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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 Online

10:00 A.M. on Sundays
7:00 P.M. on

Ash Wednesday, February 17

Join the Zoom Meeting or watch
live on OSLC's facebook page.

Email Sandra (sandra@osluth.org)
and she'll send you a bulletin
and a Zoom invite.



Randy Schroeder, Pastor



Ash
WEDNESDAY

There will be a drive through imposition of ashes in the OSLC parking lot during the day on Wednesday, February 17 (time TBD). On Ash Wednesday evening at 7:00 P.M. we will have a zoom service with Lectio Divina

On the following Wednesdays during Lent there will be an offering of Lenten Lunchtime Lectio Divina at 12:00 P.M. This will be the case for the remaining Wednesdays in Lent. The last Lectio Luncheon will be March 24th.

During Lunchtime Lectio time, the first 25 minutes will be the Lectio Divina practice with the scripture and it will be shared on Facebook live. The next 20 minutes everyone on the Zoom will have lunch together (if they choose) to share what they experienced during the prayer time and maybe dive a little deeper into the experience. This sharing time will not be on Facebook live.

Fasting from criticalness

Most fasting involves temporarily giving up something you enjoy. When you long for a cookie or a favorite show, you instead turn your attention to God, reorienting yourself to his best.

Catherine Marshall, in *A Closer Walk*, presents a different approach she calls fasting from "criticalness." God dealt with her judgmental spirit by prompting her to spend 24 hours without criticizing "anyone about anything." At first, Marshall felt rather empty when she didn't engage in a heated political debate. But friends and family didn't seem to miss her comments. Plus, God replaced the energy she'd spent attempting to correct others with energy and creativity to positively influence them.

A critical spirit can make us lose perspective, joy and even relationships. It also can prevent the good work God wants to achieve through us. Consider what could happen as a result of your own "criticalness fast." Pray for God to do the correcting while you focus on building up others.

—Janna Firestone

Journeys can be full of excitement and refreshing. Journeys can also be exhausting and challenging. Often, journeys are full of those emotions and a bag of chips. In February we will begin a journey from Epiphany into Lent; a time of discovering Christ in Jesus, to a time of self-reflection of Christ in our personal lives as Savior.



During Lent I am reminded of a debate between two of my professors from seminary. One boldly claims we are on the journey with Jesus. As Jesus turns his head toward Jerusalem and eventually the cross, we accompany him. Another professor claims Jesus is the only one on this journey. We cannot know what Jesus is possibly going through and therefore, as much as we like to say we “accompany,” Jesus on the journey, Jesus journeys alone.

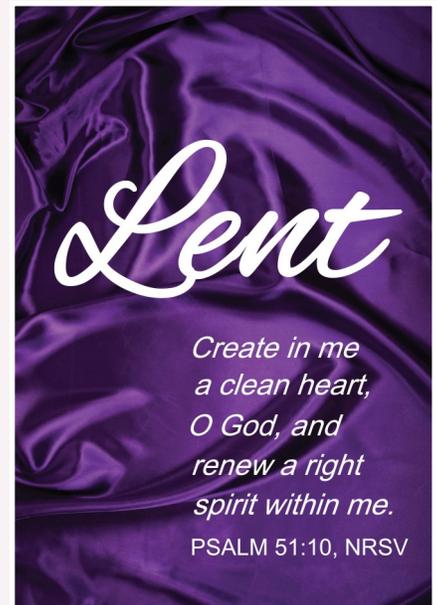
Our Lenten journey is quite different from the one Jesus is on. Ours is a journey within us, a time of reflection. We begin a deep inner-soul journey to the places of our hearts, minds, and souls which will show our need for Christ. On this journey we are called to our shadow sides. The places and times we do not always wish to go. The places in our character we would rather hide from others.

Lent is a time we are shown our shadows; our egos, our pride, our selfishness, our self-indulgent appetites, our negligence of neighbor, our disregard of creation, our covetous love of worldly goods and comforts... the shadows we bury because if others see these shadows, they may not accept us. It is a difficult journey that we take... It is an important journey that we take... It is a journey we can take because God’s steadfast love is with us.

The presence of God’s steadfast love and forgiveness casts the light on our shadows... As we fearfully realize our dependence on God’s grace, God’s presence, ushers us through. We realize our weakness as we are reminded on Ash Wednesday, “You come from dust and to dust you shall return.” We turn our attention to the saving grace God provides through our baptism and the cross. It is God’s love which allows us to look past the shadow of winter to the new life of spring. Our faith is strengthened by listening to the presence of God on the journey.

This February, as we journey together from Epiphany into Lent, join us as we move from the discovery of God through Jesus to embodying the steadfast love of God through Jesus. To help us on our journey, we offer the following:

- * Our Lenten Devotional “Steadfast Love” is based on reflections of Henri Nouwen, who was a Dutch Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian. These devotionals are available and will be delivered to you.
- * Dale Buettner and Missy Schroeder will lead us in the practice of Lectio Divina beginning on Ash Wednesday February 17th, at 7:00 P.M. and then on every Wednesday at noon for “Lenten Lunchtime Lectio Divina.”



May God bless and keep you safe now and always.

Pastor Randy

A Daily Prayer



Whatever happens today, dear Lord, help us remember that you are present. If we find ourselves in the shadows of disappointment or rejection or pain, let us see your comforting light. If we're in the radiant light of success or acceptance or wholeness, may we acknowledge your providence and grace. Wherever we are, grant us the assurance of your nearness. Amen.

News & Notes

Council Highlights January 13, 2021



- There's a baptism scheduled for Feb. 14.
- Faith Formation is looking at a VBS with a virtual focus and working on a way to connect older and younger members.
- Pastor Randy will work on a Green Space Resolution to be presented at the Annual Meeting..
- We're starting to work on a Technology/ Production Position for OSLC.

Purdue Luther Ministry Pastor Call Update

The PLM Board has decided to take this time to look at other campus ministry models. We will be working with Pastors Fugate and Apel from the IK Synod in this process. Anyone that is interested is invited to participate in this process.

No specific date(s) have been set but will occur late February or early March. Please email me at abg331@comcast.net if you are interested and you will be invited to the zoom meeting(s).

Buz Grady
PLM Board President



Assisting in February

Feb 7	Kathy Heise
Feb 14	Dale Buettner
Feb 21	Beth Dana
Feb 28	Missy Schroeder

Stewardship Column February 2021

You are invited to be part of the Stewardship Team, and have fun! Please Email or call Pastor Randy know if you would be interested in helping Pastor Randy continue the excellent work the finance team has done. Below is a description for the volunteer position.

Stewardship Team Member 2021

Position Purpose:

Consistent with the Mission, Vision and Values of the congregation this volunteer position focuses on working as a member of the Stewardship Team to develop and carry out the Stewardship Team vision.

Team Vision:

Consistent with the Mission, Vision and Values of the congregation, the Stewardship Team will assist the formation of disciples by regularly teaching biblical stewardship principles and conducting an annual financial commitment process with a fun playful spirit.

Position Objectives:

Work with the Stewardship Team to set and carry out the team's vision. And have fun ☺ !

Responsibilities:

Meet with the Stewardship Team as needed to develop a creative plan to promote all aspects of stewardship as part of a growing disciple and to coordinate with other ministries to incorporate a stewardship focus. And have fun with it!

Time Commitment:

2-4 hours per month.

Accountability:

This position is responsible to the Stewardship Team Leader of the congregation. (Pastor Randy ☺)

Required Skills:

- * A commitment to the Mission, Vision and Values of Our Savior Lutheran Church.
- * Ability to envision a scope for Stewardship and to implement the plan.
- * Ability to work with a team.
- * Interpersonal communication.
- * Spiritual gifts of encouragement, giving, leadership, teaching and witnessing will be helpful.
- * Personal integrity as a disciple of Christ. And a playful appetite for having Fun! ☺

If you'd like to be "hired" for the position, let Pastor Randy know!

FEBRUARY UPDATES

- **Pints with a Pastor Meets February 1 & 15.** High Schoolers welcome and encouraged to attend.
- **February 7th: Zoom with High Schoolers-** Dale zoom chatting with high schoolers at 6 P.M.
- **Wednesday Zoom with Kiddos:** Every Wednesday at 4:30, elementary age kids Zoom with Dale.

Adult Forum February 2021:

7th- No Forum (Ministry Team Meetings)

14th- "Campus Ministry at Purdue"- Rev. Dr. Hilary Cooke (Episcopal Chaplain) and Rev. Rodney Lynch (Purdue Baptist Student Foundation)

21st- "A Christian's Stance Toward Politics"- Rev. Tom McShannock

28th- "The State of Churches in the Synod in the COVID Era"- Rev. Dan Fugate

Other Resources

- **Facebook-**"Like" OSLC's page for Sunday Worship streamed live, updates and upcoming events: <https://www.facebook.com/osluth/>
- **RightNow Media** (bible studies, devotions, video resources for individuals & families)-**FREE** OSLC membership: <https://www.righnowmedia.org/account/invite/OurSaviour>



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Mark your calendars:

- ⇒ **Sunday, February 7**
11:30 A.M. Faith Formation Team Meeting via Zoom
- ⇒ **Pints with a Pastor Meets February 1 and 15**
- ⇒ **Ash Wednesday (Feb. 17)**
Drive through Imposition of ashes (Time: TBD) and Zoom Lectio Divina at 7:00 P.M.
- ⇒ **Every Wednesday in Lent:**
Lunchtime Lectio with Missy and Dale! Join us for a time of creatively and reflectively praying the Scriptures.
- ⇒ **Wednesday Zoom with Kiddos** meets every Wednesday at 4:30 P.M.
- ⇒ **Adult Forum Meets after Zoom worship on February 14, 21, 28.** (See Topics listed to the left.)
- ⇒ **Tuesday, February 16, 7 P.M. Virtual Game Night** with the Webbs
- ⇒ **Sunday, February 21: Book Discussion at 5:00 P.M. via Zoom**
- ⇒ **Thursday, February 26, 7:30 P.M.: Social Justice Discussion via Zoom** (Covering Chapters 4-6 of *White Fragility*)

February Book Discussion: February 21, 5 P.M.

The Lost Jewels by Kirsty Manning

From the author of *The Song of the Jade Lily* comes a thrilling story of a family secret that leads to a legendary treasure.

Why would someone bury a bucket of precious jewels and gemstones and never return? Based on a fascinating true story, *The Lost Jewels* is a riveting historical fiction novel that will captivate readers from the beginning to the unforgettable, surprising end.

All are welcome! Email Sandra (sandra@osluth.org) for an invite.



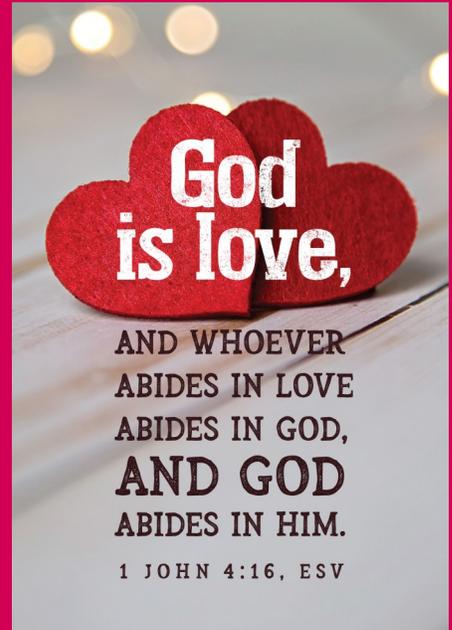
Christ distributes courage through community; he dissipates doubts through fellowship. He never deposits all knowledge in one person but distributes pieces of the jigsaw puzzle to many. When you interlock your understanding with mine, and we share our discoveries, when we mix, mingle, confess and pray, Christ speaks.



Retailers eager to capture some of the \$20 billion that Americans spend every year for Valentine's Day gifts are moving beyond candy and flowers. For an outside-the-box edible present for that special someone, now you can purchase a bouquet of bacon roses, pickles or even Olive Garden breadsticks. If money is tight, you can visit Waffle House on February 14, the one night it takes reservations.



Last year, a most unusual Valentine's Day promotion had no takers. A reptile park in Mosca, Colorado, offered a two-for-one deal on gator-wrestling classes, but no one "snapped" up the opportunity. Maybe another heart-shaped box of chocolates isn't such a bad idea after all!



By comparing love to everything from oxygen and fire to wind and war, songs and poetry emphasize its immense power — for good or for ill. Christian author Patrick Morley uses metaphors that focus on love's practicality in everyday life: "Love is the glue that holds us together and the oil that keeps us from rubbing each other the wrong way." He also calls love "the WD-40 of relationships" because it "can seep into tight places where logic, threats and even promises just can't seem to penetrate."



St. Augustine, who predated WD-40 by centuries, knew that love not only eases friction in personal interactions but, with God's help, can change hearts and lives. "Love all [people], even your enemies," he advises. "Love them, not because they are your brothers, but that they may become your brothers. Thus you will ever burn with fraternal love, both for him who is already your brother and for your enemy, that he may by loving become your brother."

Always choose love

God wants us to choose to love him freely, even when that choice involves pain, because we are committed to him, not to our own good feelings and rewards. He wants us to cleave to him, as Job did, even when we have every reason to deny him hotly. That, I believe, is the central message of Job.

Satan had taunted God with the accusation that humans are not truly free. Was Job being faithful simply because God had allowed him a prosperous life? Job's fiery trials proved the answer beyond doubt. Job clung to God's justice when he was the best example in history of God's apparent injustice. He did not seek the Giver because of his gifts; when all gifts were removed, he still sought the Giver.

--Philip Yancey,
Where Is God When It Hurts?

Celebrating love

For 80 years, a couple in Ecuador was an exceptional example of marital love. Julio Cesar Mora Tapia, 110, and Waldramina Maclovia Quinteros Reyes, 104, were wed on February 7, 1941. Until Julio's death last October, they were reportedly the world's oldest married couple. Their large family includes nine great-great-grandchildren!

Good News Network recounts: "Julio Cesar fell in love with Waldramina's beauty, her conversation, and her big heart." Meanwhile, she found in him "a poet with a young spirit." The couple says the formula for a lasting marriage is "love + maturity + mutual respect," as well as patience, compassion and hard work.

That calls to mind Paul's words, often read at weddings: "Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth" (1 Corinthians 13:4-6, ESV).

Family Promise

We are hosting for Family Promise the first week of February. OSLC and UU congregations are providing meals on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Right now, there are 3 families in the shelter, including 4 adults, 7 children (ages 1,5,5,9,9,11,12) and a newborn.



The Family Promise staff has begun a new program for families to earn points by participating in life skills classes and case management and for meeting their goals. As rewards, families can use their earned points to “buy” housewarming baskets for their new homes. The congregations involved with Family Promise have been asked to donate new items for these baskets as we are able. If you would like to help with this project, please see the list below. You can purchase a whole basket or just individual items to go into baskets. Please put the baskets/items in the OSLC Fellowship Hall on the bench marked Family Promise. Julie Huetteman will gather all items and deliver to the FP house weekly.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Family Promise.

<http://www.fpglinc.org/>

Follow and "like" Family Promise of Greater Lafayette on Facebook!

Housewarming Basket Ideas

Kitchen Basket

Dish Soap
Dish sponge
Dish Towels
Dish drainer
Paper towels
Kitchen spray cleaner
Oven mitts/hot pads
Silverware
Cookware set
Dinnerware set
Cups/Glasses

Bathroom Basket

Toilet Paper
Hand soap
Toilet bowl Cleaner
Toilet bowl brush
Plunger
Bathroom Rugs
Shower Curtain with Hooks
Plunger
Bath towels
Wash cloths

Twin Bedroom Basket (think kids bedroom)

Sheets - Twin set
Comforter
Mattress Protector
Curtains
Curtain Rod
Possibly some sort of peel and stick decorations

Full/Queen Bedroom Set (Think adult bedroom)

Full/Queen sheet set
Full/Queen Comforter
Full/Queen mattress protector
Curtains
Curtain Rods
A “smell good gift” such as a candle or wax melt warmer with wax

Cleaning Basket

Disinfectant spray
Windex
Lysol or Pine-sol cleaner
Broom and dustpan
Mop and mop bucket
Toilet Paper
Toilet bowl cleaner
Toilet Brush
Plunger
Bathroom cleaner
Hand soap
Dish soap
Cleaning sponges
Cleaning cloths
Paper Towels
Laundry Soap
Dryer Sheets

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2021 Hosting Dates
February 1—7
June 7—13
August 23—29
October 4—10

Lafayette Urban Ministry

Job Announcement - Immigration Clinic Director

- **Job Status:** Full Time, Salaried, 37.5 hours per week
- **Immediate Supervisor:** Executive Director
- **Starting Salary:** \$38,000-45,000, depending on credentials & experience
- **Benefits:** \$10,000-15,000 (calculated based on salary)



LUM has an opening for Program Director overseeing immigration assistance services & programs including the **LUM Immigration Clinic**.

Resumes will be reviewed beginning **February 7, 2021**. Position is available as soon as March 15, 2021.

If interested—please email, mail or drop-off a resume with cover letter to Wes Tillett, LUM Executive Director (careers@lumserve.org | 420 N 4th Street, Lafayette, IN 47901).

Duties - Summary

Administrative Duties - Oversee all aspects of the LUM Immigration Clinic

Immigration Services

Screen clients regarding their eligibility for immigration benefits, which includes submitting FOIA requests to USCIS, CBP, and ICE, as well as federal and state background checks

Assess whether a client is admissible to the U.S.

Counsel clients regarding eligibility for immigration benefits

Assist clients with completing their applications for immigration benefits as well as assembling supporting documents

Advocate for due process on behalf of clients and their cases

Ensure that clients are knowledgeable regarding the status of their case as well as expected timelines for processing

Help clients identify available immigration benefits and appropriate resources, which may include making referrals when a case is outside the scope, expertise, and/or capacity of the LUM Immigration Clinic

Community Outreach and Education

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Fundraising - Oversee planning and execution of development activities

Minimum Requirements

Bachelor's degree from an accredited university (Master's degree preferred)

Experience with immigration law (Accredited Representative preferred)

Excellent verbal and written communication skills

Positive attitude; Strong moral commitment to assisting low income immigrant families and "welcoming the stranger"

Ability to work cooperatively with diverse people and groups

Marketing, Computer Graphic, Social Media skills

Strong organizational skills

Food Finders Food Bank

Courtney's Story

"I thought (pantries) were for people who were less fortunate, but anybody could be less fortunate in a day or in a second," Courtney said.

As the Covid-19 pandemic swept across the country in the spring, Courtney lost her job as a supervisor at a group home. Her son Carter, 4, loves to eat fruit, but she couldn't afford to buy it for him without an income.

Four months passed before she found a new job in mental health skill-building. The pay wasn't as good, but one of her clients told her about the food pantry. It helps fill in the gaps. "I'm glad they're giving greens," she said, as she loaded up her car with a meal she'd prepare for her family. "When I came I thought, well, I can use this, especially during a pandemic."

When you give meals, you remind families experiencing hard times that they have compassionate community members in their corner.

Grocery Delivery for Homebound Seniors

Food Finders is offering free home grocery delivery to qualifying seniors. Food Finders is accepting applications for the homebound grocery delivery program. This program will provide 25 pounds of groceries; including protein, dairy and fresh produce, to a homebound senior, twice a month. To qualify, applicants should live in Tippecanoe County, be at least 60 years of age or older, unable to leave their homes due to medical, mobility or transportation issues and meet the income guidelines. Those interested should contact a resource coordinator at info@food-finders.org or call 765-471-0062.

Join the Town Hall!

On February 4 at 11:30 A.M., FFFB will host a General Town Hall. We will talk about unemployment and the growing need for food resources in our community.

This town hall will be interactive and will include an open discussion with attendees. Please join us!



Pampered Chef Serve Up a Little Kindness For each Silicone and Wood Utensil set sold, 10 meals will be donated to Feeding America.



Kroger Community Rewards Help secure donations for Food Finders each time you use your Kroger/Pay Less card!

Thankful for Gabby and Thankful for Family



This was taken the first time the girls were at our house.



Here is one of our favorite pictures of Gabby.

Dear Friends at OSLC,

Many of you told us that you couldn't express your sorrow at Gabby's passing. So too, it is difficult for us to express our gratitude for your support throughout this time of loss. It has been immense.

THANKS
FROM THE
HEART

You have cried with us, prayed for us, showered us with cards and notes, and extended that love to our son-in-law Zak and the rest of our family. In short, you have poured out the love of God. We appreciate that so much.

We want to say a special thank you to Pastor Randy and Pastor Will for their participation in the funeral. It was such a comfort to have both of them there.

Thanks for providing meals for Zak. He is mourning the love of his life. He needs all the support we can give him.

In this life we will continue to miss our sweet daughter, but we look forward to the day we are all reunited in heaven.

Thanks again for all your love and kindness.

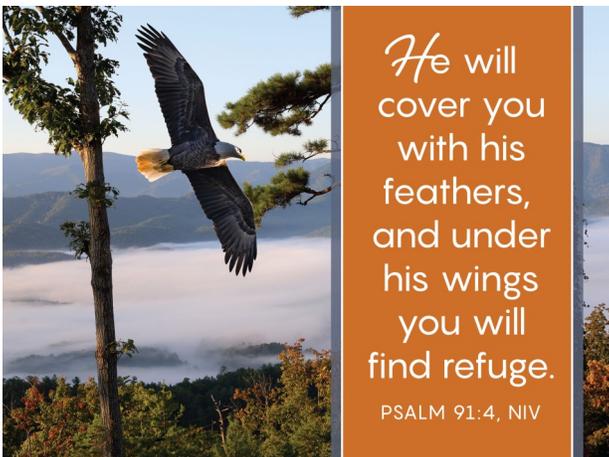
Scott and Sandra

Why we lament

In 2020, the coronavirus pandemic struck America during the middle of Lent, a season associated with deprivation. Some people made light of the shutdowns, joking, "I didn't mean to give up *this* much for Lent!" Others asked why the suffering was occurring in the first place.

Professor N.T. Wright, in an essay for *Time*, explains that asking "why?" but receiving no answer is key to biblical lamenting. Adding to the mystery, he says, is that God also laments — grieving at the wickedness of humans, despairing over Israel's unfaithfulness. Jesus cries at a friend's tomb; the Holy Spirit groans in anguish.

"Part of the Christian vocation," Wright concludes, is not being able to explain why but lamenting instead. "As the Spirit laments within us," he says, "so we become, even in our self-isolation, small shrines where the presence and healing love of God can dwell. And out of that there can emerge new possibilities ... new hope."



He will
cover you
with his
feathers,
and under
his wings
you will
find refuge.

PSALM 91:4, NIV



F E B R U A R Y

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Pints with a Pastor	2 	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10am Worship via Zoom Servant Sunday			4:30pm Wed Zoom w/ Kiddos 6:30pm Council Mtg			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10am Worship (Szerdy Baptism) via Zoom & Adult Forum 	Pints with a Pastor 	Game Night via Zoom 7pm	4:30pm Wed Zoom w/ Kiddos 7pm Ash Wednesday Ser- vice			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10am Worship via Zoom & Adult Forum 5pm Book Dis- cussion via Zoom			12 noon Lectio Divina via Zoom and Facebook Live 4:30pm Wed Zoom w/ Kiddos	Social Justice Discussion Chapters 4-6 of <i>White Fragility</i> 7:30pm via Zoom		
28						
10am Worship via Zoom & Adult Forum						

*“Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.”
—Dale Carnegie*

News items for the March *Evangel* are due to Sandra Vana (sandra@osluth.org) by 2/25/2021. Please type "Evangel" in the subject line.

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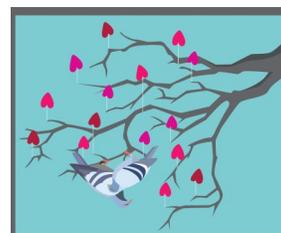
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