



# The LifeLine

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ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

After enduring sixteen years of cool summers in Minnesota, I'm really enjoying the "warmth" of the sunny south. I hope you are having a great summer, too. May it also be a time of rest and renewal for the body and soul! With the month of August just around the corner, I'm sure most of you are busy with school preparations and wrapping up on summer activities with family and friends.

Of course, as the saying goes . . . *All good things come to an end . . .!* But as one "good thing" comes to an end, I know better things are yet to come! I'm looking forward in excited anticipation and great joy, to what's coming. After all, the end of summer means . . . "Back from vacations . . . back to work . . . back to school . . . and BACK TO CHURCH!!" I love the sound of that! Oh, what joy it will be, to see ALL of you again!!

So as we begin a new school year and resume our ministries and other activities at All Saints, I invite each one of you to participate in, pray for and partner with me in doing the Lord's work. In Matthew 9:37, Jesus says . . . *The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.* Yes, there is much to do, but if we each do our part and work together, with our Lord Jesus leading us, "we can do immeasurably more than all we ask, or imagine . . .!"

In Jesus' love and service,

Pastor Vera



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Council President	Tom Wagner
President Elect	Hilton Austin
Secretary	Rica Kelly
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### Congregation Council Members

Tony Bush  
 Susan Lystad  
 Donna Rogers  
 Sam Underwood  
 Sandy Staven  
 Jim Kraus  
 Mike Hilyard

## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

***Sunday School*** at 9:00 a.m.

***Worship Service*** at 10:15 a.m.

Fellowship following the service

Eucharist every week

## Council Meeting, June 14, 2010

*Approved at July 12<sup>th</sup> Mtg*

Attendees: Tom Wagner, presiding; Pastor Vera Johnson, Jim Kraus, Donna Rogers, Tony Bush, Hilton Austin, Sandy Staven, Sue Lystad, John Yale, Sam Underwood, and Rica Kelly, (Mike Hilyard excused)

Pastor Vera opened the meeting with prayer.

**Pastor Vera's Report:** We currently have three new families worshipping with us, with the anticipation of two baptisms from one of these families. Within this group, one has offered to drive the bus for us, and Joseph and Kathy have offered to help with the work projects of the Property Committee. We totally lookforward to these families joining us in the near future.

**Treasurer's Report:** John Yale's Funds Allocation Report was up-to-date as of 5:56pm the day of our meeting, thus the numbers included all general funds offerings and the budgeted expenses were up to date as well, including payroll.

General Funds Offerings YTD = \$114,913

Budgeted Expenses Paid YTD = \$146,013      Deficit YTD = \$31,100 as of 6/14/2010

John discussed the general outline of our Accounting Summary pages (included within his report) to better acquaint Pastor Vera with how it is created and how it functions daily. Hilton Austin made motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Jim Kraus.

**Minutes to the Special Council meeting on May 5th** regarding Pastor Vera's Call process – Compensation Plan were read, discussed, and approved as presented. Motion made by Sue Lystad, seconded by Sam Underwood.

**Minutes to the May 10, 2010 Council Meeting** were also read, discussed, and approved as written. Motion made by Hilton Austin, seconded by Jim Kraus. They may be sent to Doreen for inclusion in the next Lifeline.

**Pastor's Installation:** The date of Sunday, June 27th at 2:00pm has been set on the calendar. This will be a full service, music to be included as well as a Fellowship event after the service. Dr. Beverly Wallace will attend, and either Pastor Delmer Chilton or another synod representative will officiate. We have the full, official liturgy available, and Pastor Vera will select her favorite hymn(s) for inclusion. Bishop Gordy said to invite the local ministers. Patti Austin and Doreen have the email lists, and will be asked to handle the invitations. Then Tom Wagner will send a letter to area ministers. Pastor Vera has some special friends within the area, who will be most welcome!

## Committee Reports:

John Yale inserted that Gretchen needs to have a time sheet or a check list to record her time worked. She asked if commute time could be included -- better from IRS standpoint to pay her mileage instead. \$.50 per mile is the current IRS approved mileage rate. Open for debate.

**Synod Meeting:** Pastor Vera, Hilton Austin, and Julie Boyer were our delegates, and Patti Austin also attended the event, not as a delegate.

Two resolutions were presented:

- 1) Request to repeal the sexuality statement at the last convention. DO NOT REPEAL passed. Each church can make its own choice regarding this issue.
- 2) The Youth presented a Letter of Harmony = dump the sexuality division and get on with staying together in harmony.

There were good speakers. One topic, Lutheran World Relief, was particularly memorable, as a speech given by the wife of the Bishop of Taiwan. Essentially, the World Relief Federation has received a lot of benefits from America and elsewhere, more importantly than we actually realize, and she cautioned us that our aid is beginning to fall away. Don't become complacent. The "Book of Faith" Workshop was also good.

**Outreach Ministry:** Sue Lystad offered written reports for both the May 16th Strategic Team Meeting and the Minutes to the May 13th Outreach Ministry Meeting. Two items need approval to enter the church calendar:

- 1) Concert on August 15th - Kids Helping Kids through Lutheran Services of Georgia requests using our sanctuary for a concert to aid outreach to homeless children. Motion to approve by Rica Kelly, seconded by Tony Bush. Tracy Goodrich will be asking for volunteers to serve as greeters and snack preparation.
- 2) November 6th Parkview Orchestra Spaghetti Supper here requested by Tracy Goodrich. This was put on "hold" until August for decision.

General Synopsis of Sue's Strategic Committee Church Calendar Dates through October 2010

- a. Joanne Swanson - Community Suppers start up Wed, August 25th.

Confirm with Pastor Vera and Tom if this will also be the start up date for Wednesday night worship?

- b. Emily has confirmed Trunk or Treat for Sunday, Oct 31.
- c. Emily will discuss start up date for Sunday School with Pastor Vera.

## Upcoming Events:

- a. Hilton advises that a Fellowship Committee has been activated.
- b. Church Picnic planning goes well
- c. Progressive Dinner plans underway for first Saturday in December.
- d. Patti Austin advises that a WELCA board will begin meeting the 2nd Monday each month, beginning in June.
- e. WELCA Cluster Four Conference will be held at All Saints on Sat, Oct. 16th 8am-4pm.
- f. Patti asked about interest in having the Fall Festival - All Ministry Fundraiser on Sat., Oct. 23rd.
- g. August 4 = Lutheran Night at the Braves

## **Other Topics:**

### Pastor Hanberry's Retirement Party - 5:00 Sunday, June 20th

Sam announced that 103 people have confirmed attending. The German Theme will be carried out by the menu (all German food), she is buying the meat from Sausage World. Decor, music follow the theme. Saturday, June 19th the Fellowship Hall will be decorated, starting at 10:00am. Sam asked is there would be any opposition to serving beer and wine, to which no opposition was raised. So far, he has "no idea" regarding theme. The refrigerator has been fixed and will be needed.

Next Congregational Meeting: This meeting has not as yet been put on the calendar, and needs to be scheduled for August 22. There have been NEWLY updated changes to the Synod Constitution, and we need to actually see it before bringing it to the Congregation. Item for July Council meeting agenda.

### Request:

Hilton asked Rica to forward a list of those members who compose the Nominating Committee to him. Done/rk

Formality Regarding Installation of a New Pastor: The ELCA Bylaws indicate that all paid church employees are obligated to submit their resignation to the new pastor, who may decide whether or not to accept said resignation. The Mutual Ministry should handle this. More importantly, the Mutual Ministry needs to inform us if/when these individuals received their annual evaluation. May target dates were discussed at the last Council meeting.

Handbook of Policies and Procedures: Hilton Austin has updated this and gave each Council member a copy of the old and the revised versions. Discuss the content at our next Council Meeting.

Church Equipment: The organ has been fixed. A surge arrestor costing \$50.00 was added. The piano tuner is coming next week. An upgrade for a new drum set has been requested. Tony Bush will talk with the Contemporary Band regarding the details of the drums and needed amplification system requirements and report to Pastor Vera.

Evangelism Committee: (discussed out of sequence) Sam Underwood presented the newly created "New Members Manual". Look it over, and let's discuss its content at the next Council Meeting.

Evangelism wants to do two (2) fundraisers:

- a. All Saints tee shirts and sweatshirts to be created and sold at slight profit.
- b. Prints of the Congregation Picture (gift to Pastor Hanberry). The committee would like to reproduce and offer these for sale to the congregation.
- c. Bumper Stickers topic also discussed.

Sam indicated that photographs of the individual members of the congregation will soon be scheduled.

No other business was presented, thus Rica made motion to adjourn. Standing indicated approval. The meeting concluded with Pastor Vera leading us in The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rica Kelly

Council Secretary

Prepared/Distributed June 24

*Next Council Meeting will occur on Monday evening, July 12th at 7:00*

## **2010 Southeastern Synod Women of the ELCA Marietta, Georgia September 10-12, 2010**

If you haven't yet, now is the time to register and reserve your room, so you can sit back and relax. Relax knowing your trip to Marietta, Georgia will be spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically satisfying, and you will feel the Wind of the Spirit!

### **Take a look Spiritually:**

Don't miss the Friday afternoon and Sunday morning worship services. Such a wonderful way to open and close the convention. Our chaplain, Pastor Jill Henning, and Bishop Julian Gordy will inspire us to renew our efforts to serve our Lord. Visit our small, private room serving as a chapel during your stay at the Hilton.

### **Take a look Mentally and Emotionally:**

Our keynote speaker will get your hearts pumping with her humor and her heart wrenching stories. Our workshop leaders will challenge your minds.

- You will be entertained as you catch up with friends at the Friday evening cocktail / hors d'oeuvres reception (cash bar, business casual).
- We pray you will open your hearts to the giving opportunities; supplies for MUST, kits for LWR truck and financial support for Southeastern Synod Disaster Preparedness and Response.
- The Gathering Place, new this year, will offer relaxing things to do, opportunities to learn and crafts.
- The Quilting Room, new this year is where you can work on your quilts, as well as participate in a wall hanging project.
- The Sessions will inform us of all that happens at the Synod and National levels.

### **Take a look Physically:**

- Bring your golf clubs, your swimsuits, your tennis racquet and your walking shoes for sightseeing.
- Bring your cameras for photos while you stroll the lovely floral gardens on the grounds of the Hilton Marietta Conference Center.
- Plan to dress up in your "ball gowns" as Belles of the Ball (from Sunday dresses to semi-formal to formal, any color) for the Saturday evening banquet.
- Whether you sing and are part of our wonderful ladies' choir or sit back and listen - the choir is such a treat.

Plan to come on Wednesday or Thursday to enjoy the Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta, Stone Mountain's Yellow Daisy Festival, the No. 1 Atlanta Braves, historic Marietta Trolley tour and the popular Marietta Square, historic Kennesaw Mountain and much more that is available. Clusters 4 and 2 welcome you to this year's convention. We know you will catch the "WIND OF THE SPIRIT".

# Women of the ELCA Convention

## THE GATHERING PLACE

### Service Stations

The Gathering Place will be an opportunity for you to participate in several different service projects while at the convention.

### What to bring:

- Inexpensive greeting cards for our women's Prison Ministry.
- Items for Barnabas Bags - Individual pack of tissues, individually wrapped tea bags, votive candle holders and small bubble bath or bath salts
- Spare change for Project Comfort

### What to do:

- Grab a friend and share the humbling experience of washing each other's feet just as Jesus washed the feet of his disciples.
- Collect items to send to our soldiers fighting in Iraq or Afghanistan for the holidays.
- Assemble Barnabas Bags to be given to those in times of trouble.
- Collect change for Project Comfort to help pay shipping costs for Lutheran World Relief.
- Assemble a variety of greeting cards to be used by women in our Prison Ministry.

You can earn a butterfly for each activity that you participate in and fill your card while helping others.

## Needed for September Convention

The 2010 In-Kind Gathering of Gifts will go to MUST Ministries in Marietta, Georgia, a faith-based organization which for thirty-seven years has been dedicated to providing services to persons and families in crisis while maintaining their dignity.

We will be collecting socks and underwear in all sizes for boys, girls, men and women, as well as diapers of all sizes at the synodical Convention September 10-12 in Marietta.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING

### REMINDER

On August 29 we will collect our Fifth Sunday Offering. The recipient of the offering is the Haitian Timoun Foundation, a non-profit organization focused on creating a better future for the children of Haiti. Timoun means "child" in Haitian Kreyol. 100% of all contributions go directly to Haiti partners and projects. Offering envelopes are in the pew racks – make checks out to ASLC, with HTF in the memo line. To read about the ministries of HTF, go to [www.htflive.org](http://www.htflive.org).

Thank you for caring, ASLC Outreach Committee

## **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

<i>Lennie Cauble</i>	<i>August 2</i>
<i>Jim Dekle Jr.</i>	<i>August 3</i>
<i>Roger Boyer</i>	<i>August 4</i>
<i>Diane Smoller</i>	<i>August 5</i>
<i>Michael Goodrich</i>	<i>August 5</i>
<i>Phil Graham</i>	<i>August 6</i>
<i>Eric Levensgood</i>	<i>August 6</i>
<i>Eleanor Bush</i>	<i>August 7</i>
<i>Savannah Lee</i>	<i>August 12</i>
<i>John Levensgood</i>	<i>August 18</i>
<i>Jerry Barnes</i>	<i>August 18</i>
<i>Tony Bush</i>	<i>August 19</i>
<i>Pat Barnes</i>	<i>August 19</i>
<i>Nell Salmi</i>	<i>August 21</i>
<i>Alan North</i>	<i>August 22</i>
<i>Jim Kraus</i>	<i>August 23</i>
<i>Nina Lutz</i>	<i>August 30</i>
<i>Darlene Gustafson</i>	<i>August 31</i>

## **AUGUST BAPTISMS**

*Michael Goodrich*

*Don Gustafson*

*Bob Smoller*

*Diane Smoller*

*Kevin Swanson*

*Maddox Wilson*

## **AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

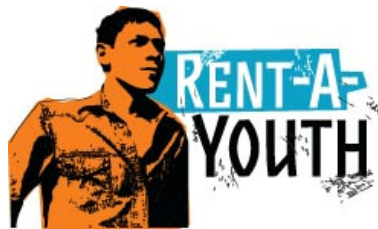
<i>Mary &amp; John Yale</i>	<i>August 7</i>
<i>Tracy &amp; Mike Goodrich</i>	<i>August 9</i>
<i>Joyce &amp; John Palasz</i>	<i>August 10</i>
<i>Sheila &amp; Tom Wagner</i>	<i>August 11</i>
<i>Judi &amp; Jim Dekle</i>	<i>August 12</i>
<i>Miriam &amp; Mac McCann</i>	<i>August 17</i>

## **YOUTH NEWS**



High School Sunday School

Sundays at 9:15 A.M.



Need help with Chores? Babysitting? Errands?

The Youth are for "rent" with money going towards youth events

See Sign up sheets on the youth board

## **Adult Sunday School**

Come and join us beginning August 15th at 9:00 am for Adult Sunday School. There will be a women's class upstairs and a study of the of Luke downstairs. If you haven't been attending Sunday School, now is a great time to start. And if you have been attending, we can't wait to see you back! It's a wonderful way to grow in your faith with the support of fellow believers.

## Family Ministry News in August:

MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE - Family Ministry needs Sunday School volunteers. There is nothing more rewarding than seeing the seeds of faith take root in our young people. Now, with the Augsburg SPARK program, it couldn't be easier. All the hard work of planning a lesson is done for you. ALL YOU NEED TO DO: read over the leader's guide pages for that week, and share your love of Jesus with the kids. Family ministry asks each of you to volunteer for ONE month. We have openings for 3 teachers each month: Pre-K and K, 1-2 and 4-5th. The kids are good, and eager to learn. Please volunteer by signing up in the Narthex. If you have any questions, or if you want to take a look at the SPARK program materials, see Emilie Bush.



### Blessing of the Students and Teachers:

Sorry to remind you, but school is starting this month!

Be sure your child is stocked Spiritually as well as with office supplies! Join us SUNDAY August 8th at 10:15 AM for a Blessing of the Students and Teachers. PLEASE PASS OUT INVITATIONS TO ALL OF YOUR CHILDREN'S FRIENDS AND TEACHERS. A stack of invitations are available for you to take from the WELCOME desk in the Narthex.

*Remember to bring your backpacks!*

PLEASE note that this is a simple opportunity to invite people to our service and our sanctuary. Let's not allow this chance to extend our fellowship escape us. Take some invitations. Invite families you see in the neighborhood. Invite your kids, grandkids and your grandkid's friends. Let's show Lilburn Families that our hearts are open.



### Upcoming Dates:

Sunday September 26th, after Services and Fellowship: A Veggie Tales *Sweetpea Beauty* Party! All Saints is throwing a party for your child and her friends, all you have to do is pass out the invitations! There will be popcorn and balloons, and a screening of Big Idea's *Sweetpea Beauty*! Look in the Narthex for invitations that you can pass out to your friends (check for them just before Labor Day.)

Lilburn Daze - October 9 - All day

Trunk Or Treat - Sunday October 24 - 5-7PM

Lilburn Christmas Parade - Saturday Dec. 4th 9AM

Breakfast with the Saints Children's Christmas Program - Dec. 11 9AM

Children's Christmas Eve service - The Nativity in Shadows and Light - 4PM Friday December 24th

# August 2010

# Worship Assistants

Date: <b>8-1-2010</b>		10:15 – Service
Worship Assistant		John Yale
Lector		Sam Underwood
Children's Talk		Pastor Vera
Communion Asst.		Mary Kay & Al Kates, Bonnie Marker
Usher		John & Joyce Holdrich
Greeter		Pat & Ralph Ehrich
Altar Guild Server		Bonnie Marker
Visitor Table		Mary Kay Kates
Counters	John Jones & Don Gustafson	
Date: <b>8-8-2010</b>		10:15 -Service
Worship Assistant		Donna <i>Rogers</i>
Lector		Cheryl Mylacraine
Children's Talk		Emilie Bush
Communion Asst.		Damon & Lucy Denzin & Dot Frederickson
Usher		Mac & Miriam McCann
Greeter		Sandy Staven
Altar Guild Server		Lennie Cauble
Visitor Table		Nina Lutz
Flowers		
Counters	Joanne Swanson & Tom Wagner	
Date: <b>8-15-2010</b>		10:15 -Service
Worship Assistant		Tom Wagner
Lector		Sheila Wagner
Acolyte		
Children's Talk		YOUTH
Communion Assistant		Susan & Jerry Lystad , Susan Holbrook
Usher		Karen & Jim Kraus
Greeter		Gene Kelly
Altar Guild Server		Amy Cauble
Visitor Table		Rica Kelly
Flowers		
Counters	Lorraine Herring & Ralph Ehrich	
Date: <b>8-22-2010</b>		10:15 –Service
Worship Assistant		Kevin Swanson
Lector		Roger Boyer
Acolyte		
Children's Talk		John Calhoun
Communion Assistant		Patti & Hilton Austin, Savannah Lee
Usher		Larry & Lennie Cauble
Greeter		John Holdrich
Altar Guild Server		Susan Holbrook
Visitor Table		Joyce Holdrich
Counters	Donna Rogers & Tom Wagner	
Date: <b>8-29-2010</b>		10:15 –Service
Worship Assistant		John Calhoun
Lector		Linda Calhoun
Children's Talk		Martinson
Communion Assistant		Phil & Martha Wooden, Amy Cauble
Usher		Tracy & Mike Goodrich
Greeter		Lorraine & Jack Dress
Altar Guild Server		Lucy Denzin
Visitor Table		Phil Graham
Counters	Joanne Swanson & Tom Wagner	

