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ALL SAINTS

LUTHERAN CHURCH

All Saints Gather
Monthly Newsletter
May 2012

Pastor's Message

Stewardship has been on my mind lately. Of course there are all the "old" reasons to be mindful of our gifts and talents and to use them wisely; there are also some "new" things to think about as well.

First with the old: we believe, as Christians in the Lutheran tradition that ALL resources on earth belong to God and that He generously gives us these gifts. The amount and kinds of gifts vary from person to person but they are His, and we are entrusted to use them wisely. Part of that wise use is in knowing how best to utilize these gifts for our own benefit and also for the benefit of the whole world. Greed, waste, improper utilization etc. are to be avoided. We have the biblical admonition to "tithe" of our resources. Tithe means tenth or 10% -- very few persons tithe. The average giving by individuals (that give at all) to their church in the U.S. is around 1.5%. That's not good news, but it does give us lots of room for improvement! If you are reading this and are saying "I give more than that," great, the church is surviving on you. But I am sure you can see that depending on so few givers is not an optimal situation.

Another "old" notion is that "my monthly financial gift goes to pay the church's bills.". Yes, the church does have a budget, and you all have seen it, we must pay utilities, insurance, payroll etc. just like any business, and there is no way to sugar coat that, it is what it is. The church also has ministries that God works through us, unfortunately the dollar amounts that go to that after we "pay the bills" is a small percentage of the total.

We exist to do ministry!

God has plans for us, He is still involved in creating and we need to be open to where we are spiritually being led. New and creative opportunities come along all the time, my role as pastor is to teach and preach and administer sacraments AND sort through the ministry opportunities on your behalf. This is where we will switch to looking at what I call "new" stewardship. New stewardship is more focused on ministry, the fixed "budget" items will always be there and I believe it will benefit us to reduce the amount of time we spend on that aspect of the budget.

We need to focus our efforts and publicity on the ministry work that God is doing at All Saints.

People that give to church will more readily give to ministry than to a "budget." These folks of course know that there are ongoing expenses that go along with doing ministry that must be paid, but we do not have to focus on that part. Reaching out to non-churched and new-to-church people will get far more traction with ministry and mission focus rather than "pay the bills" focus. We need to trust people and their ability to discern between the two things.

What it boils down to is this; you have been blessed by God with gifts and talents, in thankfulness for those gifts you are called to "go and tell" and to "give" so that others might know of God's love for all people. We all have different resources, please give the very most you can of your time and talent and finances -- the ministry of God in this place depends on it.

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



SHINE A LIGHT ON THE GOOD WORK THAT OUR ELCA IS DOING!!

Become a Congregational Mission Interpreter!

Tell the story of what our mission dollars are accomplishing
at home and abroad:

Quilts donated to Lutheran Disaster Response
help refugees,
Feeding the hungry, and
starting new congregations.

Training will be held on Saturday, May 5

Central Lutheran Church in Spokane

512 S. Bernard, 9am-Noon

Contact Betty Krafft at 509-768-3138 for more information

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.

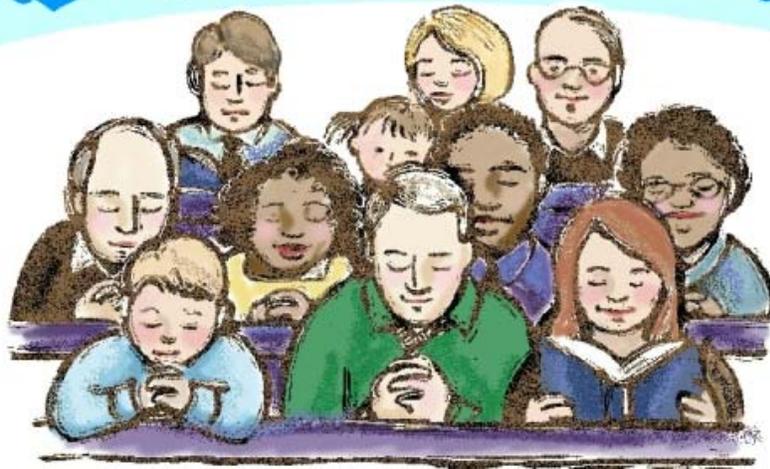
MATTHEW 22:37-40

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



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



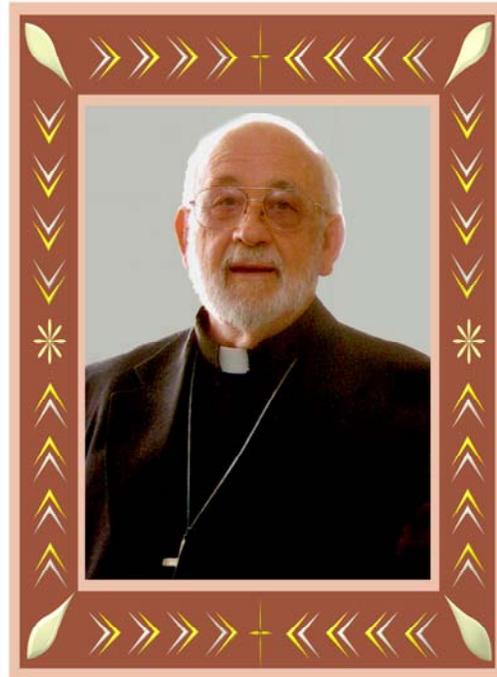
For our Members in the Military
Paul Billings, Ben Coles,
Robert Guyton, Aaron Jelinek



A TRIBUTE TO PASTOR TOM LEDBETTER

BY BETTY LEDBETTER

Thomas Robert Ledbetter was born in Lincoln Nebraska on October 24, 1934. He was baptized in the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod soon after birth. He started life with a stroke before birth.



Through the years with Tom's struggle with his health he was empathetic to others which made it easy to witness to them with his strong faith. His maternal grandparents emigrated from Austria before he was born. Settling in Lincoln or close by. A family reunion was held in the park every year. The first one we attended had 200 relatives in attendance. It was a lot of fun.

Tom attended Missouri Synod Lutheran School while he was in Lincoln. He attended school in Lewiston and later his family moved to Spokane and he attended Washington grade school and then went to Lewis and Clark High school. He transferred to North Central high school where he graduated in 1953 the same time as his future wife Betty Wiggins. They were married on April 23, 1954.

Tom worked at Baker's Beacon on Division for awhile. Then he quit there and worked at Motor Parts for a few years and then moved to Skaggs Automotive downtown as a parts counter man. We went to St. Mark's Lutheran church and then transferred to St. Paul Lutheran church. Later, he worked at Emmanuel Lutheran Church as a lay associate while he attended Whitworth night and summer school. He obtained the requirements to attend Northwestern Lutheran Seminary in St. Paul Minnesota. His third year was an internship year and he went to Jerusalem

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Baltimore MD. We were introduced to a large active congregation, to steamed crabs, soft shell crabs and raw oysters. While there, our daughter Tracy and her dad sang a duet. At the end of the internship we went back to St. Paul and graduated after another year.

Tom was called to his first church, a two point parish; Emmanuel Lutheran in Yelm and Bethany Lutheran in Spanaway Washington. Tom was able to strengthen each church into their own separate congregation. He continued serving the Yelm congregation and while there he was voted to serve on the Yelm school board. Tom and I enjoyed the small town life. From there he was called to Grace Lutheran in Spokane Washington. We moved back to Spokane and it was a good move. While at Grace, with a dream group, they decided to do a TV show where guests would share their stories about God. These were people from the congregation. They were inspiring as he would ask them questions and they would answer and witness. For the same TV show, Tracy sang and played guitar for Amazing Grace to open and close the show.

Also while at Grace, Tom worked with Gordon Storrasli to continue the S.P.E.A.R. program. It was for the low income children in the Spokane and Deer park area. It also spread to several other churches. Each summer the children attended Camp Lutherhaven and also a camp for the deaf. It is still very active in Spokane. While at Grace, Tom received a call from Christ Lutheran church in Fairbanks, AK. He enjoyed his time there as he did with all of his calls. He stayed eleven and a half years in this beautiful, cold, new adventure. It was an active and friendly group of people. New experiences were abundant; lots of moose and the northern lights. It was dark all winter and light all summer.

The next church was Faith church in Soap Lake Washington. We enjoyed being closer to home and Tom served the congregation for three years. Tom retired and began serving as interim pastor. St. Paul, Potlatch, Chewelah, Connell and others. As promised in God's Word, life was abundant and wonderful.

Ed's Note: Pastor Tom died March 26, 2012 and a high attendance "Celebration of the Resurrection: Remembering Before Christ" was held at All Saints LC on March 31, 2012. He was much loved and is greatly missed by many.

... Bishop's Message ...

God's beloved people,

Cross Connection-May 2012

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

I hope you had a blessed and joyous celebration of Easter and that the life of the Risen One, our Lord Jesus Christ, is at work in you to give hope for your life! In this resurrection God's life becomes our hope and we are promised that nothing in all creation can separate us from the empowering love of God (Romans 8:38).

Having said that, what shall we say to those we know who are suffering from depression or addictions, or physical pain? (Yes, we are thinking of you today!) What do we say to those who are not getting relief as others of us welcomed the spring sun, the daffodils and tulips? How is it that "This Joyful Eastertide" (ELW 391) we sang of, the rumble of the timpani that thrilled us, the trumpet's call, was mute hope for others?

St Paul also says: "We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words." (Romans 8: 22-26).

So here we are, deep in the Easter season and again waiting on the celebration of the Spirit with us at Pentecost. I hope you might take your Easter joy and go sit with someone for whom the days are long and the nights often longer. You don't have to take anything special because your companionship, your "sighing" alongside, are the gift you bear.

Christ is risen indeed! And some are feeling left behind. Bear hope to these brothers and sisters and the promise "that nothing will separate us from the love of God" will be fulfilled through your presence.

God's richest blessings,

Pr. Martin Wells, Bishop

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Our Easter egg hunt, held at the SPEAR Center, was a huge success and we thank you all for your overwhelming help and support.

Mother's Day is coming and we would appreciate your help in gathering items which the children can select and give to their mothers, grandmothers and other important women in their lives -- it is so special for them to be able to give these women gifts and they love being able to say "I picked this out especially for you."

Sheryl Kruger, SPEAR Coordinator, is working on our summer program schedule which includes swimming at a city Pool, help from the Boy Scouts and special times with pastors from our supporting congregations. We have reserved at least 15 spaces for the SPEAR kids at Shoshone Camp for the second week in August. For Lutherhaven, we make sure each child has a sleeping bag, disposable camera, \$10 spending money, sunscreen, shampoo, shower soap, new toothbrush and toothpaste, and this year, new pajamas, courtesy of St Marks Feeds and Clothes People. Your help with any of these supplies would be most appreciated.

As always, we need the toiletries and household items that food stamps don't buy, especially toilet paper, which is given 2 rolls at a time so everyone gets some. Fem. hygiene items, shaving items for the guys, toothpaste & brushes, shampoo & conditioner, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, lightbulbs -- all are needed and all are so appreciated! Thank you!!!

Thank you all for being there for us! We are so thankful to have you supporting us and the families and children of our SPEAR neighborhood. We cannot do it without you! For more information or if you would like to help out, call Claudia Holtz at 244-2479, or send an email to choltz.spear@gmail.com or call St. Marks at 747-6677.

And check out our website at www.spearspokane.org -- drop in and watch us grow.



*Happy Birthday to You - Happy Birthday to You
Happy Birthday Dear Friend - Happy Birthday to You*

May 8th
Willie Graf

May 10th
Eileen Mindermann

May 15th
Bobbie Morrison

May 8th
Kiernan McKinley

May 13th
Dee Priest

May 19th
Margo Dettman

May 8th
Pam Shoemaker

May 14th
John Hill

May 21st
Betty Ledbetter



Whether the First or the Fiftieth and counting ...
The Best One Yet, with many more to come

May 3rd
Rick and Patty Skocilich

May 6th
Dave and Cora Jelinek

May 24th
Wally and Camilla Phillipson



What's Happening In and Around All Saints?

House Church Bible Studies



will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday - May 9th at All Saints Lutheran

BIBLE

Women of All Saints

meets at 10am on Saturday, May 19th at All Saints
Tamie Evers - Hosting
Solveig Shepherd - Lesson

All Saints' Sinners Card Group

will meet at Hugh & Anita Smith's home
Friday, March 18th, 7pm
Please bring a favorite snack to share



Northwest Opera presents
May 5th, 11th, & 12th
the first production of its second season,

"Die Fledermaus" (Act 2)

Directed by Tim Campbell,
program features local singers and includes familiar arias from opera
as well as a wide variety of songs by
Mozart, Offenbach, Sondheim, PDQ Bach & other composers.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
2715 S. Ray St. in Spokane will host this event
May 5th at 2pm, May 11th and May 12th at 7:30pm.

Tickets are available for a \$10.00 donation
and may be purchased at the door or in advance by calling 509-327-3598.

ALL SAINTS NEW CONTACT WEB ADDRESSES

Our new All Saints' Website at www.allsaintsgather.com
Our New Office E-Mail Contact: allsaintsgather@gmail.com
Our New Facebook Website: [All Saints Gather](https://www.facebook.com/AllSaintsGather)

Worship Group Schedule

FOR MAY 6th

Greeters / Ushers ... Connie Miles and Rick Skocilich
Altar Guild ... Dave & Cora Jelinek
Coffee Hour ... Laurel Gittings and Karen Bryant

FOR MAY 13th

Greeters / Ushers ... Ryan McKinley and Kiernan McKinley
Altar Guild ... Angie McKinley and Lisa Meyer
Coffee Hour ... Special Coffee Hour for Mother's Day

FOR MAY 20th

Greeters / Ushers ... Jerry Jacholkowski and Connie Miles
Altar Guild ... Bobbie Morrison, Pat Furshong, Cora Jelinek
Coffee Hour ... Mark Lane and Cora Jelinek

FOR MAY 27th

Greeters / Ushers ... Jerry Jacholkowski and Kiernan McKinley
Altar Guild ... Angie McKinley and Lisa Meyer
Coffee Hour ... Wally and Camilla Philipson (60th Anniversary)

Worship Group #2 for May 2012 consists of:

Don Bryant, Karen Bryant, Bekah Eschenbacher,
Bryce Eschenbacher, Keeley Eschenbacher, Laurel Eschenbacher,
Pat Furshong, Ben Gittings, Laurel Gittings, Jerry Jacholkowski,
Cora Jelinek, Dave Jelinek, Mark Lane, Lisa Mayer,
Angie McKinley, Ryan McKinley, Connie Miles, Bobbie Morrison,
Patty Skocilich, Rick Skocilich, Cynthia Shepherd, Solveig Shepherd,
Jeremy Winkle, Stacy Winkle

Scripture Readings for May 2012

Tuesday - May 1st
Philip and James, Apostles
Color: Scarlet / Red
Isaiah 30:18-23
Psalm 44:1-3, 20-26 (26)
2 Corinthians 4:1-6
John 14:8-14

Sunday - May 6th
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Color: White
Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31 (27)
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

Sunday - May 13th
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Color: White
Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98 (4)
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

Monday - May 14th
Matthias, Apostle
Color: Scarlet / Red
Isaiah 66:1-2
Psalm 46 (12)
Acts 1:15-26
Luke 6:12-16

Thursday - May 17th
Ascension of Our Lord
Color: White
Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47 (5) or Psalm 93 (2)
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

Sunday - May 20th
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Color: White
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1 (6)
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-10

Saturday - May 26th
Vigil of Pentecost
Color: Red
Exodus 19:1-9 or Acts 2:1-11
Psalm 33:12-22 or Psalm 130 (4)
Romans 8:14-17, 22:27
John 7:37-39

Sunday - May 27th
Day of Pentecost
Color: Red
Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (30)
Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Thursday - May 31st - Visit of Mary to Elizabeth - Color: Red
1 Samuel 2:1-10 *** Psalm 113 (2) *** Romans 12:9-16b *** Luke 1:39-57