

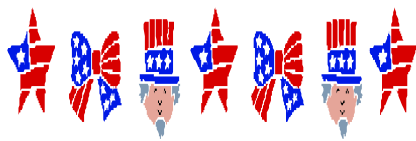
Building Bridges To God



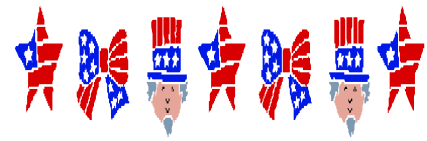
Through the Cross of Christ

# EQUIPPING THE SAINTS **JULY 2010**

The Newsletter Ministry of All Saints Lutheran Church



## Jesus on the 4th of July



We gather 'round to celebrate  
On Independence Day  
Pay homage to our country  
As the children run and play.

With barbecues and picnics  
And fireworks in the air  
The flag we own is proudly flown  
To show how much we care.

The stars and stripes spell freedom  
She waves upon the breeze  
While bursts of colors can be seen  
Above the flowering trees.

This is all quite wonderful  
We revel in delight  
But God above in divine love  
Has brought tis day to light.

With just a stroke of liberty  
A touch of His great hand  
He gave democracy to us  
And helped this country stand.

The stripes up on our statetly flag  
Were touched by His sweet grace  
Each star of white that shines so bright  
Reflects His loving face.

So as you turn to face the flag  
For battles that were fought  
Be filled with pride for those who died  
And freedoms that were bought.

But don't forget to thank the One  
That gives the bright display  
The reason why we paint the sky  
On Independence Day  
***Happy Independence Day!***

# A woman once said to her pastor...

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“I don’t know why you have to take so much time off. You know, the devil never takes a day off!”

Without missing a beat, the pastor replied, “Yes, and if I didn’t take a day off every now and then, I’d be just like him!”

It’s summertime; time for us all to catch our breath and rest, so *God can re-create us and restore us*. Those of us who are still earning a paycheck need some time away from the job, and those who are retired could also benefit from a vacation – *from whatever it is you do to fill your days!* Have you considered volunteering somewhere to allow someone else to have a day (or week) off?

Since Sunday is the day we Christians take to *worship God* and let God *refresh and renew us* through Word and sacrament, please don’t think that my words are encouragement to *take Sundays off* from worship! Sundays are *always* ‘rest’ days, ‘holi (holy) days.’ Please don’t think of worship as *work*.

In fact, summer might be the perfect time to add one more thing to your Sunday morning: *our Adult Class*, which meets at 9:00 a.m. in the Forum Room. June 13<sup>th</sup> we began a new class on prayer; we had 20 people show up that first session! The good news is *there’s always room for more people!*

If that doesn’t work for you, there’s always the Monday evening Bible study, meeting at 7:30 p.m. Right now we’re talking about *spirituality*: what that word means, and how God stretches our faith to build us up into whatever it is God intends us to be.

Come fall, the plan is to begin a new Sunday morning study focusing on what it means to be *Lutheran* Christians. It’s designed for those who are new to All Saints or the Lutheran tradition, as well as for those who have been here for a long time, but might like to learn more about what makes Lutherans *unique* among other Christian churches. My promise is to make learning fun...and those who already participate will tell you that our learning times *are* fun! Come and see for yourself!

Finally, I’m announcing a new 5-week program set to begin right after Labor Day. It’s a video- and discussion time called *Common Ground – What Protestants and Catholics Can Learn from Each Other*. We’ll be meeting with members of St. Joan of Arc (and possibly one other Catholic and Lutheran churches) to learn from each other. Watch for details later!

Whatever you do this summer, give God time to refresh you and heal you. You’ll be glad you did!

*Pastor Rich*

**\*\*\* Please note ...CHANGE in  
room and time \*\*\***

**ECUMENICAL BEREAVEMENT  
SUPPORT GROUP**

**Tuesday, July 6, 2010**

**\*\* 3:00pm-4:30pm**

**St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Parish**

**\*\* Emmaus Room**

**4201 Heatherdowns Blvd.**

**Toledo, Oh**

**title: The Many Faces of Grief**

**speaker: Rita Hoff**

**Director OutReach Ministries**

**People in grief are capable of experiencing a wide variety of emotions at any given time. By recognizing them, we can begin to realize just how difficult the grieving process can be. Understanding we can experience any number of different emotions at the same time, can normalize the grief for us.**

**Our mission is to offer support to people who are grieving the death of a loved one. With caring support, we provide spiritual, emotional, and social comfort.**

**contact: Rita Hoff 419-724-4675  
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**sponsored by: St. Joseph Parish, St. Rose Parish, St. Paul's Episcopal,  
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran, St. Luke's Hospital,  
St. Joan of Arc, St. Patrick of Heatherdowns**

We are moving to Maumee !!



Tim, Amy, Samantha & Isabelle Merkel  
(and Angel, too!!)  
7340 Coder Rd.  
Maumee, OH 43537  
Phone/fax: 567 703-1094

We will be moved in completely by July 1st! Tim gets his big yard, the girls get Anthony Wayne schools, and I get a smaller house to clean!

Coder Rd. runs between Monclova Road and Maumee Western Rd/20A in Monclova Township, just about a mile and a half west of The Anderson's in Maumee. Stop in and see us anytime!

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### Maumee Fair and Parade August 20-21

Looking ahead to August 20-21 is the Maumee Fair and Parade. We would like to have a booth representing All Saints Lutheran Church, so if you would like to help Pastor with this, please attend the meeting on July 21st at 7 PM. We will also discuss the planning of the Fall Homecoming at this meeting.

## Lady Saint's Minutes

On June 12th, there were 21 ladies present at our meeting.

Gretchen did the devotions based on strawberries that was interesting.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to give \$500 to the Toledo Area Ministry.

Rose Thomson's daughter will be talking to us about breast cancer in a future meeting.

Bonnie Driver explained how to put the material for cards together and everyone was busy making a variety of cards.

\$61 was collected at today's meeting.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Gabriel  
Secretary/Treasurer

Important Dates:

Aug. 26-27 Rummage Sale  
Nov. 5-6 Quilt Show

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### Summer Brunch- July 11th

Please sign up to attend and list what you'd like to bring to share.



# JULY VOLUNTEERS

## **GREETERS**

July 4 Pat Toepfer  
July 11 Marilyn Gabriel  
July 18 Janet Caskey  
July 25 Judy Grimes

## **READER**

Dave Driver  
Julie Beitelschees  
Gretchen Schultz  
Sue Merkel

## **COMMUNION PREP/ASSISTANT**

July 4 Mary Lou Houle & Rose Thomson  
July 11 Ted & Julie Beitelschees  
July 18 Gretchen Schultz & Pam Hershberger  
July 25 Norm & Sue Merkel

## **MONTH**

July

## **ALTAR**

Bev Rose

## **MEDIA**

Don Sundby

## **SOUND**

Mike Okoneski

## **COUNTERS**

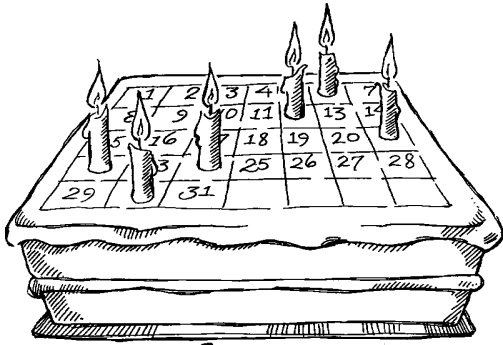
July 4 Mary Lou Houle & Sue Merkel  
July 11 Rose Thomson & Marilyn Gabriel  
July 18 Ann Miller & Pat Toepfer  
July 25 Rose Thomson & Marilyn Gabriel

## **OFFERING**

July 4 Ted Beitelschees  
July 11 Bonnie Driver  
July 18 Mary Lou Houle  
July 25 Judy Reber

## **USHERS**

July 4 Jim TerDoest, Bob Krueger, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch  
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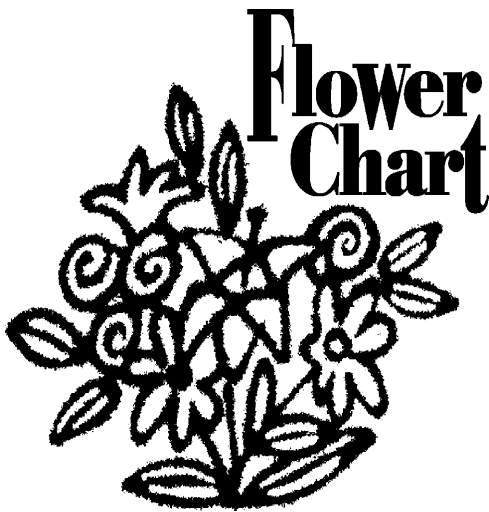


## Birthdays This Month

- 7/3 Julie Beitelschees
- 7/7 Donna Jean Stockmaster
- 7/20 Ann Miller  
Roger Mounjie
- 7/21 Chris Stockmaster
- 7/22 Tom Schultz

*If we've missed your birthday or anniversary this month, please let the office know.*

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- July 4 - Julie Beitelschees*
- July 11 - Julie Beitelschees*
- July 18 - Wilma Lupe*
- July 25 - Rose Thomson*

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