



OLIVE BRANCH

Week of July 28, 2024



Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 28- 10th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Traditional Worship

Elder: Andy Mager

Reader: George Davison

9:40 am Adult Bible Study

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

Elder: Andy Mager

Reader: Carol Brown

Message: "James- Son of Alphaeus"

Scripture Readings: Genesis 9:8-17

Ephesians 3:14-21

Matthew 10:1-15

Wednesday, July 31

9:30 am Library Team Meeting

Thursday, August 1

6:30 pm Elder's Meeting

Saturday, August 3

9:30 am Coffee with Jesus in Church Library

**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!

FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

This week is our Sunday to remember those in our community who are hungry or food-insecure. Our food donations go to support the DMARC Food Pantry. Food items may be brought in and placed in the large basket in the gathering area (near the restroom hallway). Most needed items are peanut butter, whole grain cereals, and fruit canned in 100% juice. Or you may give a cash donation online at www.dmarcunited.org or mail a check to DMARC, 100 Army Post Road, Des Moines 50315. Sponsored by the Adult Ministries Team.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"And to many blind He gave sight." Luke 7:21

It's the world that's in pitch-black darkness. Our churches are God's great source of light on this planet! Let your presence light up the church, and be a reviving joy to others.

NOTE FROM PASTOR AND ELDERS

We wish to clarify the concepts of tithes and offerings to ensure our collective understanding and support.

Tithes: This represents 10% of your income dedicated to God. These funds are essential for our church's general operations and are critical in maintaining our day-to-day activities.

Offerings: Any amount given beyond your tithe is considered an offering. Offerings are used for special projects, such as the building fund.

Please note: It is important to maintain your regular tithes to support our core operating expenses. If you feel moved to contribute to specific projects like the building fund, we encourage you to do so with additional offerings. However, redirecting your tithe to these projects could jeopardize our ability to cover essential operational costs.

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The school board would like to welcome our newly called teachers with a gift card tree (3 in total!). If interested, please purchase a scrip gift card or drop off a gift card in the office. You can purchase a scrip card on Sunday between services or during the week in the office between 8-2pm. Thank you!

GEARING UP FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

Parents- please fill out the 2024-2025 registration form on the school website. Bring updated Immunization Records and physicals to the school office.

Summer Office Hours

Monday- Friday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Summer Camp Fun July 29-Aug 2

Monday, July 29- PS4 & K Story time at Franklin Library

Tuesday, July 30- Pool Day for 1st-5th grade
1:00-3:00 pm

Wednesday, July 31- Chapel and Olive Garden (free for all registered campers!)

Thursday, August 1- Bowling 1st-5th grade

Friday, August 2- Pool Day 1st-5th grade 1:00-3:00 pm

Remember to wash and return campers swimming suits on Monday!

INSTALLATION & RECOMMISSIONING

Join us in celebrating the installation of Christopher Covert and Rebekah Henschen on Sunday, August 18 at the 10:30 service. We will also recommission the rest of our teaching staff during this service. Light refreshments will be offered after the service!



MILITARY TRIBUTE PRACTICE

Looking for an opportunity for your family to honor our American veterans together?

The Military Tribute Concert (a non-profit group organized to honor our military personnel) will be performing for the 10th year at the Iowa State Fair on Monday afternoon, August 12, 2023. We plan to assemble an 80-voice choir, a 40-piece orchestra, and a large children's choir. We would love for you to join us! Optional rehearsals are at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church every Wednesday evening from 6-7:30 beginning on July 17th, with a final rehearsal on Sunday, August 11th. Please consider serving in our choir, orchestra, or crew to pay tribute to our veterans, current service members, and families of the fallen. Dueker will be directing the children's choir and would love for your children to be involved! You can contact Mrs. Dueker at youngpatriots1776@gmail.com. Find more information and register at: <https://militarytributeconcert.org/register>.

COFFEE WITH JESUS

Please join us this Saturday, August 3rd, 9:30 - 11 am for Coffee With Jesus, our monthly women's Bible study. This month's study is titled "Growing in Christ". Summer is a time of growth in the outside world, but how do we grow within? How do we grow our faith? How can I grow closer to Christ? Join us Saturday morning in the church library as we explore these questions. We'll have the coffee brewing, so bring a Bible and a favorite mug, or use one of ours. All women are welcome!

PARK PLAYDATES

**THURSDAYS
JUNE 6 - AUGUST 8**

Where: Jaycee Park
4528 71st St. Urbandale
Time: 8:30am-10:30am
More Info: Allison - 218-790-5113



NEED A GOOD READ?

Did you know Mount Olive has a church library located right off the sanctuary? We have lots of great Christian fiction, biographies, and thought provoking books that can enhance your christian walk! The library is self-help - just find a book, sign your name and date to the library card and leave the card as a record of your book loan. The library is open to all church members and school parents and personnel, and available whenever the church and school building is open - during office hours Monday - Friday, and during our Sunday services. Come check us out!

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