



# OLIVE BRANCH

Week of April 11, 2025



## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, April 13

8:30 am Traditional Worship  
 Elder: Andy Mager  
 Reader: Sandi Overkamp  
 9:40 am Sunday School & Bible Study  
 10:30 am Contemporary Worship  
 Elder: Andy Mager  
 Reader: Cory Emily  
 Message: "When Life Hurts, Drop Anchor"  
 Scripture Readings: Deuteronomy 32:36-39  
 Hebrews 12:1-3  
 Luke 23

### Monday, April 14

6:00 pm Young & Devoted

### Tuesday, April 15

7:30 am YPC Youth Leader Practice  
 3:50 pm Young Writers Club  
 4:00 pm Home Soccer v. Boone

### Wednesday, April 16

EARLY DISMISSAL 1:15 pm/ Parent Teacher Conferences

### Thursday, April 17

NO SCHOOL! Parent Teacher Conferences  
 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service

### Friday, April 18

NO SCHOOL!  
GOOD FRIDAY

### Saturday, April 19

9:30 am Coffee with Jesus

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

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

5625 Franklin Ave, DSM | 515-277-8349

CELEBRATING CHRIST  
**FREEDOM FEST**  
WE LOVE BECAUSE GOD FIRST LOVED US. 1 JOHN 4:19

YPC can't thank our Mount Olive Mustangs, families, and staff enough for all the efforts and support given to make this Freedom Fest one to remember. It's been a joy to see and hear about all the entries. We'll share the results of our Freedom Fest and Fair in next week's Olive Branch. Hope to see you at Hearts for Heroes Night tonight at Gloria Dei starting at 6:30 pm. Doors open at 6:10. Join us in enjoying the FF recipe entries afterwards, too! All blue ribbon - winning entries will be on display, and can be taken home from there tonight. Reach out to Julie Dueker with any questions: [julie.dueker@molcs.org](mailto:julie.dueker@molcs.org).

**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 below! (This will also be on display during church)



APRIL 2025 Mount Olive Lutheran School				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
31 Chicken Alfredo Buttered Noodles Broccoli Fruit	1 Taco Tuesday Beef Tacos Beans Cilantro Lime Rice Fruit	2 Biscuits and Gravy Scrambled Eggs Fruit	3 Spaghetti Green Beans Fruit Roll	4 Pizza Friday Cheese or Pepperoni Garlic Bread Fruit Salad
7 Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans Fruit Roll	8 Taco Tuesday Beef Tacos Beans Mexican Corn Fruit	9 Chicken Lo Mein Veggie Egg Roll Fruit	10 Grilled Cheese Chicken Noodle Soup Fruit	11 Pizza Friday Cheese or Pepperoni Garlic Bread Fruit Salad
14 Baked Potatoes Chili Fruit	15 Taco Tuesday Beef Tacos Beans Cilantro Lime Rice Fruit	16 Turkey Sliders Chips Carrot Sticks Fruit	17 No School	18 No School
21 No School	22 Taco Tuesday Beef Tacos Beans Mexican Corn Fruit	23 Sloppy Joes Tater Tots Green Beans Fruit	24 Orange Chicken White Rice Veggie Egg Roll Fruit	25 Pizza Friday Cheese or Pepperoni Garlic Bread Fruit Salad
28 Hot Dogs Baked Beans Chips Fruit	29 Taco Tuesday Beef Tacos Beans Cilantro Lime Rice Fruit	30 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Corn Fruit		

**LUNCH ROOM  
REMINDER!**

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

**LADIES  
NIGHT IN!**

Ladies, mark your calendar - our next Ladies Night Out will be a "Ladies Night In" Potluck Supper, Thursday, April 24th at the home of Lois Jean Schumann, 209 Jordan Drive in West Des Moines. The main dish will be provided so please bring a salad or dessert! Expect great conversation, and some fun and encouraging fellowship. All women are welcome! Call or text Becky at 515-988-5832 to let us know that you're coming. Please join us!

**LET'S GROW!  
REFER A FRIEND**

KNOW A FAMILY THAT WOULD LOVE MOUNT OLIVE AS MUCH AS YOU DO?  
Refer a friend, and if they enroll for the 2025-2026 school year, you'll receive a \$100 gift card of your choice as our way of saying thank you!  
OFFER GOOD FOR APRIL 15 - MAY 15

**THINGS YOUR KIDS NEED TO HEAR YOU SAY**

Your best is good enough.

You're the best thing to ever happen to me.

I care about what you think.

There is nothing you could do to make me stop loving you.

I'm here to help you figure things out.

You don't have to earn my love.

I'm sorry, it wasn't okay for me to be that way.

**With Mrs. Lepelcak**

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

- 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.*

**THANK YOU FOR  
HELPING US  
GROW**



Please join us for  
**Volunteer Appreciation on  
Wednesday, April 30th  
from 3:45-4:30 PM**

Children may go to aftercare while  
we treat you for your generosity.

**Ogden Track Meet Sign Ups**

KINDERGARTEN - 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE PARENTS!

Event sign ups for the Ogden Track day (May 3) will be located outside of each grade classroom during conference times. Students may sign up for 3 individual events and 2 team events. If you aren't available during conferences, please let the front office know what events you want your student signed up for. Parents should have received an informational email with all pertinent information.

**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



**WHAT IS MEN4CHRIST?**

Men4Christ is a MOLCS ministry

dedicated to God's vision of

Christian Manhood, helping

other men, and being of service to our families and communities.

We are here for all men of our community. No congregational affiliation required.

For more information, please contact David Ullmann @ [men4christ@molcs.org](mailto:men4christ@molcs.org)

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 4. If you have not yet ordered a yearbook and would like too, 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

**♪ NOTES FROM THE MTO MUSIC ROOM**

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND NOTE SOME ADJUSTMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE PERFORMANCE CALENDAR**

**PS3, PS4, AND KINDERGARTEN      MONDAY, APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup> @ 4:00 PM  
SPRING CONCERT**

**1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE      MONDAY, APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup> @ 5:00 PM  
SPRING CONCERT**

**3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE      MONDAY, APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup> @ 6:00 PM  
CADET & 5<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> CONCERT      SPRING CONCERT  
BAND**

**STUDENTS WHO SIGNED UP\*      SUNDAY, MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> @ 3:00 PM  
LINK LOCATED AT BOTTOM OF PAGE      SPRING CONCERT**



**5<sup>TH</sup> & 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CAST      MONDAY, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> @ 5:30 PM  
SPRING MUSICAL**

**6<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CAST      MONDAY, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> @ 6:45 PM  
SPRING MUSICAL**

**5<sup>TH</sup>-7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BAND      WEDNESDAY, MAY 25<sup>ST</sup> @ 6:00 PM  
GRADUATION**

**\*FOLLOW LINK TO SIGN UP YOUR STUDENT(S) AND TO PROVIDE TREATS FOR THE RECEPTION TO FOLLOW  
QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS? PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO [AARON.POWELL@MOLCS.ORG](mailto:AARON.POWELL@MOLCS.ORG)  
THANK-YOU TO ALL OF THE MTO COMMUNITY WHO HAS REACHED OUT IN OUR TIME OF GRIEVING THE LOSS OF MY FATHER, DOUG.  
MR. POWELL**

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

*He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and plant in the sea,' and it will obey you."*

Luke 17:6

If you are lacking great faith today, exercise the faith you have and then ask God for more. More faith, more fruit - believing God is a self-perpetuating experience.