

# Worship Lifeline

## Congregational News

### \*\*\*SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING\*\*\* TODAY

In accordance with constitutional provision C10.02, a special meeting of the congregation of All Saints Lutheran Church has been called by Interim Pastor Ruth Hamilton and Congregation President Lisette Branscomb for Sunday, October 11, 2020, at 11:15 a.m.

In accordance with constitutional provision C13.05, the purpose of this meeting is to elect a 6-member Call Committee. The council recommends the following slate of 6 members who have agreed to serve on the Call Committee:

**Tom Wagner, Martha Wooden, Barb Litke, Maddy Faass, Mary Yale, Blandon Johnson, Herb McCaulla**  
- council liaison

Of course, the floor will be open during the meeting for other nominations and/or you can contact Lisette prior to the service to request names to be added to the list.

No other business will be transacted.

### \*\*\*RETURN TO SANCTUARY PLANS\*\*\*

With the caveat that plans could change if trend lines reverse, we are planning to return to the sanctuary for in-person worship on Reformation Sunday, Oct 25. In preparation, we will have a second dress rehearsal on Oct 18 similar to the August rehearsal so that we can provide an effective worship experience both in person and via Zoom.

### \*\*\*COMMITMENT SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 15\*\*\*

Over the next six weeks, we are going to be thinking about stewardship with the help of the book *Giving to God: The Bible's Good News about Living a Generous Life* by the Rev. Dr. Mark Allan Powell. Pastor Powell is lively, funny, and down to earth. He also understands stewardship as Gospel, "Good News." I hope you find him enjoyable and inspirational.

-Pastor Ruth

### \*\*\*CHRISTIAN CONVERSATIONS\*\*\*

Interested in study and discussion of the lessons for our Sunday worship services? Join the Christian Conversations Meet-Up via Zoom on Tuesday mornings, 10:15 to 11:30. The lessons for each upcoming Sunday service are listed in The Lifeline the Sunday before. Text John Jones at (770)366-5544 with your name and e-mail address. You will receive the Zoom link information via e-mail from Susan Holbrook. Looking forward to seeing you!

### \*\*\*PASTOR RUTH'S BIBLE STUDIES\*\*\*

By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism (Augsburg Fortress, 2017). Also available on Amazon as a used book for half price.

- ❖ October 14: Chapter 5 - The Sacrament of Holy Baptism and Confession
- ❖ October 21: Chapter 6 - The Sacrament of the Altar
- ❖ October 28: Chapter 7 - Daily Prayer and the Household Chart

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### \*\*\*DRIVE-BY FOOD DRIVE SCHEDULE\*\*\*

10am at the church - drive by to drop off donations:

|        |                              |
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| Oct 17 | SE Gwinnett Co-op Food Drive |
| Oct 31 | Lilburn Co-op Food Drive     |
| Nov 14 | SE Gwinnett Co-op Food Drive |
| Nov 28 | Lilburn Co-op Food Drive     |

## Ministry This Week

### Zoomday, Oct 11, Pentecost 19

|            |                                |
|------------|--------------------------------|
| 10:00 AM-S | ASLC Zoom Worship              |
| 11:15 AM-Z | Special Congregational Meeting |
| 8:00 PM-F  | AA                             |

### Monday, Oct 12

|                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| 6:00 PM/7:15 PM-F | OldTown Lilburn Yoga |
| 7:30 PM-GR        | OA cancelled         |

### Tuesday, Oct 13

|             |                         |
|-------------|-------------------------|
| 9:00 AM-F   | Sandwich MeetUp*        |
| 10:15 AM--Z | Christian Conversations |
| 7:45 PM-F   | NA cancelled            |

### Wednesday, Oct 14

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|------------|---------------------------|
| 6:30 PM-LL | Word of Faith             |
| 6:30 PM-F  | OldTown Lilburn Yoga      |
| 7:00 PM-Z  | Pastor Ruth's Bible Study |
| 8:00 PM-F  | AA                        |

### Thursday, Oct 15

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| 6:00 PM-F | Cub Scouts cancelled |
| 8:00 PM-F | NA cancelled         |

### Friday, Oct 16

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| 9:00 AM | Cleaning Services |
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### Saturday, Oct 17

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| 9:00 AM-F  | OldTown Lilburn Yoga |
| 9:00 AM-GR | OA cancelled         |

### Zoomday, Oct 18, Pentecost 19

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|------------|-------------------|
| 10:00 AM-S | ASLC Zoom Worship |
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Z=Zoom; F=Fellowship; OC=Out of Church; OO=Outer Office  
GR=Gray Room; LL=Lower Level; CL1=Lower Level Open Room 1;  
CL2=Lower Level Open Room 2; N=Narthex; S=Sanctuary; UR=Upper Room; A=Away from All Saints

\* Calendar Note: The Sandwich MeetUp limits participation to 4 individuals at this time. Sandwiches are shared with Rock of Ages in their ongoing shepherding with homeless/street people.

## Membership News

Jerry and Sue Lystad are moving to be closer to son Rob and family. Their new address effective 11/06/20 is: 2474 Club Estates Drive, Statham GA 30666.

Home phone and cells remain the same:

770-985-4321 Home  
770-853-5854 Sue's cell  
770-797-5260 Jerry's cell

Jerry and Sue hope to join us via Zoom later in November so that we can wish them farewell.

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Jim Scobee thanks everyone at All Saints for their get-well wishes, cards, and phone calls. He will have heart valve replacement on October 21. Doctors will then determine if he needs additional surgery for arterial damage. He and Mary miss seeing everyone and send greetings to all!

## In Scripture Today

### Matthew 22:1-14

God calls us to life together, described here as a wedding banquet for the prince. Christians have likened the love of Christ for the church as a marriage and holy communion as the banquet that God provides: recall the wedding imagery in the hymn "Soul, adorn yourself with gladness." Some interpreters have likened the "wedding robe" to a white garment of baptism, and some Christians have literalized the eschatological metaphors and specify heaven as an everlasting joyous banquet and hell as perpetual weeping and gnashing of teeth.

### Isaiah 25:1-9

This stunning eschatological poem invokes the images of city, ruins, palace, shelter, cloud, mountain, feast, wine, shroud, tears. God is described as swallowing up death, consuming its danger so that we remain alive and safe. The poem is chosen as a parallel to Matthew's picture of the king providing a banquet for a surprising group of guests. For Christians, the tomb of Christ has swallowed death. Be sure that a masterful reader proclaims this amazing ancient poem.

### Philippians 4:1-9

Paul once again provides a balance for Matthew: even though there is controversy within the Philippian community, Paul still praises it as his joy and his crown. "The Lord is near": the church recognizes the risen Lord here, in word, sacrament, and assembly.

## Readings for Oct 18

### Isaiah 45:1-7

An earthly ruler as the instrument of God's will

### Psalms 96:1-9 [10-13]

Ascribe to the Lord honor and power. (Ps. 96:7)

### 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Thanksgiving for the church at Thessalonica

### Matthew 22:15-22

A teaching on giving to the emperor and to God

## Russ' Reminders

### Anniversaries

#### OCTOBER

16 Jerry and Pat Barnes  
19 Ralph and Pat Ehrich

## Birthdays

#### OCTOBER

10 Angie Sanderlin, Jerry Wigbels  
11 Marjorie O'Brien  
13 Justine McCann  
14 Miriam McCann  
17 Bob Johnson, John Jones  
20 Mary Kay Kates

## Worship Assistants

#### Oct 11

Lector/Worship Assistant: Joanne Swanson  
Greeter: Bruce Kraus  
Counters: Tom & Lorraine Herring

#### Oct 18 (dress rehearsal in-person/Zoom)

Altar Guild/Comm Assistant: Joann Rosselle  
Lector/Worship Assistant: Mary Kay Kates  
Ushers: Bruce Kraus & Kim Faass  
Greeter: Herb & Melody McCaulla  
Zoom Host: Kelly Kraus  
Sound Board Operator: Al Kates  
Counters: Barb Litke & Lorraine Herring

#### Oct 25 (in-person/Zoom)

Altar Guild/Comm Assistant: Julie Boyer  
Lector: John Yale  
Worship Assistant: Lisette Branscomb  
Ushers: Bruce Kraus & TBD  
Greeter: Jack & Lisette Branscomb  
Zoom Host: Kelly Kraus  
Sound Board Operator: Roger Boyer  
Counters: Angie Sanderlin & Lorraine Herring

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