

Mt. Olive Herald

The weekly newsletter of Mt. Olive Lutheran School

"The LORD has done great things!"

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Chapel offerings: India Scooters

\$177.42 was received at the chapel service on 11/28/18. The fund has a balance of \$1484.57, or 98% of a scooter.

Our goal is to raise \$1,500+ needed to buy 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.

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.

Dates in This Newsletter

Today – Dec. 7: Gift of Warmth donations accepted
November 30: Window to contribute to the optional cooperative class gift closes.
December 4, 4 PM, Chargers basketball host Risen Savior
December 5, 5:00-6:16 PM, Advent Meal
December 5, 6:30 P.M, Advent Worship
December 6 – 11: Barnes & Noble book fair (ID 12386686) good all day & online!
December 6, 5:00 PM, Children provide entertainment at Barnes & Noble
December 9, 5 PM, Lutheran Pioneers, Peace Lutheran
December 11: No morning busing
December 11, 2:30-5:30 PM, ELS Ottesen Museum Open House
December 12, 5:00-6:16 PM, Advent Meal
December 12, 6:30 P.M, Advent Worship
December 16, 9:30 AM, Practice for the Children's Christmas Service
December 16, 2:30 PM, Children due in their classrooms.
December 16, 3 PM, Children's Christmas Service
December 17, 4:30 PM, Chargers basketball host Saint Paul (Fairmont)
December 19, 9:00-11:00 AM, Christmas Party
December 19, 11:15 AM, EARLY OUT! No After-School Care. Merry Christmas!
December 19, 5:00-6:16 PM, Advent Meal
December 19, 6:30 PM, Advent Worship
December 20: Christmas Vacation Begins
December 21, 6:30-8:30 PM, Junior Youth white elephant gift exchange & Christmas party
Dec. 24, 4:30 PM, Christmas Eve Worship
Dec. 24, 7:00 PM, Christmas Eve Worship
Dec. 25, 10:00 AM, Christmas Day Worship
January 2, 7:45 AM, First bell rings! Welcome back!

"Thank You!" to Our Helpers

Lunchroom

Mon., Dec. 3, Tom Schulz
Tue., Dec. 4, Gretchen Fischer
Wed., Dec. 5, Keith Eisberg
Thur., Dec. 6, Seth Tweit
Fri., Dec. 7, Myrna Meunier
Mon., Dec. 10, Tom Schulz
Tue., Dec. 11, Kristen Lukasek
Wed., Dec. 12, Keith Eisberg
Thur., Dec. 13, Seth Tweit
Fri., Dec. 14, Annette Handevitd
Mon., Dec. 17, Denice Woller
Tue., Dec. 18, Mandi Hubbard

Library

Thur. AM, Dec. 6, Terri Westphal & Mary Jane Tweit
Thur. PM, Dec. 6, Jen Stadler & Kristin Lehne
Fri. AM, Dec. 7, Keri Langhurst & Kelsey Espeland

Sporting News

Opportunity to Volunteer!

We need assistance with our Boys B practices. We could use a few more coaches to help with the number of boys we have going out for basketball. They practice on Mondays and Thursdays from 4:15 to 5:30. If you are able to assist or know of someone who is, contact Mr. Z at mrz@mtolivelutheran.org ~Thank you.

SignUp.com

Families can now access the SignUp.com site to sign up to volunteer at the various home basketball games. A button is available on the Athletic page located on the school's website.

Basketball Schedule

Our basketball schedule has already gone through more changes. The date on the bottom of the schedule should say **11-25-18**.

The schedule can now be found on the school website as well. If any changes are made due to weather, Mr. Z will update the online schedule first and then send out an email to all teams involved for the day.

Sport Dates

Tuesday, Dec. 4 vs Risen Savior at Mt Olive beginning at 4:00

Saturday, Dec 8, RWF's Preseason Tournament at Redwood Falls, (B teams): Boys B at 8:45 & Girls B at 9:30

Saturday, Dec. 8 New Ulm's Preseason Tournament, (A teams): Girls A TBD, Boys A TBD



Join us for an
Advent Meal
Wednesday, Dec. 5
5:00 – 6:15 P.M.



Pulled Pork Dinner

Pulled pork sandwich, (hotdogs), baked beans, coleslaw, fruit, and assorted desserts

Served by the

Bethany Women's Auxiliary



Jr. Youth Group Christmas Party!

**Devotion-Pizza-White Elephant Gift Exchange!
Friday, December 21st, 6:30pm-8:30pm-**

**We will meet at Church for Devotion,
Pizza, Games, and a Gift Exchange
(Please bring a random present-
around \$5 value).**



**COME AND JOIN US FOR SOME
CHRISTMAS FUN!**

ELS Ottesen Museum Open House

This year's theme at the annual Christmas Open House is *The Norwegians Become Americans: Adopting the English Language and American Customs in Norwegian-American Homes and Churches*. Sing Christmas hymns new to the 1913 Hymnary, learn about early 20th century Christmas trees, and try both Norwegian- and American-style treats. Open House is 2:30 to 5:30 PM Tuesday, Dec. 11. The museum is located at 4 Browns Court.

A Message from the Board of Education

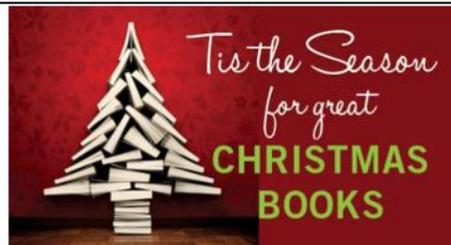
Here are some of the things to be aware of and updates from the October meeting.

- We are prepping for the upcoming Basketball season and are thankful to all coaches who are volunteering.
- Enrollment projections for the 2019/2020 school year are coming in and it looks like we will continue to have strong enrollment. With a smaller class graduating and the large kindergarten class this year we believe we will be up in total students.
- We continue to do our best navigating through the construction, both for activities and security and thank the families for their patience as we make progress on the new building addition.
- We are discussing the addition of a survey for Mount Olive parents and will have more information on that later in the school year.

Thank you to all 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



Come Enjoy

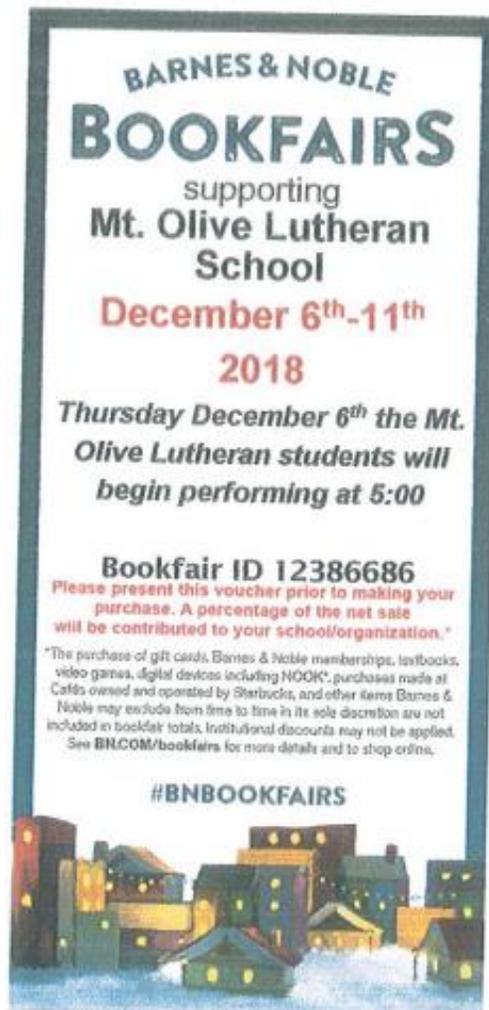
Barnes and Noble Book Fair

(located in the River Hills Mall)

Please take a voucher off the narthex table or use this book fair ID **12386686** during Dec. 6-11 when purchasing anything at Barnes & Noble or purchasing anything online. A percentage of the net sale will go to our school library.

Entertainment:

**Provided by the children of
Mt. Olive Lutheran Church & School
December 6, starts at 5:00 P.M.**



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(From the narthex table.)

Our Christmas Outreach Project!

GIFT
of Warmth
To Wellcome Manor Mothers and Kids
and Men of Maxfield Place

Donate gloves,
mittens, hats, scarves
for children 0 - 8 and
their moms, and men
of Maxfield Place

Drop gifts off at
church office
and at each
classroom.

Mount Olive Call for Questions
Lutheran Church and School 507-345-4966
Collection Nov. 26th - Dec. 7th
1123 Marsh St. Mankato

PosterMyWall.com

Wellcome Manor is an in-patient residential counseling center for drug and alcohol rehabilitation for women and their children (ages 0 - 8). Currently, 53 women reside there; some with their children. Wellcome Manor is in Garden City, Mn. www.wellcomemanor.org

Maxfield Place is a housing complex for chronically homeless men, located here in Mankato. Currently, it is housing 10 men.

Prayerfully consider a donation of winter wear.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING MADE EASY!

Are you wondering what to get your child's teacher for Christmas? The PTF can help! On Monday, November 26, the PTF sent home labeled envelopes. If you're contributing, return them **TOMORROW**, to the Teachers' Christmas Envelope located in your child's classroom. CASH only – No Checks.

PTF is collecting for Mrs. Gunderson (K), Mrs Krienke (K), Mrs. Dittmer (1), Mrs. Beilke (2), Mrs. Buelow (3), Mrs. Sehloff (4), Mr. Beilke (5), Mr. Z (6-8), Mrs. Fosburgh (6-8), Mrs. Kempfert (6-8), Mrs. Halvorson (1st aide), Miss Fosburgh (1st aide), Mrs. Frederick (3rd aide), and Mrs. Hewitt (4th aide).

Room parents will then use the money for their assigned teacher/aide and decide on a cooperative gift from the class. Contributing is completely optional. You are welcome to express your Christmas wishes to your teacher another way if you prefer. This is just a way to make Christmas shopping a bit easier on the parents. Contact Heidi Graham with questions.

From Last Week But Still Relevant ***Can you help?***

The Charger Challenge committee is seeking the correct address for Molly Christensen. If this person sponsored you for the Charger Challenge, contact Kristen Lukasek (mattlukasek@yahoo.com) so the committee can send her a receipt for tax purposes. Thank you!

Christmas Is Coming!

Mrs. Sehloff is looking for some Christmas music! Can your child(ren) help her out? She is looking for some piano players that would be willing to play Christmas carols for chapel - either for preservice, offertory, or postlude. What an excellent opportunity to play that Christmas song(s) that you've already been working on! Stop by her classroom to let her know when and what you can play. Thanks!

Reference Section

Dining with the Students

Parents & grandparents are welcome to dine with students. However, with catering our lunches, diners need to include their meal on the monthly lunch order OR contact us about 15 days before dining: to eat lunch on the 15th, the school needs your order no later than the 1st. Meals are \$3.50 per person & that includes \$0.50 for a non-student carton of milk. Make checks to MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN SCHOOL. As always, parents & grandparents may also bring a bag lunch any day.

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.

For businesses, check the Scrip website at <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/shop/product/browse#?saved>.

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 are 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. scrip@mtolivelutheran.org
- Have a question? Contact our coordinator at: _____

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Winter Wear

Students should wear warm clothing, (hats, gloves/mittens, snow pants, coats, and boots) during the winter. During the winter, students will also need a pair of shoes to wear in the classroom after they remove their boots. They are not allowed to sit in the classroom in stocking feet. Label all clothing items like boots, mittens, coats, and the like that may be removed frequently.

Winter Recess Rules

To provide for the student's health and warmth when there is snow and cold weather:

1. Students wishing to play in the snow areas will need boots. (Grades K – 4 students who wish to play in the snow need snow pants also.)
2. Students may play on the plowed pavement without boots as long as they can change into dry (not gym shoes) when they go inside.
3. Students will not go outside if the **wind chill** temperature drops below –10 degrees.
4. Students may not throw snowballs while on school property. Do not throw snowballs at cars, school buses, or other vehicles on the way to/from school.
5. Students may not put snow on another student's neck or face, nor in another student's clothing.
6. Students may not play pushing/tackling games in the snow.
7. Students may not push others off the snow piles. Do not jump off snow piles trying to dunk balls in the baskets.
8. Students may not jump out of a moving swing.
9. Please respect other student's snow constructions by not destroying them.

ASC Wellcome Manor Project



Thanks to [After-School Care] for making such cute decorations for Wellcome Manor Family Services! We had clients and staff start decorating this past weekend so the timing was perfect! I've attached some pictures of where the clients decided to hang them. It's a space that really needed some cheery décor and I think it looks great. Please tell the kids they did a wonderful job and their efforts are much appreciated! ~ The Wellcome Manor

Building Project Update!



Sidewalk supervisors have inspected the progress.
(No written report yet—no news must mean good news!)

[Send your pictures to school@mtolivelutheran.org](mailto:school@mtolivelutheran.org)