



SAINTS ALIVE!

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Core Purpose

All Saints Episcopal Church exists to receive and share the power of God's love to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

Vision Statement

"We are All Saints Church, bringing the transforming power of God's love to all."

We are committed to transcend differences and unite as one in Christ. Our Spirit-filled worship calls us out of our historic sanctuary and into our communities to act faithfully bringing love, joy and peace to all.

We are called to think, to believe, and to imagine.

2019 Mission

"Making a Difference"

FROM THE INTERIM RECTOR

At its root, "liturgy" means "work of the people". In an effort to make that work more (w)holy it has come to my attention that we as a congregation might benefit from a refresher course on why we do what we do in worship on Sunday morning. An education course dedicated to this project would be a great idea, but then when would we have it when every one could attend? Many congregations have addressed this challenge by having an "instructed Eucharist" whereby during the worship service various parts of it are explained. However, this only reaches those who are there that Sunday. Consequently, in conversation with a variety of folks at All Saints, we are about to embark on a multiple week journey up until the beginning of Advent that will only address one section of the liturgy at a time. There will be a brief (less than 5 minutes) explanation of the section of the day and an accompanying written explanation that will be finally compiled into a comprehensive small booklet in case you had to miss a Sunday. September 1 we begin with the beginning! This will be specific to both the Rite I and Rite II liturgies and I will be available in the Parish Hall after each service to answer questions that may have arisen from this project.



Rev. Becky



The All Saints September vestry meeting will be held Thursday, September 5 at 7pm in the Vestry Room. The second half of the meeting will be an executive session.

PARISH NEWS

All Saints Book Club selection for September is Citizens of London by Lynne Olson. Please request a copy from the library at your earliest opportunity. The meeting will be on Tuesday, September 10, at 7:00 pm in the home of Arthur Frederick with Jane Underwood assisting. Discussion leader will be Arthur Frederick.



Congratulations to Eric & Ivy (Gibson) Raigle on their marriage on Saturday, August 24.



- Parish Life wants to thank the Bakers, Ryders and the Sullivans for hosting all the parish parties recently. The food is always tasty and the conversation is lively. Summer gatherings give our Snowbirds a chance to see what they are missing when we are going to parties and driving in ice and snow! Parish Life is always looking for more families to host a party-just give me a call. Jane 269-857-2268.



- Thank you to everyone for cards, prayers and acts of kindness and concern. I appreciate it so much!

Dale Ann Suydam

The Adult Sunday School class will resume on the Sunday after Labor Day; September 8 at 9:00 am, in the Vestry Office. The class seems to work best when we read and discuss sermons by great preachers like John Buchanan, Peter Gomes, Samuel Wells, and Michael Curry. We will go back to sermons in September – maybe longer; but with a twist: sermons are meant to be heard, not read. So we will try watching and listening to sermons in class, and then discussing them. Not just sermons by one preacher, but by a variety of preachers with a variety of personalities and styles. There will be very little homework (only the Bible passage the sermon is based on – and maybe an occasional page about how to write and listen to sermons).



We'll start on September 8 with a sermon Michael Curry preached in the National Cathedral in Washington two years ago. As preparation, I recommend that you read Matthew 22:15-22 a few times during the week. But that's not essential as we will start class by reading it.

Join us – I promise you will be entertained and inspired.

Peter Schakel

ALL SAINTS ENDOWMENT

The Role of All Saints Endowment Fund

Submitted by: Bob Godfrey

The Endowment Fund is a long term investment in All Saints. Contributions to the Endowment exist in perpetuity; only the interest, dividends and capital gains generated by the original funds are available for spending. Endowment Funds are not used for day-to-day church expenses, but rather to support new initiatives (like Deacon Francis's Diaconate training), infrastructure surprises (like a new furnace), or special unbudgeted activities (like a robust search process).

As we at All Saints begin a new chapter in the life of our parish, the Fund can be particularly helpful in enabling us to address the inevitable bumps in the road that occur in any transition.

The Fund welcomes contributions of any size. There are many ways to give, but the simplest is by putting a check made out to "All Saints Endowment Fund" in the offertory plate. If you have questions about the Fund, please ask any member of the Endowment Committee listed below or in the Sunday bulletin.



Endowment Team 2019

1st Row: Rose Meengs, Lauri Sullivan, Bobbie Gaunt

2nd Row: Bob Gamble, Rev. Becky Michelfelder, Steve Baker

We're trying something new at coffee hour: Celebration Sundays! We are designating the first Sunday of every month to acknowledge the birthdays and anniversaries and any other significant events of members by having a special coffee hour. We will begin this Sunday with all the September birthdays and anniversaries combined with pizza and chocolate cake provided by the interim rector. She will also pry herself away from the front door after the 10:00 am service in a timely fashion so she can teach you a new, fun, simple song with the name of every September honoree included that we can sing every month. If pizza and chocolate cake are not your thing we will pull out the emergency windmill cookies stashed in an undisclosed location so everyone who wants can have a bite. Help us come celebrate.



FROM THE DEACON

Submitted by: Deacon Francis Berghuis

As I write this, I am at St. Gregory's Monastery in Three Rivers, MI. August always seems to be a good time to visit here, as it is always very warm, and has rained several nights. There are three sand cranes in residence (they believe the monks are the visitors and they own the place)! There are two adults and an almost full-grown juvenile. When I sit on the porch of St. Deni's and they walk by about fifteen feet away it is amazing to watch them walk with those long necks and legs! Wonderful birds and are loved by the community.



Abbot Andrew refers to the male adult as Mr. Crane. They are very suspicious birds and when they see their reflection they will peck at it. There are plain glass windows on the south side of the chapel and during Vespers it is not unusual at all to hear them pecking!

I have met some wonderful people here this time. One person become an oblate this past week (Bill S. - Br. William), and he and I have become very acquainted. He is from Golden, Colorado and has his PhD in philosophy. We plan on communicating via Skype and hopefully next year I will take the train there for a visit. Also met a priest from South Dakota (this guy makes Henry look small!) He is very tall and has a parish on the 'Lakota country' (that's what he refers to it as). Wants me to come and be his deacon! Also a visitor from Taiwan who comes regularly each year, is a Baptist missionary, and trained at Bob Jones University. Though quite conservative, he fits in well with us 'to the left'! We also had a young mother and her 12-yr. old son, Isaac, stay for a day. Very unusual for a child to be here. He and I spent two hours together, while he showed me his magic tricks! Isaac is very, very good! I will be leaving here soon to head up to the thumb area. A friend of mine from the Academy is being ordained as priest at Grace Church in Lapeer, MI.

I will begin participating in the Saturday Peace rally that 'Holland Interfaith Allies' sponsors. They have them on two Saturdays a month at Centennial Park. If you are ever interested in going, let me know.

I also visited recently with Pam Matteson. Her health has not changed. She wishes everyone at All Saints 'hello'!

In Christ,

Deacon Francis

THE DOORS SWING BOTH WAYS IN THE LIFE OF A 'WELCOMING CHURCH'

Submitted by: Deacon Francis Berghuis

Several months ago, or perhaps as long ago as last year, I gave a sermon in which I referred to the doors of the church as being able to swing both ways. I am going to use this analogy again as our 'open-door' church also speaks so well to this topic.

Robert Funk, founder of the Jesus Seminar, contends that because "Christianity is not the religion of Jesus, but the religion about him, it falls upon those who truly seek to follow Jesus to find him behind the creeds and gospels."
(And beyond our sacred church walls.)

This article promotes the fact that around the church, having a welcoming environment, is paramount to its success. When we walk into a church we are looking for, hoping for, and expecting a welcome from someone. Once received, we must begin to take this desire for a 'welcoming environment' through the doors and out into 'the world', by those who proclaim that Christ is Lord!

"The first and greatest commandment is this; To love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, mind and soul. The second is like unto it, that you should love your neighbor as yourself."

Churches are sacred/social grounds where individuals gather. A place encircled by a never-ending dance of giving and receiving. Through this giving and receiving, we find the Christ for all of us, which is the Body of Christ IN all of us!

In most respects 'Church People' are of like minds. We are Christians, on spiritual journeys, coming to the Table (with God) and with each other, enacting together again in the passing of the peace, and through the laughing and loving at coffee hour. These are the 'God things' we do in the name of Christ in God's house as disciples of Jesus!
So, how then, do we un-embrace our Christian cohorts, and turn our embrace toward a stranger, perhaps an atheist, or enemy, outside our sacred walls? We come to them with the embrace of a loving, compassionate, human-being, called a Christian. Now perhaps using the term 'embrace' makes some feel uncomfortable, and that's OK! Presentation of oneself is a nonverbal cue for others to see. A smiling face, with a hand extended, in anticipation of a handshake, which also works just as well!

Both sides of the door, must demonstrate many of the same actions when receiving a greeting, from an open-hearted, compassionate child of a loving God. So, (as an afterthought), in support of this proclamation, is it time for us to do some type of announcement outside on the church, of our 'All Welcoming' status? How far should we go to let others know of our love and desire for them to join us? I would love to know your thoughts!

As mentioned in the quote above by Robert Funk, Jesus was a Jew, and will always be a Jew. It is well known, through the gospels, that the authors continually witness to the obtuseness of Jesus' followers in grasping the connection between divine mission and shameful demise. Only after his post-resurrection encounters with them do the disciples begin to put together the pieces of the 'Jesus puzzle'. Truly believing Jesus to be the Son of God, they begin applying all that they learned from Jesus. With struggling persistence, and with the apostles' commission and commitment to the Jewish truth of the resurrection, 'The Way' went on to gain acceptance in the far-flung cultural and linguistic corners of the empire.

Two thousand, plus years later, we Christians carry on that welcoming of 'The Way'. Showing others outside our church family the joys, wonders, fellowship, and love, that is proclaimed in and about Jesus, through us! This church that we serve, also has numerous options to enable us to bring things to the world. Such as the Outreach Team, Pastoral Care Team, Stewardship/Creation Care team, and the LGBTQ Advocacy Team. We need to do this, no matter if we are in church, in the grocery store, wherever we are, we should be opening the doors of our hearts to share our faith in Jesus!

No matter which side of the church door you are coming through, as a Christian, you are called to proclaim the 'good news' of Jesus Christ, by your whole-body presentation to the world!

"And now, Father, send us out, to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you, as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord."

When We Enter

*And through the door
we come,
Hi! Hello, to welcome
everyone!
By love, by prayer, by
heart-filled service none
is spared.,
To be In Christ, is seen
in everyone, and every-
where.
Amen!*

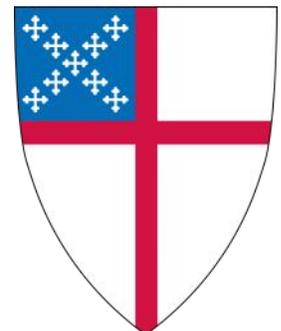
TREASURERS REPORT

All Saints Episcopal Church Operating Income & Expense Report July 2019

	Jul 19	Budget	\$ Over Budget	Jan - Jul 19YTD	YTD Budget	\$ Over Budget	Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense							
Income							
4000 · Contributions	22,793.00	17,291.66	5,501.34	101,686.79	121,041.70	(19,354.91)	207,500.00
4020 · Open Plate	286.00	333.33	(47.33)	1,714.22	2,333.35	(619.13)	4,000.00
4030 · Fund Contributions	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,107.68	0.00	20,107.68	0.00
4100 · Special Services	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	200.00	583.35	(383.35)	1,000.00
4200 · Gifts	0.00	833.33	(833.33)	6,636.90	5,833.35	803.55	10,000.00
4310 · Investment Income	8.46	8.33	0.13	72.22	58.35	13.87	100.00
4400 · Misc. Income	1,559.50	1,674.16	(114.66)	10,612.53	11,769.20	(1,156.67)	20,140.00
4920 · Rector's Discr. Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	368.50	0.00	368.50	0.00
4925 · Deacon's Discr. Fund	69.00	0.00	69.00	96.00	0.00	96.00	0.00
Total Income	24,715.96	20,224.14	4,491.82	141,494.84	141,619.30	(124.46)	242,740.00
Gross Profit	24,715.96	20,224.14	4,491.82	141,494.84	141,619.30	(124.46)	242,740.00
Expense							
6015 · Outreach Ministry Team Expense	1,297.79	1,000.00	297.79	5,693.92	7,000.00	(1,306.08)	12,000.00
6020 · Rector's Discretionary Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	368.50	0.00	368.50	0.00
6025 · Deacon's Discretionary Fund	69.00	0.00	69.00	96.00	0.00	96.00	0.00
6100 · Diocese	965.00	1,661.00	(696.00)	10,931.00	11,627.00	(696.00)	19,932.00
6300 · Personnel Costs	11,896.28	13,487.46	(1,591.18)	77,642.61	94,412.70	(16,770.09)	161,850.00
6700 · Building & Grounds	3,078.98	2,090.80	988.18	37,001.94	14,636.00	22,365.94	25,790.00
7000 · Office	435.09	1,592.04	(1,156.95)	6,574.53	11,144.80	(4,570.27)	19,105.00
7300 · Parish Operations	1,259.67	999.97	259.70	25,724.72	7,000.15	18,724.57	12,000.00
8000 · Church & RH Apartments	0.00	91.66	(91.66)	0.00	641.70	(641.70)	1,100.00
Total Expense	19,001.81	20,922.93	(1,921.12)	164,033.22	146,462.35	17,570.87	251,777.00
Net Ordinary Income	5,714.15	(698.79)	6,412.94	(22,538.38)	(4,843.05)	(17,695.33)	(9,037.00)
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VESTRY CORNER

As we move into the Rector Search Discernment process communication will continue to be important. One of the ways your vestry will be supporting this internal outreach is the Vestry shepherd program. The names in the church directory have been divided up among the current vestry members and you should expect to receive a call from one of them by the end of September just to check in with you to see if you have questions about All Saints or if you have suggestions for improvements that would benefit all. If you don't hear from a vestry person by the end of September, please contact the Interim Rector.



SEPTEMBER 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 8:00 am - Rite I 10:00 am - Rite II 1:30 pm - AA	2 	3 12:00 pm - AA Spirituality Group 7:00 pm - Women's AA	4 12:30 pm - AA	5 8:00 pm - AA 8:00 pm - Al-Anon 7:00 pm Vestry meeting	6	7
8 8:00 am - Rite I 10:00 am - Rite II 1:30 pm - AA	9	10 12:00 pm - AA Spirituality Group 7:00 pm - Women's AA 7:00 pm - All Saints Book Club	11 12:30 pm - AA	12 8:00 pm - AA 8:00 pm - Al-Anon	13	14
15 8:00 am - Rite I 10:00 am - Rite II 1:30 pm - AA	16	17 12:00 pm - AA Spirituality Group 7:00 pm - Women's AA	18 12:30 pm - AA	19 8:00 pm - AA 8:00 pm - Al-Anon	20	21 9:00 am - Brotherhood of St. Andrew
22 8:00 am - Rite I 10:00 am - Rite II 1:30 pm - AA	23	24 12:00 pm - AA Spirituality Group 7:00 pm - Women's AA	25 12:30 pm - AA	26 8:00 pm - AA 8:00 pm - Al-Anon	27	28
29 8:00 am - Rite I - Baptism 10:00 am - Rite II 1:30 pm - AA	30					

Birthdays:

9/1 Ward Dobbin
9/6 Ivy (Gibson) Raigle
9/9 Rebecca Hoekman
9/22 Steve Williford
9/23 Cheryl Rose
9/24 Laura Godfrey
9/25 Bob Godfrey
9/28 David VanderLaan
9/29 Pat Paris



Anniversaries:

9/2 Rich & Jane Forbes
9/3 Bruce & Nancy TerBeek
9/17 Don & Renee Olendorf
9/28 Bruce & Carol Schock



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