

Building Bridges To God



Through the Cross of Christ

# EQUIPPING THE SAINTS *May 2010*

The Newsletter Ministry of All Saints Lutheran Church

## All Saint's Annual!



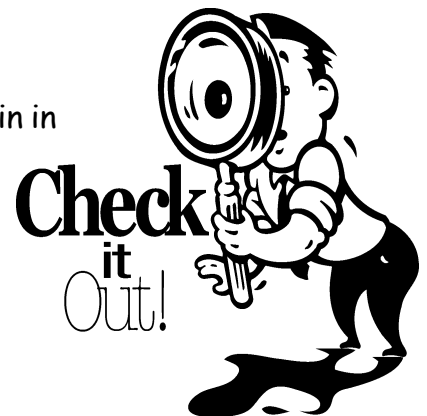
### Celebration and Pound Auction

Sunday, May 2nd  
after worship

Details inside....

Please join us for our annual Cinco de Mayo celebration and join in on the fun !!! Look inside for details on the Pound Auction!

Free will offering will be collected to benefit the Lutheran Disaster Relief. Sign up sheet is up on the board in lobby, so please be sure to sign up! There's always plenty of good food and good times with all your friends!



See you there!

# *Pastor's Page*

## A Season for Growing...

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From tulips and buds and bright green grass...to new garden beds out behind the church...to new faces in Bible study and worship: *it's clear that this is the season for growing!*

Some growth happens all by itself; it's enough simply to watch it happen and enjoy it. Other growth happens because people get involved in *making it happen*. A vision is shared, people show up with hammers and saws and paint brushes, rich soil and healthy seeds or plants. Yet another kind of growth (inward, faith-filled) takes place *when people commit themselves* to talk about the scriptures together, to *worship and pray together* as the Body of Christ in this place.

In every instance of growing, God's hand is visible...*to people of faith!*

As a congregation, we're seeing God's hand at work in gathering new faces in worship; our joy is simply to welcome them. Some of these new people are interested in discovering what membership at All Saints is all about. Plans are being made to answer their questions and bring them on board.

We're also talking about new ways of reaching the community around the church this spring and summer, particularly young children and their families. This will take some serious work (even more than hammers and saws and paint brushes!), but through God's guidance and blessing and our labor, growth can happen here, too!

Early this month our Northwestern Ohio Synod will meet in assembly to elect a bishop and take care of matters that need our attention. This may seem more like '*maintenance*' than '*growth*,' but in truth, it's necessary work that sets the stage for all kinds of growth yet to come. As of now, we're still looking for a couple of All Saints members to join me in representing our church (May 13-15). Let me know if you'd be interested in attending one or more days.

On another note, May marks the start of my second year as your pastor! Hard to believe how quickly the time passes. Thanks again for your gracious, open-hearted reception of me, and for all the things you do to make this church the great ministry it is. I'm honored to serve you and look forward to seeing what kind of growth God has in store for us together!

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Rich





Thank you to Pastor and to all those who sent cards and well wishes to me after my hospitalization.

You're thoughts and prayers meant so much to me!

Thanks again,  
Pat Toepfer

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## HEALING SERVICE MAY 30TH



Please join us for our Healing Service on May 30th. This will be a part of worship for personal time of prayer and comfort for healing.



and ...  
**POUND  
AUCTION**

**May 2nd**  
after worship

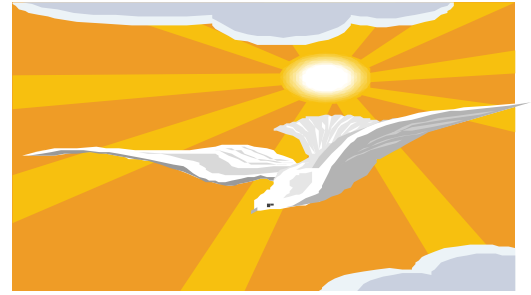
As part of the Cinco de Mayo celebration, we will once again have the pound auction. Proceeds will be donated to Lutheran Disaster Relief. It's loads of fun and here is how it works. We need people to donate items which could be things around the home or purchased items and they should be wrapped so no one knows what they are. If the gift is a gender or age-related, you may want to indicate that on the package (like suitable for a child, or suitable for a man, etc). The original idea of the "pound" auction was that wrapped items should weigh around a pound. However we no longer are concerned with the weight. Examples of previous gift items are: a jar of pickles, children's books, toilet paper, kitchen wares, toiletries, etc.

Before the Cinco de Mayo dinner, people may look at and handle the gifts to be auctioned and hopefully will be enticed to bid. There will be a bid sheet with every gift on which those who are interested can write their bid. Of course, it is our hope that someone else will outbid them. During the party, the gifts will be auctioned off. It's fun and profitable for the charity. Please come and see for yourself, and enjoy the meal and party. All your efforts are truly appreciated, so please be generous, have fun, and help out this very worthy cause. Please bring the pound auction items beginning the week before the party and even on the day of the party. Any questions?

Contact Lynda Meyer (419) 382 -2715

or Gretchen Schultz (419) 893 -1097.





## **ECUMENICAL BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

**Tuesday, May 4, 2010  
2:30 - 4:00 pm**

**St. Patrick of Heatherdowns  
Holy Family Center - Crites Room  
4201 Heatherdowns Blvd.  
Toledo, OH**

**TITLE:** Acceptance & Courage

**SPEAKER:** Rita Hoff

Director Outreach Ministries St. Patrick  
Heatherdowns Parish and Bereavement  
Team

During our grief journey we may ask ourselves, how can I accept the things I cannot change and have the courage to change the things I can? The Serenity Prayer ends with, "and the wisdom to know the difference."

Our mission is to offer support to people who are grieving the death of a loved one. With caring support, we provide spiritual, emotional, and social comfort.

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St. Rose Parish, St. Paul's Episcopal,  
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran,  
St. Luke's Hospital, St. Joan of Arc,  
St. Patrick of Heatherdowns.**

Remembering those who died....  
.... and those who love them:

Timothy Brown - age 56, died April 2.  
Service was Wednesday, April 7, in Toledo.  
Interment was Saturday, April 10, in  
Cuyahoga Falls, OH

Surviving: Lori Case and family.

Virdean Benford - age 83, died April 18.  
Service will be Monday, April 26 at Concord  
Baptist Church, in Boston, MA; Interment  
following.

Surviving: Dorothy Henderson (daughter)  
& family.



# *Lady Saint's Minutes*

On Saturday, April 10th there were eleven ladies present. Kathy Yarger, once again, had the tables beautifully decorated. The food was delicious as usual and everyone enjoyed it.

For devotions, Bev Rose read three short stories that she said came from opening the Bible at three various places without looking.

The amount of \$35.00 was collected - Treasurer's Report.

Julie Beitelschees moved that \$500.00 be given for dirt for our Community Garden plots. Motion was seconded by Ann Miller which was amended to \$518.00.

It was decided that we will have the Tea Luncheon next year and it will be discussed more at a later date.

Our retreat was also discussed and perhaps the men would be part of it - this will be discussed further at our next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Gabriel  
Secretary/Treasurer

# MAY VOLUNTEERS

## **GREETERS**

May 2 McCanns  
May 9 Tim & Amy Merkel  
May 16 Peg Loehrke  
May 23 Marilyn Gabriel  
May 30 Janet Caskey

## **READER**

Rick McCann  
Donna Jean Stockmaster  
Sue Merkel  
Amy Merkel  
Barb Mougie

## **COMMUNION PREP/ASSISTANT**

May 2 Mary Lou Houle  
May 9 Tim & Amy Merkel  
May 16 Jim & Diana Burkhardt  
May 23 Pat Toepfer & Ann Miller  
May 30 Rose Thomson

## **MONTH**

May

## **ALTAR**

Kathy Yarger

## **MEDIA**

Don Sundby

## **SOUND**

Mike Okoneski

## **COUNTERS**

May 2 Rose Thomson & Marilyn Gabriel  
May 9 Mary Lou Houle & \_\_\_\_\_  
May 16 Pat Toepfer & Ann Miller  
May 23 Mary Lou Houle & \_\_\_\_\_  
May 30 Pat Toepfer & Ann Miller

## **OFFERING**

May 2 Mary Lou Houle  
May 9 Rose Thomson  
May 16 Bonnie Driver  
May 23 Tim Merkel  
May 30 Bob Krueger

## **USHERS**

May 2 Jim TerDoest, Bob Krueger, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch  
May 9 Tim Merkel, Bill Reber, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch  
May 16 Jim TerDoest, Bob Krueger, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch  
May 23 Tim Merkel, Bill Reber, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch  
May 30 Jim TerDoest, Bob Krueger, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch



5/4 Thelda McNeas

5/10 Elaine & Jim TerDoest - 52 yrs.

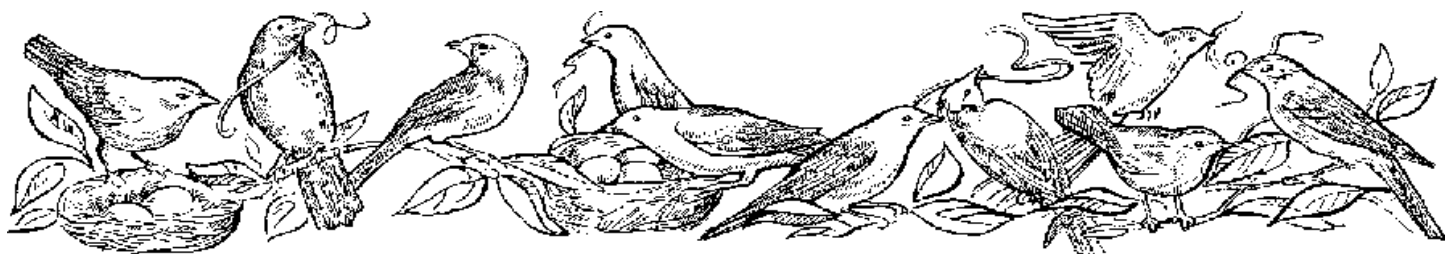
5/7 Bobbie Detrick  
Rick McCann

5/16 Katie Zaborski

5/17 Kathy Yarger

5/19 Paul Fritsch  
Gretchen Schultz

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