



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

*May 5 & 12
9:00 A.M. & 11:15 A.M.*

*May 19 & 26
9:00 A.M.*

*Attended nursery available
on Sunday mornings*

Fellowship

10:00 A.M.

Sunday School

*May 5 only
10:15 A.M.*

Judy Follis, Interim Pastor

Michael Vinson, Campus Pastor

Vacation Bible School—June 24-28 in conjunction with Badger Grove Church 9:00-11:30 A.M.

ROAR! is the mane event! This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At Roar!, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life.



When life is unfair...God is good!

When life is scary...God is good!

When life changes...God is good!

When life is sad...God is good!

When life is good...God is good!

Badger Grove Community Church is located at

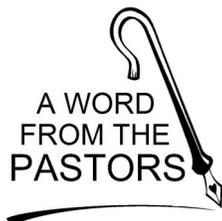
11544 S 500 W, Brookston, IN

Carpooling will be available. All are welcome!

Ages: 4 -12 years old (5th grade)

Older students may be helpers or team leaders.

Look for more info to come about items to donate and other ways you can help with this year's VBS.



Greetings in the name of our Risen Christ, I'm so sorry I was not able to be with you for the commemorations of Palm Sunday and Holy Week and the celebrations of Easter. But I am grateful to Pastor Scott Vana and Pastor Mike Vinson for stepping in on my behalf and making those services meaningful and memorable for you. Thank you, Pastor Scott and Pastor Mike.

Turns out Thursday, March 28 became a very important day for me. I went to the doctor with pain radiating down the underside of my left arm upon taking a deep breath, which led my internist to order a couple of chest X-rays. The lung cancer showed up on those x-rays and was confirmed with the CT scan and biopsy. Thanks be to God the PET Scan revealed it is isolated to the lung. Today, Friday, April 26 I'm waiting to hear from the medical oncologist and radiologist to schedule the appointments needed to shrink the tumor.

The thing is I am a 17 year Kidney cancer *survivor*, thanks be to God. Over the years my prayer has been that if there is anything in the way of cancer developing that symptoms present themselves that cause me to get into the doctor early. The cardiovascular surgeon feels good about this lung cancer responding to the chemo and radiation treatments and eventual surgical removal after good healing from the treatments. So I, Mike and our sons feel very optimistic about my prognosis.

Thanks be to God the tomb is empty because Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Prayerfully,
Pastor Judy

Jeremiah 29:11 “*For I know the plans I have for you,*” declares the Lord, *‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’*”

We are truly feeling this time of transition in many ways. The call committee thinks we have a candidate of choice, yet that person is called to another congregation. Pastor Judy is called to be our interim, yet she has become ill and may not be able to serve in that role anymore. But this is not unlike life. We have plans set and they just don't go as planned, but God has a word for us.

God has a word for us individually and for us as a congregation. God wants to see us prosper because we are God's beloved people. God wants us to have hope for the future. And nowhere does it say this path will be easy or exactly as we have planned it.

The road to our salvation comes through the hanging of Jesus from a tree. And yet in this hanging and through the blood of our Lord, is his resurrection full of our true hope for the future.

So, I know we have had some bumps in this transition road we are all traveling. But keep heart, pray, and trust that our God has a plan for us to prosper and a strong hope for the future of our congregational life together.

Blessings,
+ Pastor Mike

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 the pastor's office. **Social Justice Ministry** meets in the Fellowship Hall on Servant Sunday, on an as-needed basis. All are welcome!

Baptismal Birthdays



May

Mark Adams	1
Tim Behnke	5
Sue Hermodson	7
Mary L. Waltmann	8
Beth Dana	11

If you'd like to send Pastor Judy a card, here's her address:

Judith Follis
7755 E 400 S-92
Fort Wayne, Indiana
46818

Council Highlights from April 10

- The new sanctuary banners have arrived. The quilters will do some finishing work before we hang the banners.
- Council approved a paid vacation day after Easter Sunday for staff.
- Rolf Lowenberg-DeBoer will come to OSLC Sept. 21-22 to offer Spiritual Listening Training. This will be open to folks outside of OSLC as well.
- Pastor Judy suggested the use of a Call Prayer as we are going through the call process. Carl Huetteman and others will be working on this.

News and Notes

Stewardship Column, May 2019

Plants Seeking a New Home

Ruth Ewbank is looking for homes for many of the houseplants around the church. If you're interested in some, you're welcome to them!



Stewardship at OSLC

This is being written just after we have experienced and lived Holy Week. There is no better time to reflect on the enormous gift we received 2000 years ago when Jesus carried our sins with him to the cross and grave and overcame death and hell by his resurrection – a gift to us in the form of forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life – the greatest among the numberless gifts of goodness and mercy. So what is our response? Prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. Giving of ourselves in the form of our time, talents, and treasure to his church, its mission, and the needy around the world.

Reflecting on the past week reminds me of the Palm Sunday story of Jesus and the colt on which he was to ride into Jerusalem. Jesus told his disciples whom he sent to retrieve the colt “*Tell them the Lord needs it*”. Just so, our Lord needs us to continue building his kingdom. And on Maundy Thursday, he said to his disciples “*I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*” His disciples? That’s us. You and me. By giving of ourselves in the form of our time, talents, and treasure, we demonstrate our love for others – those in our congregation, those less fortunate than us in our community, those in the greater church, and those elsewhere in need because of conflicts or because they lack sufficient clean water, food, clothing, shelter, or health care. We should give thanks that we can participate in helping them and are able live out His commandment.

—Jim BeMiller

Bread for the World's 2019 Offering of Letters

Better Nutrition, Better Tomorrow

It's not too late to write a letter as part of Bread for the World's Offering of Letters. Look for more information on the table in the narthex or talk to Scott Vana for more details.

Echoes of Easter

The Resurrection wasn't a “one-off”; it was a spark that lit a flame that continues burning even today, especially where people minister in the Risen One's name. One such outreach, Camp Noah, serves children traumatized by disaster. Nationwide, volunteers offer week-long experiences of kindness, love, listening and safety to kids who've recently survived a tornado, flood, hurricane, wildfire or shooting. Kids often open up for the first time to share their “storm stories” and begin a journey of healing.

Leaders at Camp Noah attest to God's power to bring joy out of sorrow, trust out of fear and life out of death. A boy who initially was aloof dances with another camper at the closing worship; kids who arrived with uncertain expressions leave with smiles and regained confidence. Mental health counselors are part of camp teams, and referrals are made to continue care afterward.

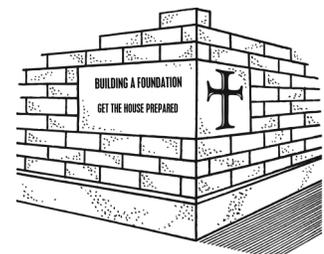
Resurrection often happens in steps, not overnight. But wherever “ordinary” daily ministry takes place in Christ's name, extraordinary echoes of the first Easter are evident.

—Heidi Mann

First Quarter Financial Report

For the first three months of 2019, the church received \$85,543.86 in contributions and spent \$76,695.39 on expenses for a difference of \$8,848.47. Offerings for the first quarter were 110% of our projected income. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

— Finance Ministry Team



MAY UPDATES

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Easter Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt. A special thank you to Carl, Sara, and Tim Behnke for the wonderful brunch and to those of you who pitched in to set up and clean up. We appreciate everyone who made donations of food, egg stuffers and time! Several of the High School and Middle School Youth/Leaders helped stuff and hide the eggs. Around 30 children participated in the annual Egg Hunt and around 140 guests attended the brunch.

Teacher Appreciation and Purdue Graduate Recognition: May 5

We want to recognize and honor our Sunday School Teachers as well as any Purdue Graduates during Coffee Hour on Sunday, May 5. Please join us to celebrate the end of the school year and our wonderful volunteers.

High School Graduate Recognition: May 19

On Sunday, May 19 we will recognize our High School Graduates, Cam Avery (West Lafayette High School) and Shadow Vinson (McCutcheon High School). Please join us for a cake reception during Coffee Hour to honor and celebrate our two seniors.

Give Hope Fight Poverty Shoe & Clothing Drive

Thank you for all your donations for the Clothing Drive! We had over 15 trash bags of clothing and shoes to donate. GHFP uses funds raised from the clothing drive to provide academic scholarships to students in Swaziland.

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

EMAIL: angie@osluth.org Church: 765-743-2931 Cell/Home: 402-213-9157

August 16-17 Indianapolis, Indiana Bankers Life Fieldhouse

Speakers and Music:

Jennie Allen, MercyMe, Margaret Feinberg,
Karen Kingsbury, Angela Thomas Pharr, Charles Billingsley

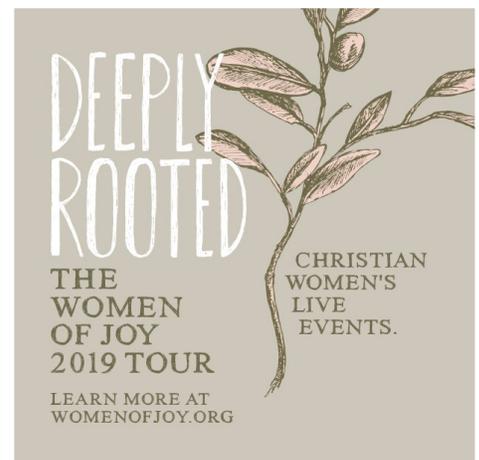
Mark your calendars for an upcoming Women's Event. Please RSVP to Angie Henderson at angie@osluth.org or text to 402-213-9157. A sign-up is now available on the buffet in the narthex. Cost is \$99 for 10 or more by May 15. We plan to car pool for the 2-day event in Indianapolis. If you are interested in staying downtown with a group, let Angie know as housing is filling up fast.



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Upcoming Events

- ⇒ **Sunday, May 5**
Last Sunday School for youth;
Teacher Appreciation;
Purdue Graduate Recognition'
Servant Sunday
- ⇒ **Sunday, May 19**
High School Graduate
Recognition
- ⇒ June 24-29: VBS
9-11:30 A.M. at Badger Grove



Worship Assistant Schedule for May

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Acolyte	Lector	Comm. Assistants	Ushers	Greeters	Deacon & A. Deacon	Altar Prep	Coffee Hr Hosts
May 5 9:00am	Robert Hershberger	Anna Henderson	Bob Nielsen	Mark & Sue Hermodson	Vicki & John Mills	Allen & Ruth Anne Hammer		Nancy Calahan	Christian Education Ministry Team
May 5 11:15am	Scott Vana	Abigail Black	Sandra Vana	Scott Vana	June Erb-Wott & Sue Larson		Mike Myers & Sandra Vana		
May 12 9:00am	Mary L. Waltmann	Ben Henderson	Steve Belter	Matt & Emily Ohland	Vera Weiser & Suzanne Nielsen	Nancy & Chuck Calahan		Beth Dana	Open
May 12 11:15am	Scott Vana	Scott Vana	Sandra Vana	Scott Vana	Holly Black & Aaron Johnson		Mike Myers & Scott Vana		
May 19 9:00am	Kathy Heise	Lexi James	Dee Henderson	Dick Rahdert & Kathy Grogan	Matt Ohland & Jesse Grogan	Dave & Sue Aufderheide	Mike Myers & Charlotte Erdmann	Renee Rasmy	Open
May 26 9:00am	Robert Hershberger	Anders Ohland	Mary L. Waltmann	Mark & Sue Hermodson	Mike Dana & Dick Rahdert	Wes & Krista Gearhart	Mike Myers & Cindy Modlin Adams	TBA	The Cardellas

Please note!
We change to one
Sunday morning
worship service
Beginning May 19!

“Any mother could perform the jobs of several air-traffic controllers with ease.”

—Lisa Alther

Joys of Motherhood

- * A hug for no reason.
- * Belly laughs.
The light-bulb moment when your child understands something you’ve been trying to teach them.
- * Smiles and giggles.
- * Mud pies.
- * Arms raised in the air after a big accomplishment.
- * Hearing Scripture and prayer from your child’s lips.
- * Quiet moments on the couch.
- * Reading aloud together.
- * A family meal filled with conversation and laughter.
- * Watching your child be kind to another.
- * Recognizing a moment you’d like to freeze in time.
- * A child’s look of surprise and joy.
- * A quiet conversation that heals a wounded heart.

Fun Times for the Young and the Not-So-Young!



Egg
Hunting

&

Canvas
Painting



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Where God is doing new things

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“The greatest image for the resurrection and the baptized life is not a verbal image, but is the very days themselves: Our fifty days of Eastertime, our pentecost, is a week of weeks and a final great eighth day, a jubilee, a single day that is fifty days long, a foretaste of the everlasting Day of God.” [Gordon Lathrop, Easter © 1988 Liturgy Training Publications]

How’s your Easter going?

Note that I did not ask, “*How was your Easter?*”

Gordon Lathrop’s reminder that Easter is “a single day that is fifty days long” can free us from putting too much weight or unrealistic expectation on one day. After all, the annual one-day flurry of butterflies, beautiful eggs, Easter lilies, and shouts of “*He is risen!*” does not necessarily make resurrection a reality immediately and fully in our own lives. We need time for the light of this good news, this best of all news, to penetrate the darkness of our days and seep into the depths of our oft-troubled and unbelieving hearts.

Gerhard Frost relates the story that a friend told him about passing the peace at worship on an Easter Sunday morning:

He told me how he’d no sooner entered his pew than he recognized a childhood friend and playmate just in front of him. In the moment for exchanging the greeting of peace, he eagerly touched her arm, then, as she turned, exclaimed, “He is risen!” To his surprise there were tears on her cheeks as she said, “He is risen indeed!” then added in a whisper, “and it had better be true!” She then informed him of her husband’s recent death. [It Had Better be True: Reflections on Death and Resurrection © Logos Productions, Incorporated, 1980.]

Truth be told, “it had better be true” is often the unarticulated whisper of my own heart. It might also be your whispered hope – or the whisper of someone close to you. It takes time for the life-changing truth of Jesus’ resurrection and our own incorporation into and experience of that resurrection to sink in. We need to do more than take an occasional dip into this live-giving stream. We need to plunge into its depths and soak in its light again and again and again. At what was thought at the time to be the Last Supper, Jesus said, “*Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.*” And good old Simon Peter said to him, “*Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!*” Fifty days of Easter give opportunity for something more like full-body, full-spirit washing in resurrection light and life. This is the baptized life, after all, the daily dying and rising with Jesus that brings us, here and there, foretastes of the feast to come, glimpses of the everlasting day when all life will be resurrected life with the Light and Lamb at its center.

Visit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

Fill me, radiance divine, scatter all my unbelief;

More and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

(Charles Wesley, ELW 553)

Peace be with you,

Bishop Bill Gafkjen

News items for the June *Evangel* are due to Sandra Vana (sandra@osluth.org) by 5/22/2019. Please type "Evangel" in the subject line.

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