

All Saints Lutheran Church

Saints Alive!

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One in Christ

One God, One Lord, One Spirit

One worship service

Pentecost

Sanctuary and Parish Hall

10 a.m. May 23

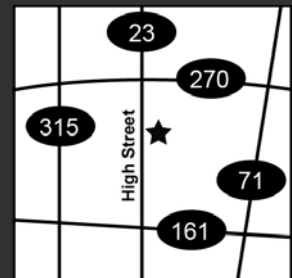
One simulcast celebration replaces all services for this Sunday

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All Saints marks eighth-graders' faith milestone

At the baptism of children at All Saints, the congregation makes a promise to support their Christian journey.

As a congregation, we take that seriously and celebrate with our youth as they move through their lives.

In May, we celebrate with our youth as they take an important step in their faith lives.

During the 11 a.m. traditional service on May 16, our eighth-graders will affirm their baptism in the rite of Confirmation.

These students have spent the past three years learning more about their faith through education, service projects and fellowship.

We pray for them as they embark on a life of more mature Christian faith.

Council hears from staff committees

During its regular April business meeting, Congregation Council heard news from the Call Committee for a designated lead pastor and the Staff Structure Task Force.

The Call Committee intends to have a lot of work done by April (see related story page 3), said Council President Jeff Glasgow.

"They have an extremely high sense of responsibility," he said.

Council member Nick Britt said that in the meantime, the Staff Structure Task Force has been reviewing the needs for staffing in preparation for the retirement of Executive Director of Administration Marj Stevenson. Stevenson will retire at the end of January 2011.

The group is looking at Stevenson's duties and responsibilities and de-



veloping a plan for overall staffing and a job description.

In other business, Council:

- Discussed a Safe Church Ministry Team, which Marj said could reduce the congregation's insurance premiums. The program, through www.safechurch.com takes a comprehensive look at risks to ministry, from fire drills to background checks for staff and volunteers. "It looks at what

we have, what we are missing," Marj said.

- Heard a report from Treasurer Tom Lather on the Audit Committee's recent audit of the congregation's books. The committee found the financial records in good order. The committee did suggest that All Saints have an outside audit of its books. This would, of course, carry a cost, Lather said, but the committee believes it would be prudent.
- Discussed the Southern Ohio Synod Convention to be held May 21 at Wittenburg University in Springfield. Council agreed to ask for volunteers to represent All Saints. If interested, please contact the church office at 614-885-0112 or aslsc@saintsonhigh.org.

Help All Saints spruce up for summer

Spring Cleanup

9:30 a.m. to noon **Saturday, May 8**

Help remove winter debris, prepare landscape areas, edge, trim, mulch and do general outdoor cleanup on the church grounds. Bring your favorite gardening tools – brooms, rakes, edger, etc.

This has been an especially expensive winter for grounds maintenance – snow removal and de-icing. We simply can't afford to pay additional costs for grounds clean up. All God's people ... come and help, please!!

Adopt a Bed

A landscape bed, of course! More than 20 years ago we began offering members, families and friends an opportunity to adopt one of the 15 landscape beds surrounding the church.



During the growing season, flowers are planted, beds are tended, and we become a very welcoming presence in our community. If you are interested in adopting a landscape bed, contact Marj by calling the church office (614-885-0112) or e-mail marjs@saintsonhigh.org.

Check the poster outside the Parish Hall for available beds.

One in Christ

All Saints will celebrate its second "One in Christ" worship service at 10 a.m. May 23.

The church will mark the feast of Pentecost as one body, with a simulcast service held in the Sanctuary and Parish Hall.

This single service will replace all other worship services for that day. In bringing together traditional, bell and children's choirs, the contemporary worship teams and all who gather on Sunday mornings, All Saints hopes to foster unity and live in the unity to which Christ called us.

The first "One in Christ" service, during which we celebrated Christ the King, was a moving experience for all involved, as we met those in our community we might not otherwise see.

Love, not just belief, part of our faith

One of Jesus' resurrection appearances in the days following the first Easter Sunday was to Peter.

The last time Peter had seen Jesus alive before the crucifixion, Jesus predicted Peter's denial, which came to pass around a campfire.

This one to one conversation could have been pretty tense. Imagine if Jesus, Lord of the universe and Savior of the world, came alongside you and said, "Let's talk." For many of us, we know that might not be pleasant. Peter may have felt the same way.

Three times, Jesus asks Peter, "Do you love me?" echoing the three times Peter denied him. No guilt trip. No wagging of Jesus' finger in Peter's face. No "shame on you Peter." Only a simple question, "Do you love me?" What that drew out of Peter in that moment was a resounding "Yes, you know that I love you."



What would Jesus say to you? If he looked you square in the eye and said, "Do you love me?" what would you say?

Love for God, which we call a life of faith, isn't simply a static belief in Jesus. Jesus didn't ask Peter, "Do you believe in me?" He asked, "Do you love me?"

Love is relational. God is relational. Love is personal. Belief is static and impersonal. I can believe in something but have no relationship with it. But I can't love something or someone without having a friend-

ship and/or history with it.

Loving God will show up in our lives. What emerges from a life reflecting a love for God is a life of service. Peter's relationship with Christ is not only restored in that moment, he's also sent out on a mission to "feed and tend" sheep, God's people.

Daily, like Peter, we are sent to serve. Out of love for God we become ambassadors for Christ in our homes, schools, workplaces, malls, cars ... everywhere. We, like Peter may be taken to places where we might not wish to go (John 21:18), but we do so by God's leading. Like Peter, we lead and we follow. We serve and are served. We bless and are blessed.

May you, like Peter, find purpose in serving and a home in Christ's community.

Pastor Mike Weaver

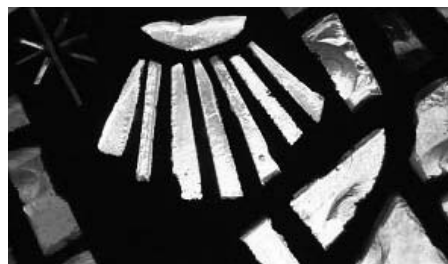
Call Committee

The Call Committee for a lead pastor, which began meeting in January, is nearly finished with the first phase of the call process.

We expect and intend to have the ministry site profile, which outlines the needs, strengths and weaknesses, of the congregation and surrounding community, completed by the end of April.

Using that as a guide, we anticipate that we will have job description for the lead pastor completed by then, as well.

The committee will present these documents to Congrega-



tion Council for approval.

We are currently working on the candidate interview process and questions to consider for candidates.

We have been in contact with Southern Ohio Synod representative Pastor Bill Wong and Council President Jeff Glasgow in regards to our progress.

Men's Ministry

Wing Nights

Join us for fellowship, discussion, cheap wings and pizza.

Where: Winking Lizard - Columbus Crosswoods, 100 Hutchinson Ave.

When: 8:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month

Breakfast Bible Study

Where: First Watch, Worthington Mall

When: 7 to 8 a.m. Thursdays May 13 and 27.

Start the day off right with good food, fellowship and God!

May Service Opportunities

May 1 through 31	Pantry Patch
May 1 (Saturday!)	noon to 3:30 p.m. LSS Food Pantry
May 2	Fair Trade Coffee Sunday
May 8	Plant a Row for the Hungry Seed Giveaway
May 11	Best Buy Food Box orders due
May 16	Laurels of Worthington Nursing Home Worship



Witness, Hunger teams join forces

All Saints' Hunger Task Group and Witness Invitation and Welcome Team are combining forces this spring for a special project.

On May 8, at the Worthington Plant Fest on the Village Green, All Saints volunteers will give away plant seeds to encourage community members to "Plant a Row for the Hungry." Information provided with the seeds will suggest that gardeners bring their produce to All Saints for donation to the Lutheran Social Services and Worthington Food Pantries. The seed packets will also bear All Saints' logo, worship times and Web address.

Volunteers are needed for two-hour shifts to give away seeds, share information and answer questions about All Saints. To volunteer, leave your name on the Instant Sign-up form in the Sunday bulletin or on the Community Service bulletin board in the Gathering Area. For additional information, please contact Kay Labosky at 614-885-0112 or KayL@saintsonhigh.org.

At subsequent Saturday morning farmers' markets on the streets of downtown Worthington, the groups plan to continue the seed giveaway until all the packets have been distributed.

Many thanks to Derek Stout for coordinating this project.

Lutheran Social Services Food Pantries

Feed a Family for a Day Food Drive Results

All Saints' Lenten food drive collected food and cash donations equivalent to 241 bags of food. Each bag provided one day's breakfast, lunch, and dinner for a family of four. Thanks to all who participated.

Guidelines

- Place food in the collection cart at the Lay Ministry Supply Room (near the office).
- No opened boxes.
- Please do not bring clothing donations.

Other projects

Donations

- Eyeglasses: Lions Club
- Used printer cartridges (ink or printer toner, copier toner cannot be accepted): Benefits LSS Food Bank
- Campbell Soup Labels: Benefits Oesterlen Services for Youth. UPC code from any Campbell's product.
- Pop Can Tabs: Benefits Ronald McDonald House at Nationwide Children's Hospital
- Call Material Assistance Providers (M.A.P.) (614-272-9544) for home pick-up of furniture, appliances, and household items.

Members helping members

Do you need help getting things done around the house? Transportation assistance?

We have volunteers who are willing to help. Please contact the church office at 614-885-0112 or aslc@saintsonhigh.org.

Yoga/Pilates

All Saints' member Jane Karras offers Yoga/Pilates classes in Parish Hall. Cost is \$5 per class.
Yoga: 6 p.m. Mondays.
5:45 p.m. Wednesdays

Pilates: 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays
Gentle Yoga:
9:30 a.m. Thursdays

No class Memorial Day, May 31.

Cook-in encourages friendly atmosphere

As predicted, friendly people filled the room for the Witness Invitation and Welcome Cook-in. Hoggy's delivered a great meal; conversation was lively; and the consensus of those present was that All Saints is a friendly congregation.

George Schmidt, committee chair, shared activities the group has instituted in the past year or so to contribute to the congregation's friendliness:

- Welcome Sundays held quarterly to encourage members to invite unchurched friends and family to worship.
- Welcome Centers hosted each Sunday by volunteers who greet

visitors after each worship service with a gift and information about the congregation. Hosts also make an effort to introduce visitors not just to the pastor, but to other worshippers.

- No one Stands Alone greeters who take their cue from the name and approach anyone who may be standing alone to engage them in conversation
- Follow-up calls by volunteers each Monday to anyone who signed the guest book or completed the visitors' information sheet in the bulletin on Sunday. Callers thank

the visitors for coming to All Saints, offer to answer questions they may have and invite them to return the next Sunday.

The group also discussed Plant a Row for the Hungry seed giveaway (see related article, page 4).

The group attending the event comprised current welcoming volunteers, Congregation Council members and members who joined All Saints within the past two years. The committee solicited suggestions from those present and will consider them at future meetings. Twenty-three individuals offered to assist the committee in various ways in the future.

Volunteer schedules

The schedule for May 2 through July 25 has been e-mailed to volunteers in the following ministries:

- Acolyte/Crucifer
- Counter
- Deacon
- Greeter
- Hospitality
- Lay Reader
- Nursery
- Sacristan
- Usher
- Welcome Center

E-mails are from: Kay Labosky, subject: All Saints- May - July Sunday Volunteer Schedule. Staff has mailed a paper copy to those volunteers without e-mail. Please be sure your spam filter allows e-mail from Kay Labosky via clients@ministerproscheduler.com.

Contact Kay at 614-885-0112 or kayl@saintsonhigh.org if you have not received a schedule.

Best Buy Food Boxes



The Best Buy Food Program offers two styles of menus: one a basic box of frozen meats, vegetables and desserts as well as main course starter kits for \$30; the other a box of 10 frozen prepared meals and dessert for \$28.

We will take orders for May Best Buy Food Boxes on Sunday, May 9 in the Gathering Area and through Tuesday, May 11 in the church office. Boxes will be delivered to All Saints on Tuesday, May 18.

Usher/Deacon Training: May 15

We urge all ushers and deacons to join us from 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 15.

We will begin with a brunch, taking time to introduce each other and the new ushers and deacons. Then we will move into specialized training to prepare volunteers for various emergencies, such as

medical or weather crises. The morning will conclude with a refresher on specific "regular" tasks and duties.

Please contact Sandi Snyder at 614-885-0112 or sandis@saintsonhigh.org to let her know whether you can attend this important meeting.

Thank you

From the Haney family

Dear All Saints Friends:

Thank you for all the cards, phone calls, flowers, food, prayers and caring you have so generously showered upon me. The All Saints' family has meant so much to me during this difficult time. May the peace of God which sustains me now be with you, too.

In Christ, Beth Haney

Dear Friends in Christ,
I would like to thank those of you who cooked, baked, served and cleaned up for the wonderful dinner you provided after the funeral of my brother, Joel Haney. I will always remember your gracious and kind acts.

When you are the only sister, brothers are pretty special. Thank you for showing Joel was special to all of you.

Sincerely,
Margaret Haney Palmer

Dear wonderful cooks at All Saints, What a delicious meal you provided for us after our father's memorial celebration! We were all very impressed with the array of attractive and yummy food you so kindly provided for all of us.

Thank you for this generous and loving ministry of hospitality. We were deeply touched by your care.

God bless you,
The Joel Haney Family

For our Easter banner

All Saints is grateful to all who helped to create our Easter processional banner.

Barb Fuller designed the banner; Wendy Huss embroidered; and Beth Maxwell took on the time-consuming sewing. The banner truly enhanced Easter worship. We also thank Beth Quist, who produced a beautiful new white altar parament for The Gathering that featured a delicate cross design created by Robyn Ramsay. Thank you everyone!

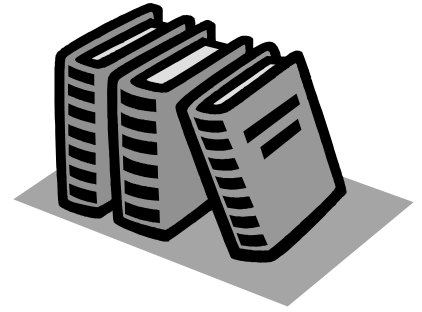
For the kitchen/ basement project

The two weeks after Easter were busy at All Saints.

Dedicated volunteers put in a lot of hard work to remove unneeded items from the basement and the storage room behind the Parish Hall, and new appliances were installed in the kitchen.

We are grateful to these amazing folks: Tom Lehman for installing the new kitchen stove; Tom Oswald and Tom Lehman for removing and rearranging several kitchen cabinets and installing the range-hood/microwave combination; Pat Ciccone and Ron Margello for cleaning out the storage room, including tearing down the shelving and bookcases; Eric Hershberger, Bob Tobbe, Pete Tschofen, Keith Wedinger and Tom Weeks for removing a huge amount of excess stuff from the basement and taking it to the dumpster; Bob Tobbe, Tom Wahtola, Rob Wesley and Peg Margello for painting the storage room; and Scott Chapman and Peg Margello for assembling the three Metro shelving units.

Thanks also to Peg Margello for coordinating the project.



Young Retireds

Join the Young Retireds on Wednesday, May 5 for a tour of the recently renovated Ohio State University Thompson Library and lunch in its Fireside Room.

Participants are asked to meet at 11:30 a.m. to travel to the library, where a boxed lunch will be offered at 12:15 p.m. The tour will follow at 1 p.m. The cost is \$12, and car pooling is encouraged.

The 1913 building reopened after a three-year, \$109 million renovation intended to bring it up to date for use by 21st Century students and faculty.

Please sign up on the bulletin board outside Parish Hall and indicate your preference of sandwich and whether you need or would be willing to provide transportation.

Coming Up

June 2: Shirley Brooks-Jones will join us at La Scala to share her experiences of Sept. 11, 2001, in Gander, Nova Scotia and discuss the scholarship program she has established in that community.

Children's Ministry

Sunday School

The last day of 2009-2010 Sunday School will be May 16. Join us as we celebrate the end of the year with Chris Cakes Pancakes.

We will kick off the 2010-2011 Sunday School year with a Rally Day celebration on Sept. 12.

If anyone is interested in volunteering to teach a 9:30 a.m. multi-age Sunday School class during the summer months please contact Lisa Brooks at 614-885-0112 or lisab@saintsonhigh.org. If we have enough volunteers, we will offer Sunday School during the summer months.

JAM

Twenty-one third-, fourth- and fifth-graders attended our last JAM session. We enjoyed Easter activities and planted flowers that we delivered to the Laurels of Norworth for their dining room tables.

Next JAM will be Saturday, June 5 at the Chiller North. Time will be determined by their open skate hours. Please check the Web site closer to the event for more details.

Please keep eye on personal property

All Saints urges the congregation to be cautious about leaving valuables in cars in our parking lot. In the early evening of April 15, we had an incident where a car's window was broken during a theft.

This is not the first but is the most recent of such incidents. We value the safety of your property, but the parking lot is unpatrolled.

We remind our entire congregation to keep valuables with them at all times to avoid unfortunate



Vacation Bible School

Join us on a High Seas Expedition this year as we will be "Exploring the Mighty Love of God....STEER-ing our hearts to the Lord!" Registration is under way!

Dates are June 21 through June 25 and June 28 through July 2

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$15 per child.

Find printable registration forms online at www.saintsonhigh.org or pick them up in the church office. Return with payment to the office.

situations that are costly and frustrating.

Also, please remember that our building is open to the public during the day and evening, when many activities take place. We wish to offer an attitude of welcome to all. However, this openness does require caution. Please monitor your personal possessions and remember to take your keys and phones, etc., out of pockets of jackets that you hang in the hallway or coat rooms.

Middle School Ministry

Confirmation

Attention eighth-graders: Confirmation will be during the 11 a.m. traditional service on Sunday, May 16.

We will hold a rehearsal dinner and class picture at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 12.

Service Opportunities

Here are a few projects for those students still in need of service points:

10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. May 2: Assist with Sunday School Teacher Luncheon

7 to 8 p.m. May 6: Come help fill college care packages.

9:30 a.m. to noon May 8: Come help clean up All Saints' grounds.

June/July: Come be a teen helper for Vacation Bible School.

Club 678

Here is a look ahead to some summer events for students entering sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grades in the fall.

June 6: Annual car wash. This is proven fun for our students and a fund-raiser to help offset the cost of our trip to Cedar Point.

July 8: Cedar Point. Join us at the Roller Coaster Capital of the World!

Lifelong Lutheran brings expertise

By Peg Margello

Tom Counts, his wife, Carolyn Eselgroth, and their two daughters became members of All Saints in 2007. In a short time, they have become intimately involved in important aspects of our congregation. Tom chairs the Stewardship Committee, is an active member of the Chancel Choir and serves on the current Call Committee. (Carolyn's church activities will be highlighted in her profile in the June newsletter.)

Past experience

Tom's valuable past church experience includes two terms as congregation president at North Community Lutheran Church. He is currently serving his second term on the Synod Council for the Southern Ohio Synod, is a member of the Council's executive committee, has been a member of the Synod's Constitution Committee and has functioned as parliamentarian at many Synod assemblies. Tom also has been a voting member at two churchwide assemblies. As All Saints struggled with leadership changes in 2008, Tom was able to offer his objective and insightful advice, having dealt with a similar issue at North Community.

The Counts family settled in West Central Ohio in 1820. This German immigrant family kept a careful listing of births in the Counts family bible, which Tom now has. The first entry is Adam Counts, born in 1790. Tom's mother's German ancestors arrived in 1855.

Tom was born in 1960 in Sidney, Ohio and grew up in Botkins (population 1,200), near Wapakoneta. He has two older sisters. His father, Ed Counts, was a barber for 33 years and also worked for the U.S. Postal Service. Shirley, Tom's mother, was a traditional homemaker



who always had a part-time job such as baby sitting or working in a restaurant or beauty shop. She still lives in Botkins.

Two honeymoons!

At Botkins High School, Tom was part of a close-knit group of friends. He was the history expert on the school's four-person knowledge competition team. Two team members got married and invited the group on the second half of their honeymoon on Martha's Vineyard. Tom notes, "I've been married once, but I've been on two honeymoons!"

Following his high school graduation in 1979, Tom enrolled at Ohio Northern University and graduated in three years with a degree in political science. Having known from early childhood that he wanted to be a lawyer, he moved on to the Ohio State University College of Law, graduating in 1985.

Carolyn Eselgroth and Tom Counts met in church. Both were members of the choir at North Com-

munity. Carolyn was in law school and Tom was working long hours as a lawyer; the choir energized both of them after long hours of work and study. In 1994, they became engaged on Memorial Day weekend and were married the weekend after Labor Day. Both owned a home but they decided to look for a new house almost immediately. One of the first questions their realtor asked was, "When did you become engaged and when did you get married?" What a strange question. The realtor explained that the time lapse between the engagement and the wedding was an indication of the ability of two people to make a decision as a couple. Tom and Carolyn found the house in Powell where they now live on their first house-hunting trip.

Tom's specialty is real estate law. In the 14 years after earning his juris doctorate, he was in private practice with a local firm, moving up the ranks from associate to partner. For the past 10 years, he has handled the legal aspects of the \$4.8 billion real estate portfolio of the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio.

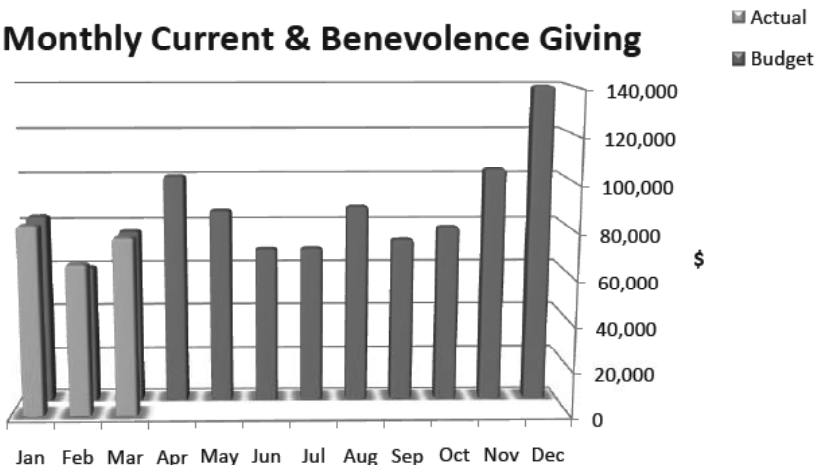
Time for his interests

In an already busy life with Carolyn and their daughters, Abby, 13, and Rachel, 12, Tom still manages to find time for hobbies and politics. He enjoys planting and nurturing flowers around the family's Powell home as well as doing interior painting and wallpapering. And he loves to cook, bake and entertain with Carolyn. Carolyn, a gifted baker, notes that her attraction to Tom was enhanced by the fact that, "Tom had a KitchenAid mixer. And I had all the necessary household tools. We were meant to be together!"

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On the numbers

2010 Monthly Current & Benevolence Giving



All Saints is grateful for the continued support of its members.

First-quarter income was strong, with a 3 percent increase over projections. Total income through March was \$227,232, just slightly higher than a year ago at this

time. Expenses were less than projected allowing us to end the first quarter with a \$4,553 positive balance.

In spite of the difficult economy, our members have continued to place faithful giving as a priority!

Endowments

Create a lasting legacy that will stand for generations to come, a gift that will continue to grow and benefit many long after it is given.

Your tax-deductible donation to the All Saints Lutheran Church Endowment Fund will be such a gift.

Please contact any of the committee members for more information: Chair Bill Good, Donna Crossman, Bob Hamilton, Wendy Huss, Jim Meyers, Scott Rechel, Kristen Robinson, Marj Stevenson or Pastor Bonnie Gerber.

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Counts

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Tom has been involved in the City of Powell community for almost 15 years. He has served on the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Planning and Zoning Commission. He was elected to his second four-year term on Powell City Council last November. In that office, he serves on the Operations Committee and the Finance Committee. In January he completed a two-year term as mayor. As mayor, Tom had the authority to perform wedding ceremonies, and he married three couples during his mayoral term.

Difficult change

Changing churches four years ago was tough. According to Tom, "Carolyn and I started searching for a new church home in 2006 after a difficult decision to leave North Community after 24 years for me and 16 years for

Carolyn. Since we lived in Powell, we visited most of the Lutheran churches on the north side and ultimately decided on All Saints."

Tom and Carolyn developed close friendships with a number of people at North Community.

During law school, they were Tom's support system, his network. And many became part of a monthly "birthday club" dinner group that extends to this day. Four of their daughters' five godmothers are North Community members. But North Community was changing, and only a half dozen children regularly attended. Although it was an agonizing choice, All Saints has benefited from Tom and Carolyn's difficult decision.

No 'aha' in life of faith

Tom's faith has been a strong influence in his life. He says, "I have

been a lifelong Lutheran, and my parents and grandparents were good, conscientious, every-Sunday, church-going Lutherans. But I didn't have one of those 'aha' moments where suddenly I was a changed person because of my faith. Instead, it has been very much a journey for me, but not a journey I took alone. Some very special people, both friends and family, who have questioned me, loved me, looked out for me and relied on me, joined me on that journey. These 15 years with Carolyn have been special to me in many ways, but our conversations about and experiences of our faith have changed me exponentially. Being part of a community of faith, whether it is a church, a small group of friends, or my family, has been integral to my faith journey and brought me, sometimes kicking, to where I am today."

Tom, we at All Saints are glad you found your church home with us.

Global Mission: Tanzania Update

Dear Pastor Mike Weaver,

I am now settled and I am able to communicate you with no problems. We as the parish in general okay continuing with the ministry of Jesus Christ...It is my hope that God is with all the parish members at your Church.

At Upendo Lutheran Church we are doing well. The last week from the day before Friday we were busy with Ibada. First of all we had a Holy Communion service, the great Friday, Sunday service remembering the resurrection of our Lord Jesus as well as yesterday as a Monday of Easter. In all services we used to have time to remember all our friends including the All Saints Lutheran Church in Worthington. Our Nursery School is doing well although the fence still needs to be finished. On behalf

our the Upendo Lutheran Church I would like to bring before you our words of thanks for the help you gave us for the construction of our school fence. For some how we can say our pupils are in safe by not coming into contact with other people not related to the church and their teachers. We pray so that our brothers and sisters from your church can also extend their love to our parish and help us to finish the fence. In few days to come I will send you the photo showing how far have we gone in building our school fence.

Thank you very much for your assistance and our parish is remembering you all the time in our prayers.

Yours in Christ

Pastor Lugaganya, Elias

Chancel Choir to offer 'Messiah' excerpts May 2

All Saints Chancel Choir and orchestra will perform excerpts from Handel's "Messiah" during 9:30 and 11 a.m. traditional worship services May 2 in the Sanctuary.

Each year, the Chancel Choir, led by Jan Arthur, offers two cantatas that feature special works.

While often associated with Advent and Christmas, "Messiah" is filled with references to Christ's resurrection and victory over death, making it an appropriate and inspirational work for the Easter season.

Please join us for one of these special worship services.

Concerts at All Saints

Columbus International Children's Choirs will offer the final performance for the 2010 season of Concerts at All Saints.

About 130 singers ranging in age from 4 to 18 will participate in this special event at 6 p.m. May 23 in the Sanctuary.

A reception will follow, and a free-will offering will be accepted during intermission.

All Saints is blessed with gifts that have allowed it to establish a concert series. The hope is that all will be encouraged to appreciate and that many will feel called to participate in the many All Saints music programs.

ELCA bishop expresses 'confident hope'

Via www.elca.org

Lutherans are "a people of new birth, of living hope through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:3)," said the Rev. Mark S. Hanson, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Because of those gifts from God, Hanson said he "is feeling confident hope" for the future of the ELCA.

Hanson made the remarks during his report to the ELCA Church Council. The council is the ELCA's board of directors and is the interim legislative authority of the church between churchwide assemblies. It met April 9 through 12 in Chicago.

Addressing all ELCA members as well as the council, Hanson said the word of God is alive in the ELCA because "Christ is risen."

He cited several examples of how the word of God is at work in the denomination.

"Through that living word of God that is both law and gospel, we encounter the truth about ourselves: that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves," Hanson said. "But we also encounter the liberating word of God that on account of Christ we are forgiven. We are reconciled not only to God, but to one another. This living word of God frees us -- it free us for lives of faith, it sets us free to proclaim the risen Christ, it sets us free to serve our neighbor, it sets us free to strive for justice and peace. It sets us free to be about the ministry of reconciliation. The word of God is alive in the ELCA because we are people of faith."

Endowment Committee report

\$361,0111 Total Endowment/Memorial Funds as of March 31, 2010

Breakdown of those funds:

\$188,571	Restricted Funds
\$107,240	Scholarship Funds
\$ 40,636	ELCA Endowment Fund
\$ 23,664	Memorial Funds

- A memorial fund has been established in Joel Haney’s memory designated for the purchase of new choir robes.
- Funds were transferred from the memorial fund to the Compassion Fund as designated by the family.

Parish Directory

Birth

Elaina Joy, daughter of David and Kara Barr and granddaughter of Lois Barr, March 16

Baptisms

Samantha Grace Kollas, April 11;
Madison Avery Mueller, April 18

Sympathies

Bruce and Karen Johnson on the death of Karen’s brother-in-law, Ross Larsen, on March 16; the Ellis and O’Grady families on the death of Marj and Marchelle’s father, Stanley Burrell, on March

25; George and Peggy Schmidt on the death of George’s sister, Sally Baumiller, on March 25; Marion Andrews on the death of her former daughter-in-law, Dana Andrews, on April 6; Matt and Marj Ellis on the death of Matt’s cousin, Becky Stacy on April 7; John and Marilyn Quist on the death of Marilyn’s mother, Joan Vance, on April 9; Jeff and Ann Davis on the death of Ann’s father, Don Shealy, April 13.

Transfers

Paula Ritchie, Corrine (Ritchie) Donohue, Aislyn Donohue (child), and Emmalee (Ritchie) Huff to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Ironton, Ohio, April 1

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Each month we will recognize those couples whose wedding anniversary falls in that month and who will celebrate 50 years or more of marriage.

May 25 Gene and Cynthia Tierney 53 years

This information is taken from the information we have on our computers. If we have forgotten any couple whose anniversary falls in the month of May we apologize and would ask that you notify the church office at 614-885-0112 or aslc@saintsonhigh to let us know.

Our Mission

All Saints strives to:

- Give Glory to God;
- Share the Good News of Christ;
- Grow in Expression of Faith and Discipleship.

Sunday Worship

Traditional, Sanctuary
8:15, 9:30, & 11 a.m.

The Gathering, Parish Hall
11 a.m.

Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

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