

The Olive Branch News

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2010—2011
 Tuition costs at
 Mt. Olive Lutheran
 School
 \$1000 Members
 \$3000 Non-Members



CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL

“Preparing a New Generation in the Faith”

The mission of Mt. Olive Christian Day School is to prepare a new generation in the faith to serve Christ Jesus.

Students welcomed in to God's Family

Mt. Olive Christian Day School continues to be blessed with the opportunity to reach out with the Gospel. In the month of April, four students and two of their siblings were brought in to God's family through the gift of Holy Baptism.

On April 10th, Ella (4K) and Aleon (7th) were baptized along with two of their siblings. Aleon enrolled at Mt. Olive as a 6th grade student last year. His sister Ella joined him this year, and his other two siblings will be with us starting next year.

On April 28th, two of our 8th grade students were baptized as part of a special Wednesday morning chapel service.

Deverey, who enrolled in 7th grade, and Gabriel, who

enrolled in 6th grade, had the entire student body on hand to welcome them in to God's family.

By the end of the 2009-2010 school year, nearly 15 students will have been baptized at Mt. Olive.

Through outreach programs such as the Olive Branch, Mt. Olive Christian Day School continues to reach out to others with the Good News of Salvation in Jesus Christ.



Pastor Wangerin, 8th Grade Students Deverey and Gabriel, and Principal Cody are all smiles after the Baptism Chapel of the two young men.

Growing God's Kingdom / Adult Instruction Class

Upon enrolling at Mt. Olive Lutheran School, new parents who are not Lutheran are required to participate in an Adult Instruction Class led by Pastor Wangerin. This class covers the basics of the Lutheran faith.

These classes are offered twice per year, once in the Fall and once in the Spring. Recently, Pastor Wangerin met with parents on two Saturday mornings in March. As always, Sandi Weber and Janet Mueller provided child care for families, for which

we are very grateful. The purpose of the Adult Instruction Class is to provide parents with a background in what their students are being taught at Mt. Olive. It also allows parents the opportunity to learn more about our church.

This is the first year that Spanish language instruction has been included in the curriculum at Mt. Olive. Students in 4 year old kindergarten through 3rd grade have Spanish class once per week. 4th grade through 8th grade students have Spanish class twice per week.

Spanish language instruction is provided by Futura Language Professionals and teacher Mrs. Emily Ripp. Mrs. Ripp graduated from Marquette University and is currently working on her graduate degree.

There are numerous benefits of receiving instruction in a foreign language. Here are just a few:

- There is a correlation between language learning and students' ability to hypothesize in science.
- There is evidence that early language learning improves cognitive abilities.
- There is a correlation between bilingualism and problem solving ability.
- There is a correlation between bilingualism and intelligence.
- There is a correlation between bilingualism and attentional control on cognitive tasks.

Our goal for the 2010-2011 School year is to raise \$15,000 for the Olive Branch fund.

The Olive Branch is used to assist families who wish to send their children to Mt. Olive, but are unable to do so without financial assistance.

This program has had a Christian impact on the lives of nearly 50 families over the last three years alone! Through the existence of the Olive Branch, Mt. Olive Lutheran School has continued to be the ONLY Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod elementary school in the city of Milwaukee that has not joined the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program. What a blessing it is to remain a truly Lutheran school!

If you have supported the Olive Branch in the past, THANK YOU, and we ask for your continued support. If you have not, please consider supporting this great mission opportunity right here at Mt. Olive. Information on donating to the Olive Branch can be found below.

National Lutheran Schools Week 2010

National Lutheran Schools Week was celebrated the week of March 7th. The theme for this week was "Securing Each Child's Future—For a Life of Service." This theme, set forth by the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod School Ministry, is based on 1 Corinthians 12:5 which reads "There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord."

It was in this spirit that students at Mt. Olive began the week by participating in a variety of servant events. Groups of 7th and 8th grade students visited Blessed Again resale shop, S.O.S. ministries, and Second Harvest. Lower grade students completed placemats and other crafts for residents at a number of senior living communities. One of the blessings of National Lutheran Schools Week this year was Grandparents Day. Grandparents Day began with a school chapel on Wednesday morning. Grand-

parents were then invited into the multipurpose room for snacks, coffee, and fellowship. The featured event of Grandparents Day was the school family Olympics. Students competed in jump roping, hula-hooping, bobsledding, and much more. The highlight of the week, though, was National Lutheran Schools Sunday. The entire school joined the congregation at the 8:30 a.m. worship service. What a joy it was to see our church filled with people,

young and old, members and non-members, giving thanks to God for continually blessing Mt. Olive Lutheran Church and School. 454 people came together that morning to rejoice in the Gospel message of salvation. We are truly blessed to have a school that proclaims the love of Jesus to all and prepares a new generation in the faith.

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Interested in making a donation to *The Olive Branch*?

1. Use the envelope marked the Olive Branch program in your monthly envelopes.
2. Contributions can be sent to the school office, 5301 W. Washington Blvd., Milwaukee, WI, 53208. (Checks made out to Mt. Olive Lutheran School, Olive Branch..
3. Do you have a Thrivent account? You may be able to take advantage of Thrivent's matching funds program. Call the school office (414)774-2200 ext. 2 for details.

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