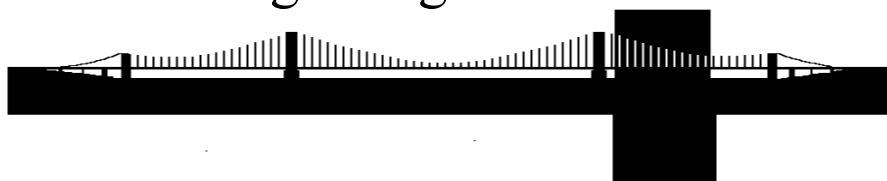


Building Bridges To God



Through the Cross of Christ

The Newsletter Ministry of All Saints Lutheran Church

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS

October 2013



Toledo Area CROP WALK

Sunday October 13 ~ 3:00 pm

at UT Rocket Hall/University Trail

Jay Berschback, WTVG-TV13 Meteorologist
will be the honorary chair.

Donations accepted here!

Friends and Family Annual Hayride

Sunday October 20 ~ 6:00 pm

at Matthes Tree Farm in Ida, MI

(meet at church at 5:15 pm to carpool)



Sunday, Oct. 27

6:00 - 7:30 pm

Hot Dogs, Candy,
Apple Cider
and Games!

All Saints Annual Quilt Show & Bake Sale Nov. 1-2, 9am - 3pm



Large display of Quilts
Arts and Crafts Sale
Quilt Drawing
Bake Sale
Lunch Available
Free Admission



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

If you'd like to donate items for
the shoeboxes, please put
them in bin provided in lobby.

**Deadline is Nov. 10.
Shoeboxes filled on Nov. 17.**

Look inside for more details!



Funny, isn't it...how Jesus taught us that we aren't supposed to worry about tomorrow, but *worrying about tomorrow* is something we all do so well!

From paying our bills to dealing with our health issues to funding the government to sustaining the ministry of the gospel at All Saints, we worry about those things we care deeply about.

This month I'd like to address that last item above: *sustaining the ministry of the gospel at All Saints*.

A couple of months ago, our Church Council formed an *ad hoc* committee to do *strategic planning* for our church's future. The idea is simple and straightforward: "What should we be doing now to ensure that All Saints will be here, doing the work of Jesus, long into the future?"

The committee has met a few times; we've begun to define the task and set a course for ourselves. As you can imagine, this isn't a simple task...but it is really important!

Two things (in addition to *faith*) are necessary for the growth of the church: *people and money*. Thanks to your generosity and the careful financial work of our leaders, we're now operating in the black (after a couple of years of deficit spending). And we have a remarkably faithful membership, committed to attending worship and supporting ministries with their presence. Like most every church, we've gained some new members, and we've also lost some. But, like most every church today, we're not growing in numbers. We're getting older. We're all too aware of that!

As we begin this process of planning for the future, here are two specific things you can do to help:

1. As God enables you, continue to faithfully worship at All Saints, every Sunday! Keep worship a priority in your life, for in worship God meets you in Word and Sacrament. In worship we experience the healing power of God's love and forgiveness. In worship and prayer we strengthen our relationships with one another. In worship we welcome the stranger and see the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ at work. By corporate worship, you affirm the importance of the ministry of this congregation in your life and in our community.
2. As God enables you, continue to support the ministry done through our church with your financial resources. When you must miss a Sunday because of illness or travel, make every effort to mail in your weekly offering, or include it the next Sunday with that week's offering. Don't think that your offering is so insignificant that it won't be missed; *it will!* And Jesus himself once remarked about a widow's generous gift of two pennies...it was *all that she had*. It was a gift from the heart, more precious than the large gifts from those who could well afford to give even more.

Thank you, in the name of Jesus!

Pastor Rich



OUR STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

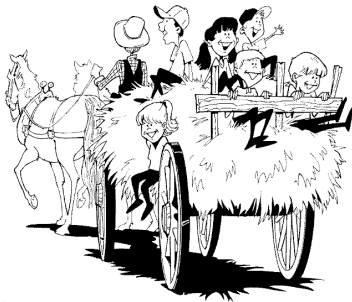
Norm Merkel and Bill Reber (co-chairmen); Rose Thomson, Amy Merkel, Ted Beitelschees, Bob Krueger, Roger Meyer (Congregational and Council President), Pam Hershberger, and Pastor Rich Rentner.

Toledo Area CROP WALK

Sunday, October 13 ~ 3:00 pm



The Walk will be new and exciting this year as it will be at UT Rocket Hall, take the university trail to Richard Road and back – approximately 2.2 miles. Jay Berschback, WTVG-TV13 Meteorologist will be the honorary chair. Our own Chris & Donnajean Stockmaster as well as Judy Reber will be walking in this event. Donations are being accepted here in honor of this walk. See Donnajean if you have any questions.



~Friends and Family Annual Hayride~

Sunday, October 20 at 6:00 pm
Matthes Tree Farm in Ida, Mi

We will be resuming our fall tradition of our family and friends hay ride and hot dog roast once again at Matthes tree farm. The hay ride will start promptly at 6:00 pm. We will ride around the farm and end up at a large bon fire to roast hot dogs, make s'mores, and sing songs. **Please be at church by 5:15 to carpool** unless you are planning on driving separately. **Remember... the hayride begins at 6:00 sharp!**

We are asking each family to bring one of the following: 2 liter bottle of pop, bag of chips, bag of marshmallows, or a box of Hershey chocolate, the rest of the food will be provided.

Please sign up in the narthex how many people will be coming and what food item you can bring. Please bring any long hot dog forks you might have.

“Free Will Offering”



All Saints Annual Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 27
6:00 - 7:30 pm

It's become a tradition here at All Saints now to have Trunk or Treat for not only our kids here at church, but also for the kids in our community.

As before, we'll have grilled hot dogs; chips; special party games and activities, and of course CANDY!!

If you'd like to donate candy for this fun event, it would be greatly appreciated! Please bring in by Oct. 27 and put in Pastor's office.

If you would like to help with games and/or face painting, please let Pastor know.

It's Shoebox Time!!



Your gift goes a long way...

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!

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, hairclips, 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.**

Deadline is Nov. 10... Shoeboxes filled Nov. 17

ATTENTION ALL BAKERS!

ALL SAINTS ANNUAL QUILT SHOW & BAKE SALE

**Nov. 1 ~ 2,
9:00 - 3:00**

Bake goods are needed for the Quilt Show Bake Sale. Please bring items in wrapped and ready to sell packages. Raffle Tickets are now being sold for the Quilt Drawing. They're \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

See Gretchen Schultz



ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE

Nov. 5

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 packages.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:30 AA (open)	2 8:30 AA (open)	3 8:30 AA (closed)	4	5
6 8:30 Prayer 9:00 Adult Forum 9:00 S. S. 10:00 Worship	7 6:15 Strategic Planning Committee 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 AA (closed)	8 7:00 Property Mtg. 8:30 AA (open)	9 8:30 AA (open)	10 8:30 AA (closed)	11	12 9:00 Lady Saints 
13 8:30 Prayer 9:00 S.S. 9:00 Adult Forum 10:00 Worship Coffee Hour CROP Walk	14 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 AA (closed)	15 7:00 W & M 8:30 AA (open)	16 8:30 AA (open)	17 7:00 Council 8:30 AA (closed)	18	19
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OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

READER

Oct. 6 Rick McCann
Oct. 13 Ted Beitelschees
Oct. 20 Gretchen Schultz
Oct. 27 Irene Fink

GREETERS

Rick & Becky McCann
Wilma Lupe
Rose Thomson
Irene Fink

COMMUNION PREP/ASSISTANT

Oct. 6 Bill & Judy Reber
Oct. 13 Ted & Julie Beitelschees
Oct. 20 Gretchen Schultz & Pam Hershberger
Oct. 27 Tim & Amy Merkel

MONTH
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ALTAR

Chris Stockmaster

COUNTERS

Oct. 6 Rose Thomson & LaVerne Busddieker
Oct. 13 Sue Merkel & Judy Reber
Oct. 20 Ann Miller & Pat Toepfer
Oct. 27 Mary Lou Houle & Janet Caskey

OFFERING

Oct. 6 Judy Reber
Oct. 13 Janet Caskey
Oct. 20 Judy Grimes
Oct. 27 Tim Merkel

USHERS

Oct. 6 Bill Reber, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch
Oct. 13 Chris Stockmaster, Hassan Brown Ralph Fritsch
Oct. 20 Bob Krueger, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch
Oct. 27 Chris Stockmaster, Hassan Brown Ralph Fritsch

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