

MEET PAM MEEK, Church Council President

Pam came to All Saints Lutheran Church about ten years ago looking for a church that could satisfy her spiritual needs. About a year before, she lost both her parents, leaving a personal void that begged to be filled. Other difficult times in her life have been the deaths of her older relatives: grandparents, aunts, and uncles. She found in the welcoming atmosphere of ASLC what she was needing. Her former church, Ruskin Heights Lutheran Church was closing, so she felt fortunate to discover a spiritual home at ASLC.

As a new member, Pam became involved in many capacities—the Altar Guild and worship helpers. She especially enjoyed working with the youth group in a number of areas. About four years later, she added the Church Council to her list of activities, serving as President for ??? years. She loves the challenge and the opportunities for the church to move ahead. She is willing to do the work required and to spend the many hours needed to serve well.

Her church activities aside, what she is most proud of is her work with the Community Assistance Council, a private association in south Kansas City serving disadvantaged adults???. This work provides the immense satisfaction that she relishes.

Another source of pleasure is the company of her ten -year- old granddaughter, Chloe, who comes to church with Pam. Tom, husband of Pam, have three adult children. Treyce, now 32, was adopted when he was a 14- year- old homeless youth who spent large periods of time at Pam’s house. He was welcomed by Pam’s son, R.J. or Raymond Joseph, 30 years old. R.J. was named for his grandfathers, carrying on the tradition of family names. Ally, 26, a daughter, is engaged to be married but the COVID 19 pandemic has postponed the wedding. The family lives in Lees Summit.

Pam sees much potential in unrecognized talents among the members of All Saints. It is these factors that support her in the important role as Council President. In addition to the religious teachings and experiences provided at church, she also sees a need for a “social consciousness.” This is probably from her work with the CAA as well as inspirations from her older generations of relatives. It saddens her each time one more close relative has passed.

A graduate of Drake University in Iowa, majoring in journalism, Pam had planned to work in the magazine world. She still loves and uses those skills required of a journalist—writing and editing—and along with gardening, she fills what spare time she has.

All Saints is fortunate to have the caring and loving person named Pam Meeks, especially in the role of council president.

We appreciate all you do for us.