



# THE SCOOP

SUBMITTED BY PASTOR JENNIFER



## Game Night

Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>

**6:00 - 8:00 pm**

Bring your own beverages, snacks  
and games to share!

**UPDATED TIME - STARTING AT 6:00 PM!**

SUBMITTED BY ALL SAINTS COUNCIL

# Budget Informational Meeting

Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>

All are welcome to come and learn  
about the 2026 proposed budget.



SUBMITTED BY ALL SAINTS COUNCIL

## ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 25th  
@ 11:00 am

Reviewing the last year and looking ahead to the next one!



## 2025 RaiseRight/Scrip Update

The Human Concerns team had a great year with sales of gift cards. We had a total of \$71,630 gift cards ordered at the table and online during the year. That is an increase of more than \$20,000 of orders from 2024! The total rebate of the sales of those gift cards was \$3517! That is Free Money for our church! Of that, we paid \$264 for shipping, which is \$11 for each order placed.

The RaiseRight online order rebate for all orders was \$1491. That averages almost \$125 a month! November had a \$228 rebate from online orders alone and September was \$207. And, new to RaiseRight this year is Local Dining. We earned \$243 from families eating at restaurants noted in the app and just using their linked credit card for payment!

There were 8 families who used the app more than a handful of times to purchase gift cards and e-cards. One member had a rebate total of \$806! That is an incredible amount that we received from just one family keeping an eye on the rebates and especially bonuses on the app. Can you imagine if we had double the number of users of the RaiseRight app. It really is easy to use—just ask Chuck, or Judy, or George or Rebecca as they would be happy to show you how it works! If you link your checking account to the app, it costs just \$0.29 for a transaction, no matter how much is ordered. There is information on how to sign up and get the app on the [ASLC website](#). You will need the ASLC code, which is on the sign by the Scrip Table.

**One final note**—many of us use our credit cards for most purchases and receive a percentage toward various rewards. That amount might typically be around 5%. Please consider purchasing gift cards from RaiseRight and help us to continue to contribute to church's missions. You might be able to allow us to receive 8-12% on your purchases! If more members buy gift cards just once a month or every other month, that would be a huge addition to our causes! Pick 'n Save, Kwik Trip and Amazon are a few of our most purchased cards—do you shop there? Please help us support our church outreach efforts!

# My Immigrant Ancestor

**Submitted by Pastor Jennifer** *(Note: This is the first article in a series of articles by All Saints Members, sharing the story of our Ancestors who Immigrated to the United States.)*

Over the years, I've spent time digging around on Ancestry.com, looking into my ancestors and learning a bit of their stories. If you haven't looked at it, it is a neat website where you can learn fascinating details about your relatives. (One of my relatives in the 1800's was a riverboat singer – how cool is that?!)

Today I want to tell you the story of my Second Great Grandfather, Lars Peter Person (my great-grandfather's father on my mom's side). Lars was born in 1853 in Grashult, Sweden. The family name (which is also my mother's maiden name) "Person" was a combination of Lars's father's name, "Per," and the name "Son."

Lars Person married my Second Great Grandmother, Josefina Nilson, in 1876. They had four children, all boys: Carl (my great-grandfather), Oscar, Ivar, and David. (Four children sounds a bit familiar to me!)

On June 13, 1897, Lars left Sweden and sailed to America, arriving in Carthage, South Dakota, on July 5, 1897. The rest of the family joined him later, sailing to America on May 13, 1898, and arriving on June 8. They left Sweden because times were very hard with much poverty. Alluring tales from America convinced them to seek a new home, earn a livelihood, and pursue a better life.

My Second Great Grandmother, Josefina, was an industrious woman who worked both inside and outside the home. She was once spotted cutting rye into bundles just three days after David was born! She was a hard worker (maybe that's where I get that from), played the accordion well (I wonder if this is where my musical genes come from), learned to speak English early (so she was also intelligent), and had a beautiful singing voice.

My Second Great Grandfather Lars was an honest man who held many positions of trust in his church (this sounds familiar) and served as the township treasurer for 18 years. When he immigrated to Carthage, South Dakota, he led devotional services at his church. (This is about as close as I can find to a preacher in my ancestry, but it's neat to read about!)

I am certain that these ancestors had no idea that one day their second great-granddaughter would be the Pastor of a church in Wisconsin. It probably would have been beyond their greatest imagination for their own descendants. And yet, here I am, grateful for their willingness to forge ahead to chase their dreams—no doubt, in spite of their fear.

### Share Your Story

Might you have a story to share of your Immigrant Ancestor(s)? We invite you to submit a story! By sharing these stories of our collective journey to living in America, we too might find ourselves wrapped up in our common heritage—a story of hoping and praying for God's provision in a new land.

## Immigration Informational Speaker

**Monday, January 26 | 7:00-8:30 PM**

Join us Monday evening, January 26, for an informational presentation on the process of legal immigration to the United States. Former ASLC member Erik Swenson will share his firsthand experience sponsoring family members for immigration from Nicaragua. He also brings broader insight into the immigration process through friends who have immigrated from countries across Mexico and South America.

ALL ARE WELCOMED! THE MORE WE KNOW THE MORE WE GROW.

Submitted by Laura Dralle on behalf of the Circle Conversations Group





SUBMITTED BY GARY VALINE

# Tech Desk Volunteers Wanted



Assist with Sunday Broadcasts



Assist with Audio and/or Video



Not Full Time, on a Rotation



Some Training Needed



Teens or Adults Can Volunteer



Can Be Very Fun!

Any teen or adult interested in helping us,  
please contact the church at [office@aslcwales.org](mailto:office@aslcwales.org)  
or Gary Valine at 262-391-1287.

SUBMITTED BY JUDY KNOERNSCHILD

## *All Saints Variety Show*

Date: Jan 31

Time 6:00

Variety Acts needed:

Musical: solo, duet, group - can be vocal or instrumental -  
whatever you like to do!

Ages: ALL ages! Adults, Children, Families, Youth - solo/duo and  
groups

Other types to make it a variety: Dance, Comedy, Skit.... whatever!

Questions: Contact Judy Knoernschild 262-408-3897

[jknoernschild@gmail.com](mailto:jknoernschild@gmail.com)

OR Russ Zellrzell@wi.rr.com (262) 844-0014

**FOR YOUR SUPPORT**  
**SONGORO SCHOLARSHIP**  
**PROGRAM FOR**  
**SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS**



- Farm families with annual family incomes of \$500 - \$600 are not able to pay the fees needed to keep their children in school.
- Higher education or meaningful employment are more likely with private secondary school education.
- Any size contribution is appreciated.
- Scholarship committee in Tanzania distributes the scholarships by merit and need.

**MOST YOUTH IN TANZANIA  
DO NOT ATTEND  
SECONDARY SCHOOL (HIGH SCHOOL)**

- Any size contribution is appreciated
- \$70-\$80 will keep a student in a state operated school for one year.
- \$250-\$300 will keep a student in a private boarding school for one year.

**ASLC SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP  
APPEAL FUNDS  
WILL BE SENT IN LATE JANUARY  
ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE  
PEWS  
OR  
AT OUR NARTHEX DISPLAY**





Tanzania Coffee Research Institute (TaCRI)

**TRAINING FOR MT MERU COFFEE FARMERS**

**Mt Meru Coffee Project Goal**

Goal of the Mt Meru Coffee Project is to train 100 farmers annually.

**Participation by Congregations or Individuals**

TaCRI Fees

Transportation from Coops to TaCRI

Meals



**DEVELOP AND DISTRIBUTE NEW DISEASE &  
INSECT RESISTANT COFFEE PLANTS**



You can help improve the standard of living in the Meru Diocese of Tanzania while enjoying **PREMIUM** coffee grown on Mt Meru. The packaged coffee available at the All Saints self service narthex display has been rated as **PREMIUM** by professional coffee tasters and has been enjoyed by consumers for 25 years. It is available for you to sample at our coffee hour after service every week.





*Jennifer Kenyon*

*Gayle Gaugert*

*Dale Johnson*

*Jim Cleary*

*Grayson Dralle*

*Brandt Walgren*

*Carl Kelly*

*Clifford Van Den Elzen*

*Jim Quinn*

*Nansi Hawkins*

*George Hoelzl*

*Micah Wirsching*

*Roger Quint*

*Steve Pasono*

*Dan Gaugert*

*Ethan Jaworski*

*Joann Kelly*

*Pam Gasper*

## *Happy Anniversary*

*Elizabeth Llyod-Wies & Tom Weiss*

*30 years*

*Lance & Lora Ekum*

*32 years*

*Carl & Joann Kelly*

*60 years*



**VOLUNTEER**  
**FOR WORSHIP**

**BREEZE**  
**LOG ON INFO**

**ALL SAINTS**  
**CALENDAR**

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