

# SAINTS ALIVE



## RIC Statement

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays @ 9:00am

### Upcoming Events~JUNE

**Men's Lunch~Fish Fry**

Thursday, June 1st @ 12 @ASLC



**Volunteer Recognition & Juice Sunday**

Sunday June 4th

**Quilters Quest**

Mondays-8:30-12:00

Tuesday-6/6 & 6/20 6:30-8:00 pm

**Crafting Corner**

Tuesday, June 13 @ 6:30

\* June Events cont. on page 2

\*\* July Events begin on page 2-3



# Sheep Dog's Log

Be not afraid, sing out for joy!  
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We have been singing a variation of this song every single Sunday during the 40 days that followed Easter.

The common thread, for me, was that Jesus walked this earth, got covered in dust, washed his disciples feet, and encouraged us to love our neighbor AS we love ourselves.

Love first.

Ask questions later.

The art of caring for your neighbor, also known as Pastoral Care, is showing up and shutting up. Most people don't need words (or advice) when they're going through a tough time, they need to know they're not alone.

Show Up. Do Good. Be Kind. (Repeat)

All of this being said, the work of the people and the staff at All Saints does not slow down in the summer.

We have all sorts of events, Vacation Bible School, the Holy Hootenanny with a Street Fair, W O R S H I P, and Bible Study, campus clean up, gardening for all ages, and so on.

Take time to read this June / July edition of the newsletter.

Please stay connected with us over the summer. Worship in person or online read Christ in Our Home, and rest your spirit. Deep, Deep, and Abiding Peace be with you.

Peace,



CONGRATULATIONS  
ON YOUR  
CONFIRMATION!

**Fill the Little Food Pantry**  
**Sunday, June 18th**  
**Men's Group**

Tuesday, June 20th @ 5:30 @  
Broadway Bar and Grill

**OWLS Luncheon~Picnic Style**  
Wednesday, June 21st 12:00 at  
ASLC

**VBS**

June 19-22

**Youth Gardening-Come and  
learn all about Seeds**

Wednesday, June 21  
BYOS(Sack supper)@ 5:00  
Class begins @ 5:30

**Youth Gardening-Come and  
learn about Pollinators**

Wednesday, June 21  
BYOS(Sack supper)@ 5:00  
Class begins @ 5:30  
*Hosted by Diane Fredrickson  
and Lesley Erickson*

## July Events

**Juice Sunday**

June 2nd

**Quilters Quest**

Mondays-8:30-12:00  
Tuesday-July 18th 6:30-8:00  
pm

*\*July Events continued on pg 3*



WITH ERICA  
INTERIM PASTORAL PRESCENSE

June is fun! Summer vacation, pools, lakes, time with family and friends... On top of all the fun beginning-of-summer things, June is also known as Pride Month.

This month is a celebration for people in the queer community, acknowledging the difficulties that are faced by people across the gender and sexuality spectrum as they are just trying to live authentically. As Christians, we celebrate the diversity of God’s creation in many ways, and Pride Month is a time when we can rejoice in God’s creativity of human expression and experiences.

Last year, as a part of the process of becoming a Reconciling in Christ congregation, All Saints crafted a welcome statement: “All Saints Lutheran Church is called to the ministry of reconciliation. We proclaim this statement of welcome to all who have known the pain of exclusion or discrimination in the church and society.

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## July Events Continued

**Youth Gardening**-Come and learn about Good & Bad bugs in the garden

Wednesday, July 5th

BYOS(Sack supper)@ 5:00

Class begins @ 5:30

\*Hosted by Diane Fredrickson and Lesley Erickson

### **Crafting Corner**

Tuesday, July 11th @ 6:30

**Youth Gardening-Come and meet the MN Bug Guy~Bruce the Bug Guy**

Wednesday, July 12th

BYOS(Sack supper)@ 5:00

Class begins @ 5:30

### **Fill the Little Food Pantry**

Sunday, July 16th

**Holy Hootenanny-Local Bands and Street Fair\*MORE INFORMATION ON PAGE**

Sunday, July 16th 3-8pm

### **Men's Group**

Tuesday, July 18th @ 5:30 @

Broadway Bar and Grill

### **OWLS**

Wednesday, July 19th @ 11:30

Patio Taco Party at 2992

Leyland View, Woodbury.

Please reply to

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651-731-1751.





**ReconcilingWorks**  
LUTHERANS FOR FULL PARTICIPATION

# Call Committee

On Sunday, June 25, names gathered by the congregational council will be presented for The Call Committee. Six names will do the heart of the work along with two alternatives.

Qualities of call committee members: allow the Holy Spirit to guide this congregation through the entire call process.

When identifying candidates for the call committee, it is important to seek persons who:

- will make this work a top priority

- can maintain confidentiality
- can both listen deeply and also speak up
- act in faith and prayerfulness
- enjoy the trust and respect of the whole membership of the congregation
- can think and decide for the good of the whole congregation rather than their own personal desires or that of any faction or subgroup
- can meet regularly and often
- do not have any personal agendas, grievances, or power issues within the congregation
- are not employed by the congregation or are past pastors of the congregation (or their spouses)
- are not currently serving on the church council (except for the council representative)
- are not from the same family (i.e., spouse or parent/child) as others on the call committee.

For more information on the process, whether you are interested in serving or not, go to: <https://spas-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/CALL-MANUAL-v-2-21-18-FINAL.pdf>

It is an interesting process!

## SUMMER BOOK RECOMMENDATION:

Mad Honey by Jodi Piccoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan.

If you are looking for a new book, read Mad Honey. It's a fascinating book about compassion, passion, and learning how to be yourself. There are twists and revelations that surprise and engage a different way of thinking. Pastor Jules highly recommends this read and would like to chat with you about the book after you've read it.



# Property Update



All Saints was dropped by our regular vendor for lawn service. In a scramble for another vendor, PJ ran into a kerfuffle with the second vendor. When PJ announced that the lawn service was not an option this year, a couple from the congregation bought a mower, trimmer, etc... and set to work mowing.

I am amazed but not surprised. You are the church and you show up, do good, and are so amazingly kind and generous. That being said, our berms and gardens need some help.

On Wednesdays at 5:30p.m. we'll weed, turn over mulch, and clean up the campus. At the same time our kiddos will be over in the newly renovated garden patch. Check out the Seeds of Faith Garden anytime. It's located in the NE corner of the campus.

Any time you see a weed: pull it. It will take all of us to sort out our external campus this summer. If we all lift a little, perhaps we can save a bunch of money and put it towards more mission and ministry on behalf of Jesus Christ in and around S. Wash. Co.

THANK YOU AMY FREYBERGER  
FOR SHARING YOUR ARTISTIC TALENTS WITH US AND MAKING  
OUR SPACE BEAUTIFUL EVERY MONTH!





Growing with Love  
with Ms. Leah

SEEDS of Faith



## Garden Classes

**Wednesdays beginning in May-August meet at 5:00 with a sack supper**

**Bring your gardening gloves, water bottle, sunscreen and sun hat**

**Below you will find our class list, but we will be here every Wednesday: weeding, watering, and harvesting**

**\*\*Gardening class begins at 5:30**

- 5/31-Create Flower Bombs
- 6/21-All About Seeds
- 7/5-Good bugs & bad bugs in our garden
- 7/12-Firefly crafts
- 8/2-How do plants grow
- 8/9-Garden Give back we will be donating our produce to *Basic Needs*
- 8/16-Tops, Middles and Bottoms-Let's eat what we planted



# VBS 2023

## WELCOME TO VBS

We are so excited to spend the week with your child/ren! Please send your child in clothes that can get messy and dirty. Thank you

Please arrive on Monday a little earlier (8:45) to fill out the, “Luther Crest Bible Camp Health Form and Permission to Participate in Day Camp” form. I will also be sending the form in an email to all families who have signed up for this fun filled week.

What to bring to Bible Camp:

- Water Bottle with your child’s name on it.
- Towel
- Change of clothes (just in case, we get wet or have an accident)
- Please apply bug spray or send with your child labeled and when we should reapply.
- Lace-up shoes for running
- Rain jacket or poncho in case in rains
- Please apply sunscreen and/or send sunscreen with your child/ren names and how often to be reapplied
- Sunhat if applicable

Preschoolers-Please remember that if your little one is inconsolable after many attempts, I will call you to discuss our options. Thank you for being flexible with our littlest campers. please bring the above items and the items listed below:

- Diapers/pull-ups if applicable
- We will be having a 45 minute quiet time after lunch. Please provide a nap mat, rug or a towel for your child to rest on while we watch a Veggie Tale show

### **Thursday Closing Program @ 2:30**

The Luther Crest Day Camp Team has planned a closing program for our campers. This program is intended to share what the campers have learned throughout the week through songs, skits, and worship! Parents, Guar, Guests and Members are invited and encouraged to attend.



## *Noteworthy Music*

BY KAREN PIPER, MUSIC DIRECTOR

On May 24th, we celebrated our fellowship and hard work. I'm very grateful for these dedicated musicians and their support for each other and the church. We are always looking for new members, so keep an eye out for when we will start in the fall!

The instrumentalists will continue to meet over the summer, so if you're interested in playing, please let me know. It's a chance for us to jam and workshop through original songs. We are an adaptive group, so join us!

Happy Summer,  
Karen Pieper, Director of Music

## I hope to see you at the Holy Hootenanny!

# MORE WAYS FOR OUTREACH

### **Juice Sunday:**

We also have our ongoing commitment to Open Hands Midway to provide 64 ounce bottles of 100% juice on the first Sunday of each month. Kay Kuehn, Open Hands Midway director, breathes a sign of relief each month when our volunteers deliver our contributions. It is a very popular item at their food pantry.

### **Third Sundays:**

In partnership with Basic Needs, we bring in items for filling the free little food pantry every third Sunday of the month. The food needs vary by season due to the weather. The Basic Needs website has a list of suggested donations.





**All Saints**  
Lutheran Church, ELCA

**Sunday, July 16th, 3:00 - 8:00pm**

All Saints Lutheran Church  
8100 Belden Blvd, Cottage Grove

P R E S E N T S

# HOLY HOOTENANNY

## STREET FAIR AND CONCERTS



SPECIAL PERFORMANCES BY:

- T4:00-4:45: TEDDYBEAR BAND**
- 5:00-5:45: RICH AND THE RESISTORS**
- 6:00-6:45: FOREVER YOUNG**
- 7:00-7:45: TBA**

### Food Trucks

Taqueria El Huasteco Eggroll Queen - Mik Mart

### CE Skoolie Bus

Kids Activities - Tattoos - Free T-Shirts



### CG Fire Department



Donations will support  
SoWash Co Cares.

# FROM THE MISSION AND OUTREACH TEAM

On the Horizon for this Summer

Dear All Saints Community,

We have some outreach activities planned for this summer that will touch many lives. Please keep reading to see what's on the horizon. Perhaps you can help with one or more of these projects. There will be labeled boxes in the Narthex under the coat racks for your donations.

## **By June 12th:**

We are partnering with our Vacation Bible School kids to make tied fleece blankets for Camp Noah. This is a program provided by Lutheran Social Services to support children (ages 6-11) who have lost nearly everything in a traumatic event such as flood or tornado. We would love donations of blanket fleece by June 12 so we have time to prep the fabric for our project day. Fabric details: fleece must be 60" by 72", one side a plain color, the other side a print. They are requesting bright, gender-neutral fabrics. No specifically themed prints such as sports teams, Disney, hunting etc. We recommend such things as animal prints, geometric shapes, plaids, stars, rainbows. Pair that with a solid, color coordinated backing.

## **In June and July:**

The Connect Center (the organization we work with in operating our homeless youth drop-in center) is asking for items to make summer more enjoyable for families and youth. The suggested items include: suntan lotion, band-aids, mosquito repellent, Gatorade and bottled water, granola bars, beef jerky, sunglasses, bandanas, frisbees, balls, sidewalk chalk, bubbles and other "summer essentials" that you can think of.

## **In July and August:**

We recently learned that there is a great need for men's tennis shoes at the Union Gospel Mission in St. Paul. Shoes can be new or gently used. All adult sizes are needed.

## **Later this summer:**

The Mission and Outreach Team will collaborate with the Immigration Task Force to provide backpacks and other necessities for people being deported. More information will be available in a later newsletter.

## **At any time:**

The MORE agency in St. Paul who provides support to refugees and immigrants, is always looking for donations of adult depends. If you know of a family who has leftovers of this product MORE will take them even if it is a partial package. Some organizations will not take personal care products that have been opened.

If you are able to contribute in any way, please accept our heartfelt gratitude! Have a fun and safe summer.

# THIS AND THAT

## PRAYERS

**Please continue to pray for our staff throughout the summer:**

Leah K. - Office Manager and Children and Family Minister

Ellie B. - Office Intern

Pastor Rebecca - Pastoral Care

Jim and Shawn Krech - Custodial staff

Karen Pieper - Music Director -

Joan Axdal - Prayer Chain and Funeral Services

Sandy Schuck - Parish Nurse

Pastor Jules - Senior Pastor

Vicar Erica - Vicar and Interim Pastoral Presence

Steve Axdal - Sound Booth and Worship Technician

Craig Anderson - Business Manager

## REMINDERS

If you missed worship on Sundays, join us for worship at 4:00 pm every Wednesday at Norris Square

## HELP WANTED

Please consider helping Sundays:

- Coffee Corner
- Reader
- Communion Assistant
- Sound Booth help
- Special Music
- Greeter

## STEWARDSHIP

**From the Stewardship Team:**

Summer is statistically 'low' in giving. Consider signing up for once a month 'Sustained Giving' at the following link:

<https://www.allsaintscg.org/giving>

Cash and checks are also welcomed.

Consider tithing or a distribution from your IRA through qualified charitable giving.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

