

# April 28, 2022



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



### All Saints Lutheran Church, ELCA Loving God + Serving Others A RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION

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April 26, 2022

Dear Friends and Members of All Saints:

For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1

Several months ago, I shared that it was time for you to begin preparing for the end of my season as your pastor. Today, I'm sharing that I have decided to retire on July 1, 2022.

I have spoken with Bishop Erickson and your Church Council. My last day in the church office will be Thursday June 9, and my last Sunday leading worship will be June 12. Accounting for vacation time, my last day as pastor of All Saints will be June 30. In order to provide space for new pastoral leadership, I will no longer be available to perform pastoral care or functions such as weddings, baptisms and funerals after June 30. Questions that arise during this time of pastoral transition will be addressed by our Synod staff as they accompany you through the process of preparing to call a new pastor.

Being your pastor for the past eleven years has been a blessing. God has done wonderful things through us, the people of All Saints, and I am honored to have been a part of it all. We became an inclusive, welcoming Reconciling in Christ congregation. We have strengthened our partnership with the Songoro Lutheran Church, with whom we helped build a community medical center, and continue to send children to secondary school and college which, in conjunction with the Mt. Meru Coffee Project, raises the standard of living in their community. Our relationship with Hephatha Lutheran Church remains solid, with our support of their Strong Baby Sanctuary project, Thanksgiving and Easter meals, and providing financial assistance for students attending college or vocational training. Through our work of doing justice through education, and the Circle Conversation group, All Saints has become known in the Synod as a church that takes a stand against injustice, and is doing justice, as Jesus calls us to do.

We are sharing the Gospel of peace, justice and love beyond our four walls through these ministries, our improved website, expanded use of social media, and by livestreaming our worship services online. We've had our challenges along the way, especially during these COVID-19 pandemic years. And yet, by God's grace, strong leadership by your church council, and your faithful support, All Saints has not only survived, but is thriving as a congregation! Praise God!

I have truly been blessed with a lot of wonderful people, and am thankful for your love and support, and the love shown to my family. I care deeply for all of you at All Saints, and will hold you in prayer. The Holy Spirit has guided you through the past, leads you in the present, and will continue to show you the way into the future.

May God bless and keep you, show you grace and mercy, and grant you peace.

Blessings,

Pastor Rov+



## Human Concerns Team Sponsors Plant Sale

Submitted by the Human Concerns Team

On May 21, there will be a Spring Market in the parking lot at All Saints. One of the booths at the Market will have a wide variety of perennial plants available. Plan now to shop for your plant needs! It's a cost effective way to beautify your landscape.

If you have perennials in your yard that have multiplied and you want to thin them out, please consider donating to our plant sale. We have pots and planting soil for you. Please label your plants and indicate their color; we will separate sun plants from shade plants. Plants can be dropped off at church on the patio any time on Thursday or Friday, May 19-20. If you are unable to drop plants off, we can arrange to pick them up.

262 968-4482 if you have any questions.

Proceeds will go to the Hospitality and Outreach Team who has chosen to support the Youth Mission, Hephatha, Songoro, Afghan refugees and the Hope Center, as well as the All Saints General Fund.

Thank you!

Click the image to the right for more information about the Spring Market.

#### Contact Kathy Theis at kathleen.theis@gmail.com or 1st Annual Outside Spring Market

Saturday, May 21, 2022, 7:00AM-4:00PM Hosted by: All Saints Lutheran Church 705 W. Tomlin Rd, Wales, WI

Mark your calendars now! All proceeds from renting vendor spaces and food sales will benefit the ministry and missions of All Saints.

- **Church Bake Sale**
- **Hot Lunch Items and Beverages**
- **Arts and Crafts**
- Plant Sale.
- Antiques and collectibles,
- Barn finds. **Outdoor items, and**
- Many other opportunities for cool stuff!



LOOKING FOR VENDORS Day Market; rain or shine All spaces are outside No electrical hook-ups

# Happy Birthday to

Connor Gallagher	05/01	Dan Pobloskie	05/12	Ralph Stukel	05/19
Karen Steckl	05/01	Hannelore Bohrer	05/13	Olivia Barstatis	05/20
Walker Hoelzl	05/04	Roy Nelson	05/13	Michael Knoernschild	05/20
Jim Zsori	05/06	Tim Wirsching	05/13	J Mercer	05/20
Richard Bohrer	05/07	Mike Flairty	05/14	Donna Page	05/20
Matt Schulz	05/07	Karina Palmer	05/16	Jean Voelkel	05/21
Mary Davis	05/08	Gary Zimmermann	05/16	Hailey Henery	05/23
Max Gerbensky	05/08	Lesley Fuchs	05/17	Rose Leben	05/25
Sandy Schubert	05/08	Lynne Paeth	05/18	Jim Beres	05/28
Tom Franz	05/09	Briana Hagerstrand	05/19	Diana Shaske	05/29
Carol Renner	05/09	Matthew Quint	05/19	Zoe Leben	05/30

# and Happy Anniversary

Sue & Dennis Connors Courtney & Otis Stangl Janet & Dave Hanson 05/07 - 56 years 05/07 - 11 years 05/18 - 26 years

Kim & Todd Haines Julie & Joe Schmidt 05/21 - 34 years 05/29 - 30 years

# Worship at Hephatha, Serve Lunch

Submitted by Kathy Theis

Hephatha members are now worshipping in person and Sunday School has begun. Pastor Mary Martha has invited us to worship and has asked us to prepare and serve lunch on May 1st.

The worship service begins at 9am and is followed by an hour of Sunday School. During the Sunday School hour, we will have time to prepare for lunch.

Please join! Worship at Hephatha is always a wonderful, Spirit-filled experience. If you are able to go, contact Kathy Theis at <u>kathleen.theis@gmail.com</u> or 262-370-3399.

If you are unable to go but would like to help with the meal, that would also be greatly appreciated. The plan is to serve: sloppy Joe sandwiches (we have a generous donation of hamburger. . .thanks!), lettuce salad, fruit, dessert, and a beverage.

If you're willing to make a salad, dessert, etc., please contact Kathy. Pastor Mary Martha anticipates 60 people for lunch but will have a better idea when we are closer to May 1st.

Please join us! Thank you!

# Hymns and Hops - TAKE 2!

Submitted by Rebecca Seevers

We had so much fun doing this in December, we decided to do it again!

Join us on Sunday, May 1st, from 5-7pm at Ella's Public House. If it's nice, we could even be outside! We'll see about that one...

Please sign up ahead of time so the restaurant can plan. Bring your friends!



#### Sign Up Here

## Come to the Open Forum Sunday, May 1st Following Worship Click here to learn more.

# **SCRIP News!**

Your Human Concerns Committee

We wish to thank everyone for continuing to buy Scrip gift cards that help our Human Concerns missions.

A few updates—we currently have \$5 Starbucks and \$10 Amazon cards in stock. These lower amount cards will only be available for a limited time. Please think about teacher appreciation gifts or upcoming graduations that these cards might be the perfect gift for. There are also \$10 Starbucks, Subway, Panera, Cousins and Papa Murphy gift cards available in stock.

We will continue to have someone at the Scrip table on Sundays throughout the summer. However, we would ask that everyone plan



# Money for Missions

All Saints uses proceeds from the sale of SCRIP cards to fund missions locally, nationally and internationally

ahead a bit. Both Kathy and Barb will be gone for vacations in June, so there will likely not be a Scrip order placed during that time.

You can also order any gift cards online at <u>ShopatScrip.com</u>. Please register a family account and use our ASLC enrollment code--**21E12A3876L8**. You will also need this code to set up an account on the RaiseRight app. There are some cards that are only available as e-cards and you would need to get the app to order and use those—like Airbnb or some airlines.

To read more about Scrip and for contact information for Barb, click here.

