



OLIVET WEEKLY BEACON

Sharing the Light and the Love of Our Lord

February 4-5, 2012

Olivet Beacon of Light Lutheran Church

WELCOME


If you are a **first time guest**, welcome to Olivet! Please stop at the *Welcome Center* following worship for a packet and a free gift.



The memorial candle is lit this weekend by Dorothy Nolte in memory of her cousin, Darlene Wolfe.

Our facility is equipped with a **hearing assistance system** and the **loop system**. If you would like to use a receiver unit, please see the Sound Tech in the back of the sanctuary. If you have a hearing aid, please set it to T-coil for the loop.



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MONDAY'S MEALS

Monday's Meals is one of the ministries we support at Olivet. The next meal will be held on February 13 from 3:00-7:00pm at St. Luke's Methodist Church at 1022 Caledonia St in La Crosse. If you would like to help out with the meal or donate desserts, please sign up on the Welcome Table. If you have any questions, please direct them to the church office.



SOUPER BOWL

This is the last weekend to donate for the "Souper Bowl". Please bring in your food and monetary donations. All food items and monies will be donated to a local food pantry.



PARKING LOT PROJECT

We would like to begin paving the front and west lot. The proposal for this is \$50,460. We are asking our members and friends to consider "sponsoring" a parking stall. You can either give an amount of money for the project, or \$50 for a motorcycle parking stall, \$100 for a parking stall or \$1,000 for a block of parking stalls.



YOUTH/FAMILY NEWS

Wednesday Meals

All are invited to join us for supper on Wednesdays from 5:15 until 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. The meal will be served from 5:15-5:45pm for those who don't want to eat alone, those who are retired, or would like a more quiet atmosphere to visit with friends. Join us from 5:45-6:30pm for an energetic atmosphere with kids and families. The meal this week will be scalloped potatoes/ham. A hot main dish, coffee, milk, water, fruits and vegetables will be on the menu every week.

A free will offering is taken to offset the cost of the meal.

March 9-11 Youth Event "Catch the Wave"

This will be a time of getting together at the Three Bears Lodge in Warrens with other young people to listen to speakers and music and have a great time in the water park with friend. The theme for the event is "Explore God's Plan for You...Jeremiah 29:11." The cost is \$32.

PRAYER

The People of Prayer has been updated for February. If you would like to add someone to the list, please write his/her name on the back of your worship card, or you can let the church office know at 783-1484 or info@olivetlutheran.org.



SNOW REMOVAL

Volunteers are still needed to help keep the sidewalks clear of snow, even though the forecast says were looking good, we want to be sure! Time slots are broken down into a week at a time. Please consider taking a week to make sure the walks are safe and clear for members, visitors and staff. There is a snow blower available in the garage for your use.



YOUTH/FAMILY NEWS CONTINUED**Youth Mission Trip**


The 2012 Missions Trip to Benton Harbor, MI will take place on July 29th-August 3rd. More information to come in future beacons. Please call/text Lynn Tully at 780-3340 if you are interested. There will be a trip meeting on Feb. 29th from 8:00-8:30pm in the library.

LIFE OF CHRIST PRESENTATION

Our 10:00am Music Team Leader, Toni Groshek, will be presenting "The Life of Christ" on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at 9:00am at Viterbo University in the Fine Arts Center Main Theatre. Please come and support Toni. It is free and open to the public.

This is the same presentation that she gave here on Christmas Day.

NEEDED ITEMS

There is still a need for men's boots at the Warming Center to help out those who have none to help keep their feet from getting wet when they have to leave the facility. There is a box in the coat room where you can put them. 

The Salvation Army is in need of new or gently used pillow cases and they want to thank you for bringing in so many already. There is a suitcase in the coat room where you can put them in.

HAITI MISSION TRIP

Pastor Don Poole will be heading up a mission trip to Haiti on April 14-April 21 to Les Cayes to install Bio-sand filters and sanitation.

If you would like to go on this mission trip, please contact Pastor Don at 618-525-6093 or by email at pastordon@theharborofhope.com. Up to 12 people can be accommodated on the trip. What will be done on this trip includes laying the ground work for the installation of the filters and compost toilets and will also include visiting a clinic, orphanage, school, area churches and meeting the people there.

BELL RINGERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help with ringing the bell at the beginning of each worship service. Please sign up on the sheet on the Welcome Table.

6th grade students through adults are encouraged to ring the bell! Instructions will be available.

Let's help with calling people to worship!

**BETHANY RIVERSIDE**

Olivet is the Church of the Month in February at Bethany Riverside Nursing Home. Please go to the Welcome and Connect table to sign up for assisting with bingo on each Tuesday at 1 p.m. Also, please sign up to assist at the residents birthday party on February 23rd. Birthday gifts and cakes are needed also. Entertainment is enjoyed at this event, so please consider sharing your talent with them. Call Ann Wuensch at 781-2107 for additional information.

LENTEN WORSHIP STARTS FEB 22

This year our Lenten series on the weekends is called "Restoring Relationships". The Lenten season is a time for self-examination, repentance, and confession. It is also a time to take stock of our relationships: our relationship with God and with others. As sinful human beings, we feel the weight of broken relationships with God and with others and long to restore them to wholeness. As we walk together toward the cross, we discover ways to restore our relationships through justice, faithfulness, trust, limits, love and forgiveness.

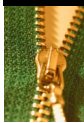
Ash Wednesday worship on February 22nd at 7:00pm. This year the theme of our midweek Lenten drama is "The Attributes of Lent: Repentance, Humility, Sacrifice, Commitment, Faith and Service. Our Soup and Sandwich meals will begin on February 29th from 5:45-6:45pm.

MISSION PARTNER COURSE FEB 19 & 26

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of Olivet, we invite you to a two-session Mission Partner course this month. The course will meet on Sunday, Feb. 19 and again on Sunday, Feb. 26 from 11:15 am to 1:15 pm.

The course covers such topics as Olivet's history, mission, vision and values, expectations, spiritual gifts and the importance of worship and intimacy with God. It's a great time for people to become acquainted with other new mission partners and to learn about the opportunities available to them at Olivet.

If you would like to attend the course, please write it on the back of your worship card or contact the church office or Pastoral Intern Luanne Sorenson.

**CHURCH APPAREL ON SALE**

There is a limited supply of church apparel left to buy. Get them before they are gone! Only 10 items left. They are located next to the Welcome Table.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

February 4-5

Readers: Cindy Cossette
 Hosts: Gary/Cindy Cossette
 Greeters: Tim/Paula Betlach
 Acolyte: Sydney Lamers
 Nursery: Open-Not Staffed
 Counters: Amy Gerken/Anne Zeisler
 Sound Tech: Nick Betlach
 Welcome Table: Cindy Cossette

Saturday at 5:30pm

Sunday at 8:00am

Effie Piper
 Kris Rickman/Coreen Bissell
 Erna Brauer/Carol Halvorson
 Willie Atkinson
 Tarran Talbot
 Andy Ackerman

Sunday at 10:00am

Cole Warner
 Diane Fitzpatrick/Carol Maier
 Dave/Marilyn Gellersen
 Joah Strauss
 Tarran Talbot
 Carol Thiele/Carol Maier
 Michelle Wendtland
 Lucine Grafft

February 11-12

Readers: Carla Swerman
 Hosts: Stan/Sophie Bell
 Greeters: Glenn/PJ Green
 Communion: Pastor Dave/Carla Swerman
 Helpers: Kermit/Jody King
 Acolyte: Jacob Tilson
 Nursery: Open-Not Staffed
 Counters: Donna Kemp/Betty Fagan
 Sound Tech: Alan Gerken
 Welcome Table: Lorraine Ganrude

Saturday at 5:30pm

Sunday at 8:00am

Tim Ackerman
 Faye Bright/Tim Ackerman
 Neil Collins/Carmen Phelps
 Pastor Dave/Tim Ackerman
 Mike/Tina Brettingen
 Alexandra Mix
 Tarran Talbot
 Michelle Wendtland

Sunday at 10:00am

Patti Barney
 Russ Dresdow/Eileen Goyette
 Al/Diane Brague
 Pastor Dave/P. Barney/
 L. Hawkins/S./D. Payne
 G./A. Wuensch/W. Tulare
 Michael Lang
 Tarran Talbot
 Carol Barney/Kathy Hampel
 Mike Lefevre
 Harlan/Sandie Perry

February Altar Guild: Jane Binnebose and Coreen Bissell

REMINDER: If you are unable to fulfill your responsibility, please find a replacement and advise the office.

Thank you!

Sermon Series Continues Next Week!

**“Over the Fence:
 Living the Love of God”**

We’ve been blessed to be a blessing. Having been changed by the love of God through the gospel, it is our duty and our delight to share that love with our neighbor. Faith is more caught than taught, and genuine relationship is God’s method of furthering the Kingdom.

February 11-12: Take a Breath

1 CORINTHIANS 3:6-11

Faith is built in God’s time, not ours; that’s part of the mystery. Patience, prayer, and love are the labor of those who partner with God in building the Kingdom.

**This is my story, this is my song:
 “Praising my Savior
 all the day long”.**

Blessed Assurance

Worship Times

Saturday:

5:30pm Blended Worship Service

Sunday:

8:00am Classic Worship Service

10:00am Celebration Worship Service

Invite your friends to worship!

Lighthouse Devotions, February 6-12, 2012

SAUL'S STORY

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6 | ACTS 8:1-3

"Saul was ravaging the church by entering house after house; dragging off both men and women, [committing] them to prison" (Acts 8:3). No one fought harder against the "the Way" than Saul, a devout Hellenistic Jew and Pharisee from the tribe of Benjamin. He was born in Tarsus of Cilicia, and trained in theology and philosophy under Gamaliel, a renowned Jewish scholar. But the two disagree about how to handle followers of the Way (Christians). Saul finds them heretical and blasphemous for many reasons, not the least of which was the idea of a crucified Messiah. Impossible! When Stephen proclaims that the temple was no longer necessary, it's too serious for Saul to ignore. He seeks their arrest, trial, conviction, punishment, even death. Ask God to help you more fully comprehend the power of God in your story of faith.

SAUL'S CONVERSION

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 | ACTS 9:1-18

"Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord ..." The first word, "meanwhile," indicates that even in the midst of the tenacity of the Christ-followers, Saul's tenacious attack on Christians is as strong as ever. Saul's conversion story happens three times in the book of Acts: here, again in 22:3-21, and in 26:12-18. All three accounts point to the powerful work of God against all odds, the presence of Jesus in Paul's life, and the work of the Holy Spirit. All three times, he tells his story simply and directly, and God used that story – and still does – to impact the lives of others. What a turnaround! The power of God, transforming lives, is an amazing thing. How has God transformed your life? It doesn't matter if your transformation isn't as dramatic as Saul's. Can God change you in small or subtle ways, as well as obvious ways? If someone like Saul can be transformed by God's love, is anyone out of God's reach? Ask God to help you more fully comprehend the power of God in your story of faith.

YOUR STORY: STEP 1

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8 | ACTS 9:19-22

As the story of Saul becoming Paul continues, even the crowds are asking, "Is this the same man?" This weekend we discovered that we all have a story to tell about what God has done in and through us, but not all of us believe that our stories carry God's power. Our lives are the canvas upon which God's story is painted for others to see. Step 1: Get comfortable with your story. Take time to make a map or timeline of the recent years in your life. Note both good times and bad, significant events, memorable times, important relationships, and changes. Reflect on how you perceive God's presence in the events of your timeline. In your eyes, did anyone in your life reflect the love of God to you? How do you see God at work today? Giving shape to our own story of faith takes time and patience. Ask God to help you more fully comprehend the power of God in your story of faith.

YOUR STORY: STEP 2

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9 | ACTS 9:23-31

It's hard to imagine Paul's boldness in the face of a plot to kill him. As we form our faith stories, we can learn from Paul's personal transformation. Step 2: Reflect on your relationships. Who are the people you regularly interact with? What are your conversations usually about?

Do you know any of their concerns? Have you had occasions to talk about their values or beliefs? What's on your friend's mind? How do your friend's concerns/issues/stories intersect with yours? Where are you on the same page with them? What do you have in common? Ask God to help you more fully comprehend the power of God in your story of faith.

YOUR STORY: STEP 3

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10 | ACTS 9:32-43

Imagine the excitement of being one of these first followers of Jesus. Here we read of another miracle as God works in and through Peter. Step 3: Think about what you know about God's story, and how you describe the presence of God. What is your favorite Bible story? What do you know about the life of Jesus? What do you recall from the stories of key people in the Bible? In the last five days, we've spent a lot of time in the book of Acts. In this section, Acts 8:2 – 12:23, the Jewish Christ-followers are scattering, experiencing a dramatic and terrifying persecution. This is just one example of a part of the God story that can bring you strength and encouragement. These early disciples must have good reason to believe that Jesus Christ is exactly who he says he is, or they wouldn't go through all of this. Ask God to help you more fully comprehend the power of God in your story of faith.

YOUR STORY: STEP 4

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 | ACTS 10:1-8

As we continue spending time in Acts, we meet another person with a God story: Cornelius. Here, once again, God clearly speaks to humans through an angel. Step 4: Clarify what you know about God. How do you describe God? Creator, father, redeemer? What do you know about Jesus Christ, and what does Jesus do for you? How would you describe Jesus? Forgiver, healer, teacher, savior, Lord? What do you know about God the Holy Spirit? How would you describe the Holy Spirit? Comforter, advocate, living power of God, breath of God? Our faith story is shaped primarily by our view of God and our experience of God. Because God has behaved in certain ways in the past, we can expect that pattern to continue into the future. Ask God to help you more fully comprehend the power of God in your story of faith.

YOUR STORY: STEP 5

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 | ACTS 10:9-23

Here Peter tries to understand the meaning of what is happening to him. There's a trance and a vision. Three men travel to Peter, at the request of Cornelius, because of an angel's message. Peter welcomes these strangers into his home because they speak highly of the one who sends them. Time after time, we read of these early Christians and their encounters with God, and the presence of God. Step 5: Recall any times in your life that a person shared a story about the presence of God. As Jesus-followers, we know that God continues to be active and present in our world today. How will we see this? How will we know when God is present? One way is to pay attention to personal testimonies from those who believe that God is present with them, and active in particular ways. How will we learn this? We tell each other our stories. Ask God to help you more fully comprehend the power of God in your story of faith.

People in need of healing:

Kayla	Meredith	Edith	Colleen	Dawn
Nicole Eilertson	Russ Hembd	Sierra Lawrence	Doris Fries	Karen Dennis
Thomas Mikrut	Peggy Sasgen	Ruth Lefevre	June Jolivet	Colton
Chuck Williams	Joan Pager	Doris Tulare	Jeremy	Bonnie Gartner
Carol Hembd	Jon & Traci Winjum	Fran Konetchy	Aggie Mikesh	Len Loegering
Ben Fiers	Maria Halvorson	Beverly Leum	Rosemary Magnuson	Tina
Christine Stamm	John	Diane	Dawn	Mary
Jane B.	Barry	Tyler	Kelsey	Barb
Josie	Troy	Greg Meyers	Jackie	Becky



For those who grieve: The family and friends of Darlene Wolfe.

Prayer concerns: Ask God to help you more fully comprehend the power of God in your story of faith.

For those in the Military: Kyle Winjum, James Lutze, Richard Hirst, Jason Davis, Jordan, John King, Ty Bjornson, Tyler, Kevin, Steven Timm and Peter Jansen

The Week at a Glance

Sun. February 5	8:00am 9:00am 9:45am 10:00am 10:15am	Worship/Blood Pressure Screening after Pray with Deacons Joyful Singing (Children ages 3-6) Worship/Blood Pressure Screening after Sunday School No Truth Project due to Super Bowl
Mon. February 6	5:00pm 5:30pm 6:00-8:00pm	Holy Stretch Choir Financial Peace University
Tues. February 7	6:30am 9:00am 9:30am 11:45am 6:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Women's Bible Breakfast/Prayer Exercise Class Staff Meeting Deacons Meeting Recovery Prayer Group Women's Evening Bible Study AA
Wed. February 8	9:00am 10:00am 5:15-6:30pm 6:30pm 6:45-8:00pm 6:45pm	Support Staff Meeting Bible Study Meal Worship Confirmation/HS Group/Life Group Musicians Rehearsal
Thurs. February 9	6:00pm 7:00pm 7:00-8:00pm	Pre-Baptism Class Bible Books Pre-Marital Class
Fri., February 10	6:30-7:15am 7:30-8:00am	Men's Bible Breakfast Men's Prayer Group
Sat., February 11	5:30pm	Worship/HC
Sun., February 12	8:00am 9:00am 9:00am 9:45am 10:00am 10:15am 1:00-3:00pm 6:00-8:00pm	Worship/HC Hospitality Team Meeting Pray with Deacons Joyful Singing (Children ages 3-6) Worship/HC Sunday School Prayer Shawl Group Truth Project



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Attendance		
Jan. 28	530pm	75
Jan. 29	8am	61
	10am	<u>172</u>
	Total	308

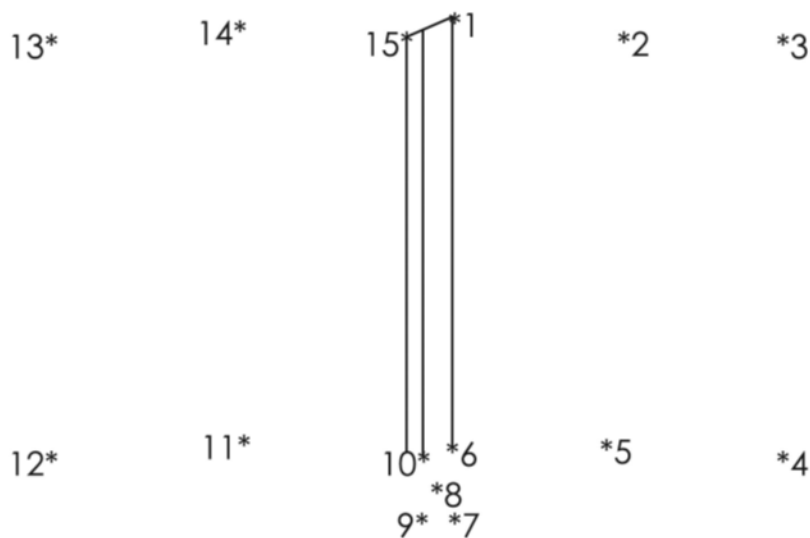
All activities are open to all members and friends of Olivet and are free of charge unless specified.

Kid's Walk

February 4-5

**Over the Fence:
Living the Love of God
Open Up**

Connect the dots and color.



WORD OF THE DAY

STORY

an account of incidents
or events

DEFINITION

Prayer

Dear God,

There are lots of stories.
We all have our own story.
And we all have God's
story.

Thank you for:

Including us all in your
story, and creating us as
unique individuals and
giving us our own stories.

Help us to:

Remember that even
though we are all different,
we are all part of God's
story.

Amen

Trace the words below.

Open Up