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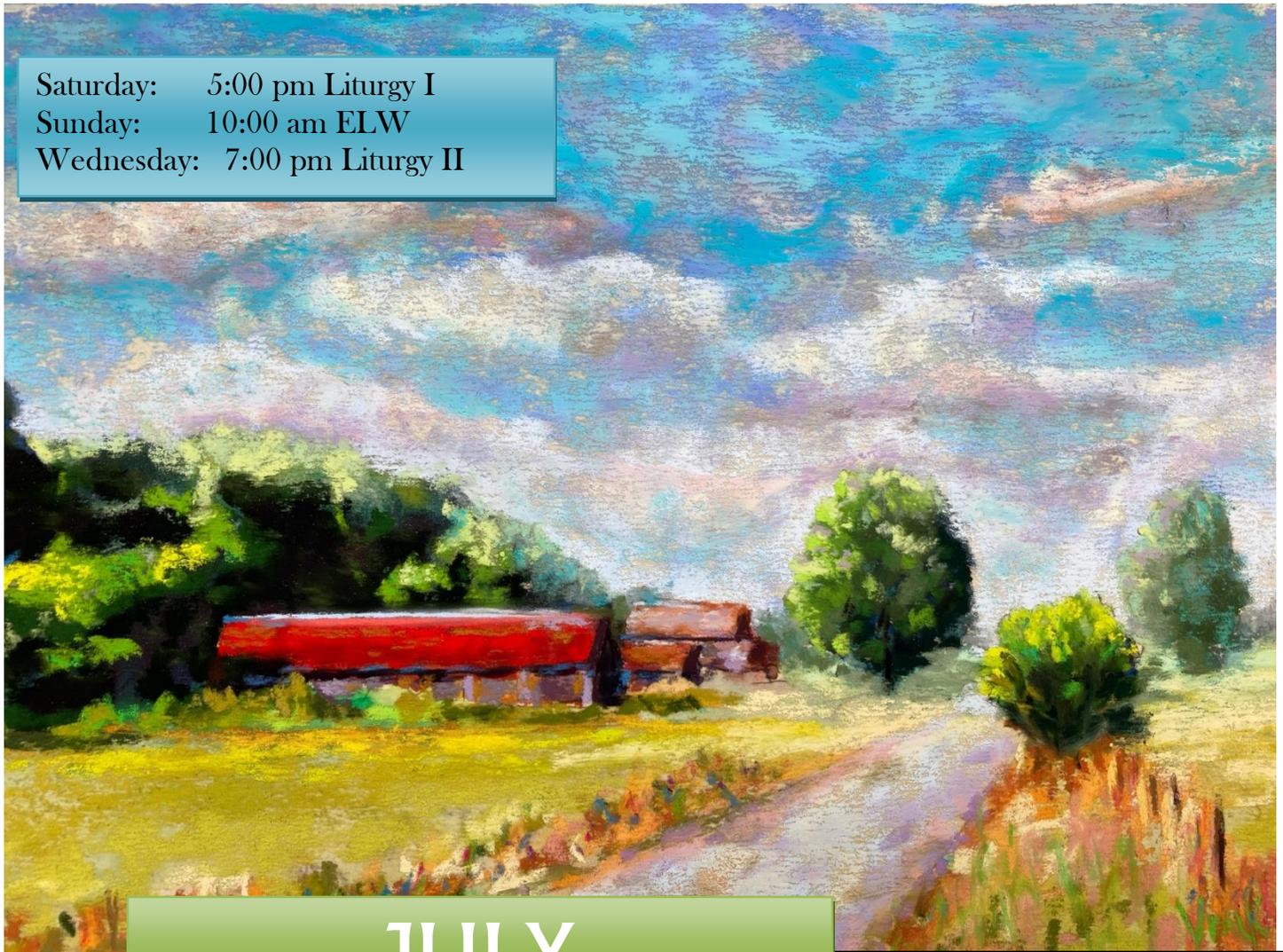
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We, a diverse Christian family, faithful in word and sacrament strive to share in God's unconditional love through prayer, worship and outreach.

Saturday: 5:00 pm Liturgy I
Sunday: 10:00 am ELW
Wednesday: 7:00 pm Liturgy II



JULY

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY – FRIDAY
9:00am – 5:00pm
SATURDAY
11:00 – 7:00



- 7-2 Devin Lang
- 7-5 Carol Frechette, Rosemary West
- 7-7 Ana Rivas, Lily Turlais
- 7-8 Muriel Mulligan, Debra Pavlik
- 7-9 Steve Dziedzic, Vivian Turlais
- 7-11 Shawna Beran
- 7-13 Brittney Wiorek
- 7-15 Kerry Howard
- 7-16 Monica Zapata
- 7-17 Nancy Moss
- 7-19 Sue Duchesneau, Patti Holzman,
Moriah Joy, Bill Thom
- 7-20 Addisen Wettengel
- 7-21 Elizabeth Ruka, Jarod Todryk
- 7-22 Jordan Dobrzynski
- 7-23 Rick Mobley, Abigail Todryk,
TJ Sabatke
- 7-24 Debbie Delebeck, R.B Wood
- 7-26 Jessica Borkowski, Joy Kubusek
- 7-27 Barbara Schrubey
- 7-28 Dan Martindale, Michelle Turlais
- 7-29 Liam Belmas
- 7-30 Bill Runningen, Steven Mahler,
Rita St. Louis
- 7-31 Tom Reynolds

- 7-2 Ronald and Rosario Rickey
- 7-3 Bill and Denise Schmid
- 7-3 Brian and Pat St. Louis
- 7-4 David and Lynn Speaks
- 7-7 Brian and Jessica Steiner
- 7-9 Luke and Kelly Meier
- 7-11 Bill and Sandy Thom
- 7-14 Greg and Kelly Polacheck
- 7-15 Chris and Bonnie Windschanz
- 7-18 Bob and Nadine Desmarais
- 7-27 Dick and Pat Ackerman
- 7-27 Karl and Lisa Kleppek
- 7-28 Wally and Diane Hogan



**COVER ART –
“Homecoming” –
Original pastel painting
by Kinga E. Vnuk**



Do you have an address, email, phone number or status change?
Please contact the church office to report any changes for the records.
This helps insure our files stay current. THANK YOU

Comment Article – “Getting our message out”

I do not even know where this came from. It seems that as our city grows and has growing pains, one of the issues is signage. Proper signage.

Perhaps it has always been an issue and we were just oblivious to it. (That would not surprise me!)

You can't have too many signs. One per property. There are size restrictions on signs. What once was standard and acceptable, no longer is. Our current temporary sign on wheels, is too big for the present city standards.

This is not a rant; at all it really is not.

Down in my neck of the woods, a realtor has probably six foot high letters in front of their business establishment that reads, B-E-K-I-N-D.

The four temporary signs, which I always thought were really cool and eye-catching and different HOW- GREAT-THOU-ART are no longer acceptable.

There are permits and fees for temporary signage. There are time constraints, both before and after events. There are costs per day. I know in the past we were probably in violation. Heck, we have probably been in violation many times already this year and I do feel bad about that. THE CHURCH should follow the restrictions as set up by the city fathers. It is only right. We should be the ones setting the example. I am sure there are probably fines for being in violation.

And now WE ARE AWARE there ARE restrictions.

But the question is, how then, do WE get our message OUT? (Especially if we hope for greater community involvement?)

We have gone the way of the PATCH. We have gone the way of Social Media, and Facebook. We have paid for and have boosted our ads. We have gone the route of mailings.

With hundreds and hundreds of cars (if not thousands) that pass-by the church on a daily basis we are missing out on a large opportunity.

I am not a Razzle dazzle guy, I could care less about glitz and glitter and showcasing.

But I do want to see to it that OUR MESSAGE GETS OUT into the wider community.

Just off the top of my head: There are liturgical hours for Christmas and Easter Worship, days and times. We have always tried to promote Donkey Day and even Rally Day!

There are the Blood Drives. The Bake Sales. The Mum Flower Sales. The Craft Fairs (Fall and Spring of every year!) Back in the day, there was signage for Vacation Church School. Signage for Bake Sales. Signage for the Christmas Cookie Sale. There was even a time when we had a sign hanging on the front of the building itself, listing our worship hours.

And there was signage for the ART FAIR.

The sign has to catch the ATTENTION of cars going past the church 45-50-55 mph and sometimes even at greater speeds than that.

They need to be able to SEE the sign and READ it, but more importantly, COMPREHEND IT. And yet, I get it, it cannot be a DISTRACTION that impedes anyone's driving ability.

It is not easy maneuvering your way around these signage issues. Placement, kind, cost, size, and what to do with our existing sign. It is my hope that we can address these issues in the coming months and maybe even years ahead and come up with a solution that will be best for the church and the future of the church going forward.

God will provide. He always does. He always has.

See YOU in worship!

The times are Saturday at 5:00 P.M., Sunday at 10:00 A.M. and Wednesday at 7:00 P.M.

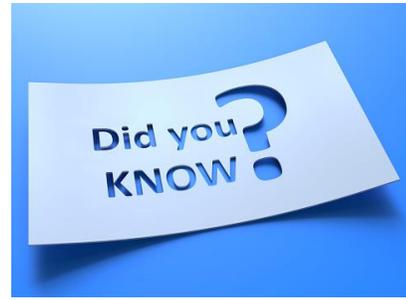
Sometimes, you have to advertise when and where you can!

Pr. Mortenson



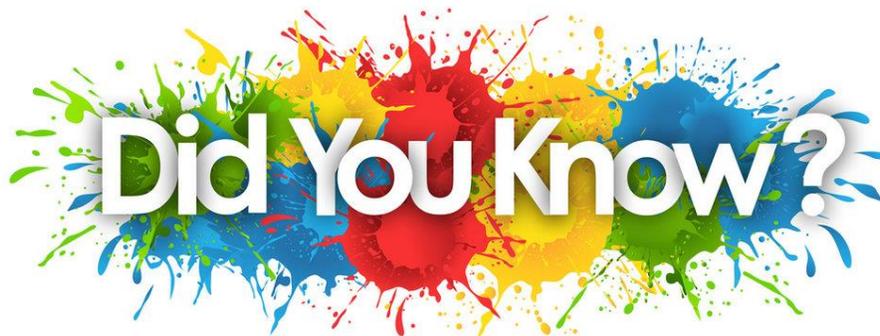


- Rita Cieszynski
 - Pam Kahle
 - Joel Raison
 - Diane Hogan
- Chuck Kocourek
 - Wally Hogan
- Richard Ackerman
 - Richard Gorecki
 - Val Fogarty
 - Katie Ruka
- Dennis Schneider
 - Bethany Heine
 - Mollie Burke
 - Joni McDonald
 - Sue Gorecki
 - Mary Anderson
 - Dena Olsen
 - Betty Ford
 - John Montague
 - For the mother of Peggy Todryk
- For the Father's of Pam Kawczynski, Pam Kahle, and Suz Pitts...For John Krajnak and family
 - For the parents of Karl and Lisa Kleppek...
 - For all those hospitalized with COVID -19
- For our POLICE OFFICERS, MILITARY MEMBERS, FIREFIGHTERS, PARAMEDICS, AND ALL FIRST RESPONDERS, AND FOR ALL MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES...
- For all those addicted and still suffering...



Did You Know?

- *That, John Adams refused to celebrate July 4th as Independence Day? (Silly man!) Or, was he a man of principle and conviction?
- *That, the Declaration of Independence wasn't signed on July 4, 1776?
- *That, the majority of the signers, signed it on August 2nd hehehehe ☐ Oops!
- *That, Richard Henry Lee proposed the Lee Resolution to the Second Continental Congress on June 7, 1776, and they were seconded by John Adams? It was the earliest form of a declaration of independence. (But you know, the devil is in the paperwork!)*That, Thomas Jefferson didn't write the Declaration of Independence alone? There were actually five guys that wrote it! (They were called the committee of five!) It was an odd number for voting! No ties allowed!
- *The vote for Independence was not unanimous? (Somebody wanted their tea and crumpets!) One person refused to sign the document.
- *That, John Dunlap printed hundreds of copies of the Declaration of Independence? Only 26 copies were said to have survived! John Dunlap was the printer.
- *That, it took 442 days for Independence to become an accepted thought?+
- *That, the majority of colonists viewed themselves as British subjects.
- *That, if the colonies wanted foreign allies to aid them in separation, they first had to legally declare themselves independent of Britain? It was vital that each of the 13 colonies come together as a single body. A colony by itself wouldn't be taken seriously by a world power like France, but the Thirteen together as one nation would. This was groundbreaking at the time, as each colony viewed itself as a singular entity, much like the countries of Europe.
- *There are 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence.
- *There actually is something written on the back of the Declaration of Independence. It says "Original Declaration of Independence dates 4th July 1776. (And, it's written upside down!) " because the parchment was often rolled up and transported around the country"
- *That, the last person to sign the document, signed on November 4, 1776?





SYNOD ASSEMBLY NEWS

This year's Synod Assembly was held at the Italian Community Center in the Third Ward, on May 20th and 21st. President, David Speaks and Susan McIntosh represented the All Saints family as delegates.

- Bishop Paul Erickson was elected for another six year term.
- The Keynote Speaker was Krish Odara Vignarajah, President and CEO of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service. She gave a moving speech about the role of the church in immigration and refugee service.
- The overall emphasis was on the ELCA being all embracing of others not like us, ie, color, ethnicity, origin and sexual orientation.
- There was extensive discussion about various memorials and resolutions.
- Votes were taken for the church to support and actively participate in resolving the issues of climate change.
- Votes were taken to support educators in their effort to teach curriculum at age appropriate times about race and LGBTQIA communities.
- Votes were taken to fill openings in the Discipline Committee and for the Synod Council.
- There was extensive discussion on the budget. The Synod is being forced to transfer \$129,295 from an undesignated reserve fund for the coming year.
- The Greater Milwaukee Synod (GMS) is in the top 10 givers in the ELCA and distributes 52% of its income to the work of the greater church.
- Next year, why not consider being a delegate yourself? Visitors are also allowed at Synod Assemblies.
- When the church comes together in worship, it is an unforgettable moment in time.
- It is kind of eye-opening to see the church at work in the next level beyond the individual congregation.
- Consider attendingō you will be glad you did!



Council Capsules

Council Capsules from the June 20, 2022 meeting:

- “ Council approved to add an additional communion assistant to help the CPIC with distribution of the wine for communion. Volunteers can and are encouraged to sign up at each liturgy on the same signup sheet as the readings.
- “ Members of World Concerns donated and prepared food for a meal at Fischer House on June 7th.
- “ Request for quotes for paving the parking lot have been sent out to five companies by the Property Committee.
- “ Council approved an outing/meeting for the members of the youth group at the Escape Room - City 13 in Oak Creek on June 25.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Hochevar
Church Council Secretary



Congratulations

*to Luke Ryan Czarny
and Brittany Jean Czarny
on Their Baptisms.*

*May they grow in wisdom and stature
and in favor with God and all humankind.*

According to the Constitution of All Saints Evangelical Lutheran Church – 2008

To be a member in good standing, you must EITHER give a record of offering,
OR receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion at least once in the previous year.
This is true for all CONFIRMED MEMBERS.

To vote at the Annual Congregation Meeting of the Church, you must do BOTH.

You must BOTH give a record of offering AND receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion at
least once during the previous year. This is true for all CONFIRMED MEMBERS.

Many of you are aware that we did suspend the constitution during the global pandemic.

That is no longer the case. The Constitution was reinstated as of February 1, 2022.





We are still looking

**For a few GOOD Men...
Or Women...**

Who can sell gift cards **BEFORE and **AFTER**
Liturgies on Saturday, Sunday and Wednesdays...**

If you attend church on any of those days, please give us thirty minutes of your time – every couple of weeks – to sell gift cards!

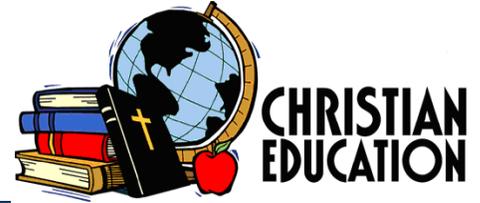
It's easy to do!

It would require you getting to church about 20-30 minutes before the start of church to sell cards; and then about 20 minutes after church to again sell the cards and do an inventory of the remaining cards. Again, it is an easy task...

OR

Men or women...

Who can commit to count the church's money after liturgy on Sunday? You would be assigned to a team of veteran counters who will show you the procedures of counting. You would only have to commit your time (about 30 minutes) every fourth or fifth Sunday of the month. If you are a "Sunday Person" and you are at church that day, please consider giving us a hand...



Christian Education

There will be a Chris Ed Committee Meeting on Sunday, July 24th at 11:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. New committee members are always welcome.

Note: My committee is in dire need of committee members to help ensure the continuation of Christian Education within our church. *(In fact, most/all of the committees at the church could benefit from additional participation/input from church members.)* It's hard to hold committee meetings when no one is in attendance.

Sunday School:

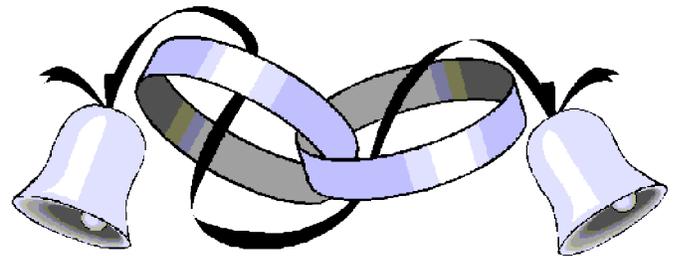
Given it is July, Sunday School is currently not in session. However, I am already looking ahead to Fall and planning for the return of classes in September. Watch for more information about Rally Day in the August and September Revealers.

Please know that at All Saints we welcome both members and non-members alike to join us for Sunday School so feel free to bring a friend or neighbor. We love to have them join us. All children ages 4 thru 6th grade are welcome . as are their parents/grandparents if they wish to stay.

If you are interested in teaching or helping out with Sunday School come September, please let me know. We are in need of a Sunday School Superintendent, Teachers, Substitute Teachers and classroom helpers. It's a great way to get to know the children of our church as well as their families.

Respectfully submitted,
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Congratulations



*Congratulations to Pam and Rob Kawczynski
on renewing their wedding vows.*

*May God bless the love you have for each other and bless you
in all your years together ahead.*

The Fourth of July!



It falls on Monday, this year!

The Fourth of July, also known as Independence Day or July 4th, has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution.

On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson.

From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.

Did you know?

John Adams believed that July 2nd was the correct date on which to celebrate the birth of American independence, and would reportedly turn down invitations to appear at July 4th events in protest.

On that day, John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail that July 2nd will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival, and that the celebration should include Pomp and Parade, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other.

Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on **July 4, 1826—the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.**



Evangelism

What is new in Evangelism?

The **New** Evangelization calls each of us to deepen our faith, believe in the Gospel message and go forth to proclaim the Gospel. The focus of the New Evangelization calls all Catholics to be evangelized and then go forth to evangelize.

Evangelism is dying in many churches today.

No, that's not an overstatement. I am not speaking hyperbolically.

Evangelism is dying.

Look at the data. Measure almost any group of churches today versus thirty years ago. You'll likely find that only one person is being reached with the gospel for every forty to sixty church members. You will find that conversions have declined precipitously. And where you find numerical growth, you are more likely to find that the growth is transfer of Christians from one church to another. That's not evangelism. That's sheep shuffling.

Pastors and other leaders must fall on their faces before God and ask Him to reignite their congregations with an evangelistic passion. When evangelism dies as a priority in the church, the church has already begun to die.

So why should evangelism be one of the highest priorities in your church?
Though the reasons are many, allow me to share one of them.

(I will review the first of seven.)

Because Christ commanded it. We typically refer to the Great Commission of Matthew 28:18-20 as our evangelistic and disciples-making command. But there are many other places in the New Testament where the priority of evangelism is clearly evident. Christ commanded it.

We must do it.

Consider joining our next meeting July 10, 2022 at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Please don't let Evangelism die.

Evangelism Chairperson

Brian Rathmann
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St. Thomas, Apostle July 3rd, 2022

Remember when they were all in lock down...?

They lock all the doors because they're still afraid of what might happen to them if the religious authorities find them. Probably smart idea, right? Suddenly, Jesus comes into the room and greets them. Surprise! (Whoa! Didn't see that one coming did we?) He shows the disciples the wounds on his hands and in his side, and the disciples are thrilled to see him again. Yay! Jesus tells them that they are being sent out, and then he breathes on them. They have now received the Holy Spirit and have the power to forgive the sins of others. Pretty cool.

Aint No Doubt About it!

Thomas, however, wasn't around to see any of this. Later, he rejoins the disciples and they tell him everything. Thomas isn't buying it. He says that, until he sees the nail marks and wounds on Jesus first-hand, he's not going to believe their story. Thomas needs proof of life.

REMEMBER THIS?

A week later, the disciples are meeting again in the same house and Thomas is there. What could possibly happen? Oh yeah. Again, all the doors are locked, but again, Jesus comes. Of course, he does, as **ONLY JESUS CAN!**

He greets the disciples and then gives old Thomas the nod of his head, that he's free to put his hand in the wound in his side and shows him the nail marks on his hands. Check it out dude! Do your research! Satisfy yourself

Ewwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwwww

. Don't you feel silly now? Jesus tells him not to doubt, but to believe.

Faced with some pretty strong evidence, Thomas believes whole-heartedly. Duh! No one ever said these guys were rocket-scientists!

Jesus says it's great that he believes, but it's even better when people who **haven't seen** him believe. Like Christians are going to have to do for the next couple millennia until he returns...



**On July 3rd, every year before our celebration of the 4th of July,
we always remember St. Thomas of old...**



Financial:



Offering Envelopes...

Here's just another reminder...that we will NOT be ordering any offering envelopes this year. PLEASE use up ALL the envelopes you now have in your possession.

If, you find you need more envelopes, there is a sign-up sheet hanging on the bulletin board – that goes into the fellowship hall.

Just sign up there and you will receive your envelopes. We will even gladly mail them out to you...just let us know!

MY REGULAR CHURCH OFFERING	
For Church Expenses	\$ _____
For Missions	\$ _____
For Building Fund	\$ _____

Honor the Lord with your possessions and with the first produce of your entire harvest. Proverbs 3:9

We are sure you are wondering...about the Art Fair – **“HOW GREAT THOU ART!”**

- We are aware that we are a “young” venue and cannot compete with events of longer and larger standing events.
- This year, we had 4 artists sign up in advance of the event. We could not wait until the last minute to make a decision. There were artists to be thought of, as well as our whole host of bakers.
- Three Key Leaders were still needed:
 - Someone to oversee the Baked Tables
 - Someone to oversee the Raffle and to help with the Raffle
 - Someone to oversee the Food Service
- We could not advertise using the church (temporary sign) in front of the church...
- Six weeks prior to the event, we could not put up the four 8' X 4' signs saying How Great Thou Art – Art Fair with the date and the times...
- We did advertise on Facebook
- We did reach out to all the artists from past events
- We did boost the facebook advertisement at a cost
- We did advertise in various local communities utilizing the PATCH
- Signs were posted in some area businesses
- Sign up sheets at church were ok, but could have used more volunteers

So, where do we go from here? Good Question. The first thing is to look at our date. The next thing to look at our times of the event. And then, we have to look at “how” we can reach more individual artists to display and hopefully sell their work.



What we do know is that the event did add some needed income during the summer months and brought some quality art to the area. (These were two of our main goals!)

Baby Steps...



Another baby step.

For those of you who worship with us regularly, you know there are no longer any assigned readings. People sign up and volunteer when they come to worship. They choose whether they will read, the First Reading, the Psalmody, the Second Reading, or if they would like to volunteer to do the Prayer of the Church.

We love the diversity! We love the change!

Remember pre-pandemic there was one lector for the liturgy? Now, we have four! Yay, us!

Last month we added a Council Person in Charge to each and every liturgy.

NOW WE ARE ADDING: someone to hold “the empty tray for communion.”

Things are changing, slowly but surely they are going back to a new kind of normal... We are still finding our way. It may be a little different, but that is OK.

So, why not consider holding the empty tray? All you have to do is sign-up!

THANKS, in advance!



Liturgy Committee –

The Minister and the Farmer

Many years ago, a minister was driving along a remote country road, when he happened upon a very beautiful farm. The farm was kept in absolutely magnificent condition.

The fences were well cared for, the crops were a radiant green and although the house was set back some distance from the road, it was abundantly clear that it had a clean, fresh coat of white paint on it.

Well-cultivated flower beds encircled the house and stretched all along both sides of the long, wide driveway, leading to it from the road.

In a neat row along both sides of the drive as well, were straight lines of tall green poplar trees reaching up to a picturesque pale blue sky.

The lawns surrounding the house were a deep rich green, and as well manicured as any putting green ever was. Indeed, the entire picture would have fit well on a postcard, since it was absolutely breathtaking in its splendor.

Then the minister looked off to his right, to the other side of the road. Here the fields were ploughed, the earth was the deepest black the minister had ever seen and he was amazed at how the furrows had been plowed in such a way that they stretched out in rows ~~as~~ straight as clothes lines.+

Far off in the distance, the minister could see the farmer sitting up on his tractor, with a straw hat on the back of his head and clad in an old, light blue pair of overalls. It appeared that the farmer was moving toward the road as he was plowing.

Since the minister was in no particular hurry, he pulled his car over to the side of the road, got out of it, and walked toward the fence. When he reached it, he just stood still, enjoying the light breeze, the warm sunlight and admiring the beauty of the farm and the farmer's ability to plough such straight furrows.

As the farmer worked his way toward the road, he noticed the minister leaning against the fence. So he brought the tractor to a halt, climbed down from it, and slowly started to walk in the minister's direction.

As the farmer got closer the minister smiled, raised his arm, and waved saying, ~~My~~ good man, God has certainly blessed you with a beautiful farm.+

The farmer stopped, pulled out an old red and white polka-dot handkerchief from his pocket with his big, scarred and calloused hands. He raised his arm and wiped the sweat from his sun-scorched brow, still not saying a word.

Then he reached up with his other hand, and gently took from his mouth the long piece of straw that had been bouncing and waving as he walked.

He stood in silence for a moment, looking at the minister, and then he spoke.

With a slow, steady voice he replied, "Yes Reverend, you're right. God has blessed me with a beautiful farm, but I just wish you could have seen it when he had it all to himself!"

Respectfully Submitted,
Jayne Murnane

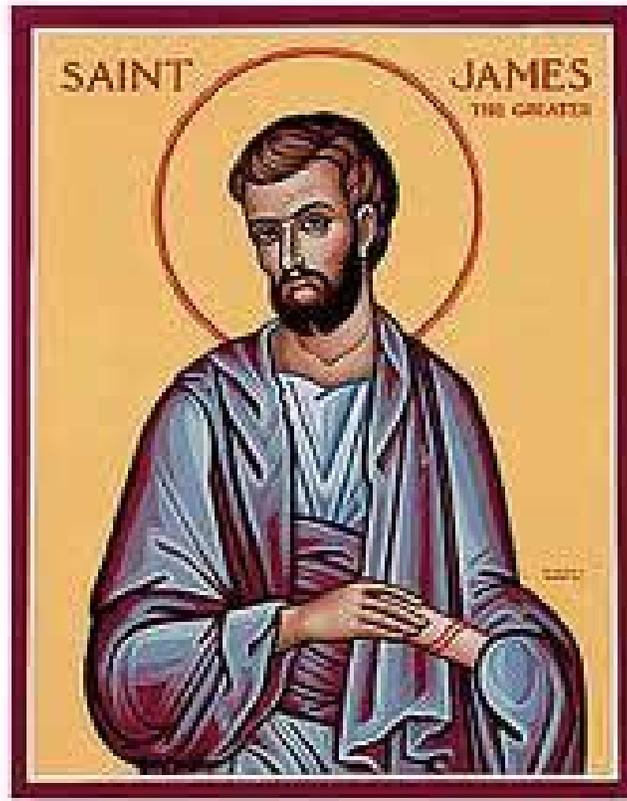


FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Thank you to our church members who donated to our Food Pantry this month:

- Betty Ford
- Elaine Kleinhans
 - Jodi Heine
- Brittany Czarny
- Bob Desmarais
- Sue McIntosh
- Renee Mahler

St. James, The Greater



The son of Zebedee and Salome, James is styled "the Greater" to distinguish him from the Apostle James "the Less", with "greater" meaning older or taller, rather than more important. James the Great was the brother of John the Apostle.

James is described as one of the first disciples to join Jesus.

The Synoptic Gospels state that James and John were with their father by the seashore when Jesus called them to follow him.

James was one of only three apostles whom Jesus selected to bear witness to his Transfiguration. James and John (or, in another tradition, their mother) asked Jesus to grant them seats on his right and left in his glory.

Jesus rebuked them, asking if they were ready to drink from the cup he was going to drink from and saying the honor was not even for him to grant. The other apostles were annoyed with them.

James and his brother wanted to call down fire on a Samaritan town, but were rebuked by Jesus. (They obviously could be “hot-headed!”)

The Acts of the Apostles record that "Herod the king" (usually identified with Herod Agrippa I) had James executed by the sword.

Many scholars have suggested that this may have been caused by James's fiery temper, in which he and his brother earned the nickname Boanerges or "Sons of Thunder".

The last piece of information the Scripture tells us of the life of Saint James, son of Zebedee, is that he suffered martyrdom for Christ's sake.

He was beheaded at the decree of King Herod Agrippa not long before Apostle Peter was arrested.

Thus, Saint James was the first apostle to die preaching the Risen Christ.

We know from tradition that one of the guards, who led James to the court, was so impressed by his courage and words that he converted to Christianity and asked Apostle James to forgive him.

The apostle paused to think and then replied, *Peace be to you!* And kissed him, after which they were beheaded together.



Just so you know, there were two disciples named James...both were disciples...
St. James, the Greater
And
St. James, the Lesser.

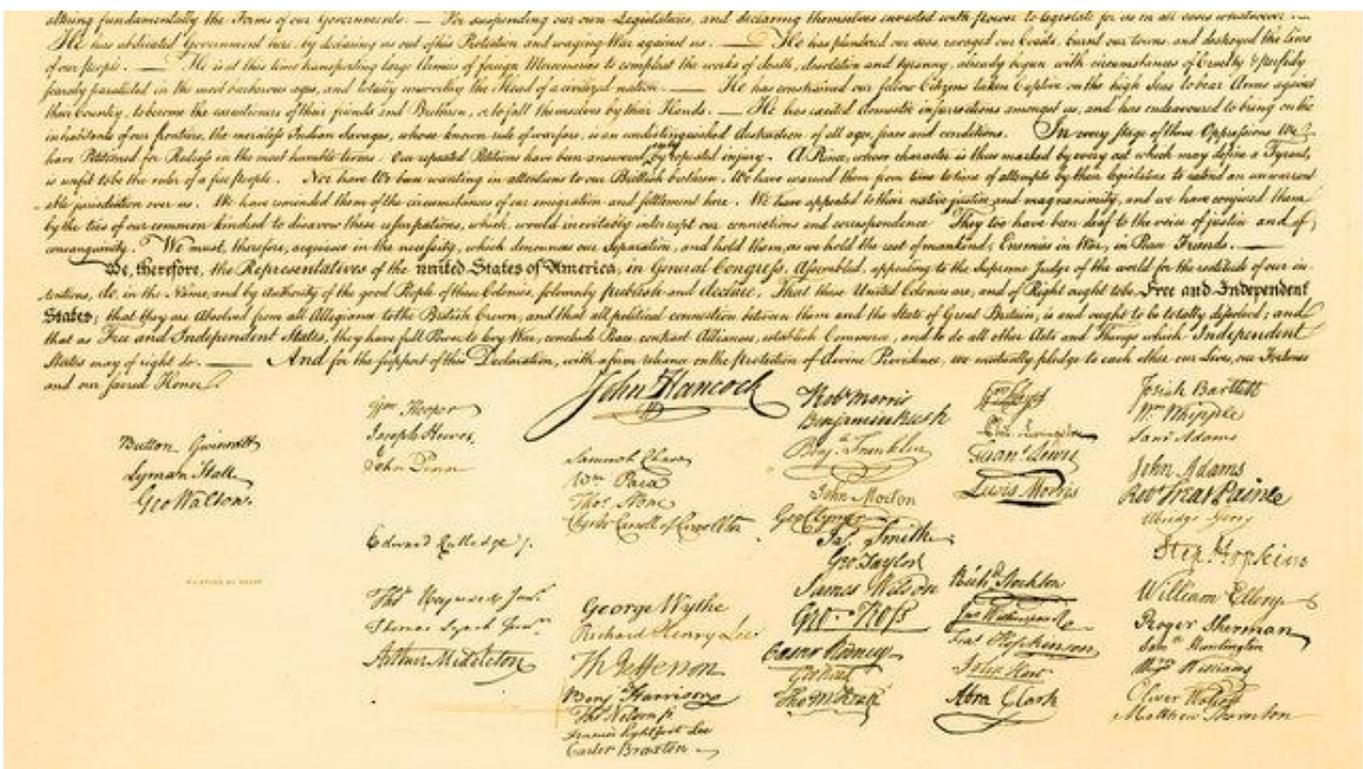
The Declaration of Independence

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

That, to secure these rights, government is instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

That, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to affect their safety and happiness.+





Thanks to Tim Jackalone for cutting down some of the dead trees on the churches property.



Thanks to Jim Kubusek for all his work on the church lawn!

Property
Committee



Property

I hope everyone's summer is going well. Our new air conditioning units are in. We had one little hiccup but it was fixed immediately. The geraniums were planted in the front garden. Yes, there were some pink ones. They were a gift from House of Prayer on Ryan. We also had a gift of an apple tree. It was given to us by an Oak Creek resident, of the Hindu faith. Their wish was to plant an apple tree at each religious community in Oak Creek. They want it to be a sign of the greater community that we are. How can we say no?

We have more memorial trees that will be planted in the back lot of the church so that means we need longer hoses. If anyone has hoses at their house that they are not using please consider donating them to church.

I want to thank Tim Jackalone and his daughter for taking down one of the big dead trees on the north side of our lot and splitting it. We are going to need more help taking down more trees. Please let me know if that is something you can help with. Our next meeting will be July 13th at 6pm. I hope to see you there.

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August Rummage Sale

Our June rummage was a big success. We made \$1901.50. We will be having another one on August 12th and 13th. Please contact me if you have stuff you would like to donate. I would like to thank everyone who helped out even if it was just for a little while. Every little bit helps greatly. I would also like to thank Margaret, Sandy, and Mary for the weeks of work they put in cleaning, pricing, and testing everything before it could be put out. You ladies are awesome! Thank you.

Thank you!

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Some pics from the June Rummage Sale





The date is:

Friday, August 12th 9:00-6:00
Saturday, August 13th 9:00-3:00

You know...you've got stuff!

Volunteer/helpers: are always sought.

Sorting, Hauling, Washing, Cleaning Up, Pricing, Setting up, Displaying, Selling...we will take all help we can get!

BUT FIRST: You know that stuff in the attic?

Remember the stuff in the garage?

What about all that stuff that you have been saving? Saving it for what?

Then, there's the stuff you haven't used in (how many years?)

Oh yeah, and the stuff in the cabinet and the stuff in the drawer...you know which drawer we are talking about...

Why, some of us have stuff in storage units!

All that stuff that we thought was so priceless...hmm...stuff we thought we couldn't do without...

Cleaning out, is a good thing...getting rid of...is a good thing...donating is a good thing...

You know, you've got stuff!



You had to be thereõ

It was Saturday night worship. Pj was preaching. We were about 25-30 minutes into the worshipõ and all of a sudden there is loud barking and commotion at the back door. The kind that makes you want to jump out of your seat.

Someone (a non-member) a random person off the streets DARED to enter the building. They got as far as the entranceway, and %ld-you-know-who+was on guard. At the door, at the ready, barking up a storm. Intruder, unknown personage, not a fellow member, stranger-danger, alert, alert, alertõ

The person entered no furtherõ

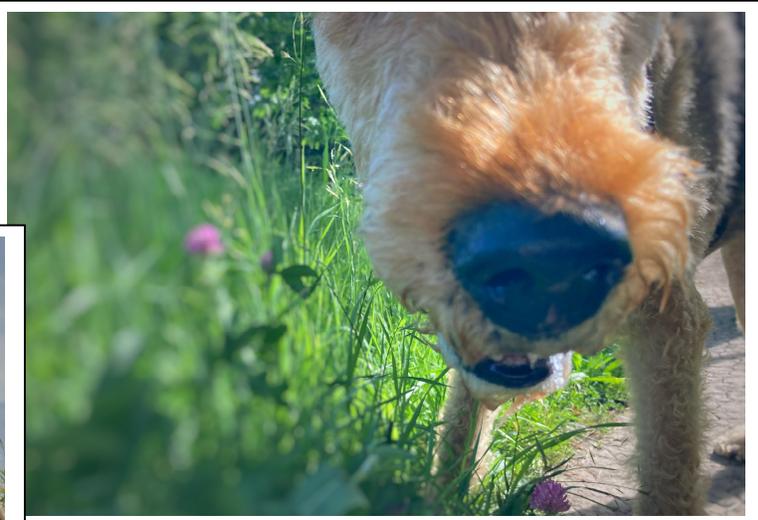
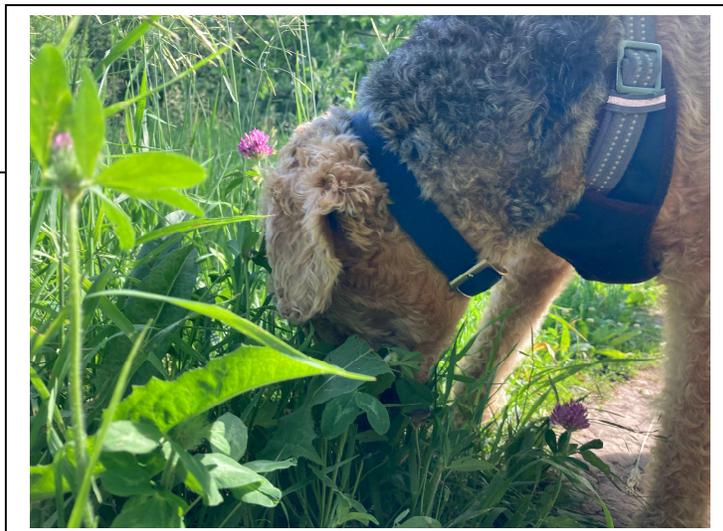
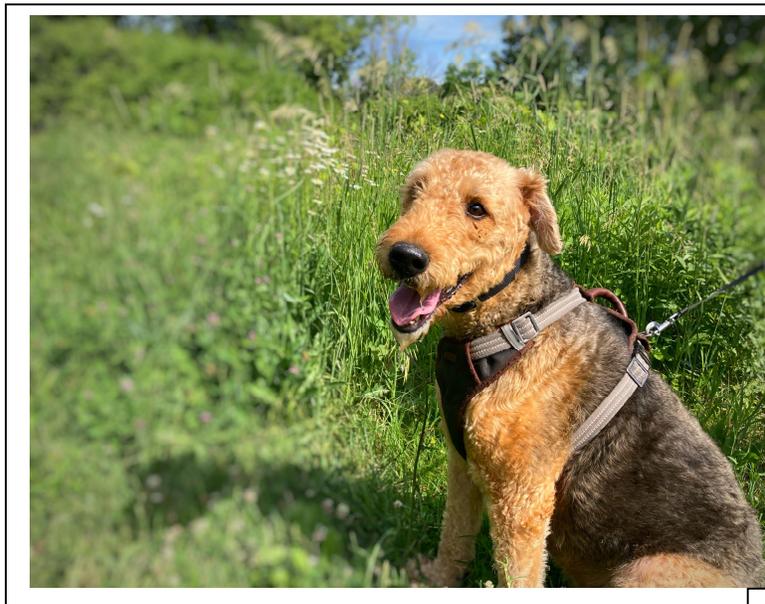
Moriah was at the door and at the ready. The old guard dog continued her loud disruption. The unknown person left the building and continued walking down Howell Avenue.

This is now the third week that our doors have not functioned properly, the third week that they cannot be locked. Never fear. Moriah Joy is here! The church dog is always on guard. (Unless she is sound asleep! Or otherwise occupied!)

Now, had they come in with %hard candy,+%a sucker,+%a dog treat,+%aints,+%um,+ they may have had a chanceõ

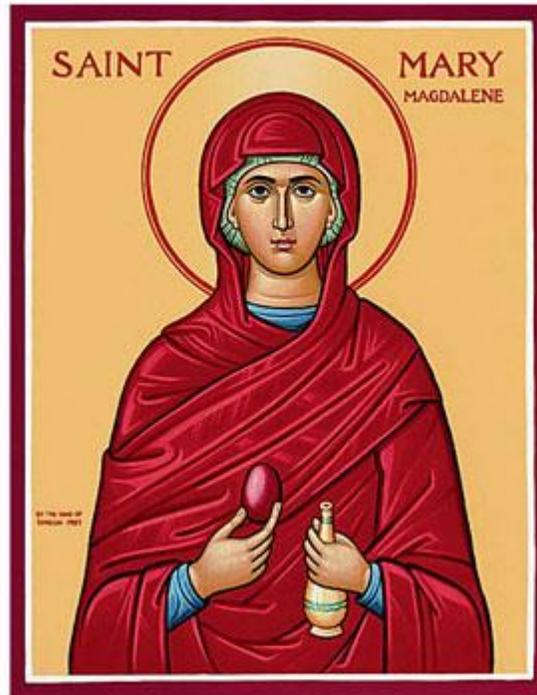
But they came %bearing no such gifts+õ and as a result, they were denied further entrance into the building. Moriah Joy, %at your service+õ literally.

Moriah's Friday outings at the park...



St. Mary, Magdalene

July 22nd



Talk about “your prime seating.” Mary Magdalene is only mentioned twice—very late in the Gospel (of John) —but she gets up close and personal at the most important events in the story: the crucifixion and the resurrection. People have a lot to say about her, that's for sure, but what does John's gospel want us to know about this (in) famous Mary?

"Go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" (20:17)

Wait, what? “The girl disciple” gets to go back and tell “the guys” what she’s seen and heard?

As you might imagine, women weren't running companies back in the 1st century—that's to say, things weren't quite the same back then. And people weren't afraid to discredit Mary Magdalene because of it. In the first few centuries, people discredited the resurrection because it was based on the witness of "a half-frantic woman"

He Is Risen-The Resurrection!

The two men return to their homes, leaving Mary alone at the tomb, weeping in despair.
Thanks a lot, guys! Supportive, very supportive!

When Mary looks into the tomb, she sees two angels dressed in white sitting in the place where they laid the body of Jesus. Whoa.

The angels ask Mary why she is crying. Apparently, talking to angels is “just another day at the office for Mary.”

She tells them it's because someone must have taken Jesus' body and she has no idea where they could have put it.

As she says this, she turns around and sees Jesus standing there, only she doesn't recognize him. Like the angels, Jesus asks her why she's crying.

Mary thinks that he must be “the gardener” and asks him if he took the body. Mary, you're so close.

"Mary!" Jesus says to her, and the—light bulb goes on!—she recognizes him. Jesus tells her not to touch him though; he hasn't yet gone back to God. But, what she could do is go tell his disciples that he is going to God. That would be great. Okay, thanks. Bye!

Mary rushes back to the disciples once again to give them the good news...that's what makes her an APOSTLE!

(Apostle – means, “One sent out!”)



He is Risen, indeed!



4th of July Word Search

CONGRESS
CONNECTICUT
DELAWARE
ENGLAND
FIREWORKS
FLAG
FREEDOM
GEORGIA
JULY
KING
LIBERTY
MARYLAND
MASSACHUSETTS-BAY
NEW HAMPSHIRE
NEW JERSEY
NEW YORK
NORTH CAROLINA
PARADE
PENNSYLVANIA
RHODE ISLAND
SOUTH CAROLINA
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P E N N S Y L V A N I A N H

Can you name the original 13 colonies? (Be careful)

Just start at the top and work your way down the eastern seaboard, it's like a mini-vacation without leaving home and it's a lot cheaper!

But be careful, we are talking 13 colonies, NOT STATES!

Do you know which colony was the first? A place for lovers

On September 9, 1776, the Second Continental Congress adopted a new name for what had been called the "United Colonies."

The moniker "United States of America" has remained since then as a symbol of freedom and independence.

"Turtle Island" is a name for Earth or North America, used by some Indigenous peoples in Canada and the United States, as well as by some Indigenous rights activists.

The name is based on a common North American Indigenous creation story and is in some cultures synonymous with "North America." Who knew?

WISH LIST

The property committee is looking for **Menard's Gift cards** to be used for paint. Now that the new air conditioner units have been installed we need to repaint the walls of the sanctuary. If you have any questions you can talk to Sara Jolitz, Property chair. We also will be looking for individuals interested in helping talk to me!

Last call for members wishing to serve on the 2022 Constitution Committee . we need to do this thing and get it done! (Talk to Pj if you are interested in helping out!)





World Concerns



Request for Our Food Pantry:

With the summer months coming up we are looking for foods to feed kids in need. Please help if you can.

Jam/Jelly (grape and strawberry are favorites)

- Mac and Cheese
 - Cereal (any kind)
 - Milk from the Dollar Tree (Shelf stable until opened)
- Special thanks to Betty Ford, Elaine Kleinhans, Jodi Heine, Brittany Czarny and Bob Desmarais for food donations this past month.
- **Fisher House meals were provided on June 15th. The Fisher House is a place for veterans' families to stay while their veteran is hospitalized or getting tests at the Veteran's hospital. Derk Vander Molen, Lynn Friedman, Randy and Mary Jo Meier cooked a taco meal with all the fixings, and provided a cheesecake dessert for the veterans and their families. We also provided a Kringle and fresh fruit for their morning breakfast. Thank you to Sara Jolitz, Brittany Czarny, Dale Hochevar, Derk, Lynn and Mary Jo for providing all the food donations to make this meal.**



- In July we are planning to thank our Oak Creek Fire Departments (we have 3) and our Oak Creek Police Department (1) with Thank You cards (signed by as many of our church members as possible) and scrip cards for Subway and Cousins. Thank you to all the firefighters and police officers in our community who risk their lives and serve us every day.

NAME	ADDRESS
Cousins Scrip (any amount)	
Subway Scrip (any amount)	
Give scrip cards and this form to PJ or Kinga and they will add your donation to your church giving and ensure the cards get to World Concerns.	Bulletin inserts will be coming in July too. 100% of the Scrip cards will go to the Oak Creek Fire and Police Departments.



- August project will be backpacks and school supplies for Oak Creek kids in need. These supplies will be distributed by the Oak Creek social worker at East and West Middle schools in Oak Creek. More information will be coming next month.

- These are the supplies needed:

24 count crayons spiral notebooks . 1 subject wide-ruled Large glue sticks
 Washable markers Loose leaf paper Colored pencils
 Erasers . large pink Pencils #2 Scissors (metal blades)
 Headphones wired (no ear buds) Backpacks

- If you don't care to shop, then Walmart or Target Scrip could be donated.
- A box labeled Oak Creek School Supplies will be coming next month for donations and will be in the Narthex.
- Next committee meeting is Wednesday, July 6 at 6 PM.
- If you have questions about this committee or are interested in joining, **call Mary Jo Meier or text me at 414-530-2339** or e-mail me at **MJMEDIC@hotmail.com**

Welcome to Overeaters Anonymous (OA)—a community of people who through shared experience, strength, and hope are recovering from unhealthy relationships with food and body image.



Problem with food?

There is a solution!

**Overeaters Anonymous
Meets every Thursday
At 12:00 Noon!**

Right here...at All Saints!

**Call Joan
1-608-628-2616
For further details!**

Confirmation News!

It will not that be ~~what~~ long+and ~~soon~~+we will be reconvening, again! Yay!

Just a reminder, ours at All Saints is a three year program of Confirmation Ministry. It starts in 7th grade and ends with the 9th grade school year.

Classes meet on Thursday eveningsō each class being 45 minutes in length. Parents and/or guardians are always encouraged to stay. We WANT to have you be with us! Inter-generational-education is where it is at! Each student needs a Bible, notebook, and writing utensil. (We use the NRSV of the Bible, same as in church!)

We expect copious note taking. Hehehe

Our classes ~~pr~~ pretty much+follow the school year, with ~~so~~ some exceptions.+

Our classes are ~~op~~ open+to the surrounding community and to anyone who might be interested in attending of any age. You do not have to be a member of All Saints to attend.

To be confirmed, one does need to be baptized.

7th Grade is an overview of both the Hebraic Scriptures and the Early Christian Writings.

8th Grade, the entire year is spent on the Hebrew Bible.

9th Grade is spent entirely on the Early Christian Writings. (Class times are 6-7-8:00 P.M.) Friends are always welcome, as well.

So, parents or guardians of those going into the 7th Grade hopefully and prayerfully will want to give us a call and enroll their young people for our September classes. You merely call the church office at (414) 762-5111, we will be more than happy to answer any and all questions or get back to you, if the need be.

For our two young men being confirmed in fall, again that date is: ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, November 6th, and that day is Daylight Saving Time, so we get an extra hour of sleep! Yay, again!!! The time will be during the normal 10 A.M. liturgy of worship. We will be in touch as the time draws nearō

Just so you guys know, you are missed and our time together is really relished!

Help to spread the word!



Youth Ministry



All of our Confirmands passed their tests!!
 (Insert sigh of relief here.)
 Thursdays are now officially BORING!
 But never fear, summer activities are here!!

Some of our youth and their friends, as well as a few of us young at heart, enjoyed a fun filled day on Saturday June 25th testing our wits and teamwork abilities to save CITY 13+ from the evil forces of The Steam+. The kids spent an hour at the City 13 Escape room in Oak Creek solving puzzles, breaking codes and just having an all-out great time. We followed up with ice cream at Culvers afterward. Everyone made it out alive and had a great time. Plans are in the works for our next youth adventure.

The youth committee had our meeting at Culvers (what a treat)! We are continuing to look into fundraising opportunities for the summer and fall. There are several service projects the youth may be able to help out with around the church. Some ideas are helping to paint the sanctuary and possibly helping to stack wood from the trees that are being chopped down. More information will be put out to the youth and their parents as these projects unfold. What an excellent chance to bank up some service hours for next year!

Along with summer come the joys of family trips and summer school activities. With that in mind the youth committee had to be flexible and change some of our meeting dates so that we could maximize attendance. Our next meeting will be on Friday July 15th, at 5:00pm and our August meeting will be Sunday August 7th after liturgy.

Thank you to all of the youth, parents, volunteers and congregation for your support of our All-Saints youth group.

For the youth committee,
 Dennis Schneider





7/2 Bob Payne
7/3 John Montague
7/6 Help Needed
7/9 Bob Payne
7/10 Dennis Schneider
7/13 Kinga Vnuk
7/16 Bob Payne
7/17 Lynn Friedman
7/20 Kinga Vnuk
7/23 Bob Payne
7/24 Dale Hochevar
7/27 Kinga Vnuk
7/30 Bob Payne
7/31 Judy Wolter

Thanks guys, you are all appreciated!



WISH LIST

With six new trees on the premises and all trees needing to be watered daily until they become established, hoses are desperately needed by the property committee. Sara wants to put it out there NEW or USED it doesn't matter to us, we just need more than one hundred feet or more for a run, from the building to the trees in the back forty. Anyone who can help out with hoses will be greatly appreciated

Blessings in advance
The Property Committee



Letters we receive: Correspondence



Dear PJ,

and my dear friends at All Saints!!!

I thank you all so very much for thinking of me during this challenging time. Your cards, prayers, and kind words have helped me more than you can imagine. I am starting to feel better and look forward to seeing you in church.

God Bless you All!

With love and gratitude,

Eva Brown



Dear PJ, Kinga, and All Saints Family,

with much Thanks and Appreciation for all you do!

With Love and Prayers.

Love,

Deb and Jerry Pavlik



Dear All Saints,

Here are some pink flowers for your church.

I didn't like the color so you can plant them on your church grounds.

Rob from House of Prayer Lutheran Church.



Dear All Saints Family.

Thank you!

PJ and everyone at All Saints for the prayers and caring thoughts.

I am feeling much better - not ready to climb a mountain yet - nut getting close.

Love you all.

Linda Wood



Dear PJ,

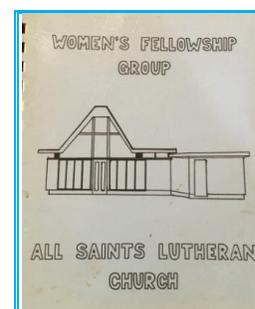
Look who's sending a card now!

I just want to thank you for everything. Waiting, patiently I might add, for the day that I came into Church. You noticed. You reached out. For that, I thank you. It was hard for me to make those first few services. I was alone, only knew you (let's face it, I couldn't sit right next to you!) and was intimidated. But every time you would notice. You would reach out. You also sent a card! Thank you. Now I am officially baptized and was able to share that experience with Luke & a Church filled with faces I know, and I have grown to reach out too.

Thank you,

Brittany and Luke

P.S. The oddest thing happened too; I had the hymnal my mom donated for Jodie (my aunt). It's like they were both with me today too. How crazy is that?



From the kitchen of All Saints' Family

*an excerpt from The original All Saints' Cookbook –
"Women's Fellowship Group Cookbook" published in 1979*

Spanish Rice

Recipe submitted by Mary Anderson

Ingredients

- 1 c. cooked rice
- 1.c water
- ¼ c/ oleo
- 1 medium onion (thinly sliced)
- ½ medium green pepper (diced)
- 2 c. stewed tomatoes (with juice)
- 1 tsp. salt
- Dash of pepper

DIRECTIONS

Melt oleo in saucepan. Add onion, green pepper and rice. Cook and stir over high heat until lightly browned. Add tomatoes, water, salt and pepper. Mix well. Bring gently to a boil. Cover tightly, lower heat, and simmer gently for 30 minutes.

Serves 4 to 6.

Enjoy!





Just for Laughs...

A woman had just returned to her home from an evening of church services, when she was startled by an intruder. She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled:

“Stop! **Acts 2:38!** (Acts 2:38 (ESV) says “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of your sins.”)

The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar: “Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you.”

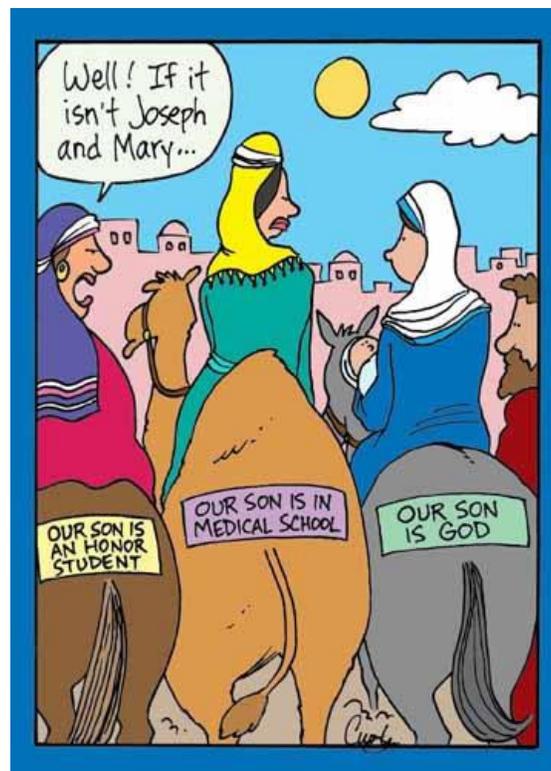
“Scripture?” replied the burglar. **‘She said she had an Ax and Two 38s!’**

A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter.

Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: “I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses.”

When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note:

“I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation.”



Information for your reference.....

Note on Hospitalizations...

Federal Law restricts the disclosure of patient information by hospitals. Therefore, if you are hospitalized and want the Pastor to know, it is important for you or the family to give us a call, as soon as possible. Church Office at 762-5111, P.J.'s private line at 762-6101 or his cell at 414-276-2788.



Eyeglasses and Hearing Aids Wanted

All Saints is working with the Lion's Club to collect eyeglasses and hearing aids, which can be recycled for those in need. Pass the word to friends and relatives, too. A drop box is located in the entryway.

Lions Club of Oak Creek extends a Thank You to all who have been contributing to their cause. The response has been great and much appreciated.

Can I or A Family Member Have a Church Funeral?

This is a question that arises quite frequently by non-members or Members with non-member family. The answer is not always an easy one but, the only people eligible for a funeral held at All Saints are Members of All Saints. P.J. will only do immediate family funerals for Members of All Saints at his discretion and only at the Funeral Home and not the Church.



Wine or Grape Juice, Gluten free wafers?

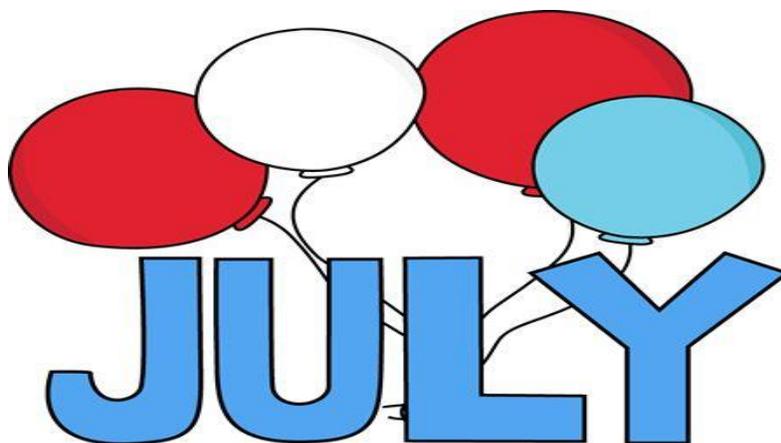
Are you aware that both wine and grape juice are available on each communion tray? The grape juice is always in the center glasses. If you wish to have grape juice all you need to do is ask the communion assistant and it will be given.

We also have gluten free wafers available but you need to let Pj know before the liturgy if you wish them available for communion.

Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! ~ Psalm 100:2

The donation folder is posted in the blue folder on the Bulletin Board. Select your dates for those special occasions or people in your lives and follow the instructions on the inside front cover.

Remember, by donating Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Candles and Bulletins you help the church budget and it is a great way to remember those special people and dates in your life. PLEASE PRINT



Donations:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Bulletins</u>	<u>Memorial Candle</u>	<u>Honor Candle</u>
June 25 to July 1	Kleppek	Open	Open	Open	Open
July 2 to 8	Open	Cieszynski	Krajnak	Vnuk	Speaks
July 9 to 15	Montague	Montague	Haworth	Howard	Speaks
July 16 to 22	Vander Molen	Open	Howard	Vnuk	Vnuk
July 23 to 29	Kleppek	Open	Wood	Open	Bishop
July 30 to Aug 5	Vnuk	Vnuk	LaFond	Open	Vnuk



Revealer Articles are due on Wednesday July 20th by Noon.

With extending the deadline, to the Wednesday after Council meets - this is a firm deadline for all Revealer Articles. You are encouraged to send them to the church office in advance if possible. Please make sure to have them in on time. Thank you.

**4th Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 66:10-14
 Psalm 66:1-9
 Galatians 6: [1-6], 7-16
 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:9-14
 Psalm 25:1-10
 Colossians 1:1-14
 Luke 10:25-37

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-10 a
 Psalm 15
 Colossians 1:15-28
 Luke 10:38-42

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-10 a
 Psalm 138
 Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]
 Luke 11:1-13

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23
 Psalm 49:1-12
 Colossians 3:1-11
 Luke 12:13-21

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 15:1-6
 Psalm 33:12-22
 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
 Luke 12:32-40

Numbers you should have at hand:

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**Web Page:**

<http://allsaintsoakcreek.org>

Do you have an address, phone number or status change? Please contact the church office to report any changes for the records. This helps insure our files stay current. THANK YOU

MONEY COUNTERS TEAMS:

TEAM 1: **July 17th, 2022**
Lynn Friedman
Denise Kalski, Captain
Paul Salewski

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Dena Olsen **July 24th, 2022**
Don Olsen, Captain
Barbara Schrubey, Captain

TEAM 3:
Tom Coonan, Captain **July 10th, 2022**
Brian Rathmann, Captain **July 31st, 2022**
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