

All Saints Lutheran Church "Oasis of Joy" USA 708-448-2939

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Hello, Friends ...

I did a little "reminiscing" today ... walking "out back" ... looking at the names on the bricks in our outdoor area. Way back ... in 1960 and 1961 ... when people were trying to decide if a church on LaGrange Road could make it ... we had a charter member named Ruby. She wrote her own version of "I have a dream" speech. She talked about having an outdoor worship area ... beautiful landscaping ... and even a gym for kids to play in. Many folks back then kind-of scoffed: Ruby, you are such a dreamer. She even dreamed of memorials to those who have gone before.

Well ---- Ruby has long since left us. She almost single-handedly kept us from selling our back acreage. She died before the dedication walk and gym became reality. But every All Saints Sunday ... which this year is on November 3 ... I think about her: her vision, her faith, her quiet strength and courage.

Much of her dream has come to fruition ... and I'm sure – from her "perch" in the great beyond – she sees it. I just hope and pray that the fire and spirit that empowered her ... will still live on in us and those who come after us.

A lot has changed over the years. For those who started All Saints ... the church was like the center of their universe. Even my generation growing up ---- so much of my life centered around my neighborhood church. Today we are pulled in many different directions. And yet ... in the midst of all we do ----- God's spirit is there: from the soccer field to the work place to all the obligations coming our way.

I hope our "humble temple" will always have a place in your heart and soul.

A few things ...

**Sunday, November 3 is All Saints Sunday. We will remember those who have "gone before" during both services. Please fill-out the form when you are here ... and let us know whom you would like remembered.

Sunday evening at 5:00 ... we have a nice event at Silver Lake Country Club. The hors d'oeuvres are really good ... there is a cash bar ... an informal program capturing the spirit of All Saints. Tickets are \$25 ... only \$10 for young people (we really want some of our youth to come). Hope you will support this event ... and it's a good way to meet some new folks.

**OUR NEXT OUTREACH BINGO is Friday, October 25 ... HALLOWEEN BINGO. Dress up if you'd like ... or just come "dressed as you." It's a great adult evening. Pizza, hot-dogs, sloppy joe's ... on the menu. These bingo evenings are sponsored by

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our men's club ... and whatever monies we raise goes directly to help people in need and organizations and causes close to our heart. Please rsvp as soon as possible.

**THE NEXT BIBLE STUDY is coming up ----- beginning Wednesday, October 16, 7:00 PM ... continuing for 6 weeks. The book we are using is entitled "Provocative Grace." Ken Konecki does a great job, and we appreciate his time and effort. You can rsvp on Sunday.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 is national **UNITY DAY.

It's about working together against bullying ---- being united for KINDNESS, ACCEPTANCE, AND INCLUSION.

Pretty much what we stand for as a church!!

On Sunday, October 20 ---- our Sunday School kids and staff will focus on this theme ... and will even sprinkle our worship service with some of their goodness and grace.

WE ARE STILL ACCEPETING REGISTRATIONS FOR ----- Sunday School, Confirmation class, and the Youth Group. **Confirmation is for young people in 7th and 8th grade.

We meet two Monday evenings per month. Our first class is Monday, October 21, 7:15 – 8:30. If you have any questions about our confirmation program ... please call me at the church. **Our youth group is for young people 7th – 12th grade.

OUR YOUTH GROUP IS SPONSORING BREAKFAST for everyone this Sunday ... between services ... 9:30 – 10:30. So ---- stay after church if you come early ... get here a little early if you are coming to the 11:00 service.

Have a blessed day ... see you "in the temple"

With joy Don