

The school year is nearing the end. Hopefully this newsletter will help keep your calendar up-to-date as we begin to look into summer. If you have any comments or questions please contact Deaconess Lisa Brand at [lisa@oslcmandato.org](mailto:lisa@oslcmandato.org) or 385-2185.

## Highlights

- » Participants enjoyed the Family Fun Night in February. The evening went quickly with a variety of activities to do. There was informal dodgeball, dancing, a minute to win game, painting, puzzles, building toys, pretend play, and sensory tubs. Ages included 2yr old on up with a big thank you to the youth for taking the lead.
- » We had a great turnout for Palm Sunday, and the children did a wonderful job singing. It is amazing what they can learn and do in a short amount of time.

## Lessons

Naturally, the focus of the spring lessons is on Jesus. The kids will see Christ's glory at the Transfiguration, His power over death at the raising of Lazarus, and His compassion seen in the parables of the Good Samaritan and Seeking the Lost. These are good things to be reminded of as we face the challenges of today.

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## Spring Clean-up

The trees are starting to bud. The flowers are starting to bloom. What a refreshing time of year as we see new growth. With the warmer weather, we're going to be adding washing windows to this year's spring clean-up. Come help us freshen things up with a little spring cleaning. All ages are welcome. We'll start at 3:30pm on Saturday, April 23 and finish up with some supper and time around the fire. Bring along your rake, gloves, and a lawn chairs.

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## Growing Kids

Find out more about our Children's Ministry. We'll be talking about direction for the coming years and hope to have a more open dialog with parents and grandparents. Presentation and discussion will take place in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 9:30am. Bring your questions and suggestions as well. You too are a big part of what we do.

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## Church Picnic

Mark your calendar for a church picnic on June 12. We'll be serving up chicken across the street after the 10:30am service. If you would be interested in helping plan some kids activities let me know.

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## Summer Wednesdays

We're trying something new this summer. For six weeks we're offering an intergenerational learning time, Wednesdays from 6-7pm, June 15 – July 20. This time frame allows more opportunity to invite friends, neighbors, and relatives. Adults are welcome but not required. They can learn along with their kids or grandkids while modeling their own faith. We're planning a more interactive environment with a mix of ages rather than classroom style. Come anytime it fits into your schedule!

## Dates to Know

Apr 3 - Kids Praise sings for worship

Apr 3 - 5th & 6th serve breakfast

Apr 10 - Kids Bells play for worship

Apr 23 - Spring Clean-up

Apr 24 - Children's Ministry Information Sharing

May 1 - 1st - 6th Grade sing for worship

May 8 - Kids Praise sings for worship

May 15 - Kids Choirs serve breakfast

May 22 - Kids play bells for Worship

May 22 - Last Day of Sunday School

June 12 - Church Picnic

June 15 - Start of Summer Wednesdays

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## Vacation Bible School

Join us for a week of fun and learning at this year's VBS. Mark your calendars for August 8th-12th and visit [oslcmandato.org/vbs](http://oslcmandato.org/vbs) to register your child(ren). While you are there, you can check out some pictures from last year's fun. This year we're hosting an Open House on the last night so parents can take a closer look.

This year's VBS theme is Barnyard Roundup: Jesus Gathers Us Together. We will be learning about Jesus being the Good Shepherd, Jesus feeding 5,000 people, the parable of the sower, the parable of the prodigal son, and Jesus appearing to Mary in the garden. Don't forget to invite your friends!

## Questions?

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