



THE EMBLEM

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Congratulations High School Seniors!

CLASS OF 2026

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.



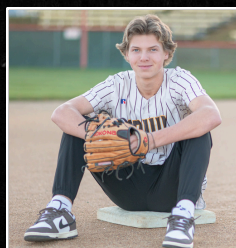
Danica Amiot



Ava Bolton



Flint Dignan



Colby Ebeling



Chloe Fischer



Alyssa Nicolle Fowler



Nicolas Grieger



Chloe Hall



Jazlyn Jeni Heilman



Hope Caroline Gillett



Reese Klefstad



Mette Krogstad



Charlie Larson



Bella Moritz



Martin Moun



Claire Nilson



Andrew Perreault



Peyton Allen Rohrich



Ben T. Rokke



Quin Corey Sims



Gunnar Owen Snowden

**Not pictured Isabelle Meyer*

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday: 9 a.m.
10 a.m. radio broadcast on WDAY 970 AM & 93.1 FM
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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Adventure is calling—are you ready to hit the trail? Camp VBS: Faith on the Trail runs **June 8–11** from **9–11:30 a.m.** Kids ages 4 through 5th grade will trek through a week packed with music, games, crafts, and all kinds of camp-style fun as we explore and grow in faith together. Registration is open, and the cost is \$25 per child. Grab your trail buddies, lace up those boots, and get ready for a wild and wonderful week. Sign up at olivet.org/signup!

SENIOR HIGH SUMMER TRIP

July 13–17 — Pack your bags for an exciting Door County getaway! From beach time and cliff-jumping views at Cave Point to hiking through Peninsula and Newport State Parks, plus exploring fun lakeside spots like Fish Creek and Sister Bay, every day is full of adventure. Throw in sunsets, laughs with friends, and meaningful faith-filled moments, and this is one trip you won't want to miss. Cost is \$900 and includes transportation, lodging, all activities, and three meals a day (bring a little extra for snacks and souvenirs). We'll head out early on July 13 and return late on July 17. Questions? Contact Michelle at melness@olivet.org, or Eli at youth@olivet.org, or call 701-235-6603. Register at www.olivet.org/signup.

ELCA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Olivet Lutheran Church Foundation offers a scholarship program to Olivet students who are enrolled in an ELCA college as a full-time student for the first four academic years immediately after their high school graduation. To apply for this scholarship, visit olivet.org/resources. Full details about the scholarship criteria, scholarship award amounts, and deadlines are included in the application. If you have questions about the scholarship process, please call the church office at 701.235.6603.

SUMMER THEATRE TRIPS

Join Bill, Jeanette, and your Olivet friends for a lively afternoon of musical theatre fun that's guaranteed to have you singing along, laughing out loud, and maybe even dancing in your seat! Space is limited. Stop by the church office today to reserve your seat!



CHANHASSEN DINNER THEATER

Get ready for a show-stopping afternoon! Join us at Chanhassen Dinner Theatres on **June 13** at **1 p.m.** for Guys and Dolls, back for the first time in over 35 years with a bold, high-energy twist. From the lively streets of New York to the colorful charm of Havana, this classic musical comes to life with unforgettable songs, dazzling dance numbers, and plenty of laughs and romance along the way. It's fast-paced, fun, and perfect for all ages—you won't want to miss it! The cost is \$165 and includes transportation and your ticket to the show.



JASPER'S THEATRE

Mark your calendar for a red, white, and really fun afternoon on **July 16** at **2 p.m.** with The Great American Variety Show at Jasper's Theatre! Get ready to sing along, laugh out loud, and tap your toes as this high-energy show brings hits from every decade to life, featuring favorites from Tom Jones, The Beach Boys, ABBA, The Beatles, The Judds, and more. It's a feel-good celebration full of music, memories, and nonstop fun! Pricing details will be announced soon.

BIBLE STUDIES, & BOOK STUDIES

THE GATHER CIRCLE

Join us for the Gather Circle on **May 19** from **9–11:30 a.m.** as we explore “Paul's Letters and Yours” by Rev. Angela Shannon. This one-session study invites us to reflect, connect, and discover how simple acts like writing a note can become a meaningful spiritual practice.

SISTERS IN CHRIST BIBLE STUDY

The Sisters in Christ Bible Study will gather on **Tuesdays, June 2–July 21** (no study on June 30), from **8:30–10:30 a.m.** in the Upper Room. This summer, we'll dive into “RELAXED” by Megan Fate Marshman, a study focused on releasing the pressure to perform and learning to rest more fully in God's grace. The study guide with video access is available for purchase through Faithgateway, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and ChurchSource. For more information, please contact Joan Rustvang at jrustvang@hotmail.com.

YOUNG(ISH) ADULT FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Do you remember having a Hotmail.com email address? Do you know what MySpace is? Did you learn how to text T-9 style? Did you grow up with VHS tapes? Was a highlight of your teen years getting a multi-disc CD changer for your birthday? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you're likely in that messy middle stage of life. You know, no longer up for social activities after 9 p.m., but not quite ready for the senior-citizen discount yet, either. The stage of life where you're all consumed with kids' activities and longing for meaningful adult conversation, or perhaps you don't have kids and are looking for fun ways to connect with other adults.



Over the past month, a group of members in this stage of life has been gathering to explore meaningful ways for 30-50(ish)-year-olds to connect and build community within our congregation. There's been a lot of energy around different ways to connect —volunteering together, family-friendly gatherings, date nights, casual socials, and community outings. While we don't quite have it all figured out, we're excited to try a few different things over the summer and see what might be of interest.

We've set a few early dates and invite you to join us!

May 26: Olivet Out and About

Where: Brewhalla (1702 1st Ave N, Fargo)

Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Strictly social! Come and go as you'd like and enjoy a tasty dinner, handcrafted gelato, or your beverage of choice. Order food/beverage on your own and head upstairs, and look for the Olivet reserved tables. Kids are welcome at Brewhalla!

June 10: Olivet Out and About

Where: Junkyard Brewing

(409 Sheyenne St, West Fargo)

Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Bingo is optional, but fellowship is guaranteed! Junkyard is kid-friendly, with pizza and beverages available for purchase. Feel free to come and go as it works for you.

June 25: BBQ & Game Night

Where: Olivet Lutheran Church

Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Bring your favorite game and enjoy a casual meal at this fun, family-friendly event!

More Dates Coming Soon!

If you have an idea for an event or want to get more involved with the planning team, visit with Pastor Kris and he'll get you connected! It's important to note that while these events are planned with 30-50 year olds in mind, ALL are welcome! We hope to see you there!

OLIVET NEWS & IMPORTANT DATES

COOKIES FOR A CAUSE

During the summer months, cookies will be served on Sunday mornings for the Cookies for a Cause fundraiser. All proceeds support Olivet's outreach ministry partners, including Churches United for the Homeless, Habitat for Humanity, Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry, and ministry efforts in the Central African Republic.

CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Please note that Olivet will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day. We give thanks for those who have served and sacrificed for our country, and we hold their families in our prayers. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday.

NOW HIRING: HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR

Olivet is seeking a Hospitality Coordinator to help support and encourage the many volunteers who make ministry happen each week. This role focuses on coordinating volunteer schedules and teams, especially for Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings, while helping create a welcoming and organized environment for worship, events, and church activities. The ideal candidate enjoys working with people, communicating with volunteers, and helping things run smoothly behind the scenes. This part-time position is approximately 10-20 hours per week and includes Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. Interested applicants can send a resume and cover letter to cschieve@olivet.org.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Looking for a simple way to support Olivet? Through Thrivent Choice®, eligible Thrivent members can help direct Thrivent outreach funding to churches and nonprofits they care about, including Olivet Lutheran Church. By recommending Choice Dollars®, you can make a meaningful impact on the ministries and programs happening at Olivet.

If you've previously directed Choice Dollars or made a donation through Thrivent, thank you for your generosity and support! To learn more or participate, visit Thrivent.com/ThriventChoice or connect with your Thrivent advisor.

EVENT SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MAY 10

MOTHER'S DAY

MUSIC SUNDAY & QUILTERS SUNDAY

Summer Worship: 9 a.m.

Coffee & Fellowship: 10-11 a.m.

MONDAY, MAY 11

Women of Faith: 1-2 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 12

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

Quilters: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Age Mastery Class: 1-2:30 p.m.

One Oak Worship Service: 3-4 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 14

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

SUNDAY, MAY 17

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Summer Worship: 9 a.m.

Senior Brunch: 10 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Coffee & Fellowship: 10-11 a.m. (Atrium)

MONDAY, MAY 18

Food Pantry Distribution 4:30-6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 19

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

The Gather Circle: 9-11:30 a.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 21

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

SUNDAY, MAY 24

Summer Worship: 9 a.m.

Coffee & Fellowship: 10-11 a.m.

MONDAY, MAY 25

MEMORIAL DAY

Building Closed

TUESDAY, MAY 26

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

THURSDAY, MAY 28

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

SUNDAY, MAY 31

Summer Worship: 9 a.m.

Coffee & Fellowship: 10-11 a.m.



MILESTONES & MEMORIALS - APRIL 2026

BAPTISMS

April 12, 2026: Emmett William Gilbraith, son of Gannon & Melissa Gilbraith

MEMBER DEATHS

April 10, 2026: Betty Parkhouse

MEMORIALS

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

OLIVET GIVING DAY

- In honor of David Wosick by Anthony & Jane Townley Cain
- In honor of our grandson Henrik, by Craig & Julie Sandstrom
- In loving memory of Charlie Richards, Amy & Ben Dittmer by Liz Richards
- In memory of Charlie Richards by David & Sharla Knight
- In memory of Shirley Davis by Dana Davis

GIFTED FOR MISSION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

- In honor of Odell Krohn by Marge Krohn

CHOIR

- In memory of Dale Lammi by William and Sharon Hoverson

I LOVE MY CHURCH

- In memory of Frank Tweet by Tricia and Scott Erickson
- In memory of Harvey Nelson by Bernice Trautman

OLIVET FOOD PANTRY

- In memory of Odell Krohn by Marge Krohn

RADIO BROADCAST FUND

- In memory of DeWayne Pederson by Keith and Pat Kilber
- In memory of our daughter Sara DCamp by Rev. Natalie and Bob Carlson

CHURCHWIDE OPPORTUNITIES & UPDATES

EASTERN NORTH DAKOTA SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly will be held **June 5-7** at the Holiday Inn in Fargo, centered around the theme "Water of Promises, Water of Life." This important gathering will include the election of a new bishop, along with other key business for our shared life as a synod. Bishop Regina Hassanally of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod will lead the Bible study, and Imran Siddiqui, ELCA Vice President, will serve as the churchwide representative and oversee the Bishop election. **If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office by May 22 so we can assist with registration.**

WEAR RED FOR PENTECOST

Sunday, May 24, is Pentecost, a day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the moment the church was sent out into the world to share God's redeeming love. Observed fifty days after Easter, Pentecost is often called the "birthday of the church," marking the beginning of our shared mission and calling.

As we gather for worship, we invite you to wear red—a vibrant symbol of the Holy Spirit's presence among us and a visible expression of our unity in Christ.

