

Crossroads

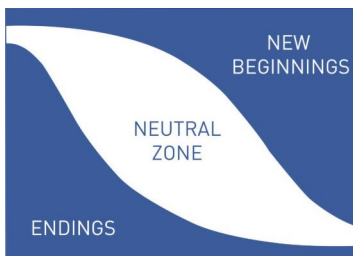
From our Minister—

This time of year, often our thoughts turn to transitions. That is certainly the case in our home this year; Charlie, our son, is graduating from high school and is headed off to MO S&T next year to study engineering. He's transitioning to adulthood, leaving his school years behind and striking out on his own. We have our own transitions associated with this, as our household will go from four members to three and we adjust to new patterns and rhythms at home.

Our daughter is transitioning from elementary school to middle school, moving to changing classes and more independence in determining her schedule, while we make our own adjustments to new school, different drop-off and pick-up times, and changing routines and priorities.

I have my own transition this spring, too, as I graduate from Luther Seminary in early June. This has been a protracted transition for me, as my last class was almost a year and a half ago, and I finished up my internship in October. So in some ways, this is more a ceremonial transition than an actual one, but nonetheless, a transition.

Those of us with students in school, regardless of the grade, are making the transition from school year routines to summer routines. Even for people without students at home, there seems to be a transition that occurs around Memorial Day as the days get warmer and we move into a different rhythm to the weeks or weekends. Maybe shopping at the farmers market is part of your summer ritual, as it is mine; I look forward every year to the transition to seasonal produce and farm-fresh eggs.



We have been in a period of protracted transition here at All Saints, haven't we? We have been in a period of change, sometimes looking joyfully ahead and what comes next, sometimes looking back with longing at what went before. Transitions can be good and healthy; they can also be challenging and stressful, and we have experienced both these realities at All Saints. But the one direction where we know that this transition will NOT take us is backwards. What has happened in the past is behind us; we can take the lessons from before and learn from them, and apply them to the future.

And what is the future? Where are we going? Thanks to the guidance of the Transition team, we have some sense of that. We are headed into the mission field, collaborating with the Gathering Table or UPLIFT to work with people who are experiencing homelessness in our area. We are headed into the community, as we plan a movie night and think about what other activities might draw our neighbors to consider joining us. We are headed into deeper relationship with each other and with God, as we plot our course back into the sanctuary and plan a return to Bible study together.

The thing about transitions in community is that they require at least the tacit acceptance of everyone in the community, but they are most successful when community involvement is widespread and when leadership is strong. As we continue our transition, I encourage each of you to spend time in prayerful consideration of what part you play. Are you called to volunteer with one of the activities we are planning in conjunction with Gathering Table or UPLIFT? Are you called to participate in the Bible study? Are you called to guide others in the transition, using your particular gifts to organize, to communicate, to inspire, to reach out?



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Our Vision

**A Welcoming Place
and People Sharing
the Gospel of Jesus
Christ**

Our Mission

**We seek to fulfill this
vision by:**

- ◇ **Celebrating
God's Love**
- ◇ **Growing in God's
Love**
- ◇ **Reaching out
with God's Love**
- ◇ **Serving with
God's Love**

ASLC continues to meet in person, both indoors and outdoors, and are planning full in person indoor worship, beginning June 6th. With the changes in CoVid restrictions, we believe we are on the right track to offer this safely again, but will offer our live-streaming option for those still worshipping at home. We continue to ask people to wear masks, reading the liturgy, and offering no-contact communion. However, as the numbers improve, this could be adjusted on a weekly basis.

Also with our June 6th worship service, we will recognize those that are graduating and moving onto the next phase in their lives. Join us in this congratulatory event.

We applied for, and received a synod grant of \$500 for the purchase of new equipment, that will allow us to offer more professional streaming events to FaceBook and our website. Thanks to Ron Easton and Gary Antes for being our “tech team” with this effort.

As we begin to meet again in person, we are finding there is still a place for Zoom meetings. We may even be able to have hybrid versions, with some at church in person, and others “zooming” in to participate. We have learned new skills, we have expanded our opportunities and we should embrace these new changes with excitement and energy.

We held our May semi—annual congregational meeting and for the first time in many years, will have a full contingent of council persons for the next year. Please welcome and join in congratulating Janet Cooper, Betsy Reese, and Lisa Melton on their nominations and election to council persons for 2021-2022 church year.



The transition process is winding down, with expectation for a final report from that committee soon. Based on the congregational input over the past few months, we want to be a viable, participating organization in our community.

There are many ideas and plans that will help us reach those goals. Plans are being made to participate in the Gathering Table and UPLIFT projects. These are opportunities for all of us to be and get involved.

We are exploring and gathering information on creating a memorial garden for those we have lost, not just this past year, but for family members to provide favorite plants to memorialize anyone they may desire. Once the design and cost are obtained, council will present to everyone.

An impromptu vigil was held on May 25th to recognize and honor all those of color that have died violently at the hands of law enforcement. On the first anniversary of George Floyd’s death, it was a moving tribute and commitment for social justice. It is expected that we will continue this vigil every year on that date.

With this in mind, and with all we are doing, we are blessed.

To join into Zoom via
phone, call
1-312-626-6799.
When asked, type in
846 1206 6465
for the meeting ID
and
152928
for the passcode.

SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR CHURCH BUILDING USAGE AT ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

All groups should follow the guidelines below to best prevent the spread of illness. We ask that if you need assistance with any of these procedures, you contact church administration (council members) to determine adjustments. Council members contact information can be obtained from the church secretary.

Please be aware that we are following current county health guidelines. Some of these procedures may change should those guidelines change. We reserve the right to refuse entrance by groups if these procedures are not followed. Our church body has many older and vulnerable members, We err on the side of caution to keep everyone healthy.

- 1) Prior to any meeting or gathering, wipe down any and all surfaces you may or think you may be touching. We hope to continue having wipes available for use, but as a group, you should bring some just in case our supply is low.
- 2) No shared food or drink will be permitted at this time.
- 3) A mask is required for everyone indoors. Gloves are optional.
- 5) We fully recommend the six-foot social distance protocol. Current community guidelines state no more than 10 people inside our building at any one time, due to the upsurge in COVID cases. Please follow these occupancy guidelines until further notice.
- 6) Please do NOT use the drinking fountain.
- 7) Take attendance of those attending your gathering and leave in the church office. If the office is closed, please leave on the table when you leave. Provide contact information for at least one person in the group, in case we need to reach out to the group.
- 8) Wipe down all surfaces used, including the bathrooms and door handles of the front door, before and after use.

We want to be as welcoming as possible. Please understand that we do not have an on-staff janitor, but rely on the goodness of one person to maintain the cleanliness of our building. Your assistance in cleaning before and after will help us keep you and others safe during this time. Questions can be directed to any council person.

Thank you for your help.

Celebrating Our Graduates!

2021 Graduates

Congratulations and blessings to Charlie Cope-Morris, Katie Dustin, Kimberly Girkin, Katy Melton, Abby Miller and CJ Miller upon their high school graduations! We also want to acknowledge Sarah Pierce's accomplishment on graduating from Luther Seminary.

ASLC will recognize their achievements on Sunday, June 6th at worship.

Charlie Cope-Morris graduated from Liberty High School and will be attending the University of Missouri—Rolla S & T, hoping to focus on computer programming or engineering. His summer will be spent completing some basic classes to get those out of the way.

Katie Dustin graduated from Lee's Summit High School and will be participating in a paid internship at Cerner over the summer in software development. She plans to attend the University of Missouri—Kansas City School of Computing & Engineering, studying computer science in the fall.

Kimberly Girkin graduated from Blue Springs South where she has been involved with National Honor Society, Scholar Bowl, a cappella choir, chamber choir, school plays, school musicals, POC Allies group, and Deca where she earned first and second place awards at district and second place at state. She was selected for All District Choir and received gold ratings for her vocal solo and 2 ensembles at State Music Contest. Kimberly attended Laurel Springs Online School for her 10th and 11th grades which enabled her to act in professional productions in Kansas City and Los Angeles. As a student at Laurel Springs School, Kimberly was vice-president of the Environmental Club and community-relations officer of Student Government. She was also a member of Model UN, National Honor Society, and the prom planning committee. Kimberly has been a Girl Scout for 13 years and earned her Gold Award, which is the highest award for girls in Girl Scouts. Kimberly will be attending the University of Texas at Austin where she's majoring in Radio, TV, and Film, and she will be part of the Jefferson Scholars Program.

Katy Melton graduated from Grain Valley High School. She participated in Marching and Concert Band, volleyball, Youth Advisory Council, Environmental Club, National Honor Society, and Girl Scouts. She will be attending Drury University, majoring in architecture.

Abby Miller spent the majority of her extracurricular time split between working, helping to care for her niece and nephew, and volunteering time helping with several Blue Springs City Theatre shows. In school, her favorite classes were Child Development and Advanced Child Development. She currently also works as a Nanny for an infant in Lee's Summit - continuing with her love of children. During high school she has helped out in various back stage positions including stage management, lighting operation, set building and production assistant, and was recently awarded the Michelle Brown Memorial Scholarship. Having completed her graduation requirements this past December, Abby began EMT training in January. She graduated from Blue Springs South High School and will graduate from her EMT training this month. She plans to go on to complete paramedic training.

Celebrating Our Graduates! (continued)

CJ Miller - It's no secret that CJ spent almost all of his time outside of school performing. Having begun at the age of 8, CJ has performed in over 50 shows throughout Kansas City - including in the 2019 Starlight Theatre production of The Wizard of Oz. Along with performances, CJ spent many hours each week in vocal and dance training, was a member of the high school a cappella and chamber choirs. He made the Kansas City All District Choirs in 2019, 2020, and 2021; and in 2021 was selected for the Missouri All State Choir as a bass. CJ spent just as many hours through high school competing in forensics and debate tournaments. In 2020 and 2021, he was the Kansas City district champion in Original Oratory, and qualified for the National Individual Events Tournament of Champions in Original Oratory and in Program of Oral Interpretation. Although the pandemic did put a stop to much of his usual performing schedule, CJ has continued his busy schedule working at Starbucks. CJ plans to attend the University of Arizona (online), majoring in philosophy on a pre-Law track.

Sarah Pierce will graduate from Luther Seminary on June 5th. She has spent many hours and days working towards this achievement, continuing to work full-time at Mosaic Life Care, as Director Outpatient Care Management. She completed her internship She is also currently balancing a part-time position as a Synod Authorized Minister with our congregation, All Saints Lutheran Church, while awaiting a call to become an ordained minister of the ELCA.—Central States Synod. She has gained ministry experience from her internship at St. James Lutheran Church and her work with our church.

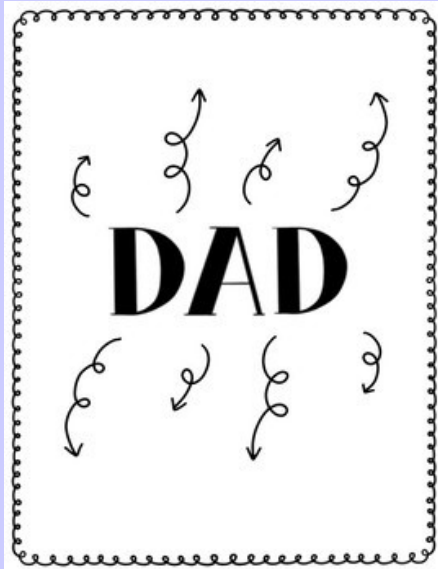


"For I know the plans I have for you,"
declares the Lord, "plans to prosper
you and not to harm you, plans to give
you hope and a future.

JEREMIAH 29:11

Happy Father's Day

Our Dad



God took the strength of a mountain,
 The majesty of a tree,
 The warmth of a summer sun,
 The calm of a quiet sea,
 The generous soul of nature,
 The comforting arm of night,
 The wisdom of the ages,
 The power of the eagle's flight,
 The joy of a morning in spring,
 The faith of a mustard seed,
 The patience of eternity,
 The depth of a family need,
 Then God combined these qualities,
 When there was nothing more to add,
 He knew His masterpiece was complete,
 And so, He called it...

Dad

~Author Unknown

Council 2021-2022

Please be aware that although council members have been elected for the coming term, officer elections and committee assignments will not be determined until the June council meeting on June 10th. After that meeting, those positions will be announced.

Until that time, you are welcome to contact any council person with concerns, information, questions.

ASLC is still in need of a person willing to become financial secretary. This position is by appointment, and training is provided. Please let a council member know if you are interested in sharing your talents in this area.



City Lights, Country Life

By Jimmy “Mel” McDonald

The Fall and Winter of 1956-1957 were rather uneventful, except for about ten days in late January early February.

Like this winter, we had a cold snap that prevented us school children from playing outside during recess. The girls in our class, talked our teacher, into allowing them to bring in their 45 rpm records and play them during recess time. Rock and Roll was in its infancy, and the girls just went bonkers over Elvis, Buddy Holly, and the other rockers. After a few days of this noise blaring at us, some of the weaker boys relented and began to dance with the girls. After about a week, Yours Truly even made a lame attempt to move my feet slightly. I had never touched a girl except for my mother, a couple of aunts and cousins. Thank goodness the weather moderated, and life returned to normal.

The Spring of 1957 brought with it two events that remain significant in my memory. The first event, occurred in late April, when the Riverside RED X burned to the ground. The Red X was the Northland’s version of Wild Woody’s. You could buy anything from soup to nuts and on Saturday night come back and watch car racing.

On Sundays, the store was packed with shoppers from Wyandotte County. At that time, Kansas had blue laws which basically shut things down except for hospitals. Gas stations were not allowed to open and the Red X was just a short jaunt across the Fairfax bridge for these Jayhawkers. It was rumored, that Ed Young, the owner of the Red X, would raise the price of gasoline and booze on Sundays.



From our home about a mile north of Riverside we saw the flames erupt and my Dad and I took off to get a closer look, but the police blocked the roads.

Next month I look back on the second event mentioned above, a weather event that set records, still on the books, for the number of fatalities in Kansas City due to tornado damage.

Have a memorable Memorial Day, and get ready for the best holiday of the year. (And I don't mean the Fourth of July or Flag Day but that other holiday in June.)

"This column is dedicated to the memory of Nancy Cramer who inspires us to be all that we can be, as she was all that she could be."

Blue Springs Community Services League Update

Do we make a difference with that can of soup or jar peanut butter, etc? Yes, we do. The following is a note received by a CSL from a single mom who had come for help.

“I want to thank you for all the wonderful things you have done for my family. I am a single mom with four boys. I will never forget your generosity and kindness. Please use this (they had sent a donation) for another single mom to help her with her little ones. Hope the year provides all you need for those entrusted to your care. (We all know boys can eat.) Thank you again so very much for what you do for others.”

This month many children have gone back to school to find school ending for summer breaks. The needs this month include items that children can do easily. Microwavable pastas, peanut butter, cereals, soups, fruit or applesauce cups, or cereal bars are some options.



Please place donation in grocery cart.

On April 28, 2021 food items delivered to the Blue Springs Community Service League totaled 161 items, along with 1 school item and 1 personal item.

Again, thank you for helping out your neighbor.

The church office is open 9am-12pm, Monday through Friday, to drop off donations.

Bible Study Group—

An adult Bible class will begin meeting after Sunday worship on June 13th. We will be studying the book of Acts. Please read the first chapter and bring your Bible. If you cannot make it to the first session, contact Betsy Reese to find out what chapter we are currently studying.

Sign Up for Text Messaging!

Get notified via text, when we have sudden church closings due to weather, news events, special announcements, and general reminders.

Sign up for our text service by texting the keyword EZASLCBS to 816-319-3710.

Facebook is the place to find updated information that didn't make it to the newsletter or for new information.



Happy Birthday to:

Brian Hoover	6/8
Joyce Hoover	6/9
Terri Lee	6/12
Taylor Via	6/12
Katy Melton	6/20
Chuck Dustin	6/21
Mary Jo Cartwright	6/25
Kyle Lee	6/25
Lois Bach	6/27
Tori Neeb	6/27
Flavia Via	6/27

Happy Anniversary to:

Gordon & Gloria Wiltse	6/12
Larry & Judy Taylor	6/18

Readers for May Worship:

6/6	Anne Lee
6/13	Pam Meek
6/20	(Father's Day) Open
6/27	Open

*If you would like to participate,
please contact Pastor Sarah or Sara Meyers to learn how.*

Youth Group Meeting—

The youth group will meet for an evening of fun at the Melton home on Friday, June 18 at 7:00pm. For more information, please contact Carla Girkin.

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2021-2022 Church Council

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Member
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Advertising
Learning/Youth
Property
Service/Stewardship

Community Life
Worship/Music

Newsletter Deadline is the
20th of each month.
Submissions can be emailed
to the church office or Pam
Meek, at pameek@kc.rr.com.

JUNE 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <i>Minister's Office Hours</i>	3	4	5
6 Worship 9:15am <i>Celebrating Graduates</i>	7 <i>Pastor Sarah Vacation</i>	8 <i>Pastor Sarah Vacation</i>	9 <i>Pastor Sarah Vacation</i>	10 <i>Pastor Sarah Vacation</i> PTA Meeting Council Meeting <i>Via Zoom 6:30pm</i>	11 <i>Pastor Sarah Vacation</i>	12 <i>Pastor Sarah Vacation</i>
13 Worship 9:15am <i>Adult Bible Study Starts Pastor Sarah Vacation</i>	14	15	16 <i>Minister's Office Hours</i>	17	18 <i>Youth Group 7pm Melton's House</i>	19
20 Worship 9:15am <i>Adult Bible Study</i> Father's Day <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	21	22	23 <i>Minister's Office Hours</i>	24	25	26 <i>Project Comfort 9-12pm</i>
27 Worship 9:15am <i>Adult Bible Study Coffee With Council</i>	28	29	30 <i>Minister's Office Hours</i>			