

June 20, 2024

TheScoop

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

This is a reminder of the Annual Congregation Meeting to be held following our church service <u>THIS SUNDAY</u> in the Sanctuary. We will be voting for council members at this meeting, and conducting a second and final vote on the changes to the Constitution and ByLaws which were approved at the special congregation meeting on May 21st.

#### **Stamping Event Bake Sale**

Submitted by Chuck Gallagher

Where would we be without air conditioning? Summer is upon us and one of our large units needs some work. We are once again having a bake sale to coincide with the stamping event and proceeds will likely help take care of repairs of the AC unit.



**The sale will take place on Saturday, June 22nd from 9am-1pm.** We need donations of baked goods and a few people to help the day of the sale. You can drop items off at church on Thursday during office hours, Friday evening between 4-6pm, or Saturday morning between 8:30-9:00am.

Since the stamping group uses the Family Life Center, Kitchen and Gathering Room our sale will take place in the nursery and adjoining classroom. <u>Click here</u> for more details and to sign up.

If you have questions or if you want to sign up but don't use Signup Genius, contact Chuck Gallagher at 262-719-9447.



# **Interested in First Communion?**

Submitted by Pastor Jennifer

We're going to offer a First Communion class in August. This class will consist of two sessions:

**First session:** Going to a local pottery studio to make our own clay chalice (cup) for communion. **Second session:** Meeting with Pastor Jennifer to learn more about communion.

This class will be geared toward those that are in or around K-2nd grades, but ALL are welcome to come and learn about communion and to participate in this important milestone. Parents, you know your kids best! If you think they are ready, they are ready!

If you are interested in having your kids participate, please send me an email to <u>pastor@aslcwales.org</u> **by Tuesday, June 25th,** so that we figure out how many kids we have and figure out a schedule that works with you!

The chalices will be around \$25 each and are such a neat part of a special day! We will offer this class again during the season of Lent 2025 (March/April 2025).

Questions? Ask Pastor Jennifer!



### **New Member Information**

Are you interested in exploring membership at All Saints? Join Pastor Jennifer for a short and casual informational session on **Sunday, June 30th following worship.** (If this date doesn't work for you, don't worry! We'll have another one again soon, or we could just meet individually if you'd like – email Pastor Jennifer at <u>pastor@aslcwales.org</u> and we can set something up!)

On June 30th, you can grab a cup of coffee and a treat after church, and we'll meet over in the Youth Room (the room over behind the library).

Attending this information session doesn't commit you to join the church, but will give us an opportunity to visit a little bit about what membership means – and we can (hopefully) answer any questions that you might have! Questions? Feel free to ask Pastor Jennifer – 262-361-3396 (call or text) or pastor@aslcwales.org.

## This Hope Center thank you is a little late, but it is very heart felt.

To the servers: Sylvia, Dyane, Pete and his daughter, Pastor Jennifer, Chloe, Henry, Issac, and Charlie. You were all greatly appreciated.

Thanks to all the bakers and cookie and milk providers. We took in 20 gallons of milk to a very empty refrigerator and of course all the cookies were wonderful.

#### What a haul! Blessings to you all!

WOW!!! We had some very good discussions on the books we read, and maybe even learned some things. But more than that we shared and prayed together. The women of All Saints, we are special. Pine Ridge Reservation Mission Trip Thanks to you, our generous congregation, we are packed to the gills with donations. Thank you!!!

### From Pastor Mary Martha, Hephatha Lutheran Church

Submitted by Kathy Theis

Hephatha serves its community in many ways. They are very involved in the Strong Baby Santuary which provides clothing, diapers, formula and other baby needs as well as parenting classes. Hephatha has a summer work ministry which requires supplies for cleaning up the church and neighborhood along with a meal. They host Tuesday Praise gatherings and provide a lunch on those days. There are many other meetings and gatherings throughout the year.

Each of these activities needs to be funded and Hephatha has a very tight budget. Pastor Mary Martha has reached out about Thrivent grants. They have used these grants in the past but have limited access to them.

A few examples of activities at Hephatha just this spring/early summer are:

- Hosted a Dr. King All-A Thon on May 25
- Hosted Hopkins Loyd School graduation during the week of June 5
- Hosted a Strong Baby Santuary session on June 8
- Hosted Juneteenth Outdoor meal and block party on June 16

If you are a Thrivent member and have access to a grant that won't be used for a project here at All Saints, please consider helping out. Contact Kathy Theis at 262 968-4482 or at <u>kathleen.theis@gmail.com</u>. THANK YOU!



## Member Spotlight: Dick & Nancy Schultz

Dick and Nancy have been faithful members of All Saints since 1998, joining after they returned from North Carolina to live in Wales, much nearer to their kids and grandkids. They both grew up in Wisconsin, have 5 daughters, 10 grandkids and 8 great-grandkids!

Read more about Dick & Nancy.

### Synod Assembly Wrapup

Submitted by Pastor Jennifer

Jeff Voelkel and I attended this year's Synod Assembly, held on May 17-18, 2024, at the Italian Community Center in Milwaukee, under the theme "Courage: May Courage Be our Daily Breath." We enjoyed good conversation together and with our tablemates. We listened to a great keynote presentation by Vance Blackfox, an indigenous theologian, and citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who serves the churchwide organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) as the Director of Indigenous Ministries and Tribal Relations. Worship was led by Pastor Char Guiliani and the people of the Lutheran Church of the Great Spirit. Offering was also given to the Lutheran Church of the Great Spirit.

We attended to general business of the assembly, including passing a budget, electing leaders, and reviewing some constitutional and bylaw changes. We also considered several resolutions. Resolution 1 was PASSED and is a resolution to participate in Pray-Act-Connect-Educate (PACE) to reduce hunger in our neighbors near and far. This resolution asks for our synod to raise an additional \$50,000 in the next year to support world hunger efforts, and to continue to pray, act, connect, and educate about hunger relief efforts through initiatives like God's global barnyard and the ELCA Good gifts catalog.

Resolution 2 was also PASSED and focused on encouraging the Lutheran office of public policy making to encourage the United States to amend the constitution to defend democracy from the effects of undue corporate power.

Resolution 3 also PASSED and was an encouragement for churchwide to develop a social statement focused on children and vulnerable youth.

Resolution 5 also PASSED after much discussion and was focused on helping amend the call process so that congregations can see more information about pastoral candidates, helping with expediency in the call process. This resolution will be forwarded to the ELCA church council for further action and discussion.

Resolution 6 was a resolution honoring the ministry of Rev. Joe and Joyce Ellwanger (see next page for more about Rev. Joe and Joyce).

Synod assembly was interesting and informative. I always find it fun to go and see friends from around the synod, make new connections, glean new ideas, and learn about new ways of doing ministry. If you would like to learn more about Synod Assembly, you can find much more information at <u>milwaukeesynod.org</u> – or consider coming with me next year (we can bring two delegates from All Saints!)



## From Our Greater Milwaukee Synod

Digested by George Corliss

Honoring the Courageous Leadership of Rev. Joe and Joyce Ellwanger

Our June Synod Assembly passed a resolution "Honoring the Courageous Leadership of Rev. Joe and Joyce Ellwanger." If you don't know the Ellwangers' story, read on.

Pastor Ellwanger is the former pastor of Cross Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, now attends Hephatha Lutheran Church, and he is well-known for his human rights work. Joe Ellwanger is a grassroots activist who has earned a host of awards for his grassroots efforts on behalf of civil rights, prison ministry, and criminal justice reform. The local minister worked alongside Doctor Martin Luther King during the height of the civil rights movement in the 1960s. He explains, "We just did it because we believed in what we were doing. We hoped it would make a difference, but we didn't know." During the height of the Civil Rights Movement, Ellwanger was the only white pastor invited to a meeting of ministers led by Dr. King.

At 90 years old, Ellwanger still lives in the heart of Milwaukee committed to lifting others. He shares, "I am determined to be involved. That's why at the age of 90 I'm not going to back off."

For more, read the <u>WTMJ story</u> or <u>read here</u>.

## **Bizarre Bible Study with Pastor Jennifer**

Submitted by Pastor Jennifer

#### Most Tuesdays in June, July & August

Ever thought the Bible was boring? Think again! Did you know that the Bible has a few really weird stories in it? Ever hear the one about Jael, the woman who killed someone with a tent stake? Ever hear about Eglon, the man who died on the throne? (Hint: by "throne" I don't mean the kingly type!)

Come join Pastor Jennifer on Tuesdays from 11am to 12pm at church for some crazy and weird Bible stories and get to know your new pastor in a fun way. Come for one session or come to all of them, but know that we'll be enjoying each other's company!

#### <u>June</u>

June 25th - A Talking Donkey?

#### <u>July</u>

July 2nd - No Bible Study (Pr J on vacation) July 9th - Jonah - Swallowed by a Whale? July 16th - No Bible Study (Pr J at the Youth Gathering) July 23rd - Moses can only view God's backside July 30th - The Valley of Dry Bones

#### <u>August</u>

August 6th - No Bible Study August 13th - Noah's drunken escapade August 20th - Jacob wrestling with God August 27th - Falling asleep during the sermon...poor Eutychus!



### What is Scrip? Submitted by Barb Deichl

What is Scrip? What does Barb (or others) do at that card table every Sunday? Is there a reason she looks lonely at times and smiles at you as you leave the sanctuary? And, why are people ordering gift cards each week?

Scrip is a "fund-raising" program for the Human Concerns Team to support our missions. The "funds" come from the rebates of gift cards sold from the Sunday card table or online purchases from t he RaiseRight App. Our missions have included giving \$250 a semester for the past few years to a high school graduate of Hephatha Lutheran in Milwaukee for their college education. Also, monetary donations have been given to The Hope Center, KM



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

Food Pantry. Pine Ridge and our own contingency fund in the past year. Previously, we have also donated to World Central Kitchen, Lakes Area Free Clinic and Dental Clinic, among other missions.

We realize that most people use their credit cards to make purchases to get rewards. And, not many people carry a checkbook any more, let alone bring it to church! So how about scheduling a once-a-month Scrip stop? ASLC can then get the "rewards" for your purchase. You can buy a \$100 Amazon, Pick 'n Save or Kwik Trip gift card. Or a VISA card that can be used any place! There are many businesses that have \$50 or \$100 gift cards that are available. Pick up one of the order forms on the table or check out the list of all the retailers that is on the bulletin board by the table.

Let's keep Barb and her team members busy every Sunday! Feel free to stop by the table to get additional information.

You can also order any gift cards online on the RaiseRight App or at <u>Raiseright.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.

#### **Photographers requested!**

We could use a few new photos for our website, Facebook, and other promotional materials. If you see something neat happening around church (or even photos of worship), would you mind taking a quick photo or two? These can be shared with Pr. Jennifer or with Amanda in the office, and we will put them to good use!

Cell phone cameras are great! Try to take pictures in landscape view (think, the long way on your phone, so hold your phone like a TV shape) and <u>email them to the church office</u> or stop by and we'll figure out how to get them from you. Thank you!



### Church Picnic Saturday, July 27th 4:00-7:30pm

Details are still being worked out but expect worship, food, fun and singing around a campfire. This is a family event with activities for the children and lawn games for adults.

#### **Breeze App**

<u>Click here</u> for more information about the Breeze App. Volunteer for Sunday Service

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