A LIVING LEGACY OF LOVE

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church of Minneapolis was organized in 1920, and within three decades grew to become the first Lutheran mega-church in North America. Under the inspired leadership of Pastor Reuben K. Youngdahl, who served as senior pastor from 1938 to 1968, Mount Olivet experienced phenomenal growth in membership while expanding ministries and Christian care in unprecedented vistas.

Growing purposefully through the tireless leadership of Pastor Paul M. Youngdahl, who was called to Mount Olivet in 1968, this spirited, loyal congregation has responded to emerging needs and opportunities with creativity, compassion and excellence in ministries directed to children, teens, families, singles, seniors, persons with developmental and other disabilities, and persons with other special needs. Expanding throughout the Twin Cities region and with positive impact in our nation and world, the mission center for all Mount Olivet related ministries is one servant congregation located on two campuses in Minneapolis and Victoria, Minnesota.

Mount Olivet has been blessed from its beginnings with strong, visionary pastoral leadership, and a remarkably dedicated staff. God has inspired vibrant, generous lay members and friends of Mount Olivet—extraordinary partners in the gospel—who have provided constant prayer support, diligent service, and financial resources sufficient to launch an ever-growing constellation of affiliated ministries.

As we look back through our eventful history with gratitude to God, let us anticipate an extraordinary future for God’s Mount Olivet family by planning and providing a lasting legacy of love.

LEAVING A LEGACY

There is no greater joy than knowing you have made a positive difference with your life. As thankful servants of the Lord, our most significant legacy is bequeathing the gospel of grace to future generations.

With generous support from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Mount Olivet Church and affiliated ministries will enhance our “Leaving a Legacy” program, in part, through informational, monthly bulletin inserts.

Each of us has the opportunity to build a foundation of faith and a life of service for generations to follow. We will not be remembered by what we have accumulated, but by what we have given.

Just as the great King David provided a legacy of God’s love for his son Solomon and the generations who followed him, we can do the same with the purposeful disposition of what we have accumulated in this life for those things that are eternal.

The work of the Lord is not yet finished. It is alive and strong within the Mount Olivet family and you are an important part of that ministry.

Read “A Living Legacy of Love” on back.

“Since 1947, our lives have been blessed by our long association with Mount Olivet, a church whose mantra is the sharing of love and the gospel. Lives are changed through the kindness extended in the congregation and throughout the world. We believe in the ministry of the Mount Olivet family and invite you to share in the joy of giving. From the abundance of His countless gifts to us, our heavenly Father invites us to thankfully share with Him and others.”

Pastor Bud and Nancy Lindberg
Our faith teaches us that all our blessings come from God and that giving back to our church and its affiliated ministries is our responsibility as Christians. It is also a way to perpetuate our values and what has been important to us during our lifetime so we can shape the kind of legacy we leave.

Planned giving refers to the thoughtful process people use to determine where their assets will go when they die. In the Mount Olivet family, planned gifts are needed to help:

- build our Endowment Funds;
- provide important support for new ministry and programs;
- provide resources for needed capital expenditures;
- balance annual budgets.

After caring for your loved ones through your estate plan, the Mount Olivet Board of Planned Giving encourages you to make a planned gift for:

Mount Olivet Church, Cathedral of the Pines Camp, Mount Olivet Home, Mount Olivet Careview Home, Mount Olivet Day Services, Mount Olivet Rolling Acres or the Mount Olivet Conference and Retreat Center.

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