



# 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's Vision & Mission

God calls us to be a community of  
discipleship for all, making Christ's  
love real in our daily lives.

Grow in faith and Christian calling  
Love and serve God and neighbor  
Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ

## Worship

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

Attended nursery available  
on Sunday mornings

## Fellowship

10:00 A.M.

## Sunday School

10:15 A.M.

Will Peugeot, Pastor

Michael Vinson, Campus Pastor



## Here's the Scoop on Pastor Will's Retirement

What are your plans after retirement? Service? Travel? Projects? Grandkids?

*I am seeking to discern God's call for the next chapter of my life. I'll take the first three months as a sabbatical, making no long-term commitments. I will be going on a mission trip with Mission Guatemala in March. These three months are busy times for my garden. I have my seeds ordered and anticipate spending more time in the garden. I am planning a walking tour in western Ireland in late August with a group of people I met on my Provence tour in 2017. I'll see where God leads.*

Will you continue to live in West Lafayette?

*Yes, I will continue to live here. This means setting some healthy boundaries. See my pastor's article for these.*

Reflecting on your 40 years as a pastor, what has been the most rewarding part of your service?

*Participating in the growth of people and congregations as they seek to live out God's mission in the world is the most fulfilling for me. Because I serve as a pastor, I get invited into people's lives at some of the most crucial points in their lives. Sharing in both the joys and the sorrows of people's lives is very humbling.*

According to Pastoral Care, Inc., only one out of ten pastors make it to retirement. What has contributed to your longevity in the church?

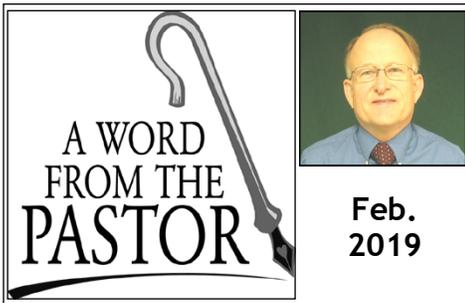
*I've stuck around is the most basic answer. I have never sensed God calling me to something else. I have found resources and relationships that were supportive. I have striven to keep a healthy balance and rhythm with work and self-care. I have found meaning and purpose in most of what I do as a pastor.*

What will you miss most about OSLC and not serving in a pastoral role?

*I will miss everything. Most significant will be the day to day contacts with the staff and members of the congregation.*

What is the best advice you have received about retirement? What are you most looking forward to as you prepare for the next chapter of your life?

*Reading the book Aging Matters and the discussion group was very affirming about the sense of a new calling, not necessarily totally different from the past, but using my gifts in new ways. Most have suggested giving myself a long time, perhaps as long as a year, to explore and discern before setting off in a new direction.*



“The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God has come near...” For me, my time with you as pastor is nearly filled full. The Kingdom of God is always near in the Word and Sacrament as the means of grace. “...repent and believe in the good news.” (Mark 1:14-15) This is the constant activity of the Body of Christ. Turning to God to hear and understand the Word, and then, trusting the Word into action.

So we are ending one chapter of our life together and beginning the next chapter as I plan to continue to live in West Lafayette. This requires some different boundaries. Bishop Bill has said that you don’t have to “unfriend” me, but you need to “unpastor” me. I can do no pastoral acts with Our Sav-

our. This means no weddings, funerals, baptisms, or worship services for the immediate future. When a new pastor comes, I may be able to participate at the invitation of the pastor. I will honor the guidelines by making no hospital and care facility visits. I am required to be a member of another ELCA congregation.

This transition is a careful dance I want to make from “pastor” to “friend”. I hope we can move through this time without stepping on anyone’s toes. I know that may happen inadvertently as we learn this new dance. You can invite me to dinner, to coffee, to play golf, but we can’t talk about the congregation. We can talk about what’s new with you, your work, your family, the American political scene, or baseball. We just can’t talk about church.

This congregation has handled these transitions well in the past. I think we can handle this one well, too.

So let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, and let the peace of Christ rule your thoughts and actions with love.

## Baptismal Birthdays



### February

Holly Wott Black	1
Carson Ohland	
Emily Ohland	
Jean Peterson	
Will Peugeot	2
Cindy Modlin Adams	8
Clara Gearhart	9
Abigail Black	13

*Love asks nothing in return but seeks those who need it. And who needs our love more than those who are consumed with hatred and are utterly devoid of love?*

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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 from January 9

- Mike Dana is working on updating the picture board in the narthex.
- Window update: the colored film will soon be applied to the glass, then it’s just a matter of needing good weather to do the installation.
- We have the new outside banner.
- Scott Vana and Carol Grady will be stepping down from co-chairing the Social Justice Ministry Team.
- The transition process seems to be going well.



### 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](mailto: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

**National Lutheran Choir presents - Holy Spirit Mass**

**Thursday, February 28, 2019 - 8:00 P.M.**

Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame  
101 Basilica Drive, Notre Dame, IN 46556

*Free and open to the public.* The OSLC Choir will be attending.  
Listen for announcements regarding details.

More info: [www.nlca.com/tour2019](http://www.nlca.com/tour2019)



**OSLC will be hosting Family Promise February 3-10.** Please keep the families and volunteers in your prayers. Thanks to all who host and provide meals and to Julie Huetteman who coordinates Family Promise for OSLC.

**The Indiana Blood Center has issued a critical appeal for blood donations.** Due to illness and inclement weather, their donations have reached critically low levels. Please schedule your appointment today to help their inventory reach sustainable and healthy levels to ensure hospital patients have the blood they need.

**The Lafayette Chambers Singers are offering a Valentine Concert,** "Afternoon Delight," on Sunday, February 10 at 3 P.M. in Duncan Hall (619 Ferry St., Lafayette). Deadline for Reservations is Wednesday, February 6. Call 765-743-8087 to make a reservation.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

*Retirement*

*Open House*

TO HONOR

*Pastor Will Peugeot*

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2019, 2-4:00 P.M.**

**OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**300 WEST FOWLER AVENUE**

**WEST LAFAYETTE, IN 47906**

## Stewardship Article

Among the several points Mark Hermodson made in his letter in the pledge campaign last Fall were these three: A blessing that OSLC has is the number of opportunities we have as a congregation to carry out a mission of service inside and outside our walls. We have been rather generous with our time, talent, and money in support of our missions, and we have not needed a hard sell to accomplish what we do.

We were reminded during Advent that all that we have as individuals and as a faith community are gifts from God, especially the gift of his son Jesus, whose birth we celebrated at Christmas. This is a reminder that we have received far more than we could ever pay back.

But we do not give in order to pay God back for what he has given us (*that* we could never do). It is not like inviting someone to dinner to even things up because they first invited us. We know that we cannot ever even things up because God's grace and providence is given to us freely and continuously. Rather, we give out of gratitude so that the Gospel can be spread, to help those in need physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually; to love and give to our neighbors as God has loved and given to us; to have a place to worship and to be fed by God, etc. Our gifts are instruments of God's love and grace and they bring us joy. Fortunately, we have both the opportunities and the ability to share our gifts of time, talent, and treasure that God has so freely given us.

Even as we transition to new pastoral leadership, God's gifts to us, our needs, the needs of others, and the opportunities to give in thanksgiving will continue.

Jim BeMiller

## Pastor Will: the Early Years at OSLC



*Pastor Will was installed at Our Saviour Lutheran Church in March of 2000. Later that year he celebrated the 25th Anniversary of his ordination.*



*Right: In May 2009 Pastor Will was one of many pastors and bishops present at OSLC for OSLC's 50th Anniversary Celebration.*



# The Ministry of Word and Sacrament



# A Life of Service



*God's Work. Our Hands.*



*Vacation Bible School*



*Above: Pack Away Hunger  
Special Award and Recognition*

*Left: Mission Guatemala*

# And an All Around Good Sport



*I don't think it was ever really established who was actually on first base!*



# FEBRUARY UPDATES



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## Upcoming Events

- ⇒ **Sunday, February 3:**  
Souper Bowl of Caring Collection after each service.
- ⇒ **Sunday, February 3**  
Youth Coffee Hour  
& Servant Sunday

## Adult Forum Highlights

- ⇒ **Sunday, February 10**  
Several Central American students who attend Zamorano University in Honduras, and are currently at Purdue on an internship will speak about “*What’s Happening in Central America?*”
- ⇒ **Sunday, February 17**  
Lindsey Payne, Director of Service Learning at Purdue
- ⇒ **Sunday, February 24**  
No Adult Forum as it is Pastor Will’s last Sunday. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for Coffee Hour.

**Souper Bowl of Caring:** Our annual Youth Fundraiser will conclude Sunday, February 3. Look for students carrying soup pots! The donations collected this year will benefit the Food Finders Backpack program.

**Faith Formation Minute:** Have you had a chance to check out OSLC’s library located in the basement (former classroom next to the water fountain)? If you have not, stop by to see what is available and some of our new additions from our Fall Book Fair. The OSLC library works on the honor system. Feel free to “check out” an item by writing it in the notebook and return the item when you are finished.

**Bishop’s Youth Day:** Bishop’s Day for Youth will be held **Saturday, February 23, at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Carmel, Indiana.** Youth in grades 8 through 12 and adult mentors are invited to join Bishop Bill Gafkjen for conversation, worship, games, workshops, a service project, Bible study, and lots of fun. Overnight housing is available on Friday night with the option of a Friday evening activity. For more information or if you would like to register, contact Angie Henderson.

**Nursery Attendant Needed:** We’re looking for a substitute attendant to fill in as needed on Sunday mornings and during the summer. If you know of someone who might be interested, please submit resumes to the church or via email and/or request an application from Angie Henderson: [angie@osluth.org](mailto:angie@osluth.org)

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Share these jokes with your beloved on February 14 — or whenever some humor can brighten a day!

Q: What valentine did the French chef give his wife?

A: A hug and a quiche

Q: What did the paper clip say to the magnet?

A: “I find you very attractive.”

Q: What did the pencil say to the paper?

A: “I dot my i’s on you!”

Q: How did the phone propose to his girlfriend?

A: He gave her a ring.

Q: What do you call a very small valentine?

A: A valentiny



*Thank you for all of the gift cards, Christmas and birthday wishes while I was home. I enjoyed seeing everyone!*

Ben Behnke

January 2019

Dear Missionary Sponsoring Congregation:

I am frequently asked whether people in Singapore celebrate the same holidays that we celebrate in the United States. The answer is *some of them*. For example, Christmas and Good Friday are *legal holidays* in Singapore. In fact, every major religion in Singapore has two of its feasts/holy days recognized as official national holidays! This reflects the desire for religious harmony in Singapore, a multi-religious, multi-racial country. By contrast, the Christian calendar has preferred status in the USA.

What about New Years? Singaporeans observe the calendar New Year with parties and special events. But even more central is the Lunar New Year, or Chinese New Year (CNY). CNY would strike most Americans as a combination of Christmas, New Years and Thanksgiving, especially because of the family focus. In Chinese culture, the eve of CNY is observed with a family reunion dinner, at which time any disagreements between family members are to be settled. During the first several days of CNY, there will be visits to the homes of a couple’s parents (starting with the husband’s parents), at which time the elders are presented with a pair of oranges, to symbolize the hope of prosperity in the new year. Younger members of the family are given red packets containing money (*hong bao*), a gesture that symbolizes the passing on of wealth and others blessings from the older generation to the younger one.

What makes CNY interesting and tricky is when the eve of the New Year (or the first few days of CNY) coincide with Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. The problem is that Lenten fasting clashes with CNY feasting. What should Christians do? Does one try to hold to the ideal of fasting at the expense of family feasting and snub the family? Some Christians negotiate this difficulty by “fasting” in other ways—from entertainments, from the use of electronic gadgets, or abstaining from earthly pleasures in order to (re-) focus on God. For those of us living in Christian societies, such culture clashes are hard to imagine.

But I find myself wondering: is this kind of challenge such a bad thing? Might not having to make conscious choices about prioritizing our allegiance to Christ make us *better* Christians? Is not a faith forged on the crucible of ethic challenge somehow more genuine and more Christ-like? Perhaps we western Christians are at a relative disadvantage because dilemmas like this are rare for us—or perhaps we do not recognize them when they do come, due to our habit of accepting just about everything in our “Christian” culture. May God help us to see more clearly the possible challenges to our faith, and grant us the courage to put Christ first!

I pray that God will be gracious to your congregation in the coming year and challenge you in ways that will lead you to greater faith and love.

As always I am grateful for your support through prayer and contributions to the ELCA Missionary Sponsorship program.

Best regards in Christ,

Jeff Truscott

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### Food for Thought

A mosaic consists of thousands of little stones. Some are blue, some are green, some are yellow, some are gold. When we bring our faces close to the mosaic, we can admire the beauty of each stone. But as we step back from it, we can see that all these little stones reveal to us a beautiful picture, telling a story none of these stones can tell by itself.

That is what our life in [the church] is about. Each of us is like a little stone, but together we reveal the face of God to the world. Nobody can say: “I make God visible.” But others who see us together can say: “They make God visible.” [Christian] community is where humility and glory touch.

—Henri J.M. Nouwen



In *Groundhog Day*, Bill Murray is doomed to repeat the same day over and over. For Christians, the “sin cycle” is similar: mess up, repent, resolve to do better — and fail yet again, often in the exact same ways.



That movie is really about grace, contends Mark Lockard. “We fail in small ways ... and in tragic ways,” he writes on MinistryMatters.com. “Sometimes I think it would be nice to be able to hit repeat and try again the next day, to aim for perfection, to be the saintly Phil Connors we see at movie’s end. But that takes away the spontaneity of the new day, the challenge of being more Christ-like despite a brand new set of circumstances.”

On earth, the “chill” of sin keeps biting, but we can “face the stark winter day wrapped warmly in the knowing that it’s okay to get it wrong,” Lockard writes. “That’s part of figuring out who we are as a beloved child of God. That’s what grace is all about.”

## I-K Lutheran Where God is doing new things

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*“Who is my neighbor in a world in which I might spend more time connected relationally to people on the other side of the globe than those across the street?” [Dwight Zscheile]*



On Christmas Day, I met for the first time our new neighbors who had moved into the house next door almost three months earlier. They happened to be outside with their kids, testing out a couple of Christmas presents, while I was walking our dogs. I was a bit embarrassed as I approached them to introduce myself. I apologized to them for not meeting and welcoming them to the neighborhood sooner. They were quite gracious, offered their own apologies, and we had a delightful getting-acquainted Christmas Day conversation with each other. As I told my wife, Janet, about the meeting afterward, I remembered an article I had read some months before, the article from which the haunting question above comes: *Who Is My Neighbor? The Church's Vocation in an Era of Shifting Community* (Word and World, Winter 2017).<sup>1</sup> The author, Dwight Zscheile, is right: the shape and locus of human community is shifting significantly in this country, probably in ways that the church has not yet fully realized or begun to address. Referencing the book, *The Vanishing Neighbor*, by Marc Dunkelman, Zscheile points out that:

*Americans today spend more time with their intimates (immediate family and closest friends) as well as in an outer ring of loose social ties facilitated by social media and the Internet around specific interests. What is disappearing is the middle ring—traditionally the city neighborhood, village, or township where voluntary organizations like congregations exist. Expectations for neighborliness have changed—from block parties and potlucks, sharing tools and child care, to keeping to oneself and not interfering in your neighbor's business. Adults involved in intensive parenting spend more hours with their children, while these overscheduled children spend fewer hours roaming the neighborhood with their peers. Americans look to their devices to connect with people on social media who may be geographically far removed, ignoring the people next to them on the bus, street, or at the playground.*

Not only does this shift suggest the loss of face-to-face (read: incarnational) relationships that can be nurturing and supportive, it also means that *“People can now largely avoid relationships with those of differing views.”* This may well be part of the reason that community in this country is so fractured and fractious...and/or part of the reason that we can't seem to find ways to live together in justice and peace, honoring differences and diversity, and working together for the common good. So, my little Christmas Day encounter with our new neighbors has left me wondering: In this time and place, might we, the church, the body of the crucified and risen Christ, be called to intentionally and care-fully create face-to-face space for genuine local community to emerge? Might the good news of Christ crucified and risen for the life of the world be calling us to fill that “middle ring” of American life with confession, forgiveness, and reconciliation that leads to radical welcome, bold inclusion, and life together that shines with the light of new, abundant, and lasting life for all? After all, as Dwight puts it, *“In a world of eroding, divisions, and fragile community, the church stewards a most precious gift: God's restoration to communion of those once estranged in Christ, who joins us in the local, particular, and ordinary.”*

Peace be with you,

Bishop William Gafkjen

<sup>1</sup> A PDF of the article can be downloaded from [https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article\\_id=3966](https://wordandworld.luthersem.edu/issues.aspx?article_id=3966).

## Worship Assistant Schedule for February

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Acolyte	Lector	Comm. Assistants	Ushers	Greeters	Deacon & A. Deacon	Altar Prep	Coffee Hr Hosts
Feb. 3 9:00am	Mike Dana	Emma Henderson	Bob Nielsen	Mary L. Waltmann & Suzanne Nielsen	Dick Rahdert & Kara James	Allen & Ruth Anne Hammer		Renee Rasmy	OSLC Youth
Feb. 3 11:15am	Reuben Peterson	Abigail Black	Sandra Vana	Reuben Peterson	Holly Black		Mike Dana & Scott Vana		
Feb. 10 9:00am	Beth Dana	Anders Ohland	Carl Huetteman	Kathy Grogan & Sue Axtell	Jesse Grogan & Suzanne Nielsen	Carl Behnke		Sue Axtell	Phi Beta Chi
Feb. 10 11:15am	Scott Vana	Scott Vana	Sue Larson	Sue Larson	Sam & Renee Rasmy		Mike Dana & Sandra Vana		
Feb. 17 9:00am	Mary L. Waltmann	Lexi James	Matt Ohland	Mark & Sue Hermodson	Wayne & Ruth Ewbank	Dave & Sue Aufderheide		Vicki Mills	Open
Feb. 17 11:15am	Cindy Modlin Adams	Isabel Cardella	Monica Cardella	Cindy Modlin Adams	Aaron Johnson		Mike Dana & Renee Rasmy		
Feb. 24 9:00am	Robert Hershberger	Ben Henderson	Dee Hershberger	Kathy Heise & Sue Axtell	Kara James & Lexi James	Mike & Sherron Myers		Diane Gray	Open
Feb. 24 11:15am	Scott Vana	Cindy Modlin Adams	Cindy Modlin Adams	Scott Vana	Bea Lamb		Mike Dana & Cindy Modlin Adams		

News items for the March *Evangel* are due to Sandra Vana (sandra@osluth.org) by 2/20/2019. Please type "Evangel" in the subject line.

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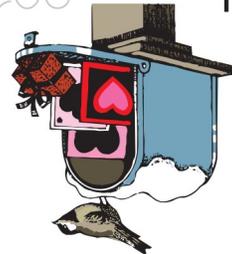
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