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Our Saviour

Lutheran Church

is a congregation of the
Indiana-Kentucky Synod of the
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We welcome all
to share in life with Christ
as a community
of faith in mission.

OSLC

Mission Statement

God calls us to make Christ's love
real in our daily lives by:

- ✝ Growing in faith
and discipleship
- ✝ Loving and serving God
and neighbor
- ✝ Proclaiming the Good News
of Jesus Christ

Sunday Worship

9:00 A.M. & 11:15 A.M.

Attended nursery available
on Sunday mornings

Fellowship

10:00 A.M.

Will Peugeot, Pastor

Michael Vinson, Campus Pastor



Lent—A Season of Hope

Lent is a season of deepening our relationship with Christ. We get to know Jesus more intimately as we journey together. Stories of personal hardship and struggle often contain seeds of hope. Those of us who are well fed and comfortable can lose sight of the power of the Gospel to transform lives.

The key text for our Lenten mid-week services is Matthew 25:34-46. The question raised is *“Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?”*

Through five mid-week gatherings (not including Ash Wednesday and Holy Week) we'll journey around the world and meet people persevering in the midst of great struggles. We'll learn how our church responds and listen to the Word of God for those seeds of hope we can apply in our context.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14, with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion at 7 P.M. The next five Wednesdays we'll gather at 5:45 P.M. for a simple meal and *Holden Evening Prayer*. Our gathering will end by 7 P.M.

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Feb. 2018

Who can you trust? It's such a simple question, and yet so vital. Cultures, economies, political entities all stand or fall based upon trust.

When I stayed with a missionary couple in Tanzania, I found out that they were the only people in town that the merchants would allow to pay by check. They didn't trust anyone else to have the money in the bank. Trust is the real currency in an economic system. When trust collapses, the whole system implodes.

Trust is the basic economy of faith. Without trust the whole exercise of

faith becomes meaningless. With trust a whole new world of possibilities opens to us. In this environment, love grows and is cultivated with words and actions.

Jesus's proclamation in Mark 1:14-15, "The time is fulfilled, and the reign of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news" calls forth faith from us. It calls us to trust Jesus to bring the reign of God into our lives right now. From this trust in the reign of God we can speak healing words: *Forgive me. I love you. Thank you. I appreciate what you've done for me. You are forgiven. Peace of the Lord be with you. God loves you.*

These healing words set a new tone. The economy of trust begins to bear fruit as broken lives are restored and broken relationships are reconciled.

As we move into the season of Lent, can we embody the faith which leads to love and hope?

Baptismal Birthdays

February

Holly Black	1
Carson Ohland	
Emily Ohland	
Jean Peterson	
Will Peugeot	2
Cindy Modlin Adams	8
Abigail Black	13

Pastor Will Peugeot's Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 A.M. - Noon
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 Friday is Pastor Will's day off.



Council Highlights, January 4

- There was no quorum at the meeting.
- The council meetings are now at 7:00 P.M. on the first Thursday of the month.
- Preparations are underway for the Annual Meeting.
- Mike Dana is putting together an Audit Committee.



"Though our feelings come and go, God's love for us does not."

—C.S. Lewis

Times and Locations of Ministry Meetings

Property normally meets on the first Sunday of the month in the library, shortly after the 9:00 service ends. The meeting is moved to other Sundays as needed to accommodate the schedules of its members. If you are interested in attending the meetings or joining the property ministry team, please contact Matt Ohland at ohland@purdue.edu to be notified of changes in the regular meeting time. **Fellowship Events** meets in the Fellowship Hall on Servant Sundays. All are welcome! **Christian Education** meets in the Fellowship Hall following the 11:15 service on Servant Sundays. New members are welcome! **Operations** meets only when there is a need or crisis. If you would like to attend one of the meetings, please email Chris Johannsen and he will notify you of the time and place. **Finance** normally meets on Servant Sunday between the services in Pastor Will's office. **Social Justice Ministry** meets in the Fellowship Hall on Servant Sunday, on an as-needed basis. All are welcome!

News and Notes



2018 Crop for Candy

Scrapbooking Fundraiser Crop

Saturday, March 10,

9 A.M. -6 P.M.

Grace United Methodist Church

615 N. 22nd Street, Lafayette

All proceeds benefit the Angels With Grace

Relay for Life Team

\$30 Registration fee includes:

Your own table, plug and wifi

Breakfast, lunch, snacks and drinks

Door prizes

Swap table

A great day of crafting for a good cause!

Come join the fun!

What Do I Have?

What do I have, Lord,
that you would need me as a servant?

Eyes, he said,
to see the beauty in all that I've made —
and my children as they travel life's highway.

Hands, he said,
to reach out and touch hurting souls,
to give a hug or encouraging pat on the back.

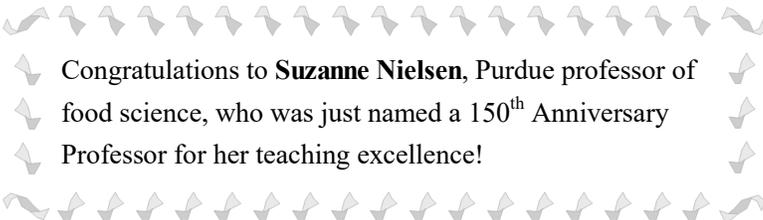
Feet, he said,
to lead my children through this world of strife
and to help them run from sin and follow me.

Mouth, he said,
to lift up your voice and sing praises to me
so others may hear the joy in your heart.

Ears, he said,
to listen to my still, small voice of love
and to hear my children when they cry for help.

Heart, he said,
so you may know the full love of my Spirit
and love my children as I have loved you.

—Thomas Butler



✔ Congratulations to **Suzanne Nielsen**, Purdue professor of
✔ food science, who was just named a 150th Anniversary
✔ Professor for her teaching excellence!



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Social Justice Updates

During Lent we will be putting together **Personal Care Kits** for families in need around the world. Simple items – a soap, a towel, a toothbrush – can offer hope for families coping with war, poverty and disaster. We'll need these items for each kit:



- One light-weight bath-size **towel** (20" x 40" to 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- 2-3 bath-size **bars of soap** totaling 8-9 ounces (no mini-hotel size bars, please), in original packaging
- One adult-size **toothbrush** in its original packaging
- One sturdy **comb** (no picks or fine-toothed combs); remove packaging
- One metal **nail clippers** (attached file optional); remove packaging
- Rubber bands, string, ribbon or yarn to secure each Kit

Look for a collection box in the narthex during Lent.

Join us for a monthly volunteer discussion and training on the third Tuesday of the month at 5:30 P.M. learn about the day-to-day struggles and issues our clients face so that we may better serve them from a place of compassion and understanding while working to help lift them out of the cycle off poverty. Parts of our training are pulled from the book, *A Framework for Understanding Poverty*.



Food Finders Food Bank
1204 Greenbush Street, Lafayette

On January 15th a total of **53,136 meals** were packed! Thanks to all who contributed time and money to make this possible!



LUM needs you! Here are the **CURRENT LUM Volunteer Needs**:

- ◆ **Tax Assistance Program**
- ◆ **Shelter Overnight Volunteer**
- ◆ **Immigration Clinic**
- ◆ **After School Program**
- ◆ **Afternoon Receptionist**
- ◆ **LUM Follies event**



There are many different opportunities for volunteering, from working one-on-one with a child to helping run the homeless shelter. Also, there are opportunities to fit every schedule, from regular long-term commitments to one time work with an event. Some volunteer positions require training while others require only a willing heart and a helping hand.

To view all LUM Volunteer Opportunities, go to
<http://www.lumserve.org/volunteer/>

Souper Bowl of Caring empowers youth and unites communities around the time of the Big Game to help those in need. The youth of OSLC will have soup pots to collect donations after each service on January 28 and February 4. The youth decided to donate half of the funds to the Food Finders Backpack Program which feeds 3,300 children each week in our area and half to the LUM Emergency Shelter. The youth of OSLC thank you for helping them raise money to fight hunger locally.



I-K Lutheran Where God is doing new things

People who live with patience, who believe in the resurrection and are empowered by the Spirit, offer their lives to God as a response to God's gracious gift of patience to them.¹

In his fascinating book, *The Patient Ferment of the Church*, the late Mennonite theologian Alan Kreider (who taught at the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, IN) digs deeply into the life, theology, and practices of the church in the Roman Empire of the second and third centuries after the death and resurrection of Jesus to find clues as to why the church grew in times of significant challenge. Near the very center of the church's teaching and practice of that time Kreider was surprised to discover patience.



Kreider points out that “according to the evidence at our disposal, the expansion of the churches was not organized, the product of a mission program; it simply happened. Further, the growth was not carefully thought through. Early Christian leaders did not engage in debates between rival ‘mission strategies.’” The evidence at our disposal does suggest, however, that a significant reason for the growth of the church was the Holy Spirit working through Christian people and communities embodying patience. The “strange patience” of Christians, said Justin Martyr using early church language, caused pagans to become believers.

This patience is not just about waiting in a long line at the grocery store or working one's way through a traffic jam. The patience early church leaders encouraged Christian people to embody had more to do with trusting God, letting go of the need to be in control, and living like they really believed that Jesus rose from the dead and we will, too, at the end of life and as we live baptized lives every day. This is how Kreider summarizes what he learned about patience in the early church:

- **Patience is rooted in God's character:** God is patient, is working inexorably across the centuries to accomplish his mission, and in the fullness of time has disclosed himself in Jesus Christ.
- **The heart of patience is revealed in the incarnation of Jesus Christ:** Jesus's life and teaching demonstrate what patience means and beckon those who follow him to a patient lifestyle that participates in God's mission.
- **Patience is not in human control:** People who live a patient lifestyle trust God and do not try to manipulate outcomes; they live incautiously, riskily.
- **Patience is not in a hurry:** Patient Christians live at the pace given by God, accepting incompleteness and waiting.
- **Patience is unconventional:** It reconfigures behavior according to Jesus's teachings in many areas, especially wealth, sex, and power.
- **Patience is not violent:** It accepts injury without retaliating in kind, because violence is not God's calling to them and cannot bring fundamental change.
- **Patience gives religious freedom:** It does not compel religious beliefs and observances.
- **Patience is hopeful:** It entrusts the future confidently to God.

Reflecting on Kreider's insights, I have been struck with how impatient we are so often as individuals and as communities of faith. We think saving the church is up to us. We want mission plans wrapped up tight and completed as soon as possible. We are so afraid of dying – in every way we can think of dying, as individuals and as congregations – that we cease to live the new, abundant, and lasting life of Jesus. We live cautiously, afraid to take risks for the sake of the gospel and the well-being of others. We try to manipulate outcomes. We fail to embody patient trust in God as we go about our daily lives.

The early church was often impatient, too, of course. But, as the early bishop Cyprian suggested in his treatise *On the Good of Patience*, “Christians were growing in numbers because they were distinct from the ‘unjust’ – living patiently in relation to their neighbors and enemies, doing good to them, and waiting for them to come to faith.” When they entrusted themselves to the patient God, who steadfastly and persistently continues to work hope, healing, and reconciliation in the world, and lived patiently with themselves and others, they shone with the light of Christ in ways that both ran against the impatience of the cultures in which they lived and drew others into the community of Christ.

May it be so for us in our own impatient world!

Bishop Bill Gafkjen

¹ All quotes above are from Kreider, Alan. *The Patient Ferment of the Early Church: The Improbable Rise of Christianity in the Roman Empire*. © 2016 Baker Publishing Group. Kindle Edition.

Be the Lord's Messenger!

FEBRUARY UPDATES

Youth Serve at LUM Emergency Shelter

Eight OSLC youth and friends helped make a meal to serve at the LUM Emergency Shelter on January 1st. They met at the church to make a couple of large batches of chili and chicken noodle soup on one of the coldest days of this winter! It was a busy night at the shelter with six students and three parents serving from 8:30-10:30 P.M.

The Shelter had originally planned on 25 guests, but had over 40 individuals that needed shelter that evening. It was a rewarding, but eye-opening experience for all of us. Thank you to the following individuals for cooking, serving, and showing compassion and love to others: Cam Avery; Maddie Cassou; Dreyvon Gibbs-Longhorn; the James Family (Alexis, Kara, and Bill); Nakia Harris; the Henderson Family (Anna, Emma, Ben and Angie).

Souper Bowl of Caring

Our annual Youth Fundraiser will conclude Sunday, February 4th. Look for students carrying soup pots! The donations collected this year will benefit the Food Finders Backpack program where we will sponsor a Lafayette elementary school and we will support the LUM Emergency Shelter.



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Upcoming Events

- ⇒ **Sunday, February 4th:**
Youth Sponsored Souper Bowl of Caring Event
- ⇒ **Friday, February 9th - Saturday, February 10th:**
Women's Retreat at Geneva Center
- ⇒ **Wednesday, February 14th:**
Ash Wednesday (Service at 7:00 P.M.)

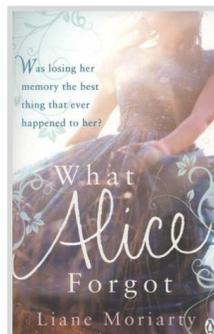
Adult Forum Highlights

- ⇒ **Sunday, February 11th:**
Aaron Johnson - Update on Juvenile Probation
- ⇒ **Sunday, February 18th:**
Scott Vana and Sue Aufderheide - Purdue Exploratory Studies Program
- ⇒ **Sunday, February 25th:**
Pastor Mike LaManna - Youth Prison Ministries

Book Discussion Group

February Book: *What Alice Forgot*

By Liane Moriarty



Alice Love is twenty-nine, crazy about her husband, and pregnant with her first child. So imagine Alice's surprise when she comes to on the floor of a gym and is whisked off to the hospital where she discovers the honeymoon is truly over — she's getting divorced, she has three kids and she's actually 39 years old. Alice must reconstruct the events of a lost decade, and find out whether it's possible to reconstruct her life at the same time. Ultimately, Alice must discover whether forgetting is a blessing or a curse, and whether it's possible to start over.



Worship Assistant Schedule for February 2018

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Acolyte	Lector	Comm. Assistants	Ushers	Greeters	Deacon & A. Deacon	Altar Prep	Coffee Hr Hosts
Feb 4 9:00am	Ken Musselman	Ben Henderson	Dee Hershberger	Mark & Sue Hermodson	Mike Dana & Suzanne Nielsen	Wes & Krista Gearhart		Sue Axtell	OSLC Youth
Feb 4 11:15am	Reuben Peterson	Isabel Cardella	Jean Peterson	Reuben Peterson	June Erb-Wott		Ken Musselman & Scott Vana		
Feb 11 9:00am	Beth Dana	Maddie Cassou	Matt Ohland	Dick Rahdert & Diane Gray	Vicki Mills & a friend	Carl Behnke		Vicki Mills	Open
Feb 11 11:15am	Scott Vana	Abigail Black	Monica Cardella	Scott Vana	Sue Larson		Ken Musselman & Sandra Vana		
Feb 14 Ash Wed.	Mary L. Waltmann	Anders Ohland	Mark Hermodson	Mark & Sue Hermodson	Dick Rahdert & Mike Dana			Beth Dana	
Feb 18 9:00am	Robert Hershberger	Anna Henderson	Bob Nielsen	Matt & Emily Ohland	Ken Musselman & Vera Weiser	Allen & Ruth Anne Hammer		Vera Weiser	Open
Feb 18 11:15am	Cindy Modlin Adams	Scott Vana	Sandra Vana	Cindy Modlin Adams	Scott Vana		Ken Musselman & Cindy Modlin Adams		
Feb 25 9:00am	Emily Ohland	Emma Henderson	Barb Kenley	Suzanne Nielsen & Mary L. Waltmann	Marcia Daehler & Suzanne Nielsen	Mike & Sherron Myers		Renee Rasmy	Open
Feb 25 11:15am	Scott Vana	Cam Avery	Scott Vana	Scott Vana	Sam & Renee Rasmy		Ken Musselman & Sandra Vana		

News items for the March *Evangel* are due to Sandra Vana (sandra@osluth.org) by 2/21/2018. Please type "Evangel" in the subject line.

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