



# OLIVE BRANCH

Week of December 19th, 2025



## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, December 21st

8:30 am Traditional Worship

Reader: Mike Overkamp

Usher: Paul Brown

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

Reader: Cory Emily

Usher: Cory Emily

### Wednesday, December 24th

6:30 pm - CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Join us for a candlelight worship with communion.

### Sunday, December 28th

8:30 am Traditional Worship

Reader: Lois Schumann

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

Reader: Ken Discher

If you have an announcement for the Olive Branch please submit to the office (school.office@molcs.org) by NOON ON WEDNESDAYS!

## DATES TO NOTE

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE 2026-2027 TUITION AND UPDATES LETTER WAS SENT VIA E-MAIL ON DECEMBER 11.

WE HOPE YOU WERE ABLE TO ATTEND ONE OF THE 2 INFORMATION MEETINGS.

YOU SHOULD HAVE ALSO RECEIVED A LETTER THAT WENT HOME WITH YOUR CHILDREN REGARDING REGISTRATION.

### NOW THROUGH JANUARY 15TH

PARENT CONFIRMATION FOR SPRING TUITION ODYSSEY ESA FUNDS

### JANUARY 14TH

LAST DAY TO NOTIFY THE SCHOOL IF YOUR CHILD(REN) WILL NOT BE RETURNING TO MOUNT OLIVE FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

### JANUARY 15TH

FIRST REGISTRATION FEE WILL BE PULLED FOR RETURNING FAMILIES

**\*\*WE UNDERSTAND THAT WITH THE INCREASE IN TUITION, SOME FAMILIES MAY BE EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL CONCERNS. WE ENCOURAGE FAMILIES WHO MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH OUR STO PROGRAM. OUR DESIRE IS TO RETAIN ALL OF OUR FAMILIES, AND WE ARE COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH YOU WHENEVER POSSIBLE. PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO REACH OUT SO WE CAN EXPLORE AVAILABLE OPTIONS TOGETHER.**

## *Reflections on Our Christmas Program*

Thank you for reaching out and sharing your feedback regarding the Christmas program. Our leadership team met to review logistics and discuss the concerns that were raised.

We recognize and regret the frustration experienced by families who were unable to be seated inside the sanctuary. We understand how important it is for loved ones to be present and comfortable while watching their children perform.

Our school has been blessed with significant growth, and this event highlighted the space limitations we continue to face. In response to similar concerns in the past, we moved the program to Shepherd of the Valley this year, believing it would best accommodate our families while remaining practical for rehearsals. The overwhelming attendance made it clear that we must continue to seek better solutions. Please know we are prayerfully exploring alternative venues to better serve our growing school community.

We are deeply grateful for our families and incredibly proud of our students, whose performance beautifully reflected the love of Christ. Thank you for your understanding, support, and prayers as we plan for future events, including the spring concert.



*As we head into the Christmas season, we want to take a moment to express how deeply grateful we are for our Mount Olive families. It is truly a blessing to witness each child's joyful smile and to see not only their academic growth, but also their growth in faith.*

*We are excited for what the coming years hold and for the opportunity to continue sharing the love of Christ with our students, families, and the surrounding community.*



December 24, 2025  
Christmas Eve

## GROWZONE

Service Time: 6:30 p.m.  
Candlelight Service with Communion



December 31, 2025

## GROWZONE

No GrowZone this week.  
Happy New Year!



# Noon Year's 2026 BASH

Dec. 31, 2025 at 10:00 am

## Details

Kick off the New Year with fun the whole family can enjoy—without staying up past bedtime!

**When:** Wednesday, December 31st | 10:00AM – 12:30PM  
**Where:** Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

- ★ Snacks, games, and a giant bounce house
- ★ Balloon drop at noon to celebrate the “Noon Year”
- ★ Laughter, memories, and family fun

Bring the whole family and ring in the New Year in style!

Register here!



## JANUARY 2026

Mount Olive Lutheran School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<div>5</div> Chicken Noodles Peas Fruit Roll	<div>6</div> Taco Tuesday! Beef Tacos Refried Beans Cilantro Lime Rice Fruit	<div>7</div> Teriyaki Chicken White Rice Veggie Egg Roll Fruit	<div>8</div> Beef Goulash Green Beans Fruit Roll	<div>9</div> Pizza Friday! Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Salad Fruit Garlic Knot
<div>12</div> Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Corn Fruit	<div>13</div> Biscuits and Gravy Eggs Breakfast Potatoes Fruit	<div>14</div> Ham Sliders Chips Carrot Sticks Fruit	<div>15</div> Chili Cinnamon Roll Fruit	<div>16</div> Pizza Friday! Cheese or Breakfast Pizza Salad Fruit Garlic Knot
<div>19</div> NO SCHOOL!	<div>20</div> Taco Tuesday! Beef Tacos Black Beans Cilantro Lime Rice Fruit	<div>21</div> Chicken, Bacon, Ranch Over Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Fruit	<div>22</div> Sloppy Joe Sliders Green Beans Chips Fruit	<div>23</div> Pizza Friday! Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Salad Fruit Garlic Knot
<div>26</div> Chicken Strips Mac and Cheese Peas Fruit	<div>27</div> Breakfast Casserole (Eggs, Bacon, Hashbrowns, Cheese) Yogurt Fruit	<div>28</div> Spaghetti Green Beans Fruit	<div>29</div> Boneless BBQ or Buffalo Wings Veggie Sticks Fries Fresh Fruit	<div>30</div> Pizza Friday! Mac and Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Salad Fruit Bread Stick

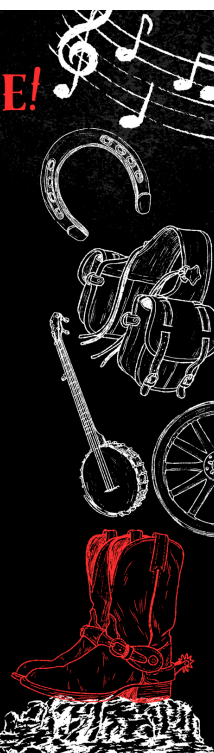
## SAVE THE DATE!

MOUNT OLIVE ANNUAL  
AUCTION!

## WILD WEST GALA

APRIL 18, 2026

More information to come!



For to us a child is born, to us a son is given.. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6