



THE EMBLEM

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WELCOME VISITORS

Welcome! We're glad you're here today. Whether you're visiting for the first time or this is your church home, you are welcome here. During this Lenten season, we invite you to pause, reflect, and experience Christ's love as we worship together. If you're new or would like to learn more about life at Olivet, stop by the Welcome Desk in the Atrium or fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering plate. We'd love to connect with you.

SERVE DURING LENT & EASTER

Looking for a simple way to get involved this season? As we move through Lent and toward Easter, extra helping hands make a big difference. With some of our winter volunteers away, there are more opportunities to serve right now, whether that's welcoming at the doors, assisting in worship, or helping with meals and coffee. Every role helps create a meaningful experience for those who gather here. If you've been waiting for the right moment to jump in, this is it. Sign up at olivet.org/signup.

Welcome New Members

We're delighted to welcome our newest members to the Olivet family! After attending New Member Orientation and learning more about our mission and ministries, these families have chosen to make Olivet their church home. We're grateful they've chosen to make Olivet part of their faith journey, and we can't wait to walk alongside them in worship, fellowship, and service. Please help us give them a warm Olivet welcome!



Wanda & Dave Forness



Michelle & Mark Watne

THE JESUS WAY

What does it really mean to follow Jesus?

Regular worship shapes us in the way of Jesus, renewing us through prayer, scripture, service, and community. This Lenten season, our Wednesday worship series invites us to reflect on how Jesus calls us to follow.

- March 4** Matt 13:31-33, 44-53 Jesus describes the Kingdom of Heaven
- March 11** Mark 12:28-34 Jesus gives the Great Commandment
- March 18** Luke 10:25-37 Jesus defines our neighbor
- March 25** Mark 10:32-35 Jesus redefines greatness

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to contribute toward the purchase of vibrant plants, lilies, and palms to be used throughout the Sanctuary and Atrium for Easter, please complete and return the form inside your weekly worship bulletin or stop by the church office. Your donation may be given in memory or in honor of someone or something special in your life.

LENTEN MEALS

Throughout Lent, Olivet youth will serve Wednesday evening meals, the Maundy Thursday dinner, and Palm Sunday breakfast. Meals support youth trips and activities. Join us before worship for good food and fellowship! Suggested donation: \$8/adult, \$5/child. All dinners include rolls and dessert.

March 4: Ham, potatoes au gratin, corn

March 11: Pork tenderloin, party potatoes, carrots

LENTEN MEALS: STUDENT SIGN-UP

Confirmation students—want to earn money for trips or retreats? You can sign up to work additional Wednesday night Lenten meals at www.olivet.org/signup. All confirmation students are asked to help serve and clean up during Lenten meals, and each family is asked to bring two dozen bars or cookies.

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

PASTORAL STAFF

Senior Pastor Kris Gorden
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OFFICE HOURS Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

THE JESUS WAY – A JOURNEY DURING LENT AND THROUGHOUT OUR LIFE.

“I love to tell the story, Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, Of Jesus and His love.” - *I Love to Tell the Story*, Katherine Hankey

Following the way of Jesus means living a life shaped by love, humility, and a willingness to share good news with others. The hymn *I Love to Tell the Story* beautifully captures this spirit. Its simple, heartfelt lyrics remind us that faith is not merely something we hold privately, but something we joyfully express.

The line “I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest” reflects the ongoing call to discipleship. Even those who have walked with Christ for years still need to be reminded of grace. Following the Jesus way means returning again and again to the story of redemption, allowing it to shape our character and actions.

The hymn also speaks of personal transformation: the story is “more wonderful” because it satisfies longings that nothing else can fill. To follow Jesus, then, is to live from that deep satisfaction—serving others not out of duty alone, but out of gratitude. Sharing the story becomes a natural response to experiencing love ourselves.

Ultimately, the hymn invites us to see evangelism not as an obligation, but as joy. In loving to tell the story, we participate in the ongoing work of Christ—living simply, loving generously, and pointing others toward hope.

MAY YOU CONTINUE IN THE JESUS WAY FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.

Pastor Bill Boelter

BIBLE STUDIES, BOOK STUDIES & FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

Join us for Friday Fellowship on **Friday, March 6**, at **2 p.m.** as we enjoy “M & M Time: Music & Memories!” Olivet member Larry Gauper will lead us on a trip down memory lane, sharing music, photos, and memory joggers from the 1950s into the 1960s, along with plenty of stories and conversation. It's sure to spark smiles, laughter, and wonderful memories!

WOMEN OF FAITH

Women of Faith will gather to watch three video sessions from “*Feast: A Virtual Event with Kristi McLelland*” and rediscover the beauty of Sabbath as God intended, not just as a day of rest, but as sacred time for presence, renewal, and provision. Sessions meet **March 9, 16, & 23** at **1 p.m.** and **March 19 & 26** at **6:30 p.m.** This study is free; no registration is required, and all women are welcome.

RESILIENCE RETREAT

On **Thursday, March 26**, from **3–7 p.m.**, *Building Resilience: Honoring the Broken Pieces of Our Lives* will be held in the Lounge. Led by Pastor Hope Deutscher and Parish Nurse Bev Gravdahl, this retreat provides an opportunity to pause, reflect, and explore how God meets us in life's broken places with healing, strength, and hope. Through conversation, worship, and guided reflection, participants will be encouraged to see their stories with grace and renewed perspective. Registration is required by March 23. The cost is \$15. Sign up at olivet.org/signup or stop by the church office to register.

OUTREACH

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

February was another busy month at the Olivet Food Pantry as we provided healthy, nutritious food to 242 families. The need in our community continues to grow, and our numbers are steadily increasing. This month, we also saw more young families with children seeking support, which is especially concerning.

We are deeply grateful for the generosity of the Olivet community and the many volunteers who make it possible for us to walk alongside our neighbors in need. Your support truly makes a difference.

Current pantry needs include toilet paper and canned items such as pasta sauce, soup, and fruit. Thank you for helping us continue this important work.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAFETY & SECURITY REMINDER

To help keep our building safe and welcoming for everyone, we kindly ask that personal belongings not be left unattended in the hallways or hung on coat hooks. This includes items such as bags, purses, and car keys.

Leaving personal items in common areas can create safety and security concerns, both for the individual and for our shared spaces. We want to do our part to prevent lost or stolen items and ensure hallways remain clear and accessible for all. Thank you for helping us care for one another and for keeping Olivet a safe place for our whole community.

4TH GRADE CONFIRMATION CLASS

Fourth graders and their parents are invited to 4th Grade Confirmation on **Sunday, March 22 (9:30-10:20 a.m.)** or **Wednesday, March 25 (6-6:50 p.m.)** to learn about personal and family devotions. Families will complete a daily devotion book together at home over about a month as a way to grow in faith through Bible reading and reflection. More details coming soon.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Adventure awaits at Camp VBS: Faith on the Trail! Join us **June 8-11** from **9-11:30 a.m.** for a week of faith-filled fun. Kids 4 years of age through 5th grade will enjoy music, games, crafts, and camp-style activities as we grow together in faith. Registration opens April 1, and the cost is \$25 per child. Grab a friend and join us on the trail!

YOUTH STOCK SALES

On **April 13-16**, from **5:30-8:30 p.m.**, Olivet Youth will be calling members to invite them to support our youth by purchasing “stock” in Olivet Youth. Each share is \$20, with half of each gift going directly into the student’s individual youth account, and the other half supporting Olivet’s youth ministries.

Youth: sign up at olivet.org/signup to participate. This is a great way to raise funds for upcoming summer trips!

NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES

In alignment with the Fargo Public Schools calendar, youth activities will not be held on Sunday, March 15, and Wednesday, March 18. Regularly scheduled activities will resume on March 22.

CELEBRATING OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

We are ready to honor and celebrate the remarkable achievements of our high school seniors! On **Senior Sunday, May 17**, we will recognize and bless these outstanding young men and women during worship services at both 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Between services, a special brunch will be held in Fellowship Hall for our seniors and their families, where each graduate will receive a beautiful quilt made by the Olivet Quilters.

To feature your graduate in our recognition slideshow, the Emblem, and on social media, please submit a photo and complete the form at olivet.org/signup by Sunday, April 20. We can’t wait to celebrate this important milestone.

Ash Wednesday

REMEMBER YOU ARE DUST, AND TO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN.

Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of our Lenten journey as we gathered for worship, received ashes, and shared a meal together. It was a meaningful evening of reflection and prayer as we turned our hearts toward Easter.



EVENT SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

Traditions Worship: 8:30 a.m.
Coffee & Fellowship: 9:30-10:30 a.m.
First Communion Class: 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:30-10:20 a.m.
Celebrate! Worship: 10:30 a.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 2

Women of Faith: 1-2 p.m.
Food Pantry Distribution: 4:30-6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

Men's Morning Coffee: 7:30-8:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

Quilters: 9-11 a.m.
Dinner: 5-6 p.m.
First Communion Class: 6-7 p.m.
Wednesday School: 6-6:50 p.m.
Worship: 6 p.m.
Youth Choir Rehearsal: 6:50-7:15 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal: 7-8 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

MomCo: 9-11 a.m.
Scripture Bible Study: 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Women of Faith: 6:30-8 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

Friday Fellowship: 2-3 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
Traditions Worship: 8:30 a.m.
Coffee & Fellowship: 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:30-10:20 a.m.
Celebrate! Worship: 10:30 a.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 9

Women of Faith: 1-2 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

Men's Morning Coffee: 7:30-8:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

Quilters: 9-11 a.m.
Age Mastery Class: 1-2:30 p.m.
One Oak Worship Service: 3-4 p.m.
Dinner: 5-6 p.m.
Wednesday School: 6-6:50 p.m.
Worship: 6 p.m.
Youth Choir Rehearsal: 6:50-7:15 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal: 7-8 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

Scripture Bible Study: 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Women of Faith: 6:30-8 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

Traditions Worship: 8:30 a.m.
Coffee & Fellowship: 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Celebrate! Worship: 10:30 a.m.
No Sunday School

MONDAY, MARCH 16

Women of Faith: 1-2 p.m.
Food Pantry Distribution: 4:30-6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

Men's Morning Coffee: 7:30-8:30 a.m.
Gather Circle Bible Study: 9-11:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

Quilters: 9-11 a.m.
Age Mastery Class: 1-2:30 ap.m.
Dinner: 5-6 p.m.
Worship: 6 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal: 7-8 p.m.
No Youth Activities

STAFF UPDATES

WELCOME CLAIRE DUENOW

Please join us in welcoming Claire Duenow to Olivet as our new Office Administrator. Claire will be one of the first friendly faces and voices people encounter when they call or visit the church. She will help support the day-to-day operations of the office while providing administrative support to both the congregation and Olivet staff.

Prior to joining Olivet, Claire served as an administrative assistant and programs coordinator at The Arc of Cass County. She brings strong organizational skills, a caring presence, and a willingness to jump in wherever help is needed.

Claire lives in Glyndon with her husband, Kris, and their two children, JoJo and Wally. In her free time, she enjoys crafting, spending time outdoors, fishing, reading, and being with her family. We're excited to welcome Claire to the Olivet team and appreciate the gifts she brings to our ministry.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

NOW HIRING: HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR

Olivet is hiring a part-time Hospitality Coordinator (10-20 hours/week, including Wednesdays and Sundays). This role helps create a warm, welcoming environment by leading hospitality teams and coordinating volunteers and events. If you are interested in this position, please email your resume and cover letter to cschieve@olivet.org.

LENT & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

LENTEN WEDNESDAYS (February 18-March 25)

5-5:55 p.m. Dinner
6 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer Worship

PALM SUNDAY (March 29)

9-11:30 a.m. Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion & Palm Parade
10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion & Palm Parade

MAUNDY THURSDAY (April 2)

5-5:55 p.m. Dinner
12 p.m. Worship with Communion
6 p.m. Worship with Communion

GOOD FRIDAY (April 3)

7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service

EASTER SUNDAY (April 5)

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