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# Mt. Olive Herald

The weekly newsletter of Mt. Olive Lutheran School

February 8th, 2024 - Week 25

## Bible Passage & Theme

In Him and through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. -Ephesians 3:12

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## Calendar

**Feb. 11** CDS Sings @ Mt. Olive  
8:30 am First Service Only  
CDS Band Bake Sale  
Between Services

**Feb. 12-15** Mount Olive Spirit Week

**Feb. 14** Chapel  
8:05 am (All are Welcome)

Ash Wednesday

**Feb. 16** No School  
MLC Tournament

**Feb. 19** No School  
Winter Break

**Feb. 21** Chapel  
8:05 am (All are Welcome)

**Feb. 22** Kindergarten Round-Up  
6:30 pm

**Feb. 28** Chapel  
8:05 am (All are Welcome)

**Mar. 6** Chapel  
8:05 am (All are Welcome)

**Mar. 13** Chapel  
8:05 am (All are Welcome)

## Next week is Mount Olive Week!

Check out the flier for the special dress up days and to see the fun activities that are planned. It all culminates with a Pep Fest on Thursday. All are invited to come!

## Attention Parents!

Next Wednesday is Pastries with Parents Day!  
**No need to make breakfast!**  
See below flier for more details.



## 5 ways to celebrate Mount Olive Lutheran School

**Monday**  
Comfy Day +  
No Backpack Day

February 12  
**1** "Snowed In"  
Students will enjoy a variety of afternoon activities hosted by the PTF including Principal Hide-and-Seek.

**Tuesday**  
Retro Day

February 13  
**2** Zoom Pictionary  
Students will test their guessing skills against the 8th Grade's drawing abilities.

**Wednesday**  
Impersonate  
Someone Day

February 14  
**3** Pastries with Parents  
Come to school early and enjoy a donut and juice with your parent. Parents welcome to stay for Chapel!

**Thursday**  
Blue & White Day

February 15  
**4** Pep Fest  
Help 'charge up' our basketball teams at the Pep Fest, 1:30 in the gym. All are invited!

Special Classroom  
Door Decorations

February 16  
**5** No School Friday  
Cheer our teams on at the MLC tournament Feb. 16-18 in New Ulm. See the Herald for game schedules.

## Cancelled: MVL Solo Ensemble Contest

"In the last several weeks, I have heard from a few of you that you have conflicts in your schedules that prevent you from participating in the MVL Solo Ensemble Contest. Given the impact of those absences, we are going to cancel this year's event. Those who have registered will receive a full refund. God's blessings to you!"

Dr. Timothy M. Plath  
Principal - MVL High School

## School Mission:

Mt. Olive Lutheran School exists to carry out Christ's commission to make disciples of all nations by assisting parents in the Christian training of their children, to live a life of faith here on earth and forever after in Heaven.

## Chapel Offerings:



This year, we are supporting a new ELS Congregation, Grace Lutheran Church in Redmond, Oregon.



Collected this week:

**\$84.32**

Total for the Year:

**\$1,302.05**



## From the Attic:

**From the 25th Anniversary Service bulletin (1970).** "A second classroom was added to the basement of the church in 1965. This meant the calling of a second teacher for the first time. Through the blessing of the Lord of the Church, a generous gift of a second teacher's salary was given by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weimer. Mr. Weimer was at the time completing his studies at Bethany in preparation for entrance into the Wisconsin Seminary at Mequon, WI. He has now completed his studies and is serving a congregation in Montana."



## Printing Tuition Statements for Tax Purposes

Follow the instructions to print a tuition statement for tax purposes.



Contact Mrs. Tenold in the office with questions.

1. Log into FACTS Management Family Portal (factsmgt.com).
2. Using the left side menu, click on **Financial**.
3. Using the side right menu, under Financial Links, click **Financial Home**.
4. In Payment Plan & Billing, click **View Details**.
5. In Activity Details, click **View Payment Summary**.
6. Select the appropriate year.
7. On the far right upper edge of the Payment Summary, click **Print**.

## YEARBOOK

We need your help in filling out the pages of our yearbook. Please send your photos to Mr. Springer at [principal@mtolivelutheran.org](mailto:principal@mtolivelutheran.org).



Thank you!

## Sporting News:

### Late Practices:

If your child is returning to school for late practice, **they should use Door #2** (by the flagpole).

### Updated Basketball Schedule:

Saturday, Feb. 10	Risen Savior Tourney @ Bethany	Girls A, Boys 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> , Boys A	
	<b>See Tournament Bracket on Page 7</b>		
Thursday, Feb. 15	at St. Paul, Truman	Girls B, & 5 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Boys B	4:30
Fri – Sun, Feb. 16-18	MLC Grade School Tournament	A Teams	
	<b>See Tournament Bracket on Page 8</b>		
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 20</b>	<b>vs Genesis Christian Academy</b>	<b>Girls B &amp; Girls A</b>	<b>4:30</b>
<b>Thursday, Feb. 22</b>	<b>vs Genesis Christian Academy</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Gr. &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> Gr. Boys B</b>	<b>4:30</b>
Fri – Sun, Mar. 1-3	MN Lutheran GS State Tournament	A Teams	TBD

Blue dates are home games.

(updated 2/6/24)

## Mystery Reader Mondays!

First Graders are enjoying being surprised by parents and grandparents reading to them...Who will be next?



## PTF Parents - Teachers - Friends

### 2023 Charger Challenge Charger Challenge Update

The Grand Total Raised for this school year was \$60,102.11. God truly does wonderful things.

A Charger Challenge Wish List Proposal Form went home last week, and will also be attached to the weekly Herald email. You can also use the QR code below. **Deadline to submit your request is April 1st.** Thank you!



Your input is greatly appreciated!



# LUNCH TIME

## Next Week's Menu:

<b>Monday</b> Feb. 12	<b>Bosphorus</b> Cheeseburger, Chicken Nuggets, or Kebabs
<b>Tuesday</b> Feb. 13	<b>Buffalo Wild Wings</b> Boneless Wings or Mac and Cheese
<b>Wednesday</b> Feb. 14	<b>Pizza Ranch</b> Cheese or Pepperoni
<b>Thursday</b> Feb. 15	<b>Shawarmania</b> Alfredo Pasta, Spaghetti w/ Beef Sauce, or Spaghetti w/ Marinara
<b>Friday</b> Feb. 16	<b>No School</b> MLC Tournament

**Volunteering Opportunity**



Volunteering in the kitchen is easy. Abby is always looking for new help and is willing to train. Use the QR code to sign up.



### Sundays @ Mt. Olive

- 8:30 AM Worship Service
- 9:40 AM **Sunday School**  
(PreK - 6th)
- 9:40 AM Adult Bible Study
- 10:45 AM Worship Service

### Mondays @ Mt. Olive

- 6:30 PM Worship Service



### Sundays @ Peace

- 8:15 AM Worship Service
- 9:30 AM **Sunday School**  
(PreK - 8th)
- 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 AM Worship Service



# Ash Wednesday

## Wednesday, February 14th

*Imposition of Ashes + 6:15pm*

*Divine Service with Holy Communion + 6:30pm*

*(Those who desire to have Ashes placed on their foreheads or on the back of the hand are invited to join us at 6:15pm in our Sanctuary. Our regular Ash Wednesday Service will begin at 6:30pm.)*

**(Join us for a Meal from 5 - 6:15pm in the Social Hall - Proceeds to Support Pr. Matt & Joni Moldstad Family.)**



### ASC After School Care

After School Care will be putting together cinch sacks, filled with personal care items, for homeless individuals in the Mankato area. We are looking for **TRIAL SIZE** packages of:

- Shampoo, conditioner,
- deodorant, socks, combs,
- toothpaste, lotion and Kleenex.



If you are interested in helping, please leave your donations in the office. Thank you!

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**Save your Pop Can Tabs** for the **Ronald McDonald House Charities**. Drop off donations in the office.



### Enrollment is Now Open for the 2024-2025 School Year!!

Priority enrollment is open to members of Mount Olive and Peace. Your early enrollment helps greatly with our planning for next year. You can find the online application at <https://www.mtolivelutheranschool.org/admissions>.

Please note that there will be an enrollment deposit which is applied towards your family's tuition. If you have any questions or any difficulty with the application, please contact the school office at 507-345-4966 or email [school@mtolivelutheran.org](mailto:school@mtolivelutheran.org).



# First Grade Celebrates 100 Days of School!

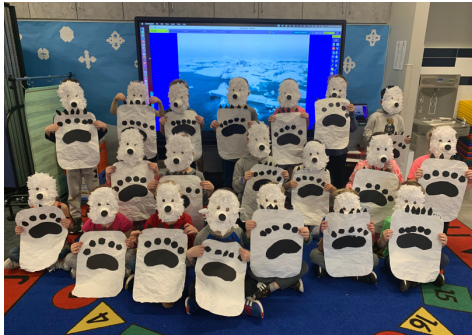
## Counting 100 Snacks!



## A visit from Superhero Zero!



It may be warm and feel like spring outside, but things were FRIGID in the kindergarten room last week as they were learning about polar animals!



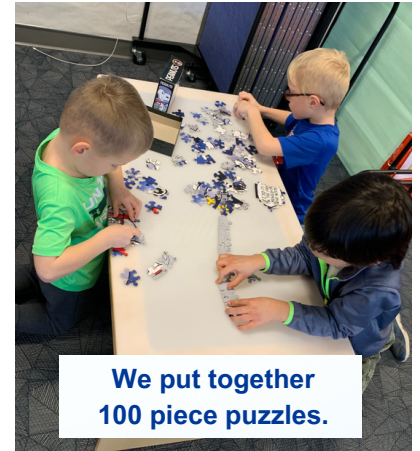
## ASC



# Kindergarten Celebrates 100 Days of School!



We had breakfast at school! 100 pieces of cereal, 100% Juice (which was also 100 calories!), bananas, and 100 donut holes!



We put together 100 piece puzzles.



We graphed 100 m&m's.



We decorated hats with 100 stars.



We made our own trail mix - 100 pieces total (10 each of 10 different items).







# The Bulletin Board:



## BAPTIZED INTO HIS DEATH

### LENTEN SERIES + 2024

**MIDWEEK #1 - WEDS., FEB. 21 - ROM 6:1-14**

Vespers Service: 6:30p | Preacher: Pr. Micah Plocher

**MIDWEEK #2 - WEDS., FEB. 28 - MATT 28:18-20**

Vespers Service: 6:30p | Preacher: Pr. Tom Westendorf

**MIDWEEK #3 - WEDS., MARCH 6 - TITUS 3:4-7**

Vespers Service: 6:30p | Preacher: Pr. John Petersen

**MIDWEEK #4 - WEDS., MARCH 13 - JOHN 3:1-8**

Vespers Service: 6:30p | Preacher: Pr. Ben Wiechmann

**MIDWEEK #5 - WEDS., MARCH 20 - 1 PET 3:18-22**

Vespers Service: 6:30p | Preacher: Pr. Luke Ulrich

*(Join us before our Wednesday Evening Services for meals provided by the various groups of our congregation. Lenten meals are served from 5pm to 6:15pm)*



# You Are Invited!

## Mt. Olive Lutheran School Kindergarten Round Up

Starting kindergarten is a big and exciting step! We here at Mt. Olive Lutheran School invite all children who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2024 along with their parents to our Kindergarten Round-Up. This is an informational meeting designed to inform you of the Christ-centered education your child would receive here at Mt. Olive. The principal (Mr. Ben Springer), the kindergarten teachers (Mrs. Kari Sehloff and Ms. Sarah Strom), and the school nurse will be present to answer any questions you may have. There will be activities for the children in the kindergarten classroom.

Date: Thursday, February 22

Time: 6:30 PM

Where: Mt. Olive Lutheran School

1123 Marsh Street

Mankato, MN 56001

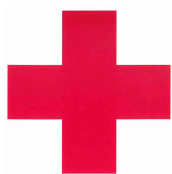
[www.school.mtolivelutheran.org](http://www.school.mtolivelutheran.org)

507.345.7927

\*Please Park in the parking lot off McConnell Street. Door #1 will be open for Round Up.



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## Blood Drive Mount Olive Lutheran Church

Gym

1123 Marsh Street

Mankato, MN

### Give blood.

Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.

American Red Cross

**Friday, February 16, 2024  
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: MTOLIVEKATO to schedule an appointment.



Scan to be directed to RapidPass®

Share your heart! Come give in Feb. for a \$20 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. See [rcblood.org/heart](http://rcblood.org/heart)



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## ATTENTION CRAFTERS

Now, during the colder months, is the perfect time to do some creating. The Andreas Cancer Center is looking for more chemo hats. Please bring your creations to the church office.

Thank you!



### FOOTBALL CAMP

Bring your own spikes

July 29-31  
\$50 Grades 5-9  
9:30-11:30 a.m.

### GOLF CAMP

May 31, June 7, June 14

\$45  
Girls & Boys  
Grades 5-9

May 31 @ MVL  
8:30 - 10:30 a.m.  
June 7 & 14 @ North Links GC, Mankato  
8:30-10:30 a.m.

Wear proper attire - no gym shorts

### BOYS BASKETBALL CAMP

June 17-20

\$60 Grades 6-9  
\$45 Grades 3-5

Grades 6 & 7 - 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
Grades 8 & 9 - 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Grades 3-5 - 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

### VOLLEYBALL CAMP

June 10-13

\$60 Grades 5-9  
\$45 Grades 3-4

Grades 5 & 6 - 8:30-10:30 a.m.  
Grades 7-9 - 11:00a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Grades 3 & 4 - 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Bring your own kneepads

### ART CAMP

July 15-19

\$75 Grades 3-9  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Explore God's creation through drawing, painting, digital art, and mixed media

### REGISTER NOW AT

# MVL.ORG

### GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP

June 3-6

\$60 Grades 5-9  
\$45 Grades 3-4

Grades 5\* & 6 - 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
Grades 7-9 - 11:30a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Grades 3 & 4 - 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

\*5th graders new to basketball can opt to go into the 3 & 4th grade comp.

### BASEBALL DAY CLINIC

May 18

\$30 Grades 4-8 (Current School Year)  
9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Includes lunch

Bring your own glove and supporter with a cup

### BIGGER FASTER STRONGER STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

\$75 Grades 7-12  
Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays

Grades 7-9  
July 8 - August 8  
\*\*\*MUST commit to attending the first week  
8:15 - 9:15 a.m.

Grades 10-12  
June 10 - August 8  
7:00 - 8:00 a.m.

# SUMMER CAMPS

## MINNESOTA VALLEY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

**Peace/Mt. Olive Moms On a Mission (M.O.M.s) Bible study** is getting ready to begin their Spring 2024 session. The M.O.M.s study is for all mothers to gather, support, and strengthen each other in their vocation as moms. We will meet each Thursday from February 8 through May 9; there will be no study on March 7, March 28, and April 4.



Thursday Morning M.O.M.s Study:	
<b>When:</b>	Thursdays, 8:30-10am, beginning <b>February 8</b> ; child care begins at 8:10am.
<b>Where:</b>	Peace Lutheran Church, North Mankato
<b>Topic:</b>	<i>Grace Under Pressure: Responding Faithfully to Stress</i> by Christopher Kennedy
<b>Contact:</b>	Heidi Graham: (507)317-1949 or heidijennifergraham@gmail.com

Participants will need a copy of the book described above. You can purchase the book at the Bethany Bookstore or online at Amazon; if this is not feasible for you, email Heidi Graham.

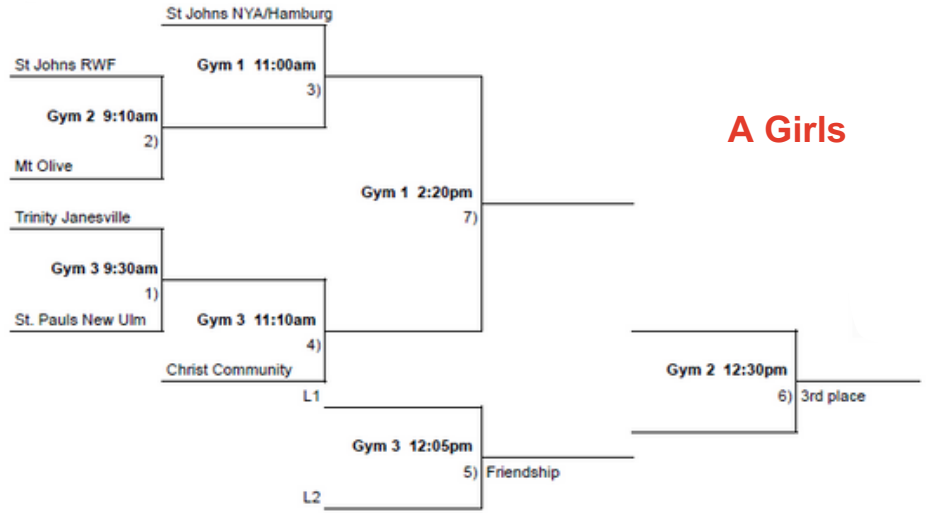




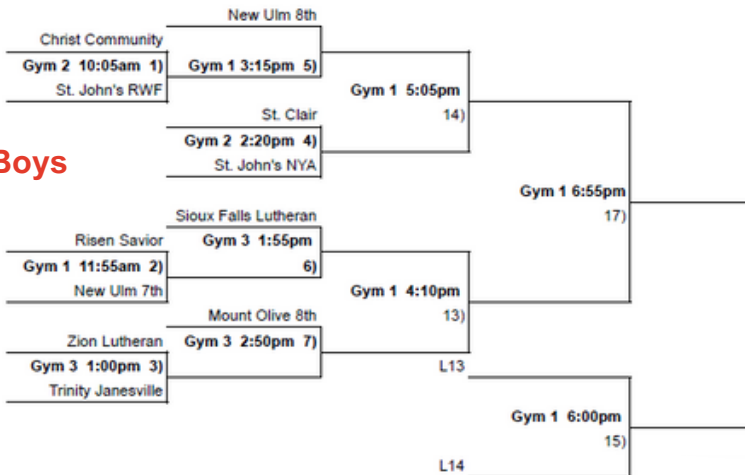
2024 Knights Invitational



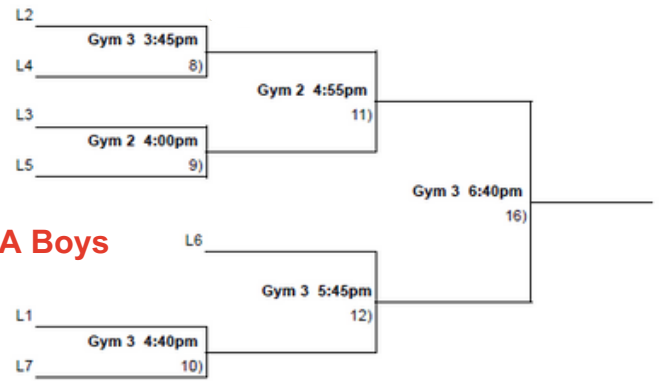
Saturday, February 10th  
All games played at Bethany



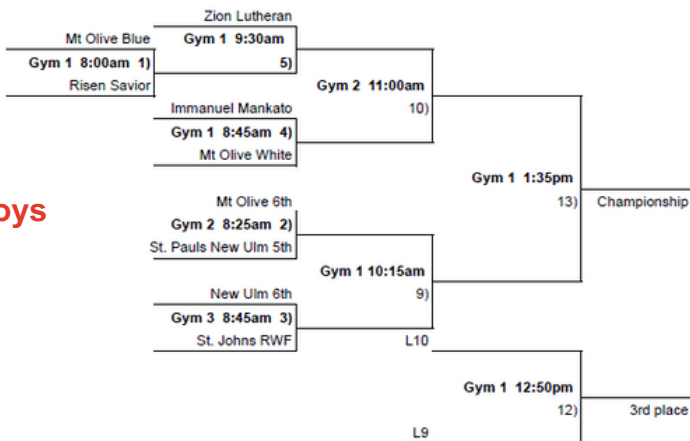
**A Boys**



**A Boys**



**B Boys**



**B Boys**





Check out the tournament web page at:

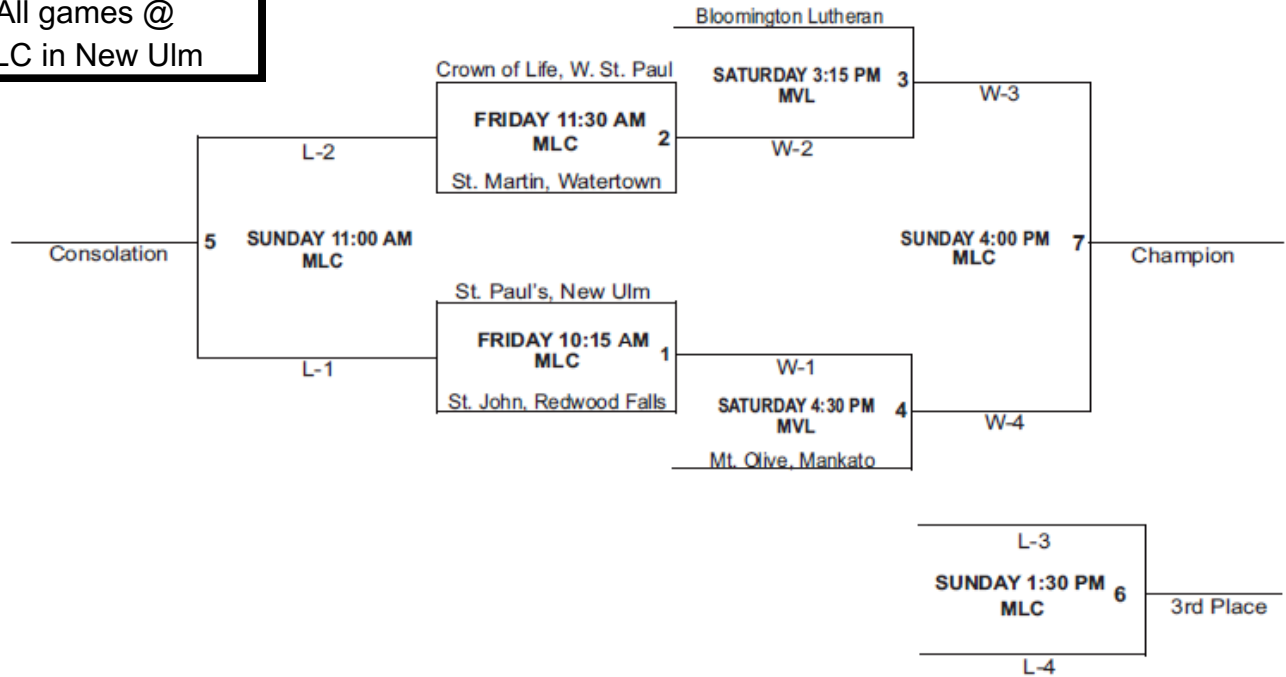
<https://mlc-wels.edu/events/grade-school-basketball-tournament/>

The page contains information such as:

- The brackets
- Team Picture Schedule (30-35 min. before 1st game)
- Historical Champions & Pictures
- Worship Times, Bookstore Hours, & Meal Times and Cost

Also:

- T-Shirts will be available for \$10.00
- Picture Packets will be mailed to your school
- Complimentary Wi-Fi will be offered (Instructions will be posted at MLC)



## DIVISION 4 BOYS

