



# OLIVE BRANCH

Week of February 23, 2025



## Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 23

8:30 am Traditional Worship

Elder: Danley Schumann

Reader: Lois Schumann

9:40 am Sunday School & Bible Study

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

Elder: Danley Schumann

Reader: Sara Stafford

Message: "Handling Failure & Disappointment"

Scripture Readings: Genesis 45:3-15

1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42

John 21:15-23

Monday, February 24

6:00 pm Young & Devoted

Tuesday, February 25

7:30 pm YPC Youth Leader Team Practice

Wednesday, February 26

5:00 pm Worship Band Practice

Thursday, February 27

6:00 pm Men4Christ

Friday, February 28

7:30 am YPC Youth Leader Team Practice

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

The Altar Flower sign-up sheet is located by the coffee bar.  
Flowers are \$40, who may pay in the office.

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"For wherever you go, I will go . . . your people shall be  
my people, and you God, my God." Ruth 1:16  
Our God is loyal to His children. Take a few minutes to  
think of some ways that you can show your loyalty to  
Him in return, playing on His team in all that you do.

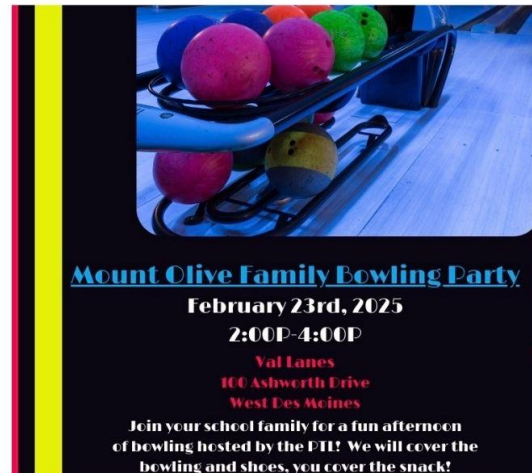


## 2025 EDUCATION CELEBRATION

March 6th, 2025  
10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Iowa State Capitol

**SHOW YOUR SUPPORT  
FOR PARENTAL CHOICE IN  
EDUCATION!**

Parents and students - Celebrate the  
importance of parental choice in education  
and effective K-12 options by visiting your  
legislators and attending a rally in the  
rotunda!



## Mount Olive Family Bowling Party

February 23rd, 2025

2:00P-4:00P

Val Lanes  
100 Ashworth Drive  
West Des Moines

Join your school family for a fun afternoon  
of bowling hosted by the PII! We will cover the  
bowling and shoes, you cover the snack!

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](mailto:lkaynel@yahoo.com)). Thank you!

## YEARBOOK LINK

Yearbooks can still be ordered using the  
following link:

[https://www.treering.com/purchase?](https://www.treering.com/purchase?PassCode=1015909614083716)  
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FEBRUARY 2025				
Mount Olive Lutheran School				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>3</b> Chicken Alfredo Buttered Noodles Broccoli Fruit	<b>4</b> Taco Tuesday Beef Tacos Beans Cilantro Lime Rice Fruit	<b>5</b> Teriyaki Chicken White Rice Pork Egg Roll Fruit	<b>6</b> Spaghetti Green Beans Fruit Roll	<b>7</b> Pizza Friday Cheese or Pepperoni Garlic Bread Fruit Salad
<b>10</b> NO SCHOOL	<b>11</b> Taco Tuesday Beef Tacos Beans Cilantro Lime Rice Fruit	<b>12</b> Turkey Sliders Chips Fruit Carrot Sticks	<b>13</b> Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Corn Fruit	<b>14</b> Pizza Friday Cheese or Pepperoni Garlic Bread Fruit Salad
<b>17</b> NO SCHOOL	<b>18</b> Taco Tuesday Beef Tacos Beans Cilantro Lime Rice Fruit	<b>19</b> Spaghetti Green Beans Fruit Roll	<b>20</b> Hot Dogs Baked Beans Chips Fruit	<b>21</b> Pizza Friday Cheese or Pepperoni Garlic Bread Fruit Salad
<b>24</b> Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Corn Fruit	<b>25</b> Taco Tuesday Beef Tacos Beans Cilantro Lime Rice Fruit	<b>26</b> Scrambled Eggs Sausage Patty Cinnamon Roll Fruit	<b>27</b> Little Smokies Mashed Potatoes Corn Fruit	<b>28</b> Pizza Friday Cheese or Pepperoni Garlic Bread Fruit Salad



**COFFEE WITH JESUS**

Ladies, please join us for Coffee With Jesus, Saturday, March 1st, 9:30 - 11 am. 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!

**LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION PRAYER SERVICE**

All women are invited to our Des Moines East & West Zones Annual Prayer Service, Saturday March 8th at Christ Lutheran Church, 2325 SW State Street, Suite C, in Ankeny. The service begins at 9:30 am, with a pre-service breakfast at 8:30 am. The service this year is based on Matthew 5:1-12, with prayers and Scripture readings based on the Beatitudes. There will be a freewill offering for Harvest Academy Movers of Indianola, a life skills academy for those dealing with addiction, homelessness, incarceration, etc. For our ingathering, please bring one or more non-perishable food items for the Ankeny Service Center. Contact Donna at 515-868-8794 for more information.

Lutheran Women in Mission  
 PRAYER SERVICE 2025  
**Blessed**  
 are they...  
 Matthew 5:1-12

COUNSELOR CORNER  
 With Mrs. Lovelock

**WHEN KIDS ARE STRESSED**

**THEY FEEL INSIDE:**

- Overwhelm
- Anxiety
- Confusion
- Disconnection
- Unrest
- Lonliness
- Overstimulation
- Fear
- Pressure
- Anger
- Insult
- Perplexity
- Shock
- Despair
- Shame

**THEY EXPRESS OUTSIDE:**

- Mean words
- Whining
- Grumpiness/sass
- Regressions
- Misbehaviour
- Clinginess
- Perfectionism
- Resistance
- Aggression
- Tantrum
- Closedness
- Weeping
- Aloofness
- Ignoring
- Escape



**LIGHTS,  
CAMERA,  
*Auction!***

PLEASE MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR FOR  
THE ANNUAL

**Mount Olive Lutheran School Auction**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH, 2025**  
5:00 pm - 9:00pm

**Tickets On Sale Soon!**

**Iowa Culinary Institute**  
DMACC - BUILDING 7  
2006 SOUTH ANKENY BLVD  
ANKENY, IA 50023

**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](mailto:cory.emily@molcs.org) or call 515-277-8349

**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



**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A PART OF OUR PRAYER TEAM?**

The Mount Olive Prayer Team is a group of members who believe in the power of prayer and have committed to pray for our church and for the personal needs of our congregation. The team is open to anyone who desires to be a member. Prayer requests are sent to each team member in a weekly email, with additional requests sent during the week when needed. As a prayer team member, you simply commit to lifting up these requests to our Lord, who promises to hear and answer our prayers. Contact the office 515-277-8349 if you would like to join us.

**PTL EVENTS SPRING 2025**

**FEBRUARY**  
2/17 - DONUTS AND MUFFINS  
HOSTED BY 2ND GRADE  
2/23 - FREE FAMILY BOWLING  
VAL LANES - WDM

**MARCH**  
3/7 - DONUTS AND MUFFINS  
HOSTED BY 1ST GRADE  
3/10 - PTL MEETING  
3/13 - SKATE NIGHT - SKATE SOUTH

**APRIL**  
4/4 - MUFFINS WITH MISSES  
HOSTED BY PTL & KINDERGARTEN  
4/7 - PTL MEETING  
4/10 - CULVERS FUNDRAISER

**MAY**  
5/2 - DONUTS AND MUFFINS  
HOSTED BY PRESCHOOL  
5/12 - PTL MEETING  
5/12 - 5/16  
TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!

Want a fun, easy way to get involved at Mount Olive? Sign-up to volunteer in the kitchen during lunch! Link below!

