

Sheila's Corner

By Sheila Wiitala

Sunday School

The school year has flown by again. It has been an exciting year and we have had many new families join us. I would like to thank Maurya Johnson, Melissa DeRosia, Ann Vogelsang and Paula Batch for their commitment to teaching every Sunday. They have done a great job helping the children grow spiritually. I would like to also to thank all the parents and grandparents that have help out in the classroom. Without your help we could not have had such a successful year.

The last Sunday School class will be May 22. We will be having an end of the year celebration, and, if the weather is nice, we will have the party outside.

We are getting ready for Sunday School next year. We will need at least two teachers in each class next year. If you are willing to help the spiritual growth of the children in the church, please talk with Sheila Wiitala or Paula Batch. It is a wonderful opportunity to get to know the youngest members of the parish. It is a fun and rewarding opportunity that we get as adults to help them grow in understanding their faith. Please prayerfully consider becoming a part of this ministry.

Attention, all parents whose children will be between 3 years old and 5th grade! We will be meeting with you to discuss next year's Sunday School on Sunday, May 15 at 11:30 a.m. right after church. It is imperative that all parents attend. Thank you.

New Moms Group

We have a new mom's group for pregnant women or those that have children 4 years old or younger. Members of this group will support each other in our journey through motherhood. It will include discussions on issues that we are currently experiencing or have faced as moms. We will also have guest speakers. We will meet the 1st and 3rd

Mondays from 6-7 p.m. in the library. Childcare is provided in the nursery. Please spread the word that this is open to friends and neighbors as well.

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendar! Vacation Bible School will be June 27-30 from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

This year we are doing "Inside out and Upside Down on Main Street Where Jesus Makes a Difference Every Day! It is not only fun and games, it's about changing lives by helping kids see how Jesus can make a difference every day. Each day kids will be challenged to talk about Jesus' parables, put the Word on the Street into action and make choices that serve others!

We need volunteers to run stations and to help with the children. If you can help on any of the days or if you can run a station please let me know. A meeting for all those interested in helping with VBS will be Monday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Banner Book

Do you know the story behind one of All Saints' banners? We have taken pictures of all of them, and now we would like to know the story behind each one. If you have any information please email me at allsaintssheila@hotmail.com. We would like to finish this book by the end of May.

YOUTH NEWS

Pasta with Pastor Kit! Our youth programs conclude for the year with the annual gathering for youth at Pastor Kit's house. The pasta feast, games, and fellowship go from 5-7 p.m. Sunday, May 15, at 907 Southlawn Avenue. All youth from grade 6-12 are invited.

Mission Trip to NYC: In June, five of our youth will travel with Pastor Kit, Beth Bingham and youth and leaders from University Lutheran Church to New York City. There we will spend mornings in acts of service at soup kitchens and food banks, and afternoons learning more about life in the city. A "faith walk" around Ground Zero promises to be a highlight of the trip.

Behind the Scenes – Who is Sheila? Is She Always in the Corner?

Sheila Wiitala leads a cornerstone ministry at All Saints. As coordinator of Children and Youth Programs, her mission is to nurture children’s faith through education and action.

Originally from Jackson, Sheila holds a B.A. in child development from Michigan State University and worked in corporate and church-based children’s programs in the mid-Michigan area before joining the All Saints staff in 2008.

Sheila says that it’s been especially good to watch programs increase in scope and size and to add new ones, such as Vacation Bible School and the New Moms group. It’s also wonderful to have more children participating at all levels. “Kids are all different and special in God’s eyes. Watching them grow, sharing their “aha” moments of knowing that God is in their lives...that makes the effort worthwhile.”

Of course, Sheila can’t conduct the programs alone; it’s been really important to have teachers such as Maurya Johnson, Melissa DeRosia, Ann Vogelsang and Paula Batch (chairperson of the youth education ministry area), parent volunteers and young people helping, too, including those who provide nursery care each week. Even folks who don’t have children or grandchildren in this area can welcome visitors and new members who do, encouraging them to participate in this important ministry.



Adult Education in May

By David Wisner

During the month of May, All Saints’ adult education classes will focus on two books of the New Testament.

The REVELATION of John the Divine

The Sunday Adult Forum will take a look at, arguably, the most enigmatic book of the Bible—the Revelation of John. Full of strange imagery and symbolism, what is Revelation really all about? Is it really a blow-by-blow prediction of the end times? For whom was it written and why? What meaning does Revelation have for us today? Join us Sunday mornings at 11:30 in the library as we explore these questions and more over the course of four Sundays, starting May 1.

The Gospel According to MATTHEW

In past years, Pastor Kit has examined the Gospels of Mark and Luke; this year, over the course of three weeks, she will take a look at the Gospel of Matthew during the Wednesday evening Adult Education class, beginning May 4. Wonderful Wednesdays begin with supper at 6 in the undercroft with the class following in the lounge at 6:30.

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Learn a Lot at Diocesan Ministry Fair

A whole lot of learning will happen Saturday, May 7, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Detroit, when the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan holds its annual Ministry Fair.

Choose from more than 30 workshops, covering topics from parish administration, to praying with body, mind and spirit, to discerning a call to ministry, to stopping bullying in our K-12 schools. The day will also include a one hour Mission Budget Conversation about Social Justice Ministry in the diocese.

Cost is \$15, and you may register online at www.edomi.org or at the event.

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Spring Thunder is Coming in May

By Bill Murphy

Many people believe that thunder, and its usually accompanying rain, are definite signs of spring. These good-natured souls dream of tulips and daffodils waving in the warm spring breeze; the May flowers made possible by April showers.

Other folks have different ideas about the source of thunder and the reason for warm weather. Enlightened folks from the East Lansing area know that the true source of thunder dates back 108 years to William Harley and three Davidson brothers, and a small garage in Milwaukee. That's where the secularly hallowed and iconic V-twin engine was born – the engine that roars to life every spring in a raucous celebration of life renewed. These same free-thinking folks know that spring and summer exist not for mowing lawns and pulling weeds, but to ride their motorcycles, and to grin ear-to-ear while immersed in God's great handiwork.

Mr. Harley and friends have many cohorts today. Bikes from Europe and Japan add to the musical composition and the result, on warm spring days, is a harmonious melody, or cacophonous noise, depending on whether the person hearing the sound is a rider or a watcher.

A veritable storm of thunder is forecast for All Saints Church on Sunday, May 22. We will host the inaugural All Saints Blessing of the Bikes—a community wide event welcoming all riders—in our Abbot Road parking lot after the 10:00 a.m. service. A special effort to include students on their ubiquitous campus scooters, as well as Hogs, Beamers, Cruisers, and Rocket bikes, will make for a cheerful mix of people and machinery. After some time to talk, eat, and socialize, Pastor Kit will bless all riders and their machines.

The concept of the Blessing of the Bikes ceremony dates back four decades. At its core the ceremony seeks God's protection for riders to ensure a safe and enjoyable riding season. The ceremony is also meant to instill a sense of

community among enthusiasts, and to remind everyone to be appreciative of God's blessings and of His beautiful creation, which we so enjoy while exploring the world on two wheels.

We are working with local leaders and organizations to make this an annual event for the entire community – one small part of All Saints' Radical Welcoming efforts. Please join us in this celebration.



Bill Murphy, Pastor Kit Carlson and Claudia Miklavcic prepare for Blessing of the Bikes at All Saints on Sunday, May 22, by testing Bill's new Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

PARISH LIFE – Save these MAY dates!

May 8 - 8:45 – 9:45 a.m. Treat a mother, grandmother, daughter, aunt, sister or other lovely lady in your life to Second Sunday Breakfast in the undercroft. She'll be so glad you did ;-)

May 20 - 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Start your weekend with fun and music and readings and **out-of-town performers** at the May edition of All Saints' world famous Coffee House.

YOUR RECIPES NEEDED NOW!

Please contribute your favorite recipes to the All Saints cookbook! It's **really** easy ;-). Simply send it (them) in an e-mail message to Parish Life chairperson Marguerite Halversen at halverse@msu.edu .

Personal Needs Bank at ASEC

By Amy Eld Maffeo

All Saints has an opportunity to work with People’s Church in establishing a Personal Needs bank for the East Lansing community through Christian Services. The outreach committee, in various conversations with ASEC parishioners through World Café events, has heard that our parishioners would like more opportunities to work directly with those we serve.

This is an opportunity to provide members of our community with personal needs items, such as **shampoo, soap, toilet paper, toothpaste** and other important things that can’t be purchased with a Bridge Card.

People’s Church will partner with us to provide donations, volunteers and leadership of the closet.

Christian Services will provide the referrals and, together with People’s, we will collect donations, pack the personal items, and then provide hospitality and God’s love as people come to pick up their items at All Saints.

We are still working on logistics and details, but if you are interested in coordinating this ministry on the All Saints end or volunteering to help with packing or pick-up, please contact Amy Maffeo at a.eldmaffeo@gmail.com or 517.339.3691.

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All Saints’ Listening Campaign
ends May 15. **Have you been heard?**

If not, email the church office ...

allsaints@allsaints-el.org

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An Old Friend with a New Message: Grace in the Wilderness, Watch and Pray

The Rt. Rev. Chad Gandiya, Bishop of Harare, Zimbabwe, delivered a solemn yet hopeful message to old friends and new when he visited All Saints in April.



Since 2007 Anglicans in his diocese have been excluded from all their churches, diocesan buildings and other property, measures that have been enforced by government security personnel. The matter of who has legal title to the property is now before their nation’s supreme court. For more details, visit <http://harareanglican.org/>

Bishop Chad says that, meanwhile, Anglicans have experienced God’s grace in the wilderness and that they “watch and pray.” And that’s not all. The 60 congregations worship: in tents, in school buildings, in other denominations’ church buildings. And their numbers are growing.

He would like to hire (at a cost of \$300 a month) a missionary for youth to organize and conduct programs to nurture young people in their faith. He’s also trying to re-establish the seminary and stock its library with theological textbooks, working with friends in the Diocese of Chicago.

Diocese of Harare Vision

“To be a growing united Anglican Christian family committed to living, preaching and teaching the gospel of Christ by engaging in holistic mission guided by the Holy Spirit.”

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter 02 WWA 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11:30 a.m. Adult Forum 11:30 a.m. Bell Choir 2:00 p.m. EL Writers Forum 5:00 p.m. CMSU Sunday Dinner 7:00 p.m. EYC1&3	2 1:30 p.m. Staff 6:00 p.m. Mom's Group 6:00 p.m. Tai Chi / Qigong 6:30 p.m. Steiner Chorale Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Prayer/Study 7:30 p.m. AA	3 10:30 a.m. Sparrow Auxiliary 12:15 p.m. Bible Study 7:30 p.m. AA 7:30 p.m. Ad Hominem	4 1:00 p.m. Parkinson's Support 5:30 p.m. Cherub Choir 5:30 p.m. HE/Healing 6:00 p.m. Supper 6:30 p.m. Adult Ed 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir 7:30 p.m. Debtors A 9:00 p.m. CMSU HE	5 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer & breakfast 9:30 a.m. Artistic & Spiritual Group 6:00 p.m. Tai Chi / Qigong 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir 7:30 p.m. ACOA 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir 8:00 p.m. AIAnon	6 3:00 p.m. String Group	7 10:00 a.m. Advent House 5:30 p.m. Steiner Chorale Concert
8 Easter 03 Birthdays Sunday Mother's Day 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 8:45 a.m. 2 nd Sunday Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11:30 a.m. Adult Forum 11:30 a.m. Bell Choir 2:00 p.m. EL Writers Forum 6:00 p.m. Confirm, Not Conform 6:00 p.m. Rite 13	9 1:30 p.m. Staff 6:00 p.m. Tai Chi / Qigong 6:30 p.m. Steiner Chorale Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. VBS Meeting 7:00 p.m. Prayer/Study 7:30 p.m. AA	10 12:15 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. B & G Meeting 7:00 p.m. Cancer Support Group 7:30 p.m. AA 7:30 p.m. Ad Hominem	11 5:30 p.m. Cherub Choir 5:30 p.m. HE/Healing 6:00 p.m. Supper 6:30 p.m. Adult Ed 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir 7:30 p.m. Debtors A	12 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer & breakfast 6:00 p.m. Outreach 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Mission Budget Committee of Diocesan Council 7:30 p.m. ACOA 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir 8:00 p.m. AIAnon	13 Messenger Deadline 3:00 p.m. String Group	14 6:30 p.m. Steiner Chorale Dinner
15 Easter 04 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11:30 a.m. Adult Forum 11:30 a.m. Bell Choir 11:30 a.m. Parents Meeting 2:00 p.m. EL Writers Forum 7:00 p.m. EYC1&3	16 1:30 p.m. Staff 6:00 p.m. Mom's Group 6:00 p.m. Tai Chi / Qigong 6:30 p.m. Steiner Chorale Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Prayer/Study 7:30 p.m. AA	17 8:00 a.m. Third Tuesday Breakfast 12:15 p.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Finance 7:00 p.m. Rector's Bible Study 7:30 p.m. AA 7:30 p.m. Ad Hominem	18 5:30 p.m. Cherub Choir 5:30 p.m. HE/Healing 6:00 p.m. Supper 6:30 p.m. Adult Ed 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir 7:30 p.m. Debtors A	19 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer & breakfast 9:30 a.m. Artistic & Spiritual Group 6:00 p.m. Tai Chi / Qigong 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir 7:30 p.m. ACOA 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir 8:00 p.m. AIAnon	20 3:00 p.m. String Group 7:30 p.m. Coffee House	21 8:00 a.m. Safeguarding 9:30 a.m. Prayer Needlers
22 Easter 05 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11:30 a.m. Adult Forum 11:30 a.m. Bell Choir 11:30 a.m. Come & Be Fed 2:00 p.m. EL Writers Forum 6:00 p.m. Rite 13	23 1:30 p.m. E.L. Women's 1:30 p.m. Staff 7:00 p.m. Prayer/Study group 7:30 p.m. AA	24 12: 15 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Quilters 7:00 p.m. O. S. L. 7:00 p.m. Vestry 7:30 p.m. AA 7:30 p.m. Ad Hominem	25 7:30 p.m. Debtors A	26 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer & breakfast 9:30 a.m. Artistic & Spiritual Group 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir 7:30 p.m. ACOA 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir 8:00 p.m. AIAnon	27 3:00 p.m. String Group	28
29 Easter 06 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11:30 a.m. Bell Choir 2:00 p.m. EL Writers Forum	30 Office Closed, Memorial Day 7:00 p.m. Prayer/Study 7:30 p.m. AA	31 12: 15 p.m. Bible Study 1:30 p.m. Staff 7:30 p.m. AA 7:30 p.m. Ad Hominem				

ACOA = Adult Children of Alcoholics
 ANS = Abbott Nursery School

AIAnon = Family and Friends of Alcoholics
 Debtors A = Debtors Anonymous

