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ALL SAINTS

LUTHERAN CHURCH

All Saints Gather
Monthly Newsletter
September 2012

"To Enable" ... by Robert Chenault

Recently a friend of mine who volunteered weekly with me at All Saints Community Dinner announced that he was going to quit. After years of devotion to Tuesday's Soup Kitchen, my mentor and brother in Christ was no longer interested in the call to serve our patrons. What he formerly regarded as helping people he now saw as enabling them to not grow or change on their own as they should. After all, how many meals, dollars, sacks of groceries and smiles had we shared throughout the years? Shouldn't we have made a difference by now? Maybe we had something wrong. Maybe we not only were not helping folks, but in fact were hurting them and society at large by arresting self-sufficiency and encouraging social dependency. "Encouraging them to keep doing what they're doing..." is how he put it. And with that, my highly educated and intelligent friend took his compassion, time, and money, and left to not return.

I was crushed. Beyond that I was worried. Would that eventually happen to me, and was I even making a difference at all? Earlier on in the day, before my friend's news, I was told to "quit social work if I was burnt out," by a bitter burnt out social worker who struggles with drug addiction and has become a regular face at the church food pantry. Without just cause this person spit venom at me as Leona left in my car to get to an appointment. He had waited until the last minute to ask for a ride. Two weeks later there is still no "Thanks for the ride, the food, the love ...," only crusty looks and avoidance. As I faced the next two weeks, I prayed for affirmation that compassion and love were not wasted on those who come to doors seeking it. I looked for any signs of positive change in peoples' lives while I sat listening to their stories, and tried to provide encouragement and understanding. As I passed out food bags, many complained about the meager rations, or the lack of meat. There was no ice in the water or juice to drink. Week after week, people return and it seems that the hole grows larger, the needs greater, the resources fewer.

God did not call me to become a social worker; He called me to be a Christian. I am neither asked nor able to eliminate or reduce the world's needs, but to respond compassionately to those people in need. Need is not the enemy, apathy is. Need is a force that brings people closer to God and each other, not merely a state that separates the "haves" from the "have nots". We are not here to change people, but to serve them, to love them as is, wants and all. As our Pastor reminds us, it is easy to love the lovable, but it is most often those that are difficult to love who need the most. Those on the fringes of society are often alone and afraid, and sometimes lash out hatefully at those that reach out to them. Many are starved of love or rarely shown compassion, and therefore have trouble receiving it or giving it back. Those struggling with base needs such as survival or strength over addiction are consumed with elemental basics. The higher quests or spiritual fulfillment or love are HARD to relate to or imagine.

Our duty is not to alter lives with one meal, but to provide a respite for those who come to feel welcome and safe. Ours is to remind people through our actions that there is a loving God that brings us together, not to eliminate pain, but to care for one another despite the outward differences that seem to separate us. If we are enabling people, then let us enable them to see love in the hearts of those who have no cause to love, save that of Christ's command to do so. Let us then enable people to see possibilities that exist through positive examples of lives lived. May the peace of Christ be with all of you, and may we see that providing people with hope is never the wrong thing to do.

Your Brother in Christ, Robert Chenault.

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

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Council Vice President ... Dean Treichel

Council Secretary ... Maynard Ross

Church Treasurer ... Eleanor Olson

Financial Secretary ... Cora Jelinek

We would like to thank you for all of the help and support to send us to New Orleans. On our trip we got to do a lot of things we wouldn't be able to do in Spokane, like eat alligator, go to the Superdome every night and also worship with 33 thousand Lutherans. Every night at the Superdome we would have a speaker, and they all were very inspiring to us. Our week in New Orleans was a once in a lifetime experience, and we will never forget it.



Thank you for
all your support.

All Saints Lutheran
Youth Group

Erik Hill

Darby McKinley

Kiernan McKinley

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



For our Members in the Military

Paul Billings, Ben Coles, Robert Guyton, Aaron Jelinek

... Bishop's Message ...

God's beloved people,

Cross Connection-September

I'm wearing a faded, pink wristband today, the physical reminder of a spectacular time in New Orleans with 200 of our synod youth for the 2012 Youth Gathering (July 18-22, 2012). I've been wearing this wristband since the Gathering in anticipation that people would ask what it means. You'd be surprised and thrilled to know how many people are curious and how many of them show real joy at hearing that 33,500 great kids and adults are alive in Jesus Christ!

Brothers and sisters: If only measured by the enthusiasm and faithfulness of our high school youth, the ELCA has a wonderful future! This was an excellent gathering, expertly planned and directed by Churchwide leaders and hundreds and hundreds of volunteers from across the country and in New Orleans. In our synod we were enthusiastically represented by youth and leaders from at least 16 congregations and led by Synod coach Associate in Ministry Heidi Cryer, Worship leader Pr. Peg Harvey-Marose, and musical leaders, the Dave and Leann Haven Family Band of East Wenatchee.

Under the theme "Citizens with the Saints" from Ephesians 2, participants gathered under daily themes of Practice Discipleship; Practice Justice; and Practice Peacemaking. Each group had a servant project, a synod-emphasis day during which I was privileged to preach, and of course, the evening gatherings in the Superdome. The evenings were filled with good quality music (lyrics and musicality were excellent), inspirational speakers, and enough visual and aural effects to reach the most skeptical. \$400,000 was raised for the digging of safe-water wells in developing countries and a million books were distributed to the children of New Orleans.

As synod bishops reflected together I think we were most pleased with the scandalous specificity of Jesus as Lord, and the very nice balance of a warm piety alongside commitment to justice for all God's people. Most sessions are available for viewing on You-Tube which you can access through www.elca.org. My favorite video is the tenor sax solo of "Jesus Loves Me" by a young woman from the Gathering band, but don't miss the speakers, the vignettes, and the other musicians.

I hope your congregation has had a chance to welcome home the youth and hear their report. If your congregation didn't send youth, there will be neighboring congregations eager to share their youth with you. To all of you who worked so hard to raise the money to send these beautiful kids, thank you! It was worth it!

- > How shall we seize on this energy for local mission?
- > How shall we encourage these youth to ready themselves for that day when they serve as sponsors for the next generation of our youth?
- > How shall we give thanks to our generous God for safe travel, faithful leaders, and the joy of God's love for the whole creation!

Thanks be to God for this wonderful event!

God bless and keep you,

Pr. Martin Wells, Bishop

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All Saints School Kits

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 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
- > One 30 centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side & inches on the other



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

White Elephant Bingo Van Fundraiser



On Saturday, September 29, 2012, at 1:30 pm in the fellowship hall; we are going to have a White Elephant Bingo Van Fundraiser. Each bingo card will cost a donation of \$2.00. Please also bring at least one wrapped (white elephant) gift as a bingo prize. When someone wins a bingo they will be able to select one of the white elephant gifts as their prize. It is also permissible to take a white elephant gift from another person when you bingo. None of the prizes can be opened until we are finished playing bingo. All donations will be used to offset the cost of the new van at All Saints. If you are unable to attend, van donations are also appreciated. Coffee and cookies will be served.

What's a white elephant gift?

Something still useful but you don't need/want anymore.

We all have items that fit that category.

Festival of Arts in West Central

Hosted by Salem LC Congregation - September 21st - 28th

The Festival of the Arts in West Central hosted by Salem Congregation looks to be a very exciting week (September 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 !!!



September 6th — **Lang Nguyen**

September 8th — **Hazel Wolfrum**

September 17th — **Keely Eschenbacher**

September 18th — **Nadine Kelly**

September 24th — **Roger Bagby**

September 27th — **Tamie Evers**

September 28th — **Shelby Holmes**



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

September 20th
Ed and Connie Miles



What's Happening In and Around All Saints?

House Church Bible Studies

will meet on
Wednesday — September 12th at 11:00am
at All Saints Lutheran Church
All Are Welcome !!



BIBLE

Women of All Saints

meets at 10am
Saturday, September 15th in the All Saints Conference Room
Tamie will be leading the Lesson — Potluck follows
Please join us for a wonderful time of study and great fellowship

ALL ARE
WELCOME !!

All Saints' Sinners Card Group

will meet 7:00 pm — Friday, September 21st at
Reider & Bernice Rosendahl's home
Please bring a favorite snack to share



A Note from SPEAR...

We are excited to introduce our website:

www.sparspokane.org

With the help of Darrell Hammond (St. Marks) and Donna Huck (SPEAR Board), we have a website where we can spread the word about SPEAR and our activities and our wish lists including a donation link. We are working hard to build a stable giving base that will make it easier to budget for our programs. This website is a piece of that funding plan.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY

Receipts for July: = \$ 14,727.17

Expenditures for July:

General Fund = \$ 17,317.17

From Memorial Savings = \$ 6,970.89

Total Expenditures = \$ 24,288.06

Serving St. Ann's

A group of congregations, including All Saints (we are scheduled every nine weeks), participate in providing a Sunday Lunch to the homeless at St. Ann Catholic Church.

Our scheduled date is September 9th, when we will serve the lunch and help clean up.

Please plan to arrive prior to 1pm.

Worship Group Schedule

FOR September 2

Greeters / Ushers ... Jean Goeringer, Dean Treichel, Roger Bagby
Altar Guild ... Dee Priest, Verna Bagby
Coffee Hour ... Reider & Bernice Rosendahl, Bill & Diane Shaw

FOR September 9

Greeters / Ushers ... Jean Goeringer, Brad Johnson, Roger Bagby
Altar Guild ... Dee Priest, Verna Bagby
Coffee Hour ... Pat & Janice Johnson, Robert Chenault & Leona Brummitt

FOR September 16

Greeters / Ushers ... Jean Goeringer, Howard & Nadine Kelly
Altar Guild ... Brianne Hill, Carrie Greenwood
Coffee Hour ... Eleanor Olson, Wally & Camilla Philipson

FOR September 23

Greeters / Ushers ... Jean Goeringer, Howard & Nadine Kelly
Altar Guild ... Brianne Hill, Carrie Greenwood
Coffee Hour ... Robert Chenault, Leona Brummitt, Nelma Johnson, Marie & Shylah Voss

FOR September 30

Greeters / Ushers ... Jean Goeringer, Brad Johnson, John Holzendorf
Altar Guild ... Dee Priest, Verna Bagby
Coffee Hour ... Pat & Janice Johnson, Reider & Bernice Rosendahl

Worship Group #3 for September 2012 consists of:

Dori Babcock, Roger Bagby, Verna Bagby, Leona Brummitt, Patrick Burch, Robert Chenault,
Jean Goeringer, Carrie Greenwood, Brianne Hill, Erik Hill, John Holzendorf,
Brad Johnson, Janice Johnson, Nelma Johnson, Pat Johnson, Howard Kelly, Nadine Kelly,
Rev. Mark Nelson, Eleanor Olson, Camilla Phillipson, Wally Phillipson, Dee Priest,
Bernice Rosendahl, Reider Rosendahl, Bill Shaw, Diane Shaw,
Dean Treichel, Marie Voss, Shylah Voss

Scripture Readings for September 2012

Sunday - September 2nd
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Color: Green

Proverbs 22:1-12, 8-9, 22-23

Psalm 125 (1)

James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

Mark 7:24-37

Sunday - September 9th
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Color: Green

Proverbs 1:20-33

Psalm 19 (7) or Wisdom 7:26—8:1 (7:28)

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

Friday - September 14th

Holy Cross Day

Color: Scarlet/Red

Numbers 21:4b-9

Psalm 98:1-4 (1) or

Psalm 78:1-2, 34-38 (35)

1 Corinthians 1:18-24 / John 3:13-17

Sunday—September 16th

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Color: Green

Jeremiah 11:18-20 or

Wisdom 1:16—2:1, 12-22

Psalm 54 (4)

James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a / Mark 9:30-37

Friday - September 21st

Mathew, Apostle and Evangelist

Color: Scarlet/Red

Ezekiel 2:8—3:11

Psalm 119:33-40 (33)

Ephesians 2:4-10

Matthew 9:9-13

Sunday - September 23rd

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Color: Green

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Psalm 19:7-14 (8)

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

Saturday - September 29th

Michael and All Angels

Color: White

Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3

Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22 (20-21)

Revelation 12:7-12

Luke 10:17-20

Sunday - September 30th

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Color: Green

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm 8 (5)

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16