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# THE LIVE BRANCH

The twice-monthly newsletter of  
Olivet Lutheran Church  
5840 Monroe St., Sylvania, Ohio 43560

## AUGUST 4 – 11, 2024

### UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES

#### Women's group:

Monday, August 12 at 9:30 AM | Teen Room  
*Copies of the lesson are available to pick up beforehand  
in the church office*

#### Guys (and Girls) 'n Gospel

Tuesday, August 13 at 7 PM  
Pomrenke Residence (5902 Main St. in Sylvania)  
Theme: Navigating Relationships

### DINNER WITH THE DOCTOR

**August 13 | 3:00 PM**

#### **Kingston of Sylvania (4125 King Rd.)**

You are invited to an afternoon with geriatric physician, Dr. Aun Garg, for an educational presentation on aging gracefully: embrace your best years with confidence and care. Take home a delicious dinner to enjoy after the presentation. RSVP to Emily Roach (419-280-4812 or [eroach@kingstonhealthcare.com](mailto:eroach@kingstonhealthcare.com)).

### BLOOD DRIVE

**August 13 | 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM**

#### **Christian Life Center**

All presenting donors will receive one free ticket to Cedar Point, while supplies last.

### OLIVET CHOIR WELCOMES

#### **NEW MEMBERS!**

The Olivet Choir will resume weekly Wednesday evening rehearsals on August 25 at 7PM. We welcome new choir members from Olivet and from the community. If you know of anyone who has a passion for singing, please invite them to join us.

Under the direction of Dr. Stephen Hodge, the choir sings at the 9 AM service, most Sundays, from September through May. The choir performs an Easter cantata and Christmas cantata each year. This is a truly fulfilling way to praise God through voice and music. For more information, contact Dr. Stephen Hodge. Phone: 419-882-2077  
Email: [stevhodge7464@gmail.com](mailto:stevhodge7464@gmail.com).

### WHERE IS OLIVET HEADING?

The Council of Olivet Lutheran Church, together with the Transition Team, invites you to express your opinion on Olivet's future through completion of a survey, called the Missional Assessment Profile (MAP).



The survey will open on Sunday, August 18 and will be accessible through September 8. It will take about 20 minutes to complete and can be accessed through a link, which will be sent via USPS mail and email, or by scanning a QR code posted throughout the church. The survey can be completed on a computer or with any smart device, such as a smartphone or tablet. If you prefer to complete the survey on paper, you will be able to do so by contacting the church office or visiting the Transition Team table outside both worship spaces each Sunday after services from 8/18 through 9/8. If your access to an appropriate device is limited, Transition Team members will have computers outside both worship spaces after services, to assist your completion of the survey online at that time.

We are eager to get your input. The information gathered through this survey will be critical to decisions made regarding the future of Olivet. Please take the time to give us your opinion.

Watch for the notice of the survey opening on August 18. If there are questions, please ask any of the Transition Team members (listed below) or email [transitionteam@olivetsylvania.org](mailto:transitionteam@olivetsylvania.org).

#### Transition Team

Tina Johnson, Chair    Dave Hupp  
Pastor Robyn Schmitz    Raiden Browning  
Doug Headman    Jenny Quackenbush  
Amber Espinosa    Donna Mens  
Hunter Morrison

### IT'S TIME TO GIVE OUR MAIN FLOORS A SHINE

We will wax the main hallway & the CLC hallway on  
this coming Monday & Tuesday, Aug 5-6.

Please be aware of "No admittance" signage.  
Check in at the office for direction to your destination!

## RUMMAGE SALE UPDATE

Thank you to ALL who came together to revive the rummage sale and make it a success! \$6930.75- net proceeds. Only expense was a \$29 ad. 3 groups benefitted on day 3 with free goods. Cancer Society Survivor Store, Autism Society & Pilgrim Church's clothing ministry. Leftovers were then delivered to Goodwill's various locations.

## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS

The Global Mission Team at Olivet is excited to once again assemble school kits that will be sent to various places around the world. In October the kits and quilts will be sent to a distribution center run by Lutheran World Relief. The following items are still needed to help us complete the goal of sending 100 kits.

- 425 blue or black ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- 362 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- 250 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper
- 100 boxes of 16 or 24 crayons
- 91 blunt edge scissors
- 74 pencil sharpeners
- 32 30-centimeter rulers, or rulers with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- 20 2 ½ inch erasers

We will have a box at each entrance to the church and will update requests as donations are received. Thank you for making education possible for children around the world!

## CIVIC LIFE AND FAITH SEMINAR

**Mondays, August 12 - September 30**

(excluding Labor Day)

**7 - 8 PM | Christian Life Center**

The ELCA's *A Study Curriculum on Civic Life and Faith* invites participants to delve into the relationship of faith-based living and civic life. The seven-part seminar explores the nature of citizenship, the responsibility of people of faith in their community, the nature of politics and the purpose of government.

The Equity Team at Olivet sees this ELCA-sponsored seminar as an opportunity to learn how faith can guide healthy interactions with others... especially when their point of view differs from yours. To provide a breadth of perspectives, the sessions will be facilitated by a team of five volunteer moderators. Participant materials will be provided at the beginning of each session. No homework is required. Join us for one, some, or all of the seven sessions in the series.

For a full list of dates, session topics, facilitators, or to register for the seminar, scan the QR code or call the church office.



## AUGUST

<b>Sunday</b>	4	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Traditional Worship - Sanctuary</b>
		10:10 AM	Bible Study - TR
		<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>The Vine-CLC</b>
Monday	5	9-2 PM	Food Pantry
		11:00 AM	No Chair Yoga per Dana
Tuesday	6	9:30 AM	Quilting
Wednesday	7	9-2 PM	Food Pantry
		1:00 PM	Produce
		5-5:45	Daily Bread-Drive Thru
Thursday	8	7:00 PM	Euchre-TR
Friday	9		
Saturday	10	11-2 PM	Urban Wholistics
<b>Sunday</b>	11	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Traditional Worship-Sanctuary</b>
		10:10 AM	Bible Study - TR
		<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>The Vine-CLC</b>
Monday	12	9-2 PM	Food Pantry
		9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study-TR
		7:00 PM	Civic Study-CLC
Tuesday	13	<b>11:30-5:30</b>	<b>Red Cross Blood Drive-CLC</b>
		7:00 PM	Guys&Gals Bible Study-Pomrenke
Wednesday	14	9-2:00	Food Pantry
		1:00 PM	Produce
		5-5:45 PM	Daily Bread drive thru
		7-8:30 PM	Mayberry Ice Cream
Thursday	15		
Friday	16		
Saturday	17		
<b>Sunday</b>	18	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Traditional Worship-Sanctuary</b>
<b>Backpacks</b>		10:10 AM	Bible Study-TR
<b>Blessing</b>		<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>The Vine-CLC</b>
Monday	19	9-2:00	Food Pantry
		11:00 AM	Chair Yoga-CLC
		7:00 PM	Civic Study-CLC
Tuesday	20		
Wednesday	21	9-2:00	Food Pantry
		1:00 PM	Produce
		5:-5:45	Daily Bread-Drive Thru
Thursday	22	7:00 PM	Council-AE
Friday	23		
Saturday	24	9-11 AM	Bridge to Belong-CLC
<b>Sunday</b>	25	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Traditional-Sanctuary</b>
		10:10 AM	Bible Study - TR
		<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>The Vine-CLC</b>
		10:10 AM	Body Shop Orientation-Chapel
Monday	26	9-2 PM	Food Pantry
		11:00 AM	Chair Yoga-CLC
		7:00 PM	Civic Study-CLC
Tuesday	27	2:00 PM	Altar Guild