

*Mount Olive Evangelical Lutheran School assists parents with Christian training of children for life and eternity, provides academic excellence in the light of God's Word, and reflects the light of Jesus in the community and beyond.*



## Mount Olive Leaders' Letter



2/17/21

### Upcoming Events

March 15-19	Spring Break
April 2-5	Easter Recess
April 24	Examination/ Confirmation
May 27	Last Day of School, 11:30am dismissal

#### **Divine Calls**

Throughout this school year, you've heard of multiple teachers this year receiving 'calls' to go serve in a different school. Just as Jesus called his disciples to follow him, so His church calls workers to serve in the public ministry as teachers and pastors.

*So what does it mean when a Mount Olive teacher gets a call to serve at another school or church?*

Just like our church has done recently, a group of congregational voters asks for God's wisdom and guidance as they seek to fill a vacancy in their ministry. Through prayer, study, and conversations that group of voters issue a call from God's people for a person to serve among them. When a Mount Olive called teacher receives a call to serve elsewhere, s/he then holds two calls (one to our ministry here, and also one to this other ministry). Teachers do not ask to be called to a different place, and that's why these calls come as a surprise. After receiving the call, they use their God-given wisdom to consider the opportunities to serve in both places and the gifts God has given them, and then pray to God for guidance. Then, s/he decides where to serve, trusting that God will bless that decision; that's why it's called a divine call. From an outside perspective, it seems just like a human organization calling another human to be a worker at their organization. The difference is that we recognize God's presence and hand at work in the whole process, including the ultimate decision, trusting that God will accomplish his purpose in the ministry and his will will be done.

Continue to pray for all of the called workers at Mount Olive as they serve here. When divine calls are issued to our teachers to serve elsewhere, please do not hesitate to reach out and offer encouragement and support to them.

#### **COVID-19 Update**

Parents - please continue to be diligent in keeping your kids home if they have symptoms that could be related to COVID-19. We've been very blessed lately as the number of cases in our

community and our school have been declining (does anyone have any wood near them to knock on?). Although not without issues, we are proud of how this school year has gone. Huge shoutout to the teachers, who have taken on more cleaning duties, and who have also drastically had to increase their workload as they work with families who have been out on quarantines. Our teachers have been stellar through it all and we couldn't be prouder to have the staff we do here!

### The Numbers

Mount Olive continues to be blessed to serve families in our school. A large team of faithful workers shows up each day to partner with parents and with each other to make this ministry a success. We don't gauge our success on numbers, but rather on the relationships and opportunities we have to spread the Gospel message. Nevertheless, it's good to see how the Lord is blessing our ministry with workers and families. Here are some numbers from this current year

- 19 called teachers
- 4 called pastors
- 1 Resource Room teacher
- 3 teaching assistants
- 11 support staff (secretaries, custodians, kitchen, etc.)
- 1 FVL Schools Curriculum Director
- 43 students in 3K & 4K
- 270 students in K-8
- 170 families utilizing Mount Olive Lutheran School for their children
- 15 school families taking membership classes, completed membership classes, and/or welcomed into church membership at Mount Olive since August

### Athletics Update

Winter Sports are in their final weeks of the season. The FVL Schools principals and FVWAL worked together to put a set of procedures in place to best conduct a Winter Sport season, and so far things as a league have been running smoothly. Winter Sport practices have been held since December 1st, and the first games were played Thursday, January 14 and Friday, January 15 against the Emanuel Tigers.

Currently, our A Boys and A Girls both sit at 3-0 on the season with two more conference games and a "tournament" style game to end the season on Friday, February 26. All Mount Olive home games will continue to be live streamed, and that link can be found on the school website at [molmustangs.org](http://molmustangs.org) under "Activities".

Talks about what a volleyball and soccer spring season have begun with the FVWAL athletic directors and FVL Schools principals. More information will be released in the next week as details continue to be finalized.

### Forward and ACT Aspire testing

This year Mount Olive's 3rd-8th graders are scheduled to partake in the Forward Exam and the ACT Aspire summative tests. These tests will allow teachers a baseline to assess where students are after the current school year. All testing will take place during the school day. Once results are sent to Mount Olive, we will be sharing Individual Student Reports with parents. The testing dates are as follows:

ACT Aspire: 5th-8th Grade: April 19-23  
3rd-4th Grade: April 26-30  
Forward Exam: 5th-8th Grade: March 29-April 1  
3rd-4th Grade: April 6-9

### 30 Minutes to a Stronger Family

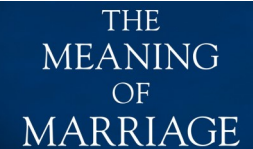
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In Christ,

Pastor Nate Wordell  
Principal Landon Zacharyasz  
Vice-Principal Nathan Gartner



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