

SAINTS ALIVE!

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The All Saints Anglican Church monthly Newsletter

FROM THE RECTOR

For the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

Years ago I had a woman approach me after a Sunday morning service and ask, "Don't these young people know that we have a place for their children?" I replied, "Yes, they do. That place is right here worshipping with their parents." I wasn't being snarky. Nevertheless, this comment is symptomatic of what I see as a huge problem in the 21st Century Church. We are silo-ing ourselves to death! Many churches today operate on what I like to call a "silo mentality" of ministry. You come into church and are immediately placed in a group with other people just like you, where everything is custom designed for your little niche. Our favorite group to separate out is the children. Of course, every church should have an exciting children's program with an active Sunday school and an inviting nursery. But we should always strive to make worship a family event.

It drives me nuts when I see churches that have Sunday school for children and teens during the worship service. The rationale is that we need to have something interesting for the young people while their parents are taking a break from them and worshipping God. The problem we run into when we do this is that we teach children and teens that corporate worship is not for them. And then we are shocked when they stop going to church after graduating from high school. But why should we be surprised? We've spent their entire lives telling them that grown up church is not for them, so they are simply doing as they have been taught.

But true worship must be intergenerational. That means that on Sunday mornings, we should be able to hear a baby crying and a hearing aid screeching at the same time. All human beings, and especially children, learn through imitation. Our children will learn how to worship and praise God by watching us. It is also through corporate worship that they learn what it means to be a part of a community of believers. We cannot expect our children to have good oral hygiene as adults if we don't develop good brushing habits in them at a young age, and the same can be said for worship. If we want to teach them well, we need to start them young.

Now I'm not saying that we need to get rid of our nurseries. Infants and toddlers can get fussy, and it is always good to have a nursery available for tired parents and cranky babies. A church nursery should be an option, but never a requirement. If a church will not let your children worship with you, no matter what age they are, you need to find a different church.

All of that being said, it is also important to note that a church service is not Romper Room. Just as I've seen churches that ban children from worship, I've seen others that simply allow the kids to roam free during the service, making noise and being disruptive. While this may seem "welcoming," it is not helpful. So, some tips regarding public worship for parents with children:

1. Do what makes you comfortable. Just as it is not a requirement to put your children in the nursery, it is also not a requirement to bring them into the service with you. The options are available, but the parents should always have the final say. Parents should never feel like they are being forced to do something that they don't want to do.
2. Ease younger children in. If your child isn't ready to sit through the service, perhaps you can bring them in for communion. Once they are comfortable in that setting you can start bringing them in after the sermon. We tend to adapt better to change when it comes in stages, so don't feel like your children have to sit through the entire service right away.

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3. If your child can read, your child can worship. The beauty of Anglicanism is that our liturgy is predictable and participatory. Resist the urge to let your older children color or read a book during the service. Help them to follow along. Explain to them what is happening and why it is important. Teach them that we stand to sing and praise, kneel to pray, and sit to listen. Let them know that they are a participant in the liturgy, not just a spectator.

4. Silence is golden. While there are ample opportunities to talk during worship (e.g. responses, prayers, hymns, etc.), there are also times when it is appropriate to listen quietly and respectfully. Help your children to be quiet and listen. Encourage them to pay attention to the sermon and ask them questions about it on the way home. Now we understand that children, especially younger ones, can get fussy. That is OK. A little noise here and there never hurt anyone and it is a good reminder that all generations are welcome in worship. However, if children become disruptive it is perfectly acceptable to remove them from the service until their fussiness has subsided.

5. Let your children serve. By virtue of our baptisms, we are all ministers of the church. Worship is not simply about what we get out of it, but what we put into it as well. Look for places where your children can serve in worship. Consider serving as an usher with your children. Allow them to join you as part of the hospitality ministry. Teens are encouraged to serve as acolytes and lectors or to sing in the choir. The more your children are an active part of the worship experience, the more they will get out of it.

Whitney Houston once sang that children are our future, but I was never really a fan of that song. I believe that children are our present. So the next time you see that family come into church with all of those little kids, don't roll your eyes. Instead, thank God that his church is for all generations at all times. And then take a minute and learn the kids' names. Introduce yourself. Talk to them. Encourage them. Let them know that you are happy to see them. For the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Have you ever wanted to sing in the choir but weren't sure you could sing? This is the choir for you! It is a blessed time of singing from the very experienced in voice and music to the beginner who just likes to sing.

Our choir is led by Mrs. Vicki Brinck and she has a very sweet gentle spirit and loves to lead people in having a good time singing and praising our Lord. There is a desire to have more voices and so please consider trying a practice:

Wednesdays (7:30 p.m.) McGlynn Hall

If you attend Galloway Gathering classes you are welcome to leave a few minutes early to arrive on time for choir practice.

COMMUNITY NIGHT

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 4TH (6-8 p.m.) McGlynn Hall

Everyone is invited to participate in our first Community Night to break bread together as a family. Then sing praises and prayers to The LORD. Hospitality will be providing the meal for the evening (Sloppy Joes, Coleslaw, Tater tots, and cookies) but they will need a count of how many people are planning to attend. A sign-up genius has been emailed to you so that you can conveniently RSVP. If you have not received the email please contact the church office.

BARKTOBERFEST

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 2017 (4:30 p.m.) in the garden

Bring your dogs, cats, birds, hamsters, snakes, etc. to receive a blessing and then join us for a parish dinner following the service.

Menu: Brat or Hot Dog, chips, dessert, and a drink - all for \$5/person

WHAT IS SIMPLE CHURCH?

It's the church directory and an efficient way to e-mail the congregation or groups within the congregation. If you are not signed up for Simple Church - please follow the directions below. It is easy and convenient.

To access the directory:

Step 1: Go to the All Saints website (www.allsaintsspringfield.org)

Step 2: Go to the "about us" tab and select "parish directory" from the dropdown menu. You will then be taken directly to the church directory

To log in for the first time

Step 1: When the login screen appears, click on "forgot password"

Step 2: Enter your email address when asked

Step 3: You will be emailed with your user name and password

Step 4: Return to the login page and enter the information

To edit your user information (e.g. user name and password)

Step 1: Once you are logged in, click on your initials in the upper right corner of the screen

Step 2: Select "view profile" from the dropdown menu. You will be taken to your profile page

Step 3: From the navigation bar under your name, click on "account" at the far right

Step 4: On this page you can change your user name and password to access the directory

Step 5: When you are done, be sure to click on "save" at the bottom of the page

To update/edit your personal information

Step 1: Access your profile if you are not already there (click on your initials in the top right hand corner of the page and click on "view profile")

Step 2: From the navigation menu below your name, select "edit"

Step 3: Update any personal information that needs to be updated, add a picture, etc.

Step 5: Be sure to click on "save" at the bottom of the page

To view the directory

Step 1: On the left hand side of the page click on "directory"

Step 2: You can scroll through the list of people and click on an individual to see their information

To email an individual, just click on their email address

To search for an individual, type their name into the search box at the top of the page (next to the magnifying glass)

To use the mobile app:

Step 1: Make sure you have already logged into a computer system and have a user name/password

Step 2: Go to the App Store or Google Play Store and search for "SimpleChurchCRM"

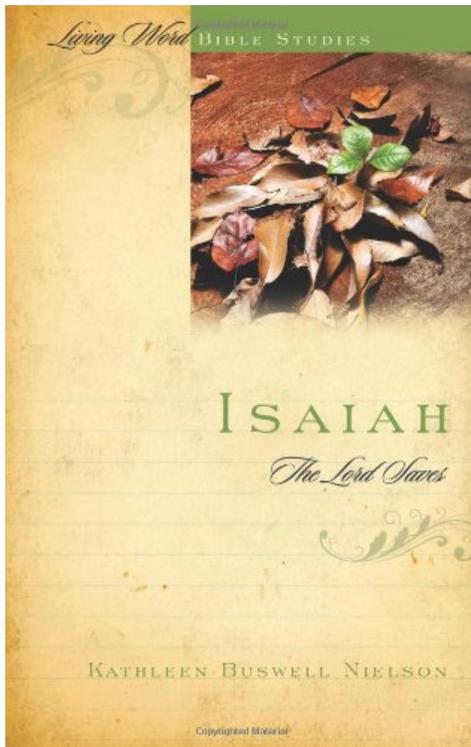
Step 3: Download the SimpleChurch app

Step 4: When you first open the app, it will ask you for a domain. Enter "allsaintsspringfield"

Step 5: Enter your user name and password

Step 6: Enjoy having the entire church directory at your fingertips!

WOMEN AT ALL SAINTS by Georgia Long



Our Fall Women's Bible Study on ISAIAH – The Lord Saves will have its first gathering on Thursday, October 5, 12:15 – 2:30 in the last classroom on the left in the Education Wing. Our first session will be to pick up our Study Guides, reconnect after our summer break, and discuss our study guide and the flow of our sessions each week. There is still time to join us for this study, but more books will need to be ordered. I have 19 ladies who have already contacted me for one of the 20 books in our first order. Please email, text or call me if you would like a copy so we can purchase them in time for the 10-5 kickoff. I will send out an email this week to the ladies who have reserved the 19 copies so we all are aware of whether we have made contact regarding same.

THE WOMEN'S 9TH ANNUAL LUNCHEON - HELD IN SEPTEMBER 2017



There is no way to describe in a few sentences all that was a part of the Annual Women's Luncheon this year. The faces of many who served in this year's event can be seen in these pictures. Thank you to our photographer, Sharon Riestis for her gift in capturing so many details of that day. (Watch for more photos which will be available soon.) With all those who served, shared and participated it was truly a blended and blessed event. We were able to see and hear, and perhaps experience that certain realities in our own lives could bring us to a deeper understanding of what it was that carried Joseph in Genesis through all of his life experiences. He saw God working through all the experiences; he trusted and believed that his paths were truly directed by God and that he was positioned right where God intended him to be in Egypt as life unfolded. Perhaps many of us no matter our spiritual paths and adversities came to a deeper trust that what it says in Proverbs 16:33.....God is sovereign over all the details of our lives and we can indeed trust Him and His Word. In addition, the feedback on our three displays has been very good! The Lydia Project received \$142 from the purchase/donations for the 23 bracelets, which I hand delivered to their headquarters in Lawrence, Kansas. Thank you to the Hostess for that Display, Linda Overend. (There are more of these available so watch for news about this.) The Garland Edwards Greeting Card Display was blessed as well, and I am sure we will hear more from Lynn Price about the responses to the St. Elizabeth Guild in the days ahead. Thank you to each of you who positioned yourself this year in such a manner as to express the love and trust you have experienced with others. May the Lord continue to reveal to all of us in the days ahead just how sovereign He is in our lives and may we be graced to share that with others as we are led.



Have you messed up and missed the mark,
Behaved in shameful ways?
Do you feel bad for what you've done
On recent grouchy days?

We want to share this great Good News
Of Jesus, God's own Son.
He died to set all people free.
He came for everyone.

He came to make sure you would be
Forgiven, clean, and new.
His gift is free, he loves you so.
Believe! It's really true!

Share God's Good News; don't
hesitate. Don't hide it in your heart.

His message is for everyone
Who needs a brand new start.

Incredible! Yes, that it is!
Amazing! And it's true!

News that our Savior died for us,
For me and you and you!

Everywhere, tell everyone—
"Believe! God loves you, too."

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Fall fun at church could lead you to bring children to:

* The first Galloway Gathering Community night, Wednesday October 4th, from 6-8 p.m. Break bread together as a family of the larger All Saints family of God. Then sing praises to The LORD combining this sweet offering with spontaneous prayers of His people. It might be just what some of the youngest children among us can more easily participate in than on a Sunday morning. Get ready for some prayers shared by the Exploring Worship class and a chorus of *Jesus Loves Me* when I see you in McGlynn Hall!

P.S. Exploring Worship class for 5-10 year olds, continues October 11th, 18th & 25th. We have a total of 5 more classes and lots more questions to answer! Nursery age will continue to explore *The Jesus Storybook Bible*.

* The Blessing of the animals, Saturday, October 7th beginning at 4:30 inside All Saints' walled garden. St. Francis understood that The LORD loves His creation, even the animals, and led by example, praying "O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love." Pets are often how a child learns the role of a master as well as life lessons of life and death, as they love and care for a living thing. Set aside time this Saturday afternoon to come together as Father Eric bestows God's blessing on each and every pet present, and maybe some blessings will fall on us as well. There's talk of firing up the grill and sharing some bratwursts & chips as a finale!

* An understanding of this being the 500 anniversary of Reformation Day, which shares it's date with Halloween. You don't have to let darkness rule the day (or night - if trick or treating is beloved). Shine the light of Christ into any gathering by the costume your child wears. How about a saint, a Bible character or object - make your own version of a candle remembering the song *This Little Light of Mine*. Or carve your jack-o-lantern reciting the SHINE pumpkin prayer (see left). You could even read bible stories or books that remind your child of who is ultimately in control of "the visible and invisible" (borrow our copy of *Halloween Are You For Real* by Harold Myra or books on Saints).

The best news about All Hallows Eve is that the fear of being taunted by evil spirits is gone because "The true light, which gives light to everyone, [has come] into the world." (John 1:9) The next day dawns as All Saints Day, and that my fellow saints, will be a joyful week of celebration indeed for the families of All Saints. Keep watch for details in next month's newsletter and in future e-news postings.

The Next Vestry Meeting will be held on **Monday October 9** beginning at 4:15 p.m. in the Education Wing, Classroom 3

Vestry Members:

Officers:

John Hutchinson, Senior Warden

Jerry Compton, Junior Warden

Helen Brumitt, Treasurer

Colette Wilbers, Clerk

Jerry Cook, Brad Riegler, Jane Robison, Dewayne Holden, Mike Allen

NEED PRAYER?

Contact Susan Frame at ouray@att.net to be placed on the prayer list.

You can also request prayer on line at www.allsaintsspringfield.org or complete a blue prayer request card located in the Narthex at the church.

HAVE A PRAISE REPORT?

Men's Bible Study



Saturdays 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

The study is on Genesis and is held in Classroom 3 and 4 in the Education Wing

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS - GALLOWAY GATHERING

We meet at the Galloway House behind our main building at 6:00 so people are welcome to bring a brown bag supper/fast food meal and eat with friends before we begin. Starting at 6:30 we will offer a variety of classes for all ages which will go until 7:30. At that point people will be able to head home or stick around for more fellowship. The evening will end at 8 p.m. (Nursery available for ages infant-4 years old in the Church building.)

Class #1 - "Anglican Liturgy and Sacraments" with Fr. Eric Zolner

As Anglicans, we pray what we believe. Come and discover our Anglican theology by exploring the sacraments and liturgies of the church, including Holy Eucharist, The Daily Office, Baptism, Holy Matrimony, Ordination, etc.

Class #2 - "The Epistle of James" with Nathaniel Adkins
Come and explore the Epistle of James and how these timeless truths can be applied to our walk with Christ today.

Class #3 - "What is Evangelical Theology?" with Fr. Doug McGlynn

The word "evangelical" is properly used to describe a series of five doctrinal statements that inform most of the preaching and teaching in our congregation and are common to many other Christian bodies as well. This course will invite folks to engage in a serious, in depth consideration of those statements.

In addition to our regular Galloway Gathering - two "community nights" on October 4th and November 1st will be in McGlynn Hall to meet together for a community light meal prepared by the Hospitality Team, and a time of corporate worship and prayer.

Galloway Gathering for Kids

Miss Kim will be exploring with elementary students the who, what, where, why and how of our worship. Class starts at 6:30. The first half will be answering questions followed by unpacking the Nicene Creed with the help of Fr. Joey Fitzgerald's children's book by the same name.

Introducing the Society of Saint Luke



For the past nine months, several members of All Saints have been working to form a religious society (order). It is called the Society of Saint Luke. The structure for the society is now complete and we are ready to invite other committed Christians, who may be called by God to religious life, to join us for an “Evening of Exploration.” This exploratory meeting will be held in Education Wing on **Tuesday, October 24, at 7:00**. During the meeting, we will explain the purpose and structure of the Society, application and formation process, and will answer questions, concluding with the Office of Compline. Refreshments will be served. The Society is open to those 18 years of age or older, who are baptized, and who are active in their home churches. It is not exclusively for Anglicans so if you know of those outside All Saints who might be interested, please invite them. High school students are also invited and may join the Society, with parental permission, as Associates. If you think you might be interested or if you have questions, please contact one of the following:

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Br. John Hutchinson n/SSL jmhutchinson.writings@gmail.com

"DIAPER CHANGE"

CAN you help us?

Children’s Ministry will be sponsoring a diaper drive throughout the month of November in cooperation with Diaper Bank of the Ozarks. The funds raised will be used to buy diapers, which the children will then “process” into bundles as Advent begins in December.

Collection cans will be going home with each young family, in conjunction with Sunday School, but there will also be a can in McGlynn Hall for YOUR spare change.

So when November rolls around make sure you haven’t rolled all your spare change. Bring it to church instead. Look for the can that says, “DIAPER CHANGE Your spare change helps us provide babies with more diaper changes!” Any child present might be willing to help you drop your spare change in the can!

Look for more info about our diaper drive in the November Saints Alive monthly newsletter.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

These are the current dates to remember. For the most up to date information look for E-News emailed every Friday.

OCTOBER 4: COMMUNITY DINNER (6 P.M.)

OCTOBER 5: WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY (12:15-2:30 P.M.)

OCTOBER 7: BARKTOBERFEST (4:30 P.M.)

OCTOBER 9: VESTRY MEETING (4:15 P.M.)

OCTOBER 24: EVENING OF EXPLORATION FOR SOCIETY OF SAINT LUKE (7:00 P.M.)

NOVEMBER 1: COMMUNITY DINNER (6 P.M.) (ALL SAINTS DAY)

NOVEMBER 5: ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 5: DAYLIGHTS SAVING TIME ENDS (TURN CLOCK'S BACK 1 HOUR)

NOVEMBER 15: LAST NIGHT FOR GALLOWAY GATHERING

NOVEMBER 19: INSTRUCTIONAL EUCHARIST

DECEMBER 3: ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS (4:30 P.M.)

DECEMBER 24: LAST SUNDAY OF ADVENT SERVICES AT 8:30 A.M. AND 10:45 A.M.

DECEMBER 24: HANGING OF THE GREENS (AFTER THE LATE SERVICE)

DECEMBER 24: CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES AT 4:30 P.M. AND 9:00 P.M.

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