



# OLIVE BRANCH

Week of March 30, 2025



## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, March 30

8:30 am Traditional Worship with Lord's Supper

Elder: Andy Mager

Usher: Greg Scheiwe

Reader: Mike Overkamp

9:40 am Sunday School & Bible Study

10:30 am Contemporary Worship with Lord's Supper

Elder: Andy Mager

Usher: Ken Discher

Reader: Carol Brown

Message: "Growing Through Trials"

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 12:1-9

2 Corinthians 4:13-18

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Church  
Attendance  
card



### Tuesday, April 1

7:30 am YPC Youth Leader Team Practice

3:45 pm Soccer Practice @ Hillis Elementary

3:50 Young Writers Club

### Wednesday, April 2

5:00 pm Lenten Meal

6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

Elder: Danley Schumann

### Thursday, March 27

4:30 pm YPC Youth Leader Meeting

6:00 pm Men4Christ

7:00 pm Worship Band Rehearsal

### Friday, March 28

7:30 pm YPC Youth Leader Practice

\*\*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!**

A Congregation meeting will be held on March 30th between services at approximately 9:35am. The meeting will provide an update on the current fiscal year financials as well as providing a preliminary 2025-26 Mt Olive budget.

## NEW WAY TO FILL OUT CHURCH

### ATTENDANCE CARDS

Attention Mount Olive Church members & visitors: You can now fill out an attendance card using the QR code to the left! (This will also be on display during church)



There will be a meal served from 5:00-5:45 pm in the fellowship hall prior to service.

## 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.  
6th & 7th Grade



*"For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior. The Lord Jesus Christ."* Philippians 3:20

It is a fact: We cannot live this Christian life in our own strength. That fact does not stop us from trying, to be sure. It is an ongoing battle to die to self; but we must relinquish control and depend solely upon Christ, for it is only through Him that all things are possible.



### ALTAR FLOWERS

Sign up for Altar Flowers in the Narthex. Flowers are \$40, pay in the office.



APRIL 2025 Mount Olive Lutheran School				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Alfredo Buttered Noodles Broccoli Fruit	Taco Tuesday Beef Tacos Beans Cilantro Lime Rice Fruit	Biscuits and Gravy Scrambled Eggs Fruit	Spaghetti Green Beans Fruit Roll	Pizza Friday Cheese or Pepperoni Garlic Bread Fruit Salad
Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans Fruit Roll	Taco Tuesday Beef Tacos Beans Mexican Corn Fruit	Chicken Lo Mein Veggie Egg Roll Fruit	Grilled Cheese Chicken Noodle Soup Fruit	Pizza Friday Cheese or Pepperoni Garlic Bread Fruit Salad
Baked Potatoes Chili Fruit	Taco Tuesday Beef Tacos Beans Cilantro Lime Rice Fruit	Turkey Sliders Chips Carrot Sticks Fruit	No School	No School
No School	Taco Tuesday Beef Tacos Beans Mexican Corn Fruit	Sloppy Joes Tater Tots Green Beans Fruit	Orange Chicken White Rice Veggie Egg Roll Fruit	Pizza Friday Cheese or Pepperoni Garlic Bread Fruit Salad
Hot Dogs Baked Beans Chips Fruit	Taco Tuesday Beef Tacos Beans Cilantro Lime Rice Fruit	Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Corn Fruit		

**LUNCH ROOM  
REMINDER!**

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

**COUNSELOR CORNER**  
With Mrs. Lepeltak

## Self-Care and Mental Health For Kids

Share your own feelings to encourage self-awareness

Practice mindfulness

Encourage your child to focus on the moment

Find social groups that help them feel like they belong

Recognize toxic stress events.

Focus on articulating feelings  
"I am angry because..."  
"I am sad because..."

**National Lutheran Schools Week 2025**

During the entire week, sweet treats will be for sale during each lunch hour.  
Bring in **25¢** to enjoy a treat at lunch time!

**Hebrews 12:1-3**  
Keep your eyes on Jesus! We will run the race together!

**DRESS UP DAYS**  
**MONDAY, March 31st - Manic Mania Monday**  
 Dress like the 80's wearing neon  
**TUESDAY, April 1st - Tacky Tourist Tuesday**  
 Show off where you have traveled and might go next  
**WEDNESDAY, April 2nd - Wear Your Team Wednesday**  
 Dress in your favorite sporting attire - NFL, NBA, NHL, collegiate  
**THURSDAY, April 3rd - Theatre Thursday**  
 Dress like your favorite movie character, actress/actor, book, TV show, Broadway show, etc  
**FRIDAY, April 4th - Spirit Day**  
 Mount Olive **MUSTANG DAY!** Wear your red & white or favorite past school bible verse t-shirt

We will be giving back to the community through shoes. Please bring in new or slightly used shoes the entire week! Communities around us are in need of footwear. Please help us help others. Drop off location for shoes will be located right outside of the school office.  
**\*Our goal is to collect 250 shoes\***

- UPCOMING EVENTS**
- April 4- Muffins with Misses
  - April 7- PTL Meeting
  - April 10- Culver's Fundraiser
  - April 26- MTO Auction
  - May 2- Donut & Muffin Morning
  - May 12- PTL Meeting
  - May 12- May 16 Teacher Appreciation Week!

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

The Mount Olive Prayer Team believes in the power of prayer and has committed to pray for our Mount Olive Community. The team is open to anyone who desires to be a member. As a prayer team member, you will receive a weekly email with prayer requests and then lift up the requests. Contact the office 515-277-8349 if you would like to join us.



**LIGHTS,  
CAMERA  
Auction!**

PLEASE JOIN  
US FOR THE

**Mount Olive Lutheran School Auction**

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

**Tickets On Sale Now!**  
\$215 PER TABLE (8) OR \$30 INDIVIDUAL

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



*Child-Care offered for a donation  
at St. Paul Lutheran in Ankeny.*

**Lifetouch**

**SPRING PICTURE  
DAY IS COMING!**

*(YA LLEGA EL DÍA DE LA FOTO DE PRIMAVERA!)*

**Wednesday, April 09, 2025**  
**Mt Olive Lutheran School**



Scan to  
order now!  
*(Echa un vistazo para  
encargar ahora!)*



**How it Works:**

 Pre-order on <b>mylifetouch.com</b> using your Student ID or Picture Day ID: <b>EVTK63VPZ</b>	 Students are photographed on Picture Day	 Orders will be sent home with your student after Picture Day
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Cómo funciona: Encarga de manera anticipada en mylifetouch.com usando tu ID de estudiante o la ID del Día de la Foto. Los estudiantes son fotografiados el Día de la Foto. Los pedidos serán enviados a tu casa con tu estudiante después del Día de la Foto.

Parents can contact Customer Success Team with questions pertaining to packages/payments: 1-800-736-4753

Questions? Contact our Help Center at lifetouch.com/support-us. Select K-12 School Photography for assistance.  
(Preguntas? Comuníquese con nuestro Centro de Ayuda en lifetouch.com/support-us. Seleccione Fotografía Escolar K-12 para recibir asistencia.)

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

**BARK  
MADNESS**

MARCH 31st-  
APRIL 11th

**BRING CLEAN OLD CLOTHES  
(CAN HAVE HOLES) SUCH AS  
PANTS, JEANS, T-SHIRTS, AND  
SHORTS TO MAKE DOG TOYS  
FOR DONATION**



**Muffins  
with Misses**

April 4th - 8:00 am - 8:45 am

**Mothers and Mother-Figures  
are welcome to join your  
children for donuts, muffins,  
and coffee on the back  
pavilion at school!**

Hosted by PTL and  
Kindergarten families

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School

**Easter  
EGGSTRAVAGANZA**

**Crafts**      **Egg Hunts**      **Games**





**Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 2-4 pm**

Staggered Start Egg Hunts  
3:30 pm: Birth-5 Years Old  
3:40 pm: Kindergarten-2nd Grade  
3:50 pm: 3rd Grade - Up



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### **Freedom Fest IV!**

Just two weeks until our Freedom Fest Fair on Thursday, April 10th! Let us know if you have any questions about Freedom Fest entries. Extra entry forms are available in the office. We can't wait to see the art, STEM, writing, and recipe creations 3rd-8th graders are making for the Fair!

Don't forget to mark your calendars for Friday, April 11, when we'll wrap up our Freedom Fest with Hearts for Heroes Night from 6:30-7:30 pm at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. The program will include a skit, YPC pieces and soloists, readings from award-winning writers, a tribute to our American heroes, Heart of a Hero awards given to local heroes, and Mustang recipes for refreshments! It will be a night to remember...and there will be special keepsakes handed out for guests, too! Hope to see you there!



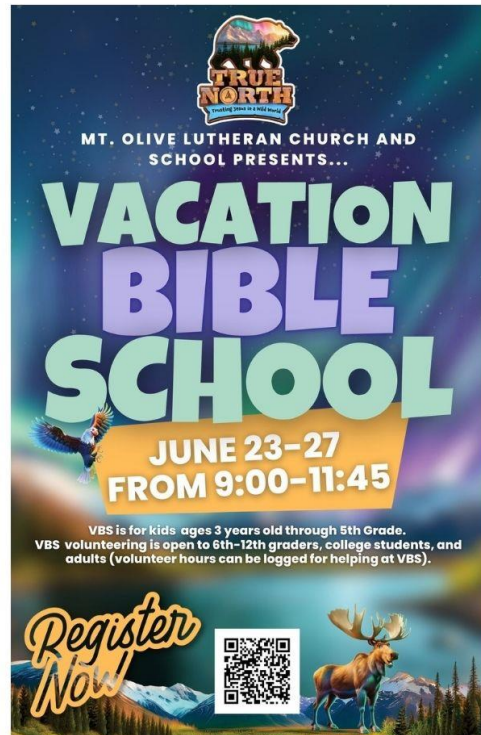
### **VBS DONATIONS**

The Family Ministry Committee is excited to bring back VBS to Mount Olive this summer from June 23-27. It costs about \$40/child to run VBS. We are currently accepting monetary donations for VBS and will be asking for donations of snacks and materials in the coming months as we get closer to VBS. Donations are accepted through our secure online giving page of the website, dropping off donations in the school office during business hours, or giving through the offering plate (clearly marked for VBS).

MTO Families,

The end of the year is quickly approaching, which means the deadline for the yearbook is just around the corner. If you are wanting to include custom pages in your child's yearbook, you need to have them made and finalized by April 2. If you have not yet ordered a yearbook and would like to, there is still some time. Use the link provided and place your order by April 28. A hard cover copy of the yearbook is \$26.55 and a soft cover copy of the yearbook is \$19.95. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Miss Henschen, Miss Scott, or Mrs. Ryerson with questions.

Blessings, MTO Yearbook Committee



### **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