

November 24, 2022

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

Luncheon & White Elephant Gift Exchange!

Submitted by Chuck Gallagher

On **Thursday, December 8th**, we will have a luncheon and 'white elephant' gift exchange in the Family Life Center (gym) at church. We'll start at 11:30am and finish somewhere around 1:30pm, with maybe a little extra time for socializing. You are welcome to attend the luncheon without participating in the white elephant exchange but we highly encourage you to participate because it's loads of fun! For those who have never attended, here's how the gift exchange works:

Everyone who wants to participate in the gift exchange brings a wrapped 'white elephant' gift. They will then pick a number out of a basket to see the order we will open gifts in. Once everyone has a

number, we begin selecting and opening gifts. The person with #1 will select their gift, go back to their seat and open it up for all to see. Then, the person with card #2 selects and opens a gift. They can choose to keep their gift or trade for the opened gift from person #1. As we go down the list, there are more and more opened gifts to choose from. Any gift can be exchanged many times if the next person to open a gift likes it better. At the end the person with #1 will have the option of trading their gift with anyone else since they have not had a chance to trade yet.

Each family should bring a dish to pass for the luncheon. Ham and rolls will be provided and there will be a free-will offering to cover the cost of the ham. So we can order the proper amount of ham, **please express your intent to attend to Ginny Kozminski** (jkozminski15@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you there!





A Blessed Thanksgiving

It's a Thanksgiving tradition to pause and give thanks for all our blessings. The Hephatha families do the same. They send their thanks to All Saints' families who supported them this season by providing food for their Thanksgiving meal. Gift cards for either Pick n Save

or Walmart were sent to twenty-three families so that they can shop at their local stores.

Many of the families commented that our partnership has lasted for many years and they appreciate the continued support given to them. Many share their meal with friends and neighbors. Over and over, the feeling is expressed that All Saints has a kind and generous heart.

Thank you for being a blessing to our partners in Christ at Hephatha! The Human Concerns Team

Stewardship Response

Submitted by George Corliss, scorekeeper for the Stewardship Team

Last Sunday, we invited you to return your Statement of Intent cards. Thirty families did.

Of the 30 cards received, four were from new families who did not pledge last year. Seventeen families increased their intentions by an average of 18%. AMAZING! Statements of Intent totaled \$110,000 (vs. last year's total by January of about \$200,000). Of the 30 cards, the 26 who pledged last year accounted for 48% of last year's total. Hence, I would say we are ROUGHLY on track to match last year's total. We have many very generous families. Please JOIN IN!

Didn't get your card in? Please mail your Statement of Intent to the <u>All Saints church office</u>, bring it next Sunday, or send email with your intent to <u>George.Corliss@Marquette.edu</u>.

THANK YOU for your generous participation!

Legacy Giving Seminar

Submitted by Rebecca Seevers

On **Sunday**, **December 4th**, we will welcome Cynthia (Cindy) Halverson, who will lead a special session on the opportunity each of us has to create life giving plans to ensure that successful and lasting legacies are passed on to loved ones and the ministries we care about. As a resource for our church, Cindy will include an overview of how to make informed decisions, and to share how each of us can plan for a meaningful gift for the current and future ministry of our church. Cindy's presentation will offer helpful information, tax-wise giving tips, and resources for responsible planning.

We will meet in the sanctuary after church, about 10:45am. You can watch the seminar from home via Facebook Live, and pose your questions during the broadcast. You can also contact Cindy directly for a confidential discussion (see the attached brochure for contact info).

Cindy is the Director of Lutheran Planned Giving of Wisconsin and a Regional Gift Planner for the ELCA Foundation. In this role, Cindy works in collaboration with synods, congregations, and other ELCA ministries to encourage and facilitate lifelong stewardship among Lutherans.

As Lutherans and members of All Saints Lutheran Church, we are committed to carrying out God's mission through our church, our community, and the world.

We encourage you to attend.

Click below to view the brochure.





All Saints Lutheran and its ministries mean a lot to you. And they mean a lot to the communities they serve. The ELCA Foundation is here to help you ensure the continuation of God's work in the world for years to come. Meet Cynthia at the Adult Forum on December 4, at 10:45 a.m.!!

Songoro – All Saints Partnership Scholarship Program

Submitted by Ron Bohrer

Because of your support

- Most Songoro youth now attend Secondary School
- Tanzanian secondary school graduation rate is approximately 25%
- Songoro youth that leave their family farms are better prepared for life in the city
- The standard of living has improved in Songoro
- Congregational giving has increased at Songoro Lutheran Parish

Secondary School Scholarship Appeal Until January 31st

- State school fees are \$80 per year. Private schools are \$250 \$300. Private schools offer better preparation for advanced education or meaningful employment.
- Typical annual family income is \$500 per year
- Contributions of any size are welcome
- Contribution envelopes are available in the pews and at the Songoro narthex display

College Scholarships

All Saints patrons have assisted 20 Songoro college students since 2005. Several qualified potential college students are praying that patrons will step forward this year to support their college careers. Please contact Ron Bohrer (<u>ronbohrer@aol.com</u> or 262-392-2967) for more details.

Songoro American Clinic

The Partnership Committee in Songoro has presented the clinic equipment sponsored by the members of All Saints Lutheran, Songoro's only partner congregation, to the clinic. This was done with abundant gratitude as Pastor Christine led those at the service in prayer and thanked the members of All Saints for their generosity. Asante sana.





Mt. Meru Holiday Selections 2022 Click here to see the Holiday selections

Babysitting Night

Need a night out? Here's your chance! On Friday, December 2nd from 5-9pm, the Hospitality Team will be providing babysitting at All Saints.

We will have Christmas card making, cookie decorating, games and a movie to keep the kids busy. A simple supper of hot dogs, mac & cheese and fresh fruit will be provided.

Bring your kids or grandkids and invite your friends to bring theirs too! A free will offering will be accepted to support the youth mission trip.

Contact Chuck Gallagher for more info: 262–719<mark>–9447</mark> or charlieg@wi.rr.com.

Sign up for Sunday Morning Reader Slots

<u>Click here</u> to select an open time slot that works for you.

Thank you!!!



<u>ASLC Calendar</u>

All Saints is Hiring!

<u>Click here</u> to read the job description and find out how to apply.

<u>Coffee Host Sign-Up</u>

ASLC Directory

Breeze App

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

Sign up to be a Greeter!

<u>Click here to pick a date</u> <u>that works for you!</u>