



OLIVE BRANCH

Week of January 30, 2026



Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 1st

8:30 am Traditional Worship

Reader: Carol Brown

Usher: Frank Squires

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

Reader: Reggie Schoen

Usher: Ken Discher

Tuesday, February 3rd

3:45 pm - Young Writer's Club

Wednesday, February 4th

5:45 pm - GROWZONE Session 3, Week 1

Saturday, February 7th

9:30 - 11:00 am - COFFEE WITH JESUS

Bring a Bible and join us as we dig into God's Word and encourage each other in our faith. Please enter through the school doors and you will find us right down the hall.

Thursday, February 19th

6:00 pm - LADIES NIGHT OUT

Ladies, please join us at Trostel's Greenbriar, 5810 Merle Hay Road, Johnston. Come enjoy a night out with delicious food and uplifting conversation. All women are welcome! Feel free to bring a friend - or come and meet a new friend. Please call or text Becky at 515-988-5832 to let us know you're coming.

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



February 4, 2026
Session 3, Week 1

GROWZONE

Schedule

5:45 - 6:15 Worship (Sanctuary)

6:15 - 6:45 Dinner (Lunch Room)

6:45 - 7:30 Groups (Classrooms)



Dinner: Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Fruit, Breakfast Sweets

Cost: \$5/person, children under 10 FREE

IMPORTANT UPDATE REGARDING SUMMER CAMP

As many of you know, Mount Olive is preparing to break ground on our new building—an exciting step forward for our school community. Due to the construction taking place on campus, we will unfortunately not be able to offer Summer Camp this year.

We understand that Summer Camp is something many families plan for and rely on, and we sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. While we will miss spending the summer months with our students, we are grateful for your understanding and support as we take this important step in growing and improving our facilities for the future.

We look forward to welcoming campers back in future summers and are excited for all that this new building will bring to Mount Olive Lutheran Church and School.

Candygrams!

FEBRUARY 10 - 13TH

Sold Before School From

8:00-8:15 AM

Students can purchase a candygram to send to their friends for Valentine's Day. Each candygram will come with 2 pieces of candy and a spot for a message!

\$1 per Candygram

Can be bought at the schools front door



VALENTINE'S DAY BABYSITTING NIGHT

Hosted by: 8th Grade Class

Enjoy a night out this Valentine's Day while we entertain your kids with pizza, playtime, and a movie!

Friday, February 13

5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Mount Olive School



- Pizza dinner
- Fun playtime

A family-friendly movie

\$50 per child

\$80 for two children



<https://igit.me/BYs9y>



Join in the fun at

Teacher Appreciation Week!

We are looking for volunteers to cover lunch and recess duties so teachers can enjoy a catered lunch together on February 25th, 2026!

Please use the link below to sign up to cover either lunchroom supervision, recess supervision, or preschool classroom coverage!

[Sign Up Here!](#)

CANCER COMPANIONS PROGRAM

In 2022, Shepherd of The Valley Lutheran Church members Kim Carstens, Rick Shults and Maribeth Erickson started a ministry called, “Seeing God in Your Cancer Journey”, as part of the Cancer Companions Program. This program is designed to help persons

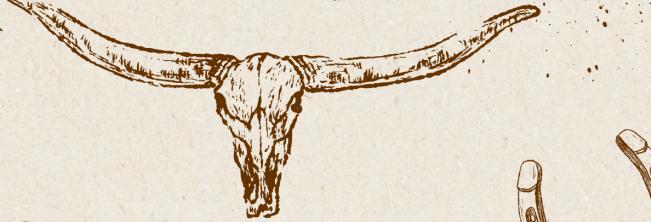
with cancer and their family and/or caregivers to better understand where God fits into their cancer struggle and how to use scripture to find comfort and guidance. We are trained Cancer Companions facilitators. Links to the Cancer Companion website are below.

The program provides participants with a devotion guide and nine group meetings. We have offered the meetings virtually (Zoom) and have found this allows more participants to join us from wherever they are and regardless of their ability to leave home. We have decided to continue offering our ministry in this fashion to make it easier to reach beyond SOTV's doors.

In addition to our own members and the LCMS district office, we are reaching out to other LCMS congregations to share this ministry opportunity with your congregation. Anyone interested in this ministry can contact the SOTV church office at 515-225-1623 or this email address sotvcancercompanions@gmail.com and we will get back to them with more information.

Cancer touches so many we believe God's word can greatly help those that are struggling to find the answers.

Please join us for the



MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN SCHOOL

WILD WEST GALA

APRIL 18 | 5:00PM - 9:00PM

DMACC - BUILDING 7
2006 South Ankeny Blvd
Ankeny, IA 50023

