

All Saints Lutheran Church

# Saints Alive!

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## Congregational Meeting: Jan. 30

All Saints will hold its annual Congregational Meeting following its 11 a.m. services Jan. 30.

During the meeting, the congregation will have the opportunity to approve annual reports from All Saints' committees, vote on the annual budget for 2011 and elect three members to Congregation Council.

Annual Reports will be available online, and a limited number of printed copies will be available through the church office.

## Spend 'A Weekend with

All Saints is excited to host Friends of the Groom for a Saturday workshop and Sunday worship Jan. 15 and 16. This Christian theater group brings the message of Jesus Christ alive through drama and comedy.

"A Weekend with Friends" will offer content for the entire family. Saturday's workshops will run all day

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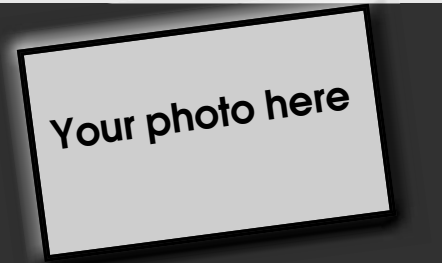
Details of the budget have not been finalized, as the church continues to receive pledges from members and review projected costs and additional requests for the coming year. The Support Committee will review projections and present a draft to Council this month. Council expects to approve a finalized recommended budget at its regular business meeting Jan. 17.

## Friends'



and feature a luncheon. Watch the Web site and bulletin boards for exact times.

The suggested donation for the workshop is \$10 per person or \$25 per family.

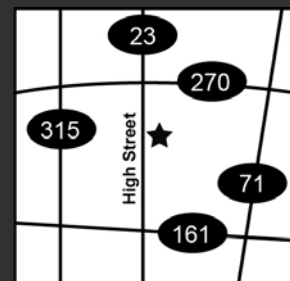


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# Witness looks at inactive outreach

During its regular business meeting Dec. 13, Council heard a report from the Witness and Welcome Committee on how to reach out to inactive members.

Committee member Jim Huffer offered his insights into the research of Kenneth Haugk who has written several books on the subject.

Huffer said that Haugk, a founder of Stephen Ministries, stresses process over results and emphasizes the need for those talking to inactive members develop good listening skills and genuine relationships with those to whom they speak. Too often, the assumptions can be that inactive members are lazy or apathetic and those who call remind them of duty rather than truly understanding why a member might have become inactive.

Witness Committee Chair George Schmidt said that the goal is to



form a task force that focuses on connecting with those members who might not have attended in several months. It is important that they know they are valued and that the congregation misses them.

"It's going to take major effort," he said. He said the committee hopes to model these efforts along the lines of the current efforts to make the church more welcoming to newcomers.

In other business, Council:

- Formally accepted a proposal from Square One Technolo-

gies to update the current e-mail system and server. The current Novell systems are no longer supported, and the church plans to convert to Microsoft-based solutions. The combined projects are anticipated to cost about \$12,000, which will be taken from capital funds raised during "The Beyond this Day" campaign.

- Continued to discuss the operating budget, as November donations fell short of projections. While Treasurer Bob Tobbe said he remains optimistic, the staff and Council are being cautious in non-essential spending. Tobbe said that at the end of the year, the Support Committee will re-view the situation and prepare a responsible budget for the coming year based on current giving and pledges received through the Stewardship campaign. Pastor Gerber added that staff will meet in January to discuss appropriate measures to save money and to discuss the 2011 budget.

## All Saints to celebrate Marj's contributions to congregation

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. Child care will be available in the church nursery.

Marj has given countless hours of extraordinary service to All Saints and we have all benefited in numerous ways. Watch for your invita-



tion in the mail this month!

If you have a question, please contact a member of Marj's Party Planning Team: Vicki Buchenroth, Pam Johnson, Judy Kammerdiner, Linda Lehman, Tom Lehman, Peg Margello, Beth Ullery Maxwell, Sandi Snyder and Sue Tobbe.

### Yoga/Pilates

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

Yoga: 6 p.m. Mondays  
5:45 p.m. Wednesdays

Pilates: 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays

Gentle Yoga: 9:30 a.m.  
Thursdays

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

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

# In the dark? Grab a hand to hold on to

It's cold outside. Snow covers the ground. The days are short and generally overcast. Welcome to January.

Not only is this our reality in weather; some of us feel like January. Grief over losses and anxiety about the future can cause us to live life as if the sun rarely shines in our lives, and all we want to do is stay indoors, isolated from others around us.

The cure to this kind of cabin fever isn't pasting on a happy face, clicking our heels while saying, "There's no place like home", or numbing ourselves with various forms of escape. The cure comes from God through the care of others.

Jan. 6 this year – and every year on the church calendar – is the day of Epiphany. Traditionally, on this 12th day after Christmas, we read the story of the wise men come to visit the newborn king, Jesus (Matthew 2). They celebrated, as we celebrate today, that God's light has come into the world through the newborn king, Jesus.

Throughout the season of Epiph-



any the readings remind us of this reality, that Jesus is the light of the world, a light no darkness can overcome; no matter if that darkness is literal or metaphorical.

Writing about Jesus, John proclaims, "In him was life, and that life was the light of all people" (John 1:4). And centuries before Jesus, David affirms the truth that, "even darkness will not be dark to you (God)...for darkness is as light to you" (Psalm 139:12)

Darkness is as light to God.

Darkness is *as light* to God. Wow!

Think about it. One of the first fears expressed by kids is fear of the dark. It's scary; we move more slowly; and it is filled with potential dangers. When we suffer, we are plunged into darkness. St. John of the Cross aptly describes the dif-

iculties and hardships we experience as people as the "dark night of the soul." And yet, even as we experience dark times, our hope is placed in the One who sees clearly in our darkness and guides us through the dark times.

One of the important ways God works is through Stephen Ministers, people trained to walk with people, men and women, going through various losses and griefs (job loss, separation/divorce, death, and various other changes in life). Their 50 hours of training equip them to provide care to people so that God can provide the cure and way through darkness.

At All Saints our Stephen Ministers are ready, willing and able to walk along side you or someone you know through the darkness. If you find yourself experiencing a deeper suffering than the January blahs, please consider a Stephen Minister to help you move through this time.

May the light of Christ shine brightly in the darkness of this world.

Pastor Mike Weaver

## Be part of our pictorial directory: Share your memories

With portrait photography of our church family complete, it's time for us to consider other photos that represent our congregation for the "activity" pages that begin the directory and express who we are.

If you have photos of All Saints' events and activities of any kind, we'd love to consider them for the new directory. We hope to include a wide variety of pictures that express all elements of our life together.

With our 50th anniversary



approaching in 2012, this is a great time to share our memories of All Saints.

So, if you have some favorites from any All Saints' activity -- from

a baptism or wedding to a great youth outing or a Young Retireds get-together -- please share them with us for this important project by Jan. 15.

We can't guarantee every shot will make it in, but we hope to include a variety of events that have proved special to the congregation.

You may e-mail digital photos to [stacyw@saintsonhigh.org](mailto:stacyw@saintsonhigh.org) or drop off developed photos in the church office and direct them to Stacy's attention.

## January Service Opportunities

Jan. 2	Fair Trade Coffee Sunday
Jan. 2 – 31	Afghan Clothing & School Supply Drive
Jan. 16	Laurels Nursing Home Worship
Jan. 16. 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Red Cross Blood Drive
Jan. 28 10 a.m. -3:30 p.m.	Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry

## 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, mayonnaise

### Guidelines

- Place food in the collection cart at the Lay Ministry Supply Room (near the office).
- No opened boxes of food.
- Please *do not* bring clothing donations to All Saints.

## 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](mailto:aslc@saintsonhigh.org).

## Food Pantry volunteers

Each year the members of All Saints generously support the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry. Through our 12 volunteer days, three annual food drives, ongoing collection of food items and monetary donations, All Saints makes a major contribution to the pantry. We offer a big thank you to all help the hungry in our community.

Soon it will be time to sign up to work at the Food Pantry in 2011. Our 2011 dates are:

Jan. 28 – Friday	June 24 - Friday-
Feb. 6 - Saturday	July 29 - Friday-
Feb. 25 – Friday	Aug. 26 – Friday
March 25 – Friday	Sept. 30 - Friday-
April 29 – Friday	Oct. 28- Friday-
May 20 – Friday	Nov. 18 – Friday
Dec. 16- Friday	

At least six volunteers are needed on each of the dates. Volunteers stock shelves, take donations and fill customer orders. Opportunities are also available for volunteers who enjoy more direct involvement with the customers by working the intake desk or supervising volunteers.

The only requirement is the willingness to make a difference in the lives of the people we serve. The commitment of time is up to you.

### Volunteer Hours

Monday through Friday: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Saturday noon to 3:30 p.m.

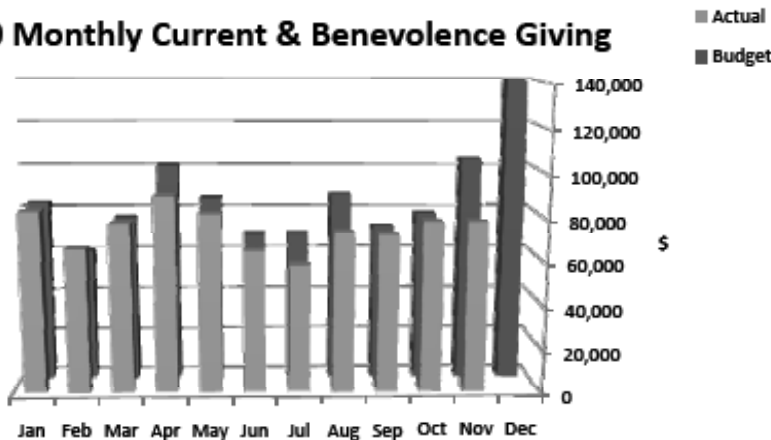
To volunteer, please sign up on the Serve & Share bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

All Saints does make a difference by the touching the lives of the hungry in Central Ohio. This is just one of the many ways we meet our goal of growing in faith and its expression by service to others.

# On the Numbers

## November Financial Report

### 2010 Monthly Current & Benevolence Giving



According to IRS rules, year-end giving must be received or post-marked on or before Dec. 31 to be included on 2011 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.

November income fell much lower than projected: \$78,422 vs. a projection of \$103,200. While this is of concern, the final indicator will be what happens in December.

We pray that many of our members were enjoying the wonderful November weather and thoughts of catching up or regular contributions



may have been put off to December!

November income, year to date is 94 percent of projections, \$825,600 vs. the \$862,400 projected. Year-to-date expenses were \$841,305, reflecting a \$15,000 deficit against actual income/expenses.

Your financial support is important and necessary to the continued ministry at All Saints. So, whenever you might read this, please consider supporting our many ministries.

## Cross Training

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

Jan. 2-9	Why the Church Year?	Pastors Gerber and Weaver
Jan. 16	A Weekend with Friends	Friends of the Groom
Jan. 23-30	Topic to be announced	Rev. Lisa Dahill
Feb. 6-27	Exploring Prayer	George Schmidt
March 6-April 17	Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy	Cia Rodemann
April 24	No Sunday School	Easter
May 1	Topic and speaker to be announced	
May 8-22	Topic to be announced	Rev. Hank Langknecht

## Thank You

*This e-mail was received from Chaplain Bobbi Lindner thanking us for the ministry we shared in supplying 155 bottles of shampoo for the Christmas bags for the inmates of Frazier Health Center.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wish I could have taken a video camera inside the institution so you could see the expressions on the Frazier Medical inmates' faces when they opened the package of love you sent them. Honestly, I do not think I have ever seen anyone happier to receive a bar of soap, toothpaste or shampoo than these guys when I passed their Christmas bags out to them on Dec. 15. I am not joking; I am not trying to be smaltzy when I tell you that many of the guys had tears in their eyes when they opened their bags. You will never know what a witness to the grace filled "love of Christ" that was; the simple act of giving someone the necessities of life. I hope you will continue in this partnership with me in the future. It is a witness to the staff as well ... often times Corrections officers are just blown away by the generosity of outside churches such as yours. So thank you for helping me make it possible to do this ministry for the inmates every year ... and the staff ... and well ... the whole people of God. Thank you to your churches and the generous hearts of God's people and your extra efforts as well.

Chaplain Bobbi Lindner,  
Frazier Health Center

## Holiday giving

Thank you very much to everyone who shared so generously during our three holiday-giving programs.

Special appreciation to Lauren Seitz and Elise Wesley for coordinating Operation Christmas Child and to the Hunger Task Group for the Thanksgiving Food Drive and Christmas with Dignity fundraising.

Eight volunteers traveled to Ironton for the Christmas with Dignity giveaway, and volunteers provide 20 dozen cookies.

Your gifts have shined the light of God's love into the lives of many people whose days are dark.

**176 Operation Christmas Child Boxes:** estimated value \$4,400

**198 Thanksgiving grocery bags** for LSS Food Pantry: estimated value \$3,960

**600 Treasure boxes for Lawrence County:** estimated value \$36,000 (actual cost \$18,000. All Saints contributions totaled \$14,420; Thrivent contributed \$1,600; and St. Paul Church in Ironton contributed funds for 100 boxes)

Total estimated value \$44,360



Drew and Tyler Gabalski were among the eight All Saints' volunteers to travel to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ironton to help distribute boxes of frozen food and produce to help families in economically challenged Lawrence County. St. Paul and All Saints distributed a total of 600 food boxes.

## Preschool news

All Saints Preschool will begin registering children of church members, currently enrolled students, their siblings and the church Mom's Day Out Groups for the 2011-12 school year on Jan. 10. Registration for the broader community will begin at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 7.

Interested parents are encouraged to make a visitation appointment. Preschool office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 8:30 a.m.

to noon Fridays. You can also learn more about our program by visiting our Web site at [www.little-saintsonhigh.com](http://www.little-saintsonhigh.com) or by contacting the director, Mary Lou Kolloff at [marylouk@saintsonhigh.org](mailto:marylouk@saintsonhigh.org).

Next year's classes are as follows:

AM 3's T-TH 9 - 11:30 a.m.

PM 3's T-TH 9 - 11:30 a.m.

AM 4's M-W-F 9 - 11:30 a.m.

PM 5's M-T-W-TH 12:30-3 p.m.

Extended AM 4's

M-W 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

F 9 - 11:30 a.m.

We will offer two extended AM 4's classes in the new school year.

All Saints Preschool offers experienced staff, developmentally appropriate curriculum, continued education in the latest early childhood practices for staff, implementation of Ohio standards for preschoolers and a child portfolio at the end of the school year.

Visit and see for yourself what a great place All Saints would be for your child.

## Congregation Council candidates

### David Dirr, 263 Whitaker Avenue South, Powell.

David and his wife Susan have been married 28 years. He is step-father to three children: Lisa, Leslie and Brian. He and his wife also have 10 grandchildren. David works as a manager for outpatient mental health services at Marion General Hospital.



**Church Involvement:** David serves All Saints as an usher, greeter and reader. He is a past member of Thursday night Bible study. David has done presentations in Stephen Ministry training and health forum.

**Personal Comments:** I have always respected the work of the All Saints community. The church has served as a consistent anchor during times of doubt and faith.

**Service attends most regularly:** 9:30.

### Carolyn Eselgroth, 203 Beech Ridge Drive, Powell.

Carolyn and her husband, Tom Counts, have two daughters, Abby, 14 and Rachel, 13. Carolyn is an Attorney with Barrett, Easterday, Cunningham & Eselgroth LLP in Dublin.



**Church Involvement:** Carolyn serves All Saints as a member of the Adult Education Committee, Bell Choir and Chancel Choir. She is also an adult education teacher

and an occasional kitchen helper.

**Personal Comments:** At this point in my life, I am beginning to understand more clearly the impact of God's people on my Christian journey. They have given me gifts I doubt they knew they were giving: J's discipline in study and his insights into people and what motivates them; Rod's passion for God's Word; Step-Grandma Marge's sweet life of service as part of a small rural congregation; Aunt Shirley's great love and guidance of children, who now seek her advice in raising children of their own; Esther, my dear sister in Christ and nearly 50 years my senior, who taught me so much about faith and joy in the midst of pain and sorrow; and so many more come to mind, even those who made sure I had a church home when they didn't attend church themselves. As we move in the current of life together, with the Spirit in our midst, we touch one another in ways only God knows and intends. I pray that every member finds this congregation called All Saints not only a place to grow in faith and discipleship, but a place of authentic community in Jesus Christ.

**Service attends most regularly:** 8:15 a.m., but varies; has attended all services

### Michelle Grose, 2604 Coltsbridge Drive, Lewis Center.

Michelle, and her husband, Russell have three children, Nick, 20, Madison, 10 and Olivia, 7. Nick is a nursing student at Hondros College. Madison and Olivia attend elementary school in the



Olentangy Local School District. For the past seven years, Michelle has been fortunate to focus on her youngest children serving as a stay at home mother.

**Church Involvement:** Michelle has served as a lay reader, a volunteer in the nursery, an usher and initiated and facilitated the couples' Bible study, "Fireproof." In addition, she is the architect of the All Saints contingency for the annual Women of Faith Conference. Michelle has completed the Cum Christo weekend of spiritual growth with Christ at the center in preparation to serve in the Kairos Ministry spreading the word of Christ to prisoners.

**Community Involvement:** While being a stay-at-home mother, Michelle has been committed to volunteer work associated with her children. She has volunteered at the elementary school, as a Girl Scout troop leader, community activity programs including Haiti relief, Operation Buckeye and blankets for the homeless. Recently, Michelle has started providing respite care and child-care services for teachers within the Olentangy Local School District.

**Personal Comments:** I try to live my life each day remembering the day is a gift from God and how I choose to live is my gift to Him. Jesus calls us to serve not only Christians, but nonbelievers as well. By serving and ministering with a heart for Christ, my hope is that others will see the love of Christ flowing from my heart and have a greater love for each other. I see that as my gift of serving and honoring Him. With that being said, I would be privileged to serve you on the Church Council.

**Service attends most regularly:** The 9:30 service unless ushering at the 11 a.m. traditional service.

### **Lisa Newman, 147 Spring Hollow Lane, Westerville.**

Lisa and her husband, Ron, became members in 2000. Their children, Cameron and Ben were baptized at All Saints. Lisa is an Eldercare Advisor with A Place for Mom.



**Church involvement:** Lisa has taught Vacation Bible School, been a member of the service committee and volunteers in the nursery.

**Personal Comments:** Ron and I felt very comfortable at All Saints from our first visit and knew we had found our church home. Service is an important aspect of our lives as Christians and I would be honored to have the opportunity to serve on Church Council.

**Service attends most regularly:** 9:30.

### **Derek Stout, 192 Bluejay Drive, Columbus.**

Derek, and his wife, Stacie have two children, Alli and Grant. Derek is a project management software consultant.



**Church Involvement:** Derek is

an usher and serves on the Welcome/Witness Committee.

**Personal Comments:** Stacie and I were welcomed at All Saints from our very first visit, and I believe it is what initially helped me to get involved with the ministries. It was during a difficult time in my life that we were searching for a new home church, and ironically, the congregation at All Saints was experiencing a challenging period as well. The past few years have been filled with Spirit-led growth, and we now have the opportunity for great blessings through our continued work, ministries and fellowship. I have enjoyed being an usher and working on projects such as the "Know Your Row" pew pads and "Plant a Row for the Hungry" with the Welcome & Witness Team.

Get engaged, become a verb, and don't think of the word "church" as a noun. I believe that we're called to serve one another and I would be honored to serve as a member of Congregation Council.

**Service attends most regularly:** 9:30

### **Holly Wooden, 8421 Whisper Trace, Delaware.**

Holly and her husband, Brian, have been married for four years. Holly has two adult children, Katie and Brad. She also is stepmother to Brian's two grown children.



Holly has been a member of all Saints since 1962. Her parents, Les and Mary Lou Shepperd, joined the church when she was six years old. Holly works as an

Internal Communication Manager for Cardinal Health, assisting with strategic planning and change management messaging.

**Church Involvement:** Holly served on the "Here I am Lord" capital campaign, the 40th Anniversary planning committee, led the Art History task force project and has volunteered on a wide variety of church activities over the past 30+ years.

**Personal Comments:** As a lifelong member of All Saints, I have a unique, historical perspective and profound relationship with the church. During all of the life's most important milestones, All Saints' pastors, staff and members have played an essential role in my life. I am committed to building and maintaining a cohesive, congregational leadership team through open communication and healthy debate. I am deeply committed to the All Saints mission and long-term health of the church. I'd be honored to serve on Congregation Council.

**Service attends most regularly:** 9:30 traditional service

## **Additional nominations and voting procedures**

Additional nominations may be made in writing to the church office, signed by two members and consented to by the nominee at least 20 days prior to the annual meeting. This year that deadline is Jan. 10. No nominations from the floor will be accepted.

Absentee ballots may be filled out in the church office during office hours starting at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25 until after worship services on Jan. 30.

The close of absentee voting for council members will be an-

nounced at the beginning of the annual meeting.

**This procedure applies only to the election of Council members.** To vote on other actions, including the budget, you must attend the meeting after 11 a.m. services Jan. 30.

# 'Ohio girl' offers much to All Saints

By Peg Margello

Lois Morse Barr is an Ohio girl, born in the Union County village of Milford Center in 1941.

She is the oldest of three sisters. Her father and mother were of English and German heritage respectively and never lived more than a mile from where they were born. Lois has lots of double cousins.

Milford Center is a rural farming community, and the family lived on a farm; instead of tilling the land or raising animals, her father owned or managed gravel companies. Lois enjoyed her farming-style life. Their landowner had a dairy cattle herd and raised hogs. She helped him with chores and learned to drive a tractor at a young age. She was active in 4-H and served as an officer.

And here is something not everyone at All Saints knows: Lois Barr has a live-in significant other named Rudy! Rudy is a very lively five-year-old miniature sheep dog mix. Lois loves him dearly.

Following graduation from Union Local High School in 1959, Lois enrolled at Capital University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in education four years later. She completed a Master of Arts degree at Ohio State University in 1969.

In the late 1960's, Lois and two friends bought and restored a German Village home. Lois thoroughly enjoyed coordinating the visitation portion of those early German Village Haus und Garten Tours.

Lois taught business courses at Eastmoor Junior High and Central High School and then moved into



school administration, serving at the Southeast Career Center and Fort Hayes Career Center. Those were the days of manual typewriters! Times have changed but learning a keyboard is even more critical in the 21st century. Lois was an active leader of the Franklin County and Ohio Business Teachers Associations and the National Business Education Association. She retired from Columbus City Schools in 1986.

While at Capital, Lois met Ross Barr, another business education major. They were married in 1979, and Lois became a mother of two sons, David and Jason.

Both David and Jason and their wives and children attend All Saints. Lois says, "I'm blessed with four beautiful grandchildren."

Unfortunately in 1982, Ross died of a heart attack at the young age of 42.

As a young adult, Lois enjoyed tent camping and traveling in the United States and Canada. But her consuming interest is genealogy. In the days before Ancestry.com, genealogical searches

involved looking at written records in church registries and county courthouses and talking to older members of families. Lois compiled the genealogical histories of her parents and Ross's parents, a major accomplishment.

In 1983, Lois was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis. She has endured a number of surgeries, and the disease has caused changes in her lifestyle. Lois was a long-time member of Trinity Lutheran Church, but the entrance steps were becoming a problem. On a frigid Christmas Eve, Lois made the decision that driving downtown for an 11 p.m. service was not only problematic but potentially dangerous. In 1986, All Saints benefited from her decision to worship closer to home.

From early on, Lois has been a leader at All Saints. She chaired the Worship Committee for years and initiated the Stephen Ministry program as well as Paraklesis, the grief support group. She became leader of the Thursday evening Bible Study Group within a year or two of joining All Saints. Lois is an amazing Bible teacher-leader, and the group is a supportive and caring community of believers.

Her church and her Lutheran beliefs are important to Lois. She is an avid Bible student. Lois began attending Trinity Lutheran Seminary and graduated with a Master's of Theological Studies in 1992. She relies on her faith daily.

Lois is also caring and concerned for others; she prays for them and leads the Bible Study Group in prayer for individuals each week. Lois says, "I keep my faith alive by always staying Christ-centered."

All Saints is blessed to have this faithful and willing servant of Christ.

# Church again collects for Afghani children

As in the past several years, All Saints, in conjunction with the Dublin A.M. Rotary Club, will be collecting specific winter clothing for the many orphaned children in Afghanistan.

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

ship the goods collected to an Army Chaplain at a base in Afghanistan, and he takes care of the distribution to the children. He tells us the need is immense.

Our new Army chaplain contact is specifically requesting we only send coats and other cold weather items such as gloves, hats scarves, warm socks and thin warm blankets (we cannot send bulky blankets as they

fill up too much of the box and shipping is expensive).

Through the end of February we will have display posters with pictures of the kids and two containers set up in the hallway for donations. Please help the kids in Afghanistan.

If you have any questions, please call Jim Warburton at 614-717-9534.

## Children's Ministry

### 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:

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.

## 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

## High School Youth

If you are looking for a New Years resolution, I have one. Come to Youth Group, you'll have fun!

We're going back, the 2012 National Youth Gathering will be held in New Orleans, July 18-22.

All 14-18 year olds are eligible to attend. Our first informational meeting will be held in March, look for more details soon.

Jacobs Porch Overnighter. 7 p.m. to 9 a.m. Jan 16-17. We only have 10 spots to go. More than 100 high school youth will be there. RSVP, text Dave at 614-309-0581

6 p.m. Jan 23 and 30. Youth Group at the church. Come hang out, listen to music, play video games and have a discussion.

5:30 p.m. Feb 6: Superbowl Party at Dave's House. Minute to Win it at Half Time, Superbowl games and food. 8476 Olenbrook, 43035

-- Dave Kivimaki

## Young Retireds

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

## Men's Ministry

Where do you plan to watch Auburn take on Oregon for the BCS Championship on Jan. 10? Join men from All Saints at Winking Lizard at Crosswoods for wings, a cold beverage, friends, and football! Pull up a stool and join us.

## Blood Drive



All Saints will host the American Red Cross Bloodmobile from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16.

The bloodmobile will be located in the rear parking lot, easily accessible through the pre-school entrance. Please plan now to share the gift of life.

## From the staff

All Saints' staff wishes to express its gratitude to all members of the congregation for their continued support of our efforts and especially those who contributed to the Saints Fund for the 2010 Christmas season.

We feel greatly blessed to work with such an enthusiastic and supportive congregation whose members give so generously of their time and talents to make us look good and further our mission as a church. We appreciate your added thoughtfulness in providing a monetary gift during the holiday season.

## Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity's Worthington Church Partnership will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5 at All Saints.

## Parish Directory

### Transfers

Tim and Andrea Mayer, Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Co-

lumbus; Clara and Michael O'Connell, Danielle and Brian, to Covenant Presbyterian Church, Columbus.

## Married 50 years or more

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

Jan. 12 Edward & Jody Gaiser 50 years  
 Jan. 21 Tom & Lois Wahtola 50 years

## Task force looks at ELCA's future

CHICAGO (ELCA) -- A task force of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, which has engaged the church's membership in an extensive conversation about the denomination's future, will soon begin preparing its report and recommendations to the ELCA Church Council. The council is expected to transmit to the 2011 ELCA Church-wide Assembly recommendations related to the task force's work.

In November 2009 the ELCA Church Council approved the charter for the project, "Living into the Future Together: Renewing the Ecology of the ELCA" and appointed a task force. The project task force was asked to study social, economic

and other environmental changes in the 20 years since the ELCA was formed and "evaluate the organization, governance and inter-relationships among this church's expressions," according to the project charter.

The task force was asked to develop a report and recommendations "that will position this church for the future and explore new possibilities for participating in God's mission," the charter states. The report and recommendations are to be reviewed by the ELCA Conference of Bishops in March and presented for action to the Church Council, which meets in April.

## 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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Children's Ministries	Lisa Brooks
Confirmation Ministries	Lisa Brooks
Youth Ministries	Dave Kivimaki
Preschool	Mary Lou Kolloff
Office Manager	Sandi Snyder
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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

