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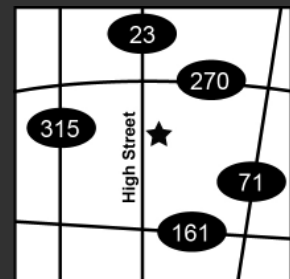
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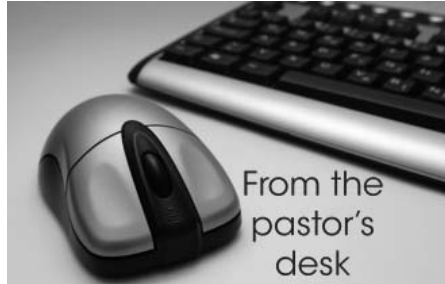
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At 50, All Saints still hears call

Fifty years ago a group of people gathered together and took a leap of faith by starting a mission church in Worthington called All Saints Lutheran Church.

At that time, they could not have known what was in store for this faithful group. What they did know is that they had to try to offer on the "outskirts" of this city a place to worship God and share the light of Jesus Christ. Fifty years ago, the Holy Spirit was moving across the waters, creating something new and driving the baptized to shine their light.

Therefore, in 2012, we celebrate what was started 50 years ago. We celebrate that the light of Jesus shone brightly in the charter members and that they were willing to let their lights shine in this community. Each of us came to this community of faith through



the movement of the Holy Spirit and by the light of a devoted disciple.

So to build on what was created and nurtured throughout these 50 years, we will commence a year long celebration on Feb. 12. Pastor Doug Warburton, a son of the congregation and current pastor at Peace Lutheran Church, Gahanna, will preach during all four services.

Our theme for the year is **Shine Your Light** and is taken from the

Bible, Matthew 5:16, and from our baptism ceremony, "Let your light so shine before others that they see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Just as the charter members did 50 years ago, we also are called to do so; take a step in faith and let our lights shine for all to see.

This year is a renewed call to go and be Jesus' disciples in the world. This year, especially, we begin ventures that we can't predict the results of 50 years from today. However, we trust that God will take the ordinary we offer and make it extraordinary.

Throughout the year we will offer times and places where we can, together, serve God by serving others. The choice is yours. Shine Your Light!

Pastor Bonnie Gerber

The Gathering plans to hit 'prime time'

You may have already heard, but we are excited to announce that the Gathering worship service is changing times! Starting on Sunday, April 15, the Gathering will meet at 9:30 a.m. The service will remain in Parish Hall.

Thursdays remain the king in prime time television for U.S. households. In the '80s, NBC coined the phrase "Must-See TV," as they put their best shows on the nights when the majority of Americans got cozy next to "the great American campfire," the television. Network executives even discovered at one point the most popular hour on Thursday nights was 10 p.m.

At All Saints we too have a prime time, and it's not Thursday nights. As you can imagine, Sunday mornings are the most popular time for people to gather together here, but in particular, we're busi-

est during the 9:30 a.m. hour.

Our church is used by various groups and people throughout the week, but 9:30 on Sunday morning stands out from the other 167 hours in a week.

During its 50-year history, worship has been a hallmark for All Saints. As we move into another 50 years, we want to continue to offer great, Christ-centered worship, at an hour that touches the most number of people.

All Saints is a diverse place made up of people from differing Christian backgrounds and ages. We have single people, blended families, single parent homes, grandparents, empty nesters, young couples, older couples, grade school children, high school youth, college age young adults, etc.

Despite our differences, the common desire is to bring each person into a relationship with Jesus Christ. We strive to give glory to God; share the good news of Christ; and grow in expression of faith and discipleship. This is our mission, but it is not a "one-size-fits-all" ministry.

Because we are a diverse community, we offer diverse opportunities to people so that more people are brought into a relationship with Jesus Christ and into relationship with one another.

Pastor John Ortberg writes, "One problem with many approaches to spiritual growth is that they assume the same methods will produce the same growth in different people. They will not. What would grow an orchid would

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Council approves budget proposal

During its regular business meeting Jan. 16, Congregation Council approved a proposed 2012 budget for presentation to the congregation during the annual Congregational Meeting Jan. 29.

The proposed \$955,228 budget includes a deficit of \$8,891 to be met through a 2011 surplus of in the same amount. Income for 2012 is estimated to be \$946,337.

Benevolence will be 10 percent of the total budget. These benevolence funds go to a number of local, national and global organizations.

Increased line items included Youth Ministry, technology and salaries, with all staff recommended to get a 2 percent raise in 2012. This is the first across-the-board raise for the staff in three years, and Council and the



Support Committee believed it important to include.

The congregation will vote on the budget during the annual Congregational Meeting following 11 a.m. worship services Jan. 29.

In other business, Council:

- Heard a report on the Stewardship Committee's fall campaign. As of the meeting, 331 pledges had been received, representing about \$765,870 in planned giving. Of those pledges, 161

represented an increase in giving, 87 remained the same and 83 decreased from 2011.

- Received a report from Pastor Bonnie Gerber and Pastor Mike Weaver on the yearlong theme for the celebration of All Saints' 50th anniversary. "Shine Your Light" will focus on putting God's love into action -- loving others, building community, doing God's work in the world and seeking authenticity as a church. The pastors plan to review all aspects of worship at All Saints. Already under way, preparations to move the Gathering from 11 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in Parish Hall beginning April 15, a new logo design and exploration of a social justice ministry.

Concerts at All Saints

As part of its 50th Anniversary celebration kickoff Feb. 12, All Saints will host a recital by Curtis Pierce, a former All Saints organist, at 4 p.m.

Mr. Pierce was organist, then organist and choir director of All Saints 46 years ago while working at Augsburg Publishing House before attending The Ohio State University.

He holds a bachelor's of music degree in organ performance from The Ohio State University, and a master's of sacred music degree from Union Theological Seminary, The School of Sacred Music in New York City. He studied organ with Roberta Gary at Capital University; Wilbur Held at Ohio State; and Alec Wyton and Leonard Raver, both in New York. In addition to his academic work, Mr. Pierce spent a summer in Cambridge studying the English Choral tradition, and a summer in Paris, studying the French Organ tradition.

We are excited to celebrate this, our anniversary year, with the presence of such a fine organist, who will make great use of the capacity of our Keggs pipe organ installed several years ago.

Mr. Pierce will play works by Arne, Bach, Christiansen, Couperin, Franck, Hollins, Vierne and Widor.

Pastor Mike

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drown a cactus. What would feed a mouse would starve an elephant. ... These objects all need light, food, air, water – but in different amounts and conditions. The key is not treating every creature alike. It is finding the unique conditions that help each creature grow."

Some people grow best in traditional liturgy. Others grow best with a contemporary style. In each, we worship God. The differing styles of worship at All Saints' prime time for worship will give more people the opportunity to hear and respond to the Gospel.

Certainly this change will have its challenges, but we are confident that this is God's will for our life together as a church.

Pastor Mike Weaver

February Service Opportunities

Feb. 1 – 29	Blue Star Moms Collection for deployed military personnel
Feb. 5	Fair Trade Coffee Sunday
Feb. 5 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Red Cross Blood Drive
Feb. 11 noon – 3:30 p.m.	Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry (Saturday)
Feb. 17 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry
Feb. 19	Laurels Nursing Home Worship
Feb. 22 – 29	Lenten Food Drive for LSS Food Pantry (through March)

Lutheran Social Services Food Pantries

Urgent needs

- 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 office).
- No opened boxes of food.
- Please do not bring clothing donations to All Saints.
- Call Furniture Bank of Central Ohio (614-272-9544) for home pick-up of furniture, appliances, and household items.

Other donations

- Eyeglasses: Lions Club Services for Youth. UPC code from any Campbell's product.
- Used printer cartridges (ink or printer toner, copier toner cannot be accepted); Benefits Mid-Ohio Food Bank
- Campbell Soup Labels: Benefits Oesterlen
- Pop Can Tabs: Benefits Ronald McDonald House at Nationwide Children's Hospital



Support our troops in Afghanistan

In February, All Saints, in conjunction with the Dublin A.M. Rotary Club, will collect items for Blue Star Moms, Columbus Chapter, to send to our troops in hostile regions of Afghanistan.

The Blue Star Moms – who have or have had children serving in our armed services – will pack items in shoe boxes and send them to soldiers in remote areas in Afghanistan.

A list of wanted items is posted at the All Saints collection site in the coatroom hallway and on the Web site.

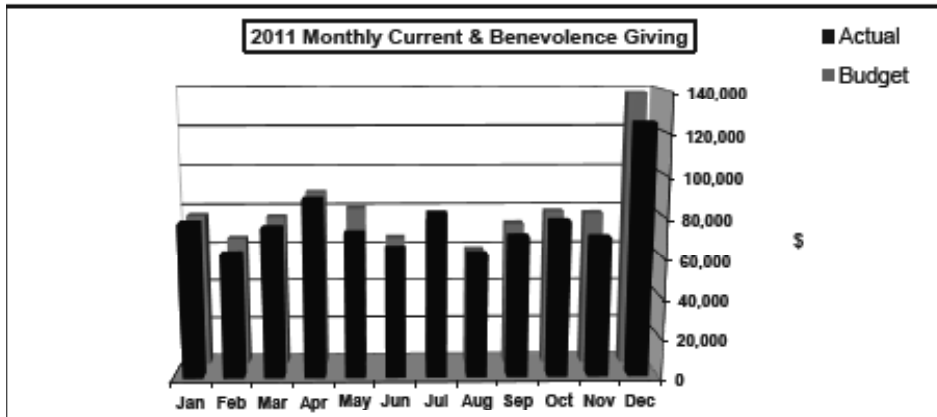
The Moms really like to receive filled boxes, which saves them time in filling boxes.

The Moms also need volunteers to help fill boxes which are mailed every other month or so, which is done Saturday mornings at the Sharon Memorial Hall in Worthington. A sign-up for this activity will be posted on our bulletin board.

For more information contact Jim Warburton 614-717-9534.

On the Numbers

December Financial Report



We finished the year with a surplus of \$8,893. Income of \$921,782 exceeded expenses of \$912,889. We are thankful to our members for their giving and to our staff for all their hard work in keeping expenses down for the year.

December income came in at 91 percent of budget: \$124,023 vs. \$136,133. Income for the year was \$921,782 vs. \$950,800 as projected. In 2010, total income received was \$966,635. The difference in income from 2010 to 2011 of \$44,853, which represents a decrease of 4.6 percent.

December expenses came in

at \$125,015 which was higher than the budgeted amount of \$124,598. Total expenses for the year were \$912,889 vs. \$950,800 as projected. In 2010, we had expenses of \$983,803 which was \$70,915, 7.2 percent higher than this year.

We appreciate our members' giving, which helps support our many ministries at All Saints. We're asking all members to be faithful in fulfilling their pledges (if possible) during 2012. Your financial support is important and necessary to the continued ministry at All Saints.

God bless.

	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Income	\$921,782	\$950,800	(\$29,018)
Expenses	\$912,889	\$950,800	(\$37,911)
Net	\$ 8,893	(\$ 0)	\$ 8,893

Red Cross Blood Drive

All Saints will host a Red Cross Blood Drive the morning of Sunday, Feb. 5 in the Red Cross' mobile unit in the rear parking lot of the church.

Anyone who donated on or before Dec. 11 may be eligible to give.

Appointments are available between 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Please sign-up on the Share and Serve bulletin board in the Gathering Area or contact Kay Labosky at kayl@saintsonhigh.org or 614-885-0112 for an appointment.



Pack the Pantry with Peanut Butter!

Our goal for this year's Lenten food drive is to collect 2,100 16 to 18 oz. jars of peanut butter for distribution through the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantries.

Why peanut butter rather than tuna, as we did last year? It's simple economics. While a standard can of tuna will yield two or three servings, an approximately one-pound jar of peanut butter will mean eight servings. That adds up to a big difference for a family dependent on the food pantry to help provide meals.

We ask that members stick with the roughly one-pound jars rather than larger jars, please. Having equivalent-sized jars just makes the whole process more fair to all those who rely on the pantries for help.

This Lent, remember those who rely on assistance with basic needs and Pack the Pantry with Peanut Butter!

Lent 2012: Shine Your Light

Ash Wednesday this year falls on Feb. 22, marking the start of the Lenten season.

Lent is a time of prayer, service, and self-examination. During this time, many of us choose to live simpler lives.

That can mean "giving something up" or adding to our devotions each day or furthering a ministry.

For All Saints, during this year of celebration of 50 years as a congregation, we also will remember our call to serve as Christ's disciples in our families, our communities and our world.

It can be as simple as a donation of peanut butter to our Lenten food drive or as complicated as hearing a call to ministry in a way you never expected. The possibilities where God may send us are endless. Just hear the call; answer; and be sent to Shine Your Light in



the world so that others may give glory to our Father in Heaven.

Services

For that reason, each year, we offer Wednesday Lenten services. The first is at 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22, when we recognize our need to repent as we realize the brevity of our

human lives. On subsequent Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. Feb. 29 through March 28, our services will be the Holden Evening Prayer.

Simple Suppers

All Saints will continue its tradition of Simple Suppers before Lenten services Wednesday evenings, and we invite all to join us for fellowship and good food.

The suppers will begin at 6 p.m. each Sunday during Lent, starting Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22 and continuing through March 28.

We need ministries to host our annual Lenten Simple suppers. Groups are asked to provide the food and set up and clean up the meal. Two or more ministries are welcome to team up.

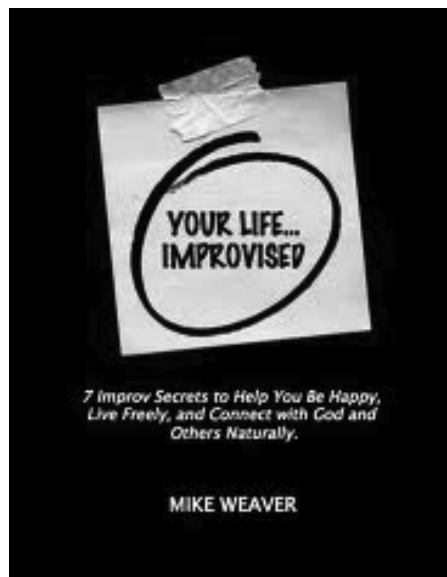
Contact Kay Labosky at 614-885-0112 or kayl@saintsonhigh.org.

Join Pastor Mike in life, improvised

Pastor Mike has released his new book, "Your Life...Improvised: 7 Improv Secrets to Help You Be Happy, Live Freely, and Connect with God and Others Naturally."

In the book, Pastor Mike outlines how people can free themselves from worry, resentments, fears, and selfish ambition that weigh people down to embrace the gift of life God gives.

Drawing from Scripture and the world of improv, and complete with fun and easy activities, "Your Life...Improvised" gives people a peek into the secrets that make improvisers tick and what makes them fun people to be around. Living an improvised life is not about living a reckless life. It is about living an unencumbered life.



The book is published by Blurb Books. Mike has studied improv from some of the best teachers in the nation, and performs regularly with Easily Amused Improv in Columbus.

Sew Sew Saints

When the weather outside is frightful...it's a good time to sew!

The Sew Sew Saints have been busy preparing quilt kits for Lutheran World Relief Quilts. Our goal this year is to make 50 quilts to commemorate All Saints' 50th Anniversary.

The kits are available in a basket in the hallway between the Gathering Area and Narthex. If you can count to eight and can sew a straight seam with a sewing machine, you have the skills necessary to sew a quilt top at home at your convenience and return to the basket. If you have questions or materials to donate, please call Gretchen Glasgow at 614-882-6174.

'In that moment, we're connecting'

"We're going to have church! Right here, right now!"

Heidi Lockhart's cheerful voice rings out to a resident of the Laurels of Worthington Memory Care Unit, a maneuver requiring a gracious way to ask for the newspaper from which a resident was loudly reading. Retrieving the newspaper from which he was reading (she made sure to return it at the end of service), Heidi repeats, "We're going to have church! Right here. We've brought it here."

Heidi says this may be her best hour of the month, sharing the love of God with those who have little or no opportunity to go outside their care facility. While most of the residents at the Laurels of Worthington can visit other areas, those within the Memory Care Unit are restricted, with even the visitors from All Saints requiring a pass code to get through the doors.

This is where about 10 All Saints volunteers have chosen to visit each month, where all can come but residents gain their only opportunity to experience worship. So, each third Sunday of the month, a group of volunteers gathers to bring this important message to those at the Laurels who cannot attend worship elsewhere: God loves them.

On this Sunday, Kim Davis-Hetrick is sharing a devotion, encouraging folks to remember favorite winter meals. As a resident makes a noise, Kim pauses to make eye contact and offers a rub to the woman's shoulder. As the woman settles, Kim continues, still asking for those favorite meals and



Some of All Saints' Laurels of Worthington worship team gathers during the Christmas season. The team gathers to bring good news to those in the Memory Care Facility on the third Sunday of each month.

encouraging participation from the residents as she explains that our own sense of taste is just a foretaste of what God has in store for us in Heaven.

It sometimes seems maybe almost no one in the unit is paying attention, but the difference shows as voices echo the words of a familiar hymn or the Lord's Prayer. Lips begin to move, and faces light up, as the familiar words are heard. "Our Father ..."

Several of the residents smile in response to 10-year-old Jack Lockhart's smile, an almost irresistible force. To Jack, it's just being Jack, but he recognizes that this service "just makes them very happy." And it makes Jack feel special to be involved.

Later in the day, volunteer Gretchen Wiethe notes, "For so many of these folks, it's the only visitation they get."

A volunteer to the elderly in other settings, Gretchen appreciates the opportunity to bring God and faith into what is a passion to serve those in need of care that extends beyond that which we entirely understand.

"We don't know how God reaches them," she says. "I was watching during Christmas carols, and this woman seemed to be paying no attention, but with her fingers, she was tapping along. In that moment, God was connecting. We were connecting."

"They may not remember, but it's about that connection."

How to help

Interested in participating in ministry at the Laurels? Contact Kay Labosky at 614-885-0112 or kayl@saintsonhigh.org. You can offer devotions, prayers, do a Bible reading, play piano, just sing along or give a smile.

Train us all in the way we should go

Yes, the verse as originally written applies to children, but those of us who work with them regularly can pretty much always use some guidance, too.

On a snowy January evening, about 30 All Saints members gathered to get advice from Gary Pecuch, Southern Ohio Synod Family and Youth Ministry Director.

His main point: "Love the stuffing out of them."

Yes, there were practical ideas on how to engage in conversation and how to recognize that young people's experiences today differ

from those of the adults around them. But mostly, "just the love the stuffing out of those kids."

Easier said than done, of course, but we need our members of all ages to figure out the best ways to love the stuffing out of youth.

Parents, sure, even in the frustrated moments. Sunday School teachers, sure. But we also need OWLs, Older, Wiser Lutherans who have been there, done that and have advice for the rest of us.

The key is that our youth ministry is not limited to youth or to their parents and the pastors and paid

staff. It's something we all promise to do when we witness a baptism. With kids, without kids, post-kids at home. We promised to support children in their faith journey. So, even if you've been there and done that, or perhaps never done it at all, consider taking a role in the life of a youth and helping them learn about your faith.

You'll learn about theirs, too, and it just might surprise and inspire you.

Want to get involved in our youth ministry? Contact us as 614-885-0112 or aslc@saintsonhigh.org.

Be sure to catch Cabin Fever!

The Shull Small Group is preparing for its annual Cabin Fever, scheduled this year for 5 p.m. Feb. 4.

This year's event will feature a Chili Cookoff as well as the "No Talent Talent Show."

To sign up for either, e-mail Roxanne Shull at roxanne.shull@

sbcglobal.net or barbara.duane@gmail.com.

Proceeds this year will be donated to our teens going to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 and for sale after Sunday services.



Young Retireds

Wednesday, Feb. 1: Laughter Therapy

February brings to mind Valentine's Day and heart health. Our own Jane Karras will move us in the right direction with a program on laughter therapy and the value of yoga. Jane is certified in both.

North Star Café will cater a meal of healthy food you will love, and its owners will share the story behind this popular restaurant.

Sign up on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area or contact the



church office at 614-885-0112 or aslc@saintsonhigh.org.

Wednesday, March 7: Easter Through Art

A speaker from The Columbus Museum of Art will present the program "Easter Through Art."

This program showcases art related to the Easter story from art on display at the National Gallery of Art in Washington D.C. Carfagna's will cater the noon meal.

Look for more details to come and a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area.



Youth Ministry



Beginnings Ministry: Birth through age 3

Q: Is it too soon to begin to pass on the faith to my baby or toddler?

A: No, it's not too soon.

Q: How can I do it? They won't understand.

A: Live your faith out loud! When it's a beautiful day, talk about how God made the world and everything in it. When something goes wrong, ask God to be with

you and guide you. In the morning, give thanks to God for the promise of the day. At meals, give God gratitude for the food. At bedtime, talk to God about events of the day.

Your little ones won't "understand," but just as they are learning about Mommy, Daddy, and the world around them through hearing names repeated, they

will begin to learn about a special friend named God who is an important part of their family's life.

Kay

For more information on Beginnings Ministry, contact 614-885-0112, Kay at kayl@saintsonhigh.org or Pam at pamw@saintsonhigh.org.



Children's Ministry: Preschool through 5th grade

February, the month of the year where candies are sold in heart-shaped boxes, Valentines are given and flowers are bought, just so you can tell a special person in your life that you love them. Do you remember taking those little heart candies with phrases on them and picking out the "I like you" ones and making sure you gave it to the boy/girl that you liked in school? Did you ever pick out the BEST valentine's card you had and give it to them?

Do you remember then panicking because you weren't sure if they would respond in the way you wanted? It's not always easy being a kid and telling someone you "like" them and risking your heart to see if anyone "likes" you back.

Thankfully, God is always telling us that He loves us, and as his children, we are always in need of it. It is probably the main thing in life that doesn't change as we grow

older. God made us so that we are constantly in need of his love that he so freely gives. This Valentine's Day, remember to show the children in your life that you love them. It doesn't need to come in the form of a heart-shaped box, or flowers or candy; after all, the greatest act of love was given on a cross. It can be as simple as saying, "I love you" and giving a great big bear hug. You know your child best, find a way to knock their socks off and tell them how much you and their Father in heaven love them.

Praying for you and your family,
Pam

JAM/First Communion

We're combining events, as 3rd-, 4th- and 5th-graders meet for Souper Bowl Sundae at 12:15 p.m. Feb. 5. The afternoon will feature soup, ice cream and games. Our 5th-graders will then gather at 1:15

p.m. for First Communion instruction, while the 3rd- and 4th-graders wrap up at 1:30 p.m.

Family Movie Night

It's cold outside ... let's head to Rio! Join us from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17 for Family Movie Night.

Doors will open at 6, the movie "Rio" will start at 6:30 in the Parish Hall. Bring a blanket and a picnic dinner for your family. Snack items such as popcorn, drinks, warm pretzels, etc. will be provided for cost of donation to Children's Ministry. Join us for the FREE event.

Sign up on the Children's Ministry bulletin board by the Preschool entrance.

For more information on Children's Ministry, contact 614-885-0112 or Pam at pamw@saintsonhigh.org.



Youth Ministry



Middle School Ministry: Grades 6 through 8

"Since Christ is Lord of Heaven and Earth....how can I keep from singing?" More than 30 middle school students went Christmas caroling in December to some of our member's homes. You would not believe the joy that was coming from the youth. They were so happy to see what a difference they were able to make in someone's day, just by offering their presence and their song. We had allotted approximately two hours for this activity. It ended up being a unanimous decision that next year we need to add a couple hours, as the kids were not ready to "keep from singing"! God is alive and in our midst, and if you don't believe it, I invite you to get involved with this age group. They are an energetic, joy-filled group of young people who can teach us the simple joy of giving all that they have!

~Lisa

Confirmation

Saturday Sessions for Confirmation education run from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Remaining sessions: Feb. 4, March 3, April 14 and May 5

Retreats remaining: 8th-grade:



Middle School Youth enjoyed a trip to Lazer Craze.

April 14 - 15

Confirmation Sunday for 8th-graders: May 20

Youth Group

The youth group will be providing a Pancake Breakfast to the Congregation on Sunday, Feb. 12. This has become an annual event, and this year also will be part of the All Saints 50th Anniversary celebration! Proceeds from this breakfast will help fund future

Middle School Youth Group activities.

Mark your calendars now for upcoming events:

May 6: Cookout

June 3: Car Wash

July 10: Cedar Point

For more information on Middle School Ministry, contact Lisa Brooks at 614-885-0112 or lisab@saintsonhigh.org.



High School Ministry: Grades 9 through 12

2012 National Youth Gathering

We currently have 21 youth attending the National Youth

Gathering in July. At the time of this newsletter, there is still space available to join us.

Please let me know at lisab@saintsonhigh.org as soon as possible if you have a youth who would like to join us.

All Saints Cookbook

We continue to have cookbooks available. The cookbooks are \$16 and benefit the youth attending the Gathering.

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High School Ministry: Grades 9 through 12

This past month 16 high school youth, along with Theresa Burkhart and myself, attended Jacob's Porch, The Ohio State University campus ministry serving college students and the community. They hosted a high school night during which we were able to go and worship with them and then stay the night and participate in a service project. I was thoroughly amazed to see the many college and high school students worshipping together in what felt like a "standing-room only" atmosphere.

I saw the most eclectic array of sofas I have ever seen in one place, paint stains on the carpet, Christmas lights hanging randomly from the ceiling ... and probably just as eclectic as their sofa collection was the collection of teenagers and young adults in attendance. They certainly didn't have the best of everything (or maybe even the best of anything) in their worship space but they had a shared passion for their Savior, a shared passion that may have been the best I have ever seen.

Our youth really seemed to enjoy their experience, and I pray that the passion they experienced that evening is just one of the many ways we can help our youth worship, experience and really get to know God.

Be sure to read on for upcoming events that will provide our youth with ways to continue on their spiritual journey.

~Lisa



High School Youth enjoy their time on an overnight visit to Jacob's Porch, The Ohio State University's on-campus Lutheran ministry.

Sunday Evenings

Join us every Sunday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. as we learn and grow together.

30-Hour Famine

Feb. 24 through 25, our youth will be participating in the 30-hour Famine.

Here's why:

fact: Every day, as many as 11,000 kids die from hunger and causes related to hunger. Some starve. Some get sick and waste away—their hungry bodies too weak to fight disease.

fact: Around the world, 925 million people are hungry. That's roughly 3 times the population of the United States. And it's 925 million too many.

fact: No kid should die from an empty stomach. The real injustice is that practically every one of these deaths is 100 percent preventable.

fact: We can help save kids' lives. Here's the proof: Since the 30-Hour Famine started in 1992, the total number of kids who die each day has been slashed by one third—dropping from 34,000 to 22,000. That's thanks to the hard work of a lot of people, including students just like ours.

Please consider helping us by praying for us, praying for those who are hungry, and if you are able to do so, donate \$30 to help provide food and medical care for one child for one month.

Special Events

Take a quick peek at our upcoming activities:

Feb.4 – Cabin Fever

Feb. 24 through 25
30-hour Famine

March 11
Dinner/Worship at Jacob's Porch

April 28 – Shack City

Cross Training

9:30 a.m. Sundays through Feb. 12

Carolyn Eselgroth will offer the course, "The Reason for God" by Pastor Timothy Keller at 9:30 a.m. Sundays through Feb. 12.

As the founding pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City, Timothy Keller has compiled a list of the most frequently voiced "doubts" skeptics bring to his church as well as the most important reasons for faith. And in the New York Times bestselling "The Reason for God," he addresses each doubt and explains each reason.

Keller uses literature, philosophy, real-life conversations and reasoning to explain how faith in a Christian God is a soundly rational belief, held by thoughtful people of intellectual integrity with a deep compassion for those who truly want to know the truth. Captured live and unscripted, pastor and author Timothy Keller meets with a group of people over six sessions to address their doubts and objections to Christianity. Using literature, philosophy, real-life experiences, and the Bible, Keller and the group explore the truth of Christianity.

We will use the Discussion Guide

and DVD to learn how to engage others in dialogue on six common objections to Christianity. Whether in a group setting or individual conversation, The Reason for God is a resource for what to say in response to these objections, and a model for how to say it.

9:30 a.m. Sundays beginning Feb. 19

Cross Training will offer a Sunday morning Adult Sunday School series that is highly provocative at 9:30 a.m. Sundays beginning Feb. 19. Mark Allan Powell, professor of New Testament at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, has put together six video presentations on uncovering the Jesus of history. Newspapers, magazines and television are presenting "new" information about Jesus. What can be said about Jesus that people of all faiths, or no faith, would affirm? This course will examine the opinions of modern historians concerning the life and work of Jesus. It will try to determine whether historical studies of Jesus undermine Christian faith or in fact confirm and support our religious confessions.

Textbook: "Jesus as a Figure in History," Mark Allan Powell

1. Historians Discover Jesus:
2. Jesus Outside the Bible

3. The Jesus Seminar
4. Jesus and Politics
5. Did Jesus work miracles?:
6. Who killed Jesus - and why?

The Greatest Story: Jesus

Join us as we experience Jesus' life and ministry from Advent to Easter.

Participants will journey through the Gospel narratives – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John – in this exciting exploration of the life and ministry of Jesus. The book "The Greatest Story: Jesus," by the Rev. Allen R. Hilton and Dr. Mark Allan Powell, uses the Bible in an engaging and informative way through 16 sessions.

You may purchase a participant book for \$15. Please let Pastor Bonnie know if you'd like to join us at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays and if you'd like to purchase a book.

New member classes

Classes for those interested in joining All Saints will be at 7 p.m. Wednesdays beginning April 11 and run through May 30. New members will be received in worship on June 3.

The Archeology of Early Judaism

While the group from All Saints visits sites in Israel in March, visiting Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Galilee, you can learn about the Holy Land too!

Dr. Jodi Magness (Ph.D. Classical Archaeology, University of PA, 1989; B.A. Archaeology and History, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1977) will present The Archeology of Early Judaism, March 23 through 25 at Beth Messiah Con-

gregation in Columbus.

Topics include: Jerusalem in the time of Jesus, Ossuaries and the Burials of Jesus and James, Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls, Ancient Synagogues, Masada, and New Excavation at Huqoq.

Dr. Magness is the Kenan Distinguished Professor for Teaching and Excellence in Early Judaism. She is a renowned specialist in the

archaeology of ancient Palestine (modern Israel, Jordan, and the Palestinian territories) in the Roman, Byzantine, and early Islamic periods. Her research interests include Jerusalem, Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls, ancient synagogues, Masada, the Roman army in the East, and ancient pottery.

For more information and to register go to www.mjsi.org. \$50 for the entire symposium or \$20 per day.

Thank you for support of winter coat drive

Thank you for the generous outpouring of support for the first Worthington Food Pantry and Resource Center Coat Giveaway.

All Saints provided a van-load of winter wear for our local neighbors in need! Many beautiful handmade hats, mittens and scarves were given in addition to warm coats for boys and girls, men and women. Items from All Saints were pooled with donations from other community groups.

All Saints volunteers helped with sorting and set-up on Saturday, Jan. 21 as well as at the giveaway on Sunday, Jan. 22. In all, the pantry collected 262 coats.

After distribution at the pantry, leftover items were donated to Salvation Army's Heart to Heart Neighborhood Outreach, Faith Mission and the Methodist Free-store in South Columbus.



Global Mission

From Bible Faith Lutheran Church, December 2001:

As you know, our families and the Bible Faith Lutheran Church in India suffered an immense tragedy in losing Karuna this fall. While we greatly feel her absence, she is with her Savior after toiling in his vineyard all these years. In India, they continue to mourn the loss of their "Ammagaru" (in Telugu, it means respected mother.)

Despite our sorrow, we are glad to report that God has shown His provision for the ministry in India. One of Karuna's key functions was overseeing the Moriah Home and School. We have since found capable people to take over these duties.

Karuna's daughter Esther and her two daughters-in-law Suchi and Jennifer, traveled to India in November. They were able to meet with the Moriah School and Moriah Home staff as well as enjoy the company of the children. David and Paul, Karuna's sons, traveled to India in January.

The Moriah School remains active with approximately 320 students (grades pre-kindergarten through high school) and 18 teachers. There are 56 children in the Moriah Home. A new overseer of the children's home was recently hired. Her name is Jyothi, and she just finished training at Bible school.

The 45 congregations of the BFLC continue to grow even as many of the congregation members struggle in these difficult economic times. In January, the BFLC looks forward to hosting the sixth annual Lutheran Pastors' Symposium. We expect approximately 400 pastors to attend this free training and fellowship opportunity.

As we near the end of 2011, we want to express our deep gratitude for the financial and prayer support you have given to the BFLC. During the turbulence this fall, we relied upon and were encouraged greatly by your prayers. We do not receive support from any umbrella organization, so your individual donations are key to the ongoing viability of the ministry. As

we all go through these difficult economic times, your continued faithfulness in bringing the Gospel message to lost souls in India is greatly encouraging to those in India. Our annual operating budget of approximately \$95,000 is funded about 70 percent by individual donors like you. Any travel expenses to India are paid with our own money and not out of any of your donation funds; we also cover any overhead expenses that occur in the United States. In fact, we adhere to a policy of 95 percent of your donations going directly to ministry work in India.

Looking ahead to 2012, we earnestly desire your continued prayer support for all aspects of the Bible Faith Lutheran Church. We especially ask for prayers for God's guidance and wisdom as we continue to develop leadership for the Moriah School and Moriah Home. Please also pray that God will equip the pastors and that the Holy Spirit will work in the hearts of the people in the villages as they hear the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Inactives Ministry

Q: I could imagine approaching someone as inactive and having the person be insulted by the suggestion. Isn't it normal for people to wax and wane in their enthusiasm? Or is that a failure of the church?

A: You don't have to be absolutely sure someone is definitely inactive, or heading in that direction, in order to approach him or her, because you are not going to start the conversation by saying, "So, you're not that interested in church anymore, eh?" Instead, in all likelihood you will start with a simple question, "How are things going with you?" Generally no one objects to being sought out with caring concern, so your attention will be appreciated, not scorned.

Fluctuations in members' involvement are normal. To have 100 percent of the people in a church 100 percent eager to be involved in the ministry and programs of the church 100 percent of the time



– this would be a very pleasant state of affairs for church leaders and staff to face. Unreal, but pleasant.

The reality in congregations is different. People do wax and wane in their availability for involvement and service, and that's okay. People's lives change. They start new jobs, go to school, have children, retire. Some of these changes will influence people to be more or less involved with the church.

Of course, everyone should continue to grow spiritually, should be stimulated and encouraged in love of the Lord, and should deepen relationships with God. *Shoulds* are terrible motivators,

however. Where the church needs to upgrade its capabilities is in helping people see how their health and well-being depend on a continued deepening of their relationship with God. This is not necessarily a failure of the church, but just a part of the continuing challenge the church faces.

One way churches can better meet this challenge is by speaking the truth of the Gospel, the "for-you-ness" of the Gospel, in loud and clear tones. God's love is a love meant for you. Jesus Christ died for you. Another important part of God's plan for the structure of the church is the priesthood of all believers. When every Christian sees him or herself as a minister with a sacred trust, and holy gifts to enable that trust, we will be much closer to the 100 percent dream I started out by sharing.

~Kenneth C. Haugk, *Reopening the Backdoor: Answers to Questions about Ministering to Inactive Members*

Yoga/Pilates

All Saints' own Jane Karras offers yoga and Pilates courses. Here is the schedule.

Yoga

6 p.m. Mondays

5:45 p.m. Wednesdays (no classes Feb. 22 or 29, due to Lent)

Gentle Yoga

10 a.m. Wednesdays

Pilates

6 p.m. Tuesdays (NEW CLASS

-- Jane was thrilled with the turnout and will continue this through winter)

10 a.m. Thursdays

All classes are held in the Parish Hall. Cost \$5 class. Bring light weights to Pilates.

All classes are drop-in and open to everyone regardless of fitness level and meet in Parish Hall. The cost is \$5 per session.

Weather policy: If Worthington Schools are canceled, all classes are canceled. Morning delay cancels morning classes; early dismissal cancels evening classes.



Men's Ministry

Our annual Lent men's breakfasts begin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25 at 9:30. Join us for food, friendship, and conversation about faith and life.

Thank you

Denise and Michael Juhola and the extended Juhola family wish to express their thanks to the pastors and the congregation for their prayers of support for Private Danny Juhola during his one-year tour of duty in Afghanistan.

Danny returned safely to the United States during the first week of the New Year. We are all so relieved, grateful, and most of all thankful, to have him back in the USA.

Parish Directory

Birth

Jefferson Timothy, son of Jeffrey and Stephanie Loomis, Dec. 10

Baptisms

Haylee Christine Heindel, Jan. 15;
Nolan Kimbleton, Jan. 22

Transfer

Tom and Diana Miller, Olivia and Alex, to Upper Arlington Lutheran Church, Columbus, Jan. 3.

Deaths

Peg Murphy, Jan. 13; Lois Barr, Jan. 16

Funerals

Peg Murphy, Jan. 17; Lois Barr, Jan. 22

Sympathies

Expressed to Brock and Alexa Heller on the death of their grandmother, Donna Mckirahan, on Jan. 10; Tom Gerke on the death of his mother, Marie Gerke, on Jan. 13; Bob Murphy on the death of his wife, Peg Murphy, on Jan. 13; Russ and Nancy Hellickson and family on the death of Russ' mother, Carol Hellickson, on Jan. 15; David and Kara Barr and Jason and Stacie Barr on the death of David and Jason's mother, Lois Barr, on Jan. 16; Mark and Susan Taylor on the death of Mark's step-father, John Dickson, on Jan. 19; Evelyn Pagura on the death of her husband, Primo, on Jan. 21; and Ginger Bosse on the death of her daughter Sally Horvath on Jan. 25.

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.

Feb. 9 Jack & Shirlie Oberle 60 years

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 and 11 a.m.
The Gathering, Parish Hall
11 a.m.

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