

JuNiOr HiGh ALIVE NEWS

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church ~ Fall 2011

Confirmation News

by Angie St. Dennis and Helen Cameron-Zenobian

Another exciting fall has begun and Confirmation will be in full swing at the Minneapolis Campus and at the West Campus. The program has one new face; Tom Westcott is a youth leader at the West Campus. We are excited to have him on board in our program. Angie St. Dennis (*Confirmation Director at the Minneapolis Campus*), Helen Cameron-Zenobian (*Confirmation Coordinator at the West Campus*), Geoff Arenson (*Youth leader at the Minneapolis Campus*), Katie Wamsley (*Youth leader at the West Campus*) and Jackie Rosario (*Youth leader at the Minneapolis Campus*) are back with us again this year. Over 350 confirmands are enrolled in the program this year including 50 8th grade leaders participating as volunteer mentors for the program. We are having a wonderful time getting to know each and every confirmand. We have wonderful teachers that are excited about spending time with you.

Things to remember with the new school year off and running:

- Classes begin Sunday, October 2 and Wednesday, October 5.
- First Communion will be offered on October 16 at 12:40 pm in the Serley Chapel (*Minneapolis Campus*) for those who have not yet received their first communion. Class at 11:30 am must be attended. Call Angie, 612.767.2244 or Helen, 952.767.1502.
- Make up for those who missed first year Confirmation will be offered at 9:30 am on Sunday's starting in 2012 (January 8-29) (*Minneapolis Campus*).
- There are no Confirmation classes November 23-27 (Thanksgiving) and December 21 - January 1 (Christmas Break).
- Confirmation Retreats will be held:
 - January 20-21, February 3-4, February 10-11 and February 17-18 for first year confirmands (attend one)
 - There will be a required retreat for second year confirmands and their parents about Christian values and decision making on March 17, 2012 from 9-11 am at the Minneapolis Campus.
- Every Confirmand is required to be baptized and attend at least 20 Sunday morning worships during the year (*please write "Confirmation" on your white attendance insert and place it in the offering plate for credit*). If you are in Chancel Choir your service hours are met and you will receive one worship credit for every time you sing during worship.
- A maximum of three classes can be missed over the school year without completing a makeup course
- Every Confirmand must complete eight service hours in any combination of the following: Chancel Choir, Nursery, Acolyte, JHA leadership meetings, Sunday School Assistant, Food Drive, Adopt-a-Grandparent, or serve at church banquets

Thanks and God Bless.

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Summertime Players Re-cap

By: Megan Lewandowski and Savannah Spirov

Summertime Players was one of our favorite camps this summer. We sang songs and danced in the morning and went to waterparks, beaches, and bowling in the afternoons. Every morning we got into four different teams and competed by playing games, like Pictionary and Name that Tune. This was a great way to start off the day! Then rehearsal started and we learned all kinds of songs. When learning the songs you have to learn the lyrics & notes, as well as the dance or choreography that goes with the song. Our favorite songs from this year were "Firework," "Steal your Rock & Roll," and "You've got a Friend." In the span of 10 days we learned about 8 songs! As much hard work as it was to learn each and every song, we still had plenty of time to have FuN with our friends. And it was all worth it in the end when we came together for ONE AMAZING SHOW!

Get to know your sweetest NEW youth leader . . .

Tom Westcott

What is the favorite part of your job in the Junior High Ministry?

Meeting young kids who want to be active in the church.

Where did you attend Junior High and High School?

Junior High: Annunciation School in Minneapolis

Senior High: De La Salle High School in Minneapolis

What is your favorite restaurant and what would you get there?

Famous Dave's and I get a ultimate BBQ Burger with fries.

Who is your favorite actor? Athlete?

Actor: Tom Hanks

Athlete: Matt Birk

What were you like as a 7th and 8th grader?

Quiet and polite, but loud with all my friends.

What was your most awkward moment in Junior High?

When I came back from a summer vacation and I was the only guy who's voice changed. Lots of kids made fun of me!



JuNiOr HiGh ALIVE is the name for the Mount Olivet Junior High Youth Ministry. Through the Junior High Alive program we offer many events and service programs that complement our 7th and 8th grade Music and Confirmation programs.

• *Here are the UpCoMiNg FALL EvEnTs* •

Junior High Dance: Sat., Oct. 1 ~ 7-8:15 pm

Come join your church friends for a fun fall night dance, and get your dance on! Cost is \$10, and includes all you can eat pizza and pop! Sign up online or at the door! (Two dances will be held at the same time, you have your choice to attend at Minneapolis or West Campus)

MEA Day Away: Thurs., Oct. 20 ~ 9 am - 5 pm

Join Jackie, Katie, Tom, and Geoff for a fun day at the Mall of America, Waterpark of America, and ice cream. The cost is \$30. Registration for this event is limited to the first 50 7th & 8th graders that register, so sign up quickly. Registration closes on Monday, October 17. Please bring extra money for lunch, shopping, and ice cream. Meet in the Minneapolis Campus Youth Center at 9 am. Transportation will leave from the West Campus at 8:30 am (*no West transportation in the afternoon*); all parents will need to pick their child up at the Minneapolis Campus at 5 pm.

Fall Hayride: Fri., Oct. 28 ~ 6-10 pm

Come enjoy a Hayride with all your friends on a cool, crisp fall evening! Cost is \$20, and includes Transportation, Hayride, and smores over a campfire! Registration closes on Monday, October 24. Transportation will be available at both Minneapolis and West campuses, leaving at 6 pm and returning by 10 pm.

Youth Center Chill NITE:

Fri., December 9 ~ 6-7:30 pm

This will be a night to just hang out in the youth center. There will be a great dinner provided! Cost is \$15, space is very limited, sign up online. This event is available at either the Minneapolis Campus or West Campus, when you sign up online you PICK the campus you would like to go to!

8th Grade Retreat:

Wed., December 28 ~ 12 noon - 10 pm

This retreat is fun, fun, fun! The retreat will take place on December 28. We will meet in the Minneapolis Youth Center at 12 noon and will be back to church at 10 pm. We will make many fun stops during our trip. We will go to the Mall of America, see a movie in Lakeville, and finally have dinner, devotions, and pool time at the Retreat center.

This retreat is open to all Mount Olivet 8th graders and their non-member friends. The cost is \$40, and includes transportation, movie ticket, dinner, and entertainment at the Retreat Center. Extra \$\$ should be brought for shopping, lunch, and a snack at the movie theater. Registration closes on Friday, December 23. There is NO West Campus transportation.

Register ONLINE for all of these great events at: www.mtolivet.org/juniorhighalive.html

JuNiOr HiGh ALIVE Leadership Meetings:

(We meet in the Minneapolis Campus Youth Center for all meetings):

Group Meetings:

Sunday, November 6	4-5:30 pm	Bowling at Lariat Lanes
Saturday, February 25	1:30-4:30 pm	Feed my Starving Children
Sunday, March 25	4-5:30 pm	Decorate Easter bags for St Joe's Home and DQ

The Leadership team helps throughout the year through attending the group meetings and by attending and helping with specific junior high events. Specific events include: counseling the 6th grade grand slam event, performing skits, greet and serve meal at C.O.P. Camp Rally, planning and hosting theme dinners, and speaking at youth led worship services. If you are not currently a JHA Leader and would like to be, please contact Geoff Arenson.

Chancel Choir

We are pumped for Chancel Choir to begin. Chancel Choir is an awesome way to sing and see your church friends every Wednesday night. Rehearsals are every Wednesday from 5:30 -6:30 pm. If you are not registered for choir yet please register online at www.mtolivet.org/choirs.html, we would love to have you! You can eat dinner in the Youth Center (Mpls) or Fellowship Hall (West) after choir for \$5.00 starting on October 5.

Mrs. Jenkins, Ms. Palmquist, Jackie, Katie, Tom and Geoff are very excited for our trip to Gustavus on November 18-19. This is one of the most fun events of the year for the Junior High so make sure to sign up for it. You will be able to sign up online for this event starting September 28 and registration will close November 11.

Wednesday, September 28

Minneapolis Campus: First Rehearsal at 5:30 pm (*Free BBQ Dinner from 6:15-7 pm*).

West Campus: Fall Youth Kick-Off from 6:30-8:30 pm (*Free Dinner, Games, Bonfire & Fun!*).

Wednesday, October 5

Minneapolis & West Campus: Choir, dinner and FIRST Confirmation. Cost of dinner is \$5.

Sunday, October 23

Minneapolis Campus: Minneapolis and West Choirs sing together at 11 am and 12 pm services, rehearsal at 10 am.

Wednesday, October 26

Minneapolis & West Campus: Halloween Costume Dress-up. Come to church in your best church appropriate costume. We will have a special dinner and awards for the best costume! Dinner is \$5.

Friday, October 28

Junior High Hayride! 6-10 pm Cost is \$20.

Friday-Saturday, November 18-19 ~ Gustavus College Retreat

West & Minneapolis Campus: We leave Friday at 4:30/5 pm and return Saturday at 1:30/2:15 pm.

Wednesday, November 23

Minneapolis Campus: Rehearsal, Gustavus Slideshow, Gustavus Retreat Awards at Davanni's with Mrs. Jenkins, Jackie and Geoff. (*No Confirmation*).

West Campus: Rehearsal, dinner and ICE CREAM from 5:30-7 pm.

Thursday, November 24

Minneapolis Campus: Sing at 12 pm Thanksgiving service, rehearsal at 11 am.

West Campus: Sing at 9:15 am Thanksgiving service, rehearsal at 8:15 am.

Sunday, December 4

West Campus: Sing at 9:15 and 10:30 am services, rehearsal at 8:15 am.

December 10/11

Minneapolis Campus: Rehearsal Saturday 2- 4 pm/Concert Sunday at 5 pm.

Wednesday, December 21

West Campus: Christmas Early Service at 6 pm; Dinner after the service.

Christmas Eve, December 24

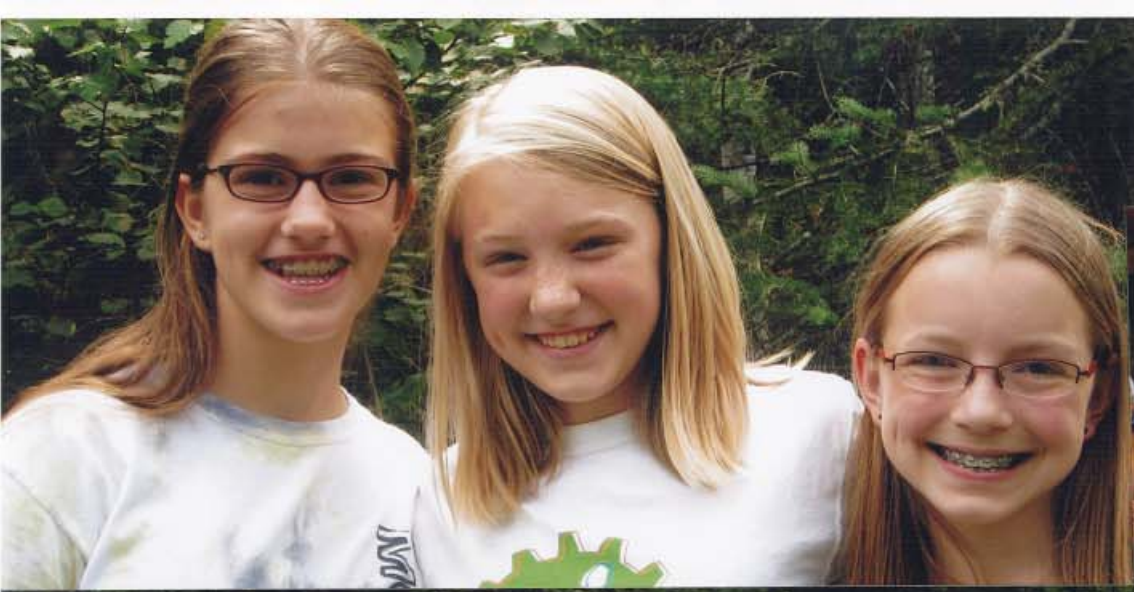
Minneapolis Campus: Sing at 6 pm service, rehearsal at 5 pm.

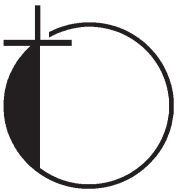
West Campus: Sing at 5 pm service, rehearsal at 4 pm.

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