



The Grapevine

All Saints Lutheran Church ELCA

August 2020



The mission of All Saints Lutheran Church is to gather all people in a community immersed in God's Word through worship and learning that equips us to serve the world in the name of Jesus.

Dear Saints,

If each of us were to do a life review, we would find many people, events, and milestones that have shaped our lives. There have been mountaintop highs and valley lows. Life has been peppered with trials, tragedies, sufferings, and struggles. The entire world is struggling and wrestling with the global pandemic. We read the statistics regarding the spread of “the virus.” We scour the internet for the latest research about COVID-19 in hopes of moving closer to a cure. Generalized, free floating anxiety is ramped up as “the virus” exposes the vulnerabilities of nearly every society upon the face of the earth.

“What are we going to do?” we ask ourselves. That is a uniquely American question. We are a society of “do-ers.” We have accomplished much in 244 years as a country when you stack us up in comparison to other countries much older. If anything, this pandemic has taught us the limits of our bent towards the poem “Invictus.” Luther’s explanation of the Third Article of the Creed in the Small Catechism speaks of the empowering and gracious third person of the Holy Trinity. He explains to us how we are made holy. I know, you are reciting it in your head right now. Got it? Great! Now, let us move on to Luther’s explanation.

I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith, just as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith. Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins—mine and those of all believers. On the last day, the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

We are powerless in the face of this pandemic, but God is not. The Holy Spirit makes us holy and sanctifies us. This is unearned and unmerited grace. It is that very grace that saves us. Grace is not a “hall pass” or a “get out of jail free” card to act out. It is the gift that makes us holy and empowers us to be “little Christs” for each other and the world. It is the gift which helps us to serve both God and our neighbors, near and far. This is not an easy thing to do apart from the Holy Spirit.

We will struggle. Not all struggles are horrible. In fact, some are sacred. A butterfly must free itself from its chrysalis if it is to survive. The same goes for a baby chick pecking through its shell. Life is not easy but worthwhile. If our tendency towards doing rather than being is to serve us at all, let it be towards living into the call of our baptisms. Let us yield to God as we become more fully ambassadors of Christ bearing the ministry of reconciliation to the world which God so loves.

One with you in Christ,

Pastor Shannon

God's Love
has been
poured
into our
Hearts



through the
Holy Spirit
that has been
given to us.

Romans 5:5, NRSV

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Please keep the church leadership in your prayers and join them in the mission and ministries of All Saints. You may call them to serve on their teams. The next Congregation Council Meeting is on Wednesday, August 19, at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

President's Perspective

Virtually Together

One of the more exciting aspects of Holy Communion for me is the thought that when we commune during worship, we are communing with everyone who is around us, with all those at other tables at that time, and with all those who have ever communed - clear back through the Last Supper with Jesus - or will ever commune in the future. I think of my parents and other family members. I think of my grandchildren and their children.

We are tied together through time and space through God's grace and mercy. Now we have the blessing of being connected by the gift of technology, and we at All Saints have embraced that gift:

- We worship via Zoom, Facebook, and YouTube.
- We catch up with each other via Zoom after worship and in other meetings.
- We learn via online gatherings (Bible study, GIFT, book discussion, Just Grace, and others).
- We continue to do the business of the congregation via online meetings.

We share our faith, ideas, challenges, sorrows, and concerns via Facebook and other social media.

God continues to bless us even in this time of challenge with a new way to have community, to share and build each other up, and for this we are thankful.

Unfortunately, online tools also provide a way to share our less desirable traits as sinners in need of God's grace. All Saints is responding to this negative side by establishing an Online Code of Conduct that states our opposition to online bullying and tearing down of others. You can read this document on our website: <http://www.allsaintsbowie.org/images/pdf/ASLC%20-%20Online%20Code%20of%20Conduct%2025%20July%202020.pdf>. Please feel free to share it online to spread the message of compassion, love, and Good News.

Faithfully serving Christ with you,

Mark Steiner



**All Saints Lutheran Church
Congregation Council Meeting Summary
July 15, 2020 at 7:00 pm (via Zoom)**

- 1) Opening Prayer
- 2) Reflection (30 minutes) - *Giving to God* (chapter 7), discussion led by Diane Hampton - New book in August. Walter will lead discussion for the first two chapters of our next book.
- 3) Attendance:
Present: Walter Knausenberger, Pastor Angela Shannon, Mark Steiner, Alyson Jacobson, Angela Sichelman, Donita Johnson, Austin DeMarco, Diane Hampton, Uzoma Ariguzo, Art Lohsen
Absent: Mark Cunningham
- 4) Reports
 - a) Pastor– Report sent.
 - b) President
 - c) Financial Secretary– Report sent.
 - d) Treasurer– will send report when she is back in town
 - e) Ministry Teams
 - i) Committees– Report sent. Scholarship donations are lower than usual by this time of year.
 - ii) Gather- Did not meet this month. Need to fill Liaison position which will be tabled until next meeting.
 - iii) Worship- Report sent.
 - iv) Learn-
 - v) Support- email from Nyla and Jamal from Breasia - everything has been approved and final payment needs to be made before the rest of the work can be done. Create a description of “Parish Administrator.”
 - vi) Care of Creation- grounds are looking good and the grass is being cut on a regular basis. Walter will review reports regarding the Bee Keeping.
 - vii) Serve – no report submitted
- 5) Old Business
 - a) Coronavirus planning updates and updates/status of Reintegration Team
 - i) Members: Pastor Shannon, Art Lohsen, Sharron Sample, Karen Lee Banks, Nancy-Pat Weaver (Sven and Norma Allenbach-Schmidt, pending)
 - ii) Items to consider:
 - (1) VUCA¹/Strategic Planning
 - (2) Changes in ministry options/plans
 - (3) Requirements for opening the building
 - (4) Building use considerations

- b) Insurance
 - i) Comprehensive review of Insurance (Support—Art Lohsen)
 - ii) Council “Directors and Officers” coverage
 - c) Requirement for fire-proof storage cabinet. Art will work with Jean to see what size cabinet we need and will report back to Council.
- 6) New Business
- a) Code of Conduct for All Saints social media—John Summerlot is working on this.
 - b) Continue to serve as polling location in November 2020? Council has concerns regarding liability considerations and sanitation. Jean will find out more details. We have volunteers who are not at high risk who will be willing to serve.

Next meeting – August 19, 2020

Respectfully submitted by Angela Sichelman, Council Secretary

1. VUCA: volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity

Financial Report for June 2020

June income received for spending plan - \$29,469.44
Monthly income needed for spending plan - \$30,646.83
Year-to-date income received for spending plan - \$158,244.73
Year-to-date income needed for spending plan - \$183,880.98
Income received to date is at 86% of spending plan.
Total June income (plan & designated) - \$32,197.15
Year-to-date income (budget & non-budget) - \$169,039.85

Spending plan expenses for June - \$25,781.45
Spending plan expenses year-to-date - \$168,569.68



Serve

Serve Report: August Update

In a typical year, the Serve Team's August *Grapevine* entry is an introduction to our "God's Work. Our Hands" service project, which for the last five years has been hosting a Stop Hunger Now/Rise Against Hunger meal-packaging. Unfortunately, we will not be sponsoring a meal-packaging event this year due to the impact of the pandemic.

As an alternative to an interactive "God's Work. Our Hands" Serve Team activity, we invite everyone to provide more needed support this summer and fall to our county's Warm Nights program as it continues to operate in a hotel setting. While this sheltering model better protects everyone's health by enabling adherence to the CDC COVID-19 guidelines, it also taxes county revenues and staff! Please consult the lists which follow to learn how you can assist with contributions of gift cards, monetary donations, grocery items, cleaning supplies, clothing, and prepared lunches.

Non Perishable Foods (individual serving-size packaging is preferable)

Juice boxes
Individual cereal packets
Snacks (popcorn, chips, cookies, crackers, raisins, nuts, etc.)
Yogurt
Applesauce
Non-refrigerated milk
Baby food
Peanut butter /jelly
Canned fruits/vegetables/beans/soups/meats
Pasta and spaghetti sauce
Rice

Cleaning Supplies:

Disinfectant sprays and wipes, bleach, spray bottle cleaning solutions
Hand sanitizer, 60% alcohol or higher
Hand soap
Isopropyl alcohol
Dish detergent
Latex gloves (large)
Facial tissues, paper towels
Laundry pods, dryer sheets, fabric softener

Clothing Items (new request):

Men's and women's sweats: tops and bottoms, all adult sizes
Women's underwear and T-shirts: sizes Small-XXL
Men's boxer briefs and T-shirts: sizes Med.-XXXL

Gift Cards

Smartrip Metro Cards
Walmart
Target
Fast Food Restaurants
Grocery Stores
Visa
Uber/Lyft

If you are able to contribute some of the above items, please contact Mr. Dimes (Nated@ccsimd.org or 301-864-7095x427) to arrange a no-contact drop-off time and location. Alternatively, you can have your donated supplies shipped directly to Nathan Dimes, Community Crisis Services, 4316 Farragut St., Hyattsville, MD 20781. Monetary contributions (make payable to Community Crisis Services) and gift card donations can be sent to the same address.

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CCSI Warm Nights Lunch Donation Options

1. Contact one of the following restaurants in the same local area as the Warm Nights temporary residence site and inform them that you would like to donate meals for the Prince George's County Warm Nights Homeless Services program. (Most restaurants will provide discounts and delivery or pickup services.) CCSI has staff available for pick-up if needed.

Subway (Lunch Boxes)

Hours of operation Mon.-Sun. 11 am-9:00 pm
 1103-A. Baltimore Ave., Beltsville, MD 20705

McDonald's (Lunch Meal)

Hours of operation Mon.-Sun. 7:30 am-9:00 pm
 4000 Powder Mill Rd, Beltsville, MD 20705

Sardies (Lunch Meals)

Hours of operation Mon.-Sun. 11 am-9:00 pm
 10433 Baltimore Ave., Beltsville, MD 20705

Olive Garden (Lunch Meal)

Hours of operation Mon.-Sun. 11:00 am-10:00 pm
 14650 Baltimore Ave., Laurel, MD 20707

KFC (\$4 Lunch Meals)

Hours of operation Mon.-Sun. 11 am-9:00 pm
 11751 Beltsville Dr., Beltsville, MD 20705

Three Brothers (Lunch Meal)

Hours of operation Mon.-Sun. 11:00 am-9:30 pm
 10961 Baltimore Ave., Beltsville, MD 20705

Wendy's (Lunch Meals)

Hours of operation Mon.-Sun. 10:30 am-9:00 pm
 11741 Beltsville Dr., Calverton, MD 20705

2. Donate pre-prepared lunch bags with sandwiches (lunch meat or peanut butter and jelly), chips, and bottled water.

3. Donate \$5.00 gift cards from a restaurant of your choice.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Nathan Dimes ((Nated@ccsimd.org) or 301-864-7095x427). Thank you.



tinyurl.com/giveasl

In the month of July, All Saints members and guests contributed \$27,257.43 toward the 2020 spending plan. This is \$3,389.40 short of our monthly goal of \$30,646.83.

To date this year, All Saints members and guests have contributed \$185,433.99 toward the 2020 spending plan. This is \$28,591.44 short of the \$214,025.43 anticipated by this point in the year to reach our goal of \$367,762.00.

Virtual Ministry Recognition in 2020

This summer, the All Saints church building cannot yet be open as usual to be a venue for the Ministry Fair. However, we will continue to recognize our ministries and learn about them. The entire month of August will emphasize the Ministries of All Saints, what they are doing during this period of closure and hope to do as we begin to return to our usual life and activities. To that end, the Stewardship Team has organized a special digital presentation of Ministries. By now you should have received via Google Groups a booklet of announcements and information provided by Ministry Teams. When it arrives, please take the time to peruse it. In addition, immediately following our livestream worship services during Sundays in August, we expect to offer audio presentations that will introduce a sample of the current ministries of All Saints. There will be a variety of opportunities to become involved both now and in the future. We will all benefit by sharing our ideas, energy, and generosity.



“Let Your Generosity get Out of Hand.”

Devotion Book in 2020



Our annual Devotion Book that sets the stage for Consecration Sunday, October 18, will be all virtual this year. Verse selection will begin in August, when the list of this year’s verses will be delivered to you via Google Groups that will deliver a link to SignUpGenius. The SignUpGenius site will be utilized for you to indicate your choice of verse. The Google Groups email will have information regarding guidelines for writing. We look forward to 21 writers who will be sharing their insights and prayers on the 2020 Consecration Sunday theme, *“Let Your Generosity get Out of Hand.”*

ZOOM COFFEE HOUR

We will continue our Zoom social/coffee hours at least through August. Please join us after worship at noon on Zoom to catch up with our church family:

Time:

August 2, 2020 12:00 PM
August 9, 2020 12:00 PM
August 16, 2020 12:00 PM
August 23, 2020 12:00 PM
August 30, 2020 12:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/519818162>
Meeting ID: 519 818 162

Dial-in info:

+1 301 715 8592
Meeting ID: 519 818 162



ASLC Women's Book Group to Meet on September 12 via Zoom

The ASLC Women's Book Group will meet on Saturday, September 12 via Zoom to discuss *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes. Reviewers state, "Set in Depression-era America, this is a breathtaking story of five extraordinary women and their remarkable journey through the mountains of Kentucky and beyond. It is based on a true story rooted in America's past, and is unparalleled in its scope and epic in its storytelling. Funny, heartbreaking, and enthralling, it is a richly rewarding novel of women's friendship, true love, and what happens when we reach beyond our grasp for the great beyond."

All are welcome, whether you have read the book or would like to learn more about it. Encourage friends and family members to join the discussion! Additional information about accessing the Zoom gathering will be offered in August ASLC worship booklets and email messages.

If you have questions or would like additional information about the ASLC Women's Book Group, please contact Louise Waynant.



Tuesday Morning ASLC Bible Study

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY is taking a break in August and will return to meeting in September.

ASLC LIVING-WELL cancer SUPPORT GROUP is now meeting virtually every Saturday morning at 10. To join in please email, call or text Deb Ariguzo with your preferred email to receive the meeting invite. No worries if a computer is not handy as you can phone in and join!



2020 ASLC Scholarship Award Update

Scholarship award checks will be distributed in the upcoming week to the seven students attending college.



Congratulations to our seven students heading off to college. Each student will receive \$500. this year from ASLC.

Award presentations will be made in person and videoed for the congregation to witness.

Worship and Music Ministry Team Planning Next Meeting

The next meeting of the **Worship and Music Team** will be held on Saturday, August 8, via Zoom. We will meet at 9:00 am for socializing, and discussion will begin at 9:10 am. Please join us if you are able. All are welcome!

Many thanks to all of the folks who have been making our worship and music happen during the pandemic. It has been a meaningful time to gather together as Christians and to share our story with others.

To join the meeting:

Topic: W&M 2020-08-08

Time: Aug 8, 2020 09:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87877111486?pwd=RDJBSl1MMW9ZRDkxcm9yRGRBVUNtQT09>

Meeting ID: 878 7711 1486

Password: 897489

Worship: We miss being together, too!

As we continue waiting for the pandemic to subside enough to be able to worship together safely in our building, we are enjoying the creativity we see each week in our online services. What will worship look like when we do reopen the building? You can be sure that there will be safety measures in place. There will be a lot of sanitizing going on, there will be masks on the faces of worshipers and leaders, and all of the precautions recommended by the Reintegration Team will be in place. This process is slow, as we want to make sure to prioritize safety.

Even with safety measures, we cannot change the very welcoming atmosphere that is part of All Saints. The smiles we are used to seeing will still be seen in our eyes; we will continue using familiar liturgy; we will share Holy Communion together safely; we will praise God together, though maybe not through singing; we will be together again as a community.

Worship is the largest, most shared part of what we do at All Saints. Worship is important to us, as Saints, and as Christians. We are still learning, we are still growing. We invite you to be a part of our Worship and Music Team, where we share ideas on how worship can be done. Everyone is welcome at our table!



Join Our Live Stream Worship Service Every Sunday at 11 am
Check for the link each week on our website
www.allsaintsbowie.org

Now you can listen to worship on the phone!
Find out details on our website.



COVID-19 resources for ELCA congregations and members

With the outbreaks of COVID-19 in the United States and around the world, our church and its leaders continue to minister to its members, to those who are hurting and searching for peace, and to those in need. Resources are available to help congregations and members stay connected and resilient during this crisis. Visit ELCA.org/publichealth for online worship best practices, FAQs regarding government assistance programs, video messages from ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and resources to help you practice your faith at home.

Highlights of July 11 Worship and Music Ministry Team Planning Meeting

The ASLC Worship and Music Team met on Saturday, July 11, via Zoom. The meeting was led by Team Leader, Melissa Steiner.

Expressions of Gratitude: Participants expressed appreciation for all who have helped to offer meaningful, live-streamed worship in the past weeks. Special appreciation was offered to Pastor Shannon for arranging well-planned outdoor eucharists on the fourth Sunday of each month. Much gratitude was expressed to Hyojin and Kevin for leading music each Sunday.

Pastor's Report and Discussion: Pastor Shannon expressed gratitude for the outstanding contributions of the Saints in providing live-streamed worship each week, highlighting the flexibility and resilience of all and the work of the Tech Team: Caleb Jacobson, Natalie Braxton, Uzoma Ariguzo, Austin DeMarco, John Summerlot, and Mark Steiner.

Pastor Shannon advised that she is both fulfilling her pastoral responsibilities and also assuming many administrative and office management responsibilities, responding to needs as they arise.

With regard to reintegration, Pastor Shannon emphasized that it is essential to focus on proceeding with great care, following guidelines set forth by the Synod.

Worship and Music team members expressed gratitude to Pastor Shannon for her deep Christian faith and guiding the Saints faithfully through very challenging times.

Report from Director of Music, Dr. Hyojin Ahn: Hyojin thanked all who helped to make each Sunday's music special, highlighting those who have participated through the Acapella app. She and Kevin have upgraded and enhanced the sound quality of music transmission from their home studio through expanding their home technology resources.

Report from ASLC Congregation Council: Karen Lee Banks, Nancy-Pat Weaver, and Sharron Sample offered to serve as representatives of the Worship and Music Ministry on the ASLC Reintegration Team being formed by the Congregation Council.

Report from Norma Allenbach-Schmidt Regarding Hosting Ministry and Ministry Fair

Hosting Ministry: Norma advised that she can begin to obtain the items needed to prepare the Gift Bags for visitors and first time-worshippers to All Saints when purchasing procedures have been clarified. Team members recommended offering some type of welcome gift to guests who are participating in our live-streamed worship services, and creating an online guest book.

Virtual Ministry Fair: A Virtual Ministry Fair will happen in August. The team offered specific recommendations for the written and video presentations for the Worship and Music Ministry.

Reflections on Previous Month's Worship, and Plans for the Remainder of the Season of Pentecost: Participants emphasized that all services were well planned and faithfully offered. Live-streamed worship using the current format and liturgy will continue throughout the season of Pentecost. Outdoor eucharist will be offered on the fourth Sunday of each month.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Worship and Music Team will be held on Saturday, August 8, from 9:00-11:00. The meeting will be offered via Zoom. All are welcome.

Availability of Meeting Summary: If you would like to have a copy of the full meeting summary, please contact Team Leader Melissa Steiner.



Outdoor Contactless Communion - Sign-up

We will be having a monthly Outdoor Contactless Communion on the fourth Sunday of each month from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm in twenty-minute intervals of twelve people per interval. If you plan to participate, watch the bulletin for the link to the Sign-up Genius to schedule a time to come. Remember to wear your masks out of love for each other.

The next date for Communion is August 23 from 1- 3 pm .

Due to state and county regulations, we are limiting the number of people for each time slot to twelve people. It is important that when you make your reservation, you include every person who will be in your vehicle.



Just Grace Committee News

What a whirlwind of news these past few weeks and months have been! Our nation appears to be in a moment of reckoning regarding systemic racism in our society. More people than ever are opening their eyes and, perhaps more importantly, wondering, “What can I do to help?”



Here at All Saints, we established the Just Grace Committee three years ago to facilitate exactly these kinds of conversations and moments. We are so thankful that the Holy Spirit has moved our congregation in this way so we can begin to answer that question.

If any Saints are not connected with the Just Grace Facebook page, we encourage you to “like” and “follow” it. We are using the space to share resources and reflections related to racial justice, and encourage everyone to join in the discussions. The Facebook page is found at this link: <https://www.facebook.com/JustGraceAllSaints/> You do not need to have a Facebook account to view our posts.

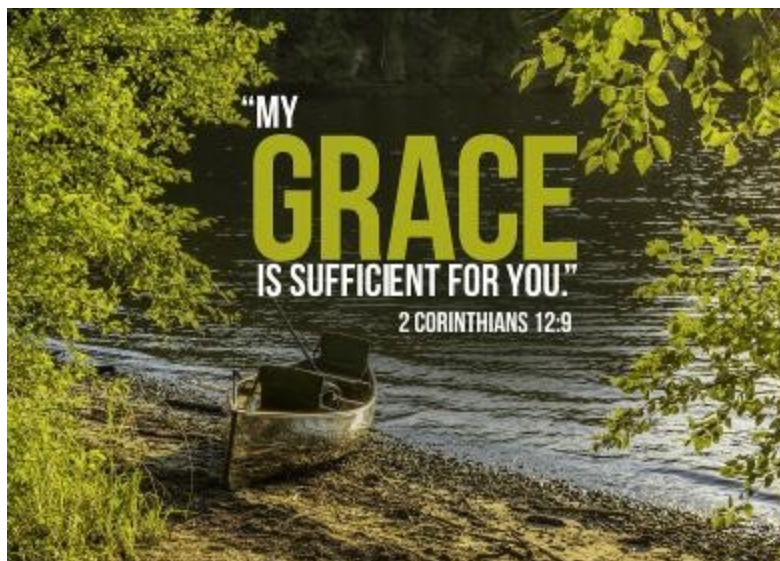
Many Just Grace Committee members are also involved with the Prince George’s County Lynching Memorial Project (PGCLMP). The goal of the group is to educate the public on the truths of our nation’s continuing legacy of slavery, memorialize victims of racial terror lynchings in our county, and advance the cause of racial justice and reconciliation through mutual support and collaboration.

To further these goals, PGCLMP has organized a summer study group/common read of *On the Courthouse Lawn: Confronting the Legacy of Lynching in the Twenty-First Century* by Sherrilyn Ifill, preferably the 2018 revised edition. This edition features a foreword by Bryan Stevenson, founder of the Equal Justice Initiative and the subject of the acclaimed film “Just Mercy.”

Ifill is the president and director-counsel for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and a professor at the University of Maryland School of Law. *On the Courthouse Lawn* uses the history of Talbot County, Md., to explore the nationally-relevant topic and suggest ways for meaningful reconciliation. Reviewers note that “Ifill’s research is detailed, empathetic and unflinching in recording the legacy of these two victims, but also ultimately hopeful that these generations-old wounds can be healed.”

The study group will meet via Zoom for three sessions on Wednesday evenings, August 12, 19 and 26 at 7 p.m. The first two sessions will focus on Part One of the book, while the third session will focus on Part Two. PGCLMP is planning to have break-out groups to encourage deeper conversations, including a safe-space group for people of African ancestry.

Advanced registration is required for this study group, using the following link: https://uuma.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwpcOigpzstE9x-xLhrPdnvA_kxDDm_Gyp2



ASLC Care for Creation “Bulletin” -- August 2020
“Look at how beautiful we can be!” Mid-Summer 2020

Our grounds continue to evolve, with some new focal areas, looking wildly beautiful. Pollinators and all comers are welcome at All Saints! Neighbors have been attracted to look for butterflies. Summer is here, as nature continues to show us God’s hope in this time of caring for others through social distancing.



“Pollinator Pillars” taking shape :
 April 28, 2020, June 29, 2020, July 29, 2020

Morning glory “Party Dress” starting to flower;
 Butterfly weed, melon vines starting to flower
 Several other species of vines, sunflowers still growing!
Check this space next month!



Above:
 New pillar: morning glory
 & Fall-blooming Clematis



Above:
Asclepias milkweed pods
 emerge (center right)
 to feed milkweed larvae!



Above:
 A new flower bed taking
 shape in the parking lot!
 Sunchokes, Mullein,
 Yarrow, coneflowers



Above:
 Our original 2009 Rain Garden keeps blooming, with
Eupatorium Boneset and Ironweed (dark purple) and
 American beautyberry, just starting to bloom

Faith Practices

The Faith Practices Initiative of the ELCA urges members of this church to “put their faith into practice” by living out the promises contained in the liturgy for the Affirmation of Baptism. In that promise, we pledge as members of the body of Christ through baptism to:

- **live** among God’s faithful people
- **hear** the word of God and **share** in the Lord’s supper
- **proclaim** the good news of God in Christ through word and deed
- **serve** all people following the example of Jesus
- **strive** for justice and peace in all the earth



(Evangelical Lutheran Worship, p. 236)

These Five Gifts of Discipleship are faith practices—five gifts to be unwrapped, discovered, and re-discovered. The Holy Spirit uses these gifts to teach discipleship, stir the embers of faith, create bold leaders, and transform congregations to be communities of Jesus where there are life-changing relationships with God, one another and the world.



Gifts of Hope—Making a Difference, Locally and Globally

Thank you for supporting Gifts of Hope during our 2019 Advent campaign in which we raised \$111,000.00 from online giving and from congregation members across the Synod, including \$7,200.00 from members of All Saints. Thanks to the volunteers who present this alternative gift-giving option to the congregation.

Your donations and those from hundreds of other people have been distributed to the 19 Gifts of Hope organizations. Each organization has adapted to COVID-19 related closures and changes in how they help their clients. Your support helps the elderly, adults, and children served by our ten social-service organizations, four ministries, three international synods, and two church camps. Your support helps those who want to improve their lives by offering them dignity, wellness, job-readiness and education. Your support provides for daily necessities, including food, housing, and medications. Your support helps children who are adjusting to social distancing and reduced access to activities. Your support helps people outside of our borders. Your support makes a difference today and gives hope for a better tomorrow. Our gifts are available year-round at our website: giftsofhopedc.org.

During Advent 2020 Gifts of Hope will have a different model, as we honor the health of our donors and our volunteers. There will be more information this fall as to how we will connect those who want to help others with the organizations that have the staff and programming to do so. It has been my honor to serve Gifts of Hope for nine years and to know that our donors, our volunteers, our congregations, our organizations and our Synod work to help our community in a variety of ways. Thank you for bringing hope to others.

Carolyn Sowinski, Director

Pastor's "Chat, Chew and Check-in"

Pastor's "Chat, Chew and Check-in" has been a great time to catch up with everyone and to see each other's smiling faces. Everyone is invited to Zoom in each Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. The conversation has been insightful, informative and just plain fun. This is not an obligation or just one more thing to do. If no one shows by 10:15 am, Pastor Shannon will close the Zoom room.

Topic: Pastor Shannon's "Chat, Chew & Check-in"

Time: This is a recurring meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3058237537?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3058237537?pwd=U2JDak1TM3R5dU9nd3g1UkFuZENIQOT09)

[pwd=U2JDak1TM3R5dU9nd3g1UkFuZENIQOT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3058237537?pwd=U2JDak1TM3R5dU9nd3g1UkFuZENIQOT09)

Meeting ID: 305 823 7537 Password: 532586

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US (Germantown)

The Happiest of August Birthdays

8/3 Stephen Ours
8/5 Jane Wingard
8/8 Dave Conrad
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