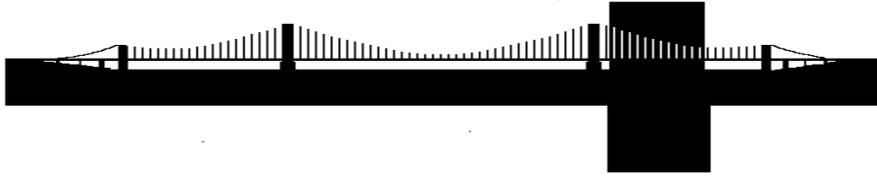


Building Bridges To God



Through the Cross of Christ

The Newsletter Ministry of All Saints Lutheran Church

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November 2014

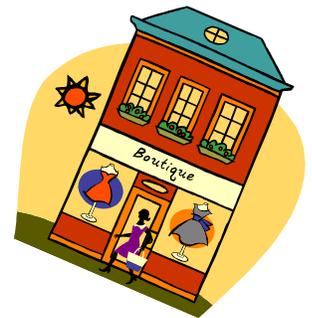


ALL SAINT'S ANNUAL QUILT SHOW

Nov. 7 & 8, 2014

9am - 3pm

Beautiful Quilts, Craft and Bake Sale
New this year ~ All Saint's Boutique
Quilt Drawing ~ Lunch available



Operation Christmas Child Shoebox
items needed by Nov. 16 so we can fill the
boxes and send them out.

Order your Poinsettia now for the
Holidays. Deadline is Nov. 16.
Order form enclosed



Drive Thru Nativity FUNdraiser Nov. 20
at Max & Ermas in Maumee.

Hanging of the Greens Nov. 30
after worship.



For all the Saints...

November 2014

Christians have a long history of 'taking over' pagan festivals, 'baptizing' them for new purposes. **Christmas**, for example, began as 'Saturnalia,' a Roman festival characterized by exuberant over-indulgence (*have things changed all that much?*). **Easter** began as a pagan celebration of the spring equinox (Eostre, in the north), when once again living things (plants) would pop up out of the ground. Christians claimed it as the day of Jesus' resurrection and new life. Made sense!

Most of us understand that what we call '**Halloween**' also had pagan roots. The ancient Celts had a festival called *Samhain* (pronounced 'sah-win'). The ancient Gaels believed that on October 31, the boundaries between the worlds of the living and the dead overlapped, and the deceased would come back to life and cause havoc such as sickness or damaged crops (zombies, anyone?). How do you redeem a festival like that? You run with the spooky stuff and attach it to the saints, who now rest from their labors. **All Saints Day**, anyone?

Those who established our congregation chose for a name **All Saints**. So it only seems right that we celebrate our name and date with something special. All Saints Day is always November 1 (the day after '*All-hallows Eve*,' *Halloween*). Since Sunday November 2 is the closest Sunday to the holiday, we will celebrate our name by remembering our departed faithful in worship that day. If you'd like to have a departed Christian family member or friend remembered in prayer that day, please phone or email the church office with their name a couple days in advance.

We have another little tradition, one that's been going on since I began as your pastor, six years ago. On All Saints Sunday we invite members and faithful attendees at worship to sign their name on a display board. What's the purpose? What does it signify?

It's meant to simply show who among us is willing to commit themselves to another year of ministry in and through this congregation. Who is willing to commit to regular and faithful worship...to share in the Lord's Supper on a regular basis...to read and study the scriptures...to care for and nurture others and the world we understand is God's gift to us...and to work for justice and peace in the world. These are essentially the things you (or your baptismal sponsors and parents) said 'yes' to when you were baptized.

On **All Saints Sunday** this year, you'll be invited to add your name to this public record (we'd like to get your picture, and include that too!). It's also the day we'll ask you to dedicate to God a *Faith Promise Card*, which is your commitment to the financial support of our All Saints' ministry. On Sundays, October 19 and 26, we've distributed stewardship materials for you to read. If you were not in church those days, materials were mailed to your home.

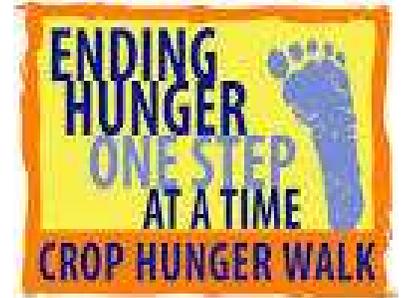
I'm glad you're part of the **All Saints** family! Thanks for reaffirming your commitment!

+ *Pastor Rick*



The Lady Saints will meet this month on Nov. 1. We've decided not to have Coffee Hour or meet for "Sassy Saints" because of this busy time.

Thanks to all who contributed to the CROP Walk last month. A total of \$304.00 was donated from our church to help fight hunger "**one step at a time.**"



Thanks so much to Rex and Kathy Yarger for all their hard work on the Trunk or Treat last month, and also to all those who donated Candy and helped with this fun annual event!

Our Annual Quilt Show is Nov. 7 & 8, and as in the past we will have the **Bake Sale**. If you'd like to donate your delicious baked goods, please bring them in "ready to sell" packages by Nov. 6. There's always plenty to do, if you'd like to help with this fun event. Sign up sheet is posted on the board.



OPERATING SHOEBOX

Anyone is welcome to help us fill the shoeboxes that we are donating to Samaritan's Purse. We'll be collecting items (school supplies, small toys, soap, etc) and filling the boxes on Nov. 16. See next page for suggested gift ideas for boxes.

If you'd like to help with postage costs or give money to help with purchase of shoebox fillings, please see Amy Merkel.

LIVING NATIVITY FUNDRAISER

We're having another fundraiser like we did in July to help raise funds for our Annual Drive Thru Nativity. It's Thursday **Nov. 20** at Max & Ermas in Maumee off of Dussel Rd. Please remember to bring your coupon that's included in the newsletter.



Office will be closed on Nov. 27 & 28 for Thanksgiving



Poinsettia Sale

6 1/2" Pot (1 plant) or 8 1/2" Pot (3 plants)

#	Color	x	\$9 (6 1/2")	\$18 (8 1/2")	Total
___	Red	x	\$9 ___	\$18 ___	___
___	White	x	\$9 ___	\$18 ___	___
___	Pink	x	\$9 ___	\$18 ___	___
___	Marbled	x	\$9 ___	\$18 ___	___
___	Jingle Bells	x	\$9 ___	\$18 ___	___

(red w/pink spots)

Deadline for ordering is Sunday, November 16.

Please enclose payment with order and make checks payable to All Saints Lutheran Church.

Name _____

In Honor Of _____

In Memory Of _____

Plants will decorate Altar for Christmas then you may take yours home. Extra plants can be ordered for family members.

Your Gift Goes A Long Way



Shoe Box - Suggested Gifts:

Toys: small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), slinky, etc.

School supplies: pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, coloring books, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, etc.

Hygiene items: toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc

Other: hard candy, lollipops, mints, gum, sunglasses, flashlights (with extra batteries), ball caps, socks, T-shirts, toy jewelry, hair clips, watches, small picture book, etc.

Do NOT include the following:

- Used items
- War-related items: toy guns, knives, etc.
- Chocolate or perishable food items
- Liquids: shampoo, liquid soap, lotion, bubbles, etc.
- Medicines: vitamins, cough drops, ointment, etc.
- Breakable items: mirrors, china dolls, snowglobes, etc.

**Gift donations may be placed in box in narthex.

**Cash donations may be given to church or Amy Merkel.

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Living Nativity**

Present this ticket to your server and 20% of your sales will benefit the organization listed above

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ELCA Provides \$100,000 to Support Containing Ebola

In a news release 9/25/14, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America announced that it has provided an initial \$100,000 to partners and Lutheran companion churches in Africa to help contain the outbreak of this devastating disease.

The Lutheran Church in Liberia and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone had asked the ELCA for assistance in fighting the outbreak, distributing food, providing personal protective equipment, training of health care workers, offering education about prevention and completing an isolation unit at Phebe Hospital and School of Nursing in Monrovia, Liberia.

The Ebola outbreak "is truly unprecedented," said Dr. Rebecca Huerst, ELCA program director for global health. "The outbreak is not only causing an extraordinary number of deaths but also from other treatable diseases, childbirth, and starvation."

The Rev. Daniel Rift, director of ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal, points out that "There are really two stories here. One is the immediate need and response, but the second is about the long-term commitment and the difference it makes that so many generously support the church's efforts to address poverty, hunger and health year in and year out through the ELCA."

For more information about the ELCA's response, go to www.ELCA.org/Out-Work-Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/Ebola. Gifts to support this effort will be used 100 percent to assist those impacted by the outbreak.

Resilience amidst uncertainty: Lessons from South Sudan

"But what do you do to cope?" I asked my new friend, Anne, who coordinates Lutheran World Federation refugee programming in Kenya and lived in the Dadaab refugee camp for several years. Anne looked up at me with a sparkle in her eye. "In Dadaab, we dance. Every night, we dance."

This is a resilience that the South Sudanese carry along with their looming memories of incomprehensible turmoil and their expectations for future uncertainty.

For several years now, our "**Birthday Club**" has been helping to support work done by Lutheran World Relief and the Lutheran World Federation to sustain the lives of Sudanese refugees living in the Dadaab Refugee Camp in Kenya.

Although this has been a rather 'low-profile' ministry of All Saints in recent times, we continue to encourage our members and friends to make a special gift to LWR (through the ELCA) during the month of their birthday. Any gift is appreciated, but we challenge each other to give one dollar for each year of their life. One-hundred percent of all offerings go directly to support the refugees living in Dadaab. Thanks for remembering our desperate 'neighbors in need' on the other side of the world!

See more at: <http://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/blogs/ELCALutheranDisasterResponse/84#sthash.WCRtz8WO.dpuf>



NOVEMBER 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00 Lady Saints 
2 Daylight Saving Time ends 8:30 Prayer 9:00 Adult Forum 9:00 S. S. 10:00 Worship Pledges dedicated	3 8:30 AA (closed)	4 Election Day  8:30 AA (open)	5 Quilt Show Set Up Hanging Quilts 7:00 Bible Study 8:30 AA (open)	6 Quilt Show Set Up Hanging Quilts 8:30 AA (closed)	7 9-3 	8 9-3 
9 8:30 Prayer 9:00 S.S. 9:00 Adult Forum 10:00 Worship Baptism of Franklin James Burkhardt	10 8:30 AA (closed)	11  7:00 Property 8:30 AA (open)	12 7:00 Bible Study 8:30 AA (open)	13 8:30 AA (closed)	14	15
16 8:30 Prayer 9:00 S.S. 9:00 Adult Forum 10:00 Worship	17 7:00 S.O.S. 8:30 AA (closed)	18 7:00 Hymn Selection Mtg. 8:30 AA (open)	19 7:00 Bible Study 8:30 AA (open)	20 7:00 Council 8:30 AA (closed)	21	22
23 8:30 Prayer 9:00 S.S. 9:00 Adult Forum 10:00 Worship Julie Beitelschees to lead Worship	24 8:30 AA (closed)	25 8:30 AA (open)	26 NO Bible Study 8:30 AA (open)	27  8:30 AA (closed) Office Closed	28 Office Closed	29 9:00  Outside Christmas lights to be hung up

30 8:30 Prayer 9:00 S.S. 9:00 Adult Forum 10:00 Worship	Church Decorating after Worship. 
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NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

READER

Nov. 2 Gretchen Schultz
Nov. 9 Donnajean Stockmaster
Nov. 16 Bob Krueger
Nov. 23 Ted Beitelschees
Nov. 30 Norm Merkel

GREETERS

Roger & Lynda Meyer
Pat Toepfer
Dorothy Henderson
LaVerne Busddieker
Judy Mizer

COMMUNION PREP/ASSISTANT

Nov. 2 Roger & Lynda Meyer
Nov. 9 Chris & Donnajean Stockmaster
Nov. 16 Bill & Judy Reber
Nov. 23 Judy Mizer & Sue Slater
Nov. 30 Mary Lou Houle & Bob Krueger

ALTAR

NOVEMBER Sue Merkel

COUNTERS

Nov. 2 Sue Merkel & LaVerne Busddieker
Nov. 9 Sue Merkel & Judy Reber
Nov. 16 Mary Lou Houle & Pat Toepfer
Nov. 23 Mary Lou Houle & Janet Caskey
Nov. 30 Sue Merkel & LaVerne Busddieker

OFFERING

Nov. 2 Chris Stockmaster
Nov. 9 Janet Caskey
Nov. 16 Julie Beitelschees
Nov. 23 Judy Reber
Nov. 30 Norm Merkel

USHERS

Nov. 2 Chris Stockmaster, Hassan Brown Ralph Fritsch
Nov. 9 Bob Krueger, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch
Nov. 16 Bill Reber, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch
Nov. 23 Chris Stockmaster, Hassan Brown Ralph Fritsch
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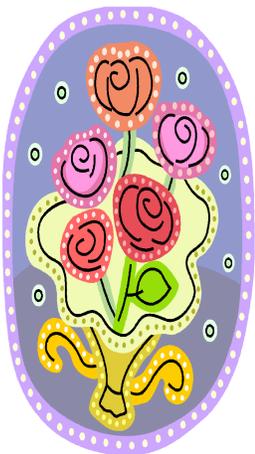
- 11/2 Heidi Driver
- 11/7 Katie Krueger
- 11/17 Bill Reber
- 11/21 Norm Merkel
- 11/23 Tom Stokes
- 11/24 Rosa Linda Brown
- 11/26 Sharon Baacke
- 11/30 Cheryl Sopher



11/20 Tom & Gretchen Schultz ~ 49 yrs

If we've missed your Birthday or Anniversary this month, please notify the office so we can correct our records.

November Altar Flowers



2	Drivers
9	Open
16	Open
23	Open
30	Open

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