

Mt. Olive Herald

The weekly newsletter of Mt. Olive Lutheran School

"The LORD has done great things!"

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Dates in This Newsletter

September 23, 1:00 PM, Grades 7 & 8 Junior Youth meet at BLC's YFAC.

September 24: South entrance is inaccessible. Everyone must USE THE NORTH ENTRANCE!

September 28, 9 AM, Charger Challenge begins with a Pep rally in the gym!

September 28, 1:00 PM: Early out! Weather permitting, pick up is at Spring Lake Park. The Charger Challenge dismisses at 1:00 PM from Spring Lake Park.

September 29, 5:30 PM, Annual Mount Olive bonfire, Bethany athletic field

October 14, 3 PM, Students sing at Founders' Day service, Trinity Chapel

October 29: We are sorry to report that because of the building project, there will not be a Grandparents' Day in October this year.

LOST: A locket necklace. Anyone found one? If you would leave it on Mrs. Feistner's desk, that would be great. Thanks.

Create a Culture of Learning: Honor the Absent

TOP 20
TRAINING
THINKING, REBALANCED

This week we have been discussing how we talk about others when they are not present. Top 20 curriculum encourages students to keep their "lake" clean and refuse

to let others verbally dump in the clean space. By treating everyone's name as sacred, we can significantly improve the culture of learning in our school and at home. Ask your child how they can "honor the absent."

BIBLE PASSAGE

"The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy."

Psalm 126:3

Chapel offerings: India Scooters

\$109.49 was received at the chapel service on 09/19/18. The fund has a balance of \$520.78, or 34% of a scooter.

The Lutheran Mission of Salvation - India LMSI has over 22,000 souls, 12 ordained ministers, and over 250 lay ministers. These lay ministers gather monthly for two days of intensive instruction and are given lessons to teach and sermons to preach in their village congregations. Our goal is to raise \$1,500+ needed to buy a scooter.

Mrs. Feistner receives email at school@mtolivelutheran.org. She is a notary public and works 7:30 to 5:00, Mon. – Fri. **Mrs. Kephart** is in from 9:00 – 1:00 & receives email at church@mtolivelutheran.org. Both answer the phones.

Sporting News

Directions to games

Parents may find directions to the various soccer matches and volleyball matches on the athletic web page. The athletic web page is located on the school's web site. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Z.

Soccer News

Congratulations to the Soccer Team for making it to the 3rd and 4th place match in the Risen Savior Tournament. In the end, we came away with 4th place.

Updated Soccer Schedule

Please note the change in times and location for some upcoming soccer matches. The changes are highlighted in yellow on the uploaded schedule on the school website. More changes to come. These changes are to accommodate Ben and our soccer official for these matches.

Sport Dates

- Thurs., Sept. 20 A VB Team Triangular at Mt Olive. Matches begin at 4:15.
- Sat., Sept. 22 A VB at Martin Luther High School Tournament. Matches begin at 9:00. Tournament located at Martin Luther High School, Northrup.
- Sat., Sept. 22 5th and 6th Grade B VB team at St. Clair HS, 121 West Main St. Doors open at 8:30; play begins at 9:00.
- Tue., Sept. 25 Soccer vs Risen Savior at 3:45. Match is on the Game Field.
- Tue., Sept. 25 A VB @ Dakota Meadows. The match is at Bridges, Mnkto beginning at 4:00.
- Thurs., Sept. 27 A and B VB @ St. James, Northrup. The B team plays at 4:00. The matches are at Martin Luther HS, Northrup.
- Sat., Sept. 29 B Team Public School League game at Madelia. Doors open at 8:30.
- Sat., Sept. 29 Friendship Cup Soccer Tournament. Due to the format of this tournament it is just for 6-8 grade.

"Thank You!" to Our Helpers

for the week of Sept. 24-27.

Lunchroom:

Mon., Sept. 24, Tom Schulz

Tue., Sept. 25, Vivian Smith

Wed., Sept. 26, Keith Eisberg

Thur., Sept. 27, Jane Birkholz

Library:

Thur. AM, Sept. 27, Mary Jane Tweit & Mary Born

Thur. PM Sept. 27, Mindy Else & Sheila Zehnpfennig

ASC Wish List

After-School Care has posted a WISH LIST for some new toys on the door of the YOUTH ROOM. Please stop by and check it out! We appreciate your help in making ASC a fun place for kids to be.

Building Project Update

The contractor for Mt. Olive's building project has informed us that they begin work this week. On Monday, September 24, they are grinding the parking lot asphalt, which means we aren't be able to use the south entrance to the building. Therefore, ***use the north entrance with the drive through on Marsh Street*** when you drop off your child(ren). The north door with the drive through also serves as the pick-up until we have access to the parking lot. Thank you for your patience.

October's Lunch Menu

This week your child will be bringing home the lunch menu for the month of October. Complete the menu and return it with the payment to your child's teacher by Monday, September 24. If you have more than one child in school, you can send the menus of your children and total payment with the oldest child. Thank you.

Reminder from the Handbook

Parents and students are reminded to read pages 13-14 of Mt. Olive's Student Handbook. The specifics outlined on these pages are school board policy. This policy is included in the handbook to guide us in our Christian liberty while also helping us avoid embarrassing our Savior and our fellow Christians. If anyone has

any questions or concerns about this policy, please contact Mr. Born, the principal of Mt. Olive Lutheran School. (Mrs. Feistner has a couple copies of the Handbook available in the office.)

From the Board of Education

We are very excited for the 2018/2019 school year and the blessing of having nearly 170 students with us. We would especially like to welcome our new students and families to Mount Olive. Each month the Board of Education puts some of the highlights for things we are working on and notes from the previous meeting in the Herald to help keep you all informed. Here are some of the things to be aware of for the first update of this school year.

We are very happy to inform you that this summer we were able to complete two major objectives for school security. Mount Olive School is now equipped with an automated door security system that will secure the building with the use of software and electronic locks. This system will make it easier for us to ensure the building is locked during the school day. We have also installed a new PA system that will allow us to broadcast emergency situations in the building and playground if ever needed. These systems along with updated procedures and policies are a great advancement as we strive to ensure the safety of our students and faculty.

Many of you have noticed we have two kindergarten classes this year in response to the higher than normal enrollment. We would like to welcome Mrs. Anita Krienke as our new kindergarten teacher. Mrs. Gunderson and Mrs. Krienke will each have roughly half the students in separate classrooms. Construction is about to begin for our new addition and we are doing our best to help make it as smooth as possible for our students and their parents. We would like to thank you in advance for your patience as we look forward to

the completion of the work and extra space this will create for our school.

Thank you to all of the families for your partnership in supporting our school and please reach out to any of the Board of Education members with questions or suggestions.

Board of Education Members:

Craig Brown
Gabe Cornish
Dan Gerds
Nathan Graham
Dave Munsen
Chad Sorensen
Matt Lukasek – Peace Liaison

From the PTF Executive Board

The following people make up the PTF (Parents, Teachers, Friends) Executive Board for the 2018-2019 school year. Only a few open positions remain. We especially need someone to serve as the PTF Secretary for the year.

Please contact Angela Merseth at ammerseth@gmail.com if you are interested in learning more about these positions. The Executive Board meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm in the social hall. Thank you!

Angela Merseth, Chairperson
Mandi Hubbard, Vice Chairperson
OPEN- Secretary
Katie Eckberg, Treasurer
Kristin Lehne, Bookkeeper
Keri Langhorst & **OPEN**, Social Events Coordinators
Kristen Lukasek, Fundraising Representative
Heidi Graham & **OPEN**, Teacher Appreciation Coordinators
Bethany Ferkenstad and Ashley Olsen, Trash for Cash Coordinators
Mandy Buelow, Teacher Liaison
Gabe Cornish, Board of Ed Liaison

Any parent is welcome at any PTF Executive Board meeting at any time. The next Executive Meeting is Tuesday, October 9, at 6:30 PM. The next Large Group PTF meeting (where childcare is provided) is scheduled for November 14, at 6:30 PM.



2018 Charger Challenge Tips of the Week:

Tip #1: Charger Challenge packets should be turned in tomorrow, September 21. (Permission slips, sponsor logs, MONEY, and thank you postcard forms all get turned in with the packet.)

Tip #2: Even if your student did not fundraise for this event, he/she MUST turn in a permission slip. (But consider giving a donation of some sort so that he/she will get ice cream from Culver's!)

Tip #3: Please record on the permission slip any guests that are planning to come walk and/or eat with us the day of the Charger Challenge! We want to be sure to have enough food!

Tip #4: If you have some late sponsorships trickle in after the 21st, you can still turn them in next week. Official counting takes place on Tuesday, the 25th, at 8:15 AM! Sponsorships turned in after that time will not be added to family sponsor logs to determine prize winners.

Tip #5: Any parents, grandparents, siblings, etc. that are joining us for the walk may purchase a one-topping sundae at a discounted price of \$1 at the pep assembly in the gym or at the top of the hill the day of the CC. Thank you, Culver's!

Tip #6: Next Friday, September 28, is the Charger Challenge!!!!!! Pray for nice weather and healthy students! Remember, early dismissal at 1pm from Spring Lake Park!

Direct questions to your Charger Challenge committee members: Sarah Cornish, Kristin Lehne, Kristen Lukasek, Abbie Smith, Jen Stadler, and Mrs. Buelow.

You can also email your questions to Kristen Lukasek at mattlukasek@yahoo.com.

Annual Bonfire and Picnic!

Saturday, September 29 at 5:30 PM. Celebrate autumn at the Bethany athletic field fire pit! "Roast your own" meal of hot dogs, s'mores, water and chips is furnished! **Just bring: Roasting sticks (if you have them), lawn chairs, and lawn games (if you want them).**

Founders' Day Service

All Mt. Olive School children participate in a special joint Founders' Day service at **3 PM, October 14**, at Bethany Lutheran College. Grades K-8 sing with their classes at Trinity Chapel. Joining the school children are the youth choirs from both Mt. Olive and Peace. Mark this exciting event on your calendar.

From Last Week But Still Relevant

Make an Impact!

After School Care is looking for empty pop **boxes** so we can play life size Jenga. Drop them off in the youth room (or the front office with Mrs. Feistner).



Our school nurse conducts vision & hearing testing October 1. We are in need of 1 more adult volunteer. Let Mrs. Feistner know if you can help (507-345-7927 or school@mtolivelutheran.org). Orange juice, coffee, & muffins are served to those who serve! (If you'd like to "job shadow" for 10-15 minutes, please come between 9:00 & 9:15 to watch someone. Mrs. Feistner would love to see you!)



"Moms supporting moms in raising Godly children"

Want to meet other moms? Need a little encouragement? Eager to study and discuss Christian parenting and living? Join the Moms On a Mission (M.O.M.s) Bible study! There are both morning and evening opportunities. Pick the study that works best in your schedule! **Childcare is provided for the morning study.**

Participants need a copy of the book, *Boundaries: When to Say Yes, How to Say No*, expanded version with *Boundaries for the Digital age*, copyright 2017, by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend. You can purchase the book online at Amazon or email Kristen Lukasek if this is not feasible for you. Pastor Tim Hartwig guides us through this study. New and returning moms, register by emailing the appropriate contact so we can have study guides prepared for you!

	Morning M.O.M.s Study:	Evening M.O.M.s Study:
When :	Thursdays, 8:30-10am (can drop children off in childcare at 8:15), beginning Sept. 20	Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm, beginning Sept. 25 , No childcare
Where:	Peace Lutheran Church, North Mankato	Mount Olive's Library

Study :	Book- <u>Boundaries</u> by Cloud and Townsend. This study will present a biblical view of boundaries and give guidelines to use boundaries appropriately in parenting, marriage, and much more.	Book- <u>Boundaries</u> by Cloud and Townsend. This study will present a biblical view of boundaries and give guidelines to use boundaries appropriately in parenting, marriage, and much more.
Who:	Kristen Lukasek- 507-382-7963 or mattlukasek@yahoo.com	Shaylene Scheele-309-830-2538 scheele.shaylene@yahoo.com

Reference Section

Memory Work

A year's worth is available in 1 file at <http://school.mtolivelutheran.org/heralduploads/Religious%20Lessons%20%28All%29.pdf>. Mrs. Feistner's next step is to break it down by the week into the online calendar.

Dining with the Students

Parents and grandparents are welcome to dine with the students this year. However, with Truffles catering our lunches, diners need to either include their meal on the monthly lunch order OR contact the school about 15 days before dining. For instance, to eat lunch on the 15th, the school needs to have your order no later than the 1st. Meals are \$3.50 per person and that includes the \$0.50 for a non-student carton of milk. Checks are made out to MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN SCHOOL.

Early Morning Arrivers

Enter at Mr. Beilke's ENTRANCE, place your things in your lockers, and return to the interior open area NEAR the ENTRANCE until 7:45 (when the classrooms officially open).

All About Scrip

To earn big and get credit towards tuition, create an account on ShopWithScrip.com if you don't have one yet. All participants need to sign up for PrestoPay to order. This also allows your eGift cards and reloads to get to your physical gift cards faster.

Check out the Scrip website at <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/shop/product/browse/?saved> to see the businesses.

Physical Gift Cards — These are the same gift cards you get at the store. Use them instead of cash or a credit card!

Reload and ReloadNow® — Some physical gift cards are available for either Reload or ReloadNow. Register an eligible gift card you purchased from ShopWithScrip and add funds to it when the balance is running low. Funds will be added overnight for cards that offer Reload,

and instantly for ones that offer ReloadNow when you pay with PrestoPay™.

ScripNow® — ScripNow is an eCard that you can buy and receive instantly. You can print off ScripNow, or redeem it on your mobile device for certain retailers. They are immediately available when you pay with PrestoPay.

Start earning today

1. Go to ShopWithScrip.com and select **Join a Program**.
 2. Enter our organization's enrollment code:
 3. Link your bank account to enroll in online payments and place your first order.
- Have a question? Contact our coordinator at: scrip@mtolivelutheran.org

Green Day!



Send your pictures to school@mtolivelutheran.org

(Or, perhaps a joke. This one arrived in the office ...)

Q: Can a kangaroo jump higher than the Empire State Building?

A: Of course!

Buildings can't jump.

School Faculty

The Student Directory front piece is missing the last digits along the margin. Save this page for reference.

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