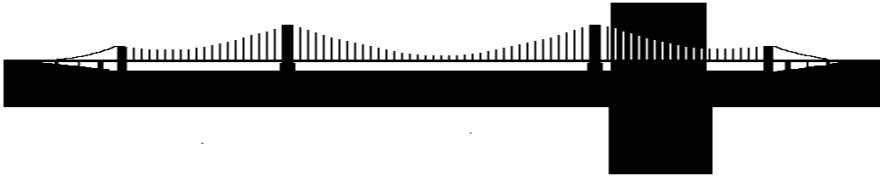


# Building Bridges To God



## Through the Cross of Christ

The Newsletter Ministry of All Saints Lutheran Church

# EQUIPPING THE SAINTS

May 2013



## Mother's Day ~ May 12

This Sunday is also Coffee Hour which will be hosted by the men of All Saints, in honor of all the mothers.



Thanks Men!



## Pentecost Sunday May 19

Please wear **Red** and bring a **Red Geranium** that will be planted in our flower gardens.



After **May 26**, you can start bringing in items for the rummage sale.

Please bring in clean, gently used items and put in the back preschool room.

Rummage Sale will be Aug. 1-3

Memorial Day  
Monday May, 27

Office will be closed

No Bible Study



## Memorial Day

*Remember Those Who  
Gave Their Lives*

You probably saw it on an old movie: the train conductor would shout out – “*All aboard!*” as the train was preparing to leave the station. The meaning was self-evident: “*If you’re a passenger, this is the time to get ‘on board’ the train.*”

With this issue of our church newsletter, I’d like to invite each member of All Saints to get ‘on board’ a particular ministry...a ministry that is appropriate to your talents and time. We say that all the members of this church are its ministers (not just the pastor!). So let’s spend a moment considering the ministries that are available to us.

Our church **Council** is the board you have elected to make decisions for the congregation between congregational meetings. Members of Council include our President, *Roger Meyer*; Vice-President *Julie Beitelschees*; Secretary *Rose Thomson*; and council members *Judy Reber*, *Judy Grimes*, and *Janet Caskey*. Think of their service as an expression of their *ministry*.

We also have a number of committees and organizations at All Saints; each of these performs specialized ministry: **Education** has responsibility for Sunday School, Confirmation ministry, Adult Education, and New Member classes. **Nurture** takes care of planning coffee hours, luncheons and other festive meals. **Property** makes sure that our buildings and grounds are maintained and improved. **Witness & Social Justice** helps us put our faith into action in the community and world. **Worship & Music** is responsible for all worship-related activities. **Youth & Friends** takes care of youth ministry and fostering a spirit of mutual care for members. **Stewardship** plans educational moments related to fostering the sharing of our resources for accomplishing all our ministries. **Finance, Endowments, & Memorials** takes care of all the financial matters that are necessary for the functioning of our church. In addition to these, we also have **Lady Saints** and our **Men’s Group**, plus **Mutual Ministry**, which provides support to the pastor and resolves conflicts when they arise in the church family.

In a small church like ours, most everyone is already involved in one or more of these ministries...or a ministry not listed above. Here’s what I’m asking **you** to do:

- Give prayerful thought to your God-given talents and interests, and then
- Sign on to a particular ministry...several, if you are so gifted!

In coming weeks, look for a **display** in the church entry. When you write your name after a particular ministry heading, someone from that group will be in touch with you, to thank you for volunteering...to answer your questions...and to engage you directly in that ministry.

Our hope? That each and every member and regular attendee in worship at All Saints will get “on board” the ministry train, and share in our vision of “*Building Bridges to God through the Cross of Christ.*” Thank you!

*Pastor Rich*



### ECUMENICAL BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

meets Tuesday, May 7,  
from 3:00 - 4:30 pm at  
St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Parish

Look to bulletin board for details.



Dear All Saints Church Family,

Thank you for all of the prayers, visits, meals, flowers, phone calls and positive thoughts during my moms 55 day stay at Toledo Hospital. It was wonderful to have such a supportive church family.

She is well on her way to getting her strength back and hopes to be in church soon.

Sincerely,

Diana & Jim Burkhardt

~~ If you'd like to stop in to visit Thelda, she's at Wolf Creek, Room #116.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. LUKES

### Applications in church office

#### Volunteer Services include:

- \* Greeting patients as they arrive at registration areas.
- \* Escorting patients, family members & visitors
- \* Clerical Duties
- \* Information Desk
- \* Delivering books & magazines to waiting room and lobby.
- \* Delivering supplies
- \* Delivering in-coming mail to patients
- \* Volunteering in hospital's Gift Shop
- \* Pastoral Care support
- \* Assisting Patient Care staff







For the next couple of weeks we will have inserts in our bulletins, inviting members of all churches of the Synod to participate in this appeal.

### SUNDAY MORNING ADULT FORUM



Have you considered joining an adult class? Consider this your invitation!

Sunday mornings at 9 am a group of inquisitive adults meet to watch an interesting half-hour DVD segment and discuss what we've learned. Right now the class is learning about Islam – which, along with Judaism and Christianity, is one of the three great monotheistic religions of the world.

Why this class? Because you might learn something important about the fastest-growing world religion... because Islam is incredibly misunderstood in the West... because you might come to a deeper, stronger faith in Jesus Christ.

Come, pull up a chair, and grab a cup of coffee. And join in the stimulating conversation this class is known for!

### A MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY...

We desperately need two or more people willing to learn to operate our projection equipment for worship services.

Don Sundby has been doing this important task for many years, but he's accepted a temporary job out of town, until the fall. He's willing to train two or more people before he leaves. If you're interested, speak with Don or Tim Merkel or Mike Okoneski.



### TIME TO START PLANNING!

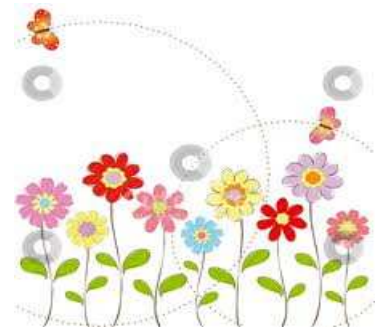
Last summer's "Song Camp" was a phenomenal success! Imagine what we can do this summer...to gather neighborhood kids together for a great learning experience (and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ).

Our annual "Neighborhood Party" is normally held the Sunday after Labor Day – that would be September 8 this year. This is our way of inviting our neighbors to experience our gospel hospitality.

I'd like to have some help with that planning, beginning mid-to late May. Could you help?

Please speak with me, soon!

*Pastor Rich*



### SHUT-IN MINISTRY

Why not surprise a shut-in with a card or visit this summer?

Check with Carole in the office; she'll be happy to give you names and addresses of our members who can't get out much anymore!





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 8:30 AA (open)	<b>2</b> 8:30 AA (closed)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 8:30 Prayer 9:00 S.S. 9:00 Adult Forum 10:00 Worship	<b>6</b> 7:30 Bible Study  8:30 AA (closed)	<b>7</b>  8:30 AA (open)	<b>8</b>  8:30 AA (open)	<b>9</b>  8:30 AA (closed)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  9:00 Lady Saints
<b>12</b> 8:30 Prayer 9:00 S.S. 9:00 Adult Forum 10:00 Worship <b>Coffee Hour</b> 	<b>13</b> 7:30 Bible Study  8:30 AA (closed)	<b>14</b> 7:00 Property Mtg.  8:30 AA (open)	<b>15</b>  8:30 AA (open)	<b>16</b> 7:00 Council  8:30 AA (closed)	<b>17</b> Pre-School Graduation  Synod Assembly	<b>18</b>  In Bowling Green
<b>19</b> 8:30 Prayer 9:00 S.S. 9:00 Adult Forum 10:00 Worship  Pentecost	<b>20</b> 7:00 S.O.S. 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 AA (closed)	<b>21</b> Pre-School Last Day  8:30 AA (open)	<b>22</b>  8:30 AA (open)	<b>23</b>  8:30 AA (closed)	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  9:00 Men's Gr.
<b>26</b> 8:30 Prayer 9:00 S.S. and 9:00 Adult Forum 10:00 Worship	<b>27</b> No Bible Study 8:30 AA (closed)  Memorial Day Office Closed	<b>28</b> 6:00 Ryewyck Blockwatch  8:30 AA (open)	<b>29</b>  8:30 AA (open)	<b>30</b>  8:30 AA (closed)	<b>31</b>	

# MAY VOLUNTEERS

## READER

May 5 Barb Moungie  
May 12 Gretchen Schultz  
May 19 Irene Fink  
May 26 Norm Merkel

## GREETERS

Rosa-Linda Brown  
Ann Miller  
Irene Fink  
Cheryl Sopher

## COMMUNION PREP/ASSISTANT

May 5 Judy Grimes and Sue Slater-Rentner  
May 12 Gretchen Schultz & Pam Hershberger  
May 19 Mary Lou Houle & Peg Loehrke  
May 26 Norm & Sue Merkel

## MONTH

May

## ALTAR

Sue Merkel

## COUNTERS

May 5 Rose Thomson & LaVerne Bussdieker  
May 12 Sue Merkel & Judy Reber  
May 19 Ann Miller & Pat Toepfer  
May 26 Mary Lou Houle & Sue Merkel

## OFFERING

May 5 Judy Reber  
May 12 Roger Meyer  
May 19 Roger Meyer  
May 26 Rose Thomson

## USHERS

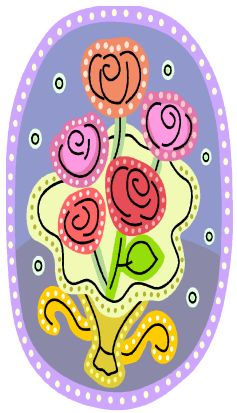
May 5 Chris Stockmaster, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch  
May 12 Bob Krueger, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch  
May 19 Bill Reber, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch  
May 26 Chris Stockmaster, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch



- 5/4 Thelda McNees
- 5/7 Rick McCann
- 5/17 Kathy Yarger
- 5/19 Paul Fritsch  
Gretchen Schultz
- 5/28 John Weygandt



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## May Altar Flowers

5	Diana Burkhardt
12	Open
19	Lynda Meyer
26	Ann Miller

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