



OLIVE BRANCH

Week of March 23, 2025



Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 23

8:30 am Traditional Worship

Elder: Jake Holle

Reader: David Ullmann

9:40 am Sunday School & Bible Study

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

Elder: Jake Holle

Reader: Reggie Schoen

Message: "Redemptive Suffering: Turning Pain into Purpose"

Scripture Readings: Genesis 50:15-20

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

Monday, March 24

NO SCHOOL!

6:00 pm Young & Devoted

Tuesday, March 25

7:30 am YPC Youth Leader Team Practice

5:00 pm School Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 26

5:00 pm Lenten Meal

6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

Elder: Greg Scheiwe

Thursday, March 27

4:30 pm YPC Youth Leader Meeting

6:00 pm Men4Christ

7:00 pm Worship Band Rehearsal

Friday, March 28

7:30 pm YPC Youth Leader Practice

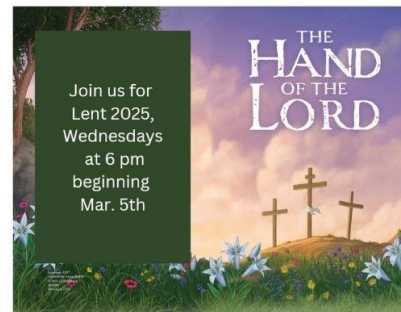
**If you have an announcement you want included **
in the Olive Branch, please email it to Amber
(school.office@molcs.org) by **Noon on Wednesdays!**



NO SCHOOL
FRIDAY, MARCH 14-
MONDAY, MARCH 24

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.



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.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Sign up for Altar Flowers in the Narthex. Flowers are \$40, pay in the office.



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!

10 SMART TIPS TO GET YOUR KIDS TO LISTEN TO YOU

1. GET ON THEIR LEVEL
Don't start talking until you have your child's full attention. Kneel down in front of him and make eye contact while making your request.

2. OFFER CHOICES
Kids do not want to be told what to do all the time so always provide them two choices for them to pick from so they will feel that they are in control of the situation.

3. USE FEWER WORDS
Children need short and simple sentences that offer direct instructions.

4. ENSURE COMPREHENSION
Speak to your child at a level she will understand.

5. SET UP ROUTINES
It is important for you to establish a set of routine for your child. They will take pride in knowing what they are supposed to do -- and doing it by themselves without you nagging.

6. LISTEN
Having good family communication and active listening can do several things to encourage your child to listen.

7. GET INTO THEIR SPACE
Show them respect when you make time to listen to their concerns, and it will be easier for them to show respect back when they feel respected.

8. ENGAGE COOPERATION
Kids need to see the importance of following directions. For example: When you finish your homework, you can play with your toys.

9. USE POSITIVE LANGUAGE
Children respond better to direct instructions that tell them what to do rather than what cannot be done.

10. POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT
When your child follows your directions, provide positive consequences to reinforce the behavior like a compliment or a surprise reward once in a while.

COUNSELOR CORNER
With Mrs. Lepeltak

Source:
1. <http://www.ahparenting.com/parenting-tips/communication/how-get-kids-to-listen>
2. <http://www.parentingtipsolutions.com/parenting-get-kids-to-listen>
<http://raisingyourkids.com>

Muffins with Misses
April 4th - 8:00 am - 8:45 am
Mothers and Mother-Figures are welcome to join your children for donuts, muffins, and coffee on the back pavilion at school!
Hosted by PTL and Kindergarten families

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

- April 4- Muffins with Misses
- April 7- PTL Meeting
- April 10- Culver's Fundraiser
- April 26- MTO Auction
- 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.

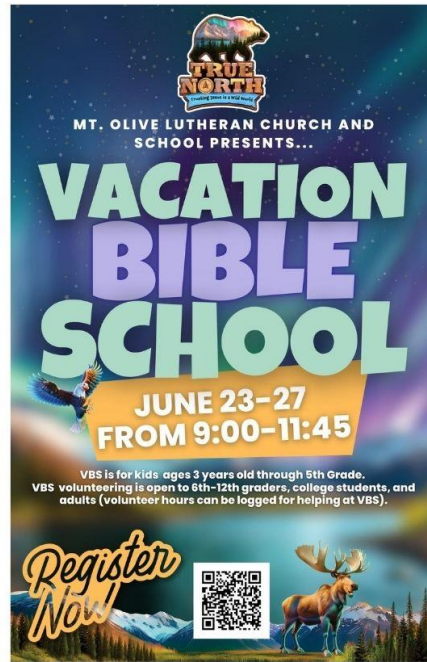
VBS DONATIONS

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.



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!