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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"**

Do YOU Know the Good News

Gratitude and thanks always come back to you! This year All Saints via Little Saints Christian Preschool received a letter of thanks from a family that received support and gifts last year. This family noted how meaningful and helpful this support was to them in helping them get back on their feet. Praise be to God that their circumstances improved in 2009 and they in turn gave generously back to Little Saints enabling the preschool to help another family in need. What a great way to "pay it forward".

Thanks to the congregation for your generous response of support to Chris Cooper and his family. Chris is just in the early stages of treatment for his stage 4 cancer and will continue to need our prayers, help, and support in 2010.

All Saints' first ever cookie walk was well received and a great success. Monies were raised to support the Creative Saints' outreach projects. Soup mixes, friendship teas, candy, and (yes) cookies were the offerings. It was a win/win for everyone!

Bill Johnston was the most recent recipient of the WOW award for letting God's light shine through his quiet service behind the scenes at the sound board and on the Adopt-A-Road project, just to name a few.

On December 13th the Sunday School put on their annual Christmas program. Kids from preschool to high school were involved and brought smiles to all present. They focused on the family scrapbook of God and how it includes us. Thanks to ALL who assembled to bring us this meaningful and memorable program.

Have you seen the Memorial Garden lately? A new brick pathway has been laid and further plans continue. Watch in 2010 for the "buy a brick" program to remember a loved one.

The youth held 2 pancake breakfasts in December. Great sausage ruled again along with great service and enthusiasm! Monies were raised for youth events like Gathering, Youth Quake, and camps. Watch in January for another breakfast to be held BETWEEN the morning services; that means you 8:30 service!

All Saints has "adopted" another congregation to partner and mission with. In late November the All Saints Mission Team went to Spirit of Hope in downtown Detroit to help pass out food to the homeless and then stayed for worship. Additionally, All Saints' congregation was more than generous in collecting coats to take to this mission as well. This partnership will continue into 2010.

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.

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submissions are **due**
by the 15th of the
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Your Staff Team

Rev. Mary Duerksen
Interim Senior Pastor

Theresa Kull
Preschool Director

Karen Parrish
Worship Support
Secretary

Kate Zywicki
Director of Lay
Ministries

Amy Simonson
Youth and Christian
Education Director

Open
General Manager

Martha Gordon
Organist

From the Interim Senior Pastor

"Therefore since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith..." (Hebrews 12: 1-2a, NRSV)

Often these words are interpreted to refer to the 'witnesses' who have gone before us into the Church Triumphant, to which they certainly apply. However, this past week I saw many of our All Saints family functioning in that way-being a cloud of witnesses testifying with their work, words and presence, to their faith in Jesus Christ. I saw it in how you pulled together to help with arrangements for a funeral celebrating the life and victory of one of our beloved members. From the day the death was announced until many hours after all the funeral luncheon guests had departed, All Saints folks worked together tirelessly, and with joy in serving. It was most impressive and commendable. I have seen it in the generous outpouring of support for our Angel Tree children, as well as for needy family's right here in our congregation. It is how we envision the church functioning as Jesus intended it to function. People who might or might not normally have a lot in common in the world all came, worked, stayed, prayed, comforted, welcomed, fed, cleaned, witnessed. I pray those who shared in this inspiring experience will be able to bear it in mind in the days and months ahead-always striving toward that goal of working together as one body, one Spirit in Christ.

Please accept my prayers and gratitude for each of you during this holy season. My family and I deeply appreciate your support and caring these past months. We know these are not easy times for God's people here at All Saints. And yet, looking back at many other such experiences through the eyes of the Bible, we see that often God's people journey through dark and struggling times, trusting that he will bring us through them into the place he wants us to be next. In early 2010 we will begin to ask ourselves to reflect on that exact question. Given where we have been, where we are now, and how God has equipped us to be the hands, feet, eyes and hearts of Jesus in this place, what is next in God's mighty plan? It is a big question. It has many facets. But taking the time to think and pray over the answers will provide you with the best information in searching for a new pastor who will be a good fit for your mission.

On **Sunday, January 24, 3:00 PM**, we will be holding another Transition Event-to help us identify and discuss our 'Norms'. Norms are the unwritten rules by which any group of people or organization really operate. The event will cover our 'norms' regarding many aspects of our life as a congregation-roles of men and women, children, attitudes toward clergy, the building, money and so forth. Bring a light snack to share if you can, but please make the effort to be there regardless. It is one of the most critical parts of the process, and one which leads to a clearer understanding of the character of the congregation. Hope to see you there!

May 2010 bring you the richest of God's blessings-and the greatest of opportunities to serve Him!

Sincerely
Pastor Mary Duerksen, Interim Senior Pastor

Something different each Sunday in January

January brings something special each Sunday! **Jan 3 & 10** Baptisms at the 11:00 service, **Jan 17** welcoming new members, **Jan 24, 3:00** Transition Event (Norms); **Jan 31** **Congregational Meeting**- Presentation and vote on the 2010 budget. We look forward to everyone participating!

2010 Council Representatives

Kathleen Waligura
Council President

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Council Vice President

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Council Treasurer

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Open
Christian Education
Chair

**Sandy Kopp and
Suzanne Compton**
Congregational Life
Chair

Rick Kaatz
Financial Committee
Chair

Bob Duman
Good News Team
Chair

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Managing a Christian
Lifestyle Chair

Rick Mann
Property Chair

Louise Holtz
Social Concerns and
Health Ministry Chair

Maria Spencer
Worship & Music
Chair

Worship at South Lyon Power & Light

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



"What Do We Want to be When We Grow Up?"

Make sure that January 24th; 3:00PM to 5:00PM is marked on your calendar. The Transition Team is planning an event that is our next important step in defining who we are and what kind of a pastor we will want to call. As the title says, "Who do we want to be?" What makes us tick and click as a community and family; what are the understandings about how we operate that underlie our life at All Saints?

Child care will be provided, no Pot Luck meal this time, but bring "finger foods" or snacks if you want, for the break. And get ready to do some important work on our way to defining our future.

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

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study

The Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study invites you to come and discuss The Shack by Wm. Paul Young.

Coffee and tea will be on and we will meet in the library off the Sanctuary on Wednesday, January 6th, 2010 at 10:00 am. You do not need to read the book prior to the discussion but if you do, don't be surprised if tears come to your eyes as you read. The characters in this book are so real that you feel like they are sitting next to you while you are reading. The book gives excellent advice on how to handle the obstacles life throws at us everyday. Also lessons we can learn about life, death, humanity, and the pure love relationship that God (the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit) wants to have with us. Mr. Young has equipped his readers with a foundation on which they can wrestle with the deepest of theological questions; e.g. How is God present in tragedy? The spirituality in this book may cause controversy, but it's good controversy and allows you to think outside of the box. Please join our Bible Study on The Shack for some very interesting discussion. For more information contact Louise Holtz, 248-889-3040

Who was that Masked man?

Well, actually, he or she doesn't have to be wearing a mask, they just might be someone you meet after church, and get talking to. Hasn't this happened to you? All of a sudden you're into a conversation about some shared interest, and you have no clue with whom you're talking. Or maybe someone walks by and says, "I'd love to help out on your committee, give me a call and let me know when the next meeting is." And they're gone.

How many times have you rushed home and dug out the picture directory in the futile hope that the person you talked to is in there... "Wasn't it Dave something? Or maybe Dan?"

Please take advantage of the name tags on the board in the narthex. It only takes a few seconds to put them on and stand out from the crowd of nameless faces that greets newcomers and members alike.

Bob Duman

Small Group and Other Leaders

Nancy Yount
Altar Guild

Becky Manross
Financial Secretary

Len Hammond
Information
Technology

Jan Martin
Prayer Meeting

**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

**Nancy Laskowski,
Kelly Parrish**
BOULDERS

**Marlene Donnelly &
Joanne Kindred**
College Kids

Barbara Robinson
Silver Saints

Liesl Schick
Faithful Scrappers

ROCK – Middle School Youth Group News

ARE YOU READY TO ROCK?

The Rock, ASLC middle-school youth group is moving back to Monday nights, beginning Monday, January 18th. We know this is MLK day, and we normally don't meet on days that school is not in session. But we can't wait to get things going again. To start, we will be meeting in the new Youth Room (where the nursery used to be) in the church building (not the Parish House basement). We hope to have a movie to watch on our first meeting; along with finding out what your Happy/Crappy events were for the holidays. So join us, we meet from 6:30 – 8pm. Bring a friend and get a prize! Questions? Call Gina Tretyak @ 248 887 1858 or email gtretyak887@comcast.net
See you there!

Youth Groups Thank You!

All the youth that participated in the Pancake breakfasts of December 6th and 13th want to say THANK-YOU to all who stayed and let us serve you breakfast and lent us your support. We also want to thank all the parents who so generously supported our two events by providing food and service. We were never without help, right down to the last dish being washed and put away. Each youth who participated earned a portion of the proceeds to use towards Youth Quake, The Gathering, Bass Lake or Confirmation/Youth Camp. Expect to hear from our youth as they return from their events!

Little Saints Christian Preschool News

Greetings from the Purple Room!

What an exciting month in December we had! Filled with fun Christmas projects, decorating Gingerbread house and ending it with a Polar Express Themed Christmas Party! What fun! The children are all excited Santa came to visit them and they got a chance to tell them what they hoped for under the tree this year. The Christmas Program was wonderful; as our class sang, Jingle bells and The Little Drummer boy made with their own drums! Have a wonderful Christmas everyone see you in 2010!

Darlene Manross, Purple Room Teacher

News from the Green Room – 3 Day Class

Merry Christmas! Felize Navidad! M C! The children in the 3 day green room are busy preparing for the birth of Jesus. If you are wondering about what the words and letters following Merry Christmas above mean; Felize Navidad means Merry Christmas in Spanish and we have also learned to sign Merry Christmas in sign language. We have been learning about Christmas giving by making our families special gifts, wrapping paper, and Christmas cards. Along with learning about advent, we were recently thrilled by a visit from Santa Claus himself. The children have been working hard are very excited to perform for their families during our Christmas pageant.

Casey Branch 3 day Green Room

News from the Red Room

The Red Room wishes everyone at All Saints Church a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We have enjoyed the month of December and all the holiday projects that we have been busy making. The highlight in December was learning about the true meaning of Christmas. We also had fun reading and acting out the story of, "The Polar Express". Pastor Mary taught the children some wonderful Christmas songs and we loved spending time with her in Chapel. We are looking forward to our Christmas party on Thursday, December 17th and are grateful to the parents who are planning it. We hope that your holidays are safe and joyous. We look forward to getting back together in January.

Love,

Renay MacLean, Red Room Teacher

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



January Anniversaries

January 6th

Mike and Jacquie Read
(32 years)

January 6th

Bob & Jenny Manar
(3 years)

January 10th

Dan & Bridget Hoffman
(1 year)

January 11th

Mark & Amy Trump
(18 years)

January 21st

Tim & Cheryl Carney
(32 years)

January 21st

Bill & Sandy Sneath
(15 years)

Recycling Update

In November All Saints received a check for \$17.16, and saved 10.70 cubic yards of landfill space from the paper collected in our green Abitibi bins in the parking lot. Remember, your old newspapers, magazines, junk mail, school papers, and shredded paper (in bags, please) can be added to the bins and earn money for our church.

Good Search

We received our earnings check from GoodSearch, \$9.47 from October, 2008 through November, 2009. Keep searching!

Here are three keys to substantially increasing the money you earn:

1. Remind everyone to begin their holiday shopping at [GoodShop](#).
2. Ask your local businesses to buy their office supplies on your behalf via GoodShop. All of the top stores including Staples, Office Depot and OfficeMax are on-board!
3. Ask all of your supporters to download the new [GoodSearch/GoodShop Toolbar](#) to ensure that every search and purchase count!

Kroger Community Rewards

At the end of November we received our *Kroger Community Rewards* check for \$186.42 earned by our members who linked their Kroger Plus Cards to All Saints organization and shopped at Kroger between August 1st, 2009 and October 31st, 2009.

Upon completion of their second quarter of operation, the Kroger Community Rewards program distributed \$499,070.70 altogether to 956 community organizations throughout Michigan.

To link your Kroger Plus Card, instructions and information is available in the hanging files under the counter in the Narthex, or see Jennifer Hardy for details.

Colasanti's Market

Thanks to all who turn in their shopping receipts from Colasanti's. This month we received a check for \$33.16! Receipts from Colasanti's and VG's are collected in the plastic box on the windowsill in the hallway.

SCRIP Program

What is SCRIP? It is fundraising while you shop for the things that you would buy anyway. All you have to do is purchase a gift card through ASLC and a portion of the price is returned to the church. There are hundreds of retailers to choose from! And they're not only good for yourself, they make great Christmas gifts! And the best part is that by purchasing them you can help out the church without fundraising. See Suzanne Compton today between services and after the 11am service to purchase SCRIP's. Any questions, she can also be reached at 248-887-4267



January Birthdays

01/01 Marty Mills
 01/01 Antonia Jahn
 01/02 Rudolph Masek
 01/02 Mike Hoffman
 01/02 Mary Duerksen
 01/02 Kem Wilson
 01/03 Tim Audette
 01/03 Will Zywicki
 01/04 Daniel Sykes
 01/04 Lynette McCollum
 01/04 Dwight Wehofer
 01/04 Kevin Clarey
 01/04 Emily Schwanz
 01/04 Morgan Wehner
 01/05 Ruth Sykes
 01/06 Jan Martin
 01/06 Christopher Hansel
 01/06 Lance Bitler
 01/06 Ashley Bernardin
 01/09 Janice Crofts
 01/09 Joyce Rolls
 01/09 Deb Terry-Carlson
 01/10 Mike Fischer
 01/11 Donna McGill
 01/11 Rick Mann
 01/11 Mary Kotnik
 01/13 Marty Zurn
 01/13 Megan Kotnik
 01/13 Chris Cooper
 01/15 Greg Yanik
 01/15 Hunter Kretz
 01/16 Nicole Tinsley
 01/16 Courtney Green
 01/17 Roy Tinsley
 01/19 Dan Petronio
 01/19 Laura Drzazgowski
 01/20 John Lehning
 01/20 Mike Carney
 01/20 Zachary Morris
 01/21 Erik Britton
 01/21 Max Stoey
 01/22 Lynn Swain
 01/22 Amy Simonson
 01/23 Don McGill
 01/23 Jason Rowden
 01/24 Carol Blair
 01/24 Alison Tinsley
 01/24 Hudson Schick
 01/25 Margaret Poquette
 01/25 Bev Leasia
 01/25 Tim Carney
 01/25 Megan Jahn
 01/26 Todd Russell
 01/27 Carly Leasia
 01/28 Ellie Smith
 01/28 Ivanka Willis
 01/29 Don Papp
 01/29 Sabrina Kinney
 01/30 Marilyn Jones
 01/30 Gail Hansel
 01/30 Heikki Simonen
 01/30 Sally Porter
 01/30 Ian Wells
 More...

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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Pastor Mary	Interim Senior Pastor	heatherbrae@att.net	248.924.4311	1

More January Birthdays:
01/30 Garrett Helm
01/30 Aidan Banes
01/31 June Mills
01/31 Kelley Vallone
01/31 Ashley Kaatz
01/31 Eddie Kull
01/31 Spencer Baughman
01/31 Austin Smith
01/31 Tyler Spangler



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
Barbara Lucas – friend of Pastor Mary
Betty Jean Wilder – mother of Jacquie Read
Bob Johnson – brother of Susan Happel
*Carl Humrich
*Carol Shirk – Friend of the Dentons
*Chris Cooper – friend of the Danko's, friend of All Saints
Christina – friend of Lou Prine's daughter
Chuck Gleason – brother-in-law of Dick & Ginny Hobson, uncle of Karen Parrish
*Coleen Trotto – cousin of Jacquie Read
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 MacDonald
Don Papp
Duane Bastien – friend of Diane Petronio
Family of Vernon Sweatman – neighbor of Karen Walker
Emily Britton
Granddaughter and daughter of Dr. Sheldon Gordon – friend of Jim and Pat Banes
Harold Schaf – uncle of Julia Keller
Hobert English – father of Jenny Stromlund
Holly Gass – niece of Karen Walker
James Peterson – friend of Patti Nicolo
Jane Briggs – mother of co-worker of Suzanne Compton
*Jean Oxley – aunt of Pastor Mary
Jean – sister of Nancy Laskowski
John McCollum
Jonathon Zurn – great grandson of Marty and Mim Zurn
Judy Hernandez
Karen Ziegler – friend of Liesl Schick and Heidi Roop
*Kathy Surfus – friend of Carol Hinkle
Ken Pietenpol – father of Nancy Laskowski
Kim – friend of Milissa Schmantowsky
Larry Godwin – friend of Julie Markwart
*Lee Hanna
Liz Hutson – friend of Karen Walker
Lorraine Esler – mother of Kurt Stromlund's co-worker
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
*Millie Drum – Mother of Patti Nicolo
*Mitch Rush – grandson of Sandy Kopp
*Mother of Mary Chapman – mother of friend of Diane Petronio
Nancy Laskowski
*Nicole Turoski – niece of Jennifer Hardy
*Pam Stefanski – Aunt of Milissa Schmantowsky
*Pastors and staff of ASLC
*Pat Deanhofer – mother of Bill Compton
Penny Penzien – mother of Kate Zywicki
Penny King – friend of Mim Zurn
Phyllis Fischer
*Regina Kestian – daughter of Gerda Smida
Ruth Johnson – sister-in-law of Sue Happel
Sandy Southerland
Schoff family – friends of Milissa Schmantowsky
*Shirley Spitz – mother of Carrie Pasternacki
*Stephen Ministers and care recipients
*Sue Siedlik
*Terry Lawrence – Neighbor of Marilyn Jones
Tony Nicolo – step-son of Patti Nicolo
*Tracey – cousin of Rick Sanglier
Treasure – classmate of Jennifer Fanson's friends' daughter
Vera McLeod – mother of Julie Markwart
*Vicki Hoffman – cousin of Mike Hoffman
*Zachary Cox – Brother of Theresa Kull

