

All Saints Lutheran Church

# Saints Alive!

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## Pastor Bonnie Gerber to serve as lead pastor

All Saints is pleased to welcome Pastor Bonnie Gerber as its lead pastor after she graciously accepted a call from All Saints' congregation on Sept. 12.

Pastor Gerber has served as a pastor at All Saints since 2001, when she accepted a call after her service as pastor at Israel Lutheran Church in Paris, Ohio. She is a 1997 graduate of Trinity Lutheran Seminary and was ordained in 1997 at Christ Lutheran Church in Bexley.



More than 80 percent of voting members in attendance at a special meeting of the congregation approved the unanimous recommendation of the Call Committee to extend a call to Pastor Gerber to serve as lead pastor. By a vote of 250 in favor and 59 against, the congregation gave approval.

"I am honored to accept your call to serve as lead pastor," she said as she thanked the congregation for its vote of support, accepted the call and stressed that she and Pastor Mike Weaver have been and will remain a team.

The announcement was greeted by a standing ovation from those in attendance.

During the meeting, the congregation offered no discussion except a statement of support for Pastor Gerber's call from the of-

fice, program and preschool staff.

"The congregational meeting makes me very, very happy," said Congregation Council President Jeff Glasgow during a council meeting the day after the vote.

The turnout of more than 300 voting members spoke volumes about the future of the church, said Marj Stevenson, executive director of parish administration.

"We have so many members who care," she said.

For Pastor Gerber, the wait on the vote was "the longest 45 minutes of my life," but she rejected the suggestion that she was the center of attention.

"I think All Saints is the center of attention," she said. "It was a vote

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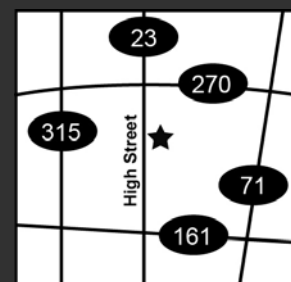


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# Council celebrates call of lead pastor

During its regular business meeting Sept. 13, a light-hearted Congregation Council spent time discussing the call of Pastor Bonnie Gerber as lead pastor.

The Council was pleased that there were no negative comments and that Pastor Gerber's call received more than 80 percent of the vote of those in attendance. Council President Jeff Glasgow speculated that the lack of discussion was because the congregation was already familiar with Pastor Gerber.

"Everybody knew the pros, the cons," he said.

A clearly happy Council pronounced the vote a way to move forward as a congregation rather than dwelling in the past.

As part of that discussion, Council agreed that Pastor Gerber would transition to the new position



through a time of reflection on a previously scheduled vacation during which she will attend a spiritual seminar. Pastor Bonnie will use the time from Oct. 18 to 30 to reflect on her new role.

In other business:

- Again discussed budget concerns, as the year-to-date income remains 5 percent under projections. While expenses also continue under budget, the overall numbers create concern, said Treasurer Tom Lather. Council member Nick Britt expressed concerns about how far the church can absorb a negative budget

through reserves. Marj Stevenson, executive director of parish administration, informed the Council that Rally Day, Sept. 12 was one of the highest giving days of the year so far, and both she and Tom Lather said that income tends to increase in the fall months, as people return from vacations. Nonetheless, the Support Committee is keeping a close eye on finances, and Chair Bob Tobbe addressed the congregation on finances during worship services Sept. 26.

- Council member Connie Pierce raised a question about the perception that the pastors are not visiting sick and dying congregation members. She stressed that she believed it to only be a perception, as she knows the pastors do visit those with health problems. It was suggested that the church might produce prayer cards for the pastors to leave so that family would know they had visited if the patient was unable to share the information.

## Stewardship 2010: Watch for All Saints In Action

This year, our All Saints' stewardship theme is "Make It Simple," which will be our focus during worship Oct. 3 through 24.

Each week in October, during all worship services, we will explore an element of stewardship: Following Jesus, Facing the Truth, Acting Together and Sharing Enough.

On Sunday, Oct. 17, we will hold our "All Saints in Action" Ministry Fair before and after worship. You will have opportunity to discover the various expressions of ministry at All Saints and find ways to be more involved with a particular ministry.

Sunday, Oct. 24, is Commitment Sunday, when we ask you to indi-



cate your planned financial support intent to the All Saints ministry for 2011.

You will receive the Commitment Card in October. While we recognize that circumstances may change, these commitments help the church to budget appropri-

ately for the coming year.

In addition to financial commitments, we hope all of our congregation will consider ways in which they can offer their time and talents to our ministries. Along with a financial commitment card, families will receive a ministry opportunity form that we hope will prompt prayerful consideration of how you can share your gifts with All Saints and through All Saints with the entire body of Christ.

We encourage you and your family to participate in the "Make It Simple" activities.

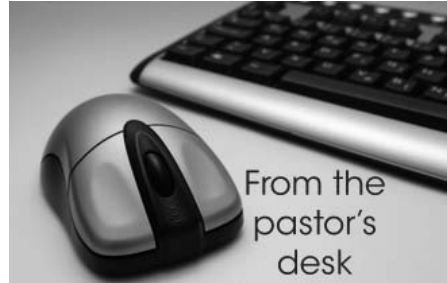
Stewardship remains a simple idea: God's people using God's resources for God's purpose, and it can be expressed in many ways.

# Where we stand is on cross of Christ

I own a pair of socks with the saying, "Hier stehe ich. Ich kann nicht anders" on them (thanks to Jack and Donna Folk, Jack and Char Rennoe and others who made a Germany trip this past summer).

"Here I stand; I can do none other. God help me" is a saying many have attributed to Martin Luther as he stood before the Diet of Worms ("diet" meaning a formal meeting, not a weight-loss plan, and Worms being a city south of Frankfurt) in 1521. Luther wanted to defend his teachings; the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V would accept only a recantation. Neither one got what he wanted.

All of us have convictions to which we adhere. These principles are the basis on which we stand and



that help direct our lives. This was so for Martin Luther as he stood firm in his beliefs and his faith in God. This was also true for Charles V.

Sometimes what we stand firm in differs from that in which another stands firm. How do we live our lives, with integrity, never compromising our beliefs but always living by what God would impart to us?

We are entering a new era at All Saints. I am humbled and honored to be your lead pastor.

There is much ministry to be done, and it will take all of us, working together, to accomplish God's mission for this body of Christ. We won't always agree; we won't always stand firm in the same convictions. But my hope and prayer is that we will always stand firm in our belief and hope in the resurrection of Jesus the Christ. Because in the end whether 2,000 years ago, 493 years ago (when those 95 Theses were posted in 1517), today and tomorrow the cross of Christ is really all that matters.

Pastor Bonnie Gerber

## Sunday morning volunteers: Time for Nov. to Jan. schedules

It is time to schedule Sunday morning volunteers for November through January.

The new schedule will be prepared the week of Oct. 17. If there are dates you know you will be unable to serve or if there are any changes to your volunteer preferences (worship service or volunteer assignment), please contact Kay Labosky at KayL@saintsonhigh.org, 614-885-0112 or through your profile on the Ministry Scheduler Program.

Anyone not currently serving as a Sunday morning volunteer is welcome to begin with this new schedule. Just contact Kay with your interest.

Please be sure the church has your current e-mail address. If you have not been receiving the schedule or reminders through e-mail, or if you are a new volunteer, please

contact Kay Labosky at the address above or 614-885-0112. (Those without e-mail will receive the schedule and reminders through U.S. mail and phone calls.)

Opportunities to serve are available in the following ministries:

TRADITIONAL (8:15, 9:30 & 11):

Deacon (Communion Server)  
Greeter  
Lay Reader  
Nursery  
Offering Counter  
Sacristan  
Usher  
Welcome Center

THE GATHERING:

Deacon (Communion Server)  
Greeter/Usher  
Nursery  
Welcome Center

## Ascension offers discount food plan

All Saints has discontinued the Best Buy Foods program, but for those who remain interested in a source of good-quality, low-cost food, Angel Food Ministries is available at Ascension Lutheran Church, 1479 Morse Road.

Orders may be placed, and the menu viewed, online at [www.angelfoodministries.com](http://www.angelfoodministries.com). You may also order by calling 614-390-4419 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

The onsite order deadline is 12:30 p.m. Oct. 14, and the online order deadline is 11:59 p.m. Oct. 19.

Orders may be picked up between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. Oct. 23.

## October Service Opportunities

Oct. 3	Fair Trade Coffee Sunday
Oct. 10	Worthington CROP Walk
Oct. 18	Laurels Nursing Home Worship
Oct. 24 – 31	Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection
Oct. 19	Habitat for Humanity Partnership Meeting
Oct. 22	Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry
Oct. 31	LSS Food Pantry Holiday Food Collection Kickoff

## Lutheran Social Services Food Pantries

### Most needed items

- Sugar-free items for diabetics
- Low-sodium items
- Diapers, all sizes
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Coffee in small jars, or 1- and 2-lb. cans
- Powdered drink mix with sugar
- Tea bags, individually wrapped or small boxes
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Jelly
- Pasta or rice side-dishes
- Ketchup, mustard, mayo

### 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).

## Knitters needed: We've got yarn!

If you have the needles, we have the yarn!

All Saints has lots of yarn available for anyone interested in knitting or crocheting hats or mittens to be given through the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantries or our Christmas with Dignity campaign.

Please contact Kay Labosky at 614-885-0112 or [kayl@saintsonhigh.org](mailto:kayl@saintsonhigh.org) if you are interested in helping those who rely on these ministries to stay warm this winter.

## Pastor

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of confidence in the leadership of the church."

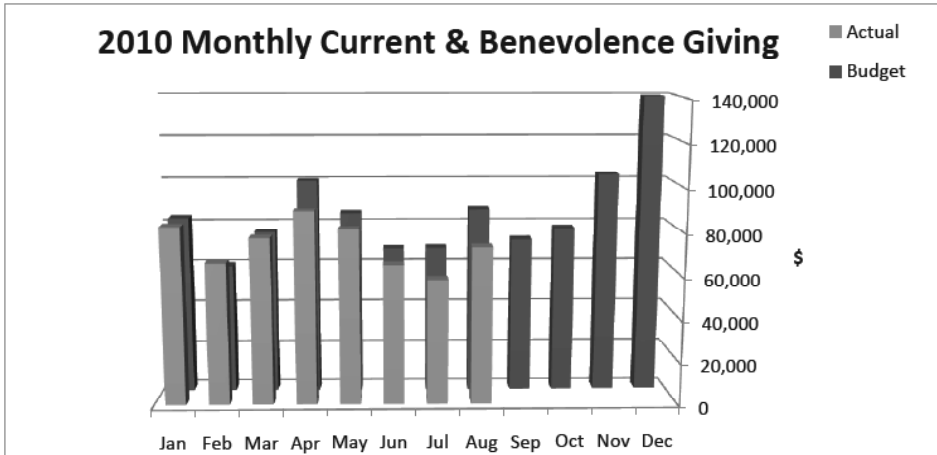
With a lead pastor in place, the church can look ahead rather than back, said Council Member Connie Pierce.

"I think that's why the mood was so jubilant (on Sept. 12). 'Whew, we can move forward,' " she said.

Pastor Gerber is a native of Sugar-creek, where she was raised by parents Darrel (now deceased) and Helen Gerber along with siblings Mona and Kirk. She enjoys her family, including several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews. She was baptized and proudly confirmed at Shanesville Lutheran Church, which she still considers a church home, attending when she has the opportunity to visit her family in the area.

She is a graduate also of Kent State University, and received a master's degree in education from the University of Dayton. She taught high school for 12 years in Versailles, Ohio, before hearing the call to ordained ministry and entering Trinity.

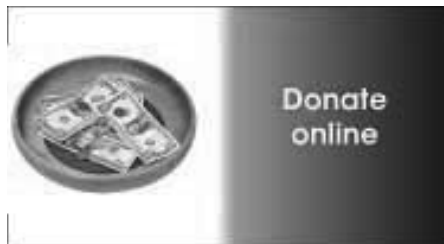
## On the Numbers



We continued tracking lower than projected for both August income and expenses. However, we are off to a great start for September. Our Sept. 12 offering was the highest recorded since Easter Sunday. We are indeed grateful.

As of Aug. 31, we received 95 percent of projected income (\$33,000 less than projected) and 97 percent of projected expenses (\$21,000 less than projected). The deficit is covered by the cash balance of \$52,000 brought forward from 2009.

Bob Tobbe, Chair of the Support Committee, gave a financial



update to the congregation at each of the services Sunday, Sept. 26.

This is a time of new beginnings. On Sept. 12, we had an exciting Rally Day to start the new academic year, called Pastor Bonnie Gerber as our new lead pastor and had a great start to financially "catching up"!

## Thrivent to host ID theft prevention seminar

Identity theft can happen to anyone, anywhere at any time. Don't let it happen to you.

Join Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for a free 50-minute workshop, "Identity Theft: What you Need to Know" at 6 p.m. Tuesday Oct. 19 at Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City.

During the workshop, you'll learn how identity theft can occur, and gain tips to help protect yourself. You'll also find out what you can do if identity theft happens to you.

Thrivent representatives Joe Reilly

and Rob Rucker will present the seminar, which includes not attempt to sell financial products.

The even is intended as an educational experience.

A meal will be included compliments of the West Franklin County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

For more information or to reserve a seat for yourself or for yourself and a guest, please contact Chapter President Paula Sauer at 614-888-4625 or paulagsauer@yahoo.com by Thursday, Oct. 14.

## Journey to the Manger

### Artistic Expressions of Faith



## Share your view of the season

During the season of Advent, All Saints hopes to display its members' art -- from song to drawing to poetry to sculpture or whatever form of expression you use -- to show our congregation's thoughts on Advent and Christmas.

Use your God-given talents to express what this season means to you, and feel free to include an explanation of your work.

Participate by developing a special piece that reflects the Word made flesh in Jesus' incarnation as man or just enjoy the opportunity to view the art on display during Advent and Christmas.

The deadline for submissions is Nov. 22, and the display of art will begin Nov. 28 and run through the Christmas season. The project is open to anyone in the congregation, from youngest to oldest.

For more information or to submit your art, contact Pam Wachtel at wachtel79@hotmail.com or the church office at 614-885-0112.

## Children's Ministry

### Sunday School

Thank you to the following individuals who have committed to teaching Sunday School this year. Be sure to stop in and introduce yourselves to your child's teacher and thank them for taking the time to help All Saints youth keep their eyes on the GOAL of Glorifying Our Awesome Lord.

Preschool 3's : Christine Held, Julie Scott, Heidi and Jamey Shiffer

Preschool 4's: Deb Seckel, Gayle Bey, Linda Weeks

Kindergarten: Heather Deutschen-dorf, Julie Phillips, Liz and Kyle Keener

First Grade: Ronda Popp, Julie Lather, Holly Tate

Second Grade: Stacie and Brett Borger, Chris Materni, Lynne Lyon

Third Grade: Heather Johnson, Jackie and Doug Allen, Jen and Joe Walsh

Fourth Grade: Holly Tate, Alicia Towns, Becky Monago, Jen Erickson

Fifth Grade: Debra and Brian Tornes, Alisa Braaten, Denise Wesley

Sixth/Seventh/Eighth Grade: Aaron Shank, Fred Lockwood, Theresa Burkhart, Rob Wesley, Jodi Rice

### Sunday School Mission

Our Sunday School Mission for the months of September and October is the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Joel Penton, former OSU football player, who was with us on Rally Day, supports and is a member of the FCA. Since 1954, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes has been challenging coaches and athletes to use the powerful medium of athletics to impact the world for Jesus Christ.

### Special Mission: Oct. 31

On Sunday, Oct. 31, we ask that children bring in a portion of their

Trick or Treat candy to donate to the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry. There will be a bin located in front of the altar, and students will be asked to place their offering there.

### First Communion

If you are a parent of a fifth-grader, this is an important year for you and your child, as they will receive their First Communion instruction.

Mark your calendars now for the following dates:

- Jan. 9 Student/Parent Class  
7 p.m.
- Jan. 23 Student Class 9:30 a.m.
- Jan. 30 Student Class 9:30 a.m.
- Feb. 6 Student Class 9:30 a.m.
- Feb. 13 First Communion Sunday  
11 a.m. Traditional

## Middle School Ministry

### Confirmation

#### Classes

##### Session I

Sundays 1 to 2:30 p.m.  
Oct. 17  
Oct. 24  
Oct. 31  
Nov. 7  
Nov. 14  
Nov. 21

##### Session II

Wednesdays 4:30 to 6 p.m.  
Feb. 2  
Feb. 9  
Feb. 16  
Feb. 23  
March 2  
March 9

#### Retreats

Sixth Grade: Sept. 24 through 25  
Seventh Grade: Oct. 30 through 31  
Eighth Grade: April 9 through 10

#### Confirmation Sunday

11 a.m. May 15

### CLUB 678

All Saints Middle School Youth Group, CLUB 678, will participate in the following activities in October:

Sunday, Oct. 10  
Worthington CROP Walk with pizza and mixers. \$3 for lunch

Saturday, Oct. 23 (sixth graders)  
Assist at LSS Food Pantry

Sunday, Oct. 31  
Harvest Party

# Shipping overseas; already 'tis the season

It's not too early to think about Christmas when the gifts are being shipped overseas! Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes and the Good News of God's love. A shoebox filled with small toys and other gifts can open hurting hearts to God's love.

This program of Samaritan's Purse – the Christian ministry led by Franklin Graham, the son of Dr. Billy Graham - provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple, hands-on mission project while sharing the gift of God's Son,



**Operation Christmas Child**  
A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Jesus Christ, with the world. Along with shoebox gifts, millions of children are given Gospel booklets in their own language.

To participate, simply bring a gift-filled shoebox to church on Sunday, Oct. 24 or Oct. 31. Each box should also include \$7 to cover shipping. Complete details are outlined in the Operation Christmas Child brochure that will be distributed Oct. 10 and 17. There will be "sample" shoebox-

es in the Gathering Area to provide ideas of what could be included in YOUR shoebox. Financial contributions also be made to help cover the cost of processing and transporting the shoeboxes and producing and publishing Gospel literature in many different languages.

There are many volunteer opportunities to help with collecting, packing, and transporting the shoeboxes to the donation center. For additional information on Operation Christmas Child or to volunteer your time and talent, contact Kay Labosky at KayL@saintsonhigh.org or 614-885-0112.

**Put some zip in your life and help save a life, too!**



Enter to win a fantastic getaway!

- Friday overnight stay at the Inn and Spa at Cedar Falls
- Zip-line tour through the Hocking Hills Canopy Tours





**American Red Cross**  
The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood!

## BLOOD DRIVE

### ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Red Cross Bus in Parking Lot**  
**Sunday, October 17**  
**8:00 am-1:00 pm**

**To Schedule: Contact Kay Labosky or**  
**redcrossblood.org or 1-800-RED CROSS**

*Donors will be entered into drawing for 2 tickets to OSU/Penn State game AND grand prize drawing for OSU/Michigan game package!*

**If you last donated on or before August 22 you may be eligible to donate**

**redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767**

Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in some states), meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds or more, depending on their height), and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you come to donate.  
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## Men's Ministry

### Wing Nights

We will meet at 8:30 p.m. Oct. 4 at Winking Lizard at Crosswoods.

## Yoga/Pilates

"Fall" into a fitness routine at All Saints Lutheran Church and harvest the blessings of good health! Classes are drop in. Men, women and teens are welcome. Cost: \$5 per class.

YOGA  
6 to 7 p.m. Mondays

5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays

GENTLE YOGA  
9:30 a.m. Thursdays

PILATES  
9:30 a.m. Wednesdays

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

# Habitat: Partnership starts new home

The Worthington Partnership with Habitat for Humanity will begin construction on a new house in October. The home is to be built at 1455 Myrtle Ave. in the North Linden neighborhood. Habitat will replace a recently demolished home on the site with a five-bedroom ranch.

The new house will house a fam-

ily including a husband and wife, three daughters and five sons. The mother works at the Limited Brands, and her husband is not currently working.

Those interested in helping with the construction of this home or working with the family are encouraged to contact Robin Leslie, chair of the

Worthington Partnership at robinl@columbus.rr.com.

The September meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28 at All Saints.

The October meeting is expected to return to the usual schedule of third Tuesdays.

## All Saints recognizes employees' service

All Saints recognized four employees who have offered a decade of service to the church in the past several months.

Those recognized are Arlene Belter, parish secretary; Lisa Brooks, director of children's and middle school ministries; Amy Jepsen,

nursery coordinator; and Pam Spade, director of the Jubilate Chorus.

All were recognized with a commendation and affirmation during a worship service. We are grateful for their dedicated and heartfelt work for our congregation.

## Young Retireds

The Young Retireds will welcome the popular Johnny Steiner for an encore performance at noon Wednesday, Oct. 6.

Johnny will present his new program, "Blue Skies" - songs from Irving Berlin's song book. Songs we remember - "Cheek to Cheek," "Puttin' on the Ritz," "Alexander's Ragtime Band," "God Bless America" and the lovely "Always."

Lunch will be catered by Boston Market and will cost \$10 per person. The group also will take up a free-will offering for Mr. Steiner.

Look for the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area.

## Coming up

Wednesday, Nov. 3: We will visit the Jewish synagogue Torat Emet in Bexley.

Thursday, Dec. 9: Our annual Christmas luncheon - this year at Brookside Country Club. The Worthington Christian High School Choir will present their holiday musical program.

Wednesday, Jan. 5: Jay Gamelin, Pastor of Jacob's Porch at The Ohio State University will be our featured speaker.

Look for more upcoming events in future newsletters and online.

## Cross Training

### Adult Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Sundays

Oct. 3-24	Renew a Right Spirit: Contemplations on Relationships Carolyn Eselgroth	
Oct. 31	No Sunday School	
Nov. 7-14	Reformation: Martin Luther	Pastors Gerber and Weaver
Nov. 21	No Sunday School	One in Christ worship
Nov. 28-Dec. 19	Handel's Messiah	Music Lovers
Dec. 26	No Sunday School	Christmas
Jan. 2-9	Why the Church Year?	Pastors Gerber and Weaver
Jan. 16	Beyond Bathrobes: Christian Drama and Storytelling Friends of the Groom	
Jan. 23-30	Topic to be announced	Rev. Lisa Dahill
Feb. 6-27	Exploring Prayer	Carolyn Eselgroth
March 6-April 17	Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy	Cia Rodemann
April 24	No Sunday School	Easter
May 1-22	Topic to be announced	Rev. Hank Langknecht

## New member classes

Interested in getting more involved in the life and ministry at All Saints? Join us for our new member classes at 7 p.m. Wednesdays Oct. 6 through Nov. 10. Call the church office at 614-685-0112 or e-mail Sandi Snyder at sandis@saintsonhigh.org for information and to register.

# Choir director enriches All Saints

By Peg Margello

Jan Arthur, Chancel Choir director since November 1981, is highly regarded for his musical artistry in both playing the piano and directing. With mastery of various musical styles including classical, jazz, pop and gospel, Jan's leadership has greatly enriched traditional worship.

Jan was born on New Year's Day in 1939 at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minn. The hospital is part of the Mayo Clinic system where Jan's father, Vern, worked at the time of Jan's birth. Two years later, brother Bruce joined the family.

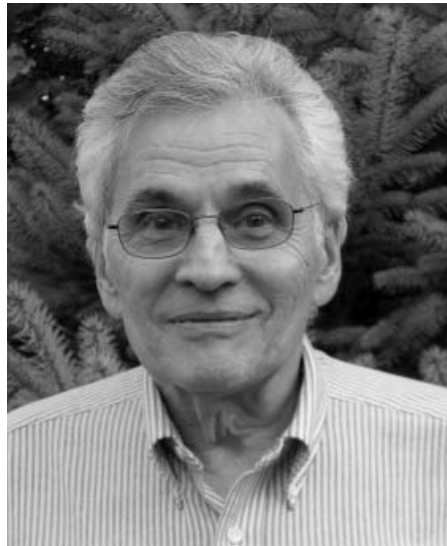
Mom, Doris, was a triplet and an identical twin to her sister Dorothy. Their mother died when the infants were six weeks old, and the girls were split up among relatives. Doris was raised by her aunt, Carrie Rey.

## Music in the blood

The Rey girls were talented musicians. Doris played the violin, Dorothy played piano, and Dorene completed the trio on her flute.

Vern had been watching Doris from a distance and finally asked her out. He proposed a week after their first date, and she said 'yes'. Unfortunately, the marriage didn't work out and the couple divorced when Jan was 3 years old. Vern moved to California, and Doris stayed on in Edgeley, N.D., in an area known for growing sunflowers.

Aunt Carrie stepped in, as she had done before, helping to raise Jan and Bruce. Jan says, "She was a woman of prayer and knew her Bible well. She could recite John 14, chapter and verse, well into



her nineties : 'Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me...'

Meanwhile, Vern met and married a woman called Ann, and they had five children. Vern neglected to mention to Ann that he had been married before and had two boys. Jan has since hosted all five of his half-siblings and his step-mother in his home.

## One-room schoolhouse

Jan started school in a one-room schoolhouse in Edgeley. His teacher later became his aunt when she married Jan's uncle, his mom's brother. When Jan was in the fourth grade, his mother moved the family to Barrett, Minn. The house was on a lake, and their dock was the perfect place for two boys to swim, fish or launch their boat.

After high school, Jan enrolled at North Park University in Chicago, where he majored in music education. He graduated in 1961 and later that same year married his first wife, Faith.

Jan's first job was as a junior high music teacher in Westfield, Mass.

where he taught close to 300 students. Jan says, "I hated to give a kid a bad grade so I gave mostly A's until one of the other teachers questioned me about a particular student who had never received an A in his life!"

His second teaching position was in Montclair, N.J., a bedroom community to New York City. Jan notes, "I could see the World Trade Center towers from my home office window." In Montclair, Jan was rewarded for his teaching skills when his choir was invited to sing at the 1965 World's Fair in Flushing, N.Y. During this time, Jan also served as a church organist and directed the choir from the organ console.

## In the music business

After teaching for five years, Jan was offered a position as a junior vice president for Schmitt Music Company in Minnesota. As he learned more about the music business, Jan decided to start his own company and moved to Columbus where he opened J. Arthur Music/University Music House located at Cooke and High.

In Columbus, Jan and Faith bought a home on North Street in Worthington, later moving to Jan's current home on Oxford Street in 1975. They had three children: Scott was born in 1963; Chris soon followed in 1964; and Laurel came along in 1968.

Soon after they arrived in Columbus, the couple heard about a lecture by Dr. George Harding being held at All Saints. They attended and, as Jan says, the rest is history.

1983 was not a good year. Jan closed his music business; his mother died; and Faith decided

## Arthur

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to leave the marriage. She moved to Athens, Ohio, intending to go to medical school. Daughter Laurel and Jan stayed in Worthington. Although the store closed, Jan kept busy with his duties at All Saints – organist and director of the Chancel Choir – his Jan Arthur Trio and his 9-piece Large Band group.

### New beginnings

Three years later, in 1986, Jan's life was much happier. Laurel graduated from Worthington High School and Jan received his Master of Science degree in mental health counseling. And he was falling in love with Vicky.

As noted in Vicky's profile in the September newsletter, Jan and Vicky met at a wedding and drove together to Wright State University in Dayton where they were both taking the same course, Marriage and Family Counseling. In early 1987, Jan proposed at dinner after choir rehearsal, and they were married Nov. 28, 1987. Vicky received her master's degree in 1988.

The All Saints Chancel Choir has been Jan's passion for almost 30 years. He began the Masterworks of Sacred Music Series with the choir and orchestra in 1991 and, twice yearly, these talented volunteer singers and musicians provide an outstanding worship service that features music as its main element.

In 1997, the Chancel Choir toured Europe to sing in Austria, Germany and the Czech Republic. They began their tour in Germany, traveling in the footsteps of Martin Luther and on the trail of Johann Sebastian Bach.

As they crossed from Germany into the Czech Republic, there was an open area at the border.

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**I have been extremely fortunate to have Vicky in my life. When we were dating, we'd go on long walks along the Olentangy River. I felt so enriched to have her as a partner.**

Jan Arthur

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Since prostitution is legal in the Czech Republic, there were several 'ladies of the evening' in the area asking for a ride. Jokingly, Tom Gerke spoke up: "Oh, I'm sure we could show our compassion and give these poor girls a ride. We could make room!"

### Ala Kazoo

In addition to choir members (the 'singers'), 20 All Saints relatives and friends went on the tour. They called themselves the 'hummers'. In Salzburg, Austria, on the last night of the tour, there was a farewell banquet at a local restaurant and Jan and Vicky decided to buy kazoos for the hummers. The two of them went to a large music store next to Mozart's birthplace. The store was filled with elegant grand pianos and other quality instruments. They asked the clerk if they could buy 20 kazoos. He came back from the storeroom with a box of 20 kazoos; on the box was the wording, "Shipped from Columbus, Ohio!"

After receiving their kazoos, the hummers asked Jan if they could give a concert when they returned. Jan assured them that he would be happy to schedule the

concert on a Sunday morning at the early, early service at 4:30 a.m.!

Jan and Vicky were married for almost 23 years, and they cherished their time together. Unfortunately, Vicky was diagnosed with and treated for cancer in early 2007; it recurred three months later. Several surgeries, chemotherapy and radiation took their toll on her body, and she suffered a series of strokes this year. But, with rehabilitation, she was improving. However, in late August, Vicky's health condition worsened; she was hospitalized and later transferred to a hospice where she died Sept. 22.

In talking about Vicky, Jan explains, "I have been extremely fortunate to have Vicky in my life. When we were dating, we'd go on long walks along the Olentangy River. I felt so enriched to have her as a partner. She loved music and had a beautiful voice, so we used to sit at the piano and just jam."

### Grateful for faith

Vicky's life was a blessing to many of us and, we grieve with Jan. We will continue to pray and support him during this difficult time.

Jan describes his faith in this manner: "I started on this journey with the Lord at a Bible camp when I was 12. It was there that I committed my life to Christ. A few years later, I became staff pianist at the same camp. My faith has been my guiding star, and I realized how much that is true through this crisis. My faith has been fueled by All Saints family members who have been so generous with their support. Everyone is willing to give endlessly and unselfishly of their time. I am truly grateful. I would not have been able to get through this without my faith."

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# Thrivent members: Please remember not to forget

This year, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is changing the way in which it distributes its funds to congregations and other charitable organizations.

Thrivent Choice will allow Thrivent members to indicate the ways in which they would like to see the organization's charitable donations distributed. **This means that for All Saints to receive Thrivent contributions, we need the support of our congregation who are also Thrivent participants.**

If you are a Thrivent member, you recently should have received a letter explaining the new Thrivent Choice program.

The basics are that Thrivent members have two ways of participating in the new program based on their status.

1. Voting events (open to all benefit and associate members 16 and older). Members may vote to help distribute charitable funds among a short list of national charities one to

two times per year. Charities may or may not have a direct connection to a Lutheran congregation.

2. Choice Dollars (open only to eligible benefit members).

Members may direct a minimum of \$25 Choice Dollars if they meet one or more of the following requirements:

- Have \$800 or more in annual planned premiums of qualifying insurance products.
- Have \$20,000 or more in contract value on qualifying products.
- Hold a qualifying Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership position.

All Saints hopes that those eligible will keep All Saints in mind while directing their Choice Dollars.

To indicate your support, visit [Thrivent.com](http://Thrivent.com) or call 1-800-THRIVENT and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt.

## High School Youth

Each Sunday, join us at 9:30 a.m. in the youth room for breakfast and Sunday School. Sunday mornings will include contemporary Christian music, a message, and discussion and prayers.

### Upcoming events

**After Sunday School Oct. 10:** Splat-ter Park (Paint Ball)

Lunch included. Wear old clothes, gym shoes or boots. We will return to All Saints at 4 p.m.

Cost is \$15.

We need adults to drive and play paintball.

**After 11 a.m. service, Oct. 17:** Corn Maze Race

Lunch at McDonalds, and then on to the maze!

This labyrinth takes more than an hour to maneuver. Will your team be the first to cross the finish line?

Adult drivers needed.

## Thrivent seeks those who would work with purpose

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For additional information, contact Marcy Anderson, our local Thrivent recruiter, at 1-800-304-9921, Ext. 113 or at [marcy.anderson@thrivent.com](mailto:marcy.anderson@thrivent.com) or visit [www.thrivent.com/careers](http://www.thrivent.com/careers).

At Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, we do more than just work.

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## Parish Directory

### Baptisms

Landon Howard and Emma Jo, son and daughter of Greg and Elizabeth Hellickson (grandchildren of Russ and Nancy Hellickson), Sept. 12.

### Weddings

Kathleen Huber/Jeffrey Chadwell, Aug. 21; Adina Hrinca-Diaconescu/Timothy Loomis, Sept. 2; Patricia Boyer/Andrew Schabo, Sept. 5; Jessica Jepsen/Matthew Huber, Sept. 25.

### Transfers

Pat Ciccone to All Shepherds Lutheran Church, Lewis Center.

### Sympathies

Expressed to Tim and Danene Fast and Kevin Billger on the death of Danene's and Kevin's grandmother, Edna Billger, on Aug. 19; Carl and Pam Cherubino on the death of Carl's brother, Michael Cherubino, on Sept. 1; Pastor Bonnie Gerber on the death of her cousin, Nancy Foster, on Sept. 14; Jan Arthur on the death of his wife, Vicky Johnson-Arthur on Sept. 22.

## Married 50 years or more

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

Oct. 1	John and Alberta Moneysmith	60 years
Oct. 3	Bob and Beth Quist	62 years
Oct. 15	Ray and Donna Peltomaa	50 years
Oct. 17	Dick and Loretta Vaughn	57 years

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



Extra household goods on your hands? Donate them to help Habitat for Humanity. Or get some great items for your own remodeling projects.

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miles south of Morse Road)

**Store Hours:** 9a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday

The ReStore accepts and re-sells new and reusable home improvement building materials

For more information or to schedule a pick-up, call 614-RESTORE (737-8673), e-mail the store: [restore@habitat-columbus.org](mailto:restore@habitat-columbus.org) E-mail the Director: [jvandyne@habitat-columbus.org](mailto:jvandyne@habitat-columbus.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.

Office: 614-885-0112 Fax: 614-885-0199  
E-mail: [aslc@saintsonhigh.org](mailto:aslc@saintsonhigh.org)

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Confirmation Ministries	Lisa Brooks
Youth Ministries	Dave Kivimaki
Preschool	Mary Lou Kolloff
Office Manager	Sandi Snyder
Bookkeeper	Karen Scherr
Secretaries	Arlene Belter, Evelyn Pagura
Nursery Coordinator	Amy Jepsen

### Music Staff

Organist	Tom Gerke
Assistant Organist	Ellen Shoepf

Chancel Choir	Jan Arthur
Youth Choirs	Brenda Curie
Jubilate Chorus	Pam Spade
Contemporary Service	Pam Wachtel
Youth/Jubilate accompanist	Mary Jane DeArmond

