

A few words ... a place of joy ... hope your day is ok ...

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Friends ...

I know I'm going to sound "old" ... but ---- such is life!! Anyway ... last Sunday in church ... the choir sings "Take These Wings." Years ago ... when one of my favorite people in the "history of the world" died --- Will Gierach --- the choir sang that song.

"Take these wings, and learn to fly ... to the highest mountain in the sky ..."

He encouraged me to fly ... to the highest of mountains. Even in moments of failure and despair ... even in those moments when we begin to doubt & question ourselves ----- he always told me to look up ... in faith ... with hope ... and never give up. Will has been gone a long time. But the music Sunday was a spiritual reminder ----- when someone you love and respect leaves this world ... well, he/she really never leaves us. The "heart-song" lives on!!

All Saints Sunday ---- November 7 ---- we remember the "spirits" of those who have gone before us.

Earlier this morning ... I "walked out back" ... as I often do. But this time ... I sat still for a long time.

I SAVORED THE MOMENT.

Do you ever "smell" the past???? ----- the bungalows of Roseland ... grandpa's can of beer ... the fishing poles lined up on the wall in the basement. Boiling coffee ... mom's favorite casserole ... the plastic-covered couch in the living room.

I'm reminded once again ----- every person who crossed my path ... each moment, big and small ... all the planned and un-planned twists and turns in my humble journey ... *it's all part of who I am today.*

How often have I "lost the moment" in my haste to go somewhere else?

How often have I given frustration and anger power they don't deserve?

How often have I lost sight of who I really am ... in my quest to be the person someone else wants me to be???

The miracles. The colors. The breeze. The love. The friendship.

The courage and power of the human spirit.

It's all at our finger-tips ... everyday.

The souls of so many punctuate every step we take. It's time to remember and say "thanks." And *never forget.*

This time of the year also reminds me ----- "hey, it's almost time to start asking folks for their money-contribution pledges for next year ..." I don't like talking about money ... but, at the same time, it's part of life. Most of us know personally ... when money is tight and scarce ... it can cut at the very fabric of our human journey. We are proud people ... and we want to take care of our families and all those whom we love.

During those times when money is a bit more abundant ... it's fun to share ... fun to give ... and God does call us to share what we have to help make our world a more abundant and giving place.

My guess is ----- we'll keep things pretty simple and basic this year. More than ever ----- we need your financial support. We run a pretty lean and straight-forward operation here. We don't spend what we don't have ... and how much you give to our humble enterprise is personal & confidential we are honored and grateful for your support.

All I ask is ----- do your best to support our church. We can't take this place for granted ... there's no "bail-out" or leaving it up to someone else. This is our temple ... we are family ... and it's all of us together making this place what it is. Not perfect. Not better than anyone else ----- just us ... "God's goofs" ... "God's children."

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO AND WHO YOU ARE ...

luv and joy

"rev"

OUTREACH

This is really who we are ----- a community that reaches into your soul ... and reaches out into the lives of others ... to help make their lives a bit more hopeful. Here is a notice from our newly formed "outreach committee."

NEW OUTREACH COMMITTEE IS FORMED AND THEY NEED YOUR HELP!!

To further all the great work already being accomplished at All Saints, an Outreach Committee has been formed to help identify, plan and co-ordinate programs which will respond to the needs of people in our congregation and community. While more detailed information about the Committee and its programs will be forthcoming in future newsletters, to kick off this initiative the Committee is asking for volunteers to do one (or two!!) of the following:

- Bring dinner to a church member and/or family facing tough times
- Offer a ride (either to church or maybe to a doctor's appointment) to a member who can no longer drive
 - Sit and visit with someone who is homebound or recovering from certain medical issues

There will be sign-up sheets for each one of these activities in the Narthex. When we find there is a need for one of these services, the Committee will contact the people who have volunteered and co-ordinate with those volunteers able to help at that time to make sure the right help is getting to the right people. We are not asking you for a weekly or even monthly commitment. You can help as often as you are able. With enough volunteers, we should have plenty of people that can step in when needed.

If you feel one of these services might be helpful to you or know of someone who can use a helping hand, please contact the church office or email the Committee at allsaintsjoy@sbcglobal.net. To quote Don, "we are about the business of being bothered", so please let us know how and when we can help.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY ... 50 YEARS

November 7 is All Saints Sunday. As a part of our worship services ... we have votive candles in memory of those who have gone before us. There is a form you can fill out this Sunday ... if you would like a candle in memory of your loved ones. There is a voluntary donation of \$5 for your candle ... you can put it in the LOVE BUCKET anytime.

I hope you'll try to attend the All Saints Dinner-Potluck-----4:00 pm on Sunday the 7th. Everyone brings a main-dish and side-dish ... we'll provide drinks and lots of love. Kids and friends are welcome. "Wheel of Wisdom" with Scott ... a fun sing-a-long with Mark ... giving thanks for our church and each of you.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR ANNIVERSARY DINNER ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 30 AT SILVER LAKE COUNTRY CLUB.

Invitations will be mailed in December. By the way ----- do you have any pictures of "church stuff" you'd like to share??? If so ---- bring them to the church (with your name on them) as soon as possible.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, NOON

The finance committee and church council are recommending a re-structuring of our mortgage with Marquette Bank ... using a combination of our savings money and a line-of-credit to enable us to pay-off our mortgage faster ... and saving us quite a bit of money in interest. A summary of the recommendation will be available for your review the next couple Sundays ... and then we will vote on the recommendation November 14. The meeting will be brief ... but we do need 10% of our membership to be present ... plus, it's a very significant decision.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

*Vera Heiser continues going back-and-forth between LaGrange Hospital and Chateau re-hab ... Vera, we think of you and Wayne often. *Jude is feelin' good ... your thoughts and prayers make a difference. *Frankie Frech is DRIVING!@!!
*Linda Dodge's mom - Sandy - is having surgery on Monday. *Linda Ingenoso is home-bound ... we miss you!!
*Geri Samec now resides at Sunrise Assisted Living. *Bernice Kole is back at Peace Village. *Gary Loizzo's sister - Diane Halvorson - died this week. *Helen Kuzel has been at Palos Hospital. *Jerry Arnold is home, recovering from surgery. *Lee Miller continues his re-hab, following a stroke. *Craig Nelson's mom --- Virginia --- is living with cancer. She lives with Craig and Linda.

May God's blessing be with all of you ... see you "in the temple"

