



# HAPPENINGS

MOUNT OLIVET CAREVIEW HOME / MOUNT OLIVET HOME

## April Happenings

April 1, Wednesday, 10am	<b>Maundy Worship Service</b> . . . . . <i>Lund Chapel</i> . . . . . Facility Wide
April 1, Wednesday, 2pm	<b>Easter Egg Coloring</b> . . . . . <i>TCU Dining Room</i> . . . . . CV 3/5/TCU
April 2, Thursday, 10am	<b>Paint, Paper, Scissors</b> . . . . . <i>TCU Dining Room</i> . . . . . CV 3/4/5
April 2, Thursday, 2pm	<b>Easter Music with Bob</b> . . . . . <i>TCU Dining Room</i> . . . . . Facility Wide
April 2, Thursday, 2pm	<b>Egg Salad Cooking Demo</b> . . . . . <i>TCU Dining Room</i> . . . . . CV 3/5/TCU
April 2, Thursday, 3pm	<b>Egg Salad Sandwich Social</b> . . . . . <i>TCU Dining Room</i> . . . . . CV 3/5/TCU
April 3, Friday, 10am	<b>Good Friday Service</b> . . . . . <i>Lund Chapel</i> . . . . . Facility Wide
April 7, Tuesday, 3pm	<b>Starbucks Outing</b> . . . . . <i>Off site</i> . . . . . CV 4
April 9, Thursday, 3pm	<b>Deviled Egg Social</b> . . . . . <i>TCU Dining Room</i> . . . . . CV 3/5/TCU
April 13, Monday, 1pm	<b>Sing Out Outing</b> . . . . . <i>Off site</i> . . . . . CV 3/4/5
April 13, Monday, 4:45pm	<b>Adopt a Grandparent</b> . . . . . <i>Lund Chapel</i> . . . . . Facility Wide <b>Painting/Planting Pots</b>
April 14, Tuesday, 2pm	<b>Easter Egg Sun Catcher Craft</b> . . . . . <i>MOH 3 Dining Room</i> . . . . . MOH 3
April 16, Thursday, 10am	<b>Paint, Paper, Scissors</b> . . . . . <i>Location TBD</i> . . . . . CV 2/MOH3
April 17, Friday, 12noon	<b>BBQ Dine in</b> . . . . . <i>Family Lounge</i> . . . . . CV 4
April 23, Thursday, 3pm	<b>Button Tree Craft</b> . . . . . <i>TCU</i> . . . . . CV 3/5/TCU
April 24, Friday, 10am	<b>Como Zoo Outing</b> . . . . . <i>Off site</i> . . . . . CV 3/5
April 27, Monday, 3pm	<b>Jewelry Making</b> . . . . . <i>4West Dining Room</i> . . . . . CV 4
April 27, Monday, 4:45	<b>Adopt a Grandparent Talent Show</b> . . . . . <i>Lund Chapel</i> . . . . . Facility Wide
April 28, Tuesday, 3pm	<b>Monthly Birthday Party</b> . . . . . <i>MOH Dining Room</i> . . . . . Facility Wide
April 30, Thursday, 3pm	<b>Artichoke Dip Social</b> . . . . . <i>TCU Dining Room</i> . . . . . CV 3/5/TCU

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## April Birthdays

### Mount Olivet Careview Home Residents:

- 2 / Mary B
- 8 / Ellery J
- 9 / Virginia R
- 9 / Paul N
- 13 / Joyce k
- 14 / Mildred G
- 14 / Lynette A
- 19 / Mary Ann S
- 20 / Donna H
- 24 / Mary Ann M

- 24 / Jane Q
- 25 / Carmen G
- 26 / Sam F
- 30 / John E



### Mount Olivet Home Residents:

- 5 / Kay A
- 5 / Nancy J
- 7 / Richard T
- 10 / Roland G
- 11 / Dana F
- 12 / Mary B
- 16 / Rosa K
- 23 / Pierre M
- 27 / Cynthia B-K



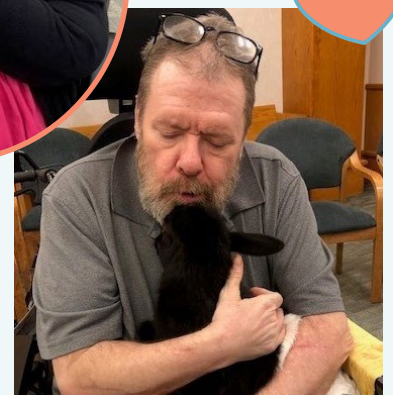
### Welcome Jamie – our new Clinical Dietitian

Hello! My name is Jamie Freier and I am the new Dietitian for Careview. I grew up in Green Bay, WI (Go Pack Go!) and I moved to the Twin Cities to attend the University of Minnesota. I love Minnesota so much that I stayed here. I live in Lakeville with my husband and 2 daughters (16 and 13 years old). I have been a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist for almost 8 years and have worked in many different hospitals including St. Joseph's, St. John's, Bethesda, Woodwinds, Ridges, and I most recently left Regions Hospital in St. Paul to come work here at Mt. Olivet! I am very happy to be here and I am looking forward to meeting all of you.



### Fun Visit from Baby Goats

Mount Olivet experienced some March Morning Cuteness in the Lund Chapel with Baby Goat visits from Wild Haven Farm in North Branch, Minnesota. 3 goats spent a few hours playing, sleeping, and sharing love with our residents and staff!!





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Thank you Tim  
for

40

YEARS  
of Dedicated Leadership

*We are so lucky to have had Tim's leadership over the past 40 years and wish him the best in the next chapter of his life!*

After 40 years of dedicated leadership as Executive Director of Mount Olivet Home, Mount Olivet Careview Home, and Mount Olivet Day Services, Tim Hokanson will retire on June 1. During his tenure, Tim guided the organization through numerous renovations and improvements, always with one goal in mind: better serving residents. ***"Everything we did was to better serve our residents, and that has always been our first priority,"*** he reflected.

Grounded in its church founded mission, Mount Olivet Home, Careview, and Day Services have become providers of choice for older adults. Residents, families, and employees remain at the heart of every decision. Tim expressed gratitude for the foundation that shaped his career: ***"I will always be grateful to Pastor Paul Youngdahl, who in 1986 offered this job to a young 30 year old and was a tremendous mentor. I am thankful to Mount Olivet Church for the community and support that have made the Homes such an amazing place."***

Tim credits Mount Olivet's success to its employees, describing himself as the conductor and the staff as the gifted ensemble whose talents meet the needs of residents and families each day. ***"This is a wonderful community, and I will miss it dearly,"*** he said. ***"But I look forward to retirement, the next chapter, and more time with my wife, family, and especially our two new granddaughters."***

Roger White shared a moment that perfectly captures Tim's character and leadership: ***"I recall when Tim took an employee to the grocery store and filled a cart with groceries after learning of some significant struggles. That was the moment when I knew what a great leader and special person he was."***

## Message from Roger White our New Incoming Administrator



I am pleased to have returned to Mount Olivet Careview Homes following an 11-month sabbatical devoted to studying innovative senior care delivery models across the United States, Netherlands, and Canada.

I first joined Mount Olivet Careview Homes in 2008 in staffing, and over the years my responsibilities grew to include HR, Head of People and Culture, and Associate Administrator. This past year, after completing my business doctoral exams, I had the opportunity to explore assisted living and nursing home practices in a variety of leading organizations. That experience has deepened my understanding of new possibilities in senior care and renewed my passion for serving residents, families, and staff.

On February 1, I returned home to Mount Olivet Careview and am truly grateful to be back with our treasured team. In this next chapter, I am excited to bring what I have learned into our work, strengthening how we support our employees and how we design and deliver care. I look forward to collaborating closely with families, residents, and colleagues to ensure our programs remain person centered, innovative, and responsive to changing needs. Together, we will continue to be energetic, creative, and deeply compassionate in how we serve those who call Mount Olivet Careview and Mount Olivet Home their home. As we continue to create joy, meaning, and a sense of belonging for everyone who experiences our communities, please feel free to contact me with any concerns, ideas, or perspectives. Thank you.



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## April is National Volunteer Month

Last year, volunteers at Mount Olivet Careview Home served more than 4,500 hours, interacting with residents, assisting staff in programming, and overall creating positive experiences and vibes throughout the building.

Mount Olivet Home, Mount Olivet Careview Home and Mount Olivet Day Services could not be the top-tier providers of senior care and services without the invaluable help and partnership of our volunteers!

We will be observing National Volunteer Week April 19-25 with special treats for our volunteers.

Please join us in thanking these fabulous friends who give of their time, talents and love each day!



If you or someone you know would like to join our volunteer team, please contact Laurie Hancer, Volunteer Manager at 612-821-3232 or [lhancer@mtolivethomes.org](mailto:lhancer@mtolivethomes.org)

## Mount Olivet Careview Home Remodeling Update

After more than a month delay, renovations have been started at Mount Olivet Home and Mount Olivet Careview Home 2nd floor. At Mount Olivet Home construction has started on 4th floor and once completed the work will begin on 3rd floor, before moving on to 2nd floor. At Mount Olivet Home, public areas including the hallways, lounges, nursing stations and cabinets will all be redone.

At Careview on the 2nd floor, all hallway carpet will be removed and replaced with a new vinyl floor. The kitchenette on 2 east will also be updated. Residents and staff are looking forward to the improvements.





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## Thank You to the Fields Family

Once a month Mount Olivet Careview Home provides a free staff appreciation lunch. In February the lunch was donated by the **Fields Family** through a financial gift as a thank you to the staff for the wonderful care their father received while here as a resident at Careview.

Families are invited to sponsor or contribute, through a financial gift to a staff lunch, or a special resident program or activity. Previous gifts have been used for an ice cream truck visit for residents and staff, employee lunches, resident entertainment, and resident community outings.

If you would like to make a donation for any staff or resident special event, please contact:

Heidi Optiz – Therapeutic Recreation Director at [hopitz@mtolivethomes.org](mailto:hopitz@mtolivethomes.org) or 612-821-3175 or

Tom Litecky – Director of Community Relations at [tlitecky@mtolivethomes.org](mailto:tlitecky@mtolivethomes.org) or 612-821-3193



## Staff Recognition for Outstanding State Health Department Survey

The Mount Olivet Careview Staff enjoyed having the LaVita Espresso Coffee Cart visit on Friday March 20th in celebration of the outstanding Minnesota Department of Health Annual Survey for Careview. Free coffee, specialty coffees, hot chocolate and donuts were provided for the staff for a job well done.

The Team Lead for the Department of Health Survey Team stated that she “wished surveyors were allowed to give “warm fuzzy” recognitions to communities like Mount Olivet that go above and beyond.”

**Thank you to the Mount Olivet Careview staff for a job well done!**





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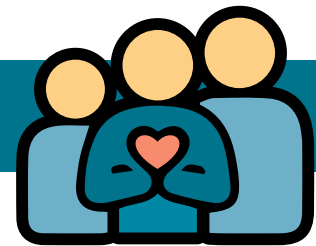
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## Adopt a Grandparent Program – Raptor Center

On Monday, March 23rd, an intergenerational program was held with the Adopt a Grandparent Program students from Mount Olivet Church and the Mount Olivet Careview Home residents as the groups together were able to enjoy a visit and presentation from the University of Minnesota Raptor Center. The residents appreciate the twice monthly visits and special programs and activities with the students from the Adopt a Grandparent Program.



*We are grateful to have you as part of the Mount Olivet Team.*



## National Social Work Month

In March we recognized National Social Work Month. Mount Olivet Careview Home is fortunate to have 5 highly qualified Social Workers whose dedication and compassion play a vital role in the well-being of our residents and their families. Thank you to Julie, Michelle, Liz, Brandi and Drew for making a difference every day.



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## Celebrating the Minnesota Twins Season Opener

Thursday, March 26th was the Minnesota Twins season opener and a sure sign that Spring is here. Residents and staff were able to show their support of the Twins by wearing Twin's team apparel.

In addition, the monthly staff appreciation lunch included all the stadium food favorites with hot dogs, peanuts, cracker jacks, chips and malt cups. Everyone is looking forward to a fun season of baseball with the Minnesota Twins!



## Celebrating St. Patrick's Day



Mount Olivet Careview Home residents enjoyed a performance by the Rinca Na Chroi Irish Dancers. These talented young dancers provided the residents with some true Irish dance routines and fun.