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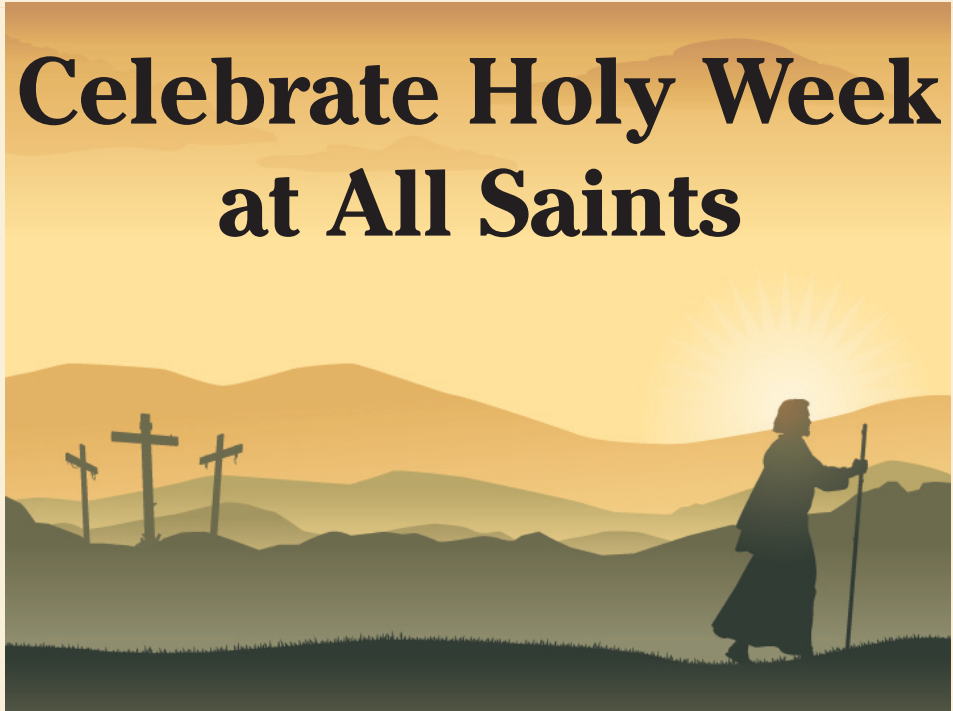
# Saints Alive!

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## Celebrate Holy Week at All Saints

### Mark our Lord's passion and resurrection

#### **Maundy Thursday**

7:30 p.m. April 9  
Pastor Bonnie Gerber

#### **Good Friday**

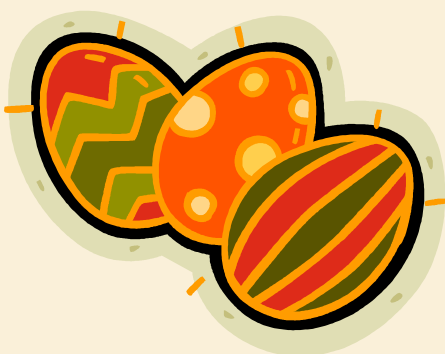
7:30 p.m. April 10  
Pastor Mike Weaver

#### **Easter Services: April 12**

Traditional service the Sanctuary  
8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Pastor Gerber

The Gathering in Parish Hall  
9:30 and 11 a.m. Pastor Weaver

All will offer Holy Communion.




### Hop over to our annual egg hunt

All Saints' annual Easter Egg Hunt will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 11. Children will hunt eggs according to age.

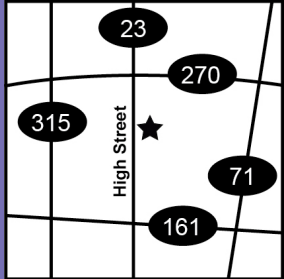
We are looking for cake donations for a cake walk. If you are able to donate a cake, please e-mail Lisa Brooks at [lisab@saintsonhigh.org](mailto:lisab@saintsonhigh.org).

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6770 N. High Street  
Worthington, Ohio 43085  
614-885-0112

Cakes should be delivered to the church by 9:30 a.m. April 11.

**Cost:** \$4 per child.

**To participate:** Sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Area and indicate a dish you can bring to share for brunch or e-mail Lisa.

# Council OKs Healing Team proposal

During its regular meeting March 9, Congregation Council approved a recommendation of the Healing Team to contract with Ambassadors of Reconciliation for training and consultation.

The weekend program will include:

- A "Blessed are the Peacemakers" full-day seminar, which all members are encouraged to attend.
- Ambassadors meet with the pastors.
- Ambassadors attend Sunday worship.
- Ambassadors meet with Congregation Council, staff and the healing team.
- Ambassadors make an oral report to leadership.



The team of ambassadors will follow up the visit with a report and long- and short-term recommendations within 15 days.

The estimated cost of the program is \$5,000 to \$6,000, including child care and a luncheon. The cost was a concern to some council members but is much less than the proposed interim pastor who

would take on this task, said council member Connie Pierce.

Bringing in a neutral agency trained in peacemaking adds perspective, said Tally Whitehead, a member of the Healing Team. "Sometimes, it's best to bring in outside help," she said. She also emphasized that the value went well beyond any current conflicts. "It isn't just about the church. This can be applied to relationships with families and friends."

Council sent the plan to the Support Committee. If general funds are not available, the church will use monies from the Hildreth Fund, intended to improve the growth and health of the church.

## Program to help health, hungry

Running out of excuses for being out of shape? Here goes another: All Saints is forming a running and walking group that will improve your health and raise money for Lutheran Social Services Food Pantries.

Who can join: Anyone and everyone. Age does not matter, current physical condition does not matter, and it does not matter if you want to train for a full marathon (26.2 miles) or simply walk a 5k (3.1 miles) to "get in better shape to keep up with the kids/grand-kids."

Our first race will be Oct. 18, when we plan to participate in the Columbus Full & 1/2 Marathon. Training will begin 16 weeks prior on June 20.

But don't let the word "marathon" intimidate you. The group is also looking at "fun" runs (5k or 10k distances) and other causes to take

on in the winter/spring training period. Know of a good one? Let us know, and we might be able to put it on our calendar.

We also are looking for All Saints members who would be willing to donate one night to host informational sessions for the group. Are you a nutritionist who can explain why it is important to "carb load" before a long run, or a physical therapist who can explain proper stretching techniques? Then we would love to hear from you.

Do you work for or own a company that could benefit from cheap advertising? We are also looking for corporate sponsors.

And it's even tax deductible!!!

If interested in joining the group please contact All Saints to be put in touch with organizer Matthew Eakin.

## A family that plays together



All Saints' Game Day 2009  
May 2

All Saints will host a family game day from noon to 6 p.m. May 2 in the quad.

Please join us for fellowship and fun with a wide selection of games for all interests and ages, and feel free to bring along your own favorites! We'll provide a pizza lunch and soft drinks around 1 p.m.

We hope our All Saints' family will enjoy reconnecting over the simple pleasure of board and card games. Stop by for an hour or stay all afternoon. Plan on healthy competition, lots of laughs and getting to know people in our community.

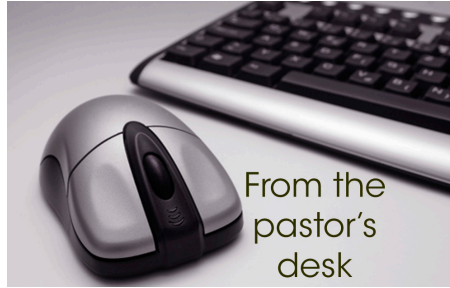
# Easter to reconcile us to God, each other

"From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

What does Easter mean to you?

An empty cross, colored eggs, chocolate, resurrection, an Easter Bunny, spring, a new outfit, choco-



late, baskets filled with candy, church, flowers, (did I mention chocolate?), celebration, marshmallow Peeps, family, trumpets, fake grass, reconciliation ... reconciliation?

Central to Easter is reconciliation, the resumption of a healthy relationship, between God and human beings. Paul urges the Corinthians to be reconciled to God through Jesus and then to share the ministry of reconciliation with others.

Reconciliation is the restoration of a relationship that once was broken by sin. Because Jesus took on our sin, died on a cross and was raised from the dead, we can have a restored,

reconciled relationship with God. When our relationship to God is reconciled, we should want to be reconciled to others.

Reconciliation brings peace. Relationships need to be healed, and we need to forgive. But this isn't a process that we carry out on our own. God intercedes for us and participates with us to help us fulfill His will. Having been restored to a right relationship with God through Jesus, we can, with the help of the Holy Spirit, be reconciled to each other.

This is a vital part of the message Jesus Christ preached to the people he came in contact with and the message he sent disciples into the world to share. It is as timeless now as it was then. We need reconciliation.

We can be thankful that God allows us not only to experience it, but also to share it with others as God guides us to be reconciled and restored Easter people.

Pastor Bonnie Gerber

## Fresh look, accessibility goals for newsletter

All Saints is happy to introduce this makeover of our monthly newsletter, "Saints Alive!" We hope that the electronic distribution and new look will make the publication more accessible to our church community.

While the decision to shift from a paper newsletter mailed via the U.S. Postal Service to an electronic format was based partly on economics, we saw this as an opportunity rather than an obstacle. Therefore, in reformatting the newsletter, we incorporated more color, a more reader-friendly design and more features.

We recognize that not all of our members and friends will have access to this electronic version of the newsletter, and we will have a limited number of printed newsletters on hand at the church. Because

of printing schedules, these will be available about a week after the electronic version is sent. We hope that those who can choose to read the newsletter in its electronic format. Accommodation for shut-ins or others unable to receive the newsletter in these ways will be arranged by request.

While All Saints recognizes the importance of sharing with the community through our monthly newsletters, the printing and postage costs have become prohibitive, a problem sure to worsen as the Postal Service is again increasing its rates.

By moving toward an electronic distribution method, All Saints anticipates saving at least \$5,000 in 2009, a significant amount in a difficult economy. This money can then be distributed to preserve our many ministries.

## April Service Opportunities

All month	Clothing and school supply collection for Afghani Children
April 4	The Amazing Grace – Lenten Service Activities with a twist!
April 5	Fair Trade Coffee Sunday
April 11	Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry
April 19	Laurels of Worthington Nursing Home Worship

### Lutheran Social Services Food Pantries

#### Urgent Needs

- Personal care items
- Canned fruit

#### Cash donations

Your donation of \$24 will feed a family of four for three days.

#### 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
- Toner Cartridges: Benefits Mid-Ohio Food Bank
- Campbell Soup Labels: Benefits Oesterlen Services for Youth. All that is needed is the UPC code from any Campbell's product.
- Pop Can Tabs: Benefits Ronald McDonald House at 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

Need help getting ready for tax time? We have volunteers who are willing to help.

Please contact the church office. at 614-885-0112 or [aslsc@saintsonhigh.org](mailto:aslsc@saintsonhigh.org).

## Green thumbs needed for Pantry Patch

Gardening season is around the corner, and the Pantry Patch will welcome gardeners to plant, tend and harvest vegetables for donation to Lutheran Social Services Food Pantries.

Tomatoes, carrots, peppers and other vegetables are planted in the raised beds at the edge of the rear parking lot.

If you've got that gardening bug and would like to help out with the Pantry Patch this year, please contact the church office to be put in touch with Betsy Rechel.

If you have a home garden, please consider planting an extra row or two for the pantry. Fresh produce is an invaluable part of the nutrition of the pantry clients.

Also, the Food Pantry is happy to accept your homegrown produce or pickings from a day at a strawberry patch or peach orchard.

We can give you directions to the pantry, or just bring them to the church and we'll see that they get there.

Watch for announcements from the Hunger Task Group in the coming months, as we develop new programs for providing healthy fresh food for the pantry.

## Saints asked to join in spring cleanup project May 2

Time to get ready for a new growing season, and just at as home, there is much to be done!

**Why:** While we know everyone is busy, do you realize that just a few hours of your time will make a

big difference in the appearance of our church grounds and save \$1,000. We need at least 15 to 20 volunteers to get the job done!

**When:** 9:30 a.m. to noon May 2.

**What:** Remove winter debris,

prepare landscape areas, edge, trim, mulch and general outdoor clean-up. Bring your favorite gardening tools – brooms, rakes, edger, etc.

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# All Saints ready for spring 'Training'

All Saints' adult-learning program, "Cross Training," gives participants the chance to exercise their options in developing spiritual "muscle" and growing their faith. On deck for spring:

## Discipleship 101

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..."*

Jesus commanded us to make disciples but, in the 21st Century, what does a disciple look like, and what does a disciple do? This course will look at the faith practices of a disciple (prayer, study, worship, invitation, encouragement, serving and giving). Each person will have a chance to explore their unique, God-given gifts and discuss how they can be used to serve others.

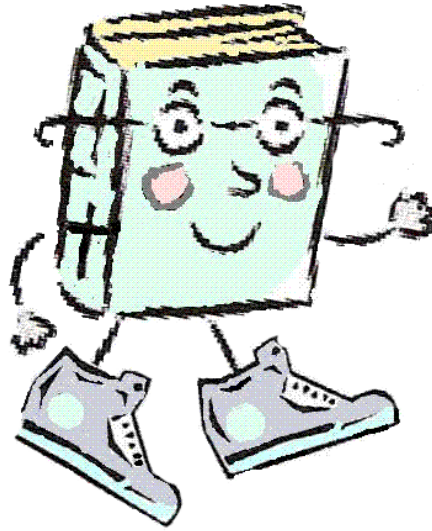
**Instructor:** Pastor Bonnie Gerber  
**When:** 7 p.m. Tuesdays  
 Eight weeks beginning April 14  
**Cost of materials:** \$15

## Morsels of Christian History: Europe & England

This course will highlight the following topics in Christian history:

1. Martyrs of the Early Church
2. Heresies: Arian Controversy and Gnosticism
3. Britain: 700 BC - 410 AD
4. Early Monasticism
5. Establishing the Frankish Church
6. Charlemagne's Church and Monastic Reform
7. Britain: Theodore of Tarsus, Alfred the Great, Edward the Confessor
8. Britain: Henry II/Thomas Becket, The Great Schism 1378, John Wyclif

**Instructor:** Kathy Simcox  
**When:** 7 p.m. Tuesdays  
 Eight weeks beginning April 14  
**Cost of materials:** \$10



## Financial Peace University: Imagine Yourself Debt Free

Financial Peace University is a life-changing program that teaches you how to make the right decisions with your money. You'll be empowered with the practical skills and confidence needed to achieve your financial goals and experience true financial peace.

**Instructors:** Jenna and Mark Fletcher  
**When:** 7 p.m. Tuesdays  
 13 weeks beginning April 14  
**Cost of Materials:** \$110

## Parenting: The Early Years

What kind of parent do you want to be? Who you are matters more than what you do. When your kids are grown up, how will they remember you? In these six sessions, Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott will take you through a parenting approach you won't find in any other parenting resource. Take a sneak peak at the real-life

parenting moments and vulnerable questions from 20 families. Discover 10 biblical traits that will make you a better person and a better parent. Then, begin to intentionally pass on key traits to your kids.

**Instructor:** Pastor Mike Weaver  
**When:** 7 p.m. Wednesdays  
 Six weeks beginning April 15  
**Cost of materials:** \$10 per family.  
 Child care is provided.

## Faith Lessons: The True Easter Story

Travel to Israel and discover fascinating truths about the events surrounding the death and resurrection of Jesus. This video includes a bonus segment, "The Lamb of God," taken from the Faith Lessons series.

**Instructor:** Kay Labosky  
**When:** 5:30 p.m. Thursdays  
 Three sessions beginning April 30  
**Cost of materials:** \$10

## Improv Spirituality

Jesus boiled down God's desires for our lives to two commandments: love God and love others. At its heart, Christianity is about relationships, not religion. How do we practically connect with God and others in a loving and life giving way? This dynamic and fun workshop will show you how and give you experience in what it means to live a rich, spiritual life grounded in Christ. Plus, you'll be able to experience the fun of improv! No experience in improv is necessary. This is a one-day workshop.

**Instructor:** Pastor Mike Weaver  
**When:** 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, April 25  
**Cost per participant:** \$10

# Pastor Gerber to participate in prison ministry

Pastor Bonnie Gerber will serve on a Kairos Prison Ministry Team April 23 through 26 at the Ohio Reformatory for Women in Marysville.

The Kairos Prison Ministry Web site describes it: "Kairos is a Christian, lay-led, ecumenical, volunteer international prison ministry, in which men and women volunteers bring Christ's love and forgiveness to incarcerated individuals and to their families. Kairos volunteers go into prisons in teams of 30 to 40 to pray, share the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ, share meals, and fellowship with the incarcerated on a one-to-one basis."

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"I was in prison and you came to visit me."  
Matthew 25:36

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For the ministry to be a success, Kairos and Pastor Gerber rely on your help. Here are ways in which you can participate in the program:

- Bake cookies: Pastor Gerber needs 175 dozen cookies by Wednesday, April 15.
- Pray: Sign up for the prayer vigil and pray for the

inmates and volunteers.

- Write letters: The team gives each woman a letter from the people praying for her. In all, we will need 42 letters.
- Give money: Each weekend costs \$5,000 (\$125 per inmate attending) to sponsor. We rely on God's people to help defray costs.

Specific directions for each task are available at the Kairos Prison Ministry table. Please stop by to see how you can help.

## Fear must not keep us from call to witness

The first and last invitations and commands of Jesus were the same.

His first call to the disciples was to be fishers of men, women and children. As he ascended, Jesus commissioned his followers to go make disciples, baptize and teach, followed with the promise to be with them always. Never forget that promise.

So what gets in my way? What gets in my way of talking about Christ or church to people I know, such as, friends, relatives, neighbors and fellow workers?

When it comes to witnessing, there are fears that take over.

We might be afraid that we will offend the other person. There might be fear of being ridiculed. Some are fearful that they will appear stupid. Some

fear that they will appear hypocritical. Some folks are just shy. We know that Jesus asks us to spread the joy around. How do we overcome our fears?

It is not easy. It takes some doing even for an extrovert like me. It helps to have encouragement from other Christians. Prayer is vital. Like any other skill it takes practice.

The Welcome/Witness Committee is putting together a program to help us. Keep an eye out for the fall class "Witnesses for Christ." In these 10 sessions, we will explore the scriptures, encourage one another and have a safe environment to practice sharing God's story. One of the lessons is "Overcoming My Fears."

George Schmidt

## Cleanup

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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! Over 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.

## Men's Ministries

### Lenten breakfasts

Gather during this season of reflection and penitence for food, Bible study, prayer and friendship.

**When:** 9:30 to 11 a.m. Saturdays through April 4

**Where:** All Saints Parish Hall

**Theme:** Transformation

## Young Retireds

Anyone of any age is invited to participate in events sponsored by the Young Retireds.

Simply sign up (as it helps us to know how many chairs to set up and how much food we need) and come. Check the posters on the bulletin board near the Parish Hall for details.

### Noon, April 1

Celebrate April Fool's Day with a performance by the Olentangy Men's Chorus. This group was formed by men from Liberty Presbyterian Church who enjoy singing gospel music.

**The concert:** Will include selections of gospel, pop, Broadway, folk and Christian music.

**Luncheon:** Enjoy the famous All Saints' potluck. Pulled pork sandwiches provided, while you bring a veggie, salad or dessert.

**Cost:** \$3 with a dish to share or \$6 to help defray the cost of the meat.

### Thank yous

**Norman Rockwell Exhibit:** Thanks to Tom Gerke for arranging a trip to the Ohio Historic Museum to view the Rockwell Exhibit. All 19 participants agreed it was a wonderful exhibit and a great day!

**Lenten Dinner, March 18:** Thanks to all who helped with food, serving, set up and clean up.

Certainly the group has experienced cooks and workers!

## Women's Ministries

### Dinner Out

The women of the church are invited to dinner at 6:30 p.m. April 21 at the Olive Garden on Polaris Parkway. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area. Women gather for food and fellowship the third Tuesday of each month.

For more information or to arrange a ride, call or e-mail the church office to be put in touch with coordinator Betsy Stewart.

### Bible Study

The Women's Ministry Bible Study took a break during Lent. Watch the weekly e-newsletter and bulletin board for information about a possible mini-study in April or May.

### Yoga/Pilates

Schedules for April are as follows. Cost for each class is \$5. All classes meet in Parish Hall. Please bring a mat or towel.

#### Yoga

6 p.m. Mondays

5:45 p.m. Wednesdays

9:30 a.m. Thursdays April 1, 8 and 15.

This is a gentle yoga class.

#### Pilates

9:30 a.m. Wednesdays

## All Saints generous to Afghani children

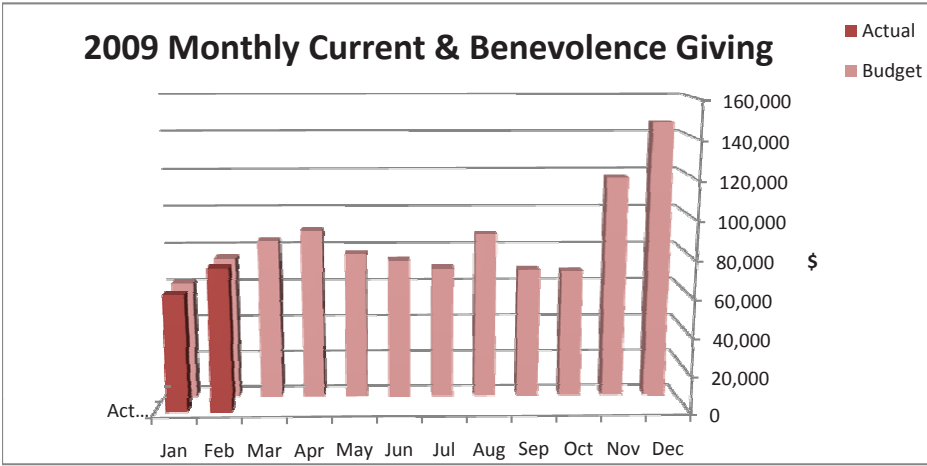
The church's response has been outstanding for contributions of clothing for the Afghani kids.

I'm sure we are helping some to stay warm and feel better about themselves with all the clothes and blankets. Some members even went out and purchased new clothing. Plans are now to keep collecting clothes through March. If contributions remain substantial, we may continue through April.

Thanks to all who have contributed. Questions, please call the church office to be put in touch with coordinator Jim Warburton.

# February Financial Report

## Current & Benevolence



	Received	Expenses
Feb. YTD	\$137,008	\$146,846
Projected	136,907	\$153,238
2008	154,174	

## Attendance Averages

February 2009	570
February 2008	612

### On the numbers

Income and expenses continue to track as projected. January and February typically are two "lower" month incomes, and we planned for expenses to exceed income. They did.

The good news is that expenses did not exceed projections, and income actually (slightly) exceeded projections. We are grateful to all who continue to support the ministry and mission of All Saints.

### Lenten dinner collections

Some have asked questions regarding the Lenten dinner collection (\$5 per person, kids eat free!)

and the Lenten offering (basket passed during the devotional service.)

The dinner collection will be used to offset dinner expenses. The contributions of so many sharing food allows us to keep expenses at a minimum. After all expenses have been paid, the balance of the Lenten Dinner Fund has been designated for the Mobile Food Pantry "Stuff the Truck" program.

The offering collected during the service is treated exactly as all monies received during worship services to defray the ongoing expenses to support the programs and mission of All Saints.

Again, we thank all who give so generously out of faith and love for their God, and this congregation.

## 28 fifth-graders mark faith milestone in First Communion

Twenty-eight students continued their faith journey March 15, as they received First Communion during the 11 a.m. traditional service. The communicants:

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| Ryan Baxter    | Liz Bosak      |
| Adam Claus     | Rachel Counts  |
| Katherine Dahs | Katie Davis    |
| Caroline Fink  | Andrew Goins   |
| Grace Good     | Emma Hiltner   |
| Harrison Jenny | Zachary Jepsen |

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| Veronica Jorgensen | Isabell Lockwood  |
| Andrew Lorence     | Abigail Louisin   |
| Andrew Malick      | Ryan Miller       |
| Jack O'Grady       | Kaylee Schaaf     |
| Lauren Seitz       | Meridith Shook    |
| Adam Stafford      | Wyatt Stooft      |
| Holly van der Lans | Joseph Reed Weeks |
| Elise Wesley       | Anna Zellar       |

# Charter member has deep roots in region, church

By Peg Margello

In his 73 years, John Schuette has worn many hats: husband, father, successful businessman and Liberty Township trustee. He has consulted on projects all over the world, served on a federal government commission and testified before Congress for the Land Improvement Contractors of America.

But the hat that he wears most proudly is that of founder and charter member of All Saints Lutheran Church.

## Early life

John was born in a log cabin on Nov. 22, 1935 to parents Walter and Garnet Schuette. In 1870, his maternal great-grandfather bought land and developed a large farm that stretched along the Scioto River from north of Seldom Seen Road to Powell Road. At the death of this great-grandfather, the farm was divided among four sons and four daughters.

John's grandfather inherited the north section and built his farmhouse at the corner of Seldom Seen Road and Riverside Drive. John's dad, a "city boy" and engineer, met his mother when he came to the house looking for a place to store his canoes. John's parents married and built the log cabin where John was born in the woods east of the house. They had five children.

John's father died two months before his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday.

"To his dying day, he was mean as a snake!" John said. He beat John's mother and the kids. Of John's 13 major surgeries, nine were related to back problems caused by being forced to lift and move heavy logs and equipment in his youth. Four of the kids left



John Schuette

home as soon as they could, at ages 16 or 17. In his senior year of high school at Hyatt's Vocational Agriculture program, John managed a Hereford farm near the school. From his father, John said, he learned how not to behave.

All Saints' member Dean Miller is a longtime friend. They met in first grade in Powell. John was grateful when Dean's dad was elected to the school board because the school then got inside toilets! Classmates named the duo Mutt and Jeff, and Dean still refers to John as his "itty-bitty buddy."

## Work and hobbies

John worked for a farm machinery dealer in Plain City after high school and eventually bought a used bulldozer from a teacher in the vocational agricultural program. He used it in the summer and worked at the machine shop in the winter. Eventually, he began earth moving full time and kept at it for 45 years. For half of that time, he took agricultural engineering courses at The Ohio State University. "Taught a few too. I graduated with high marks from the school of hard knocks," John said.

Although his work and fam-

ily didn't leave much leisure time, John has enjoyed hunting around Central Ohio and fishing from his boat on Lake Erie. He is one of two cofounders of the Lake Hill Hunt Club near Ostrander. He also has trained bird dogs and says that after spending 30 minutes with a dog, he can tell what kind of people the owners are. And, here's a surprise: John has also written a bit of poetry!

## Meeting Betty

Betty Schuette is John's second wife. His first wife and he had six children, five boys and a girl. And then she left, and he became both mother and father to the kids who ranged in age from five to 16. It was a difficult two and a half years, trying to handle the home and earn a living. He met Betty when his father-in-law was sharing a hospital room with a young man who was dying of cancer. Betty, a kindergarten teacher and mother of a new baby, was very loving as she cared for her husband.

When his situation changed, John called Betty to ask her out. She refused. Every few months over a two-year period, he'd call again. She eventually said yes.

They have been married for 35 years, live in the house John built 50 years ago, and have 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. John says Betty is a loving wife, mother and grandmother and every time they've had an argument, they end up laughing.

## Faith

John has a strong faith. He has prayed, "Lord, I can't handle this by myself. You're gonna have to help me." And after that, "It all

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# Schuette

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turns around." He is also convinced that, "The Lord sent it even if the Devil brought it!" And, "If it hadn't been for my faith, I'd probably be dead by my own hand or in a mental institution. My Lord and Savior answers me. My faith is part of my life. I'll witness to anybody." John also notes that one of his biggest blessings is Betty.

## 'I will serve'

John was one of seven people who started All Saints. "The only one who has been at All Saints longer than me is God!" It happened this way: John and his wife and children had been attending Upper Arlington Lutheran, and one day he called the synod office to ask if there were any plans for a church farther north. He was told the synod was considering Worthington. In August 1961, Pastor Robert Ensign knocked on John's door and said he was putting together a steering committee for the new church. John responded: "I will serve."

All Saints started meeting at the Masonic Lodge in Worthington. They provided worship services and Sunday School. He and his first wife sang in the choir; charter member Jean Blosser played the organ. Eventually the Board of Missions found land on North High Street and paid \$40,000 for four acres with an option on two additional lots. "Some people had a fit about the cost," John said.

It was the site of the former Duprey Nursery, and it had a farm house, an outhouse and a two-story barn. An older man named Carl Clinger rented the farm house, and John, a Church Council member and the Property Committee chair, visited him once a month to collect the rent. Carl

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"When we first started All Saints, I never dreamed that it would be what it is today. There are times when I sit in that beautiful sanctuary and I get very emotional."

John Schuette

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liked the company and also liked to talk. John says it took about four hours to collect the \$28 rent. John mowed the All Saints property for six years and plowed snow from the parking lot for 36 years at no charge!

The first service in the new church was on Thanksgiving. John clearly remembers two things. One mother washed her girls' dresses with new fiberglass curtains and the girls nearly scratched themselves to death during the service and his own son got his thumb stuck in the door hinge!

## Buildings, steeples and art

The first building (now the nursery) had a steep roof, but some people wanted a steeple, so one was built "on stilts" out front. During an expansion project, the steeple had to be torn down. John saved the copper roof from going to the dump and stored it for several years. He later reminded Pastor David Ullery about it, and the copper was given to Bob DeLay who used it to create the flames sculpture that hangs above the narthex desk.

"When we first started All Saints, I

never dreamed that it would be what it is today. There are times when I sit in that beautiful sanctuary and I get very emotional," John said.

John and Betty have been very supportive of All Saints youth. For 26 years, they sponsored annual trips to Cedar Point or King's Island for the teens in the Singing Saints. One year they took 28 kids on a rented bus and brought back 27. That young man probably learned a lesson about being on time from that point forward!

## Congregational jester

John is known as the "congregational jester". "I made a covenant with the Lord 35 years ago that every day I'd make someone laugh," John said.

Each Sunday, he goes to the pew where a group of women sits and tells them a church-appropriate joke. The four regulars that John has designated as the "chorus line" are Dottie Rott, Marion Andrews, Marcie Edgell and Louise Grant.

John says, "If I don't stop there, they come down and get me!" He also sends more than 100 Happy Groundhog Day cards each year. His humor also extends to his equipment. The 420 pound anvil outside his workshop is named Bigfoot and the combination lawn mower/snowplow is named Lazarus because he brought it back from the dead.

When asked what he would most like to be remembered for, John responded, "A man who stood on his principles with unquestionable integrity."

John Schuette has much to be proud of. He is a credit to his family, his church and his God.

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## High School Ministries

The high school youth will serve breakfast the first Sunday of each month as a fund-raiser for their trip to the National Youth Convention in New Orleans this July. Please stop by the table in the Gathering Area between 8:45 and 11 a.m. April to support our youth.

**Menu:** Waffles and sausage.

**Suggested donation:** \$5.

## Middle School Ministries

### Confirmation

The end of the school year is nearing! Be sure you are up to date on your sermon notes, service points and Sunday School attendance.

### Upcoming Events

Sixth-grade service project: 1.5 points. Easter Egg Hunt 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. April 11

Seventh-grade service project: 1.5 points. Easter Egg Hunt preparation 6:30 to 8 p.m. April 8

Eighth-grade retreat: April 18 and 19 at Lutheran Memorial Camp

### Confirmation Sunday

Confirmation Sunday for eighth-graders who have completed the program will be at the 11 a.m. traditional service Sunday, May 17. A rehearsal dinner and class picture will be Wednesday, May 13.

## Children's Ministries

### Sunday School

All Saints will not hold Sunday School on Easter Sunday so that families may worship together in celebration of our risen Lord.

Sunday School will resume April 19 with Hilliard United Methodist Church's ARM ministers' annual puppet presentation.

The last day of Sunday School will be May 17.

### Bible Buddies

All Saints' Summer Sunday School program depends on the willingness of volunteers to staff it. All volunteers will have access to a planned curriculum, and if we have enough volunteers the program will run June 7 through Aug. 30.

If you can help, please e-mail Lisa Brooks at [lisab@saintsonhigh.org](mailto:lisab@saintsonhigh.org) by May 10 with Sundays you would be available to teach.

If we do not have enough volunteers by May 17, Sunday School will be on hiatus through the summer and resume Sept. 13.

### JAM

JAM (Jesus and Me) met in February, when with 18 third-, fourth- and fifth-graders came together to celebrate Valentine's Day and learn of God's love. Our next JAM session is planned for April. Look for more details on the Web site and in the weekly electronic update.

### Vacation Bible School

**Power Lab:  
Discover Jesus'  
Miraculous Powers**

**When:** 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. June 15 through 19 and June 22 through 26

**Registration:** Forms will be available April 5, with registration beginning April 19.

**Who can participate:** We offer classes for children age 3 (and potty trained by June 1) through sixth-grade.

**To help:** Team teachers and teen assistants are needed for all grade levels, and we would love to have you be a part of the Power Lab.

E-mail [lisab@saintsonhigh.org](mailto:lisab@saintsonhigh.org) if you would like to assist.

## Kairos service project

Sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders are invited to an important service opportunity.

Stay after church on Sunday, April 5 and provide support for Pastor Bonnie's Kairos Prison Ministry. Bring \$5 for a pizza

lunch and the cost of a batch of cookies. Plan to stay until 3 p.m. We will have lunch, and then bake cookies, make posters and write letters.

This service project will be worth 1.5 service points.

# Parish Directory

## Baptisms

- Owen William Kekoa Anderson, Feb. 22
- Brett Paul Bogenrife, Feb. 22
- Blake Russell Bogenrife, Feb. 22
- Dylan Dean Vance, March 15
- Deacon Nels Stevenson, March 15

## Deaths

- Ruth Price, Feb. 15

## Transfers

- Richard Isler to Peace Lutheran Church, Gahanna, Feb. 12
- Mike and Barbara Distelhorst to Upper Arlington Lutheran Church, Columbus, March 9

## Sympathies

Expressed to:

- Kathy Jones and family on the death of Kathy's brother, Ronnie Hensley, on March 2.

## 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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Pastor	Bonnie Gerber
Pastor	Mike Weaver
Administration	Marj Stevenson
Programs & Lay Ministry	Kay Labosky
Communications	Stacy Wendt
Children's Ministries	Lisa Brooks
Confirmation Ministries	Lisa Brooks
Youth Ministries	Dave Kivimaki
Preschool	Mary Lou Kolloff
Office Manager	Sandi Snyder
Bookkeeper	Karen Scherr
Secretaries	Arlene Belter, Evelyn Pagura
Nursery Coordinator	Amy Jepsen

<b>Music Staff</b>	
Organists	Tom Gerke Ellen Cutting
Chancel Choir	Jan Arthur
Youth Choirs	Brenda Curie
Jubilate Chorus	Pam Spade
Handbell Choirs	Becky Trefz
Contemporary Service	Pam Wachtel

# Married 50 years or more

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

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| April 13 | Jim and Maxine Loyer        | 52 years |
| April 28 | Clint and Charlene Friedley | 52 years |
| April 30 | Xingyuan and Yunhua Du      | 50 years |



This information is taken from the information on our computers. If we have forgotten any couple whose anniversary falls in the month of April, we apologize and ask that you notify us at, 614-885-0112.

## All Saints concert series welcomes friends for spring shows

### Piano Duo 4 p.m. April 19

All Saints' own Brenda Curie and her partner Sally Sansbury will offer selections including Milhaud's "Scaramouche," Ravel's La Valse,

Shostakovich's "Tarentella" and Gottschalk's "The Banjo."

### All Saints and Friends 4 p.m. May 3

Featuring our All Saints' community,

including a combined choir, this favorite is back this year. Look forward to performances by flutist Sean Owen, tenor soloist Scott Sanville and organist Ellen Cutting.