The Connection

***Sunday, March 22, 2015***

**This Week at All Saints**

**Sunday, Mar 22nd**

**Blessing of the Quilts**

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

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

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

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

10:15am **TOWN HALL MEETING (Fellowship Hall)**

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, Mar 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**

5:15-6:15pm First Communion Instruction (Pastors Office)

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

Divorce Care Support Group (Prayer Rm)

Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

**Thursday, Mar 26th**

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

**Saturday, Mar 28th**

8:30am Sandwich Making



Flowers are wonderful way to remember a loved one or celebrate a birthday.

Signup at the Worship table

in the Atrium.

10:00-12:00pm ***Easter Extravaganza***

**Sunday, Mar 29th**

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** (Counters Rm)

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

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

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

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

*Ladies Meet for breakfast*

*Thursday, March 19th at 8:45am*

*At the Corner Bakery on*

*South Cooper St.*

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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

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!

**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!

**Adult Bible Study**

**Sunday’s at 10:00am**

**Final Lenten Study**

**March 29th:**

**“The Seven Last Words of Jesus”**

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**Chancel Choir**

**Rehearsal**

**Wednesday,**

**Mar 25th**

**After service**



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

**March 25** – Property will serve.

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

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Thank you!

Never underestimate the power of your prayers. It is my privilege to frequently praise and thank our Heavenly Father for you. He received your prayers as incense and responded with His healing grace through a perfect hip surgery and timely recovery. Of my three surgeries in five years this has been the easiest and smoothest. I am doing so well.

Thank you to Pastor John for your prayers, visits, calls, and excellent shepherding.

Thank you to all you Prayer Warriors for your awesome support in prayers, cards, and phone calls.

And a public Thank You to my dear Carmen who had no idea what was in store when he said, “I do”, 45 years ago.

United in Christ’s love and His Spirit,

Lucie Priola

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**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!

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.*

Children’s Learning Center

Open Registration

Registration for the 2015-16 school term is ongoing and now open to the public. 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”

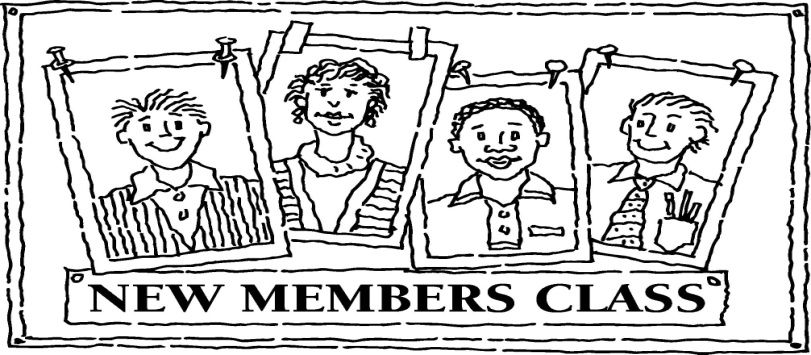
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Sunday, **Mar 29th “Date Changed”**

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

Sunday, **April 5th Easter Sunday**

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

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**Divorce Care**

**Wednesday nights**

**7:00pm**

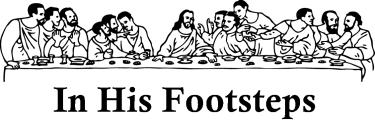
**Healing from divorce is not easy. At DivorceCare groups, people in separation and divorce find tools teaching and support to help them deal with their pain and give them hope for the future. For more info see Greg and Ruby Gearing or call the church office: 817-483-1631**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF ALL INVOLVED IN THE PRODUCTION ON SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND AT 1:00PM EVERYONE IS ASKED TO

PLEASE ATTEND.

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 at 7:00pm. If you have any questions please call 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**

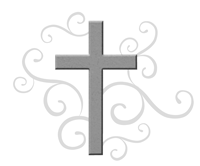
**All Saints.**

**Session Two: 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**

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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**

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 Glen Foster

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**Today** Town Hall

Meeting Scheduled

We will be hosting a Town Hall meeting from 10:15 to 10:45 in the Fellowship Hall to present budget revisions to fund full time youth and family ministry position. The sixth and final new members’ class will be moved to Palm Sunday to accommodate.

Lenten Offerings

The offerings received on Wednesday nights thru Lent will be sent to Arlington Charities and Union Gospel Mission.

**Easter Lilies**

**Sign up in the Atrium. Please print your name, the number of flowers you are requesting and the dedication you wish to make (in memory or in celebration of someone special). Flowers are $10.00ea.**

**Please write “Easter Lilies” on your check memo line.**

We are preparing and planning our annual Easter Eggstraveganza.

On Saturday, March 28th

10-12:00pm

**We need wrapped candy, and volunteers to help stuff plastic eggs with candies and to boil the eggs to be decorated. Also volunteers to hand out information during our community festival.**

This is an opportunity for All Saints to demonstrate the love of God to our community. We will be needing volunteers to assist with every event. Please sign up in the Atrium.

**If you can help please contact:**

**Robin Evans 817-992-5677 or Wendy Helke 817-437-0402**

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**Remember to bring your**

**Fresh flowers to decorate**

**The cross in the Atrium on**

**Easter Sunday!**

**Save the Date:**

**The youth and praise band of All Saints are sponsoring an outdoor *Coffee House/All Saints Picnic* on Saturday, April 11th at 6PM. Come on out to Stovall Park with the whole family! Bring your picnic basket and come sing along with the youth and church band. We'll provide coffee and dessert!!**



CHICK FLICK NIGHT

Join us for: “Flywheel”

Staring Alex Kendrick

Friday, March 27th

6:30pm bring a snack!

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**Rehearsal**

**Thursday,**

**March 26th 7:00pm**

Easter Breakfast Casserole Potluck

Sunday, April 5th 10-11:00

between services

We invite our new members to join us and participate in the potluck.  Please bring your favorite breakfast casseroles, breakfast breads/pastries/muffins or fruit to share.  All please sign up at the Activities table in the atrium so we know what you will be bringing.

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Once again I want to issue a big THANK YOU to everyone who worked on and came to eat, bid, and contribute to the Spaghetti Dinner, Silent and Dessert Auctions, and the Sauce Contest. We raised **$1627** which will help our students get to Ripley, TN for this year’s summer mission trip.

In His Name, Kyle Jones

Lutheran World Relief Quilters

*Blessing of the Quilts*

*TODAY*

Our Quilters have been fruitful and busy this year and as we bless the fruit of their hands **TODAY**  we ask everyone to help this worthy cause by donating toward the purchase of supplies, material and the cost to ship them. The quilters made 50 large quilts and baby quilts this year.

There are 50 large quilts and baby quilts on the pews **Today**.

The large quilts will go to the Lutheran World Relief to be sent around the world to help those in need and baby quilts will go to MCA Neonatal ICU.

The cost is $2.50 per quilt to ship the quilts to LWR. Designate your donations on the offering envelope for Relief Quilters. March 22nd you may purchase a handmade quilt and help buy supplies in the coming year. The batting we use cost us $79.00 a roll and 4-5 rolls are used a year. To purchase a quilt find a quilter after the service.

– $100.00 for a full size quilt – $40.00 for a baby quilt.

The Relief Quilters are: Anna Brennan, Carol Foster, Judy Helsel, Sherry Livingston, Lucy Priola, Alleen Stephenson, and Lavon Wirkler.

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***Senior High***

***Mission Trip***

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July 5th-11th, 2015

**Ripely, TN** | Cost: *$447*

*If interested sign up at the youth table in the atrium*

**All Saints Lutheran Church**

**Those Who Serve Us Today**

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

**Greeters/Visitor Table:** Dennis & Peggy Thomas

**Ushers:** Roger McMahon

Jo Rabbers

Marc Funderburk Lynn 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 Carol Cameron – Wine

Rhonda Kiesling- Wine Vicki Almos – Wine

Jerry Terhune – 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 & Kay Davidson 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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***NALC (North American Lutheran Church) Website:*** *www.thenalc.org*