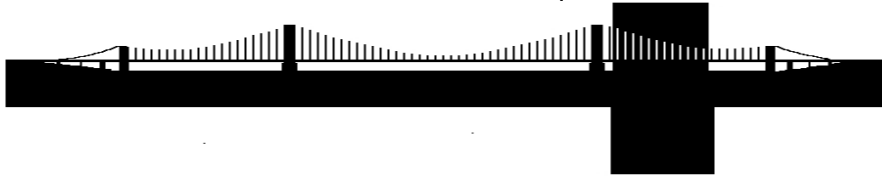


Building Bridges To God



EQUIPPING
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Through the Cross of Christ

The Newsletter Ministry of All Saints Lutheran Church

August 2014

All Saint's Annual Neighborhood Party

August 17 ~ 11:30-2:00

Games

Prizes

Face Painting



Fun

Food

Music

Why Bible Study?

August 2014

You've heard me comment in worship about the importance of participating in one of our Bible study groups. Why do I do that?

- It's not because I want to embarrass anyone for *not* participating;
- It's not because I want to build up our participants list in order to stroke my ego, so I can brag to other pastors about how many people at All Saints attend the classes I teach.

Why do I push so hard?

Because I take seriously the Lutheran understanding that God's Word is living, dynamic, powerful, and life-giving.

You see, it's not like learning your multiplication tables (once you've memorized the chart, you're done with it; it never changes). Rather, because the Holy Spirit 'breathes' through the Word, bringing new life to people facing new circumstances and needs.

Yes, it's an ancient story...but what makes the Bible so 'lively' is that it speaks God's eternal truth to people whose lives are ever changing.

One of the real joys of studying the Bible with others is that together we discover fresh insights that we might not have seen at an earlier time in our lives.

The husband of one of my church members in another community was Episcopalian by upbringing; as a child he attended an Episcopal Day School, and was required to study the Bible and attend daily chapel services at his school. Now an adult, he refused to worship or participate in Bible study because, as he put it, "*I've already heard every Bible story; I've already heard everything any pastor could ever preach on those stories.*" Obviously for him, the Word of God was not alive and lively. It was dead and useless.

So how do you understand it? Do you believe that God can speak new truth to a new generation through those old, old stories? Do you think that you might just discover (some great 'Aha! Moment') something powerfully alive and life-giving in the pages of the Bible?

Or is it a waste of your time?

Our Wednesday mid-week class is on hiatus until September 3, but our Sunday morning class meets all summer, 9 – 9:45 am. We'll make room for you, you can be sure! Come and see what the Holy Spirit might do through the Word of God!

+ Pastor Rich

THANK YOU!!

We'd like to thank the Congregation for your generosity shown at our recent Brunch and Pound Auction. Over \$400 was raised and once we get the matching funds from Thrivent, a check will be sent to the LSS Food Bank!!

Also, thanks for all the delicious food and help with set up and clean up.

A good time was had by ALL!



THANKS TO:

Rex and Kathy Yarger for coordinating the refurbishing of the Forum Room. It looks **GREAT!** Also, thanks to their grandsons for all their hard work!

Norm and Rex for installing new indestructible vinyl counter top molding in the kitchen.



SAVE THE DATE! August 17, 11:30—2:00 All Saints Annual Neighborhood Party.

A sign up sheet has been posted on bulletin board if you'd like to help out in anyway for this upcoming event. Prizes for the games and contests are needed and are greatly appreciated! If you want to help out with this, please place them on table provided in lobby. To help with food donations and purchases please see Julie Beitelschees. Thank you!

CHECK OUT THE BULLETIN BOARD!!

2014 EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AT ALL SAINTS

- Community Garden-Fix Boxes
- Neighborhood Summer Party
- Outside Clean up: Fall
- Hayride
- *Please sign up to help with the planning & implementing of these activities...we need YOU!*
- * Trunk or Treat
- * Christmas Decorations (Inside & out)
- * Drive Thru Living Nativity

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE

This committee has been given responsibility by the Council for looking to the future of All Saints, to define ways in which we might continue to do our vital ministries for many years to come.

Co-chairs Bill Reber and Norm Merkel have already organized a half-day retreat with a talented professional, and have invited Pastor Marc Miller (Director of Evangelical Ministry for the NW OH Synod) to meet with our group of about a dozen church members (June 26).

Together we have looked at our congregational strengths and resources. We've talked about other churches in our general area, and how they are adapting for the future. And, in light of Pastor Rentner's anticipated retirement in about a year, we've discussed possible options for staffing our ministry for the years ahead.

At this stage, we're doing a lot of talking...but we're nowhere near suggesting possible courses of action. So, bear with us...continue to pray for our work...and speak with Bill or Norm if you have any questions or comments. Thank you!



All Saints Boutique

Since there is no rummage sale this year...
An expanded feature at the Quilt Show...
Nov. 8 & 9, 2014!

Save these items for resale ~ (everything in good condition please) purses, jewelry, scarves, hats, books, "fancy" glassware.
No clothing or items in poor condition.

Bring them to church and place in box under coat rack. If you have any questions, please call Diana Burkhardt at 419 866-8365 or Gretchen Schultz at 419 893-1097.

SAVE THE DATE: ~ December 20 & 21 All Saint's Annual Drive Thru Nativity

This year we will have live camels along with other nativity animals!!

If you would like to make a donation to help with rental costs of the Camel this year, we're collecting \$\$ in the jars in the lobby.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 8:30 Prayer 9:00 Adult Forum 9:00 S. S. 10:00 Worship	4 8:30 AA (closed)	5 8:30 AA (open)	6 8:30 AA (open)	7 8:30 AA (closed)	8	9
10 8:30 Prayer 9:00 S.S. 9:00 Adult Forum 10:00 Worship	11 8:30 AA (closed)	12 7:00 Property 8:30 AA (open)	13 8:30 AA (open)	14 8:30 AA (closed)	15	16
17 8:30 Prayer 9:00 S.S. 9:00 Adult Forum 10:00 Worship 11:30-2:00 Neighborhood Party	18 7:00 S.O.S. 8:30 AA (closed)	19 8:30 AA (open)	20 8:30 AA (open)	21 7:00 Council 8:30 AA (closed)	22	23
24 8:30 Prayer 9:00 S.S. 9:00 Adult Forum 10:00 Worship	25 8:30 AA (closed)	26 8:30 AA (open)	27 8:30 AA (open)	28 Newsletter put together 8:30 AA (closed)	29	30 9:00  3-6 This Far By Faith at Reformation
31 8:30 Prayer 9:00 S.S. 9:00 Adult Forum 10:00 Worship						

AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

READER

Aug. 3 Dave Driver
Aug. 10 Donna Stockmaster
Aug. 17 Bob Krueger
Aug. 24 Gretchen Schultz
Aug. 31 Norm Merkel

GREETERS

Janet Caskey
Rose Thomson
Judy Grimes
Bev Rose
Judy Mizer

COMMUNION PREP/ASSISTANT

Aug. 3 Tim and Amy Merkel
Aug. 10 Chris and Donnajean Stockmaster
Aug. 17 Roger and Lynda Meyer
Aug. 24 Gretchen Schultz & Pam Hershberger
Aug. 31 Norm and Sue Merkel

ALTAR

AUGUST Mary Lou Houle

COUNTERS

Aug. 3 Rose Thomson & LaVerne Busddieker
Aug. 10 Sue Merkel & Judy Reber
Aug. 17 Rose Thomson & Pat Toepfer
Aug. 24 Mary Lou Houle & Janet Caskey
Aug. 31 Rose Thomson & LaVerne Busddieker

OFFERING

Aug. 3 Norm Merkel
Aug. 10 Judy Reber
Aug. 17 Janet Caskey
Aug. 24 Chris Stockmaster
Aug. 31 Rose Thomson

USHERS

Aug. 3 Chris Stockmaster, Hassan Brown Ralph Fritsch
Aug. 10 Bob Krueger, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch
Aug. 17 Bill Reber, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch
Aug. 24 Chris Stockmaster, Hassan Brown Ralph Fritsch
Aug. 31 Bob Krueger, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch

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