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**the Son of Man
is coming at an
unexpected hour**

Prepare your heart

Advent Worship through Dec. 19

8:15, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays

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9:30 and 11 a.m. Dec. 12

Blue Christmas: to bring joy to those in sorrow

Dinner, 6 p.m., Worship 7 p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship

3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 p.m. Dec. 24



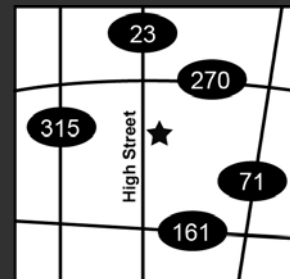
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Holiday office hours

**Closed Dec. 27
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 28-31**

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Council talks budget concerns

During its regular business meeting Nov. 15, Council discussed the current budget deficit.

Treasurer Bob Tobbe informed the Council that the church currently is running an \$8,000 deficit, the first time he could recall All Saints running two deficit years in a row.

While the current deficit can be covered by cash reserves, the Council is keeping a close eye on finances to guarantee those remain for the future. Council is keeping a close eye on the budget as the year ends.



"It puts real pressure on the 2011 budget," Tobbe said.

In other business, Council:

- Welcomed Gloria Bock as new executive director of admin-

istration. (See more on Gloria below.) Gloria starts work at All Saints Nov. 29 and will train for two months with Marj Stevenson, who retires from the position Jan. 31. "I'm very pleased," said Marj. "I can retire knowing you're in good hands."

- Approved nominees for council terms to start in the new year. Six candidates will be on the ballot for three open positions. The candidates are Carolyn Eselgroth, Derek Stout, Michelle Grose, Holly Wooden, Lisa Newman and David Dirr.

All Saints welcomes Gloria Bock

All Saints is pleased to welcome new employee Gloria Bock, who will replace Marj Stevenson as executive director of administration upon Marj's retirement on Jan. 31.

She began work Nov. 29 and will spend two months in training with Marj to ensure a smooth transition in the duties of administering All Saints finances. Gloria, who has worked as accounting manager at DBS Companies for the past 15 years, came highly recommended by All Saints' member Betsy Rechel.

Her work at DBS assures us that Gloria comes to us with a solid financial background. She received her bachelor's of science in business administration in accounting from Franklin University in Columbus.

Gloria is married to Frank Bock, a certified public accountant employed as a finance manager for Campus Partners.

She has two children. Kaitlynn is a graduate of Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind. and is currently enrolled in The Ohio State University School of Optometry. David is



a sophomore at Indiana University.

The family came to the Columbus area in 1981 and has lived in Worthington Hills since 2001.

Gloria has served as president of the Worthington Kilbourne Band Boosters and of the Worthington Kilbourne High School Girls Golf Boosters.

She currently attends Linworth United Methodist Church.

She came highly recommended for the position, and we know she will bring a good work ethic and strong Christian presence to the congregation.



As 2010 winds down, so does our "Make It Simple" stewardship response.

Thanks to all who have responded by turning in a pledge card and ministry opportunity form.

If you've not had the opportunity to share your estimate of giving for 2011 and how you might participate in the life of the congregation, please let us know of your intent. Stop by the church office and pick up a ministry opportunity form and/or pledge card.

We encourage you and your family to continue your growth in discipleship through prayer and conversation regarding the stewardship of your resources.

Stewardship remains the simple concept of God using His people to do His work. You can help!

Give your presence during Christmas

The holiday season is upon us and my question to you is,

“What presence are you giving this year?”

At first glance you may have thought that my spell checker made a mistake, because it does that with homophones (or homonyms). But my question remains--What presence are you giving this year?

You see, during this time of year we are so busy buying presents that we neglect to give our presence, to simply be in a relationship with each other. However, ultimately, relationships are at the core of who we are as human beings.

God understood this need for re-



lationship when He sent Jesus that first Christmas. God didn't send presents for us to open, but God sent us Presence, a relationship with God's Son and a renewed relationship with our Creator.

Cardinal Newman of England, once said, "As long as we are on this earth, we should never forget that the most important relationship we have is our relationship with God." God's gift to us was a relationship built on love.

Our response to God's presence is and always should be our searching to be in relationship with God's people and, more importantly, to seek out those who haven't yet been introduced to Jesus.

We gather in worship to be fed, to be filled with grace, to be in relationship with Jesus and with all who gather as the body of Christ at All Saints. We go from worship to take Jesus out to the streets, out to our workplace, out to our schools, to be in relationship with a world that has yet to hear the Good News.

In the first Christmas and each day thereafter, God gives us Presence. This year give that Presence to someone else.

Pastor Bonnie Gerber

Be part of our 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:

Wednesday, Dec. 1
Thursday, Dec. 2
Friday, Dec. 3
Saturday, Dec. 4
Monday, Dec. 27

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 at 614-885-0112 or arleneb@saintsonhigh.org for assistance in scheduling your session.

Share your talent

Thank you to all who have returned your 2011 ministry opportunity forms.

Your generous offer to share time and talent with the congregation and community are appreciated. If you have not yet returned your form, it's not too late. If you have not received a form, please contact the church office.

Thank you

Way to go All Saints! We collected 174 filled shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. That means 174 children will receive Christmas gifts from us and celebrate the greatest gift of all: Jesus' birth.

Thank you for helping us earn our Girl Scout Silver Award with such a successful project!

Lauren Seitz & Elise Wesley

December Service Opportunities

Dec. 1 to 10	Christmas with Dignity Collection
Dec.5	Fair Trade Coffee Sunday
Dec. 11	Christmas with Dignity - Ironton
Dec.17, 10 a.m. -3:30 p.m.	Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry
Dec. 19	Laurels Nursing Home Worship

Lutheran Social Services Food Pantries

Most needed items

- Toiletries, feminine hygiene products, shampoo, deodorant
- 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
- Hamburger/Tuna Helper
- Canned Pastas
- Scalloped Potatoes/Box Side Dishes

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.

Christmas with Dignity drive under way

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.

Fresh produce and bread provided through Lutheran Social Services food pantries will supplement the box of frozen food.

With our partners, St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ironton, we will distribute 600 food boxes Dec. 11. All Saints plans to contribute 500 of those boxes, which will require \$15,000 in donations.

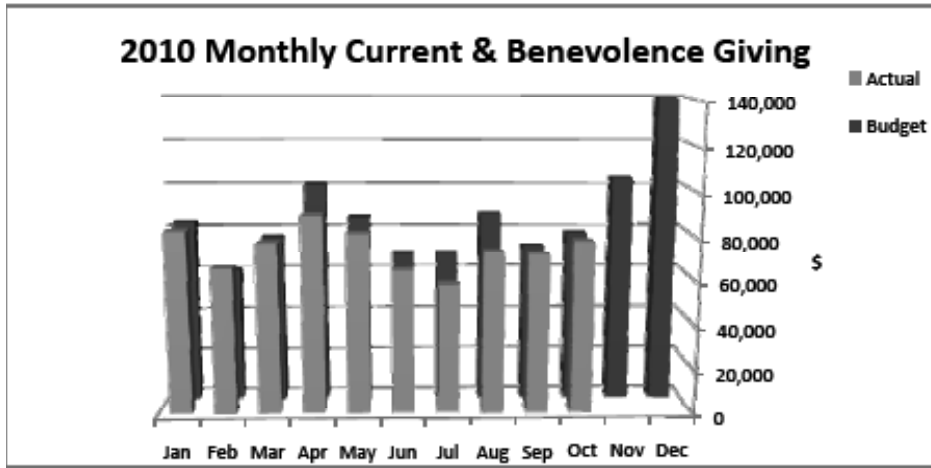
In addition to sponsoring the purchase of boxes, our congregation can support the effort by donating cookies or by traveling to Ironton for the giveaway on Dec. 11. Please contact Kay Labosky for additional information.

Our "Giving Tree" is in place in The Gathering Area, decorated with ornaments labeled with amounts from \$10 to \$300 and totaling \$15,000. Those who choose to donate may select a tag for whatever amount they are able to share.

As long as tags remain 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.

On the Numbers

October Financial Report



According to IRS rules, year-end giving must be received or post-marked on or before Dec. 31 to be included on 2010 giving statements. Financial gifts/contributions received after the Dec. 31 will be posted as of 2011.

The church office will be closed Dec. 27 and be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 28 through 31.

October income met projections at \$78,540 with year-to-date income of \$747,172 (\$32,000 less than projected). Expenses are holding about 4 percent below budget which certainly helps. Year to date expenses are



\$765,490 reflecting an \$18,000 deficit.

December is critical and a deciding factor whether we will meet expenses. We ask, if at all possible, please give generously. Your financial support is important and necessary to the continued ministry at All Saints.

Save the date

Marj Stevenson is retiring Jan. 31, and that certainly calls for a celebration of all that Marj has meant to the life of All Saints.

Please save time to join us at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13 to participate in thanking her for more than 35 years of service as secretary, office manager, parish administrator and executive director-administration. The dinner celebration will be held at J. Liu and the cost will be \$30 per person.

Marj has given countless hours of extraordinary service to All Saints and we have all benefited. You will receive detailed information about the event soon.

If you have a question, please contact a member of Marj's Party Planning Team:

Vicki Buchenroth, Pam Johnson, Judy Kammerdiener, Linda Lehman, Tom Lehman, Peg Margello, Beth Ullery Maxwell, Sandi Snyder, Sue Tobbe

Journey to the Manger

Artistic Expressions of Faith



Seasonal works on display

During the season of Advent and through Christmas, All Saints is displaying art that shows our congregation's thoughts on the season.

The art is displayed in the hallway between the Narthex and the Gathering Area, across from the coat rooms. Please take a few moments to view and enjoy these meaningful pieces.

Please keep in mind that we do a similar project for Lent and Easter, creating a prayer walk in the Parish Hall and consider submissions for that in the coming months.

Breakfast with Santa

Children are invited to join All Saints for Breakfast with Santa from 10 a.m. to noon Dec. 11. Cost is \$5 per child, and families are asked to bring a dish to share.

Sign up on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

Children's Ministry

Christmas Program

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

Sunday School schedule

There will be no Sunday School Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, so that teachers and families may enjoy worshipping together. Sunday School will resume on Jan. 9.

Sunday School Mission

Our Sunday School Mission for the months of November and December is the Firefighter 4 Kids Toy Drive. Each child is asked to bring in a present that the same gender, same age child would 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.

We raised more than \$300 during September and October for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. In January and February, we will collect cereal for the LSS Food Pantry.

Babysitting Service

The eighth-grade Confirmation Class will be providing a Babysitting Service for All Saints families from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4. Please RSVP to lisab@saintsonhigh.org. to reserve your spot. Please provide the number of children along with their ages. We will provide a pizza dinner at 6 p.m. If your child will be eating with us, please provide \$5 to cover the cost of dinner. Additional on-ations will be accepted and will go toward Middle School Ministry activities.

JAM

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

and fifth grades from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4. Students are then welcome to join the Babysitting Service mentioned above for a pizza dinner. More information on the JAM session will be available closer to the event.

First Communion

For parents of fifth-graders, this is an important year for their children, as they will receive their First Communion instruction. Mark your calendars now for the following dates:

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| 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: 4:30 to 6 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 2, 9, 26, and 23 and March 2 and 9

Eighth Grade Retreat: April 9 and 10

Confirmation Sunday:
May 15

CLUB 678

Please join us for our Christmas party from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 at the church.

Bring a white elephant gift!



Blanket-Making Service Project

WOW! We had fifty-two students participate in the blanket-making service project in November

and 52 blankets were made and donated to The Friends of the Homeless who will provide them to Rebecca's Place, a 57-bed women's homeless shelter.

Awesome job, Middle Schoolers!

'One in seven Ohio families on hunger list'

By Betsy Rechel

The headline above comes from a Nov. 16 Columbus "Dispatch" article which sums up why the Hunger Task Force at All Saints is dedicated, growing and continues to need the support of the All Saints community.

Earlier this spring, the property committee responded to the hunger need by doubling the size of the garden plots outside the All Saints Preschool wing.

This past summer yielded record-setting numbers of vegetables, which were shared with the Lutheran Social Service food pantries (local and Ironton) and our local Worthington Community food pantry. Our plots yielded just more than 1,000 peppers in an array of greens,

red, oranges, yellow and zesty; 85 pounds of collard greens, more than 400 cucumbers, more than 60 zucchini, 200 tomatoes and more than 300 carrots.

In addition, members faithfully contributed hundreds of pounds of crops from their own gardens, yielding beautiful squash, celery, cucumbers, tomatoes and onions just to name a few. What a wonderful opportunity to share fresh produce with those in need! Many thanks to all the gardeners!

In an effort to include those members who are unable to either garden with us at church or in their own yards, we are excited to announce a new program starting in March. We are calling it "Foster Plant Parenting". This exciting

venture will allow members to raise young plants from seeds in their homes, and then return them to church where they will be distributed at the pantries to those clients who are able to plant them around their homes, giving them access to fresh produce.

Watch for posters, bulletin announcements and information on the Web site as we get closer to March.

Several members have joined the church vegetable gardening team, and we hope to expand further next spring with the addition of a small fruit orchard.

If you have the gardening "bug" or just good ideas, we would love for you join the Hunger Task Force.

Sunday volunteers

Just a reminder: During the holiday season, not to mention the cold and flu season, if you receive an e-mail request for a substitute, please think about your fellow volunteers and lend a hand if you're able. Remember, just click on the blue "volunteer now" and follow the link. You will be logged in automatically - no need to remember your user ID or password.

Yoga/Pilates

With the holiday rush...only two yoga classes and two Pilates classes will be held in December.

Please note there are no Gentle Yoga classes during December.

Yoga will be held at 6 p.m. Mondays Dec. 6 and 13.

Pilates will be at 9:30 a.m. held Wednesdays Dec. 1 and 8.

Classes are held in the Parish Hall at a cost of \$5 per class. Drop-ins are always welcome.

Our full schedule of exercise classes will resume the week of Jan. 3.

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



American
Red Cross

A thank you to All Saints

To All Saints:

How do you thank someone for saving a life? It's so hard to find the words to adequately express our appreciation for your support of the lifesaving mission of the American Red Cross.

We simply couldn't get the job done without you and the blood donors who play such a vital role in supporting patients in need by donating at All Saints Lutheran Church drives. Patients are counting on us, and, thanks in part to your efforts, we save lives here in our community and across the country each day.

We are pleased to provide the results of your recent drive:

Date: Sunday, Oct. 17, 2010

Goal: 20

Productive procedures: 20

Goal/Collections: 100 percent

Again, on behalf of the countless patients served by the American Red Cross, we thank you for your past and continued support!

Together, we can save a life.

Nancy Firth
Donor Recruitment Representative

Chris Copper
Senior Director, Donor Services

Friends of the Groom to offer workshop Jan. 15, 16

Mark your calendars Jan. 15 and 16 for Friends of the Groom, a Christian Theater Group that tries to bring the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ alive through drama and comedy.

Activities for the entire family will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday Jan. 15 and continue throughout the day and into the evening. You won't want to miss this fun-filled workshop.

Then join us for worship Sunday morning as the Friends of the Groom participate in our worship service and help us use skills learned the day before.

The workshop is "Beyond Bathrobes:

Christian Drama and Storytelling." This is a workshop for Christian educators, youth leaders, actors, directors, mimes, clowns, and anyone else who likes to express their faith creatively.

Those who come will be invited to participate in a variety of drama and storytelling activities, including five ways to perform a story in church and using drama in worship and education.

The workshop will also include practical information about where to find resources for Christian theater and storytelling.

Young Retireds

Please join us for our annual Christmas luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 9 – this year at Brookside Country Club, 2770 W. Dublin-Granville Road.

The Worthington Christian High School Choir will present their holiday musical program.

Cost for the meal is \$25 per person. Reservations must be pre-paid by Dec. 5.

Coming up

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

High School Youth

Cookies and Carols

Meet after 11 a.m. services Sunday, Dec. 5 to bake cookies. Then we'll head at about 1:30 to the Laurels in Worthington to deliver the treats and carol for the residents.

We will return to the church at 2:30 p.m.

Blue Christmas Dinner

An All Saints' tradition, Blue Christmas offers a meditative service for those who have struggled with loss or difficulty during the year.

The High School Youth annually offer their help by setting up and serving a meal to those who attend.

Please meet at the church at 5 p.m. Dec. 23.

Cross Training

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

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

Men's Ministry

Wing Nights

We will meet at 8:30 p.m. Dec. 6 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. Saturdays through the season of Advent.

Couple quickly answers calls to service

By Peg Margello

Bob and Sue Tobbe have been members at All Saints since they arrived in Columbus in 1992. Both have given generously of their time to ensure that this church runs smoothly.

Susan Carol Covell was born on the south side of Chicago in August 1948. Her dad died three years later. Sue's younger sister Nancy was six months old. Sue's mother, Anna, who eventually remarried, came to the United States from Austria at age 5 and became a citizen when Sue was in high school. In typical Chicago fashion, Sue's parents lived downstairs and her maternal grandparents lived upstairs in the large home; lots of aunts and uncles lived nearby. Sue walked to nearby schools and graduated from Harper High School.

Family ties

Sue's summers were spent on her aunt and uncle's Wisconsin farm, where she quickly learned to pick beans, shuck corn and enjoy rural life.

Bob, an only child, was born in Chicago in July 1949 and lived only a block and a half from Sue; however they didn't know each other until high school. As with Sue's family, Bob's family was close-knit. His maternal grandfather lived with them, and his dad's parents lived two doors away. Aunts and uncles visited often.

Chicago is a Missouri Synod Lutheran stronghold. Bob attended Luther South High School and his family belonged to Golgotha Lutheran Church. In Luther League, at age 14, he met Sue Covell. Her family also were members at Golgotha. Initially, the two were just friends, part of a group of four



young people that bowled and went to movies together.

After high school, Bob went to college at Valparaiso University in northwest Indiana; Sue went to work at First National Bank in downtown Chicago. They continued to date through Bob's college days. Bob carried a double major, economics and political science, and graduated in spring 1971. He and Sue were married on July 24, 1971 at their home church, Golgotha Lutheran.

Bob's first job after college was at General Electric in Utica, N.Y. He entered a three-year financial management program that combined classroom work and on-the-job training; it was the non-degree equivalent of an MBA. As he rose up the ranks in finance, the family relocated to Bridgeport, Conn. and then Louisville, Ky.

Kids and moves

The first two of the Tobbe's three children were born in Utica. Michelle was born in 1972, and Laura was born in 1975; both were four weeks early yet healthy. In 1978, David was born at a suburban hospital in Oxford, Conn. He was seven weeks early and his lungs were not fully developed. David was a very sick newborn when he was transferred to the neonatal intensive care unit at Yale New Haven Hospital in New Haven, Conn. Thankfully, today he is a healthy adult, married to Nancy,

and living in Columbus.

Sue returned to work when David was in third grade. After the family moved to Louisville, she took a position in the school system. In Columbus, she worked for 14 years at the front desk in a dental office.

After 20 years at General Electric, Bob was offered a corporate finance position with Bank One and, in 1992, the family arrived in Columbus. As Bank One grew and purchased other banks, Bob often traveled. When the corporate headquarters was moved to Chicago, he spent the work week in Chicago for a year. He stayed with his aunt in the family home.

Both Bob and Sue were among the first in their families to venture from Chicago. But when asked by Bank One to move back to Chicago in 2002, they chose to remain here. David was still in high school; the girls were in college. The Tobbes felt at home in Worthington, and at All Saints. Bank One offered a severance package, and Bob accepted.

Bob of All Trades

As Bob explored opportunities for the next phase of his career, family, friends and neighbors encouraged him to get paid for what he had been doing: remodeling and repairing homes. Bob's grandfather was a carpenter, his uncle was an electrician, and his dad knew a lot about auto mechanics. He grew up helping with all these things and, when he came upon something he wasn't familiar with, he studied and learned. At a neighbor's suggestion, the company Bob of All Trades was born. The neighbors, Mark and Emily Andrews, were his first paying customers. Bob says, "I enjoy every day!"

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Tobbe

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Sue and Bob were house hunting on a Wednesday evening in 1992 when they stopped at All Saints. Tom Gerke met them in the parking lot, gave them the 'grand tour', and introduced them to Pastor Peter Ray. They never went anywhere else. Compared to their very small church in Louisville, All Saints was enormous!

Dedicated volunteers

Sue became active on Altar Guild, helped with several capital campaigns and the 40th anniversary celebration, and continues to provide to provide food for funeral luncheons. She recalls being called by Marj Stevenson to help with a pictorial directory – before computers were used!

In addition to numerous leadership activities, Bob has contributed countless hours to renovations and repairs at All Saints. When he became a member, he signed on as an usher and a deacon.

Then, he says, "Marj got my number"; he continues to make himself available "anytime Marj calls." Bob has served two terms on Congregation Council and was recently appointed to fill an unexpired term. He is church treasurer, serves on the Property Committee, chairs the Support Committee and was on the Lead Pastor Call Committee.

All three of the Tobbe children live in the Columbus area and all are members at All Saints. Thus Sue and Bob are able to enjoy their granddaughters. Michelle and J.C. Kuzio are parents to Zoe; Laura and Todd Hunt have two daughters, Hannah and Sophie. Laura is a teacher in the Southwestern City Schools, so 'Mimi'

(Sue) takes Sophie to Carol Choir practice.

Both Sue and Bob have a strong faith.

Bob says, "The fact that we are lifelong Lutherans has been the deep down foundation of our faith. We went to church every Sunday as kids, maintained that tradition with our own children, and we continue to do so today. As a family, we've had our trials, but our faith guided us though it all. We have many blessings as a family – we've been blessed all the way."

Trials and faith

The first of several trials for Bob and Sue occurred on a camping vacation in 1996. While towing their camping trailer on I-96 heading home from Ludington, Mich., they were in a near-fatal accident. The truck and trailer ended up on their sides. Sue and the kids were taken to a hospital; luckily they had only cuts and bruises.

In the aftermath of the accident, Cody, their 10-month old golden retriever took off. Because of the serious nature of the accident, it was reported on local news, along with the fact that their dog was missing. They searched for two days, and, as they were leaving to come home, a woman called to say she thought she had their dog. Cody was hiding in her garage.

Emptying the contents of their vehicle at the junk yard was an unpleasant experience. But they found something very valuable in the console: a palm cross from their small Louisville church. As He always does, God had watched over them. Sue says, "It was a miracle that all five of us walked away from a terrible accident." Yes, we know...

Pastor David Ullery stopped by the Tobbe home the day after they got home and used the accident as an example in his final sermon.

Five years ago, another trial: Sue was diagnosed with breast cancer. Sue's first reaction was anger: "Why me? It was a roller coaster. I had a lumpectomy and thought everything was okay. I went back to the surgeon who 'suggested' a mastectomy and chemotherapy; I would lose my hair. I was 'labeled'; I had become a statistic. But I had the support of many people and the experience strengthened my faith. All Saints was part of that support. The Stephen Ministry was there for me."

Sue and Bob have survived these trials. Sue has recovered from cancer surgery and treatment. A vacation home on Lake Ann near Traverse City, Mich. has replaced the camper trailer. It has become a getaway place for the entire family.

Rewarding activities

Sue enjoys quilting and knitting. According to Bob, "Sue is a great quilter!" Busy with other things, she hasn't had time to get back to cross-stitching.

Bob's one-person remodeling/repair company and his frequent fix-it work at All Saints have been personally rewarding. A fair number of All Saints' members have asked him to remodel areas in their homes.

He says, "You have a different, closer relationship than if you just see someone on Sunday mornings. I wouldn't have had this opportunity if I'd been doing something else."

We are grateful to Bob and Sue for their untiring efforts at All Saints. Thanks from all of us.

Pastor Bonnie Gerber installed as All Saints' lead pastor Nov. 7, 2010

Pastor Bonnie Gerber accepted the duties of the role of lead pastor of All Saints Lutheran Church during an installation service Nov. 7 at the church.

About 200 people attended the worship service during which Pastor Bill Wong, assistant to the bishop of the Southern Ohio Synod, presided over the installation. Pastor Mike Weaver of All Saints served as liturgist; and Pastor Tom Wolfe, who served as Pastor Bonnie's supervisor and mentor during her internship at Christ Lutheran Church in Bexley, preached.

Pastor Bonnie had 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.

Many church members played active roles in the worship service and the reception that followed.

The reception allowed the congregation to celebrate this call of a lead pastor and what it will mean to the future of All Saints.



Pastor Bonnie Gerber offers the benediction during the service in which she was installed as All Saints' lead pastor.



Left: Pastor Tom Wolfe, who offered the sermon for Pastor Bonnie Gerber's installation service, poses with her after.

Above: Pastors Bonnie Gerber and Mike Weaver offer communion during Pastor Bonnie's installation service.

Chancel Choir plans Advent Masterworks

All Saints Chancel Choir, along with a chamber orchestra, will offer "Magnificat" by Giovanni Battista Pergolesi during 9:30 and 11 a.m. worship services Sunday, Dec. 12.

Jan Arthur will conduct; Robert Firdman will serve as concertmaster; and Thomas Gerke will accompany on organ.

The "Magnificat" is Mary's song of praise to the Lord as she explains to her cousin Elizabeth that she is car-

rying God's son and our savior.

Many composers have created pieces based on the "Magnificat," and Pergolesi's has some controversy, as some scholars believe it was instead composed by his mentor, Francesco Durant.

Regardless of the composer, the piece is a beautiful rendition of the "Magnificat," and the Chancel Choir is excited to offer it at All Saints for the first time.

Parish Directory

Births

Derek James, son of Karen and Andy Zastudil, Oct. 25; Olivia Marie & Madison Renee, daughters of Fred and Tanya Troyer, Nov. 5; Caiden William, son of Darren and Shelley Lumby, Nov. 22.

Baptisms

Eleanor Grace Keener, Nov. 7; Ryan Edward Robe, Nov. 28.

Weddings

Jackie Van Gundy/Trent Weiser, Nov. 6.

Transfers

Kimberly Hiltz, Austin Scherrer &

Trinity Hiltz to Liberty Presbyterian Church, Delaware, Ohio; Jane Olausen to Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church, Savannah, Ga.; Barbara Haynes to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Westerville.

Sympathies

Expressed to Janice Davis on the death of her brother-in-law Gordon Stevens Oct. 17; Kimberly Music on the death of her stepfather, John Cotton, Oct. 23; Russell Eberwein and Cia Rodemann on the death of Cia's brother David Rodemann Oct.31; Mike and Carol Russell and John and Joyce Knappe on the death of Carol and Joyce's brother Maurice Conn on Nov. 1; Rene Bethel and family on the death of Rene's nephew Adam Weber on Nov. 24.

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Dec. 1	Bob & Peg Murphy	67 years
Dec. 15	Orrin & Clara Buckley	60 years
Dec. 23	Pete & Emma-Jean Cole	58 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 December we apologize and would ask that you notify the church office at 614-885-0112 or aslc@saintsonhigh.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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Jubilate Chorus	Pam Spade
Contemporary Service	Pam Wachtel
Youth/Jubilate accompanist	Mary Jane DeArmond

