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It's Raining Babies!

New Beginnings

It is an exciting time to gather together on Sunday mornings at All Saints. It has been a celebration of new life and new beginnings.

On October 25th our newest member was born. Joel and Jen Kunesh and their daughter Ellie are proud to welcome **Emilie Reese Kunesh** to their family. We are all equally pleased to welcome Emilie to All Saints!



Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

This year we celebrated All Saints Day on Sunday November 4th. The 10:30 service was enlivened by *three* baptisms! We gathered to welcome **Anthony James Calabrese**, **Lillian Grace Crawley**, and **Sarah Ann Crouse** into the Body of Christ. In All Saints fashion, every child in the church participated.

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Then, on November 25th, we celebrated the baptism of **Olivia Rose Ackerman**, the great granddaughter of Rich and Aggie Kingham.



How Should We Think About the Poor?

Parts 5 and 6 In A Series

*On March 26, 1991, Bishop Kenneth E. Untener of Saginaw, Michigan, issued a "decree" that from that day forward, until July 1, 1991, all meetings held under Church auspices, at the parish or diocesan level, no matter what their purpose, must begin with the agenda item: **How shall what we are doing here affect or involve the poor?** The following are his reflections as he looks back on the decree.*

The decree on the poor was in effect for 97 days.

Never in my life had I talked about and listened to so much about the poor. On some days I had four or five meetings, and each began with: the poor.

I learned a lot, not only about the poor, but also about us, and how we think about (or don't think about) the poor. Believe me, I am no expert on the poor. But I learned eight things in particular during those 97 days.

5 Helping the poor is not always a pleasant experience

It's no picnic helping the poor. There is often no feeling of fulfillment. Its work—like a lot of virtue is work—like taking care of an elderly parent is work.

The poor, as fate would have it, are just like us. They are mixtures of virtues and vices. Like us, they are not always grateful. Like us, they don't always trust. Like us, they don't always respond. Like us, they are both generous and greedy. Like us, they are sometimes wonderful and sometimes awful. Whatever happened to the noble poor? Some are out there, but mostly they are in Charles Dickens.

The "poor" poor are not always so noble, and they are the hardest to deal with—which is probably why we don't.

Mental note: When you help the poor, you always receive more than you give—but it may not seem that way at the time.

6 Food baskets at Thanksgiving, toys at Christmas are good as far as they go—but they don't go very far

People easily talk about direct help to the poor on special occasions—clothes, food, money. Those fine things shouldn't be taken lightly. But that is the easy part. The hard part is trying to do something about the poor's state in life.

The discussion always slowed when we tried to focus on this. Where do you begin? What do you do?

It's hard when you deal with the causes. How can we give them basic skills to manage their lives? Can we make loans available to them through our own credit unions—at considerable risk? Shouldn't the state make better provision for dependent children? What about health insurance? How do we help them find work? How do we help them find work that pays a living wage? Why are single parents, usually women, abandoned so easily by a spouse?

Mental note: Direct assistance is good. Tackling the causes is better.

Next Month: Sometimes the poor are overwhelmed into inaction.

Strike the Rock

By Jan Fritzsche

“Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” – Exodus 17: 6

This is the story of people who were very thirsty:

The people of Israel, who lived long ago, had been in slavery in Egypt. They had to work and live as the Egyptians told them. They had no freedom. A man named Moses led the people of Israel into freedom. Then, they wandered through the desert. The people became very, very thirsty. They camped in the desert, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people said to Moses, “give us water to drink.” They were afraid that their families, and their farm animals would die of thirst. Moses cried out to the Lord, “what shall I do?” Moses heard the Lord tell him to go out ahead of the people and to take some of their leaders with him. He also heard the Lord tell him to take his shepherd’s staff with him and to strike a rock with this shepherd’s staff. Moses knew that God would be waiting for him, and that he would find water for the people to drink. Moses did just as he heard the Lord telling him to do, as the leaders of the people watched. They all saw that the Lord was among them.

Even today, people in our world do not have enough clean water to drink and need help to find water. In the village of Lomas de Café, in a country called Nicaragua, Leonardo and Xiomara live with their two small children. There is not much water in this village. A creek once supplied water to families in the village, but the creek dried up. For six years, people in the village had to carry all of their water for drinking, cooking, cleaning and

bathing over a distance of about a mile and a half every single day. It took the people of Lomas de Café nearly all day, every day, just to get water to their homes. The people became very frustrated.

The village leaders got together to find a better way to get clean water. With help from friends in the **Episcopal Church**, the people in the village were able to dig a well and keep the well water clean. Now, Leonardo and Xiomara’s children have time to go to school, and the parents in the village can spend more time earning money to provide food and other necessities to their children. Everyone in the village can be healthier, too, and are less likely to get sick.

How were the village people and their children helped? ...And would you like to be one of the friends needed to help a community by providing access to clean water?

This year our **All Saints Christmas Memorials** will be dedicated to the Episcopal Relief and Development’s program to provide clean water to those around the world who, like the wandering Israelites, are without. Look for an insert in the Sunday bulletins that will give you the opportunity to make a difference.

Lord, we thank you for the gift of water. Amen



Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly!

Ok, so it won't be holly...but we will be decking the halls on Sunday, December 23rd. Please plan to join us for our annual "Greening of the Church" right after the 10:30 worship service. Light refreshments and joyous music will be provided.

Altar Guild



Rummage Sale

Thank you to all who contributed items for the sale, set-up, folded, collected money, cleaned-up and transported the remaining items to Goodwill! Clean-up was done in an hour and a half, including putting the tables and chairs back and mopping the floors. Our profit: \$1000.00! Many thank you's!

All Saints Coupon Program

After 16 years of very dedicated service, Ralph and Joanne Emerick will be stepping down from coordinating the coupon program. We are extremely grateful for their years of service to the All Saints Community!!

Please join us in thanking the Emericks.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

By Sandy Kynerd, Good Shepherd Teacher

Ask any of our Good Shepherd children and they will tell you that it is the Season of Advent, the liturgical color is blue and that it is a Time of Preparation. It is one of my most favorite times in the Good Shepherd Atrium because we read and study the Infancy Narratives. These are The Annunciation, The Visitation, The Birth of Jesus, The Adoration of the Shepherds, The Adoration of the Wise Men, The Presentation in the Temple and

the Flight into Egypt. We have much to experience in the next few weeks to prepare our hearts for the Coming of Jesus who is "The Light of the World".

May His Peace be with you throughout this Advent Season!!!

Sandy Kynerd, Jan Fritzsche, Lisa Czerny

Coffee Hour: A Time for Fellowship

I remember a time, not so very long ago, when lively coffee hours were the norm after Sunday Eucharist. The tables in the parish hall were filled with people sharing the stories of their lives, giving support to those who were burdened, and laughing about the crazy journeys that we travel in life. And all of this amidst the noise of running, giggling children who consumed a cookie or two too many.

Coffee hour is now rarely attended.

I miss that time. Others have told me that they miss it too. Coffee hour draws us together as a community. Can we all agree to give a half hour of our time after Sunday Eucharist during Advent to meet in the church hall for fellowship? I dare say that I believe it would do us some good.

The Bulletin Board

Please save those **plastic bags**. Place them in the tote below the nametag table. We are knitting them into mats for the homeless. Please join us!

The **deadline for Carillon submissions** is the 21st of the preceding month (January submissions are due by December 21st).

On December 2 at 10:30 AM we are encouraging all children to come to our Atrium to help us celebrate **Saint Nicholas**, the patron saint of children! Events include making Advent wreaths, a special collection of socks, youth readers, etc.

All ages are invited to join us to create **Advent Wreaths** on Sunday, December 2 at 9:30 AM in the South Room. They are easy to make and a great way to help stay focused on the meaning of Advent and Christmas. Please sign up on the bulletin board so we have enough supplies for everyone.

The next **All Saints Night Out** is at Texas Roadhouse (Ridge Park Square) on Tuesday, December 4th, 4:30–8:00 pm. Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of our net sales back to All Saints.

Please don't forget to come and join Jan and Sandy for **Walk the Walk** at 7:00 until 8:00 PM every Monday evening in our parish hall. It is great exercise and great fellowship. We actually have fun as we walk 3 miles to a DVD directed by Leslie Sansone, a certified instructor. Her DVD heart healthy, toning and firming walks are easy to follow, genuinely challenging, walking-style workouts with recognizable music that is sure to keep you motivated. If you have any questions please call Sandy.

Coffee Hour. If you enjoy a hot cup of coffee or a cold drink, please do not forget to make a donation now and then. Coffee hour has always been self supporting because of your donations.

Please join one of our **Bible Studies**. There are 2 Bible study groups that meet every Wednesday. On Wednesday mornings there is a Holy Eucharist celebrated at 10:00, followed by Bible study at 11:00. The evening Bible study group meets at 7:00. In December we are continuing our Advent program, **The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem**. The topics for upcoming weeks are:

- December 5 Mary's visit to Elizabeth
- December 12 From Nazareth to Bethlehem
- December 19 The Manger

This is a great way to experience the miracle of Christmas. I hope you will join us!

Please support our **Outreach** programs. Donation envelopes can be found in the pews.

The next **Senior Dinner** is on December 2 at 1:00 in the parish hall. If anyone can bake Christmas Cookies for the dinner it would be appreciated.

The next **Vestry Meeting** will be held on Tuesday December 18th at 7:00 in the South Room.

Christmas Services. There will be a Christmas Eve Family Liturgy, a Christmas Eve Candlelight Liturgy, and a Christmas Day Eucharist. Times to be announced.

**The parish office will be closed December 25th – 27th.
Merry Christmas!**

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December Events at All Saints

Sundays Holy Eucharist at 8:30 and 10:30 am

Mondays Walk the Walk at 7:00 pm

Wednesdays (excluding December 26)
Holy Eucharist at 10:00 am
Bible Study at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm

Sun 2 Wreath Making at 9:30 am
Children's St. Nick Celebration at 10:30 am
Senior Dinner at 1:00 pm

Mon 3 Outreach Committee Meeting at 9:30 am

Tue 4 All Saints Night Out at Texas Roadhouse
4:30 - 8:00 pm

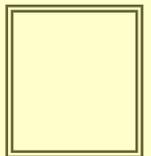
Tue 18 Vestry Meeting at 7:00 pm

Mon 24 Family Christmas Eve Liturgy
Candlelight Liturgy

Tue 25 Christmas Day Eucharist

Tue 25 - Christmas - Office closed.
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