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Bible Study/Small Group Opportunities

Sundays	9:00 AM	Fellowship before Worship Bible Study	In person
Mondays	10:00 AM	Bible Study	In person & FB Live
	5:00 PM	A Pint & Fellowship	Zoom
	7:00 PM	Pastor and a Pint	Zoom
Wednesdays	10:00 AM	Weekly Bible Lessons At G & G's Cafe	In person & FB Live
	3:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study	In person
Fridays	10:00 AM	Book Study Group	Zoom

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO BECOME A PART OF ONE OF THESE GROUPS TODAY



Scripture Readings

Sept. 3 <i>(Prop. 17)</i>	Fourteenth S. a. Pentecost	Jer. 15:15–21	Psalm 26	Rom. 12:9–21	Matt. 16:21–28
Sept. 10 <i>(Prop. 18)</i>	Fifteenth S. a. Pentecost	Ezek. 33:7–9	Psalm 32:1–7	Rom. 13:1–10	Matt. 18:1–20
Sept. 17 <i>(Prop. 19)</i>	Sixteenth S. a. Pentecost	Gen. 50:15–21	Psalm 103:1–12	Rom. 14:1–12	Matt. 18:21–35
Sept. 24 <i>(Prop. 20)</i>	Seventeenth S. a. Pentecost	Isaiah 55:6–9	Psalm 27:1–9	Phil. 1:12–14, 19–30	Matt. 20:1–16

Women Helping Hands



Our meeting this month will be on September 30. We will be putting together the lunches for the Handbell Workshop that day. We hope to raise funds to help out Sunshine Care Home. We also need to independently finish the lap blankets and get the crib blankets to WEC Family Resources. Hoping to have a social meeting in October in addition to other projects ongoing. Please join us.

Have any questions? Contact Luann



Mission Fair

Sunday, Sept. 24

In the Fellowship Hall

Beginning at 9:00 AM

Learn about our local missions:

Ecumenical Food Pantry

Goodies from the Heart

Hope House

WEC Family Resources

Union County Family Connection

Isalah 117 House

***All Saints Ladies' Bible Study
Study the Gospel of Matthew
3:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall***



All ladies of All Saints, we would love for you to join us as we study the Gospel of Matthew. We meet every Wednesday at 3:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. No books to purchase, no video to watch. Just bring your Bible and favorite commentary if you have one. We dive deep into the Scriptures.



These pictures are from our end of the summer luncheon trip to Living Waters Winery. We would love to include you in our next group picture.



Making a Joyful Noise

My hymn choice for this month is: "Shine, Jesus, Shine". It is a congregational favorite here and it's message is deeply felt. Seems like a lot of good music is coming out of Great Britain!

From Discipleship Ministries:

The Story Behind "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Few Christian songs composed just 20 years ago have had such an immediate impact on congregational singing as Graham Kendrick's "Shine, Jesus, Shine" (also known as "Lord, the light of your love is shining").

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950), a native of Blisworth, Northamptonshire, England, now resides in Kent. The son of a Baptist pastor, he began writing songs in the early 1970s and today is one of the most prolific British Christian singer-songwriters and worship leaders.

"I had been thinking for some time about the holiness of God, and how that as a community of believers and as individuals, His desire is for us to live continually in his presence. My longing for revival in the churches and spiritual awakening in the nation was growing, but also a recognition that we cannot stand in God's presence without 'clean hands and a pure heart.' So I wrote the three verses and 'road tested' it in my home church. Though there was clearly merit to the song, it seemed incomplete, so as I was unable at the time to take it any further, I put it back in the file.

"Several months later I was asked to submit new songs for a conference song book, and as I reviewed this three-verse song, I realized that it needed a chorus. I remember standing in my music room with guitar slung round my neck trying different approaches. The line 'Shine, Jesus, Shine' came to mind, and within about half an hour I had finished the chorus, all but some 'polishing.' Though I felt an excitement in my spirit at the time, I had no inkling at all that it would become so widely used. There were other songs I rated more highly at the time that most people have never heard of!"

Stanza one focuses on the light "shining in the midst of the darkness" and Christ as the "Light of the World" (John 8:12). This Light "set[s] us free by the truth..." (John 8:32). Stanza two reflects on coming before the "awesome presence" of Christ, where "the shadows [turn] into your radiance." Christ's brightness "consume[s] all my darkness." The final stanza focuses on how Christ's brightness may be reflected in our lives as "our faces display your likeness."

Handbells – Wednesdays at 4 and Choir – Wednesdays at 5. We will start on Christmas music VERY soon.

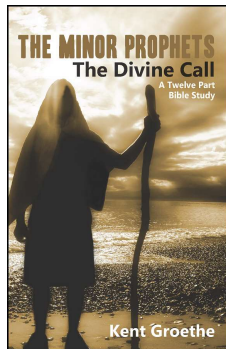
Luann

"Let everything that has breath Praise the Lord!"

SUMMER OF PRAYER GATHERING

Over the last 3 months, members of All Saints Lutheran Church have spent time intentionally praying in one accord for the mission, ministry, and future of our church body. Many have used the 31-Days of Prayer, several have been on prayer walks, and a few have been discipling one another through their prayer life in triads (groups of three). All members are invited to attend an end-of-summer, informal gathering with light refreshments. This will be an opportunity for you to listen and reflect on *Missio Dei* observations and “ah-ha!” moments from participants. If you desire to learn more, please join us. Sign up on the bulletin board in the church Narthex.

Saturday, September 16, 10A-12N
Owen Glen Community Clubhouse
1559 Owen Glen Dr. – Blairsville



ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adult Sunday Bible Study will resume on **September 10, 8:50 a.m.** The topic will be *The Minor Prophets*, a twelve-part study. As we dive into these often forgotten or neglected books, you will discover God's call upon His followers of every century. Studying the profound words, you will be reminded of what it means to be an obedient follower of Christ and be challenged to live a life that glorifies God in greater and more significant ways. Book cost is \$12.00.

For more information contact: Gail DeLuca gdeluca228@yahoo.com or 440-667-9695.

Monthly Mission Focus:



Isaiah 117

Caring for children awaiting foster placement

"Defend the cause of the fatherless"

All Saints Lutheran Church would like to purchase a basketball hoop for the Isaiah 117 House. If you would like to contribute, please write a check payable to "All Saints Lutheran Church" and in the memo note "Isaiah 117 House". All donations need to be made by Sunday, September 24th



Fellowship News

WOW!! Our August F4 (Fourth Friday Feast and Fellowship) marked 2 years of dinners and fellowship. And in all that this time, we still have not repeated a menu! August's F4 dinner was probably one of our best. Chicken Enchilada's with homemade red sauce...Mmmm. There was so much talking, cooking, eating going on that not a single picture was taken. I say that's a good thing! Pictures you take and store in your memory are SO MUCH better than what you may take with your phone.

As we head into the 2nd half of the year, I'm wondering how and where Fellowship can come alongside other Ministry/Mission groups or events. If you have suggestions, please let me know. For now, we will plan next month's F4 dinner. Stay tuned for the menu. It's going to be a good one! Also, we will be having a Congregational pot luck on Reformation Sunday.

As I said...no pictures for August's F4. But here are some from our 'cookout' celebrating July 4.





And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayers. Acts 2:42



OPEN HOUSE AT THE WESCHE'S

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 1:00-3:00 PM
1316 Bradley Road, Blairsville

RSVP TO: Text Sally Wesche 706-835-9219

**Come to get to know the members of All Saints
Lutheran Church**



ALTAR GUILD BRUNCH

All Saints' Altar Guild gathered on August 19th for a thank-you brunch, a wonderful morning filled with great food and even better fellowship. Since we generally work in groups of two or three to prepare the sanctuary for worship and communion, we seldom have a chance to meet as a group. Connie Smith and Cathie Marion changed that this month. They secured a grant from Thrivent, which not only covered the cost of our brunch, but allowed the guild to make a monetary donation to our local WEC. A big thanks to Connie and Cathie who also planned and prepared the food for our time together.

If you're looking for a way to serve, consider joining Altar Guild. It's a very rewarding experience.



SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR SEPT

Date	Greeter	Ushers	Lector	Worship Assistant	Altar Guild
3-Sep	Denise	Ralph B & Ralph M	Noni	Gene	Connie Smith and Judy Snow
10-Sep	Jill	Debby & Denise	Diane	Noni	
17-Sep	Debby	Jon & Janet	Sally	Pat	
24-Sep	Mel	Duane & Don W	Gene	Lisa	



Household of the week:

Ken & Marg Dunlap – Sept 3
 Debby Eisel – Sept 10
 James & Tamara Ennd – Sept 17
 Edda Forberger – Sept 24



Circuit Church of the week:

Christ the King, Commerce – Sept 3
 Christus Victor, Athens – Sept 10
 Good Shepherd, Gainesville – Sept 17
 Oak Road, Lilburn – Sept 24



Birthdays

Pam Bray – Sept 7
 Mickey Combs – Sept 8
 Janet Pearson – Sept 8
 Debby Eisel – Sept 11
 Pastor Dave – Sept 14
 Phil Magnon – Sept 16
 Nancy Hendrickson – Sept 19
 Marge Brandt – Sept 25
 Mel Thrasher – Sept 27
 Pat DeLuca – Sept 28
 Carol Lange – Sept 30



Anniversaries

Ed & Mickie Combs – Sept 25
 Mike & Jennie Priven – Sept 25