



THE EMBLEM

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THANK YOU!

One of the things that makes Olivet so special is the dedicated volunteers who share their love for Jesus and their church family by donating their time, talents, and skills to Olivet. From musicians to ushers, greeters, readers, tech crew, and those in charge of liturgical arts and photography, we appreciate you and your contributions to Olivet. We would also like to give a big thanks to the volunteers who prepared and cooked our Lenten dinners and the youth and their families who served those wonderful meals. Thank you for the care, energy, and heart you bring to Olivet.



UPCOMING WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS

CELEBRATE JAZZ SUNDAY

Jazz Sunday is April 19! We're thrilled to welcome an outstanding group of jazz musicians from the Fargo-Moorhead area for a morning of vibrant, joy-filled worship. There will be two identical worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Invite a friend and come celebrate the incredible musical talent in our community, and right here at Olivet!

MUSIC SUNDAY & SUMMER SCHEDULE KICKOFF

We will begin our summer worship schedule on **Sunday, May 10**, with one service at **9 a.m.** This Music Sunday will be filled with amazing music from the youth choir, bell choir, Olivet choir, additional ensembles, and the Celebrate! band.

MOTHER'S DAY PROGRAM & FINAL WEDNESDAY NIGHT CELEBRATION

Join us at **6 p.m.** on **Wednesday, May 6**, in the Sanctuary for a special evening of worship. Our Pre-K through 5th-grade Sunday and Wednesday School students will share a Mother's Day program, coming together to sing one final time this school year. It is also the final evening of Wednesday activities, including dinner, confirmation, Wednesday School, and youth choir. We are so grateful for a year of growth and connection and invite you to join us.

QUILTERS WEDNESDAY & SUNDAY

Join us as we celebrate the creativity and dedication of the Olivet Quilters. Quilts crafted over the past year will be draped on the pews in the Sanctuary on **Wednesday, May 6**, and **Sunday, May 10**. Each quilt will be available for purchase for \$100, with proceeds supporting supplies for future quilting seasons.

In addition, a selection of quilts will be included in a silent auction taking place from Wednesday, May 6, through Sunday, May 10. We invite you to stop by the Atrium to view the quilts and place your bids. The silent auction will close on Sunday, May 10.

Any remaining quilts will be donated to local charities and to Lutheran World Relief, sharing warmth, comfort, and care with those who need it most.

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
Pastor	Bill Boelter
Pastor	Hope Deutscher
Visitation Pastor	Mark Asleson

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

YOUTH STOCK SALES

On **April 13–16**, from **5:30–8:30 p.m.**, the 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!

MENTOR NIGHT

Our final Mentor Night of the school year will be held on **Wednesday, April 29**. Students are encouraged to invite their mentor to join them for Confirmation at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We look forward to seeing you there!

CELEBRATING OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

We’re excited to celebrate the amazing accomplishments of our high school seniors! On **Sunday, May 17**, we’ll recognize and pray for our graduates during the 9 a.m. worship service. Following worship, seniors and their families are invited to a special brunch in Fellowship Hall, where each graduate will receive a beautiful quilt lovingly 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 special milestone with you!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Adventure is calling at Camp VBS: Faith on the Trail! Join us on **June 8–11** from **9–11:30 a.m.** for an unforgettable week of faith-filled fun. Kids ages 4 through 5th grade will enjoy music, games, crafts, and exciting camp-style activities as we explore and grow in faith together. Registration is now open, and the cost is \$25 per child. Grab a friend, lace up your boots, and join us on the trail. It’s going to be a great adventure!

OLIVET FOUNDATION ELCA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

The Olivet Lutheran Church Foundation is proud to continue its commitment to supporting our students through its annual scholarship program. This scholarship is available to Olivet students pursuing full-time study at an ELCA-affiliated college or university.

Each eligible student may receive a \$500 scholarship per academic year, for up to four years immediately following high school graduation. These funds are intended to encourage continued academic growth by assisting with tuition costs.

- Application Period: January 1 – July 31
- How to Apply: Visit olivet.org/resources to access the application and review full eligibility guidelines.
- Questions? Feel free to reach out to the church office at 701-235-6603 for assistance or more information.

Let’s continue to lift up and support our young people as they take the next steps in their faith and education journey!

OLIVET UPDATES & OPPORTUNITIES

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP BULLETIN UPDATE

We will be transitioning the 8:30 a.m. Sunday worship bulletin from a four-page format to a two-page format. This change is part of an effort to be good stewards of our resources by reducing printing costs, while still providing meaningful and accessible worship materials. Much of the information that will no longer appear in the printed bulletin will continue to be shared on the screens at the front of the Sanctuary. We appreciate your understanding as we make this adjustment and remain committed to creating a welcoming and engaging worship experience for all.

NOW HIRING: HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR

Olivet is looking for a Hospitality Coordinator to help create a warm, welcoming environment for members, guests, and visitors. This role includes leading hospitality teams, coordinating volunteers and schedules, and helping plan special events that bring people together. The Hospitality Coordinator also plays an important part in connecting people to ministries and opportunities at Olivet, helping build meaningful relationships and a sense of belonging. This is a part-time position (10–20 hours per week), with hours that include Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. If you’re interested, please send your resume and cover letter to cschieve@olivet.org.

SUPPORT OLIVET’S RADIO MINISTRY

Olivet’s worship services are shared beyond our walls through our radio broadcast, offering a meaningful way to stay connected in faith, especially for those who are unable to join us in person. You are invited to help support this ministry by sponsoring a broadcast. Each sponsorship is \$230 and may be given in honor or in memory of a loved one. It’s a simple way to celebrate someone special while also helping extend the reach of our worship to others in our community. If you are interested in sponsoring a radio broadcast or would like more information, please contact the church office at 701.235.6603. Thank you for helping us share God’s word with those near and far.

WEDNESDAY DINNERS

Looking for a midweek break from cooking? Join us at Olivet for our Wednesday night dinners, served each week from 5–6 p.m. Enjoy a delicious meal while connecting with friends, family, and our church community. All are welcome, with a suggested donation of \$7/adult and \$5/child.

April 15 Menu: Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, and dessert (Boy Scout Fundraiser)

April 22 Menu: Tacos, chips and salsa, and dessert

April 29 Menu: Chicken patty on a bun, veggies and ranch, chips, and dessert

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

Join us for Friday Fellowship on **May 1 at 12 p.m.** for a potluck lunch (bring your favorite dish to share). We're honored to welcome local artist Bea Johnk, whose artwork has touched many. What began as a creative passion has grown into a meaningful ministry, as Bea uses her gifts to share faith, hope, and inspiration with others. She'll offer a glimpse into her creative process and the heart behind her work.

HEIRLOOM BRUNCH

After thoughtful consideration, and with Pastor Hope scheduled to be out for most of April, we have decided not to hold a Heirloom Brunch this year. This event has been a meaningful time of connection and tradition, and we are so grateful to everyone who has helped make it so special. As we take a break this year, we are also exploring ideas for future spring brunches. While we'll miss gathering in this way, we look forward to the many other ways we'll continue to connect and share.

RESILIENCY RETREAT RECAP

On Thursday, March 26, Pastor Hope Deutscher and Parish Nurse Bev Gravdahl led *Building Resilience: Honoring the Broken Pieces of Our Lives*. Centered on the Japanese art of Kintsugi, the retreat invited participants to reflect on how God meets us in life's broken places with healing, strength, and hope.



WOMEN OF FAITH

Join Women of Faith at **1 p.m.** on **Mondays** in the Lounge as we gather each week to watch an episode of *The Chosen* (Season 5), followed by conversation and discussion.

LEARNING & SHARING

Join us for Learning & Sharing on **Sunday, April 19, at 9:30 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Kris will share highlights and insights from his recent travels in Egypt, offering a unique glimpse into the places, history, and experiences that shaped his journey. All are welcome, we hope you'll join us!

THE GATHER CIRCLE

We'll wrap up our study of Sarah Young's *Experiencing God's Presence* on **Tuesday, April 21, from 9–11 a.m.** In this final session, we'll stand with the disciples as Jesus offers words of encouragement, inviting us to trust in His presence, still with us today.

SPECIAL CONCERT EVENT AT OLIVET

MASTER CHORALE SPRING CONCERT

The Master Chorale of Fargo-Moorhead presents its 40th anniversary spring concert, *Rejoice Together*, on **Sunday, April 19, at 7 p.m.** at Olivet. The program features the Vivaldi masterwork *Gloria*, along with some favorite hymns and spirituals. Members of the Olivet choir will join the Master Chorale for a powerful finale, singing beloved choral hymns together. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students, and may be purchased online at masterchoralefm.com or at the door.

EVENT SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

NOISY OFFERING

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, APRIL 13

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

Quilters: 9 a.m.-12p.m.
Age Mastery Class: 1-2:30 p.m.
Dinner: 5-6 p.m.
Wednesday School: 6-6:50 p.m.
Youth Choir Rehearsal: 6:50-7:15 a.m.
Confirmation: 7-8 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal: 7-8 p.m.
Hang Time: 8-9 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

Scripture Bible Study: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

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

MONDAY, APRIL 20

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

Quilters: 9 a.m.-12p.m.
Age Mastery Class: 1-2:30 p.m.
Dinner: 5-6 p.m.
Wednesday School: 6-6:50 p.m.
Youth Choir Rehearsal: 6:50-7:15 a.m.
Confirmation: 7-8 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal: 7-8 p.m.
Hang Time: 8-9 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

Scripture Bible Study: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

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, APRIL 27

Women of Faith: 1-2 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

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

MILESTONES & MEMORIALS - MARCH 2026

BAPTISMS

March 15, 2026: Lila Marie Milander, daughter of Alisha Milander

MEMORIALS

Thank you to those who gave in honor or memory of their family and friends.

CHOIR

- In memory of Gary Gonser by Bobbi Carney, by Marian Zimmerman

I LOVE MY CHURCH

- In loving memory of Bev Fisher by Kenna Howard
- In memory of Gail Leikas by Bill and Jeanette Boelter, Vern Leikas
- In memory of Gary Gonser by Carol Stensgard, James Johnson, Myrna Wold

OLIVET FOOD PANTRY

- In memory of Gary Gonser by Betty Patterson, Curt & Sue Lindlauf

QUILTERS

- In memory of Bev Fisher by Bruce & Janice Anderson

OUTREACH

HEARTS IN HARMONY COOPER HOUSE FOOD MINISTRY

Hearts in Harmony is a volunteer ministry dedicated to sharing hospitality, care, and connection through home-cooked meals and meaningful relationships. Each month, the group serves the residents of Cooper House, a supportive housing community in Fargo that provides stable housing and resources for individuals transitioning out of homelessness. Meals are typically served on the last Sunday of the month and are offered as a sit-down experience in the community room, with take-out options available for those who prefer not to gather in a group. On average, 30-35 meals are served each month.

January's menu featured knoephla soup, served alongside homemade rolls and salami, Jello salad, and cupcakes for dessert. This was the first time knoephla soup was offered and was warmly received by residents.

In February, the team prepared a "fusion" meal that brought together Italian lasagna with Norwegian rice and pickles. A lemon cream cheese dessert completed the meal. Special thanks are extended to the Olivet Food Pantry for their generous donation of ground beef, which helped make this meal possible.

March concluded with a traditional Easter dinner, featuring ham, potatoes, scalloped corn casserole, and rolls, followed by strawberry almond cake for dessert.

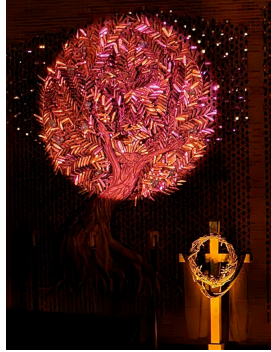
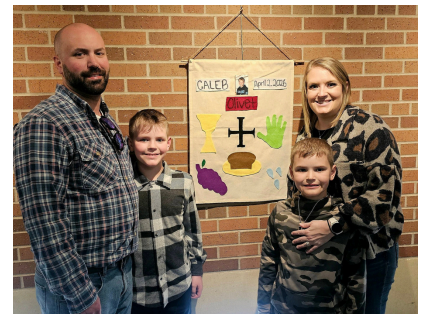
In addition to providing meals, Hearts in Harmony continues to build meaningful relationships with Cooper House residents. A new partnership with Hope Blooms began in February, providing quarterly bouquets of fresh flowers. Each arrangement includes a tag with the message, "You Matter," offering a simple but meaningful reminder of care and connection.

Sharing a meal, offering a blessing, and engaging in conversation with residents remains a deeply meaningful and faith-filled experience for those involved in this ministry. Individuals interested in supporting this effort through meal preparation, serving, or financial or in-kind donations are invited to contact Sue Korman by text at 701-371-8915 or at skkorman@gmail.com.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Beginning May 10, we will transition to our summer worship schedule, with one service at 9 a.m. We look forward to worshipping with you this summer.

HOLY WEEK AT OLIVET





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