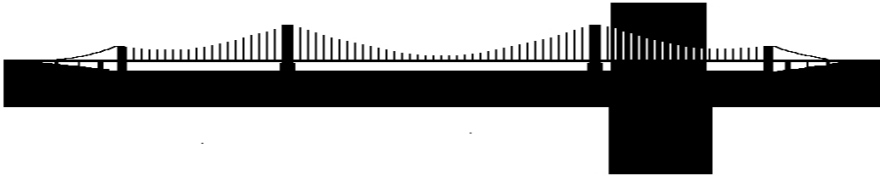


Building Bridges To God



Through the Cross of Christ

The Newsletter Ministry of All Saints Lutheran Church

EQUIPPING
THE
SAINTS

July 2013



Office will be closed
July 4th



Please join us on July 14
for Coffee Hour



All Saint's Annual Rummage Sale

Thurs. and Fri., July 25 & 26

9:00 - 3:00

Sat. July 27, 9:00 - Noon

\$3.00 Bag Day

Sign up sheets are posted on board
if you'd like to volunteer.

How do you measure the passage of time? By the clock? By the calendar? By the seasons? By births, deaths weddings and divorces? By your grade in school? By work and retirement?

Here's a couple of things I've learned about time: (a) There never seems to be enough of it... and (b) no matter how diligent I am about managing my time, events beyond my control almost always mess up my best-laid plans.

In the church, we measure time by liturgical seasons, based on the life of Jesus: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost. There's comfort in that system (we always know what's coming up next, and can plan our lives accordingly). But in terms of our daily lives, the seasons of the church year usually take a back seat to the other events that inevitably come along: an unanticipated surgery, a death of a loved one, a financial crisis, constant pain. For that matter, even the weekly routine of corporate worship often plays second-fiddle to other important events in our lives. "Going to church" is less important, it seems to us, than that family gathering or sports event. "Worship on the Lord's Day" is fine if there's nothing else to compete with it.

Here's my point: the Eternal God (the One who isn't as concerned about *time* as we are, for finitude is part of creation, not part of the Creator) – this gracious, patient, *eternal* God of ours understands that, despite our best efforts to manage time, we seldom 'get it right.' The One who set the stars in the heavens...who created the sun and the moon, and divided the day and the night...this God must watch with fascination (and at times good humor; or again, with profound sadness) as his creatures juggle all the demands on their time.

Still, our God waits with patience (remember, he's got lots of time!) as we bumble along in life, setting priorities we know we can't keep, trying to manage our time, trying to fit everything in. God waits, as the father in the parable of the prodigal son is described, until, after messing things up pretty badly, we do finally get things right, and find our way back home. And then he runs to greet us, hug us, kiss us, and welcome us back.

This summer I encourage you to spend a little relaxing, restful time thinking about how you manage your time. What are your priorities? Where does God fit in? Are there ways you can manage your time so that God receives the honor that God deserves (and the people God has placed into your life are also not neglected)?

Remember, you'll never '*get it right*.' Yet God is always happy to see you in worship, gathered with the saints around the Table of the Lord; gathered to hear His word and let it filter into your life. It's holy time. And with holy time at the center, everything else will work out, too!

Restful, peaceful summer!

Pastor Rich



**ECUMENICAL BEREAVEMENT
SUPPORT GROUP**

meets Tuesday, July 2
from 3:00 - 4:30 pm at
St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Parish



July 10th is the
25th Anniversary of Ordination
for ***Julie Beitelschees***.

Congratulations Julie!

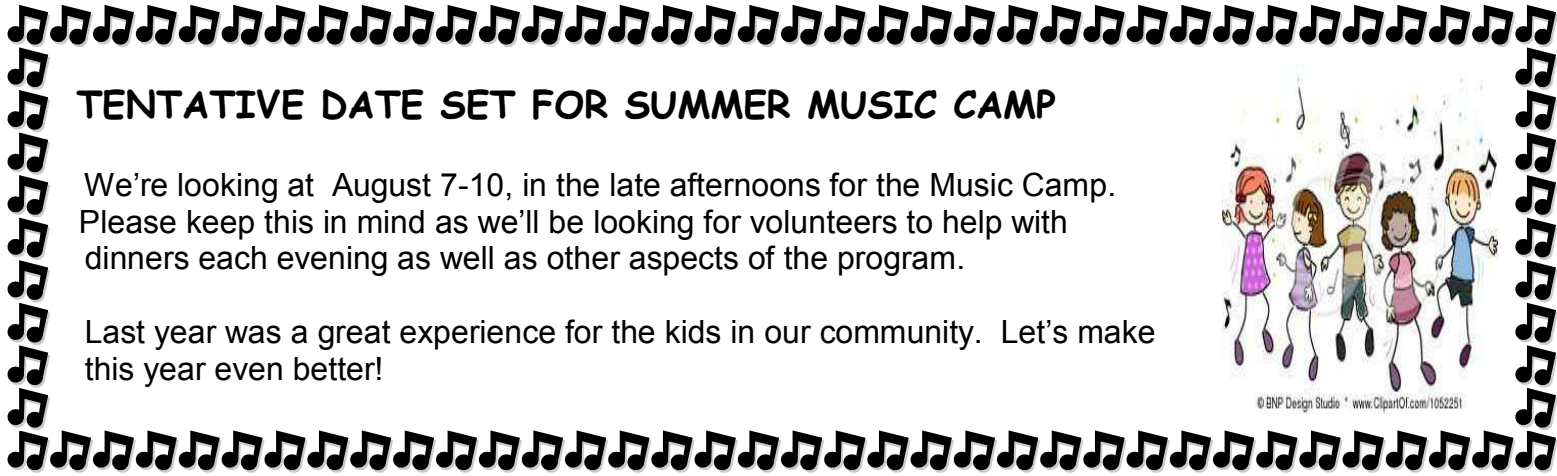
May the Anniversary of
your Ordination be especially
happy for you and may the
happiness it brings continue
all year through.





Break in alert

St. Joan of Arc notified us that they had a car broken into during their Sunday Mass and a police report was filed. When attending church services or meetings, please be sure to keep your car doors locked, windows rolled up and purses/wallets with you.



TENTATIVE DATE SET FOR SUMMER MUSIC CAMP

We're looking at August 7-10, in the late afternoons for the Music Camp. Please keep this in mind as we'll be looking for volunteers to help with dinners each evening as well as other aspects of the program.

Last year was a great experience for the kids in our community. Let's make this year even better!



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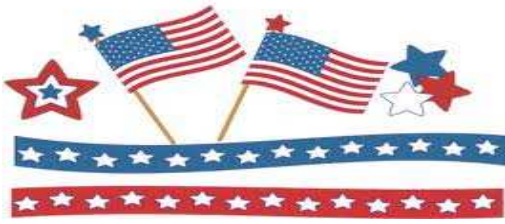


4th of JULY FUN FACTS

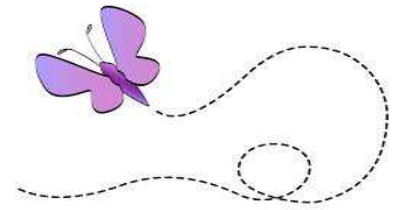
During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the Thirteen Colonies from Great Britain occurred on July 2, 1776, declaring the United States independent from Great Britain. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision.

Independence Day, commonly known as the **Fourth of July**, is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

- In 1777, thirteen gunshots were fired in salute, once at morning and once again as evening fell, on July 4.
- In 1778, General George Washington marked July 4 with a double ration of rum for his soldiers and an artillery salute.
- In 1781, the Massachusetts General Court became the first state legislature to recognize July 4 as a state celebration.
- In 1791, the first recorded use of the name "Independence Day" occurred.
- In 1820, the first Fourth of July celebration was held in Eastport, Maine.
- In 1870, the U.S. Congress made Independence Day an unpaid holiday for federal employees.
- In 1938, Congress changed Independence Day to a paid federal holiday.
- In a remarkable coincidence, both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, the only signers of the Declaration of Independence later to serve as Presidents of the United States, died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the 50th anniversary of the Declaration. Although not a signer of the Declaration of Independence, but another Founding Father who became a President, James Monroe died on July 4, 1831, thus becoming the third President in a row who died on this memorable day. Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President, was born on July 4, 1872, and so far, is the only President to have been born on Independence Day.



July 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 8:30 AA (closed)	2 8:30 AA (open)	3 8:30 AA (open)	 Office Closed 8:30 AA (closed)	5	6
7 8:30 Prayer 9:00 Adult Forum 10:00 Worship	8 8:30 AA (closed)	9 7:00 Property Mtg. 8:30 AA (open)	10 8:30 AA (open)	11 8:30 AA (closed)	12	13
14 8:30 Prayer 9:00 Adult Forum 10:00 Worship Coffee Hour	15 7:00 S.O.S. 8:30 AA (closed)	16 7:00 W&M 8:30 AA (open)	17 7:00 Finance 8:30 AA (open)	18 7:00 Council 8:30 AA (closed)	19	20
21 8:30 Prayer 9:00 Adult Forum 10:00 Worship Rummage Sale Set Up	22 Rummage Sale Set Up 8:30 AA (closed)	23 Rummage Sale Set Up 6:00 Ryewyck Blockwatch 8:30 AA (open)	24 Rummage Sale Set Up 8:30 AA (open)	25 9-3 Rummage Sale  8:30 AA (closed)	26 9-3 Rummage Sale 	27 9-12 Rummage Sale \$3/Bag Day 
28 8:30 Prayer 9:00 Adult Forum 10:00 Worship	29 8:30 AA (closed)	30 8:30 AA (open)	31 8:30 AA (open)			

JULY VOLUNTEERS

READER

July 7 Jim Burkhardt
July 14 Ted Beitelschees
July 21 Irene Fink
July 28 Gretchen Schultz

GREETERS

LaVerne Busddieker
Janet Caskey
Irene Fink
Cheryl Sopher

COMMUNION PREP/ASSISTANT

July 7 Jim & Diana Burkhardt
July 14 Ted & Julie Beitelschees
July 21 Bill & Judy Reber
July 28 Gretchen Schultz & Pam Hershberger

MONTH
JULY

ALTAR

Rose Thomson

COUNTERS

July 7 Rose Thomson & LaVerne Busddieker
July 14 Sue Merkel & Judy Reber
July 21 Ann Miller & Pat Toepfer
July 28 Mary Lou Houle & Rose Thomson

OFFERING

July 7 Judy Reber
July 14 Tim Merkel
July 21 Janet Caskey
July 28 Roger Meyer

USHERS

July 7 Bob Krueger, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch
July 14 Chris Stockmaster, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch
July 21 Bill Reber, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch
July 28 Bob Krueger, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch



7/3 Julie Beitelschees

7/5 Jim Featzka

7/6 Lori Case

7/7 Donnajean Stockmaster

7/20 Ann Miller
Roger Mounjie

7/21 Chris Stockmaster

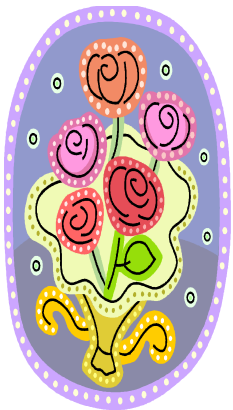
7/22 Tom Schultz

7/27 James Henderson



7/15 John & Irene Weygandt - 20 years

July Altar Flowers



- 7 Rose Thomson
- 14 Rosa Linda Brown
- 21 Wilma Lupe
- 28 Bill & Judy Reber

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