



# 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**



**Don't forget to set your clocks  
back an hour on November 2nd!**



## A Day to Honor Our Veterans

On November 11, 1918, the Germans and the Allied Nations, which included the United States, signed a document to initiate an armistice (cessation of hostilities), thus ending World War I. A year later, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation designating November 11 as Armistice Day. It was to be a day of reflection — a day to remember those who died in the country's service and to offer Americans the opportunity "to show sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nation."

Wanting to recognize more specifically America's veterans, Congress passed a bill changing the name of the day from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. The change was made in May 1954.

On this national holiday, churches around the nation hold services of prayers and praise. Followers of the Prince of Peace pray for peace among the nations of Earth and for the day when "they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Isaiah 2:4, NRSV).



### Finding God in the Familiar

Dear friends in Christ,

I'm grateful and excited to share that Our Saviour Lutheran Church has been awarded a **\$59,954 Clergy Renewal Grant** from the **Lilly Endowment Inc.**, administered through **Christian Theological Seminary** in Indianapolis. OSLC is one of 200 congregations across the country selected for this program in 2025! This generous grant will allow me to take a **Clergy Renewal Leave from April through July 2026** under the theme "*Finding God in the Familiar*," inspired by *Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*: "*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.*"

This time away will provide an opportunity for rest, reflection, and renewal—for me, for my family, and for our congregation. After nearly thirteen years of ministry, 6 of them with you as of Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, I look forward to stepping back to renew my spirit and reconnect with the core relationships and passions that sustain my call: faith, family, friends, and creativity.

During the sabbatical, scheduled for March 30<sup>th</sup> through July 13<sup>th</sup>, I will engage in **four main experiences**, each a way of rediscovering God's presence in ordinary life:

- **Photography – a time to embrace:** Learning to see and capture the sacred in everyday life through photography lessons and practice.
- **Faith – a time to seek:** Traveling with my wife, Missy, to Germany to explore the roots of our Lutheran faith and reflect on how the Reformation continues to shape our ministry today. (In June)
- **Family – a time to gather stones:** Traveling with our children to Florida for a long-awaited family renewal trip, reconnecting and celebrating time together as adults. (Late April or Early May)
- **Friends – a time to dance:** Reuniting with lifelong friends at the NCAA Basketball Tournament's Final Four, rekindling relationships that have supported me since before seminary. (April 4-6<sup>th</sup>) And due to scheduling conflicts, a short trip to Nashville TN, to for those who cannot make the Final Four Trip. (date TBD)

While I'm away, **OSLC will also enter its own season of renewal.** The grant includes support for pastoral leadership and opportunities for our congregation to grow in faith and fellowship:

- Hosting **house gatherings** during the NCAA Tournament for fun, community, and charity.
- Holding a **church reunion** to reconnect with past members and celebrate OSLC's story.
- Welcoming **guest preachers** from my Wabash Pastoral Leadership cohort, area pastors, and Pastor Kristin Rice, who will continue preaching and pastoral care.
- Learning together about our **Lutheran heritage** through presentations led by Rev. Dr. Derek Nelson of Wabash College, connecting to the Germany pilgrimage.



## Pastor's Letter Continued

The Lilly Endowment's Clergy Renewal Program honors pastors and congregations with time to rest, reflect, and be refreshed. As Dr. Robert Saler, the program's director, notes, these sabbaticals help pastors and congregations "actively invest in what reenergizes their leaders for long-term ministry."

This renewal leave comes at a meaningful time for OSLC. As our congregation continues discerning how to serve our community with faith and imagination, this sabbatical offers space for both pastor and congregation to listen for God's voice—trusting that the Spirit who has guided us so far will continue to lead us forward.

I am deeply grateful for your support and prayers through this process. I truly believe that this will be a **time of blessing for all of us**—a season to rest, rejoice, and find God again in the familiar places of our lives.

With gratitude and hope, **Pastor Randy**



## Stewardship



### All Saints Sunday: A Call to Stewardship

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>, this Sunday, is All-Saints Sunday, which is a powerful reminder of the legacy of faith handed down by countless generations who have gone before us. Celebrated on the first Sunday in November, this day honors not only the well-known saints but also the quiet, faithful lives that shaped our communities, families, and faith journeys. It's a day to reflect on how our own lives contribute to a broader spiritual heritage, calling us to live with intention and purpose.

At its heart, All-Saints Sunday is about stewardship—not just of resources, but of the gifts and teachings we've inherited. Stewardship means using our time, talents, and treasures in ways that honor those who came before us and enrich those who will follow. We are caretakers of a living tradition, invited to sustain it with grace and generosity.

Thank you to all who have sent in your pledge cards and Time and Talent Offering sheet. If you have not yet had an opportunity to send them in, please take a few minutes to fill them out and drop them off at the church office or place them in the offering plate at church on Sunday. As John Mills said during the announcements last week, "No incoming pledge will be refused." The pledge information is kept confidential, and it is vital for the Finance Team to reconcile the 2026 budget requests with our projected 2026 budget.

As we remember the saints, let's reflect on how we can actively build up our faith community, support its mission, and nurture the future. Just as past saints invested in us, we are invited to invest in others through our actions, giving, and service. This All-Saints Sunday, let's carry forward the legacy with open hands and hearts, embracing our role in a timeless stewardship.

Thank you for all you do - your continued support of loving and serving God and neighbor. You are appreciated and loved. You are a child of God, deserving of love and respect and God will use you to change the world.

Peace,  
Pastor Randy



## Session #4 On Our Way Forward



As we continue to move forward on our journey to develop our property the council has decided to offer four discussion sessions. The purpose of these sessions is to keep you updated as well as glean ideas from your involvement as we move through our discernment and action process.

Our first Sessions regarded the Short-Term ideas and we have some action plans underway. As we move to the last session we wish to Dream Boldly about Our Long-Term Ideas - "Envision the future and discern key priorities."

**Session #4** will be offered at three separate times to accommodate schedules. Your input is vital as we keep advancing this next step for OSLC. We pray you are able to attend one of three opportunities for each of the four sessions.

**Session #4** will begin with the **first opportunity via Zoom on November 10th (2 weeks from today) at 6:30pm.** See invitation below.

### **Our Saviour Lutheran Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.**

Topic: OSLC's Invitation to Session #4 Zoom Meeting

Time: Nov 10, 2025 06:30 PM Indiana (East)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6477209851?  
pwd=YXFtWW5iQzBLb2p0UzNMY0tnVDNBQT09&omn=87290812642](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6477209851?pwd=YXFtWW5iQzBLb2p0UzNMY0tnVDNBQT09&omn=87290812642)

Meeting ID: 647 720 9851

Passcode: URLoved

### **Here are future dates for Session #4.**

The **second opportunity** will take place on Tuesday at 'Pints with a Pastor' on November 11th @ 6:30 pm at Nine Irish Brothers WL. If you are interested in attending please let me (Pr. Randy) know by noon on November 11th, so I can reserve enough space for everyone.

And the **third opportunity** will be during Fellowship Time after worship in the fellowship Hall on November 16th.



## Session #4 On Our Way Forward Continued



Here are the Discussion Questions for Session #4

### Session 4: Taking Action – Moving from Ideas to Impact

**Objective:** Commit to specific steps and next actions.

#### Opening Reflection (5 min)

- Reflect on **what has been learned** from the previous sessions.
- Ask: What is the one idea that excites you most?

#### Discussion Questions (20 min)

##### 1. Prioritization:

- Which ideas feel **most urgent and achievable**?
- What initiatives should we focus on first?

##### 2. Community Engagement:

- How can we **invite and involve** the larger congregation in shaping these ideas?
- Who in the wider **West Lafayette community** should be part of this conversation?

##### 3. Resources & Partnerships:

- What financial, volunteer, and structural **resources** will be needed to move forward?
- What **partners or organizations** could help us take these steps?

#### Next Steps & Closing (5 min)

- Summarize key takeaways and **commit to action steps**.
- Close with a prayer of **gratitude and commissioning**.





## Faith Formation November News



It is hard to believe that it is already November. This reminds me that it is time to think about Thanksgiving and Christmas. It always gives me a bit of anxiety when it comes to this time of year, but then I just have to remember to “Just Breathe.” It is okay to feel this way, but to remember what this time of year is about. It is about a time of thanks, a time of giving, a time of sharing, a time for showing gratitude, and a time to be with family.



Here are a just a few things to remember when it comes to holiday anxiety:

1. Mindfulness
2. Plan Ahead
3. Focus on gratitude
4. Focus on Values
5. Take breaks
6. Increase Self-Care
7. Set Healthy Boundaries
8. Prioritize Holiday Rituals
9. Take care of your health
10. Acknowledge your feelings



**Facebook-**“Like” OSLC’s page for Sunday Worship streamed live, updates and upcoming events:  
<https://www.facebook.com/osluth/>

As we get closer to that time of year, I try to remember to “Just Breathe.” To pause in the quiet present moment, where we are called to unclench, unlearn the purpose-driven striving, and to just sit with the source of it all. This stillness allows to feel the care of our creator and find comfort in divine love, however challenging life might be.

It reminds me of the verse from Colossians 3:15: *"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."* I pray that you find peace and love in your heart, which Christ shows us everyday.



## Faith Formation November News Continued



### **Adult Forum**

**November 2** - No Adult Form; Servant Sunday

**November 9** - Erin Charpentier from Solar United Neighbors

**November 16** - Session #4 On Our Way Forward

**November 23** - Pastor Dan Forehand, Assistant to the Bishop for Emerging Ministers and Ministries, Director for Candidacy, and Staff Liaison to the Constitution Committee

**November 30** - Greater Lafayette Family Shelter Executive Director, Steven Flowers, 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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### **Advent Party and Cookie Exchange-** *December 7th, during the fellowship hour (10:15-11:15)*

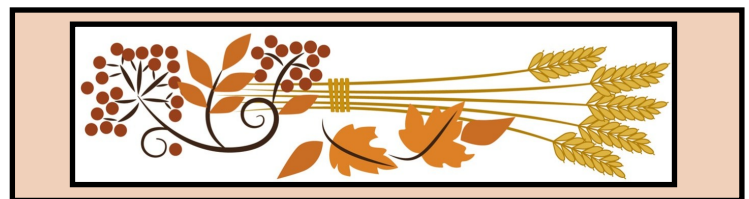
Celebrate the beginning of Advent with us! During fellowship hour, we'll enjoy a festive cookie exchange, create Advent crafts, and sing Christmas carols together.

#### **Cookie Exchange Details:**

- Bring two dozen or more of your favorite Christmas cookies
- Include printed copies of the recipe to share
- Bring a large container to take home your treats!
- We'll share some cookies during fellowship so we can all sample the deliciousness!

For questions, reach out to Erin at [erin@osluth.org](mailto:erin@osluth.org) or 715-304-7575.

Join us for a joyful start to the Advent season!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						8:30AM Men's Breakfast @ Café Literato
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9AM Worship in-person & Zoom 10:15 AM Servant Sunday 10:20 AM Sunday School <b>Daylight Saving Time ends</b> 			11:45AM URL Lunch 6PM Breaking Bread Worship	7PM AA		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9AM Worship in-person & Zoom 10:20 AM Sunday School 10:20 AM Confirmation Class	6:30 Zoom Session # 4 On Our Way Forward	6:30PM Pints with a Pastor (Session # 4 On our way Forward) @ Nine Irish (W.L.) 	6PM Breaking Bread Worship	7PM AA		9:30AM Working Mom's Group @ Starbucks (Creasy Ln., Lafayette) 10AM OSLC Council Meeting
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9AM Worship in-person & Zoom 10:15 AM Adult Forum Session # 4 On Our Way Forward 10:20AM Sunday School			6PM Breaking Bread Worship 6PM PMO Rehearsal	7PM AA		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9AM Worship in-person & Zoom 10:20AM Sunday School 10:20AM Confirmation Class 			8AM Roundtable Discussions (OSLC Fellowship Hall)	7PM AA  <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>	
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9AM Worship in-person & Zoom 10:20AM Sunday School 						



## Worship Assistant Schedule for November

Date	Cantor	Assisting Minister	Lector	Usher	Live Stream Assistant
<b>November 2</b>	Combined Choirs	Dick Rahdert	Marcia Daehler	Laurie and Herm Snyder	Jesse Grogan
<b>November 9</b>	Scott Vana	Kathy Grogan	Bob Nielsen		Jesse Grogan
<b>November 16</b>	Russ Hillberry	Peter Bunder	Pam Miller	Marcia Daehler	Matt Ohland
<b>November 23</b>	Russ Hillberry		Kathy Grogan	Jesse Grogan	Matt Ohland
<b>November 30</b>	Mark Hermodson	Reuben Peterson	Dick Rahdert	Vera Weiser	Matt Ohland

### Words of Welcome

Let us be grateful for the Word of God which is like a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (see Psalm 119:105). We rejoice that you have come to unite with us in praising the Creator of us all.

We appreciate your presence at worship today. We welcome you in the name of Christ. With enthusiasm let us approach the throne of grace and offer honor and homage to God.

Today we honor Christ the King, the shepherd who gathers and rescues us, the one in whom all things hold together (Jeremiah 23:1–6; Colossians 1:11–20). We joyfully welcome all worshipers to this celebration of his reign—ushering us into the peace and justice of God’s kingdom. Come, take your place among the gathered faithful, and offer your worship to the King of all.

It is only right that we should express our unlimited gratitude to God on this Sunday before Thanksgiving. We rejoice in your presence. Let us joyfully praise God through prayer, song and reflection on the Word.

[Thanksgiving Day] Happy Thanksgiving! On this national day of gratitude, we welcome you to worship with hearts overflowing in thanks—for our families, our communities and all the ways God blesses us.

### Words of Welcome Continued

As Psalm 118 reminds us, “O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!” May our voices and spirits lift in praise and gratitude together this day.

This last Sunday in November is also the first Sunday of Advent. We are delighted that you have come to worship. Let us now begin to spiritually prepare ourselves for the celebration of Christ’s birth.

### Preparation for Worship

By quieting our souls before the Lord and awaiting the Holy Spirit, this very hour can be a time of spiritual growth.

O Lord, please calm my spirit that I may center my attention on you and your Word this day. Amen.

We would worship you with gladness, dear God, and enter your presence with humility.

Today we begin the season of Advent—a time of waiting, hope and preparation. As we worship, let us open our hearts to the Light that is coming, rejoice in the promises of God and prepare the way for Christ our Lord.



## Third Quarter Financial Report



For the first nine months of 2025, the church received \$288,517.67 in contributions and spent \$258,001.42 on expenses. Offerings for the first nine months were 103% of our projected income.

Our Capital Campaign for the purchase of the rental apartments was structured to raise funds over three-years. That three-year period ended on June 30th although we will continue to accept contributions.

We have received \$204,588.44 towards the \$181,140 that was pledged for the Capital Campaign. Several members who did not pledge to the Capital Campaign have nonetheless made contributions and a few people have exceeded their pledges. Any additional contributions will be used to reduce the principal on the MIF loan for the rental houses. These principal reduction payments will be very helpful when the interest rate on this loan readjusts in September of 2027.

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

— Finance Ministry Team



## Council Highlights



- **Worship & Music:** Russ noted we are running out of cantors with the recent departure of Kathy Heise and the impending departure of Scott Vana, leaving only two cantors. We may need to consider hiring a cantor and/or checking into the availability of Purdue music students to help fill the gap.
- **Breaking Bread:** Has continued to grow, averaging 12 participants on Wednesday evening—a 300% increase compared to previous Sunday evening gatherings.
- **New Business:** Sandra and Scott Vana have sold their house, and Sandra has moved to Kansas. She has resigned as President of the church council, and this year's nominating committee for new council representatives will need to be transferred.
- **Discernment Process:** Session for will take place on November 10th via Zoom at 6:30 PM, at Pints with the Pastor on November 11th at 6:30 PM at Nine Irish Brothers, and November 16th during Adult Forum.

**PASTOR'S**  
SCHEDULE

**Vacation:** December 28-30, 2025

**Sabbatical:** March 30-July 13



## LWR Quilts and School Kits 2025



**Thank you to Pastor Kristin Rice and Matt Ohland  
for delivering the LWR Quilts and School Kits!**



**LWR Quilts and  
School Kits  
2025**



**Our Saviour  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**





## Farwell and God Bless



It was bittersweet to say farewell and God Bless to Scott and Sandra Vana! You both are truly a blessing to have had as part of our church family. You both will be missed, but not forgotten. May your new home and future adventures be a blessed one.



Reformation Sunday with Pr. Priscilla Geerdes -  
Assistant to the Bishop



Reformation  
Sunday  
2025



## Service Opportunities & Community Activities



### Book Club

Book Club will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, December 2nd at 7 pm to discuss the book "On Strike for Christmas" by Sheila Roberts, a humorous read. Holly ([hmwb26@aol.com](mailto:hmwb26@aol.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, December 4th, at 1:30 to make turkeys and Christmas ornaments. 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, November 11th**, Session #4: On Our Way Forward. 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 November 15th, 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>



### OSLC Fall Workday November 15

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 15 between 9:00 am - noon, you can join other OSLC members working in fellowship.

## Service Opportunities & Community Activities (Continued)

The details of the **LUM Community Thanksgiving Feast** are as follow:

- **Date:** Thursday, November 27, 2025 (Thanksgiving Day)
- **Time:** Noon – 2:00 p.m.
- **Place:** Central Presbyterian Church, 31 N. 7th Street, Downtown Lafayette Adjacent to the Tippecanoe County Public Library – Social Hall Entrance is on 7th Street
- **Parking**
  - Parking is available off 8th St., between South St. and Columbia, or off Columbia between 7th and 8th Streets.
  - The city's 7th Street Parking Garage is free on the holiday. The gate will be down and you'll have to take a ticket, but there should be no charge when you exit.



The LUM **Turkey Trot 5K Run** is open to runners of all ages and abilities and welcomes runners, walkers, dogs, strollers, wagons, turkey hats and more. The **Turkey Trot 5K** convenes at the **Connection Point Church** in West Lafayette and follows the **Cattail Trail Loop** — which is completely flat and paved and allows participants to run on a scenic route through the Celery Bog nature area on a crisp November morning.

**Thursday, November 27, 2025 | 8:30 a.m.**

**Cattail Trail Loop – Celery Bog Nature Area**

**Registration:** Adult \$35; Youth \$10





## Service Opportunities & Community Activities (Continued)



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. Hopefully, some of our experienced folks will cover those. Newbies, please consider signing up for open times in December and I will work with you on your weekend. Thanks so much!



Vicki Mills, Altar Guild Chair

### 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:

- Nov.
  - o Sunday, Nov. 2 - OSLC & HTLC combined choirs
    - Warm-up at 8:30 a.m.
    - Sing during 9:00 a.m. OSLC worship
    - Travel to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Lafayette
    - Sing during HTLC worship (10:00/10:15 a.m. - may delay start for this Sunday)
  - o No rehearsals in November.

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.



### 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 Erin Thompson ([erin@osluth.org](mailto:erin@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.



### 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!





## The Hermodsons: Generosity in Action



### *LUM Legacy Partners - Mark & Susan Hermodson*



For nearly five decades, **Mark and Susan Hermodson** have been pillars of support for **Lafayette Urban Ministry** — giving their time, talent, and resources to help strengthen the community they've called home since 1977. Today, they are proud **LUM Legacy Partners**, ensuring that their commitment to serving others will continue to make a difference for generations to come.

**Susan**, a St. Olaf College alumna, has long been an active LUM volunteer, sharing her time and compassion in service to others. She also served as Assistant to the Bishop of the Indiana/Kentucky Synod – ELCA, further demonstrating her commitment to leadership and service in the community. **Mark**, who also earned his bachelor's degree from St. Olaf College, continued his studies at the University of Wisconsin, earning a PhD in Biochemistry, and completed post-doctoral research at the University of

Washington. He is a retired Professor of Biochemistry at Purdue University, where he also served as Department Head and later as Interim Associate Dean of Agriculture.

Together, **Mark & Susan** have dedicated themselves to causes that uplift and empower the community, including Mark's role on the LUM Capital Campaign (2008–2010).

Married since 1968, the **Hermodsons** are members of **Our Saviour Lutheran Church** and strong supporters of **Purdue Lutheran Ministry**. Their daughters, **Amy** and **Gail**, continue the family tradition of service. Reflecting on their journey, **Mark & Sue** shared:

*“We believe in the collective action of many churches to achieve a major impact on homelessness and poverty. LUM's areas of focus are very well-chosen, making the time and money well spent.”*

As proud **LUM Legacy Partners**, **Mark and Susan** are ensuring that their compassion and generosity will continue to bless the community in perpetuity. Their story is a reminder that you, too, can leave a Legacy of Love & Hope through LUM. By including LUM in your estate plans—through a bequest, retirement account, appreciated stock, or other form of gift—you can help ensure that LUM's mission of providing shelter, nourishment, and hope endures for generations.

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# Thankful garland

Celebrate the season of gratitude by creating a colorful Thankful decoration.

## What you need:

- Construction paper in a variety of fall colors
- Pencil, marker, or crayons
- Yarn, ribbon, or raffia
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Spray bottle filled with water
- Real leaves (Optional)
- Wooden or plastic beads, cereal with holes (Cheerios, Froot Loops, etc.), or any dried pasta with a hole (Optional)



## What you do:

1. Draw or trace leaf shapes onto construction paper.
2. Lay the paper flat and spray with water until the paper is completely wet.
3. Crumple the wet paper into balls.
4. Open the paper and let the sheets dry flat.
5. When dry, cut out each leaf.
6. On each leaf, write the name of one person or thing you're thankful for.
7. Punch a hole in each leaf.
8. Lace the leaves, beads, cereal, and pasta onto the yarn, ribbon, or raffia.
9. Tie the ends and hang your garland.

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)

## Jokes

1. **Q:** What do New Orleans football fans look forward to in November? **A:** All Saints Day!
2. **Q:** Why did a scarecrow win the Nobel prize? **A:** He was outstanding in his field.
3. **Q:** What kind of apple isn't an apple? **A:** A pineapple.
4. **Knock knock.**  
Who's there?  
**Aunt.**  
Aunt who?  
**Aunt you glad it's Autumn?**

# PUZZLE

## GIVE PRAISE

Solve this puzzle to read a Bible verse about praising God for all his blessings.

**Directions:** In each group, circle the word that doesn't belong. Then write the circled words on the lines below.

1 Give Take Grab	2 peanut praise pear	3 temple house LORD	4 proclaim past present	5 name boy lad	6 ruin destroy make
7 pine acorn known	8 train nations bus	9 done donut muffin	10 Sing Sleep Yawn	11 she him girl	12 sun praise moon
13 tell fast slow	14 red all blue	15 horrible dreadful wonderful	16 acts sisters aunts		

\_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_;  
 \_\_\_\_\_ among the \_\_\_\_\_ what he has \_\_\_\_\_.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, sing \_\_\_\_\_ to him; \_\_\_\_\_ of  
 \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_.

PSALM 105:1-2, NIV

Answer: Give, praise, Lord, proclaim, name, make, known, nations, done, sing, him, praise, tell, all, wonderful, acts

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