

# OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

JUNE 6-12, 2021

## OUR SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE IS UNDERWAY

Our summer worship schedule began Sunday, May 30 and runs through September 5.

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

Our Wednesday worship service has resumed 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.

Keep reading to find out about additional worship opportunities, including the option of hosting worship by the lake for your family and friends.

The church office will be closed on Monday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day and Monday September 6 in observance of Labor Day.



## #SPREADTHELOVE FOOD DRIVE

*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.** We have our blue Gate City Bank bags and a printed wish list ready for you to stop by and pick up outside the church office. Fill the reusable bag with your donations and drop them off at the church.

We are also looking for more volunteers to assist with a variety of needs associated with running the food pantry. 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
- Laundry detergent
- Mac & Cheese
- Sugar (4 pound or smaller)
- Toilet paper
- Bar soap
- Pasta Sauce
- Flour (5 pound)
- Shampoo
- Ketchup
- Tomato Products

### WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays: 9 a.m. in-person in the Sanctuary,  
10 a.m. radio broadcast on WDAY 970 AM, and  
online anytime at [olivet.org](http://olivet.org)  
Wednesdays: 5:45 p.m. in the outdoor worship area

### 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

## PASTOR'S PEN

*Written by Pastor Tiffany Sundeen*

**“From the fig tree learn its lesson:  
as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves,  
you know that summer is near.” - Mark 13:28**

*Welcome to Summer!*

What do you like best about summer?

Signs of new and abundant life growing are all around us. The buds on the trees are unfurled. The bird nests are filled with babies who chirp loudly when we approach. The flowers of summer are opening to share their beauty. As we look around, we can see that summer is finally here!

It is a season of growth not only physically, but also spiritually. We call it Pentecost season! This is the birthday of the church, where we are encouraged to grow in our faith lives. It is a great time to learn something new! Try out a Bible study on Thursdays or swing a hammer at Habitat for Humanity on June 14. Host a “worship service by the lake” with a date of your choice or reserve your ticket for Olivet’s night at the RedHawks on June 21. Check out VBS this week or volunteer to help with greeting and communion serving Sundays or Wednesdays.

Think you’ve done it all already? That you are done growing in the faith? Learn from Nancy, who is 106 and says “God has blessed me from toe to heel and heel to head.” She had an ordinary upbringing in Ireland. She gives money to the poor, prays for people she doesn’t know and doesn’t want anyone to suffer. She shares, “I got through the pandemic by praying for others who have it worse than I do.” Or how about Eileen Kramer who is 103 years old young. She choreographs, writes, and loves to dance! She writes poetry and does motivational speeches. “I am full of this beauty of breath.” We call that the Holy Spirit. It speaks to us and others. She says she has more to do now than ever before because she keeps on growing. She shares her life with others so they might discover the value of their own life. And “God loves your life so much that God gave God’s only Son, that whoever believes in him may not die, but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

This life is not to be taken for granted. Reunite with family and friends. Invite people to worship with you, here at Olivet, at home, or by hosting a “worship at the lake.” Help fill the shelves of our food pantry. Share these invitations and opportunities with someone who does not have a church home as we delight in this life God has given us to share.

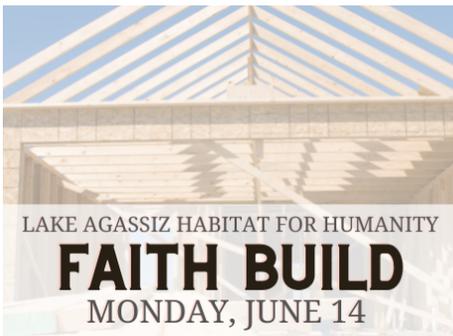
The best thing about summer is sharing it together and discovering the countless ways to grow in our lives. I urge you to choose one way to grow in faith this summer. Stick with it for these three precious months. Look throughout these pages and find your fit. God is not looking for perfection, God desires connection with you. May God bless you as you grow deeper in faith, wider in love and over and over in grace.

Blessings on your summer!

Peace,  
Pastor Tiffany

## FOOT CARE MINISTRY

Olivet’s health ministry team is grateful for the opportunity to continue providing foot and nail care. June dates include the mornings of **Tuesday, June 8** and **Wednesday, June 16**. Please call Bev Gravdahl at 701.235.6603 if you are in need of an appointment. Future dates will be offered on a month-to-month basis. We are eager to provide cares to those who are in need. This fall we aim to share more information about upcoming opportunities to both serve and be served in this ministry.



### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FAITH BUILD

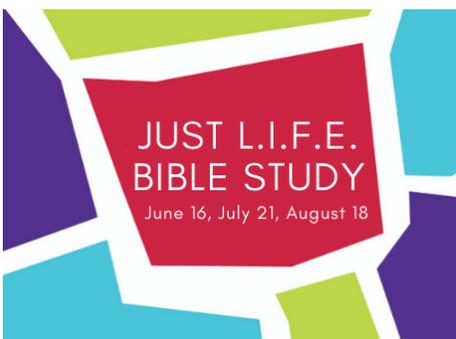
Olivet has reserved **Monday, June 14** as our congregation's day to work on the **Lake Agassiz Habitat for Humanity Faith Build** home in Moorhead, Minn. **We need 10-20 volunteers to fulfill our commitment.** You can either volunteer for a half day or a full day (8 a.m. - 4 p.m.). Volunteer work entails roofing and siding and the only requirement is to know which end of the hammer to hold. To sign up, call the church office and ask to speak with Bev Gravdahl or visit [olivet.org](http://olivet.org) and click on the featured event.



### OLIVET NIGHT AT THE REDHAWKS

Hey Olivet members - are you ready for some good old fashioned family fun? If so, then we invite you to join us for a night at the RedHawks. Olivet has reserved a block of seats for the **7:02 p.m. game on Monday, June 21.**

**Each ticket is \$7 and includes a reserved seat, hot dog, chips, and soda.** Quantities are limited so call the church office or [click here](#) reserve your ticket today!



### WOMEN'S SUMMER CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

Join our Olivet pastors as we gather from **9-11 a.m. on June 16, July 21, and August 18 for the Just L.I.F.E. (Liberation Is For Everyone!) Bible Study.** In this three session summer series we will look at wisdom, truth and hope and how God's amazing activity continues to unfold in our lives.

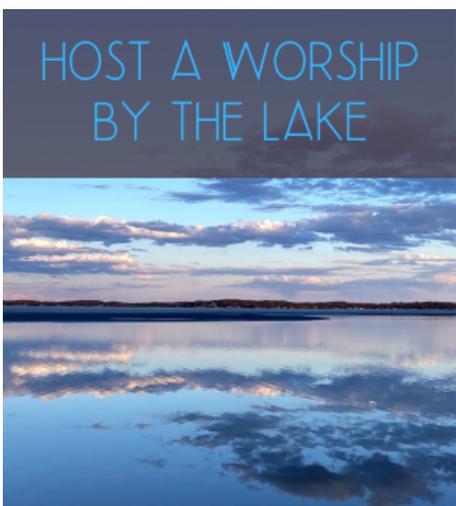
The study information can be found in the Gather magazine, online at [gathermagazine.org](http://gathermagazine.org) or you can pick up all materials in the church office. Questions? Contact Pastor Tiffany Sundeen at [tsundeen@olivet.org](mailto:tsundeen@olivet.org) or 701.235.6603.



### FROSTFIRE & JASPER'S, HERE WE COME!

Save the Dates - Pastor Bill is hitting the road to catch a few shows and he wants you to join him!

Wednesday, July 14 we are headed to FrostFire Theatre in Wahalla to take in "The Marvelous Wonderettes" and Thursday, August 19 we will be at it again as we make our way to Jasper's Theater in Park Rapids to see "Happy Together, Singing the Songs of the 60's." Stay tuned for additional information in coming weeks, including trip cost, departure and return times, and show details.



### WORSHIP BY THE LAKE

New this year - host a "worship by the lake." Not only do you get to stay at the lake, but you get to worship with your friends and family and one of our pastors will come to you! Whether you choose to host lakeside, on your lawn, boat, or in your home or garage, we know this will be a fun way to worship together.

*What you do:*

- Fill out the form at [Olivet.org](http://Olivet.org)
- Start a list of people you will invite
- Find a few chairs
- Sit back, relax, and wait for us to come to you for worship!

*What we do:*

- Confirm the details of your hosted worship
- Design and print invites for you to distribute to friends, family, and neighbors
- Provide the message, the pastor, and the opportunity for you to worship

## MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER EVENTS

Every other week during the summer months we offer a youth event for middle school or high school students. Some weeks we are playing yard games, having bonfires, or enjoying an outdoor movie night at church. Other times will be out on the town - attending a Redhawks game, riding go-karts or playing mini-golf at Thunder Road or rollerblading and longboarding around Lindenwood. No matter where we end up, we know it will be a good time!

For our Wednesday evening events, we encourage you to join us for worship as a family, then send us off to continue the fun! Keep an eye on your email, Facebook, and our website for more information!

Oh, we almost forgot to mention:

## SAVE THE DATES

**of August 11-12 because those days are going to be packed full of fun as we head to Minneapolis and hit up Valley Fair, a Twins Game, and volunteer at Feed My Starving Children. This two day trip is for all youth who have completed 5th-12th grade. You won't want to miss this one!**

## OLIVET FOUNDATION ELCA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

The Olivet Lutheran Church Foundation provides scholarships of \$250 for each Olivet student who applies for the scholarship and is qualified based on the criteria below.

- Students must be enrolled in an ELCA college as full-time students.
- Applicants must provide a copy of their course schedule for the upcoming academic period with the application.
- Scholarship applications are open from January 1-July 31 each year. Applications received after the due date may not be considered.
- Students may apply for the scholarship to assist with tuition for the first four academic years immediately after their high school graduation.
- Payments will be made directly to the college or university.
- It is the student's responsibility to notify the financial aid office at the college or university of the scholarship award as it may affect the student's financial aid package (if applicable).

Scholarship applications are available to pick up Olivet church office and should be returned by July 31 with a copy of your course schedule. Scholarships will be awarded between June 1-August 31 each year. Notification of scholarship awards will be made via email using the address provided on the scholarship form. If you have questions about the scholarship process, please call the church office at 701.235.6603.



## DID YOU SEE?

The hymnals and Bibles are back in the pews for your use during worship! We will continue to include the readings and the hymns in the PowerPoint on Sunday mornings, but know that many find peace in holding the Bible and following along.

Each week we will also have a QR code that you can scan when you enter the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings or the outdoor worship area on Wednesday evenings. The QR code will link to the worship bulletin and Emblem for that week.

If you prefer to go paperless, we encourage you to utilize this option to access our worship materials.

