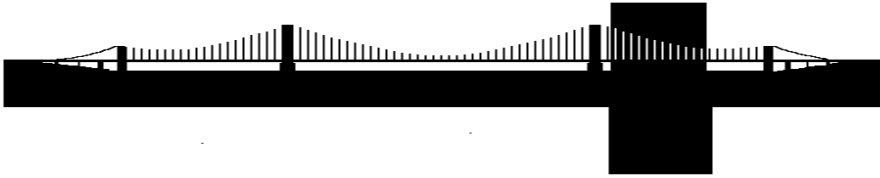


Building Bridges To God



Through the Cross of Christ

The Newsletter Ministry of All Saints Lutheran Church

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS

June 2013

SUMMER TIME



SCHOOL'S OUT PARTY

Friday, June 7
6-9 PM

Pizza, games and prizes!



COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, June 9

Recognition of Ralph's 25 years!

SUNDAY, JUNE 16



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~ Confirmation Day ~

Devotion Brown and Isabelle Merkel
will publicly affirm their faith.



July 25-27

You may now bring in
your gently used and
clean items for
the sale.

Confirmation Sunday!

JUNE 2013

June 16 is the Sunday when two young girls – Devotion Brown and Isabelle Merkel – will publicly affirm their faith.

Is it a ‘big deal?’ Yes!

Others have done this before them. Still others will affirm their faith in years to come. In fact, if you think about it, both Devotion and Izzy will be asked to affirm their faith *over and over again*, the rest of their lives!

In light of the tornadoes that devastated Oklahoma recently...in light of the tsunami’s and earthquakes and building collapses that have made the news in recent years...in light of the campus shootings and the literally *tens of thousands* who lose their lives each year in the US due to gun violence...in light of the acts of terror, the flood of refugees, the tragedy of war: a reasonable person could conclude that *there is no god looking out for humanity, no god sparing the lives of the innocent!*

Could such a ‘reasonable’ person be right? Countless studies have demonstrated that the vast majority of Christian young people, by the time they graduate from high school and start college, *regardless of how and when they ‘affirmed their faith’* – walk away from the church. Leave it all behind. Join the ranks of the “nones” – those who, when asked for religious affiliation, check off the box that says “none.”

Confirmation Sunday is a big deal for us (as it is for these two girls). Right now, they’re admitting that, while they don’t have all the answers to life’s mysteries, they believe that there is a God...and this God is good, loving, merciful, generous, and eternal. They will affirm that Jesus Christ sacrificed his life for them, and through faith in Jesus they will inherit eternal life. They will say *“yes, we believe that God works through the church, the assembly of the faithful – that the Holy Spirit of God is alive and well even when we can’t see this Spirit at work among us.”*

As their pastor, I’m pleased that they have chosen to make this affirmation of faith. I’ll continue to support them with my prayers. I’ll be here as a resource for them, should they want to bring their questions and concerns about God to me. That’s how God often works in the world: through flesh-and-blood people, like parents, pastors, teachers.

I’d like to thank *Jim Burkhardt* for his gracious and generous gift of himself, as a teacher for these young ladies the past couple of years. Jim: thank you for living your faith, for sharing it so powerfully! You are deeply appreciated! In Christ Jesus,

Pastor Rich



2012 LSS Volunteer of the Year Tim O'Hara

(Tim was recently honored by LSS , naming him "Volunteer of the Year" for 2012!) The following is from the bulletin handed out at the 'Volunteer Appreciation Lunch' on May 2, at Hope Lutheran Church.

Tim O'Hara has a terrific history with LSS. No doubt, he has been with us longer than most of the staff. He recalls being asked to help with the pantry in 1995. It was small and located upstairs in what was essentially a wide hallway with some shelves on both sides and a door out to the side driveway. Tim initially helped with the shopping at local grocery stores and found his niche in working face to face with the clients.

Keeping the pantry stocked, whether retrieving food from the various locations in the building (or because we had run out of food) provided a challenge for Tim. More than once, we know he purchased cases of peanut butter, green beans or whatever else was needed from his own funds. Furthermore, he brought many new volunteers from Glenwood, his home church, to help with the pantry.

LSS benefited from twice a year Card Parties held at Glenwood during the '90's. The agency appreciated both the profits from the card parties as well as a window to tell our story. Again, Tim was very involved.

The agency is guided by many committees some of whom meet during the lunch hour. For many years, we were fortunate to engage volunteers to cook for these meetings. Because Tim enjoyed cooking, he was one of the many regulars who prepared the tasty lunches.

Tim has served on the board of FOCUS as well as various church committees. He continues to remain active in the community by helping with the Old West End Festival. He has shared precious items for sale through our Trading Graces Program on e-Bay and for numerous community exhibits. As a full time Certified Alzheimer Caregiver, he uses his day off to work the LSS Choice Pantry.

As the 2012 Volunteer of the Year Tim is very talented, very dedicated to serving others, and certainly a valued worker for Lutheran Social Services in this region. We thank you, Tim.



**ECUMENICAL BEREAVEMENT
SUPPORT GROUP**
meets Tuesday, June 4
from 3:00 - 4:30 pm at
St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Parish

Look to bulletin board for details.



SCHOOL'S OUT PARTY!
Friday, June 7, 6-9 PM

Our Youth will celebrate the end of another school year with a Pizza Party here at church.

Games ~ Prizes
and lots of fun!!



THANK YOU RALPH FRITSCH!

Join us June 9th for Coffee Hour as we will honor our very own Ralph Fritsch for 25 years of service here at All Saints.

Thank you Ralph for all your hard work!

SCHOOL CLOTHING FOR KIDS

Church women are again helping low income families secure proper clothing for their children. The Toledo Public Schools have a dress code similar to the previous uniform requirement. This is our 10th year of assisting families. We will again make jumpers and skirts. Your help is needed. There are several ways to help:

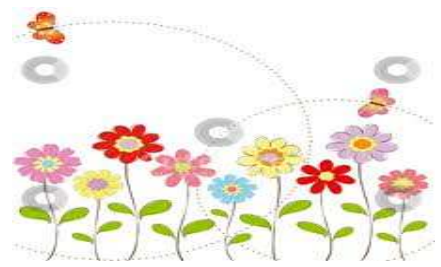


- Cut out, label, and package kits of skirts and jumpers to be distributed to church women to sew.
- Wednesday, June 19 and Thursday, June 20 from 9:00 - Noon. Christ Presbyterian Church, Talmadge at Sylvania.
- Sewing at home. Kits will be available from your church TAM representative beginning Sunday, June 23
- We are using the same patterns as last year. Easy sewing
- Donate washable fabric in navy blue, tan, brown, gray black or khaki
- Donate money to pay for supplies (Payable to: Uniform Project, Sylvania UCC)

Any Questions?? Please call Peg Hull at 419 822-9424 or email: mhsld@yahoo.com



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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 2 8:30 Prayer 9:00 Adult Forum 10:00 Worship | 3 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 AA (closed) | 4 8:30 AA (open) | 5 8:30 AA (open) | 6 8:30 AA (closed) | 7 6-9 PM School's Out Party | 8 9:00 Lady Saints |
| 9 8:30 Prayer 9:00 Adult Forum 10:00 Worship Coffee Hour Recognition of Ralph's 25 years | 10 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 AA (closed) | 11 7:00 Property Mtg. 8:30 AA (open) | 12 8:30 AA (open) | 13 8:30 AA (closed) |  | 15 |
| 16 8:30 Prayer 9:00 Adult Forum 10:00 Worship Confirmation Sunday  | 17 7:00 S.O.S. 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 AA (closed) | 18 6:30 Ragan Woods Block Watch 7:00 W&M 8:30 AA (open) | 19 8:30 AA (open) | 20 7:00 Council 8:30 AA (closed) | 21  | 22 |
| 23 8:30 Prayer 9:00 Adult Forum 10:00 Worship | 24 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 AA (closed) | 25 6:00 Ryewyck Blockwatch 8:30 AA (open) | 26 8:30 AA (open) | 27 8:30 AA (closed) | 28 | 29 9:00 Men's Gr. |
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JUNE VOLUNTEERS

READER

June 2 Dave Driver
June 9 Barb Moungie
June 16 Rex Yarger
June 23 Sue Merkel
June 30 Jim Henderson

GREETERS

Wilma Lupe
Pat Toepfer
Rex & Kathy Yarger
Ann Miller
Jim & Dorothy Henderson

COMMUNION PREP/ASSISTANT

June 2 Roger & Lynda Meyer
June 9 Barb Moungie & Bonnie Driver
June 16 Judy Grimes & Sue Slater
June 23 Norm & Sue Merkel
June 30 Mary Lou Houle & Bob Krueger

MONTH

June

ALTAR

Mary Lou Houle

COUNTERS

June 2 Rose Thomson & LaVerne Bussdieker
June 9 Sue Merkel & Judy Reber
June 16 Ann Miller & Pat Toepfer
June 23 Mary Lou Houle & Rose Thomson
June 30 Rose Thomson & LaVerne Bussdieker

OFFERING

June 2 Judy Reber
June 9 Roger Meyer
June 16 Tim Merkel
June 23 Rose Thomson
June 30 Judy Grimes

USHERS

June 2 Bob Krueger, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch
June 9 Chris Stockmaster, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch
June 16 Bill Reber, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch
June 23 Bob Krueger, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch
June 30 Chris Stockmaster, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch

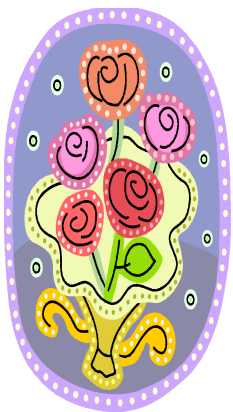


- 6/7 Esther Mauer
- 6/8 Bonnie Driver
Donna Urie
Julia Sopher
- 6/11 Ryan Mougie
- 6/14 Rex Yarger
- 6/15 Dean Roberts
- 6/23 Amy Merkel
- 6/24 Jim Burkhardt
Tim Merkel
- 6/27 Nancy Klawitter



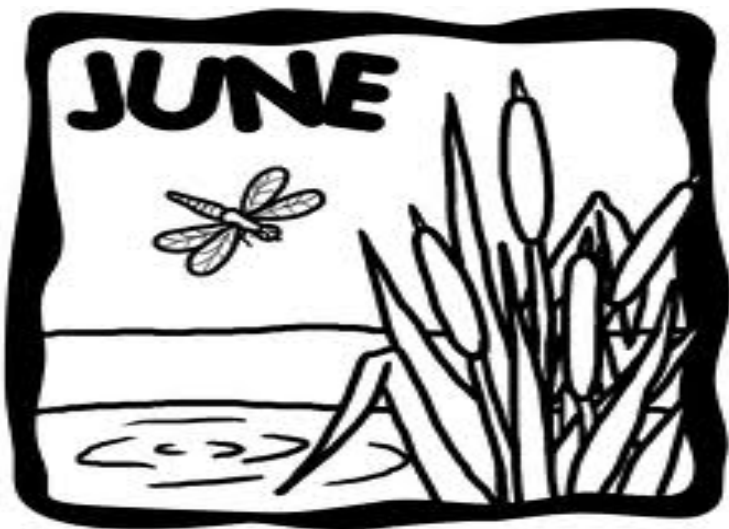
- 6/2 Ted & Julie Beitelschees ~ 23 yrs.
- 6/15 Roger & Lynda Meyer ~ 45 yrs.
- 6/19 Hal & Mary Lou Houle ~ 44 yrs.
- 6/26 Don & Sharon Baacke ~ 37 yrs

June Altar Flowers



- 2 Beitelschees
- 9 Open
- 16 Mary Lou Houle
- 23 Sue Merkel
- 30 Open

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