



OLIVE BRANCH

Week of August 4, 2024



Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 4- 11th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Traditional Worship celebrating Lord's Supper
 Elder: Jake Holle
 Usher: Karl Koch
 Reader: George Davison
 9:40 am Adult Bible Study
 10:30 am Contemporary Worship celebrating Lord's Supper
 Elder: Jake Holle
 Usher: Cory Emily
 Reader: Ken Discher
 Message: "Thaddaeus (Judas, son of James)- The Questioner"
 Scripture Readings: Exodus 16:2-15
 Ephesians 4:1-16
 John 14:22-24

Monday, August 5

4:30 pm PTL Meeting

Tuesday, August 6

6:30 pm New Family Orientation

Thursday, August 8

6:00 pm Men4Christ Bible Study

**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!

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 recommit the rest of our teaching staff during this service. Light refreshments will be offered after the service!

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Once safely on shore, we found out the island is called Malta. The islanders showed us unusual kindness."

Acts 28:1-2

The islanders of Malta had little, yet they showed Paul unusual kindness. Being generous doesn't depend on how much we have to give. God uses even our small acts of generosity to encourage others and bring honor to Him.



August 6 @ 6:30 pm New Family Orientation in the Sanctuary
 August 17 @ 4:00 pm Back to School Night
 August 18 @ 10:30 am New Teacher Installation & Recommissioning
 August 25 @ 8:30 & 10:30 am Back Pack Blessing
 August 23 First day of school
 Early dismissal @ 1:15 pm

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!

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!

MISSION MITES SUNDAY

This is LWML Mission Mites Weekend. This month we are featuring National Grant #14 - Enhancement of the Deaf Ministry of Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society. Did you know that 95% of the est. 500,000 deaf users of ASL (American Sign Language) are unchurched! We have 124 local or congregational deaf ministries in the LCMS but they are severely short of resources and interpreters. This grant will enable Ephphatha to expand their Church Interpreter Training Academy and aid in translating deaf worship resources for local churches.

Summer Office Hours

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

Summer Camp Fun August 5-9th
 Monday, August 5- PS4 & K Story time at Franklin Library
 Tuesday, August 6- Pool Day for 1st-5th grade 1:00-3:00 pm
 Wednesday, August 7- Chapel and lunch by Ms.Amy (free for all registered campers!)
 Friday, August 9- Pool Day 1st-5th grade 1:00-3:00 pm
 Remember to wash and return campers swimming suits on Monday!

PARK PLAYDATES

**THURSDAYS
JUNE 6 - AUGUST 6**

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

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>.

**FAMILY
BUG HUNT
& PICNIC DINNER**

AUGUST 10TH
4 TO 6 PM
POINTE VISTA PARK
9612 ENFIELD DR
JOHNSTON, IA 50131

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Let's get together for a park adventure!
 Let's look for some bugs, play at the park,
 and have a good old-fashioned picnic! All kids
 registered will get a bug catching net and
 container.
 Please reach out to Allison with any
 questions 218-790-5113

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendar for our next Ladies Night Out Thursday, August 15th at 6 pm. We haven't chosen a definite location for this month yet, so we are open for suggestions! If you have somewhere you would love to go to, call or text Becky at 515-988-5832, or talk to Sandi Christofferson or Donna Foltman. Watch for more info next week and make plans to join us for a great time!



Ladies Night In fun! July 2024

COVER OUR KIDS WITH PRAYER

It is exciting to prepare for this Prayer Ministry again this school year. Yes, we have more families to include, and we are trusting that the Lord will provide prayer team members.
 If you are not yet involved, we invite you to stop by the Cover Our Prayer table for information and to join this ministry. We ask that current Prayer Team members verify their contact information and permit us to take a new photo. Thank you for serving!
 Organized by the Adult Ministry Team

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