



# OLIVE BRANCH

Week of May 4, 2025



## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, May 4

8:30 am Traditional Worship with Lord's Supper  
 Elder: Danley Schumann  
 Usher: Greg Scheiwe  
 Reader: Lois Schumann  
 10:30 am Contemporary Worship with Lord's Supper  
 Elder: Danley Schumann  
 Usher: Steve Honold  
 Message: "My Past Defines Me"  
 Scripture Readings: Acts 9:1-22  
 2 Corinthians 5:15-21  
 John 21:1-19

### Monday, May 5

5:30 pm Spring Musical (5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Cast)  
 6:45 pm Spring Musical (6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Cast)

### Tuesday, May 6

7:30 am YPC Youth Leader Practice  
 3:45 pm Soccer Practice @ Hillis Elementary  
 3:50 pm Young Writers Club

### Thursday, May 8

4:00 pm Soccer Practice @ Hillis Elementary  
 6:00 pm Men4Christ  
 7:00 pm Worship Band Rehearsal

### Friday, May 9

NO SCHOOL!

### Saturday, May 10

9:00 am Soccer Tournament at MidAmerican RecPlex

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

## COFFEE WITH JESUS

Ladies, please join us Saturday, May 3rd, 9:30 - 11 am, for our women's Bible study Coffee With Jesus. We'll have the coffee on. Bring a Bible and join us as we learn together how to walk closer with Jesus. We meet in the 8th grade room, right next to the gathering area. All women are welcome!

## MISSION MITES SUNDAY THIS WEEK

Please help us minister to the homeless. Our mission grant emphasis this month is on National Grant 30: Showering Love on the Least of These. Mercy Holistic Ministry ministers to a large homeless population in Sacramento, CA, through their mobile shower trailer - bringing a clean shower, clothing, hygiene kits, and free haircuts to various locations around Sacramento, as well as the opportunity to speak with someone who can listen, pray with them, and provide referrals to other services. This grant will enable them to increase their services to three days per week, as well as provide additional equipment, Bibles and prayer books. Please deposit your offering in the large Mite Box in the Gathering Area. Every penny helps!

**LET'S GROW!**  
**REFER A FRIEND**  
 KNOW A FAMILY THAT WOULD LOVE MOUNT OLIVE AS MUCH AS YOU DO?  
 Refer a friend, and if they enroll for the 2025-2026 school year, you'll receive a \$100 gift card of your choice as our way of saying thank you!  
 OFFER GOOD FOR APRIL 15 - MAY 15



**May 12- PTL Meeting**  
**May 12- May 16 Teacher Appreciation Week!**

## Thought of the Week

*"Therefore, let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another."*

Romans 14:19

Look for ways to build up - strengthen, encourage, love - other members of the Body of Christ. I doing so, you build up the whole Church.

**LUNCH ROOM REMINDER!**

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

| MAY 2025<br>Mount Olive Lutheran                           |   |  |  |   |
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| Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  |
|  |   |  | French Toast Bake<br>Scrambled Eggs<br>Sausage Patty<br>Fruit                            | Pizza Friday<br>Cheese or Pepperoni<br>Garlic Bread<br>Fruit<br>Salad |
| Baked Potatoes<br>Chili<br>Broccoli<br>Fruit               | Taco Tuesday<br>Chicken Tacos<br>Beans<br>Cilantro Lime Rice<br>Fruit | Pigs In a Blanket<br>Baked Beans<br>Chips<br>Fruit       | Ham and Potato Soup<br>Buttered Carrots<br>Fruit<br>Dinner Roll                          | No School!  |
| Biscuits and Sausage Gravy<br>Scrambled Eggs<br>Fruit      | Taco Tuesday<br>Beef Tacos<br>Beans<br>Cilantro Lime Rice<br>Fruit    | Spaghetti<br>Green Beans<br>Fruit                        | Ham Sliders<br>Carrot Sticks<br>Chips<br>Fruit   | Pizza Friday<br>Cheese or Pepperoni<br>Garlic Bread<br>Fruit<br>Salad |
| Chicken Nuggets<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>Green Beans<br>Fruit | Taco Tuesday<br>Chicken Tacos<br>Beans<br>Cilantro Lime Rice<br>Fruit | Orange Chicken<br>White Rice<br>Veggie Egg Roll<br>Fruit | Pulled Pork Sliders<br>Baked Beans<br>Chips<br>Fruit<br>Pasta Salad<br>Assorted Desserts | Have a great Summer!!!  |
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**Important Children's Library News!**

Parents, Mark these dates...

- May 1, 2025 :The last day to check out books
- May 8, 2025: The date when all books are to be returned.

Please help find and make sure books are returned.  
Thanks for helping! From the Mount Olive Library Team

Megan Torreson, mother of five and author of "Fourth in the Fire", will share how she and her family walked through their own fiery furnace and experienced the strength of Jesus Christ walking with them – and how we can have that same faith as we encounter our own life battles.



**Saturday, May 17th**

- 8:30: Breakfast & registration (\$15)
- 9 – noon: GROW! Mini-retreat featuring author Megan Torreson
- Inspiration, laughter, spiritual growth, special music, delicious food, and a rustic weathered board craft to express your own faith story

**All women are welcome!**

Childcare is available  
Hosted by Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School Women's Ministry  
5625 Franklin Ave  
Des Moines 50310  
Pre-register by calling 515-277-8349



**KIDS NOT LISTENING?**

**do this!**

- Whisper don't yell
- realize it's hard to stop something fun, for something less fun
- How we speak influences whether kids listen
- Whispering grabs kids attention because it's unexpected
- being playful boosts listening
- Use kindness and firmness
- Playfulness meets kids at their level
- remember, attend to both emotions and behavior
- Yelling causes kids to shut down
- "I know it's hard to stop working on your puzzle"
- Mean it

**With Mrs. Lepoltak**

**COUNSELOR CORNER**

**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, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup> grade





**NOTES FROM THE MTO MUSIC ROOM**

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND NOTE SOME ADJUSTMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE PERFORMANCE CALENDAR**



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| STUDENTS WHO SIGNED UP PRIOR TO 4/25         | SUNDAY, MAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> @ 3:00 PM<br>SPRING CONCERT  |
| 5 <sup>TH</sup> & 7 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE CAST | MONDAY, MAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> @ 5:30 PM<br>SPRING MUSICAL  |
| 6 <sup>TH</sup> & 8 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE CAST | MONDAY, MAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> @ 6:45 PM<br>SPRING MUSICAL  |
| PS3, PS4, KINDERGARTEN                       | MONDAY, MAY 12 <sup>TH</sup> @ 4:00PM<br>SPRING CONCERT  |
| 1 <sup>ST</sup> & 2 <sup>ND</sup> GRADE      | MONDAY, MAY 12 <sup>TH</sup> @ 5:00 PM<br>SPRING CONCERT |
| 3 <sup>RD</sup> & 4 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE      | MONDAY, MAY 12 <sup>TH</sup> @ 6:00 PM<br>SPRING CONCERT |
| 5 <sup>TH</sup> -7 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE BAND  | WEDNESDAY, MAY 21 <sup>ST</sup> @ 6:00 PM<br>GRADUATION  |

**QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS? PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO [AARON.POWELL@MOLCS.ORG](mailto:AARON.POWELL@MOLCS.ORG)  
THANK-YOU TO ALL OF THE MTO COMMUNITY WHO HAS REACHED OUT IN OUR TIME OF  
GRIEVING THE LOSS OF MY FATHER, DOUG.  
MR. POWELL**

**LADIES NIGHT OUT**

Ladies, please join us on Thursday, May 15th, 6:00 pm at Clyde's Fine Diner, 111 E. Grand Ave, in Des Moines East Village, for our next Ladies Night Out. Enjoy a fun evening of great conversation and some delicious comfort food. All women are welcome! Feel free to invite a friend or come and meet a new one. Call or text Becky at 515-988-5832 to let us know you're coming. Note: If you would like to carpool to the restaurant, please meet at the church at 5:45 pm.

**National Lutheran Schools Week Success!!**

THANK YOU to everyone's participation this year.

We collected almost \$600 during our lunchtime cookie sales, as well as with Mr. Shearer's donation of his unique 3D art creatures sale. We also collected 189 shoes for Soles4Souls!

Thank you Mount Olive for giving back to those in need. The NLSW Committee was thrilled to deliver 14 boxes of gently used and new shoes to UPS for the cause.

A thank you to the Kindergarten class of Miss Adams for counting the shoes, boxing the shoes, as well as taping up everything ready for delivery!

A thank you to Amy and Andrea in the school kitchen for donating over 400 cookies for our bake sale! We also had dozens of cookies and bars donated after we began our fundraiser. The students kept this fundraiser going all week! What teamwork for our school!

The raised money went to our Student Council at Mt Olive. These kids are fundraising for new playground equipment once our school addition gets built.

