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All Saints to collect Tools for Schools

It's that time of year! All Saints will again collect backpacks and school supplies for children in Lawrence County during July.

This is our 5th year of partnering with St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ironton to make sure that kids in this economically challenged area have what they need to be ready for another academic year.

We are excited to announce that Congregation Beth Tikvah, a Reformed Jewish temple in Worthington, will join us this year.

Our campaign will run from July 5 through Aug. 2, with the distribution of supplies Aug. 8 at St. Paul's.

Lawrence County has a population of 62,609. More than 18 percent of the population is under the state's poverty level. Nearly one of every two students in Lawrence County is classified as economically disadvantaged. Many families don't have the



money to buy even the most basic school supplies. St. Paul's has heard from teachers in the community that

Tools for School is making a difference.

This year our goal is to provide 1,000 filled backpacks. Our team would appreciate your donation of supplies and/or time.

Sign-up sheets and collection bins will be in the "Tools for School" hallway.

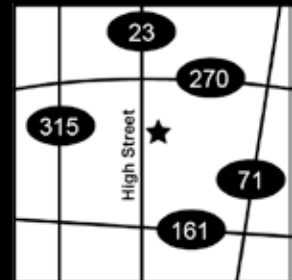
If you have questions, please contact asl@csaintsonhigh.org to be put in touch with coordinator Susan Eakin or kayl@csaintsonhigh.org or call the church office at 614-885-0112.

Please help us to make this another successful campaign for the students in Lawrence County.

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Jan in July: Join us for old-fashioned hymn sings

During All Saints' July preludes to traditional worship, Jan Arthur will offer old-fashioned "hymn sings."

Jan will stylize accompaniment while the congregation sings a

verse or two of favorite hymns seldom heard in worship these days.

Be sure to join in worship early enough to enjoy this special musical offering.

Our prelude is part of worship time and prepares us to glorify God through the rest of the service. We hope that these special offerings will help to get everyone in the right Spirit!

Council hears from Visioning Task Force

All Saints Congregation Council discussed the progress of the Visioning Task Force during its meeting June 15.

More than 200 people participated in focus groups, with several dozen contributing written comments. The majority was positive and excited about the process through which All Saints will develop its "North Star" for the next several years.

Some common themes shared by the congregation include a wider distribution of information and more instruction on Lutheran practices and heritage.

The Vision Task Force plans to compile a draft of the vision by June 30 and present that draft and implementation plans to council at council's next meeting in August.

Council also discussed the possibility of having a separate meeting wherein it can discuss the specifics of the plans.

Council also spent time discussing the report of Pastor Bruce Zegel, a representative of Ambassadors of Reconciliation, invited by the Healing Team to address issues of conflict within the church. Council agreed that his seminar, offering biblical



methods of dealing with inevitable conflicts within the church, was valuable and enlightening. Council members were mixed, however, on his report, which included recommendations some council members believed might instead increase conflict. Council members agreed that they would make the report available to all members of the congregation through the church office and review specific points during one or more special meetings in September or October.

In addition, Congregation Council:

- Set a date for its annual Committee Chair Night. Committee chairs will be invited to join at 7 p.m. July 20 to discuss the future of All Saints and ways in which various committees can cooperate to meet its goals.
- Congratulated member Tom Counts on his election

to the Southern Ohio Synod Council.

- Asked pastors Bonnie Gerber and Mike Weaver whether they believed their workload was reasonable. Both responded that while, as with any job, they had their moments of "burnout" but believed they were working well as a team and that their tasks were reasonable. They commended the efforts of Cia Rodemann, who is helping with pastoral care of the sick and shut-ins, and Pam Wachtel, director of contemporary music, who recently took on duties that include coordination of elements of The Gathering.

Council traditionally does not meet in July, and its next regular business meeting will be Aug. 10. It expects a tentative agenda to be available by Aug. 7. Agendas are not official until adopted by council during the meeting.

Minutes of council meetings are available after approval on the council bulletin board, from the church office or online at www.saintsonhigh.org under the tab Council Corner.

Children's, teen choirs' schedules to change

Starting with the 2009-2010 choir season, All Saints' children's choirs will rehearse Wednesday evening beginning Sept. 2. The weekly rehearsal schedule:

Carol Choir: 5:15 to 6 p.m.
Wednesdays

Youth Choir: 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays

Singing Saints: 7 to 8 p.m.
Wednesdays

The music staff hopes that this change will allow our choirs to gain participants, avoid time conflicts with youth group and other church-related activities on Sunday afternoons and respect Sundays as family time

to be spent in worship and relaxation.

Please feel free to contact All Saints at 614-885-0112, Brenda Curie at aslcs@saintsonhigh.org or Pastor Bonnie Gerber at bonnieg@saintsonhigh.org if you have questions or concerns about this change.

Christ reminds us we share power

"I've got the power."

That's what my Vacation Bible School shirt says. Right there on the left side of my chest, white letters on a fluorescent green.

But ... before I get a big head, and begin to build my kingdom ... I look around and acknowledge all of our VBS shirts say the same thing. They all say, "I've got the power." We share the power.

God's design for the church is for us to share power – God's power – and use that power to love and serve each other.

We don't insist on our own way, boast, keep records of wrongs, delight in evil or fly off the handle.



Instead we humbly share power through kindness, humility, patience and forgiveness (1 Corinthians 13).

It's not simply that the pastor or pastors, a group of leaders, a single leader, a long-time member, or the most vocal or most influential members who hold power. God designed the

church a different way.

The Spirit in all its fullness comes to each one of us in baptism. God breathes on all of us equally.

But who's in charge? While we share the power, the source of our power is Jesus Christ. Before his ascension Jesus said to the disciples, "All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples..." (Matthew 28:18) Jesus, who holds power over us, commands us to go. We go and advance God's kingdom with boldness and graciousness.

Remember, we're all in this together.

Pastor Mike Weaver

Saints in Stride ready to welcome new members

It's not too late to join Saints in Stride, All Saints' running/walking group. Training schedules are available in the Gathering Area, online at www.saintsonhigh.org/saintsinstride or by or by contacting us at saintsinstride@saintsonhigh.org.



We will meet at 8:30 a.m. each Saturday morning through Oct. 12 at the Worthington Hills Park (the northernmost end of the Olentangy Trail).

Child care is available at the church for a fee, via previous arrangements by parents.

Runners/walkers will raise money for the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantries from individual and corporate sponsors through their participation. LSS pantries serve the community by providing food to individuals and families in need. Last year alone, LSS food pantries served 148,546 people in central Ohio. This year, the need is great and growing.

Report available: Ambassadors of Reconciliation

Pastor Bruce Zegel, a director of Ambassadors for Reconciliation, has submitted a written report to All Saints based on his impressions during a two-day visit with the congregation.



Zegel met in May with Congregation Council, our two pastors, our staff and the Healing Team. Pastor Zegel also led a seminar intended to encourage intentional reconciliation in all areas of conflict using biblical principles. He was invited by the Healing Team to address various issues of conflict within the congregation.

Copies of Pastor Zegel's report are available in the church office or by e-mailing stacyw@saintsonhigh.org.

July Service Opportunities

July 1-31	Tools for Schools – School Supply Collection
July 1-31	Pantry Patch – Gardening for the Food Pantry
July 1-31	Habitat for Humanity Construction
July 5	Fair Trade Coffee Sunday
July 18	Lutheran Social Services Day at the Clippers
July 19	Laurels of Worthington Nursing Home Worship

Lutheran Social Services Food Pantries

Friday, Aug. 14

At least six volunteers are needed. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area to volunteer. If you would like to know more about this opportunity to share God's love, please contact Petey Ellinger at 614-846-2848.

Your donation of \$25 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
- 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 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

We can help with transportation or errands if you are homebound.

Please contact the church office at 614-885-0112 or aslc@saintsonhigh.org.



Remodeling?

Habitat For Humanity's ReStore is a discount home improvement store that accepts and re-sells new and reusable home improvement building materials.

The store is open to the public, and revenue from sales directly offsets the administrative costs of Habitat for Humanity-Greater Columbus.

Habitat's ReStore supports the mission of eliminating substandard housing and creating homeownership in central Ohio. Individuals, stores, businesses, general contractors, home remodeling contractors, and others regularly donate new and reusable materials from home remodeling projects, new overstock inventory, samples, scratch and dent items, and much more.

The group also removes and salvage materials from buildings being demolished. These materials are sold to the public at approximately 50 percent off retail prices.

3140 Westerville Road
Columbus, OH 43224
Hours: Monday-Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

For more information or to schedule a pick-up, call 614-RESTORE

E-mail the store at restore@habitat-columbus.org.

E-mail the director at jvandyne@habitat-columbus.org.

LSS Day with the Clippers

Saturday, July 18, Huntington Park
Gates open at 6 p.m., Game starts at 7:05 p.m.
Tickets \$4 per person or \$21 for a family pack of six tickets
For tickets, e-mail dlathrop@lssco.org or call 614-228-5200.
Only tickets purchased in advance will benefit Lutheran Social Services.



Make a bang!

Provide bags and bucks for pantry

Return a filled grocery bag to All Saints by June 28 to create a "picnic in a bag" for those who depend on the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantries.

Each bag will provide a family of four with fixings for a great Fourth of July picnic. Cash donations will buy hot dogs to make it complete.

All Saints Hunger Task Force hopes to donate 400 picnics. Based on research at a local Kroger, each bag should cost about \$20.

Your shopping list

- 1 pound elbow macaroni
- 15 ounce can peas or mixed vegetables
- 40 ounce can pork and beans
- 7 ounce container potato sticks
- 10 ounce hot dog chili sauce
- 24 ounce ketchup
- 24 ounce mustard
- 10.5 ounce mayonnaise
- 15 ounce fruit cocktail
- 6 ounce instant gelatin
- 11.3 ounce sweetened drink mix
- 16 ounce Graham crackers
- 10 ounce marshmallow
- 4.4 ounce Hershey bar

Thank you

Dear Friends at All Saints Lutheran Church,

As people of faith, we celebrate life by remembering Christ's charge to love our neighbor as ourselves. You have acted faithfully by reaching out to people in need in southern Ohio by supporting the first Lutheran Social Services' Mobile Food Pantry. Thank you for this great gift!

Because of you and others like you, the mobile pantry has already provided food to hundreds of families and will eventually be able to feed 2,400 hungry people a month! Due to the economy, many pantries in these regions have closed, so some of our visitors have not been able to feed their families adequately in some time. Thank you for helping create a better world by serving people in need. Your faithfulness makes a difference!

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

Deb Bowsher of Lutheran Social Services

Cross Training

Adult Learning

The adult forum at 9:30 a.m. is studying the book of John. Dr. George Schmidt leads the discussion using materials from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's new study Bible. The Gospel of John tells us about the relationship Jesus has with the Father and how we have a relationship with the Father.

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 all 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
 9:30 a.m. Sundays July 12 and 26 and Aug. 9 and 23
 Cost of materials: \$10 per family

Share God's story with those you love

The children at Vacation Bible School were using their hands as megaphones yelling "Jesus is Alive." Every Christian should get the story right and get the story out. The message is as simple and complex as John 3:16.: God is Love.

We are called to tell the His story, the gospel, the good news of God's gracious love for the world. Just as people need to hear, "I love you," they need to hear the word of God. People in your life may need you to tell them.

Witnesses for Christ is not about

going door to door to people you have never met. There is nothing wrong with speaking the Good News to strangers, but this class will be about speaking with people with whom you already have a caring relationship. Have you ever wished you had the right words? This class will help you formulate your answers.

Christ's story is always related to human need. As human beings, intentional witnesses are always dialoging with other people about basic needs. Within those relationships and those circumstances, we bring the word of God. It is not a memorized

speech. It is not a prepared testimony. Our sensitivity and intuition, coupled with the Holy Spirit, enables us all to bear witness to the greatest love.

These are the kinds of skills in welcoming and witnessing that we will be practicing at the Witnesses for Christ class in September.

Witnesses for Christ will be offered from 7 to 9 p.m. on 10 Wednesday nights beginning Sept. 16. Babysitting will be provided.

George Schmidt

Young Retireds

Driving course

Jim Myers, member and certified teacher for the AARP Senior Driving Safety Class, has offered to teach a morning and evening class at All Saints. The classes are well received and often result in lower auto insurance premiums. The course is held in two four-hour sessions for seniors (age 50 or older). A fee of \$12 per person for AARP members and \$14 for non-members covers the cost of materials.

Class Schedule:

- 5 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, July 14 and Thursday, July 16
- 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4 and Thursday, Aug. 6

Class size is limited. Please call the church office or sign up on the Young Retired's poster at least one week prior to the scheduled class you plan to attend.

Coming in fall

September 9 - Pot luck at noon in Parish Hall with entertainment by vocalist Johnny Steiner

Women's Ministries

Scrapbookers (and others!)

Crafters' Circle will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. July 15. We will try to arrange childcare, even though Amy Jepsen is off in the summer. If you have questions, please contact Jana Weaver via aslcs@saintson-high.org.

All are welcome to the evening formerly known as Scrapbooking Circle! Your "craft" doesn't have to be a scrapbook! Bring your stuff; join us; and knit, crochet, make cards, cross stitch, or whatever it is that you do!

Yoga/Pilates

Cost is \$5 per class. No classes during August. Classes will resume after Labor Day.

Yoga - 6 p.m. Mondays

5:45 p.m. Wednesdays

Pilates - 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays



Children's Ministries

Sunday School

Bible Buddies is underway. Children age Preschool through third grade are encouraged to come learn, while fourth-graders and up are encouraged to come assist with the younger children. All children will begin in the Sanctuary with



their parents and then be excused to the quad for a hands-on, multi-age classroom experience.

The 2009-2010 Sunday School year will kick off

Sept. 13 with Jim "Basketball" Jones. Mark your calendars now, as you won't want to miss this high-energy, motivational experience.

JAM (Jesus and Me)

JAM will meet for a bowling event from noon to 2 p.m. July 18 at Sawmill Lanes. Students entering third, fourth or fifth grade in the fall are invited. Cost is \$12 and covers unlimited bowling for two hours, shoe rental, pizza and soda. Please RSVP to lisab@saintsonhigh.org

Thank you to Ellen Baxter, Natalie Chubb and Linda Weeks for their assistance.

If you would like to join this team for the 2009-2010 school year, please get in touch with Lisa Brooks. We would love to expand our team!

News from Slovakia

Dear Supporters, Friends and Loved Ones,

We send this letter with gratitude for your friendship and partnership with us as we continue our ministry in this country. We hope that wherever you are, you are experiencing the joy that this season brings.

Worship lies at the heart of any congregation's ministry, but among the most important work our international congregation does is to provide a sense of community and connection for people who are far from home. The following story illustrates how this recently happened. This is a story that comes out of our congregation's choir. We have been successful in building a nice choral program this year. (Since much of our membership turns over every year, we often have to start from scratch in the fall to build a new choir.)

Like our entire congregation, our choir is very diverse. At any given practice we have singers from places as varied as the United States, England, Slovakia, the Ukraine and a couple of different African nations. As we were preparing for an Ash Wednesday service a little over a month ago, one of the songs we practiced was the hymn, "Abide with Me."

At the end of our practice a woman from Cameroon, who happens also to be a refugee in Slovakia, said she wanted to share something with us about this song.

This is what she told us: When I was a girl my younger brother became very sick and passed away. Very often in the years that followed, I would hear my mother singing "Abide with Me" as she went about her work. When I finally asked her why she did this, she told me "Abide with Me" is the song that was sung at my brother's funeral. After that whenever she was feeling weak or sad, this is the song that would give her tremendous strength, because those words, "abide with me," reminded her how close God was in her moments of sorrow.

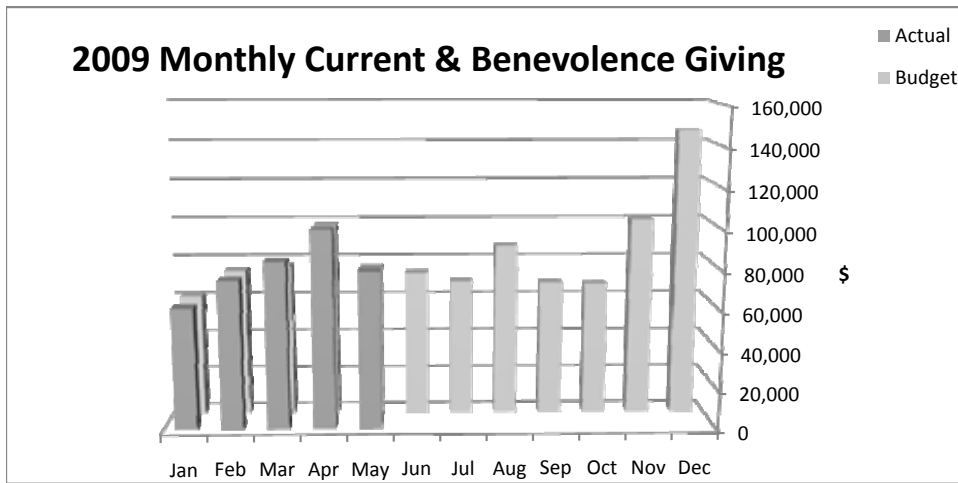
Because of my mother this song became a symbol for me of God's presence. And when I had to flee my country and ended up here in the refugee camp in Slovakia, I was often so lonely and in such despair. In moments like that I began also to sing this song to myself, and I found it gave me the same strength that it had given my mother. That is why it has meant so much to me to sing it with all of you tonight.

As we listened, we were touched by the wonder of this night. Here we were, a diverse group of people from around

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May Financial Report

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On the numbers

Our April income of \$79,745 was \$3,342 (4 percent) above projections. Year-to-date income of \$401,938 is \$13,091 (3 percent) higher than budget but \$14,638 (3 percent) lower than last year. \$1,000 from the annual budget is earmarked for support of our youth attending the Youth Gathering in July. Staff and leadership continue to closely monitor expenditures. With all bills paid through May total expenses of \$387,452 are \$26,730 (6 percent) below budget.

Middle School Ministry Summer events

July 9: King's Island trip.

July 25: Make a Mess! 1 to 3 p.m.

Aug. 3: Clippers baseball. Join us for Dime-a-Dog night.

the world sitting in a church in Bratislava, Slovakia, singing an English hymn and connecting with the sorrow and struggles a woman and her family many years ago in Africa.

It is an amazing thing to belong to God's global family. We pray that the same comfort that our friend found in this hymn may be yours as you journey once again to the cross and the empty tomb during this season.

We close this letter with the final verse of this great hymn.

As you read these words, may you again know the victory of Easter.

**Hold thou thy cross before my
closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and
point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks and
earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide
with me.**

Pastor David & Carla Schick

Best Buy Program lets us all be good stewards

All Saints' Hunger Task Group is pleased to introduce the congregation to a new source for low-cost food, the "Best Buy Program".

The Best Buy Program offers cost savings to all families who wish to practice good stewardship of their resources, regardless of financial need. Congregants also may sponsor boxes for All Saints' families struggling during the current financial crisis.

Atlantic Foods, which sponsors the program, offers two styles of box-



es. Both are filled with nutritious products that save families and individuals time and money, with menus that change each month.

Basic Best Buy Box - \$30: Contains entrees, meats, vegetables

and desserts that would retail for \$65 to \$85.

Best Buy Senior Meal Box - \$28: Contains 10 complete, pre-cooked, frozen meals.

Orders may be placed through July 1, with the first food pickup scheduled for July 14. August orders will be accepted through Aug. 5, with food pickup Aug. 18.

Menus may be found online at www.saintsonhigh.org or around the church.

Great Depression, WWII major have impact on charter member

C.A. (Pete) Peterson, an All Saints charter member, was born in a small town next to a big lake. The town of 300 was named Big Lake, Minn., and Pete was born on July 6, 1926. Both sets of grandparents were farmers in the area. His father, a skilled auto mechanic, moved the family to a series of small towns.

Winter fun

Although winters were very cold, sometimes reaching negative 50 degrees, it was a great area for a kid. Pete enjoyed skiing, sledding and playing near the river. When he was about 12, the family moved to Annandale, a resort community surrounded by farms, 45 miles from Minneapolis. Pete attended a consolidated school where even average athletes could compete. Working at a grocery store provided money for a few flying lessons. Memories of those experiences have faded but have not disappeared.

Tough times

The Great Depression had a huge impact on Pete; he was aware of family finances from an early age. His father fixed cars on credit and didn't try very hard to collect. The family went on what was then called "relief," and his dad worked for the Works Progress Administration, which was established by order of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and funded by Congress to provide employment to those left without during the economic downturn of the 1930s. The WPA built roads and other infrastructure as well as supporting arts and literature projects.



Pete graduated from high school at age 16 and, on graduation day, he took a train to Alberta, Canada, and spent the summer working to build the Alcan Highway. Working more than 70 hours per week meant overtime pay that he could use for college. He returned to Minnesota after the fall term had started and enrolled at the University of Minnesota but soon moved on to the Dunwoody Institute. There he studied radio communications, an early interest of his.

Military Service

At the end of the school year, Pete enlisted in the U.S. Maritime Service – a merchant marine service that acted as a supplement and supplier to the U.S. Navy. Pete trained to be a radio operator in Boston and was assigned to a vessel that carried supplies to troops in Europe. On VE (Victory in Europe) Day – when the United States and its Allies accepted the formal sur-

render of Nazi Germany – Pete was sailing through the Straits of Gibraltar on his way to the United States. On the news of victory in Europe, his ship went to the Pacific, where it carried equipment for the invasion of Japan. Thanks to a typhoon that wiped out the port facilities, his ship sat for 84 days under a tropical sun at Ulithi in the Caroline Islands of the South Pacific. He was there when the United States dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan. At the end of his merchant marine service, he was still short of the credits he needed for the GI bill (which provided college and vocational assistance to returning World War II veterans,) so he enlisted in the Army and was discharged in 1947.

College and Carolyn

Confronted with the difficulty of finding an opening at colleges overrun by returning veterans, Pete was fortunate to have met a girl whose uncle was the dean at Baldwin-Wallace College. With his assistance, Pete attended. Fate intervened, however, when he met a fascinating girl at a party and decided she was the girl he was going to marry. Carolyn was a student at Denison and he considered transferring. Six months later, a friend invited him to go on a blind date. It was his dream girl! She was home caring for her sick mother. Four months later, they got married at Swasey Chapel at Denison. He and Carolyn had 55 great years together until she died in 2003.

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Peterson

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Carolyn and Pete had two daughters, Pam and Kathy. Pam is married to Bob Delay, the artist who created several of All Saints' magnificent art works, including the baptismal font. Pam and Bob have a son and live in Hideaway Hills. Kathy, her husband and their three sons and a daughter live in Cincinnati.

Finding economics

Pete started college with a plan to become an architectural engineer. However he became fascinated with economics and switched his major. He earned a master's degree in economics from Miami University and went to work in the trust department of a Cleveland bank, later taking positions at Republic Steel and the C&O Railway. When he was offered the chance to start a research department at the Ohio Company, he jumped at it, enjoyed it immensely, and retired in 1992 as the chief investment officer after 33 years of service.

In his "retirement" Pete still goes to his consulting office every day and serves on a few boards of directors. He has sold his Wor-

thington home and plans to spend half his time at a cabin he purchased in Hideaway Hills and the other half at a condo in New Smyrna Beach, Fla.

Pete's hobbies include golf and flying. He is thinking about getting a light sport pilot license which allows a pilot to fly in daylight with one passenger.

'With reservations'

A life-long Lutheran, Pete first attended a German Lutheran church where on one Sunday each month, the service was conducted in German. He was confirmed in a Missouri Lutheran congregation in Annandale, where he had major arguments with the pastor who felt that only those who were members of a Missouri Synod congregation would get into heaven. Pete says, "He probably confirmed me with grave reservations!"

Pastor Robert Ensign recruited Carolyn and Pete to join the fledgling All Saints congregation. Pete noted that when he heard that the congregation was meeting in the Masonic temple, he thought of his old pastor, who certainly would not

have approved!

In looking over his life, Pete says he is proud of his daughters and how they live their lives, although he feels Carolyn deserves most of the credit. He also got great satisfaction out of his work at the Ohio Company where he achieved "better than average" results for the employee benefit plans. He has received thank you notes from retirees for that effort.

Pete is a longtime board member of The Father's Table. TFT is a dessert company headquartered in Orlando, Fla. It devotes 50 percent of its earnings to charities, with an emphasis on those improving the livelihood of women and children wherever they may be found. He was profoundly moved by a board presentation by a young man who, at age 15, became head of the household for 14 child relatives, all of whom had lost their parents to AIDS. The young man thanked the board for its generous assistance to his small village in Africa. The contributions have allowed two of his siblings to finish high school and seek further studies.

Pete is pleased and grateful for a life in which he feels he has made a difference.

Habitat for Humanity

The Worthington Church Partnership with Habitat for Humanity plans to begin construction on its 15th house in July.

The group's committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. July 7 at All Saints to discuss the project.

Single mom Monti Wright and 2-year-old daughter Minonest are

excited to move into the home at 2811 Ninth Ave., in the neighborhood where Monti grew up.

Those interested in participating

in construction or other aspects of the project may contact Kay Labosky at 614-885-0112 or kayl@saintsonhigh.org.



Habitat for Humanity®

Share your stories, gifts with All Saints

"Declare how much God has done for you." – Luke 8:39

"We cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard!" – Acts 4:20

We all have stories to tell: humorous happenings, learning experiences, news about our families, triumphs and tragedies and plans for the future.

And, as the people of God, we have stories to tell about what God has done for us and about the difference that God's grace has made in our lives. Sometimes we are less aware of these stories until they are coaxed out of us —



but they are there, part of whom we are.

That's not all. Whether we know it or not, we also have stories to tell about what God has done through us—stories about how God has used us to make a difference in the lives of others. Getting to know those stories makes us

even more aware of God's grace.

God has given us so much—and the gifts of God are for sharing.

The Bible is a collection of stories about people with gifts to share — stories about people whose lives were so changed by God that they were able to make a difference in the lives of others. This fall, we will focus on storytelling and on giving — and to think of both storytelling and giving — of time, talents and treasure — as grateful responses to the grace of God.

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Bishop requests 50 days of prayer before assembly

CHICAGO (ELCA) – The Rev. Mark S. Hanson, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, has asked the church's 4.7 million members to pray and study Scripture for 50 days starting June 29, in preparation for the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

The assembly is the ELCA's highest legislative authority and meets every two years. The 2009 assembly is in Minneapolis Aug. 17 to 23. All Saints Congregation Council member Marj Ellis will represent the Southern Ohio Synod.

The assembly will act on a proposed social statement on human sexuality, a recommendation on ministry policies and various churchwide program proposals. It will conduct elections and consider memorials and resolutions. The proposed social statement and recommendation on ministry policies are sources of significant discussion within the church.

Members are asked to pray daily;

meet in weekly groups, use daily Scripture readings for reflection, hymn and prayer, and use suggested petitions for prayers during worship. Resources are available at <http://www.ELCA.org/50days>.

In an April 27 message to associates in ministry, deaconesses, diaconal ministers and ordained clergy, Hanson also met this spring with pastors who will preach during worship at the churchwide assembly. "The richness of the conversation reminded me how much I have missed the weekly text groups that have been so formative in my ministry," he said.

Hanson said that the call to study and prayer comes "from the church's most fundamental and enduring practices of faith." The 2003 Churchwide Assembly overwhelmingly adopted an evangelism strategy that called the ELCA to pray for renewal grounded in Scripture. The 2007 Churchwide Assembly in Chicago endorsed the "Book of Faith Initiative" calling

the ELCA to study and learn Scripture, he noted.

"Even when we are not of one mind about all the matters to be decided by the assembly, we have a marvelous opportunity as a church body to witness to the common source of our hope. In fact, an appropriate prayer may be that God use the diversity of our opinions to witness to one Lord, one faith and one Baptism," Hanson said.

Hanson said that he looks forward "with confident hope" to the assembly. "The source of my confidence is ... God's faithfulness to God's promises and the Holy Spirit's power," he said.

The 50 Days of Prayer is also an opportunity for church members who are unable to attend the churchwide assembly to participate, Schaefer said. "We all can't be in Minneapolis this summer, but all can be together as one in prayer as part of this one expression of the Body of Christ."

Men's Ministry

Our Men's Lenten Breakfast was an outstanding spiritual and fellowship experience, and we want to keep the momentum going.

So, starting Saturday, June 27, the men of All Saints will gather in Parish Hall for the Elijah's Coat Men's Monthly Breakfast.

What: Elijah's Coat Men's Monthly Breakfast. All men are invited to gather for great spiritual conversation, fellowship and prayer.

It is B.Y.O.F. (bring your own food). We will provide the coffee.

When: 9:30 a.m. the last Saturday of each month.

Coming up: June 27, July 25, Aug.



29, Sept. 26, Oct. 31

Where: Parish Hall at All Saints

Why Elijah's Coat?: Come to our first monthly breakfast June 27 to find out.

If you have any questions about this, please contact All Saints at aslcs@saintsonhigh.org.

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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Parish Directory

Baptisms

- Sawyer James MacFarland, June 7

Weddings

- Bradley Walker/April Dickman, May 23
- Abby Reed/Will Keller, June 13
- Gretchen Wendling/Aaron Crabtree, June 20
- Morgan McDaniel/Drew Heller, June 27

Deaths

- Ann Weekley, June 6
- Betty Hoskins, June 22

Sympathies

Expressed to:

- Ray Weekley, Matt and Joanne Weekley and Lisa and Paul Coulter on the death of Ray's wife and Matt and Lisa's mother, Ann Weekley, June 6.
- Michael and D'Layne Graney on the death of Michael's father, Michael Graney, June 16

Transfers

- Randy and Sue Abraham to Faith Lutheran Church, Naples, Fla.
- Dan Knoebel to King of Glory Lutheran Church, Boise, Idaho

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