



OLIVE BRANCH

Week of February 16, 2025



Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 16

8:30 am Traditional Worship with Lord's Supper

Elder: Jake Holle

Usher: David Ullmann

Reader: Sandi Overkamp

9:40 am Sunday School & Bible Study

10:30 am Contemporary Worship with Lord's Supper

Elder: Jake Holle

Usher: Steve Honold

Reader: Carol Brown

Message: "The Struggles of Self Image"

Scripture Readings: 2 Kings 19:14-19

1 Corinthians 15:1-20

Luke 6:17-26

Monday, February 17

NO SCHOOL! President's Day!

Wednesday, February 12

5:00 pm Worship Band Rehearsal

Thursday, February 13

6:00 pm Men4Christ

****If you have an announcement you want included ****

in the Olive Branch, please email it to Amber

(school.office@molcs.org) by Noon on Wednesdays!

Flowers this week were donated by Marilyn Beugin in memory of her parents' anniversary.

The Altar Flower sign-up sheet is located by the coffee bar.

Flowers are \$40, who may pay in the office.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him." Matthew 7:11

God-honoring generosity is displayed in response to God's grace. Any attempt to encourage ourselves to give to a gospel work that doesn't begin with the grace of God is flawed from the start. Thankful giving says, "I want to." That is the approach we should aim to take.



COFFEE WITH JESUS

Due to the weather, Coffee With Jesus has been cancelled for this Saturday. We'll meet again on Saturday, March 1st, 9:30 - 11 am. We'll have the coffee on. Please come join us as we learn how to walk closer to Jesus. We meet in the 8th grade room, right next to the gathering area. All women are welcome!

Shh!!! It's a surprise for your kids!

We are planning something fun for National Lutheran Schools Week (March 31-April 4) and are looking for several adult sized inflatable costumes! If you have any we could borrow for that week, please contact Mrs. Rankin (lkaynel@yahoo.com). Thank you!

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Ladies, please join us on Thursday, February 20th, 6:00 pm at Izumi Sushi & Hibachi, 1301 NW 114th Street, in Clive, for a fun and relaxing Ladies Night Out. Enjoy a casual evening of great conversation and delicious all-you-can-eat, made-to-order Japanese food. All women are welcome! Feel free to bring a friend along, or come and meet a new friend. Call or text Becky at 515-988-5832 to let us know you're coming.

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE - DES MOINES PREP

Families making decisions regarding High School are welcome to attend a virtual open house for Des Moines Prep Charter School Thursday, February 20 from 6-7 pm.

<https://www.desmoinesprep.org/openhouse2025/>

FEBRUARY 2025				
Mount Olive Lutheran School				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Chicken Alfredo Buttered Noodles Broccoli Fruit	4 Taco Tuesday Beef Tacos Beans Cilantro Lime Rice Fruit	5 Teriyaki Chicken White Rice Pork Egg Roll Fruit	6 Spaghetti Green Beans Fruit Roll	7 Pizza Friday Cheese or Pepperoni Garlic Bread Fruit Salad
10 NO SCHOOL	11 Taco Tuesday Beef Tacos Beans Cilantro Lime Rice Fruit	12 Turkey Sliders Chips Fruit Carrot Sticks	13 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Corn Fruit	14 Pizza Friday Cheese or Pepperoni Garlic Bread Fruit Salad
17 NO SCHOOL	18 Taco Tuesday Beef Tacos Beans Cilantro Lime Rice Fruit	19 Spaghetti Green Beans Fruit Roll	20 Hot Dogs Baked Beans Chips Fruit	21 Pizza Friday Cheese or Pepperoni Garlic Bread Fruit Salad
24 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Corn Fruit	25 Taco Tuesday Beef Tacos Beans Cilantro Lime Rice Fruit	26 Scrambled Eggs Sausage Patty Cinnamon Roll Fruit	27 Little Smokies Mashed Potatoes Corn Fruit	28 Pizza Friday Cheese or Pepperoni Garlic Bread Fruit Salad




Mount Olive Family Bowling Party
 February 23rd, 2025
 2:00P-4:00P
 Yal Lanes
 100 Ashworth Drive
 West Des Moines

Join your school family for a fun afternoon of bowling hosted by the FIE! We will cover the bowling and shoes, you cover the snack!

HELP US BLESS MONROE SCHOOL STUDENTS

This is the final week for our outreach to Monroe Elementary School, 30th Street in Des Moines. Monroe has a very high percentage of immigrant students, literally from around the world. Help us bless them with needed socks and underwear - all sizes needed for both boys and girls. We will even shop for you! Cash donations can be given to Marlene Cocks or Donna Foltman. We also have a basket in the Narthex for collecting items. Deadline for donations is Sunday, Feb. 16th. Thank you for your help!



MOUNT OLIVE
YOUNG WRITERS CLUB

NOW OPEN TO GRADES 2-4

MISS BARLOW'S ROOM

FEBRUARY	18
MARCH	4, 11
APRIL	1, 15, 29
MAY	6TH
3:50-4:45	

CALLING ALL 2ND-4TH GRADERS WHO LOVE TO WRITE AND READ! JOIN US IN YOUNG WRITERS CLUB AFTER SCHOOL TO PRACTICE AND SHARE YOUR STORIES, POETRY, AND IDEAS!

CALL OR TEXT JULIA @91
 218.790.0343 WITH QUESTIONS

PARENTS CAN PICK UP THEIR STUDENTS OR HAVE THEIR STUDENT DROPPED OFF IN AFTER CARE AT 4:45.

YEARBOOK LINK

Yearbooks can still be ordered using the following link:
<https://www.treering.com/purchase?PassCode=1015909614083716>

**LIGHTS,
CAMERA,
Auction!**

PLEASE MARK YOUR
CALENDAR FOR
THE ANNUAL

Mount Olive Lutheran School Auction

SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH, 2025
5:00 pm - 9:00pm

Tickets On Sale Soon!

Iowa Culinary Institute
DMACC - BUILDING 7
2006 SOUTH ANKENY BLVD
ANKENY, IA 50023

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS WANTED

We are looking for individuals interested in substitute teaching at Mount Olive. If you or someone you know are interested, please contact Mr. Emily at cory.emily@molcs.org or call 515-277-8349

SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR NEXT YEAR!

Know someone looking for a great school family? We have spots for the 2025-2026 school year in the following grades:
Preschool 3 & 4
Kindergarten through 4th grade
7th Grade



WE WANT TO PRAY FOR YOU!

At Mount Olive we believe in the power of prayer. We have a prayer team who are ready to pray for any needs you may have. If you have a prayer request you would like to have sent to the prayer team, whether for yourself, a family member, or a friend, please contact Lori at 515-979-3474 or dischk@yahoo.com.

 **PTL EVENTS** 
SPRING 2025

FEBRUARY
2/7 - DONUTS AND MUFFINS
HOSTED BY 2ND GRADE
2/23 - FREE FAMILY BOWLING
VAL LANES - WDM

MARCH
3/7 - DONUTS AND MUFFINS
HOSTED BY 1ST GRADE
3/10 - PTL MEETING
3/13 - SKATE NIGHT - SKATE SOUTH

APRIL
4/4 - MUFFINS WITH MISSES
HOSTED BY PTL & KINDERGARTEN
4/7 - PTL MEETING
4/10 - CULVERS FUNDRAISER

MAY
5/2 - DONUTS AND MUFFINS
HOSTED BY PRESCHOOL
5/12 - PTL MEETING
5/12 - 5/16
TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!

COUNSELOR CORNER

With Mrs. Lepeltak 

**EMPATHIZING VS ENABLING
A CHILD**

EMPATHY	ENABLING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be their sounding board • Validating their experience • Asking if they need help • Offering support • Holding boundaries even when they are upset • Is driven by love & respect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being their punching bag • Justifying their behavior • Trying to "fix it" without them acting or even asking them • Unsolicited advice • Letting them violate boundaries when they are upset • Driven by fear



Want a fun, easy way to get involved at Mount Olive? Sign-up to volunteer in the kitchen during lunch! Link below! 