**Weekly Happenings**

**Sunday, September 14, 2025**

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**SERVICE INFORMATION**

**Attendance**

Week of September 07

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***Acolyte –*** **September 14 *-Vacant***

***Greeter –* September 14 *-******Donna Taylor***

***Usher –* September 14 *-Paul Blixrud***

***Altar Guild-* September -Sara Meyers**

***Reader-* September 14-Vacant**

***Communion Assistant-* September 14 -Flavia Via**

***Tech-* September 14 *-Gary Antes***

**Welcome**

***You are absolutely invited into this sacred space.  We welcome all who are seeking God’s love and grace.  All Saints recognizes that we are all unique and beloved children of God.  We celebrate and give thanks for the many diverse gifts that God has given us.  We affirm the sacredness of people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions.  We affirm the sacredness of all those who have experienced exclusion because of race, ability, age, or culture. We are committed to working towards anti-racism in ourselves and our community. We affirm the sacredness of all those who wrestle with addiction, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us.  We believe that through our openness we all grow in our faith through Christ’s teaching to love one another as God loves us.  We need each other and our sincere hope is by being in community together, we will experience God’s presence in new and real ways.***

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**PRAYER REQUESTS**

*Monty Health Concerns (May 15)*

*Paul Health Concerns (May 31)*

*Mary Health Concerns (May 15)*

*James & Family Health Concerns (September 11)*

*Betty F (Sara’s friend) Health Concerns (July 15)*

*William and Family Health Concerns (September 25)*

*Becky H Health Concerns (October 28)*

*David Health Concerns (November 18)*

*Becky W Health Concerns (November 18)*

*Larry Health Issues (December 16)*

*Helen Health Issues (January 14)*

*Jennifer Health Concerns (February 27)*

*Otto Health Concerns (July 15)*

*Kay (Sara’s cousin) Health Concerns (**July 15)*

***Merciful God, your justice and mercy are without limits. Bring courage and resilience to those who resist tyranny with their words and their bodies. Strengthen those who fight for justice in your name in Los Angeles, across the country, and around the world.***

***Please pray for the people of Haiti, Ukraine, Israel and Palestine.***

***Please pray for the people of the Sudan.***

***Please pray for the Homeless.***

***Please pray for legal & illegal immigrants & those seeking asylum or citizenship.***

If you haven't made it to our physical services on Sundays you can still check out our services online. You can find us on Facebook Live every Sunday beginning at 9:15am.

**BLUE SPRINGS COMMUNITY SERVICE LEAGUE NEWS**

The BLUE SPRINGS COMMUNITY SERVICE LEAGUE is very appreciative of your continued support of your neighbor.

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**IMPORTANT DATES and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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| ***September 10*** | ***Handbell rehearsal 6:30 pm*** |
| ***September 13*** | ***Men’s Breakfast 8:00 am*** |
| ***September 14*** | ***Council Meeting after Worship*** |
| ***September 16*** | ***Creative Friends 1:00 pm*** |
| ***September 17- September 21*** | ***Pastor Sarah Vacation*** |
| ***September 23*** | ***Creative Friends 1:00 pm*** |
| ***September 22-23*** | ***Blue Springs Theatre 7:00 pm-9:00 pm*** |
| ***September 29-October 01*** | ***Blue Springs Theatre 7:00 pm-9:00 pm*** |
| ***September 28*** | ***Bishop Installation/Atonement Lutheran Church 5:00 pm Overland Park*** |
| ***September 30*** | ***Creative Friends 1:00 pm*** |
| ***October 04*** | ***Blessing of Animals TBA*** |
| ***October 12*** | ***Fall Work Day*** |
| ***October 15*** | ***Council Meeting 6:30 pm*** |
| ***November 05*** | ***Council Meeting 6:30 pm*** |
| ***November 16*** | ***Congregational Meeting*** |
| ***December 10*** | ***Council Meeting 6:30 pm*** |
| ***January 14, 2026*** | ***Council Meeting 6:30 pm*** |
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*You may recall that there has been an announcement in the bulletin over the past year directing you to Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (LIRS) if you wish to support the people of Ukraine. LIRS has changed its name to Global Refuge and can be found at* ***globalrefuge.org****. Although their name has changed, their mission remains the same: to assist and support refugees in the United States and around the world. Visit their website to see all the ways you can support this important work.*

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Bishop Candea reminded us that as followers of Christ, we are to pray for and support the most vulnerable among us. She pointed out that right now, the most vulnerable people in the world are the women, children, and elderly people living in the Gaza Strip.

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If you feel called to do something to help, Lutheran World Relief is providing aid to civilians caught in the crisis in Israel and Palestine. You can donate directly at lwr.org/israel-gaza.

All members are welcome to attend regularly scheduled council meetings. Additionally, the Council would like to remind you that the most recent Council reports and minutes are available on the bulletin board in the narthex.

▪ If you need anything in the weekly happenings it should be submitted no later than Monday.

**YOUTH NEWS**

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**SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE**

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

You can find us on YouTube Live every Sunday beginning at 9:15am.

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**All Saints Lutheran Church**

We have moved our live Videos to YouTube. Here is the link:

**https://www.youtube.com/@AllSaintsLutheranChurch-bs**

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**SIMPLY GIVING**

To provide the best possible equitable income for ASLC, we encourage you to participate in “Simply Giving”, a program offering electronic donations to be provided directly from your bank account. Sign up is easy. Fill out the form located in the narthex, or you can find the form on our website by clicking here and giving to the church secretary. For more information, you are welcome to discuss with any council member.

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**Pastor Sarah's Link to her Sermon & Questions for Discussions**

1. Where did the sacredness of the number 7 come from, anyway? Ancient Mesopotamian astronomers knew of 7 “heavenly bodies:” the sun, the moon, Saturn, Venus, Jupiter, Mars, and Mercury – and they were all deified. Additionally, 7 was set apart a little: it is the only “non-regular” number under 10 because it’s not divisible by 2, 3, or 5. The even numbers are “sibling” numbers because they’re divisible by 2, and 3, 6, and 9 are the same because they’re divisible by 3; and 5 goes into all the round numbers (10, 20, etc.). So it stands on its own and acquired a unique sensibility because of that.
2. What does it mean to be made in God’s image? There are two words – one is translated “image” and comes from an unused root word meaning to shade; the first definition is a phantom or (figuratively) a likeness; the second definition is a representative figure or an idol. The second word is translated in our text “to be like us;” in other translations, it’s often “likeness.” The first definition of this word is to compare; the second definition is by implication to resemble or consider. So being made in God’s image probably doesn’t have anything to do with how we look. Beyond that, it’s open to interpretation. What do you think it means?
3. Look forward to John 1:1-5, to the coming of Jesus. We were created in God’s image, and God is committed enough to being in relationship to us that (regardless of what it means to be created in God’s image) God comes to earth in a form that not only LOOKS like us, but IS like us – as in human. That’s a pretty powerful statement of God’s desire for relationship with us.
4. There were a lot of creation stories that emerged around the same time and in the same area, in different religious traditions. All of the other Mesopotamian creation stories end with a temple (or sanctuary) being built. Our creation story in Genesis 1:1-2:4a ends with the Sabbath for God, which becomes encoded in law in the commandments, which we could call a sanctuary in time. It doesn’t matter where we are – we can take refuge in this particular sanctuary.

**https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKdwdmSPJdndwhKYV9jwsEQ/featured**

Reconciling Works strives to ensure RIC communities have what they need to continue their journey of welcome and I encourage you to bookmark this site or download and keep these resources handy.

**https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0BxSVXGUZxCCqQ1pudWpyRTE3SmM?resourcekey=0-5LxvtlMTdT\_--7mcKNGHig&usp=sharing**

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