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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 & In-person

10:00 A.M. August 1, 8, 15, 22

On August 29 we change
to our academic year schedule:
Worship at 9:00 & 11:30 A.M.

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

New Beginnings

*I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.*

Isaiah 43:19

With the beginning of a new academic year, we see many changes in our community. Our population swells. Traffic multiplies. There are many students on foot, on bikes, on scooters, on phones... We slip back into the rhythm of academic life.

Reopening More and More

At OSLC there are changes too. We are continuing to worship online, but we are also welcoming folks to worship in-person. We no longer require you to register on our website. We do encourage you to wear a mask, whether you are vaccinated or not.

Changing to Two Worship Services

On August 29 we will change to a new Sunday morning schedule: worship at 9:00 and 11:30 A.M. The second week of September we will add Sunday School between the worship services.

The OSLC/PLM Relationship

This special relationship will look different this year during a time of pastoral vacancy at PLM. Read Pastor Randy's article on page 2 for more information.

Intern Candice Hinkle

We've had interns before, but this time will be different. Intern Candice will serve at both OSLC and PLM. Look for ways to make her welcome!

Speaking of PLM...

Pastor Randy and Reeve Lambert have been working together to plan PLM activities for the upcoming semester.



On each Sunday evening in September there will be a liturgy text discussion over dinner followed by games/socializing.

If you would like to donate one of the meals (either cook one and bring it to PLM or donate money for purchasing a meal), please reach out to Pastor Randy (randy@osluth.org) or Reeve (lamber53@purdue.edu). They do not yet have an estimate as to the number of students to expect, but will have a good idea for subsequent dates after September 5; so for that first session monetary donations are welcome.

August 2021

This August will not be the same as past Augusts.



Grace, mercy, and peace to you from our Creator and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

I keep reminding myself, I have not been with OSLC during a “regular” year. One more thing we can blame on the pandemic ☺. I have not experienced a “regular” church year as it operates with the collegiate schedule of Purdue. This is what makes 2021-22 so exciting! This year will not be “regular” either!

This August we begin an experiment of shared leadership between OSLC and PLM. Since the beginning of July, I have been appointed as the Interim Campus Pastor of PLM. This responsibility is in addition to my call as pastor of OSLC. To assist with the leadership responsibilities of both OSLC and PLM we will welcome our Intern Candice Hinkle in September. Intern Candice is a seminarian from Wartburg Seminary who lives in Logansport IN.

We will hear more about Intern Candice soon. I understand OSLC has welcomed interns in the past. Hosting an intern is a great opportunity to be part of a seminarian’s call and educational process. OSLC (You) are invited to help shape the real-world experience by welcoming Candice into many practices of our church as well as PLM. Candice will become integrated into our worship by participating in Sunday services, baptisms, weddings, funerals, confirmation classes and visitations. She will be expected to attend all meetings of the Council and PLM Board; join a ministry team or two; where she can help and grow. Candice will also attend Synod Assembly and conference-associated gathering/meetings.

Now I wish to share with you some of the expectations the seminary has for you, the community, as the internship site. The purpose of the internship is to provide pastoral candidates an experiential learning opportunity to engage in the ministry, integrate their academic knowledge into practice and reflect on the insights and perspectives they are learning.

You are encouraged to engage with Intern Candice as much as you wish.

We have room for more on the OSLC members on the Lay Internship Team. Please contact Sandy Monroe or me if you are interested. This team meets with Candice monthly to help and support her in her learning and discovery of becoming a pastor.

I urge you to be at church on August 29 as we welcome/meet her and her family between the services. We are planning a meet and greet for Intern Candice as well as welcoming back Purdue Students, outside of OSLC, around 10ish after the 9:00 A.M. service and before the 11:30 A.M. service. More information will be coming soon.

As life events happen, and as you feel comfortable, invite Intern Candice into those life events. As she shares ideas and tries experiments (bible studies, prayer services, spiritual practices), get involved to learn from her and guide her as she forms her pastoral identity.

Thank you for your willingness to grow with one another and try new things. As we welcome Candice, we will impact her ministry now and in the future. So, let’s join in the Holy Spirit, help, encourage, and grow together.

Peace,

Pastor Randy



*Open my eyes, Creator of the universe, that I may see your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; open my ears, that I may hear what the heavens are telling me about your glory, which transcends all material bounds and yet deigns to reside with human beings.
May I ever marvel at your tender care for us, and give you thanks and praise forever.
Amen.*

—Prayer suggested by Psalms 8 & 19

News & Notes

Council Highlights July 14, 2021



- Property: We'll be sprucing things up for the beginning of the semester. Matt installed a post near the ambo so folks have something to hang onto as they climb the steps to the altar.
- Sandy Monroe is seeking folks to serve on the Intern Committee.
- AA is now meeting at OSLC on Thursday nights at 8:00 P.M.

Assisting in August

Deacon of the month: Allen Grady

A. Min. Lector Ushers

8/1 S. Vana S. Vana Carl H. & S. Vana

8/8 Dale B. Marcia D. Missy S & S Vana

8/15 Mark H. Reeve L. Carl & Julie H.

8/22 Missy S. Missy S. Kathy & Ted H.

8/29(9) Julie H. Carl H. Dale B. & S. Vana

8/29 Scott V. Scott V.

(11:30)

Second Quarter Financial Report

For the first six months of 2021, the church received \$168,101.59 in contributions and spent \$166,101.75 on expenses for a difference of \$1,999.84. Offerings for the first quarter were 98.8% of our projected income. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Our income figure above does not include the PPP loan of \$24,175.49. The loan was forgiven by PFCU with the approval of the SBA.

— Finance Ministry Team

STEWARDSHIP COLUMN

You are APPRECIATED!!!

You are amazing! Truly amazing!

Because of your generous gifts of time, talents and treasures, OSLC and PLM continue the ministry we are called and have added some others.

We continue to worship via live stream and in person. Your faithfulness has allowed us to add our new A/V Specialist, Michael Williams, to our staff. In this transition he can use your support as he is drinking from the fire hose, which Ole and Sven created over 18 months.

We continue to support local social justice ministries like LUM, which during the first half of 2021, has served 1400 households through one of their 16 programs.

We continue to work with Family Promise, and now offer classes on stress management and communication training for FP parents who need assistance.

Food Finders, we continue to support financially.

Our Green Space Team is continuing to dream, and plans are in progress to partner with the City of WL and City-Bus to create something new on our church property.

Pack-Away-Hunger is looking for new ways to impact the local area. Because of COVID they temporarily cannot ship food to other countries. But they are investigating local interest in packing meals for those in need in our community

Our newest venture is the shared leadership between OSLC and PLM. Beginning in September we will welcome Intern Candice Hinkle to our ministry. Intern Candice will help me (Pastor Randy) as we experiment with shared leadership of OSLC and PLM. During the next 12 months we will learn much as we try new things, fail, succeed, and start all over again.

Next month the stewardship team will begin our stewardship process and ask the ministry teams to submit budget requests. Please think big and dream bigger as we share the Kingdom of God with others.

Thank you for all you do, your continued support of loving and serving God and neighbor. You are appreciated and loved. You are a child of God, deserving of love and respect and God will use you to change the world!

Peace,

Pastor Randy

AUGUST UPDATES



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Mark your calendars:

- ◆ **Wednesday Zoom with Kiddos: Meets every Wednesday at 4:30 P.M.**
- ◆ **Monday, August 2, Pints with a Pastor, 7:00 P.M. at Nine Irish Brother (W. Laf.)**
- ◆ **Sunday, August 8, following worship, Faith Formation Team meets.**
- ◆ **Tuesday, August 17, 7:30 P.M.: Social Justice Discussion continues via Zoom (Book: Do Better, Ch 7-13)**

The next Pints with a Pastor meets August 2 at 7 P.M. at Nine Irish Brothers (in West Lafayette). Please let Pastor Randy know if you plan to be there, so he can reserve adequate space. There will be a second meeting later in August (date TBA).

Wednesday Zoom with Kiddos: Every Wednesday at 4:30, elementary age kids Zoom with Dale. Family Promise kids will be joining on the first Wednesday of each month.

Sunday School for all ages will resume on Sunday, September 12, at 10:15 A.M. Our kiddos through age 12 will be meeting in-person using a wonderful Lutheran curriculum entitled “Whirl.” Our Adult Forum, which includes teens, will continue to meet virtually over Zoom, BUT if you would like to be at the church we will have a “live-feed” of the Zoom set up on the big screen downstairs in the fellowship hall. We have an excellent line-up of speakers this semester. All safety precautions regarding COVID will be adhered to so as to make sure everyone who is present in the building for Sunday School is safe.



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.rightnowmedia.org/account/invite/OurSaviour>



A team of Sunday school teachers faced boisterous youngsters on Rally Day, the start of a new education year. Because kids were reuniting after a break, they were eager to chat about vacations. To restore order, a teacher asked the children to take turns sharing a favorite Bible verse, story or miracle. One, who still had summer on the brain, exclaimed, “I like the time when everybody loafes and fishes!”



Allen Hammer shared the photo to the right. These were the first blooms from his Easter OSLC zinnia seed package. What a joy!



“Teaching a child not to step on a caterpillar is as valuable to the child as it is to the caterpillar.”

—Bradley Miller



PUZZLE

No kidding

Whatever our age, God calls us to model holy living for others.

Directions: Match the animal young with its parent. Then write the letter answers in order below to complete 1 Timothy 4:12, NIV.

1. ___ bear	9. ___ monkey	A. fry	I. hatchling
2. ___ frog	10. ___ platypus	B. fawn	K. foal
3. ___ owl	11. ___ alligator	C. gosling	L. owlet
4. ___ horse	12. ___ giraffe	D. cub	M. puggle
5. ___ kangaroo	13. ___ goose	E. kid	N. joey
6. ___ deer	14. ___ swan	F. cygnet	O. polliwog
7. ___ goat	15. ___ dog	G. infant	P. puppy
8. ___ fish		H. calf	

“_on’t let any_ne _oo_ down o_ you _ecaus_”
 you _re youn_, but set an exa_ple for the bel_evers
 in spec_, in _onduct, in love, in _aith and in _urity.”

1 TIMOTHY 4:12, NIV

Answers: D, O, L, K, N, B, E, A, G, M, J, H, C, F, P

FAITHFUL followers

Play these fun variations on Follow the Leader — and remember to follow Jesus wherever you go!

What you need:

- Bean bags
- Tables, chairs, pillows
- Painter’s tape

What you do:

Players line up behind the Leader, who moves around in various ways. Followers must copy the Leader’s movements faithfully. Try these variations:

1. Players must balance a bean bag on their head as they follow the Leader.
2. Set up an obstacle course, and follow the Leader as crawling under tables and chairs, hopping over pillows and so on.
3. With tape, make zigzags and curves on the floor. Then follow the Leader as if walking on a tightrope.
4. The Leader designates types of terrain to imagine, such as mud, snow, ice and a mountain.
5. Also try animal movements, mirrored movements and dancing movements.

“Children have this amazing way of becoming exactly who we tell them they are,” writes Amy Weatherly. “If we tell them they are strong, they become strong. If we tell them they are kind, they become kind.”

Perhaps Jesus knows this when he tells his disciples, “You are the salt of the earth [and] the light of the world” (Matthew 5:13-14). Clearly they haven’t already mastered sharing Jesus’ goodness with everyone! They are works in progress, as are we. But Jesus, teacher that he is, seems to set the bar high so his followers will strive to meet his expectations.

“You are Peter,” Jesus tells Simon, “and on this rock I will build my church” (Matthew 16:18). We can hear Weatherly: “If we tell them they’re faithful, they become faithful.” And when Jesus declares, “You are of more value than many sparrows” (Matthew 10:31), we believe in our worth and live it out. We become what Jesus tells us we are.

—Heidi Mann

Family Promise

OSLC and UU are hosting Family Promise the week of August 23. OSLC will be providing meals on Monday 8/23 and Friday 8/27. If you would like to help provide food or contribute to the meal, please contact Julie Huetteman. Thank you.

Jean Peterson continues to lead monthly sessions focusing on communication and stress for the FP parents. Dale Buettner is the ZOOM host for these sessions. Thanks to both of you!

Dale also continues to make ZOOM with Kiddos available to FP once a month, but of late, the families did not have elementary age children and the FP schedules got a bit busy, so it hasn't happened recently.



Julie Huetteman

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LWR School Kits

We need your help to build School Kits

Here's what goes in each bag:

- **70-sheet notebooks** of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose leaf paper
- **30-centimeter ruler**, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- **pencil sharpener**
- **pair of blunt scissors** (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- **unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers**; secure together with a rubber band
- **black or blue ballpoint pens** (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- **box of 16 or 24 crayons**
- **2 ½" eraser**



You may also make a monetary donation to cover the cost of shipping and the cost of the bags. (Just designate your offering for "School Kits.")

Look for the box in the narthex for dropping off supplies.



Lutheran World Relief
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

LUM's Hunger Hike is just around the corner!

Hunger Hike 2021 is back in Riehle Plaza!

Last year's virtual Hunger Hike was an incredible success, raising more than \$120,000 for Lafayette Urban Ministry, Food Finders Food Bank, and the Haiti Mission at St. Thomas Aquinas. But even as the US economy begins to recover from the effects of the pandemic, millions of people are still out of work, facing eviction, and struggling to put food on the table.

Last year, Food Finders distributed 36% more meals and 66% more fresh fruits and vegetables than in 2019. LUM served 45% more households through its Protein Food Pantry, and distributed 120% more money through its Good Samaritan program. And even though they couldn't travel to Haiti, St. Tom's delivered more than 20,000 pounds of pounds of food, fielded two medical teams staffed by Haitian doctors, and provided 300 pounds of new seed stock to the Baudin Agricultural Committee.

The need is as great as ever, but YOU can be part of the solution. **Help fight hunger!**

Let's beat last year's record and raise \$125,000 for the hunger relief efforts of Lafayette Urban Ministry, Food Finders Food Bank, Inc. and the Haiti Ministry at St. Thomas Aquinas Center

- **September 12 to September 19** is Challenge Week. Set a personal challenge and share it with your supporters: walk 100 steps, bike 100 miles, fast for 2 days, go without meat for a week, or take the SNAP Challenge and try to feed your family on the average SNAP benefit of \$30 a person for the week. The possibilities are endless.
- **Sunday, September 19 at 1:00pm** join us in Riehle Plaza for our annual celebration and 3k walk. Enjoy:
 - o Live music from former LUM shelter director, Briton Wiese
 - o Clowns, face painting, balloon animals, massage, ZUMBA, a hotdog picnic
 - o And new this year: pose for photos with our three costumed princesses: the Glass Slipper Princess, Enchanted Rose Princess, and Apple Princess.

The tenor of this year's celebration is **fewer speeches, more fun!**

It's easy to sign up

- Go to hungerhike.org OR
- Text **HHIKE** to **71777**

Remember, raising money for Hunger Hike isn't just a great way to help the community – *it can also be a lot of fun!*

IMPORTANT - After you Sign Up, you'll get an email from Mobile Cause. **Keep that email!** At the bottom of it is a link that will let you edit your fundraising page. You'll need that every time you want to go make an edit to either your personal page or your team page.

Josh Prokopy

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The OSLC team for the Hunger Hike has a fundraising page. Here's the link: <https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/HHIKE/team/OurSaviourLutheranChurch>

Dear church,

Jesus taught us that when we welcome the stranger as a person made in God's image, we also welcome God. Our lives, ministries and congregations have been blessed by many immigrants and refugees over the years — from many of our ancestors to those we welcome among us today. Our faithful witness as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is enriched by people who are recipients of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).

Earlier this month, a U.S. district judge ruled to end the DACA program on July 19. Finding it unlawful, the judge's order suspends the acceptance of any new applications while keeping intact the protections for current DACA recipients. The long-awaited decision strikes a blow against the 2012 program, which has provided relief from deportation and the opportunity to pursue an education and start careers for thousands of young people whose remarkable contributions benefit our children, our families, our communities and our church. While these important protections may continue for current recipients, this is little solace to those who may not be able to receive DACA status in the future. We lament the anxiety and turmoil this ruling is causing in our communities. We pray for all who may suffer due to the end of this program. We grieve this potential loss to our church and to the communities in which we serve.

As a church we will continue to welcome all people, regardless of their documented status, seeking to ensure hospitality and safety for all. Bishops and synods are encouraged to find ways to support congregations working with newcomers and existing vulnerable individuals and communities. We also continue our advocacy through the ELCA's AMMPARO strategy (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities) and by urging our elected officials to enact legislation such as H.R. 6: the American Dream and Promise Act (or "Dream Act"), which provides a pathway to citizenship for DACA recipients and other undocumented immigrants with deep ties to this country. We will also pray for the wisdom and courage to welcome the stranger, and in so doing to receive our Lord.

Lord Jesus, as you were taken as a child to Egypt by your parents seeking refuge, you know what it means to be the stranger. By your love, you draw people to yourself and welcome them into the household of faith. May we show your joy by welcoming the stranger as we bear your creative and redeeming love to all the world. Amen.

In Christ,



The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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God's work. Our hands.

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

Dear LIRS Supporter,

They risked everything to serve our nation. **Now, they need our help.**

For two decades, the U.S. Government has employed Afghan allies to serve alongside U.S. troops, diplomats, and other government employees as interpreters, translators, cultural advisors, drivers, and more. Because of their service to the U.S. mission, our allies and their families are now targets of anti-American violence.

Our friends are fleeing for their lives. They need your support.

More than 18,000 Afghans who served alongside U.S. armed forces face a severe backlog in the processing of their Special Immigrant Visas (SIVs), which would allow them to relocate to safety in the United States. While they await processing and flights, our Afghan allies and their families are in grave danger and at risk of retaliatory attacks from the Taliban.

In the past several weeks, LIRS has seen an unprecedented number of SIV “walk-in” clients—those who have received their visas and have traveled to the United States on their own instead of pre-arranged flights. When our Afghan allies and their families arrive, they often have little more than the clothes on their backs. Many have no money, nowhere to stay, and nothing to eat. With your support, we can help.

Unfortunately, however, there is typically a 5-7 day gap between these families’ arrivals and the services they are eligible to receive through the United States resettlement program. And because of the urgency around this need, an LIRS board member

is offering a \$10,000 matching gift, meaning all gifts given up to \$10,000 will be matched dollar for dollar.

Your gift to *Neighbors in Need: Afghan Allies* will provide food, housing assistance, clothing, and other basic needs for our Afghan friends as they await the official services available to them. These brave allies risked everything to serve the U.S. mission, now they need your help.

Please make a gift today to ensure our friends receive the welcome they deserve. Go to lirs.org to make a donation.

With thanks,

Krish O'Mara Vignarajah, LIRS President & CEO



**Lutheran Immigration
and Refugee Service**

About LIRS...

LIRS HAS WELCOMED MORE THAN 500,000 REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

For over 80 years, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service has been a champion for refugees and migrants from around the globe.

Our legacy of compassionate service has made a difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of people who have found safety and hope in America's communities.

Our history reflects American Lutherans' deep immigrant roots and passionate commitment to welcoming newcomers, especially those who are most in need.

Through the Long Welcome, we help ensure that refugees and migrants are protected, embraced and empowered in a world of just and welcoming communities.



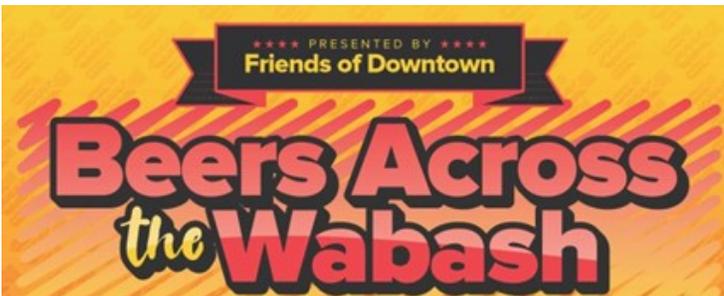
Catch FFFB at the Mosey

FFFB staff will be at the Mosey Down Main Street this summer on the following dates:

Saturday, August 14

Saturday, September 4

Stop by and say hello!



Save the Date

August 28

Beers Across the Wabash

Friends of Downtown have shared that Beers Across the Wabash is planned for Saturday, August 28! A portion of this event's proceeds will benefit FFFB!

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, August 28th from 10 am - 6pm.

Get involved and help support people in our community.

Mission Guatemala

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH — JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL SCHOLARSHIP EVENT!

Learn about Mission Guatemala's scholarship program and hear the stories of some of the amazing scholarship students in this interactive virtual event!

During this one hour virtual experience, you will hear the stories of students in the scholarship program as they share how the "Becas Con Misión" (Scholarships with a Mission) Program has made an impact in their lives and in the lives of their families. Mission Guatemala staff will be available to answer any questions you may have about the scholarship program.

Join us for this interactive virtual event, and learn how you can join us in our mission to "do all the good we can" by supporting this vital program!

August 18 at Noon ET OR August 19 at 7pm ET

In Guatemala, the education that the government requires and readily provides ends at 6th grade. The "Becas Con Misión" (Scholarships with a Mission) program helps provide an opportunity for students who have the determination and grades—but not the financial resources—to continue their education past the 6th grade.

After the pandemic began, schools discontinued in-person classes and began working to find alternative ways to teach students. Throughout this time, our "Becas Con Misión" program continued to support the middle and high school students in the program.

Mission Statement: Mission Guatemala Inc., is a faith-based 501(c)3 non-profit organization with a mission to help meet the basic needs and improve the quality of life of under-served and impoverished Guatemalan peoples through health, education and nutrition initiatives and missionary service.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Friends with binoculars

At a beautiful outdoor wedding reception in the Colorado foothills, a group of us noticed a family of black bears on the next hill. We were so excited because we'd never seen them in the wild! When some friends grabbed binoculars from their car, however, we realized the creatures were merely grazing cows.

Now I tell this story whenever I'm asked what exciting wildlife I've encountered in the mountains. It gets a good laugh but also reminds me that I desperately need friends with binoculars. Instead of surrounding myself with people who automatically agree with me and don't challenge my perceptions, I need friends in my life who search with me for answers, accuracy and truth. Let's all be on the "lookout" for friends with binoculars!

—Janna Firestone

All of me

Late in his life, Salvation Army founder William Booth was asked to explain how and why God had used him so mightily. His response: "God has had all there was of me. There have been men with greater brains than I, men with greater opportunities, but from the day I got the poor of London on my heart and the vision of what Jesus Christ could do with the poor of London, I made up my mind that God would have all of William Booth there was."

A prayer about slowing down

God beyond time ... teach us to pause in this moment, to tuck ourselves into the curve of your slow arm, that we may know the miracle of now, the gift of this moment: you beside and beyond us, welcoming us outside of all we measure, and standing with us in it. May we see the goodness of our still hours and days, sunrises, sunsets, and the darkness where our rest is found.

—Micha Boyett in *A Rhythm of Prayer* (edited by Sarah Bessey)

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