



The Grapevine

All Saints Lutheran Church ELCA

August 2007



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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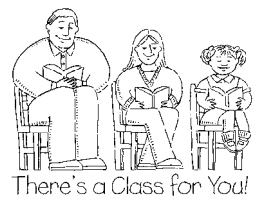
August

8/8 - 7:00 pm
Ministry Planning Night

8/14 - 10:00 am
Lutheran Women Bible Study

8/15 - 7:00 pm
Congregation Council Meeting

Coming in September:
 9/9 - Kick-off Sunday
*First Day of Sunday School for Children
 and Adults at 9:45 am*
Fellowship Event to Follow
 11:00 am Worship



9/14 - 7:00 pm
Concert Series: Piano Quartet



Pastor's Perspective
"Driving Along"



There is a lot of driving happening this summer. Families have traveled through as many as 12 states during their summer vacations. Some are driving to the beach; along with so many others that there is the weekly crawl to the east on U.S. 50. Driving fills some of my time, too. It's mostly in the area between Baltimore, D.C. and Annapolis, the area around Bowie. I enjoy driving. Noticing what is around me while I drive is part of the enjoyment. I look at the construction of buildings and roads. I notice the colors, models and condition of cars near me.

Recently I noticed "Look Busy, Jesus is Coming" on the bumper sticker of a car ahead of me. Many different interpretations of that direction have drifted through my thoughts since I noticed it. Being "busy" seems to be easy for most of us. We feel plenty "busy". Being "busy" is more a problem than a desired goal. So maybe the bumper sticker is challenging us to consider, with what we are "busy".

"Look" implies that an appearance of being busy is all that is needed. Jesus (and those around us) simply wants us to "look" busy. I don't believe that an appearance of "looking busy" is living in the Faith. Every Sunday during worship we say, "Christ will come again." The returning Christ will come with power and grace. How we "look" is of no consequence. The substance of our living and our actions are of consequence now. Maybe the bumper sticker is challenging us to consider also, what is the substance of our living. Yes, it is true that "Jesus is Coming." Being so hyper-active every minute of each day that we describe our living as "crazybusy" is a less than faithful response to what we are promised by The One who is coming. Karl Barth, a 20th century theologian wrote, "God names us 'children'. We are children living in a world that is beyond our comprehension, the Kingdom of God." ¹ Jesus teaches in St. Luke 12:35, "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit;" Look in the mirror. How are you dressed? Is Jesus, the light of the world, shining through you? God's Holy Word, the Bible, is the closet from which you are clothed for divine and holy action. Open it. Read it. Worship is the time during which you are nourished through Word, Prayer and Meal for faithful and visible action. Feel the strength that comes from being with other disciples together in God's presence.

We are not called to "Look Busy". We are called to live faithfully. Cynthia Rigby writes, "to be 'crazybusy' is a sin. It is keeping us from participating in, and inviting others into, the center. Taking ourselves too seriously means we are not taking God seriously enough."² Yes, Jesus is Coming. Live like it.

Pastor Gary

1. Karl Barth, "Church Dogmatics", Volume 3
 2. Cynthia Rigby, "Lectionary Homiletics" Vol. XVIII, NR. 4, p. 81, 2007.

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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 August 8 at 7:00 pm. The next Congregation Council Meeting is August 15 at 7:00 pm.

A Message From the Church Council President...

So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. Luke 11:9

Jesus was teaching his disciples about the abundant love of God for them, as well as for each of us, and how He will provide if we ask, search, and knock. After reflecting on those words in the Gospel reading and the sermon for the 9th Sunday after Pentecost, I realized that those verbs characterize how the Holy Spirit is working in our congregation, even during the summer!

Ask...we have asked the congregation to support several ministries and the people have responded ever so generously and graciously. The children of Vacation Bible School overfilled the large basket (representing the hideaway for baby Moses) with jars of peanut butter and jelly for the Bowie Food Pantry. The congregation heard the request for donations to mark our church with an exterior cross and exceeded the goal! We will be able to show our neighbors that we are indeed a Christian worshiping community.

Search...we have made great strides in our search for discerning God's vision for our congregation through the appointment of a Visioning 2020 Task Group. The team that will facilitate our discernment process and lead us to the development of a vision statement, values statement, and vision planning enthusiastically responded when asked to serve. Thanks be to God for: Chris Austell (council representative), Jane Bossler, Ann Greenawalt, John Rees, John Summerlot, and Louise Waynant. A youth representative will also be asked to serve. This group and council will be reading *Turn Your Church Inside Out* by Walt Kallestad. I invite each of you to join us in this search for vision through your prayers, reflection, and participation in the conversations.

Knock...now is the perfect time to knock on our neighbor's door and our co-worker's cubicle to share your Christian story, our story at All Saints Lutheran Church, and His story. Invite others to share in God's grace and love through our fall programming and ministry activities—this is sure to be a fun and Spirit-filled time. What a better way to gather, worship, learn, and serve than with a neighbor?

Indeed, God is Good – All the Time!

Kim Watson



Metropolitan Washington D.C. 2007 Synod Assembly

Living in God's Amazing Grace: Thanks Be to God! was the theme of the Metro D.C. 2007 Synod Assembly held on June 7-9, 2007, at the Eisenhower Inn and Conference Center in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. All Saints' voting members to the Assembly, Pastor Gary Rhinesmith, Jane Bossler, and Louise Waynant, were among the 423 people attending the event. Bishop Theodore Schneider, who was completing his second six-year term as Bishop of the Metro D.C. Synod, led the proceedings of the Assembly.

The highlight of the Assembly was the election of the Rev. Richard H. Graham, Hope Lutheran Church, College Park, Maryland, to a six-year term as bishop. Bishop Schneider was ineligible for reelection. Pastor Graham will take office on September 1, 2007, and will be installed on October 14. Other synod officers elected during the Assembly included Dr. Tommie Robinson, who was reelected to the position of Vice President; the Rev. Maggie Rourk, who was elected Secretary of the synod, and Mr. John Hadley who was elected synod Treasurer. We are delighted to report that All Saints' own Mrs. Jane Bossler was among the eight new members elected to the Synod Council. Jane will represent the entire Maryland Conference.

Bishop Schneider preached the sermon for the Opening Eucharist of the Assembly, held at the Gettysburg Seminary Chapel. The focus of his sermon was "Making Disciples." Among the suggestions he offered for making disciples were actively talking about and celebrating what it means to live in the midst of God's amazing grace, striving to be Christ with and for others, expecting faithfulness from one another, being converted, disciplined and generous people, and being an ecumenical church.

The synod was privileged to have Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson as the ELCA representative to the Assembly. In his address to the Assembly, Bishop Hanson described three aspects of discipleship – Giving Thanks, Telling the Story, and Making a Difference. He challenged members of the ELCA to increase our Bible literacy and called us to make a difference in the world. According to Bishop Hanson, we have done a better job preserving our ancestry than being transformed by those who live among us. He explained that we do not need those who differ from us because of something that is lacking in them, but because without them we are not whole.

Ms. Beth A. Lewis, President and CEO of Augsburg Fortress, was the featured speaker for the Assembly.

Ms Lewis discussed Martin Luther's use of the "power of the press" and its implications for Lutherans today. She said, "Through connecting with printers, Martin Luther became an opinion leader. The technology made the man but the man also made the technology." Ms. Lewis described how computer technology is changing the way the church is able to communicate its powerful message today.

Throughout the Assembly, college students made brief presentations related to the presence and impact of 100 years of campus ministry in the ELCA. Five Lutheran campus ministries serve the Metro D.C. area.

Several Resolutions were acted upon during the Assembly. Among those passed were the following: (1) encouraging discussion and debate about our nation's foreign and military policies; (2) encouraging rostered leaders within the synod to familiarize themselves with organ donation issues; (3) encouraging prayers for the city of Washington, D.C. and the surrounding metropolitan area, (4) encouraging prayers related to the rejection of torture and restoration of rights; (5) encouraging improvement and expansion of the reach and scope of youth and family ministry; and (5) thanksgiving and appreciation of the ministries of Bishop Theodore F. Schneider and the Rev. Judith E. Simonson. The full text of each Resolution, proceedings of the Assembly, and the Bishop's sermon are available at www.metrodcelca.org.



Financial Report for June 2007

June income for budget spending - \$27,551.84
Monthly income needed for budget - \$32,370.00
Year-to-date income for budget spending - \$169,813.32
Year-to-date income needed for budget - \$194,220.00
Total June income - \$ 33,032.84
Total year-to-date income - \$210,086.12

Budget expenses for June 2007 - \$29,299.16
Budget expenses Year-to-Date - \$165,616.76



ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION ENDOWMENT NEWS

Thank you to everyone for your many gifts to the Mission Endowment Fund. Through the many gifts of our members here at All Saints we have been able to give numerous grants to support specific programs within the congregation, as well as in the community and throughout the world.

Thank you again for all who have supported the All Saints Lutheran MEF Church Bank project this year. Banks are available for those who would like to have one. Thank you!

Because of your gifts, we have also supported the National Lutheran Appeal, food pantries, shelters, the homeless, churches damaged by Hurricane Katrina, the Palestinian Christians, to name a few.

As reported in the LCF Profiles of Joy, for many Lutheran donors, the congregation plays a powerful and important role in their lives. It is a grounding place of faith, where they worship, do service and find community. Therefore, it is no surprise that one in three donors choose to support their home congregations through charitable gifts. "As one donor said, 'We give out of love for our church. We care for our congregation.'"

Following is an example how other churches have made a major difference in the life of a congregation:

"With the help of a grant for church ministries nearly 125 area children enjoyed in a "bigger and better" vacation Bible school program than Christ Lutheran Church in Spokane, WA had been able to offer before... The grant allowed us to offer awesome music, puppet shows, games, Bible studies, crafts and snacks and lunch to these children at a cost of only \$10 per child."

"A grant to the endowment at Diamond Lake Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, is helping the church to expand its outreach and ministry. A set percentage of the endowment fund is spent each year on new ministry programs for the purpose of living out our parish mission – inviting people to a life in Christ, said Rev. Mark Orvick, Pastor."

This year we will be proposing mid-year grants to the following recipients:

National Lutheran Home; All Saints Lutheran Church Scholarship Committee; Bowie Food Pantry and to Community Support Systems.

Blessings and Thanksgiving be given to our Lord and Savior for all His many blessings to us at All Saints Lutheran Church.

The All Saints Lutheran Church MEF Mid-year Financial Report:

The Mission Endowment Fund-LCF contributions since January 1, 2007 have been \$6,015.95, and with earnings have yielded total revenue of \$7,506.71. We had one grant of \$500.00 from 2006 that was actually dispersed in 2007, and fund administrative fees of \$109.10 for total expenses of \$609.10. Our beginning balance on January 1, 2007 was \$19,069.51 with activity increase of \$6,897.61 leaving us with an ending balance on June 30, 2007 of \$25,967.12. Additionally, we have \$1,611.59 in the Thrivent Money Market Account, yielding 4.78% as of June 30, 2007. Therefore, according to my records, we have \$27,578.71 for the Mission Endowment Fund.

Notes: This does not account for funds not transferred by the Financial Secretary and/or Treasurer to the MEF. These amounts include a designated reserve for the property. All deferred gifts including life insurance, estate bequests, etc. are not included in the above report.

Mary E. Schoenfuhs, Chair
Mission Endowment Fund

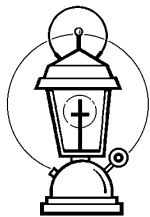


SENIOR BEACON PROGRAM

The National Lutheran Home in Rockville conducts a Senior Beacon Program. Under this program, people outside the Home write to residents as often as they wish, sending cards, letters, and notes. Many of the seniors at the National Lutheran Home are very lonely, and they rarely receive visitors. Mail arriving from you will cheer them up. You can participate by contacting Ruth Tait on the Serve Team for an application.



The Bowie Food Pantry is currently in need of canned tomatoes, spaghetti sauce, and canned fruit. Thanks so much for all of your donations of PB&J! You helped feed many children.



CAMP SAFE HAVEN

Thank you so much for all the donations of flip flops for the campers. We more than exceeded our goal of 50 - you offered 65. Your donations will help the camp be a success!



SENIOR
SAINTS

Senior Saints begin the 2007-08 season on Tuesday, September 18. We will begin with the noon prayer service followed by a potluck lunch and plan for upcoming activities. Bring a food dish to share and your

ideas! All are invited to join us. If you have questions about this fun group, please contact Bob Jones at 301-262-0042 or bobncaroljones@verizon.net.



GOLF
OUTING

The Third Annual All Saints Lutheran Church Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, October 6, 2007 at Marlton Golf Club. The tournament will tee off at 11:00 a.m. with a format to be announced. The cost will be \$50.00 including green fees and cart

and a cookout following the tournament. Mark the date now and sign up at church when the sheets are posted on the bulletin boards later in August. If you have any questions, contact the chairman, Ray Blanset. All golfers and anyone who ever hit a golf ball, come join in this day of fun.



What is a Via de Cristo Weekend?

Does your faith life need a boost? Do you need some spiritual energy? Are you looking for something to help you try to live a better Christian life? If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, then a Via de Cristo weekend may be just what you are looking for.

Each Via de Cristo weekend is three days in length, beginning on Thursday evening and ending on Sunday afternoon. As a group, we live, study, worship and praise together daily. Lay people and the clergy present topics on the Christian life, based on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ. The titles of these talks indicate their content: Ideal, Piety, Study, Sacraments, Action, Obstacles to Grace, Leaders, Environment, Life in Grace, Christian Community, and Total Security. The speaker shares how these topics relate to their Christian life and share personal insights on their relationship with God. Discussions follow each talk, focusing on the main points of the talk and relating it to our own personal day-to-day life. The weekend gives those attending a living understanding of basic Christian truths. There is lots of music and singing, food and fellowship, a time for laughter and for prayer. It is a boost to your faith life and a great gift to give to yourself.

The next set of Via de Cristo weekends are scheduled as follows:

Men's Weekend: September 27 – 30

Women's Weekend: October 4 – 7

If you have any questions concerning the weekend, contact Pastor Rhinesmith, or talk with Ken Bozick (301-856-6887) or Cheryl Trimble (301-627-4094) who have attended one of these weekends.



BLESSINGS ABOUND

The first blessing is that there will be a cross on the exterior of the All Saints Church building. It will be above the front door. The second blessing is that your generous financial offerings have *exceeded* the goal significantly. You have offered \$3,465 for the project. THANK YOU. The third blessing is that there will be *two* crosses. The manufacturer's first attempt was not to the size specifications that we ordered. Therefore we will purchase that cross at a very reduced price. It will be on the end of the building that faces Mt. Oak Rd. We hope to have both crosses installed by the end of September. Thanks be to God, blessings abound. The greatest blessing is God's Love demonstrated on the Cross of Jesus Christ.



August Education Opportunities for Adults

Don't miss the exciting line-up of classes for the ASLC Adult Faith Formation in August. **Childcare is available** during the Adult Education hour, so parents of young children will be able to attend classes.

Aug. 26 – Introduction to **Evangelical Lutheran Worship** - Led by the Worship Team, this class will help the congregation learn about the liturgies and hymns included in the new ELW hymnal.

The first 3 Sundays in August, **Nathan Rich** will be leading an **Overview of Sexuality and the Church**. This is timed to coincide with the ELCA Churchwide Assembly, when this topic is expected to make headlines.

Aug. 5 - Biblical Authority and Interpretation: Lutheran Perspectives

Aug. 12 - Christian Tradition, Sexuality, and Marriage

Aug. 19 - Responses to Homosexuality in the ELCA

In addition to the Adult Faith Formation classes, the **Adult Bible Study** continues to meet each **Sunday at 9:45 am**, with leadership provided on a rotating basis by class members. New members are always welcome to attend!

Aug. 5 - **Lamentations** Urges Hope in God (Lam 3:22-33, 55-58)

Aug. 11 - **Ezekiel** Preaches About Individual Responsibility (Ezek 18:4, 20-23, 30-32)

Aug. 17 - **Zechariah** Calls for a Return to God (Zech 1:1-6, 7:8-14)

Aug. 26 - **Malachi** Describes God's Just Judgment (Mal 2:17, 3:1-5, 4:1)



Classroom Expansion News

Gary Beecher is still working through the permitting process for our new classroom building. As soon as we have a delivery date, we will let you know!



Family Faith Connections

God's Handiwork

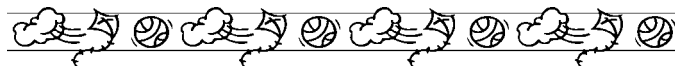
Family Faith Connections

Go outside on a partly cloudy day. Lie on the ground and look at the clouds.

Watch for animals, a person, or other fun shapes in the sky. When a family member spots a shape, have him or her describe it to everyone else. Then read Psalm 139.

1. Each of us is unique just like every cloud is different from others. How are you unique from others in your family?
2. How does it make you feel knowing that God knew you even before you were born?
3. Share a prayer thanking God for making each of you different and special.

From "Summer Fun Ideas," Education and Family Ministry, Western Iowa Synod of the ELCA



Mom's Morning Out Field Trip

On Wednesday, July 11, the Mom's Morning Out crew met at the home of Linda and Dave Baine. The children enjoyed swimming, playing in the sandbox, painting, swinging, and cracking ice blocks in search of treasures! The day was capped off with a delicious treat of homemade ice cream. Many thanks to the Baines for hosting the group!





Wanted: Adults to Help Children Learn God's Word!

Are you searching for a way to serve God? Do you feel a call to share the Gospel with our youngest Saints? We need you! The Learn Ministry Team is seeking adults who are willing to share their time and talents by serving as teachers and substitutes in the Children's Sunday School program for the 2007-2008 school year. Opportunities abound for short-term, long-term, or occasional teaching assignments. Do not let your previous experience in teaching (or lack thereof) hold you back. Pastor Gary, the Learn Team, the Sunday School Superintendents and staff will assist and support you. Contact Ann Greenawalt, Debbie Ariguzo or Kelley Adams for more information. Pray and listen to hear if the Holy Spirit is calling you to share your gifts with the children of All Saints!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, Great Bible Reef, was a great success! Thanks to the following VBS staff members for their willingness to lead this important education ministry program:

Debbie, Adamma, and Uzoma Ariguzo, Kelley Adams, Chris and John Crampton, Ann Greenawalt, Susan Quinzi, Pastor Rhinesmith, Mike, Jamie, and Kasey Schumacher, Angela Sichelman, Merle Thomas, Kim and Rob Watson. Also thank you to Jane Wingard for the beautiful mural!



Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Over the summer months, you may have noticed a few changes in the spoken parts of our services. Specifically, the Confession & Forgiveness, Greeting, Prayer of the Day, Eucharistic Prayers. That's because we have already started using some of the wording from Evangelical Lutheran Worship. You will continue to see more changes as we transition to ELW as the primary worship resource for All Saints.

As you know, ELW is available to us in electronic form, eliminating the need to purchase new hymnals for every seat in the sanctuary. Everything needed to follow along and participate in our services will be printed in an expanded worship booklet.

Some of you have expressed an interest in purchasing a copy of the pew edition of ELW for your own personal use. Therefore, the Worship Team will make copies of the new hymnal available to members of the congregation for purchase. The cost will be \$20. Be on the lookout for the order forms, which will be available in the Narthex.

Jan Withers, Worship Ministry Team Leader



Women's Book Group:

Our September meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 8, at 8:30 am. We will meet at Loraine Beinhart's home to discuss Vikram Seth's *A Suitable Boy*. Liz tells us it will be "a long, luxurious summer read."

Our October meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 13 at Louise Waynant's at 8:30 am. We will read Jon Krakauer's book, *Under the Banner of Heaven*.

Men's Book Group:

We will be reading *Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson. The time and location will be announced soon!



Farewell to The Reverend Wanda E. McNeill by Ann Greenawalt

On Sunday, July 8, a group of 16 from All Saints heard The Rev. Wanda McNeill give her final sermon at Lutheran Church of the Reformation in Washington, DC. Rev. McNeill has accepted a call to serve the congregations at Lake Preston and North Preston Lutheran Churches in South Dakota. Following the service there was a farewell luncheon and program. Rev. McNeill received many gifts, including a scrapbook (with a page put together by Doris and Dave Dasenbrock) and a framed copy of a tribute by Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton in the *Congressional Record*. Heartfelt memories were shared by lay people and clergy, including several members of Reformation, Chester Hart and others from Southeast Ministry and Pastor Tom Knoll of First Trinity (DC). I represented All Saints and gave Rev. McNeill a gift of \$900 from the congregation to the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. My remarks were, in part, "We all know that Pastor McNeill is a gifted preacher, loyal friend and an inspiring teacher. She is also gifted in the art of gentle persuasion...Pastor McNeill is someone you just can't say no to. She encourages you to use your talents, whether it is singing or teaching, grilling or gardening, all to the Glory of God...We pray that this gift will help others heed the call of the Holy Spirit to use their talents to the Glory of God. We ask God's blessings upon you, and we thank you for your loving presence in our lives." The certificate presented to Rev. McNeill was signed by Pastor Gary and Council President Kim Watson and read:

God is Good – All the Time
All the Time – God is Good

July 2007

To The Reverend Wanda E. McNeill:

As the Holy Spirit calls you to share your gifts with the Congregations of Lake Preston and North Preston Lutheran Churches, we give thanks to God for your steadfast witness as a servant of our Lord Jesus Christ. Through your ministry of Word and Sacrament and your leadership at Southeast Ministry, you have lovingly cared for and nurtured your flock, comforted those who mourn and ache in body or spirit, given hope to the hopeless, and treated those on the margins with dignity and respect. You have been called to do God's work in this world and have inspired others to respond to God's saving grace.

In recognition of your faithful service to All Saints Lutheran Church in Bowie, Maryland as Pastoral Assistant and Intern from 1985 – 1988, a gift will be given in your honor from the Congregation of All Saints to the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg.

The Peace of the Lord be with you Always!



A NOTE OF



Thanks for all of your thoughts, prayers and help during my recent hospitalization. Special thanks to Pastor Gary for visits and prayers, to Bob and Carol Jones for meals, and to Marilyn Morgan and Liz Muller for retrieving our car from Calvert Memorial Hospital. We still don't know why there were chest pains, but suspect some kind of interaction with a bad case of hives I had at the time of the event. The cardiologist has given me a clean bill of health. Thanks be to God and thanks to all the Saints.

Gary Beecher



Annie Mouse loves to gather news and pictures about the saints

- I couldn't believe what I saw during the Great Bible Reef VBS! During the opening worship, Pastor Gary and Mike Schumacher were in full scuba gear, swimming and engaging the kids. Those flippers were something else!
- It was great fun to scurry in and out of the fabulous coral reef that Jane Wingard created especially for VBS. It was nice to have the coral critters around for the week.
- Karen Lee Banks sure is a tough gal. She broke her right wrist digging a volleyball spike during a match. Sure hope I don't have to meet her on the court!
- The softball championship game was a nail (claw?) biter. The guys of All Saints lost by one run! Pat Bettinger, Chris Greenawalt, Dave Johnson, Mike Schumacher, Rob Watson, coach Jim Sichelman, and friends are to be commended for an entertaining season!
- Even though it's summer, I sure am seeing a lot of folks at worship! What fun it is to hear all of the music, prayers, and passing of the peace! (I try not to nap during the sermons.)
- Those women are at it again – I enjoyed the delicious leftovers from their first Friday dinner, prayer, and conversation gathering. What a powerful experience!
- I got a sneak peak at the new photo directory! Boy it looks great, I am thankful for all the work Doris and Dave put into it. Next time I will get my picture taken.

Congratulations
on Your
New Baby Girl!



Emma Rose Corbino Krzycki, daughter of Wendy Corbino and Tom Krzycki. Emma was born July 18 at 12:19 pm. She weighed 7 lbs, 5 oz. and measured 20.4 inches at birth. All are doing well!



Ken and Vickie Bozick and Family
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Dave and Joyce Uber e-mail: djuber@cox.net



The Happiest of August Birthdays

8/5	Jane Wingard
8/5	Ronald Olds
8/6	Carol Golden
8/7	Deanna Sala
8/8	David Conrad
8/11	Jane Bossler
8/15	Nancy-Pat Weaver
8/15	Jim Golden
8/15	Ann Greenawalt
8/15	Jennifer Hales
8/17	Connor Bozick
8/22	Susan Quinzi
8/22	Ellie Helgeson
8/22	Emma Helgeson
8/22	Isabella Helgeson
8/25	Jonathan Moday
8/26	Lynn Amos
8/26	Beverly Roberts
8/27	Todd Moday
8/28	Raymond Wood
8/30	Rita Moday
8/31	Emily Summerlot



REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

MILITARY DUTY: Ross Bogard, Mark Brinkman, Chad Field, Jim Gehring, Jon Heyer, Graham Morris, Brian O'Connell, Matt O'Connell, Bob Rackley, Wil Rollefson, Robby Trent.

AT FULL-CARE HOME: Joan DeHenzel, Dick Hartfield, Velma Hollar, and Evelyn Simonds

OTHER CONCERNS: Wendy Andrews, Carl Carlson, Jerry Champion, Elsie Deat, Carol DeHenzel, Elise Deat, Chris Dobe, Michelle Dowsett, Marilyn Griepentrog, Pearl Hibbard, Robert Keating, Daniel Killion, Serge Loiseau, Donna Malone, Maria McNamara, Karen Mezzic, Bonnie Moline, Jason Newell, Robert Olds, Catherine Patsias, Mark Quasius, Karen Rees, Rev. Walter Schoenfuhs, Richard Shumacker, Ed Seely, Bill Wesley, Diana Whitman, and George Young.



All Saints Arts Program Upcoming Concert Series

Piano Quartet

Featuring our own Director of Music, Grace Cho, and the Teiber String Trio.

Date: Friday, September 14, 7:00 p.m.

Piano Recital

Featuring Stephanie Bruning. Stephanie serves on the Piano Faculty at Morgan State University.

Date: Sunday, November 11, 4:00 p.m.

Positive Vibrations

Back by popular demand, the Youth Steel Drum Band from Cultural Academy for Excellence, Hyattsville.

Get in the carnival spirit for this one!

Date: Sunday, January 27, 4:00 p.m.

Detailed information to follow.



Rehearsals Begin on Thursday, August 30

Sonshine Choir at 7:00 pm

Chancel Choir at 8:00 pm

We will begin singing at Worship Services on September 9.

Tone Chimes begin rehearsal on Tuesday, August 27 at 7:30 pm.



Tone Chimes

Spiritual Innovators: Seventy-Five Extraordinary People Who Changed the World in the Past Century

Ira Rifkin, editor, with a forward by Robert Coles, Skylight Paths Publishing, 2002. This book is like an adventure into a well-stocked book store or library. In one volume you are introduced to so many insightful people and there get a taste of their extraordinary lives and works. It is a jumping off point to explore the ideas of people you may never have heard of, who nevertheless have had a profound influence upon you and the world.

The editor, Ira Rifkin, is an award-winning journalist who specializes in writing about religion and culture. He has received awards from the Associated Church Press, the American Jewish Press Association and the Religion Newswriters Association. **Spiritual Innovators** won the Spirituality & Practice Best Spiritual Book Award of 2002. Rifkin selected 75 diverse spiritual leaders of the 20th-century (many women are included) and commissioned religious journalists, authors, book editors, and other experts to write a profile of each to include a brief biography, excerpts from their writings and a list of resources and contact information

The collection is ecumenical and wide reaching with representatives as diverse as the Pentecostal Movement, the Nation of Islam and Japanese Buddhism. It is divided into eight sections according to how the editor viewed their primary contributions and impacted on the world. The section *They Bore Witness With Their Lives*, includes Lutheran theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Hindu nonviolence advocate Mahatma Gandhi, the Catholic Archbishop Oscar Romero, black Muslim leader Malcolm X and Liberation Theologian Gustavo Gutierrez, who said at Brown University's 2000 graduation ceremony, *We often see poverty as an economic and social issue, but we must have a deeper understanding. In the ultimate analysis, poverty is death. It is unjust and early death. It is the destruction of persons, of people and nations.*

In the sections "They made Intellect a Spiritual Force" you have such luminaries as Hans Kung, official theologian of Vatican II; the author of Christian Realism, Reinhold Niebuhr; novelist, poet and mystic, Evelyn Underwood, and Liberal Theologian Paul Tillich who referred to God and "The Ground of Being," and in his classic work, **The Courage to Be**, wrote: *Courage is the self-affirmation of being in spite of the fact of nonbeing. It is the act of the individual self in taking the anxiety of nonbeing upon itself by affirming itself either as part of an embracing whole or in its individual selfhood.*

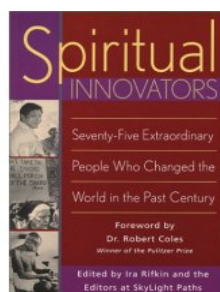
"They Changed the World by Writing" introduces Jewish author and human relations philosopher Martin Buber, comparative mythologist, Joseph Campbell, world religion expert Huston Smith, and the French intellectual, social activist and mystic Simone Weil, who at the age of five refused to eat sugar after she learned the French soldiers of WW I were not rationed it. She had a deep love for Jesus but never got baptized feeling it her special calling to remain a believer outside the church as a witness to its history of oppression and abuse of power.

Spirituality is one of those elusive terms we "know" when we experience it but have trouble defining what it means. Jewish philosopher Marin Buber recognized spirituality as those "moments of silent depth in which you look upon the world-order fully present."

As the saying goes, the map is not the territory though it will get you there. Let **Spiritual Innovators** serve as your map to lead you, however briefly, to that inner connection with the mystery of creation.

In the spirit of ecumenism that runs throughout this work let me end with the words of the famous Cistercian Monk, Thomas Merton, who wrote in **Conjectures of A Guilty Bystander**: *If I affirm myself as a Catholic merely by denying all that is Muslim, Jewish, Protestant, Hindu, Buddhist, etc., in the end I will find that there is not much left for me to affirm as a Catholic: and certainly no breath of the Spirit with which to affirm it.*

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