

# OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

MAY 23-29, 2021

## SHARE YOUR OLIVET STORY

We are excited to see, share, and promote the wonderful things that happen at Olivet and in our community. We invite you to share your Olivet experience with friends, family, and here at Olivet. We want to spotlight our members, favorite memories at Olivet, or any other feature related to our ministry you'd like to see recognized.

One example is from a previous Olivet series where congregation member Deb Luick wrote, " *We have a wonderful choir and Director in Marlys. I am very proud to be a part of our music program. It's also the people of Olivet that make the church and make it such a wonderful and welcoming place to worship! Amen.*"

Answer any of the questions below to help as a starting point, but feel free to just speak from the heart.

- Why do you attend Olivet?
- What is your favorite thing about Olivet?
- What makes Olivet part of your community and place to call home?
- Why do you participate in Olivet's Events and Ministry?

**E-mail [news@olivet.org](mailto:news@olivet.org)** for more information and to share your own Olivet story.

## SUMMER WORSHIP

Our summer worship schedule will begin next Sunday, May 30, and run through September 5.

Sunday mornings we will offer one in-person worship, held in the Sanctuary at 9 a.m. This service will be available at [olivet.org](http://olivet.org) to be watched live or viewed later. Our radio broadcast will air at 10 a.m. on WDAY 970 AM.

Our Wednesday worship service will resume on June 2 at 5:45 p.m. in the outdoor worship area. We encourage you to bring your own chair or blanket. In the case of inclement weather, worship will be held inside.

**On Wednesday, June 2 please join us before worship for hot dogs, chips, and a treat provided by Olivet.** Stay tuned for many more exciting updates being planned for the summer months at Olivet including;

- Wednesday night dinner from local FM area food trucks
- Ministry partners
- Volunteer opportunities
- Games and family favorite activities after worship

Part of Olivet's Mission is to build a vital community of believers within which each person is nurtured, supported, and strengthened in the Christian faith through worship, education, and fellowship. We look forward to planning and meeting all current, returning, and new members at Wednesday's Summer worship. All are welcome!

## LENDING CLOSET UPDATE

Olivet has partnered with HERO (Healthcare Equipment Recycling Organization) to relocate and expand our lending closet with more inventory, options, and access to all in need. If you or a family member is in need of medical equipment or devices please contact Bev Gravidahl in the church office to receive a referral to HERO. HERO has experts on staff who will assist with finding (and fitting) the device you need. HERO is a non-profit located in south Fargo whose mission is to "provide access to affordable healthcare equipment and supplies for all." For additional information regarding the Lending Closet, including how to donate your no longer needed healthcare items, please contact Bev at 701.235.6603.

### WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
10 a.m. radio broadcast on WDAY 970 AM

Worship services are also available online at [olivet.org](http://olivet.org)

### WORSHIP LEADERS

Senior Pastor Kris Gorden  
Pastor Bill Boelter  
Pastor Tiffany Sundeen  
Music Marlys Herring  
Music Sarah Morrau

### CONNECT WITH US

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**OFFICE HOURS** Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Friday 8:30 a.m.-noon

### FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.  
~Ephesians 2:10*

Since 2017, Olivet has done the good work of feeding people through our food pantry partnership with the Great Plains Food Bank. When the pandemic forced closures, our Olivet Food Pantry also closed. Although we were still able to help others through donating our goods to other pantries throughout the past year, we are eager to restart our operations here at Olivet in the fall. Beginning September 20, we will reopen the Olivet Food Pantry under new leadership. Our operations will be slightly different with guests driving up to get a box instead of visiting our pantry in the basement. This will make the ministry more efficient so we can serve more families in our community.

It is through the uplifting generosity of our Olivet family that we have been able to serve as many families as we have over the years. We are ready to accept new donations to start the process of restocking our shelves and are asking for your help once again. Please see the wish list below, or watch for the blue Gate City Bank bags and a printed wish list to come this summer. Fill the reusable bag with your donations and drop them off at the church.

We are also looking for more volunteers. Please contact Roger Larson via email if you are able to help: [roger@gygtechnologies.com](mailto:roger@gygtechnologies.com)

It is through the support and generosity of our congregation that we are able to serve others as Jesus challenges us to do. **Thank you for making Olivet a place where people in our community find food and comfort.**

#### Wish List:

- Cereals - popular brands
- Toilet paper
- Shampoo
- Laundry detergent
- Bar soap
- Ketchup
- Mac and cheese
- Sugar 4 lbs or smaller
- Flour 5 lbs
- Pasta sauce
- Tomato products

### GOOD LUCK CAROLE

Best wishes to Carole Skalsky and family as they move west to Sturgis, S.D. in June. Carole has been an important part of Olivet's music ministry team. She led Sunday and Wednesday School music for ages Kindergarten through 5th grade and directed the Joy Choir. In addition, sings in the Olivet Choir, the Celebrate! Worship Band, rings in the bell choir, and helps to lead the hymn-singing from the balcony on Sunday mornings during this time of no choir. We are really going to miss you, Carole! Thank you for sharing your gift of music with Olivet.

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our ministry partner, Lake Agassiz Habitat for Humanity, is seeking 10 volunteers to assist with the Habitat Faith Build on Monday, June 14 for a full-day event. Volunteer work would entail roofing and siding and the only requirement is to know which end of the hammer to hold. To sign up, call the church office or ask to speak with Bev Gravdahl. Location of the Faith Build is in Moorhead, Minn.

### GROWING TOGETHER TOMATO PLANT SALE

Growing Together Community Gardens connects people in the Fargo-Moorhead area with affordable produce and a caring community. Volunteers work for their share of the garden product and many extra's are given away to local food banks. Thursday, May 27 from 2 p.m. - 7 p.m. there will be a tomato plant sale at their Catalyst Garden location @ 1894 21st Ave. S. Fargo. These plants are in 3.5-inch pots and NDSU Master Gardeners will be available both days to answer any questions. Stop by and support this local initiative and enjoy fresh tomatoes all summer long in your backyard garden. For more information, [growingtogetherfm.org](http://growingtogetherfm.org)