

All Saints Lutheran Church

Saints Alive!

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Pastor Bonnie Gerber's installation set Nov. 7

The Rev. Bill Wong, assistant to the bishop of the Southern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will preside at the installation service of Pastor Bonnie Gerber as All Saints' lead pastor at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7.

A reception will follow. The congregation is encouraged to join this celebration as All Saints looks to the future.

Pastor Bonnie Gerber 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.

Thanksgiving Worship
10 a.m. Nov. 25
Reception to follow



Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. Nov. 7

Join us for All Saints Day after an extra hour of sleep!

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One in Christ

One God,
One Lord,
One Spirit

One worship service

Christ the King Sunday
Sanctuary and Parish Hall

10 a.m. Nov. 21

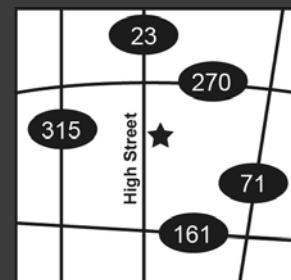
One simulcast celebration replaces all services for this Sunday

All Saints plans third joint worship service

All Saints will celebrate its third "One in Christ" worship service at 10 a.m. Nov. 21.

The church will mark the feast of Christ the King as one body, with a simulcast service held in the Sanctuary and Parish Hall.

This single service will replace all other worship services for that day. In bringing together all who gather on Sunday mornings, All Saints hopes to foster unity and live in the unity to which Christ called us.



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Council to reinstitute planning team

During its regular business meeting Oct. 11, Council approved a motion to restart a Visioning and Strategic Planning Team and have it up and running by the beginning of 2011.

With a vision in place, the church needs a team to review what actions the congregation should take to move forward, Pastor Bonnie Gerber said.

The new team, which may include previous members of the Visioning and Strategic Planning teams, will be responsible for developing a three-year strategic plan and ways to implement specific elements of the vision. (To read the full Vision Statement, visit www.saintsonhigh.org or contact the church office at 614-885-0112 to have a copy sent to you.)

Pastor Gerber and the Council Executive Committee will work together to develop a job description for the committee members and recruit those whose gifts



match that description.

It is difficult for Council to focus on such a broad plan while also dealing with the day-to-day issues of church management, and members would appreciate the input of a separate group focused entirely on longer-range planning.

Council also approved Bob Tobbe as interim Council member and Treasurer, following the resignation of Tom Lather from those positions. Tom's term was to end in January, and Bob will act in his stead through the end of that term. Council elections will be decided during the Annual Congregational Meeting in January.

In other business, Council:

- Set Jan. 30 as the date for the Annual Congregational Meeting. To allow for adequate time for completing a budget, the January Council Meeting was moved to Jan. 17.
- Heard an update on the search for an Executive Director of Parish Administration to replace Marj Stevenson, who will retire at the end of January. Council member Tim Huter said that he, along with Personnel Committee Chair Amy Chapman and Pastor Bonnie Gerber, were looking at two active candidates from among the resumes they received. Huter said both bring strong qualifications for the position and interviews with both the recruiting team and peer interviews to determine "fit" with staff are under way.

Stewardship 2010: Simple response helps planning

Thank you in for participating in this year's stewardship emphasis "Make It Simple."

Our All Saints In Action Sunday was a great success; commitment cards were mailed out at in the middle of October; and we've focused on various Biblical stewardship themes in worship. We encourage you and your family to continue your growth in discipleship as expressed in the stewardship of all your resources: time, talent and treasures.

If you've not done so already, please share with us your intention to support All Saints by returning your commitment card to the church office.

We urge even those who are unable to pledge at this time to return the card or e-mail their intentions to marjs@saintsonhigh.org, as it helps in planning our 2011 budget.

We appreciate you and look forward to our continued service together for the sake of Jesus Christ.

As of Oct. 25

Responses: 126 families

Commitment total: \$313,822



Ministry Forms

All Saints mailed its 2011 Ministry Opportunity forms along with pledge cards the week of Oct. 18.

The forms list All Saints ministries in which you may wish to participate. Please take the time to find a way you will serve.

If you did not receive a form, please contact the church office at 614-885-0112 or aslsc@saintsonhigh.org to request one.

If you have not completed and returned your form, it's not too late. Please send it in today!

Remember that we have all been called to be servants of Christ.

Being bullied? Follow Jesus' example

There seems to be a rash of bullying in America today. It's nothing new, but a recent study says that one in three students are involved in bullying and been teased for being different.

In the past many had to deal with one big bully on the playground throwing his or her weight around. Today, bullying has taken the form of cyber-bullying, a tragic misuse of technology which spreads the hatred from one person to many instantly. The tragic consequence can be suicide. Fortunately, many people began speaking out against it by developing various anti-bullying campaigns late last month.

It happens to the best of us, at school and at work. It even happened to Jesus (Luke 4:14-30). The people from Jesus' hometown synagogue in Nazareth invited him to preach and teach one Sabbath. "He stood up to read. The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it he found the place where it is written, 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor...'"



After further remarks including his bold proclamation, "Today, this scripture (Isaiah 61:1-2) is fulfilled in your hearing," Jesus was led out of the synagogue and the congregation drove him out of town. They were furious with him. "They took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him down the cliff." Behind the people's show of power is a motivation to silence Jesus, conform him to their perception of him ("Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked), and keep him in his place. Sounds pretty much like being bullied to me!

How did Jesus respond? "But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way."

Jesus' confidence came from his calling and not from the varied opinions of others. He knew who God the Father had created him

to be and what he was called to do. Nothing could sway him from his purpose, not even bullying from his hometown.

As followers of Christ, I believe Jesus' response to bullying is instructive for us. When we face bullying we can walk away or walk through, trusting that our source of life is in God's love and care for us and that we have a purpose in this life beyond this moment.

John put it this way, "You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world" (1 John 4:4).

David, who experienced bullying at the hands of the Philistines, wrote these words, "In God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortals do to me?" (Psalm 56:4). Been bullied?

Take heart, dear friend. Be not afraid. Trust in God. God loves you and so do I.

Pastor Mike Weaver

Be part of All Saints' updated pictorial directory

Our last photo directory was six years ago; so it's time for new pictures and an updated directory.

You will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory for participating. You will be able to view your images electronically immediately after your session. At that time, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits.

Weekday slots are available from 2:30 to 9 p.m. and Saturday slots are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The schedule:

Tuesday, Nov. 9
Wednesday, Nov. 10

Tuesday, Nov. 16
Wednesday, Nov. 17
Monday, Nov. 22
Tuesday, Nov. 23
Friday, Nov. 26
Saturday, Nov. 27
Tuesday, Nov. 30
Wednesday, Dec. 1
Thursday, Dec. 2
Friday, Dec. 3
Saturday, Dec. 4

Additional dates may be added as these fill up. Please contact the church office at aslc@saintsonhigh.org to find out new dates as they become available. For families with college students coming home

for Christmas, please contact the church office for additional information.

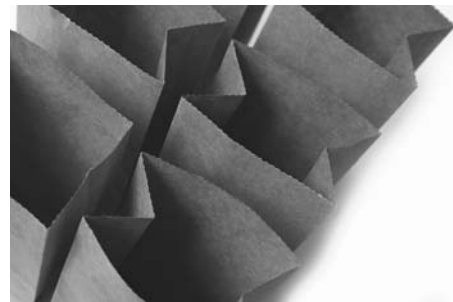
Schedule online!

Visit www.saintsonhigh.org and look for the button to the right to find a link and schedule your session now! If you schedule online, you will receive a printable \$10 coupon good toward your optional photo purchase.

Or contact Arlene in the church office for assistance in scheduling your session.

November Service Opportunities

Nov. 1-21	LSS Food Pantry Holiday Food Collection
Nov. 7	Fair Trade Coffee Sunday
Nov. 9 7:30 pm	Habitat for Humanity Partnership Meeting
Nov. 19 10 a.m. -3:30 p.m.	Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry
Nov. 21	Laurels Nursing Home Worship
Nov. 21 - Dec. 10	Christmas with Dignity Collection



Brown Bag it for LSS Pantries

It is time for our annual Thanksgiving Food drive for the Lutheran Social Service Food Pantries.

On Oct. 31 and Nov. 7, All Saints will hand out brown grocery bags with a grocery list stapled to them. Each bag will provide food for a family of four for Thanksgiving dinner coupled with a roasting hen purchased with donations. Return your filled bag to church Nov. 7, 14 or 21.

For less than \$20, you can purchase all items on the list. Taking advantage of sales may make it even less expensive.

If you prefer not to shop, cash donations to the pantries are always appreciated. You also may donate any items on the grocery list. All Saints Hunger Task Force has set a goal to donate 400 bags of groceries.

Thanksgiving Grocery List

2 boxes stuffing mix
 2 boxes instant mashed potatoes
 1 can whole cranberry sauce
 1 can sweet potatoes
 2 cans green beans
 1 can cream of mushroom soup
 1 can fried onion rings
 2 cans fruit
 1 package of cookies

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 of food.

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.

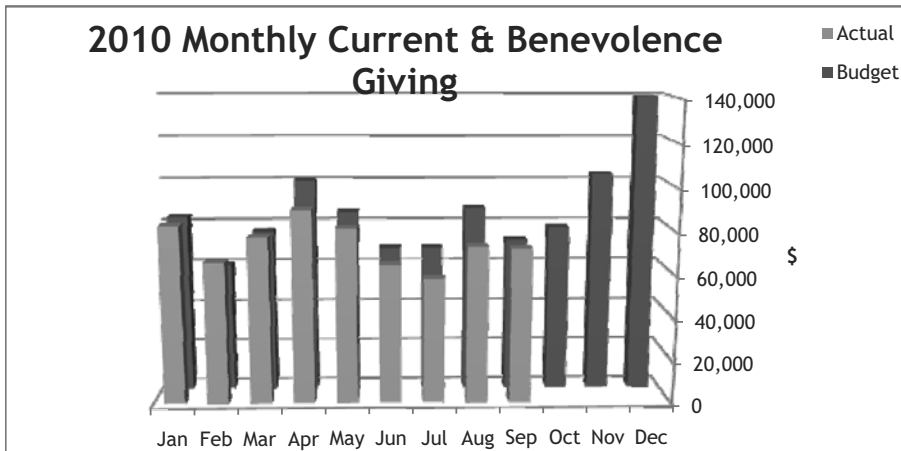
Members helping members

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

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

On the Numbers

September Financial Report



September income fell slightly short of projections (98 percent) leaving year-to-date income at 95 percent of projections. While the market may have rebounded slightly in third quarter, we hope our fourth quarter sees a significant upswing in All Saints' contributions.

The good news is that while income is lower than anticipated, expenses are also lower than anticipated. September expenses exceeded income by \$7,431. Year-to-date expenses have exceeded income by \$21,000.



September Income: \$70,572
 YTD income: \$666,957
 September Expenses: \$78,003
 YTD expenses: \$688,727

Your 2011 financial estimate of giving (pledge card) is due now. If you have not yet responded, make it simple and just do it!

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.

Annual Holiday Bazaar

Kensington Place

1001 Parkview Blvd
 (614) 252-5276

Friday, November 5th
 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Buffet Lunch at Kensington Place from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm for \$6. Lunch and raffle contest proceeds benefit the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantries.

- ◆ Knitted Items
- ◆ Baked Goods
- ◆ Handmade Crafts
- ◆ Jewelry
- ◆ Holiday Cards
- ◆ Holiday Decor
- ◆ Much More



Children's Ministry

Sunday School

There will be no Sunday School Nov. 21, due to the One In Christ Worship Service.

Sunday School Christmas Program

The Sunday School Christmas Program, "The Greatest Gift", will be at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5.

This program is for students in preschool through fifth grade, and Middle School students who wish to participate. If your student plans to be a part of the program, please sign them up on the Bulletin Board near the Sanctuary.

Monthly Mission

Our Sunday School Mission for the months of November and December is the Firefighters 4 Kids Toy Drive. Each child is asked to bring a present that a child of the

same gender and age might like. A 5-year-old boy should bring in a present for a 5-year-old boy, etc. Please be sure these are new and unwrapped. Any monetary donations will go toward gift cards for teenage children.

Babysitting

The eighth-grade Confirmation Class will provide a Babysitting Service for All Saints families from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4. Please RSVP to reserve your spot to lisab@saintsonhigh.org.

Please provide the number of children along with their ages. We will have a pizza dinner at 6 p.m. If your child will be eating with us, please provide \$5 to cover the cost of dinner. Donations will be accepted and go toward Middle School Ministry activities.

JAM

We will hold our second JAM session for students in third, fourth

and fifth grades from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4. Children are then welcome to join those participating in our Babysitting Service. The cost of dinner is \$5. More information on the JAM session will be available closer to the event.

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 Worship Service

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

Seventh Grade: Oct. 30 through 31
Eighth Grade: April 9 through 10

Confirmation Sunday

11 a.m. May 15

CROP Walk results

We had approximately 45 students participate in the CROP Walk in October to support the Worthington Food Pantry. Students raised \$819 along with cans of soup, toothbrushes and toothpaste!

High School Ministry

We started the fall off with a bang, well, at least paintball. Fourteen of us took to the field at Splatter Park in Mount Gilead, Ohio, and we all had a blast.

We found our way out of the Maze in Milford Center and fed goats along the way.

We have a great group of youth coming to events and to Sunday school, but we still are missing YOU. Give youth group a try!

Check out the Web site at www.seniorhighyouth.com for information on coming events.

VBS: Update on Malawi playground mission

The following is an update from Phil and Erin Vestal in regards to the playground that our Vacation Bible School students worked hard to make a reality. Please keep Phil, Erin and the children of Malawi in your prayers.

We are well here in Malawi; every day is an adventure, but we enjoy ourselves for the most part. The children are my favorite - they love to come by and play with us when they can, and are always so excited for the smallest bits of attention. They also really enjoy tins. You know tin cans that food comes in? When you can give one of them a can that you used, or a yogurt cup, they are so happy. They carry it around with them and hold kernels of corn or other treasures in it.

What a different life!

We are starting to work towards getting the playground to be a reality here. We have a place scoped out for the site in the midst of all the houses, so the mamas will be close by to watch the kids. At the moment, we are looking into a company that can come by and flatten the land with a construction machine. We think we have found a promising person to do it for us, and are hoping to bring him by to do the job before the rain season starts. Then the ground will be flat and ready for construction, and the rain will help it stay that way when it comes.

Phil's dad is working to design the playground. When Phil was little,

his dad designed and built this great creation with forts, swinging bridges, and the works! It looks like it will be built from wood, because that is what we can get here, but we are able to treat it so that it lasts for decades. When Phil's dad comes out in January, he is going to direct the building of it and we hope to have a good deal done then! Everyone here is very excited about it - it is such a blessing, and there would never have been such a budget for a playground if it were not for you and the children. So thank you!

We are so thankful for all that you have done for us and the children here! God bless!

Grace and Peace,
Phil & Erin Vestal

Christmas with Dignity drive for Lawrence County to start Nov. 21

Providing even the most basic necessities of life is a struggle for many families in Lawrence County. Christmas with Dignity will provide food for Lawrence County families in need by giving away food boxes. Each box costs only \$30 but contains enough high-quality protein and other nutritious food to feed a family of four for about a week.

With our partners, St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ironton, All Saints will distribute 650 food boxes Dec. 11. All Saints plans to contribute 500 of those boxes, which will require \$15,000 in donations.

On Nov. 21, our traditional "Giving Tree" will be in place in The Gathering Area, adorned with 500 gift tags for \$30 each. Those who choose to donate to this cause may take as many tags as they are able - one or many. Dona-



tions of less than \$30 are welcome as well and will be combined to purchase a box. As long as there are tags remaining on the tree, we will not have reached those 2,000 family members who have come to view Christmas with Dignity as a blessing in their lives.

If you want to help with preparations for Christmas with Dignity, please contact Kay Labosky at kayl@saintsonhigh.org or 614-885-0112.

Yoga/Pilates

"Fall" into a fitness routine at All Saints Lutheran Church and harvest the blessings of good health!

November is your last chance to join in before our December break. 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: Latest construction continues

The Worthington Partnership with Habitat for Humanity is building a new house at 1455 Myrtle Ave in the North Linden neighborhood.

A home was recently demolished on this site and will be replaced with a five-bedroom ranch for two parents and their eight children.



Those interested in helping in any way with the construction of this home or working with the Khamis/ Abdalla family are encouraged to contact Robin Leslie, chair of the Worthington Partnership, at

robinl@columbus.rr.com.

The November meeting is scheduled at All Saints for Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m.

All Saints says farewell to Karen Scherr

Karen Scherr will retire from her position as All Saints' bookkeeper Dec. 1 after 11 years of service to the congregation.

She and her husband, Dave, plan to move to a retirement community in Cummings, Georgia. We wish Karen and Dave all the

best as they pursue a new adventure and chapter in their lives.

Karen's position will be filled after All Saints determines a new director of administration and leadership reviews the duties of the position.

Young Retireds

Cancellation!

The Young Retireds planned tour of Torat Emet, a synagouge in Bexley, has been canceled after our tour guide found himself unexpectedly unavailable for our tour date.

We apologize for any inconvenience for those who were looking forward to this event.

Coming up

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.

Cross Training

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

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

New members will be received by the congregation during our One in Christ service at 10 a.m. Nov. 21.

Watch for information on our next set of new member classes in the coming months.

CPR classes

All Saints will hold CPR classes at 2:30 and 7 p.m. Nov 9.

Class size for each session is limited to eight people. The cost is \$5.

Knowing this life-saving technique can make a difference for all those around you.

To reserve a spot in a class, contact church office at 614-885-0112 or aslc@saintsonhigh.org.

All Saints common ground for couple

By Peg Margello

Yin and yang? Day and night? David and Stacy Wendt have been married for 12 years. The casual observer might ask how this came to be. They have different personalities, talents and work styles. And yet they met, fell in love, married and now have two children.

Stacy is All Saints' communications director; she creates, writes and edits others' work. David has a Ph.D. in statistics; he's the ultimate analyst. And yet...

David Wendt was born in Mt. Clemens, Mich. in 1970, the first child of Keith and Glenna Wendt. He describes himself as, "the oldest of three only children". His sister Meghan is five years younger and his brother Michael started kindergarten the day David started college. The family moved often while David was growing up. By the time he graduated from high school, he had attended 13 different schools.

Numbers guy

Following in the footsteps of generations of Wendt men, "a long line of numbers guys", according to David, he majored in math at Michigan Technical University. His Ph.D. in statistics is from the University of Pittsburgh.

Stacy Niedecker was born in Pittsburgh in 1969; she has an older brother, Mike, a father of six. In contrast to David's childhood, Stacy lived in the same house for 26 years. Her parents, Michael and Carol, divorced when Stacy was 2-years-old, but her dad was consistently there for her and her brother.

In high school, Stacy was year-book writing editor. At Pennsylva-



nia State University, she majored in journalism and was copy editor for the college newspaper. Her first job after graduation was with two Gannett-owned newspapers in suburban Pittsburgh; she was hired as a reporter and then shifted into the position of copy editor. During most of that time, she lived at home and worked an incredible number of different shifts.

Friends know best

Stacy loves Irish music, and her music friends also had a passion for fantasy and board games. David always has been a gaming enthusiast. Their friends kept trying to get the two together. Eventually, they met.

Their romance began when Stacy lived in her first, very old apartment on Pittsburgh's North Side. Her Irish Claddagh ring fell into a heating grate. She called David and offered to make him dinner if he could retrieve it.

The two dated for several months before David proposed during a Florida vacation on Thanksgiving Day 1997. Between the proposal and a Swedish couple who repeatedly questioned why the only things on the menu were turkey and other traditional American Thanksgiving dishes, the waiter had a long evening.

After receiving his doctoral degree in 1999, David had offers to teach at both Bowling Green

State University and The Ohio State University. Other options included positions in Utah and Idaho. Luckily, Stacy had veto power. David picked OSU and served as a visiting professor for two years. From there he moved on to Battelle Memorial Institute, where he worked on climate analysis and several military projects. Eventually, David settled at Nationwide. His current position at Nationwide is in marketing analytics.

Games, more games

Together, Stacy and David enjoy gaming. Their group meets twice monthly and plays games that feature collaborative story-telling and role play. David has written for a gaming company and has credits in a half dozen game books. They also have a passion for board games, represented by the many shelves overfilled with them in their kitchen dining area.

Both are amateur writers as well. Although unpublished, each has written fiction.

Their son Julian was born in March, 2001 and their daughter Eleanor (called Nora) was born in March, 2005. They share their parents' enthusiasm for amusement parks.

David and Stacy went to Disney World on their honeymoon. On the way to Wisconsin to attend David's sister's wedding, they embarked on a 'Rollercoaster of Love Tour', visiting Kennywood Park in Pittsburgh, Cedar Point in Sandusky and Six Flags-Great America in Chicago. Stacy wrote about it for her newspaper, and they received free admission to Kennywood and Cedar Point.

After a break of several years when the children were too young

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Wendt

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to participate, the family has been enjoying a return to this favorite activity.

Last year at Kennywood, Julian and Stacy made jokes as David, who is afraid of heights, kept a death grip on the safety bar on the ski lift. Parking at Kennywood is on a hill above the park. When they arrived, the ski lift down to the park entrance was closed; but it was open at the end of the day. David, although a rollercoaster enthusiast, did not enjoy the trip back to the car!

This year, the family traveled to Idlewild Park, northeast of Pittsburgh. All enjoyed a visit to Storybook Forest and many of the rides, although the kids seemed to like the Ferris wheel much more than their parents.

Both parents are very proud of their children. David loves that both kids, without any suggestions by their parents, have volunteered their allowances to help others.

Faith discussions

Stacy and David's differences extend to religion as well. David's father is an old-school German Lutheran who served as president or treasurer in several churches. The family belonged to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), a conservative group. Dave attended Lutheran schools. As an adult, he continued to be active. In Pittsburgh, he was head of Christian Ministry at his WELS congregation.

David says, "I don't know that I 'got it' with any of those things. I got it at a summer camp experience. The camp was run by Roman Catholic nuns and one year they decided to do a music

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camp. We played and listened to what God was telling us through the music. I saw that denomination didn't matter. It worked with kids of all faiths."

Although Stacy's parents weren't particularly religious, Stacy was baptized Roman Catholic and was 14 when she returned to church with the encouragement of several family members and close friends. She says, "God has always spoken to me, and I've always had support for my faith. My great aunt, a former nun, was a huge influence."

Stacy said that, after they were married, "I couldn't be WELS, and David couldn't be Roman Catholic. We were married in a Wisconsin Synod church and all participants, except the bride and wedding party, of course - had to be WELS. Never did understand."

The difference in backgrounds was valuable to the couple, as it forced them to talk through their beliefs and come to a mutual decision on where they could most happily and faithfully share a church home. It's not an experience all couples get to have.

Finding All Saints

One Sunday morning, soon after moving to Columbus, David and Stacy were on High Street in Worthington. All Saints was being

picketed by protesters who felt the church was, according to the couple, "insufficiently mean to gay people." With that information in hand, the Wendts visited All Saints and went on to join within a few months.

The church has been a support in their time in Columbus from the very beginning. The night of their new member dinner, their town-home caught fire, and church members offered to find temporary homes for their cats (which fortunately proved unnecessary, as the insurance company did provide them a hotel that allowed pets.) But they both appreciated the prayer and support of the congregation.

Early on at All Saints, David helped establish the contemporary worship service; he sang, played keyboards and occasionally delivered the sermon, once with only a few minutes notice. He has been on Congregation Council, serving as vice president; taught Sunday School; and been a member of the Nurture Committee and the Visioning Task Force.

Stacy sang with a contemporary worship service music team and has been a member of the Jubilate Chorus. She served on the Call Committee for the contemporary music director and was a member of the Worship Committee. Prior to becoming a staff member three years ago, she assisted on a volunteer basis with various design projects and pictorial directories.

As a staff member, Stacy first worked on the Web site and edited the newsletter. In April, 2009, after she completed an extensive redesign, the newsletter went online.

All Saints benefits greatly from this talented and dedicated couple.

Preschool sets November book fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to All Saints Preschool during the week of Nov. 15 through 19. There will be an amazing selection of books, including the latest titles for kids and books of interest to parents. This is an easy and fun way to choose children's books.

Preschool families, church members and friends are invited to come and shop during these hours:

Nov. 15 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 Nov. 16 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Nov. 17 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 Nov. 17 **(Family night)**
 5:30 to 8 p.m.
 Nov. 20 9 a.m. to noon

Families and Church members can also order an assortment of gift cards through our SCRIP program. SCRIP coordinator, Dan Brown can be reached at dabrown@insight.rr.com for ordering information.

All profits fund our enrichment

programs at All Saints Preschool.

The preschool operates as an outreach program for All Saints Evangelical Lutheran Church. We offer part-time programs for 3-, 4- and 5 year-olds. We are celebrating our 20th year of a quality program.

To schedule a visitation or obtain more information, please call the preschool office at 614-846-6080 or visit our Web site www.littlesaintsonhigh.com.

Sunday volunteers: Look for your latest schedules

The Sunday morning volunteer schedule for November through January was sent by e-mail Oct. 21 and to those without e-mail, by U.S. mail on Oct. 25.

If you have not received yours, please contact Kay Labosky at 614-885-0112 or KayL@saintsonhigh.org.

Anyone not currently serving as a Sunday morning volunteer is wel-

come to begin at any time (fill-ins and substitutes often are needed.)

Just contact Kay Labosky with your interest.

Sunday morning ministries included on this schedule are: Acolyte/ Crucifer, Deacon (Communion Server), Greeter, Hospitality, Lay Reader, Nursery, Offering Counter, Sacristan, Usher and Welcome Center.

Men's Ministry

Wing Nights

We will meet at 8:30 p.m. Nov. 1 at Winking Lizard at Crosswoods. Join All Saints' men for fellowship, pizza and cheap wings!

Advent Breakfasts

Join us for these always popular breakfasts for food, fellowship and fun. Breakfasts are 9:30 a.m. beginning Nov. 28 and continuing through the season of Advent.

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Advent starts Nov. 28

Advent, which begins this year on Nov. 28, is the start of the liturgical calendar and a season of waiting, hope, anticipation and reflection.

Join us for worship as we share anticipation of the coming of Jesus as the word made flesh, the Emmanuel who dwelled among us and whose Spirit remains with us still.

Watch our Weekly Updates, bulletin boards and listen for announcements on special Advent events.

Parish Directory

Baptisms

Reid Patrick, son of William and Jennifer Cseplo, Oct. 3; Preston Steven, son of Miron and Jeanna Kharchilava, Oct. 3; Carsen Elizabeth Sergent, daughter of Thad and Julie Sergent, Oct. 16; Atalee Marie Stoller, daughter of Keith and Darci Stoller, Oct. 18.

Weddings

Maren Mayer/Peter Gross, Oct. 2; Jessica Flannigan/James Johnson, Oct. 16.

Transfers

Jeanine Harkonen-Rohlke to Atonement Lutheran Church,

Columbus; Keith & Vicki Townsend to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Columbus.

Sympathies

Expressed to Dianne Dammeyer on the death of her aunt, Emilie Dosch, on Sept. 13; Jodi, Tom and Sam Rice on the death of Jodi's father, Jim Ford, on Oct. 11; Kevin and Cathy Martin on the death of Cathy's father, Gerald Ehram, on Oct. 13; Jerry and Michelle Breivick on the death of Jerry's father, Edward Breivick, on Oct. 24; Mark and Wendy Pekonis on the death of Mark's mother Mickey Pecikonis on Oct. 25; and Kevin and Darci Stoller on the death of daughter Atalee on Oct. 27.

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Nov. 24 Bob and Ruth Anderson 54 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 November we apologize and would ask that you notify the church office at 614-885-0112 or asl@saaintsonhigh.org to let us know.

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 Ministries	Dave Kivimaki
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Nursery Coordinator	Amy Jepsen

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Assistant Organist	Ellen Shoepf

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Jubilate Chorus	Pam Spade
Contemporary Service	Pam Wachtel
Youth/Jubilate accompanist	Mary Jane DeArmond

