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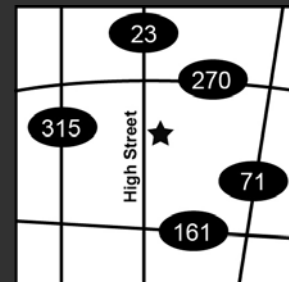
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Lent: 'Water for Your Soul'

This Lenten season join All Saints as we explore how baptized Christians live our faith. We are all WET!

Starting with Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17 and following through the 40 days of Lent, we will explore what our baptism -- this symbolic immersion -- means for us in our day-to-day lives.

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Council puts forth proposed 2010 budget

During its regular business meeting Jan. 18, Congregation Council approved a proposed budget of \$1,002,500 to be put forward during the annual Congregational Meeting.

While the congregation approved a budget including a \$36,179 deficit in February 2009, the church ended the year with a deficit of \$4,931. Council commended the congregation for its staff and committees for keeping a close watch on expenditures without compromising the church's ministries.

"That's an amazing job," said Treasurer Tom Lather. The budget is based on projected pledges from 326 pledges from All Saints' families. It includes a restoration of previous levels of benevolence after an earlier consideration of cuts.

Several members of the Support Committee strongly opposed cuts in benevolence spending. It is, however, a zero-growth budget that includes no salary increases and cuts in certain items such as telephone expenses, Lather said. It also allows for no drop off from 2009 income, and the Support Committee plans to carefully monitor the budget and



make adjustments as necessary as the new year progresses.

In other business, Council:

- Agreed to designate \$5,700 from the "Beyond This Day" benevolence portion to a Lutheran agency working on disaster relief in Haiti. The money will be held until it is clear where matching funds can be found.
- Discussed the best use of \$34,000 from the "Beyond This Day" campaign designated for debt reduction on advice of the Support Committee. That amount is the "leftover" from various designated projects. Council agreed to hold the money and determine an exact amount before use for any purpose. Some designated projects – such as roof repairs – are not yet necessary, and there were concerns that costs might have risen. Support Committee suggested that the money could be used in more practical ways than straight debt reduction; however, several Council members expressed concerns about fulfilling the promise of the original campaign. Council plans to revisit the issue in February.
- Agreed to appoint Council members Nick Britt and Connie Pierce, Pastors Bonnie Gerber and Mike Weaver and two members of the Personnel Committee to a task force to search for a replacement or replacements for Director of Administration Marj Stevenson, who will retire in December.
- Heard a report from the pastors of plans to spend part of the Hildreth Pastors' Discretionary Fund to purchase a new stove and a warming oven for the kitchen. Along with the new Bunn coffeemaker, this will fulfill the "trinity" of a Lutheran kitchen, joked Pastor Mike Weaver.

Lenten Wednesday schedule

Simple Suppers

Each Wednesday during Lent, one of All Saints' committees or teams will play host to a "Simple Supper" of soups, salads and breads.

Please join us at 6 p.m. for a meal and stay for worship, as we "Take the Baptismal Plunge with Christ!" The suggested donation of \$5 for adults and \$3 for children will benefit the Worthington Church Partnership Habitat for Humanity.

Ash Wednesday

Join us at 7:30 p.m. for worship in the Sanctuary. In receiving ashes, those attending this service recall their sinfulness and earthly mortality as a reminder of Christ's great gifts of salvation and eternal life.

'Water for Your Soul'

Take the Baptismal Plunge with Christ during our weekly 6:45 p.m. Lenten worship services.

Themes

The Baptismal Plunge with Christ, who ..

- Feb. 24: Gives Us the Good Life. 1 Peter 1:3-9
- March 3: Is One to count On. Romans 8:31-39
- March 10: Connects Us to People. 1 Corinthians 12:12-26
- March 17: Helps Us to Change Colossians 3:15-17
- March 24: Moves Us into the World. Ephesians 2:11-16

We are splashed with the living water

"Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'"

Matthew 28:16-20

In my sermon preached at the 9:30 and 11 a.m. worship services Jan. 17, I commented about the abundant use of water at the two baptisms celebrated at 9:30. Water was everywhere. The babies got wet; I got wet; my hymnal got wet; the parents and sponsors got wet; the font was wet (and was still wet at 11) ... WET!

One of the sponsors came up to me after the service and commented how significant it was for



him, seeing and feeling the water. He also remarked how good it must be to have the reminder of a wet hymnal, a reminder of all the baptisms that have splashed water on this book, a reminder of God's grace poured out for all.

We are the walking wet. We are the baptized who have been splashed by the living water and who are called to go out and get others wet, to show God's love so that they can be splashed by God's grace as well. We are the baptized. We are the walking wet.

Do you remember the promises you made at your Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation)?

"You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?" ("Evangelical Lutheran Worship, page, 236)

During Lent, we will focus on baptism and how we as baptized should live out our faith. The theme is "Water for Your Soul: The Baptismal Plunge with Christ." Our Lenten theme is based on Glenn Borreson's book, "Water for Your Soul: Living in Baptism Every Day." As we journey through Lent, we will look at Christ's saving work in baptism. Come join us for worship on Sundays and Wednesdays.

Take the plunge!

Pastor Bonnie Gerber

Upcoming Sunday worship themes

Traditional

We continue the theme of "The Story Unfolds" through the liturgical year during our traditional worship services.

Season of Epiphany

Feb. 7 The Story Revealed: Grace

Feb. 14 The Story Revealed:
Transfiguration/
Transformation

Lent

Feb. 21 The Story Lives: Temptation

Feb. 28 The Story Lives: Sacrifice

March 7 The Story Lives:
Obedience

March 14 The Story Lives: Prodigal

March 21 The Story Lives:
Extravagance

March 28 The Story Lives:
Palm Sunday

The Gathering

Life Together

Feb. 7 Life Together: Peculiar
(Ephesians 4:17-32)

Feb. 14 Life Together: Imitators
(Ephesians. 5:1-20)

Lent

Watch for our Lenten themes at www.saintsonhigh.org and in Weekly Updates.

February Service Opportunities

Feb. 1-28	Afghan Clothing & School Supply Collection
Feb. 2	Best Buy Food Box orders due
Feb. 7	Fair Trade Coffee Sunday
Feb. 7	Souper Bowl Sunday
Feb. 14, 9:30 am	Haiti Response Team (in Conference Room – all welcome)
Feb. 17	Lenten Food Drive begins
Feb. 16	Best Buy Food Box pick-ups – 4-6 p.m.
Feb. 21	Laurels of Worthington Nursing Home Worship
Feb. 26	Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry

Lutheran Social Services Food Pantries

Most needed items

Tea
Coffee
Cocoa

God's love, please contact
Petey Ellinger at 614-846-2848.

Guidelines

Volunteer opportunities

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

- 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? Tax help?

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

All Saints collects for Afghani children

As the congregation has for the past several years All Saints, in conjunction with the Dublin A.M. Rotary Club, is collecting clothes for the many orphaned children in Afghanistan.

The war-torn country has left many children homeless; many live in tent camps. Support such as ours is much needed for survival of the harsh winters in Afghanistan.

Last year, our combined efforts with the Rotary Club enabled us to send 55 good-sized boxes of school supplies and clothes to Afghanistan.

We ship the boxes to an Army chaplain at Camp Phoenix in Kabul, and he takes care of the distribution to the children. He tells us the need is immense.

Items needed are pants, shirts, sweaters, sweat shirts, underwear, socks, coats and jackets, warm hats, gloves, etc.

We have put up display posters with pictures of the kids and two containers for donations.

Please help the kids in Afghanistan.

If you have any questions, please call All Saints at 614-885-0112 or aslc@saintsonhigh.org to be put in touch with Jim Warburton.

Small Groups

All Saints' Small Group Couples Bible Study will begin a new study March 3. The group meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. each Wednesday. The current group is wrapping up "The Love Dare," which incorporates video from the movie "Fireproof" and Bible study. Watch for details on the next study, which will again incorporate ways to invite Christ into our marriages with a focus on the Word.

Concerts at All Saints kicks off season

Concerts at All Saints will welcome organist Todd Wilson for a recital at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14 in the Sanctuary.

Wilson -- head of the organ department at The Cleveland Institute of Music and curator of the E.M. Skinner pipe organ at Severance Hall in Cleveland -- will give a nod to Valentine's Day and Presidents' Day during the recital. Regarded as one of America's best concert organists, Wilson will include works by Bach, Ives, Lang, Lemare, Shearing, Stanley and Widor.

The concert also will feature James Hopkins' "Notas de España" which All Saints commissioned for the occasion of Thomas Gerke's 2008 recital on the newly installed Kegg pipe organ. The commission was a gift from Carl R. and Judith Coleman in loving memory of their daughter Sally Jo Coleman.

We hope you can join us for this



Todd Wilson

opportunity to enjoy a gifted and entertaining musician. We will accept a free-will offering during an intermission of the concert.

Join us again for a performance by the Valparaiso University Chorale at 7:30 p.m. March 1.

Directed by Christopher Cock, the

Chorale is the premier ensemble at Valpo and among the top Lutheran collegiate choirs in the U.S. This 50-member mixed chorus upholds the highest standard of choral art through the performance of the greatest choral literature of all eras.

All Saints also requests your help in welcoming the Valparaiso students with hospitality, including playing host to a pre-performance dinner in the Parish Hall, at a reception following the concert and/or providing overnight accommodations to one or more students in homes.

Those interested in extending hospitality are asked to contact Kay Labosky at kayl@saintsonhigh.org or 614-885-0112.

Coming up

- 4 p.m. April 18: All Saints and Friends
- 6 p.m. May 23: Columbus International Children's Choirs

Cabin Fever: Be sure to catch it

The Shull Small Group will present its third annual Cabin Fever Feb. 6 at All Saints.

Tickets are on sale after Sunday services.

Having met its goal of funding an All Saints' service dog through Canine Companions for Independence, the group is pledging this year's proceeds to Jacob's Porch, the Lutheran campus ministry at The Ohio State University.

As it has been in the past two years, Cabin Fever promises to be fun for all, as participants share a meal and enjoy the "No Talent Talent Show."



There are still openings for the "No Talent Talent Show."

You can reserve your place with Roxanne Shull or Barb Duane. Contact them through All Saints at aslc@saintsonhigh.org or 614-885-0112.

Yoga/Pilates

All Saints' member Jane Karras offers Yoga/Pilates classes in Parish Hall. Cost is \$5 per class. They are open to all.

Yoga: 6 p.m. Mondays.
5:45 p.m. Wednesdays
Pilates: 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays
Anxiety Reduction:
9:30 a.m. Thursdays

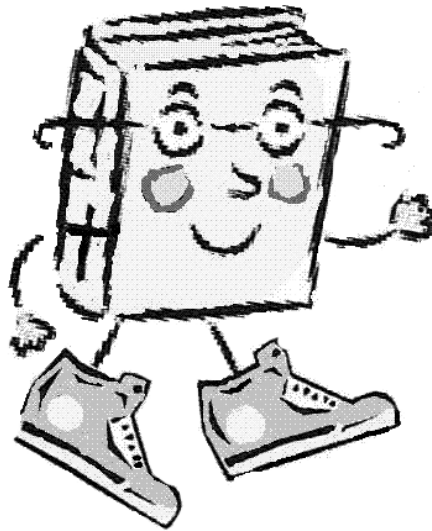
Wednesday classes will not be held during Lent -- Feb. 17 through March 28.

Weather Policy - If Worthington Schools are closed, all classes are canceled. Two-hour morning delay cancels morning classes. Early school release cancels evening classes.

Cross Training

Wednesdays beginning 7:30 p.m. Feb. 24 (following the Lenten services) join:

- Pastor Mike Weaver for an Improv Class. This highly experiential class is a safe, fun, and inspiring way to explore life and to become better connected to yourself and others. No experience in improv is necessary. Improv is about discovery, not comedy. The result is relationship.
- Pastor Bonnie Gerber for a discussion of the book, "Water for Your Soul: Living in Baptism Every Day." Our Lenten journey is based on this book, and so we will join together to renew and relive the meaning of our baptisms. Please let Pastor Gerber if you would like to purchase the book. The cost is \$11.



- "The Prodigal God," taught by Tom Counts and Carolyn Eselgroth, continues at 9:30 a.m. Sundays through Feb. 21.

Preschool news

The Preschool begins registration for the community at 8:30 a.m. Feb. 10.

Interested parents are encouraged to make a visitation appointment to learn more about the program. Preschool office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and the office may be reached at 614-846-6080. A \$45 non-refundable fee is due with registration. In addition to our already existing programs, All Saints Preschool will add a new "extended 4s" class for the coming year. It will keep to our current three-day schedule but expand the hours for children on Mondays and Wednesdays.

The schedule and monthly tuition for the 2010-11 school year:

AM 3s 9 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, \$135

PM 3s 12:30 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, \$135

AM 4s 9 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, \$160

PM 4s 12:30 to 3 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, \$160

Extended 4s 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 to 11:30 a.m. Fridays, \$210

PM 5s 12:30 to 3 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, \$190

All Saints Preschool offers an experienced staff and developmentally appropriate curriculum.

For more details about the program and registration requirements, contact the preschool or visit www.littlesaintsonhigh.com.

New system to simplify volunteer schedules

Attention Sunday Volunteers: Acolytes, Crucifers, Greeters, Nursery, Deacons, Lay Readers, Ushers, Welcome Center, Hospitality Team, Counters.

All Saints' new Ministry Scheduler program began this month.

On Jan. 14, Kay Labosky sent our Sunday morning volunteers an e-mail containing log-in information for our new Sunday morning schedule. The information received from volunteers was used to compile schedules for February through April.

This new system allows you to view your schedule online (those who do not have Internet access will receive a printed copy), contact volunteers in case you need a substitute and specify your preferences for service and avoid conflicts with family members' schedules, vacations and the like. Reminders will be sent electronically two weeks before scheduled service. Again, those without e-mail access will be notified via U.S. mail. Those volunteers without Internet access may make their availability known by calling Kay at 614-885-0112.

If you have Internet access and did not receive Kay's e-mail, please contact her at kayl@saintsonhigh.org or 614-885-0112.

The current schedule should be available, and you should have received an e-mail notifying you of the link to the latest updates. If you have not, please contact Kay.

Children's Ministry

Sunday School

We continue to collect kid-friendly cereal and collect offering to purchase cereal for the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantries during the month of February.

Souper Bowl Sunday

In addition to our Monthly Missions, we ask each child to bring in a can of soup on Feb. 7 -- Souper Bowl Sunday. Souper Bowl Sunday is another opportunity for us to assist the Food Pantries. The pantries have been providing food to families in need since 1927, and today, they are one of the largest single direct providers in central Ohio. We can help make a difference in just one Sunday if we all remember our cans of soup Feb. 7!

First Communion

Attention fifth-graders: Mark your calendars now for instruction on First Communion. A parent/student



class will be offered at noon Sunday, Feb. 7. Student classes will be at 9:30 a.m. Sundays, Feb. 21 and 28 and March 7. First Communion will be celebrated at the 11 a.m. traditional service Sunday, March 14.

JAM

Attention third-, fourth- and fifth-graders: Join us for our next JAM

session 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20. Please bring a package of diapers or can of formula to be donated to a Haitian orphanage. We will talk a bit about Haiti and ways we can help as we make a prayer rock and remember to pray for them. A snack will also be provided.

Can't JAM with us in February? Our next JAM will be April 17. Mark your calendars now!

Vacation Bible School

That's right, VBS! Come aboard the "High Seas Adventure" with your friends and family at All Saints. If you are planning ahead for vacation, etc. the 2010 dates are June 21 through 25 and June 28 through July 2.

Middle School Ministry

Confirmation

If you did not attend the Fall session of Confirmation classes, be sure to have the Spring session marked in your calendars. Spring session is as follows:

Wednesdays from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 10, 17, 24 and March 3, 10 and 17.

Due to smaller class sizes, these classes will be only one hour long.

CLUB 678

Mark your calendars with the many events we have planned in the upcoming months. This is an overview of upcoming activities.

You will receive e-mails with more detailed information closer to each event.

Feb. 5 and 6

It's a Lock-In! Come at 7:30 p.m. Friday for fun and games, along with creating projects we can make to raise funds for Haiti. Not only will it be a night of fun, but you can earn a service point for the projects we make! Cost \$3 to cover dinner and three cans of soup for our Souper Bowl Sunday Kick-Off. Pick-up time is 9 a.m. Saturday.

Feb. 7

Souper Bowl Sunday: We need students to collect and count soup and monetary donations during all four services. One point will be given for a minimum of one hour of service.

Feb. 12

The Ohio State University Men's

Hockey Game at 7:05 p.m. Cost is approximately \$5 per ticket. The exact amount will be determined by the size of our group. Watch for details on pricing and when we will meet.

Feb. 24

Service Project: We will provide the Simple Supper prior to the Lenten service in Parish Hall.

We will need families to provide soup, salad and bread, along with students to help set up, serve and tear down.

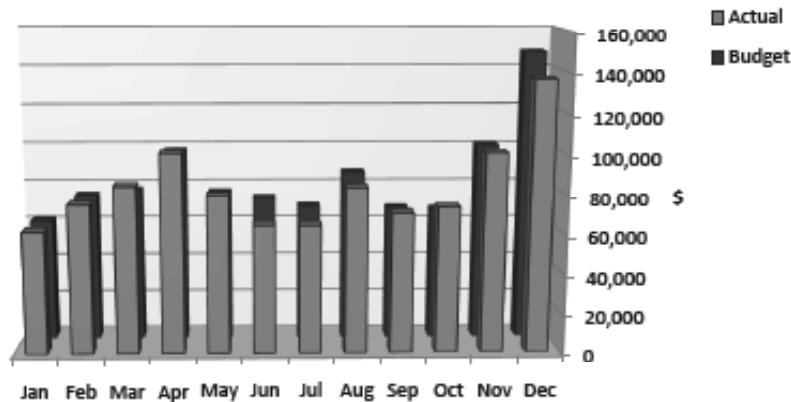
Other dates

Eighth-grade overnight at Lutheran Memorial Camp: April 17 and 18

Confirmation Sunday for eighth-graders May 16.

December Financial Report

2009 Monthly Current & Benevolence Giving



On the numbers

All Saints is grateful for its members' continued support of its ministry.

Total income for 2009 was \$999,511 – falling just short of the projected \$1,000,000. Expenses were 3 percent less than anticipated which resulted in a \$4,931 deficit rather than the \$36,179 deficit originally anticipated. We commend the staff and all committees that were able to hold expenses and still provide outstanding program ministries. It was a good year!

Committed benevolences were made in full. As Lutheran Village is now a "for-profit" entity, the \$1,000 earmarked for the organization in our 2009 budget was redirected, per Council, to Jacob's Porch, a Lutheran Campus ministry at The Ohio State University. Adam Ruschau, the only "All Saints" student currently at Trinity Lutheran Seminary began his internship in September, thus only 50 percent of the church vocation line was used. A total of \$114,800 designated for 2009 benevolences from the Current (Operating) & Benevolence was distributed.

Also in 2009, additional designated gifts totaling more than \$85,000 were given to benevolences such as the Lawrence County service projects, Oesterlen Youth Services, the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantries, ELCA World Hunger, an All Saints-sponsored service dog through Canine Companions for Independence, Habitat for Humanity, scholarships and other causes.

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

Looking ahead

On Jan. 31, those attending the Congregational Meeting will vote on the 2010 budget. Given information to date, income projections (based on estimates that we will see no decline from this year's unpledged income) are \$1,022,500. Council approved a proposed budget of \$1,022,500 for presentation at the meeting. This budget reflects no salary increases, some cuts in program areas, a \$2,000 increase in utilities, benevolence of 11 percent and \$7,000 for training a replacement for the director of administration and anticipated call expenses. Copies of the 2010 proposed budget are available in the church office.

Young Retireds

February

On Feb. 3, John Hauelsen will portray Colonel Worthington and tell us about the connections between Worthington and the Civil War. Carfagna's will cater the luncheon, which will include meat loaf, scalloped potatoes, green beans, warm applesauce and dessert. The cost is \$10. Look for a sign-up sheet on our bulletin board.

March

The group will host the pre-worship "Simple Supper" at 6 p.m. March 3. Look for the sign-up sheet to bring soup or salad or help with set up, serving or tear down. And plan to stay for worship at 6:45!

Coming up

April 7: Janice Cook and her husband will present a program on old-fashioned instruments at Dublin Retirement Village.

May 5: Join us for a tour of the recently renovated OSU Library with lunch at OSU Faculty Club.

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

Women of Faith

Women of All Saints are invited to go "Over the Top" this April. Women of Faith will hold a convention April 30 and May 1 at Nationwide Arena, with tickets costing \$99 per woman. Please contact All Saints at aslc@saintsonhigh.org by Feb. 28 to be put in touch with coordinator Michelle Grose to reserve your space.

What to do at All Saints? 'Ask Marj'

By Peg Margello

About 900 people serve All Saints on a volunteer basis and, invariably, someone asks a question about how to proceed. The most frequent response to that question is: "Ask Marj."

One can only hope that Marj Stevenson keeps a cell phone handy when she retires as administrative executive director in January 2011.

Marj was born in 1943 in Chicago, the oldest of five children in a close family of Scandinavian heritage. All members of her extended family lived within a few blocks of each other, and, because Danes love to gather, there was a family celebration every few weeks.

Being Lutheran meant attending parochial school. Marj attended a Missouri Synod elementary school before moving on to Elmwood Park High School, graduating in 1961.

A family move

After Marj graduated from high school, her parents broke tradition by moving to northern Wisconsin, where they had purchased a vacation lodge and cabins on Little Spider Lake. Her parents were perfectly suited to run a fishing resort. Her father had energy and drive and loved working with his hands; her mother was calm and patient and loved children.

Bob Stevenson and Marjorie Anne Sorenson met as teenagers when he was 14 and she was 13. Bob's aunt and Marj's grandmother were friends. Although Bob was born in Chicago, his family moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana. He visited his aunt that



summer. After he went home, the two teens wrote to each other for several years. Both of them kept the letters. After a break-up and drifting apart, they reconnected when Marj was 16. The romance flourished; they were married two years later in January 1962, and Marj joined Bob in Fort Wayne.

Reaching Columbus

After a stint in Albuquerque and then back to Fort Wayne, Bob's job with Merrill Lynch took the couple to Columbus in August 1969. Visiting churches, they happened on All Saints in mid-September, coincidentally on Dave Ullery's first Sunday as the new pastor. The congregation totaled about 80 at the time, so everyone realized they were visitors. Greeting the pastor after the service, Bob said, "We're new here." Pastor Ullery responded, "Me too!"

In spring 1970, Pastor Ullery determined that the church needed a staff member to supplement the volunteers who had been answering the phone and typing the bulletin. Marj was hired as a part-time secretary, working three mornings a week. Dave Ullery had a small office in what is now a hallway; Marj's office was on a portable cart in a classroom.

Marj and Bob had three sons: Craig, born in 1962; Brian, 1964; and Kyle, 1972. After Kyle was born, Ginny Larson took over as secretary, and Marj worked as an office manager for an insurance company. When Ginny retired, Marj returned to All Saints.

'A truly special day'

Although she had always wanted to go to college, Marj delayed it until Craig began his freshman year at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. She graduated from The Ohio State University seven years later, at the same time that second son, Brian, graduated from Bowling Green University. In 1998, Marj entered the master's program in lay ministry at Trinity Lutheran Seminary.

Marj says, "It was truly a special day for me when, in June 2004, All Saints voted to commission me."

Marj is the ultimate grandmother and almost never says no to a request for grandkids to come for an overnight or weekend visit. Craig and Diane have three children; Brian and Michelle have four; and Kyle and Sarah have two.

In October 1996, Michelle delivered twin girls at 27 weeks gestation. Lauren lived nine weeks. Annette survived, but her brain did not develop normally, and she is wheelchair bound. Although she cannot communicate, she and Bob have a special relationship. Marj notes, "When she hears Papa's voice, her eyes light up, and she giggles."

Marj considers herself blessed in many ways. She notes, "Our three sons have chosen and married well. We love our three daughters-in-law. Each one is unique, special see **STEVENSON**, page 10

All Saints responds to Haiti earthquake

All Saints has grieved for the many dead and injured in Haiti following the 7.0 magnitude earthquake that struck Jan 12 near the capital city of Port-au-Prince.

We are committed to reaching out to those in need and establishing a relationship that will help not only with the immediate needs for medical treatment, food, water and shelter but also long-term efforts to create a safe and prosperous community for those who survive.

How to help

Volunteer for an All Saints Haiti Task Force that will review the best ways in which our congregation can aid those in need, including a possible mission trip in the coming months. The group will first meet at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 14 in the Conference Room. The meeting is open to all.

Donate through All Saints – designating your gift for one of the several Lutheran agencies on the ground in Haiti.

- ELCA Disaster Response (www.elca.org): Immediate relief such as provision of fresh water, hygiene kits and medical supplies. As the situation evolves, efforts will shift to rebuilding efforts.
- Lutheran World Relief (www.LWR.org/haiti): The agency requests cash gifts that can be used for immediate needs such as water, food and shelter for survivors, provided in partnership with other international faith-based organizations and in Haiti.
- Lutheran Disaster Response – Ohio (www.lssco.org/haiti): Gifts will be used to send volunteers and materials for long-term recovery, with the first teams likely to travel to Haiti this summer.

Pray for who have been lost loved ones or been injured and the many volunteers offering them comfort and aid. As the focus of the world moves to other areas, those in Haiti will still need our prayers.



Please help welcome our MIC student

All Saints is pleased to welcome Ministry in Context student Carl John Fosnaugh IV, who is pursuing a dual degree in Master of Divinity and Master of Youth and Family Ministry at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Bexley. Please give Carl a smile and hello when you see him!

Carl, a 2008 graduate of the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Va., majored in history, but he feels it is his calling to serve as a youth pastor.

Carl's parents, C.J. Fosnaugh III and Karen Marie Fosnaugh are graduates of The Ohio State University and members of Messiah Lutheran Church in Reynoldsburg. His father is a colonel in the Marine Corps and his mother a radiological technologist. He has a brother Allen, a lance corporal in the Marine Corps, and a sister Margaret Ruth, a Granville student.

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and the world's best mom! We delight in being involved in the lives of our nine grandchildren and will always mourn the loss of our granddaughter Lauren."

Kyle, Sarah, Annalise and Deacon are All Saints' members.

A matter of faith

Marj says, "My faith simply is. It's

so much a part of me. Integrity, honesty and Christian ethics are ingrained in my soul. And Dave Ullery had a major affect on my faith – just working with him and seeing his actions in relation to his faith made an impression. I watched as he sometimes struggled to be true to what he believed, to live that belief."

Marj feels it has been "a real privilege to be at All Saints all these years, working with our members. I can't tell you how much they

have influenced my faith. And I'm absolutely amazed at their richness, talent and faith."

She also notes, "I am so blessed to be able to work in such a loving and caring environment. It isn't really work; it's serving God."

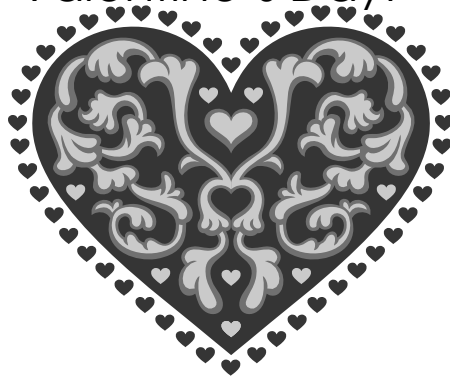
In response to the question of how she wants to be remembered, Marj says, "I hope I've done what God wanted me to do and that He will say, 'Well done, good and faithful servant'."

Youth to offer babysitting

Parents: Celebrate Valentine's Day!

All Saints High School Youth will offer babysitting to parents from 5 to 9:30 p.m. Feb. 13.

Cost is \$20 per child or \$30 per family. Dinner will be provided for children. Enjoy dinner and a movie or shopping or whatever you might like while supporting High School Youth activities.



Best Buy

Food box program changes to mean healthier choices

Atlantic Food, supplier of Best Buy boxes, has announced a change in operations.

They have received approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to pack the Basic Value Boxes at their Cincinnati facility rather than contracting with another facility in Atlanta.

This means they will have direct control over the products included in each month's box as well as quality control of packing, ensuring that advertised items will be included in each box or like-kind substitutions will be guaranteed.

At a recent meeting, All Saints requested that the food included in these boxes be the healthiest possible, such as plain chicken, beef and pork cuts and flash-frozen vegetables.

Basic Value Boxes, which include a variety of proteins, vegetables and a dessert, are \$30.

Senior Boxes will remain the same (10 frozen meals and desserts) and are \$28.

February orders are due Feb. 2 and will be delivered to All Saints on Feb. 16. Contents: 10 complete, precooked, frozen meals.

February menus will be posted at www.saintsonhigh.org/BestBuyfood.asp and on the Share & Serve bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

Laurels of Worthington Worship Ministry

All Saints volunteers provide a worship service for residents of the Laurels of Worthington Nursing Home at 10:30 a.m. the third Sunday of each month.

The service lasts approximately 20 minutes, and The Laurels of Worthington is located south of All Saints at Worthington-Galena Road and High Street, close enough to allow volunteers to be back at All Saints in time for 11

a.m. worship services.

The Laurels service consists of a word of welcome, Bible verses, a brief message and singing familiar hymns and songs.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Heidi Lockhart at aslcs@saintsonhigh.org or Kay Labosky at 614-885-0112 or KayL@saintsonhigh.org.

Men's Ministry

Lenten breakfasts

Great food (and lots of it), prayer, Bible study and fellowship.

Where: All Saints Parish Hall

When: 9:30 to 11 a.m. on the following Saturdays: Feb. 20 and 27 and March, 6, 13, 20 and 27.

Wing Nights

Fellowship, lively discussion, cheap wings and pizza.

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

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

Saints in Stride

Saints in Stride has begun training to run (or walk) the Capital City Half Marathon/5K/Commit to be Fit Challenge on Saturday, May 1.

You can join at any time in February or even as late as March. For those of you who think a half marathon (13.1 miles) is farther than

you could ever run or walk, there is a 5K training program that is only 3.1 miles.

This Winter/Spring training program involves no fundraising. It's purely for your health. You can sign-up in the Gathering Area.

Score for pantries on 'Souper Bowl Sunday'

Are the statements below true or false? See how you score:

- Americans will eat an estimated 15,000 tons of snack chips during the Super Bowl.
- Americans will consume about 12.2 million pounds of guacamole on Super Bowl Sunday.
- Four million non-elderly, low-income families said they had used a food pantry at least once in the past year.
- One in four people receiving assistance from a food pantry is a child.
- Lutheran Social Services Food Pantries are experiencing a 23 percent increase in people served this year.

If you said "true" to each, you are correct. That's why All Saints and

Lutheran Social Services ask you to join us for Souper Bowl Sunday, Feb. 7.

Please bring in a can of soup or a monetary donation to help us help the food pantries.

Challenge levels

- **Extra Point:** \$1 or 1 pound of food per baptized member (for All Saints: 2,496)
- **Field Goal:** \$3 or 3 pounds of food per baptized member (7,488)
- **Touchdown:** \$6 or 6 pounds of food per baptized member (14,976)

Help All Saints score big in helping Columbus families and individuals who rely on the food pantries.

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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Youth Choirs	Brenda Curie
Jubilate Chorus	Pam Spade
Handbell Choirs	Becky Trefz
Contemporary Service	Pam Wachtel

Parish Directory

Baptisms

Charlie Jane, daughter of Jonathan and Laura Knape and granddaughter of John and Joyce Knape, Sept. 21, 2009; Xavier Miguel, son of Alan and Rosa Ocheltree, Jan. 29, 2009.

Transfers

Eric and Pam Reisch, Megan, Maren and Matthew, to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Dublin, C.A. Peterson to Trinity Lutheran Church, New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

Sympathies

Expressed to Mike and Claudia Miller on the death of Mike's mother, Donna Joann Miller, on Dec. 28; Jan and Martin Williamson of the death of Martin's mother, Jeanne Williamson, on Jan. 7; Fran West on the death of her stepfather, George Barnes, on Jan. 17; Bob and Sue Tobbe on the death of Sue's brother-in-law Ed Tribe on Jan. 23; and Denny and Debbie Freudman, Steve and Kathy Keller and Doug and Cindy Schaaf on the death of Debbie, Kathy and Doug's father, Frederick Schaaf, on Jan. 25.

Married 50 years or more

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

Feb.9 Jack and Shirle Oberle 58 years

