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Sunday Worship

Hartland Campus
8:30 AM
11:00 AM

Sunday School
for all ages
10:00 AM
(9:45 opening for kids)

South Campus
South Lyon
Power & Light
9:10 AM

Mission

**"Disciples of
Jesus Christ,**

**Gathered for
Worship,**

**Sent to
Serve"**

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Do YOU Know the Good News?

We have newly installed Managing a Christian Lifestyle (MCL) (think Stewardship) co chairs, whose gifts will greatly enrich all of us as they help us become better stewards of all that we have been given.

7 youth are starting in Confirmation at South Lyon Power and Light (All Saints' South) with expected Confirmation to happen in November 2010.

Little Saints Christian Preschool and Social Concerns have partnered to support the Kids Against Hunger drive to be held on May 8th where we will pack 10,000 meals in one day to feed the hungry around the world, including right here in Southeastern Michigan. This is also a Thrivent sponsored event.

A new working model, that grew out of Robin Abbott's sermon on 2/28 about a Program sized church, is posted in the narthex visually showing how we as the church are working together to reach the world. Watch for this model to appear in your Ministry Catalog and feel free to let us know what needs to be added. God and the mission are at the center as we take that and shine God's light out into the world.

All Saints is participating in the Hartland Relay for Life on May 15-16th at Hartland High School. We're calling ourselves the All Saints' Life Savers as we Celebrate. Remember. And Fight Back until cancer no longer afflicts anyone. Interested in finding out more? There are many varied ways to be involved. Watch your Herald or see Kate Zywicki or Heidi Mills. We are currently meeting the first Sunday of the month after the 11 AM service.

We have a freshly formed financial oversight team whose experience in business, finance and aspects of banking will help us be monetarily responsible. Thank Mike Hoffman for agreeing to lead this group.

Creative Saints in Fellowship (CSIF) made and donated 20 fleece scarves, 20 fleece hats and 25 fleece mittens to Grace Centers for Hope. Feeling creative? Join them first Monday of the month, from 1-3 p.m. It's where creativity meets mission and outreach!

Heart Healthy Month in February was a big success with 26 blood pressures screened. Stay healthy.

Your All Saints' Mission Team continues to do outreach and is currently focusing more in our own back yard. A group of 10 went to Spirit of Hope in Detroit on March 21 to assemble food bags for the homeless and then join together in worship. Then on March 27 a group of 10 went to help at Gleaners Food Bank in Howell.

Louise Holtz was the most recent recipient of the WOW award for letting God's light shine through her dedicated and varied service both behind the scenes and in leadership. If Louise has a heart for something, she steps up, contributes, and makes it up happen! Thanks Louise.

Know of more? Please feel free to email katezywicki@cs.com with what YOU know is going on. Then watch for that Good News right here.

Lost Ring

A ring was left behind at the parish house by a Rock youth while washing dishes at the sink in the mudroom (?) area outside the bathroom, but not in the main house. If anybody has found it or knows what has happened to it please place it or a note in The Rock mailbox (24) in the church office. It has no monetary value, just sentimental.

Your Staff Team

Rev. Mary Duerksen
Interim Senior Pastor

Rev. Bart Muller
Stated Supply
South Campus

Theresa Kull
Preschool Director

Karen Parrish
Worship Support
Secretary

Kate Zywicki
Director of Lay
Ministries

Open
Youth and Christian
Education Director

Open
General Manager

Martha Gordon
Organist

Creative Saints in Fellowship

Our next meeting will be on Monday, April 5th. We'll be having a brown bag lunch in the church kitchen at 12 noon. (BYOBB) Our last project was working with fleece and we were able to finish 20 hats, 20 scarves and 25 pairs of mittens! The items will be donated to Grace House in Pontiac. For the next project we will again be working on flannel blankets to be donated to the NICU at Huron Valley Hospital. Feel free to bring a project of your own and join us for fun and fellowship! Creative Saints meet on the first Monday of each month. Questions, call: Louise Holtz 248-889-3040 or Sue Happel 248-887-5489

From the Interim Senior Pastor

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

On behalf of our staff and my family, I hope you all have a wonderful Easter, that celebrating Christ's resurrection brings renewal and hope to all.

Several reports of crocus blooming, birds arriving from down South and so forth have made me hope and anticipate Spring's arrival. Knowing that this is Michigan, and anything can happen, makes me wary. Experiencing both hope and wariness together is probably a good balance to have right now.

As All Saints' community moves forward in the transition-call process (yes, it is, see related articles elsewhere in this issue), maybe those are good words for us too-hope and wariness. We hope and renew that hope because we see things happening. I have personally rejoiced at the number of new initiatives I see here which focus on reaching the community around us and worldwide with signs of God's love. Whether it is food, helping hands for home repair, walking to raise funds to fight cancer, or many other events, All Saints folk are busy being the heart, hands and voice of Jesus, especially on behalf of those whose voices are often silenced in our society.

On the other hand, wariness can be a good tempering-we know that there are realities out there that are beyond our control. Maybe caution is a better word. We are cautious because we know that the search for a permanent pastor for All Saints will not be easy. There is a definite shortage of available pastors. There are challenges here that would daunt many. Our financial situation is not good-as you heard from our Council in March. The economics of the Livingston-West Oakland area are still struggling to turn around. We are undergoing a major shift and refocus of mission, vision and values. **(Don't miss a chance to have your say at an upcoming Cottage Meeting this month)**. There is unease in people now. Sweeping social changes unsettle people looking for stability and change.

But now we speak a word of Easter. We speak a word of God's incredible love, a word of powerful resurrection and defeat of sin forever. And this is a word of truth and hope, my friends. No social, political, economic or even natural disasters can change the God who 'changest not'. Nothing can undo the miracle of Easter.

And so I say to you, "It's time." It's time to brush away the shadows of winter. Time to seek the positive, the good in each other. Time to set aside our grumbling and unease. Jesus is risen! We are forgiven! Everything else follows from that.

Easter Blessings to you all!
Pastor Mary Duerksen

2010 Council Representatives

Kathleen Waligura
Council President

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Council Vice President

Linda Lawrence
Council Treasurer

Sonja Markwart
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**Sandy Kopp and
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Congregational Life
Chair

Rick Kaatz
Mike Hoffman

Bob Duman
Good News Team
Chair

**Don Eklov and
Kathy Eklov**
Managing a Christian
Lifestyle Chair

Rick Mann
Property Chair

Louise Holtz
Social Concerns and
Health Ministry Chair

JoEllyn Bernardin
Worship & Music
Chair

From your "Office Staff-er"

Well, I went and did it - accepted a position with Five Sparrows, LLC who I've been working with since December as my second job 6-8 hours a week. Now they are ready for me to add to my time and responsibilities with them. A great opportunity for me and my family; exciting, learning new cool things, meeting new people, with opportunity for advancement and increases in my salary in the future.

Currently, my position is approved in the budget for 25 hours per week. I would like to **stay on staff at All Saints for 5 hours per week** to keep up my worship support responsibilities from home, and present a great opportunity for another person to work in the church office 20 hours per week doing the other tasks included in my job. This would be effective May 1st. I'll stay on in my current position through April 30th, giving All Saints time to advertise the position, interview, and hopefully do some training with the new employee.

I'm not leaving the All Saints Congregation, I was a member before I was on staff, and will continue to be a member. Maybe even more active in ways I used to really enjoy!

I'll miss being in the church office, it's been a great job I've loved for ten years. But God has provided opportunity not just for one family, but for two. What a great opportunity in this economy to be able to provide another family with a new job - and a good one too!

It is important to me to make this staff switch/adjustment go smoothly. Since All Saints is also my church family, it MATTERS to me that the new office staff person gets to enjoy the warmth and love of the congregation that has always been shown to me, and is equipped and prepared to serve in their new job.

And now –

Office Secretary Wanted

20 hours per week, duties include general office work; preparing publications, assist with financial responsibilities as needed, email campaigns, bulk mailings, organizing volunteers to assist in the office. A more detailed job list/description is available on the information counter in the Narthex Those applying for this position will need familiarity with Microsoft Office software, and an ability to multi-task J .

Resumes can be submitted to Kathleen Waligura (mailbox #7) or Karen Parrish (mailbox #2).

From the Property Committee

The property committee now has their "to do" project list on the All Saints website! Go to www.myallsaints.com/property and check out the list, and as always, your help to work on this list of tasks is welcome and appreciated.

On April 12, come rain or shine, the Property Committee will be having a work day. We will start sometime around 10:00am or before if you are not participating in Men in Mission. We will be working on the list found on the Property website, but namely inside work includes, cleaning out the storage room in the church, cleaning the parish house garage, cleaning the tub and shower in the parish house, and light cleaning in the residence. Outside work includes trimming the trees around the parish house, cleaning away the brush below the trees and around the shed. Cleaning the yard and installing the lens for the flagpole light.

If you have any questions, please talk with Rick Mann (phone 248-685-7527).

YARD SALE!!!! The Property Committee will be hosting a yard sale on Saturday, May 22, out by the parking lot. Please start cleaning out the closets, garage, shed and/or attic for items to donate. Please no clothing, though. We will be collecting items a few days before the sale. If you need help with pick-up, please let us know so that we can schedule a time to get your donation. This year's sale will help us finish raising the amount we need to fix the parish house chimney and resolve the mysterious leak over the office (which we were fortunate not to have this year). Arrangements to pick-up donated items for the yard sale can be made! For more information, please contact Rick Mann (phone 248-685-7527).

Small Group and Other Leaders

Nancy Yount
Altar Guild

Becky Manross
Financial Secretary

Len Hammond
Information
Technology

**Sandy Kopp &
Karen Walker**
Prayer Requests

**Kathy Eklov,
Lou Prine
& Louise Holtz**
Stephen Minister
Leaders

**Sunday School
Superintendent**
Denise Clarey

**Louise Holtz,
Marlene Donnelly**
Women's Bible Study

**OPEN
PEBBLES**
(currently parent
volunteers)

Greg Zywicki
STONES

**Jeff Moyski
Gina Tretyak**
ROCK

**Bridget Hoffman
Nancy Laskowski**
BOULDERS

**Marlene Donnelly &
Joanne Kindred**
College Kids

Barbara Robinson
Silver Saints

Liesl Schick
Faithful Scrappers

All Saints Missions

There is a Missions meeting 4th Sunday of every month after the 11:00 a.m. service in the library. Everyone welcome!!

The following are dates we are working at Gleaners Food Bank in Howell. Anyone can sign up for this event; we work from 10:30 a.m. until noon usually. We can use 10 people every time we work and young children can work with a parent.

March 27, 2010	10:30 a.m. until noon	10 people
July 10, 2010	10:30 a.m. until noon	10 people
September 11, 2010	10:30 a.m. until noon	10 people
November 13, 2010	10:30 a.m. until noon	10 people

The following are dates we are working with Spirit of Hope, a church in Detroit. Preparing grocery bags and handing out groceries to people in need. Then attend their church service. Anyone can sign up for this event, we can use 10 people every time we work and young children can work with a parent.

March 21, 2010	8:00 a.m. until 1:30	10 people
April 11, 2010	8:00 a.m. until 1:30	10 people
June 13, 2010	8:00 a.m. until 1:30	10 people
August 8, 2010	8:00 a.m. until 1:30	10 people
October 10, 2010	8:00 a.m. until 1:30	10 people
December 12, 2010	8:00 a.m. until 1:30	10 people

Worship at South Lyon Power & Light

Sundays:	8:15 AM	Worship team rehearsal
	9:10 AM	Worship



From the Council President

Friends and Members of All Saints,

Lent is a season of waiting, of repentance, of turning back to God, of anticipation of the new life that Easter will bring. Easter is so important in the Christian life that we have to spend time preparing for it to really appreciate it, which is one of the reasons why we, as of Ash Wednesday, give up coffee, wine, chocolate or other things we love, and perhaps add a new level of devotion, i.e. extra prayer or Bible reading, a higher level of giving to others or some other act of generosity and sharing.

For us at All Saints, we are also in a different season of waiting; that of waiting for a new permanent senior pastor, and perhaps we should think of this era as well as a time when we can repent of hurts we have caused, forgive others who we believe have misbehaved, return to God in a new way, all these in looking ahead to what a new senior pastor will mean to All Saints and how we can make this time strengthen us.

To many of us, this interim/call process has seemed interminably long and disruptive, and to others it has been a time to reflect on how all of this change of pastoral leadership can make us a healthier family. Some of us have sort of stepped aside from commitments wanting to "wait and see" what a new pastor brings, some of us have been sure that all of our problems will go away the minute we hire a new permanent pastor, some of us have found this time freeing and are in no hurry to let it pass too quickly. Some of us have left AS, others of us have renewed our commitment to this branch of the body of Christ; all of us have experienced anxiety over the process, anxiety magnified by the state of SE Michigan's economy. *Continued on next page...*

Susan Happel
Louise Holtz
Creative Saints
in Fellowship

Ruth Sykes
Prayer Shawl Ministry

Mim Zurn
Love Quilts

**Mike & Leni
Hoffman**
Fabulous Forties,
Fifties, & Fibbers

Laura Drzazgowski
20-40 Somethings
(Mid Saints)

Dave Geen
Men In Mission

Saints on Wheels
Mike Hoffman

The interim process officially began when Pr Mary arrived the week after Easter 2009, not the week Pr Dave left us, and assuming that the rule of thumb for determining the appropriate length of an interim process is about a month for each year of the previous pastor's tenure, we are pretty much on track. The transition team has already conducted the history and norms events and should have finished up a series of cottage meetings (to which you of course are all invited) by the beginning of May. That event will help us as a congregation to clarify what we envision our church to be and what we most highly value; this in turn should help us see what kind of a pastor we truly want. This will be a casual and fun time, and a very good time for you to give input to the congregational profile on which the call committee will be working, as this final transition team event will segue naturally into the work of the call committee.

Council last week began assembling a call committee, and we expect them to have an organizational meeting within the next few weeks. Pr Cherlyne Beck has already suggested dates when she is available to provide the team with training and orientation, and we will firm up a date soon. They do have some significant work to do before beginning to interview prospective pastors, and I hope that when we identify the members of the call committee you will freely answer the questions that they will be asking in order to complete the "congregational profile." As mentioned earlier, they will be getting a start on assembling this profile at the upcoming cottage meetings.

Of course when they begin interviewing prospective pastors, the length of time issue becomes a wild card. We don't want them to accept the first willing, warm body no matter how inappropriate he or she might be to this time and place. Neither do we want them to hold out for some ideal dream pastor.

What can you do to help the call committee do its work efficiently? First of all, you can keep them in your prayers, and if you don't already, this would be a good time to start praying for that person that God has been preparing for us. Secondly, you can make sure that you know of whom the committee consists, and if they don't contact you in the congregational profile survey process, contact one of them.

Is the process of replacing a permanent pastor too long? Too short? I don't know, but I do trust that our synod has developed this interim/call process with the individual churches they serve in mind. Most of us go through very few of these processes, but the leaders of the ELCA have walked hundreds of churches through it, and I trust that they know more than we do.

Of course this has been a stressful time for all of us, even those of us comfortable with this change and this process. Our own Herman Markwart in great wisdom cited us as having run into the perfect storm: we extended ourselves financially right before the building market collapsed, the Michigan financial situation became dire, our long term, popular pastor accepted a new call and our representatives at the national synod convention made a controversial decision that drove some families away from the ELCA. In spite of this, we are still standing, and new families still want to join us. I have great faith that the Saints of All Saints will weather this perfect storm and come out the stronger for it. Please continue to pray for all of your leadership.

Blessings
Kathleen M Waligura, council president

Men in Mission

Our Men in Mission group meets the second Saturday of every month at 8:00 AM. All men are invited: church members, friends and neighbors. We start with breakfast and move on to Christian discussion and sharing. The sharing we do is inspirational and educational so please consider attending our next meeting.

Teen Church – What's the Buzz?

Teen Church Update
Saturday, April 2nd will be the date for the parish house basement clean up for Teen Church. We need as many hands as possible. Plan to meet at 9:30, and bring cleaning supplies, if you have them. Any questions, contact Gina Tretyak or Jeff Moyski. Pizza and salad lunch will be provided. We hope to be done by early afternoon.



April Birthdays

04/01 Sheila Witkowski
04/01 Bill Sneath
04/02 Jacob Manross
04/03 Debi Heilman
04/05 Ben Audette
04/05 Christopher Hammond
04/06 Kevin Begola
04/07 Claire Hardy
04/07 David Ware
04/07 Karsten Stiers
04/07 Gabriella Marinelli
04/09 Herb Happel
04/09 Pam Wehofer
04/09 Jeremy Hubbell
04/10 Jenny Stromlund
04/10 Bethany Martini
04/10 Mariss Scott
04/11 Rob House
04/11 Martin Scherzer
04/11 Vanessa Keller
04/11 Marta Schick
04/12 Todd D'Angelo
04/12 Casey D'Angelo
04/12 Autumn Kinzel
04/14 Laura Smith
04/14 Michael Eversole
04/14 Jennifer Langley
04/14 Trevor Welsh
04/14 Josie Behnke
04/16 Sandy Kopp
04/16 Kimberly Read
04/16 Mitchell Holland
04/17 Paige Setter
04/18 Laura Campbell
04/19 Susan Liberty
04/19 Riikka Simonen
04/19 Hannah Owens
04/20 Carl Humrich
04/21 Kris Bradley
04/21 Maddie Grasley
04/22 Kaitlyn Kerbyson
04/23 John Lehnig
04/23 Chad Stepanian
04/24 Gary Taylor
04/25 Liesl Schick
04/26 Cade Eversole
04/27 Ray DeGiorgio
04/27 Diana Taylor
04/27 Alaina Pardonnet
04/27 Myles Penrose
04/30 Kari Leatch

Stewardship is not a four letter word!

After about a month and a half of arguing with the Holy Spirit we surrendered (yeah we don't give up easily) and agreed to co-chair the Managing a Christian Lifestyle (MCL) Committee. As many of you know we have been members of All Saints since the beginning. We have come to cherish our "Church Home" and "Church Family" and can't imagine it not being here in the future. We have been through worse times in the past and it is painful to see us nearing those discouraging spots again. We have recently been reminded that "We are the Church", not the building or the staff. After all in our relatively short history we've worshiped in five locations with three Senior Pastors and one Interim Senior Pastor. All Saints will be everything we are willing to make it and it will go where ever we direct it, with the guidance of the Spirit. One thing that was driven home during the Transition Team History Events, and by Pastor Chuck's visit, was that All Saints was it's most vibrant when we were focused outwardly not inwardly and shared both common goals and a sense of mission. We must again regain that spirit and desire. One thing that is certain, God has not given up on us and we hope that all of you feel that the Holy Spirit still has work to do in our communities. It's up to us; after all we are the Spirit's hands, feet and face.

As we begin forming a committee we will be looking at resources to structure a financial Stewardship Campaign. We realize that MCL is much more than just financial stewardship, but finances clearly are our most immediate need. Those who attended the "Norms Event" listed financial stewardship as a top priority and one that had been neglected in our recent past.

Through our recent Monday night Bible Studies of the book of Acts and Paul's letters to the Romans and Corinthians we have come to a better understanding that being Christian is not just a label. It isn't even a passive lifestyle. It requires actions. It has become clear to us that the Bible contains all that we need to know about Managing a Christian Lifestyle and that our early Christian brothers and sisters have given us a map to follow. This will be an exciting journey of rediscovery.

While have already been joined by some who wish to serve along with us for this crucial task we welcome anyone who'd like to participate. If you are interested please join us at the Church from 7:00 to 8:30 for our first meeting on Tuesday, March 23rd as we develop our committee's "Mission and Vision Statements". Our proposed regular monthly meeting times will be the fourth Thursday of each month. However, we may need a few additional meetings on Tuesdays to get started. While this is a serious and critical task we will endeavor to have fun as well.

Trusting in the Spirit,
Kathy & Don Eklov
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Kroger Community Rewards

Our latest rewards check from Kroger was \$177.01, and covered the period from November 1st, 2009 through January 31st, 2010. If you shop at Kroger and have not signed up for Community Rewards, there is information in the file under the counter in the Narthex.

Thank You

Dear All Saints Family - I wanted to express my gratitude for the wonderful care package I received last week. It came during the middle of a very busy week and was a very welcome present. In my three years at college I must say I have never received anything so generous. Thank you again and God bless! – Jackie Simonson

Pastor Mary & Friends - I enjoyed all the cards & thoughts & prayers during my recovery. It meant so much to me. I'm doing pretty good. Just remember all the love and friendship in our church, and thank you Pastor for coming to see me in the hospital. It meant a lot to Dan and me. – Judy Giegler



April Anniversaries

April 2nd

Kevin & Amy Begola
(6 years)

April 2nd

Stephen & Alaina
Pardonnet
(5 years)

April 11th

Kevin & Julia Keller
(29 years)

April 12th

Bill & Rosemarie Clements

April 14th

Tony & Cheryl Rossello
(37 years)

April 15th

Rick & Patti Nicolo
(18 years)

April 19th

Tim & Michelle Radzwion
(24 years)

April 20th

Steve & Marlene Donnelly
(25 years)

April 23rd

Kevin & Gail Hansel
(22 years)

Transition Team passes the torch to the Call Committee!

The last two weeks of April will be the time for your Transition Team's last event: Cottage meetings hosted by families all over our wide-spread Congregation's geographical area, and attended by both Transition Team and newly-appointed Call Committee members. Soon you'll see a list going up in the narthex, with opportunities for you to select a family near you on a date that you can make, to attend a pot-luck dinner at your selected family's home, and have a chance to participate in providing your take on the Values and Principles that make our congregation what it is. This information, along with the "norms" and the history of our Congregation, will go into the Call Committee's profile of our congregation that will be used to select our new pastor.

Hosts are asked to provide a place to gather, eating utensils etc. and a main dish. Guests are asked to bring side dishes, beverages, dessert. They are NOT expected to facilitate the discussion - there will be a Transition Team member and a Call Committee member at each gathering.

You'll have a chance to reflect on some readings from the Sacred Scripture, share about the work of God in the reading, and then brainstorm on the qualities of the Congregation that drew you to it... and made you stay. What is it about All Saints that supports your personal and family journey with God? How do you belong to All Saints? What's unique and special about your congregation?

Look for more information soon at Church, and sign up to participate in one of the Cottage Meetings. Help us get the Call Committee off on the right foot, with our support, our love and our prayers.

All Saints Transition Team

Bob Duman, Kathleen Waligura, Milissa Schmantowsky, Cal Hardy, Don & Kathy Eklov, Louise Holtz and Pastor Mary Duerksen

Little Saints Christian Preschool News

News from the Red Room

The children in the Red Room have been learning about the ocean and the creatures that live in it. The rooms are full of color and it makes you want to put on a snorkel and go exploring in the ocean in Florida. We discussed different types of ocean creatures and what they like to eat. We also had fun talking about Dr. Seuss and some of his books he wrote as we honored his birthday on March 2nd. The parents, grandparents and siblings have been coming in to read to our children as we celebrate March as the month of reading. Reading to children is so important. The children love to hear from different readers of all ages and various books. We appreciate the wonderful parent support we have. We look forward to the rest of our month as we worship with Pastor Mary in Chapel and continue our ocean unit. Have a great month.

Renay MacLean
Red Room Teacher

News from the Green Room

Hello from the Green Room! Spring has sprung and we are hiking and exploring outside. Yeah! J Our lessons on science include the ocean and all the life God has created in it. Please come check out our "Ocean world" in our classroom - we have been very busy. Happy Spring!

Stephanie Olsen
Green Room Teacher

News from the Purple Room

Hello from the Purple Room! We are learning about marine life and our room is decorated like an ocean! The children are enjoying learning about sharks, whales, jellyfish, and all the wonderful ocean life God has made. Spring is here, and the children are enjoying the beautiful weather. We are looking forward to Easter and our fun school wide Easter Egg Hunt!

Darlene Manross
Purple Room Teacher

Community Sharing Garage Sale

It's that time of year again, when we ask for your assistance with the Community Sharing Spring Garage Sale. The garage sales are an extremely important source of funding for our outreach programs. The services we can provide to our clients depend upon the successful outcome of these garage sales. We encourage everyone in your faith community to participate by donating items to be sold, and of course, shopping at the garage sale. The dates of the sale are Thursday April 15th through Saturday, April 17th.

Kids Against Hunger

Kids Against Hunger

Sign-up Soon! If you haven't already heard about this program, you will soon. Little Saints and All Saints are working together to raise enough funds to purchase food ingredients that will allow us to create 10,000 meals for children locally and around the country, and world, who need a good healthy meal. On May 8, 2010, we will need 120 volunteers to work together for about one hour to assemble and create 10,000 meals for children. The great thing about this program is that 1/3 of the meals will remain here and we will decide where they are most needed, 1/3 will go to national reserves for disaster relief, and 1/3 will go overseas to a country we designate. To do this we need two phases of help.

First, we need to generate \$2,800 to purchase the ingredients (yes, that is 28 cents per meal!). Little Saints chapel money for two months, Lenten offerings from All Saints, two weeks of "noisy offerings", and a bag-some-meals fundraising will generate those funds. We have currently applied to receive matching funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans to help us meet our goal of \$2,800. Please consider how many meals you can help to provide.

Second, watch for sign-ups to volunteer on May 8th. Children as young as four and adults up to ninety-nine can work together on this very uplifting event. It is a short time commitment on a Saturday morning - and promises to be a fun-filled experience.

Theresa Kull

Director

Little Saints Christian Preschool

Livingston County Catholic Charities

Assistance for Individuals 60+

Interfaith Volunteer Caregiver Program is a coalition of volunteers who assist 60+ or disables adults, including those with social and/or economical needs, to remain independent and in their own homes with grace and dignity. Services include: Transportation, Errands, Companionship & friendly visiting, shopping, telephone reassurance, letter writing, respite services. If you or someone you know is in need of these services, please contact Linda or Pam at 517.545.5944 at Livingston County Catholic Charities. We serve all regardless of race, religion, gender, disability or financial ability.

Volunteers put faith into action by helping the homebound improve their quality of life.

There is no measure for the difference a few hours can make in the life of someone homebound and in need! If you are someone who has genuine concern for others, is willing to be personally involved, and interested in helping those in need, then please consider volunteering a few hours a week or month. For more information, contact Linda or Pam at 517.545.5944. Let's work together to lighten the stress of those who struggle!

Murder Mystery Dinner Show

To benefit Living Water Ministries, a shared mission of the Lower Michigan Synods, ELCA, April 24th, 6:00 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$25 per person for show and dinner. For tickets or credit card purchases, call Mary at 989.848.2230. A prize for 1st place and a 50/50 drawing also included.

Charitable giving: do it with purpose and planning

Charitable giving: do it with purpose and planning

Financial experts estimate that, in the next 10 years, up to \$10 trillion will be transferred through the estates of individuals. Their loved ones, as well as the government, are likely beneficiaries — but not exclusively. In addition, more and more people are bequeathing a portion — and sometimes a very substantial portion — of their assets to charitable organizations and other causes they hold dear.

Why giving takes planning

Whether you are pursuing your short- or long-term giving goals, planning is important. Why?

Giving should be a behavior that reflects your values. What kind of message do you hope to convey through the way you manage and share your financial resources? How do you want to be remembered? Through thoughtful planning, you can make sure such concerns are addressed to your satisfaction.

Loved ones can be spared the responsibility of shaping your legacy. Even though you are known well by your family and friends, they might be unclear about your wishes and goals. Only you can most accurately communicate and put into practice your charitable intentions.

Advance notice of gifts can help recipients make the most of the money. Being aware of their supporters' intentions can provide some helpful context when setting their organizations' sights.

You and your heirs can experience tax savings while seeing your gifts grow. Giving is primarily a matter of the heart. Regardless, smart decisions around the financial implications of your giving can ease the tax burden on your heirs and possibly increase the final amount received by your charity of choice.

Get with the program

Many non-profit and financial services organizations sponsor programs that guide philanthropists through the “whys” and “how-tos” of charitable giving. Often, these programs present the benefits of charitable giving in light of tax and other financial implications, introduce innovative methods in gift-giving, and offer workshops to help people prepare their charitable giving strategies.

Good programs also encourage involving the expertise of others (i.e., financial services professionals, accountants, attorneys) in the planning process. If you have not already discussed your charitable intentions with your group of professionals, consider seeking their insight soon.

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February Council Minutes

Minutes from the February Council Meeting: February 11, 2010

Pastor Mary opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.

Louise Holtz moved to accept the January meeting minutes, Dave Geen seconded. No discussion, motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mim Zurn transferred \$5,000 to meet mortgage and payroll and requested that the mortgage payment no longer be an automatic payment to prevent bounced check. Income for January was \$21,000; expenses for January were \$24,000.

SOUTH LYON POWER AND LIGHT UPDATE: A banner is up and you can see it as you drive by! In March they will start a confirmation class and an adult calls and in the fall they will expand it to a full Sunday School.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: The search for a Managing a Christian Lifestyle Chair is still on. There is a Property page on the All Saints website. If you would like to adopt a project, please look at the website and contact Rick.

KIDS AGAINST HUNGER: Temple talks will take place and it was proposed to collect a Noisy Offering monthly for a charitable project. There were no objections; a noisy offering will be monthly.

Louise Holtz moved to adjourn the meeting, Linda Lawrence seconded; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Sonja Markwart

Council Member Contact List

Do you have a question, comment or concern? Do you know who to turn to? Council! Yes, that's right! Council was elected by the congregation to lead the congregation and make decisions regarding the church. In order to effectively do that, council needs feedback and they would love to hear from you. Below is a list of staff and council members, their mailbox numbers (in the office), email addresses and phone numbers. Please contact them with questions. If you are unsure about which council member would be the correct person to address your questions, put them in the President's box; Bill will steer it to the proper committee or person so that your question can be answered. Thanks and council can't wait to hear from you.

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Prayer Requests

Prayer requests can be forwarded to: coppout3@aol.com or office@myallsaints.com; by calling Karen Walker at 517.546.4948; or fill out a prayer request form available in the narthex. Unless otherwise noted, prayer requests will remain on the list for one month. Of course, if you have a long-term need, your request will remain on the list.

If you have an emergency need for prayer, Call Karen Walker and she will communicate with a team of 4 to 5 individuals to begin immediate prayer. The email request will also be communicated.

* indicates long-term prayer needed.

Please pray for...

*Alex – friend of Diane Petronio
All Michigan Workers and Others that Are Seeking Work
All of our troops in USA and other countries
Aubrey – granddaughter of friends of Jane & Dave Geen
Bo Malak – cousin of Sandy Southerland
Bob Waddell – uncle of Bo Roop
Carey Culp – granddaughter of Sandy Southerland
*Carl Humrich
*Carol Shirk – Friend of the Dentons
*Chris Cooper – friend of the Danko's, friend of All Saints
Courtney Poe – friend of Herm Markwart's friend
*Danny Cox – nephew of Patti and Richard Nicolo
Diana Edmondson – friend of Patti Nicolo
*Don Beam – friend of Mike Bockelman
Don Holtz
Doris Varcoe – sister of Nancy Yount
*Don MacDonald
Elizabeth Herron – niece of Linda Lawrence
Eric Wilkerson – co worker of Diane Petronio
Evelyn Ward – friend of Jan Martin's brother, Reese Thronton
Helen Cebulski – friend of Don & Linda Lawrence
Herb Happel
Hobert English – father of Jenny Stromlund
Jacqueline and Dean – friends of Kathleen Waligura
*Jean Oxley – aunt of Pastor Mary
Jean – sister of Nancy Laskowski
Jeanette Wedding – friend of Karen Walker
Jim Cole – friend of Sandy Kopp
*Joe Lakos – friend of Don & Linda Lawrence
John Lehning – son of Jeanne Lehning
Justin – son-in-law of friend of Louise Holtz
Joyce Adams – sister of Evelyn Karro
Kristen Selleck – daughter of Randy & Laura Smith
*Kathy Surfus – friend of Carol Hinkle
*Lee Hanna
*Lucky Jones
*Mary Dietrich – sister-in-law of Karen Walker
*Mary Papp- daughter-in-law of Don Papp
*Melody Paige – Mother of Bill & Jan Martin's Daughter-in-Law
Mike Lawrence – neighbor of Lucky & Marilyn Jones
Mike Quaranta – friend of John and Lynette McCollum
Michelle Radzwion
*Millie Drum – Mother of Patti Nicolo
*Mitch Rush – grandson of Sandy Kopp
*Mother of Mary Chapman – mother of friend of Diane Petronio
*Nicole Turoski – niece of Jennifer Hardy
*Pam Stefanski – Aunt of Milissa Schmantowsky
*Pastors and staff of ASLC
*Pat Deanhofer – mother of Bill Compton
Patricia Geary – sister of Linda Lawrence
Paul Allen – friend of Sandy Southerland
Penny Penzien – mother of Kate Zywicki
*Regina Kestian – daughter of Gerda Smida
Renaeh Behr
Sabrina Bishop Lilla – daughter of Julie Markwart's cousin
Sarah Kull
Sharon King
Shawn Alley – husband of Mike Bockelman's co-worker
*Shirley Spitz – mother of Carrie Pasternacki
*Stephen Ministers and care recipients
*Sue Siedlik
*Tracey – cousin of Rick Sanglier
Vera McLeod – mother of Julie Markwart
*Vicki Hoffman – cousin of Mike Hoffman
*Zachary Cox – Brother of Theresa Kull

