

April 11, 2024

Opportunities for ministry and fellowship in, through and around All Saints

We Have a "Candidate of Choice"

Submitted by Jeff Voelkel

On Monday night, the Council voted to accept the recommendation of the call committee of the name of a candidate to be our next pastor. There are printed copies of her biography available on the welcome table in the narthex, but the Synod very strongly recommends that her name not appear in any electronic communication until the Congregation officially votes to extend a Letter of Call (the ELCA's term for a job offer letter). The Call Committee is VERY EXCITED by this candidate,



and she is equally excited about us. She has served another church in our area (named in the printed bio) for several years. She knows who we are, and she wants to be here.

On **Monday, April 22nd, there will be a Meet and Greet from 6 – 8pm**, for us to meet the candidate and for her to meet us.

On Sunday, April 28th, after our worship service, there will be a special congregational meeting. At that time, there will be more information about the candidate, and a vote will be taken on whether to extend a Letter of Call. If the vote is affirmative, we will then work with the candidate and the Synod to draft a mutually acceptable Letter of Call to ministry at All Saints. If all goes well, she may join us sometime in June.

If Pr. Larry is able to return at all from his current illness, April 28th will be his last Sunday. We'll have a celebration luncheon April 21st (see details elsewhere). Pr. Larry's job as Interim is to help us get to the point of calling a new pastor. He is overjoyed to walk out the door as we vote to accept a new pastor. "Well done, oh good and faithful servant."

Please thank members of the Call Committee - Rebecca Seevers, Rick Gasper, Jim Wall, Connie Flairty, Jim Dralle, Lindsay Barnes and Jeff Voelkel - for their diligent care in considering several candidates.

Join us on Sunday, April 21st following worship for a farewell potluck honoring Pastor Larry, and his service to our congregation the past year and a half.

Gardening Season is Coming

Submitted by Nancy Schultz

Last year, our church gardeners planted and donated a large variety of garden produce in our "Plant For Hephatha" project. After services on Sunday mornings, our church members purchased and enjoyed the fresh garden produce that had been donated. Over \$500 from the sale of vegetables and flowers was given to Hephatha to support their ministry.

Are our gardeners and produce customers up for another season of sharing their time and support for this project? Contact Nancy with your thoughts or ideas.





The Success of the Songoro Scholarship Program Submitted by Ron Bohrer

The scholarship program established with Songoro Parish, our partner congregation in Tanzania, is recognized by members of the partnership committee of the Greater Milwaukee synod as a success. A number of Milwaukee area congregations that have partner congregations in the Meru Diocese are considering using the All Saints model for their partnership programs.

Offering Songoro members the opportunity for advanced education gives them the tools they need to help their community in many ways. This program provides pride and dignity to Songoro members that are not provided by partnership programs that simply subsidize their partner congregations.

This model is made up of a two part program...



Spring Rummage Sale *Submitted by Kathy Neubert*

Friday, May 3rd - Saturday, May 4th 8am till 3pm

Starting on Monday, April 22nd, items may be brought to the Family Life Center for the sale after 10am, until May 3rd. With the incoming items I could use help with set up and arranging tables and pricing.

If you can spare a couple of hours a day or week, it will be greatly appreciated. We will also need help on the days of the sale. There will be a signup sheet in the Narthex so you can schedule yourself. Thank you for your help!

God's work. Our hands.



Mark your calendar for **Sunday, September 8th**, when congregations of the ELCA will join together for our annual day of service, <u>"God's work. Our hands."</u>

Participating in service projects is one way to celebrate who we are as the ELCA — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

This year we also celebrate <u>50 years of ELCA World Hunger</u>. In commemoration of this milestone, consider including ministries focused on alleviating hunger and poverty in your plans for **"God's work. Our hands."** Or make it a season of service! Expand your volunteer opportunities, advocacy efforts or food drives until World Food Day on October 16th.

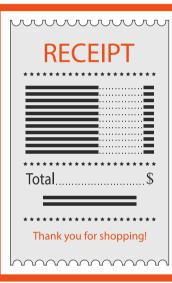
If your congregation cannot participate on September 8th, you are encouraged to pick another date that fits your schedule. **ELCA congregations participate in acts of service every day.** This day of service is an extension of the work you already do to make your community a better place.

Be sure to save the date and check <u>ELCA.org/DayOfService</u> for updated resources soon.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Join us on September 8th!

Have you ever wondered who is on what committee, or how to get ahold of a member of council?

<u>Click here for the 2024 Church Committees/Teams</u> and Main Contacts list.



Are you a Sentry shopper?

If you are a Sentry shopper, please save your receipts and bring them to church! Ellen Gallagher turns in receipts and All Saints receives a percentage of their total amount.

She can tally receipts from as far back as six months, so if you have a Sentry receipt dating back to October 1st, put it in the labeled drawer in the table in the Hearth Room.

THANK YOU!!

Breeze App

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ASLC Calendar

