



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 for link

Worship on Wednesdays

6:00 PM Breaking Bread Worship

*Randy Schroeder, Pastor
Kristin Rice, Campus Pastor*

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 and create Advent crafts

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!

Join us for a joyful start to the Advent season!





December 7, 14, & 21: Advent service at 9:00 AM (in-person & zoom)

December 3 & 10: Breaking Bread @ 6 PM (No Breaking Bread Dec. 17, 24, 31, & January 7)

December 24 (Christmas Eve): 7 PM (in-person & zoom)

December 28: Service at 9 AM (in-person & zoom)



A Year of Listening, Learning, and Leaning into God's Future

As 2025 draws to a close, I find myself feeling a deep, steady gratitude for this congregation and for the ways God has been moving in our midst. When we stepped into the year back in January, we carried with us a simple but hopeful theme: **“A New Year of Faith, Hope, and Community.”** It wasn't meant to be a slogan. It was meant to be a posture — a way of approaching the year with open hands and open hearts. And looking back, that posture shaped every step we took.

If there was one thread running through everything this year, it was this: **we listened.** We listened to God in prayer.

We listened to one another in worship and conversation.

We listened to our neighbors, our Purdue students, and our community partners.

And slowly, through that shared listening, a picture began to emerge — not only of who we are, but of who God is inviting us to become.

Listening as a Way of Life- Our long-term discernment journey continued this year, but with an important shift. We began moving from simply *asking* questions to actually *testing* possibilities. Early in 2025, our congregation revisited what we mean by discernment: staying faithful to God's vision, seeing with Jesus' eyes, listening deeply, and responding with love. That grounding helped us step into the next phase with intention.

In the spring and summer, our **On Our Way Forward** gatherings invited us into honest, hopeful conversations. Together, we named five areas where God's Spirit seemed to be stirring us:

- using our building more intentionally for hospitality;
- deepening relationships with Purdue students;
- exploring partnerships for childcare;
- responding to food insecurity with meals or produce;
- and trying short-term ministry experiments to learn what fits our gifts.

These conversations didn't just generate ideas — they generated energy.

Faith Growing Across the Generations- Even as we explored the future, our weekly ministry continued to deepen. Worship remained the anchor of our life together, with festival Sundays enriched by the faithful leadership of our choir under Julie Huetteman's direction, and with musicians, readers, ushers, and communion assistants offering their gifts each week.

Our faith formation ministries flourished, too. Godly Play continued to nurture our children's holy imagination, while intergenerational gatherings — from assembling school kits to Advent crafts to Lenten service projects — reminded us that faith is something we hand to one another, not something we do alone.



Pastor's Letter Continued



This spring brought a bittersweet transition as we celebrated Missy Schroeder's call to serve as the Indiana-Kentucky Synod's Director for Evangelical Mission. Her ministry shaped OSLC in countless ways, and while we miss her presence among us, we rejoice in the Spirit's call on her life. We are equally grateful for Erin Thompson, who has stepped with grace and skill into expanded responsibilities as both Office Administrator and Faith Formation Director. Her joyful presence and expertise have been a steady gift in a season of change.

Serving Within and Beyond Our Walls- Service remained a core expression of our identity this year. From sewing quilts and assembling school kits for Lutheran World Relief to supporting local hunger ministries, OSLC continued to invest in the well-being of our neighbors. One of the most powerful experiences came through the **Mission Guatemala** trip, where members of OSLC and PLM joined together in construction, healthcare, and education work. Their stories reminded us that God's presence is just as alive in the hills of Guatemala as it is in the heart of West Lafayette.

And speaking of West Lafayette — change is everywhere. If you've driven near Purdue recently, you know the landscape is shifting almost monthly. But amid that rapid growth, we rediscovered something essential: **our mission hasn't changed**. We are still called to welcome. We are still called to serve. And we are still called to be a place where people experience Christ's compassion.

Dreams Taking Shape- By late summer, we formed the Property Development Team, because we found ourselves dreaming boldly about how our land and building might serve future generations—whether through hospitality, community partnerships, care for students and families, or even long-term visions like housing or shared community space. Others imagined our current buildings as a weekday hub for creativity, learning, community meals, or simply a safe place for students to rest and belong. The Spirit's nudging felt unmistakable: God's "new thing" is springing up, and we are learning to perceive it.

A Gift of Renewal- As the year ends, we celebrate an incredible blessing: OSLC was awarded a **\$59,954 Lilly Clergy Renewal Grant** to support my 2026 sabbatical, "Finding God in the Familiar." This is not only a gift for me, but a gift for our entire congregation — an invitation into shared renewal, reflection, and rest.

Moving Forward with Hope- So what can we say about 2025? It was a year of grace and courage. A year of holy listening. A year of new ideas taking their first steps. And a year where we rediscovered again and again that **Love wins. God wins.**

Thank you, beloved church, for walking this journey with faithfulness and joy. May the Spirit continue to guide us into God's future — with open hands, open hearts, and unwavering hope.

Peace,

Pastor Randy





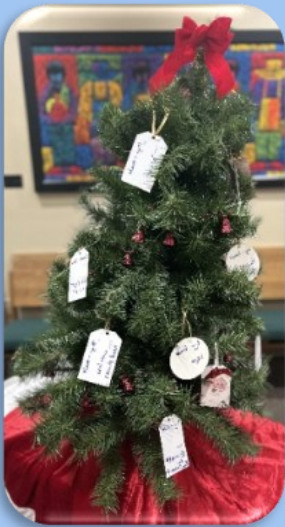
Stewardship



Dear Beloved Child of God,

As the year comes to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible ways you have shared your time, talents, and treasures. Stewardship is not just a call—it's a beautiful invitation to experience and share the abundant joy of life through the blessings God has given us. And you have answered that invitation with grace and generosity!

Your faithfulness has been awe-inspiring this year. Because of your willingness to give, we've been able to support vital ministries like Purdue Lutheran Ministry, Family Promise, Food Finders, and Lafayette Urban Ministry (LUM). These partnerships reflect God's love in action, bringing hope and support to so many in need.



As we prepare for **Jubilee Christmas** on Saturday, December 13, your continued generosity makes this special event possible. Please see more information about Jubilee Christmas on Page 16 to volunteer and join in the fun.

Your stewardship also extends to ELCA Churchwide and the Indiana-Kentucky Synod, supporting ministry efforts far and wide. Learn more about the impact of your generosity here- <https://www.elca.org/our-work/congregations-and-synods/stewardship/mission-support>

As we look toward the Congregational Meeting on January 18th to approve the 2026 budget, if you have not already done so, please consider submitting a pledge card or a note to John Mills, our Interim Financial Secretary.

It is an honor to serve alongside you and witness the fullness of God's love at work through OSLC. Thank you for your faith, generosity, and commitment to love God and neighbor. You are deeply appreciated and loved.

Peace,

Pastor Randy Schroeder



On Our Way Forward - Property Discernment Update – Session 4: Moving from Ideas to Impact



Throughout November, OSLC held three separate gatherings—via Zoom, at Pints with a Pastor, and during Adult Forum—to complete Session 4 of our congregational discernment process. This final session focused on one central goal: **moving from ideas to action** as we continue exploring faithful ways to use our property for ministry, mission, and community impact.

Across all three meetings, Pastor Randy provided updates on work happening since Session 3.

The **Property Development Team (PDT)** continues meeting regularly and expanding its circle of conversation partners. Guests invited to the November PDT meeting included Pastor Kristen from PLM, Grace Pomroy from Luther Seminary (who works extensively with congregations discerning property use), and Dave Harder, Director of Placemaking for Relèven.

OSLC is also working with a Purdue professor whose spring-course project will focus on envisioning what is possible on our property—helping us explore the feasibility and cost of various ideas. Childcare conversations remain paused during the school year, though still very much a part of future planning.

Across all three November gatherings, several themes and insights emerged:

1. Prioritizing What Is Most Doable

Participants noted that some ideas—such as providing student study space or reengaging childcare partnerships—could be pursued more quickly. Larger initiatives like affordable housing would require significant planning, debt considerations, and partnerships. Many expressed the desire for OSLC to maintain mission-driven control of any project while avoiding becoming full-time landlords.

2. Strengthening Congregational and Community Engagement

There was strong support for keeping the congregation updated and involved. Suggestions included quarterly updates from the PDT during Adult Forum and related articles in *The Evangel*. Several participants proposed hosting neighborhood conversations or inviting community partners to the table, such as the New Chauncey Neighborhood Council, the West Lafayette Housing Director, and those involved in the West Lafayette Library development.

3. Identifying Resources and Potential Partners

Participants recommended contacting financial partners such as PFCU, the Mission Investment Fund, and experts like Sam Burns. Others highlighted local leaders knowledgeable about housing—including Al Davis of Holy Trinity—and organizations focused on childcare. As OSLC continues exploring possibilities, understanding costs, financing, and long-term sustainability will be essential.

4. Clarifying the Property Landscape

A significant portion of the Adult Forum conversation focused on the PLM House and its shared ownership between OSLC and PLM, including a longstanding lien from LuMin (formerly NLCM). This discovery underscored the importance of assessing all existing commitments, partnerships, and legal structures before moving forward.

5. Emerging Ideas for the Future

The PDT has identified three potential directions for the Purdue class to explore—from replacing the PLM and rental houses with a new multi-story building, to constructing a larger structure with parking, to redeveloping the entire block. Participants encouraged focusing on two options initially and emphasized the need to clarify ownership, mission alignment, and feasibility. Other ideas include shared worship partnerships, keeping the current church building, and exploring flexible community and student spaces.

(The previous was a summary of notes taken during the meeting summarized through ChatGPT)

Across all gatherings, one theme was clear: **OSLC remains committed to thoughtful, prayerful, Spirit-led discernment.** The congregation is energized by the possibilities, realistic about challenges, and united in ensuring that whatever we build—physically or relationally—serves our mission and reflects Christ's love for our neighbors.

Look for continued updates in future issues of *The Evangel* and through Adult Forum in the new year. In the meantime, please keep our congregation, our Property Development Team, and all our partners in your prayers as we take faithful steps toward the future God is calling us to build together.



Council Highlights



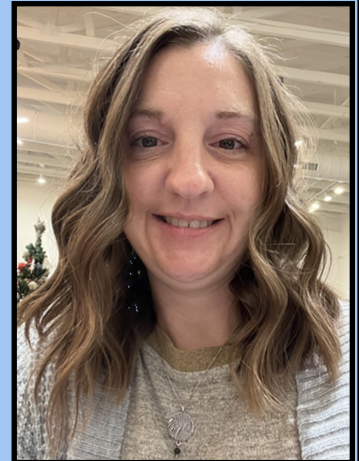
- **Sabbatical Committee:** Update on Sabbatical Committee to take care of tasks during Pastor Randy's sabbatical (March 30th through July 13th, 2026): Pastor Kristen will be available for pastoral care and will preach once each month during Pastor Randy's absence.
 - Pastor Randy recommends a committee of three or four members, with at least one council member.
 - Primary duties will be to find supply pastors; plan a catered dinner at church during the sabbatical plus a celebration dinner upon Pastor Randy's return; and arrange for house parties around the Final Four tournament.
- **Annual Meeting:** Set for January 18, 2026 (one week earlier than usual to accommodate Purdue Music Organization participation in the January 25th service and a larger concert afterwards.
- **Election of new Council President:** A motion was made, seconded, and passed to elect Bob Nielsen as Council President for the remainder of Sandra Vana's vacated term (May 2026).
- **Community Partnerships:** A Roundtable Discussion revolving around DEI and Environmental Justice have begun Monthly, run by Aaron Thompson. These meetings will be lunch meetings.
- **PLM:** The number of participants has dropped for Breaking Bread some from the beginning of the year, but it is now holding steady and represents a significant increase over last year.



Vacation: December 28-30, 2025

Continuing Education: February 25-28, 2026

Sabbatical: March 30-July 13, 2026



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

In the busyness of the season, it's easy to get caught up in everything except the reason we celebrate. Taking even a moment to light a candle on the [Advent wreath](#) and say a short, simple prayer can reconnect us to the peace, hope, and love that Christ offers, grounding us amid the holiday rush.

Prayer for Lighting the First Candle - Hope: "Loving God, as we light the first Advent candle of hope, we ask for your presence to fill our hearts and homes. May the hope of Christ's coming bring light to our darkness and renew our spirits. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."

Prayer for Lighting the Second Candle - Peace: "God of peace, as we light the second Advent candle of peace, may your peace fill our hearts and our world. Help us to be peacemakers in our relationships and communities. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."

Prayer for Lighting the Third Candle - Joy: "Gracious God, as we light the third Advent candle of joy, may the joy of your salvation fill us with gladness. Help us to share this joy with others, especially those in need. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."

Prayer for Lighting the Fourth Candle - Love: "Heavenly Father, as we light the fourth Advent candle of love, may your love inspire us to love one another as you have loved us. Let your love guide our actions and words. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."

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Faith Formation December News Continued



Adult Forum

December 7- Advent Celebration- Cookie exchange, activities, caroling

December 14- Kathy Nimmer, an educator, speaker, author, dreamer, and believer.

December 21- No Adult Forum; Merry Christmas!

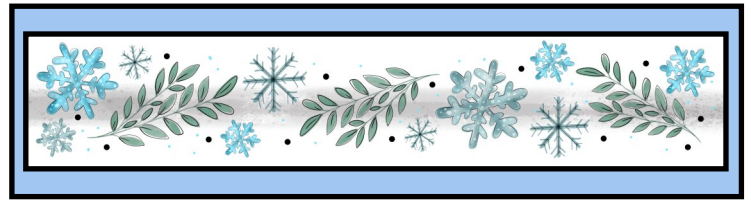
December 28- No Adult Forum; Happy New Year!

Sunday School (No Sunday School on December 7 & 28)

Sunday School is from 10:15 am to 11:15 am. We have classes for children ages 2-5 in the Nursery with Anne. 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) and Nursery at 10:15. If you have any questions or want more information, contact Erin Thompson at erin@osluth.org or 715-304-7575.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		6:30PM Pints with a Pastor @ Nine Irish (W.L.)	6PM Breaking Bread Worship 7PM OSLC Choir Rehearsal	7PM AA		8:30AM Men's Breakfast @ Café Literato 9:30AM Working Mom's Group @ The Lobby by Greyhouse (526 Main St., Lafayette)
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9AM Worship in-person & Zoom 10:15 AM Advent Party & Cookie Exchange 10:15 AM Servant Sunday 10:20 AM Sunday School  SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6:30PM OSLC Council Meeting via Zoom		6PM Breaking Bread Worship 7PM OSLC Choir Rehearsal	7PM AA		9AM Jubilee Christmas
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9AM Worship in-person & Zoom 10:20 AM Sunday School 10:20 AM Confirmation Class  THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT			7PM OSLC Choir Rehearsal	7PM AA		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9AM Worship in-person & Zoom 10:20AM Sunday School  FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  First Day of Winter			6:30PM Prelude Music Christmas Eve 7PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  CHRISTMAS EVE	 CHRISTMAS DAY OSLC Office Closed		
28	29	30	31	1		
9AM Worship in-person & Zoom			 New Year's Eve OSLC Office	 New Year's Day OSLC Office		

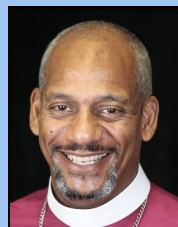
Worship Assistant Schedule for December

Date	Cantor	Assisting Minister	Lector	Usher	Live Stream Assistant
December 7	No Cantor	Pam Miller	Bob Nielsen	Jesse Grogan	Matt Ohland
December 14	Russ Hillberry	Dick Rahdert	Marcia Daehler		Matt Ohland
December 21	No Cantor	Bob Nielsen	Reuben Peterson	Marcia Daehler	Matt Ohland
December 24 (Christmas Eve Service (7PM))	No Cantor	Missy Schroeder	Kathy Grogan	Vicki Mills	Jesse Grogan
December 28	Mark Hermodson		Dick Rahdert		

Words of Welcome	Preparation for Worship
<p>On this second Sunday of Advent, we eagerly welcome all who have joined with us in anticipation of the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. May this time of worship be encouraging and inspirational to all.</p>	<p>Help us have quiet and joyful spirits as we worship you, our loving Creator.</p>
<p>On this last Sunday of Advent we happily reach out to all who have come to approach the throne of Grace. Christmas will be truly Christmas when we center our minds on the Christ child who came to offer the world salvation and hope.</p>	<p>“The LORD has done great things for us, and we [rejoice]” (Psalm 126:3, NRSV). Tune our hearts, God, to sing your praises now and always.</p>
<p>[Christmas Eve] Welcome to Christmas Eve worship! This holy night, we sing with the angels: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward [all!]” (Luke 2:14, KJV).</p>	<p>[Christmas Eve] As the short days already begin to lengthen, nature itself reminds us that the true Light has come into the world. Tonight we celebrate his glory!</p>
<p>[Christmas Day] May the true joy of Christmas Day resonate within each of us as we welcome Christ and welcome each other. May abundant blessings be yours.</p>	<p>[Christmas Day] Prevent us, Lord, from being so wrapped up in celebrating Christmas Day that we keep Christ outside our hearts and minds.</p>
<p>[New Year's Eve] Welcome to worship on this final day of the year. As we give thanks for God's faithfulness behind us, we look with hope to the year ahead. May Christ's peace and joy lead us into the new year.</p>	<p>Our Christmas celebrations are now a memory, Lord, but help us know Christmas joy all year long.</p>
	<p>[New Year's Eve] “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven” (Ecclesiastes 3:1, NRSV). As one year turns into another, we trust that we're safe in God's eternal hands.</p>



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God's work. Our hands.



Dear Leaders, I encourage you to share this letter with your congregation and ministry members. The quarterly letters are easily accessible on the Synod's Facebook page and website, making them easy to distribute to your community. I have also included the latest report, "What Does My Offering Do," which outlines how your donations are distributed throughout the ELCA. This report serves as a valuable resource and discussion point for your lay members, helping everyone understand the impact of your generous support.

2025 Third Quarter Mission Support Letter

Date: 11/10/2025

Dear Rostered, Lay, and Congregational Leaders,

The peace of Christ be with you always!

I write with gratitude, hope, and trust in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Now, after a year in this role, I am deeply grateful for how the Spirit is moving among us. The small steps we take following Jesus are like a rudder guiding a ship. We have seen new relationships form, old relationships renewed, new leaders emerge, congregations experience new life, and trust rebuilt; and this is only the beginning, as there is still much work to be done. New gifts are emerging in our work together, reflecting the many blessings we've received and the remarkable progress we've made as a Synod of the ELCA. Although mission support has decreased recently—similar to what many congregations have faced—we remain hopeful through God's grace. What unites us all is our commitment to walk together—journeying in gratitude, hope, and trust—as we seek to serve both God and neighbor, for the life of the world and for the sake of the gospel. Yes, I believe this!

Whenever I write mission support letters, I am reminded that such support—our collective effort to share resources and blessings for ministry—is a profound act of discipleship. This effort reflects our shared values of grace, hope, and trust, grounding our lives and work as the body of Christ. In our journey, we do not pray for specific results; instead, we pray for God's will to be done among us. We leave the outcome to God! By grace, we strive to live into what God is already doing for us and through us, trusting in God's ongoing work in our lives.

At the heart of mission support is grace, grounded in the love and generosity we first receive from God. This love starts with the air we breathe, literally, and is reflected in the crucified and risen Christ. It is renewed daily by the Holy Spirit through our baptisms. In response, we are thankful for God's incredible grace in every part of our lives. By focusing on the good—even amid challenges—and showing gratitude through our giving and partnerships, we cultivate a lifestyle and a lasting mindset of thankfulness and grace. These practices strengthen our community of faith and remind us that every offering, whether big or small, is meaningful in God's hands.

To illustrate this, consider Zacchaeus, the tax collector. He climbed a tree out of curiosity, but what truly changed his life was Jesus seeing him, calling him by name, and offering grace. Zacchaeus's response—generosity and restitution—stemmed from a heart transformed by undeserved love. Similarly, our mission support isn't merely a duty; it's a heartfelt response to God's abundant grace—an act of reflecting Christ's love through tangible actions that restore lives and communities.

Along with grace, hope is also essential to our calling. Mission support elevates ministries that serve, teach, and bring hope to others. It represents an investment in the future, showing faith in what God will still accomplish in and through us. Our support today becomes a promise of hope for tomorrow's leaders, worshipers, and communities. Cultivating hope in Christ as a daily way of living through prayer, mission, and generosity helps us endure trials, rejoice in blessings, and stay confident in God's promises.

One example that comes to mind is last August at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Crown Point, IN. Their mission support gift was given to me in person after a difficult season and a renewed sense of hope. It was more than just a financial gift; it was a sign of the resilience of faith and hope in the Spirit's work among the congregation. Each gift, like theirs, acts as a thread of hope woven into the fabric of our shared ministry, even in small yet impactful churches and places where God is active. The moment this gift was handed to me was truly touching, highlighting the deep connection and heartfelt faith of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church and its leaders, and serving as a powerful reminder of the strength of community and life-giving hope.



Indiana-Kentucky Synod Continued



Just as hope sustains us, trust grounds us. Mission support is an act of trust—trusting our resources to God's work, trusting our partners in ministry, and trusting that God multiplies our gifts for purposes beyond our imagining. Trusting God is not the way of the world. As Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 1: The cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who believe/trust it is the power of God. Choosing the way of love, choosing to be vulnerable rather than appear strong, choosing the harder right over comfort, we are called to act with trust: to give and serve whether the way forward is clear or uncertain, assured that God is faithful.

Building on this trust, we sincerely thank our congregations for their kindness and generosity, knowing that every gift, no matter the size, helps further the mission of Christ's church. We warmly invite those who haven't yet given to find new ways to trust in God's everlasting grace and to share their blessings generously, just as God has blessed us. We also lift up in prayer those who feel hesitant or hold back their gifts, asking God to touch their hearts and bring comfort to their worries.

While we remain committed to our witness of Christ and express our gratitude, we also pray that hope and trust continue to guide our collective efforts. Looking ahead, our shared vision stays rooted in gratitude for what God has already done, hope for what is yet to come, and trust that God walks alongside us. As we build communities where these values influence every decision and act of service, our mission support becomes more than just a transaction — it becomes a living testimony to our unity. We are called and sent for the life of the world and the sake of the gospel.

Let us move forward with gratitude, hope, and trust in God's promises. May our shared journey, strengthened by mission support, bring lasting transformation through Christ our Lord.

God's peace be with you always.

Bishop Timothy Mark Graham,



Service Opportunities & Community Activities



OSLC Members and PLM Students are invited to participate in choir in December.

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 December:

- Rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM - 12/3, 12/10, & 12/17
- We will be singing during worship on Sunday, 12/21, and on Christmas Eve, 12/24.

Please use this signup to indicate which rehearsals and worship services you can attend:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E4CA9AB2BA6FC1-60143621-choir>

You may attend as your schedule allows. If you have questions, please contact Julie Huettelman, juliehuettelman@gmail.com, 765-491-7819.



Service Opportunities & Community Activities (Continued)



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) will send out the Zoom link, so let her know if you would like an invitation.



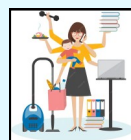
Hearts and Crafts

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 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, December 2nd**. Please RSVP by Tuesday at noon – by emailing 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 December 6th, 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) 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>



Service Opportunities & Community Activities (Continued)



Dear current and future **Altar Guild** members.

We are in need of both old and new volunteers to prepare the communion table for worship (usually on Saturday) and to clean up and put away the communion ware after worship on Sunday.

There is also need for bakers willing to bake a batch of communion rounds about once a month, or as needed.

Training and support (or a recipe) will be provided as you learn this important service to the congregation, so please do not be intimidated if you have never participated before.

Please consider signing up and/or call Vicki Mills with any questions about what is involved.

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.

Thanks so much!

Vicki Mills, Altar Guild Chair



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 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) 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.



Date: Friday, December 12, 2025

Time: 5—8 PM

Holiday Open House At Behnke's

*Please join us in Celebrating the
Holiday Season with Food,
Fun and Fellowship. Drop in anytime.*

2525 Raintree Drive
W. Lafayette

Go west on State Street until you reach Newman Road (just past the Rolls Royce building). Take a left and go through the train tunnel. Follow Newman until you reach Sharon Chapel road (about 3/4 mile), where you will take a right. Go north on Sharon Chapel to the 2nd left, which is Raintree Drive. We are the 2nd house on the left. You can park along Raintree before and after our driveway, as well as in the driveway



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, carrying toys out to the car, and checking 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 is now available:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4CAA72AA4F49-60559982-jubilee#/>
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 are now available. Many of them can be found on Amazon or Walmart websites if you don't want to go to a store to shop! Please have the toys at church by **December 7th**.
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 the donated money is designated for Jubilee Christmas.

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





Christmas Card treasures



Turn old Christmas cards into beautiful keepsake ornaments! It's a fun, simple way to give new life to cards you've received and add a handmade touch to your tree.

What you need:

- Christmas cards
- Scissors
- Glue
- Circle pattern (cut from cardboard or trace around object)
- Hole punch
- Yarn or ribbon
- Glitter (optional)



What you do:

1. Trace a circle onto two Christmas cards.
2. Cut out the circles and glue the backs together.
3. Decorate the edges with glitter or ribbon for extra sparkle.
4. Punch a hole at the top and thread yarn or ribbon through to hang.



Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights.
— James 1:17 (NIV)

Jokes

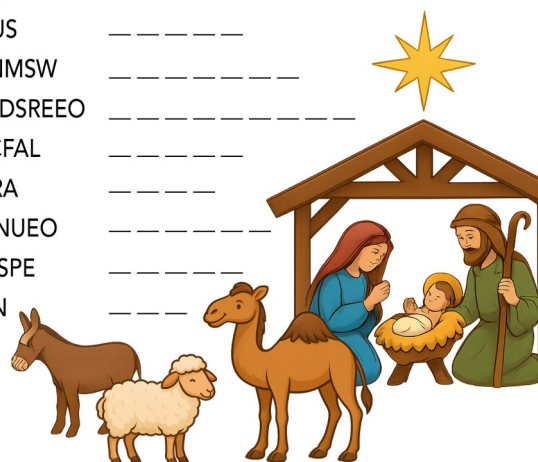
1. Q: What's white and goes up? A: A confused snowflake.
2. Q: What's as big as a Christmas tree but weighs nothing? A: It's shadow.
3. Q: What did Luke Skywalker say after he planted a Christmas tree farm? A: May the forest be with you.
4. Knock, knock. Who's there? Snow. Snow who? Snow real way of knowing.

Puzzle!

The Christmas Story

Unscramble each set of letters to form a word from the Christmas story. One letter in each set doesn't belong. Write each extra letter below, on the line above the correct number. Then answer the question: What did we all receive at Christmas?

- (1) TGLBEHHEME _____
- (2) NEAGLO _____
- (3) NRMEDAG _____
- (4) ODEKSNY _____
- (5) AMGYR _____
- (6) OHESJIP _____
- (7) EFJSUS _____
- (8) ITEENMSW _____
- (9) SPHHDSREEO _____
- (10) EMCFAL _____
- (11) TLSRA _____
- (12) CSSNUEO _____
- (13) HEVSPE _____
- (14) ENIN _____



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
9 10 11 12 13 14

Answers: Bethlehem (G), Angel (O), Manger (D), Donkey (N), Sheep (V), Inn (E), God's gift of love (F), Wise men (T), Shepherds (O), Camel (F), Star (L), Census (O), Mary (G), Joseph (I), Jesus (F).



December 2025

The 3rd annual "Feast of Friends" was a wonderful evening where students, PLM Board and OSLC council members came together for a Thanksgiving Feast. It was a miracle that we fit twenty-one people into the big room at the PLM house!

We love these opportunities to say THANKS for the support, encouragement, and communities we get to build together.



Wednesday, December
3, 5:30pm

Lunch To-Go bags for LUM

JOIN US!



We need to assemble **50** lunches for our neighbors who are experiencing houselessness and seeking shelter at LUM's winter warming station overnight.

Thanks to the generosity of a community member, all of the supplies we need will be covered by a Thrivent Action Team grant, \$250 plus free t-shirts!

Please **JOIN US** – scan the QR code and add your Jimmy order. (please come even if you don't sign up – Pastor Kristin will have extra sandwiches available)



FINALS

Survival Bags

Starting December 2, stop by PLM to pick up a “survival bag” to help you get to the end of the semester! They will also be available at OSLC on Sundays in December.

Bags include snacks, notecards and pens, and a couple special surprises.



November PLM Highlights



News items for the November *Evangel* are due to the office (info@osluth.org) by 12/15/2025. Please type “Evangel” in the subject line.

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