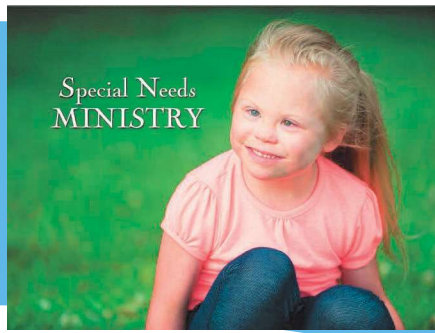


# SPECIAL NEEDS



## A Ministry of Fun! 2022—2023

We offer gatherings for individuals with disabilities and their families. This group meets twice a month on Sundays from 8:30-9:30 am. All are welcome and all are invited to join the fun! Volunteers are needed for this ministry. Contact Mary Sankey [marys@olih.org](mailto:marys@olih.org) or 515/964-3545 ext. 118 if you have any questions.

### SON SHINE KIDS: YOUNG SPECIAL NEEDS GATHERINGS 2022-2023

**What:** Son Shine Kids is a special needs ministry group for children under the age of 12. This group meets once a month from October to April. Holiday and Valentine Respite events are offered to provide parents time for holiday preparation and self-care.

**When & Where:** Son Shine Kids meet the following dates.

Sunday, **October 23** Trunk or Treat OLIH Parking Lot / Multipurpose Room

Sunday, **November 20** Friend Breakfast-Room 11 from 8:30-9:30am

Sunday, **December 4** Holiday Respite, 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Saturday, **January 21** Throwback Prom 7pm Combined Special Needs Awareness Event

Sunday, **February 12** Valentine Respite Rooms 15, 16, & 17 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Sunday, **March 19** Feeling Lucky Game Day Room 11 from 8:30-9:30am

Sunday, **April 2** Sensory Easter Egg Hunt-OLIH East Field/ Multipurpose Room depending on weather



### RISE: OLIH TEEN/YOUNG ADULT SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

**What:** RISE is an inclusive ministry that combines both teens and young adults in a fun, friendly, and energetic environment. Its focus is on inclusivity, service, and social experiences—slightly different from classroom formation we often identify as SPRED. RISE stands for *Reaching Inclusion through Service and Experience*.

**When:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 6:30-8:00 pm

**Where:** Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Gym or Youth Room

**Purpose:** RISE provides adults and teens with special needs, the opportunity to grow in friendship with peers similar in age while engaging in activities of interest at an appropriate level. Our teen Faith Formation groups will aid in the planning and implementation of these events.

