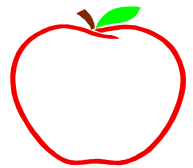




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## Visioning Event Set for September 23<sup>rd</sup>

Want to help select the next pastor for All Saints? You will have the opportunity to participate in the beginning of that process on **Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 p.m.** We expect this event to last approximately 90 minutes. Child care and refreshments will be provided.

### What is a Visioning Event?

If you were a member of a small corporation and had to select a new leader, how would you proceed? Well, first of all you would need to take a look at your company. What have you been doing in the past? What's going on at the present? What do you want to do in the future? What are the strengths of your company that can be expanded even more? What are the weaknesses where there can be improvement?

Gathering all this information together will give you a Vision for the Future. Next you need to find a leader who can fulfill these expectations. So, instead of selecting the leader first and then developing a job description we'll be looking for the leader to fill the role you have described.

So, we'll gather at our Visioning Event on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and in small groups work on our Visioning Statement. "Two heads are better than one" and one hundred heads are better than two! So the more members we get working on our Visioning Statement the more representative it will be. The small groups will "report" their findings and we'll assemble a summary that will prioritize our visions and dreams for All Saints. Shortly thereafter a Call Committee will be appointed and the summary sent to the Bishop for available pastoral candidates.

I've had the opportunity to participate in several Visioning Events over the past several years and found them to be exciting and inspiring events. You won't want to miss it!

Pastor Stees

## Rally Day - Sunday School Begins!

**Rally Day will be September 9.** This marks the first day of All Saints Whole Family Education Program. We hold classes from **9:15-10:15 am every Sunday through May.** Please bring your children to the sanctuary at 9:15 and pick them up in their classrooms at 10:15. Parents are always welcome in class to help or observe, or they may attend the adult class led by Bill Runnion in the conference room.



We still would like to have one person take the leadership role in teaching our preschool class. We have 4-5 adults and another 4 youths willing to help in that class when available so there is a lot of support. Someone just needs to volunteer as a teacher/leader—to plan and prepare for each week or delegate that effort as needed to our many helpers. Carolyn Schlagel and Jodi Miles will teach 1st-2nd Grade, Danny Anderson 3rd-4th, and Pete Raum 5th-6th.

- Dan & Melanie Anderson

# Confirmation Parent's Meeting



Confirmation classes will begin September 16<sup>th</sup> for 7th-8th graders during the Christian Education Hour (9:05-10:20) in the fellowship hall. This is a parent-led program and many parents have already volunteered to lead small groups and manage the paperwork that goes with tracking student requirements. Thanks to Margie Bergmark for volunteering to be the Presider. The mandatory meeting for all parents of 7th-8th graders planning to participate in confirmation classes originally scheduled for Wednesday, September 5 has been rescheduled to Sunday morning, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am due to the Middle School Orientation.

We look forward to learning and growing in Christ with our All Saints family!

## YOUTH NEWS

- Audrey Adams

### UPDATE ON PAST EVENTS

#### **Car Wash**

The car was scheduled for August 18<sup>th</sup> was all washed out. We will reschedule another one at a later date. Thanks to all who were going to help us wash cars and to all those who were going to get their car washed! Keep us in mind for the next one!



else you want to make. We can all then gather around the campfire and tell stories or sing songs. Please come and join the fun at 7601 E. McGregor Road.

#### **Peder Eide Jr. High Retreat November 16 - 17, 2007**

We will be going to LOMC (Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center) in Oregon on Saturday morning and stay for the day and evening; return home for the night; then go back to LOMC for the day on Sunday. We will meet at All Saints at 8:00 am on both Saturday and Sunday mornings. (I will need some help driving if we have a good response.) Not sure when we will return—look for more details later. Meals are included for both days. Price is \$60.00 per person. Please call Audrey Adams at 815-509-2682 or Dallas Lawson at 815-393-3325 with any questions.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Hayride / Campfire Party**

**October 20, 2007, 6 - 9 pm**



You are all invited to join in a Hayride / Campfire party for ALL family members and friends at the house of Audrey Adams. We will have a hayride, cook hot dogs over a campfire, enjoy s'mores, fruit pies, marshmallows and whatever

## ALL SAINTS GROUPS



#### Quilters

The Quilter's will meet on **September 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 11 a.m.**

This will be the last meeting before we pack the quilts for Lutheran World Relief. WELCA also wants to include Health kits, soap and Layettes in that shipment. We plan to display the

quilts in the sanctuary in late September so that you can see that your donations are being used for such a worthy cause. Please join us the **first Thursday of every month** as we continue to prepare comforters for people in need.

- Millie Knodle

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**Crafters!!** Coming soon – the All Saints Fall Bazaar  
 The crafters will be meeting on **Tues. Sept. 11 and Sept 25 at 9:00 am** in preparation for our **Fall Craft Bazaar on Oct. 11, 12, and 13.** We will finish any projects we have started.



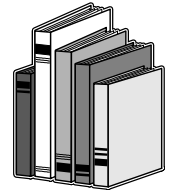
Have you been working on any projects at home? If so, please bring them to church anytime. You can leave them in the craft closet but be sure to put a note on it. Otherwise bring them to church and give to either Gloria Olsen or Lois Lapp.

We have a lot of items and are looking forward to the sale. A volunteer sheet will be posted on the bulletin board. We will need help setting up beforehand and on the days of the sale. Please set aside some time to help.

We are also having a raffle. Would you help sell tickets? Betty Klink will have them available for you along with the items we are raffling.

More details later. Please contact Lois Lapp at 815-234-7176 or Gloria Olsen at 815-335-2555 if you have any questions.  
 - Lois Lapp

**Religious Book Club**



The book club will meet on **September 24th at one o'clock at the church.** Mary Raney will lead the discussion of the book The Painted House by John Grisham. The book depicts the hardscrabble life of an Arkansas farming family during the early 50's. At the heart of story is the essence of the human spirit and the ability of one family's ability to love and survive in the face of overwhelming adversity. There is still plenty of time to borrow or buy this book. Gloria Olsen will be the hostess. Please join us on the 24th and bring suggestions for selections for the months ahead.

- Millie Knodle

**CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

August 13, 2007

Received a review of the church's total insurance program.

Heard a report from Kay Johnson on the Web site update.

Received a letter from Wartburg Seminary stating that Audrey Adams had received a scholarship for the three-week Youth Center course she will be attending in September. (\$1,250 of the \$2,500 cost.)

Authorized professional carpet cleaning of the Fellowship Hall.

Pastor Stees introduced the Visioning Event format. A Task Force will be appointed to help with the session and a date set in September.

Gary Asher and the Woodworkers will put additional shelving in the library.

Received a report from Education Chairman, Dan Anderson, on difficulties in securing personnel for Presenters for Confirmation Class and Pre-school Sunday School. After considerable discussion it was decided to move the time for Confirmation Class to Sunday afternoon at 4:00 and omit the meal. (This was later changed to have the class during the Sunday School hour on Sunday morning.)

Property reported on thermostats and heat/cooling pumps. New 7-day thermostats will be installed and the pumps have all been taken care of.

**2007 STEWARDSHIP AUGUST and YEAR TO DATE**

	<u>General Fund</u>		<u>Facilities Maintenance Fund</u>		<u>Expansion Fund</u>	
	Monthly	Year to Date	Monthly	Year to Date	Monthly	Year to Date
Goals	10,861	92,320	4,897	41,620	2,308	19,615
Received	8,202	78,800	2,668	24,658	2,476	22,095
Status	-2,659	-13,520	-2,229	-16,962	168	2,480

# CHURCH NOTES

## NEWS FROM THE

The All Saints Church Library exists and grows because of the many people who share their love for reading by donating the books they have read so others may enjoy them too. There are many wonderful titles and authors to choose from in the library. We are experiencing a minor problem with enough space to display all our books and videos. This situation will be remedied in the future with library modifications and additional shelving to be added in September.

Please enjoy the library and remember to return your books and videos by putting the cards back in them so others may check them out and also enjoy them.

- Kathy Burrows

## Need a Desk?

Currently there is one office desk available for a donation. (One has already been taken.) The desk is wood with drawers on each side for storage and is currently in the Library. Persons(s) taking the desk will be expected to remove it in a timely manner. Please contact Marlene Roberts to let her know of your interest.

## With One Voice

We had the best hymn singing in months when we sang three songs from the blue, With One Voice,



hymnal a couple of Sundays ago. We've decided that we will use WOV for worship on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. Members have used this liturgy before, but perhaps not on a regular basis. This will give us the opportunity to become more familiar with the service and contribute some variety to our Sunday worship forms.

## LOST

Gold bracelet with tanzanite and diamond stones. If found, please call Elsie Reif at 815-234-3101 or return to the church office. REWARD!

**THANKS** to the Woodworkers Group for our shelf! It is GREATLY APPRECIATED!!

- The Ladies

### Worship Attendance

August	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:30</u>	<u>Total</u>
5	65	50	115
12	52	49	101
19	54	43	97
26	57	58	<u>115</u>
Total			428
Average	57	50	107

**Deadline for articles for the October Spokesman is September 20.** Please email articles to Carolyn Niederer at [rjn2cjn@aol.com](mailto:rjn2cjn@aol.com) or the church office at [allsaints624@hotmail.com](mailto:allsaints624@hotmail.com). Thank you!

In a never-ending effort to attract the unchurched, some churches have considered translating their unfamiliar terminology into familiar football phrases:

- **Blocking:** Talking endlessly to the pastor at the church door and keeping everyone else from exiting.
- **Draft Choice:** The decision to sit close to an air-conditioning vent.
- **End Zone:** The pews.
- **Extra Point:** What you receive when you tell the preacher his sermon was too short.
- **Face Mask:** Smiling and saying everything is fine when it isn't.
- **Fullback:** What the choir sees while the sermon is being delivered.
- **Halfback:** What the organist sees.
- **Hash Marks:** Stains left on the tablecloth after a potluck. (look for more next month!)

From Leadership Magazine Summer '94, by William Ellis

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **GriefShare Seminar**

A 13 week seminar/support group open to anyone in the community who is grieving the death of someone close to them. Held at Ebenezer Reformed Church, 2997 N. German Church Rd, Oregon, IL (about 1 mile south of the power plant), **Thursday evenings, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, September 6 – December 6, 2007.** Registration fee of \$20. For more information call Dan at 815-732-2762 or Jackie at 815-645-2704.

### **Golf Outing!**

The Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center is planning a fund raising activity that is also a Thrivent Financial Ogle County Chapter activity. **Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.** Registration at 10am with a shotgun start at 11:15 am. This will take place at the Prairie View Golf course in Byron. Price is \$70, which includes golf cart, green fees and prizes. \$16 for dinner only. Reservations due by Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>. Entertainment by "Spirit's Harmony". Ogle Co. Chapter of Thrivent will provide supplemental funds.



### **Habitat for Humanity**

If you are you looking for an affordable opportunity to buy a simple, decent home, we might be able to help. Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County has already provided new, affordable homes to 4 families in Ogle County and a 5<sup>th</sup> house is currently being built in Forreston.



Now we are making plans for 2008 and looking for interested, eligible families to partner with Habitat. Come to one of our informational meetings! We will be answering questions and taking applications for the next houses we are building in Ogle County. One home will be built in Oregon and possibly another home in Polo. Information will be provided and volunteers on hand to help get you started in filling out the application. If you are ready to dive in, come prepared with names, addresses and phone numbers for your current and previous employers and landlords. Financial information from a pay stub, bank statements and monthly utility bills will also be helpful.

The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting will be held on Wednesday, **September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Polo Public Library.** A 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting will be held on Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the United Methodist Church in Oregon. So if you are in need of housing or just interested in Habitat for Humanity, please join us at the meetings! Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County, PO Box 628, Oregon, IL 61061 815-732-6855.

### **Neighbors Rehab and Nursing Center Annual Salad Luncheon**

This event, hosted by Neighbors staff and volunteers, will be held **at the United Church of Byron on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.** Cost is \$5.00 per person and includes salads of all sorts, soups, homemade rolls desserts and beverages. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door. This is one of the major fund raisers for the Activities Department so they can continue to provide great entertainment and activity supplies for the residents. If you need further information, please contact Kim Hughes at 815-234-2511

### **Life Line Screening**

**All Saints Lutheran Church** will be hosting a preventative health screening for the community on **Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.** This event is sponsored by Heart Hospital at Swedish American. Appointments are necessary. Please call 1-800-324-1851. Look for more details later.

### **A letter from a local church**

Redeemer Lutheran Church of Rockford is in need of financial support in order to recover from 2 major flood events with the past year. Sanitary clean up, repair, restoration and preventative measures total more than \$300,000 to date. We would greatly appreciate any donation to help us recover and maintain our ministry of the Gospel to the people of Rockford. If you have any questions or would like to find out how you can help, please visit our website [www.redeemerrockford.org](http://www.redeemerrockford.org) or call 815-307-2227.

Thank you,  
Robert Korte, President Redeemer Congregation

