



The Grapevine

All Saints Lutheran Church ELCA

June 2008



The mission of All Saints Lutheran Church is to gather all people in a community immersed in God's Word through worship and learning that equips us to serve the world in the name of Jesus.

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 Sunday Worship @ 8:30 & 11:00  
 9:45 Education Hour  
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June

6/7 - 9:00 am

Combined Book Group

6/10 - 10:00 am

Lutheran Women Bible Study

6/11 - 7:00 pm

Ministry Planning Night

6/18 - 7:00 pm

Congregation Council Meeting



6/3 - 8:30 pm Allen Pond #2

6/10 - 8:30 pm Allen Pond #2

Playoffs Begin June 17

Watch for more Details!



All Saints
Vacation Bible School
July 7-11
Register Today!

Pastor's Perspective

LOST ... or Not

One of the classic experiences of summer travel is the interaction between the driver and the riders in a car. You know the scene. The long-awaited (and well-planned?) summer vacation includes driving in a car together (a whole different topic) to a new destination. There is the excitement and anticipation of seeing different things and having new experiences. There is the uncertainty of different roads and new routes. There is the inevitable question, "Where are we?" There is the suggestion to, "Stop and ask for directions," and the inevitable response that, "We're not lost, just a little confused." At least that is the classic experience.

You don't hear people ask, "Where are we?" much anymore. David Seidman wrote, "Like roller disco, getting misplaced on this planet has become a thing of the past, not likely to return. If you can afford a GPS, you'll never have an excuse for showing up late." Yes, GPS is able to pinpoint a location. Often that location is where we want to be, or it is at least along the route toward where we are going. Some people think that's a good thing. They prefer the digital screen to indicate, "You are here." But you're not. It's just an electronic blip on a screen. It's not your place in, or relationship with, the world. "That takes direct observation," says, Mr. Seidman. I agree with him.

It's possible for a satellite in orbit around the earth to locate the GPS signal on the dashboard of a car. The only way to really know where we are in the world is to be in relationship with the people around us. Jesus' parable about the lost sheep, and the shepherd that goes (without GPS) to find it, teaches us the value of real, human, face-to-face interaction and relationship. It teaches the value that God puts on you and your life. Jesus' human life is our way of knowing that God understands our need for such relationships, and is right here with us. God does not remain "up there" somewhere, unseen like the satellite that sends a GPS signal. God chooses to be "right here" with you in the person of Jesus, the Son, the Christ.

We can be lost in ways other than geographic location. Our sense of direction can be confused in ways that GPS is useless. The view around us may be so unfamiliar that we are forced to stop because we have no direction or destination.

Jesus says, "I am with you *always*." Whether you are on vacation, or at work; whether you are with family or familiar friends, or surrounded by people you haven't met yet; whether you know exactly where you are, or are a little confused, you are not alone. Jesus is with you ... *always*. The seasons change. The rhythms of our living change with the seasons. God's firm promise does not change. Jesus' words do not change. The sheep in the parable was found. You and I are found – wherever we are.

"Where are we?" In the presence of the One who comes to us, the One who seeks us, the One who knows where we are and *how* we are. The One who says, "I am with you always."

Pastor Gary

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Please keep the council members in your prayers and join them in the mission and ministries of All Saints. You may call them to serve on their teams, or come to the planning night for **all** ministries. The next Ministry Planning night is June 11 at 7:00 pm. The next Congregation Council Meeting is June 18 at 7:00 pm.

On Being Both Sheep and Shepherd

On my recent trip home to rural Minnesota for the funeral of my uncle, I found great solace in the promises of new life that were everywhere evident--in acre upon tilled acre of newly planted crops, in the riotous play of spring's lambs, calves and colts in every grazing field.

Farmers know daily the intimate connection between their living and dying and the well-being of the earth that they are given to tend. The larger-than-life painting of Jesus as shepherd that serves as the altar centerpiece of Garness Lutheran, the country church we attended, is no quaint or obsolete Biblical metaphor to Midwest farmers. Jesus standing amidst his flock with a lamb in his arms draws a direct parallel between Christ's redeeming love for us and our call to care for all of God's creation.

Perhaps we suburban Lutherans need an updated image to remind us of the intimate connection between our manner of living and the future of the earth. How about depicting in our altar paraments an image of Christ standing upon a rapidly melting glacier with a baby polar bear in his arms! That might stimulate conversation about environmental stewardship if not some icy communications to the Worship team!

Better yet, let's all follow like sheep in the footsteps of Maria Arnold, Genevieve Trafelet, Nathan Rich, et al., who are shepherding the Going Green campaign at All Saints. Many ideas were shared during the brainstorming session at May's ministry night, among them taking steps to certify ASLC as a NWF "Backyard Habitat," developing a rain garden, reducing our energy use and our reliance on non-biodegradable commodities. As a first step in our environmental reeducation, we can attend the "Awakening to God's Call to Earthkeeping" sessions to be held during the education hour in June and July. I'm particularly excited about Maria's June 15th discussion on creating backyard habitats since I was unable to attend her May 21st presentation at City Hall.

Our call to be shepherds, tending the earth, is no less vital than Christ's assurance to us that he has redeemed us, the lost, and gathered us in His arms. "I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep...I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the crippled, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will watch over; I will feed them in justice. As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep

and sheep, rams and he-goats. Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must foul the rest with your feet? And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have fouled with your feet?" *Ezekiel 34: 15-19*

Liz Muller

May Council Meeting Highlights

The May 21, 2008 Congregation Council Meeting was opened by Vice President Nathan Rich who led the Council in prayer and the evening's devotions. This month's devotions centered on environmental stewardship. In preparation for the discussion, Council read *The Lutheran's* May 2008 cover story, "Troubled by Stewardship: It's time to redefine our understanding, to refocus our actions" and bible verses from Genesis, Ephesians and Matthew. Council discussed the meaning of faithful stewardship and the many opportunities ASLC has to actively participate in conserving resources.

As the first order of business, Council received reports from council ministry team and committee leaders. **Gather** Team reported the April 25 "Pirate" lock-in was a great success. Kasey Schumacher and Andrew Anseth led the Red team and the Blue team to great heights of ship-building, naval strategy, and death-defying battle using inflatable swords and little foam cannonballs. The team extended a special thank you to Angela Sichelman and Debbie Ariguzo for their help in planning this event. Preparations are underway for ASLC to send four youth and two chaperones to Hedgenville, WV, on July 6-12. ASLC and other church groups from around the country will work, worship and fellowship in one of the most neglected regions of the country. The team also reported that the Junior Youth Group will camp out on the North Property on Friday, May 30. **Worship & Music** Team reported that the Day of Pentecost service's triple celebration of Pentecost, Affirmation of Baptism and Mother's Day was a huge success and thanked Marilyn Morgan, Jayne and Doug Lingle for the visuals. Upcoming events include a youth-led service scheduled for October. The team is also planning a summer Sunday evening service with more information forthcoming. **Learn** Team reported that it will be recruiting Sunday School teachers and hopes to increase the numbers of educators beginning this fall. Training will be available to support all volunteers. During June and

July, the adult faith formation class will be studying *Parables: Stories for Life in God's Word*, produced by The Kerygma Program of Augsburg Fortress. Vacation Bible School will be held July 7-11. **Serve** Team reported that the Bowie Food Pantry experienced its highest ever numbers of clients and distributions. The team reminds us that we need to be aware that in the summer there is always a shortage of canned fruit, meat and juice. Also, condiments are always needed. The team is looking for 45 prospective donors to launch the blood drive with the American Red Cross. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. **Support** Team reported that the Stewardship Ministry Team has plans underway to offer a Try-a-Tithe-Sunday and an August 31 Ministry Team Fair. The outside property committee recruited volunteers to paint curbs and do gardening chores on May 24.

With respect to the action item on the agenda, the Council voted to endorse the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. synod resolution to oppose state-sponsored slot machine gambling. In the next order of business, Council discussed the status and upcoming plans for Growing our Investment in God's Future. The task group will be meeting on June 10 to review the results of the appeal.

As the final order of business, Council accepted the Pastor's and officers' reports. The meeting closed with prayer offerings by all Council members.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Wenger
Council Secretary



Financial Report for April 2008

April income for budget spending - \$27,787.15
Monthly income needed for budget - \$33,834.00

Year-to-date income for budget spending - \$132,442.42
Year-to-date income needed for budget spending - \$135,336.00

Total year-to-date income for budget and designated giving - \$151,394.56

Budget expenses for April 2008 - \$27,643.90
Budget expenses Year-to-Date - \$112,859.95

Growing Our Investment in God's Future

Thank you to everyone who has shared in the "Growing Our Investment in God's Future" Capital Fund Appeal during the past five weeks! The purpose for the appeal is to seek congregational support to complete mortgage payments for the five acres north of the church building by 2010, and the response to the appeal has been encouraging.

A major component of the campaign was offering members of All Saints an opportunity to attend one of eight cottage meetings during which the story of the north property was shared. The cottage meetings began on April 27 and continued through May 8. At each meeting, the history of the "Growing Our Investment in God's Future" initiative was presented. A newly created DVD told the story of how the property was acquired, how it relates to our mission, vision, values, and the progress we have made in caring for the property and paying the mortgage during the past two years. For some, the story was familiar because they have been a part of it from the beginning. Others heard the story for the first time. The video even provided the opportunity for participants to take a "virtual walk in the woods" with Wayne Bossler to enjoy the trails and woodlands! Warm appreciation is offered to Dan Johnson and Chris Heyer for their outstanding work in producing and directing the DVD. Copies of the DVD now are available for you to check out, take home, and watch at your convenience.

At the end of the first five weeks of the campaign, we have received contributions and Estimates of Giving cards representing a total amount offered and pledged of \$48,810. If you have not yet had an opportunity to complete a card, we encourage you to do so at your earliest convenience to enable us to plan appropriately. Additional Estimate of Giving cards are available on the narthex table at All Saints. You may place your card in the offering plate during worship or mail it to the church office.

During the cottage meetings and throughout subsequent weeks, individuals have been encouraged to ask questions and offer suggestions. We continue to be grateful for the interest, questions, ideas, suggestions and encouragement offered by so many members. The Task Group is preparing a list of frequently asked questions about the North Property based upon discussions at the cottage meetings and informal conversations that have occurred in recent weeks. This information will be shared with the congregation during the summer.

Have you taken *your* "walk in the woods" yet? Consider taking a few minutes for quiet prayer and thanksgiving as you walk along the trails at this beautiful time of year. Or set aside a time for conversation with special friends and family members as you explore the woods. The underbrush is cleared, and trails, with wood chips on them, await your coming.

The Task Group invites you to join us in this prayer:

Gracious God, We come before you with thankful hearts. Thank you for walking with us every day, with every step we take. We are grateful that you have blessed us with the opportunity to expand our church property. Give us wisdom, insight, and faith to use the blessing of this property to help fulfill our mission, grow into our vision, and live out our values. Open our hearts that we might joyfully and thankfully use the resources you have provided to share your love and grace with others, and to serve them in your name. Amen.





COMBINED BOOK GROUP - The All Saints Men's Book Group has selected *J.B.*, by Archibald MacLeish, a short play in verse based on the Book of Job, for the joint meeting of the two groups in June.

The meeting will be held on Saturday, June 7, beginning at 9:00 am with breakfast. We will meet at the Waynant - Bates home (12616 Kinder Place, Bowie). Childcare will be available next door, at the Watson's home.



Bible Study for Women of ELCA

THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:

The next meeting is on Tuesday, June 10, at 10:00 am. We will meet in the fellowship hall. "Come to the Waters" is the title of the summer sessions (June and August). The author of these sessions guides us through the rich images and meanings of baptism and how that sacrament shapes our lives and vocations. "Come to the Waters" is an invitation to remember, affirm, and celebrate baptism throughout life. We will look at the waters of baptism through the lenses of Scripture, Lutheran tradition and personal experience.



THE BOWIE FOOD PANTRY

During the summer months, the demand for food increases and the supply of food is down. The items most needed this week are: rice products, canned fruit, canned meat, beef soups, vegetables other than corn and green beans, dessert items, and snack items. Thank you for your contributions. You are making a difference for those in need!

The SHARE BASKETS for the Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry will be set behind the communion cup stands starting June 6. Please bring non-perishable food(s) to be placed in the baskets as you approach the altar to take communion, and SHARE your blessings with those less fortunate, as you take the Lord's meal, each Sunday.



All Saints is working with the American Red Cross to sponsor a **BLOOD DRIVE** - hopefully in July 2008. We need at least 45 volunteers to consider giving blood. Please, sign

up on the poster in the narthex so that we may GIVE LIFE to those in need. People 16-17 years old may participate with parental consent. Any questions, please see Sig Beecher or Jayne Lingle.

E-Team: Sharing the Good News

The Great Commission to go forth and make disciples of all nations sounds like a daunting task. It doesn't seem to be in our Lutheran nature to this. So, how can we better share the Good News of Christ's love with our families, friends, neighbors, community, and the world?



Modeling our Christian faith through our daily actions is a first step. Learning how to share our personal faith stories is a second. And then, we as a community of faith can be more intentional in terms of our communications (especially public relations), hospitality toward visitors, integration of our newest disciples, and equipping people to respond and visit. Be a part of that faith in action!

Join the E-Team on Wednesday, June 11, at Ministry Planning Night to review the Evangelism Summit Report, to prioritize our areas of focus, and to strengthen our Christian faith and bonds with one another. Bring your ideas and energy! If you are unable to attend, and you have some thoughts, suggestions, or interest in the E-Team, (formerly known as the Evangelism Team), please contact Kim Watson at mydearwatsons@comcast.net or 301.352.8781.

Dear All Saints,
Just wanted to check in and let you know that things are going really well. I actually qualified on my first try during firearms training, 42 out of 50! It's great to have my confidence back and experience a much more positive and supportive work environment. I would also like to thank the entire congregation for welcoming me into the "family" during my time in Bowie. I have been to a few churches here, but nothing has touched me like All Saints...yet! I have been truly blessed, perhaps I needed my faith to be tested!

Matthew 7:7-8 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Take Care,
Elizabeth Olson
2606 S. Durango Dr. #262, Las Vegas, NV 89117
(703-587-2030) same, haven't changed it yet.



Family Faith Connections

Summer is a season for growing. We are splashed with God's promise in Baptism, energized by Christ, and refreshed and renewed with the power of the Spirit. Car

time, bedtime, sick time, vacation time, making memories time, lap time, and mealtime are touch-point times for families. Make plans to grow in Christ this summer. Make a summertime covenant to do some of the following things during touch-point times:

- Find times each week for family devotions.
- Take turns leading devotions.
- Respect yourself and affirm others.
- Avoid criticism, hateful words, and violent responses.
- Apologize and ask forgiveness. Don't hold grudges.
- Pray aloud each day for each member in your family.
- Play creatively with family members.
- Explore God's creation in nature.
- Share stories of God's faithfulness in your lives.
- Look for new ways to serve others in need.

God's blessings to you and your family as you play, travel, serve, and grow together this summer!

Excerpted from an article by Dick Hardel in Parish Teacher magazine.

TENT TROUPE 2008 FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

Tent Troupe is a ministry of Saint Luke Lutheran Church in Silver Spring. They present family-friendly shows with music, dancing, and humor in an interactive format. There are three performances at Montpelier Mansion in Laurel this summer. Sunday, June 22, at 7:45 pm - "The Curious Savage" by John Patrick. Monday, June 23, at 1:45 pm - Matinee for Children entitled "Under the Big Top: Stories Old and New" and 7:45 pm - "The Curious Savage" by John Patrick. A free will offering will be accepted and concessions will be available. For more info, visit www.tenttroupe.org.



LAY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg has expanded their lifelong learning opportunities by offering two sessions of the Lay School of Theology this summer. For more information, visit www.lts.edu, or speak with Ann Greenawalt.

Lay School I: June 22-28, 2008

The Rev. Dr. William O. Avery – "Turning the Church Upside Down: Revitalizing Congregations in Mission and Ministry"

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Bouman – "Called to the World: Growing a Theology and Methodology of the Public Church"

The Rev. Dr. Marty Stevens – "The Gutsy Gals of the Old Testament: Stepping Out in Faith"

Lay School II: July 27-August 2, 2008

The Rev. Dr. Richard P. Carlson – "What Revelation Does Reveal and Doesn't Reveal"

Dr. Eric Crump – "Religion, Terrorism, and Violence"

The Rev. Dr. Clark Lobenstine – "Christian-Muslim Relations: How Do We Live Faithfully in a Religiously Diverse Community and World?"

MILESTONE MINISTRY CONFERENCE

The Youth and Family Ministry of the Delaware-Maryland Synod of the ELCA, together with The Youth and Family Institute, will sponsor a Milestone Ministry Conference at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Severna Park, September 19-20, 2008. Milestones are the visual means to bring the presence of God not only to children, but to adults and families. Milestones partner home and congregation for effective faith-nurturing ministry. If you are interested in attending, please let the Learn Team know as soon as possible.



Youth Ministry



**All Saints
Vacation Bible
School
July 7-11
Register Today!**

See God's amazing rainforest come alive at this summer's exciting Vacation Bible School program: "Rainforest Adventure, A Tree Top Bible Blast!" Participants will swing into a rainforest adventure where they will explore God's wondrous love in the tree top canopy. Children will learn how we share, give, grow, love, and praise in God's creation. Bible stories will be told through crafts, games, songs, food, and fun activities.

Make plans to join us in the canopy July 7-11 from 6:00 - 8:30 pm. Registration has begun! There is no charge for children who register by June 29; after that, the registration cost is \$10 per child. Make sure to sign up by the end of June, and invite a friend to join you! Registration forms are available in the narthex.

Please contact Rob Watson at 301-352-8781 if you would like to help or if you need additional information. It promises to be a real adventure!

NURSERY IMPROVEMENTS

A big THANK YOU to Gary Beecher and Vickie Bozick for their efforts to improve both the safety and the looks of the ASLC Nursery! Gary used his carpentry skills to fix, fortify and paint the storage units that hold the books and toys. Vickie used her sewing talents to make some lovely curtains for the storage units. She also facilitated the donation of some toys, including the ever-popular busy beads. Many thanks to both Gary and Vickie!

Adult Education at All Saints June-July 2008

In June we will have two options for adult learning every week. The Tuesday morning Bible study will resume in the fall. During the summer, the Sunday morning adult classes will meet in the south wing classrooms.

**Option 1 - Sunday 9:45 am
Parables: Stories for Life in God's Word
(June 1 - July 27)**

An in-depth exploration of the parables of Jesus and their varied meanings, pointing out applications for our life of faith today. Participants will discover fresh perspectives in these timeless words, to enrich faith and deepen discipleship. By Richard J. Henderson, produced by The Kerygma Program of Augsburg Fortress. Led by Dr. John Laughlin and Sven Allenbach-Schmidt.

**Option 2 - Sunday 9:45 am
Awakening to God's Call to Earthkeeping
(June 8 - July 13)**

The second option for Sunday morning this summer will focus on environmental stewardship. Caring for creation is an essential component of religious faith and witness. Faithful "earthkeeping" can deepen our relationship both with God and with one another, as we work for the healing of the world. The resource we will be using is downloadable at no cost from <http://archive.elca.org/stewardship/EarthKeeping/earthkeeping2.pdf>. Nathan Rich is coordinating this study.

For the second session (**June 15**), Maria Arnold will be presenting **Creating wildlife-friendly "backyards" using sustainable gardening practices:** *And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and keep it (Genesis 2: 15).* This session will touch briefly on why backyard habitats and sustainable gardening practices matter to us as stewards of the earth, then focus on the basics for getting your property certified as a backyard habitat by providing food, water, cover, and places to raise young, and by implementing sustainable gardening practices. Take-home tips and resources; a number of **free native plants will be available**, too.

Invitations



Luke 14:16-24

Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited 'Come for everything is now ready.'"

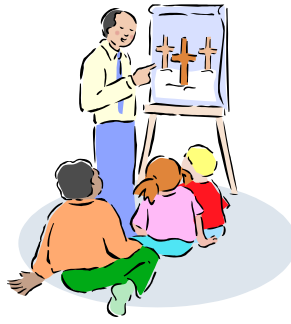
Invitations are special. To receive an invitation is to be honored and valued. At All Saints we said that we value learning. You are, therefore, invited to make a difference, to be a part of our Learn Team vision. Our learning ministries at All Saints are growing beyond our wildest imaginations (PTL) and our vision for next year will require us to increase the size of our current Sunday School staff, hence the invitation to come.

Invitations have been prominent throughout Scriptures but they did not come by telephone or e-mails or with embossed addresses in fancy envelopes: Eve's invitation to marry Adam, Mary to birth a Holy Son, the disciples to fish for men, Thomas to touch the wounds. No, God simply invites us to come. Come, talk about His promises for us. He simply sets the table and invites those whom He loves to be part of his plan. He does not say "come" only if you have proper clothes or if you know the stories and the words to the songs. He doesn't say "come" only if you've been here before or if you know someone here. He doesn't say "come" only if you have Sunday School-aged kids, or if you know a Sunday School teacher. This invitation is to children and parents, to teenagers and senior citizens.

This invitation has no expiration date. It is not just for Sunday mornings; it's for life. It is an invitation for a trip to His kingdom, to take up residence in a new Creation, to be joined to His Bride. This invitation is not reserved for just the best and the brightest or just for professional educators. It is both universal and personal. It is to you, where you are in your faith journey today.

In the last week of His life Jesus told two stories about invitations. One was about a father who invites his sons to work in his vineyard (Mt 21:28) and one about a king who prepares a wedding feast for his son (Lk 14:16-24). Ever wonder why Jesus told those stories at that time? Maybe it was to show us how it feels to have your invitations ignored, or worse, rejected? Truthfully, I am not suggesting that members at ASLC consciously reject Jesus' invitations. No, I think we simply may not give them serious thought. Is this the vision parents want to project to their children or members of All Saints to our visitors or prospective members? "Oh I value Christian Education" we might say, "I think it is wonderful but I've never taught" or "Why, I put it at the top of my Value & Vision card, but I really can't come to church at 9:45" or "I know my kids are safe in Sunday School here but 'doncha' know I really have to get that shopping done on Sunday mornings. You don't know how hard I work during the week." We may feel these are valid reasons not to accept the invitation to participate in Christian Education. Surely each person in those parables thought his reasons were valid too but it is still a dismissal of an invitation to make a difference.

The invitation has been offered. The choice is up to you. So many things in life we cannot choose for our children or ourselves; whether to be tall or short, to be red-headed or brown-eyed, to be accepted for who we are or rejected for the same reasons. But we can choose to accept His invitation to come and be a part of His kingdom. You can accept His invitation to be a model for others who are starting their faith journey or not. What are you doing with the invitation? There is really no reason to be anxious about the invite, you know the Host.



Planting the Seeds of Faith at All Saints Lutheran Church

Please consider a position as a Sunday school teacher for this upcoming year '08-09. We would like to offer teachers an opportunity to participate in Adult Education sometime in the school year therefore more volunteers will be needed to provide for this change. Grades Pre-K thru 6th will be utilizing the Witness Curriculum from Augsburg Fortress.

You may preview the curriculum samples at the website
www.augsburgfortress.org/learning/sundayschool/witness/downloads.jsp

- Pre-K class.....Kristin Clancy & 2 other teachers (alternate Sundays)
- Kindergarten.....2 Teachers (alternate Sundays)
- 1st-2nd Grade.....Ann Greenawalt
- 3rd-4th Grade.....Teachers needed
- 5th-6th Grade.....Rob Watson
- 7th-9th Grade.....Ken Bozick
- 10th-12th Grade.....Teachers needed
- Snacks Activity.....Provide activity 1-2x per month
- Games Activity.....Andrew Anseth
- Crafts Activity.....Provide activity 1-2x per month

The Sunday school hour runs from 9:45am to 10:45am. The children begin in the Sanctuary with Opening led by Kelley Adams. There they will hear the lesson's story, sing songs, and have an offering. The Pre-K class goes directly from Opening to their classroom for further exploration of the story and either crafts or snack. The K-2nd grades begin with the 20 minute rotational activity (crafts, snack or games) followed by 20 minutes of lesson. The 3rd-6th graders will then do the opposite.

We would like you to join our team of dedicated staff. Being able to share God's story with our church youth is a blessing and one in which you will come away feeling enriched.

Please speak with either Kelley Adams or Debbie Ariguzo, co-Superintendents, with questions or readiness to join us.



Bethel Lutheran Free Clinic in Biloxi

In last month's grapevine, Jayne Lingle gave an overview of the ASLC group's activities in Biloxi. While most of the ASLC group rebuilt houses, I had the distinct pleasure of working with a group of volunteers in the free clinic at Bethel Lutheran Church. The clinic was begun shortly after the Katrina disaster nearly three years ago to provide medical support to those in need. At that time many of the hospitals and clinics had been damaged or destroyed, or the same fate had befallen the homes of the medical professionals serving in these facilities. The Bethel clinic is still going strong, headed by Judy Jones and an ever-faithful group of volunteer nurses, doctors and assistants. The week I was at the clinic, volunteers included a medical assistant from Pennsylvania (a friend of the Dowhowers), a social worker from Maine, another RN from Washington state, and physicians from Minnesota and the local area.

To date, the clinic has seen over 22,000 clients. While I was at the clinic we saw 25-35 clients each day, and the clinic was closed on Wednesday for lack of a physician. Clients came from all walks of life, but primarily those who had no or little health insurance, were on the lower end of the income scale, were still unemployed, or were Spanish-speaking. During the week the clinic filled a lot of prescriptions and treated such ailments as hypertension, diabetes, and many others. So while Biloxi may be recovering in general, there is still a need for the Bethel Free Clinic in this community.

Recently a decision was made by Bethel Lutheran Church and its synod to move the clinic from the church to other facilities. A small building (1,200 sf) has been located nearby but needs considerable renovation. Also an addition has been proposed which would nearly double the size of the space. While Bart Tucker and Project Rehab volunteers (the same group that ASLC worked under) have agreed to renovate the building for the clinic, resources are needed for supplies for this project. You may have already contributed to the Biloxi Fund earlier this year, which provided for supplies for rebuilding houses. But the Bethel Free Clinic could sure use your support to help them relocate an important community function in the Biloxi area. Your contribution can be made to 'ASLC Disaster Relief Fund – Bethel Free Clinic', which will then be forwarded to the clinic. For more information, contact Sig Beecher at 301-627-6560.

Sig Beecher



We did an important thing on Sunday, May 4, 2008. The members and friends of All Saints purchased nearly \$700 worth of fair trade goods from all over the world. In addition, over \$300 of coffee, chocolate and nuts were sold. WHY DOES THIS MATTER?? We made a difference in the daily lives of people in Nepal, Bangladesh, India and Palestine, to name a few. Differences like clean water and schools for children. For five weeks a group of us studied the issues of free trade and fair trade in the adult forum. We learned about the way established economies are able to take advantage of underdeveloped ones, through treaties and the World Bank. Over the course of those five weeks, most of us learned that we were really uneducated about trade issues and that the fair trade movement was one small way we can help people in the developing world make a fair living. We set out to share this with the rest of you. Thank you especially to Kim Watson and Louise Waynant

who baked goods and even made ice cream sandwiches with fair trade products. And I especially want to thank Nathan Rich, Dave Conrad, Jayne and Doug Lingle and Herb and Virgie Hagenau for exceptional help setting up and taking down the fair trade show. For many of you, it was your first exposure to the kinds of goods that are available based on Fair Trade. We hope to bring additional opportunities in the future. If you have any questions at all, we are happy to talk about all we learned.

Ruth Ann Killion





Annie Mouse
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 news and pictures
 about the saints


- I must admit, I was scared and looking for the ark a few Sunday's ago when there was a plumbing issue, but Larry Floor came to the rescue! Also thanks to Gary Beecher for helping.
- I have been seeing John Wenger around a lot! He has been working hard on organizing the music for the choirs and with the sound system. Also thanks to John for keeping those name tags straight!
- I hear Rob Watson's skills on the softball field are becoming so well known in All Saints circles that he is becoming known as "Magic Watson." Personally, I would prefer the appellation of "Mighty Mouse Watson." Don't forget to go out and support the Saints at their games on Tuesday nights!
- I learned today that Kurt and Liz Muller will be celebrating the joyous occasion of son Evan's wedding to Allyson Leone on June 7th at the Old Mill in Rose Valley, PA. The couple will be honeymooning somewhere, if they can make a decision as to the location by June 6th! Evan evidently inherited his father's long-range planning gene!
- Who knew? Kristin Watson received a 2nd place award in the Prince George's County Public Schools Science Fair for her "I Need Oxygen" project, and the James Prigmore Award for the most dynamic 5th grade oral presentation.



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- 6/2 Denise Bettinger
- 6/2 Craig Buss
- 6/9 Zander Summerlot
- 6/10 Vanessa Ingermann
- 6/12 Ryley Venables
- 6/12 Madeleine Clancy
- 6/14 Curt Stende
- 6/17 Gianna Sala
- 6/20 Karyn Pryor
- 6/21 Dave Johnson
- 6/23 Kylee Earnest
- 6/24 Scott Bettinger
- 6/26 Louise Waynant
- 6/30 Brian DeVilbiss

CONGRATULATIONS  Announcing the birth of Rebecca Ruth Heyer, daughter of Chris and Kristen Heyer, sister to Jake and Ben, and granddaughter of Dave and Linda Baine. Rebecca was born on Tuesday, May 20, at 10:24 pm. She weighed 7lbs. 2 oz. and measured 20 inches at birth. Everyone is doing well. Congratulations!

 **CONGRATULATIONS TO** Rhonda Stockinger for graduating from The University of Maryland B.S. in Elementary Education.

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