

Mt. Olive Herald

The weekly newsletter of Mt. Olive Lutheran School

"The LORD has done great things!"

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Chapel offerings: Cristo Rey Lutheran Church

\$92.40 was received at the chapel service on 02/27/19. The fund has a balance of \$393.86.

Our mission project for the second semester is Cristo Rey Lutheran Church in Bell Gardens, California.

Mrs. Feistner is school@mtolivelutheran.org. She is a notary public and is full time. **Mrs. Kephart** is in from 9:00 – 1:00 & receives email at church@mtolivelutheran.org. Both answer the phones.

Dates in This Newsletter

March 2, 10:20 AM, Band plays at the MVL Band Festival

March 3: MO Sunday School sings, both services.

March 10, wee hours: Day Light Saving returns! Spring those non-satellite clocks ahead.

March 10: CDS children sing at **both services** for Lutheran Schools Week.

March 10, 9:40 AM, Band **bake sale**. Band plays preservice music.

March 12: No morning busing

March 12, 6:30 PM, PTF Executive meeting

March 13, 7:15 AM, Pastries with Parents!

March 13: *Jump for Heart* event

March 14, 1:30 PM, Grade 8 vs. Faculty in a game of volleyball! Come cheer on your fave team! Consider parking in the lot at Christ the King and walking over.

March 15: Milk Moola nickels due!

March 15: School! Recouping instructional time lost because of inclement weather; hot lunch & After-school Care, too.

March 15, 6:30 PM, Family Dance Night

March 17, 1-4 PM, Lutheran Pioneers, District Swim & Gym, Lake Crystal Area Rec Center

March 25-29: No AM or End of Day Busing

March 28: PM Parent-teacher conferences

March 29, 7:45 AM, School! Recouping instructional time lost because of inclement weather.

March 29, 9 PM, Beacon Lock-In begins.

March 29: PM Parent-teacher conferences

The PTF cordially invites parents to Pastries with Parents March 13 at 7:15 AM. Milk, coffee, donuts, and fruit are served. Parents are welcome to stay for chapel at 8:05 AM.

March 15 is Family Night Dance from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. Provided music by DJ Matt along with snacks and water. Grade 6 is in charge of the decorations and snacks.

"Thank You!" to Our Helpers

Library

The library is staffed beginning at 8:15 AM and again at 11:45 AM on Thursdays, and at 9:45 AM Fridays.

Fri., Mar. 1, 9:45 AM, Elli Fisher & Keri L.

Thu., Mar. 7, 8:15 AM, Terri W. & Joanne M.

Thu., Mar. 7, 11:45 AM, Kara B. & Kristin L.

Fri., Mar. 8, 9:45 AM, Kelsey E. & Gabe C.

Lunchroom (10:45 – 1:00-ish)

March 1 Seth Tweit
March 4 Tom Schulz
March 5 Darci Theiste
March 6 Keith Eisberg
March 7 Mary
March 8 Tiffany Riesgraf

Sporting News

Uniform Hand-In

Players may hand in their jersey to Mr. Z's classroom. Hang them on a hanger provided in the room and hang them on the rack located in the front of his classroom. Thank you.

Jump Rope for Heart

Forms were sent home for Jump Rope for Heart last week. See the letter from American Heart Association about an opportunity for Mt. Olive to raise \$300 for Physical Education items and event description. All students participate in the jumping rope and other activities in the gym Wednesday, March 13, but they are not required to raise funds. Consider this opportunity to help raise funds for Mt. Olive.

From Last Week but Still Relevant

Fabric Strips

After-School Care is in need of fabric scraps that will be cut into strips for an upcoming project. Please bring your unwanted / left over material to the youth room! Thank you!

Thank You!

The Business Administrator & Treasurer for the synod—Keith Wiederhoeft—included the following with the receipt:

“On behalf of Cross-stitch, the network of ELS Women’s Mission Societies, I would like to thank you for your support and for your recent gift of \$3,158.58 for Scooters for India. We thank the Lord for providing faithful people who work together in love for His kingdom. Your prayers and support throughout the year are precious because they enable ELS missionaries to bring the gospel to Peru, Chile, India, Korea, Czech Republic, Latvia and Gift of Life in Ukraine.

Thank you for your efforts in assisting our missions and missionaries to share the Gospel with all the world.” ~ Mary Born

Milk Moola is closing!

Get your nickels to school before the Ides of March—that’s Friday, March 15—so that the PTF can package & mail them before the cutoff date. ***Kwik Trip is discontinuing the Milk Moola program*** & March is the cut off. Please turn in your nickels—be it **caps or bag strips**.

Paper Tubes Needed

PLEASE save your empty paper tube rolls! An upcoming project needs many! The goal is to break 300. Thank you!

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.

Trash 4 Cash

Hy-Vee Shoppers: Hy-Vee receipts are worth some cold, hard, green cash for Mount Olive! Drop off your receipts in the office, at the appropriate Trash4Cash drawer in the cafeteria/social hall, or with your child’s favorite teacher. Historically, Mount Olive has received about \$700 from Hy-Vee, just for collecting those receipts.

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 — The same gift cards you get at the store. Use them instead of cash or a credit card!

Reload and ReloadNow® — Register an eligible **physical** 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 PrestoPayTM.

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

PTF News

God has truly blessed Mt. Olive Lutheran School through our Charger Challenge Fundraiser! Thanks to your tremendous participation, we have been able to complete some great projects. This year is no different and we would like to share some of the wonderful things that have been done and will be done as a direct result of this successful fundraiser!

The PTF has a Large Group Meeting in the Spring which is dedicated to compiling, prioritizing, and voting on ideas to fundraise for in the next school year. Below is the list from the April 2018 Large Group Meeting and shows the exact items that were approved and how they are being accomplished for our school this year.

Charger Challenge approved & prioritized list from the Large Group Spring meeting, April 18, 2018:

1. Active Board for new Kindergarten classroom \$4,000 – *PURCHASING THIS YEAR*
2. Kindergarten Room furniture and loft \$6,000 – *PURCHASING THIS YEAR*
3. Gaga Ball Pit \$700 – *PURCHASING THIS YEAR*
4. ~~Water Bottle Filler drinking fountain~~ \$1,500 – *FUNDED THROUGH A SEPARATE GRANT*
5. IXL Computer Program Subscription \$3,150 – *PURCHASING 1-YEAR SUBSCRIPTION THIS SUMMER*
6. Math Night Kit for 2019-2020 School year \$1,800 – *PURCHASING THIS YEAR*
7. Classroom 1-year bonus of \$300/per classroom \$2,700 total – *DISTRIBUTED OVER CHRISTMAS BREAK TO BE UTILIZED THIS SCHOOL YEAR*
8. Piano replacement for Mrs. Dittmer's classroom \$1K-5K – *RESEARCHING OPTIONS TO PURCHASE THIS YEAR*
9. Student Scholarship Fund donation \$1,000 – ***\$ IS DESIGNATED & GIVING TO FUND***
10. ~~Exterior School/Building Electronic locks~~ – *FUNDED THROUGH OTHER MEANS*

As you can see, nearly everything on the list will be purchased because of the Charger Challenge or because of a grant! What a tremendous blessing for our school! If you have any suggestions that you would like to see discussed at our Spring Large Group meeting for next year's fundraising list, please email researched suggestions to Angela Merseth, PTF Chairperson, at ammerseth@gmail.com.

The Mt. Olive PTF (Parents, Teachers, & Friends) Committee

**Foam Dice game,
Puzzles, Game show
buzzers, Playmags, &
Dry erase circles for
3rd Grade classroom
bonus!!**



Parents & Guardians:

We are very excited to introduce **Kids Heart Challenge** to our school this year. This program is the new-and-improved Jump Rope For Heart program our school has participated in for many years with the American Heart Association. Kids Heart Challenge encompasses all the things we loved about Jump Rope For Heart but the biggest difference is the heart healthy challenge this program encourages students (and families!) to take. The challenge is simple: students select one of the three challenges listed below using our school's event website [http://www2.heart.org/goto/Mount Olive Mankato](http://www2.heart.org/goto/Mount_Olive_Mankato)

or the Kids Heart Challenge app. It is our hope that by committing to one of these challenges to take care of their hearts it will turn into a lifelong habit that will carry into adulthood. The challenges include:

1. **Drink water instead of sugary beverages**
2. **Be physically active for 60 minutes each day**
3. **Do one kind deed every day**

Simple, right? All your student needs to do is select a challenge and he/she will receive a Kids Heart Challenge glow-in-the-dark wristband to serve as their daily reminder to keep taking the challenge each day. If your student wants to collect life-saving donations to support the American Heart Association's mission and earn some cool thank-you gifts, you can easily do that right there from your personalized Kids Heart Challenge website and app! So easy!

The American Heart Association knows our school is taking this challenge seriously but to make the biggest impact in our students' lives, we need them to commit to the challenge.

The American Heart Association has offered our school **\$300** to purchase new PE/Recess equipment to help our students get active if we can get at least 50% of our students (at least 85 students) registered to take the Kids Heart Challenge.

Will you help us?



The graphic features the American Heart Association logo in the top left and the Kids Heart Challenge logo in the top right. In the center, a group of colorful cartoon superheroes are gathered around the text "Join Our HEART HEROES". Below this, it says "register online and take the heart healthy challenge!". Underneath, three circular icons represent the challenges: a person running for "Be physically active for 60 minutes a day.", a hand holding a heart for "Do a good deed daily.", and a water bottle for "Choose water over sugary beverages.". To the right of these icons is the slogan "All these things make your heart happy!". At the bottom, the website "heart.org/kidsheartchallenge" is listed.

Registering to take the Kids Heart Challenge is simple:

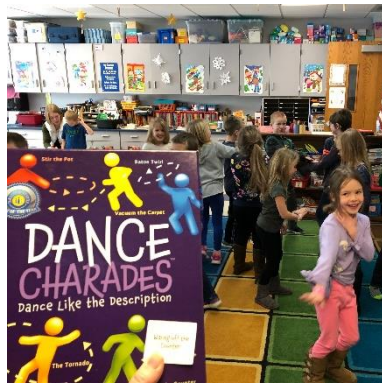
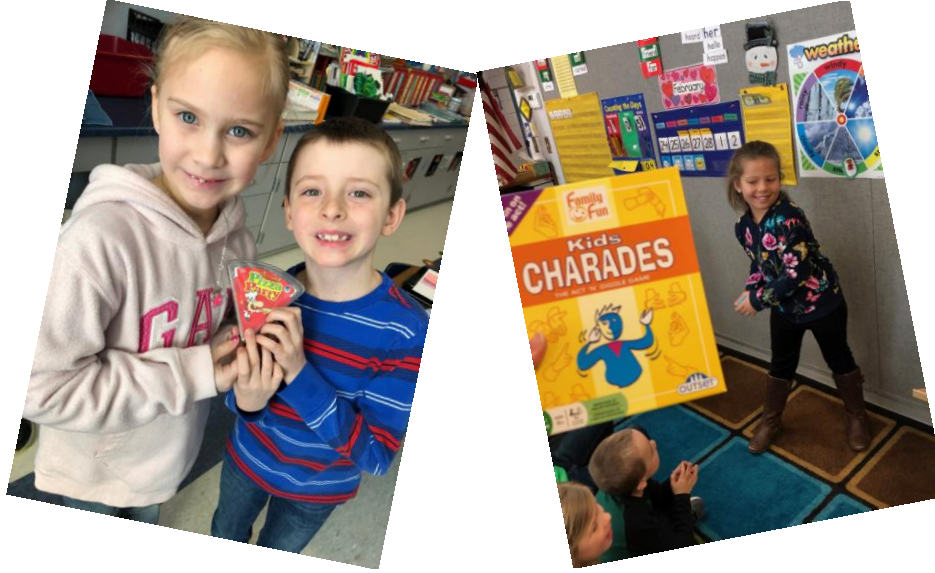
1. Go to our school's Kids Heart Challenge website: [http://www2.heart.org/goto/Mount Olive Mankato](http://www2.heart.org/goto/Mount_Olive_Mankato) AND/OR Download the Kids Heart Challenge app on your smart phone or tablet
2. Following the registration instructions & select your heart healthy challenge

Want to learn more about our school's Kids Heart Challenge program? Check out
https://youtu.be/o906ma__Gww

We are so proud to be partnering with the American Heart Association on this program! An extra \$500 to help keep our kids active would be amazing! **Thank you for your support!**

Pictures!

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



2019 Youth Lock-In!

WHO: WELS and ELS grade school children and friends (4th-8th grade).

WHERE: Lake Crystal Area Rec. Center
621 W. Nathan Street
Lake Crystal, MN 56005
507-726-6730
(15 min southwest of Mankato on HWY 60)

PICK-UP: The Beacon Lutheran Student Center
1506 Warren St.
Mankato, MN 56001
507- 345-7049 (St. Paul's)
(Across from the Bell Tower, next to Alumni Building)

WHAT: Activities with friends including

- Swimming
- Basketball/Volleyball
- Games
- Movies

Directions from Mankato:

Head south on MN-60W
Turn LEFT onto N MAIN ST/ CR-76
(LCARC will be on the left, ½ mile)
Turn RIGHT onto W NATHAN ST.

WHEN: Friday, March 29th - Registration beginning at 9:00pm and Welcome Devotion after swimming. We will bus the children to The Beacon for breakfast at 6:00am
Please pick them up there by 8:00am on Saturday, March 30th.

COST: See registration form below, the cost includes pizza and breakfast.
Please bring a snack or chips to share, swimsuit, and clothes.
Make checks out to 'The Beacon'.

REMINDER: Please ensure that items brought to the Lock-In are appropriate for this event.
Example of items **not** to bring: Silly String, Squirt Guns, and Shaving Cream.

Lock-In Registration at mankatocampusministry.org OR (Please mail to The Beacon by March 22nd.)

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Grade: ___ (Circle one) Volleyball / Basketball / neither

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Cost

- Each Child = \$25

Number of children: _____

Payment Enclosed: \$ _____

Phone (REQUIRED): _____

Liability Waiver:

Please inform us of any allergies or pre-existing medical condition that we should know about.

I, the parent, accept full responsibility for any injury or medical condition that comes about as a result of my participation in the Lock-In.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Emergency Contact (cell phone) _____

I, the parent or guardian, allow my child to be photographed during the event for possible publication of the Beacon or St. Paul's church to promote this event for future years.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please state the name(s) of who is going to pick up your children on Saturday morning. For your child's safety, we will be asking to see driver's license.
