:45-6:35 p.m. Wednesday School
Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Oliviversity (Off during Lent)
Wednesdays, 6:30-7 p.m. Joy & Cherub Choir
Wednesdays, 7-8:15 p.m. Olivet Choir
Wednesdays, 7-8:15 p.m. Confirmation (Off during Lent)
Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Scripture Bible Study
Thursdays, 1-2 p.m. History of Christianity Study