



Olivet Lutheran Church, E.L.C.A.

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Pr. Melissa Micham
Associate Pastor

Dear Sunday School parents and caregivers,

Rebecca Cress
*Director of Children,
Youth & Family
Ministries*

The beginning of fall programming is just around the corner! Sunday, 8 September is **Rally Day**, when we kick off a new school year. We hope you will join us in festivities held between the two services as we play games and enjoy root beer floats dispensed by the 419 Draught Jeep!

Shannon Walker
Director of Operations

Also on Rally Day, at both the 9 & 11am services, age-appropriate **Bibles will be distributed** to children who do not yet own one; there will be story Bibles for children through 2nd grade, and NRSV Bibles for children in grades 3-5. (In-coming Body Shop students will receive their Bibles on the first day of class, September 15.)

This year, the first day of Sunday School is 15 September from 10:10-11am, between the services. As we have done for the last several years, children will meet in the Spark room for music with Carol Miller before splitting up into our two age groups. Spark, ages 3 yrs-2nd grade, will stay in the Spark room with Deb Shock, while Club 345, grades 3-5, will have class downstairs in the Clubhouse with Donna Mens and Karen Rosar.

Because we concluded the two-year Holy Moly curriculum last spring, we are beginning a new two-year new lesson sequence this fall: **Spark Classroom**, published by SparkHouse, an imprint of 1517 Media. Starting with creation, your kids will experience the salvation story by exploring the Old Testament in the fall and the New Testament in the winter and spring.

Below you will find some important upcoming dates:

- September 8: Rally Sunday
- September 15: 1st day of Sunday School
- September 29: 10am Service – NO Sunday School
- November 12 (Tuesday): Bible Workshop 6:30-8pm, venue TBD
- December 1: Advent Festival (in place of Sunday School) at 10:10am in the atrium
- December 22: 10am Service for Christmas Cantata – Sunday School held DURING service; kids dismissed after children's message
- December 24: Family Christmas Eve Service held at 4pm
- December 29: 10am Service – NO Sunday School
- January 26: Annual Congregational Meeting & Worship at 10am; childcare provided during meeting portion of service
- March 9, 10:10-11am: First Communion instruction, Part 1 (during Sunday School)
- March 16, 10:10-11am: First Communion instruction, Part 2 (during Sunday School)
- March 30: 10am Service – NO Sunday School
- April 6: 10am Service for Lenten Cantata – Sunday School held DURING service; kids dismissed after children's message
- April 20: Easter Sunday – NO Sunday School
- May 25: Last day of Sunday School

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



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Finally, you will find enclosed our yearly **registration/permission forms**. Please fill these out and turn them in on or before September 15. You may do this by bringing them to the office, handing them to Becky, or even by emailing photos of the front and back to rcress@olivetsylvania.org.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Becky at rcress@olivetsylvania.org. We are looking forward to another wonderful year experiencing God's love and justice as we live in his continuing creation!

Peace be with you and your family,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rebecca Cress". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Rebecca Cress
Director of Children's, Youth & Family Ministries

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Melissa Micham". The signature is cursive and written in black ink.

Pastor Melissa Micham
Associate Pastor