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# ALL SAINTS

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## LUTHERAN CHURCH

All Saints Gather  
Monthly Newsletter  
August 2012

### Pastor's Message

We will be in the Gospel of John, chapter, 6 through the end of August this lectionary season, studying and discussing and living the life of Jesus as "bread" -- bread of life, living bread, bread from heaven (John 6:35, 51, 58)

Discussing God's presence "in" Jesus Christ as ultimate gift of sustenance (bread) for us is, as the disciples say in verse 60, difficult. "Who can accept it?" The Greek word *skleros* translated by NRSV as difficult might be better translated as offensive, harsh, cruel, demanding even violent. What is it that is so hard or harsh?

**A "hard word" is what Jesus indicates about himself.  
He is hard to accept.**

Jesus says that he has come down from heaven. If you think back a few weeks in our lectionary texts, the crowd says "we know this man and his family ... he comes from Nazareth and his parents are Joseph and Mary and here are his sisters and brothers." He is "known" to them, and now He offers his "flesh and blood" to be eaten and drunk? The Jews find that impossible to understand and accept.

For the non-Christian world this aspect of Christianity is absurdness. I think that the absurdness of Christianity, (which we may often take for granted,) is part of what makes the Word hard. Jesus is bread! Bread from heaven! What ridiculousness to those who don't know the saving grace of God and what it means. This is the good news that we have to share and in our day and age fewer and fewer people are out there sharing the news. Why is that?

**Skleros**, as noted above, can also mean "harsh" or "demanding." Jesus' word could be too demanding on the hearers. In John's community, faithfulness to Jesus could bring exclusion from the synagogue for the Jews (John 9:22), and possibly banishment from family and all the support that goes along with family ties. The inability to take action to follow Jesus could stem from an unwillingness to face the harsh penalty that following Jesus demanded. It could then and also today mean leaving one's old life behind.

We are so enamored in the secular world with the seeming joy and pleasure that the world offers that many find it easier to simply ignore the call and presence of Jesus in our lives. Obviously this is not the case in all places or with all the people of the world, but it is a factor for a significant number. Enough in America that we have now a serious set of problems facing all Christians.

How do we, as Christians, get the word of hope and grace "out there" in a convincing manner? How do we work for justice and peace for all when the resources are mostly in the hands of the few? The not-for-profit agencies and churches are spending more and more time just trying to keep their doors open and less time tending the sheep that Jesus asked us to look after.

**It is a "hard word" for sure \*  
but one that we need to keep speaking.**

Pastor Alan

# ALL SAINTS CHURCH DIRECTORY

Pastor ... Reverend Alan B. Eschenbacher

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## \* \* \* \* \* SCHOOL KITS \* \* \* \* \*

Education is important for any community, especially where poverty or disaster has limited the options for young people to reach their potential. School kits contain essential supplies to help children -- and in some cases, adults -- continue learning despite the hardships they face. And that learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities.

We are off to a late start on our annual School Kits Projects, but hope we can do at least 100 backpacks. We have 75 backpacks cut out and will welcome any and all help in doing the sewing. And the school ads are showing up so please keep your eyes open for bargains. Surprise me and bring in so many of the essential items that we have to double that number as we have in the past few years!

### Items needed to fill one backpack

- ⇒ Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper approximately 8" X 10 1/2"
- ⇒ >>>> NO Looseleaf paper
- ⇒ One 30 centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ⇒ One pencil sharpener
- ⇒ One blunt scissors
- ⇒ Five unsharpened #2 pencils
- ⇒ Five ballpoint pens >>>>no gel ink
- ⇒ One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ⇒ One eraser approximately 2 1/2" long



If you are ready to help sew or have questions please call Eleanor at 443-0438.

# 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.

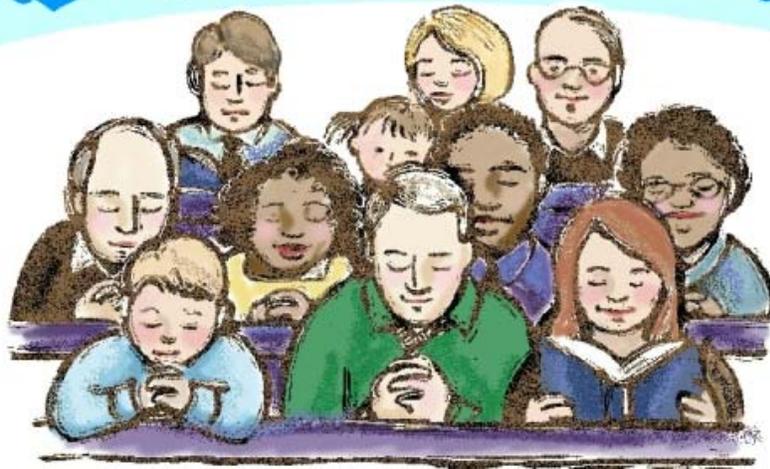
MATTHEW 22:37-40

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,  
Shirley & Homer Evers,  
Arlene O'Brien, Bill Lobeda,  
Lelyn Nelson, Shannon,  
Matthew, Kass, Forest, Connie Jelinek,  
Dillon, Ben Gittings, Cindy Shepherd,  
Lawney Deasy, Roberta MacKay,  
Judy Shoaf, Shannon Squires, Gary M.,  
Jane Clayton, Janice Johnson,  
Eileen Roloff, Keith, Susan Walup,  
Georgiann Hansen, Di Barker



For our Members in the Military

Paul Billings, Ben Coles, Robert Guyton, Aaron Jelinek

## ... Bishop's Message ...

God's beloved people,

Cross Connection–August 2012

As we hunker down in the heat of mid-July it's hard to imagine that an August newsletter means it's time to acknowledge the fall! The truth is, of course, that every season has its graces and that's particularly true for those of us who live in the inland Northwest. We know we love the long fall with its beautiful leaves, cool nights, mild days and balanced daylight/nighttime.

Summer, too, brings blessings and I hope you still have plans for rest and re-creation. Soon the tap-tap-tapping of our mobile devices will press us to the business at hand. This fall will bring:

--a critical Synod Council meeting when we'll review the business of the synod and confirm the work of the program year, particularly an assessment of where we are in our Guiding Principles and "The Way Forward," an effort to plan our ministry within the constraints of your mission support.

--Nice segue huh? The truth is Mission Support slipped \$20,000 right away in February and in this last month we're down almost another \$20,000. If your congregation has been sitting on its Mission Support until you could tell how the summer would go we'd appreciate you sending it in as soon as you confirm you're going to be OK. We remain confident that God is providing everything we need to support a robust ministry in congregation, synod, and around the world! So even if you're not sure, God's promises are sure! Thanks for the partnership!

--Fall also brings the Bishop's Convocation (October 22-24, 2012) in Clarkston, WA, where we will sit with Professor and Pastor Sam Torvend of PLU to consider how pastoral leadership can call forth the rich vocations promised to each member of our congregations. This remains the most fertile territory for renewed mission in our churches: Imagine 30,000 Lutherans sure of their calling, at work in the world, sharing confidence and hope in God with this tired, tired world!

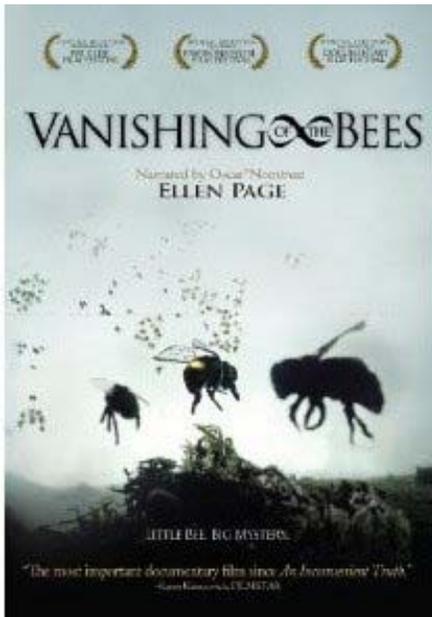
--Finally, I look forward to connecting with Congregational Leaders at cluster gatherings this fall. Our goal for this time is an update on our mutual ministry, listening for the health of your ministries, speculating together on the best ways we can organize ourselves for mission, celebrating the mission we are already accomplishing, and supporting one another with prayer, song, and laughter. I look forward to these gatherings. Cluster deans will have the dates for the gathering in your cluster area.

In the meantime I'm off to New Orleans to join over 200 youth and adults from our synod among the 30-40,000 youth gathered for The Youth Gathering 2012! Special thanks to Associate in Ministry Heidi Cryer of Lord of Life, Kennewick, for all the work she has done as our synod Coordinator! Please pray for the youth of our church and all of the adults and pastors there to support them during the event, July 18-22! Fundraising is over! Yeah!

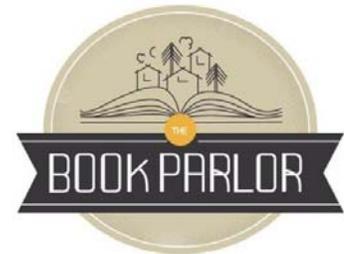
**May the Lord's face shine upon you as the bright son of righteousness!**

**Pr. Martin Wells, Bishop**

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**Free Film Showing:  
Vanishing of the Bees  
Wednesday  
August 22nd, 6pm at the  
Film description:**



Honeybees, a keystone species vital to sustaining our ecosystem, are mysteriously disappearing across the planet, literally vanishing from their hives. Known as Colony Collapse Disorder, this phenomenon has brought beekeepers to crisis in an industry responsible for producing apples, broccoli, watermelon, onions, cherries, almonds and a hundred other fruits and vegetables. Commercial honeybee operations pollinate crops that provide one out of every three bites of food on our tables. Narrated by Academy Award nominee Ellen Page, "Vanishing of the Bees" follows commercial beekeepers David Hackenberg and Dave Mendes as

they strive to keep their bees healthy and fulfill pollination contracts across the U.S. The film explores the struggles they face as the two friends plead their case on Capitol Hill and travel across the Pacific Ocean in the quest to protect their honeybees.

Filming across the US, in Europe, Australia and Asia, this documentary examines the alarming disappearance of honeybees and the greater meaning it holds about the relationship between mankind and mother earth. As scientists puzzle over the cause, organic beekeepers indicate alternative reasons for this tragic loss. Conflicting opinions abound and after years of research, a definitive answer has not been found to this harrowing mystery.

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## **Festival of Arts in West Central**

**Hosted by Salem Congregation — September 21st - 28th**

Planning has begun for a Festival of the Arts in West Central hosted by Salem Congregation. This looks to be a very exciting week (Sept. 21-28) promoting art in various mediums. The church once upon a time was the center of art in cultural, directly supporting artists to create beauty that expressed the inexpressible. For various reasons the church for the most part has moved away from the artistic center and in some cases has even become antagonistic toward art and artists. You could say that art and the church are not always on speaking terms.

Yet whether we are aware of it or not there is an inherent connection between Christianity and art. One of the fundamental beliefs in our Christian faith is that we are created in the image of God. Think about what that means for a minute. We are created beings that are created to reflect the image of our creator. Maybe you can see where I'm going with this from the fact I used a form of the word \*create\* three times in the last sentence. God is creative (just look around you to see the evidence of that) and we are made in His image, so it goes to follow that we are creative beings as well.

And when we create we exercise and grow this part of the image of God in us. Whether we write, paint, sculpt, knit, quilt, build, sing or play an instrument we are connecting with that part of us that reflects the ultimate Creator.

So we should celebrate art and artists (and the creative in all of us), and that is why on September 21st -28th Salem is going to be transformed into a festival of arts. You'll be able to browse through all kinds of artwork and even purchase an item if it connects with you (which is a good way to support and encourage the artist too). So keep an eye out for more information on this exciting week of events coming up.

**If you are an artist or you know of an artist that would like to be involved,  
please contact The Book Parlor.**



Happy Birthday to You - Happy Birthday to You  
Happy Birthday Dear Friend - Happy Birthday to You  
And many more !!!



August 2nd—Lynn Crutchfield

August 15th—Maynard Ross

August 5th—Amanda Cochran

August 19th—Braeden Babcock

August 6th—Verne St. John

August 19th—Philip Heine

August 7th—Katie Willenbrock

August 29th—Bryce Eschenbacher

August 10th—Shirley Chaffins



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

August 15th — Ryan & Angie McKinley

August 22nd — Don & Karen Bryant

August 28th — Dean & Christine Simnioniw



# What's Happening In and Around All Saints?

Remember the 3rd Annual  
All Saints Church Picnic  
Saturday - August 11, 2012  
Hosted by Dave and Cora Jelinek  
8602 West Rutter Parkway  
Please bring a salad or dessert,  
lawn chairs and beverage.  
Hamburgers and hotdogs

September 28th-30th  
Eastern Washington Idaho  
Synodical Women's Organization  
of the Women of the ELCA  
2012 Gathering at the Red Lion  
in Wenatchee, Washington,  
Deadline for registration is Sept.  
13th.

## House Church Bible Studies Women of All Saints All Saints' Sinners Card Group

Note that the three groups above  
will not be meeting in August  
They will all resume in September  
Watch the Newsletter and  
Bulletins for further info.

**All Saints**  
**Financial Report for May**  
Youth Trip,  
Building Use,  
Miscellaneous Income  
and Offering:  
Total Receipts: \$ 9,775.63

**All Saints**  
**Financial Report for June**  
Youth Trip income: \$ 1,165.00  
Building Use income: \$ 1,260.00  
Miscellaneous Income: \$ 100.00  
Offering: \$ 7,217.80  
Total Receipts: \$ 9,742.80

"All Saints Gather" Monthly Newsletter  
Submissions for September Issue  
are due by Thursday, August 23rd  
Best way to submit is by e-mail to Verne at  
saintsalive@comcast.net

# Worship Group Schedule

## FOR August 5th

Greeters / Ushers ... Jerry Jachelkowski and Ryan McKinley  
Altar Guild ... McKinleys, Bobbie Morrison, Pat Furshong  
Coffee Hour ... Mark Lane and Stacey Winkle

## FOR August 12th

Greeters / Ushers ... Mark Lane and Connie Miles  
Altar Guild ... Dave & Cora Jelinek  
Coffee Hour ... Dave & Cora Jelinek

## FOR August 19th

Greeters / Ushers ... Jerry Jacholkowski and Ryan McKinley  
Altar Guild ... McKinleys, Bobbie Morrison, Pat Furshong  
Coffee Hour ... Solveg Shepherd and Laurel Gittings

## FOR August 26th

Greeters / Ushers ... Mark Lane and Connie Miles  
Altar Guild ... Dave & Cora Jelinek  
Coffee Hour ... Eschenbacher Family

## Worship Group #2 for August 2012 consists of:

Don Bryan, Karen Bryant, Bekah Eschenbacher, Bryce Eshenbacher, Keely Eschenbacher,  
Laurel Escenbacher, 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 August 2012

**Sunday — August 5, 2012**  
**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Color: Green**

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33  
Psalm 130 (1)  
Ephesians 4:25—5:2  
John 6:35, 41-51

**Sunday—August 12, 2012**  
**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Color: Green**

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14  
Psalm 111 (1)  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58

**Wednesday—August 15, 2012**  
**Mary, Mother of Our Lord**  
**Color: White**

Isaiah 61:7-11  
Psalm 34:1-9 (3)  
Galatians 4:4-7  
Luke 1:46-55

**Sunday—August 19, 2-12**  
**Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Color: Green**

1 Kings 8:[1, 6, 10-11] 22-30, 41-43  
Psalm 84 (1)  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 6:56-69

**Friday—August 24, 2012**  
**Bartholomew, Apostle**  
**Color: Scarlet/Red**

Exodus 19:1-6  
Psalm 12 (6)  
1 Corinthians 12:27-31a  
John 1:43-51

**Sunday—August 26, 2012**  
**Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Color: Green**

Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9  
James 1:17-27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

*Time of Pentecost*

