

The weather is definitely changing, and we're making the move from summer fun to approaching winter. Our in-person Sunday School is going well with three classes of about 6-9 kids each. Watch for our December mailing focusing on Advent/Christmas.

As you may have already guessed we will not be having our typical Fall Festival or our Children's Christmas Service. To provide opportunities for fellowship we've been focusing on outdoor activities. Check out the following events and see if something fits your family. If you have any comments or questions, please contact Deaconess Lisa Brand at lisa@oslcmandato.org or 385-2185.

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Households of Faith

Messy Prayers, Loud Tables, and Open Doors – Who knew spiritually vibrant households were grounded on such basic activities? We often think of faith activities in conjunction with our church building or maybe praying or reading the Bible on our own, but what about at the household level? Where do we start?

We'll consider these topics in a 4 session video study called "Households of Faith". Join us in the chapel on Wednesdays beginning November 4 at 2:30pm, 5:15pm, or 7:00pm. Let Deaconess Lisa know if you would like childcare. If you prefer, you can watch the videos online at lhm.org/studies at no cost. Their book "The Spiritually Vibrant Home" by Don Everts is a down-to-earth encouraging guide.

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Bonfire

Enjoy some time by the fire and chatting with one another Friday, November 6 starting at 6:00pm. We'll gather in the back parking lot. Bring chairs and your own warm beverage. We'll have a devotion, some singing, and a little treat for the kids.

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Christmas Decorating

We're still planning to decorate the church for Christmas the Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend. Maybe you're typically out of town but won't be this year. It's a fun time and goes quickly. Kids especially seem to enjoy all the color and festivities. We'll get to work following the 10:30 service. Just make note that there will not be a lunch this year.

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Caroling

Join us for this classic Christmas tradition. People always appreciate the warmth of love they receive as we arrive on their doorstep. We'll meet at church at 1:00pm and divide up in groups from there.

Dates to Know

Nov 4 – Households of Faith
Nov 6 – Bonfire at church
Nov 29 – Christmas Decorating
Dec 13 - Caroling
Dec 27 & Jan 3 – No Sunday School
Jan 10 – Sunday School Resumes
Jan – Sledding and Ice Skating

Winter Fun

We're looking to do some sledding and/or ice skating at Spring Lake Park in January. Watch for more information to come on day and time. If you have an interested in ice fishing, contact someone from the Board of Deacons (see the Voice newsletter for a current list) and maybe we can gather a group to go.

Questions?

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