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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

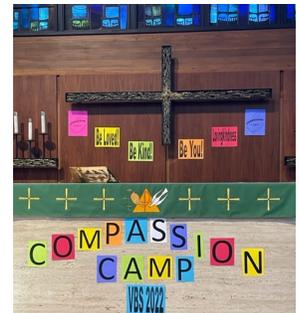
9:00 A.M. (Online and in-person)



Join the Zoom Meeting or watch
live on OSLC's facebook page.
Email OSLC (info@osluth.org) and Teo will
send you a bulletin and a Zoom invite.

Randy Schroeder, Pastor

VBS 2022 Compassion Camp: Be Loved, Be Kind, Be You



VBS! It was an amazing 3 days! OSLC, together with Holy Trinity Lutheran, St. John's Episcopal, and Chapel of the Good Shepherd (Episcopal) teamed together for this year's themed "Compassion Camp: Be Loved, Be Kind, Be You." Each night a different church prepared and served dinner to all the kids, parents and volunteers. Then all ages, including adults, dispersed for activities and Bible studies. Each night the evening was concluded by everyone joining back together for worship. It was a fun time of non-stop movement! The Bible studies seemed to be very meaningful for all ages as we learned more about the love of Christ and how compassion must extend to everyone, including ourselves. It was such a joy to be able to have a VBS after Covid necessitated a two year hiatus. I want to extend a huge thank you to everyone at OSLC who volunteered their time, talents and treasures to make it happen.

Blessings,
Dale

Resurrection Hope continued... into New Opportunities!

Grace, Mercy and Peace to you and your families from our Creator and risen Christ!!

I hope you will join me in the opportunity to welcome Teofila Taylor our new secretary. Teofila started at OSLC on June 21. She previously worked at Abuse Awareness and Accountability as their Regional Office Manager. Teofila is currently a student enrolled in Purdue Global University seeking a Bachelor of Science in Human Services in Youth/Family Services and Administration. (My apologies for my misunderstanding as I announced she was a Graduate Student.) As you are able, please stop in and meet her. She will continue to work with Sandra to finish up her training.



Our next opportunity... OSLC has negotiated the asking price of 1.5 million for the two rental properties down to 1.275 million. This was \$25,000 more than our original offer of 1.25 million. Muinzer counter-offered at 1.3 million and the OSLC council countered that offer with 1.275 million, and Muinzer accepted. We have been approved for the loan from the Mission Investment Fund. We are currently waiting to hear back from the National Lutheran Campus Ministries (NLCM) about the grant PLM submitted. We should hear back from NLCM about the same time as this newsletter is sent out. So, stay tuned. Please check out the Stewardship Article in this newsletter for information regarding our Capital Campaign. Thank you for all your prayers and discernment in this process. This purchase will provide OSLC and PLM great opportunities in the future as we continue in our mission.

Another opportunity: July 17 we will welcome new members to OSLC during our worship service and with a reception following worship. Potential new members were invited to meet after service on June 26 and July 10 to learn more about the OSLC community and ask questions. Everyone is invited to join us on July 10 for the sharing of information as well as welcoming our new members on July 17 during and after the service.

Another opportunity: We will celebrate Sandra Vana's retirement on Sunday July 24 after worship. We will gather in the fellowship hall for that celebration. Please see Kathy Heise, Sara B. or me for more information.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the sermon I gave on Sunday 6/26. In that sermon I brought up the highly controversial subject of abortion considering the SCOTUS recent decision to overturn Roe v. Wade. I made the comment,

"I do not believe abortion should be used as a form of birth control *and* ... I firmly believe the government should *not* dictate what any woman, man, or any beloved child of God should be able to do or not do with their body. Now, just because I believe this, doesn't mean you should."

After further consideration, I feel my comment might alienate some beloved children of God. This was not my intention. Everyone makes the best decision they can with the information and discernment they hold at the time of that decision. Grace falls on all of us the same. Life is difficult enough without hearing judgement from pastors and church leaders. Whatever the situation, God loves you and always will. As your pastor I will always support you as you need support. We will not agree on all matters, but my call to you as your pastor, is to walk along with you in Christ's love, forgiveness, and mercy. I am honored to do that with each of you no matter what the circumstance. The Holy Spirit knits us together and together we are the body of Christ.

I give thanks for you each and every day! I am thankful for your partnership in ministry as we continue walking this path of faith together. 😊 May God's peace and mercy fill you now and always.

Peace,
Pastor Randy



News & Notes

Council Highlights

June 8, 2022

- Preparing to welcome new members on July 17.
- Finances are good.
- Approved the go ahead of offering for the Muinzer properties.
- Began to discuss *Growing Young*.

Save these Dates

for LUM Fall Happenings

HUNGER HIKE | Sunday, September 18 at 1 p.m. | Riehle Plaza, Lafayette, IN |

PORT of HOPE – the Immigration Clinic Fundraiser | Thursday, November 3 at 5:30 p.m. | Lafayette Brewing Co., Lafayette, IN

TURKEY TROT 5K Run | Thursday, November 24 at 8 a.m. | Celery Bog Nature Area, West Lafayette, IN

Community THANKSGIVING Feast | Thursday, November 24 at Noon | Central Presbyterian Church, Lafayette, IN

JUBILEE Christmas | Saturday, December 10 | All Day | Events at 27 Locations in Lafayette/West Lafayette, IN

A Prayer for Strength

God of inexhaustible strength and limitless energy, our refuge, strength and very present help in trouble: When even youth faint in weariness and the young fall exhausted, help us wait patiently for you to come to renew our strength, so that we will mount up with wings to soar like eagles, riding on the undercurrents of the wind of your Spirit.

You who need no slumber nor sleep, by your Holy Spirit's power keep us from all evil, safe in Jesus' nail-scarred hands. Help us never weary as we run after you and never faint as we walk in Christ's footsteps, now and forevermore. Amen.

Stewardship Article

July 3, 2022

Dear Members and Friends of Our Saviour Lutheran Church,

Pursuant to the vote of the congregation on June 5th, we have been able to negotiate the purchase of two houses that stand between the church property and the Purdue Lutheran Ministry house. This contiguous block of property will allow for expansion of OSLC, PLM or both in the future in a location literally on the boundary of Purdue University. In the future this should allow both OSLC and PLM to grow and integrate the ministry we share.

We benefit from the foresight and action of OSLC's founding members who with the Synod formed OSLC in the mid 1960's. Now we have an opportunity to contribute to that legacy for future generations. This purchase does not directly address the mission and vision of OSLC and PLM. Faithfulness in mission and vision depend on the Holy Spirit and our willingness to follow God's call.

However, this purchase provides an opportunity for closer integration of campus ministry with the life of a congregation rooted in this community. It provides an opportunity to welcome young people, at a critical point in their lives, into an adult community of believers. This, we believe, serves our mission well.

There are a number of sources of money for this purchase and these are described in the accompanying material. One of these sources of money is a capital campaign to raise \$115,000 over the next 3 years which is the reason for this letter. Based on the response of our membership in the past we believe we will be able to accomplish this goal.

We ask that you prayerfully consider helping build on this legacy from which we have all benefitted and contribute as you are able.

All pledges will, of course, be accepted regardless of when they arrive. However, because this opportunity came unexpected, much of our response has been developed as negotiations were underway. **It would be most helpful to gather pledges prior to the closing date on July 20, 2022, little more than two weeks from now. So please, return your pledge to the church office as soon as possible.** Given the summer holidays many may be traveling. If you cannot get the pledge back in time but have access to email, contact john.r.mills@icloud.com with your pledge and/or with questions.

Serving you together in the name of Christ,

Carl Behnke

Jane Krause

John Mills

Aaron Thompson

Capital Campaign 2022 Committee

Our
Saviour
Leading with
Compassion

JULY UPDATES

Pints with a Pastor is moving time, date, and location for next the next two gatherings. Come join us Friday July 8th and July 22nd @ 6:00pm at the Wildcat Creek Winery located at 3233 East 200 North Lafayette, Indiana 47905. Or <https://goo.gl/maps/aTHBTsP4vG36AADN9>

On Fridays, the Wildcat Creek offers ‘Wine after Work’ and extends their normal hours to 8:00pm. On Fridays they provide a food truck (from which we can purchase items) and free live music. This is a comfortable atmosphere where we can enjoy a beverage and great conversation around our discussion starters. We hope you will choose to join us.

Remember: if you have internet access, you can always join OSLC’s zoom worship service on Sunday morning, no matter where you are!

Soul care through studying

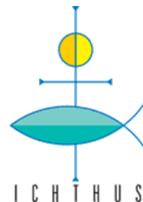
Summer isn’t often associated with studying, but it can be an ideal time to dive into God’s Word. Just keep in mind: Studying the Bible involves more than merely reading the words. The process begins with a humble spirit to not only gain information but to let Scripture transform you.

I’ve heard about various practices for Bible study. Some people set aside a special place, with multiple concordances and commentaries at their fingertips. I thrive on a bit more variety. Comparing a couple of Bible translations and paraphrases proves helpful for my studies.

Renovaré, Richard Foster’s institute that aims to help people become more like Jesus, advises: “It is vital to study not only books but also those things around us such as nature, relationships, events and cultural values.” What are the most meaningful ways for you to study God’s Word?

—Janna Firestone

FISH—The first letters in the Greek phrase “Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior” spell ICHTHUS, or fish. Early Christians used the sign to convey their faith and avoid persecution. In the gospels, fish are part of several miracles. They also represent people who need to be “caught” for Christ. Today, a fish bumper sticker is a popular indicator of Christian faith.



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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>



The Power of Kindness

No kind action ever stops with itself. One kind action leads to another. Good example is followed. A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees. The greatest work that kindness does to others is that it makes them kind themselves.

—Amelia Earhart

Worship Assistant Schedule for July

Date	Cantor	Assisting Minister	Lector	Usher	Assistant to Mike Williams
July 3	Kathy Heise	Mary L. Waltmann	Peter Bunder	Ted Heise	Matt Ohland
July 10	Russell Hillberry	Robert Hershberger	Dee Hershberger	Carl Huetteman	Missy Schroeder
July 17	Mark Hermodson	Dick Rahdert	Mary L. Waltmann	Carl Huetteman	Matt Ohland
July 24	Mark Hermodson	Missy Schroeder	Peter Bunder	Dick Rahdert	S. Vana
July 31	Kathy Heise	Robert Hershberger	Dee Hershberger	Ted Heise	Missy Schroeder

Words of Wisdom

“May we think of freedom not as the right to do as we please but as the opportunity to do what is right.”
—Peter Marshall

“Wake up, sing up, preach up, pray up, pay up, stay up and never give up or let up or back up or shut up, until the cause of Christ in the church and the world is built up.”

—Woodland Christian Church, Kansas City, Missouri

The ministry of quilting and of mending hearts

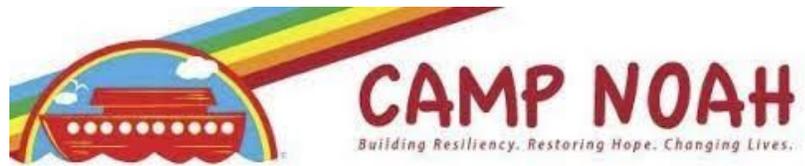
To sew is to pray. ... We mend ... turn things inside out and set things right. We salvage what we can of human garments and piece the rest into blankets. Sometimes our stitches stutter and slow. ... Other times the tension in the stitches might be too tight because of tears, but only we know what emotion went into the making.

—Louise Erdrich, *Four Souls*

Service Opportunities

Young Adult and Adult Volunteers Urgently Needed for Camp Noah!

Camp Noah coordinators are looking for a small group of 4-6 young adults ages 16-25 and two sponsors to assist with Camp Noah in Benton KY. The commitment is 8:00 AM-4:00 PM CDT (9:00-5:00 EDT), July 11-July 15. Volunteers must be available all days. Background checks for all volunteers 18 and over are required.



With a special curriculum developed specifically to help children recover from a disaster, Camp Noah invites children to share their stories and develop important resiliency skills such as self-esteem, problem-solving, stress management, and preparedness for the future. Day camp activities include skits, music, outdoor recreation, puppets, and crafts.

For more information, or to volunteer please contact Pastor Grace Pardun Alworth (alworth.g@gmail.com.)

PLAN TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

LUM CAMP JULY 25-29

Your impact will ripple out for generations
(and you'll receive \$200 while you're at it).

COUNSELORS WANTED

Counselors must be:
+18 or over (junior counselors must be 16)
+prepared to hike, have fun, be outdoors
+a good team player
+flexible, fun, and fair
+able to work with at-risk & low-income kids

For more details visit LUMserve.org or
contact Wes Tillett: wtillett@LUMserve.org

A week of camp has remarkable **benefits** in terms of intellectual **curiosity, social skills, motor skills, positive values, spirituality, and overall positive identity.** Because of these scientifically-verified benefits of camp, every summer LUM continues to put on a **top-notch, weeklong overnight camp** for boys and girls, **ages 8, 9, and 10.**

This summer LUM Camp will take place **July 26-29.** The children come from families served throughout the year by Lafayette Urban Ministry. Hosted at Hanging Rock Christian Camp in Warren County, Indiana, LUM Camp involves swimming, horseback riding, arts and crafts, boating, morning chapel, wall climbing, zip-lining, snacks, delicious meals, and diverse and caring counselors.

A key component of the year-round LUM Youth Programs, LUM Camp is one of the premier summer camp programs available to children anywhere. LUM Camp is a scholarship-based camp, meaning we only invite children whose parents are not able to pay for the actual cost of camp. The actual cost is more than \$200 per camper. We ask the campers' **parents to pay \$5** per child and ask our **generous donors to cover the rest.**

\$200 = sponsor one LUM camper

\$400 = sponsor two LUM campers

\$100 = ½ LUM Camp sponsorship

Any amount will support LUM Youth Programs

With so many children eagerly awaiting their chance to attend, would you like to give the gift of LUM Camp – investing in both their short-term fun and long-term life skills?



“A life without love is like a year without summer.”
—Swedish proverb

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9am Worship in-person & Zoom	OSLC Office Closed 			8pm AA	6pm Pints with a Pastor @ the Wildcat Creek Winery	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9am Worship in-person & Zoom New members class			6:30pm Council Meeting via Zoom	8pm AA	Family Promise Dinner	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9am Worship in-person & Zoom Reception of new members				8pm AA	6pm Pints with a Pastor @ the Wildcat Creek Winery	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9am Worship in-person & Zoom				8pm AA		
31						
9am Worship in-person & Zoom						

A Message from Bishop Eaton



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

June 24, 2022

Dear church,

Whatever personal perspective one might take on the June 24 abortion ruling from the Supreme Court, it is the legal framework in which we now minister, and I wish to speak a pastoral word at this time.

The Supreme Court has voted to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, removing federal constitutional protection for safe and legal abortion and leaving decisions about abortion law largely to the states. As a result, safe and legal abortion will likely not be accessible in every state. This church's 1991 social statement [Abortion](#) argues that "the number of induced abortions is a source of deep concern" but teaches that the practice should be legal (pp. 3, 9-10). In other words, "Laws should be enacted and enforced justly for the preservation and enhancement of life, and should avoid unduly encumbering or endangering the lives of women" (p. 9). Overturning *Roe v. Wade* and placing decisions about abortion regulation at the state level encumbers and endangers the lives of all persons who need to make decisions about unexpected pregnancies.

First, as a pastor of this church, I want to acknowledge that this decision affects many people, especially those whose pregnancies unfold in complex situations and the people who love them. Many now find their moral agency restricted because federal law no longer guarantees access to legal and safe abortion. They already face difficult moral questions, and the Supreme Court decision only adds to their anguish. As our social statement reminds us, we have both the freedom and the obligation to serve neighbors in complex situations. As a church, we are called at this moment to recognize and spiritually support people who are struggling with decisions around pregnancy.

Second, as presiding bishop, I want to remind this church that, despite this new legal landscape, we continue to depend on our social teaching for guidance. Our social statement provides the moral framework for our church's communal discernment and ministry, holding in tension both the strong Christian presumption to preserve and protect all life as well as the complex moral situations in which pregnancy sometimes occurs. Our social teaching is complex and does not hew to clear categories or labels such as "pro-abortion" or "anti-abortion."

That complexity is reflected in several points. The statement recognizes that pregnant persons have moral agency; they are the ones to make decisions about a pregnancy (see pp. 5-6). This church and its ministers trust them to decide but expect them to make such decisions in relationship—with God, self, partner, family, ministers and others.

I also want to underscore for the whole body of Christ the statement's exhortation "that those who counsel persons faced with unintended pregnancies respect how deeply the woman's pregnancy involves her whole

person—body, mind and spirit—in relation to all the commitments that comprise her stewardship of life” (p. 5).

Further, our church teaching holds that there are no exclusive rights in pregnancy. A pregnant person does not have an exclusive right to abort a fetus at all points during the pregnancy. A developing life does not have an exclusive right to be born (p. 2). This church does not support abortion as a normative form of birth control but rather understands it as necessary in some morally responsible circumstances. This church does not condone late-term abortions except in extreme circumstances, which must be determined by the individual with their medical caregivers (p. 7).

This church acknowledges that individuals and religious traditions hold divergent viewpoints over when life begins. These divergent views are not only scientific but also biblical and cultural. The ELCA social statement acknowledges these ethical ambiguities and states that “the closer the life in the womb comes to full term the more serious such [moral] issues become.” (p. 7).

As we live into this new legal framework, we can respond to and minister in the current situation, for instance, by ministering to individuals who seek abortions; advocating for laws that provide free or affordable health care, child care and education; providing and promoting sex education; continuing to be a community of discernment where thoughtful and diverse perspectives can be shared and heard; and advocating for state laws that provide legal, safe and affordable abortions, and against legislation that would outlaw abortion in all circumstances (p. 9).

Finally, I wish to remind everyone that this church supports peaceful means of expression within a diverse society. Peaceful protest is a crucial element of civic engagement; violent protest is not, and this church reproves it. Likewise, this church is on record against hate speech. Let us be instruments for peace where there is none. Let us listen to one another. Let us serve the needs of neighbors in all the complexities life presents. God calls us to be *for* others, just as God in Christ is for us.

In Christ,



The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton

Do to others
as you would have them do to you.
Luke 6:31



Dear Friend of the International Friendship Program, it's time for a new semester!

In a few short weeks we will welcome 2,200 new international students to the Purdue campus. Just today on Zoom, I met the first eight students to sign up for a friendship partner in IFP. I love to recount stories of friendships through IFP and get them excited about the program.

Now I need your help. I am looking for 150-200 willing hosts—singles, couples and families to sign up for “Fall Semester 2022.” Just **update your IFP host information** – I should be able to match you within a week, send you their contact info and get you started on a new friendship.

We will all meet up at our Fall Mixer on Wednesday, August 31st, at 7pm in the Purdue Recwell Feature Gym. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

Thanks once again for all you do to make international students feel welcome here.

Very best regards,

Beth Tucker

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Here's a website with detailed information: <https://www.purdue.edu/IPPU/ISS/Student/Programming/IFP/hosts.html>



OSLC will be providing dinner on Friday, July 15. Our partner congregation, Unitarian Universalist Church will provide meals on Monday and Wednesday that week.

In addition, OSLC members are encouraged to consider donating items for Family Promise before July 15. These are items needed:

- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Deodorant (for both men and women)
- Baby shampoo and wash
- Razors
- Laundry soap (pods only)
- Dishwasher pods and dish soap
- Gift cards (Walmart, Speedway, Kroger, Target)
- Paper towels
- Heavy duty kitchen size trash bags

Also, if you have plastic grocery bags - clean and dry - stored up at home, consider providing those, too, as the bags are put to great and varied uses at the Family Promise house.

Please have all donations on the bench in the Fellowship Hall before 4:00 on Friday, July 15. Julie Huetteman will deliver the items to the Family Promise house. More information is on the website: <https://www.fpglinc.org/>. If you have questions, please contact Julie at juliehuetteman@gmail.com.



Check out this view of OSLC's worship space. We had visitors from the University of Illinois on June 6. Matt Ohland was on hand to welcome these guests who were on a cross-country bike trip to raise funds and awareness about cancer.





STS FOUNDATION
A not-for-profit corporation dedicated to intercultural student exchange
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BRING CULTURE TO YOUR HOME



BECOME A HOST FAMILY

International high school exchange students are preparing to arrive in the U.S. in time to study at American High Schools for the 2016-2017 school year. These students would like to integrate themselves into a loving and caring family with the goal of experiencing American culture as an American high school student does. In turn they will provide insight into their own culture. The host family provides a separate bed, family meals and a loving and caring environment, and the students have their own spending money and health insurance.



Please call Local Coordinator

today to learn more about this enriching opportunity. You may also email at

For additional information please visit:
www.stsfoundation.org

Welcome, Teo!

Teofila Taylor is OSLC's new secretary. She is pursuing a Bachelor's in Human Services through Purdue Global.

She is originally from Crawfordsville. Her hobbies include rock climbing, hiking, spending time with her husband, Levi, and playing with her five children. She has a cat named Macadamia (Maca for short). Stop by and say hello the next time you're at the church during the day!

News items for the August *Evangel* are due to Teo (teo@osluth.org) by 7/23/2022. Please type "Evangel" in the subject line.

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