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OLIVE BRANCH

The twice-monthly newsletter of

Olivet Lutheran Church

5840 Monroe St.

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March 15-22, 2026

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Sunday School Classes

Adults. 10:10 AM | Teen Room

Children. 10:10 AM | Spark Room/Clubhouse

Women's Bible Study

Mondays at 9:30 AM | Teen Room

Guys 'n Gospel

Tuesdays, 7-8 AM | Panera on Central Ave.

Tuesday Table Talks

April 14 | 6-8 PM | location TBA

Light meal served and childcare available.

Register at olivetsylvania.org/ttt

Word & Wonder:

Wednesday Bible Study

All ages; following the Narrative Lectionary

Wednesdays 6-7 PM in the Weber Chapel

Body Shop

Classes: Mar 15 & Apr 12, 12-2 PM - Teen Room

Mark your calendar: Sun, Apr 19, 9 AM - 12:30

PM is Breakfast Church at Salem Lutheran.

Watch your email for details!

High School Bible Study

Sun, March 22 | 12:30-2 PM | Sylvania Diner

Friends are welcome! Walk to the diner together with Becky at 12:15 PM or meet us there. Please

RSVP to Becky (rcress@olivetsylvania.org). 😊

Communion Instruction

Sunday, March 15 | 10:15-11 AM

Clubhouse (basement)

Calling all 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders! Join Pastor Melissa this March for Communion Instruction.

Children who have received their first communion are welcome to continue their education!

THE WEEPING TREE:

A CHAMBER CANTATA FOR LENT

Sunday, March 22 at 10 AM (sanctuary)

Mark your calendar for one combined worship service at 10 AM on March 22 as the Olivet Choir presents their Lenten cantata, "The Weeping Tree."

EASTER EGGS-TRAVAGANZA

Saturday, March 21 | 9-11 AM

Christian Life Center

Families are invited to attend Olivet's Easter EGGS-travaganza! A light breakfast will be served, and parents can enjoy coffee while their little ones make crafts, have their faces painted, play games (and win prizes!), visit the Easter Bunny, go on an egg hunt, and hear the story of Easter. HOP to see you there!

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday (3/29) – 9 & 11 AM

Maundy Thursday (4/2) – 7 PM (sanctuary)

Good Friday (4/3) – 7 PM (sanctuary)

Easter Sunday (4/5) – 9 & 11 AM

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR

EARTH HEROES UNITE:

LOVE YOUR MOTHER EARTH

Saturday, April 11 | 10 AM - 2 PM

(doors open at 9:30 AM)

Christian Life Center

Calling all earth lovers! Don't miss this informative, free, interactive event for all ages. There will be a discussion panel for adults while children simultaneously enjoy activities like making a hero cape, clay seed pod and an earth friendly bird feeder. After a provided lunch, children and adults can engage with ten interactive stations to learn more about "Loving our Mother Earth!"

Come enjoy interacting with and learning from many environmental groups from across Northwest Ohio. Register online at www.olivetsylvania.org/earth-heroes or by calling the church office. Registration closes Friday, April 3.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
SAVE THE DATE!**

Vacation Bible School June 15-19

Vacation Bible School will be June 15-19. This year's theme is Snowball Mountain Challenge: Find Your Strength in God, and our mascot is Ollie the Arctic Seal. New volunteers are welcome! Please let Becky know if you are interested (rcress@olivetsylvania.org).

**NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR
EASTER EGGS-TRAVAGANZA!**

Donations of individually wrapped treats and trinkets for the Easter Bunny's EGGS-travaganza goody basket are being collected at the Christian Life Center and main office entrances. Help with EGGS-travaganza preparation would also be appreciated. Thank you for your generosity!

**MARCH DONATIONS FOR WEDNESDAY
FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

Each week, we're asking each family in the congregation to bring in a fresh food item to be given out at our Wednesday food distribution. Please deliver food to the church by 10 AM on Wednesdays. Thank you for your generosity!
Week of: 3/15 – cheese | **3/22** – lunch meat (no ham or bologna) | **3/29** – butter

**COMMON THREAD QUILTERS
QUILTING NEWS**

With the closing of Joann Fabric stores, Olivet quilters need FABRIC, any size pieces members might have in their home and are willing to donate for quilt making. Also needed are sheet sets, any size or color (cotton or cotton blend, no 100% synthetic material). They may be left on pool table in Teen Room or in the office. Thank you for your help!!

Save the date! Quilt tying is Saturday, May 2 at 9 AM in the Christian Life Center. We have had about 25 members in the past to help tie knots on quilts that have been saved for May 2. Please plan to join other members for this fun event. There will be a sign-up sheet closer to the date. Your help is needed!!

ROAD CONSTRUCTION: STAY INFORMED

Stay up to date on Sylvania-area road construction and sign up for email updates by visiting www.sylvaniachamber.org/sylvania-strong.

MARCH

Sunday	15	9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Sanc.
		10:10 AM	Adult Bible Study TR
		10:10 AM	Spark/1st Comm instruction
		11:00 AM	Contemp Worship CLC
		12:00 PM	Bodyshop TR
Monday	16	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study TR
		12-2:30 PM	Food Pantry
Tuesday	17	7-8 AM	Guys' n Gopspel Panera
		9:30-11 AM	Quilters
		5:30-9 PM	Handbells
		6:30 PM	Holey Knitters TR
		7:00 PM	Vine Band CLC
Wednesday	18	12-2:30 PM	Food Pantry
		1-2:30	Produce
		5-5:45	Daily Bread
		6:00 PM	Word & Wonder Chapel
		7:00 PM	Choir
Thursday	19	12-2:30 PM	Food Pantry
		7:00 PM	Council AE
Friday	20		
Saturday	21	8:30 AM	Cantata Rehearsal Sanc.
		9-11 AM	Easter Egg-stravaganza CLC
Sunday	22	10:00 AM	Easter Cantata Sanc.
		11:30 AM	HS Bible Study Syl. Diner
Monday	23	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study TR
		12-2:30 PM	Food Pantry
Tuesday	24	7-8 AM	Guys' n Gospel Panera
		9:30-11 AM	Quilters
		5:30-9 PM	Handbells
		7:00 PM	Vine Band CLC
Wednesday	25	12-2:30 PM	Food Pantry
		1-2:30	Produce
		5-5:45	Daily Bread
		6:00 PM	Word & Wonder Chapel
		7:00 PM	Choir
Thursday	26	12-2:30 PM	Food Pantry
Friday	27		
Saturday	28		
Sunday	29	9:00 AM	Traditional Worship Sanc.
		10:10 AM	Adult Bible Study TR
		10:10 AM	Spark/Club 345
		11:00 AM	Contemp Worship CLC