

# WELCOME 2011 – 2012 Learning Circles

We are looking forward to another year of Learning Circles with your child(ren). A year with an emphasis on the Old Testament of the Bible. We will also be exploring service opportunities during the year, watch for more details from your children and at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church website ([www.blcenc.org](http://www.blcenc.org)). All current information and upcoming events will be available on the web site and I would urge you to check it frequently and if you haven't already done so, join the email mailing list.

First some basics. The new year begins on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> and will run through June with a summer of service program in July and August. We place pre-elementary through sixth grade children by their grade in school and have a nursery for one and two year olds and a preschool class for three and four year olds.

Learning Circles are offered at the 9:00 service for Nursery through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We break the pre-elementary and elementary age children into four classes, PreK/K (5 & 6 year olds), 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade, and 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade which are taught in different classrooms with age specific materials.

The nursery is available every Sunday throughout the year unless otherwise noted. All other Learning Circles are available every Sunday except major holidays unless otherwise noted. We encourage children to be in church with their families for these Sundays. Again, these dates will be published on the web site and in the bulletin.

Please ensure you have registered your child for the 2011 - 2012 Learning Circle program. I use the registration to help me understand who may be coming to Learning Circles and to ensure we have the right number of adult teachers and volunteers for the number of anticipated children. I am always looking for more adults to assist as teachers or as substitutes, if this interests you, please contact me.

If you have any questions, concerns or ideas about the program, now or during the year, please feel free to contact me at my email, [kdoswald@blcenc.org](mailto:kdoswald@blcenc.org) or at (760) 753-8953.

Thank you for entrusting your child(ren) to Bethlehem's Learning Circle program.

God's peace,

Kim Dotson Oswald  
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