The Connection

***Sunday, February 22, 2015***

**This Week at All Saints**

**Sunday, Feb 22nd**

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8:45-9:45am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

10:00-10:45am Sunday School 5yr to 2nd Grade (CLC Room 12)

Sunday School 3rd to 5th Grade (Jr. High Rm)

Jr. High & Sr. High (Sr. Rm)

Adult Bible Study Class (Library)

10:15am **New Membership Class** (Pastors Office)

11:00-12:00pm Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)

3:00pm Confirmation Class (Jr. Rm)

4:00-6:00pm Jr. High 4th thru 8th Grade (Jr. Rm)

5:00-7:00pm Sr. High (Sr. Rm)

**Wednesday, Feb 25th**

We are grateful to God that he directed you here and we pray that you are blessed by your worship experience. Practicing His presence through worship is one of the most valuable things we can do. God has promised that as we draw near to Him, He will draw near to us and we will experience His presence in ever increasing measures.

We have a gift for you at the Visitor’s Table. Please accept this tote bag as our gift of appreciation and be sure to pick up a calendar.

6:15pm **Lenten Dinner**

7:00-8:00pm  **Lenten Service**

Divorce Care Support Group (Prayer Rm)

Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

**Thursday, Feb 26th**

7:00-9:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**Sunday, Mar 1st**

8:45-9:45am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

10:00-10:45am Sunday School 5yr to 2nd Grade (CLC Room 12)

Sunday School 3rd to 5th Grade (Jr. High Rm)



Flowers are provided today by

John Barnes celebrating

Lucy’s birthday.

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All Saints Lutheran Church Finance Report for December and Year End 2014

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|  | December, 2014 | Year End 2014 |
| Receipts (offerings & misc.) | 51,338.58 | 384,548.05 |
| Expenses | 37,598.15 | 370,926.79 |
| Receipts over Expenses | 13,740.43 | 13,621.26 |

All Saints has finished the 2014 year in a good financial position. With good stewardship, All Saints has used the gifts that God has provided to keep the church financially stable as well as to provide local benevolence. As we look forward to 2015, we face challenges with the budget as we continue to build our youth ministry and maintain our facility. We realize that our financial gifts are very important but we must never forget that as Disciples of Christ, we can give of our time as well. As we read in Romans 12:3-8, “we have different gifts, according to the grace given us.”

As we enter the Lenten season, we are reminded what Jesus Christ has sacrificed for us. How can we ever repay that debt?? Jesus reminds us in Matthew that “whatever we do to the least of these, you have done unto me.” We pray that all members of the body at All Saints will use their “gifts” in some way to help the “least of these”. All Saints does provide ministries in which each and every one can be involved to help at All Saints as well as in the community. Little things like making sandwiches for the life shelter, or ushering, or quilting, or putting images on the big screen for Sunday morning worship or helping to organize food donations for the community— all are done to help one another. A small sacrifice of our time – a thought as we look forward to Easter.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Gustafson - Treasurer

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Do you have a lucky number? Would you like to donate to our Easter Eggstravaganza or help fund our Good Friday play, In His Footsteps, but don’t have a lot to give? Look for the **envelope board** in the atrium and choose an envelope whose number corresponds with the amount of money that you would like to donate. Take that envelope, place your donation in it, sign it, and place it in the box. No donation is too small to help with our outreach and it’s easy too!

**Members Offering Envelopes** for 2015 can be picked up in the Atrium at the Activities Table.

**Coffee Fellowship**

There is a sign up posted at the Coffee Bar for volunteers to help with this ministry on Sunday mornings. Sign up today!

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**We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation!**

Are you a good listener...or...do you sometimes wish you just had someone to talk to?  Stephen Ministry is a confidential Christian care-giving ministry that can serve the needs of our All Saints family members in times of difficulty.  To learn more of what Stephen Ministry is all about visit the Relationship table and contact Lynn Gustafson at 817-563-2340

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**Chancel Choir**

**Rehearsal**

**Wednesday,**

**Feb. 25th**

**After service**



For your convenience childcare is provided for both services and Sunday school. Children age 4 and under.



**Rehearsal**

**Thursday,**

**February 26th**

**7:00pm**

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Lenten Dinners will be served at 6:15pm before each Wednesday evening service.

**February 25** – Youth & Family

& Fellowship will serve.

**March 4** - Member Care & Community Ministry will serve.

**March 11**- Finance – will serve.

**March 18** – Outreach & Communications will serve.

**March 25** – Property will serve.

**WE WANT YOUR POP TABS!**

The Collection House can be found

on the coffee bar in the Atrium. Pop tabs support the Ronald McDonald House in Fort Worth!

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During both the 8:45am & 11:00am services your children are invited to step out during the sermon and learn about God’s love for them on their level. Children’s Church is aimed at students 5yrs to 3rd grade. They’ll return in time to join you for communion. *Children are always welcome to stay in with their parents during the sermon.*

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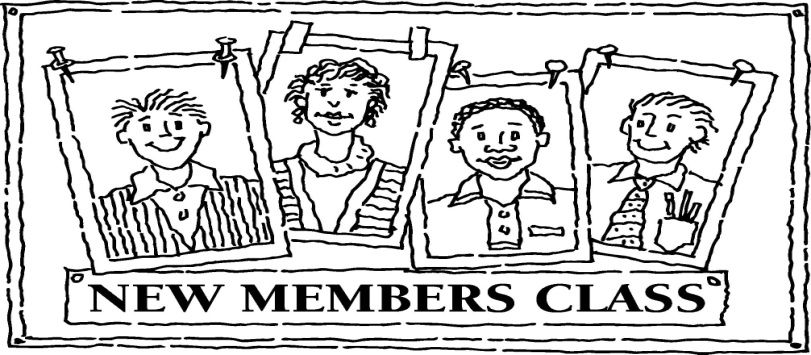
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Children’s Learning Center

Open Registration going on Now!

Registration for the 2015-16 school year will begin in February. All Saints Church Members may register children beginning February 9th and registration will open to the public on February 23rd. Classes fill on a "first come, first served" basis. The registration-supply fee is due at the time of registration to hold the child's spot. Hours of operation and pricing, including fee schedule, can be found at <http://www.clclearning.org>

Or by calling the CLC office at (817) 483-6692

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Feb. 15th thru April 5th “Back to the Basics”

10:10am between services

Sunday, **Feb 15** - all ages

Who is God, what is the Gospel?

Sunday, **Feb 22**

Why Do We Worship?

Sunday, **Mar 1**

All Saints’ Mission: The Great Commission

Sunday, **Mar 8**

All Saints’ Vision: connecting People to God and One Another.

Sunday, **Mar 15**

What Makes Lutheran Christianity Unique?

Sunday, **Mar 22**

All Saints’ Organization, History, and Staff Adult & High School - Lutheran – Flavored Christianity: Law & Gospel

Sunday, **April 5th Easter Sunday**

***New Members Reception* - between services.**

**Adult Bible Study**

**Sunday’s at 10:00am**

**Five Lenten Studies beginning this Sunday “The Wilderness”**

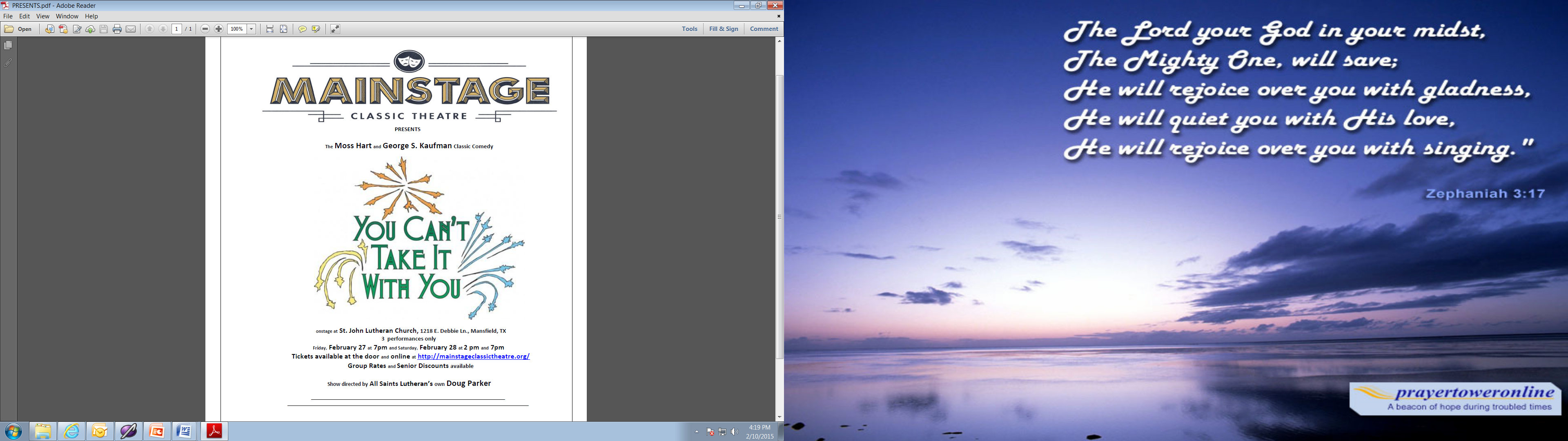
**Join Us!**

**Divorce Care**

**Wednesday nights**

**7:00pm**

**Healing from divorce is not easy. At DivorceCare groups, people in separation and divorce find tools teaching and support to help them deal with their pain and give them hope for the future. For more info see Greg and Ruby Gearing or call the church office: 817-483-1631**

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Dear All Saints Family,

We’re pleased to share some exciting news about the fundraising program for All Saints Lutheran Church. It’s called “scrip”, and it’s the fundraising program that works while you shop.

Scrip is simply a word that means “substitute money” – in other words, scrip is gift certificates from national and local retailers. They’re the same gift certificates that you buy at the store. Many popular retailers participate in our scrip program including Albertson’s, The Gap, Shell, Pizza Hut, Red Lobster and many, many others.

You’re probably asking yourself how these stores help us reduce our deficit. It’s simple -- scrip participating retailers agree to sell gift certificates to our organization at a discount. Member families like yours buy the certificates for full face value, they redeem them for full face value, and our church keeps the difference as revenue. And scrip is exciting, because everybody wins:

* You get a cash card for the store or restaurant of your choice that spends just like money and is safer than using your debit card or checks...
* You get a powerful fundraising alternative that involves *no selling*…
* Our church gets a regular source of revenue to reduce our deficit.

The beauty of scrip is that you put your regular household shopping dollars to work. You earn money for All Saints without spending a single additional penny. Just spend your regular shopping dollars with scrip at the stores that participate in the scrip program! And scrip can be used for just about any household purchase including food, clothing, entertainment, gasoline and even dining out.

We’ll be glad to answer any questions about the new scrip program at the scrip table so stop by and talk with us. We’ll go over all of the facts about scrip, and answer your questions.

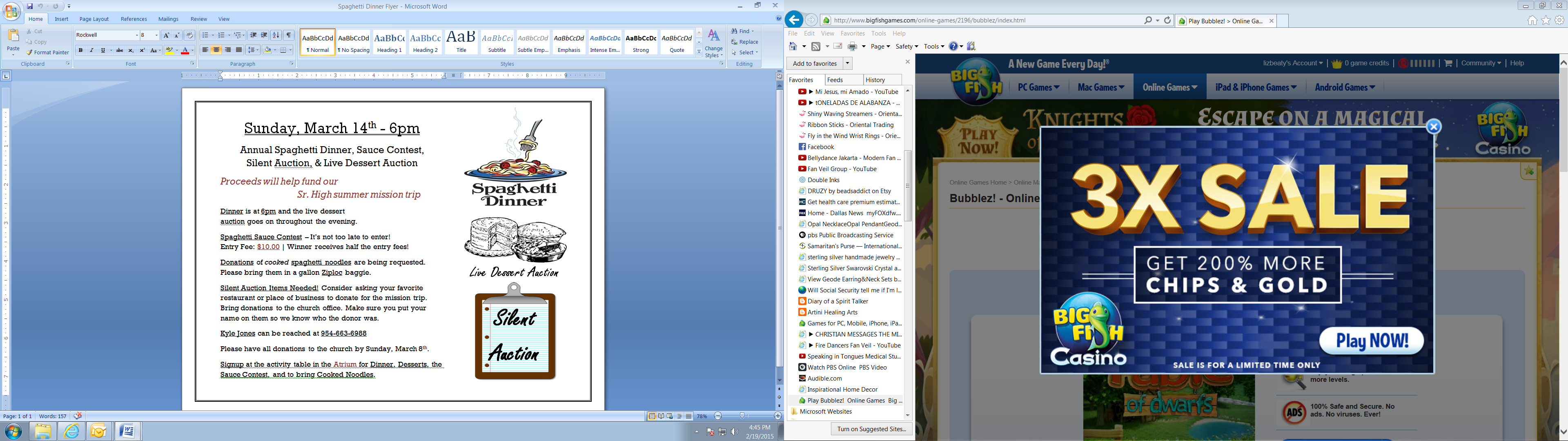
The All Saints scrip program promises to be a simple and effective fundraising program to help us offset our budget deficit in 2015. Thanks for your support, and we’ll see you at the scrip table on Sunday!

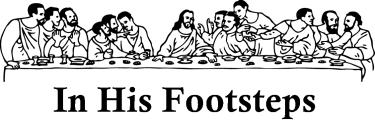
Sincerely,

Adrienne Plew, Mary Rosas, Carol Cameron, Becky Bogle,

Carol Foster, Vicki Almos, and Fred & Pam Wendt

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RETURNS! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It is with much excitement that All Saints prepares to again perform “In His Footsteps”. A play about the life of Christ and a great opportunity to share the good news with others. We will need “actors” for the characters, singers for the songs scattered through to play, backstage and scene help as well as greeters. The signup sheet is on the table in the atrium. Please say yes when asked to help us with this great outreach opportunity.  The play will be done April 3rd, Good Friday evening. If you have any questions please call Robin Evans at 817-992-5677 or Wendy Helke at 817-437-0402

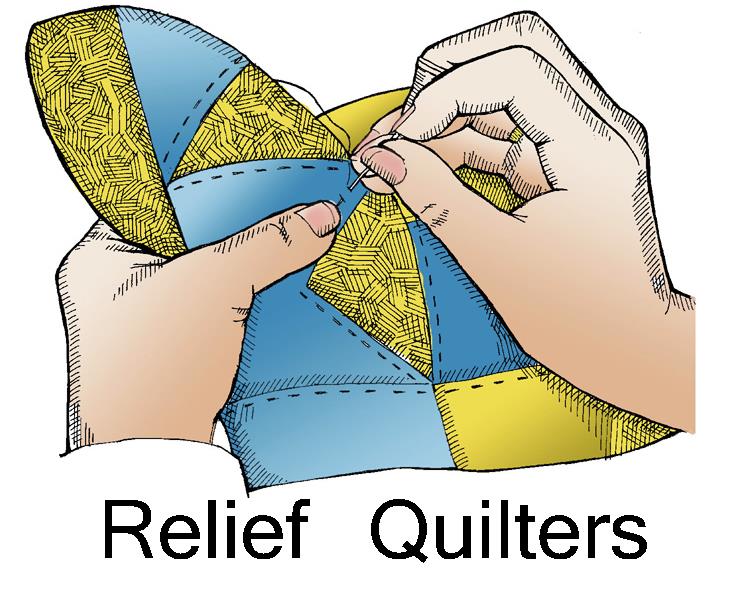
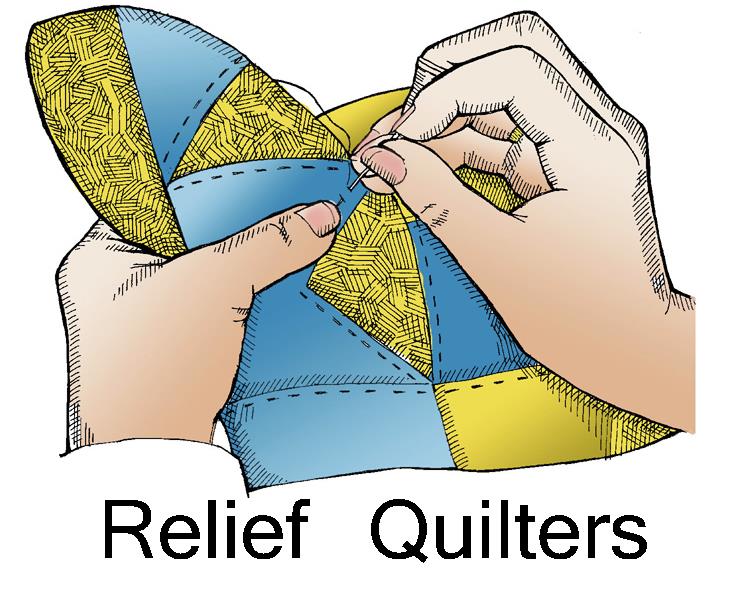
Relief Quilters Update

Our hearts were saddened as we lost Rhonda Cardwell our “Mother Teresa” of our Relief Quilters group. God called Rhonda home January 30th where she is sewing heavenly quilts. She was an important thread that helped hold us all together as she sewed and pieced 3 to 4 quilts every week for tying on Tuesday mornings.

The Relief Quilters want to continue this Quilting Ministry and need your help. We need your support with cotton fabric donations, sewing of simple quilt tops and tying on Tuesday mornings. Most of all we need your prayers.

If you feel moved to continue this ministry in any way please contact any of our group for further information.

Carol Foster, Kathy Walk, Aleen Stephenson, Lavon Wirkler, Judy Helsel, Anna Brennan

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Coat

Collection

As we set our eyes for warmer weather and begin our spring cleaning, please consider bringing your gently worn coats and jackets up to the church so they can be cleaned and stored.  We will be handing them out next year at the Arlington Life Shelter when the colder weather returns. Wrap your arms around those in need and give them warmth and love. If you have any questions, please contact Robin Evans at 817-992-5677 or Wendy Helke at 817-437-0402

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**1st Communion Instruction**

**A three-session course offered to 4th &5th graders**

**to prepare them to begin receiving communion at All Saints.**

**Session One: Wednesday, March 4, 5:15 – 6:15pm**

**Session Two: March 18, 5:15 – 6:15pm**

**(Note that we skip the week of March 11!)**

**Session Three: March 25, 5:15 – 6:15pm   
​First Communion is then offered on Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2015, at the evening service.**

**If interested speak with Pastor John, Kyle Jones, or call the office at 817-483-1631**

At the 8:45am service today:

Baptized into the family of God

Vera Nichole Kramer

Daughter of

Brad Kramer & Jackie Sullivent

Granddaughter of Wendy Helke

It’s time once again to form teams to mow the church grounds and park thru the summer season. If you can volunteer please sign up at the activities table in the Atrium or see Glenn Foster





CHICK FLICK NIGHT

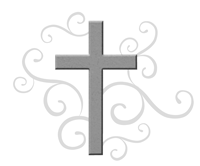
Join us for: “Flywheel”

Staring Alex Kendrick

Friday, February 27th

6:30pm bring a snack!

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**Celebrate the Resurrection with us by filling the empty space above the doors leading into the Worship Center with crosses! If you have crosses of any shape or size that you would like to donate please tag them with your name and bring them to the church office or give to Glen or Carol Foster**

**All Saints Lutheran Church**

**Those Who Serve Us Today**

**8:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.**

**Greeters/Visitor Table:** Denman & Adrienne Plew

**Ushers:** Roger McMahon

Jo Rabbers Lynn Davidson

Marc Funderburk Kay Davidson

Marilyn Funderburk Kay Davidson

**Assisting Minister:** Wendy Helke

**Lay Reader:** Kay Becker-Maddox

**Altar Guild:** Lavon Wirkler Dana Collins

**Communion Assistants:**

Ken Kiesling– Wine Sue Avis – Wine

Rhonda Kiesling- Wine Vicki Almos – Wine

John Viard – Bread Kathy Fanchi– Bread

Pastor John– Bread Pastor John– Bread

**Prayer Ministry:** John & Jennie Viard Sandi Vatthauer

**Sound Techs-** Steve Bessler, John Barnes

**Video** – Bill Stephenson

**Media** – Mary Rosas, Kristen Barnett, Shelby Barnett,

Beverly Byers, Alex Byers

**Counters:** Lynn & Dave Gustafson Kenny Lee

**Coffee Servers:** Deb Hanson/Kristen & Shelby Barnett

**Nursery Care:** Gabbi Inman & Garla Sims

**Scrip Table:**  Adrienne Plew Mary Rosas

**Staff**

**Pastor:** Rev. John Scheusner

**Director of Youth and Family Ministries Intern:** Kyle Jones

**CLC Director:** Peggy Elder

**Office Manager:** Liz Beaty

**Contemporary Music/Worship Coordinator:** Hedreich Nichols

**Choir Director/Accompanist**: Joe Alan

**Prayer Chain Coordinator:**

Vicki Almos

**Congregation Council Members**

**President:** Marc Funderburk **President Elect:** John Viard **Treasurer:** Dave Gustafson

**Treasurer Elect:** Jim Kimble **Secretary:** Libby Lindstrom **Secretary Elect:** Katie Manquero

**Trustee Board Chair:** Doug Parker **Ministry Board Chair:** John Barnes

**Congregation Committee Chairpersons**

**Fellowship:** Open **Finance:** Dave Gustafson **Communications:** Greg Gearing **Community/Member Care:** Carol Foster  **Kitchen Coordinator:** Mary Rosas

**Outreach/Evangelism:** Robin Evans **Personnel:** Open **Property:** Len Livingston

**Worship Logistics Coordinator:** Ann Terhune **Youth and Family Ministry:** John Viard

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