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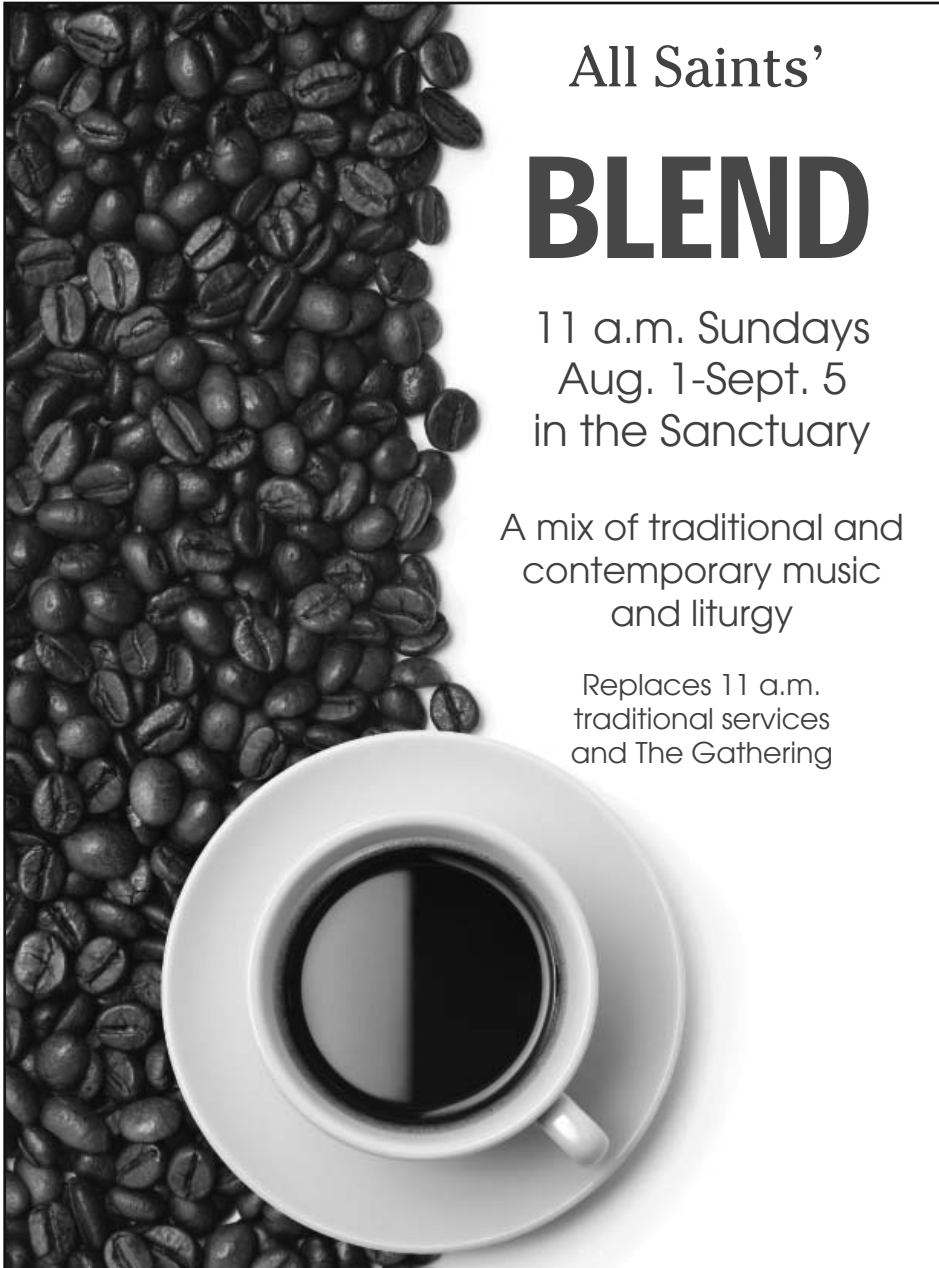
# Saints Alive!

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## All Saints' **BLEND**

11 a.m. Sundays  
Aug. 1-Sept. 5  
in the Sanctuary

A mix of traditional and  
contemporary music  
and liturgy

Replaces 11 a.m.  
traditional services  
and The Gathering

All Saints will offer a blended 11 a.m. worship service with traditional and contemporary music and a modified liturgy, Aug. 1 through Sept. 5.

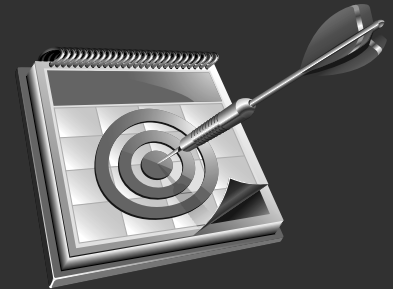
The change will not affect worship

services at 8:15 and 9:30 a.m.

On Rally Day, Sept. 12, we'll return to our regular schedule, welcome back our traditional and children's choirs and celebrate the start of adult and children's fall Sunday School!



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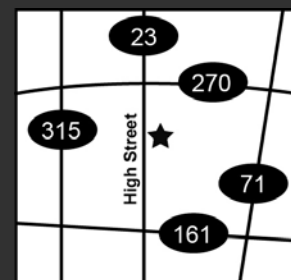
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# All Saints seeks parish administrator

Council did not meet in July. Its next regular business meeting will be at 7 p.m. Aug. 9, but church work continues.

All Saints is seeking a full-time, salaried employee to act as Executive Director of Parish Administration.

Council asks the congregation to consider whether they or individuals they know might be called and gifted for this position.

Our current Executive Director of Parish Administration Marj Stevenson will retire Jan. 31. Interviews and hiring will take place in the fall to allow for training with Marj.

An overview of the job follows, and a full job description is available at [www.saintsonhigh.org](http://www.saintsonhigh.org) under the heading Council Corner.



## Responsibilities

- Overseeing a wide range of administrative and financial functions
- Supporting pastors
- Taking initiative for special projects
- Directly supervising a facilities manager, office manager and bookkeeper

## Requirements

- Schedule that allows flexi-

bility for evening meetings with various volunteer committees, especially those involving the financial health of the church

- Strong Christian faith that complements our mission, vision and values
- Ability to empower and collaborate with other employees
- Ability to implement change
- Strong communication skills

## Preferred

- Bachelor's degree in accounting, business management or finance
- Five years of financial, administrative and supervisory experience

# Saints in Stride

Run/Walk for the pantries



Saints in Stride is kicking off its annual Run for the Pantries.

Official training for the Half Marathon begins the last week in July.

SIS is also offering 5K and 10K training schedules for walkers and "novice" runners.

All of this training will have you ready to complete the Nationwide Better Health Columbus Marathon and Half Marathon, and Columbus Wellness 5K, on Sunday, Oct. 17.

The Run for the Pantry raises money for Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio's Food Pantries. Last year we managed to raise nearly \$7,000, and this year we hope to do even better.

The Sign-Up sheet is in the Gathering Area.

Get in shape and help those who rely on the LSS Food Pantries to ensure proper nutrition for themselves and their families. With the economy struggling, the needs continue to grow.

## All Saints thankful to Thrivent Financial

All Saints has been blessed to receive money from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for several of our congregation's programs.

The confirmation program received \$200 toward the cost of the rehearsal dinner held in May for confirmands and their families.

The Worthington Partnership with Habitat for Humanity received \$400 in matching funds for the \$1,200 raised through Simple Suppers.

We also have received approval for \$1,600 toward Tools for Schools and up to \$1,600 for the Hands on Africa playground for Malawi, which was the Vacation Bible School mission and is a project of All Saints' daughter Erin (Quist) Vestal and her husband, Phil, who travel this month to Africa.

## August Service Opportunities

Aug. 1-31	Pantry Patch
Aug. 1-4	Tools for Schools Collection
Aug. 1	Fair Trade Coffee Sunday
Aug. 7	Tools for Schools Giveaway - Ironton
Aug. 15	Laurels Nursing Home Worship
Aug. 17	Habitat for Humanity Partnership Meeting
Aug. 20	Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry

## Lutheran Social Services Food Pantries

### Most needed item

Kid-friendly cereals and drinks

### Guidelines

- Place food in the collection cart at the

Lay Ministry Supply Room (near the office).

- No opened boxes.
- Please do not bring clothing donations.

## Other projects

### Donations

- Eyeglasses: Lions Club
- Used printer cartridges (ink or printer toner, copier toner cannot be accepted): Benefits LSS Food Bank
- Campbell Soup Labels: Benefits Oesterlen Services for Youth. UPC code from any Campbell's product.
- Pop Can Tabs: Benefits Ronald McDonald House at Nationwide Children's Hospital

- Call Furniture Bank of Central Ohio (614-272-9544) for home pick-up of furniture, appliances, and household items.

### Members helping members

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

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



## Drop off your fresh produce for pantries

Is your garden overflowing with tomatoes, peppers and zucchini?

Don't forget to bring them (and anything else you're harvesting) to the church for delivery to a food pantry as part of our Plant a Row for the Hungry project.

Veggies are picked up Mondays and Fridays.

As for those carrots – they'll be welcome a little later in the season!

## A thank you from Worthington pantry

All Saints received this note from The Worthington Food Pantry:

The Worthington Food Pantry wants to say Thank You for the 40 pounds of food that the church donated. It is appreciated.

Thanks again,  
Worthington Food Pantry

## All Saints to host Aug. 2 workshop on church security issues

All Saints will host a church security assessment workshop from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2.

The Worthington Police Department and FBI Agent Harry Trombitas will present the workshop focusing on what churches can

do to increase their safety and security. Area church leaders have been invited to participate.

We hope All Saints leaders, ushers and staff will take advantage of this opportunity to increase awareness of what we, as leaders

and staff, can do to increase the safety of all who serve and attend All Saints.

If you would like to attend, please contact the church office at 614-885-0112 or [aslc@saintsonhigh.org](mailto:aslc@saintsonhigh.org) to register.

## Youth choirs to start rehearsals Sept. 8

All Saints Carol Choir, Youth Choir and the Singing Saints will resume rehearsals Wednesday, Sept. 8.

### The schedule

All meet on Wednesday in the Choir Room.

Carol Choir (grades K-2): 5:15-6 p.m.

Youth Choir (grades 3-6): 6-7 p.m.

Singing Saints (grades 7-12): 7-8 p.m.

Look for a printable registration form online at [www.saintsonhigh.org](http://www.saintsonhigh.org) under Music Ministries (children's choirs) or ask director Brenda Curie.

### The Gathering seeks musicians for teams

The Gathering needs volunteers to serve on worship teams.

If interested contact Pam Wachtel at 614-306-4832 or [pamw@saintsonhigh.org](mailto:pamw@saintsonhigh.org).

## Sunday morning volunteers: Be sure you have your schedules

The schedule for Aug. 1 through Oct. 31 has been e-mailed to volunteers in the following ministries:

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

## Thursday Evening Bible Study

The Thursday Night Bible Study will resume at 7 p.m. Thursdays beginning Sept. 9.

We will study the Gospel of Mark, the shortest Gospel. This Gospel takes us on a direct path to the cross in the most succinct way. Please feel free to join us.

We meet each Thursday except holidays.

The group will use a study guide so if you want to participate, please contact coordinator Lois Barr at 614-885-5884 so that she can ensure she has enough for everyone.

## High School Youth

High School Youth (including upcoming freshmen):

Check out our Youth Web site at [www.seniorhighyouth.com](http://www.seniorhighyouth.com) to find all the details of upcoming events for the summer and into the upcoming school year.

E-mails are from: Kay Labosky, subject: All Saints- August-October Sunday Volunteer Schedule. For those without e-mail, a paper copy has been mailed.

Please contact Kay Labosky, 614-885-0112 or [kayl@saintsonhigh.org](mailto:kayl@saintsonhigh.org) if you have not received your schedule.

## Yoga/Pilates

On summer break? Come join us for yoga and/or Pilates. Classes with our own Jane Karas start the week of July 26.

All classes are held in the Parish Hall. Cost is \$5 per class.

### The schedule

Yoga: 6 p.m. Mondays

5:45 p.m. Wednesdays

Gentle Yoga: 9:30 a.m.

Thursdays

Pilates: 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays

## Cross Training

During the summer, the 9:30 a.m. Adult Learning classes continue to study the book of Acts through a movie that follows each word of the book.

George Schmidt leads discussion. Learn how the Holy Spirit worked in the first church and how it helps us to relate to the Spirit of God today.

The schedule:

Aug. 1: Chapters 20 through 23, Eutychus/Jerusalem/On Trial/Caesarea

Aug. 8: Chapters 25 through 27, Felix/Festus/Agrippa/Paul to Rome

Aug. 15: Chapter 28 Malta/Prison/Martyred/Conclusions

## Men's Ministry

### Wing Nights

Join us at 8:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Winking Lizard at Crosswoods.

### Breakfast Bible Study

Meets from 7 to 8 a.m. the second and fourth Thursdays at First Watch, Worthington Mall.

# Child of All Saints strong servant as adult

By Peg Margello

Brent Isler is a 'child of the congregation'.

Born in May 1980 to Dick and Linda Isler, he joined older brother, Bruce. A year and a half later, Ben was born. Brent never felt like the neglected middle kid, though because his parents treated all three boys equally.

According to Brent, Bruce never gave his parents a minute of trouble. He was definitely the golden child.

## 'A wonderful childhood'

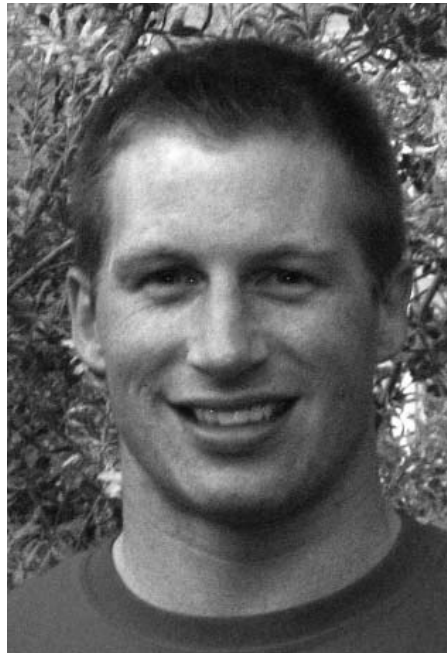
And then there was Brent. Brent was the middle child always looking to pick a fight. He says, "By about the time I got to the fourth grade, I could take Bruce, and I could always easily handle Ben. Ben was the brother who always wanted to come back for more, though. I think Ben finally wised up once I got to high school and realized he would never win a fight with me."

Brent always looked up to Bruce as a role model and was always very close to Ben since they played sports together and were so close in age. Brent notes, "We had very loving parents and a wonderful childhood, nothing but great memories."

In addition to Dick and Linda, there was another Isler family at All Saints – Gene and Karen.

Brothers had married sisters, and so the three Isler boys spent a lot of time with their cousins Brian and Vicki. Vicki is now Vicki Potter; she and her husband, Doug and their three children are All Saints' members as are her parents, Karen and Gene.

Mom, Linda, was the youth choir



director for many, many years, and so her boys attended worship every Sunday and sang in the choir, no exceptions. As Brent explains, "Because our mom was the choir director, we had no choice of whether or not we would join the choir every year. But Mom did bribe us with gas money once we got to high school."

According to Brent, Ben and Bruce inherited their mother's singing ability ... unfortunately Brent inherited his dad's. Dad, Dick Isler, says Linda made the boys sing in the choir so that the girls would also join!

## Competitive from the first

At Westerville South, Brent played basketball and football and, with the encouragement of his dad, he became a golfer at an early age. Brent says he loves all sports but is most interested in golf, basketball and snow skiing.

Dick Isler goes into more detail to explain Brent's competitiveness and love of sports: "Brent loved sports from the time he was a little kid. At 5 or 6, he would watch SportsCenter on ESPN. He was out-

standing in both basketball and football (he played linebacker) and was captain of the football team his senior year.

"Ben and Brent were on the basketball and football team together when Brent was a senior. Some of my favorite moments were when they were both playing together at the same time."

Dick continues, "At Westerville South, Brent would do anything for his teams to win games. At the end of football and basketball season, Brent was given awards for such things as 'most hustle' and 'most determined'. Anything Brent does, he does competitively – sports, card games, and especially if it is with his brothers. Competitive should be his middle name."

## Hall of Honor

There is a Hall of Honor at Westerville South, according to Dick. Several seniors, boys and girls, are added to the wall each year. Dick says, "The wall honors all aspects of school life and character. Brent is on the wall. Of course, Brent will be the first to tell you that both of his brothers are there as well."

Brent attended Bowling Green State University, graduating in 2002. He lived with seven other guys in a four-bedroom house near campus. Brent said, "College was one of the most fun periods of my life. I built friendships that I still have today and will have for the rest of my life."

Since graduation, Brent has been a workers' compensation consultant, assisting clients around the state. He travels three to four days per week for employer Comp-Management Health Systems, a managed-care services provider.

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## Isler

### Finding a bride

Brent met his wife, Stacie, five years ago at a wedding. The groom was a very good college friend of Brent's, and Stacie is his cousin. She was in graduate school at Duquesne University at the time so their relationship was long-distance in the beginning. They were married in December 2007. Stacie is a physician's assistant employed by the James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute. She practices with a plastic and reconstructive surgeon and is in the operating room three or four days a week. Those days can sometimes last 16 hours because of the difficult procedures performed.

Stacie and Brent enjoy live concerts and traveling. Their favorite musical groups are the Dave Matthews Band and Pearl Jam; Brent and Stacie have traveled all over the country to attend Dave Matthews concerts. He and Stacie have been to Mexico twice, skiing in Utah, on a southern Caribbean cruise, and they go to both Hilton Head, SC, and Siesta Key, FL, at least once a year.

Dick Isler says that the family always took active vacations – golf, skiing, etc. He notes that Brent has always looked for places to jump,

especially when skiing. He can get a little out of control on the slopes sometimes – such as accidentally jumping into another skier or getting a concussion from hitting his head on a tree limb.

### Tourney time: Best of year

Brent's favorite time of year is NCAA tournament time, according to his dad. He routinely takes vacation days the opening Thursday and Friday to watch every game on TV – he hasn't missed one game of the NCAA tournament in years. Dick says, "It's a good thing Stacie enjoys basketball!"

Brent says one of the most difficult times in his life was when his parents divorced after 33 years of marriage. Brent relates, "It was a big shock. No one saw it coming, and it totally blindsided us." With Bruce in Baltimore and Ben in Chicago, Brent was left in Columbus, in the middle once again.

### Serving still

Growing up at All Saints meant the choir, of course, but also Vacation Bible School and the youth group.

As an adult, Brent was on the Men's Ministry Team and helps with Tools for Schools. He and

Stacie attend some Cross Training classes. Currently, he has one of his toughest assignments as a member of the lead pastor call committee. Because of the workload, the committee meets weekly but has made a great deal of progress. Brent says he now knows the other committee members much better than he did. He hopes the congregation understands that the committee is pushing as hard and as fast as they can to complete their assignment.

Brent is also a 'kidcoach' in the Future Possibilities program. He was recruited by All Saints' member Dave Kaufman who is board president of Future Possibilities. The kidcoaches work one-on-one with children, serving as role models and guiding and empowering them to achieve their ultimate potential. Each child sets a goal and achieves it. Brent also volunteers with Lutheran Social Services and Fifth Third Bankers.

All Saints has provided the foundation for Brent to grow into a responsible adult.

"My faith has helped me become a more loving and unselfish person. I hope I'm remembered as a man who was generous, honest and had a lot of integrity."

## Lutheran World Federation president calls for unity

### via ELCA News Service

STUTTGART, Germany -- The Rev. Mark S. Hanson, president of the Lutheran World Federation and presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, appealed to delegates at the LWF assembly here to hold together and avoid splits in the face of differences over issues of sexuality, according to Ecumenical News International.

"It is not the time for further tradi-

tions of Lutheranism to emerge in the world. We have to find unity," said Hanson in his address to delegates July 21.

The LWF Assembly is the organization's highest legislative body. It is meeting here through July 27. The LWF is 140 member churches in 79 countries, representing more than 70 million Christians worldwide.

Hanson was speaking after conflicts had surfaced between some churches from the African continent

and Western churches on the roles of people who are gay or lesbian in the church, ENI reported.

Hanson diverted from his prepared speech to appeal for unity. "I am deeply concerned that we are on the precipice of a time where the rich tradition of Lutheran theology is used to divide Lutherans among themselves," said Hanson.

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