

# Saints **Alive!**

FOR SHARING STORIES AND IGNITING FAITH



## IN THIS ISSUE

*"He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiple your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness."*

-2 CORINTHIANS 9:10

PASTOR'S MESSAGE	P. 2
DATES TO KNOW	P. 4
MISSION TRIP RECAP & THANK YOU LUNCHEON	P. 5
UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS & EVENTS	P. 6
FALL CHOIR OFFERINGS	P.7
FINANCIAL REPORT	P.8

.....

## CHURCH STAFF

Pastor Bonnie Gerber  
*Lead Pastor*

Pastor Scott Nellis  
*Associate Pastor*

Jeff Wise  
*Pastoral Care*

Gloria Bock  
*Executive Administrative Director*

Suzy Eakin  
*Preschool Director*

Arlene Belter  
*Administrative Assistant*

Cathy Martin  
*Bookkeeper*

Matthew Longfellow  
*Director of Communications*

Lisa Brooks  
*Director of Faith Formation*

Lauren Grangaard  
*Director of Music Ministry and Worship*

Russell Oates  
*Assistant Director of Music Ministry*

Alex Ford  
*Director of Contemporary Worship*

Tom Gerke  
*Organist*

Jen Shively  
*Accompanist*

Mary Nellis  
*Contemporary Worship Music Leader*

Mitch Brooks  
*Facilities Manager*

# PASTOR'S MESSAGE

## Learning Who All Saints Is...

Scott Nellis,  
Associate Pastor



Pastor Scott Nellis

After over two years, one would think that I'd have a fairly thorough awareness of the congregation that I've been serving. I should know who they are, what they're passionate about, what milestones have been made in this place. And ... to a point ... I do.

I'm aware of the tenure of previous pastors, and about former music ministries, about past youth events and mission trips, and other significant events. I can even tell you a fair amount of details about the time when a car crashed into the front doors of the narthex, which then led to a discovery that our narthex foundation was sinking. And I can tell you (without even having been there) that it was an 'evening-news-worthy' event, in 2017, to watch several hydraulic lifts concurrently push our foundation back up into place.

But even with knowing about all of those things, I still believe I'm *learning* who All Saints is. The pandemic (I'm really beginning to hate even mentioning that word) has certainly changed the landscape of how we participate in many of life's events. My first two years as your associate pastor was greatly affected, and I'm only now beginning to fully see who you – the faithful people of All Saints – are.

CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE...

# PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONT.

I've been able to interact weekly with our Sew Sew Saints group – and, in doing so, I have learned that this congregation has a passion for quilting and sewing, in order to provide tangible love and care to people in need around the world. I have seen us host a fundraising event and a prayer vigil to support refugees fleeing violence in Ukraine. This, too, has helped me to learn about this congregation's passion for justice in the world. I see Prayer Shawls adorning the pews in the sanctuary – another visible sign of our congregation's devotion to compassionate care. I have seen how many members show up to serve at a funeral luncheon, by setting up tables, cooking, serving food, and clean-up. I have seen many of those same volunteers serving food to our greater community at The Welcome Table meal each month. And, in seeing this, I continue to learn that All Saints is committed to providing food for those in need of a hot meal. I see All Saints' members visiting and providing Holy Communion to those who are not able to physically join us in the building. I hear the well-prepared choir anthems and contemporary songs ... I even notice the participation of our youth playing music with our choirs and worship band.

I believe I now have a glimpse of who All Saints is. All Saints is a congregation that's committed to justice, that worships our God with the highest-level of music and singing, that provides food, quilts, and other resources to people in need, that values the participation and lives of its youth. All Saints is committed to compassion – the same compassion that Jesus displayed in his life and ministry. And All Saints' members continue to *show up* ... whenever compassionate care is needed. I'm thankful to be serving among you, even as I continue to learn about you.

**In service with you,  
Pastor Scott**

## OUR MISSION

To give glory to God, share the good news of Christ, and grow in expression of faith and discipleship.

.....

## KEEP UP WITH US

[www.saintsonhigh.org](http://www.saintsonhigh.org)



Copyright © 2022 All Saints Lutheran Church

# DATES TO KNOW

## SEPTEMBER

OFFICE CLOSED - SEPT 5

PRE SCHOOL MUM SALE  
BEGINS  
Sept 7

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF  
Sept 11 @ 9:30am

MISSION TRIP THANK YOU  
LUNCHEON  
Sept 11 @ 11:15am

PUMPKIN SALE STARTS  
Sept 24

## OCTOBER

CONFIRMATION RETREAT  
Oct 14-16 @ Lutheran  
Memorial Camp

REFORMATION SUNDAY  
Oct 30, Southern Ohio  
Synod Bishop Suzanne  
Darcy Dillahunt  
Preaching at Both  
Services

## NOVEMBER

OFFICE CLOSED - NOV 24-25

SUNDAY NOV 27  
Advent Begins

## SEPTEMBER 11 SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF – FUN FOR ALL AGES

Join us for a fun kickoff celebration on Sunday, September 11th from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. We will have donuts as well as our traditional inflatable and dunk tank! Come prepared to have fun as we get ready for the 2022-23 calendar year!



# SEPTEMBER 11 CONGREGATIONAL THANK-YOU LUNCHEON

Forty-two of us returned home from Lexington, NC in July filled with the Spirit and ready to prepare for next year's Mission Trip. It's crazy, really. We have come off a week of sleeping on air mattresses (some of which stay inflated all night), eating food we are appreciative of....but might not be our first choice, serving in a heat index of up to 102, showering in....well, I won't go in to detail on that! But: Every. Single. Year. We come back closer, stronger, and ready for the next one!

Join us on Sunday, September 11th at 11:15 a.m. for a Thank You luncheon that the High School families provide and hear some of the stories of why these trips are so impactful.

If you are a current 8th grader through High School Senior, you are eligible to go with us in the Summer of 2023. Dates and location will be announced on September 11th as we begin to register for 2023!



# THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING...

Our High School youth group will once again be selling pumpkins straight from our front lawn! We are scheduled to receive our pumpkins even earlier this year....so mark your calendars for Saturday, September 24 and be sure to support our teens traveling on the 2023 High School Mission Trip!



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY RESUMING

Women's Ministry will resume with a study on the Book of Esther by Beth Moore the second week of September. The Old Testament story of Esther is a profile in courage and contains many modern parallels for today's overloaded and stressed woman.

Esther, while a queen, lived as an outsider in a hostile environment. Women will learn strong lessons of faith, providence, and hope to equip them to live courageously "for such a time as this."

We hope you will join us for this study as we grow in faith, as well as in community. We will offer both a Zoom study on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and a Wednesday in person session at 10:00 a.m.

This is a 10 week study. Cost for the book is \$17.00.

Please sign up here: <https://forms.gle/rSbnjT3ahVv6srd2A> or contact Lisa Brooks at [lisab@saintsonhigh.org](mailto:lisab@saintsonhigh.org) to sign up. Books will be ordered and passed out the first week of class.

## PRESCHOOL MUM SALE



The annual Preschool mum sale runs September 9 through September 20. Please consider making a purchase to support All Saints Pre School! If you need help order, please contact **Preschool Director Suzy Eakin:**

Phone: 614-846-6080

Email: [suzye@saintsonhigh.org](mailto:suzye@saintsonhigh.org)

# FALL CHOIR OFFERINGS

All Saints Lutheran Church is pleased to be expanding our choral ensembles this fall with a couple of new children's choir offerings! Check out all the ways to get involved below:



## **CHILDREN'S CHOIRS:**

### **Cantate (Children's vocal choir)**

Is for children interested in choral singing, grades K-8 (to start - we hope to be able to break it up later). The group will rehearse on Thursday evenings from 5:00-5:45pm in the choir room. This choir will rotate between all three Sunday Worship Services. Rehearsals will begin September 8.

### **Cherub Bell Choir (continuing)**

is for children PK-5 interested in beginning bell ringing. The group will rehearse on Sunday mornings from 11:00-11:30am in the choir room. This year, the Cherub Bells will continue to explore bells and begin to incorporate keyboard instruments. This choir rings on the first Sunday of every month in the 10:00 Sunday traditional worship service. Rehearsals will begin September 11.

### **Klingin' Bells - (Intermediate Bell Choir)**

Is for children, grades 6-8, interested in ringing adult bells. The group will rehearse on Thursday evenings from 6:00-6:45pm in the sanctuary. This choir will rotate between the two Sunday Traditional Worship Services. Rehearsals will begin September 11.

## **ADULT CHOIRS:**

### **Concordia Bells - (Adult Bell Choir)**

Is for adults and youth, grades 8-12, interested in group bell ringing. The group will rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm in the sanctuary. This choir rotates between the two Sunday Traditional Worship Services. Rehearsals will begin August 31.

### **Chancel Choir - (Adult Vocal Choir)**

Is for adults and youth, grades 8-12, interested in choral singing. The group will rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:00pm and Sunday mornings in the choir room. This choir rotates between the two Sunday Traditional Worship Services. Rehearsals will begin August 24.

# FINANCE REPORT

For the Month of July

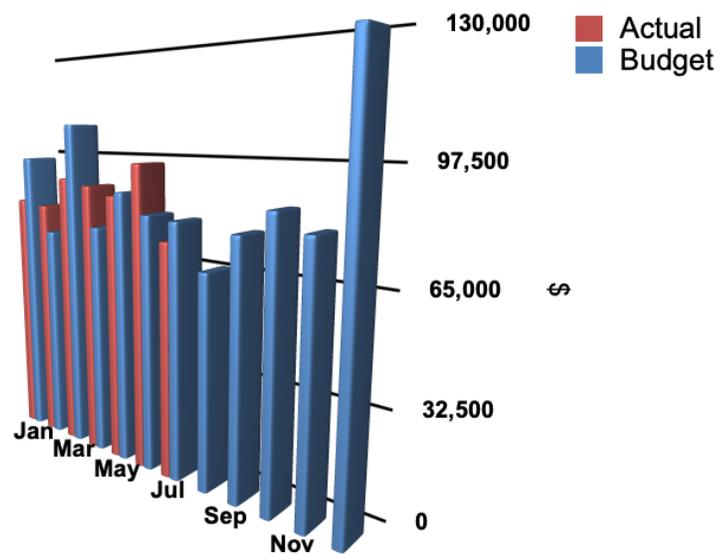
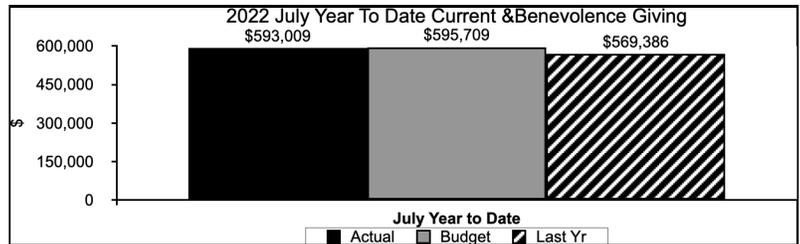
## July – On the Numbers

July offering came in at 92% of budget: \$72,625 vs. \$79,206. Year-to-date total income came in at approximately 100% of budget: \$593,009 vs. \$595,709. In 2021, total income received was \$569,386. The difference in income of \$23,623 from 2021 to 2022 represents an increase of 4.15%.

July expenses came in at \$89,721 which is 89% of the monthly budgeted amount of \$100,875.

Year-to-date total expenses came in at 96% of budget: \$578,450 vs. \$604,713. In 2021, we had expenses of \$542,162, which is \$36,288; 6.69% lower than this year.

Thank you to the members and friends of All Saints for their financial support of the ministries of our church. We are grateful for our members of All Saints and appreciate your faithfulness and generosity in your continued financial support of the ministries of our church. May God Bless.



Summary	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Income	\$ 593,009	\$ 595,709	\$ ( 2,700)
Expenses	\$ 578,450	\$ 604,713	\$ (26,263)
Net	\$ 14,559	\$ (9,004)	\$ 23,563