

# OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 12-18, 2021

# H M E C O M I N G 2021

## HOMEcoming BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

**September 12, 2021: 8-11 a.m.**

We kick off Olivet's Homecoming on Sunday, September 12 with a breakfast from 8-11 a.m. Breakfast includes egg bake, donuts and fruit. Funds raised will support Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry (LPGM) programs.

Olivet has made a three-year commitment to LPGM to help improve English and native Tamil skills for thousands of students in India's poorest schools. Our support helps restock the library bookshelves for 70+ partner schools, as well as provide support to enrich the English+ staff and program training. Learning to read - and learning to love books - opens new doors to a population that has historically been overlooked and underserved.

## HOMEcoming BONFIRE

**September 15: 7-9 p.m.**

We're celebrating Homecoming the entire month of September! Join us on Wednesday, September 15 for a bonfire, yard games and treats. The bonfire starts after Wednesday Worship and Wednesday School and continues until after Confirmation/Family Faith Night.

## ARE MASKS REQUIRED?

Due to the increased transmission rates of COVID-19, we will be following the lead of Fargo Public Schools and will be requiring masks for Sunday & Wednesday School and Confirmation classes that are held indoors.

For all other indoor worship and gatherings we are strongly recommending masks be worn, especially in areas that physical distancing cannot be maintained. We will continue to review this policy as Fargo Cass County Public Health guidance and community COVID transmission levels change. Thank you for your understanding as we work to make the best decisions we can for the health of our congregation.

## OLIVET LIBRARY

The Olivet library will be open again on Sunday mornings between worship services. Stop in and see what's "new" in the library!

## BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Stop by the hallway near the Parish Nurse office to see Bev Gravdahl, Faith Community Nurse, between worship services on Sunday, September 12 for a blood pressure check. Educational materials will also be available.

## FALL WORSHIP & EDUCATION TIMES

### Sunday Schedule (beginning September 12):

**Traditions Worship: 8:30 a.m.**  
**Sunday School: 9:30-10:20 a.m.**  
**Celebrate! Worship: 10:30 a.m.**

### Wednesday Schedule (beginning September 15):

**Dinner: 5-6:30 p.m.**  
**Worship: 6 p.m.**  
**Wednesday School: 6-6:50 p.m.**  
**Confirmation: 7-8 p.m.**

## WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
 10 a.m. radio broadcast on WDAY 970 AM & 93.1 FM  
 Wednesday: 6 p.m.  
 Online anytime at [Olivet.org](http://Olivet.org)

## WORSHIP LEADERS

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

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

### PASTOR'S PEN

*Written by Pastor Bill Boelter*

*"Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."*

A year ago, I began my Pastor's Pen with this prayer included in both the Morning and Evening Prayer services of Evangelical Lutheran Worship. We were all hoping that this year would be something closer to normal and without the fear of this threatening virus. Unfortunately, recent infection rates have skyrocketed around the country and in our state sending us once again into a year with more questions than answers about how we should gather, what precautions are needed and how we are able to best connect with one another.

Our goal for this coming year is to provide a place where all people will **Encounter Jesus** and **Experience Grace**.

Earlier this summer, we met at Concordia College to plan for the year's activities. We tried to describe what is unique about coming to Olivet. We know there is education, but that happens in many venues. We know we seek to provide physical assistance to those in need, but that too is provided in other places in the community. We know that gathering for food and fellowship is important but that also occurs in homes and restaurants. We decided that what we hope happens in this place, that sets it aside from those other gatherings, is that people **Encounter Jesus**. If we are called to do anything, it is to proclaim the love of God in Jesus to the world.

Then if our proclamation is faithful to our calling, people will **Experience Grace** that is most eloquently spoken by God's Son to a world that is often bombarded with negative news, frightening scenarios, misleading reports and divisive rhetoric.

**Encounter Jesus** and **Experience Grace**: That, we hope, is what makes this place unique and what gives direction and purpose to everything that goes on here. Sunday and Wednesday School children will gather with that goal in mind. Confirmation will introduce young people to this story that reveals Jesus and proclaims his grace. Worship, fellowship, service projects, our food pantry, home visitations, Bible studies, retreats will all seek to enable us to **Encounter Jesus** and **Experience Grace**.

Will this be like pre-COVID? Probably not. But join us and we will walk into this year with absolute trust in the God who sends Jesus into our midst by the gift of the Holy Spirit knowing with certainty that God's hand is leading us, and God's love is supporting us.

Pastor Bill

### OLIVERSITY IS BACK!

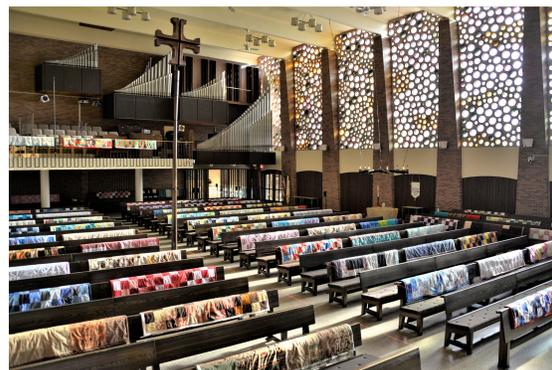
Join us for learning and lively discussion on Wednesday, September 22, September 29, and October 6 from 6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. in the Upper Room at Olivet.

"Comparative Religions," will be the focus of the fall sessions. The first three sessions will be the study of Judaism. Our initial discussion leaders are Jim Shaw, Fargo Forum columnist and former news director for KVRN television; and Ted Kleinman, MD, retired pediatrics specialist. Both are members of Fargo's Temple Beth El congregation. As long-time residents of Fargo, they will share not only their understanding of their faith, but also what it's like to be Jews in a majority Christian community. We expect additional discussion leaders will join us for one or more of the sessions.

Sandi and Jack Zaleski are organizers for the season's Oliversity. Anyone interested in helping or leading a session, let them know. Possible future topics for 2021-22 include: History of Lutheran Settlement and Influence on the Great Plains; Faith in Medicine; Faith in Media; Christian Stewardship in the Context of Agriculture; Energy and Environment; Intersection of Faith/Religion with Politics and Legislating.

### WELCOME BACK QUILTERS

The Olivet quilters will resume for the fall on Wednesday, September 15. The quilters meet from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. every Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall. New members are welcome, no sewing experience is required. Devotions, coffee, and great conversation are included!



### OLIVET IS HIRING!

Do you love to cook? Is making a home-cooked meal for your friends or family a way you show you care? If so, we encourage you to consider applying for our Cook & Food Service Coordinator position that can be found at [olivet.org](http://olivet.org).

This part-time position will average seven hours per week. During the school year, we typically feed between 125-150 people each Wednesday evening before worship. In addition, we have multiple special events throughout the year that include a prepared meal. We are looking for someone who can plan and prepare these meals, as well as keep the Olivet kitchen and coffee shop in good working order.

In a world where the drive-thru and scarf-down is par for the course, you could be the reason someone is able to take a departure from an otherwise frenzied schedule for a home cooked meal. If you have questions, please reach out to Director of Operations, Sarah Lundblad at 701.235.6603 or [slundblad@olivet.org](mailto:slundblad@olivet.org).

## Children & Youth Ministry

### YOUTH CHOIR BEGINS SEPTEMBER 15

Come make a joyful noise! If your child would like additional singing opportunities beyond Sunday/Wednesday school music and Confirmation we encourage you to consider joining the Olivet Youth Choir. The youth choirs practice weekly September-May on Wednesday evenings and will sing multiple times throughout the year. K-5th grade will practice following Wednesday school (6:50-7:15 p.m.) and grades 6+ will practice prior to Confirmation (6:30-7 p.m.).

### FAMILY FAITH NIGHT

**September 15: 7-8 p.m.**

This Family Faith Night is intended for 6-9th grade confirmation students, their parent(s) or guardian(s), as well as confirmation small group leaders. We are excited to share important information about our Confirmation program, our new curriculum, and give the students the chance to meet their small group. We look forward to seeing you!

### OLIVET YOUTH SNL

**Event:** Disc Golfing

**When:** September 19, 12-2:30 p.m.

**Who:** Grades 6-12

**Where:** Meet after church to carpool or meet at Oak Grove Disc Golf course located at 170 Maple St, Fargo, ND 58102.

Tyler is an avid disc golfer and will supply you with a disc if you don't have one already! Bring comfortable walking shoes, and dress for the weather. A snack will also be provided.

### THIRD GRADE CONFIRMATION

The beginning of your child's confirmation journey at Olivet begins with an Introduction to the Bible class held in September for 3rd graders and parents. Bibles will be presented to your child in worship on a Sunday or Wednesday in September.

This year our classes will be held on Sunday, September 19 during the Sunday school hour and on Wednesday, September 22 during the Wednesday school hour. Bibles will be presented to the students on Sunday, September 26 at either the 8:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. worship service or on Wednesday, September 29 at the 6 p.m. worship service.

We look forward to seeing you and starting this important journey together!

### JOURNEY RESUMES SEPTEMBER 22

Hey high school students - just because you are confirmed, doesn't mean your faith journey has to end. It's really just the beginning! Join Tyler as we get together in a relaxed atmosphere to talk about faith, life, and unwind at the end of the day.

Come hangout with us the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 8 p.m. We talk about ourselves, and the difference we can make in the world as we journey through our lives, to stay in touch, and love one another as Christ commands us to.

### HANG TIME RESUMES SEPTEMBER 29

What is Hang Time? It's an opportunity for our confirmation students to hang out and relax in our youth room space with their church friends. Students can do homework, play games, and talk about their faith.

Beginning in October, Hang Time will be offered the first and third Wednesday of each month from 8-9 p.m.

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## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8-11 A.M. WELCOME BACK BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER  
8:30 A.M. TRADITIONS WORSHIP + RECOGNITION OF OUR 3 YEAR OLDS  
9:30-10:20 A.M. FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL!  
9:30-10:20 A.M. BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC & OLIVET LIBRARY RE-OPENS  
10:30 A.M.. CELEBRATE! WORSHIP + RECOGNITION OF OUR 3 YEAR OLDS

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

4:30-6 P.M. YARD GAMES  
5-6:30 P.M. DINNER (HOT DOGS, BAKED BEANS, CHIPS AND DESSERT)  
6 P.M. WORSHIP  
6-6:50 P.M.. FIRST DAY OF WEDNESDAY SCHOOL!  
7-9 P.M. BONFIRE, YARD GAMES, AND TREATS  
7-8 P.M. FIRST NIGHT OF CONFIRMATION + FAMILY FAITH NIGHT!

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8-11 A.M. YOUTH FUNDRAISER CAR WASH  
8:30 A.M. TRADITIONS WORSHIP + TEACHER COMMISSIONING & BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS  
9:30-10:20 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL  
9:30-10:20 A.M. LEARNING & SHARING / COFFEE & DONUTS  
9:30-10:20 A.M. THIRD GRADE CONFIRMATION CLASS  
10:30 A.M. CELEBRATE! WORSHIP + TEACHER COMMISSIONING & BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS  
12-2:30 P.M. YOUTH SNL RESUMES (THIS TIME IN THE AFTERNOON!)

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

5-6:30 P.M. DINNER (MEATLOAF, MASHED POTATOES, CORN AND DESSERT)  
6 P.M. WORSHIP  
6-6:50 P.M.. WEDNESDAY SCHOOL  
6-6:50 P.M. THIRD GRADE CONFIRMATION CLASS  
7-8 P.M. CONFIRMATION  
8-9 P.M. YOUTH JOURNEY

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:30 A.M. TRADITIONS WORSHIP + PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO OUR THIRD GRADE STUDENTS  
9:30-10:20 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL  
9:30-10:20 A.M. LEARNING & SHARING / COFFEE & DONUTS  
10:30 A.M. CELEBRATE! WORSHIP + PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO OUR THIRD GRADE STUDENTS

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

5-6:30 P.M. DINNER (TATER TOT HOTDISH, SALAD AND DESSERT)  
6 P.M. WORSHIP + PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO OUR THIRD GRADE STUDENTS  
6-6:50 P.M.. WEDNESDAY SCHOOL  
7-8 P.M. CONFIRMATION  
8-9 P.M. YOUTH HANG TIME

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