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OLIVE BRANCH

The twice-monthly newsletter of

Olivet Lutheran Church

5840 Monroe St.

Sylvania, Ohio 43560

August 16-30, 2026

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Adult Bible Study

Sundays at 10:10 AM | Teen Room

Women's Bible Study

Meets monthly at 9:30 AM during summer
Last summer gathering: **August 24**

New! Thursday Table Talks

Tuesday Table talks is shifting to the **first Thursday of the month** beginning in September.
Upcoming dates: September 3, October 1, & November 5 in Olivet's Teen Room

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Spark and Club 345 classes begin **Sunday, September 20** at 10:10 AM between the services. All students meet in the Spark Room, next to the nursery, to sing with Miss Carol before separating for lessons. The curriculum for both groups will be *Spark: Activate Faith*. Looking forward to another blessed and fun-filled year!

BODY SHOP NEWS

Body Shop Orientation

Sunday, August 16 at 10:10 AM OR
Tuesday, August 18 at 6 PM (note date change!)
Weber Chapel

For all Body Shop students, grades 6-8. The student and at least one family member should attend ONE of these sessions. Parents, please scan the QR code to fill out a form for each of your students prior to orientation.



First Body Shop Class

Sunday, September 20 | 12-2 PM | Teen Room
We will be learning from a new curriculum: *Lutheran Yes!*, and this year students will learn about the important aspects of Lutheran Worship. Pastor Melissa and Amy Dixon will continue to teach the lessons. Workbooks will be handed out the first day of class.

PASTOR BILL PAVUK'S INSTALLATION SERVICE

Tuesday, August 25 | 6 PM in the sanctuary

Please join us as we celebrate a new chapter of ministry at Olivet as Pastor Bill Pavuk is installed as Pastor of Community Life. The service will be held in the sanctuary. Rostered Ministers and Synod Authorized Ministers are invited to vest. The liturgical color for the day is green. Reception to follow in the Christian Life Center. The service will be available to watch live on Olivet's YouTube channel.

AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

August 23 – 9 AM & 11 AM

(Pastor Bill Pavuk's first Sunday at Olivet)

August 30 – 10 AM in the Christian Life Center

YOUNG ADULT PICNIC

Sunday, August 23 | 1-3 PM | Fossil Park
5705 Centennial Road, Sylvania, OH 43560

Olivet invites all young adults (18-35) to a cookout at Fossil Park on August 23rd from 1-3 PM. Come for an afternoon of fellowship and a chance to get to know Olivet's new pastor of community life, Pastor Bill! Hotdogs, burgers (including vegetarian options), and pop will be provided. Attendees are encouraged to bring a side to share. We'll also have a cornhole tournament with a chance to win the grand prize!

JOURNEY TO THE SOUTHERN BORDERLANDS

Sunday, August 30 | 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM
Christian Life Center

We invite you to join us and hear from seven team members—people of faith, including Olivet's Raiden and Jordan Browning—who journeyed from Northwest Ohio to the southern borderlands to listen and learn about the current reality of immigration at the US-Mexico border.

Immediately following Olivet's 10 AM worship service on Sunday, August 30, team members will share stories of what they saw and heard, what the visit taught them, and how it touched their lives and impacted their understanding of the immigration system as people of faith. (→)

We will start with lunch at 11:30 AM, with the presentation to follow ending at 1:30 PM. There is no charge, but please **register by Tuesday August 25** so we can prepare for you. Register by calling the church office or visiting www.olivetsylvania.org/border. Everyone is welcome; bring a friend.

**2027 ELCA YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT
GATHERING INFORMATIONAL MEETING
Sunday, August 30 after 10 AM worship
in the Weber Chapel**

Eligible participants to the Youth Gathering are students entering grades 8-12; at least one parent/guardian should be at the meeting along with any youth wishing to attend. Young adults aged 18 through 35 may attend the Young Adult Gathering. Contact Becky Cress (rcress@olivetsylvania.org) for more information.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR
LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

Lutheran World Relief has been sponsoring a quilt and school supplies kit ministry for over 75 years. These quilts and kits are sent around the world and in the United States to bless families who are dealing with natural disasters, war, or poverty. Our Global Mission Team supports both of these projects and has set a goal of sending out 100 school kits. We are collecting items for the kits right now. We would like to receive those **by September 20** so that we have time to assemble and box the kits and have them ready for shipment at the beginning of October. Look for the large collection boxes at the entrances to the building. The items still needed are:

- **59** boxes of 16 or 24 crayons
- **58** centimeter rulers, or ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- **70** sturdy pencil sharpeners
- **22** 2 ½ inch erasers
- **92** blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- **300** black or blue pens (NO gel pens)
- **87** (70-80) sheet notebooks wide or college ruled

Please see Heidi Lohrmann if you have any questions.

AUGUST FOOD DISTRIBUTION DONATIONS

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 8/16 – melon (whole)
8/23 - fresh berries **8/30** – celery

Sunday 16

Monday 17

Tuesday 18

Wednesday 19

Thursday 20

Friday 21

Saturday 22

Sunday 23

Monday 24

Tuesday 25

Wednesday 26

Thursday 27

Friday 28

Saturday 29

Sunday 30

Monday 31

August

9 AM Traditional Worship | Sanc.

10:10 AM Adult Bible Study | TR

10:10 AM Body Shop Orientation (Option 1) | Chapel

11 AM Contemp Worship | CLC

12 PM Food Pantry

9 AM Quilting Group | CLC

6 PM Body Shop Orientation (Option 2) | Chapel

6:30 PM Holey Knitters | TR

12 PM Food Pantry

1 PM Produce

5 PM Daily Bread

12 PM Food Pantry

7 PM Council Meeting

12 PM Red Cross Blood Drive | CLC

9 AM Traditional Worship | Sanc.

10 AM New Membership Orientation | AE

10:10 AM Adult Bible Study | TR

11 AM Contemp Worship | CLC

1 PM Young Adult Picnic | Fossil Park (5540 Ce.

9:30 AM Women's Bible Study | TR

12 PM Food Pantry

9 AM Quilting Group | CLC

6 PM Pastor Bill Pavuk's Installation Service | Sanc.

12 PM Food Pantry

1 PM Produce

5 PM Daily Bread

12 PM Food Pantry

10 AM Combined Worship | CLC

12 PM Food Pantry

5 PM Equity Team Meeting | AE