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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

August 5 & 12

9:00 A.M.

AUGUST 19 & 26

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

Reflections from 2018 Multicultural Youth Leadership Event and Youth Gathering



First, we as a group would like to thank OSLC for their many forms of support in this endeavor. Especially, we are thankful for Angie and her hard work getting everything organized and ready for us to have as smooth a trip as possible. I'll save the whole story for our time with Adult Forum in September but highlights (and responses from our kiddos) are as follows:

MYLE was
a fantastic

experience for Emmaleigh, Matthew and me. We received messages of diversity from speakers, music from Asé Means Amen and the ELCA educational outreach group GLOCAL, and fellowship amongst people of many races who are vibrant contributors to the ELCA during twice daily worship. Days were split into large and small group experiences with time to have fellowship through play in the evening. Emmaleigh said of the day the kids broke into affinity groups for small group time: *"It was so nice to talk with other kids about being mixed. I learned I'm not the only pale mixed kid. I'm not the only kid who struggles to hold onto both identities. This was an amazing experience for me."*

(Turn to page six for more reflections.)

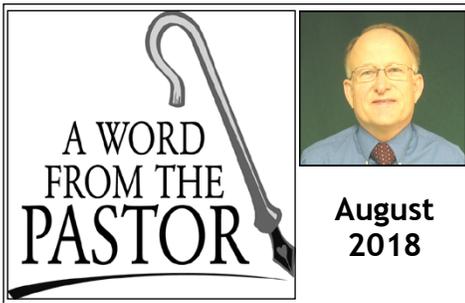


Fall Schedule Resumes August 19th

On August 5th and 12th we will
have one service at 9:00 A.M.,
followed by Fellowship Time.

On August 19th we return
to our Fall Schedule:
9:00 A.M. Worship
10:00 A.M. Fellowship
11:15 A.M. Worship





I had a once in a lifetime invitation. This was the reason for my recent vacation in France. The pastor who was my host during my sabbatical in France was elected Bishop of L'Est-Montbeliard Synod of L'Eglise Protestante Unie de France. His name is Elysée PANGU, called Mayunga. He invited me to his installation.

I expected the installation to be in the oldest church built as a Protestant church in France, located in Montbeliard. However, because it was the annual flea market day in town and the area around the church was filled with booths, the service was held in Valentigney. This is the town where my great grandfather was born and baptized and where I spent my sabbatical.

The Church in France is mostly dormant, but it wasn't on that day. Over 500 people attended the service, nearly filling the church Armand Peugeot, an inventor of the automobile, built mostly with his own money. Two choirs, one a traditional French choir and the other a traditional Gospel choir, filled the air with beautiful music before the service. Every pastor of the Synod processed, along with the Roman Catholic Bishop of Belfort, several local priests and two pastors from Germany. I guess I represented not only the United States, but the whole Western Hemisphere.

The powerful presence of the Holy Spirit was evident throughout the service. Even though I could understand only a few words, the love for the church and the love for Mayunga was clearly expressed. I was so energized by the Spirit's presence that I needed nothing to eat the rest of the day. I had emails to write and wisdom to share. Even as I tried to sleep that night, I had energy to spare. What a wonderful lesson to experience. The Holy Spirit energizes the Church for mission. This experience energizes me even today. Thanks be to God.

Alleluia!

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

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!

Baptismal Birthdays



August

Wayne Ewbank	1
Chris Johannsen	1
Anna (Lamb) Bulthuis	1
Cameron Avery	7

Council Highlights, July 12

- Pastor Will brought greetings from L'Eglise Protestante Unie de France.
- PLM is working on their front patio and they've hired a new office manager, Amy Brown.
- The Discovery Team has finished the analysis of the SWOT results. The report is on the OSLC website. They are now working on a survey regarding OSLC's site characteristics, ministry, and gifts.
- Sue Larson will be working with a small group to update the wording of the OSLC Mission Statement.
- Everyone needs to be thinking about the makeup of the Call Committee. What should the members reflect?

News and Notes

Outdoor Ministry Ice Cream Social - August 12

Stewardship Column, August 2018

For the last few years we have held an Ice Cream Social at Risen Savior in Fort Wayne, with participation of several congregations, to raise funds for Lutheran Outdoor Ministries. Those funds have been used to re-roof and side the three camper cabins and the staff cabin at Lake Luther, make lake-front improvements at both Lake Luther and Lutherwald and provided funds for scholarships for all three camps. The generosity and participation by churches working together have made these events some of our best fundraising efforts for Outdoor Ministries raising over \$7,000 in 2016 and \$20,000 (\$10,000 raised plus matching funds of \$10,000) in 2017 for camp improvements and scholarships.



Stewardship at OSLC

We all know why we give of our money, time, and talents to the work of the church – the body of Christ. It is a way to express our gratitude for the generous and abundant gifts we have received from our Creator.

Anyone who has served on a committee or council of OSLC since Pastor Will came to us (which I daresay is just about all of us) knows that he likes to begin meetings with each person sharing their graces and concerns. The graces usually involve celebrations of family events and accomplishments, recovery from an illness of one's self, a family member or a friend, good garden harvests, resolution of a workplace conflict, etc. – all things worthy of giving thanks for, but in one sense, temporary gifts.

Recently, I was reading the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians. In chapter 1, verses 15-23, Paul offers thanks for other things – intangible things. He offers thanks for gifts of the Holy Spirit, which he calls the riches of our inheritance – wisdom, revelation and understanding of our Lord Jesus, faith in our Lord Jesus, love, and the immeasurable greatness of God's power that works in and through us – and declares that they are the greatest gifts we will ever receive. Their scope is enormous. Think about these most important intangible gifts and your response in gratitude as we enter our stewardship campaign in a few months.

Jim BeMiller

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him.

Ephesians 1:17

We have scheduled our annual Ice Cream Social Fundraiser for Outdoor Ministries on August 12 to be held at Risen Savior Lutheran Church (8010 W. Jefferson Blvd, Fort Wayne), but as always we want this to be a mission project sponsored by all of our congregations. We will have a short camp service program with participation of Bishop Bill Gafkjen, Pastors Mark Radloff and Rod Willeke. It will be an opportunity to celebrate a successful 2018 season and to share our camp story and say thank you to Pastor Mark for his 25 years of service. And of course we'll enjoy ice cream, hot dogs, Sloppy Joes, popcorn and yard games for the kids which will be supported with Thrivent Action Team Funds. We will have a drawing for two free camp scholarships. We will also have a raffle drawing for several pre-season Colts tickets.

A major goal is to get people from each of our congregations to attend and join in this shared ministry effort. We will be accepting freewill donations at the Ice Cream Social, but we hope you will consider making a congregational gift to help us achieve our goal. We have a face book special event page <https://www.facebook.com/events/2129339210611291/> Check it out!

Shared Ministry put into Action. Thank you.

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Second Quarter Financial Report

For the first six months of 2018, the church received \$149,030.35 in contributions and spent \$152,577.89 on expenses for a difference of (\$3,547.54). Our year-to-date offerings were 95% of the budgeted amount. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

As of June 30, 2018, we have received \$149,112 towards the Capital Campaign of the \$151,640 pledged.

— Finance Ministry Team

Social Justice Updates and Opportunities

Tippecanoe Backpack Program

At Food Finders we are grateful for our caring community for answering our call for help sponsoring the 346 unfunded children in our Tippecanoe Backpack Program for the upcoming school year.

So far, half of these children have been sponsored, guaranteeing that they will receive supplemental weekend food throughout the school year so that they can return to school Monday morning full and ready to learn.

Children need nutrients so they can grow, develop and focus on learning instead of thinking about the food they need.

Can you make an impact today? A donation of \$252 will ensure a child receives a backpack of food each week this school year. Help children in our community get the school year started off happy and hunger-free.

Your support can make a huge difference in the life of a child facing hunger.

Beers Across the Wabash

Saturday, August 25

Friends of Downtown is proud to present the seventh annual Beers Across the Wabash. For a second year, a portion of proceeds from the event will benefit Food Finders Food Bank to help fight hunger in our community!

Did you know volunteers get free admission to this event?

Sign up to volunteer or purchase tickets today; they do sell out!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdHSJGSixtg1Axwns0ODudXPEffdYiT5Xbn3VwTfKfP0GI23g/viewform>

New Food for Thought

Would you like to join us on a behind-the-scenes tour of our Food Resource & Education Center and warehouse facilities?

On the second Tuesday of the month, beginning August 14, we will open the food bank to tours beginning at 9 A.M.

Join us to learn about our onsite pantry, education and volunteer opportunities, warehouse operations and more.

RSVP at 765.471.0062 today!



Current Volunteer Needs at LUM

Bulk Mail

Bus Driver

Community Thanksgiving

Food Pantry – Baked Goods

Food Pantry – Data Entry

Food Pantry – Assistant

Good Samaritan Program – Assistant

Jubilee Christmas Data Entry

Jubilee Christmas Donation Center

Hunger Hike

Hunger Hike 5K Run

Immigration Clinic – Assistant & Translator

Immigration Clinic – Citizenship Classes

Legislative Advocacy

LUM Camp Counselor

LUM Follies Event

Port of Hope – Fundraising Event

Receptionist

Shelter – Overnight Volunteers

Shelter – Providing Meals

Tax Assistance – Volunteers

Teacher Aide – 5th Quarter Summer Learning Program

Teacher Aide – After School Program

Turkey Trot 5K Run

There are many different opportunities for volunteering, from working one-on-one with a child in the 5th Quarter Summer Learning Program to helping run the 44-bed emergency homeless shelter.

Also, there are opportunities to fit every schedule, from regular long-term commitments such as being an advocate once a week with the Immigration Clinic, Good Samaritan Program or ID Clinic — or doing data entry at the St. John's/LUM Food Pantry or intake for our shelter guests each weekday afternoon — to one time work with an events like Hunger Hike, LUM Camp, Community Thanksgiving Celebration, LUM Follies, Turkey Trot 5K Run, Port of Hope fundraising event or Jubilee Christmas.

Some volunteer positions require training while others require only a willing heart and a helping hand. Check out LUM's website <http://www.lumserve.org/> to see how you can help out.



I-K Lutheran

Where God is doing new things

August 2018

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do. (ELW #661)

The congregation's pastor and I processed toward the "back" of the worship space as we all sang the old hymn with vigorous familiarity: "I love to tell the story," the story "of Jesus and his love." When we reached the back pews and turned again toward the gathered folk for the liturgy's final blessing and sending, in my mind's eye I was transported back over decades and distance to another Sunday when I was serving as an acolyte for worship with First Lutheran Church in Columbia Heights, Minnesota, the congregation that first formed me in faith. I could see and sense my gangly, slightly longhaired early-teen self standing next to Pastor Joe, who had just finished preaching about our call to tell the Jesus story anywhere and always, to anyone and everyone. Echoing through the years I could still hear his strong, somewhat gravelly, always off-pitch voice rising above the voices of the few hundred folk gathered for worship. I could hear again the conviction in his voice and see the gleam of joy in his eyes as he sang: "I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do." "Go in peace; serve the Lord!" snapped me back to the present time and place to join the congregation in responding with our own conviction and joy, "Thanks be to God!" And in that moment, I remembered anew how much I do love to tell the story of Jesus and his love ... and I realized how seldom I actually tell it outside of my role as pastor and bishop. It is one thing to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love in settings related to my role as bishop, like preaching, teaching, leading meetings, and pastoral conversations. It's another thing altogether to tell others about Jesus and his love in the various moments and relationships of my life outside that role, with family, friends and acquaintances, in the neighborhood where we live, during encounters with folks in stores or at events or across the table at some social gathering. In the years since that long-ago Sunday at First Lutheran, I seem to have moved a little more toward the approach to telling the story of Jesus and his love captured in this quote sometimes attributed to St. Francis of Assisi: "Preach the gospel at all times; use words if necessary." Yet, the bible teacher, Walter Brueggemann reminds us that

*The noun "gospel," which means "message," is linked in the Bible to the verb "tell-the-news" (one word, *bissar*, in Hebrew). At the center of the act of evangelism is the message announced, a verbal, out-loud assertion of something decisive not known until this moment of utterance. There is no way that anyone...can avoid this lean, decisive assertion which is at the core of evangelism.¹*

It is crucial that I live in ways that reflect the storied self-giving love of Jesus. The ELCA tag line, "God's Work; Our Hands," is so true and important for us to lean into. But scripture and the witness of our forebears in faith also invite us to lean into something like "God's Work. Our Voice." After all, if I really do trust that the story of Jesus and his love is true and believe that this love satisfies my longings as nothing else would do, why would I not share this good news with others who might need it as desperately and find it as satisfying as I do?

By your word, eternal God, your creation sprang forth, and we were given the breath of life. By your word, eternal God, death is overcome, Christ is raised from the tomb, and we are given new life in the power of your Spirit. May we boldly proclaim this good news in our words and our deeds, rejoicing always in your powerful presence; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen. (ELW p. 75)

+Bishop Bill Gafkjen

¹Brueggemann, Walter. *Biblical Perspectives on Evangelism: Living in a Three-Storyed Universe* (p. 14). © 1993 Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition.



AUGUST UPDATES

More Reflections from 2018 Multicultural Youth Leadership Event and Youth Gathering

Mid-week I flew from Houston back to Chicago to pick up Madison and Cameron. We arrived in time to check in to our hotel (rejoining Matthew and Emmaleigh) and get a quick early dinner before we headed to our first night of Gathering. We had a day of time with the Synod, a day of service at Freeman's Town and finally a day of experiencing life through the lens of the ELCA and what it means to be a Christian in today's world at the Interactive Center. Cam reflects "...I did also enjoy the service day, as I got to help build a fence and get a look at a historic neighborhood in Houston". Madison shared with me that she received positive feelings of acceptance and kindness.

We are all continuing to reflect upon and decompress from our experiences. It is no small feat to move 30,000 plus people around a city and coordinate service projects and such. We learned about problem solving, patience, sweating, hydrating, kindness, forgiveness and many other qualities that will serve us and our community well. We look forward to sharing more details in the weeks and months to come!

--Emily Ohland, Gathering Chaperone



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Upcoming Events

- ⇒ **Sunday, August 5th after the 9 A.M. service:** Education Ministry Team Meeting
- ⇒ **Sunday, August 5th:** Blessing of Backpacks for School Age Kids
- ⇒ **Sunday, August 19th:** Return to two Sunday Worship Services and Blessing for Purdue Students and Staff
- ⇒ **Sunday, August 19th:** Registration begins for Sunday School. Forms available in the narthex.
- ⇒ **Sunday, August 26th:** Sunday School Teacher's Training at 10:15 A.M. in the Library

God, as students prepare to go back to school, remind us all that your Word "is useful for teaching" (2 Timothy 3:16, NRSV) — year-round! May we never stop learning the truth of your powerful love!

Book Discussion for September:
More info coming soon!
Check your bulletin.

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Missionary UPDATE



SINGAPORE



REV. DR. JEFFREY
TRUSCOTT

Theological education

9 July 2018

Dear Missionary Sponsoring Congregation:

This past May I was invited to teach a week-long intensive course on Worship at Seminari Theoloji Malaysia. STM, as it is referred to, is a multi-denominational Protestant seminary located in Seremban, Malaysia, not far from the nation's capital of Kuala Lumpur.

I will be teaching another short-term course there in August. These courses are part of a “soft launch” for what the school hopes will be a full-fledged degree program in worship and the arts.

There were four students in attendance, plus STM faculty member Christina Ong who was my host and helper during the course. Certainly, four students is not an impressive number, but one can always hope that these individuals were enriched and will in turn enrich their churches through the knowledge that they gained. It is also my hope that even though this course was but an introduction to Christians worship, the students will be motivated to read more on the topic of worship. As teachers we need to remember that our teaching can only accomplish so much and that students have to take responsibility for their own ongoing learning.

Let me share once small slice of my Seremban teaching experience. One of the students, an Anglican in a very “liturgical” church, wondered how he should respond to church members who, after visiting less liturgical churches, ask church leaders why it is necessary to do all of the thing done in the Anglican liturgy—celebrate the different rituals, read all of the lectionary readings, observe the church calendar—when other churches seem to be fine without doing them. The simple response is “We do them because they mean something.” But the best “response” to the question is to instill such a strong sense of the liturgy’s meaning through teaching and preaching that the question would never be asked in the first place. Maybe I am being unrealistic or naïve. But it would certainly be unwise NOT to work toward the goal of a liturgically informed and ritually competent church. My hope and prayer is that this is what your church leadership is doing right now.

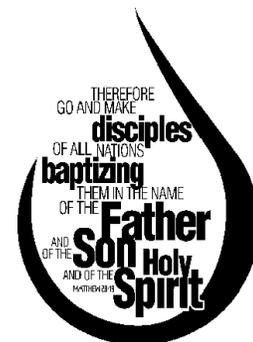
As always, I give thanks for your partnership with me in ministry.

Regards,

Jeff Truscott

ELCA Missionary in Singapore

(from the USA)



News items for the September *Evangel* are due to Sandra Vana (sandra@osluth.org) by 8/22/2018. Please type "Evangel" in the subject line.

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