

# 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**

\$65.46 was received at the chapel service on 03/13/19. The fund has a balance of \$536.14.

This mission is in Bell Gardens, CA, approximately ten miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles. There is an estimated population of over 60,000 people within its 2.4 square miles. Over 97% of the population is Latino or Hispanic. Outreach and evangelism initiatives are carried out primarily in Spanish.

More information on the mission is available at [cristoreylutheran.com](http://cristoreylutheran.com). Follow it on FaceBook, Instagram, and YouTube. The congregation certainly welcomes and appreciates your prayers as they work to share the good news of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

**Mrs. Feistner** is [school@mtolivelutheran.org](mailto: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](mailto:church@mtolivelutheran.org). Both answer the phones.

## **Dates in This Newsletter**

**March 15, 7:45 AM, School!** Recouping instructional time lost because of inclement weather; hot lunch & After-school Care, too.

**March 15:** Milk Moola nickels due!

**March 15, 1:30 PM,** Gr. 8 vs. Faculty volleyball! Cheer on your fave team! Consider parking in the lot at Christ the King & walking over.

**March 15, 6:30 PM,** Family Dance Night

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

**March 18, 2:15-4:15 PM,** Mary Poppins, Jr. full-cast rehearsal. Principle roles: to **5PM.**

**March 18, 6:30 PM,** PTF Executive meeting

**March 21, 2:15-4:15 PM,** Mary Poppins, Jr. full-cast rehearsal. Principle roles: to **5PM.**

**March 25-29: No Busing, ISD77 MAPS closed**

**March 25, 2:15-4:15 PM,** Mary Poppins, Jr. full-cast rehearsal. Principle roles: to **5PM.**

**March 28, 2:15-4:15 PM,** Mary Poppins, Jr. full-cast rehearsal. Principle roles: to **5PM.**

**March 28, 3:00-5:45 PM,** Parent-teacher conferences

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

**March 29:** PM Parent-teacher conferences

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

**March 31:** Deadline for Thrivent Choice Dollars

**April 5:** Deadline to submit wish list proposals for next year's Charger Challenge fundraiser

**April 6, 3PM,** Tiaras & Ties father-daughter dance

**April 9, 6:30 PM,** PTF Executive meeting

**April 12:** Grade 4, Class play

**April 13, 8:30 AM,** Easter for Kids! Invite your friends & neighbors

**April 14, 5 PM,** Lutheran Pioneers, Location TBD

**April 24, 6:30 PM,** PTF Large-group meeting for all interested in Charger Challenge 2020

## **Milk Moola is due tomorrow!**

**Get your nickels to school** before 2:30 PM tomorrow—so that the PTF can package & mail them one last time. **Kwik Trip has discontinued the Milk Moola program.**

Please send your nickels—be it **caps or bag strips—to school tomorrow.**

## Thank You!

The PTF would like to thank the 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents for hosting Pastries with Parents! The event was well attended and could not have happened without all your hard work.

## Eliminating Negativity, Part 2



Eliminating negativity is a tall order in this sin-filled world, but not all hope is lost. All things are possible through

Him who gives us strength (Phil 4:13). One strategy that we have practiced with the children is letting the problem be the problem. If we identify the real problem without adding or imagining other stressors piled upon it, we are better equipped to deal with our day. Negativity circles all around us, and we succumb to its harmful effects when we allow ourselves to get caught in its whirl. Work with your children to let the problem be the problem, and together take it to the Lord in prayer.



**Coming  
March 27 - 31**

**It's the  
"BOGO Book Fair"**

**Stock up on GOOD BOOKS!**

### Can You Help at the Book Fair?

Would you be able to help "staff" this spring's book fair? Check out the sign-up sheet posted by the library door. This is the great "**BOGO Book Fair.**"

Wed., March 27, 2:30 – 6:00 PM

Thur., March 28 2:30 – 6:00 PM

Fri., March 29, 2:30 – 6:00 PM

Sun. March 31, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

## "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. 15, Mary B.

Thu., Mar. 21, 8:15 AM, Dawn K. & Darci T.

Thu., Mar. 21, 11:45 AM, Kristin L. & Annette S.

Fri., Mar. 22, 9:45 AM, Kelsey E. & Lois J.

### Lunchroom (10:45 – 1:00-ish)

March 15 Mary

March 18 Mary

March 19 Darci Theiste

March 20 Keith Eisberg

March 21 Kristen Lukasek

March 22 Tiffany Riesgraf

## Sporting News

### Sport Camps

Information on area sport camps are becoming available to students. Many of the area camps are no longer handing out pamphlets. MVL still offers pamphlets for their camp or you may go on line at <http://mvl.org/athletics/summer-camps/> and download their sport camp pamphlet. If you would like a pamphlet for their sport camps, they can be found in Mr. Z's classroom. MVL is also offering a One-Day Softball Camp Saturday, May 11. Information can be found at the same web address noted above.

Bethany College also have many sport camps running this spring and summer. You will need register on-line at <https://blcvikings.com> click on the menu symbol, next to the word sport, and look for athletic camps. Click on it and all of their camp options will be available.

## From Last Week but Still Relevant

### Opportunity to Volunteer!

Seeking help to *assemble the Gaga Pit*. Contact Don Lehne at [dlehne@hickorytech.net](mailto:dlehne@hickorytech.net) or call 420-9093. Date of assembly is the first **second the snow melts** (and necessary ground prep is completed).

## **Thrivent Choice Dollars®**

Through Thrivent Choice®, eligible members can recommend where Thrivent donates millions of charitable outreach dollars each year. Mount Olive is a participating organization. Eligible Thrivent Financial members with available Choice Dollars® have until March 31, 2019, to direct them. Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.



## **Reach for the Stars!**

*"The heavens tell about the glory of God. The expanse of the sky proclaims the work of his hand." Psalm 19:1 EHV*



### **FAMILY DANCE 2019**

**When:** Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Mt. Olive Gymnasium

**Time:** 6:30 – 8:30 PM

**Light snacks will be provided**

Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship, music, and fun with your friends and family and celebrate Lutheran Schools Week! **Adults must chaperone their child(ren) during the event.**

DJ Matt provides the music again this year and you are guaranteed an "out of this world" fun evening!

**Parking** Available parking on the south end of the building, and along the streets around Mount Olive. Christ the King is hosting an event of their own that evening so please be aware of NOT using more than just the NORTH EAST corner of their lot for overflow parking for our event.

**Building Entry** Enter the building through the SOUTH doors and into the gym through the gym's south doors as well.



**Saturday, April 13th 2019**

Dropoff Time: 8:30 AM

Event goes until 1:00 PM

**Mt. Olive Lutheran Church and School**

Place: 1123 Marsh St. Mankato, MN

RSVP at 507-345-4966 or [mtolivelutheran.org](http://mtolivelutheran.org)

Kids from ages 4 to 4th grade are invited, and families will have free lunch together at 12:00 PM

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## **Mary Poppins, Jr, Rehearsals**

For the month of March, entire cast rehearsals are Mondays and Thursdays from 2:45 - 4:15. **Starting Thursday, Mar. 14<sup>th</sup>**, principle roles have extended rehearsals from 4:15 - 5:00 to work on their parts.

## **6th-8th Grade Conferences**

All families with a student in grades 6-8 will receive an electronic invitation March 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> from SignUp.com. Choose to speak to at least one of your child's teachers. You may schedule a conference with all three teachers if you wish. Note: **Grade 8** conferences are *optional*.

15-minute conferences are available from 3-6 PM Thursday, March 28, and again Friday, March 29.

Remember, look for your invitation from SignUp.com!

## ***Mt. Olive Talent Showcase***

The third annual Mt. Olive Talent Showcase is Friday, April 5, at 6:30 PM. All students perform with their classes, art will be displayed in the gym, and individual acts will dazzle the audience with their gifts. Students meet in their classrooms by 6:15 PM. Don't miss this exciting event!

## ***ELS Olympics***

Scarville Lutheran School hosts the ELS Olympics Saturday, May 4. Registration forms are available in the office. Registration forms and fees are due to Scarville Friday, April 26.

***For those families new to Mt Olive, participation in this event is optional.***

## ***Fabric Strips***

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

## **Reference Section**

### ***Loop-side Drop-off & Pick-up***

To shorten the line of waiting vehicles in the street, **pull forward to the sanctuary doors** when you can. The children still use 'Mr. Beilke's door' USING the sidewalk for safety, please. (And, every driving parent says, "Thank you.")

There is no parking in the drive-through at the Marsh Street (north) entrances to the school and church. For the convenience of everyone, this is a drop-off and pick-up area. Parking is not allowed.

### ***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.

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

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  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](mailto:scrip@mtolivelutheran.org)
- Have a question? Contact our coordinator at: \_\_\_\_\_

# 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, email researched suggestions to Angela Merseth, PTF Chairperson, at [ammerseth@gmail.com](mailto:ammerseth@gmail.com).

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

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



# ***Pictures!***

***Send your pictures to school@mtolivelutheran.org***

