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The Wells of Salvation

Streams can be fascinating to watch. The motion of the water makes it seem alive, and it's constantly changing—all of it, every second, is in motion. And yet, what the stream does is always the same; its flow and its direction are always the same. In that sense, a stream is unchanging.

In a number of places in the Word, the Lord uses water or streams to illustrate what He's offering us. Many of you are likely familiar with some of the passages in which the Lord talks about "living water," or "the water of life" (Jer. 17:13; Zech. 14:8; John 4:10-13, 7:38; Rev. 21:6, 22:1, 2, 17). Many of you have likely heard the phrase "the stream of Providence" used to describe His constant guidance and care (see *Arcana Coelestia* §8478.4). I'd like to share a related, but likely less familiar, passage:

"Behold, O God of my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; for Jah, Jehovah, is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation." Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. (Isaiah 12:2, 3)

I love the image of "the wells of salvation." I should note that the word here translated "wells" does not mean a manmade thing or a hole in the ground filled with water; it describes water welling up naturally from the ground. Thus, "springs" might be a better translation. Whatever word we use, the image we're meant to take from this passage is one of living, moving, flowing water.

The Lord's salvation, like a spring, is pouring out to us ceaselessly. Falsity or evil within us is like a dam that holds His current back. If we can put a crack in that dam, the stream that flows from God will break through and pour into us. In *Arcana Coelestia*, we read: "As soon as evils are removed ... mercy flows in—that is, good flowing from the Lord out of His mercy" (§8307). Like a spring, salvation is always new. It's moving, pouring into us anew every moment. It's a living, vital thing; the water of life pouring out from the Lord restores our souls exactly like cool water restores our bodies when we're desperately thirsty.

And at the same time, that spring is unchanging. The current that flows from God is always there. There is no human being, no sinner, no broken spirit, who is not invited to drink from that stream. The Lord makes all things new (Rev. 21:5)—that never changes. The stream that flows from Him is always new, and always there. In Him, we will always be able to find the strength to break through the dry rock and discover salvation welling up within us.

Rev. Jared Buss

From the Pastor

We are reminded of the constant challenges which the Children of Israel faced on their 40 year journey through the wilderness. As Moses constantly reminded them, the Lord would care for them and feed them; they needed to trust and stay true. It seems we also need this constant reminder: the Lord is caring for and will continue to care for us on through the challenging times ahead. Please let the pastors know how we can help you.

Reopening. As second or third waves seem to be upon us, we do not know from week to week what the lockdown levels will be in two weeks or two months. Hopefully things will change for the better soon!

New Assistant to the Pastor. I am happy to announce Bishop Peter Buss' appointment of Jong Ui Lee to serve at Olivet and the General Church in Canada. Many of you will recognize his name, as he served at Olivet between 2004 and 2008. Please see below the letter of greetings from Jong Ui Lee.

Dear Friends in Olivet:

Since I expressed my willingness to return to the General Church system in the North America, I have had pleasant opportunities to talk about my future with all three bishops. They have shared one thing in common in their mentioning of Olivet as my possible place. I guess I sort of knew at that time that the Lord veers me towards the True North again. It happens!

This idea of returning to Olivet reminds me of my previous move to Olivet, which happened 17 years ago. Many things have changed since then. Hye Seong, my dear wife, became an angel of the Lord, and last Monday, I drove my youngest, Jea In, who was a first grader when we left Olivet and now a freshman, to her college dormitory. I have gained weight with gray hair. Sadly, I also have noticed many familiar names are missing but, gladly, many new names on the Olivet directory.

I'm gearing up for a new phase in my life and am supposed to begin it in Olivet. I have pondered the Lord's providence in this turn. Olivet was inspirational, uplifting, and cordial to us; Hey Seong and I always regretted our foreshortened days there. I assume I need more of this Olivet inspiration and cordiality once again, and that I might again perform some inspirational and uplifting uses for Olivet. I am looking forward to seeing you soon!

Rev. Jong Ui Lee

Jong Ui would love to hear from anyone who would like to reply and communicate with him. Please email me or the church office for his contact information.

Zoom After Church Visits. We are continuing to have a nice time visiting with each other after Sunday Services via Zoom. You should receive an email from Karen Cooper to give you the link to join. We look forward to seeing you.

Michael

From the Assistant Pastor

Spring is on its way, and with it our celebration of the Lord's resurrection. Both of those things are powerful reminders—or calls to remember—the ever-renewing life flowing into us, forever, from the Lord. I know that there have been plenty of occasions over the last year for my hopes or my optimism for life to find itself at a low ebb. I imagine that's been true for you as well—but may springtime and Easter serve to lift up your hearts and your minds.

Now that the weather is getting better, getting together for a safe, outdoor visit is starting to look feasible again. If you would like to go for a stroll sometime, or sit down for an outdoor coffee, please be in touch—I would be very happy to join you!

Wishing all of you peace and the joy of rejuvenation,
Jared

From the Principal

This year we will be taking our usual March Break from April 12 through 16. The school will still be doing our yearly Earth Day cleanup on and around the school grounds on April 22.

Below you will find the April 2021 Olivet School Direction Plan Report. The full report is also available upon request from the office.

Laura Braam

Measures, goals, and current status:

Measures	Goals	Where we are (April 2020)
Teacher Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All teachers must work towards a “career-level” status in the General Church (GC) teacher career system • Teachers are members of GC and Olivet • Pursue formal New Church coursework and professional development (PD) studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ All full-time staff are career- or apprentice-level teachers ✓ All full-time teachers are baptized members of the Olivet society ✓ All full-time teachers continue their professional development
Enrolment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classrooms must maintain 6 or more students, with full success considered 12/classroom • Combined total of K–6* must exceed 18 (6 students per class x 3 classes =18). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Kindergarten: 15 ✓ Primary: 8 ✓ Senior: 7 ✓ Combined total: 30
Financial Targets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Years 1-7: Grade school to cover 25% of its costs • Year 8 (2024–2025): Grade school to cover 41% of its costs and never drop below that • “Full success” will be when the school (K–6) covers 64% of its costs (excluding use of the building) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 53% of costs are met (currently in Year 4)

Holy Supper – April 2

Our Good Friday Holy Supper Service at 8:00 pm on April 2 will be livestreamed and archived on our [Olivet NewChurch YouTube Channel](#).

You are invited to prepare the elements of the Holy Supper and to join in taking the sacrament at home. Most people do not have unleavened bread, so a substitute may be used. The same may be the case with red wine, which we traditionally use in our church.

The recipe that we use for the bread is given below. There is a full amount and a 1/3 amount. It is ideal to use these correspondential elements; however it is more important to come to the Holy Supper with intention and mindfulness about what we are celebrating with the Lord. His desire is to be with us and dwell within us, and this is the most important "element" of the sacrament.

During Holy Supper, we reflect on the Lord's desire to save us. If you are unable to have the ideal elements, please do not let that dissuade you from using substitutes (bread, crackers, grape juice, water, etc.) and eating and drinking them along with the other members of the Society during the service.

HOLY SUPPER RECIPE (Full and 1/3 Recipe)

Prepare Oven at 350°F

Blend 5 tbsp. olive oil (2 tbsp. olive oil)

3 Tbsp. ice water (1 tbsp. ice water)

1/4 tsp. salt (two pinches of salt)

Add this to 1 cup flour (1/3 cup of flour)

Pat into 1/4" thick rounds on oiled sheet

Bake for 10-15 minutes

Job Opportunity:

Full-Time Teacher, Grade 3, Commencing the 2021/2022 School Year

Key responsibilities include but are not limited to: Plan and conduct activities for a balanced program of instruction, teaching skills and concepts consistent with the written curriculum of Ontario paired with Olivet's curricular goals, adapt teaching methods to meet students' varying needs, provide a variety of materials and resources for children to explore, confer with parents, and weave Olivet School's guiding principles into all endeavors.

Key qualifications and educational requirements include but are not limited to: Bachelor's Degree in Education with a minimum 5 years of experience working in a classroom setting and/or related work experience with children, willingness to take professional development through the General Church Office of Education, and commitment to upholding the core beliefs of the New Church in attitude, word and actions, as well as a thorough understanding of New Church Education. For a detailed job posting, please refer to the [school website](#) or contact Val at val.younan@olivetnewchurch.org. To apply, candidates should submit a resume and cover letter to Val, at the above email address, by April 30, 2021. A *Vulnerable Sector Screening* from the police service will be required.

Olivet Phone Lists

If you would like an up-to-date phone list mailed or emailed to you, please email contact@olivetnewchurch.org or call the church – 416-239-3054.

Job Opportunity:
Website/Social Media Manager, Part-Time Contract, Starting May 1, 2021

In recent years, Jared has been handily managing Olivet church's website and social media platforms. With his upcoming departure, we are now looking for a qualified replacement to help grow the online reach of Olivet Church and its engagement within its digital communities.

Key responsibilities include but are not limited to: Updating church website, maintaining visual content for website and Facebook, solidifying "brand identity" for Olivet's YouTube and Instagram presence, and reporting regularly on Google analytics with recommendations.

Key Qualifications and Requirements: Related Bachelor's degree and/or Chartered Marketer designation is preferred, with at least 3 years of experience in leading social media strategies for an organization; keen willingness to fully understand the message and mission of the church is essential to inform online content. The role initially entails 12 hours per month serving one location, with the possibility of expanding considerably to serve affiliated organizations. To view the full job posting, email Val at val.younan@olivetnewchurch.org. To apply, candidates should submit resume and cover letter to Val, at the above email address, by April 20, 2021. A *Police Vulnerable Sector Check* will be required.

April Anniversaries

Peter and Gabe Pulpan: April 2, 44 years
Benjamin and Lyna Vorobyov: April 4, 13 years
Dave and Vicky Simpson: April 7, 14 years
Dave and Margaret Starkey: April 25, 62 years

With the chaste, that is, with those who think religiously of marriages, the marriage of the spirit precedes, and that of the body is subsequent; and these are those with whom love ascends towards the soul, and from its height thence descends[.] —
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**~ Olivet New Church and Olivet School ~
~ April 2021 ~**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Good Friday 8p Good Friday Vespers (MKC)	3
4 Easter 10:30a Easter Sunday online Worship (MKC) 11:45a After-Church Gathering (Zoom)	5 Easter Monday – No classes	6	7	8 10a Arcana Class	9 1p Afternoon-French Show	10 5p GCIC Board by Zoom 7:30p GCIC Annual Meeting by Zoom
11 10:30a Worship (MKC) 11:45a After-Church Gathering (Zoom)	12 Spring Break for Olivet School 7p Pastors council	13 Spring Break for Olivet School	14 Spring Break for Olivet School 8p Online Discussion Class	15 Spring Break for Olivet School	16 Chatterbox Deadline Spring Break for Olivet School 4p Investment Committee Meeting	17
18 10:30a Worship (JJB) 11:45a After-Church Gathering (Zoom)	19 7p Board Meeting	20	21	22 Earth Day Earth Clean Up Day @ Olivet School 10a Arcana Class	23	24
25 10:30a Worship (JJB) 11:45a After-Church Gathering (Zoom)	26	27	28 8p Online Discussion Class	29	30	

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