



OLIVE BRANCH

Week of March 16, 2025



Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 16

8:30 am Traditional Worship with Lord's Supper
 Elder: Greg Scheiwe
 Usher: Paul Brown
 Reader: Sandi Overkamp
 9:40 am Sunday School & Bible Study
 10:30 am Contemporary Worship with Lord's Supper
 Elder: Greg Scheiwe
 Usher: Steve Honold
 Reader: George Davison
 Message: "God is With Us in the Valley"
 Scripture Readings: Isaiah 43:1-7
 Philippians 3:17-4:1
 Luke 13:31-35

Wednesday, March 19

5:00 pm Lenten Meal
 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service
 Elder: Danley Schumann

Thursday, March 20

7:00 pm Worship Band Rehearsal

Saturday, March 15

9:30 am Coffee with Jesus
 **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!**



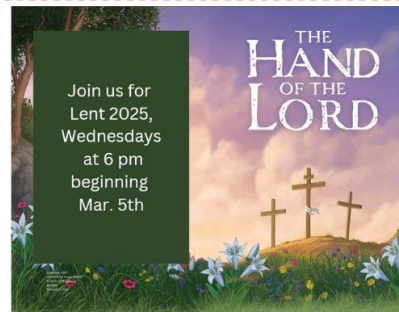
Flowers this week are donated in memory of George Davison's mother, Jean Davis.



NO SCHOOL
 FRIDAY, MARCH 14-
 MONDAY, MARCH 24

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 (lkayne@yahoo.com). Thank you!



There will be a meal served from 5:00-5:45 pm in the fellowship hall prior to service.

A Congregation meeting will be held on March 30th between services at approximately 9:35am. The meeting will provide an update on the current fiscal year financials as well as providing a preliminary 2025-26 Mt Olive budget.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their own necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches." Romans 16:3-4

Everyone needs words of encouragement, an act of kindness, and a gift of friendship. Though we may not always be together, our bonds of fellowship are enduring. And our relationships are strengthened as we serve each other.

MARCH 2025				
Mount Olive Lutheran School				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Turkey Sliders Chips Fruit Carrot Sticks	Taco Tuesday Beef Tacos Beans Cilantro Lime Rice Fruit	Grilled Cheese Chicken Noodle Soup Fruit	French Toast Bake Scrambled Eggs Sausage Patty Fruit	Pizza Friday Cheese or Pepperoni Garlic Bread Fruit Salad
Spaghetti Green Beans Fruit Roll	Taco Tuesday Beef Totchos Beans Mexican Corn Fruit	Chicken Strips Mac and Cheese Broccoli Fruit	Hot Dogs Baked Beans Chips Fruit	Spring Break!
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Chili Baked Potato Broccoli Fruit	Taco Tuesday Beef Totchos Beans Mexican Corn Fruit	Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Corn Fruit	Oatmeal Scrambled Eggs Biscuit Fruit	Pizza Friday Cheese or Pepperoni Garlic Bread Fruit Salad
Chicken Alfredo Buttered Noodles Broccoli Fruit				

**LUNCH ROOM
REMINDER!**
Powdered drink mixes are not allowed as they stain the cafeteria tables. Thank you!

A DOZEN WAYS TO RESPOND TO "BACK TALK"

COUNSELOR CORNER
With Mrs. Lepelcak

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Try again please. | 
Your message is getting lost. | 
The way we talk to people matters. | 
People will listen more when you ask with kindness. |
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I can tell you're really mad. | 
You're allowed to be frustrated. | 
I won't let you _____. | 
I know this is feeling like a lot. |
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I'm here for you no matter what. | 
I'm happy to explain this decision. | 
I need to take a moment for myself. | 
We can always figure it out together. |



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

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A PART OF OUR PRAYER TEAM?

The Mount Olive Prayer Team believes in the power of prayer and has committed to pray for our Mount Olive Community. The team is open to anyone who desires to be a member. As a prayer team member, you will receive a weekly email with prayer requests and then lift up the requests. Contact the office 515-277-8349 if you would like to join us.

**LIGHTS,
CAMERA
Auction!**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

Mount Olive Lutheran School Auction

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

Tickets On Sale Now!
\$215 PER TABLE (8) OR \$30 INDIVIDUAL

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

Child-Care offered for a donation at St. Paul Lutheran in Ankeny.

YOUNG PATRIOTS CLUB INVITES YOU TO OUR

**7TH ANNUAL
HEARTS FOR HEROES NIGHT**

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 6:30 PM

**AT GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH IN
URBANDALE**

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

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

- March 13- Skate Night @ Skate South
- April 4- Muffins with Misses
- April 7- PTL Meeting
- April 10- Culver's Fundraiser
- May 2- Donut & Muffin Morning
- May 12- PTL Meeting
- May 12- May 16 Teacher Appreciation Week!

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



Mount Olive Library News

Thanks for your support of our libraries by checking out books and donating a number of gently used and new selections.

Our public address is being updated; it cannot be used. The library team members will be happy to help you find topics and let you know about your students' library checkouts.

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School

**Easter
EGGSTRAVAGANZA**

Crafts **Egg Hunts** **Games**

Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 2-4 pm

Staggered Start Egg Hunts
3:30 pm: Birth-5 Years Old
3:40 pm: Kindergarten-2nd Grade
3:50 pm: 3rd Grade - Up

5625 Franklin Ave, DSM | 515-277-8349



Freedom Fest IV Has Kicked Off!!

We kicked off Freedom Fest IV this past Wednesday after chapel! Freedom Fest is a 3rd-8th grade celebration of God's gifts of freedom put together by Young Patriots Club. This year's Freedom Fest will take place from Monday, April 7th - Friday, April 11th, 2025. Student entries will be judged, we'll have academic bees, guest speakers, and end the week with a special program called Hearts for Heroes, which will take place at 6:30 pm at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Urbandale. Freedom Fest hand-outs were sent home with details and directions. Our theme for this year's Freedom Fest is: We love because God first loved us. 1 John 4:19. Reach out to Mrs. Dueker with any questions: julie.dueker@molcs.org.

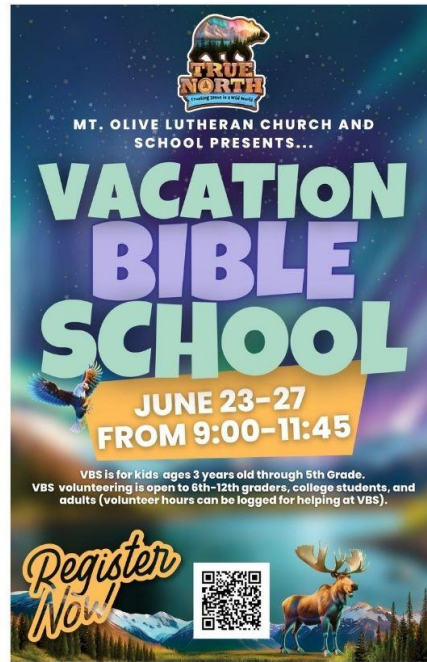
VBS DONATIONS

The Family Ministry Committee is excited to bring back VBS to Mount Olive this summer from June 23-27. It costs about \$40/child to run VBS. We are currently accepting monetary donations for VBS and will be asking for donations of snacks and materials in the coming months as we get closer to VBS. Donations are accepted through our secure online giving page of the website, dropping off donations in the school office during business hours, or giving through the offering plate (clearly marked for VBS).

MUSTANGS SOCCER (5-8th Grade)

Mark your calendars! Soccer practices will begin on Tuesday, April 1 at 3:45-5:00 pm. Games and Practices will be at Hillis Elementary 2401 56th Street

We could use an Assistant Coach or two, if interested please contact the office! Schedules will be sent out after spring break.



Lenten Soup Supper for the Mount Olive Libraries

On March 26, 5:00 to 5:45: Enjoy a tasty meal of homemade soups, relishes, fruit and delicious desserts before the Lenten service at 6:00 p.m. Thanks from the Library Team and all book lovers in our community.