

# The Evangel

Vol. 39, Edition 3

March 2022

**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. (Online and in-person)



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

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

11:30 A.M. (in-person only)

**Randy Schroeder, Pastor**  
**Candice Hinkle, Intern**

## **The Last Pandemic Lent?**

Ash Wednesday is coming up in just a few days, marking the beginning of the third straight Lenten season we've spent at least partially in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2020, our Lenten observances were interrupted suddenly by the news that a new virus had appeared and was spreading rapidly. Those were frightening days. Remember disinfecting your groceries? Or rushing to move church online—small groups, worship services, council meetings—with no advance warning? It gave Lent a sort of turbo-charged quality, what I called then “the ‘Lentiest’ Lent” of my lifetime. The shock of the crisis gave special poignancy to the words of Ash Wednesday: “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you will return.”

By the next year, the pandemic had become almost routine—a long, exhausting slog. We were tired of meeting each other through tiny screens. Some were making hesitant returns to the pews; others feared that things would never go “back to normal.” It almost felt as if the entire year had been an extended Lent, with only guesses as to what the future might hold.

And now we're entering Lent yet again. This time, perhaps, there is hope on the horizon. After the Omicron wave that encompassed the globe the past few months, cases are finally beginning to recede. Experts are saying we might at last be moving from a situation in which COVID-19 is an acute pandemic to an endemic virus that circulates seasonally, similar to other colds and flus. We're not out of the woods yet, but it is possible—even likely—that the world is about to change yet again.

Isn't this the way of things? Isn't this what the experience of Lent, and the promise of Easter's coming, is all about?

Whether we are experiencing the life-altering thunderbolt of sudden trauma, the long, difficult “dark night of the soul,” or at last turning the corner toward something hopeful and new, we can know that we are accompanied by Jesus through it all. For he has gone before us, and he is redeeming whatever is happening now through his suffering, death, and resurrection.

May you be comforted by the presence of Christ throughout your Lenten journey—whatever comes next.

Peace,

Robin J. Steinke, President  
Luther Seminary



Posted on February 18, 2022 in Luther Seminary's monthly news.

## A Sense of Place

“We typically talk about Lent being a journey. We write “God bless your Lenten journey!” in our newsletters, and we sing “Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make.” And it’s true: there is movement in Lent. Jesus moves from the mountain on Transfiguration to the desert temptation, then into Jerusalem and onto the cross and (spoiler?) up from the grave. We hope that our Lenten journey will mirror Jesus’ and help us conform our lives to Christ’s life, death, resurrection.



But what if Lent isn’t only about journey? What if Lent is also about stationary place? The scripture readings for Lent this year (Revised Common Lectionary Year C) present a unique, sustained focus on location and place. Hebrew Bible texts speak of the Promised Land. The psalmist names God as shelter. Jesus asks us to pray in our rooms. Paul writes about standing firm. Events occur in real, historical places.”

“‘You Are Here’, Introduction by Rev. Katie Pocalyko” © 2021 by Barn Geese Worship. Used by permission of Barn Geese Worship.”

The excerpt above was taken from the resource, “**You are here.**” I discovered this resource and theme as a colleague of mine shared it with me. She and four other ELCA pastors use their gifts and talents to create powerful liturgies and themes for the church seasons.

I have always thought of Lent as a journey. Perhaps I subconsciously thought about the locations of each step, but never made the sites we see through scripture the focus. This year with help from Barn Geese Worship, (yep, that is the name of their creative group, ☺ but no honking allowed during the service) we will focus on the locations scripture takes us each week. To help us witness the presence of God in those places, and in our own space, we will use some new non-musical liturgy written by my colleague as her associates.

Each week during lent we will use a call to worship which grounds us in West Lafayette. This call to worship will be consistent throughout Lent, as will the Thanksgiving for Baptism, the Offering Prayer, and the sending Blessing. The Prayer of the Day will change each week, much like our current Sundays and Seasons selections. What will differ from our normal liturgy will be a new Preface and Eucharistic prayer each week during communion. The changes are subtle, yet they direct our attention to the presence of God in our daily lives as well as in scripture. This new resource will also be used in our weekly Lenten Lunch Worship on Wednesday from 12:15-12:45 P.M. You can join us in person or online as we zoom each week. The zoom link will be the same one we use for Sunday worship. However, I hope that you feel comfortable coming to worship in the sanctuary as we continue to wear masks to keep each other safer.

Like most things we try, this is another experiment to bring more life to our service and help each other witness God’s presence all around us.

May God’s peace and mercy follow you in this season of Lent.

Peace,

Pastor Randy

**“Spring ahead” one hour on Saturday night,  
March 12, before you go to bed.  
DST begins at 2 A.M. on Sunday.**



## News & Notes

### Council Highlights February 9, 2022

- Finance: All is good.
- Operations: The team is working with the Council to plan for Sandra's successor.
- Faith Formation: The team is looking ahead to VBS—how to do it and what will work given the situation.
- Attendance remains steady.

### A Journey to the Homeland of Our Faith

A trip to the Holy Land is being planned for members and friends of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Our Savior Lutheran Church is invited. *Yes, Israel is open again to tourism!* At this time there are certain requirements for travel. However, the latest news from the travel agency is that *“starting March 1 they will be removing some of the requirements and by June 1 all travel restrictions should be lifted, with the exception of being vaccinated....and even then they may possibly allow those to enter Israel without proof of vaccination if they can show they're recovered and have a medical note.”* No one can know for certain the requirements for travel in the future.

This is truly the trip of a lifetime for one's faith and spiritual growth. We will travel to sights such Nazareth, Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee, Qumran, Masada, Jerusalem, and Bethlehem. There will be time each evening for devotions and planning for the next day.

Pastor Jim Lichtenberger, a retired ELCA pastor and member of Holy Trinity, is leading this trip. The cost will be \$4387, which includes air fare out of Indianapolis, hotel, tips (except for lunches), two meals a day, and present fuel costs. Recommended travel insurance is extra. If you are interested, please contact Jim at 476-1318. He has more information and will have more details concerning travel as time progresses.

If you want to see a video about this trip, go to this link. <https://youtu.be/TQgvSMYNFnA>

Some interesting items in OSLC library for use:

Mark Edwards presentation in 1983:

Luther's Last Battles- 3 tapes

History of the Eucharist -1 tape

1985 Lutherans & the Jews - 4 tapes

Mark is a Luther scholar and former member of OSLC.

Vic Nelson presentation in 1989:

Creation Stories & class - 6 tapes

Vic was a former member of OSLC.

Dwayne Daehler presentation in 1984:

Making Sense of the Bible -8 tapes

1994: Lutheran Basics -5 tapes

Dwayne was a former pastor of OSLC

These are all cassette tapes given by Marcia Daehler.

### Stewardship Article March 2022

#### The invitation still stands!

It is very important to properly communicate the message you wish to deliver. This is why it is better to work with one another to help with different aspects of ministry. Your stewardship is outstanding! And sometimes this pastor gets nervous about asking an 'already very generous' congregation to do more. Yet, I invite you to be part of the OSLC Stewardship Team.

You are very generous with your time, talents, and treasures. Your stewardship is strong. So, you might think, 'Why do we need a new Stewardship Team?' The message is clear to you; but what about others who visit in person and worship on Zoom? How can we properly communicate our message of Stewardship and educate them on the several ministries inside and outside of our building that we work with? How might we better educate ourselves and others to become better stewards of what God provides?

I am inviting those of you who have a sense of humor, those of you who like a challenge, those of you forward 'thinkers'-- to join me in envisioning a new kind of stewardship team. The Stewardship of this congregation is remarkable! This new Stewardship Team should properly communicate the work being done as well as invite others to join in. By meeting three or four times a year, I believe this team could accomplish what needs to be done. Please discern this role and consider contacting me, Pastor Randy with questions or clarification.

Thank you for all you do and your continued support of loving and serving God and neighbor. You are appreciated and loved.

Peace,  
Pastor Randy

Our  
Saviour  
Leading with  
Compassion

# MARCH UPDATES

**Pints with a Pastor** will take a break during Lent. Look for it to return after Easter.

**Sunday School for all ages meets at 10:15 A.M. most Sundays.** Our kiddos through age 12 meet in-person using a wonderful Lutheran curriculum entitled “Whirl.”

**Sunday, March 6, the Faith Formation Team meets after the second service.**

## Adult Forum Schedule for March:

**Sunday, March 6: Servant Sunday (no Adult Forum)**

**Sunday, March 13**

Missy Schroeder and Julie Stegelmann will be sharing with us about the good work that takes place at Pathways Retreat in Goshen, Indiana. Missy and Julie are both Spiritual Directors, and Pathways is “a spiritual retreat center for Rest, Reflection and Renewal” where much of their work is lived out. You’ll definitely want to hear the interesting things they have to share with us!

**Sunday, March 20 (TBA)**

**Sunday, March 27 Fellowship Forum**

COVID continues to make “in-person” fellowship a challenge. Thanks be to God for Zoom! However, even with Zoom we can sometimes fall into “meeting” or “business” mode, right? So, once a month, we’re going to try breaking up into groups (whether you attend in-person or on Zoom), and simply having some fun discussions! Nothing uncomfortable or tedious. Just creative questions and conversation starters designed to keep us engaged with one other. We hope you can attend. It’ll be fun!

## Looking Ahead to Sunday, April 10:

We have an exciting opportunity to pack meals for Lafayette Urban Ministry’s “Winter Warming Station.” From the LUM website: “The Winter Warming Station is located in the LUM Office building (420 N 4th Street, Lafayette) and is open from midnight to 7 A.M. from November 15 to April 15 (subject to change). The Annex is an emergency Day Shelter that is open to individuals experiencing homelessness each time the Health Department prohibits LUM from accepting new guests due to COVID -19. Each day that the Annex is open, a meal is provided to our guests — in addition to the Winter Warming Station guests.” That last part is where OSLC comes in!

Through your generous donations to the Souper Bowl of Giving, OSLC is purchasing supplies to PREPARE 40 BAGGED MEALS for the LUM Winter Warming Station. During the Sunday School hour on April 10, all ages are invited to pack and bag these meals in the OSLC Fellowship Hall. The meals will then be delivered to LUM the next day.



dale@osluth.org

## 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>



rightnow MEDIA

## Complete Serenity

Many of us have heard the first part of what’s called “The Serenity Prayer,” attributed to theologian Reinhold Niebuhr. But we would do well to learn the rest of it as well:

“God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference, living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; taking this world as it is and not as I would have it; trusting that you will make all things right if I surrender to your will; so that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen.”

This year, Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls on March 2. During worship services that day, pastors in many Christian churches dip a finger in ashes (often made by burning branches from the previous Palm Sunday) and make a cross on parishioners' foreheads.



Why ashes? Traditionally, they're a sign of mourning, humiliation and penitence. Ashes also represent the frailty and temporary nature of human life ("You are dust, and to dust you shall return," Genesis 3:19). Christians are pained because our sins led to Jesus' death. With repentant hearts, we begin the season of Lent, knowing that it leads to Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.

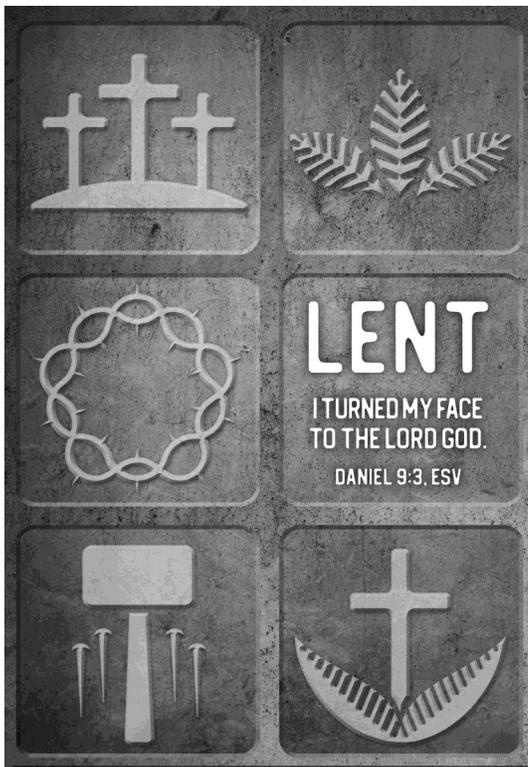
For Ash Wednesday — and throughout the 40 days of Lent — ponder this prayer:

*Gracious God, out of your love and mercy  
you breathed into dust the breath of life,  
creating us to serve you and our neighbors.  
Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness,  
and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence  
in the mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.*

\*\*\*\*\*

*"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."*  
—Mother Teresa

\*\*\*\*\*



### Mary's Yes Calls Us to Love

On March 25, we remember the Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel visits Mary to tell her she is to bear the Son of God, and she says yes. In *Wholehearted Faith*, Rachel Held Evans writes: "I am a Christian not because of anything I've done but because a teenage girl living in occupied Palestine at one of the most dangerous moments in history said yes — yes to God, yes to a wholehearted call she could not possibly understand ... yes to a vision for herself and her little boy of a mission that would bring down rulers and lift up the humble, that would turn away the rich and fill the hungry with good things, that would scatter the proud and gather the lowly, yes to a life that came with no guarantee of her safety or her son's. ... And through Mary's example, God invites us to take the risk of love."

### Love that Welcomes All

Actor Tom Hanks once said, "There's no substitute for a great love who says, 'No matter what's wrong with you, you're welcome at this table.'" Although I don't know that quote's context, those words could well describe Jesus and Holy Communion, as well as God's unconditional love. For when Jesus first invited his followers, "Take and eat; this is my body. Take and drink; this is my blood," he didn't exclude Judas, who would betray him, or Peter, who would deny him, or any of the others, who would abandon him as he was arrested and executed. Indeed, no matter what's wrong with us — what sins we've committed, what flaws we try to hide — Jesus welcomes us to the communion table. And he'll welcome us to the great heavenly banquet at the end of time. For the great love of God declares, "You're all welcome at my table."

—Heidi Hyland Mann

## Worship Assistant Schedule for March

Date	Cantor	Assisting Minister	Lector	Usher	Assistant to Mike Williams
March 2	Kathy Heise	Missy Schroeder	Missy Schroeder	Dick Rahdert	Dale Buettner
March 6	Russell Hillberry	Robert Hershberger	Dee Hershberger	Carol Grady	Missy Schroeder
March 13	Kathy Heise	Dick Rahdert	Peter Bunder	Ted Heise	Matt Ohland
March 20	Mark Hermodson	Mary L. Waltmann	Marcia Daehler	Carol Grady	Matt Ohland
March 27	Russell Hillberry	Matt Ohland	Peter Bunder	Dick Rahdert	Missy Schroeder

Join us for the LUM 50th Anniversary Celebration and help us honor the legacy of Lafayette Urban Ministry. The event is a lighthearted evening with uplifting stories, live entertainment, refreshments & good company — with a few surprises. Because you have been a part of the success and endurance of LUM, we would love to see you there. The celebration begins at 7 p.m., but be sure to show up at 6 p.m. for the social hour with refreshments. The details are as follows:



- ✦ **DATE:** Friday, April 8
- ✦ **TIMES:** 7 p.m. celebration begins; 6 p.m. social hour
- ✦ **LOCATION:** Mars Theatre at the **Long Center** for the Performing Arts, 111 N 6th Street, Lafayette
- ✦ **RESERVATION:** **\$50 per person**; \$500 for row of ten; limited seating
- ✦ Entertainment, Remarks, Refreshments & Beverages

**Free Parking** – Lafayette Parking Garage, 18 N 5th St, Lafayette

The event will kick off a yearlong celebration of the LUM legacy and the planning for the next half century of serving our neighbors in need. The program will be hosted by LUM executive director, Wes Tillett, and will include special video presentations, remarks from LUM executive director emeriti the Rev. Jud Dolphin and Joe Micon, and live entertainment. The entertainment will feature a duet by Onyx Uzomah & Derrick Williams-Bacon, an ensemble featuring Linda Hicks & Briton Weise, the LUM Children Chorus featuring LUM students, and the LUM Ecumenical Choir directed by Eileen Weiss and featuring singers from several local churches.

One hundred percent of the proceeds from this event go to the LUM Good Samaritan Fund. The LUM Good Samaritan Fund provides local individuals, families and children with a financial safety net when in crisis. In 2021, the Good Samaritan Fund helped 1,309 families; provided financial assistance in averting eviction, utility disconnects and other crises 2,018 times; and distributed \$196,198. Please support the Good Samaritan Fund by attending the LUM 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Make your reservation today — go to [LUMserve.org/50th-anniversary](https://lumserve.org/50th-anniversary) and take care of everything online — or call us at 765-423-2691 — or stop by the LUM Office, 420 N 4th Street, Lafayette, IN. Don't miss the event of the season – and join us in celebrating LUM and your partnership with LUM yesterday, today and in the future.



# March



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Lent begins	3	4	5
			10:15-11:30am Ashes to Go at OSLC 7pm Ash Wednesday Service (in person & on zoom)	8pm AA	World Day of Prayer	"Mature Men of OSLC" meet at Café Literato
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Time change!
9am Worship in-person & Zoom Sunday School & Servant Sunday 11:30am Worship in-person			12:15-12:45pm Lenten Lunch Worship (in person & on zoom) 6:30pm Council Mtg Via Zoom	8pm AA		Spring Ahead! Set your clocks ahead one hour. 
13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19
9am Worship in-person & Zoom Sunday School & Adult Forum 11:30am Worship in-person			12:15-12:45pm Lenten Lunch Worship (in person & on zoom)	8pm AA		
20 Spring begins!	21	22	23	24	25	26
9am Worship in-person & Zoom Sunday School & Adult Forum 11:30am Worship in-person			12:15-12:45pm Lenten Lunch Worship (in person & on zoom)	8pm AA		
27	28	29	30	31		
9am Worship in-person & Zoom Sunday School & Adult Forum (Sharing Forum) 11:30am Worship in-person			12:15-12:45pm Lenten Lunch Worship (in person & on zoom)	8pm AA		

## Worship and Technology Survey: Summary of Results

During November 2021, the Hybrid Worship Team (Pastor Randy Schroeder, Steve Belter, Bob Nielsen, Beth Dana, Dale Buettner, Candice Hinkle, Mark Hermodson, Sandra Vana, and Julie Huetteman) constructed a survey to gather input about the worship experience during COVID-19.

The survey was distributed via email to OSLC membership and was available as a printable PDF and an online survey via Google Forms. During ZOOM worship the survey was shared by posting the URL in the chat. The purpose was to ask respondents to share experiences, creative ideas, and suggestions for improvements to help the Hybrid Worship Team build on lessons learned and previous successes.

Forty-eight individuals completed the survey between November 4 and 22. Most (85.4%) were OSLC members. Two indicated they were not members, but would like to be, and one indicated they were a frequent visitor. Just 4.3% were Purdue Students and active in or involved with PLM.

### Worship Participation

All indicated how they have been participating in worship and could choose multiple responses: 87.8% connected via ZOOM, 44.9% attended in person, and 14.3% connected via Facebook live.

Via ZOOM, respondents indicated being able to see others during worship was slightly (30.4%), moderately (26.1%) or not at all (21.7%) important. Respondents participated in Holy Communion via ZOOM or Facebook Live “always” (35.4%), “most of the time” (14.6%), “about half of the time” (8.3%), “sometimes” (12.5%), and “never” (20.8%). For technology used, about half use cable internet (44.6%), laptop computer screens (43.7%), and default internal computer speakers (49.0%).

### Bulletin

Respondents indicated the bulletin is “extremely” (41.7%) or “very” (29.2%) beneficial. Nearly all (91.1%) indicated the best way for them to receive or view the bulletin is via email.

### Worship Approach and Needs

At this time the worship approach that works best for respondents is ZOOM (47.9%) and in person (37.5%). Three-quarters (77.1%) feel their worship needs are being met with OSLC’s online/hybrid/in-person activities.

#### Videos, Visuals, and Texts

Two-thirds (61.7%) “agreed / strongly agreed” that opening and ending videos add value to worship. Three-quarters (74.5%) “agreed / strongly agreed” visuals during sermons add to the experience. Three-quarters (76.6%) “agree / strongly agree” on-screen texts are helpful to worship.

### Best About Worship

Indicating what they liked best, *IN-PERSON* respondents expressed: worshipping in community, talking with / meeting others, seeing others, singing together, physical presence, and communion. *ZOOM* respondents expressed: convenience, being able to attend when ill, when traveling, from anywhere, worshipping in safety regarding COVID, it’s easy, feeling part of the community, visual connection, and accessible by all. *FACEBOOK LIVE* respondents liked “convenience” best. *RECORDED worship* respondents liked “being able to attend or catch up at any time”.

### Suggestions to Improve

Suggestions for *IN-PERSON worship* were related to: 1) Screens, visuals, and various technology aspects, 2) Increasing attendance, including the choir, 3) Communion and peace participation, 4) Opening and closing videos are awkward / not necessary, 5) Like it as it is, and 6) Get more volunteers in worship. Suggestions for *ZOOM worship* were related to: 1) Visuals, photos, cameras, and videos, 2) Containing technology issues, 3) It is working well, 4) Coffee hour breakout rooms, and 5) Stop using Clavinova and ZOOM.

### Hybrid Adult Forum

Suggestions to enhance the hybrid Adult Forum were: it is working well, address technology issues, show visuals of attendees, announce speakers for and timing of forum, consider breakout rooms for small groups, and topic/speaker to consider.

*Continued on page 9*

Continued from page 8

### Helping with Worship

Three or fewer offered to help with worship: advancing slides during worship, helping others learn to navigate ZOOM or Facebook Live, providing instructional links or information about ZOOM, Facebook Live, PowerPoint/Slides, other technologies, and as a greeter on Facebook Live and monitoring chats.

### Responding to Input

The Hybrid Worship Team has already begun implementing actions suggested for worship and adult forum and will continue to monitor activities for ongoing improvement in delivery and experience. Thanks to those who responded. If you didn't get a chance to take part, please share your input by emailing Sandra at [sandra@osluth.org](mailto:sandra@osluth.org).

\*\*\*\*\*

**THE REV. DR. WILLIAM O. GAFKJEN, BISHOP, IN-KY Synod, ELCA,  
INVITES YOU TO A SERVICE OF INSTALLATION**

**For Rev. Elizabeth Lee**

10:00 AM EST (9:00 AM CST)

Sunday, March 6, 2022

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

1005 N. 21st St.

Lafayette, IN 47904

Bishop William O. Gafkjen will preach and preside. Rev. Lee has been called as pastor to **Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Lafayette, Indiana**. The color of the day is purple. Masks are required. Individual communion sets will be available on a table as you enter the sanctuary.

Live-streamed versions of the service will be available through Holy Trinity's

**Facebook Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Trinity-Lutheran-Church-ELCA-111469648893933>

and **YouTube Channel:** [HTLC Holy Trinity Lutheran Church - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

\*\*\*\*\*

Dear Friends,

I'm sorry to report that the situation in Ukraine is growing bleaker by the day, but I have faith you will once again answer the call to love and serve your neighbors in need with a gift to our World of Good Emergency Fund today.

This is a grave and dangerous situation. Families are leaving behind everything they own and fleeing for their safety. They will need food, water, shelter, clothing, medical care and a host of other immediate aid.

Your gift to the World of Good Fund provides families facing crisis with emergency food, clean water, safe shelter, medical supplies and more. Your love will reach neighbors in Ukraine and around the world with the lifesaving care they need.

Please visit our website, <https://lwr.org/> to make a donation.

In gratitude,

Daniel V. Speckhard

President and CEO





February 24, 2022

Though we have been anxious about the recent growing tensions between Ukraine and Russia and between Russia and the NATO countries in recent weeks, we remain deeply concerned, as we have been since 2014, for the impact of this ongoing conflict on innocent civilians throughout Ukraine. All parties to the conflict must take every measure possible to protect civilians. All parties and the international community must renew efforts to de-escalate this threat to international peace and security.

All our religious traditions call us to pray and work for peace. We join our voices and hands together. We must open our eyes to those who are suffering, and we cannot remain indifferent to the injustice this conflict has brought on the people of Ukraine and may bring on people of neighboring countries.

We call on all those involved—whether governments, movements or individuals—to repent of aggression and violence, and turn instead to the way of peace through dialogue. We also call upon the faithful people of our congregations and communities to pray for wisdom, peace and justice to prevail in Ukraine.

Join us as we pray:

Oh Divine, most mighty, most merciful, our sacred stories tell us that you help and save your people. You are the fortress: may there be no more war. You are the harvest: may there be no more hunger. You are the light: may no one die alone or in despair. Oh Divine, most majestic, most motherly, grant us your life. Amen.

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

Rev. Eddy Alemán  
General Secretary, Reformed Church in America

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry  
Presiding Bishop and Primate, The Episcopal Church

Rev. Dr. John C. Dorhauer  
General Minister and President, United Church of Christ, National Ministries

Bishop Sally Dyck  
Ecumenical Officer, The United Methodist Church

Rev. Teresa Hord Owens  
General Minister and President, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the US and Canada

Bishop Teresa Jefferson-Snorton  
Fifth Episcopal District, The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

Rev. Dr. Betsy Miller  
President, Provincial Elders' Conference, Moravian Church Northern Province

Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II  
Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, Presbyterian Church (USA)

Mr. Basharat Saleem  
Executive Director, Islamic Society of North America

Dr. Tarunjit Singh Butalia  
Executive Director, Religions for Peace USA

Rev. Chris Thore  
President, Provincial Elders' Conference, Moravian Church Southern Province



Purdue Lutheran Ministry just recently took the PLUNGE for the Special Olympics fundraiser on Saturday Feb 26. We had six students participate and raised \$260, which OSLC generously matched us dollar for dollar, for a grand total of \$520 toward Special Olympics! We were excited to support such a great cause and we thank OSLC for the matching funds!

If you haven't ever stopped by the PLM house and/or you would like to see the recent updates made to the house, we welcome you to do so! Our office manager, Amy Brown, is there Mon-Thurs 9am-3pm.

PLM is also still in need of monetary donations toward food supplies for the students. With COVID still being an issue out of precaution some of our students are avoiding the dining halls and could use some extra food for their apartments and/or dorms. To donate visit the PLM facebook page or the PLM website.

PLM is also in the process of setting up a fundraising night at Culver's in West Lafayette. PLM will receive 10% of the proceeds made during the time of the event. We are hoping to have this fundraiser in March (time and date still to be determined) and would welcome your support. Please stay tuned for more details as they unfold.

Thank you to OSLC for your gracious and continued support of PLM! I am certainly enjoying partnering with both OSLC and PLM through this internship!

Intern Candice

P.S. I will be hosting a group of OSLC members (all siblings in Christ invited!) to the *Church Basement Ladies* at the Long Center. I will pre-buy tickets and they can pay me back. Email or text me if you are interested in going. Tickets are running at \$35 plus tax = \$45 I can reserve a whole row of 12 if we are interested! I need to know by next Sunday, March 6, if you are interested in going.



Abby and Intern Candice: Children's Sermon

News items for the March *Evangel* are due to Sandra Vana (sandra@osluth.org) by 3/25/2022. Please type "Evangel" in the subject line.

### **OSLC Staff**

(765) 743-2931

[www.osluth.org](http://www.osluth.org)

Randy Schroeder, Pastor

Sandra Vana, Secretary

Dale Buettner, Director of Faith Formation

Beth Dana, Julie Huetteman &

Sandra Vana, Musicians

Mike Williams, AV Specialist

### **PLM**

#### **Purdue Lutheran Ministry**

(765) 743-2398

[www.plm.org](http://www.plm.org)

**Candice Hinkle, Intern**

**Amy Brown, Office Manager**

330 West Fowler Ave

West Lafayette, IN 47906

### **Congregational Officers**

President: Matt Ohland

Vice President: Kathy Heise

Treasurer: Sue Hermodson

Financial Secretary: John Mills

### **Congregational Council**

Mike Dana

Krista Gearhart

Allen "Buz" Grady

Diane Gray

Sherri Guido

Allen Hammer

Kathy Heise

Matt Ohland

Erin Thompson

### **Ministry Team Contacts**

Altar: Vicki Mills

Arts: Seeking contact

Evangelism: Scott Vana

Faith Formation: Holly Black

& Carol Grady

Family Promise: Julie Huetteman

Fellowship Events: Sara Behnke

Finance: Steve Belter & Carl Behnke

Foundation: Vince Guido

LUM Liaison: Seeking new liaison

Mutual Ministry: Brian Wagner

Operations: Dick Rahdert

PLM Liaison: Sherri Guido

Property: Matt Ohland

Social Justice: Pastor Randy

Worship & Music: Mark Hermodson

*The Evangel*

**MARCH**  
2022

Our Saviour Lutheran Church  
300 West Fowler Avenue  
West Lafayette, IN 47906