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***Our Saviour
Lutheran Church***
*is a congregation of the
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*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)

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

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live on OSLC's facebook page.

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send you a bulletin and a Zoom invite.



Randy Schroeder, Pastor



Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Services at OSLC



“Happy New Year”



To all God’s beloved at OSLC, who are called to be saints: Grace to you from God our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The regular calendar has caught up with the church calendar and we welcome 2023!! And as trite as it might be I ask, what is your New Year’s Resolution? If you are not into new year’s resolutions, please don’t skip to your favorite part of the Evangel, I invite you to continue reading. 😊

I have never been successful with resolutions. Frankly, I usually start them and by February, they are forgotten, or postponed by the other urgencies that spring up. So, this year, I would like to propose a different type of resolution. Instead of adding more responsibilities, let’s try to simplify.

Epiphany begins on Jan 6th. And goes through Sunday Feb 19th with the Transfiguration of our Lord. As we explore the manifestation of Christ as the Magi did, what can we release to create room for God in our lives? How can we simplify our lives?

As God has given us all we need; love, forgiveness, mercy, and life... Take time to discern what or who is important in your life and then, notice what keeps you from honoring those important things/people.

What material items which you don’t need or enjoy anymore consume space, time, and resources? Consider cleaning out the closet or storage unit. Maybe OSLC could host a Free Rummage Sale for the Purdue Students and others in our community who can use these gently used items.

Where do you spend time that is not life-giving? Consider asking if this “time requirement” is worthy of God’s gifts, or would you be better off if you reallocated that time for something else. What time could be freed up to spend with God and creation in new ways? Maybe there is an OSLC ministry that has come to its conclusion and the Spirit is inviting us to do something different.

What relationships need to be rekindled through forgiveness and mercy for everyone to become more whole, healthy, and Holy. How can OSLC accompany you in building Christ-like relationships with others?

We are blessed with a new year and new opportunities to be God’s beloved; to be God’s hands and feet in the world. What does welcoming God look like for you personally and for OSLC in 2023 especially during Epiphany.

I give thanks for you 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

- Confirmation resumes in January
- New children’s worship bags for children to follow along during service
- Pastor Kristin Rice will be moving January 11th-12th with a start date of January 16th
- Jubilee Christmas was successful
- Discussion for building remodel project

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE



Pastor Randy will be away for the Wabash Pastoral Leadership Program on the following dates:

- **January 9th-11th**
- **March 13th-15th**
- **May 15-17th**
- **August 7th-9th**
- **October 3rd-10th**
- **December 4th-6th**

Save these Dates

- **January 1st at 10 AM** | New Year’s Day Service | In-Person & Zoom
- **January 2nd** | OSLC office closed
- **January 9th** | Confirmation Classes will resume at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
- **January 15th at 1 PM** | Hearts & Crafts
- **January 16th** | Pastor Kristin’s First Day with PLM
- **January 18th at 11 AM** | Hearts & Crafts

Stewardship Article

You are a blessing and APPRECIATED!!!

You are incredible! Truly remarkable!

Back in September the Financial Team began its annual responsibility to construct the OSLC Budget for 2023. They gathered information from the chairperson of each ministry team and the needs put forth by the congregation. Then, with your help by submitting your pledges and educated estimations of other contributions (and an abundance of prayer), they completed the proposed OSLC Budget for 2023. We will vote on this proposed budget at our Annual meeting on January 29th, 2023.

The 2023 budget resembles those of recent years which includes a deficit. Yet, because of your generosity and because we have responsible individuals throughout our church, the deficits in the past have been turned into surpluses. These surpluses have allowed us to go to level 2 for budgeted line items several times. For that we thank God, and we are very grateful to you!

OSLC and PLM continue the ministries to which we are called, and we have added some others. I know I sound like a broken record, but these ministries are made possible by your generous gifts of time, talents, and treasures.

Our rental property investment is going extremely well – as of November, our Line of Credit through PFCU is almost paid off, less than \$8,000 to go. This was the loan with the highest interest rate, which the Financial Team wished to pay off first. The other two loans (Mission Investment Fund and the loan we took out against our savings) have received monthly payments as well. Capital Campaign funds are still coming in –

Thank you .

We continue to support local charities like LUM, which through October of 2022, has served 2,189 households through one of their 22 programs.

We continue to work with Family Promise and Food Finders by supporting them financially and through service.

Our Green Space Team is continuing to dream, and plans are in progress to partner with the City of WL to create something new on our church property, which could be funded by grants. More information to come during our annual meeting.

Our partnership between OSLC and PLM has given us the opportunity to welcome Pastor Kristin Rice to PLM as their new Campus Pastor on January 16th.

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

Peace,

Pastor Randy

**Our
Saviour’s
Love we
Celebrate**

JANUARY UPDATES



Happy Epiphany!

What is Epiphany? The technical definition is January 6 observed as a church festival in commemoration of the coming of the [Magi](#) as the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. These wise people came searching for a king and they found a young child in a humble setting among ordinary people. It makes me wonder what they thought. I know I would question how this ordinary, simple child, in this very common place could possibly be the One who I have been searching for. And yet, often that is where we miss God; in the simple, ordinary, unassuming spaces and people in our lives. Jesus was not the Messiah anyone was expecting and yet he invites us into exactly what we need. We are good at accumulating power, wealth and aggrandizing ourselves. What we are not good at is empty ourselves of these things so we can recognize what our true essence is, beloved Children of God. Paul reminds us of this

Philippians 2:5-8

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was^[a] in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God,
 did not regard equality with God
 as something to be grasped,
⁷ but emptied himself,
 taking the form of a slave,
 assuming human likeness.
 And being found in appearance as a human,
⁸ he humbled himself
 and became obedient to the point of death—
 even death on a cross.

It is so hard to live this counter cultural lifestyle. Our society says more is better, you are not enough, you will never do enough, and perfectionism is the goal. I know I get caught up in all the “stuff” that I need to make things just right for the occasion or people I want to impress. Then things begin to become about me, what others think about me, if I am good enough, do enough and on and on and on. I get so distracted that I lose focus on the real reason why I am doing what I am doing. Jesus tells us what is most important for us to do while we are here on this earth together.

Matthew 22:37-40

³⁷ He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

As we focus on loving God and loving neighbor as we love ourselves what gets in the way of loving God, taking care of and loving ourselves and our neighbors? Below are a few resources that may be helpful or thought provoking to help us consider how we want to spend our resources and time.



Resources:

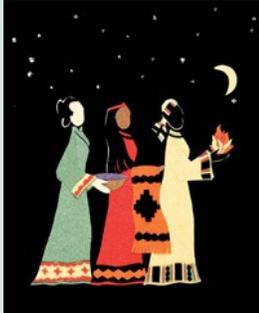
- **Facebook**-“Like” OSLC’s page for Sunday Worship streamed live, updates and upcoming events: <https://www.facebook.com/osluth/>
- **RightNow Media** (bible studies, devotions, video resources for individuals & families)- **FREE** OSLC membership: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/account/invite/OurSaviour>



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[ELCA Courageous Leadership Christian Minimalism Focus on What Matters Most](#) This is a video recording of the ELCA pastor who hosts the website below and wrote the book [Christian Minimalism Simple Steps for Abundant Living](#)
<https://christianminimalism.com/>
<https://www.livinglutheran.org/2019/12/a-focus-on-what-matters-most-part-one/>
<https://www.livinglutheran.org/2020/01/a-focus-on-what-matters-most-part-two/>
[Center for Contemplation and Action Less is More](#)

A Women's Christmas Retreat



Another resource for Epiphany is a free retreat resource from Jan Richardson. This is from her website [The Advent Door](#).

Happy New Year and Merry Epiphany, almost! In celebration, these three wise women are stopping by with a gift for you. You might know that some folks celebrate Epiphany (January 6) as Women's Christmas. Originating in Ireland, where it is known as *Nollaig na mBan*, Women's Christmas began as a day when the women set aside time to enjoy a break and celebrate together at the end of the holidays.

It has become a tradition for me to create a new retreat each year that you can download as a PDF and use on Women's Christmas or whenever you need some time for reflection and regathering. The new retreat is hot off the press and waiting for you! This year's theme is *A Path Called Solace*. It includes readings, art, questions, and blessings. You can do the retreat alone or share it with friends. (And it's not for women only!)

There is no cost for the retreat. It's my Women's Christmas gift to you, with deep gratitude for your presence on my path. To download the retreat, visit this page at my Sanctuary of Women site:

I would be delighted for you to share this gift with others.

I send much gratitude and many blessings for you. Merry Women's Christmas!

[Women's Christmas Retreat 2022: A Path Called Solace](#)- This is the link to get the PDF of the retreat.

Adult Forum

Spring schedule is in the works. We will put the schedule in the announcements as soon as it is ready!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Adult Forum Survey! We will be using the information to design our upcoming Adult Forum time.

Sunday School Schedule

December 25th- No classes- Merry Christmas

January 1st – No classes- Happy New Year

January 8th – Simeon and Anna (Luke 2:22-40)

January 15th – The Boy at the Temple (Luke 2:41-52)

January 22nd – John the Baptist (Luke 3:1-18)

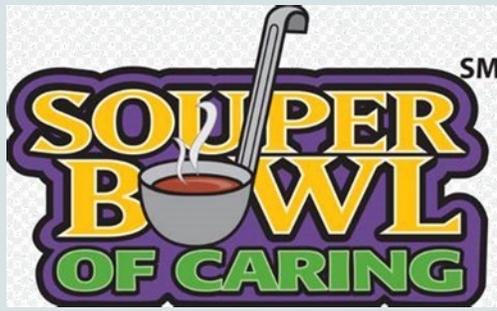
January 29th – Jesus Goes to Nazareth (Luke 4:14-30)

Kid's Worship Bags and Family Room

The kids worship bags have been updated with new items that help children follow along with the worship service, story book Bibles and fun activities to do. For little ones there are quiet toys, books, and activities in the family in the back of the church for the children to play with during the service. Please feel free to let your children explore.

Upcoming Events

Beginning January 8th through January 29th the children of OSLC will begin collecting change and any other monetary donations after the services to purchase groceries for making 40 simple sacked meals for LUM's Winter Warming Station & Annex Day Shelter. We will invite the congregation to help us on February 5th in between services to assemble the sack lunches. Missy will deliver them on February 6th to LUM. Please help us as we help feed our community. If you have any questions, contact Missy Schroeder at missy@osluth.org or at 260-402-4477.



Callout for Men's Breakfast Group:

Many years ago a younger group of OSLC men started to meet for breakfast once a month and had a topic for discussion or a book review. Everything changed so that now we are much older and we have no topic or book review. We just enjoy whatever comes up. Attendance ranges from five to nine and we meet at Literato at 8:30 am for an hour or so on the first Saturday of the month. We welcome newcomers and guests. There is plenty of space. Each orders their own food and drink and heads for our table.

Please consider joining us.

Dick Rahdert



You're Invited!

Here's your official invitation to join a group of folks at OSLC to explore and implement Social Justice activities. While it's true that Social Justice has always been an integral part of OSLC, the past few years of COVID have forced us to *maintain* our activities rather than envision even more possibilities. As we are (we hope!) heading into a Post COVID era, it's time to dream about other Social Justice activities.

For more information please contact

Sandra Vana
(phone 219-207-0231 or email: donklady3@gmail.com).



Hearts & Crafts

Come one, come all! All are welcome at the new "Hearts & Crafts" groups that will begin meeting in January. Social Justice and Faith Formation are "teaming up" to offer opportunities for fellowship, creating, sharing, and spiritual growth. Whether you're a knitter, a quilter, a scrapbooker, a card maker, or any other kind of crafter, come and share your skills with others. If you're looking to learn a new skill, here's your chance. We will share our creations as blessings for those in need.

There will be a time of spiritual practice, some goodies to eat, and plenty of time to hone your skills.

We'll offer Hearts & Crafts on two different days and times, in order to accommodate as many schedules as possible. You can come to both days if you want to. Also, you can come to all or part of each meeting.

We'll begin with

Sunday, January 15, 1-4pm

Wednesday, January 18, 11am-2pm

Talk to Missy S, Sandra V, or Carol G if you want more info.

All are welcome!

HEARTS & CRAFTS

BEGINNING IN JANUARY 2023



YOU ARE INVITED TO A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP, SPIRITUAL GROWTH
AND CRAFTING THE THIRD SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY
MONTH.

(SUNDAY 1-4 PM -WEDNESDAY 11-2 PM)

IF YOU ARE AN EXPERINCED CRAFTER OR A BEGINNER~ WE WELCOME
ALL! IN BRING YOUR CRAFTING SUPPLIES AND CURIOSITY AND
LET'S MAKE SOME GOOD FOR THOSE IN NEED.



Jubilee Christmas

Jubilee Christmas was another success this year because of the generosity of members of OSLC!

We served 10 families and a total of 33 children - 8 teens and 25 children between the ages of 0-12. Each family received food gift cards totalling \$70, a ham, box of Christmas cookies, a tote bin filled with paper towels, toilet paper, kleenex, dish soap, bar soap, dish scrubbie, laundry detergent, toothpaste and toothbrushes, and a fleece blanket. 3 families also received a box of diapers.

Each child between the age of 0-12 received 3 toys that the parents picked out along with stocking stuffers and each teen received two gift cards totalling \$80. We also raffled off a 16" girl's bike with training wheels and helmet, a 20" boy's bike with helmet, a skateboard with a helmet, and an electric Razor scooter with helmet.

Again, a big thank-you to all of you that donated money, toys, the totes filled with products, and boxes of Christmas cookies along with those who volunteered their time for set-up and to be a host the morning of Jubilee Christmas! It is a heart warming event and the families are so appreciative!

Beth Dana, Jubilee Christmas Coordinator



*Celebrating our Graduates:
Barбора and Marek*



January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10 AM Worship in-person & Zoom	OSLC Office Closed	6 PM Pax		8 PM AA		8:30 AM Men's Breakfast Group
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9 AM Worship in-person & Zoom 11:30 AM Worship in-person		6PM Pax	6:30 PM Council Meeting	8 PM AA		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9 AM Worship in-person & Zoom 11:30 AM Worship in-person 1 PM Hearts & Crafts		6 PM Pax 6:30pm Council Meeting	11 AM Hearts & Crafts	8 PM AA		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9 AM Worship in-person & Zoom 11:30 AM Worship in-person Annual Meeting		6 PM Pax		8 PM AA		
29	30	31				
9 AM Worship in-person & Zoom 11:30 AM Worship in-person		6 PM Pax				

9 AM Worship Assistant Schedule for January

Date	Cantor	Assisting Minister	Lector	Usher	Assistant to Mike Williams
January 1	Mark Hermodson		Peter Bunder	Calvin Gearhart	Jesse Grogan
January 8	Kathy Heise		Peter Bunder	Jesse Grogan	Ted Heise
January 15	Mark Hermodson			Calvin Gearhart	Jesse Grogan
January 22	Kathy Heise		Peter Bunder	Calvin Gearhart	Ted Heise
January 29	Russell Hillberry				Jesse Grogan

If you would like to serve as a worship assistant for the 9am and 11:30am services in the months of January and February, please contact Teo (teo@osluth.org)

11:30 AM Worship Assistant Schedule for January

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Usher	Acolyte
January 1				
January 8		Dean Devoe		
January 15		Dean Devoe		
January 22				
January 29				

Service Opportunities



eSwatini Mission Trip 2023

GHFP invites you to join our team on a journey to the Kingdom of eSwatini, Africa to learn and dedicate your time, skills, and labor to a community of orphaned children struggling with poverty, HIV/AIDS, and illiteracy. These trips will be tailored to meet the needs of the local Swazi children while remaining cognizant of your skills and expertise including but not limited to: education, engineering, healthcare, nutrition, counseling, and art & design. If you are a student, we will work with your college or university to facilitate you earning independent study college credit for your experience! We at GHFP thank you for your commitment to make a stand, participate on a trip, and actively take part in the global effort to eradicate poverty in Swaziland, curb HIV/AIDS, and empower orphaned children!

We have multiple opportunities summer 2023 and would love to have you join us.

Contact: Annie Todt anniefightspoverty@gmail.com 765-532-2586
www.ifightpoverty.org



Mission Trip 2023

You are invited to make a difference in the lives of the people of Guatemala. Join us on a mission trip June 10-18, 2023. We will partner with Mission Guatemala who has over 12 years of experience serving God and the people of the central highlands of Guatemala. Their focus is on health, education and nutrition. We will work alongside local people on projects determined by the local communities. In the past these have included constructing school desks and furnishings for feeding centers, installing high efficiency wood burning stoves in homes, building restrooms and handwashing stations at schools, assembling water purification buckets, playing with school children, and creating playgrounds in villages.

What you need in order to serve is a servant's heart for working within the culture of Guatemala. Physically you need to be able to walk 200-300 yards without stopping. Financially the cost is between \$1500-\$2000 depending mostly on the cost of airfare. You will need a valid US passport and meet Guatemalan and United States health requirements for entry. Teens (13-17) are welcome when accompanied by a parent or grandparent. We will also have 3-4 team meetings to prepare for our service.

A more in-depth information session will be held soon. If you are interested, contact Pastor Will Peugeot

willp2444@gmail.com

765-426-6251

For more information about Mission Guatemala visit www.missionguatemala.com.



Words of Wisdom

Proof of Light

On January 6 Christians celebrate Epiphany, when the Magi came to worship baby Jesus. Epiphany, which means an appearance or manifestation, symbolizes the first recognition of the Savior by non-Jews. Because Epiphany also is a reminder that Jesus came as the light of the whole world, its symbols include light, candles and a star.

How did the wise men know — and how do we know — that Jesus is the light of the world? As preacher George Buttrick said, “It would little avail to ask how we know. That would be like asking how we know that Beethoven’s ‘Hymn to Joy’ is joyous. If a man were to say, ‘It is not joyous to me,’ he would not condemn the music; he would tell only his morbidness. There is no logic to establish an axiom, for an axiom is the basis of all logic; and the soul of Jesus has axiomatic truth. Jesus is light, and there is no proof for light except light itself.”

Pursue Jesus-and your passions

If you struggle with making and keeping resolutions, you’re not alone. It can be discouraging to focus on what you’re doing “wrong” and all the difficult changes in store. Yet January offers great opportunities to listen to God’s direction. After all, Jesus came to give us abundant life and wants us to pursue him.

As you review the previous year, ask: What brought me joy? How did I grow? How did I help others? What did I do that no one else could have done? Whether your list includes spending time outside, mentoring or coaching young people or making crafts to give away or sell, continue doing what brings you joy. God gives us each unique gifts and circumstances, so live passionately for him this year!

—Janna Firestone

God’s Peaceable Kingdom

Once in a while — too seldom, it seems, but often enough to give us hope — Isaiah’s prophecy comes true: “The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion will feed together ... The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together” (Isaiah 11:6-7, NRSV).

In February 2022, a Minnesota photographer captured a rare event: a wolf and a deer lying feet from each other in the snow — and neither was eating the other! Occasionally we hear of Palestinians and Israelis partnering to teach peacemaking skills, a rally protester helping an injured counter-protester, a crime victim and perpetrator embracing. A divorced couple I know, deeply estranged, decided they could sit together at their son’s high school graduation to demonstrate their love for him.

In a world sadly torn apart, glimpses of mending, tolerance and love are signs of God among us. Isaiah (11:6) declares what makes such goodness possible: “A little child shall lead them.” We know this child as the babe of Bethlehem, Jesus.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

Another Year for God

Another year is dawning; dear Father, let it be,
in working or in waiting, another year with thee....

Another year of progress, another year of praise,
another year of proving thy presence all the days.

Another year of service, of witness for thy love;
another year of training for holier work above.

Another year is dawning! Dear Father, let it be,
on earth, or else in heaven, another year for thee.

—Frances Ridley Havergal

Fresh Starts

I suppose when we wake on January 1 the world will look the same. But there is a reminder of the Resurrection at the start of each new year, each new decade. That’s why I also like sunrises, Mondays and new seasons. God seems to be saying, “With me you can always start afresh.”

—Ada Lum

OPEN BOOK—A book symbolizes the Bible, the written of God. When shown open, a book represents truth or revelation. Apostles and saints are often pictured holding an open book, understood as the New Testament writings of the early church.



ELCA: Why “Created to Be?”

December 21, 2022



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

By Dr. Michael J. Chan

This article will introduce readers to a newly-published resource titled, [“Preaching and Teaching with Love and Respect for the Jewish People.”](#) This publication is a product of the ELCA’s Consultative Panel on Lutheran-Jewish Relations and was written under the leadership of Dr. Peter Pettit. The title of this new resource echoes the ELCA’s 1994 [“A Declaration of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to the Jewish Community.”](#) which names an “urgent desire to live out our faith in Jesus Christ with love and respect for the Jewish people.” I was but one contributor to this important work. What follows is my own sense of this document’s significance, goals, and contents. I’ll begin with some reflections on why it is needed in 2022.

Significance in 2022

In measurable ways, Christian-Jewish relations have improved—whether one thinks in terms of public denominational statements, interfaith collaboration, or deeper attention to Jewish sources in Christian circles. And yet corrosive (and often subtle) currents continue to flow through Christian communities of all theological and ideological stripes. Anti-Jewish attitudes and practices are not unique to the political left or right. They are Christian problems with deep historical roots in some of our most cherished understandings of God.

None of this is surprising. Christianity has many dark and disturbing chapters in its history. In far too many cases, those chapters have involved the Christian mistreatment of Jewish neighbors. Lutherans have a particular stake in this conversation, since our namesake (Martin Luther) represented Jews in profoundly disturbing ways, even calling for rulers to adopt explicitly violent policies. (1)

Concern for the impact of Christian theology on Jewish lives remains of critical importance in contemporary America. The FBI gathers data on hate crimes, which are defined as “a committed criminal offense which is motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender’s bias(es) against a: race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, gender identity.” The data are unambiguous: Jews remain at risk in America today. In fact, of all the religious groups the FBI tracks, Jews are the most at-risk religious group in America. According to the 2020 report, there were 683 anti-Jewish incidents (a 28% drop since 2019), 110 anti-Muslim incidents (a 38% drop since 2019), 15 anti-Buddhist incidents (increase of 200%), and 89 anti-Sikh incidents (82% increase). The Anti-Defamation League also does a yearly audit of anti-Jewish incidents. In 2020, they reported 2,024. The numbers tell a shocking story: The Jewish community bears the brunt of anti-religious hatred in America.

Given these contemporary realities, I was eager to accept an invitation from Dr. Pettit to contribute to “Preaching and Teaching with Love and Respect for Our Jewish Neighbors.” His vision for this project and his resolve to see it to its conclusion animated the writing team’s work at every juncture.

Audience and Usage

As the title indicates, this guide is for anyone in the church who has a teaching or preaching role. At first glance, that might seem too narrowly construed. But it all depends on how one defines preaching and teaching. As I see it, this guide was written for anyone involved in the church’s public witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

With this definition in mind, the audience for this guide includes everyone from pastors to digital content creators, from youth leaders to musicians, and from confirmation teachers to adult education facilitators. Regarding content creators, it is especially important to note the significant role played by visual media in the perpetuation of anti-Jewish concepts and sentiments. This observation was true in the period of the Reformation and remains true today. Anyone charged with the task of teaching children (camp counselors, youth workers, teachers) would benefit from this guide, since many of the most problematic anti-Jewish ideas creep in (often unintentionally) when we are very young.

The guide itself can be used in a variety of ways and contexts. As a starting point, it is divided into ten major sections (more on this below), making the document easy to adapt into a curriculum, whether in the context of individual or group-based study. Given the abundance of bibliographic references, the guide can also serve as an entry point into the larger world of Jewish-Christian dialogue. With the slow rise of Jewish-Christian dialogue, an abundance of resources now exist that can help a person navigate both the joys and complexities of this important conversation. And finally, the guide could easily provide scaffolding for a sermon or teaching series. Many other options exist, but these can at least serve as a starting point.

News items for the February *Evangel* are due to Teo (teo@osluth.org) by 1/23/2023. Please type "Evangel" in the subject line.

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