

Building Bridges To God

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS



March 2009

Through the Cross of Christ

The Newsletter Ministry of All Saints Lutheran



What shall I do this Lent
Shall I forgo dainty foods?
Or will it be the television set?
No, says the Lord,
Neither of these is enough.

What then shall I do this Lent?
Shall I attend an extra Mass?
Or may be a bible study class?
No, says the Lord,
These too are not enough.

Oh, Lord, what shall I do this Lent?
Shall I endeavour to pray more?
Or visit the sick or poor?
No, says the Lord,
These are still not enough.

Lord, I surrender!
Ah, child that is the word
I have been waiting to hear,
Longing to hear
From your heart.

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Please join us on Wednesdays of Lent for soup at 6:15. We will have a skit and a short preaching service at 7:00 PM. The Wednesday services will have the overall theme of "Love Attitudes".

## *From the Interim Pastor:*

It seems almost unbelievable that I have been here at All Saints for a year! Now that Pastor Rentner has accepted the call to come to ASLC, my tenure here will soon be over. It has been a good experience. I've learned some new skills, and many of you have responded positively to my leadership. There have been a few rough spots too, but that's life.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 25. The Sundays during Lent will have the overall theme of "Discipleship". The Wednesday services will begin with a meal. We will have a skit and a short preaching service at 7 pm. The Wednesday services will have the overall theme of "Love Attitudes".

Ash Wednesday is a day of repentance and prayer that begins the 40 day period of Lent. Using ashes as a sign of repentance is an ancient practice, often mentioned in the Bible, along with wearing sackcloth (rags), which we won't expect of worshippers. Early Christians adopted the use of ashes as a visual mark of penitence or regret.

Ashes remind us our humanity: "Dust you are, and to dust you shall return." Ashes suggest cleansing and renewal: in olden days lye to make soap was extracted from ashes. Ashes remind us of the repugnance of sin, and our need to repent and return to the way of the Lord.

Lent is not a six weeks long period of self-denial, or a wake for Jesus. Lent is a time to reflect on the passion of Christ; and a time to prepare for the celebration of Easter. With ashes on our forehead we journey through Lent remembering the cost of our salvation, but also anticipating our resurrection to newness of life.

Peace!!  
Pastor Fred



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PASTORAL

SEARCH IS OVER!!

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is with great joy that I announce Pastor Richard Rentner has graciously accepted the call to become pastor of All Saints Lutheran Church. Pastor Rentner's first Sunday will be April 19.

The Church Council and I wanted to pass on this GREAT news to everyone so we can share in the excitement and new beginning here at All Saints Lutheran Church. We will pass on more details about his installation as information becomes available.

I ask that you keep our Church in your daily prayers and also pray for Pastor Rich and Suzanne as they prepare to leave their congregation of 17 years and begin a new ministry here at All Saints.

We hope you will plan on attending the upcoming festivities of this exciting occasion, as we welcome Pastor Rich and Suzanne into our family!

In Christ's Service,

Tim Merkel  
Congregation President



## *Lady Saints News*

Sixteen ladies enjoyed breakfast and fellowship on Saturday February 14, 2009 at 9:00 A.M. at the church. Hostesses were Bonnie Driver, Eloise Way and Pat Toepfer. Ann Miller for devotions read, "If Jesus Came to Your House."

Our college students were sent a thinking of you card made by Bonnie Driver with an enclosed Wal Mart gift card in time for Valentines Day. Katie Krueger, Stacey Fritsch, Heidi Driver and Gail Burkhardt were the recipients. Judy Grimes and LaVerne Bussdieker will attend a planning session on February 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Petrie.

The Lady Saints Budget Committee met on January 20<sup>th</sup> and a proposal came before Lady Saints to do some updating and purchase some items for the kitchen. Discussion followed and motion passed and will be taken to council for approval.

Becky McCann led a group discussion on what we've accomplished as a group, why we did it and where we're headed as a group. This discussion will continue at the March meeting.

All Ladies are invited to attend the next meeting of Lady Saints on Saturday March 14, 2009 at 9:00 A.M. at the church. Hostesses are Marilyn Krueger, Mary Lou Houle and Judy Reber. Gretchen Schultz will lead devotions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barb Mounjie, Secretary

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REMINDER OF NEXT MEETING

Saturday, March 14 at 9:00 AM
Hostesses: Marilyn Krueger
Mary Lou Houle
Judy Reber

Gretchen Schultz will lead devotions

Council Meeting Minutes for December 18, 2008

All members were present except Judy Reber and Mary Lou Houle.

The meeting was held at the Beitelschees home in conjunction with a Christmas get together for all of council, the ASLC staff and their spouses.

Ted and Julie led devotions and thanked everyone for coming out to their home for an evening of good food and fellowship.

Council members met and discussed the following items.

Secretary's minutes were approved as written.

Call Committee update: Tim reported that interviews are going well, and another interview is scheduled very soon. Tim emphasized that this is a long and tedious process and thanked everyone for their continued prayers and support.

Proposed 2009 budget was discussed and all approved the proposed budget as was presented by the Finance Committee. Council thanked the Finance Committee in this very difficult task.

Nominating committee: Michelle asked for names of possible candidates to ask to go on council. A few names were suggested.

Annual reports need to be to Carole by Monday, January 5. All members were encouraged to have their committee chairs get the reports completed and to Carole on a prompt and timely manner.

Annual meeting will be held on Sunday January 25, immediately after church.

Council retreat was discussed and will be held on Saturday February 7. More details will be discussed at the January 15 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 and we joined everyone for an evening of food and fellowship.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie Driver
Secretary to Council



Dear Pastor Fred, Lady Saints and Members of All Saints:

Thank you all for your calls, prayers and cards while I was in the hospital recently. I would like to especially thank Pastor Fred for all his visits and prayers, they were very comforting, and a big thank you to Lady Saint's for the beautiful shawl. I feel so blessed to be a part of the All Saints family.

Ann Miller



To the Members of All Saints Lutheran Church:

Thank you so very much for the beautiful service dedicating the baptismal font to our mother, Betta Day.

Thank you to all who helped make this happen, especially Julie and Pastor Shuman. It is absolutely perfect and would definitely make our mother very proud.

It felt so good to be there, everyone is so compassionate! I look forward to visiting again. May God continue to bless your congregation.



With much love,

The family of Betta Day and Nita Day Clere



Dear Lady Saints,

Thank you so much for the Valentine's Day card and the Wal-Mart gift card. The hand made card is beautiful. The construction paper cards that I made for my friends just don't seem to match up. Ha Ha. Thanks for the generous gift card to Wal-Mart. It is one of the only big stores we have here so I shop there a lot.



Thanks again, and God Bless!
Gail Burkhardt

Ecumenical Bereavement Support Group



Tuesday, Mar. 3, 2009
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
St. Patrick of Heatherdowns
Emmaus Room
4201 Heatherdowns Blvd.
Toledo, OH

Title: Your Drawing Tells Your Story

Speaker: Claudia St. Clair, ATR-BC
Currently Claudia is an Art Therapist at Hospice of Northwest Ohio. She has ministered to adults and children in Maryland, Virginia, and Ohio in a variety of therapeutic settings.

Telling our story is an important part of our healing. Sometimes we have a difficult time finding those exact words in expressing our pain to others. Claudia will guide us to find another way to use our creativity to express our grief appropriately, so others can better help 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

Sponsored by: Zion Evangelical, St. Joseph Maumee, St. Rose Parish, St. Paul's Episcopal, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran, St. Luke's Hospital, St. Joan of Arc, St. Patrick of Heatherdowns.



Dear Pastor Shuman:

On behalf of the Community of St. Joan of Arc, I want to extend my thanks to you and the members of All Saints Lutheran Church for their graciousness and willingness to participate in our joint Scripture Study of St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians. Thank you for the additional research that you put together in preparation of our meetings. It was quite helpful.

The evaluation forms that the participants submitted at our last meeting certainly indicate an enthusiastic willingness to continue discussions in the future. The openness and free flowing discussions were enlightening to all. At the core, we share a common belief in our Lord Jesus Christ as Savior, and we share a common spiritual journey that includes both struggles and triumphs.

Let us pray for each other that are commonalities will strengthen our faiths until our differences will be melded.

We certainly enjoyed the company and discussion with our christian brothers and sisters. Peace and blessing to all members of All Saints Lutheran Church.

In Christ,

Judy Warntz
Parish Ecumenical Representative

DATE	Mar. 1	Mar. 8	Mar. 15	Mar. 22	Mar. 29
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10:00 AM

First Communion

Children's Church					
ACOLYTE	Nick Meyer	Katie Both	Communion Kids	Isabelle Merkel	Samantha Merkel
COMM. ASSIST.	Mary Lou Houle		Barb Moungie		Gretchen Schultz
Jr. Comm. Asst.	Lester Armah		Communion Kids		Drew Meyer
GREETERS	Roger/Lynda Meyer	Bob Krueger	Barb Moungie	Rebers	Eloise Way
LAY READER	Barb Moungie	Keith Mauer	Communion Kids	Peg Mauer	Chris Stockmaster
USHERS	Ralph Fritsch	Ralph Fritsch	Ralph Fritsch	Ralph Fritsch	Ralph Fritsch
	Tim Merkel	Bob Krueger	Jim Ter Doest	Bill Reber	Tim Merkel
	Hassan Brown	Hassan Brown	Hassan Brown	Hassan Brown	Hassan Brown
MEDIA	Don Sundby	Don Sundby	Don Sundby	Don Sundby	Don Sundby
SOUND	Mike Okoneski	Mike Okoneski	Mike Okoneski	Mike Okoneski	Mike Okoneski

TRANSPORTER	Laura Myers	Wilma Lupe	Paul Sasse	Lynda Meyer	Paul Sasse
OFFERING	Mary Lou Houle	Bob Krueger	Tim Merkel	Bonnie Driver	Judy Grimes
ALTAR	Mary Lou Houle	Mary Lou Houle	Mary Lou Houle	Mary Lou Houle	Mary Lou Houle
COMM. SET-UP	Mary Lou Houle		Judy Grimes		Gretchen Schultz
COUNTERS	Mary Lou Houle	Rose	Mary Lou Houle	Ann Miller	Mary Lou Houle
COUNTERS	Paul Sasse	Marilyn Gabriel	Paul Sasse	Pat Toepfer	Paul Sasse

** If you are unable to be here on the day scheduled, please try to switch with someone and/or call the office. Thank you.



ALTAR FLOWERS FOR MARCH ARE GIVEN BY.....

<i>Mar. 1</i>	<i>Judy Grimes</i>
<i>Mar. 8</i>	<i>OPEN</i>
<i>Mar. 15</i>	<i>Joan Moomey</i>
<i>Mar. 22</i>	<i>Wilma Lupe</i>
<i>Mar. 29</i>	<i>Bill & Judy Reber</i>



3/1 Katie Both

3/31 Mike & Barb Zaborski – 20 yrs.

3/7 Robert Nation
Pat Toepfer

3/8 Don Sundby

3/21 Drew Meyer
Joan Moomey

3/24 Ian Kelsey
Jim TerDoest
Eloise Way

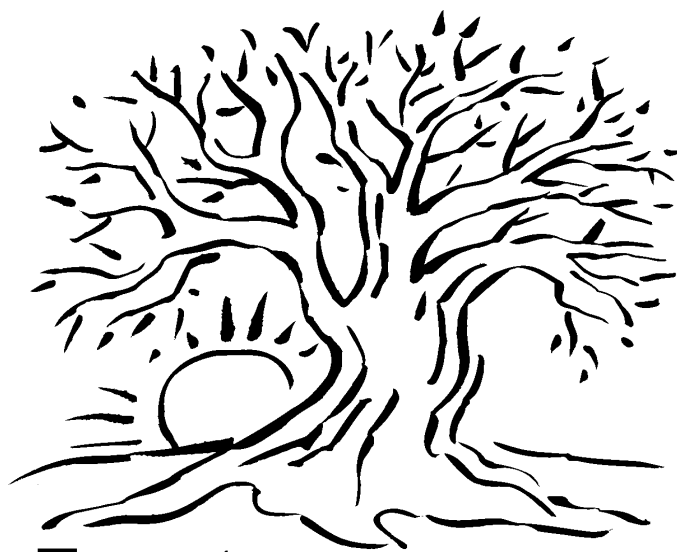
3/25 Wilma Lupe

3/30 Jeff MacKenzie



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

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