



# The Evangel

## ***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 Mission, Vision & Values***

#### **Mission Statement:**

Embraced by God's Love to:

- Honor all people
- Share Christ's compassion
- Serve the world

#### **Vision:**

Make Christ's love known to all:

- Meet people where they are
- Accompany and encourage one another along the way
- Nurture our roots and foster new growth

#### **Values:**

**Empathy:** Understanding and addressing the needs of others

**Growth:** Encouraging the development of faith, love, and compassion

**Generosity:** Giving of time, talents, and assets to care for the community and the world

**Belonging:** Nurturing a community where all are honored and celebrated

**Tradition:** Rooted in the Christian faith as members of the ELCA

**Caring:** managing resources with purpose and integrity.

#### ***Worship on Sundays***

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

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/osluth>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@osluth>

Zoom: Email [info@osluth.org](mailto:info@osluth.org) for link

#### ***Worship on Wednesdays***

6:00 PM Breaking Bread Worship

***Randy Schroeder, Pastor  
Kristin Rice, Campus Pastor***



## **The Best Gift for Your Pastor**

October is Pastor Appreciation Month—a time to recognize and encourage those who faithfully shepherd our churches. But if you've ever asked a pastor how to show your gratitude, the answer probably isn't a plaque or applause. More often than not, it's simple: "Pray for me."

Even the Apostle Paul didn't ask for much personally, except for the prayers of fellow believers. In his letter to the Romans, he wrote: "Now I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me, that I may be rescued from those who are disobedient in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may prove acceptable to the saints; so that I may come to you in joy by the will of God and relax in your company" (Romans 15:30–32, NASB).

This October—and every month—encourage your pastor by offering your prayers, support, and kind words. Ministry can be demanding, but knowing the church is lifting them up makes all the difference.



## Pastor's Letter



### “Open Hands, Open Hearts”

Dear Beloved of God,

This fall, Our Saviour Lutheran Church enters a season of prayerful stewardship along with our faithful discernment. Stewardship is more than a financial campaign; it is our response to God's overflowing love. It is the practice of recognizing that all we have—our time, our abilities, our resources, even our land—is gift. In gratitude, we place these gifts back into God's hands for the sake of the gospel and for the good of our neighbors.



In our August sermons, we were reminded that God's call is not about clinging to possessions or anxieties, but about trust. Jesus told his disciples, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” That kingdom vision is not abstract; it takes root in how we live, how we share, and how we use what God has entrusted to us.

At OSLC, that kingdom call is taking shape in a particular way this year: our discernment about how best to use our property. We are asking questions not just about buildings or budgets, but about mission. Could this land support affordable housing for our community? Could it provide space for childcare, helping families who struggle with cost and availability? These are not easy questions, but they are faithful ones. They invite us to see beyond our own comfort, and to imagine how God's love can ripple out through us in new and unexpected ways.



This is where stewardship and discernment come together. Both require us to hold our lives with open hands, trusting that God is at work in ways larger than we can see. Both call us to generosity—not only in what we give financially, but in how we share our imaginations, our prayers, our skills, and our willingness to follow where God leads.

As we move toward Pledge Sunday on October 19, I invite you to consider not simply *how much* to give, but *why* we give. We give because God first gave to us. We give because the church is a community where lives are changed and hope is born. We give because, together, we are stewards of a mission far greater than ourselves.

In the coming weeks, you will hear stories of how your gifts sustain worship, support ministries of care, and help us lean into bold possibilities for our property. You will be invited to pray, to listen, and to respond. Your pledge—of finances, of time, of presence—makes a difference. It is a witness of trust in God's promises, and a building block for the ministry God is shaping through OSLC.

This is an exciting and challenging time in our life together. Thank you for the generosity you already live out in countless ways. Thank you for leaning into God's future with hope. And thank you for being part of this community where we continue to discover, again and again, that Love wins. God wins.

Peace,  
**Pastor Randy**

**PASTOR'S**  
SCHEDULE  
**Vacation:**  
October 19-23





## Stewardship



### Pledge Sunday Oct 19<sup>th</sup>:

#### How Much to Give and Why: A Reflection on Stewardship

Because of your generous gifts of time, talents, and treasures,  
OSLC and PLM continue in God's call and ministry.

Dear Beloved Child of God,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As we enter this season of gratitude and anticipation, we celebrate the joy of giving in all its forms. Jesus calls us to embrace generosity—not only with our resources, but with the gifts of our time and talents. Every moment shared, every skill offered, and every treasure given reflects the boundless love of Christ and brings light to our community.

Imagine what we can accomplish together when each person offers their gifts. Whether you lend a hand, lift your voice, or share your resources, your involvement makes a difference that ripples far beyond what you can see.

Stewardship is about more than finances—it's about discipleship. It's about aligning our lives with God's will, recognizing that everything we have belongs to God, and faithfully managing what has been entrusted to us. Martin Luther once said, "There are three conversions necessary: the conversion of the heart, the conversion of the mind, and the conversion of the purse."

Over the past year, your generosity has empowered our congregation to:

- Sustain vibrant worship and music ministries
- Support our dedicated staff, PLM, and volunteers
- Offer transformative education for all ages
- Extend compassion through outreach and service
- Dream big about how our property can bless the community

As Pledge Sunday (October 19) approaches, I invite you to spend time in prayer about your 2026 pledge. If you are able to increase your giving, we would be deeply grateful. If not, please know how much we appreciate the many ways you already support the mission of OSLC.

The "why" of stewardship goes beyond obligation. Jesus reminds us, "*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also*" (Matthew 6:21). Generosity shifts our focus from scarcity to abundance, from self-centeredness to service. It grows our trust in God's provision, even as we share what we have.

Through our giving, we join God's work—supporting ministries, helping the poor, and bearing witness to Christ's love. Ultimately, how much to give is a prayerful decision, guided by love and trust. Our generosity is faith in action, gratitude made visible. You can place your pledges in the offering plate on Sunday October 19<sup>th</sup>, send them in the mail, or deliver them to the office during office hours Mon-Thur. – 9:00am-11:00am or 12:00pm-3:00pm before October 19th.

Thank you for all you do, for loving and serving God and neighbor. You are deeply appreciated, a beloved child of God through whom Christ is changing the world.

Peace,  
Pastor Randy



## Faith Formation October News



### Fall is Here, Lives are Busy, but remember to Just Breathe!

Somehow it is October already! I thought September was busy, but somehow October has found a way of filling up fast. There are so many activities, like sport events, fall festivals, clubs... It feels like there is always something happening. The calendar fills up and before you know it, the month has flown by.

There is still good news: In the middle of the hustle and bustle, God is still working, and people are still being reached. Sometimes the events we plan are big and polished, other times they are small and simple. Either way, God uses them. And He uses you.

As you step into another packed month, I just want to encourage you to pause for a moment, take a breath, and remember that you are not doing this alone.

Remember that it's important to take some time to recharge and refuel ourselves. In a world that is constantly moving and demanding, it's easy to feel drained and overwhelmed. That's why it's crucial to find ways to fill your cup. Whether it's through simple daily practices or exploring new experiences, there are endless ways to replenish your energy and rejuvenate your mind, body, and soul.

### 10 Ways to Fill Your Cup

1. Understand What Fulfills You
2. Find Joy in Simple Acts
3. Make Healthy Choices
4. Exercise Regularly
5. Convert Challenges into Opportunities
6. Embrace Change and Uncertainty
7. Focus on Self-Growth
8. Invest Time in Activities You Love
9. Nurture Relationships
10. Reduce Stress Through Creative Outlets

Source: <https://traceyandkimberlyeaton.com/ways-to-fill-your-cup/>



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<https://www.facebook.com/osluth/>





## Faith Formation October News Continued



### Adult Forum

**October 5** - No Adult Forum - Servant Sunday. The congregation is invited to help assemble LWR School Kits.

**October 12** - TBD

**October 19** - Laurie Earnest, the director of development from Willowstone Family Services, a nonprofit organization based in Lafayette, IN, that has served families and individuals with outpatient counseling, family advocacy, parent support, parent café, teen café, art processing groups, home visits for expecting and new parents, and more.

**October 26** - Family Shelter Board Members will provide current information about the Greater Lafayette Family Shelter.

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### Sunday School

Sunday School is from 10:15 am to 11:15 am. We offer Godly Play for our elementary school-age children in grades K-5 and confirmation classes for 6th-8th children on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for a coffee hour around 10:00 am. The children will be welcomed to the Godly Play Worship Center (the Sunday School room). If you have any questions or want more information, contact Erin Thompson at [erin@osluth.org](mailto:erin@osluth.org) or 715-304-7575.

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### Blessing of the LWR School Kits & Quilts

Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies for the Lutheran World Relief School Kits. We have enough supplies to fill over 100 school kits! Because of your generosity children around the world who are experiencing a crisis will be able to continue their education. God's work our hands indeed! **Blessing of the LWR School Kits and Quilts** will be on **October 12th**.

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### Candy & volunteers needed for WL Fall Festival on October 24th

OSLC will be participating in the West Lafayette Fall Festival on Friday, October 24th at the Wellness Center. We need donations of Halloween candy to give out to the 2000+ kids and others who attend (please place donated candy in the basket in the Narthex). We also need a couple volunteers to help pass out the candy from 5-8:00PM that evening. Talk to Sandy Monroe ([skmonroe@purdue.edu](mailto:skmonroe@purdue.edu)) or Laurie Snyder ([snydel58@purdue.edu](mailto:snydel58@purdue.edu)) if you can help.

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### Exploration Acres Outing- October 18th from 3:30 to 6:30- ALL ARE WELCOME!

We had a great time last year at our Exploration Acres outing! I am inviting you to join us again this year. Please RSVP here, [Exploration Acres Sign-Up](#), or scan the QR code, so that we will have enough food for everyone. OSLC will rent a fire pit and will provide hot dogs, chips, carrots, apple sauce, bottled water, and s'mores! Getting into Exploration Acres is \$14/adult and \$13/child. Five and under are free. Please bring chairs to sit around the campfire, and if you have extra hot dog pokers, please bring those as well. We will meet at the admission building at 3:30, then head to our fire pit. Here is the link for [Exploration Acres](#), and if you have any questions, please contact me at [erin@osluth.org](mailto:erin@osluth.org) or 715-304-7575.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thurs-	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			11:15AM URL Lunch 6PM Breaking Bread Worship 	7PM AA		8:30AM Men's Breakfast @ Café Literato  9:30AM Working Mom's Group @ Starbucks (Creasy Ln., Lafayette)
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9AM Worship in-person & Zoom 10:15AM Servant Sunday 10:20AM Assemble LWR School Kits in Fellowship Hall 2:30PM Dance Class by Desiree (Fellowship Hall)	6:30PM OSLC Council Meeting via Zoom	6:30PM Pints with a Pastor @ Nine Irish (W.L.) 6:30PM Chamber Choir Rehearsals	6PM Breaking Bread Worship	7PM AA		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9AM Worship in-person & Zoom (Blessing of the Quilts & LWR School Kits) 10:20AM Confirmation Class	 COLUMBUS DAY  INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY		6PM Breaking Bread Worship 7PM OSLC Choir Rehearsal	7PM AA		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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← Pastor Randy on Vacation →						
26	27	28	29	30	31	
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### Special Dates

- Pastor Appreciation Month
- World Communion Sunday, *October 5, 2025*
- Pastor/Clergy Appreciation Sunday, *October 12, 2025*
- Columbus Day, *October 13, 2025*
- Indigenous Peoples Day, *October 13, 2025*
- Canadian Thanksgiving, *October 13, 2025*
- Reformation Sunday, *October 26, 2025*
- Reformation Day, *October 31, 2025*

## Worship Assistant Schedule for October

Date	Cantor	Assisting Minister	Lector	Usher	Live Stream Assistant
<b>October 5</b>	Russ Hillberry	Mike Dana	David Kopp	Herm Snyder	Matt Ohland
<b>October 12</b>	Mark Hermodson	Dick Rahdert	Kathy Grogan	Mike Dana	Jesse Grogan
<b>October 19</b>	Scott Vana	Reuben Peterson	Pam Miller		
<b>October 26</b>	N/A	Kathy Grogan	Dick Rahdert	Jesse Grogan	Matt Ohland

### Words of Welcome

Welcome to this sacred moment of communion. As we share the bread and cup, may we remember Christ's love and sacrifice.

Welcome! Today we give thanks to God for our pastors—those He has given us “according to His heart” (Jeremiah 3:15, KJV), to lead, teach and care for His people with faith and love. May this time of worship bless them, even as they continue to bless us.

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God and everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God” (1 John 4:7, KJV). Take time to greet another worshiper with the love of the Lord.

Welcome to worship on Reformation Sunday. We rejoice in God's unchanging Word and saving grace.

### Preparation for Worship

Jesus, you gave your body and shed your blood so we might be made whole. As we come to your table, quiet our hearts and help us remember your sacrifice with gratitude and awe. Amen.

Lord, thank you for the pastors and leaders you've placed among us. As we worship today, we pray that you strengthen and encourage them. Help us honor their calling and support them with love and prayer.

The days grow cooler as autumn moves forward. Bless our worship, God of all seasons, with the warmth of your love.

On Reformation Sunday, we pray that our church and our lives may be always open to the movement of the Holy Spirit.



## Choir News



### OSLC Members and PLM Students are invited to participate in choir this fall.

Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays in the sanctuary/balcony at 7:00 p.m. These will occur after the 6:00 p.m. Breaking Bread worship in the Fellowship Hall. So you could attend that and get your supper, before arriving at choir rehearsal!

Here is the schedule for the fall:

- Oct.
  - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Rehearsals - Oct. 15, 22, 29
  - Sunday, Oct. 26 - sing at the 9 a.m. worship (8:30 a.m. warm-up)
- Nov.
  - Sunday, Nov. 2 - sing at the 9 a.m. worship (8:30 a.m. warm-up)
  - No rehearsals in Nov.

You may attend as your schedule allows. If you have questions, please contact Julie Huettman, [juliehuettman@gmail.com](mailto:juliehuettman@gmail.com), 765-491-7819.



## Altar Guild



Dear current and future Altar Guild members.

I would like to draw your attention to the Sign Up Genius (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AACAA23A7FFC25-58696793-communion>) for helping with Altar Guild duties. Erin is putting it in the announcements flyer and in the Evangel on an ongoing basis. While there can be training and mentoring when I am here, please note that I am out of the country until the first week of November. There are two weeks in the middle of October uncovered at this time. Hopefully, some of our experienced folks will cover those. Newbies, please consider signing up for open times in November and December and I will work with you on your weekend. Thanks so much!

Vicki Mills, Altar Guild Chair



## Council Highlights



- **PLM:** The free coffee being offered at PLM House does not appear to have resulted in any new attendees, but the experiment will continue for at least several more weeks.
- **Evangelism:** Sandra reported that Lori Snyder is a new member on this team, and that Outfest went well.
- **Pastor Report:** Meeting among the new Property Development Team. The team includes Julie H., Katy B., Matt O., Aaron T., Ron B., Carl B., John M., Russel H. and me. We have scheduled Monthly meetings and looking for our next folks to contact. Marc Cohen and his family have been worshipping with OSLC for almost a year, but Marc just got called to HTLC as their Pastor. He began his call on September 7th. We will say good-bye for now but plan to work together as opportunities arise.
- **New Business:** Formation of a Committee to take care of tasks during Pastor Randy's sabbatical are being discussed.





## Volunteer Opportunity



If you're looking for a way to assist your church and you're comfortable with basic finances, this opportunity may be right for you.

### **OSLC is seeking a volunteer to become Financial Secretary for the congregation.**

The primary responsibility of the OSLC Financial Secretary (FS) is to maintain records of pledges and contributions to the church. This is done by making entries into the church's database each week (usually less than an hour each week), using the counters' report created by the members who count the weekly offering.

Each month the FS generates a report of income, including income reported by our online giving provider, and works with the Treasurer and the Funds Treasurer to verify that reported amounts match their records. The FS provides this report to the Finance Ministry Team and participates in their monthly meetings. The Finance Ministry Team provides support to and answers questions from the FS.

At the end of each quarter, the FS prints a report of each member contributions and distributes these statements of giving to the members.

At the end of each year the FS projects the income for the coming year based on pledges, past giving patterns, and other sources of income. This estimate is important input for preparation of the church budget and is provided as part of the Annual Report.

The FS also responds to member queries about their contributions and other related matters.

### **Interested or have questions?**

Contact Carl Behnke, Steve Belter, or Pastor Randy.



## Service Opportunities & Community Activities



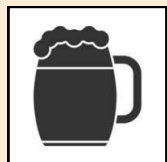
### Book Club

Book Club will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, October 21st at 7 pm to discuss the book "The Secret Letter" by Debbie Rix. Sandra Vana ([donklady3@gmail.com](mailto:donklady3@gmail.com)) will send out the zoom link, so let her know if you would like an invitation.



### Hearts and Crafts

Hearts and Crafts will meet on Thursday, October 23rd, at 1:30 to do a Halloween craft. Call or email Holly at [Hmwb26@aol.com](mailto:Hmwb26@aol.com) or 765-491-2329 for any questions or ideas.



### Pints with a Pastor

Pints with a Pastor will meet at Nine Irish Brothers (119 Howard Ave., West Lafayette, IN 47906) at 6:30pm on **Tuesday, October 7th**. Please RSVP by Tuesday at noon – by emailing [randy@osluth.org](mailto:randy@osluth.org) or calling 260-402-4476 so we know how many tables to reserve.



### Working Mom's Group

You are invited to OSLC's Working Mom's Group on October 4th, 2025, at Starbucks ([160 S Creasy Ln, Lafayette, IN 47905](#)) from 9:30 to 11:00. This casual group supports one another as moms and women working outside the home. (Please contact Erin Thompson ([erin@osluth.org](mailto:erin@osluth.org)) if would like to join.)



### Hosts Invited for Fellowship Hour

#### **You're Invited to Host Fellowship Hour!**

Fellowship Hour is a cherished time at OSLC—an opportunity to connect, catch up, and build relationships over a warm cup of coffee and a shared snack after worship. We're looking for volunteers to host upcoming Fellowship Hours. It's simple: the host makes some coffee (directions are on the coffee maker) and brings in a snack or treat to share—store-bought or homemade, whatever you're comfortable with! Whether you're a seasoned host or trying it for the first time, your hospitality helps create the welcoming, caring community we all value. **Sign up is easy!** You'll find the Fellowship Hour sign-up clipboard on the table in the Narthex, or you can use the Signup-Genius created below. Thank you for helping us extend the spirit of worship into community and conversation!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AACAA23A7FFC25-56971013-coffee>



### Times and Locations of Ministry Meetings

**Property** normally meets on the first Sunday of the month, shortly after the 9:00 service ends. The meeting is moved to other Sundays as needed to accommodate the schedules of its members. If you are interested in attending the meetings or joining the property ministry team, please contact Matt Ohland at [ohland@purdue.edu](mailto:ohland@purdue.edu) to be notified of changes in the regular meeting time. **Congregational Life** meets in the Fellowship Hall on Servant Sundays. All are welcome! **Faith Formation** meets via zoom to accommodate the schedules of its members. New members are welcome! Contact Missy Schroeder ([missy@osluth.org](mailto:missy@osluth.org)) for more info. **Operations** meets only when there is a need or crisis. If you would like to attend one of the meetings, please email Dick Rahdert and he will notify you of the time and place. **Finance** normally meets on Servant Sunday afternoon via zoom. Meetings are usually suspended during the months of June, July, and August. **Social Justice** meets in the Fellowship Hall on Servant Sunday. All are welcome! **Evangelism** meets on Servant Sundays, usually via zoom. Scott Vana would be happy to send you a zoom invite.



## Service Opportunities & Community Activities (Continued)



### Purdue Football Game Parking

Thank you to the volunteers who have helped with game day parking! We still need attendants for October 4th and November 8th. Volunteers arrive three hours before the game, collect funds for the parking and park the cars. (There are detailed instructions for the attendants.) Please click on the link to the Sign Up Genius [Purdue Football Parking Sign Up](#) or use the QR code below to find a date that you can help. A paper sign up will be on the table near the office door. PLM has signed up for October 25th (PLM-Homecoming). The game times on October 4<sup>th</sup> and November 8<sup>th</sup> are yet to be determined. As soon as the times are set, I will update the Sign Up Genius. Thank you! If you have any questions, please email [erin@osluth.org](mailto:erin@osluth.org) or call at 715-304-7575.



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*Join us for an evening of autumn fun! Activities include s'mores, crafts, food trucks, a silent disco, and a trick-or-treating trail around Cumberland Park.*

**Date:** Friday, October 24, 2025

**Time:** 5:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

**Location:** Outside the John R. Dennis Wellness Center,  
1101 Kalberer Road

**Cost:** Free!



*We ask attendees to register with the QR code above to help with candy count.*





## Service Opportunities & Community Activities (Continued)



### Greater Lafayette Family Shelter (formerly Family Promise)

<https://lafayettefamilyshelter.org/>

The shelter is a large home that can house 5 families and is located in Lafayette. Shelter staff help families with needs - education, certifications, jobs, housing, etc. OSLC is a supporting congregation of Family Shelter.



The Family Shelter has been in transition for a couple years as they restructure. Here are some upcoming events you can attend and activities you can do to support the shelter.

#### Donations

- **Funds**
  - Online - <https://lafayettefamilyshelter.org/donate/>
- **Family Needs**
  - Toiletries, personal hygiene items for adults and children
  - Feminine products
  - Diapers
  - Kitchen or bathroom cleaning supplies, laundry detergent
  - Clean, dry plastic grocery bags
- **Stock the Pantry**
  - Non-perishable, kid-friendly food

Place donated items on the bench in the Fellowship Hall. Julie Huettelman will contact the staff to schedule delivery to the shelter.

#### ADULT FORUM

- Sunday, Oct. 26 - Family Shelter Updates
- Family Shelter Board Members will be with us during the Adult Forum to provide current information about the Greater Lafayette Family Shelter.
- Vera Weiser will have her beautiful greeting cards available for purchase. Funds raised support the Family Shelter.

#### Questions?

Contact Julie Huettelman, Family Shelter - OSLC Coordinator, [juliehuettelman@gmail.com](mailto:juliehuettelman@gmail.com), 765-491-7819

### OSLC Fall Workday November 1



Please help as you are able with Fall maintenance. A list will be in the narthex to sign up to help in the coming weeks. The work can be done anytime that's convenient for you, but if you can come November 1 between 9:00 am - noon, you can join other OSLC members working in fellowship.





### Save the date for Jubilee Christmas

OSLC is participating in Jubilee Christmas this year which will happen on **Saturday, Dec. 13 at 9:30 AM**. This year we will sponsor 12 families. LUM knows the need will be great this year and has asked participating churches to increase the number of families if possible so that is what we are doing!

Here are the 3 ways you will be able to show your love for these families and be a faithful servant to Jubilee Christmas!

1. **Volunteer** - volunteers will be needed on Friday, Dec. 12 to help set up the Fellowship Hall and the toy rooms and the morning of Dec. 13 to host a family by helping them pick out toys and wrapping them, carry toys out to the car, and to check families in and out. It will take a minimum of 17-18 volunteers to help make the morning of Jubilee Christmas go smoothly! Sign Up genius will be used for this sign-up in mid-Nov. Please put Jubilee Christmas now on your calendar so you are available to help that morning!
2. **Purchase a specific toy or toys for a child** - Specific toy suggestions will be found on either a gift tag on a Christmas tree in the church narthex or on Sign Up Genius. These suggestions will be available mid - Nov.
3. **Donate money** - money given to help support Jubilee Christmas is used to pay for food cards, teen gift cards, diapers, help supplement household supplies, and buy toys and stocking stuffers if needed. Please be sure that donated money is designated for Jubilee Christmas.

If you have any questions, talk to Beth Dana or Vera Weiser!



## A Message from PLM



# October @



in addition to regular weekly events: Brunch on Sundays, Breaking Bread on Wednesdays, Free Coffee on Thursdays

## 2 Thursdays at PLM: Luther CATS

12:30p-1:30p



Conversations around Lutheran  
Catechism, **A**dvocacy, **T**heology, **S**cripture

## social

## 11-13



Retreat



Elkhorn,  
Wisconsin

## 25



## Pancake Cook-Out & Football Parking Fundraiser

8:30a - 12p



## service

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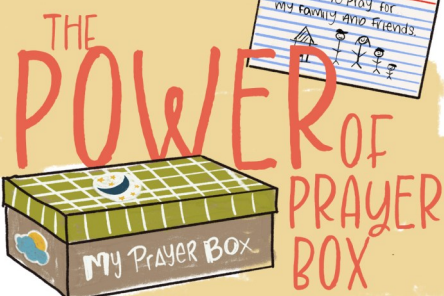
Deliver LWR quilts and school kits to  
Concordia Lutheran in Greenwood  
12p-3p

## 24

West Lafayette Wellness Center Halloween - hand  
out candy with OSLC

## 29

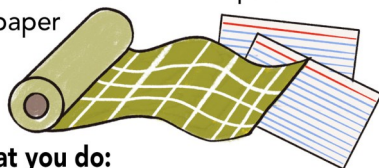
Provide warm meal for LUM  
overnight shelter guests,  
8p-11p



Create a simple and meaningful prayer box your family can use to share requests and pray together all week long.

## What you need:

- Shoebox with lid
- Wrapping paper or decorative paper
- Scissors & tape
- Markers or crayons
- Stickers and other craft material (optional)
- Pens or pencils
- Index cards or small pieces of paper



## What you do:

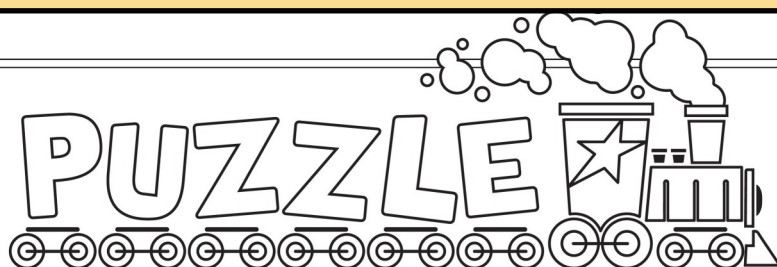
1. Wrap the shoebox like a gift, wrapping the lid separately so it can be opened.
2. As a family, decorate the box with drawings, favorite Bible verses, photos, or stickers.
3. Place the box somewhere central, like the kitchen or living room.
4. Keep index cards and pens nearby.  
When someone has a prayer request, they can write or draw it and drop it in.
5. Throughout the week, take turns praying over the requests as a family, or have a parent lead prayer time.

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

—Colossians 4:2, NIV

## Jokes

1. **Q: Why did a scarecrow win the Nobel prize?**  
A: He was outstanding in his field.
2. **Q: Why do trees try new things so often?**  
A: Because every autumn, they turn over a new leaf.
3. **Knock knock.**  
Who's there?  
**Les.**  
Les who?  
**Les go pick some pumpkins!**



## JESUS TRAVELED TO MANY PLACES

Jesus traveled to many regions, cities, towns and villages to preach the Good News. In the puzzle below, find and circle the names of some of the places. Can you find the names on the list?

Words can go left to right, up, down or diagonal—so look carefully in all directions!

BETHANY	EPHRAIM	MOUNT OF OLIVES
BETHLEHEM	GALILEE	NAZARETH
BETHSAIDA	JERICHO	PEREA
CAESAREA PHILIPPI	JERUSALEM	SAMARIA
CANA	JORDAN RIVER	SIDON
CAPERNAUM	JUDEA	TYRE
DECAPOLIS	MAGDALA	WILDERNESS
EGYPT		

B	M	L	E	T	C	U	S	G	O	T	O	B	T	H	E
E	J	O	R	D	A	N	R	I	V	E	R	E	M	N	S
T	U	E	U	E	N	A	R	B	Y	V	I	T	A	L	S
H	D	L	R	N	A	Z	A	R	E	T	H	H	G	A	E
S	E	G	E	I	T	S	S	S	G	Y	O	L	D	I	N
A	A	C	J	A	C	O	N	I	Y	R	P	E	A	R	R
I	D	E	E	A	C	H	F	D	P	E	H	H	L	T	E
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H	P	P	A	A	Y	R	I	H	A	V	V	E	C	O	W
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O	I	A	M	U	T	G	R	A	B	E	T	H	A	N	Y
L	S	I	I	L	G	A	L	I	L	E	E	E	E	F	R
O	M	M	C	A	P	E	R	N	A	U	M	M	A	R	K

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