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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 on Sundays

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) and she'll  
send you a bulletin and a Zoom invite.

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

May 1, 8, 15

**Randy Schroeder, Pastor**

**Candice Hinkle, Intern**

*In this season of graduations and new beginnings, there are a lot of inspiring words floating around. Fred Rogers and Martin Luther King, Jr remind us of some points to ponder whether we're graduating or not!*

### Mr. Rogers, to grads — and to us all

Our world hangs like a magnificent jewel in the vastness of space. Every one of us is a part of that jewel, a facet of that jewel, and in the perspective of infinity, our differences are infinitesimal. We are intimately related. May we never even pretend that we are not. ... Deep down, we know that what matters in this life is more than winning for ourselves. What really matters is helping others win too, even if it means slowing down and changing our course now and then. ...

[Roman philosopher] Boethius wrote this sentence: "Oh happy race of mortals if your hearts are ruled, as is the universe, by love." ... [There is a] deep part of you that allows you to stand for those things without which humankind cannot survive: love that conquers hate, peace that rises triumphant over war, and justice that proves more powerful than greed. So in all that you do, in all of your life, I wish you the strength and the grace to make those choices which will allow you — and your neighbor — to become the best of whoever you are.

—Fred McFeely Rogers, 2002

Martin Luther King Jr. spoke often about the power of love. In fact, he equated the practice of nonviolence with "absolute commitment to the way of love."

Love, declared the minister and activist, "is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend." And, he said, anyone who's "devoid of the power to love" is "devoid of the power to forgive."

King distinguished between true love and "empty sentimentalism," however. He taught — and showed — that love is "the active outpouring of one's whole being into the being of another."

Jesus' sacrifice on the cross is the ultimate "active outpouring" of love, and we can choose to follow his example daily.



**Beginning Sunday, May 22, there will be one worship service on Sundays at 9:00 A.M. at OSLC. The service will be online and in-person. All are welcome!**

## Resurrection Hope

**Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Grace, mercy and peace to you and your families from our Creator and risen Christ! Our Easter journey has begun! The tomb is empty, and Jesus is on the loose. We have many things for which to be hopeful; the first of which is new life in Christ.

With the empty tomb comes the promise of spring—new beginnings and new life. As the earth in the Greater Lafayette area begins to green and come out of its state of quiescence, we feel the same pull from our Creator. We have been dormant for the winter (seems like a two-year winter with Covid) and ready to emerge with the warming sun and the Loving Son.

There is much to be excited about as we live into the resurrection hope of the empty tomb. Graduation is right around the corner. Purdue and local high schools will soon send forth eager, skilled minds into the world to make their mark; and professors and teachers eager to make their mark on a beach somewhere. ☺ Sandra is eager to retire to enjoy more visits with her children and grandchildren. The council and I are excited for her and diligently looking for a new secretary.

Aaron Thompson is still in conversations with the city of West Lafayette about the ‘Green Space’ project that would provide us with new landscaping, a new entrance view and meeting space on the south side of our church. This project could extend to the whole church property, yet the greatest optical change would be the front of OSLC.

PLM is entering the Call Process to find a new full-time pastor. Last summer with the approval of council, we tried the experiment of shared leadership with the help of bringing in an intern. We have been blessed with Intern Candice and she has done a fine job with the PLM students. Yet, I have learned that the possibility of shared leadership between OSLC and PLM is too much to handle, especially coming out of Covid. This was not the outcome I expected or wished, but I’m proud we were open to the trial of shared leadership. And as experiments go, we learned from it, therefore it was successful.

Our Faith Formation Director, Dale is working with other area churches to provide an ecumenical VBS experience with HTLC, St. John’s and Good Shepherd Episcopal church. And we also were able to meet the new pastor of HTLC as Intern Candice and I helped lead Good Friday service at HTLC’s noon service and Pastor Elizabeth Lee helped with our 7:00 P.M. service.

I have been nominated for the Wabash Pastoral Leadership Program (WPLP) and I am now in the process of applying for that placement. More information can be found at <https://pastor.wabash.edu/about/> . This program provides information about topics in Indiana, such as education, healthcare, demography and systemic racism, hunger and poverty, and administering justice. These are some of what will be covered in the two-year program, if I am accepted.

Resurrection hope surrounds us and flows through us. The tomb is empty, and the love of God promises new life. The tomb is open! We need to remain open as well to all that God offers. We never know what else God will surprise us with as we journey from the dormant tomb into resurrection hope.

I give thanks for you each and every day! I am thankful for your partnership in ministry as we continue walking together. ☺

May God’s peace and mercy fill you in this season of Easter.

Peace,  
Pastor Randy



## News & Notes

### Council Highlights April 20, 2022

Pastor Randy will be serving on the I-K Synod Candidacy Committee (beginning in August) and has stepped away from the Trinity Lutheran Seminary Advisory Board.

PLM: Finishing up the Ministry Site Profile for a full-time pastor.

Evangelism: Working on a gift for visitors and updating the OSLC logo.

Faith Formation: Planning for the May 22 picnic at Columbian Park and VBS later this summer.

Operations: The new copier has arrived and is working wonderfully!



Thanks to all for the help for the Easter Brunch, from set-up to clean-up! It was great to see everyone again! From food prep to food donations! Thanks to all!

Carl & Sara Behnke

### First Quarter Financial Report

For the first three months of 2022, the church received \$98,210.33 in contributions and spent \$90,254.66 on expenses. Offerings for the first three months were 114% of our projected income.

Thank you for your contributions to support the mission of our church.

— OSLC Finance Ministry Team

### Stewardship Article May 2022

Dear Partners in Ministry,

There is an Expedia commercial that came out during the Super Bowl about all the ‘stuff’ one can buy. It asks, as you look back on your life, will you wish you would have purchased a smarter smart phone, a thinner TV, or sportier SUV? Or, would you regret the places you didn’t go...? It is an effective advertisement. It makes us consider what is important in life.

We all agree that memories shared with friends and families are vastly more important than ‘stuff.’ Expedia, or at least the advertising team, assumes that one needs to travel to create these memories. Don’t get me wrong. Traveling is great! I wish I could do more. ☺ But the essential question is, what do we value in life?

During our worship you often hear me thank you for your generosity during the time of offering. It is because of you and your gifts that OSLC reaches out through ministry to the Greater Lafayette area. You are appreciated and your financial gifts make many ministries successful. Yet, we all know that stewardship is more than financial support. Stewardship is about sharing treasure... but also time and talents... So, my question for you to ponder is, “What opportunities for relationship, creating lasting memories, might we be missing by not physically participating in ministry as well?”

The month of May will mark the stepping down of three council members and the addition of three others. We are thankful for the service of Diane Gray, Sherri Guido, and Mike Dana. Their knowledge, guidance, and love of OSLC have made my first 30 months with you memorable and life-giving. Now we welcome Jesse Grogan, Dick Rahdert, and Bob Nielsen to the council. We are not expecting challenges such as Covid, but we never know the opportunities the future holds as the new council assembles. One thing we **do** know: we enter the future together to create memories and tackle challenges that present themselves.

We have opportunities for you to join other teams, such as:

- Lafayette Urban Ministries – OSLC is looking for a representative/liaison for the LUM Board.
- Stewardship Team – OSLC is inviting fun and creative people to be part of the team.
- Arts Team – OSLC is inviting new members.
- Weekly worship volunteers are always welcome- Assisting Ministers, Ushers, Readers, Cantors, and AV helpers.
- New Secretary... have you heard that Sandra Vana is retiring? Do you need a fulfilling and rewarding part-time job?

If building relationships and working together on a team is something you value, please consider joining a ministry team this year. ☺

May God be with you in your discernment, surround you with love, and give you peace.

Pastor Randy

Our  
Saviour  
Leading with  
Compassion

# MAY UPDATES

**Pints with a Pastor in May:** Tuesday, May 10 and Tuesday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, May 1,** the Faith Formation Team meets after the second service.

## Work at LOMIK

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Indiana-Kentucky Inc.

One camp with three sites: Lutherwald, Lake Luther and Lutheran Hills



Working at a LOMIK camp is more than just a job; it is a ministry that gives you a chance to grow your faith, build community, and change your life and the lives of your campers. Join other enthusiastic college-aged people and spend your summer serving youth in one of our beautiful locations and make a difference in the lives of campers and their families this summer. Have fun and get paid this summer-Join our camp family!

Positions run May 15 through July 31.

[Apply online here.](#)

For questions email: [info@lomik.org](mailto:info@lomik.org)

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Indiana-Kentucky seeks qualified college students and current high school seniors to staff our Christ-centered camp programs at Lake Luther, Lutheran Hills, Lutherwald, and Luther Road Traveling Day Camp. Qualifications: College students (counselors) and high school seniors (support staff) who are responsible and exercise good judgment. Enjoy working with children/young teens and are good role-models for them. Work well in a team situation, and whose Christian faith is a real factor in their everyday life. Personal interview, references, and background checks will be required of all hired.



Looking ahead to **VBS!!! June 27-29**, partnering with St. John's Episcopal, Holy Trinity, and Good Shepherd. Stay tuned for details!

On **Sunday, May 22**, we will have an OSLC picnic at **Columbian Park** after the service.

We'll plan to meet at "Yellow Shelter #1 at **11:00 A.M.**

Please bring a main dish and side dish.

OSLC will provide drinks, plates, utensils, and napkins.

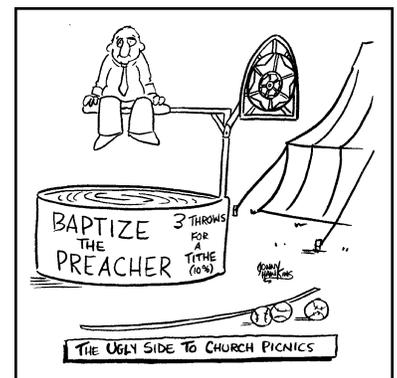
Relax, Pastor Randy, there won't be a dunking booth!



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## 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>



## Intern Update

Dear Partners in Ministry,

It has been an honor to have Intern Candice with us. She has helped cultivate PLM, learned about ministry and grown as a person.

Recently, she inquired of Wartburg Seminary about the possibility of perhaps ending early in order to focus on preparing for her final year of coursework and giving her some extra time with her family as her son graduates from high school. After discussion with representatives from Wartburg Seminary and the Indiana Kentucky Synod Candidacy Team, Sandy Monroe (as the chair of the Lay Internship Team), Intern Candice and I, it has been decided Intern Candice's last day will be May 15<sup>th</sup>.

We hope you can join us in saying good-bye on Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> between the services. We pray Candice will continue in peace and love as God calls her to use her talents, time, and gifts for the greater church.

Peace,

Pastor Randy

Acts 20:24 (NLT) *"But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God."*

It is with a sad and heavy heart that I say goodbye to OSLC and PLM much earlier than anyone expected. Life has a way of throwing a curveball that catches you off guard in the batter's box. It is with a great sincerity of gratitude that I thank each of you for allowing me to experiment and learn the pastorate language and life.

Thank you for the gifts and talents each of you contribute to continuing God's Kingdom in a world so desperately in need of a Word of hope, grace, truth, and love. May OSLC and PLM be forever blessed in their ministries.

IC (Intern Candice Hinkle)

**DC with IC (Devotion and Coffee with Intern Candice)** Wednesdays 10:00am May 4 and 11 @ Christos in West Lafayette (1018 Sagamore Pkwy)

Let Scripture gather us unto Godself and reacquaint ourselves with one another Post-Covid, while getting to know Intern Candice. All are welcome. :)



## Words of Wisdom

The first hour of the morning is the rudder of the day. It is a blessed baptism which gives the first waking thoughts into the bosom of God.

—Henry Ward Beecher

As summer approaches, you may look forward to a more relaxed routine. But don't discard all your good habits and commitments! For soul care, try fixed hours of prayer. Simply expand the concept of praying at set times (such as before meals and bed) into praying regularly each morning, midday and evening. Set an alarm on your watch or phone and commit to engaging with God at the specified times. You can do this on your own or with family or friends.

You can pray using Scripture verses, devotional guides, the *Book of Common Prayer* or a resource such as *ExploreFaith.org*. (When I'm tired or overwhelmed, it's helpful to pray someone else's words.) You might want to pray the same prayers morning, noon and evening for a week or a month. This practice isn't meant to replace spontaneous prayers. Instead, use fixed hours of prayer to nurture a consistent habit of conversing with God.

—Janna Firestone

## Worship Assistant Schedule for May

Date	Cantor	Assisting Minister	Lector	Usher	Assistant to Mike Williams
May 1	Russ Hillberry	Dale Buettner	Dale Buettner	Carol Grady	Matt Ohland
May 8	Mark Hermodson	Robert Hershberger	Dee Hershberger	Dick Rahdert	Missy Schroeder
May 15	Mark Hermodson	Mary L. Waltmann	Peter Bunder	Carol Grady	Matt Ohland
May 22	Kathy Heise	Dick Rahdert	S. Vana	Ted Heise	Missy Schroeder
May 29	Mark Hermodson	Robert Hershberger	Dee Hershberger	TBD	TBD



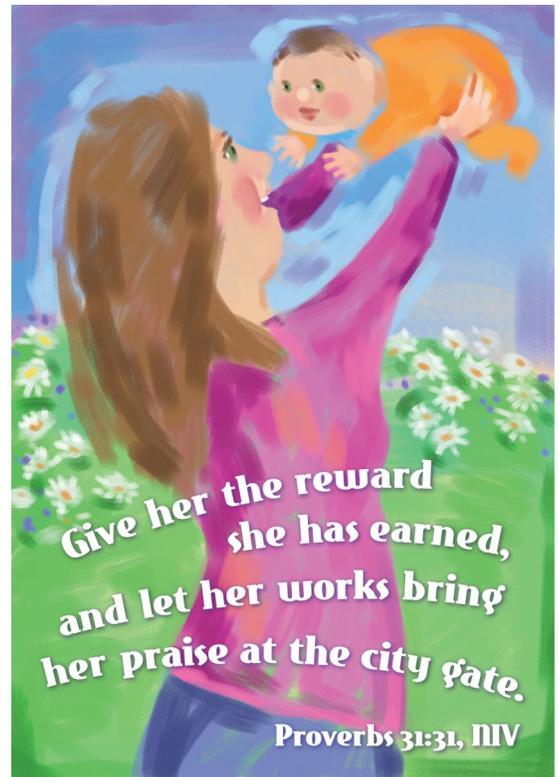
### Thanks, Mom!

At his graduation, a young man tasked with giving a speech began reading from some notes. *“I want to talk about my mother and the wonderful influence she had on my life,”* he said. *“She’s a shining example of parenthood, and I love her more than words can ever do justice.”*

The graduate then paused, appeared to struggle a moment and looked up at the audience with a mischievous smile. *“It’s really hard to read my mom’s handwriting,”* he said.

*“If you want your children to listen, try talking softly to someone else.”*

—Ann Landers





*"The world's favorite season is the spring.*

*All things seem possible in May."*

— Edwin Way Teale

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
9am Worship in-person & Zoom Sunday School & Servant Sunday 11:30am Worship in-person			10am DC with IC @ Christos (WL)	8pm AA		"Mature Men of OSLC" meet at Café Literato
<b>8 Mother's Day</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
9am Worship in-person & Zoom Sunday School & 11:30am Worship in-person 		7pm via Zoom: Pints with a Pastor	10am DC with IC @ Christos (WL)	8pm AA		
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
9am Worship in-person & Zoom First Communion Farewell to IC (b/n the services) & 11:30am Worship in-person			6:30pm Council Meeting via Zoom	8pm AA		
<b>22 Note change in the schedule!</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
9am Worship in-person & Zoom  11am Picnic at Columbian Park @ Yellow Shelter #1		7pm via Zoom: Pints with a Pastor		  8pm AA		
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		<b>Looking ahead to June: Sunday, June 5, Family Game Night</b>		
9am Worship in-person & Zoom	OSLC Office closed in observance of Memorial Day					

## Evangelical Lutheran Church in America observes 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Chicago – The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) observed its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary on April 30. On this date in 1987, the ELCA constitution was adopted during the opening session of the Constituting Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

The ELCA was formed from a merger of three Lutheran churches – the American Lutheran Church, the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches, and the Lutheran Church in America. To symbolize the formation of the new denomination, the bishops from the three predecessor church bodies poured water from separate containers into one baptismal font.

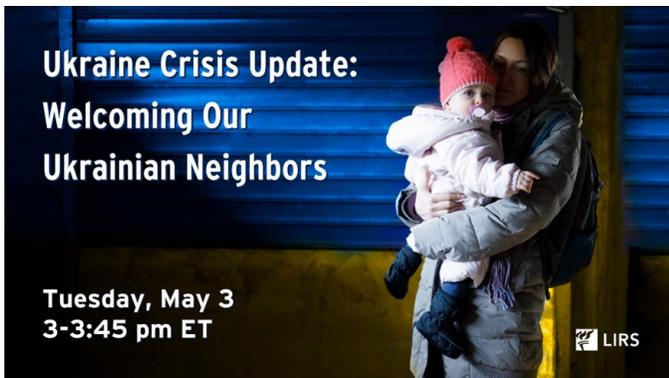
The Rev. Herbert W. Chilstrom was elected first bishop of the ELCA during the Constituting Convention. He was former bishop of the Minnesota Synod of the Lutheran Church in America.

As the church commemorates its history, it also is looking toward the future. ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton spoke of the importance of the “Future Church” priority being rooted in tradition while also being relevant to people who may not know the gospel message of freedom.

“In 1522, early in the Lutheran movement, Martin Luther took hold of the new technology of the printing press and modernized communication by translating the Bible into German, the language of the people,” she said. “Now, 500 years later, we need to find new ways to speak into the cultural vernacular.

“It’s not our intent to water down or minimize the gospel word, but to share the good news to make it rooted in tradition and radically relevant. We believe that the gospel changes lives. The gospel not only is a word of grace but it’s also a word of liberation.”

Additional “Future Church” priorities include starting new ministries and engaging with new, young and diverse people.



[Join us](#) to learn more about Ukrainian families arriving in the United States.

On the heels of President Biden’s announcement of his plan to welcome 100,000 Ukrainians to the United States, LIRS and

our partners present ***Ukraine Crisis Update: Welcoming Our Ukrainian Neighbors on Tuesday, May 3 at 3 p.m. ET.***

This webinar will provide an update on the current situation and the latest pathways to safety

for those fleeing Russian aggression. Join us to learn more about [what you can do](#) to support Ukrainians seeking safety, our [Stand Up, Speak Up program](#), and how communities like yours can prepare to welcome our newest neighbors.

Panelists include: **Krish O’Mara Vignarajah**, President and CEO, LIRS; **Olga Kvashenko**, Caseworker, Ascentria Care Alliance ; **Chelsey Johnson**, Network Organizer, LIRS ; **Megan Bracy**, Director of Resettlement and Integration Services, LIRS

[Register to join us live on Zoom](#) on 5/3!

**P.S. Can’t make it? [Sign up](#) to receive a recording of the event.**

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service  
PO Box 17467  
Baltimore, MD 21297-1467



## Bread for the World's Offering of Letters

As you may know, on April 27, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Global Malnutrition Treatment and Prevention Act by a vote of 384 to 44. All 9 of our Indiana representatives voted in favor. So our focus now shifts to:

- thanking our representatives and Senator Young for their support;
- urging Senator Braun to cosponsor the Act;
- continuing to ask all our members of Congress to increase funding to \$300 million.

A revised sample letter template and partial letters are available at this link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Xk8YZ-FsjIDWgNVC417Kk0oKbowqViDR?usp=sharing>

Please note that the revised global sample letter and email portal at [bread.org/ol](http://bread.org/ol) is now only addressed to senators, not to representatives. So if you wish to email your representative to thank him/her and ask for the additional funding, you will need to do so separately at their individual websites. (e.g. [carson.house.gov/contact](http://carson.house.gov/contact))

Dear Friend,

In South Sudan, devastation is everywhere. Waist-high, dirty water covers land where crops once grew or cattle grazed. Homes that are still standing are under water.

Lives have been shattered. Your love can put the pieces back together again.

I know you have a heart for helping the poor, and we are so grateful. If you can, please help families in crisis right now.

**Give now to send urgently needed:**

- ⇒ Lifesaving food
- ⇒ Water purification tablets for clean drinking water
- ⇒ Safe shelter
- ⇒ Sleeping mats and blankets
- ⇒ Cooking utensils and supplies
- ⇒ Hygiene kits and access to latrines and handwashing stations
- ⇒ Mosquito nets to protect children from malaria



**Devastated by historic floods, children need you.**



If you can send a gift to help reach God's most vulnerable children in South Sudan and other flood-prone countries, please do so right now. **They need your love to survive.**

With love and a grateful heart,

Ambassador Daniel Speckhard  
President and CEO



News items for the June *Evangel* are due to Sandra Vana (sandra@osluth.org) by 5/25/2022. Please type "Evangel" in the subject line.

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