



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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Mission: To be a family of faith, empowered by God, to proclaim Jesus Christ.

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Pr. Joshua W. Gyson

and the Prez says . . .

By: Nicole Aiello

Have you heard of the Accompaniment Model of Ministry? It's a way of doing ministry that has become very popular...it's about the importance of being 'with' people in our shared ministry. Under this model, we recognize we are not the savior to the people we help, but that Jesus Christ is the savior of us all, and wants us to be together. What this means is that, like Jesus, we are going to be getting even more hands on with the people with which we do ministry.

At All Saints, we are currently assessing our ministries through the lens of the Accompaniment Model of Ministry. We are trying to discern the ways we can deepen and strengthen our relationships with the many ministries we have. My hope, as the pastor, is that through this process we will become even more of a generous community and truly enjoy the presence of our ministry partners!

Now at All Saints, every one of us is involved in every ministry. As a Church we support (financially, etc.) nearly a dozen ministries. YOU are a big part of these just by being a member and contributing on Sunday mornings. But because we are taking a more intentional approach to being involved and being the service-loving people Jesus calls us to be, I'd like to invite you to get even more involved (all of us).

I share with you now the "key ministries" that we have at All Saints and how you might find your niche in working to develop these ministries so they can be all that God wants them to be.

1. Synod Parish Deacons: These people are charged with developing ministries and inviting others to share in the ministry. They have accepted a call to continually discern the ministries we are called to be a part of. This is a ministry of "dreamer leadership." See pastor for details and requirements.
2. Brown Bags at A Brighter Community: Brown Bags is a 20 y/o ministry at ASLC. We pack Saturday meals for low income families in downtown Tampa. We need organizers, food purchasers, packers, deliverers, and people who want to dream about how we might get even more involved (like with the recent ministry of building ABC a library). Lots of opportunities available, jump in!
3. Christian Social Services: Ever been in a situation where you didn't have food or weren't able to pay your electric bill? Many of us have, many in our community are in this boat right now. ASLC is a co-founder of this awesome ministry that helps people in this way. Check them out online: <https://www.css-helpinghands.org/> (See bin in Fellowship Hall.)

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Recently we missed coming to service because we were out of town. Then Bella got sick and we missed Sunday worship for the second week in a row. She spent more time sleeping than awake and just getting ready in the morning to go to Nana's house had her pale and in need of a 3 hour nap. She was getting better by the end of the week but still very low on energy, I was really thinking of keeping her home a third Sunday but she kept asking to go to Church. So I took her thinking she would fall asleep in the pew. She stayed awake and participated just not as much as she normally does. Then it was time for communion and she sat up and started to make this sound she makes only when she is truly happy. We walk up for communion and she is literally vibrating. Once she had communion she was bouncing and had to run to release some of the excitement in her. There was no denying the pure joy she had in receiving the Host. I felt the pure innocence and excitement of her faith in that moment.

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As you go on vacation and sometimes miss a service here or there, my hope is that when you return you are filled with such joy; that your heart bursts with joy as you come to His house and eat at His table. That you too vibrate with the Spirit.

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4. YES! of America United: Is giving a 'hand up' to people with disabilities more your style? That's one of our ministries we support, too. Mr. Becki (Craig Forsell) is the head of YES! and a member of our congregation...he is always looking for help with this amazing ministry: To learn more, check them out here: <https://www.yesunited.org/> (See bin in Fellowship Hall.)
5. Free Little Pantry: Are you able to help by bringing food to Church? Most of us are. If you do, we will use it to stock the Free Little Pantry on our church property (CSS also accepts food). The Free Little Pantry is a place in this world where anybody, at any time, can come to and get something to eat. Hygiene products are always welcome, too. (YES! also accepts hygiene products) (See bin in Fellowship Hall.)
6. Homeless Mats: Got clean, dry plastic grocery bags? Want to put them to a good use? Bring them to church. They will be used to make sleeping mats for the homeless. There are also opportunities to learn how to make them...if that interests you, too. (See bin in Fellowship Hall.)
7. Bella's Butterflies: This is our autism ministry at ASLC. We offer behavioral therapy scholarships, we host autism walks, and we are dreaming always about how we can continue to reach the autism community and include them in our community. Sound like fun? It is! Ask our Church President, Nicole, how you can get involved.
8. Quilting & Knitting: Our quilters and knitters benefit Lutheran World Relief (one of the highest rated charities in the world) and other charities. Through LWR ministry we also pack school supply backpacks and have even bought entire 'farms' for needy communities around the globe. Quilters meet on Wednesday mornings at 9am. No experience req.
9. Faith Formation (Education): Education, like Worship, prepares us for doing ministry. It's about answering the questions, of why and how to get out there and make a difference. Education opportunities (to attend and teach) abound at ASLC. (Check out the Church Calendar for details.)
10. Camping Ministries – Luther Springs & LOMF: Want to get outdoors? I know I do! The camping ministries we are involved in are only a couple hours away. We go at least once a year as a community to serve and enjoy God's creation. You are invited to go with us. Also, Luther Springs is open for whenever you just need/want a spiritual retreat. Learn more here: www.luthersprings.org
11. Second Sundays: Don't see your favorite ministry on the list so far? Well come and share it with us. Once a month we invite people to 'host' a Second Sunday Meal to gather donation funds and share info about the ministries that are most important to them. (Sign-up sheet in the Narthex.)

I invite you to pick at least one of these ministries to make "your baby." You know this ministry stuff, that's what Jesus really calls us to do as the Church...it's about getting out there and making a difference. It's about being with the people that Jesus loves. Here at ASLC we have lots of these opportunities. I look forward to hearing which one you have made your priority.

I thank you for our shared ministry and your dedication to making this world the place God wants it to be. I thank God for using us as God's Hands in this world. May we walk in accompaniment with others, like God walks with us.

Sincerely,

Pastor Josh

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.

On the Path While Traveling

By Melanie Werner

Summer is on its way, even though the weather feels like it has already arrived. Most often summer means taking a break from the normal routine like going on vacation. Denny and I took a trip north in April to celebrate several family birthdays and milestones. While in Pennsylvania, I was excited to be able to worship in the church I grew up in. Although everything seemed familiar, the anticipated feeling of returning “home” was missing. When I got back to All Saints, I knew then that I had truly returned home.

It is interesting, though, to see all the missions that different churches support. Missions that don’t stop during summer because the needs of God’s people don’t take vacations. Even while we travel away from home, God’s work continues, then so must our hands. And when we return, Welcome Home!

Meals On Wheels in Critical Need of Drivers

Meals on Wheels was already in need of drivers and now that summer is here and some of their regular volunteers are taking vacation, the need is even greater. You let Meals on Wheels know when and how often you can volunteer and then they do the rest. Meals are delivered Monday-Friday around lunchtime, and you can pick locations and days that work best for you! Routes take about an hour and a half to complete, and turn by turn directions are provided. Volunteer drivers use their own vehicles and gas, must be 18 years old or older, complete a volunteer application, and attend a short orientation.

Since 1975, MOW of Tampa has been committed to nourishing and enriching the independent lives of the homebound and seniors. It serves a hot meal to over 850 people, and is a 4-star charity that relies on its community for support by not accepting government funding.

Please visit www.MOWTampa.org/volunteer or call (813) 238-8410 to find out more information.

YES! of America

On Sunday morning, Craig Forsell shared how much effort and time Becki put into the YES! of America. So much so, that they think it will take many volunteers to keep things running smoothly! This is where you can help. Contact Craig Forsell and find out about the opportunities they have available where your skills can be used to help this ministry. It could be a regular commitment or a one-time commitment for a specific event.

Don’t forget to save the date for the 12th Annual YES! F.A.I.R. (Family Abilities Information Rally) on Saturday, October 5th from 10 am to 3 pm at the All People’s Life Center. 6105 E. Sligh Avenue, Tampa. The theme this year is “Looking Beyond Disability”, which includes a wonderful showcase for resources, referrals, opportunities, and information.

You can contact Craig about YES! of America at questions-yesofamericaunited@gmail.com.

A Brighter Community Bags

We will increase the number of weekly bags to 80 to accommodate the additional students ABC is expecting for the summer months.

This increase means additional cost, and more hands will be needed to pack the weekly bags. We hope you will be able to help pack bags after worship during the summer months.

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

Christian Social Services

Please check out the announcement board in the narthex for the 2018-2019 statistical report from Christian Social Services which shows how important the ministry has been for the local community.

Please share this information with anyone you know who might be in need of dental care. The annual Free Dental Clinic is August 24th starting at 7 am at First United Methodist Church on Land O’Lakes Blvd. You must meet certain financial requirements and have no dental insurance. For more information or to be placed on the appointment list, call CSS at 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

As it did last summer, we are expecting the number of people using the pantry will increase once kids are out of school for the summer. It is a time when families have more difficulty making ends meet.

Please continue to place donations in the barrel in Malivuk Hall, so we can ensure there is a full pantry throughout the summer months.

Mission Team Meeting

Wednesday meetings are June 12th and July 10th at 7 pm.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the August Grapevine is Monday, July 22nd.

Summer Schedule

Starting with the first Sunday in June, we will only have one worship over the summer months, at 9:47 am. There is no Sunday school and no Wednesday night supper and study. Look for information on our fall schedule in the August Grapevine Newsletter.

Quilters

The quilting group plans to continue making quilts over the summer months. They meet every Wednesday at 9 am and wrap up with coffee and nibbles around noon. They can provide guidance if needed. You are encouraged to come check it out!

National Youth Gathering

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our first planning meeting for the National Youth Gathering taking place in Minneapolis from June 29th to July 3, 2021. While we don't have the details worked out yet, we do all agree that fundraising needs to begin as soon as possible to cover the anticipated expenses for this event. This event is open to all youth who are entering 9th grade, those in high school, and those graduating from high school in 2021.

Please be on the look-out for more information on youth fundraisers for the gathering!

Musical Notes



During the summer, there is a wonderful opportunity for youth and adults to provide special music during the offertory and/or communion portions of our 9:47 am worship service. This can be singing or instrumental. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. If you need accompaniment, have questions, or want more details, please see Marcia.

Book Club — Movies & Books

Book Club goes to the movies! The Other Side of Heaven 2 will be coming to theaters in late June. It is the story of a missionary in the 1960's who's child is born with a serious illness, and the Tongan community that surrounded them with hope. Please keep a look out on date and time of our outing.

For the August book club: The Lost Book of the Grail by Charlie Lovett is about an obsessive bibliophile's quest through time to discover a missing manuscript, the unknown history of an English Cathedral, and the secret of the Holy Grail.



**Deacon Continuing Education Class
August 13th at 6:30 pm**

After our last deacon class in May, Pastor Josh sent out a recap email to all the Synod Parish Deacons. This class will be to report back on the interviews with the ministry you chose. Be sure to get those letters sent out and interviews scheduled! Annual retreat for all deacons is October 15th at 6:30 pm.

Enablers for Worship

Acolyte: June 2 & July 21: Khalie McCarty. June 9 & July 28: Nya Williams. June 16: Seannah McCarty. June 23: Emma Gyson. June 30: Aishlyn McCarty. July 7: Keller Gyson. July 14: Jackson Kamp.

Altar Guild: Set-up: June 2 & 9; July 21 & 28: Melanie Werner. June 16, 23 & 30: Donna Bryant. July 7 & 14: Cindy Kamp. Clean-Up: June 2, 9 & 16: Brenda Schwarzkopf & Maureen Sherman. June 23 & 30: Dorothy North and Ann Noya. July 7 & 14: Judy Callan and Joan Morris. July 21 & 28: Ilse Corydon and Trudy Heselton.

Assisting Minister: June 2, 9, & 16: David Sticklin. June 23 & 30: Rick Kaiser. July 7 & 14: Duncan Engel. July 21 & 28: Rob Sabatini.

Lectors: 6/2: Suzy Tkacik. 6/9: Donna Bryant. 6/16: David Walkowiak. 6/23: Duncan Engel. 6/30: David Sticklin. 7/7: Cindy Kamp. 7/14: Bob Sticklin. 7/21: Sophie Thomas. 7/28: Courtney Noya.

Crucifer: June 2, 9, & 16: Mackenzie Gyson. June 23 & 30: Trudy Heselton. July 7 & 14: Dave Sanders. July 21 & 28: David Sticklin.

Ushers: June 2, 9, & 16: Adam Blair, Gary Blair, Larry Bryant and Stuart Krell. June 23 & 30: Walkowiak & Williams Families. July: Pete Lacko, Paul Lunseth, James Shewbarran and John Stewart.

Projector: 6/2: Jeff Jones. 6/9: Anthony Williams. 6/16: Sarah Walkowiak. 6/23: David Sticklin. 6/30: Paul Lunseth. 7/7: Mackenzie Gyson. 7/14: Hannah Brown. 7/21: JB Williams. 7/28: David Walkowiak.

Tellers: June: Larry Bryant and John Stewart. July: Erin Brown and Gwen Walkowiak.

Greeters: June 2, 9, & 16: Paul Oldenburg. June 23 & 30: Bob Sticklin. July 7 & 14: David Sticklin. July 21 & 28: Paul Lunseth.

Communion Bread: June: Trudy Heselton. July: Joan Morris.

Communion Wine: June: Cindy Kamp. July: Glenn and Jean Ploeckelmann.

~ ~ ENABLERS ~ ~

Second Sunday Meal in June

We are spicing things up a bit for our Second Sunday Meal on June 9th after the 9:47 am worship service. Join us for some Jammin' Jambalaya as we hold our final fundraiser to support Courtney Noya with her YAGM expenses. Vegetarian and kid-friendly options will also be available.

The purpose of the Second Sunday meals is to raise funds or awareness for ministries that are important to members of our congregation. Funds raised must be in support of a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

If you are interested in hosting a meal, please contact the church office or sign up in the narthex.

VBS Planning Meeting

On June 9th after the Second Sunday Meal, there will be a planning meeting for our July VBS program. We will get a little food in our stomach first, and then we can talk and plan. Volunteers are needed to make this event out of this world for our elementary age youth! We will need Decorators, Class Guides, Games, Meal & Snack, Crafts, Storytelling, Science, and someone in charge of registration. If you have an interest in serving in one of these roles, come to the planning meeting to get more information.

B.L.A.S.T. Youth Worship

Pastor Josh will lead Bible Learning and Sharing Time (B.L.A.S.T.) youth oriented worship in the sanctuary after the kids are done eating the June and July Second Sunday meals.

**Luther Springs Day Camp
June 17 to 21 from 9 am to 3 pm**



Camp is for completed Kindergarten through 8th grade and is led by trained college-age staff from Luther Springs. Camp is designed to help youth grow in faith through worship, Bible Study, music, arts, crafts, games and nature programs. Middle school camp includes daily service field trips. The cost is \$85.

Hosts are needed to provide meals for the counselors. Drivers are needed for daily middle school fields, and for our whole camp trip to Crystal Springs on Wednesday. There will also be a sign up sheet for needed snack and craft items.

Registration forms can be found in the narthex or at www.allsaintstampa.org

Second Sunday Meal in July

On Sunday, July 14th, we will have an Italian themed Second Sunday meal provided by TRAVERSE after the 9:47 am worship service.

TRAVERSE, accredited by the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship, is a group therapeutic equestrian program for children ages 8-16 which meets at North Corner Ranch in Odessa for two hours twice a week during eight months of the school year. The program is for youth who've experienced emotional or behavioral difficulties at school or home due to abuse, loss, divorce, or family difficulties.

The program focuses on developing positive relationships with the horses, adults, and peers through goal setting, problem solving, and consistent expectation. It is a closed, cohesive group limited to 4 children. The parents are required to participate in a parenting program once a week. The curriculum is designed to develop basic skill in horsemanship, taught "from the ground up" and is based on a foundation of knowledge, caring, and responsibility. Graduation in May represents all that the kids have learned and overcome during the course of the program as they "ride into" a new page of their lives!

Our Second Sunday fund raising efforts will allow the program to accept children into the program whose families are unable to pay the full fee.



**Vacation Bible School
July 15—19 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm
Free Meal for the kids at 6 pm**

We'll explore the wonders of the universe, and discover God's miraculous mission to save you, me, and the whole world. Through worship, music, science, Bible study, snacks, and arts & crafts, children will learn that the stories in the Bible are relevant now and for a lifetime. This VBS is for completed Pre-K to 5th grade.

Registration forms can be found in the narthex or at www.allsaintstampa.org.

Save the Dates for the All Saints' Camping Week-end!

We will camp at Luther Springs the weekend of November 15-17! Motel style rooms, bunkhouses, and tent sites will be available. Join in on the fellowship, worship, fun, and good food! More details will be coming. For questions, please talk to Marcia.

Landscaping in the Florida Heat

By Donna Bryant

Summer heat doesn't have to kick you out of the landscape. Summer brings in high heats and heavy rains. Gardening during the summer takes care and patience. As always think about placement and plant variety. If the heat overwhelms you, follow these easy steps to keep your yard beautiful through the long days of summer:

Flower beds: Flowers that thrive in high heat such as coleus and ornamental peppers will do well in the summer. Plant gladiolus until about mid-summer. Lilies such as spider, aztec, and butterfly can be planted throughout the summer.

Irrigation: Make sure your irrigation systems are working properly and not leaking. Consider installing a detector to turn off sprinklers and irrigation when it rains.

Palms: The summer months are the perfect time to plant palms. This gives them time to establish themselves before any cold snaps. Don't cover the trunk with soil and keep lawn fertilizers away from the root system. Check for yellowing on older growth fronds. This can show a potassium or magnesium deficiency.

Taken from an article by Robert Miller



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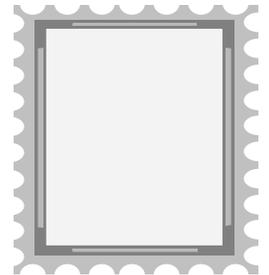
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Donation Options

- ♥ Sunday Offering Plate
- ♥ On-Line Banking



Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month!