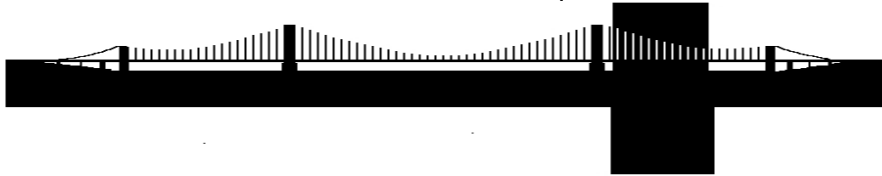


Building Bridges To God



EQUIPPING THE SAINTS

Through the Cross of Christ

The Newsletter Ministry of All Saints Lutheran Church September 2014



Office will be closed on
Monday, Sept. 1
in observance of Labor

resumes Wednesday, Sept. 3
at 7pm.... Please join us!

"Sassy Saints" Tea
at the Manor House
Wildwood Preserve
Friday, Sept. 5
11:15 Cost is \$10



Coffee Hour
Sunday, Sept. 14
after worship!

LET'S GO ON
A HAYRIDE



All Saint's Annual Hayride

Sunday, October 5 ~ Save the date!
at Matthes Tree Farm in Ida, MI

Meet at church at 5:15 to carpool
Hayride starts at 6:00 sharp!

Please sign up!

We are called...

Sept. 2014

Sometimes in our worship we sing a contemporary song by David Haas, the second verse of which goes like this:

*Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and blindness will be no more.*

Then the refrain:

*We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.*

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In light of the events of the past weeks in Ferguson, Missouri, these words ring out in my heart.

- *Despite violence, injustice, and racism...we are called to act with justice;*
- *Despite hatred, hopelessness and despair...we are called to love tenderly;*
- *Despite poverty, joblessness and looting...we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*

Here is the message put out by our ELCA Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton, on August 18, as she called for prayer and peace:

“Throughout the gospels, Jesus reached out to the ‘others,’ those whom society deemed utterly foreign. We are at greatest risk when we divide into ‘us’ and ‘them.’ Then, we are unable to see each other’s humanity. In Christ there is no ‘them,’ not Michael Brown, not the community, not the police. All are one. All are ‘us’ and all are Christ’s.

“We pray that peace will come to Ferguson and the Brown family – peace is founded on the knowledge that in Christ, there is no ‘other,’ only brothers and sisters.”

ELCA Central States Synod bishop, the Rev. Roger R. Gustafson, in a press release stated some of the obvious truths...not the least was this observation:

“The various elements of this painful drama carry the temptation of distracting us from (a) ...painful truth, one that’s at the heart of it all: His name was Michael Brown. He was 18 years old. He was black, and he was killed by a police officer. Had he been white, chances are excellent that he would still be alive. But the stark fact of Michael Brown’s death under extremely unclear circumstances points our attention to a larger truth: To be born male and African American in this country is to be born into a clear and present danger.

“We need to talk about race and privilege, but high-level conversations between groups will take us only so far. There is no substitute for personal relationship, for

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connecting one to one with someone who is unlike 'us.' Such relating is not comfortable because it has not been the norm. But it is possible and necessary if we want to become more and more the people who trust in God and God's providing more than we trust in ourselves."

It is necessary that we talk with one another...especially when some of us are of a different skin color. It's necessary, because too many young black people are dying at the hands of white people.

In recent Pew Research Center surveys (post-Ferguson, Aug. 14-17), 80 percent of blacks said the case (Michael Brown) "raises important issues about race that need to be discussed." But among whites, only 37 percent said that the case raises important issues about race," while 47 percent said "the issue of race is getting more attention in this case than it deserves."

A similar Pew survey in July 2013 (following the shooting death of the young black man, Trayvon Martin, in Florida) showed that only 28 percent of whites said the case raised important racial issues while fully 60 percent said race was getting too much attention.

"Race is getting too much attention." Really? Here's the real starting point for meaningful dialog on race. Christians of all colors need to begin the conversation... and keep it going until finally young African-American men and women are no longer being killed on the streets of our nation.

Jesus had a long history of going into foreign 'turf' to interact with people who were different. Think of the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well; think of the woman we recently heard about in worship (August 17), the Canaanite woman with a demon-possessed daughter...the girl that Jesus cured and healed. They were different, but it seems that Jesus sought them out, *because each was important to God!*

Remember the song refrain. Let it stay in your mind this day, this week:

*We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.*

For Jesus' sake, let the conversation grow!

In Christ,

+ Pastor Rich

THANK YOU!



Thanks to all who helped with the Neighborhood Party last Sunday and to all who contributed to food and/or prizes.

The weather held out for us and it was a beautiful day!



We'd like to thank all who ate at Max & Ermas last month on the day of our FUNdraiser for the Drive Thru Nativity. 20% of our food bill was donated to our fund, and that total ended up being \$144.37!





Gayle (Burkhardt)
and
Cagney Seay
Married July 26

CONGRATS!

Heidi Driver
and Brent Graber



A Thank you from PROJECT DIGNITY

~The Uniform Project~

Because Gretchen Schultz led your sewing group to help make skirts for needy TPS student girls, Project Dignity would like to thank all who helped!



The Uniform Project was a success again this summer with 157 skirts and jumpers made for Toledo Public School girls. During the past eleven years, women have made 1,363 garments to help these girls. Women from five congregations helped. Christ Presbyterian Church hosted the fabric cutting and assembly of kits for others to sew. Trinity Episcopal Church as well as SUCC Outreach provided the funding for fabric and supplies. We also received many donations of fabric. All of the help is very appreciated by Jill Roman of Project Dignity at Pilgrim Church as well as the new Uniform Project Coordinator, Hattie Kate Howell.

A Huge thanks to all who helped!!

Ellen Bowers and Hattie Kate Howell



“Sassy Saints”

Thanks to Dorothy Henderson, we are invited to Tea at the Manor House at Wildwood Preserve, 5100 W Central Ave on Friday, September 5 at 11:15 a.m.

Please RSVP to Sue Merkel 419 868-4844 by Monday, Sept. 1.
Cost is \$10

“Lady Saints”

Calling all ladies to our meeting on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at 9 a.m.
Join us for food, fun, and fellowship. Hope to see you there!!



All Saints Boutique

Since there is no rummage sale this year...
An expanded feature at the Quilt Show...
Nov. 7 & 8, 2014!

Save these items for resale ~ (everything in good condition please) purses, jewelry, scarves, hats, books, “fancy” glassware.
No clothing or items in poor condition.

Bring them to church and place in box under coat rack. If you have any questions, please call Diana Burkhardt at 419 866-8365 or Gretchen Schultz at 419 893-1097.

SAVE THE DATE: ~ December 20 & 21





All Saint's Annual Drive Thru Nativity

This year we will have live camels along with other nativity animals!!

If you would like to make a donation to help with rental costs of the Camel this year, we're collecting \$\$ in the jars in the lobby.



September 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  Labor Day Office Closed	2	3 7:00 Bible Study resumes	4 10-11 Preschool Open House	5 11:15 "Sassy Saint's" Tea at the Manor House Wildwood Preserve on Central Ave.	6
7 8:30 Prayer 9:00 Adult Forum 9:00 S. S. 10:00 Worship	8 Preschool Starts 8:30 AA (closed)	9 7:00 Property 8:30 AA (open)	10 7:00 Bible Study 8:30 AA (open)	11  Patriot Day 8:30 AA (closed)	12	13 9:00 Lady Saints
14 8:30 Prayer 9:00 S.S. 9:00 Adult Forum 10:00 Worship Coffee Hour 11:15 Detroit Youth Gathering Info. Meeting	15 7:00 S.O.S. 8:30 AA (closed)	16 6:30 Ragan Woods Blockwatch 7:00 Finance mtg. 8:30 AA (open)	17 7:00 Bible Study 8:30 AA (open)	18 7:00 Council 8:30 AA (closed)	19	20
21 8:30 Prayer 9:00 S.S. 9:00 Adult Forum 10:00 Worship	22  First Day of Autumn 8:30 AA (closed)	23 8:30 AA (open)	24 7:00 Bible Study 8:30 AA (open)	25 Newsletter put together 8:30 AA (closed)	26	27 9:00  MEN'S BREAKFAST
28 8:30 Prayer 9:00 S.S. 9:00 Adult Forum 10:00 Worship	29 8:30 AA (closed)	30 8:30 AA (open)				

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

READER

Sept. 7 Peg Loehrke
Sept. 14 Barb Mounjie
Sept. 21 Rex Yarger
Sept. 28 Dave Driver

GREETERS

Janet Caskey
Bev Rose
Wilma Lupe
Judy Mizer

COMMUNION PREP/ASSISTANT

Sept. 7 Bill & Judy Reber
Sept. 14 Barb Mounjie & Gretchen Schultz
Sept. 21 Pam Hershberger & Sue Slater
Sept. 28 Tim & Amy Merkel

ALTAR

SEPTEMBER Lynda Meyer

COUNTERS

Sept. 7 Rose Thomson & LaVerne Busddieker
Sept. 14 Sue Merkel & Judy Reber
Sept. 21 Rose Thomson & Pat Toepfer
Sept. 28 Mary Lou Houle & Janet Caskey

OFFERING

Sept. 7 Janet Caskey
Sept. 14 Chris Stockmaster
Sept. 21 Norm Merkel
Sept. 28 Judy Reber

USHERS

Sept. 7 Chris Stockmaster, Hassan Brown Ralph Fritsch
Sept. 14 Bob Krueger, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch
Sept. 21 Bill Reber, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch
Sept. 28 Chris Stockmaster, Hassan Brown Ralph Fritsch



- 9/1 Bob Krueger
- 9/15 Judy Grimes
Gary Johnson (Hollingsworth)
- 9/17 Gail Seay (Burkhardt)
- 9/20 Monica Roessler (Burkhardt)
- 9/23 Megan Sopher
- 9/27 Roger Meyer



- 9/4 Jim & Diana Burkhardt ~ 38 yrs
- 9/16 Dwight & Esther Mauer ~ 68 yrs
- 9/30 Keith & Peg Mauer ~ 42 yrs

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

September Altar Flowers

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