



THE GOOD NEWS

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Let's Get Ready...

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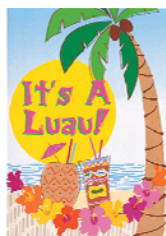


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Golf Tournament

Sep 4, 1:04 Fitzsimmons \$55. Put together a foursome and join us for a fun best-ball tournament. This is a fantastic course in good shape. If you can help collect prizes or know a business that can sponsor a hole, let Jeff Smith know (720-231-6131) Sign up in the narthex. Fees must be paid by August 28. Check to All Saints, mark "golf".



All Saints Church Picnic, Sunday August 28, 3-7pm

We're planning a Luau this year for our annual picnic so be sure and wear your grass skirts, Hawaiian shirts & flower leis. There will be games, music, volleyball, prizes, pie eating contest, great food and fellowship! All Saints will provide all of the meat and drinks all that we ask from you is sign up for a side dish. There is a sign up in the entrance. It will be held at the WHEEL PARK across from the Church again this year. From Iliff in front of the church go east, turn right into the park IMMEDIATELY after the apartments, then follow the signs. There are volleyball nets so put together a team, have the kids bring bikes and skateboards, bring a blanket or lawn chairs if you like. Supper will be served about 5:00ish. Plenty of parking, shade and fun. Invite your friends and neighbors. It'll be a great time for everyone! If you can be at the church by 2:00 and help with the set-up, let Vanessa Mullen or Charlie know.



ESL NEWS (English Conversations)

It feels as though our winter session just ended, but now with summer here, it's time to think about our fall session which begins on **Monday, August 22nd**. The sessions will meet weekly on Mondays through November 21st. Our community outreach program, ESL (English Second Language), has become quite a gift to our community. **We need volunteers for both our afternoon (12:30pm – 2:00pm) and evening (5:30pm – 7pm) sessions.** Our students have always praised our program for our one-on-one conversation approach, which makes our program unique, but we need volunteers to make it work. Please consider this opportunity for service. You **do not** need to be a teacher or possess special skills—the only qualification is a desire to help our neighbors learn English in a conversational setting. If you have questions, please call Dot (303.750.9026) or Andee (303.745.7947)

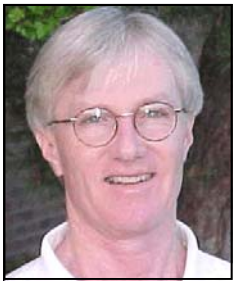
All Saints is
a Lutheran community
open and affirming to all
celebrating the love and
grace of Christ through
Worship
Sacrament
Fellowship
and Service

Blood Drive

July 31st- 8:00-noon

We've been part of the Bonfils Blood Drive program for many years. A loyal following of generous folks now donate each time we have a drive. If you would like to join them please sign up in the narthex. If you'd like to host a drive or have questions about donating, call Rebecca Weiner (303-750-5185).





From the desk of Pr John

How Harod Got His Groove Back

Geza Vermes (<http://standpointmag.co.uk/node/3647/full>) has an interesting article of the career of Herod the (so-called) Great in Standpoint (UK). Herod was a "player" in the *realpolitik* of the times. He was dealt a weak hand, compared to his neighbors, but, nevertheless, wound up outlasting most of his enemies.

He became the Judean king, in the first place, by cleverly switching sides. In the first phase of the Roman Civil War, Herod moved from the anti-Caesar faction, which lost, to the pro-Caesar faction, which won. In return, Mark Antony persuaded his ally, Octavian, that Herod would be their man in Judea.

When Octavian and Antony had their inevitable falling out, Herod sided with Antony. This part of the Roman Civil War was largely a struggle between east and west. The eastern part of the Empire supported Antony, the west Octavian. Herod was in the east, owed his career to Mark Antony, and loyally supported Antony with food, money, and troops.

The other aspect of the war, where Herod was at a disadvantage, was that the Roman Civil War was also largely between Italy and Egypt. Italy supported Octavian. Cleopatra of Egypt financed Antony, and supplied massive amounts of food for Antony's army. If Herod was a staunch ally, Cleopatra was an essential one. In return, Antony gave Cleopatra some of Herod's most important properties--all the ports along the Mediterranean, except for two, plus profitable balsam groves and bitumen mines.

Antony and Cleopatra, however, unwittingly did Herod a huge favor which may well have saved his life. Cleopatra visited Herod in 34 BC. Josephus claims she tried to seduce Herod during this visit, but modern scholarship has questioned this view. For one thing, it would have been monumentally stupid on Cleopatra's part, and Cleopatra was not a stupid woman. Another reason is that Cleopatra was quite commonly seen as an exotic seductress, even though this is less true than is commonly thought.

Yet another reason she would not have tried to seduce Herod is because Cleopatra was friends with Herod's two most powerful enemies in Jerusalem--his own wife, Mariamne, who never quite got over her husband killing her grandfather, and his mother-in-law, Alexandra, who plotted twice to have Herod killed.

Herod supposedly gave some thought to assassinating Cleopatra while she was in Jerusalem, but thought better of that idea as well when it occurred to him that this would involve him losing his own head at the hands of Mark Antony.

What redounded to Herod's benefit was that Cleopatra was after the land of the Nabateans, and persuaded Antony to get Herod to go after those lands for her. This probably infuriated Herod at the time, but it allowed him to escape being present at the Battle of Actium, 31 BC, in which Mark Antony and Cleopatra were soundly defeated by Octavian.

After the battle, Herod went to see the victor, Octavian, and did so uninvited. Herod admitted that he had indeed supplied Antony with money and food, and to being Antony's friend. After Actium, Herod told Octavian that he had counseled Antony to get rid of Cleopatra, the

cause of all the problem, according to Herod. He did also make sly mention that he had not fought against Octavian at Actium. This, according to Josephus, was Herod's final remark:

I am come to rest my safety on my integrity...I am not ashamed to declare my loyalty to Antony. But if you would disregard the individual concerned, and examine how I requite my benefactors, and how staunch a friend I prove, then you may know me by the test of my past actions. I hope that the subject of inquiry will be not whose friend, but how loyal a friend, I have been.

Octavian was impressed and let Herod keep his job, which is how Herod was still the king at the time of the birth of Jesus. His son, Antipas, would later assassinate John the Baptist and play a role in Jesus' crucifixion.

On the one hand, Herod was a talented politician and, one must admit, a spectacular builder. The harbor at Caesarea Maritima was state-of-the-art, and Herod's Temple--the Temple at the time of Jesus--was a true wonder. Some considered it the most beautiful building in the world. In order to get the support of the religious establishment to build it, Herod bribed them with fancy clothes. Says Vermes:

To allay religious worries, he associated the Jewish clergy with the project, and to please them he ordered sumptuous robes for 1,000 priests. The main sanctuary, completed in 18 months, was inaugurated in a grandiose ceremony entailing the sacrifice of 300 oxen. The Temple was one of the marvels of the ancient world. According to a Jewish saying, "He who has not seen the Temple of Herod, has not seen a beautiful building in his life." Work continued long after Herod's death and did not end until the procuratorship of Albinus in 62-64 CE, a few years before its destruction in the first rebellion against Rome in 70 CE.

On the other hand, Herod was a thug and a murderer, hated by his people. This is the side of Herod we see in Matthew's gospel, in particular. Herod wound up assassinating Mariamne and Alexandra, as well as two of his sons, and many thousands of others besides. He arranged for a mass murder to take place in Jerusalem upon his death on the grounds that he knew nobody would mourn him, but at least there would be mourners in Jerusalem when he died. The order was not carried out.

Praised be Jesus Christ.

I am not ashamed to declare my loyalty

Pastor's Class

The adults class meets in the choir room every Sunday for very interesting discussions on a variety of topics. Get a cup of coffee and join Pr John in the choir room.



Healing Hope for Grieving Children

Camp Carey – a grief recovery camp for children, ages 5-12, designed as a Christian mountain retreat for healing the wounds of grief from the loss of a loved one through death. Our desire is to guide children and their caretakers as they journey through their loss. If you know a child needing this type of camp please contact Mary, 303-358-6511. Our next camp starts October 1, 2011.

Rainbows - is a grief support group for children ages 5-12 who are grieving over a divorce or death in the family. This is a religious site for the program and is held on Mondays from 5:30-6:30pm. The program begins in the fall at Peace with Christ church on Tower and Hampden. Please call Mary for more information, 303-358-6511.

Altar Flowers

We have been ordering our Altar flower arrangement from Newberry flowers now for about 20 years. During this time they have never increased the price that we pay for them. Well they finally decided that it was time to do so. The new price for our Altar flowers will be \$35.



Landscaping Always Needs YOUR Help!

As many of you have noticed, our xieroscaping along Iliff is looking much better, thanks to the efforts of Mark Carmany. If you have a bit you could come keep the weeds down, to provide a little TLC for the flowers west of fellowship hall, we're be mighty grateful. You don't need to check with anyone, just swing by and spend a few minutes sprucing up the landscape. While you're here, be sure to check out the community garden plots (west of the facilities) and the labyrinth (north side of building.) These are two of the projects our youth adopted to work on during their stay at home mission trip.

Confirmation

Already time to start talking about Confirmation! The summer has flown by. I hope all have had a restful and wonderful summer.

We are in search for all of our 7th and 8th graders as well as any friends and family members that would like to participate in our confirmation program. This year we are working on the teachings of Luther and the sacraments and traditions of our church.

If you are interested in being a volunteer with our confirmation this year, there are many opportunities available to you.

All 7th and 8th grade confirmands and parents or adult volunteers, we will be meeting between services on August 28th. Our 1st learning session will be September 21st. Guide volunteer training will be September 14th. I am looking forward to a new and wonderful Confirmation year!! Cindy

Shepherding Team

Thanks to all who have volunteered to share the caring attitude of All Saints with those in need of a little extra TLC! 13 of our members have visited 16 of our members who have been unable to attend worship or other activities as they once did. We will continue to visit 11 of these friends on a monthly basis to provide a listening ear, fellowship, devotions, information on All Saints activities, and communion for those requesting it. The Shepherding Team visitors have been warmly received and some have taken lunch or taken their "special friend" out to lunch or to other church activities or assisted them with other special needs, concerns as they approach.

The Youth home mission week was a special treat for 9 of our seniors when 12 of our youth, along with 7 adults, visited their homes. The youth brought dinner for all of to share and reports from both the youth and those visited indicated a great time was had by all! Stories were told, scrapbooks shared and conversation and laughter enjoyed! Several wondered when we'd be having such an activity again.

8 of our "Calling Volunteers" have made calls or contact with 36 families who are able to attend worship, but have been missing on Sundays. Several of these families have been worshipping with us again and we look forward to seeing them often!

Others have volunteered to provide rides for those needing transportation to worship. Martha's table has been providing meals to those recently hospitalized or needing assistance through a rough time. Thanks, also to all of the volunteers who help provide the food for this ministry! We also send cards to new visitors so that they know how much we enjoyed having them worship with us. 18 notes have been sent so far this year to those families signing our guest registry.

We are truly blessed to be a part of such a caring community! Please call the church office (303-752-4083) for questions, to volunteer to with names of members needing our extra care. Thank you for caring and for sharing Christ's love with each other! Ingrid Waggoner



Caring For Others

Martha's Table

Having surgery, the loss of a loved one, or just struggling. We can help! We would love to help by providing you with a couple (or more) delicious homemade meal. If you or a loved one could use some help from this ministry please do not hesitate to contact the office either by phone or email, 303-752-4083 or info@allsaintsnet.org. This helps us make sure that we are using this Ministry to its full potential! If you know anyone that could benefit from this Ministry give Kate in the office.

Global Barnyard

Why do a billion people go to bed hungry every night? Why do nearly thirty thousand children die every day, one every three seconds, from hunger and preventable diseases?

Why not do something about it? No ONE can do everything, but EVERYONE can do something. God's Global Barnyard and the ELCA World Hunger Relief can use our coins and cash donations to make a difference giving a means of income and food to many of those numbers. Take a ELCA box home with you and collect your change, or go to www.elca.org/hunger to make a donation, or write a check to ELCA World Hunger and put in the offering plate and make a difference. Even a few dollars make such a positive impact.

School Supplies

A HUGE thank you to everyone that donated much needed school supplies for Lutheran Family Services. These supplies are sent out to refugee families that could not afford otherwise to purchase them. Thanks again!

Shepherding Teams



We've formed shepherding teams to enable us to care for those who have been unable to worship with us or attend other activities. It's not too late to be part of this effort. Helping is simple: make an in-home visits to 1-3 home-bound members, call those who have been absent, provide rides to worship and/or church activities. Sound like something you

care about? Call the church office (303-752-4083), Ingrid Waggoner (303-690-9080) or Charlie Neumann (303-766-9649) for questions, to volunteer, or with names of members needing our extra care. Thanks for caring!

Pack the Pantry

Remember that the first Sunday of every month is designated for "Pack the Pantry". We have had a very busy summer in the food pantry and our shelves are running very low. We ask that you bring one (or more) non perishable food items to help keep the food pantry stocked. Regular items that are needed are: canned veggies/fruit, canned meats, pastas, pasta sauce, rice, cereal are just a few examples. If you would rather just make a donation to the food pantry we can do the shopping for you! Remember that **YOU** make it possible for us to reach out & help our community!

etc.

Use Your Values To Guide Financial Decision

Your values serve as an important foundation for how you manage your money. They're the things that are most important to you—for example, your faith, family, friends, health, education or giving back. Your values give you a rock-solid sense of who you are and what you believe in.

Your values come from experiences in life. They also drive your decisions and actions. For example, if you value your health, you may exercise daily. If you value learning, you may continue your education by attending classes.

Developing a clear and compelling list of your values makes it easier to choose how you want to use your time, talents and treasures.

When it comes to your money, you have three choices:

- share
- save
- spend

As a steward of your resources, having a guideline for how you use your money can be helpful.

What's more, your values can be a clear, consistent guide to who you are and what you want to become. Investing time and energy to define your values and then aligning your actions with your values is a powerful way to achieve your financial goals and live the life of your dreams.

For more information on how your values can help you achieve your financial goals, contact Robert (Bob) Apmann, CPA, FIC with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, at 303-690-8924 or Robert.apmann@thrivent.com today or visit thrivent.com.

Readers, Servers & Acolytes

If you would be willing to read scripture, serve communion or acolyte during one of our services please sign up in the entrance or email us in the office. If you would like to call volunteers to fill empty slots for Sundays please contact Gerry Cosentino.

Dear All Saints Family,

August 9th is our 20th Wedding Anniversary and we are renewing our wedding vows at Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Aurora, CO. Steve's brother, Father William Parker is coming into town to preside over the service for us. Immediately following we are returning to All Saints for a reception in the Fellowship Hall. The ceremony is at 4:00 p.m. which we realize may be difficult to manage with work schedules. If it is not convenient to join us at the ceremony, please come join us at the reception. Please RSVP so we can have adequate food! Attached is a copy of our invitation with RSVP information and a file with directions between the churches. We will also post a copy of this at All Saints. We hope you will come to help us celebrate! Steve & Nancy Parker

Thank you

Joyce and I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards over the last week. It helps to know that we have your support. Richard & Joyce Pollock-Nelson

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August



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					High School Camping Trip

7 <i>8th Sunday of Pentecost</i> 8:15, 10:45 Setting 8 9:40 Pastor's Class 10:45 Summer Sunday School 12:45 Korean Worship No Youth Group	8 6:30 WINGS 7:00 SAA	9 7:00 Scouts	10 10:00 Women's Lunch Bunch study 5:45 Al Anon 6:00 HOA 6:30 FA 7:00 Korean study 8:00 SM supervision	11 9:00 Mens coffee at Carino's 9:00 Quilters 6:30 TOPS 7:00 SAA	12 9:00 TOPS 7:00 Praise Service	13 8:00 Exercise Line Dance Group 9:00 Eagle Project Work Day 9:00 CEA 10:00 CODA
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14 <i>9th Sunday of Pentecost</i> 8:15, 10:45 Setting 3 9:40 Pastor's class 10:45 Summer Sunday School 12:45 Korean Worship 7:00 Youth Group	15 6:30 WINGS 7:00 SAA	16 6:00 Exec 7:00 Council 7:00 Scouts	17 5:45 Al Anon 6:30 FA 7:00 Korean study	18 9:00 Quilters 6:30 TOPS 7:00 SAA	19 9:00 TOPS	20 8:00 Exercise Line Dance Group 8:30 Men's Break- fast 9:00 CEA 10:00 CODA
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21 <i>10th Sunday of Pentecost</i> 8:15, 10:45 Simple Eucharist 4 9:30 Confirmation Mtg 9:40 Pastor's Class 10:45 Summer Sunday School 12:45 Korean Worship 1:10 Men to Rockies 7:00 Youth Group	22 12:30 ESL 6:00 ESL 6:30 WINGS 7:00 SAA	23 7:00 Scouts	24 5:45 Al Anon 6:30 FA 7:00 Korean study 7:00 SM Supervision	25 9:00 Quilters 6:30 TOPS 7:00 SAA	26 9:00 TOPS	27 8:00 Exercise Line Dance Group 9:00 CEA 10:00 CODA 10:00 EGA
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28 <i>11th Sunday of Pentecost</i> 8:15, 10:45 Contemp 9:40 Pastor's Class 10:45 Summer Sunday School 12:45 Korean Worship 3:00 Church Picnic 7:00 Youth Group	29 12:30 ESL 6:00 ESL 6:30 WINGS 7:00 SAA	30 7:00 Scouts 7:00 Book Club	31 5:45 Al Anon 6:30 FA 7:00 Korean study
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Coming Up in September
 Sep 1, 7:00pm First Choir Rehearsal
 Sep 4 Labor Day Weekend, one service at 9:30
 Sep 11 Rally Sunday, Sunday School Begins
 Sep 21 Confirmation Kick Off

Small Groups

Lunch Bunch Bible Study Group



The Lunch Bunch Bible Study will meet Wed, Aug 10, at the Church for Bible Study. LeAnn Skogen will lead us in the 3rd chapter of Stewards of God's Gifts. After our study we will covine to a local restaurant for some good food and fellowship. We hope to see you there. If you have questions, please call Andee Elvert or Marian.

Also, a date to put on your calendar: It's early, but time passes very quickly. The date is Saturday, November 19 from 10 am until 12:30. The Metro East Cluster of Lutheran Women will gather at Joy Lutheran Church in Parker for their next meeting. The agenda will include Food and devotions, Introductions, Special Music from Simply Grace and an exciting Program. Again, all women in the church are invited. More information will follow as we get closer to the date.

Quilters A huge thanks to Les and Linda Jackson for taking two big boxes of quilts to Urban Servant this month. The quilts will be shipped to Lutheran World Relief Headquarters in Minneapolis for distribution to needy people. A total of 63 quilts have been given to charity since September, 2010. We continue to meet every Thursday at 9 a.m. Drop in and see us some time. Our newest member of the group is Sandy Fox. We appreciate her help.



Altar Guild needs another volunteer to set up communion for the first service. If you routinely attend first service please consider joining us. It requires about an hour on Saturday, and ½ hour on Sunday after first service. If interested call or email LeAnna at 303-755-7969. liskogen@comcast.net

Book Club

will meet the 4th Tues of each month from 7:00-8:30 in rm 12. The next gathering will be Aug 23 and the book is "Water for Elephants". Rosie Jacobs is leading this discussion. For more info call Jeannie Lantz at 303-306-6695



Women's Ministry

All Saints used to have very active Women's Ministry and lately we have had some new sparked interest in it. Are you interested in seeing a Women's ministry here again? If so then Tanya Scott is the person to contact. Do you have thoughts or ideas??? Give Tanya a call 720-949-1580.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus walks on Water.'
The sermon this evening: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Events

Bowling Party, sponsored by Thrivent Financial

Saturday, September 24, 2011 3:00-5:00pm
Brunswick Zone Heather Ridge 2200 S Peoria St, Aurora

This event is FREE to the first 125 participants; please RSVP by 9/10. Non-bowlers join us for some fellowship. We encourage you to bring the entire family, but please let us know how many will be bowling. We will provide pizza, salad, dessert and soda. Thank you for being a Thrivent member! Please RSVP to Erwin Gebers at 720-277-2816 or e-mgebers@comcast.net.

Men's Ministry

Just a reminder that there will be no Men's Breakfast this month, although our monthly coffee is still scheduled for Carino's on July 14th at 9am. We will resume our breakfast schedule in August.

Men's Faith Day at the Rockies Baseball Game **August 21st** at 1:10pm. The Rockies will be playing the LA Dodgers that afternoon. If you are interested in going please contact Hal.

A possible Father-Son-Daughter Dinner Event in **September**. We would like to have a featured speaker and need a volunteer to head up planning for such an event. Perhaps, we can make this a fundraiser for some community outreach need. If you have suggestions, contacts, or are willing to lead, contact Hal Olson.

We are looking at a couple of Historical Tour Events for **October** with a Halloween theme: one is a LoDo Haunted Bar Crawl on October 14th and another is an Evening of Capitol Hill Horror Stories with Dr. Tom Noel (aka Dr Colorado) on October 24th. Both of these events have a cost between \$30-45 per person, but they include some refreshments and lots of entertainment.

In **November/December**, we are looking at a family night with either a DU Hockey or Basketball game.

Combined Worship on September 4 (Labor Day Weekend) at 9:30.

A special worship service has been planned for this Sunday. There will be just one service at 9:30. We need your help to make sure everyone knows of the worship change for that Sunday only. It's your opportunity to get acquainted with folks who normally attend the other service. We'll have special treats and fellowship time following the service. We hope you'll make plans to be here and invite friends who will be in town.

The church has a facebook account. It's filled with fun and informative info. Check it out at:

www.facebook.com and search for **all saints lutheran**

Check out the church's **TWITTER** account to find out what events are happening this week at the church. Go to:

www.twitter.com/allsaintslc

www.forallthesaints.net

Ctrl left click above to go to the Church blog

Happy Birthday

Birthdays:

Strom, Oren 1
Kirkegaard, Deb 4
Amundson, Arden 8
Chambers, James 8
Degner, Jim 8
Parker, Nancy 8
Sandhagen, Jerry 8
Landwehr, Sean 9
O'Grady, Catherine 9
Skogen, Carlyle 10
Weis, Barb 10
Cook, Richard 11
Schwartz, Dan 12
Lotter, Lee 13
Steger, Judy 14
Birely, Martha 15
Love, Joshua 19
Meadows, Ashley 19
Shelton, Lynette 19
Fletcher, Anneliese 20
Schult, Austin 20
Huddle, Jeremy 21
Rahjes, Gary 21

McClaury, Sheldon 23
Kirkegaard, Don 24
Degrado, Myra 26
Deines, Elie 27
Jaeger, Marian 27
Valdez, Dante 27
Thompson, Laura 28
Laikola, Alina 29
Stapp, Betty 29
Swanson, Ava 29
Delpino, Danielle 30
Richard, Jawan 30
Smith, Alessia 30
Stone, Kathy 30
Wilks, David 30
Womeldorff, Keith 30
Beard, Michaela 31
Havener, Spencer 31

*If your B-day is not included
here call the office at
303-752-4083*

Just for Youth!



High School

Camping Trip to Lake McConaughy August 5-7th \$40/youth. Swimming, camping, tubing, and fun! Contact Megan at 720-839-3585 or Shep-meg@aol.com

Annual Lock-in Coming Soon! Date to be announced-keep your eyes on the bulletin and the youth group facebook page! www.facebook.com/ASLCYouthGroup

Sponsors for Middle School

Our confirmation program is a great asset for our 7th and 8th graders, but we also try to provide monthly fun activities for our middle schoolers. We're looking for people who will plan and sponsor one fun activity per month. No, you do not have to sponsor all the activities but as many as you like. Get someone to help you. If this sounds fun, contact Bruce Alison (303-356-0198) or Charlie in the office (303-752-4083).

Sunday School

Watch for exciting news about the 2011 Sunday School Rally Day. September 18th is our day of commitment and celebration. Many Cross Training adventures will delight and challenge All Saints members. More details will follow. Our Sunday School rooms are ablaze with color. Thanks to the Youth Mission Group tremendous progress has been made in revamping our SS All Saints wing. There is still work to be done. By adventure time the wing will sparkle!

A little bit of PandaMania invaded our summer Sunday School. We are unique and we were made just as God wants us to be. It was a hard lesson for PandaNessie but she eventually got the hang of it. We tried to create the world just like God did. Once we realized what a difficult chore it was, we praised God that he created the world in 7 days. In our lessons we learned about creation, played creation games, made creation crafts and developed creation foods. PandaNessie visited our class again and tried to make Panda sounds. The children learned to make Panda noises. We learned that God always listens to us no matter how we talk – loud, soft or in our hearts. It was quite a time building altars and putting out fires. Mary Chambers joined our class for a couple of Sundays and we learned that being different is okay. Mary shared stories about being blind. We wrote our names on Braille machines, looked at Braille books, figured out how to write secret messages in Braille and created a snack with Braille initials. Mary also helped us understand what it is like to walk and play in a world of blindness with canes and a ball with a bell inside. And the summer isn't even over. We still have many classes to go. Join us after the children's sermon during the late service. Bring a friend along.

Remember the adventure is just beginning.

Becky Eckhardt, Sunday School Director For additional information about summer or fall Sunday School or to volunteer to help, please contact me at 303-589-7956 or becky.eckhardt@comcast.net

Sunday School Teachers for 2011-2012

We've begun to recruit kid-lovers to be part of our great Sunday School Program for our children, ages 0-18. If you love kids and want to have a role in building their faith, contact Becky Eckhardt or Shawna Smith.



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Hymn Notes by James Sucha

SING TO THE LORD OF HARVEST

Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise.

With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise!

By him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move.

Sing to the Lord of harvest a song of happy love.



The *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal has some wonderful hymns in it for harvest, sermons on planting good seed with weed, and gathering the fruits of labor for the Lord. This particular hymn (ELW 694) is great for times of the year when things are being planted, sown or when we need to remember the words of John 15 with clinging to the vine and the branches to bear much fruit with God in our lives.

England's John S.B. Monsell (1811-1875) wrote over 300 hymn texts and was the son of an Anglican (Church of England) archdeacon. He became an Anglican priest and served in many capacities serving the local bishops and vicars near London. His other passion was writing prose and hymns. He edited many books, including many hymnbooks, which contained poems and hymns. When one of his churches was under construction in 1875, he ventured up to the roof to see how the progress was coming. He slipped on a beam and fell to his unfortunate death. This hymn was included in his book *Hymns of Love and Praise* in 1863.

The music setting chosen for the tune was lifted off the German streets and pubs in Nurnberg, as many of our Lutheran hymn melodies were. It was then adapted by Johann Steurlein (1546-1613), a Lutheran pastor's son from Schmalkalden, Germany. He studied law and became a town clerk, notary public and mayor of Meinigen, Germany. His real passion outside of public service was music and poetry. Emperor Rudolph II of German lauded him as a poet in recognition of his work for rhyming the Old and New Testaments in German. He loved playing keyboard and organ, publishing music, and wrote many tunes in four-part including the tune for this hymn.

The setting in the ELW is from the Episcopal Church's Healey Willan, (1880-1968) a composer and organist. The hymn appears also in the Episcopal and Anglican Church of Canada with the text/tune combination. It is a delight to sing with its uplifting melody.