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Our Saviour

Lutheran Church

*is a congregation of the
Indiana-Kentucky Synod of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church
in America.*

*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*

Easter Sunday Worship

8:15 A.M. & 11:15 A.M.

*Attended nursery available
on Sunday mornings*

Fellowship

10:00 A.M.

Will Peugeot, Pastor

Michael Vinson, Campus Pastor

Our Time of Pastoral Transition

All Members recently received a letter from me in your church mailbox. In that letter, I reviewed the process we are using as we prepare for the retirement of Pastor Will Peugeot. With professional assistance from the I-K Synod Bishop and his staff, we will have the opportunity to pause and assess ourselves and our mission in the community as a prelude to and as a foundation for calling a new pastor. The entire letter is available on the church website. See www.osluth.org/ and find **News** under the **Home** menu.

I am pleased to announce the members of the Transition Team who will work with Rev. Nancy Nyland to lead us in our self discernment process and the preparation of the MSP (Ministry Site Profile). Thanks to Vera Weiser, Ken Musselman and Carl Behnke for their willingness to take on this important task. The team is expecting to receive their charge from Pastor Nyland at their first meeting in late February.

Remember to plan on attending the Adult Forum hour between services on March 25. We will be reviewing I-K Synod Bishop Bill Gafkjen's charge to the church council. By that time, too, the transition team may have some plans in place for all of us to contribute to our self-discernment process.

Mike Dana, President of the Congregation

Sunday, March 25, Passion Sunday
Worship, 9:00 and 11:15 A.M.

Maundy Thursday, March 29, 7:00 P.M.

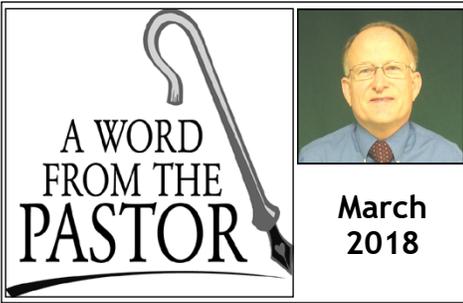
Good Friday, March 30, 7:00 P.M.

Easter Sunday, April 1
Sunrise Service, 8:15 A.M.

Breakfast & Egg Hunt
9:15—11:00 A.M.

Celebration Service, 11:15 A.M.





Our God is a covenant-making God. This is important to understanding our relationship with God. As I tried to portray in last week's children's sermon with a three-legged race, a covenant is a binding together. God bound God's self to humanity and creation after the flood story. That binding came in the form of a promise, "Never again." The permanent sign of this eternal covenant was the rainbow.

The Bible is the story of how God's good creation is polluted by human sin, and then God acts to redeem it all and restore humanity and the creation to function according to God's purposes. God chooses to bind God's

self. This is important to understand. God could move away. God could abandon the creation and humanity. God could just let sin and evil have their way. This would lead to death. God could stand back and say people got what they deserved. Justice would be served. The end! Not so fast!

Our God is a persistent God. What drives this persistence in spite of resistance is called in the Old Testament "steadfast love and mercy." In the New Testament it is simply "love." Why does God persist to redeem us from sin, death and evil? Because God loves us. That's why Jesus comes to heal us of the wounds of sin and make us whole. That's why the Holy Spirit comes to help us receive with faith the words "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sins."

Our God is a covenant-making God because God loves us.



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Pastor Will Peugeot's Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 A.M. - Noon
 Contact info: Office: 743-2931; Home: 463-5057
 Friday is Pastor Will's day off.

Council Highlights, February 1

- Aaron Johnson and Sue Larson continue to research new banners.
- Julie Huetteman has agreed to take over the Family Promise Volunteer Coordinator position following our last week of hosting in April.
- Marcia Daehler will be offering a new Tree of Life class beginning March 25 called, "Increasing Energy, Relaxing and Releasing Stress".
- Sunday, April 8, 10:00 A.M. will be new Council member orientation. "Old" Council members are asked to join the meeting.



"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."

St. Catherine of Siena

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

New from the Tree of Life Center

The Tree of Life Center is about sharing good things with our neighbors. We all want effective coping mechanisms and we want our neighbors to have them, too. To that end, Therapist Marcia Daehler will offer four weeks of good self-care techniques including mindfulness, stress release and relaxation beginning Sunday 25 March 2018. Watch for the flier below on bulletin boards around campus and around town. OSLC members are welcome. If you plan to participate, we would be delighted if you brought a friend. Please RSVP to Marcia at 765.414.5229.

Want to explore...
Increasing your energy?
Releasing stress? Relaxation?

4 free weekly sessions
(for 1 hour) starting Sunday
25 March at 4 PM

Sessions will include practicing self-compassion, mindfulness, and other coping skills.

This is not religious in nature.

Marcia Daehler, Therapist
And Psychiatric Nurse

Questions? Reserve your space.
Call or text **765.414.5229**
Check us out with no obligation.

Sponsored by
The Tree of Life Center at Our Saviour Lutheran Church
300 W Fowler, (Fowler and Vine, across from Bailey Hall) WL

Thank You

Christmas day 2017 was the first Christmas day in my entire life I celebrated (by my choice) without any relatives – no grandmother (I only knew one grandparent), no parents, no siblings, no wife, no children, no grandchildren - but I was not without family. I was with my understanding, caring, and supporting OSLC and UP families. While listening to Christmas carols during the season, I realized that there could be comfort, peace, joy, and even gratitude in the midst of grief. I now understand that God was working through, not only my actual family, but also my OSLC and UP families to bring me that comfort, peace, and joy. Thank you for being that conduit for me. I am grateful.

Jim BeMiller

A Thank You Note

A Note of Thanks to the OSLC council and members for the Bennett's gift card. It has already been put to use as I purchased potted primroses to use as centerpiece decorations for Camelback's chili supper fund raiser for Food Finders. They will be planted outside as soon as weather permits. The balance will be used for repotting the plants at OSLC. It was a perfect thank you gift and I was truly humbled by the thought. Wayne and I could not have done Family Promise without all the support that has been given by OSLC members. THANK YOU!

In His service,
Ruth & Wayne Ewbank

We really appreciate all the cards, hugs and words of encouragement from our OSLC family in the last couple of months. Losing both of our mothers within a couple of weeks of each other left us reeling. Your kindness has meant so much. A special thank you to Pastor Will and Pastor Mike for braving icy roads to attend Norma's funeral in Clinton. We were touched by your presence.

Scott and Sandra Vana

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!

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.

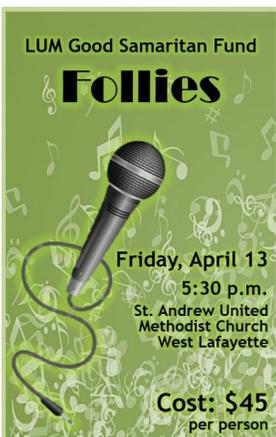
We'll need these items for each kit:



- 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 it's 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.

7th Annual LUM Follies — Call Out for Talent



Do you have talent? Do you want to be a part of something "great"? The LUM Good Samaritan Fund Follies (4/13) is a "great" event with a "great" show with a "great" meal for a "great cause." If you can sing, dance, play an instrument, tell a joke, or have any other talent, this stage is for you.

This year, our LUM talent scouts are specifically looking for the following:

- A Trumpet Trio – to perform "Bugler's Holiday"
- Comedy – funny songs performed in a humorous way or a comedic sketch
- Church youth performers would be a perfect addition to our show

This lighthearted evening of food, fun, and entertainment is Friday, April 13 and benefits the Good Samaritan Fund at Lafayette Urban Ministry. LUM Good Samaritan Fund Follies is your chance to shine, be part of something "great," and share your God-given talents for a worthy cause.

If you have any questions or need more information, please email Eileen Weiss (eweiss@lumserve.org) ASAP. We look forward to seeing all of you at the 7th annual LUM Follies dinner theater on Friday, April 13. For more information, please go to www.lumserve.org/follies or call 765.423.2691.



Lunch & Learn with Food Finders

Tickets are on sale for Nourish & Knowledge, the first lunch and learn series of 2018.

We would like to welcome Food Finders' President/CEO, Katy Bunder, as our first speaker on the topic of: **Food Insecurity: An Issue of Social Justice.**

Reserve your spot by going to the website <https://www.food-finders.org/nourish-and-knowledge/>

It's Thyme to Plan our Garden!

With 30 days until the start of spring, Food Finders is making plans to develop our own sharing garden. This garden will be used as a teaching tool in our education classes. Students will be able to plant, care for, harvest, prepare meals with and eat the delicious produce grown here.

If you are interested in lending your support for our garden, please contact Abby Lietz Agee, Education Coordinator, at 765.471.0062 x215 or aagee@food-finders.org

Save the Date - May 5, 2018



Put on your best denim for a fun evening of dining and entertainment while raising awareness and funds to fight hunger across

North Central Indiana. Join Food Finders Food Bank for the sixth annual Blue Jean Ball presented in partnership with Purdue University College of Agriculture.

Tickets go on sale March 8. Learn more here: <https://www.wedoauctions.net/bluejeanball>



Food Finders Food Bank, Inc.
fighting hunger. giving hope.

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Food Finders Food Bank
1204 Greenbush Street, Lafayette

New-and-Improved WEBSITE

OSLC has a new web presence! You are invited to have a look at www.osluth.org. After many months of discussion, planning, picture taking and site construction, we've finally gone live with a contemporary-look site. We hope it will be inviting to site visitors. We also hope it will be useful to members.

A primary goal in the re-design was to make the site picture-rich with a minimum amount of text to tell our story. In that way, we intend to project a welcoming image and provide viewers a sense of who we are. Your Congregational Council crafted a pair of inclusive welcome statements (short and long) that are prominently displayed on the site.

You may find images of you or members of your family on the site. Except for staff, we have not identified anyone by name. If there are any images on the site that are bothersome to you, please notify me directly (dana@purdue.edu) or Sandra in the church office and we will remove them.

The Evangel and recent sermons will continue to be posted on the public portion of the site, as well as a sermon archive. We have created a private, password-protected MEMBERS INFORMATION area where the monthly Worship Assistants Schedule will be posted. You will also find the Church Directory there, and the weekly choir anthems, too. The Members Information section is located on the **About OSLC** dropdown menu and check your box for the password for access.

This new website is very easy to edit and change as time goes by. If you have ideas for useful new content, especially if you take pictures of events, or if you have any concerns about the site as you find it, you are invited to bring them to our attention, either directly to me (again it's dana@purdue.edu) or to Pastor Will or Sandra.

Mike Dana, President of the Congregation



Put the Spark Back Into Your Marriage!

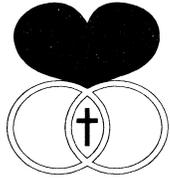
Attend a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend! You can do it!

The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend coming to Indianapolis:

- Friday evening, April 20, 8:00 p.m.,
- through Sunday afternoon, April 22, 2018, 3:00 p.m.
- at the **Comfort Suites Indianapolis** 2750 Fortune Circle West

See: www.godlovesmarriage.org for information or to apply.
Applications are due April 6, 2018

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Be the Lord's Messenger!

MARCH UPDATES

Souper Bowl of Caring

Thank you for supporting the annual Youth Fundraiser to help fight hunger and poverty locally. A collection of **\$552.32** will be divided between the Food Finder's Backpack program and LUM Emergency Shelter. Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you for supporting our second annual Women's Retreat!

We had 25 women registered for the Lavender Springs Spa retreat at the Geneva Retreat Center in February. Unfortunately, the flu kept three participants home before they had a chance to relax. We enjoyed some down time, discussion groups, chair massages, a few games and most importantly some time alone with God.

I appreciate you all for supporting this ministry through your prayers, monetary donation, and participation. A huge thank you to all the individuals that helped plan and assisted with the weekend behind the scenes! Many thanks, Angie Henderson

Easter Egg Hunt

We are collecting donations until March 25th to fill Easter eggs. Items can be left in baskets in the Narthex.



Contact Information for Angie Henderson, Director of Christian Education and Outreach:
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Upcoming Events

- ⇒ **Sunday, March 4th:** Youth Sponsoring Coffee Hour & Servant Sunday
- ⇒ **Wednesdays, March 7th, 14th, 21st:** **Soup & Service:** Join us at 5:45 P.M. in the Fellowship hall for a simple meal, Holden Evening Prayer and a brief Bible Study.

Adult Forum Highlights

- ⇒ **Sunday, March 11th:** Ying-Lan He, Meaningful Day Services-Music Therapy
- ⇒ **Sunday, March 18th:** Marcia Daehler
- ⇒ **Sunday, March. 25th:** Council will share information on the Call Process

Making the common sacred

First Corinthians 10:31 (ESV) reminds us, "Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." Author E.M. Bounds describes this mind-set as a "spirit of devotion" that "puts God in all things ... not merely in our praying and churchgoing."

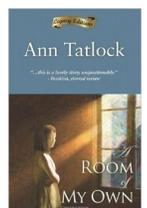
He writes: "The spirit of devotion makes the common things of earth sacred and the little things great. With this spirit of devotion, we go to business on Monday directed by the very same influence, and inspired by the same influences, by which we went to church on Sunday. The spirit of devotion makes a Sabbath out of Saturday and transforms the shop and the office into a temple of God."

Book Discussion Group

March Book: *A Room of My Own*
 By Ann Tatlock

In this seamless and well-researched narrative, Tatlock provides a compelling look at the Depression through a child's eyes. At the same time, she accurately conveys the exuberance, naiveté, humor and optimism typical of young teens. Historical details are informative and entertaining. The book's characters have unusual depth, and the author's writing style makes reading this story a memorable experience for teenagers and adults alike.

—CBA Marketplace





Women's Retreat, February 9-10, 2018



News items for the April *Evangel* are due to Sandra Vana (sandra@osluth.org) by 3/21/2018. Please type "Evangel" in the subject line.

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