

# ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Newsletter

August, 2018

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I am somebody who really enjoys a good story. Comedy, action, fantasy and fairy tales, crime novels, funny and light-hearted, thrillers, tear jerkers – if the story is told well, I enjoy it. My favorite stories though, are personal stories told by the people in the story. I like to hear how people were affected by things they experienced, how moments in time shaped their lives. It gives me a sense about the person that I might not otherwise be aware of or it might teach me something about them, and/or about me that I might not have known before. Stories shape our lives, and everyone has a story or two to share.

In July, as many of you are aware, Wyatt, Jesse and I (along with 19 other youth from the Western Slope) went to Houston where they joined in with 33,000 other youth to hear stories of what God is up to in people's lives and in the world. They spent five days in the city of Houston, a city that has many stories of its own and along the way has lived with the horrors of lives being torn apart from hurricanes. Wyatt, Jesse and I along with other participants from the Western Slope (American Lutheran, Shepherd of the Valley and All Saints) will have the opportunity to tell you their stories about what happened but I want to share with you a small part of my experience.

Jesse and I went down early on June 23 to help get things set up for the Gathering. The behind-the-scenes preparations are unbelievable and hard to describe. Over a thousand volunteers were on hand to help get everything ready. Jesse and I worked in the "Interactive Learning Center." We had security posted by the doors 24 hours a day. One of them was a woman by the name of Gloria. Every day I would cross paths with her and she would say, "Good Morning!" and I would respond that it was a beautiful day to which she would say, "God has blessed me again. It's a good day." After three or four days of this exchange Gloria said to me, "Can I ask you a question?" I said, "Of course, what's your question?" "Why are you all here? I mean, I know why you are here, but why Houston?" I was honest with her that we felt we had a lot to learn from the people of Houston, about how to work through disasters, through tough times and celebrate good times. We were not there to save Houston but rather to learn from Houston and to share God's love. Gloria beamed at me and said, "Houston is my home and I couldn't be prouder of it. I am thankful you are giving us the chance to tell our story."

Everyone has a story to share and we are called to listen to those stories. I've heard many times the saying that "God gave us two ears and one mouth, so we would listen twice as much as we talk." Jesus also told many stories and used them to teach the people listening, lessons on how to live their life and to care for others. What is your story to share? How might you share your story so that others can learn from you? What is the story that we need to share as a gathered community who calls ourselves All Saints? What story will we tell others?

Share the story of God's love for God's people so that all might know they are loved.

Servants together,

Pr. Paul <><

***p.s. - Did you know that Luther said???*** "My heart, which is so full to overflowing, has often been solaced and refreshed by music when sick and weary."



## **Council Meeting Highlights July 10, 2018**

Present: Sharon Johnson, Marilyn Liebetrau, Joel Magnuson, Don Mc Millan, Niles Riese, and Pastor Paul and Don Ranta . Wyatt Smith was absent.

Don called the meeting to order. After individual silent prayers and Pastor's devotions, we got down to business. Committee reports were then given. The highlights are upcoming events: God's Work, Our Hands Poker Run stop at All Saints on August 3 (goodies are needed) long-term health care decisions (July 14), and estate planning on July 28. The education committee asked that Pastor be available to teach youth Sunday school at least once a month to help keep our children interested in All Saints. Pastor agreed this was a good idea.

September 22 will be a church maintenance/cleaning day (inside and out). Keep the day open as we will need your help.

Get ready for upgrades. We will soon have a state-of-the-art TV for the fellowship room for use by adult and children's Sunday school and other groups as needed. This item is being donated (as did the new computer in Pastor's office) from very generous individuals, consent from family members for use of memorial funds, and the always ready to help Miriam's Circle. No church monies were spent to obtain these items, and we should be grateful for the helping hands that keep us going. The TV and computer will help us flourish in the future.

Sharon gave the treasurer's report.

Closed with the Lord's prayer.

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## **God's Work, Our Hands**

### **Friday, August 3**

All Saints Lutheran Church will host the Poker Run as part of the Serenity Run that takes place in Cedaredge each August. The bikers leave Aspen Trails in two or three waves beginning at 10:00 a.m. They make several stops and collect cards at each stop. They compare "hands" at the end of the run. Each stop provides goodies and beverages. Volunteers are needed to bake goodies, donate fruit, and help serve. Please bring goodies and fruit Thursday morning. Friday we will need volunteers for setup, serving and clean up. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. If you have questions, call Marilyn or Carolyn.



This Changes Everything  
ELCA Youth Gathering  
Houston, Texas  
June 27 to July 1  
Wyatt Smith

My journey began in April when Pastor Paul introduced me to the Shepherd of the Valley's Pastor Kaila. They had already begun fundraising, but invited me to join them with the last two events they

had scheduled. This gave me a chance to get to know a few of the other kids that would be going to the gathering.

Our trip spanned June 27 through July 1. We had 19 participants. They were from Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, American Lutheran Church, and All Saints Lutheran Church. Our first day was our service day and we ran a food bank. We unloaded produce trucks and gave families the food they needed. After each day we had a worship service filled with music and many influential speakers, such as Will Starkweather who cut himself into his early twenties but firmly believing God's grace can bring beauty out of brokenness. Our second day was our Interactive day where every Lutheran who had a story to tell or a cause to inform was there teaching us. There were the Lutheran colleges and seminaries that had booths to educate future students. They also had fun games and activities to do. Our third day was our senate day where we learned more about The Rocky Mountain Synod and got to know the youth in our synod better. Our fourth and final day we had a service where Bishop Eaton gave an amazing sermon on how God's grace, hope, and love changes everything.

During the Youth Gathering in Houston my house of faith has been broken down and rebuilt with a stronger foundation. The bricks that lay this new foundation have been created through love, hope, and grace found in the people that were there. From the moment we arrived at the hotel we were sucked into the crowd of Lutherans, all 31,242 of our closest friends.

The ELCA had 437 hair donations, to children with hair loss; 1,248 units of blood donated from 987 donors; 40,000 books, donated at blast off for books; and more than \$260,000 raised for ELCA's Global Farm Challenge.

## Looking For a Way to Deepen Your Worship Experience?

For many people, looking at the Bible readings before Sunday helps put the message in the context of their lives. As you read the lessons, ask yourself: Is there anything in the readings that relate to your life right now? Is there anything that surprises you in the readings? Disturbs you? Try doing this and see if following this on a weekly basis strengthens your personal faith life, and deepens your worship experience.

### The Lessons for Worship in August

These are the Bible readings that we will hear during our worship services this month. They are provided that you might use them for personal devotion and meditation.

#### August 5 - 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15  
Psalm 78: 23-29  
Ephesians 4: 1-16  
John 6:24-35

#### August 12 - 12th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19: 4-8  
Psalm 34: 1-8  
Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2  
John 6: 35, 41-51

#### August 19 - 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 9: 1-6  
Psalm 34: 9-14  
Ephesians 5: 15-20  
John 6: 51-58

#### August 26 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18  
Psalm 34: 15-22  
Ephesians 6: 10-20  
John 6: 56-69

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### Bible Study

**August 14, 2:00 p.m.**



Olinda will lead the group in discussion of the Book of Ephesians.

Carolyn Goller led the discussion in June and July on the book of Acts. It was an interesting study and the discussion was thought provoking.

This relatively new opportunity is another way to interact with God's word.

# SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26
	Communion		Communion	
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul
<b>Liturgy Assistant</b>	Joel	Don	Marj	Donelle
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Claudia		Ron N.	
<b>Communion Bread</b>	Elinor		Elinor	
<b>Organist</b>	Don	Don	Don	Don
<b>Pianist</b>	Olinda	Olinda	Olinda	Olinda
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Alice		Claudia	
<b>Readers</b>	Carol M.	Marj	Joel	Carolyn
<b>Ushers</b>	Steve	Lloyd	Don	Niles
<b>Greeters</b>	Lenie	Marilyn	Linda	Janell
<b>Stewards</b>	Lloyd/Erich	Don M/ Janell	Don R/Jack	Claudia/ Rick
<b>Fellowship</b>	Lenie	Wilma	Elinor	Marj

To provide refreshments for Fellowship, please sign up on the white board by the kitchen window or call Janell, 835-3928 to say you can help! Volunteers are needed to usher and greet. Help your congregation by offering your time.

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## All Saints Special Occasions for August

**Birthdays:** 8/1 Victor Young                      8/4 Linda Ranta  
                   8/16 Mark Reever                      8/22 Jordan Huff  
                   8/27 Wilma Reever

**Baptismal Birthdays:** 8/6 Tucker Johnson

**Anniversaries:** 8/11/1963 Kelly & Claudia Kellogg  
                           8/12/1950 Gordon & Marian Thomas  
                           8/27/1949 Dallas & Joyce Jensen<sub>5</sub>



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Wyatt Smith, Education Chair

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**Please notify Pastor Paul if you or someone  
in your family is entering the hospital or needs pastoral care**

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