



The Grapevine



God's Purpose at ASLC is to welcome and accept everyone, improving their lives by embodying Christ's love.

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Pr. Joshua W. Gyson

and the Prez says . . .

By: Paul Oldenburg

Do you remember church camp when you were a kid? Those long summer days of playing with new friends, drinking "bug-juice," and giggling your way to sleep in a bunk bed? Those are the kind of memories that last for a lifetime!

At All Saints we want to help children in our community experience this! We want them to go to camp, and see that there are people all over like them, excited about ministry, and following Jesus' example of love.

This summer there are 3 church camp opportunities that I want to highlight for you and the children that you love:

First off...there is the traditional camp option. In the Florida-Bahamas Synod we have a beautiful church camp called "Luther Springs." They offer a variety of options based on age and experience. If you know of somebody that would benefit from such a wonderful experience, please check out their website: <https://www.luthersprings.org/summer-camps>. And remember All Saints has scholarships available to help with the cost of camp! Just ask Pastor about it.

Second...because sleep-away camp isn't the best option for everybody, we are also offering two day camps at the church this summer. Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Florida (LOMF) camp is happening again this year! This is a camp that every kid wishes would never end. They play games, share skits, and all of the other traditional camp stuff that kids love. If you are interested in more information, or to sign up, please follow this link: <http://www.allsaintstampa.org/lomf.html>.

And if that weren't enough...we too have a camp experience with our Vacation Bible School this summer. This option is called "Fire and Rain VBS." As one of the developers, I can attest to the fact that this is going to be a camp experience that no kid will want to miss. We will have a bonfire and play in the water every day. This is what I always dreamed VBS could be! More information here: <http://www.allsaintstampa.org/vbs.html>.

If you are planning on kids you know going to one of these camps, I'd consider you think about recommending that they go to all three! Church camp is one of those things that Lutherans do best. And I wouldn't want anybody to miss out on the fun and learning.

I hope you will share this information with somebody you love, somebody that you want to share in the memories of church camp. This is ministry that makes a lasting impact! You know church camp is the place where I first heard a call to ministry...you never know how God is going to inspire our kids when they are living the joy of the Gospel together at camp...but you know it is going to happen!

Blessings,

Pr. Josh

School is out, we're celebrating graduations, Memorial Day, so it's official - summer is here!

Summer is a beautiful opportunity to spend more time outdoors taking in the beauty of God's world. Time at the beach, biking, hiking, and picnics. It is also time to enjoy the camaraderie of spending time with family and friends both near and far.

Remember that all these experiences and beauty is a gift from God that we can often take for granted. So stop and take some time to soak it all in and say a little prayer to God in thanksgiving for God's creation.

Many of the activities at All Saints take a hiatus over the summer, giving people some much needed time to relax and rejuvenate, but this does not mean that the church takes a vacation. We have some special early morning services in June at 8 am, Luther Springs Day Camp, and Vacation Bible School, along with some special worship sermons and music.

So while you are enjoying all of God's creation, please remember All Saints as we continue to do God's work. There are many ways to donate from the offering plate, to online banking, to donations through our website.

Thank you for your support. Have a blessed summer! See you in church!

Peace,

Paul

Weeds Along the Path

By Melanie Werner

On my way to church one Sunday I noticed pretty, yellow daisies growing in the ditch beside the road. I'm sure someone knows their real name, but I imagine most people call them weeds. I saw God in those weeds, because God can create beauty from weeds. Although we may consider them a nuisance, God created them for a purpose only He knows. It struck me that God often chooses the "weeds" among us to further His purpose. I thought of those weeds again during the reading of Acts 1:17 *"for he (Judas) was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry."* God gave each of us a purpose whether it's to be a weed or a rose. As I pulled into our driveway, I noticed perky white flowers springing up throughout our yard. Weeds! Even though those weeds will be mowed over, I know that with determination, they will spring back. We are each called to serve God with purpose and determination, as weeds or roses. In God's eyes, both are beautiful.

Meals on Wheels

MOW is a private non-profit community organization that provides hot nutritious meals on weekdays to the elderly and homebound. Volunteers are needed to deliver a route in their own vehicle which takes about an hour. Drop off is between 10 am and 1 pm depending on location. If you would like to help, please visit www.MOWTampa.org and click the green Volunteer button or call (813) 238-8410 to get started!

YES! of America—Scone Baking!

Please sign up in the narthex to help bake scones from mixes in the kitchen at All Saints on **June 9th** from 9 am to noon. All ages are welcome to help bake. The scones are for the Tea Party and Art Show for seniors hosted by YES! on June 12th at the Lightfoot Senior Center on 56th Street in Temple Terrace. Some of the art will be available for sale and snacks will be served. To register go to www.yesunited.org or call 813-420-7708.

**Second Sunday Meal
June 10th after Worship**

Come eat Italian as we raise funds for Traverse, a group therapeutic equestrian program for ages 8 to 16 in Odessa. The program is designed for youth who have experienced emotional or behavioral difficulties at school or home. The focus is on developing positive relationships through goal setting, problem solving, and consistent expectations.

Because Traverse only operates during the school year, the cost to continue to feed the horses over the summer months is difficult, so we will take a free will offering to help with this expenses. Donations also help to provide services on a sliding fee scale for parents who cannot afford the full fees. There will also be some great silent auction items to bid on.

B.L.A.S.T. Youth Worship will follow the meal in the sanctuary. And, don't forget to have the youth wash your car while you eat so you have a shiny clean ride home!

Brown Bags

The summer months typically results in more kids at A Brighter Community, so there are more bags to pack to ensure each child has food to eat on the weekends. This is possible only through your generous donations. The children at ABC are living below poverty level even though their parents are either working or going to school. These bags help the family and the kids genuinely look forward to taking them home on Fridays.

"These are all of our children. We will all profit or pay for whatever they become." - James Baldwin

Christian Social Services

The summer months put an extra burden on C.S.S. because school is out and the need for assistance increases. Please make donations of non-perishable food items as you are able and place them in the barrel in Malivuk Hall. Shopping the BOGO sales can help stretch your dollars and maximize the amount of food you are able to give.

"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for the least of these, you did it for Me" (Matt. 25:40)

Free Little Pantry

The free little pantry provides an option outside of traditional pantries which run on limited hours and provide only food. Along with non-perishable food, this pantry also contains personal hygiene products and baby supplies such as diapers and wipes. Please place donations in the barrel in Malivuk Hall.

Bags for the Homeless

Confirmation students put together 1 gallon bags of items you can store in your car to give out to those in need. Be sure to pick up a bag on the counter in the narthex.

Mission Team Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 13th and July 11th at 7 pm.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the August Grapevine is Monday, July 14th.

Faith Formation

Our Sunday educational classes stop over the summer months, but we have two great opportunities for our youth with Luther Springs Day Camp and Vacation Bible school. Be on the lookout for other great opportunities as they arise, and check this space in August for information about our fall programs!

Wednesday Supper and Study

We wrapped up our study on the Gospel of Mark and learned why there is a shorter ending and a longer ending, both which were added on to the original manuscript.

In the fall we'll look at the stories and roles of women in the Bible. Look for more information in the August newsletter.

Couples Bible Study

The final two classes of this study will take place on June 4th and 18th at 6:30 pm. These classes have been very informative in teaching how scripture informs the covenantal relationship model, and great tools have been provided to help fill a deep need and find meaning and fulfillment together.

A Library for A Brighter Community

We're starting a library at ABC and need gently used pre-school aged books and someone to help install shelves. Please see Anthony or Lindsay Williams if you'd like to help with this project.

Music Notes



The youth and adult music groups take the summer off. Over the summer we are looking for singers and/or musicians of all ages to provide special music during worship. The sign up sheet is on the board in the narthex or talk to Marcia.

Also do you have a favorite hymn you would like to be part of our worship? There is a page on the narthex board to write in your favorite hymns. If someone already picked it, just make a tally mark next to it. Marcia will work these hymns into our summer worship as they fit the lessons.

Book Club

June 8th at 6:30 pm

For our next book club, we will meet at the home of Marcia Greensfelder to discuss You Don't Have To Say You Love Me by Sherman Alexie. This is a deeply moving memoir about family, love, loss, and forgiveness while growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation. Pulled pork is the main meal item. Please bring beverages and a side to share. The fall book club book is Manhattan Beach by Jennifer Egan, if you would like to pick it up and read it over the summer. The event date and time will be announced soon.

Worship Time is 9:47 am

Acolyte: June 3 & 24: Keller Gyson. June 10 & July 8: Jackson Kamp. June 17 & July 15: Aaliyah Caynor. July 1: Mackenzie Gyson. July 22 & 29: Volunteers Needed.

Altar Guild: Set-up: June: Ben and Kaye High. July: Bruce Emberton.

Clean-Up: June 3 & 10: The Brown Family. June 17 & 24: Dorothy North and Ann Noya.

July 1, 8 & 15: Ilse Corydon and Trudy Heselton. July 22 & 29: Cindy Kamp and Anne Sylvester.

Assisting Minister: June 3 & 10: David Sticklin. June 17 & 24: Cindy Kamp.

July 1 & 8: Rick Kaiser. July 15: Mackenzie Gyson. July 22 & 29: Duncan Engel.

Lectors: 6/3: Judy Callan. 6/10: Erin Brown. 6/17: Savannahs Stewart. 6/24: Courtney Noya.

7/1: Anthony Williams. 7/8: Anna Breede. 7/15: Suzy Tkacik. 7/22: Paul Oldenburg. 7/29: Volunteer.

Crucifer: June 3: Volunteer. June 10: Dave Sanders. June 17 & 25: David Sticklin.

July 1, 8 & 15: Duncan Engel. July 22 & 29: Cindy Kamp.

Ushers: June: Adam Blair, Gary Blair, Larry Bryant and Stuart Krell.

July: Pete Lacko, Paul Lunseth, James Shewbarran and John Stewart.

Tellers: June: Larry Bryant & John Stewart. July: Erin Brown & Gwen Walkowiak. Volunteer needed 7/22 & 7/29

Greeters: June 3 & 10: Kathy Miller. June 17 & 24: John Prox.

July 1, 8 & 15: Paul Oldenburg. July 22 & 29: Bob Sticklin.

Communion Bread: June: Joy Malivuk. July: Kathy Miller.

Communion Wine: June: Lisa Stewart. July: Larry and Donna Bryant.

~ ~ ENABLERS ~ ~

ELCA Youth Gathering Fundraisers

The Youth Gathering group heading to Houston in June is very thankful for our All Saints family. You have been a huge support as we have raised funds for our trip. Our expenses are going to be slightly higher than anticipated, but we are confident we'll reach our goal.

We hope you enjoyed the bake sale on the last Sunday in May. It was a great way to raise funds while enjoying some tasty treats. Thank you to everyone who pre-ordered All Saints t-shirts. We will let you know when they arrive.

A car wash is scheduled for Sunday, June 10th after worship. Get your car cleaned, while you enjoy some delicious Italian cuisine at the second Sunday meal. You will leave that Sunday after being fed by the Spirit during worship, with a full belly, and a clean car!

We would also like to thank you for your donations to the hat collection for the ELCA World Hunger's Global Farm program. These funds will be given as an offering during worship in Houston and they are being matched dollar for dollar, up to \$515,000.

The gathering is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to learn about and strengthen their faith while participating in service projects in Fort Walton Beach and in Houston, experience worship with 30,000 other Lutherans, and meet many new people along the way. Thank you for your continuing support — Anna, Emma, Sophie, Anne, & Marcia

Save the Dates for Luther Springs Camping!

September 8th is God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. Please consider joining in as we travel to beautiful Luther Springs to participate in a plethora of volunteer opportunities with other Lutheran churches!

September 28 to 30 is our All Saints campout! We'll spend time in worship, service, and fellowship, along with fun around the campfire, canoeing, swimming, archery and the challenge course. Sit back and enjoy the sunrise, sunset, rocking on the porch and cooking over the fire, melty s'mores and tasty banana boats.

Accommodations include motel-style rooms, bunkhouses, and campsites to satisfy all types of campers.

Summer Sermon Series

What questions do you have about faith, the Bible, or religion in general? What issue do you want to hear about in an upcoming sermon? This is your opportunity to shape the message on Sunday mornings. Please share you topic ideas on the board in the narthex, or place your questions in the offering plate.

Day Camp—This Changes Everything

June 18th—22nd ~ 9 am until 3 pm
Completed Kindergarten through 8th grade

Campers will learn how God's grace changes the world and how we can work with others to show that grace to the world. Camp is led by college-aged counselors from Luther Springs and is an amazing week of fun and learning! Middle School camp includes daily field trips.



Camp is designed to help youth grow in faith through worship, Bible study, music, arts, crafts, games, and nature programs. Past participants say this is the BEST camp of the summer!

The cost is \$85: A \$45 per camper deposit will hold your spot and the \$40 balance is due by June 10th.

Vacation Bible School—Fire and Rain

July 16th—20th ~ 9 am until 3 pm
Completed Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade

Fire and Rain VBS will focus on God's creation and our role in helping it to flourish. Through creative and interactive learning, campers will recognize that God is the creator and sustainer of all things and will delight in the wonders of the world God created.

Classes will be broken up into "cabins" and will include outside exploratory time, fireside snacks, art & science projects, water play, stories and games. This will be a true camp type experience without leaving the neighborhood!



Campers should arrive every day with comfortable clothes for being outside and closed toe shoes. They need to bring a brown bag lunch, an appropriate swim suit, dry towel and shoes that can get wet each day as well.

We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace.

We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, differently-abled or anything that too often divides us.

Our unity is in Christ.

10 things you might be surprised to know about sunscreen—but totally should

by the Environmental Working Group and senior analyst Sonya Lunder

- 1. You're probably not putting enough sunscreen on.** Mineral sunscreens like zinc oxide and titanium dioxide are typically thicker in appearance, so people often think they are putting on enough when they're actually not. Pay closer attention when using these sunscreens to ensure you're properly covered. The Skin Cancer foundations says 1 ounce (get out your shot glass), every two hours. You should drain half a bottle on a long beach day.
- 2. Look out for oxybenzone.** It's a very common ultraviolet filtering ingredient used in many sunscreens, but it's also a hormone disruptor and an allergen, says Lunder. EWG found it in 70 percent of non-mineral sunscreens they evaluated this year. You might want to reach for sun protection with zinc oxide and titanium dioxide (both minerals), which are considered safer sunscreen ingredients.
- 3. Extremely high SPFs (above 50) are totally misleading.** Lunder, and many of her chemist counterparts, agree that these products don't likely offer better sun protection at all, so people are inadvertently frying themselves.
- 4. Sunscreen sprays may be easier to apply but are way more dicey.** You're less likely to apply an even or thick enough coating on your skin for proper sun protection, plus the air-born minerals and chemicals "pose an inhalation risk," says Lunder. Bummer.
- 5. Stay clear of vitamin A (retinyl palmitate) in your sunscreen.** Many sunscreens use vitamin A, which is a moisturizing antioxidant with a solid anti-aging track record in beauty products and is used in tons of face creams. But according to various governmental studies, the vitamin doesn't interact well with sunlight and may trigger development of cancerous skin lesions or tumors. The ingredient is also known as as retinol, retinyl palmitate, retinyl acetate, or retinyl linoleate.
- 6. Don't use expired sunscreen.** Hello, those dates on your sunscreen matter. Sunscreens typically last about two years unopened, but once you've cracked the lid, it's a case of use it or lose it. Also keeping it in your car (AKA sauna) could expedite the clumping and separation process which will make it no longer effective.
- 7. Your sunscreen should also protect you from UVA rays.** Many sunscreens only provide UVB protection, since these rays cause burning. But your sunscreen should also help fend off seriously evil UVA rays. These don't burn skin. They pass right through it where they work stealthily and destructively, deep down in your dermis. That's where your new skin cells are produced, along with your elastin and collagen. The result? Sun spots, wrinkles, lack of firmness, and the like—at an undisclosed time in the future. Ingredients like zinc oxide and titanium dioxide help fend off both UVA and UVB. Avobenzone and Mexoryl offer UVA protection as well, according to Lunder.
- 8. Sunscreens that call themselves "sport" or "water-resistant" can be deceiving.** The FDA doesn't allow brands to say sunscreens are "waterproof" or "sweatproof," so brands think of creative ways to indicate it. If they use the permitted term of water-resistant, companies must indicate whether it's for 40 or 80 minutes. Still, it's almost impossible to gauge their accuracy, says Lunder. She (probably along with every dermatologist) says to re-apply sunscreen as soon as you get out of the water, towel off, or at least every two hours.
- 9. Moisturizers typically have less UV protection.** And, according to Lunder, the SPF protection in moisturizers don't last all day, so be sure to use a real sunscreen if you're in the sun.
- 10. A common misconception is that using sunscreen alone prevents skin cancer.** This is sadly not the case. There's just no proof, says Lunder, and melanoma has tripled over the past 35 years. Sun-protective clothing is your best bet, says Lunder.



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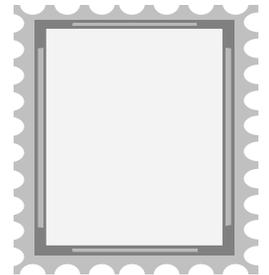
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Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month!