



# 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*

## Early Bird Special!

I am very pleased to announce a new worship service opportunity! On Sunday, June 10th, 17th and 24th, we will add a worship experience at 8am. Maybe going to the beach and to church on Sunday morning is going to be an option again for you?

The Mission Team and I have listened to requests for an "Early Service" and we have been working on making that happen. After discussion for over a year, we are putting what we have heard to the test. Congregational participation in June will determine whether or not we turn this into a regular practice beginning in the fall. (Please note that this will not change anything else on the Sunday morning schedule. This is simply an addition to what is already working well.)

I'm calling it the "Early Bird Special" until we discover whether or not it will become a permanent worship experience. And I think you are going to like what we have created for an 8am worship experience. Though it may differ slightly in format from the 9:47 service, this worship experience will include Word & Sacrament. The liturgy is shortened and the music will be a little more traditional than what you are used to now.

For this new worship opportunity to become a full-time worship option in the fall, we need your participation. We are putting what we have heard to the test...is this something that you want to support? Because, it's going to take some work! What do we need to make this a regular thing? I'll tell you. Every Sunday, we need a Reader, an Audio/Visual person upstairs, a Greeter, an Assistant Minister, and a person or two for Altar Guild.

We can make this happen. I am praying that this works and I'm excited to finally be putting it to the test! Please call or email the church office to show your support for a second service, and to sign up for one of the positions listed above.

Please remember that this is only a trial worship service starting on the second Sunday of June, and the congregation's support will determine if it is something that we can finally do!

Blessings,

*Pr. Josh*

*and the Prez says . . .*

By: Paul Oldenburg

Boy am I proud to be a member of the All Saints Church family. When looking for a church home in Florida, it was important to find a place where my autistic son, Brandon, would be welcomed. And, after seeing how the congregation interacted with Bella and showed their support, especially with the Autism Walk, I knew I truly found the right church home for me. It makes my heart jump with joy knowing Christ is truly present here.

A Pastor once told me that we wouldn't be welcomed with Brandon, so being accepted at church with my son was not always a given. He had sensory issues with the organ at our home congregation, so I was looking for a church we could try to get him used to the sound. Long story short, we found one that welcomed us while we were getting used to the sound. When we went back to our home congregation to let him go to Sunday School, he was thrilled to be back. He loves dancing to the organ playing. When he was visiting All Saints one summer, he was swaying to the music with Mel.

Everyone should feel welcome when they come to worship, but many are shunned and turned away for various reasons. I truly hope and pray that we, as a church family, can continue to live up to our welcoming statement: 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.

Thank you for your love and support.

Peace,

*Paul*

**Hearing the Call Along the Path**

By Melanie Werner

*Isaiah 6:8: Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"*

On Mother's Day, several teenagers will be confirmed into our family as voting members of our church. They have always been welcomed as members of our church family, but now, after 3 years of classes, they have chosen to become voting members. Why? In June of this year, after about a year of working together raising funds, several young adults will be travelling to Houston with thousands of other young Lutherans to do mission work. Why? In August of this year, after twice serving in mission in Guatemala, another young adult from our church family has accepted a call to do mission work in the UK through Young Adults in Global Mission. Why? Three years ago, one of our members went off to seminary and will now be ordained and installed in a congregation in Philadelphia. Why? They have heard the voice of the Lord and have answered "Here am I. Send me!" Christ IS alive and working through us at All Saints Lutheran Church. Alleluia!

**A Library for A Brighter Community**

We're starting a library at ABC! We need gently used pre-school aged books and someone who can help install the shelves. Our goal is to have the library up and running by the summer. Please see Anthony or Lindsay Williams if you would like to help with this exciting project.

**Meals on Wheels**

MOW is a private non-profit community organization that delivers hot nutritious meals on weekdays to the elderly and homebound. MOW is actively seeking volunteers in our area and around Tampa. Volunteers use their own vehicles to deliver a route which takes about an hour. Drop off of meals is between 10 am and 1 pm depending on the location. If you would like to help, please visit [www.MOWTampa.org](http://www.MOWTampa.org) and click the green Volunteer button or call (813)238-8410 to get started!

**YES! of America**

YES! is hosting a Tea Party and Art Show for seniors 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](http://www.yesunited.org) or call 813-420-7708.

**Second Sunday Meal  
May 13th after Worship**

Luther Springs camp gives a unique opportunity for God to work through camp counselors in a way that has the power to impact campers' spiritual lives forever. Join us for the Second Sunday meal after worship as we raise funds to help make sleep away camp affordable for families with children interested in attending. We will also celebrate our new confirmands, Anna Breede and Sophie Thomas. B.L.A.S.T. Youth Worship will follow the meal in the sanctuary.

**Brown Bags**

The summer months typically results in more kids at A Brighter Community, so there are more bags to pack to insure 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**

Saturday, May 12th is the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. Simply place a bag of non-perishable food next to your mailbox and the letter carrier will pick them up. C.S.S. is one of the recipients of these donations and is looking for volunteers who are willing to help unload mail carrier vehicles starting a 1 pm. For more information, call 813-995-0088.

*"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 bin 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, May 9th at 7 pm.

**Newsletter Deadline**

The deadline for the June/July Grapevine is Monday, May 14th.

**Faith Formation**

**Infant to Age 5—Nursery**

A short Sunday school lesson, art project and play time!

**Kindergarten to Grade 5—Classroom 1**

Spark Sunday School Curriculum

Students will hear a kid-friendly version of the same readings we learn about in worship.

**Grades 6 to 8 Confirmation—Upstairs Youth Room**

Faith Inkubators—Come explore the Old Testament with Anthony & Lindsay Williams

**Adults—Malivuk Hall**

The class will explore ELCA Social Statements, which are documents that assist us in thinking about and discussing social issues in the context of faith and life.

These educational opportunities are open to all and our hope is through Christian education you will have a closer relationship with God and a greater understanding of your faith.

**New Member Class**

**Monday, May 14th at 6:30 pm**

Are you interested in being a member of All Saints and would like more information? Pastor Josh will be holding a class for the purpose of sharing the history of All Saints and our various ministries. New Members will be received on Pentecost Sunday, May 20th which is also the day of our ‘Share the Faith Fair’, which will be a great opportunity for fellowship.

**Wednesday Supper and Study**

On Wednesday nights, we continue our study of the Gospel of Mark. Once we complete this Gospel, we will be taking a hiatus for the summer.

The potluck meal begins at 6:30 pm with the study at 7 pm. We meet every Wednesday except the second Wednesday of the month which is Mission Team.

**Couples Bible Study**

Join us for the **1st and 3rd Mondays in May and June** at 6:30 pm for a Couples Bible Study.

The God of Scripture is always forming “covenants” with creation. God has created many types of covenantal relationships, not just the one we typically think of first, the one between a husband and wife. These classes are open to anyone seeking a better understanding of how to be faithful in all our relationships to one another, just as God is faithful to God’s covenants with us.

We will look at how scripture informs the covenantal relationship model, and how the tools provided will help us to fill a deep need and find meaning and fulfillment together. Please join us!

**Worship Time is 9:47 am**

**Acolyte:** 5/6: Mackenzie Gyson. 5/13: Jackson Kamp. 5/20: Aaliyah Caynor. 5/27: Keller Gyson.

**Altar Guild: Set-up:** Bruce Emberton. **Clean-Up: May 6 & 13:** Donna Bryant and Vi Ficarrotta. **May 20 & 27:** Judy Callan and Volunteer.

**Assisting Minister:** May 6, 20 & 27: Dave Sanders. May 13: Mackenzie Gyson.

**Lectors:** 5/6: Bob Sticklin. 5/13: Melanie Werner. 5/20: Craig Forsell. 5/27: Scott Harris.

**Crucifer:** May 6 & 13: Trudy Heselton. May 20 & 27: Mackenzie Gyson.

**Ushers:** The Walkowiak Family.

**Tellers:** Maureen Sherman and David Sticklin.

**Greeters:** May 6 & 13: David Sticklin. May 20 & 27: Paul Lunseth.

**Communion Bread:** Cindy Kamp.

**Communion Wine:** Don and Trudy Heselton

~ ~ ENABLERS ~ ~

**ELCA Youth Gathering Fundraisers**

The Youth Gathering group heading to Houston in June are very thankful for our All Saints family. You have been a huge support as we have raised funds for our trip.

We had a wonderful experience at Crystal Springs Preserve on Earth Day. We were able to raise \$265!

On Saturday, May 5th at 10:30 am, come get your Yoga on with Tina Breede! She will be leading a class for all ages in in Malivuk Hall. A free-will offering will be received. Please wear comfortable clothes, bring yoga mats or a towel, and a water bottle to stay hydrated.

Pre-orders for All Saints t-shirts are still being taken. They are available in adult and youth sizes in red, purple, or royal blue and the cost is \$15 (\$17 for 2X & 3X). Toddler and infant sizes are available in light blue for the same price.

Watch this space as we enter the home stretch of our final fundraisers, and THANK YOU again! — Anna, Emma, Sophie, Anne, and Marcia

**Tampa Conference Spring Meeting  
May 19th from 10 am to 1 pm**

Theme: Faith Formation for All ages

The Tampa Conference is a gathering of the ELCA churches in Hillsborough and Central Pasco County. The day will start with worship in the sanctuary of St. Paul Lutheran (Central Ave, Tampa), followed briefly by some conference business. Then there will be two workshop session. Session 1 will be A variety in Faith Formation OR Justice issues in Tampa. Session 2 will be Faith Formation for Seniors OR Adults OR youth. A potluck meal with debriefing will follow the workshops at 12:30 pm.

**Share the Faith Fair  
May 20th after Worship**

Invite your friends and neighbors to join you for a very special Pentecost Sunday Worship Service. Then after worship, join in the church picnic outside under the pavilion. Bring a main meal item to grill and a dish to share along with drinks, chairs and outdoor games. We will have a water slide for the young or young at heart. This is a great opportunity for you to share the great things going on at All Saints!

**Music Notes**



The final youth music practice this school year will be on May 6th after Sunday School with pizza. The adult music group practices every Thursday at 7 pm in the sanctuary, but those practices will be ending shortly as we move to our Summer Music Program.

Over the summer we are looking for singers and/or musicians of all ages for worship. The sign up sheet will be in the narthex or talk to Marcia. Also do you have a favorite hymn you would like to be part of our worship? List a hymn or two on the poster in the narthex. If someone already picked it, make a tally mark next to it. Marcia will work them in during the summer as they fit the lessons.

**Game Night  
May 25th at 6:30 pm**

After the final bell, school will be out for the summer. We all remember the feel of summer freedom! For those celebrating it and for those reminiscing the feeling, bring your favorite board games to play knowing there is no curfew or set bed time ☺! We will have dinner and play board games. Please sign up in the narthex to attend.

**Book Club  
June 8th at 6:30 pm**

For our next book club event, 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. We will be having pulled pork as the main meal item. Please bring beverages and a side to share.

**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.

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### Luther Springs Day Camp

June 18th—22nd ~ 9 am until 3 pm

Completed Kindergarten through 8th grade

Cost is \$85 for the week

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!

There is a \$45 per camper deposit to hold your registration spot and the remaining \$40 balance is due by June 10th. Your spot is not considered reserved until we receive the completed paperwork and deposit.

### Vacation Bible School

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.

Registration forms can be found in the narthex or on our website. Please share with friends and invite them to join in the fun!



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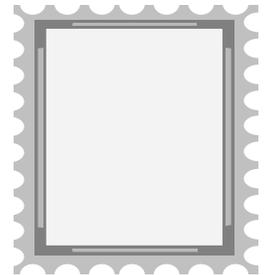
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### Mission Team

- Pastor:** Joshua Gyson
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- Rob Sabatini           Anthony Williams

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\*\*Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month!\*\*