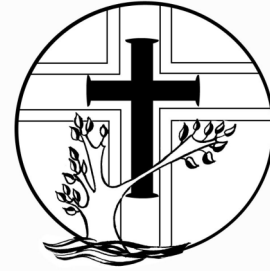


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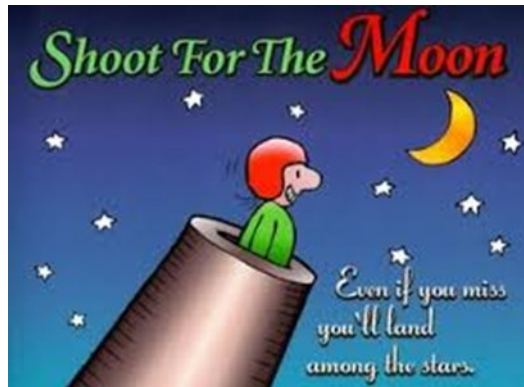
The Monthly Newsletter of
Olivet Lutheran Church
Sylvania, OH



... from Pastor Melissa:

Dear People of Olivet,

My husband and I have routine conversations about expectations. He has learned over the years that lowering his expectations leads to less frustration and disappointment. This used to feel like a cop out to me. I came from the Les Brown school of thought on the matter: "Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars."



Now that our adult leaders and youth participants have entered the final countdown to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston, I'm assessing my expectations. The ELCA planning committees have been hard at work to ensure the Gathering is first and foremost an event that forms faith.

The clergy spirit at work in me desires that each of our young people (and adults, for that matter) encounters God in a meaningful way as a result of our Houston experience. The reality is that the Holy Spirit has long been at work in the lives of our youth and continues to guide, nurture, and enlighten them in faith. This is actually core to our faith in Christ as Lutherans. Remember these words spoken at baptism and when our youth confirm their faith:

Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

Stir up the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, this spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

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Our Vision

Celebrating the power of the Holy Spirit by inviting all people to become fully devoted followers of Jesus

Our Three-Fold Mission

- Create a safer place for growing, learning, listening and loving
- Address social issues by focused engagement in community partnerships
- Make direct connections for learning, mutual support and relief with people around the world

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Our adult leaders gathered one last time prior to departure. For me, connecting with these parents has been a highlight of this long season of preparation and fundraising. As we enjoyed a meal and shared in conversation, it occurred to me that these adults were once youth. Youth who were supported and encouraged in a community of faith as they grew up. Youth who learned that they belong, that God has purpose for their lives – and something about their identity in Christ. Youth whose positive experiences in the church mean that today they bring their children to worship, lead confirmation huddles, and even watch our live-streaming worship from the bleachers at their kids’ sporting events!

My hope is that our 23 youth who travel to Houston will remember the love and support of this congregation, so that they, too, will one day bring their families to worship, teach Sunday school, and use the latest technology to enrich their lives of faith.

Pray with me:

Merciful God, thank you for Sadie, Vivian, Ryan, Amelia, Logan, Claire, Maya, Jacob, Catherine, Kennedy, Martin, Bryce, Megan, Sarah, Andrew, Niel, Kayla, Kaitlyn, Mariah, Jacob, Molly, Nate, Michaela, Jennifer, Melissa, Kevin, Matt, Mandy, Pastor Melissa, and Pastor Beth, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, edified them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold these servants in the promises of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.



2018 Congregational Council

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Pastoral Acts—April/May

Baptisms

Isabelle Vada-Jeanne Paul 4/29
 Wyatt Dean Manor 4/15
 Christopher Alan Hilt III 5/27

Funeral

Lorece Brown

Memorial Service

Martha Cox

Pastoral Care Requests

Please contact the church office between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, at 419-882-2077 or leave a message after hours.

For Pastoral emergencies, please refer to the Pastors’ voicemail message.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES



*The Pastor William and Martha Cox
Garden of Peace*

Garden of Peace Angels are needed now! We are scheduling half-month stints (1st-15th and 16th-to the end of each month) from April through November.

Maintenance of the Garden includes weeding, deadheading plants, picking up litter, raking leaves, etc. You will need to bring your own gardening tools and take the green waste home. There is an irrigation system and the containers are watered by the office staff, so no watering is necessary.

It takes 1-2 hours per week to spruce up the Garden. The "Garden Angels" keep our Garden beautiful.

If you would like to be an Angel, contact Sandy/John Husman at 419-882-3438 or email them at shusman@bex.net. Sign up early to get your ideal dates.

We still have openings for GOP Angels in September and October.



**JULY 29, 2018
ONE Worship Service
10:00 in the Sanctuary**

- ◆ *Senior Saints Recognition*
- ◆ *Celebrating Pr. Nate Tuff's
30th Anniversary of Ordination*
- ◆ *Congregational Mission Emphasis*

After worship, stay and share in a POTLUCK!!

Please bring the following:

A-H — Salad

I-P — Hot/cold dish

Q-Z — Dessert

We look forward to this great day!



NEW LIFE

Come and bring your friends to the June meeting of New Life on Wednesday, June 13. We will be meeting in the Atrium. You may wish to park in front of the church and come in through the Welcome Center door. The speaker, Judy Myerholtz, will be portraying Juliet Gordon Lowe, founder of the Girl Scouts. Oak Leaf Village will provide the lunch. Please contact the church office to make reservations by Mon, June 11.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES

Summertime at Olivet

Olivet is always a “happenin’ place” — and summer is a time when we really step it up to get needed things done. If you are reading this in early June, it’s not too late to stop by and witness the wonder of VBS. Opening and closing sessions are really full of spirit and energy — 9 am and 11:45. Stop by the Christian Life Center, June 11 — 15.

On to projects...

In the June 3 Olive Branch, we shared the fact that the Building sub-group of the Congregation Mission Emphases Team has been busy working on planning various building signage (introduced by fall). Accomplished June 4 was the **restriping of the front Monroe Street parking area** with the angled parking direction being reversed. Studies have helped us decide this was a necessary improvement to streamline traffic through front area. Thanks to a benevolent Olivet couple who have underwritten this expense.

Also related to front entrance—there will be a **new concrete pad** poured that will be a handicap accessible approach to the Welcome Center area to replace the step up. Completion: last week of June.

Painting of the steeple as well as the west side cupola is a priority this year. Council approved the application of RHINO SHIELD rather than painting. Research indicates that this should be longer lasting than paint. The steeple was last painted in 2008 and began looking poorly two years ago. Cost: approximately \$7,000 (slight variable depending on days renting lift). Scheduled for late June/early July.

Pr. Melissa acquired nice office furniture as a result of furniture available when Directions Credit Union relocated to their new downtown location. Thanks to Barry Shaner and his accommodating staff. The only cost was moving furniture from Maumee to Olivet.

Two Gifts to Olivet (read on for the story*)

- **New elevator for Sanctuary.** We have contracted with Vertical Mobility, a local elevator company, to replace our existing elevator with new, quieter equipment. Expected useful life: 35 years. Cost of elevator: \$25,000; approximate cost to build platform: \$5000; total cost \$30,000. Tom Reynolds of Reynolds Construction, LLC, will assist with any necessary details related to the platform. Scheduled for late summer installation.
- **Eight new Pella windows** will replace the seven large upper/east facing Sanctuary windows including the half circle windows and one smaller window, all of which are 60-year-old single pane glass. Expected useful life: 35-50 years. Total cost: \$22,063. July installation.

*Olivet received a gift of \$51,666 from deceased member, Evelyn Wisnofske, which was designated to be used for something special and long-lasting. Her heir approached Olivet and asked for a list of projects, so we created a wish list that included six special projects. The two projects chosen were the elevator and sanctuary windows because the heir felt those would most suitably honor Evelyn and her legacy. What a great gift these will be to all of us!!

Still on the wish list:

- **Carpet**—Replace all of the red Sanctuary carpet with new. Expected useful life 25 years. Total cost: \$13,961.46.
- **Lighting**—Replace all rear parking light fixtures and fixtures on the Christian Life Center with LED fixtures. This will increase safety and security. Expected useful life 30 years. Total cost: \$8775.
- **Security Cameras**—Install new security cameras on the exterior and selected interior locations. This enhances security and safety. Expected useful life: ten years. Total cost: \$3000.
- **Windows**—Replace the 14 remaining lower level double hung windows on the east and north side. Expected useful life: 35-50 years. Total cost: \$9284.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES

JOIN A STUDY GROUP



Olivet Women's Bible Study will continue meeting during the summer on these dates: June 19, July 31 and August 21. We will read/discuss the Bible study in Gather magazine, "LET US PRAY."

Come and join us for our summer sessions at Olivet, Tuesdays-9:30 A.M. in the Teen Room.

Sundays at 10:10 in the Adult Ed. Room

Join Mike Moore and other adults for discussion of "Someone Unlike Us, to Guide Us," by Pastor Lee Ann Pomrenke of Hope Lutheran Church in St Paul MN. (Lee Ann is the daughter of members Stan & Marilyn Machosky.) She has provided a very thought provoking piece that should make for an interesting discussion. We hope to see you Sunday!



Panera Bread Adult Gathering Tuesdays at 6:30 a.m.

This early morning study/fellowship group has been meeting for several years and they invite YOU to join! You will begin your day with positive and uplifting words to take with you. The study is based on the S.O.A.P. model of scripture reading. Come find out what God has to say to you through His Word. Meet at Panera Bread on Talmadge Rd. Bring your Bible and a journal.



MEMORIAL GIFTS

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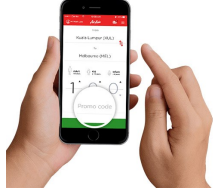
- Martha Cox**
Lois Sass — Handbell Choir
- Betty and Bob Shryock**
Lee A.ENZ
Lauren Wilson
Edward & Carolyn Kyritz
Mr. & Mrs. Benson Paul



JOIN US FOR EUCHRE We meet the second Thursday of the month. June 14, July 12, August 9 7:00 p.m. — Teen Room

We always have a good time and we welcome new players, no matter your skill level. Bring a snack to share.

You Can Now Make a Contribution to Olivet Through a Mobile App!



To get started, download GivePlus Church for free from the App Store or Google Play. Simply search for "GivePlus Church" to quickly find and download the app today. Then, you can easily make donations directly from your smartphone using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account.

You can also choose to donate as a guest or set up an account that allows you to securely and conveniently schedule recurring donations and manage and review your giving history.

FAQ's are posted on the "Congregational Ministries" bulletin board located in the CLC hallway across from the Adult Ed. Room.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES

Update of Ongoing Projects of the Congregation Mission Emphasis Group

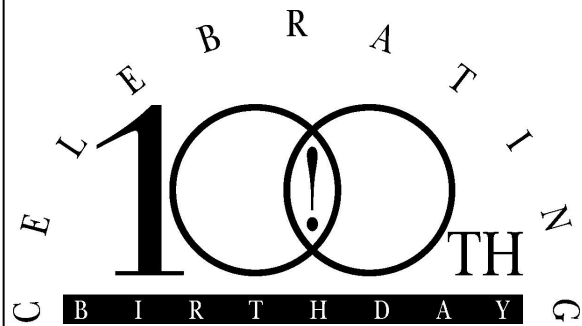
◆ A hymnal ribbon project was led by Judi Paul. Ribbon markers were created and assembled by our committee, as well as office staff and volunteers, to place in the hymnals located in the Chapel and Sanctuary. The purpose is to help visitors, and members alike, mark pages of liturgy and hymns used during the service to aid in easily finding these components during worship. The project was completed and markers inserted prior to the goal of Pentecost Sunday, May 20.

- ◆ Work continues on interior and exterior signage to make our building and entrance/exit areas more welcoming and easier to navigate.
- ◆ The parking area in front of church was restriped to align parking spaces with the direction of our entrance driveway. People will no longer have to drive around the back of the building to follow the proper direction of the parking spaces. The cost associated with this was underwritten by one generous Olivet couple.

The Congregation Mission Emphasis Group will share what's been happening with the congregation at our joint worship on July 29!



**Olivet Lutheran Church
Christian Life Center
Friday, July 20, 2018 ~ 7:00 p.m.**
Free tickets available in the office
or from Milo Danzeisen.
A free-will offering will be taken



Mr. Justin Boeker, 50 year member of Olivet, turned 100 this spring. Mr. Boeker came to Toledo when he joined Owens Corning. Our congratulations to Mr. Boeker for reaching this milestone and for being a faithful member of Olivet for so many years.



Olivet members (36 households) who shopped at **Kroger** between **1-31-2018** and **4-30-2018** have contributed **\$287.86** to your total donation. The more Olivet members shop at Kroger, the more money Olivet will earn!

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES



"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Give thanks to Him and praise His name"
From Psalm 100.

Come worship at the Vine, a worship service connecting hearts and minds to God through the work of the Holy Spirit. You will experience music and communion every week. You may even have a chance to play non-pitched instruments and dance on the Sending song!

There are many ways to become involved with this service: Media specialists, musicians, communion assistants, greeters and altar guild. If you feel called to this ministry, let anyone on the team know.

Ann Augustin,
D'Vine Praise Band
419-350-3846.
OboeAnn73@aol.com



We are enjoying a few months off getting re-freshed to start up for our Fall rehearsals. We have had a wonderful season of ringing some awesome music in our church services and three concerts

this past December and May at Olivet and also a Christmas concert at the Toledo Museum of Art. We truly are blessed with wonderful talent in our congregation and I'm very thankful for all these gifted people who have shared their talents with all of us.

If you are interested in joining our handbell program, please give me a call. I will be happy to meet with you and talk with you anytime. God bless you all with a happy and safe summer.

Carol Miller, Director
419-882-6254 home
419-283-1895 cell
419-882-0080 work
Email: carolamiller5@hotmail.com



Steve Hodge, Olivet Choir director for the past 28 years, is planning a new year full of glorious music to praise our God. The choir will continue to be an integral part of our 9:00 Sunday morning worship. In addition, they work diligently on two special cantatas each year presented during Advent and Lent.

What about YOU? If God has given you musical ability to sing his praises, the Olivet Choir offers a place for you to serve Him. **Join up!**

**Sing With Us Beginning in September
Wednesdays at 7:30
in the Choir Room**



The Hymns of Dixieland

Guest Musicians at "The Vine"
August 5 at 11:00 a.m.

Join us for this most lively service!

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES



June 11—15 9:00 a.m.—Noon

We anticipate a GREAT week of VBS for the 115 children who will come to hear the message of God's love for them.

Thank you to all who donated food and/or materials, and prayed for the leaders and children. You are making a difference for God's kingdom!

A HUGE Thank You goes out to COSTCO for the sign that they so generously donated to enhance our VBS decorations in the CLC hallway.



Family Summer Worship

Enjoy worshipping together during the summer. Pick up an activity bag (age 3 and under) or activity sheet (ages 3-6 or 7-12) at the entrance to the Sanctuary/CLC.

There will be lots for you to do!



Kids will be invited to help maintain the watermelon patch we planted behind the church over the course of the summer. After the children's message on most Sundays (weather permitting), Donna will invite kids to go outside with her and help weed/water the watermelon plants! Kids will return during the Offertory and remain with their parents for the remainder of the service.



We will offer a short/fun summer curriculum for 3 or 4 weeks mid July to mid August. Dates will be posted in the Olive Branch and emailed to Spark/Club 345 parents. Keep on the lookout!



Parents – please take the time to complete the brief survey that was emailed to you at the end of May. Your feedback is instrumental as we begin planning for fall. Completed surveys can be placed in the mailbox outside Donna Mens' office, in the main office or mailed to Olivet. Thanks for your time!!



Youth and adult leaders who are attending the Houston Youth Gathering will be commissioned during closing worship at the Northwestern Ohio Synod Assembly in Bowling Green on **Saturday, June 9.**

Our final **Houston Huddle** before departure is **Sunday, June 10**, from 3 to 5 p.m. at St. Stephen (7800 Erie St). Pastor Beth will lead us in forming a group covenant. Parents are welcome to attend at 4 p.m. for final details.

In worship on **Sunday, June 24**, we will commission youth and adult leaders from Olivet.

I invite our parents and Olivet family to pray **each day**:

- for our young people as they experience intense personal learning and spiritual formation;
- for our safety and cohesion as a group; and
- for our adult leaders to be guided by the Holy Spirit with gifts of wisdom, patience, and joy.

Olivet Youth:
 Claire Ames
 Andrew Crooks
 Maya Crooks
 Bryce Erskine
 Jacob Espinosa
 Sadie Evener
 Kaitlyn Langenderfer
 Mariah Lashley
 Kayla Metzger
 Megan Miller
 Jacob Nelson
 Ryan Nelson
 Amelia Niedermier
 Logan Pakulski
 Michaela Reynolds
 Molly Schroder
 Catherine Schultz
 Nathaniel Schultz

Sarah Tetreau
 Kennedy Vrooman
St. Stephen Youth:
 Nielsen Johnson
 Vivian Johnson
International Youth:
 Martin Javornik (Serbia)
 Angeles de León Plata (Mexico)
Adult Leaders:
 Jennifer Crooks
 Pr. Beth Ferne-Johnson
 Melissa Metzger
 Pr. Melissa Micham
 Kevin Nelson
 Matt Schroder
 Mandy Tetreau



Teen Sunday Nursery Position Open!

Would YOU be interested in helping in the Sunday nursery? This is a paid position. You would help staff the nursery approximately once a month. 8:45-noon

Qualifications:

- Love infants and toddlers!
- Must be at least 14 years old
- Certified or willing to take the babysitting certification class.

Please apply in the church office ASAP!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



Matthew Wesley	Melissa Jacoby
Jay Ostrander	Matthew Gossett
Ian Haas	Spencer Hood
Natalie Olrich	Jessica Poirier
Michaela Reynolds	Melia Hatzidakis
Benjamin Miller	Emma Rowe
Korrin Zollweg	Olivia Shuff
Matthew Ferguson	

May God bless you as you enter the next season of your life.

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

SUMMER IN THE CITY

Olivet's 2018 Mini-Mission for Youth,
Young Adults, and Adults

THURSDAY, AUG 2 -- SUNDAY, AUG 5

Journey alongside those who minister at Salem and Redeemer churches in central Toledo. Join for ONE day or many -- participate full or part days.

Curious?!? Talk to or text Pastor Melissa.



The Community Mission Emphasis Team

will meet with either Dottie or Mary Helen Darah of Sylvania Area Family Services
Sunday, June 24 10:10 – 10:55 AM
Weber Chapel

On the agenda: **SAFS Vision and Mission** to inspire our continued connection. Any additional time will be to tend to our commitment to support 11-14 year-olds.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry team will meet Monday, June 11 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Atrium. Please bring finished shawls. Yarn will be available for your summer knitting.



OLIVET CHRISTIAN NURSERY SCHOOL

Please contact Jennifer Crooks, Director, for more information or to schedule a tour, 419-882-4616



Daily Bread

Free Meal for the Community

Summer Update

While Daily Bread is a year-round weekly ministry program, there are occasions that we must cancel our meals.

Here are the dates for this summer when there will not be Daily Bread on Wednesday evenings:

- June 13 due to Vacation Bible School
- July 4 – Independence Day
- July 25 – Rummage Sale

We extend an invitation to all Olivet members to join us for dinner any other Wednesday evening at 5 pm. It would be a wonderful opportunity for you to spend time with our guests, many of whom come for the fellowship as much as the food.

We ask for your prayers for all of Daily Bread guests.

Susan Santoro: mobile - 419.344.7071
2211 Willowtree Lane; Maumee, OH 43537



Are you interested in helping to organize the Rummage Sale next year? You can talk to Joyce Barger and let her be your mentor as you follow her around this year to see how and what all she does.

The job can be divided for several people to chair, as listed below.

1. Publicity - would do the Olivet and OCNS publications, radio, area churches, etc. and check to make sure signage is in good shape. Also do temple talks during worship, or share these duties with the volunteer chair.
2. Volunteers - would be in charge of signing up all volunteers for set-up, sale, and clean-up and calling them to remind them of their shifts before the sale.
3. Food - chef Holly has volunteered for this.
4. Set-up and pricing - supervise displaying and pricing the items
5. Working the sale - the whole committee plus lots of volunteers
6. Clean-up - Contact Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission and Zeph Center (books) to pick up leftovers, tear down tables, clean sale area, take items to attic and basement.

Call the office if you are interested.

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

2018 RUMMAGE

Thursday, July 26,

Friday, July 27:

9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 28

9:00 a.m. until noon;

all items 1/2 off - clothing \$2. bag



ITEMS TO DONATE: Books, CD's, toys, games, puzzles, electronics, small appliances, sporting goods, linens and textiles, crafts, decorating items, clothing, shoes, purses, jewelry, household items and misc. All should be clean, in good condition and able to be carried by one person. (NO TV's or encyclopedias, please!)

We need

- ◆ Grocery sacks and plastic bags
- ◆ 5' or 6' folding tables and card tables for the week. Please bring on the 21st or 22nd. Let Joyce Barger know if you have a table to lend. (419-266-0912)

DONATION DROP-OFF DATES: Please bring items to the Adult Ed. Room.

Tax forms will be available.

- ◆ Thursday, July 19 and Friday, July 20 from 8:30 - 2:00
- ◆ Saturday, July 21 from 9:00 - noon
- ◆ Sunday, July 22 from 12:00 - 2:30
- ◆ Monday, July 23 from 9:00 - 4:00 & 6:00 - 8:00 **LAST DAY TO BRING DONATIONS!**

HELP WANTED: Men, Women and Older Youth

- ◆ **Publicize** the rummage sale by telling family, friends, co-workers and people you meet about the sale. Flyers will be available on July 15 and 22.
- ◆ **Set-Up:**
 - Sunday, July 22 from 12:00 - 3:00. Light lunch provided for workers.
 - Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9:00 - 6:00 and 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- ◆ **During the Sale:**
 - Thursday, July 26 and Friday, July 27 from 8:45 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 - Saturday, July 28 from 8:45 - noon
- ◆ **Clean-Up:** Saturday, July 28 from 12:00 - 2:30 p.m. Light lunch provided.

It takes more than 150 people to make the rummage sale a success! **Choose the times you can help—sign-up begins Sunday, June 24 - or contact Joyce Barger: 419-266-0912**

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

FLOODING IN EASTERN KENYA May 16, 2018

Floods and heavy rains in Kenya have now displaced at least 311,164 people across the country. The death toll has risen to 132 people and 33 have been injured according to the Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS). More than 100,000 people are affected in Tana River County alone.

On May 9, a dam in Nakuru burst killing at least 30 people and forcing 500 households to seek shelter, according to KRCS. The latest OCHA Flash Update reports that, while the extent of the total damage remains unknown, 6,000 livestock have been killed and nearly 8,500 hectares of farmland are submerged.

On May 15, the Government of Kenya issued a warning to those living in Tana County that the Masinga Dam will reach capacity in the coming days and residents should seek higher ground immediately. The climate outlook for May 2018 indicates continued above-normal rainfall in Western and Central Kenya. KRCS says it may be four months until families are able to return to their homes.

Emergency shelter, food supplies and non-food items (NFI) are needed as the displaced population increases.

Lutheran World Relief has committed an initial \$25,000 for food and non-food item distribution in one of the temporary camps in Tana River County, which currently hosts about 3,000 families.



Quilts for Lutheran World Relief

Olivet quilters wish to thank all members who came to help Saturday, May 19, to tie knots on quilts. With many helping hands, we were able to complete the quilts in record time and we are half way to the goal of 100 quilts completed!

Thank You! Thank You!!



YOUNG ADULTS IN GLOBAL MISSION 2018/2019

Calla Gilson of Wauseon, Ohio, will walk alongside the city of Jerusalem and the Lutheran church there. We'll invite her to come and be with us before her departure in August. **Joy Reason** has been in Argentina for the last year as a representative of our synod.



and in other news...

**Sylvania Historical Village
Community Days at the Village
June 2, July 7, Aug. 4, Sept. 1
1:00-4:00 p.m.**

Enjoy hands-on activities, special events and visits by community and regional partners.

Summer at the Lathrop House

Explore our shared history and the role our region played in the Underground Railroad.

- * **4th of July Celebration** 10:00-2:00—reading of the Declaration of Independence, light refreshments and tours of the House.
- * **Celebration of Freedom**—Sat., Aug. 4, Re-enactors, Games, Historical Interpreters
1:00-3:00 Celebration
3:00-5:00 Tours of the House

**The Four Lutheran Agencies
of Northwestern Ohio**

22nd Annual Golf Outing

Friday, June 22, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Stone Ridge Golf Club

1553 Muirfield Drive, Bowling Green, OH

See flyers on bulletin boards for complete information.

Cinemark Summer Movie Clubhouse

All showtimes at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays at Cinemark Franklin Park, 5001 Monroe St. See flyers on bulletin boards. Summertime kids' fun ! Great price.



Looking for a positive, enriching, AWE-SOME summer experience for your child? Consider sending them for a week to one of the ELCA's incredible camps.

Take a look at the flyers/brochures posted around the church. Decide which week is best for your child, and...take the leap! You will be glad you did! ELCA LOMO* camps are staffed by trained and loving staff who will see to it that your child experiences all the best that LOMO outdoor camps have to offer. For more information, go to their website:

<https://www.lomocamps.org/>

* Lutheran Outdoor Ministries- Ohio

29th Annual Interfaith Blood Drive

June 23-24, 2018 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church 4441 Monroe St., Toledo

The drive is held to further positive communication and cooperation, and to promote acceptance and understanding of all people by breaking down prejudice and bias.

Work hard and cheerfully at all you do, just as though you were working for the Lord .



The Living Bible, Colossians 3:23



Prayers



For those who are hospitalized or anticipating surgery/procedures: (since last publication) Deb Shock & Mike Shock (May), Bev Collum at Flower; Matthew Wesley (June); Maria Pierce-Holland (July 19).

For those grieving: Linda Ewing at the death of Olivet member/her mom, Lorece Brown; Family of Bob Moran, Gary Moran's brother (May 16).

For those rejoicing: Bob and Bev Hartwig at the birth of their grandson, Nathan Aynsley, May 10 to Lauren & AJ Douthitt.

For those in assisted living, extended care, or rehabilitation settings: Olin Hodge at Spring Meadows Care Ctr; Village; Blanche Hull at Manor of Perrysburg, Herma Christensen at Blissfield Place; Evelyn Fasnaugh at Lutheran Homes East Toledo; Doris Fry at Oak Leaf Village; Sharon Robison at Heartland of Flower; Patty Cross at West Park Place; Neil Helman, Lea Rawson, Mary Lou Gabel at Kingston, Phyllis Daly at Flower Goerlich Center; Mary McMacken at Lutheran Village of Wolf Creek, Asst. Living, Sharon Davis at Lakes of Sylvania.

For those who have requested prayers because of illness or recovery from injury or surgery: Julie Tate, Kristin Foster, John Stentson, Deb Shock, Mike Shock, Gene Smith, Norman Benway, Marge Warnock, Jay Wobser, Pr. Nate Tuff; Barb Baker, Marty Kupsy, Junie Murphy (home hospice); John Borton, Barb Fallis, Emilyn Jakes, Dave Bell, Nick, Danielle, Biz Goforth, Bruce Rowe, Ethel Barnhizer, Ty Hanline, Ann Augustin, Scott Reynolds, Bryon Chipps, Mick Delas, Amy Murnen, CeCe Lindsay, Mae Timmons, Shannon Akers, Carol Savolaine, Pat Martins, Will Myers, Lois Heminger, John & Terri Beckett, Rita and Larry Kerstiens, Terry Hunstman, Phil Sheffield, Don Christensen, Joan Tscherne, Katie Lajti, Rob Blazoff, Tony Burnett, Charlie Wilson, Kelly Kish, Dick Timm, Louie Espinosa, Patti Murnen, Les Lahti, Barbie Macholz-Grimaldi, Bill Willis, Bill Holtfreter.

For those in the military: Christopher Anderson, Jacob Disher, Kyle Johnson, Allan Washing, Michael Ferguson, Jarrod Konz, Rob Kaiser, Chris Hess, Scot Noss, Kurt Budde, Steve Niederriter, David Kristynik, Kris Taberner, Jeremy Reynolds, Sarah Reynolds & Tom Glick, Wesley Bockert, Blair Didion, Mat Barger, Steven Elias, Kevin Kahl, Skip Edwards, Ryan Morales.

For our bishops: Bishop Daniel Beaudoin & ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton.

For Olivet members discerning a call to ministry: Elizabeth Clark, Nicholas Schmidlin and others.

For Olivet's local mission partners and international missionaries: Redeemer Lutheran Church, Joy Reason, Hannah Jensen-Reinke.

For Olivet's companion churches: Dodoma Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania and our companion congregation Lwihomelo; and Slovak Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Vojvodina, Serbia.

Prayers of the Church

Lord of the Sabbath, we give you thanks for rest, relaxation and renewal. Help make time for these during summer. Help us to enjoy family, worship and creation. Refresh us and help us to serve you and our neighbor refreshed and renewed. Amen

Spirit of Wisdom, we give you thanks for all who are graduating from all kinds of places of education. Guide them in the next steps of their journey bless them in all that they do. Amen

God and Father of All, we give you thanks Fathers, Brothers, Uncles, Grandfathers and all those who have taken on the role of Father. Guide them in your love and wisdom. Help them remember all they have been given is a gift from you entrusted them. Amen

Lord of the Nations, we give you thanks for United States of America. Help us to remember the freedoms we enjoy. Help us to not take these freedoms for granted. Guide all who are in positions of leadership in our nation grant them wisdom in the name of Jesus. Amen

We pray for the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX.

We pray for safe travel for all who are attending and for your protection while the event is taking place. We pray especially for our group going from Olivet and St. Stephen. Bless our youth, bless our chaperones and bless pastors Beth and Melissa. May all return filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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operations@olivetsylvania.org**Sunday Worship Services**

Every Sunday, God's gifts of Word and Sacrament are offered in two distinct settings.

9:00 a.m.—Traditional

Liturgy, hymns and organ music with choir and/or handbells—meets in the Sanctuary

11:00 a.m.—Contemporary

Casual service with music by d'Vine Praise Band—meets in the Christian Life Center

Children remain in worship with their families throughout the summer.**Nursery (Sundays year-round)**Infants to age 2
Sundays: 8:45—noon**Wednesday Worship**6:45 p.m.—Weber Chapel
(except July 4)**Olivet Lutheran Church**5840 Monroe Street
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Return service requested

FIFTH SUNDAY

Combined Worship Service

JULY 29, 2018**ONE Worship Service****10:00 in the Sanctuary**

- ◆ *Senior Saints Recognition*
- ◆ *Celebrating Pr. Nate Tuff's
30th Anniversary of Ordination*
- ◆ *Congregational Mission Emphasis*

After worship, stay and share in a POTLUCK!!

Please bring the following:

A-H — Salad

I-P — Hot/cold dish

Q-Z — Dessert

We look forward to this great day!