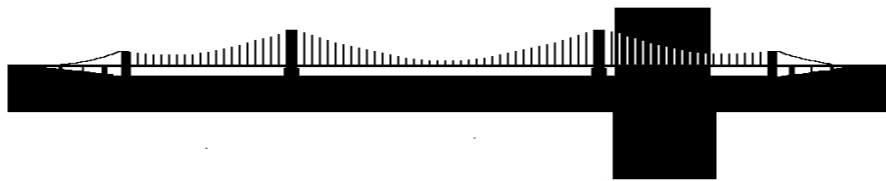


Building Bridges To God



**EQUIPPING
THE
SAINTS**

Through the Cross of Christ

The Newsletter Ministry of All Saints Lutheran Church

October 2012

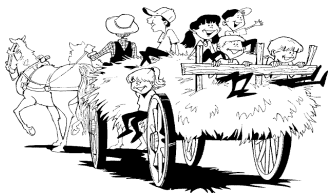


October Happenings . . .



The Annual CROP Walk

Sunday, October 7, 1:30 pm
Ottawa Park Shelter (Kenwood Blvd.)



All Saint's Annual Hayride

Sunday, October 7, 6:00 pm
at Matthes Tree Farm in Ida, MI
Please meet at church at 5:15 to carpool
Hayride begins at 6:00 sharp !

Ladies and Men's Annual Retreat

Saturday, October 27, 9-3:30 pm
Held at Providence Lutheran Church
Cost is \$10.00 ~ includes lunch
Deadline to register is October 19.



Please call All Saints to register!



Trick-or-Trunk Halloween Party

Wednesday, October 31 6:30-8:00 pm
Hot Dogs, Candy, Apple Cider and Games!

Look inside for more . . .

Let's talk about money.

October 2012

Wise preachers generally avoid 'money talk' except during the annual stewardship drive (we'll address that next month).

Maybe I'm not that wise!

Honestly, I'm not afraid to pastorally address the subject. There's nothing inherently 'good' or 'bad' about money; you know that. Jesus talked about it (okay, for those who don't participate in a group Bible study, look these passages up before you finish reading this: Luke 21:1-4; Matthew 17:24-27; Matthew 5:42; Matthew 19:16-22). Like many other things we take for granted, *it's what we do with money that matters!* How we manage money says a lot about us.

Some time ago I distributed "piggy-banks" to the kids at church. Each bank had three sections; one marked "save," one marked "spend," and the third marked "share:"

- **Save:** Did you know that if you set aside 20 bucks a week for 50 years, at 6% interest you'd be a millionaire (actually, more than \$1.3 M)? Don't you wish you would have started *that* practice a long time ago?
- **Spend:** Not a problem for most of us. It comes naturally!
- **Share:** I'm talking *charitable giving* here. Giving away some of your hard-earned dollars to sustain and improve the lives of others...to improve the quality of life in our community...to sustain and enlarge the ministry of Jesus Christ...to ensure that, from what God has blessed you with, you can serve God by helping the poor to also experience more of God's blessings in their lives.

Now, which of these three gives you the most enduring joy, the greatest satisfaction?

Here's a truth I learned a long time ago: *You can't out-give God!* When you think you're being extremely generous with your money (and you probably are!), *God is always giving you more!* More life, more time, more opportunity, more peace, more forgiveness... The list goes on and on! You simply *can't out-give God.*

Of course, there are always those who live so close to disaster that they can neither *save* nor *share* much money. Once again, *God provides!* Through the Pastor's Benevolence Fund, our congregation is able to help. Through your generous support, we are able to extend the gracious love of Christ to those who are in need. Thank you!

And those without much money still have the same number of hours each week (168, to be exact) as the wealthiest person on earth. How we 'spend' our hours is another topic, for another day.

No, I'm not afraid to talk about money. You shouldn't be, either! Together let's learn from St. Paul (Philippians 4:10-13) – *"I rejoice in the Lord greatly... I have learned, in whatever state I am, to be content... I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and want. I CAN DO ALL THINGS IN HIM WHO STRENGTHENS ME."*

Pastor Rich

**A PASTORAL LETTER
FROM ELCA BISHOP MARK S. HANSON
...on the 25th Anniversary of the ELCA:**

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. We are a church rooted in Scripture, tradition, the Lutheran Confessions and the rich histories of our congregations. It is through God's grace that we are made new day by day to proclaim Jesus Christ and boldly participate in God's work. As Luther said, this faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing.

As we celebrate our 25th anniversary, we get to look back at the people and events that have shaped us as a church. We celebrate the stories that have made us vibrant and distinctive yet brought us together as nearly 10,000 congregations, 65 synods and numerous church wide ministries freed in Christ to love and serve neighbors in our communities, our nation and around the world.

What God has done through us is indeed worth celebrating! In 25 years we've started 435 new congregations. We've theologically trained nearly 8,000 leaders. Together, we've sent thousands of missionaries to serve around the world. Thank you for your partnership in proclaiming God's reconciliation in Christ and restoring community.

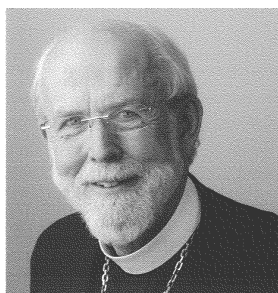
It is through your support of this church each week in your congregational offering that you've made these vital ministries happen. Through the gifts you have made as congregations, you've trained leaders who've become missionaries, advocates and pastors. You've worked to break the systems that foster hunger and poverty in your community, across the country and overseas. You've joined with other faiths and denominations around the world to pray and work for peace. You've created communities where people feel welcomed. You've stood up against violence and taught generations of young people that they can change the world.

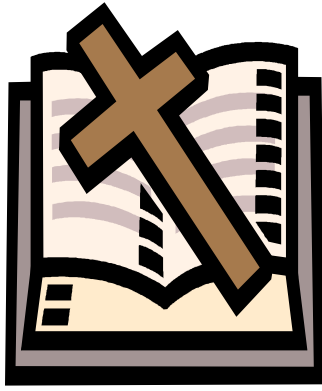
In 2 Corinthians 5:17 Paul writes, "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"

It is through our willingness as a church to boldly participate in God's work that we are made new day by day and story by story. I am grateful for your encouragement, support and prayers in making these stories of faith in action happen.

Thanks be to God!

In God's grace,
Mark S. Hanson
Presiding Bishop





Dear members and friends,

Christian Education (or as I like to call it, "Faith Formation") is important for people of all ages...not just the kids! Please consider attending one or both of our weekly Adult classes:

1. Sunday mornings at 9 am in the Forum Room. This Sunday we're beginning a new course entitled "*Grace – More than we deserve, greater than we imagine.*" We Lutherans understand God's grace, but I suspect we all could appreciate this treasure even more if we spent some time talking together about it!
2. Monday evenings, 7:30 – 8:45 also in the Forum Room. Monday of next week we're starting a new program called "*The Lutheran Course.*" It's perfect for those who never participated in a traditional confirmation program when they were younger, or who have questions about the heart of our faith as we Lutherans understand it.

Learning can be fun! Just look at the smiles of those who have been attending either class for some time. I'd like you to get in on the fun, too... and in the process, grow a little more in your faith. Will you join us?

Pastor Rich



Monday Evening Bible Study With St. Joan of Arc in October

You're invited to join our Monday evening Bible study on October 8, 7 - 8:30 pm at St. Joan of Arc Roman Catholic Church for the first of three classes on "The Cross of Christ."

Two other meetings will be held: Monday October 15 and Monday October 29 (skipping the 22nd).

For several years now, All Saints has hosted these wonderful evenings of ecumenical sharing and learning. This year SJA will be hosting us!

If you'd like, meet at All Saints parking lot at 6:45 pm each night, and we can car pool to SJA.

For more information, contact Pastor Rich



ECUMENICAL BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2012
3:00pm-4:30pm
at

St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Parish

Title: Freddie the Leaf
Speaker: Rita Hoff,
Director OutReach Ministries

Look to our bulletin board for more details



~All Saints Annual Hayride ~

Sunday, October 7, 6:00 pm

Please meet at church at 5:15 to carpool to Matthes Tree Farm in Ida, MI..... Hayride begins at 6:00 sharp!

Sign up sheet is posted on bulletin board! Be sure to sign up if you're planning on attending and also if you'd like to bring something for S'mores, drinks, roasting forks, etc.

Free Will Offering

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The Giving Store: Glenwood Lutheran Church

on Monroe St., adjacent to the Art Museum

Wednesday, October 10

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

All Saints friends... If you'd like to help sort clothing and other donated items for The Giving Store, please contact Gretchen Schultz at 419 340-1746 or email schultzt6@aol.com. Unfortunately there's a lot of steps, so beware of that. Let's have a fun morning helping others!

Lady Saints Meeting ~ Saturday, October 13 at 9:00am

Ladies... please be sure to bring needle and thread to help sew quilt sleeves for the Quilt Show.



A **BIG** thank you goes out to our Lady Saints for the shiny new dishwasher and also to Rose Thomson who picked it out and got us a great deal on it!

We'd like to also thank Chris Stockmaster for installing this for us and putting in new wiring for it. We appreciate YOU!!



Thank you ... Thank you ... Thank you!!

**Ladies and Men's Retreat
Saturday, October 27
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**



**First Person Parable:
The Prodigal Son**

All Saints Lutheran Church
invites you to attend a fall retreat at the
Family Life Center of Providence Lutheran Church
8131 Airport Hwy.
Holland, OH 43528

Cost: \$10.00 includes lunch
Deadline: October 19

Make check payable to All Saints
and put "**Retreat**" in *memo*

Retreat leaders are Pastor Julie
and Ted Beitelschees



It's Shoebox Time!!

Throughout October
we'll be collecting
small items (school supplies, small
toys, soap, etc.) to fill our already
purchased Shoeboxes. Now is a
great time to get school supplies on
sale! Please put them in the tote
that's labeled Operation Shoebox in
the lobby.

Thank you!

HELPING THE HOMELESS STAY WARM

There will be a collection box under the coat rack
in the hallway to collect any old boots or coats (any size) that
people could donate.

We will take any size, clean used/new coats, snow pants,
boots, etc. to hand out to the homeless in November.



Bakers get ready!

If you'd like to donate
baked goods for the
Quilt Show and Election
Day Bake Sales, please
bring them in already
wrapped and ready to
sell. This Election Day
Bake Sale will be a big
one... we always sell a
LOT of goodies and the
voters look forward to
our yummy treats!



Annual
QUILT SHOW
Friday, Nov. 2 and
Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012
9:00 - 3:00

Large Display of Quilts
Arts & Craft Sale
Quilt Drawing
Bake Sale

Lunch Available
Free Admission



**ELECTION DAY
BAKE SALE
Nov. 6**

OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

READER

Oct. 7 Tim Merkel
Oct. 14 Rick McCann
Oct. 21 Norm Merkel
Oct. 28 Ted Beitelschees

GREETERS

Rex & Kathy Yarger
Rick & Becky McCann
Bill & Judy Reber
Ann Miller

COMMUNION PREP/ASSISTANT

Oct. 7 Tim & Amy Merkel
Oct. 14 Bob Krueger & Jim TerDoest
Oct. 21 Norm & Sue Merkel
Oct. 28 Ted & Julie Beitelschees

MONTH

October

ALTAR

Mary Lou Houle

COUNTERS

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

OFFERING

Oct. 7 Judy Reber
Oct. 14 Roger Meyer
Oct. 21 Judy Grimes
Oct. 28 Rose Thomson


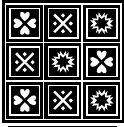
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Oct. 7 Chris Stockmaster, Bill Reber, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch
Oct. 14 Jim TerDoest, Bob Krueger, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch
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Thank you all..... for your time!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 AA (closed)	2 8:30 AA (closed)	3 8:30 AA (closed)	4 6:30 LHS Donor Appreciation Dinner at Parkway Place 8:30 AA (closed)	5	6
7 8:30 Prayer 9:00 Adult Forum 9:00 S.S. 10:00 Worship 1:30 CROP Walk 6:00 Hayride (5:15 meet at church to carpool)	8 7:00 Bible Study at St. Joan of Arc 8:30 AA (closed)	9 7:00 Property 8:30 AA (open)	10 8:30 AA (open)	11 8:30 AA (closed)	12	13 9:00 Lady Saints
14 8:30 Prayer 9:00 Adult Forum 9:00 S.S. 10:00 Worship Pastor Angela Zimmann preaching 	15 Newsletter articles are due 7:00 Bible Study at St. Joan of Arc 7:00 S.O.S. 8:30 AA (closed)	16 6:00 Ryewyck Blockwatch 8:30 AA (open)	17 8:30 AA (open)	18 7:00 Council 8:30 AA (closed)	19	20
21 8:30 Prayer 9:00 Adult Forum 9:00 S.S. 10:00 Worship	22 No Bible Study 8:30 AA (closed)	23 8:30 AA (open)	24 8:30 AA (open)	25 8:30 AA (closed)	26	27 9-3:30 Ladies and Men's Retreat at Providence Lutheran Church
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