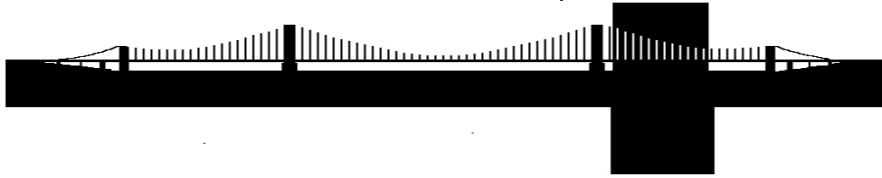


Building Bridges To God



Through the Cross of Christ

The Newsletter Ministry of All Saints Lutheran Church SEPTEMBER 2015

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THE
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New Interim Pastor...
Brenda Piper and her husband Tom
to All Saints!

WORSHIP TIME CHANGE ~ BEGINNING SEPT. 6, 2015

Prayer Group	8:45 - 9:15
Adult Faith Forum	9:15 - 10:15
Worship	10:30 - 11:30



*Please join us on Sept. 6 for Coffee Hour
to welcome Pastor Brenda & Tom Piper!*



**Office will be closed Monday, Sept. 7
in observance of Labor Day**

August 26, 2015

Dear members of All Saints,

I'm pleased to introduce you to **Pastor Brenda Piper**, who begins September 1 as interim pastor of All Saints.

"Interim," of course, means *'in between,'* as between my retirement and All Saints' decision to call a new pastor. She begins her service here following my retirement on August 31, and will continue to serve while our congregation does the hard work of planning for the future of this church. Her job includes helping All Saints move forward with vitality and joy.

Here's a little background information about **Pastor Brenda** (as she prefers to be called):

- Native of Evansville, IN, with bachelor- and master's degrees (in Education) from the University of Southern Indiana and the University of Evansville.
- Retired teacher (32 years; grades 3, 4, and 5), Evansville.
- She is a "cradle Lutheran," growing up in Grace Lutheran Church. While at Grace she travelled across the country performing musical dramas written by her pastor, Walter Wangerin Jr. (who went on to teach at Valparaiso University).
- While teaching, she also served (19 years) as a *Synodically Authorized Minister (SAM)* in the Indiana/Kentucky Synod of the ELCA. During that time she also served for four years as an interim lay pastor of a small congregation.
- After retiring from the teaching profession, Pastor Brenda enrolled at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus OH, graduating (2012) after four years of study.
- She accepted a part-time call at Faith Lutheran on South Avenue here in Toledo, and will continue her call on a reduced time basis (25%) as she also serves All Saints (75%).
- Pastor Brenda's husband, Tom ('Butch'), is a retired Information Technology manager for an investment management company in Evansville. They have three adult children: Christopher (35), Amber (32), and Brandon (29).

I met Pastor Brenda when she first arrived in Toledo and was invited to serve on our synod's *Ethnic Ministry Strategy Committee*. Our member, Rosalinda Brown, serves as co-chair of this important synodical committee, and has gotten to know and appreciate Pastor Brenda (as I have) for her intelligence, wit, and good humor.

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We are fortunate to have her, and I believe that Pastor Brenda will make an excellent interim pastor for All Saints. I urge each member of our church to invest time in getting to know her.

We all understand that with new pastoral leadership comes change. While our Church Council has tried to keep things 'the same' as much as possible, we will have to **change our Sunday morning schedule beginning September 6. Worship will begin at 10:30 am...with the Adult Faith Forum starting at 9:15 am.** Those who meet for **prayer will gather at 8:45 am.** We understand that this may create a hardship for those who have to be at work on Sunday mornings, and we apologize for the inconvenience. However, Faith Lutheran will also be changing their Sunday morning schedule, to worship at 9:00 am instead of 9:30, as their accommodation to this new arrangement.

I do hope you will be with me in worship this Sunday, August 30 (10 am), as I conclude my ministry at All Saints. After our service we'll be introducing Pastor Brenda and her husband, Butch.

I continue to pray daily for the mission of All Saints, and I invite you to join me now as we pray with one heart for our congregation and its new interim pastor:

Almighty God, by the power of the Holy Spirit you have knit your servants into the only body of your Son, Jesus Christ. Look with favor upon each of us, and upon your servant, Brenda, that we may be committed to serve you in the name of Jesus. Give us courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thank you!

In Christ,

Pastor Rich



**Thank you Pastor Rich and Sue for all your special gifts, ministries and most of all your friendship! Best wishes to you both on this next chapter of your life!
You will be missed =)
Your All Saints Family**



**LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES
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A Christian Agency Serving People of All Ages Since 1911

Joyce Willier of the LSS Food pantry tells us they are in **critical** need for volunteers, both for the food pantry as well as the food pick up.

Anyone interested in volunteering, please call Joyce at LSS (419) 243.9178 or you may reach her on her cell phone (419) 350-4809.

In July the pantry had 313 families and 984 clients, as you can see there is a great need for help.



**CONTACT INFO.
FOR PASTOR BRENDA**

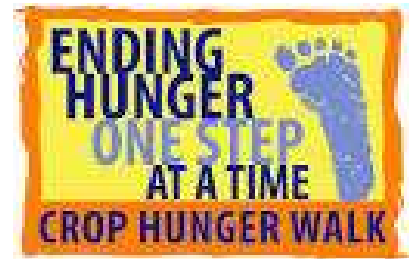
Pastor Brenda's Cell # (812) 568-0111

Email: btpiper1953@gmail.com

**PLEASE ADD PASTOR BRENDA'S PHONE
NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESS
TO YOUR DIRECTORY.**



2015 CROP Hunger Walk



Mark your calendars for
Sunday, Sept. 20th

Bring a canned good to benefit the
UT Student Food Pantry

Children, youth and adults are invited to participate in this ecumenical effort to take a stand against hunger and poverty locally and beyond!

One-fourth of the money raised through the CROP Hunger Walk stays in Toledo and goes to the **FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR** program of Toledo Area Ministries.

Registration & Walk Location:

The University of Toledo & Toledo Campus Ministry Park in North side of Lot 13

***Registration begins @ 1:30
Walk to begin promptly
at 2:00 pm***

Questions can be directed to
Kathy Tashima at 419.882.0048

2015 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING DETROIT

GATHERING BY THE NUMBERS

People

Almost **20,000 people** moved each night in more than **400 buses**

6,961 calls to the Info Line and Transportation Line

113 hotels in and around Detroit hosted Gathering participants

62 Bishops attended

497 MYLE participants

38 DAYLE participants

1500 Communion assistants

300 people in Sunday morning's **processional**

5,000 people participated in **mass casts**.

11 1/2 kegs of root beer consumed at the reformation space in Proclaim Community.

858 Volunteers with people serving as Community Life, Servant Companions, Gathering Volunteer Core and Local Volunteers

15 Planning Teams consisting of **462 people**

Places

3,200 vacant lots cleared of debris

319 vacant homes boarded

26 dumpsters filled

600 neighborhood block clubs affected

36 urban gardens installed

99 picnic tables built



Created

2,033 mural boards created to beautify Detroit

4,000 hats made

1600 collages created

5200 bracelets made **6000 beaded bookmarks** created

Donated

609 units of blood collected with the potential to help save 1593 lives in the Detroit community.

650 people donated at least **8 inches of hair** for a minimum of **433 feet**

More than **1 million diapers** collected

1,425 backpacks filled and distributed

\$296,000 collected in **Sunday's offering**
\$402,000 collected for **Walk 4 Water** as of 7/29/15



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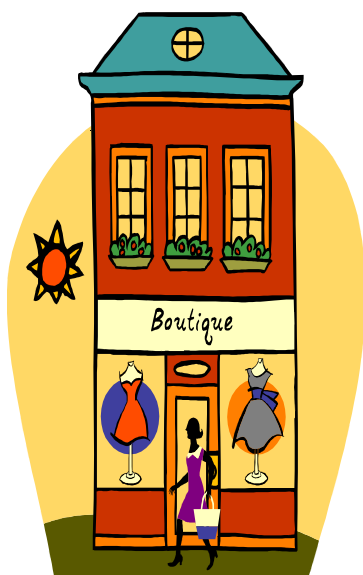
God's work. Our hands.



A prayer for every day, all year long

When it comes to prayer, there is no shortage of things, people and situations to include in prayerful conversations with God. Sometimes it helps to have a little prompting, a reminder of special concerns or causes for thanksgiving that might otherwise slip by us.

The ELCA's Prayer Ventures offers such prayer prompts for every day. Prayer Ventures are daily suggestions for prayer that can be used for personal prayer time, adapted for use in worship or shared with members. They are posted for download a month in advance at www.ELCA.org/en/Resources/Prayer-Ventures and include concerns of the church and world, prompts related to the church calendar, and ministries to remember in prayer. It's free and fresh each month.



All Saints Quilt Show Boutique

As we did last year at our Quilt Show,
we'll be featuring "The Boutique".

The dates for the Quilt Show are Nov. 6 & 7, 2015!

Please 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.



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| Sunday                                                                                                                 | Monday                                                                                                                                                      | Tuesday                                                                                                     | Wednesday                       | Thursday                                                                         | Friday                                                          | Saturday                                                                                                |
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|                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                             | <b>1</b><br>8:30 AA (open)                                                                                  | <b>2</b><br>8:30 AA (open)      | <b>3</b><br>8:30 AA (closed)                                                     | <b>4</b><br><b>Carpets, bathrooms and kitchen to be cleaned</b> | <b>5</b>                                                                                                |
| <b>6</b><br>8:45 Prayer<br>9:15 Adult Forum<br>10:30 Worship<br><br>Coffee Hour to welcome Pastor Brenda and Tom Piper | <b>7</b> Office will be closed<br><br><b>Labor Day</b><br>8:30 AA (closed) | <b>8</b><br>7:00 Property<br><br>8:30 AA (open)                                                             | <b>9</b><br><br>8:30 AA (open)  | <b>10</b><br>10:00 -11:00<br><b>Preschool Open House</b><br><br>8:30 AA (closed) | <b>11</b>                                                       | <b>12</b><br>9:00 Lady Saints                                                                           |
| <b>13</b><br>8:45 Prayer<br>9:15 Adult Forum<br>10:30 Worship                                                          | <b>14</b><br><b>Preschool starts</b><br><br>8:30 AA (closed)                                                                                                | <b>15</b><br>7:00 Hymn Selection meeting<br><br>Toledo Municipal Primary Election Day<br><br>8:30 AA (open) | <b>16</b><br><br>8:30 AA (open) | <b>17</b><br>7:00 Council<br><br>8:30 AA (closed)                                | <b>18</b>                                                       | <b>19</b>                                                                                               |
| <b>20</b><br>8:45 Prayer<br>9:15 Adult Forum<br>10:30 Worship<br><br>2:00 CROP Hunger Walk at UT                       | <b>21</b><br>7:00 S.O.S.<br><br>8:30 AA (closed)                                                                                                            | <b>22</b><br>6:30 Ragan Woods Block Watch<br><br>8:30 AA (open)                                             | <b>23</b><br><br>8:30 AA (open) | <b>24</b><br><br>8:30 AA (closed)                                                | <b>25</b>                                                       | <b>26</b> 9:00<br> |
| <b>27</b><br>8:45 Prayer<br>9:15 Adult Forum<br>10:30 Worship                                                          | <b>28</b><br><br>8:30 AA (closed)                                                                                                                           | <b>29</b><br><br>8:30 AA (open)                                                                             | <b>30</b><br><br>8:30 AA (open) |                                                                                  |                                                                 |                                                                                                         |

# SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

## READER

Sept. 6 Sue Merkel  
Sept. 13 Rosa Linda Brown  
Sept. 20 Peg Loehrke  
Sept. 27 Norm Merkel

## GREETERS

LaVerne Bussdieker  
Cheryl Sopher  
Carole Fletcher  
Sue Merkel

## COMMUNION PREP/ASSISTANT

Sept. 6 Norm & Sue Merkel  
Sept. 13 Bob Krueger & Mary Lou Houle  
Sept. 20 Bill & Judy Reber  
Sept. 27 Jim & Diana Burkhardt

## ALTAR

September Anna Perrin & Charlene Green

## COUNTERS

Sept. 6 Rose Thomson & LaVerne Bussdieker  
Sept. 13 Sue Merkel & Judy Reber  
Sept. 20 Mary Lou Houle & Pat Toepfer  
Sept. 27 Mary Lou Houle & Janet Caskey

## OFFERING

Sept. 6 Judy Reber  
Sept. 13 Norm Merkel  
Sept. 20 Rose Thomson  
Sept. 27 Jim Burkhardt

## USHERS

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





- 9/1 Bob Krueger
- 9/3 Franklin James Burkhardt (1 yr old!)
- 9/15 Judy Grimes  
Gary Johnson III (Hollingsworth)
- 9/17 Gail Seay (Burkhardt)
- 9/20 Monica Roessler (Burkhardt)
- 9/23 Megan Sopher
- 9/27 Roger Meyer

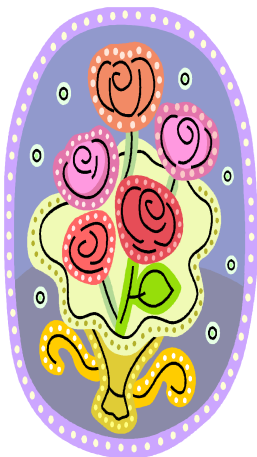


*Happy Anniversary!*

- 9/4 Jim & Diana Burkhardt ~ 39 yrs
- 9/16 Dwight & Esther Mauer ~ 69 yrs
- 9/30 Keith & Peg Mauer ~ 43 yrs

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

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**September Altar Flowers**  
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- 6**            **Joan Moomey**
- 13**
- 20**
- 27**            **Judy Mizer**

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