

## Pastor's Page for June 2017

Dear Saints,

This past month, we were surrounded by spring's beauty and signs of new life for the Easter season. Bill & Nancy Romej have done a lot of gardening and landscaping, Randy Morin and Curt Kvaas have taken care of our lawn as we pursue a summer contract. Our Council hosted a day to clean out our shed on 5/20. We thank Jan Kvaas for loaning angel figurines for the glass display case this month of celebrating Easter. Worship & Music gave out lovely pen & notecard sets to women at worship on Mother's Day, and we welcomed five New Member families:

Marlene Carlson  
7506 Channahon Court, Fox Lake, IL 60020  
847-629-5460

Roxanne Hopkins (husband Steve)  
28653 W Kendall Ave., Spring Grove, IL 60081  
224-629-0771

Herbet & Brigitte Richter  
7404 Custer Court, Fox Lake, IL 60020  
847-973-2991

Dawn Rooney  
(husband Andy & daughters Ashley & Jennifer)  
1505 May Avenue, Johnsburg, IL 60051  
815-363-1768

Craig Zimmerman & Patty Jastrab ( his sons, Max & Cooper & Carson & Knox, her son Kyle)  
116 W. Chestnut, Silver Lake, IL 53170  
815-482-8066

For the First Communion Class on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, six youth attended: Deegan Cooley, Amber & Amanda & Morgan Gotsch, Kyle Jastrab, and Cooper Schiller. Thanks to Catherine Mantonya & Kimberly Cooley as adult mentors.

I presided at Wayne Grothe's funeral at Hamsher's on 4/25, the Baptism of Parker Daniel Twinham on 4/30, the memorial for Helen Stark at Leisure Village on 5/4, the memorial for Janet Batchelor on 5/13, and the memorial for Larry Vera on 5/20. Our WELCA ladies hosted receptions for the last two here at All Saints and is greatly appreciated. Our Prayer Blanket ministries presented Parker's family with their gift of love. I've enjoyed the Adult Bible Studies on love hosted by Phill Donner and Roxanne Hopkins; thank you! Sunday School finished classes on 5/21 with goodie bags for all the children, and the Confirmation class on Baptism concluded 5/10. Eight of us cleaned up the roadside of Main Street for Adopt a Highway on 5/24, and one of the mothers found a dollar bill, giving it to church. We thank WELCA for all their efforts in hosting the rummage sale on 4/28-29, earning over \$1800. I was impressed with the 29 people who came to OWLS at Tammy's on 4/28. Some of our Council demonstrated compassion for a homeless man this past month, and we were able to help him regain his Driver's License. Several of our music ministry volunteers went to Fox Point Assisted Living in McHenry to lead seniors in patriotic music honoring Memorial Day weekend on 5/26. Our worship schedule changed to a combined Service at 9 a.m. for the summer on 5/28.

The Metropolitan Chicago Synod assembly will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 9-10, 2017, at the Tinley Park Convention Center in Tinley Park, IL. The theme is **Yesterday, Today, and Forever** - Hebrews 13:8 - "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

Our VBS is combined with Joyful Harvest at their church on June 19-23: "Follow the Light." We'll have more to report on this and the scheduled Progressive Picnic on 6/3 in our July newsletter. Upcoming: our Council is promoting the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade float for Spring Grove with its *Champions* theme, and our focus will be Jesus Christ Superstar!

Blessings in Christ, Pastor Nathan