



# *The Evangel*

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

*Randy Schroeder, Pastor*

## Game Night @ OSLC

June 5 @ 5 P.M.

Pizza & Game Night (all Ages)

Held at OSLC. Bring games!



VBS: June 27-29

*Compassion Camp:*

*Be Loved, Be Kind, Be You*

5:30-8:00 P.M.

(pre-K through high school)

**At Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Lafayette**

**In conjunction with HTLC,**

**Good Shepherd & St. John's**

**Please register at**

**<https://www.stjohns-laf.org/2022-vbs-registration>**

## Resurrection Hope continued... into Pentecost!

**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 brought forth many opportunities. The tomb is empty, and Jesus is on the loose. Soon (and very soon...) we will enter the Season of Pentecost, the season in which we are promised the gift of the Holy Spirit! How does this gift of the Spirit influence our lives? The Holy Spirit is what connects us and allows us to show empathy for the other and rejoice for the other.

First, as we are united through the Holy Spirit we feel the devastation experienced in Uvalde, TX and Buffalo, NY. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those whose lives are forever changed. May God bring them peace and us courage. May this traumatic scene of gun violence be the last. May we, as the Body of Christ, seek action to usher in God's peaceful realm. Please check out local groups as well as these websites: (Feel free to send me other organizations against gun violence and I will be happy to pass them along.)

[https://www.wlfi.com/community/local-leaders-express-concern-over-proposed-gun-law-changes/article\\_6eaf2712-9bb0-11ec-801e-cf61c178c19b.html](https://www.wlfi.com/community/local-leaders-express-concern-over-proposed-gun-law-changes/article_6eaf2712-9bb0-11ec-801e-cf61c178c19b.html)

<https://www.sandyhookpromise.org/>

<https://www.ncgvr.org/>

<https://www.npr.org/2022/05/02/1095489487/trigger-points-mark-follman-how-to-stop-mass-shootings>

<https://www.everytown.org/>

As we are united in the trauma of our lives we are also united in the celebrations. We are united when we say thank you to our beloved Sandra Vana as she retires as secretary after 14 years of dedication and great work. I remember Sandra's caring smile as one of the best, when I met the staff for the first time when I was in the call process. Since then, she has put up with my silly questions and suggestions. She has been my sounding board and proof-reader. Sandra has shown me the patience of God in the impatient work of the Church. I remind you, as she has reminded me, that she is not leaving; only retiring from the job, and still plans to be involved with OSLC (when she is not visiting her children and grandchildren ☺.) We are grateful for her continued support, caring smile, and musical gifts. I will miss Sandra in the office, but I know God is calling her to be with her family. She has blessed us, she has blessed me, by sharing her gifts.

Now, we welcome Angie Russell, our new secretary. As you are able, please stop in and meet her. She has experience as she was Administrative Secretary for three years at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Chesterton, IN from 2016-2019. She is originally from Springfield, MO. She started at OSLC on May 16 and though she had time off for a previously schedule trip back to Springfield, she will finish her training with Sandra the week of June 1.

The Holy Spirit knits us together and together we are the body of Christ. Together we pray, lament, act, and move for the betterment of the broken world in which we live. The Holy Spirit guides us as we journey together. Let us open ourselves to the Spirit as we pray for our brothers and sisters who are grieving. Let us open ourselves in saying good-bye and as we welcome new folks to OSLC.

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 new season of Pentecost.

Peace,  
Pastor Randy

“The test of courage comes when we are in the minority. The test of tolerance comes when we are in the majority.”  
—Ralph W. Sockman

# News & Notes

## Council Highlights

May 11, 2022

- Pastor Randy shared that the I-K Synod will present a resolution to adopt a different Synod Assembly schedule, holding one every two years. The off year would be less business-like and more of a gathering.
- Faith Formation is busy in June, hosting a Family Game Night and VBS.
- Evangelism is working on revamping the OSLC logo.
- New Business: Discussion concerning the purchase of the properties between PLM and OSLC.

## Summertime Splendor

One theme in Psalms is how nature reveals God's glory. That's especially evident during summer. "There is a signature of wisdom and power impressed on the works of God, which evidently distinguishes them from the feeble imitations of men," writes John Newton. "Not only the splendor of the sun, but the glimmering light of the glowworm, proclaims his glory." That glory shines even brighter when we spend time in God's Word. Thomas Merton writes, "By reading the scriptures I am so renewed that all nature seems renewed around me and with me. The sky seems to be a pure, a cooler blue, the trees a deeper green. The whole world is charged with the glory of God, and I feel fire and music under my feet."

## 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

## Stewardship Article June 2022

Dear Partners in Ministry,

A while ago I sent you an email requesting you to pray about the possible purchase of the two rental properties between PLM and OSLC. The Financial Team has gathered a ton of information and has put together many scenarios. One vital piece of information that is yet to be determined is your opinion and degree of willingness to purchase these properties. It is time we discuss what God has brought before us.

Before we meet, could you do me a favor? Faithfully discern what purchasing this property could mean for OSLC and PLM and their future. ***If...*** we discern the purchase of these properties is an opportunity for us to seize our own destiny and move forward, it will require a capital campaign. I have not been here long enough to know what another capital campaign might be for OSLC. Your reaction to another capital campaign might be, "Not again!!" Or "Our median age is too ... mature to do this." Or "Let's do this!!" Maybe you have been planning to leave OSLC or PLM a legacy gift but would rather see the gift impact the congregation now. So, I ask you to speak your mind at the meeting(s) we will schedule. It is sometimes difficult to speak up, but at times like these, we need to hear from you. Let's promise to create an open, safe space for the Spirit to move and for us to listen. Let us be patient with one another and respect all opinions.

We are proposing two dates for some discussion and information sharing; **May 29 after the service** (approximately 10:15am) and **Wednesday June 1 at 7:00pm**. You may choose to come to one or both as your schedule allows. At each meeting the Financial Team will inform us of their fact finding and answer questions as they are able.

We are planning a **Congregational Meeting on June 5, Sunday after service**. At this meeting we will ask for approval for the next steps of the purchase, if we discern this is something OSLC would like to pursue. Sorry to be vague about the agenda, yet the discussion and information finding of the first two meetings will impact the agenda of the meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

I ask that you continue to pray about the opportunity God is proposing, how this purchase lines up with our mission and vision, and what you are prepared to take on – in whatever stage of life you find yourself.

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

Pastor Randy

**Our  
Saviour  
Leading with  
Compassion**

# JUNE UPDATES

**Pints with a Pastor in June:** Tuesday, 7pm on June 7 and June 21 via zoom

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Robert Brault said, “A vacation trip is one-third pleasure, fondly remembered, and two-thirds aggravation, entirely forgotten.” Much of the hassle involved with “getting away” comes from packing. What do we need? How can we save space? Where are the items we haven’t used since the last vacation?

Inevitably, we forget something — sunscreen, umbrella, diapers. Vacationers miss these items almost immediately and quickly replace them. Do we also often “forget” the Bible at home? Do we leave our prayer and worship routines behind? Do we take a vacation from our faith? We may not notice those missing “items” as quickly, but they’re crucial nonetheless. God never schedules a “getaway” from us. This summer, take a vacation with God, not from God.

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

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### Will you be a helper?

This is summer, a time when many are on vacation. The work of the church, however, goes on. It must. God and the Church do not go on hiatus. The bottom line is this: Helpers are always needed. Helpers are always wanted. Helpers are always special and greatly appreciated. Will you please be a helper?

Dear Friends,

I would like to give you a hearty thanks for your friendship and support in the last 14 years as I’ve served as secretary here at OSLC. You are such generous, kind, and caring people. I will miss our interactions during the week at OSLC.

Please welcome Angie as you have always welcomed me.

Sandra



Angie Russell

### Fishing Advice

The topic for the children’s message was Matthew 4:19, when Jesus told his disciples to become fishers of men. The woman giving the message asked the children if they’d ever been fishing — and what they used for bait. “Worms!” the children answered.

Then the woman explained that Jesus wants his friends to follow him and tell others about him. “How would you catch men?” she asked.



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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>



rightnow MEDIA

## Worship Assistant Schedule for June

Date	Cantor	Assisting Minister	Lector	Usher	Assistant to Mike Williams
June 5	Mark Hermodson	Dick Rahdert	Peter Bunder	Carol Grady	Matt Ohland
June 12	Mark Hermodson	Robert Hershberger	Dee Hershberger	Dick Rahdert	Missy Schroeder
June 19	Mark Hermodson	Missy Schroeder	Marcia Daehler	Carol Grady	TBD
June 26	Russell Hillberry	Robert Hershberger	Dee Hershberger	Dick Rahdert	Missy Schroeder



### Bidding Farewell and Godspeed to Intern Candice

*Now to him who is able to keep you from falling,  
and to make you stand without blemish  
in the presence of his glory with rejoicing,  
to the only God our Savior,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty,  
power, and authority, before all time  
and now and forever. Amen.*

Jude 24, 25

## Words of Wisdom

“My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it.”

—Clarence Kelland

“I have mixed emotions when I receive Father's Day gifts. I'm glad my children remember me, but I'm disappointed that they actually think I dress that way.”

—Mike Dugan

### In Service of the Triune God

In *Eat This Book*, Eugene H. Peterson explains that the word *liturgy* comes not from church settings but community service. As applied to worship, liturgy maintains that “‘public-service’ quality — working for the community on behalf of or following orders from God.” Peterson writes, “As we worship God, revealed personally as Father, Son and Holy Spirit in our Holy Scriptures, we are not doing something apart from or away from the non-Scripture-reading world; we do it for the world — bringing all creation and all history before God, presenting our bodies and all the beauties and needs of humankind before God in praise and intercession, penetrating and serving the world for whom Christ died in the strong name of the Trinity.”

## Community Events

Join us for the 2nd Annual Lafayette Community Walk!

# WALK TO END PARKINSON'S

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

ALL DONATIONS GO TO THE PARKINSON'S FOUNDATION

For more information: [www.boxfillafayette.com/walk](http://www.boxfillafayette.com/walk)



**Community Walk**

SATURDAY JUNE 18  
MEMORIAL ISLAND  
COLUMBIAN PARK  
9:00-11:00



SCAN ME

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](http://LUMserve.org) or  
contact Wes Tillett: [wtillett@LUMserve.org](mailto: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?



“Rest is not idleness,” said John Lubbock, “and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water or watching the clouds float across the sky is hardly a waste of time.”

Most of us need more, not less, rest built into our daily routine. Only when we are quiet can we hear God’s whisper.

Summer is a great time to find a peaceful, outdoor spot to read, rest and pray — even if only for a few minutes. God is eagerly waiting for us to make space for him.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			7:00pm Informa- tional Meeting regarding the properties.	8pm AA		
<b>5 Pentecost</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
9am Worship in- person & Zoom  Congregational Meeting regarding the properties	Overnight Guests from the University of Illinois	7pm via Zoom: Pints with a Pastor	6:30pm Council Meeting via Zoom	8pm AA		
<b>12 Trinity Sunday</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
9am Worship in- person & Zoom				8pm AA		
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
9am Worship in- person & Zoom 		7pm via Zoom: Pints with a Pastor				Overnight Guests from Wisconsin
				8pm AA		
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		
9am Worship in- person & Zoom	<b>Vacation Bible School June 27-29 at Holy Trinity 5:30-8:00 pm</b>					
				8pm AA		

News items for the July *Evangel* are due to Angie Russell (angie@osluth.org) by 6/23/2022. Please type "Evangel" in the subject line.

### **OSLC Staff**

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Randy Schroeder, Pastor

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Sandra Vana, Musicians

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### **PLM**

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### **Congregational Officers**

President: Kathy Heise

Vice President: Jesse Grogan

Treasurer: Sue Hermodson

Financial Secretary: John Mills

### **Congregational Council**

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Allen Hammer

Kathy Heise

Bob Nielsen

Matt Ohland

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Erin Thompson

### **Ministry Team Contacts**

Altar: Vicki Mills

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Faith Formation: Holly Black

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Family Promise: Julie Huetteman

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Finance: Steve Belter & Carl Behnke

Foundation: Vince Guido

LUM Liaison: Seeking new liaison

Mutual Ministry: Brian Wagner

Operations: Dick Rahdert

PLM Liaison: Sherri Guido

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