



# OLIVE BRANCH

Preaching the Gospel for now and Eternity

Week of May 7th, 2023

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Pastor Garret Kasper

Message: "Finding Yourself with yourself" 1 Peter 2:1-12

Scripture Reading:

Acts 2:42-47

1 Peter 2:19-25

Luke 24:36-49

### Upcoming Events

#### Saturday, May 5th

9:00am Spring Cleanup

5:00pm Traditional Worship

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

Andy Mager – Elder

Frank Squires – Usher

Donna Foltman – Reader

#### Sunday, May 6th

9:00am Contemporary Worship

With Sunday School

Andy Mager – Elder

Cory Emily – Reader

10:15am Adult Bible Study



### Thought of the Week

*"Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23*

Here is the question: If God keeps the universe running on time, can we not trust Him to be faithful in the details of our life? Yes, we can! God's words, promises, and blessings – along with His compassion and mercy – are new for us every morning.

### MISSION MITES WEEK

This week is our Mission Mites Offering weekend. This month we are highlighting Iowa West District grant #5 – Hope for the Hopeless. This grant to the LCMS Life Ministry will provide funding to equip pastors and lay leaders in providing a Christian response to mental illness. Your pennies, dimes and dollars will help in sharing the hope of the Gospel with those who might be struggling with the desire to end their own life. Please drop your donations in the large Mission Mite box in the gathering area, and help us in saving lives both physically and spiritually.

### Join us for Coffee with Jesus

Our next Coffee with Jesus Women's Bible Study will be Saturday, May 13th, from 9:30 – 10:45 am. All women, high school age and up, are invited. Bring a Bible and a favorite mug – or use one of ours – and join us in the church library for a morning of fellowship, prayer, and digging into God's word. We'll have the coffee brewing and a breakfast treat or two! Contact Donna Foltman (515-868-8794) for more information.

Please Help....Parents and Graduates We are collecting information about the 2023 graduates. Please share the information with us by filling in the chart in the Church Library or by sharing information by e-mail or text to Lois Schumann 515-490-9424 or [dschum209@gmail.com](mailto:dschum209@gmail.com). Please include graduate name, school, future high school, university or trade school, degree, and any special information you'd like to share including special awards. Plans are to celebrate the graduates the first weekend in June.-the Nurture Team

### Join us for our next craft Night!

Do you enjoy crafting? Or some uplifting fellowship? Come join us for Craft Night Monday, May 8th, 7 – 8 pm, in the church library. Bring your own craft to work on or just come and hang out to chat. All are welcome for a fun and relaxing time. Bring a friend...or come and meet some new friends!

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### PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE WITH JESUS

Our Coffee with Jesus Women's Bible Study will meet next Saturday, May 13th, from 9:30 – 10:45 am. This month our study is called "God's Chosen People...Yesterday and Today". This study comes from Apple of His Eye Ministries, and gives us a look at the Gospel as it might be shared to those of Jewish faith. We will also look at some ways we can reach out to a Jewish friend with the Good News of the Gospel. All women, high school age and up, are welcome. Bring a Bible if you can, and a favorite mug – or use one of ours – and join us in the church library for a morning of fellowship with Jesus, and digging into His Word. Contact Donna Foltman (515-868-8794) for more information.

### CELEBRATING OUR BAPTISMS

This month we rejoice with the following members and friends who are celebrating their May baptism anniversaries:

Elaine Brown  
Dale Curtice  
Donna Foltman  
Ray Hilken  
Dimitri Kasper  
Evan Rains  
Amy Scheiwe  
Sara Stafford

"...baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Matt. 28:19b

Please stop at the table in the gathering area after service this weekend and enjoy a birthday treat to help us celebrate our spiritual birthdays!

If you haven't yet submitted your baptism date or we missed your name, please fill out one of the "Celebrating Your Baptism" forms found on the table at the back of the sanctuary and place in the offering plate, or hand to an usher, so we can include you in our celebration.

### Scheduled Events

We would like everyone who schedules events, whether large or small, Church or School, to give the name of the event with the date and time to Rene in the Church/School office. Rene will keep a calendar of all events for both the School and Church. This will assist us in not planning events on top of each other. We hope to publish the calendar on a weekly basis for the Church and School. You may contact Rene at [rene.shepard@molcs.org](mailto:rene.shepard@molcs.org) or office phone at 515 277 0247. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

### Cover Our Kids with Prayer:

Thank you, thank you to all of you who have been a part of this prayer ministry. We will be looking for more prayer partners for our K-8<sup>th</sup> grade children for this coming school year. Prayerfully consider joining this ministry.

Contact any of the Nurture Team Members for information - Joyce Squires, Joan Koch, Becky Shoeman, Donna Foltman, Lois J Schumann, Marlene Cocks. Thank you for considering this opportunity

### Glenn Bell, former member at Mount Olive:

It was recently brought to our attention that Glenn Bell passed away on April 3, 2023. He and his wife Kathy were members at Mount Olive and moved to the east coast in the mid 80's. His brother Dale was a long time member at Mount Olive. **Mount Olive is listed as a recipient for memorials.** Check the obituary that is posted in the Church Library.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

May	7	Spring Solo Recital 4:00 PM
May	8	No School
May	9	ESA Meeting (4th-8th grade)
May	10	ESA Meeting (K-3rd grade)
May	13	Track Meet (Boone High School)
May	24	8th Grade Graduation 6:00 pm
May	25	<b>Last Day of School 1:15 Dismissal</b>

*No one holds a candle to you!*

**Thank you, Mount Olive volunteers,  
for shining the light of God's love!**

Volunteer Appreciation

Wednesday, May 10, at 2:30 pm

Join us for chapel, followed by light reception

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in Heaven. Matthew 5:16