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ALL SAINTS

LUTHERAN CHURCH

All Saints Gather
Monthly Newsletter
April 2012

Pastor's Message

I am in the midst of another "series" of health crisis among our members.

These times when several of our brothers and sisters have serious illness or injury all at once has happened before and will happen again. The illness and injury doesn't bother me, I know we live in a world that involves pain and suffering from time to time. Visiting those who are sick and hurt is part of our calling as Christians, caring for them is a gentle favor, not only for them but for us as well. Nearly everyone reading this newsletter has a family and friends and a church family to at least help with care during an illness and to visit. What got me to thinking the other day when I was at the hospital was this: what do people who are "outside" what we would call a normal family situation, few friends, no church, people on the edges of society. What happens when these folk get sick or ill and wind up in the hospital? Society has, in my observation over the last ten years or so, turned its head and avoided "seeing" these situations.

What happens next is part of the overall decline of our secular society, namely that we continue as a nation to isolate and insulate ourselves from the community in which we live. This country has become for the most part, let's say 80%, an individualistic materialist driven society. We want to have the things we see in ads that we are told we cannot live without, we want our comfort and safety first, our taxes and gas prices to be low, so we can continue to live as if there was no end to the "stuff" to be had. Our economy is geared to run this way, if people stop buying things the machinery of our economy grinds to a halt and, we are told, everyone will suffer. This is a country based on rugged individualism, revered in song and rhyme and movies, and the rugged individual always takes care of himself or herself. That is until we get sick and need someone else to take care of us, and if things are good you have that person in your life to take care of you. We all know of course that everyone does not have that someone in their life, and they rely on the generosity of others.

Jesus spent his life and most of his ministry with those folks on the margins. He healed the untouchable, he had long conversations with people of ill repute, he befriended those that society had deemed evil or dangerous AND He specifically left us instructions, you could even consider them orders, to do likewise. Peter was asked by Jesus three times, "Do you love me?" Peter answered yes Lord you know that I love you, and Jesus responded in turn "Tend my lambs," "Tend my sheep," "Feed my sheep." There was no response by Jesus of, very good Peter I am glad you love me, now go and take care of yourself. The response by Jesus consistently throughout his ministry was to take care of the least of these.

We are called to recognize our sin, and to believe and rejoice in Christ as the salvation in our sinfulness. To love God and our neighbor with all our heart and to take care of each other -- especially the weakest among us. We are given the greatest gift there is, the knowledge that GOD loves us and that no matter what happens in this life in this world -- good, bad or ugly -- GOD through Jesus Christ is victorious over sin, death and the World. That is something to not only rejoice in, but to be able to take out there in the world to all the lambs and sheep in Jesus' flock that need tending.

Pastor Alan

ALL SAINTS CHURCH DIRECTORY

Pastor ... Reverend Alan B. Eschenbacher

Lay Ministers ... All Members of All Saints Congregation

Organist ... Willie Graf

Worship Leader/Choir Director ... Mary Johnson

Parish Administrator ... Teresa Freund

Altar Guild Directress ... Cora Jelinek

Newsletter Editor ... Verne St John

Council President ... Bryce Eschenbacher

Council Vice President ... Dean Treichel

Council Secretary ... Maynard Ross

Church Treasurer ... Eleanor Olson

Financial Secretary ... Cora Jelinek

Worship
Schedule
for



Holy Week

Maundy
THURSDAY

APRIL 5TH—7PM
ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Good
FRIDAY

APRIL 6TH—7PM
ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Holy
SATURDAY

APRIL 7TH—7PM
SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
EASTER VIGIL

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 1ST—SUNDAY

APRIL 2ND—MONDAY NOON

APRIL 3RD—TUESDAY NOON

APRIL 4TH—WEDNESDAY NOON

BRIEF MID-DAY PRAYER
OVER LUNCH HOUR AT INDABA

Resurrection
SUNDAY

EASTER MORNING

SUNDAY—APRIL 8TH

10:15 AM AT SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
10:30AM AT ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

All Saints' Vision Statement

**"People of Christ,
Living in Community,
Working in Partnership,
Doing the 'Stuff' of Local Ministry"**

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH has witnessed God in action in our congregation, and in the world. We seek to proclaim the Gospel that all may know the depth of God's love. We thankfully exercise our abilities, time and material assets in service to our neighbor.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same spirit,
and there are varieties of service, but the same LORD,
and there are varieties of workings,
but it is the same GOD who inspires them all in every thing.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6

Love the LORD your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul and with all your mind ...
love your neighbor as yourself.

MATTHEW 22:37-40

Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them
in the name of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY SPIRIT,
and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you,
and remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

MATTHEW 28:19-20

"The Great Commitment to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission"

In Jesus' Name We Pray



For the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the future of All Saints
For Pastor Alan Eschenbacher as he serves All Saints
For Bishop Martin Wells and the Synod Staff
For ELCA presiding Bishop Mark Hanson
For Divine Guidance for our Country
For Thanksgiving and time with Family



Prayer Requests

Brian Dickerson, Craig Davenport, Jane Clayton,
Roberta MacKay, Shirley & Homer Evers,
Arlene O'Brien, Naven Crutchfield,
Pastor Shelley Bryan-Wee, The Carollo Family,
Terry Forezek, Larry Vosseler. Bill Lobeda,
Joanne Simnioniw, Nancy Jennings,
Di Barker, Dillon, Shannon, Matthew, Kass,
Ben Gittings, Hazel Wolfrum, Jean Goeringer,
Connie Jelinek, Eric Berman, Lelyn Nelson



For our Members in the Military
Paul Billings, Ben Coles,
Robert Guyton, Aaron Jelinek



The Family
of
Pastor Tom

... Bishop's Message ...

God's beloved people,

Cross Connection-April 2012

The spring is busy and lots is going on! Bits and Pieces for now!

But first, last and always: Blessed Easter on April 8th! May Jesus awaken you to the resurrected Life! Susan and I will remember with joy my brother Scott that day, knowing that his life is safely nestled into Christ, in God (Col. 3:3) because the power of death has been defeated!

Parochial reports:

The synod and national partner are eager for you to complete your parochial report for 2011. This information is crucial to our task of directing assets for ministry in the right direction! Please complete your parochial reports ASAP so that we have accurate information on which to plan for ministry! We'll be asking a local volunteer to begin the pestering calls very soon!

Portico Health Assessment:

Did you know that the synod congregations saved over \$15,000 dollars last year because we had enough members take the health assessment? In addition, the synod received \$7,000 in incentive dollars that we are using to promote health and wellness in our synod members and the church. This matters because without the wellness initiative our health care expenses just keep going up! This is a tangible way to increase your own well-being while being a steward of church resources. If you're a plan member, please take the Health Assessment before April 30, 2012!

<https://www.elcabop.org/en/UnderstandMyBenefits/Health/ELCAPrimary/HealthAssessment/Overview.aspx>

Spring Conference of Bishops Meeting

I'm just back from our regular meeting. It was primarily housekeeping work, continuing the adjustments required by a down-sized church. The clear focus of the whole church beyond congregations is the health, vitality, faithfulness, and support available to congregations. As we begin our own synod study of concrete assets needed by congregations and the delivery system for such support we remain very grateful for the resources and support of the Churchwide partner!

Mission Support and the budget: Thanks be to God!

You will soon receive a letter from me thanking your congregation for Mission Support in 2011. We were able to finish the year just into the black and we are thankful for your support! As grateful as we are, the budget for your congregation and for the synod and Churchwide is a month-to-month focus. Receipts for February 2012 are just under the amount received in 1992 so the challenge continues. Pr. Helga Jansons and the Synod Stewardship Table have resources available for your use.

Assembly Assembly Assembly!

It's a pleasure to encourage your attendance at the Synod Assembly later in April (27th-29th, Wenatchee, WA). The program committee has put together a wonderful afternoon of activities and learning; a youth assembly is now receiving registrations; creative worship and joyful noise will resound along the Columbia River; we'll welcome and hear news of new ministries among us! I look forward to seeing you in Wenatchee!

Holden Village, after the Assembly?

Holden Village is celebrating a 50th Anniversary this year! Registration fees can be waived if you'd like to visit April 30 to May 2, 2012 following the Assembly in Wenatchee. Write to Holden at registrar@holdenvillage.org.

God's richest blessings,

Pr. Martin Wells, Bishop
mismwells@aol.com or 509-838-9871



*HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU - HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU
HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR FRIEND - HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU*

AND MANY MORE !!!

April 9th
Dietrich Eschenbacher

April 20th
Alan Eschenbacher

April 10th
Betty Renford

April 23rd
Susan Ballinger



*WHETHER THE
FIRST OR THE FIFTIETH AND COUNTING ...
THE BEST ONE YET,
WITH MANY MORE TO COME
Happy Anniversary to ...*



Jim and Shirley Chaffins
April 19th

Tom and Betty Ledbetter
April 23rd

THESE BOOK CLUBS MEET MONTHLY
AT THE INDABA COFFEE SHOP / LUTHERAN BOOK PARLOR
1425 WEST BROADWAY AVENUE IN SPOKANE

WE WILL BE DISCUSSING THE FOLLOWING BOOKS ON THE DATES SHOWN - COME JOIN US!

Page Turners Book Club

2nd Saturday of each month at 10am.

April 14th

A Man in the Divided Sea
by Thomas Merton (poetry)

May 12th

Mighty Be Our Powers
Leymah Gbowee

June 9th

Tracks
by Louise Erdrich

Spiritual Classics Book Club

4th Saturday of each month at 10am.

April 28th

The Cloud of Unknowing
by Anonymous

May 26th

The Rule of St. Benedict

June 23rd

Mere Christianity
C.S. Lewis



Come

IF YOU ENJOY PASTRIES AND COFFEE -- AND WHO DOESN'T ...
COME TO ALL SAINTS A BIT EARLY ON EASTER MORNING,
APRIL 8TH

AND SUPPORT OUR SMALL BUT DETERMINED YOUTH GROUP,
ERIC HILL, DARBY MCKINLEY AND KIERNAN MCKINLEY,
WHO WILL BE SERVING PASTRIES AND COFFEE TO HELP
RAISE FUNDS FOR THEIR UPCOMING TRIP IN JULY TO
NEW ORLEANS FOR THE ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

Support

Enjoy

Youth

What's Happening In and Around All Saints?

House Church Bible Studies



will meet 11:30am on Wednesday, April 11th, at All Saints LC Fellowship Room

Women of All Saints

will meet Saturday, April 21st at 10:00am in the All Saints LC Fireside Room
Mavis Michael - host / Lisa Meyer - leads lesson

All Saints' Sinners Card Group

will meet 7pm, Friday, April 20th at Ed and Connie Miles' home.
Bring a Fave Snack to Share



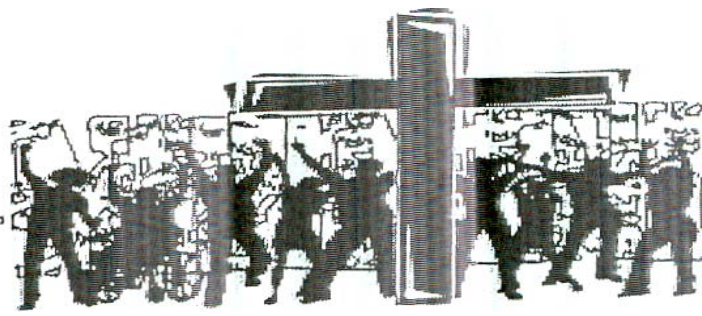
Support our Youth Group
as they work to raise funds to attend the July
ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans
See next page for their planned schedule ...

Remember All Saints' New Contact Addresses

Our new All Saints' Website at
www.allsaintsgather.com

Our New Office E-Mail Contact
allsaintsgather@gmail.com

and Our New Facebook website
All Saints Gather



All Saints' Youth are going to NEW ORLEANS !!!

Please support them in their fundraising efforts
To help offset the cost of the trip! *Thank You!!*

2012 ELCA Youth Gathering citizens with the saints

Ephesians 2:14-20



Spring Cleaning for Congregation Members!

The three youth who will be attending the gathering will come to your house for an hour (or more) and clean up whatever task you can think of for them. Donations will be accepted for each hour of their time.

Once we have their school schedules there will be a sign up sheet on the Youth Table in the Narthex.

Starting Easter morning a
Flock of Pink Flamingos
will be making their way around
the community and might
make your yard their home

Yard Insurance = \$40
They will fly over your Yard

Moving the Flock = \$20
Move the flock from your yard.

Visit a Friends Yard = \$15 ... and
This keeps the flock in business



Concession Stand Hosting

The youth will host one of the concession stands during the Spokane Indian Games from June 15th-19th.

We will need at least ten volunteers for each of the five games. A sign up sheet for each game will come soon and we would love to see your name on there !!

Please sign up and help support our youth !!

Spaghetti Dinner and Raffle!

Saturday, April 21st
5:30 pm



\$7 for Dinner

\$10 for Raffle Tickets

\$5 for dinner if you also

Purchase a Raffle Ticket

Please talk with Pastor Alan if you would like to donate a gift basket for the raffle



Descriptions of Baskets
will be posted on the
"Youth Table"
in the Narthex.

Art Fest 2012 **June 1st-3rd / Fri-Sun**

The youth (and parents) will be manning the church parking lot during Art Fest!

We will be selling baked goods, water and possibly hotdogs.

If you would like to contribute some baked goods or other items, please call the church office and let them know what you are bringing.

Donations can be dropped off in the church during office hours on Thursday (May 30th and Friday (June 1st).

Worship Group Schedule

Sunday-April 1st

Greeters / Ushers ... Ross Family
Altar Guild ... Harry & Mavis Michael
Coffee Hour ... Sandi Crabtree, Deana Wickert, Bev Patterson

Maundy Thursday

April 5th

Altar Guild ... Mavis Michael, Cora Jelinek, Tamie Evers

Sunday-April 8th

Greeters / Ushers ... Ross Family, Tamie Evers, Harry Michael
Altar Guild ... Jack and Betty Renford
Coffee Hour ... Youth Group (Eric Hill, Darby McKinley, Keirnan McKinley)

Sunday-April 15th

Greeters / Ushers ... Tamie Evers, Sandi Crabtree
Altar Guild ... Tamie Evers, Sandi Crabtree
Coffee Hour ... Jim & Shirley Chaffins and Jack & Betty Renford

Sunday-April 22nd

Greeters / Ushers ... Jim & Shirley Chaffins
Altar Guild ... Harry & Marvis Michael
Coffee Hour ... Dean & Christina Simnioniw and Bev Patterson

Sunday-April 29th

Greeters / Ushers ... Tamie Evers and Norm Sanborn
Altar Guild ... Jack & Betty Renford
Coffee Hour ... Jaak Juhkental and Joanne Brockway

Worship Group #1 for April 2012 consists of:

Joanne Brockway, Jim Chaffins, Shirley Chaffins, Brandi Crabtree, Derrick Crabtree,
Sandi Crabtree, Tamie Evers, Jaak Juhkental, Betty Ledbetter,
Harry Michael, Mavis Michael, Bev Patterson, Betty Renford, Jack Renford,
Chuck Rigsby, Terry Rigsby, Carla Ross, Evelyn Ross, Maynard Ross, Jr., Norm Sanborn
Christina Simnioniw, Dean Simnioniw, Deana Wickert, Ernest Wickert

Scripture Readings for April 2012

Sunday - April 1, 2012

Palm Sunday - Sunday of the Passion

Color: Scarlet/Purple

Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16

Procession with the Palms

Isaiah 50:4-9a / Psalm 31:9-16 (5)

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 14:1--15:47 or Mark 15:1-30 [40-47]

Monday in Holy Week - April 2, 2012

Color: Scarlet Purple

Isaiah 42:1-9 / Psalm 36: 5-11 (7)

Hebrews 9:11-15 / John 12:1-11

Tuesday in Holy Week - April 3, 2012

Color: Scarlet/Purple

Isaiah 49:1-7 / Psalm 71:1-14 (6)

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 / John 12:20-36

Wednesday in Holy Week - April 4, 2012

Color: Scarlet/Purple

Isiah 50:4-9a / Psalm 70 (1)

Hebrews 12:1-3 / John 13:21-32

Maundy Thursday - April 5, 2012

Color: Scarlet/White

Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (13)

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 / John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday - April 6, 2012 - Color: None

Isaiah 52:13--53:12 / Psalm 22 (1)

Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

John 18:1--19:42

Holy Saturday - April 7, 2012

Vigil of Easter - see next page

Sunday-April 8, 2012-Color: White/Gold

Resurrection of Our Lord - Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (24)

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43

Mark 16:1-8 or John 20:1-18

Sunday - April 8, 2012

Color: White Gold / Easter Evening

Isaiah 25:6-9 / Psalm 114 (7)

1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 / Luke 24:13-49

Easter Monday - April 9, 2012

Color: White Gold

Daniel 12:1-3 / Psalm 16:8-11 (9)

Acts 2:14, 22b-32 / Matthew 28:9-15a

Sunday - April 15, 2012 - Color: White

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35 / Psalm 133 (1)

1 John 1:1--2:2 / John 20:19-31

Sunday - April 22, 2012 - Color: White

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19 / Psalm 4 (3)

1 John 3:1-7 / Luke 24:36b-48

Wednesday - April 25, 2012

Color: Scarlet/Red

Mark, Evangelist

Isaiah 52:7-10 / Psalm 57 (9)

2 Timothy 4:6-11, 18 / Mark 1:1-15

Sunday - April 29, 2012 - Color: White

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12 / Psalm 23 (1)

1 John 3:16-24 / John 10:11-18

Scripture Readings for the Vigil of Easter

Saturday, April 7, 2012—Color: White Gold

CREATION

1st Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a **/** Response: Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26 (1)

FLOOD

2nd Reading: Genesis 22:1-18 **/** Response: Psalm 46 (7)

TESTING OF ABRAHAM

3rd Reading: Genesis 22:1-18 **/** Response: Psalm 16 (11)

DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA

4th Reading: Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 **/** Response: Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18 (1)

SALVATION FREELY OFFERED TO ALL

5th Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11 **/** Response: Isaiah 12:2-6 (3)

THE WISDOM OF GOD

6th Reading: Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6 or Baruch 3:9-15, 32-44
Response: Psalm 19 (8)

A NEW HEART AND NEW SPIRIT

7th Reading: Ezekiel 36:24-28 **/** Response: Psalms 42 and 43 (42:2)

VALLEY OF THE DRY BONES

8th Reading: Ezekiel 37i:1-14 **/** Response: Psalm 143 (11)

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

9th Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20 **/** Response: Psalm 98 (4)

THE DELIVERANCE OF JONAH

10th Reading: Jonah 1:1—2:1 **/** Response: Jonah 2:2-3 [4-6] 7-9 (9)

CLOTHED IN THE GARMENTS OF SALVATION

11th Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 9-11 **/** Response: Deuteronomy 32:1-4, 7, 36a, 43a (3-4)

DELIVERANCE FROM THE FIERY FURNACE

12th Reading: Daniel 3:1-29 **/** Response: Song of the Three 35-65 (35)

New Testament Reading: Romans 6:3-11

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18