

NEWS FROM THE SAINTS

APRIL 2024

ALL SAINTS

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A WORD FROM FATHER RICK

Happy April All Saints!

After Easter the resurrected and ascended Jesus sent the Holy Spirit, with whom he will build his church. As he promised his disciples, “the gates of hell shall not prevail against her.” Interestingly, I know people who profess to being Christian, and yet, they do not support Jesus’ church. I don’t consider online church as support—except, of course, in circumstances where people are unable to attend church. Jesus is about building his church (universal and local) during this present age, and for people to ignore that (gathering with the saints, worshipping with the saints, giving alongside the saints, ministering together as the saints, etc.), is to ignore Jesus.

My intent in this letter is not to instill guilt in anyone regarding church attendance. Guilt is not my purview. The Holy Spirit convicts us of sin. But if the shoe fits... My concern is to preach the truth that relieves our guilt – Jesus and him crucified. This is another reason why the church is so important. Christ has given to her the “keys to the Kingdom.” Confession and absolution unlock the doors of heaven. Actually, Jesus unlocks the doors—by his atoning sacrifice on the cross for our sins. But how we receive his benefits is through faith. We simply rely on Jesus and he is our salvation. Confession is how we articulate this belief. Absolution are words that assure us

of the promise of God. In 1 John 1:8,9 we read, “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

We need to hear this pattern of confession and absolution, at least weekly, if not daily (hence, the Daily Offices). Again, this highlights the importance, necessity, of the local church. Not to mention all the other benefits of gathering with the saints.

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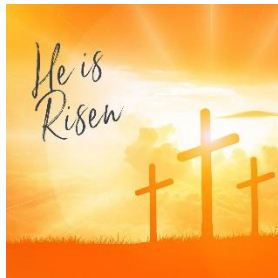
I am so thrilled that All Saints has faithful saints. I don't know of too many churches that have the percentage of worshipping members that we have. We presently have 55 active members, and we average 47 for Sunday worship. Pretty amazing!

Coming to church is not necessarily supporting Christ's church. When worshippers desire to join us, we mention three expectations: To give of one's time, talents, and treasure. Time and talents require one's presence. We are to serve one another. There are plenty of needs and ways to serve – just look around, just ask. Your gifts are what you are willing to do. Treasure, of first importance, involves the heart. We make it our ambition to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. To get to know him better in reading the Bible, studying the theology of his church, worshipping with the saints, and being a witness in this world. When we treasure God our giving, whether in time, talents, or monetary resources, will be reflected.

Thank you for supporting Christ's church. Thank you for being Christ's church. Thank you for building Christ's church.

Proudly, Sincerely, Fr Rick+

FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER



Fifty Days of Easter? What does that mean? The forty days preceding Easter (excluding Sundays) is a season of fasting and penitence in preparation for Easter. Easter is the high point of the Church. Now is time for an eternal celebration and feast. It is time to unbury the “Alleluia’s” and the Paschal greeting is joyfully heard: “**Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!**”

But why fifty days? A simple explanation is that after the resurrection, Jesus spent forty days on earth before he ascended, and then there were ten more days after that before the Day of Pentecost. So the Great Fifty Days are a celebration of the resurrection of Christ and all that means for us, leading to the launching of the Christian Church and its mission on Pentecost.

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FILLY FEED BLESSINGS!



What a surprise and delight it was to be interrupted during our ladies Wednesday morning prayers by Sheila Harrison from Sacred Hearts. Turns out Sheila was looking for Sami Jo whom she'd never met, and just happened to walk up to her during a pause in the prayers and ask if anyone knew who Sami Jo was. After we all had a good laugh, Sheila brought out several pictures of the Oaklawn Filly Feed Luncheon that Sami Jo coordinates for us. (They are posted on the bulletin board.) Sheila shared with us how delighted and appreciative the hard-working ladies at the track were of the gifts we sent. These ladies move from track to track and cannot bring much with them, so the bags that over 20 churches fill for them mean a lot, especially at Christmas time. Thank you, Sami Jo, for spear heading this important missionary service.



BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON



All Saints new activity of meeting at the beginning of each month to celebrate the month's birthday ladies, has been a tremendous success. It has proven to be a wonderful time for having fun and sharing laughter and food. This month's birthday ladies are Myra McGilvary, Nancy Burleson and Dottie Stewart. (Nancy, as most all know, lives in Wisconsin now, but we can still wish her a Happy Birthday!) April's Birthday Luncheon will be at Dolce Vita Italian Restaurant at 111 Ponderosa Lane. on Friday, April 12. No gifts....just cards!

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ANGLICAN VESTMENTS



Did you know that the vestments worn by Anglican priests, deacons, vergers, choir members, mean something? The basic idea of Anglican Vestments is to symbolize order, office and role or function. White robes have long signified the righteousness of Christ, worn as a garment. Wearing a white robe means serving because Jesus loves us, and he covers us with his righteousness. Black robes are really/technically not vestments. The black Cassock was just the priest's street clothes back in the day. The cassock goes under a white surplice. The symbolism of the cassock is as follow: The Roman collar symbolizes obedience, the sash or cincture around the waist, chastity, and the color black, poverty. Moreover, black is a color of mourning and death, for the priest, the symbolism is dying to oneself to rise and to serve the Lord as well as giving witness of the Kingdom yet to come.



A chasuble is a liturgical vestment that is worn by the celebrant during the celebration of the Eucharist. It is a sleeveless garment that is circular in shape and is made of richly decorated fabric. It is worn over the Alb and stole and is usually adorned with intricate embroidery or other decorative elements. The chasuble is a symbol of the priest's role as a mediator between God and the people.

The stole is a long, narrow band or fabric that is worn around the neck and draped over the shoulders. It is usually made of a precious fabric, such as silk or velvet, and is often embroidered with religious symbols and scriptural passages. Clergy stole has its roots in ancient Rome, where it was worn as a symbol of authority and power by government officials. In the early Christian church, the stole was adopted as a vestment worn by bishops and priests, signifying their ordination and authority to lead worship services.

The colors of the stoles, as well as the Chasuble change based on the seasons of the church year. Basically, Purple or Blue, Advent; Purple, Lent; White, Christmas and Easter, Major Feast Days, Weddings and Funerals; Green, the Seasons after Epiphany and after Pentecost; Red, the Day of Pentecost, Saints' Days, Confirmations and Ordinations.

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DINNER FOR SIX OR EIGHT



Dinner for Six or Eight has been a long tradition at All Saints. It is a time to get to know each other better, share our stories, laugh together and break bread together. If you sign up to have it in your home, you just need to prepare one dish and have the others bring side dishes. Example, you make chicken and someone brings the potatoes and another vegetables. Those that choose to go to a restaurant, all you must do is make reservations! And then enjoy conversation and fellowship. It's really a lot of fun and brings us all closer together as a church family. Please sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

VESTRY UPDATE

The Vestry met on Thursday, March 14. Some highlights from the meeting:

- Vestry discussed trees on the church property that may need cutting. Joel Baily and Karen Johnson will assess and make recommendations at the next meeting.
- Aril 20th was discussed as a possible grounds work day. Work to be done would include planting flowers, cutting and picking up limbs, spreading mulch, etc. Snacks or possible lunch would be provided. Vestry will discuss this again in April.
- Pentecost Sunday (May 19) plans were discussed. Marc Nichols will contact the POA office to secure the Cortez Pavilion and speak with Riverside Restaurant for catering (dessert to be included this year!).
- Martha Nichols and Margaret Buford are going to visit Harvey's Chapel to discuss the children's summer camp needs.
- Ten new chapel chairs are expected to be delivered in late April.

For a full report, please read the minutes posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

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GET TO KNOW THE SAINTS!

Deacon Ted and Dorothy VanderEnde



Our story began in Omaha, NE while attending a Bible College preparing ourselves for ministry in the service of Christ. Ted was born in the Netherlands and worked with an evangelistic outreach in Amsterdam before coming to the USA for further training. Dorothy grew up on a farm in South Dakota in the middle of nowhere. Her parents were committed Christians and from early age God's call was on her life. In 1967 they married and moved to Dallas TX to spend four years studying and working at the Dallas Theological Seminary, Ted as a student majoring in the Old Testament, and Dorothy as a secretary heading up the typing pool serving the faculty. Upon graduation we served a church in Selma, Alabama for about 4 years, where we saw a goodly number of youth come to know the Lord. Our own family expanded during this time, and we were blessed with three children. One day a letter arrived asking us to come back to Europe to work with a Bible school in Belgium. As our hearts were moved to respond positively, we sold our possessions, bought one-way tickets to Brussels, and began training young converts in the Dutch language to become active in their local (small) churches. However, in our excitement to work in Europe we miscalculated our financial support, so we returned to the USA to build a team to sustain us. A first opportunity was to share our ministry with a rural Mennonite Church, who was searching for a pastor. To our surprise they asked us to become their pastor, and we agreed. It turned out to be a pastorate for the next 21 years. During this stable time we raised our kids, now growing more with three adopted children who lost their birth parents and were emotionally damaged. Also during these years Ted began to teach at a local seminary in Findlay, OH, and concluded his studies for a degree in counselling and a doctorate in Practical Theology. With an empty nest we decided to return to Europe, which we did in 1997, and became involved in an evangelical seminary in the city of Leuven, Belgium.

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This time we were supported by friends, one a wealthy businessman, who asked us to become representatives of his philanthropic foundation in Europe, in particular the former USSR. This began a most rewarding time in our lives. Ted taught in schools, mostly in the Ukraine, but also in Russia, Moldova, Belarus, and other places we never anticipated. At times we found a budding scholarly student who we invited to come to Leuven for further education, and then to return to his or her native land to teach others. Dorothy managed their training and finances and cared for their wellbeing. In the end we trained about 40 to 50 scholars who have become leaders in their churches. Sadly, their lives have been altered by the war, and keeping in contact is difficult – trusting their lives will be spared. This ministry ended when Ted turned 75, the mandatory retirement age in Belgium. During this time in Europe we became involved in the Church of England. Ted became officially an ordained Reader. We returned to the States permanently in about 2010, settled in Tennessee, Ted ordained as a deacon in the Anglican tradition while Dorothy served with Ladies of Charity serving the homeless. Finally, the reality of aging meant that we decided to move nearer to our daughter in Arkansas. We looked around for a church family and found it here in All Saints, who welcomed us. By the grace of God we look backward on a good life, looking forward to our heavenly home, thankful for the presence!

Joe Norton Went to Egypt!

In our retirement years, Nancy and I have had the opportunity to travel internationally to some fabulous venues and exciting adventures. One place that she had visited during her ARDF days was Cairo, Egypt. When the travel agency contacted us in the fall of 2022 to announce a tour of the Cairo and Nile Valley south as far as the Aswan High Dam, we were excited to sign up for the trip.

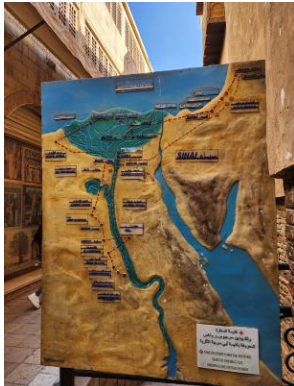
When Nancy fell ill in April 2023, I made the tough call to take her name off the trip but I kept my spot. The trip was hosted by retired Archbishop Robert Duncan and



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his wife, Nara. Nancy and I have traveled several times on trips hosted by the Duncans. This one was truly the adventure of a lifetime.



Path of the Holy Family

The early focus of our travel in Cairo and Alexandria was to trace the path taken by the Holy Family when they fled from Bethlehem. While the Bible notes that they went to Egypt, the Coptic Christian Church in Egypt has considerably more information regarding the time spent and the path taken during the four or so years of exile. We visited the church in Alexandria built above a cave



The cave where the Holy Family spent 3 months

where the Holy Family ostensibly stayed for a period of time. As one can see from the map depicting their travel in Egypt, they continued

moving south along the Nile until word reached them that Cesar Augustus had died and it was safe to return to Israel.



The Temple at Luxor

After four days of touring the important site of Cairo, our tour left the Four Seasons and flew to Luxor on a chartered plane. We arrived around noon and were met by our guide, coach and driver that spent the next week with us. We toured the temple at Karnak in the afternoon and then boarded the SS Sphinx for the river cruise portion of the trip.



Hapsetshut's Temple

The next morning, we toured the temple in Luxor and were off to the temple of Hapsetshut. The next day, we visited several tombs in the Valley of the Kings and the Valley of the Queens. When we returned to the ship, we cast off and continued farther south on the Nile, eventually arriving at Aswan.

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The next morning, we boarded a charter flight and continued south about 150 miles along Lake Nassar to the site of the temple of Abu Sembel. This was a temple that



Ramses II Temple
at Abu Sembel

would have been inundated by the waters of Lake Nassar when the Aswan High Dam was completed in the early 1960s. Because the scope and magnitude of the temple was such that an international consortium was formed and the temple was cut from the face of the mountain, lifted about 200 ft to the shore of Lake Nassar and finally reassembled on the face of a constructed mountain. The sheer size and scope of the project

truly boggles one's mind!

We visited another temple at Aswan that was removed from its original site and rebuilt on the shore by a French consortium and made it back to the ship in time to take a cruise on the Nile. The declared reason for the excursion was for bird watching, but the view of the city of Aswan that has persisted since the British colonial days was un-paralleled. Later that day, we had high tea at the Old Cataract Hotel that was featured in the Agatha Christie mystery, Murder on the Nile.

While in Aswan, we visited the unfinished obelisk. The granite quarries were the single source of all the Egyptian obelisks. There is one obelisk that was being quarried and a flaw was discovered in the stone. The monument was about 40% quarried when the flaw was discovered, and that piece was abandoned in place.



Sphinx at Giza

Our time in the south of Egypt drew to a close and we traveled by chartered plane back to Cairo. On the last day of the tour, we made it to the Giza plateau to visit the pyramids and the Sphinx and then on to Saqqara to see the Stepped pyramid. We returned to the Four Seasons in time for a farewell toast by with our tour group.

It was truly a trip to remember!



Inside Tut's Tomb

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CALENDAR FOR APRIL

<p>8:00 am</p> <p>9:00 am</p>	<p>All Wednesdays</p> <p>Men's Prayer followed by breakfast at Caddies</p> <p>Ladies Prayer followed by breakfast at Caddies</p>
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- April 5 Birthday Luncheon, 12:00 noon, Dolce Vita
- April 7 Sunday School, 9:00 am; Service 10:30 am
- April 12 High Tea, 1:00 pm
- April 14 Sunday School, 9:00 am; Service 10:30 am
- April 20 9:00 am – tentative Work Day
- April 21 Sunday School, 9:00 am, Service 10:30 am
- April 28 Sunday School, 9:00 am; Service 10:30 am



April Birthdays	April Anniversaries
<p>4/8 Myra McGilvary</p> <p>4/11 Fred Downs</p> <p>4/12 Nancy Burleson</p> <p>4/18 Dottie Stewart</p>	<p>4/14 Mac and Jill Cox</p> <p>4/24 Fred and Shirley Downs</p>

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