



The Evangel

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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.

*Attended nursery available
on Sunday mornings*

Fellowship

10:00 A.M.

Will Peugeot, Pastor

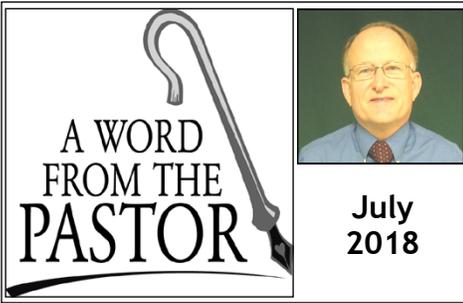
Michael Vinson, Campus Pastor

Jesus Rescues!



**WHEN YOU STRUGGLE...
JESUS RESCUES!**





An email has been circulating among some members and friends of the congregation entitled, “Where in the World Am I?” Attached was a picture which we were asked to identify. Some were relatively easy once one knew the context of Germany, for example, therefore it was Luther’s desk at Wartburg Castle. Others were much more challenging. What is amazing is that someone would always get it correct. It wasn’t necessarily the same person, but someone knew that place.

The global awareness of this congregation is quite high. This comes largely through work and profession-

al connections. Vacation travel often springs from these relationships.

The desire is to see and experience different cultures. Perhaps this flows from the academic community and its quest for discovery.

What if this desire for seeking global experience is really the work of the Holy Spirit calling us into a deeper faithfulness? What if we listened to God’s call to find new ways to be fruitful in serving God? What if God is opening us to serve immigrants and refugees here in West Lafayette? What form might this ministry take?

I have no clear answer in mind for either the congregation or myself. I am simply observing how much traveling we do and asking these questions.

As we come to the end of my ministry and take up the process of calling a new pastor, it’s a healthy practice to observe and reflect on where God is leading. God leads us with grace and truth.

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.

Baptismal Birthdays



July

Suzanne Larson	1
Nicholas Huetteman	2
Eric Nielsen	7
Sandy Monroe	12
Ben Behnke	17
Diane Gray	20
Phil Krause	24
Aaron Johnson	29



Council Highlights, June 7

- Motion to receive new members; seconded; passed.
- Work seems to be resuming on the loft window.
- Motion to complete the new commitment form for Family Promise; seconded; passed.
- Report on Mission Guatemala (Beth Dana) and the IK Synod Assembly (Mary L. Waltmann and Chris Johannsen)

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

Dear OSLC Friends:

Thank you for your kindness during our Mom's (Evaro Krause) illness and following her passing.

We are grateful for everything you have done to support us during this sad and difficult time. We greatly appreciate the extremely thoughtful cards, conversations, emails, and prayers. Thank you also for those who attended our Mom's visitation, funeral service, and/or lunch on Friday, May 18th.

Words cannot express how much this means to us.

We appreciate each and every one of you. Thank you for being there for us.

With sincere thanks from Evaro's children,

Debra, David, Jane, and Philip



*"Happy Campers"
Pastor Will and the catechism kids recently spent almost a week at Lutherwald for confirmation camp.*

On Good Friday 2017, Jeannie Gaffigan, a writer and producer, wife of comedian Jim Gaffigan and a mother of five, learned she had an apple-sized tumor on her brain stem. As a Christian, she knew she needed God's help to face the ordeal — and knew she still had "a lot of work" to do for him. On Easter Monday, the benign mass was removed during a nine-hour operation.

A year earlier, the Gaffigans won a Christopher Award for positive contributions to media. The award's inscription — *"Better to light one candle than to curse the darkness"* — now has new meaning for Jeannie. *"There's an urgency to do things that may be smaller, like lighting one candle, [rather] than these ambitious, huge goals of doing major shows in order to change the world,"* she says. *"We all want to light a thousand candles, but there's that one candle that's right in front of you that God is presenting for you. Open up your eyes and look at it and light it."*



Automated External Defibrillator

We will soon be installing Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in our building. These machines, along with cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), can save the lives of people in cardiac arrest and allow them to get to hospitals alive.

North Central Health Services (NCHS) will furnish up to three units free of charge. They will also provide free training for five people per unit. We need one unit near the main floor rest room. It is desirable to have a second unit downstairs. An AED for the third floor is optional if we recruit enough trained people.

Training will be offered later this summer. It will be a single three hour session. In addition to able-bodied adults, our teenagers are encouraged to volunteer for training to become qualified for certification. Some of our members are already trained.

If you, or a member of your family, are currently certified in CPR-AED, or if you or a family member are interested in attending a free three hour class to become certified in CPR-AED, please contact Sandra via email at sandra@osluth.com.

Please contact Dick Rahdert, coordinator of this initiative, at richardrahdert@gmail.com, if you have any questions or comments.



Social Justice Updates and Opportunities

Changes Are Coming To Family Promise!

The new facility at 2010 Elmwood, Lafayette will open August 1. Volunteer needs will be different.

During our week of hosting we will:

Provide three dinners (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) Dinners can be prepared and served at the center, or brought in ready to serve. Dinner should arrive between 5:00 and 5:30 P.M.

Provide two evening volunteers (Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 5:00-9:00 P.M.) to monitor the center and interact with families.

Provide two volunteers (Sunday 8 A.M. - 1 P.M.) to monitor the center and interact with families.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

All new and returning volunteers for the evening and Sunday shifts must attend a "volunteer orientation" session (30-45 minutes), held at the new facility, 2010 Elmwood, and fill out a volunteer information form. (While street access/entrance construction continues, enter from Erie Street near 19th Street.)

July 10, 11:00 A.M.

July 10, 6:00 P.M.

July 15, 1:00 P.M.

July 19, 11:00 A.M.

July 19, 5:30 P.M.

July 29, 1:00 P.M.

Looking ahead...OSLC is scheduled to host September 23-30 and November 25-December 2.

Contact Julie Huettman, juliehuettman@gmail.com, if you have any questions.

If you would like to purchase an item for the house, please check out this Amazon wish list:

https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/22CQALQ9NQIGE/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1



Family Promise®
of Greater Lafayette, Inc.



Make a Difference this Summer with LUM

The St. John's/LUM Food Pantry (6th & Ferry Streets, Lafayette) needs volunteers for the summer months. Specific days and times that volunteers are needed are as follows:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:45-11:45 A.M.

Saturday, 12:45-3:15 P.M.

Volunteers are needed to work the Distribution Window, Check-in/Data entry, and pick up and deliver food (truck driver). A weekly commitment is requested. Volunteers may work 2.5 to 14.5 hours per week.

Please consider signing up for a few shifts this summer. Our community needs volunteers like you to offer this vital resource. For more information, email Katy Travis, St. John's/LUM Food Pantry director at foodpantryadmin@stjohns-laf.org.

Volunteer Teacher's Aides for the LUM 5th Quarter Summer Learning Program are needed this summer. The 5th Quarter Summer Learning Program is offered **Monday – Friday, now through August 3**, from **6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.** The program is supervised by the LUM Youth Program Director and trained teachers.

LUM relies on the several volunteers each day to assist in teaching and tutoring, recreational activities, reading, meals and snacks and more. LUM 5th Quarter volunteers must enjoy working with children and have experience helping children (K - 6th grade) achieve academically and socially. If you're interested or need more information, email or call Amanda Bajzatt (abajzatt@lumserve.org | 765.423-2691).

Sponsor a Local Child to Attend LUM CAMP 2018

LUM Camp is a scholarship-based camp for 8, 9 and 10 year old boys and girls. We only invite children whose parents are not able to pay for the \$150+ per child cost of most other summer camps. **Please consider a gift of \$150 to send a local child to LUM Camp 2018.**

Your "campership" will pay for a child's transportation, room and board, camp activities, supplies and all of our science programs and educators – everything a camper will need to attend this year's LUM Camp.

- * **Sending \$300 will allow two children to attend LUM Camp**
- * **Sending \$450 will provide 3 camperships**
- * **\$75 will provide one-half of a campership**



I-K Lutheran

Where God is doing new things

July 2018

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. Isaiah 43:1-2, 5-7

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” Luke 4:16-21



This is an excerpt of Bishop Gafkjen’s sermon for the opening worship of this year’s synod assembly. The full text and an audio recording of the sermon may be accessed at <http://livingcommunion.blogspot.com>.

Friday morning, this past Friday morning, I was sitting on our deck off the back of our house working on this sermon. All of a sudden, a news helicopter flew over the house and that made me realize that the air was also filled with the sound of sirens.

Living where we live, I assumed that there must have been a car accident. We live near some major roads and, unfortunately, this happens with some frequency, so I set down my tablet and paused to pray for whoever was in that accident. As I was praying, a notification popped up on my phone to tell me that there had been a shooting at West Noblesville Middle School, fifteen minutes from our house. I knew then that all the commotion I had heard was first responders on their way to tend to those who were in need.

I was reminded immediately of Benton, Kentucky, another community in our synod, where this past January two students were killed and some eighteen injured at Marshall County High School in Benton, Kentucky. One of our congregations, St. Matthew by the Lake Lutheran Church, is in Benton.

Truth be told, I wept and prayed.

Then I did what any contemporary bishop does. I texted our pastor in Noblesville, Teri Ditslear, to offer her support and prayers. She responded as I knew she would. *"I'm already at the high school."* They had bused all the kids from the middle school where the shooting had happened to the high school and Pastor Teri was there.

Thankfully, only two people were injured, and nobody was killed, in great measure because of the quick response of one of the teachers. Like Pastor Teri and the first responders and so many others who gathered with that community, who entered that community, who came up alongside those who were suffering – to bear their suffering, to offer whatever companionship they can offer, to offer them human touch, human presence – that's what the church does.

That's who we are. It's who we are called to be. It's who we are sent to be. It's why Jesus came. He said it in the temple that Sabbath day so long ago: *"I'm here to set people free. I'm here to move into the lives of those who cannot see. I am here to proclaim release to the captives."* And then, we saw him do it. Over and over and over again, Jesus went deep into the suffering of God's people, of all people, especially those whom others were not going to be with. *"This is why I came,"* Jesus said.

By entering their suffering, entering our suffering, our trauma, our sin...by going deep into the ways in which we hurt and harm one another and break and shatter human community...by entering into the depth of it all, going all the way to Hell. And there, right there in the midst of it all, somehow, in the amazing wonder and grace of God that is a mystery beyond my comprehension, new life was born.

Jesus gathered it all up into his very self, into God's own self. Our suffering became God's suffering. And, wonder of wonders, wounded by that suffering himself, Jesus carried it all the way to the cross, entered the depth of death. I don't know exactly what happened during the next couple of days, but I do know this: on the other side of hell, Jesus left it all wrapped in a white linen on the floor of an empty tomb and rose up from the dead to offer new life to the world.

That's what Jesus does and it's what we do because we are Jesus people.

Peace be with you,

Bishop Bill Gafkjen

JULY UPDATES

The SHIPWRECKED Castaway's have returned!

VBS averaged 34 students each day with about 15 youth crew leaders/helpers and at least 15 adult leaders. We had fun learning about how Jesus Rescues!

We want to thank everyone who helped with VBS Shipwrecked this summer! We appreciate Elaine Nesius, VBS Co-Director, Badger Grove Community Church, and Revs Roger and Diana Struck for hosting and partnering with OSLC for VBS. A special thank you to Holly Black for organizing and serving our Tropical Treats every day. Thank you to those who donated snack items or monetarily: Beth Dana, Ruth Ewbank, Bill McVay, Suzanne Nielsen, Sue Aufderheide, and Vera Weiser.

A huge shout out to our Crew Leaders and Helpers: Abigail Black, Anna Henderson, Ben Henderson, Emma Henderson, and Matt Vinson. We appreciate your leadership and patience with all the young castaways!

Thank you to Pastor Will for helping with our Sail Away Send Off and supporting our partnership with Badger Grove. A special thank you to Sandra Vana for her support and help behind the scenes, and thanks as well to OSLC's Education Ministry Team.

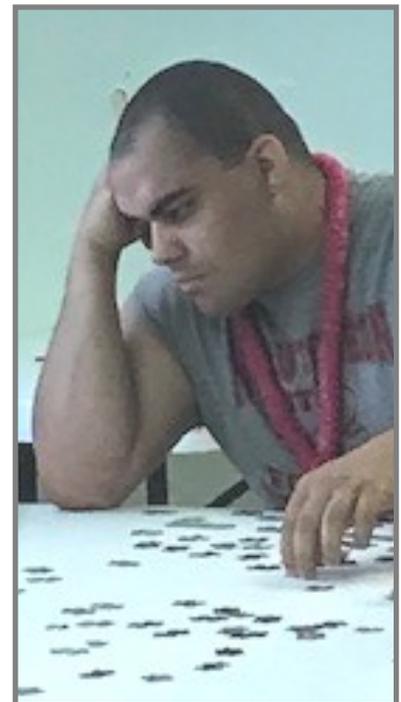
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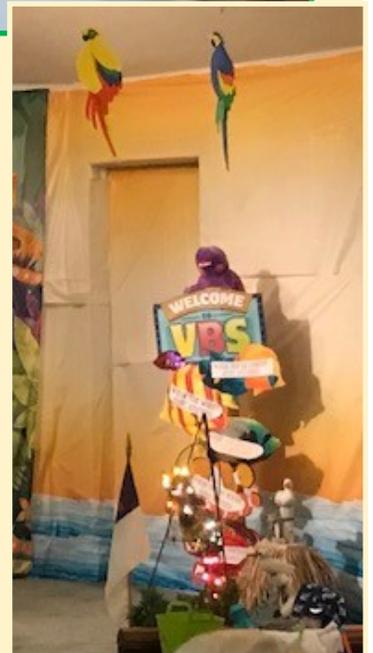
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Upcoming Events

- ⇒ **Thursday, July 26th, 7 P.M.:** Adult Forum Planning Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
- ⇒ **Sunday, August 5th:** Blessing of the Backpacks all who are school aged
- ⇒ **Sunday, August 19th:** Return to Academic Year Worship Schedule, two Sunday Worship Services
- ⇒ **Sunday, August 19th:** Registration begins for Sunday School.



WHEN YOU'RE LONELY...
JESUS RESCUES!



WHEN YOU DO WRONG...
JESUS RESCUES!



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