

All Saints Lutheran Church

# Saints Alive!

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## Holy Week at All Saints

**Maundy Thursday, April 21**

Worship 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

**Good Friday, April 22**

Prayer walk 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., Parish Hall

Worship 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

**Easter Sunday, April 24**

Traditional: 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m., Sanctuary  
The Gathering: 9:30 and 11 a.m., Parish Hall



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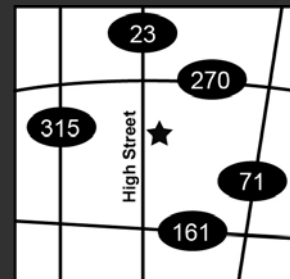
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# Council hears of staffing updates

During its regular business meeting March 14, Congregation Council heard from Pastor Bonnie Gerber on the status of staff changes that took effect earlier this year.

Changes necessitated by former Director of Administration Marj Stevenson's retirement, the elimination of the position of an assistant secretary and the resignation of the director of high school ministries have gone smoothly, Pastor Gerber reported. Staff has met in whole and in teams to discuss the best way to allocate duties within the office, and the changes have given chances to review the best systems to meet the needs of the congregation, she said.

While a facilities manager has yet to be hired, she said, "We have good people who are coming in."



Members Tom Oswald and Tom Lehman, especially, have taken on some of the duties that eventually will fall to that part-time staff member. In the meantime, Director of Administration Gloria Bock is working with the property committee to be sure that tasks necessary for maintenance and grounds keeping are met.

Other staffing news included the hiring of Pastor Jim Jensen, who will take on the role of visitation

pastor as of May 1. He will replace Cia Rodemann, who resigned in February for a full-time position and to pursue her master's of divinity degree. In the meantime, Pastors Gerber and Mike Weaver are dividing visitation duties.

In other business, Council:

- Agreed to re-establish the Visioning and Strategic Planning Committee. Former members will be asked if they wish to remain in those roles, and new members will be recruited.
- Set an April 16 date for its annual retreat. The Council will discuss its goals for the year and review the mission and vision statements of the church.

## Concerts at All Saints

### Sara Seidel

Organ Recitalist Sara Seidel, dean of the Columbus Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and Director of Music/ Organist at St. Alban Episcopal Church, Bexley will present an organ recital at 4 p.m. Palm Sunday, April 17.

Mother Goose Stories narrator and All Saints member Jane Karras will assist. Sara will play works by Akerly, Brahms, Howells, Mendelssohn, Reger, Rogg, and Shearing.

### Columbus International Childrens' Choirs

A Choral Concert by the Columbus International Childrens' Choirs,



directed by Tatiana Kats, from the Columbus Music and Art Academy will present a choral concert at 6 p.m. Sunday, May 22

They presented a concert for us last year and it was very well received. We look forward to welcoming them back this year.

## Simple Suppers

Each Wednesday during Lent, various All Saints ministries host a "Simple Supper" of soups, salads and breads. Please join us at 6 p.m. for the meal and stay for worship.

Volunteers provide food for the meals, and sign-up sheets are posted in the Gathering Area for those who may wish to contribute food or help set up, serve or clean up. While specific ministries take on certain weeks, we welcome contributions from anyone who might wish to help.

The suggested donation of \$5 for adults and \$3 for children covers expenses for supplies and staples for the meals.

Remaining proceeds will benefit the Worthington Partnership with Habitat for Humanity.

# All Saints ready for season of growth

Spring is probably my favorite season of the year. Growth begins to happen, and it seems as if every day the green stuff that is poking out of the earth gets a little taller.

Today, after a storm, I could smell the scent that I find only after a spring rain. After a long season of winter, we appreciate the growth even more.

We at All Saints are coming out of a long winter. We long for growth, but perhaps we aren't sure what that growth looks like. I would like to share with you how I envision this new growth to appear.

When you visit us at All Saints Lutheran Church, you will discover we are passionate about our relationship with Jesus and each other.

We are a growing church that serves a living God. We plan to grow spiritually, relationally and numerically. Christians grow deeper in their faith in the context of fellow-



*love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." 31The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.'*

So, we ask everyone who is already connected and those who will connect to this community to be totally committed to a loving relationship with God and with one another.

As we approach Easter, we are reminded of the relationship that God longs to have with us. God loves us so much "he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." John 3:16

Ponder what we as a community of faith can do to grow in our love of God and love of neighbor as we at All Saints grow spiritually, relationally and numerically.

Pastor Bonnie Gerber

ship. Our aim is to be committed to Christ and to be as committed to one another as we are to Christ.

Most believers don't lack commitment, but oftentimes, we are overly committed to the wrong things.

Jesus said in Mark 12:28-31

*28 One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' 29Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; 30you shall*

## THE FEEDING OF THE MULTITUDE



### All Saints Lenten Food Drive 2011

"There is a boy here who has five loaves of barley bread and two fish. But they will certainly not be enough for all these people." (John 6:9)

As the story continues, we know that Jesus miraculously was able to feed 5,000 with the food that was brought to him as he preached by the Sea of Galilee.

"Feeding with 5,000" (a slight variation on the Bible story) is the theme for All Saints' Lenten food drive. Before Easter, we plan to collect 5,000 cans of tuna fish for the Lutheran Social Services food pantries.

All Saints' Hunger Task group has set this ambitious goal to help the pantries acquire a basic protein food it relies on to help families in need. The food pantry is currently unable to purchase tuna through its usual sources and so is relying on donated tuna.

We are confident that the All Saints congregation will reach deep to achieve this goal. Watch for sales on tuna during Lent to help us reach 5,000 cans. Bring your donations to the display table across from the coat rooms any time during Lent.

## April Service Opportunities

March 27	Red Cross Blood Drive
April 1-17	Lenten Food Drive -- 5,000 cans of tuna
April 3	Fair Trade Coffee Sunday
April 17	Laurels Nursing Home Worship
April 19	LSS Food Pantry

## Lutheran Social Services Food Pantries

### Urgent need!

- Canned tuna fish

collection cart at the Lay Ministry Supply Room (near the office).

### Guidelines

- Place food in the

- 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 [asl@lss.org](mailto:asl@lss.org).

## Cross Training

### Sunday Mornings at 9:30 a.m.

We continue our Lenten theme, a class on Justice: What does God require of you? Join us for a stimulating discussion, based on a class taught at Harvard by Michael Sandel ([www.justiceharvard.org](http://www.justiceharvard.org))

### Thursday Evenings at 5:30 p.m.

Join Pastor Gerber for That the World May Know: The Way of the Cross. God's story culminates with the intense devotion of his people. Discover how their passionate faith prepares the way for Jesus and what it means today.

# Volunteer at pantries

Volunteer at Lutheran Social Services Choice Food Pantry.

Volunteers stock shelves, take donations and help customers "shop" the pantry's shelves for their food. Opportunities also are available for volunteers who enjoy more direct involvement with the customers by working at the intake desk or supervising volunteers.

The only requirement for volunteering is the willingness to make a difference in the lives of the people we serve. Middle- and high-school age students are welcome to serve with a parent.

All Saints commits to staffing the pantry once a month throughout the year. To volunteer, sign up on the community service bulletin board in the Gathering Area or contact Kay Labosky at [kayl@saintsonhigh.org](mailto:kayl@saintsonhigh.org) or 614-885-0112.

Remaining 2011 opportunities are April 29, May 20, June 24, July 29, Aug. 26, Sept. 30, Oct. 28, Nov. 18 and Dec. 16. Six volunteers are needed for each of those dates.

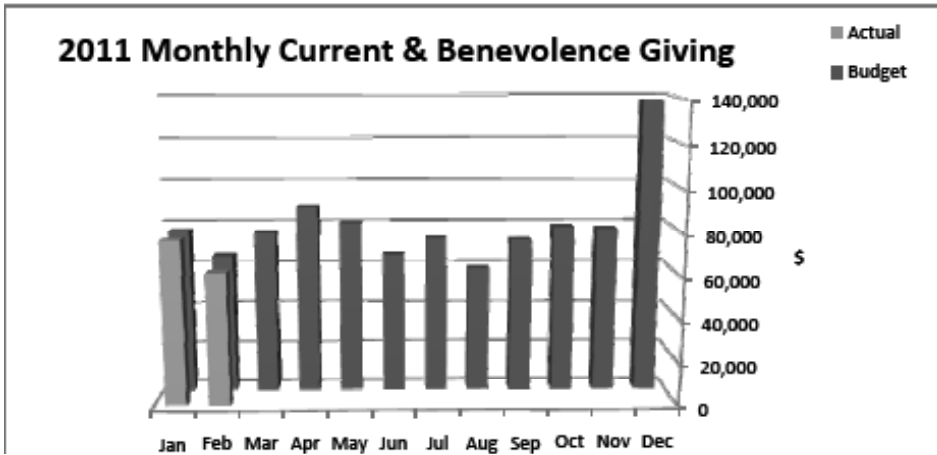
## Sunday blood drive

All Saints will host its second Red Cross Blood Drive of 2011 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, March 27.

The bloodmobile will be in the rear parking lot. If you donated at our Jan. 16 drive or before, you may be eligible to donate at this drive. To donate, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area or contact Kay Labosky at [kayl@saintsonhigh.org](mailto:kayl@saintsonhigh.org) or 614-885-0112.

# On the Numbers

## February Financial Report



February income came in lower than projected by 5 percent: \$61,577 vs. \$64,961.

Year-to-date income is at \$138,426 vs. \$141,767 as projected. Total year-to-date income is at 98 percent of budget.

In 2010, total income received was \$149,509. The difference in income from 2010 to 2011 of \$7,742 represents a decrease of 5.2 percent.

February expenses came in at \$69,704 which is lower than the budgeted amount of \$76,094.

Total expenses through February are \$146,895 vs. \$156,306 as projected. We are under budget in expenses by 6 percent for the year.

In 2010 at this time, we had ex-



penses of \$142,881 which is \$4,014 lower than this year. The reason for the increase is mainly due to an increase in snow removal and utility costs. The difference between 2011 and 2010 represents an increase in expenses of 2.7 percent. We had a net deficit of \$8,469 against actual income vs. expenses.

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

# Tuesday Men's Golf League

The Men's Tuesday Golf League plans to begin play in late April and continue into September. The league plays nine holes beginning at 4 p.m. Tuesdays at the Sunbury Golf Course.

If you wish to participate, please notify Bill Kammerdiener either in person, by phone at 614-846-9346, or e-mail at wkammerd@columbus.rr.com by April 11.

A total fee for the season will be collected up front. A current estimate for the fee is in a range of \$200 to \$230. Cart fees are extra and paid directly to Sunbury Golf Course (last year they were \$6.)

If you wish to be a substitute, please provide contact information. Substitutes pay \$5 into the prize fund each time they play.

# Thank You

I want to thank all the people who contributed warm clothing to be sent to the children in Afghanistan. Through your efforts, we sent 15 good sized boxes of clothing to our Army chaplain contact in Afghanistan, who handles the distribution of clothes to the children.

It is heartening to see the good All Saints does for other people. Besides collecting clothes for Afghanistan, the church at the same time sent many coats to people in Southern Ohio. At the beginning of the school year, All Saints sent many, many boxes of school supplies to southern Ohio because we knew the need was great. All Saints also helps out hundreds of families at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

I noticed that many of the clothes donated for the Afghan children were purchased new or at thrift a store which, to me, shows the heart and commitment that many of our members have for helping other people.

Further, we had an elementary school class (whose teacher belongs to All Saints) make scarves for the Afghan children. Thanks again to those who have helped with all these projects as well as the other projects the church is involved with. Let's keep up the effort to help others.

Jim Warburton

I would like to thank everyone who sent cards during my illness. Your thoughts and prayers meant so much.

Darlene Edison

## Follow us

Want to be sure you're up on the latest news at All Saints?

Be sure to like our Facebook page, ASLC Worthington and follow us on Twitter (find a link to SaintsOnHigh at our Web site [www.saintsonhigh.org](http://www.saintsonhigh.org).)

Youth and parents also want to like All Saints High School Youth on Facebook.

Join discussions, get news and ideas and find new friends through these social media connections.

## Babysitting

Our seventh-graders will provide babysitting to families of the congregation from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, April 15.

Please RSVP to [lisab@saintsonhigh.org](mailto:lisab@saintsonhigh.org) if you would like to reserve a spot for your child.

A free-will offering will be accepted and proceeds will go to our Middle School Youth ministries.

## Health and Wholeness

### Yoga/Pilates

Spring fitness at All Saints: Join us and feel your spirit bloom!

Gentle Yoga – 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Thursdays April 7, 14, 21, 28

Pilates – 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Mondays, April 6, 13, 20, 27

Yoga – 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays, April 4, 11, 18, 25

Yoga – 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 27 (only class in April due to Lent)

All sessions are \$5 per class. These are drop-in classes, no advance registration or church membership required. Pay as you come. All men, women and teens are welcome!

### Cycling

Cycling enthusiasts are invited to a planning meeting following 11 a.m. services April 3.

All Saints member Aaron Shank is planning a series of group rides, including a possible fundraiser for our high school students' trip to the 2012 Evangelical Church in America's Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

### Saints in Stride

Saints in Stride has begun training soon for the May 7 Cap City Half Marathon. Training follows Hal Higdon's 12-week Novice Half Marathon training schedule, which is posted in the Gathering Area. We also have groups that will be training for the two other races offered that day: a 5K (3.1 miles) and a 10K (6.2 miles). These training schedules also are posted and follow eight-week training. If you would like to participate in any of these please contact Matthew Eakin [alsc@saintsonhigh.org](mailto:alsc@saintsonhigh.org) or [eakinfamily@wowway.com](mailto:eakinfamily@wowway.com).

## Preschool news

**All Saints Preschool  
Joyfully invites all church  
members,  
current and former families  
To attend the 20th Anniversary  
Party**

Please join us for Food, Fun and  
Celebration

5 to 8 p.m.  
April 28, 2011  
All Saints Preschool  
Worthington, OH  
Open House

There will be face painting, an

animal-balloon maker, crafts and refreshments. Candace Mazur will lead an interactive dramatic presentation at 5:30 and P.T. Reptile will share his reptile friends with us at 6:45. Come help us celebrate! Please contact the Preschool office 614-846-6080 or e-mail director, Mary Lou Kolloff, [marylouk@saintsonhigh.org](mailto:marylouk@saintsonhigh.org) for further information.

### Preschool Annual Flower Sale

Its time to be thinking about planting flowers!

The Preschool will be sponsoring its annual flower sale with order forms available in the Narthex, church office and preschool office beginning April 3.

Basket displays will be set up beginning April 2. All orders and payment are due by April 18. Orders can be picked up from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 3.

All profits made go to funding enrichment programs for the Preschool. Contact the preschool office for further information, 614-846-6080.

## Children's Ministry

Our Sunday School Mission continues this month with College Care Packages. Bring treats to remind our college students they are still valued members of the congregation.

### Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars now to be part of The Big Apple Adventure... where Faith and Life connect!

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
June 20 through 24  
and June 27 through July 1

Vacation Bible School is for children who are 3 and potty-trained by June 20 through students who will be entering sixth grade.

Cost is \$15 per child or \$40 per family. Registration forms will be available starting April 3 at the VBS bulletin board across from the coat rooms and on our church Web site [www.saintsonhigh.org](http://www.saintsonhigh.org).

Middle School and High School

students are needed as part of our staff, as well as many adults! It's never too soon to let us know you are interested in helping! Contact [pamw@saintsonhigh.org](mailto:pamw@saintsonhigh.org) or call 614-885-0112

### NEW! Family Vacation Bible School

5:45 to 8:30p.m. June 26 through  
June 30

You may be asking, "What IS Family VBS?" Family VBS is built around, you guessed it, families. We want to give you the opportunity to come together and learn about God in fun, interactive ways.

No child is turned away, but they must come with an adult. Grandparents, aunts and uncles, neighbors, friends- all are welcome! The cost is FREE! We know some of you will be coming from work and meeting your family here, so we are offering a light dinner beginning at 5 p.m. each night. Cost for dinner is \$2 per person or \$10 per family. Registration and infor-

mation sheets will be available at the VBS bulletin board. For more information, or if you're interested in helping, contact Pam Wachtel at [pamw@saintsonhigh.org](mailto:pamw@saintsonhigh.org).

### Family Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 23. Join us for games and eggs (scrambled and chocolate filled) and meet our special guest, the Easter Bunny!

Bring a breakfast item to share with others. Cost is \$4 per child. Sign-up on the Egg Hunt bulletin board across from the coat rooms or e-mail Pam Wachtel at [pamw@saintsonhigh.org](mailto:pamw@saintsonhigh.org).

### Last Day of Sunday School

Our last day of Sunday School will be held on May 22. Chris Cakes will be on hand for breakfast!

Thanks to everyone who has made this year so wonderful for our children!

## Middle School Ministry

### Sunday School

Don't forget, each student is required to attend nine sessions of Sunday School per year to be eligible for Confirmation.

### NEW!

Joe Cherubino will offer a Bible Study from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays. The study will focus on heroes of the Bible. The schedule:

April 9/16	David
April 30	Mary
May 7	Peter
May 14/21	Paul

Each session will equal one Sunday School session.

Please RSVP to [lisab@saintsonhigh.org](mailto:lisab@saintsonhigh.org).

### Confirmation

Eighth-grade retreat at Lutheran Memorial Camp: April 9 and 10.

Confirmation Sunday: 11 a.m. Traditional Service

### Service Projects

**March 30** We will provide the Simple Supper prior to the Lenten service at All Saints. We need families to provide soup, salad and bread and students to help set up, serve and clean up. Look for more information in an e-mail on how to help.

## Endowment fund helps Masterworks

The Chancel Choir, along with string orchestra, will present Schubert MASS IN G Masterworks on at 9:30 and 11 a.m. April 10.

Funding has come from private donations as well as an award given to Jan Arthur from the Music Enrichment Fund, part of the All Saints Endowment Fund. The purpose of the Music Enrichment Fund is to share and enrich the gift of music at All Saints and within the community.

The fund was established by Council in 2008 using a portion of the bequest of E.R. and Jean

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## High School Youth



All Saints High School Youth gather for Broomball in February.

### Keep in Touch

Are you on Facebook? Be sure to go to All Saints High School Youth Group page on Facebook and "like" it. That is one way you can keep up to date on what's happening with the High School Youth.

Parents, please submit your e-mail address to [lisab@saintsonhigh.org](mailto:lisab@saintsonhigh.org) if you would like e-mail communications about upcoming events, Sunday School topics, and other up-to-date info.

### Service

Thanks to all who helped with the Simple Supper we hosted March 16.

### Shack City

We will participate in the Worthington Shack City Habitat for Humanity, Saturday, April 16.

Last year, nearly 100 local high school youth slept in cardboard boxes on the Worthington Village Green to raise funds and awareness for Habitat for Humanity. They raised more than \$9,100 to help build two Habitat homes in the Columbus area. Mark your calendars with the following infor-

mation and look for more details closer to the event.

### Worthington Shack City for Habitat for Humanity

Saturday, April 16  
Worthington Village Green,  
Northwest Quadrant  
8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.



### National Youth Gathering

We are going to New Orleans July 18 through 22, 2012! Plan to be a part of the Evangelical Church in America National Youth Gathering next year. The event is open to anyone 14 to 18 years old (this means current eighth- through 11 graders. Mark your calendars now: July 18 - 22, 2012.

Those who were unable to make last month's informational meeting may contact [lisab@saintsonhigh.org](mailto:lisab@saintsonhigh.org) for more details.

## Prayer Walk: Journey to the Cross

Once again this year we will have our "Journey to the Cross" set up in the Parish Hall during Good Friday.

This prayer walk will be open to the public from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. April 22. Come and spend time with God as you reflect on Jesus' crucifixion. Spend five minutes or 20, it's up to you.

If you would like to contribute art work or writings for this event, or help with set-up/tear-down, please contact Pam Wachtel at [pamw@saintsonhigh.org](mailto:pamw@saintsonhigh.org).

## Men's Ministry

Daily we face a myriad of choices. As one person wisely said, "One of the most spiritual things we do in life is making choices." Join us at 9:30 a.m. Saturdays during Lent for our men's breakfast as we discuss the topic of making choices that reflect God's desire for justice in the world.

Justice: What does God require of you?

## Nursery News

All Saints no longer provides free mid-week nursery care on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

However, groups wishing to offer and pay for child-care for weeknight events may contact Kay Labosky at [kayl@saintsonhigh.org](mailto:kayl@saintsonhigh.org) or 614-885-0112 to discuss arrangements.

# Help spruce up our grounds for spring

Join us from 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays, April 16 and 30 to help prepare for spring!

Help remove winter debris, prepare landscape areas, edge, trim, mulch and do general outdoor cleanup on the church grounds. Bring your

favorite gardening tools – brooms, rakes, edgers, etc.

Please come and help.

Volunteer efforts help us save the cost of paid preparation for the upcoming growing season.



## Beautify All Saints' summer landscape

More than 20 years ago we began offering members, families and friends an opportunity to adopt one of the 15 landscape beds surrounding the church.

During the growing season, flowers are planted, beds are tended, and we become a welcoming presence in our community.

If you are interested in adopting a landscape bed, contact Gloria Bock by calling the church office at 614-885-0112 or e-mail at [gloriab@saintsonhigh.org](mailto:gloriab@saintsonhigh.org).

Check the poster in the hall across from the coatrooms for available beds.

# Plan (and plant) ahead to help hungry

## Plant a Row

All Saints Hunger Task Force will continue the popular "Plant a Row for the Hungry" campaign during the upcoming growing season.

We urge everyone in the congregation to consider planting part of their gardens planning to share the harvest with Lutheran Social Services and Worthington food pantries. This program, wherein people drop off fresh produce at the church for delivery to the pantries, provides those who depend on the pantries with high-quality, fresh produce. Those who don't garden are welcome to drop off purchased fresh produce or extras from farm share or outings that include berry picking, etc.

The needs of the pantries continue

to increase. At the Worthington pantry, the number of families served has gone from a monthly average of 70 to more than 250 in a single year.

## Foster a plant

Foster "parents" are sought for plants for distribution through the Lutheran Social Services and Worthington food pantries.

This program allows those who depend on the pantries for part of their food needs to also participate in growing their own fresh produce. Members are asked to start tomato, pepper or other plants from seed and bring them to the church beginning Mother's Day May 8. We encourage those who wish to participate to have their seeds in soil by April 1.

We also will gladly accept vegetable or flower plants purchased from a store or nursery.

Past beneficiaries have loved the opportunity to grow produce that can help to provide for their families during the growing season.

## Pantry Patch

All Saints' Pantry Patch welcomes gardeners to plant, tend and harvest vegetables for donation to Lutheran Social Services Food Pantries. Vegetables are planted in the raised beds at the edge of the rear parking lot.

If you've got that gardening bug and would like to help, call Betsy Rechel at (614) 431-9336 or e-mail her at [sbrechel@gmail.com](mailto:sbrechel@gmail.com).

# All Saints welcomes new visitation pastor

All Saints is pleased to welcome Pastor Jim Jensen, who will begin his role as director of pastoral care for the congregation May 1.

Pastor Jensen has served as chaplain for the Lutheran Village of Columbus (now Summit's Trace) since 1994, and with that role ending, he is pleased to be joining All Saints' staff.

"I am very excited to be joining the pastoral staff at All Saints Lutheran Church as Director of Pastoral Care, and I'm looking forward to this part-time ministry, which I hope will give me some more discretionary time and a more relaxed pace," he said. "I

enjoy doing visitation ministry and look forward to meeting members of All Saints."

A native of Albert Lea, Minn., Pastor Jensen graduated in 1970 with a master's in divinity from Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. He served his first call at Grace and St. Paul Lutheran churches in Mathis, Texas. He served as assistant pastor at St. Peter and St. Paul Lutheran churches in Prairie du Chien, Wis., and then as pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Washington, Iowa.

Following these calls, he studied a year and a half in clinical pastoral education to prepare for chap-



laincy, to which he had felt called since his days in seminary.

He and his wife, Nona, have two sons, two daughters-in-law and four grandchildren. The couple enjoys bicycling, kayaking and walking. Pastor Jensen also gardens, golfs and enjoys woodworking.

## Thank You from Marj Stevenson

*Editor's note: Marj had this in just days after her celebration, but it was left out of the early and printed versions of last month's newsletter. We apologize and want to make it clear it wasn't Marj who was behind in offering her thanks!*

To the most wonderful, caring, loving and spirit-filled congregation ...  
THANK YOU!

I can't begin to describe the wonder and awe I felt during the most remarkable weekend of my life! It began on Thursday with a surprise visit from our son Craig who lives in Arizona, a family party hosted by our 3 sons (Craig, Brian and Kyle) on Friday, dinner on Saturday with Bishop Eaton and the Maxwells, hugs and greetings from members following each of the Sunday morning services and an amazing gathering of close to 200 of my dearest friends later that afternoon. Not to mention all the



Marj Stevenson shares a moment with Gabrielle and Sabrina Ramsay during her retirement celebration.

cards, notes, and recognition from so many who were not able to be present on Sunday! I have been "flying high!" and repeating often "oh my goodness!" (Ken Keller—where are you when I need to find

the right words!)

I'm not sure if the words overwhelmed, humbled, amazed, grateful, appreciative and honored can even begin to describe my feelings. The words "thank you" seem so inadequate, but if you pack them with the greatest feelings of love, respect and appreciation you can imagine, you might begin to understand what I am trying to say!

Thanks to the Party Planners, (Peg Margello, Chair, Beth Maxwell, Linda and Tom Lehman, Sue Tobbe, Sandi Snyder, Pam Johnson, Judy Kammerdiener and Vicki Buchenroth) who worked so hard to make the party such a great event. Aside from a couple of problems that were even out of Peg's control, it was a perfect evening! We did fill the room to capacity! The food was delicious,

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## Marj

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the cake outstanding. While the Committee did not share any of their plans with me, I was told I would be pleased. And, oh my goodness, I was!

Thanks to Ken and David Keller who put together an amazing slide show sharing history from my 35 years at All Saints.

The program included family pictures, both church and world events plus music and fashions from that time. What fun to hear the songs sung by Jennie Varoom and played by Jan Arthur. The fashion show began with school attire from the 40's and ended with business dress of the 90's. Models were Sabrina and Gabrielle Ramsay, Sarah Buchenroth, Dani Kaufman, Jen Erickson and Denise Wesley. The program ended with a rendition of the song "Mame" re-written for "Marj" by Ken.

The thoughts expressed in the commendation I received will be cherished. The beautiful fountain I received from the congregation will be installed in the spring. Ahhh, imagine warm sunshine, breakfast on the deck and the tinkling sounds of water splashing in the fountain. And ... the travel fund. Bob and I are planning a River Cruise sometime in 2012. (Too busy to squeeze it in this year!) The good times just keep getting better! Thank you so much!

My love and thanks to you for allowing me to walk this journey with you.

May God's peace and presence be with you always.

Love, Marj

## Lent: Justice

### Justice

"What does God require of you? To act justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." -- Micah 6:8

Join us for a discussion, based on a class taught by Michael Sandel, the Anne T. and Robert M. Bass Professor of Government at Harvard ([www.justiceharvard.org](http://www.justiceharvard.org)).

9:30 a.m. Sundays

Noon Wednesdays at the church (bring a bag lunch)

9:30 a.m. Men's Lenten Breakfasts

### Wednesday Services

6 to 6:45 p.m. Simple Supper

6:45 to 7:30 p.m. Worship  
with Holden Evening Prayer

7:30 to 8:15 p.m. Presentation

March 30: Sermon,  
Melissa McCrumb  
Presentation - Melissa  
McCrumb on BREAD

April 6: Sermon, Jodi Rice  
Presentation - Jodi Rice on  
her work with international  
adoptions

April 13: Sermon, Dave Kaufman  
Presentation - Dave  
Kaufman on Future  
Possibilities and his work  
with inner city youth

## Prayer Chain

The prayer chain invites those who believe in the power of prayer to join our group.

Prayer chain members are asked to commit to regular prayer for our church, pastors, church leaders, country and those with long-term health problems and concerns as well as prayer for individual requests on an "on-call" basis. Serving the congregation with our prayers is our way of showing Christian love and support to

those in need. To join the prayer chain ministry, contact Gladyce Kuhn at 614-885-6461 or June Nowacki at 614-885-8082.

### About the prayer chain:

- Anyone in the congregation can make a prayer request
- Requests are confidential
- Request prayer by calling either Gladyce or June

## Cantata

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Blosser and funds given by Dick and Judy Coleman in memory of their daughter Sally Jo.

Bob Hamilton, chair of the Endowment Committee which supervises the Music Enrichment Fund stated, "The funding came from the E.R. and Jean Blosser bequest and is the

result of Bloss' and Jean's love of All Saints and its music program."

Members of the Endowment Committee are: Bob Hamilton, chair; Gloria Bock, parish administrator; Pastor Bonnie Gerber; Heidi Lockhart; Jim Meyers; Rick Nadler; Beth Patton; Scott Rechel; and Rob Wesley, Council representative.

## 'Sandwich Saturday' to aid Lutheran World Relief

Volunteers are asked to help with quilt "sandwiches" using the tops others have made from the packets of fabric squares.

We have about 20 tops sewn, and now it is time to assemble comforters. This is a process of making the "sandwich" which consists of layering a pieced top, batting and finally

a back fabric. Once the "sandwich" is made, it is tied together by loops of yarn pulled through and tied every 6 inches.

All Saints will hold a "Sandwich Saturday" from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 2, and there will be a job for anyone who can attend. Please bring a sack lunch.

## Parish Directory

### Births

Andrew Zane and Grant William, sons of Jeff and Katie Kieselbach, March 6

### Baptisms

Charlotte Kate, daughter of Matt and Katie Del Vecchio, Feb. 27; Cohen Michael, son of Michael and Andrea Cox, March 6

### Death

David Brobst, March 12

### Funeral

David Brobst, March 17

### Transfers

Ken and Tracy McHone to Peace

Lutheran Church, Gahanna; Donna Cohen to Epiphany Lutheran Church, Germantown, Tenn.; Rick and Elaine Sahler, All Shepherds Lutheran Church, Lewis Center.

### Sympathies

Expressed to Primo and Evelyn Pagura on the death of Evelyn's brother Dan Storey on March 5; Jerry and Deanna Wilson and family and Debbie and Donna Brobst on the death of Deanna, Debbie and Donna's father, David Brobst, on March 12; David Palsgrove on the death of his sister, Molly Davis, on March 15; and Roshini Shank and Suresh Ebenezer on the death of their grandmother, Sarojini Doraiswamy on March 18.

## 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.

April 13	Jim & Maxine Loyer	54 years
April 28	Clint & Charlene Friedley	54 years
April 30	Xingyuan and Yunhua Du	52 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 April, we apologize and would ask that you notify the church office at [aslc@saintsonhigh.org](mailto:aslc@saintsonhigh.org) or 614-885-0112 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.

Office: 614-885-0112 Fax: 614-885-0199  
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### Office and Program Staff

Lead Pastor	Bonnie Gerber
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Middle School and High School Ministries	Lisa Brooks
Preschool	Mary Lou Kolloff
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Bookkeeper	Jodi Wilson
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



Join us  
in June  
where  
faith and  
life  
connect!