



THE Sainly NEWS

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The Annual All Saints Picnic!

Mark September 10, 2023 on your calendar! The festivities will begin at 12:00 noon and run until 3:00 pm. We'll have brats, burgers, hot dogs, chips and cookies for lunch, bingo and the ever-popular cakewalk for fun, and games for the kids. While there is no charge for this event, a 50/50 drawing will be held to benefit St. Vincent de Paul. A donation jar will be available for your donations. Invite your neighbors to join us, bring your lawn chairs, and kick back in the shade on the All Saints lawn. We need a few volunteers to help with food service and other areas. There are sign-up sheets on Bulletin Board #2 for the areas where help is needed. Thank you in advance!



Vacation Bible School 2023

We had such fun adventures learning about and exploring ancient Egypt during our *Puzzling Pyramids* VBS in June! A total of ten kids (two from Davenport, Iowa) were involved throughout the week. Participants were engaged in skits, Bible study, lessons, crafts, recreation, and hands-on snacks, all of which focused on the life of Moses. Each day the children worked hard to figure out clues to discover the treasure of Moses by the conclusion of the week (hint: a nine-letter word that begins with "s" and ends with "n").

WE ARE SO THANKFUL THAT...

- * Carolyn Niederer and Michel Williams served as leaders.
- * Masyn Brown, Tiarra Danielowski, Mary Heal, and Rachel Schmadeke provided valuable assistance.
- * Heather Brown and Ron Niederer filled in for staff when necessary.
- * All materials and activities for *Puzzling Pyramids* were included in our Sunday School Planet curriculum for 2022-2023, so there was no extra cost.
- * Ron and Carolyn Niederer provided \$250 from a Thrivent Action Team Grant for materials and supplies.
- * Kay Johnson graciously donated snacks.
- * A long-time Sunday School supporter made a generous donation to be used as needed.

LOOK FOR MORE PICTURES OF THIS AMAZING VBS ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARD!



Sunday Worship - In-Person 9:00 a.m.
Recorded Service available on our
Facebook Page and
Webpage at 10:30 am.

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Dear Friends:

I hope you are enjoying the longer days and warmer weather of summer. What a treat it is to have a low humidity day with a warm breeze – opening up the house, turning off the air and maybe even eating dinner outside. I love to hang laundry outside on our drying rack...just ask my husband, Alan, how excited I get when the weather warms up enough for me to do so! These are the days we dreamt of when we were stuck inside with sub-zero weather and snow and ice! I'm glad I live in a climate where there is a change of season (though snow and ice are NOT my favorite) – it makes me appreciate the beauty each season has to offer.

I also hope you are taking some time for vacation. Not everyone can get away – but taking some time for rest – for “re-creation” is important, as was modeled for us by God. Alan and I were blessed by our recent trip to Alaska – what a stunningly beautiful state that is! The trip ended with Alan's daughter Ann driving up to Vancouver, BC and getting to spend a couple of days with her. Even “stay-cations” can be renewing!

When we take time to just stop...we can reconnect with our families, friends, ourselves and most importantly, God! Worship is an important part of that “re-creation” time - what better place to connect with God and hear what God is saying to me than in a worship service? We are glad to be able to worship together in person and also to offer recordings of our worship service online.

On July 4th, we celebrated Independence Day...a great thing to celebrate, but also a reminder of our *dependence* on God's gracious love and forgiveness. May we always remember to take time out to praise him and to praise the world around us. God's blessings to you in these summer days...

In Christ,
Pastor Janet Wold



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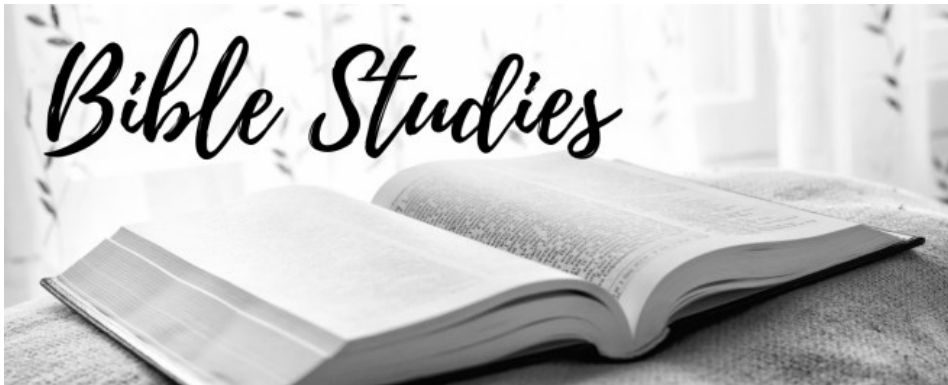
CUSTODIAN

Peggy McClung

Cindy Yoakum would like to thank WELCA for the beautiful book mark she received. Coming at this time, it really meant a lot to her. Every time she sees it, she will remember the good feelings it brings her.



Deadline for the September Sainly News is **August 18**
Please send articles to
Rebecca Presson



Check the calendar for changes to the Bible Study schedule.

Monday Afternoon Bible Study, facilitated by Pastor Janet Wold, continues via Zoom at 1:30 pm. This is a study and discussion of the following Sunday's Gospel lesson. A link to the Monday afternoon Bible Study is included in the Thursday announcement's email. Feel free to join us! If you need a Zoom tutorial, Pastor Janet will help you with that. If you do not have a computer, you can join via telephone at the number included in the announcement's email.

Tuesday Night Bible Study, facilitated by Steve Reid, will continue through the summer at 7:00 pm in Conference Room #310. This Bible Study is digging deeper into devotions, and the meaning of them.

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study, facilitated by Pastor Janet Wold, will be on hiatus until the Fall.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study, facilitated by Steve Jones, will be on hiatus until the Fall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 2023-2024

For the 2023-2024 school year, we are going to try something new. Parents will now be able to choose from two different opportunities each Sunday for their child/children to dig into the Bible and develop a solid faith foundation. Learners may attend either session at any time. The Bible point for the day will be the same for both groups.

9:00 – 9:50 Children's Church (during the worship service)
10:00 – 10:50 Sunday School

This year we will once again be using a curriculum from Group Publishing's DIG IN program. The online tool allows us to customize lessons based upon our children's ministry. We will be utilizing the 3rd and 4th quarters of The Bible in One Year, and the kids will be hearing about persons such as Esther, Nehemiah, the Pharisees, the Disciples, Jonah, Paul, and Timothy. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Michel Williams.



August Sunday Scriptures

August 6

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 55:1-5

Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

August 13

11th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:9-18

Psalms 85:8-13

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33

August 20

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Psalms 67

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15:21-28

August 27

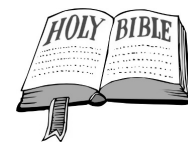
13th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalms 138

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20



*Please Clip & Save
for your reference*

Communion Assistants Needed!

We know how many of you have missed our former way of communion by kneeling (or standing) at the rail. We would like to reinstate this method of communion on the first Sunday of each month, beginning October 1st. However, we will need your help to accomplish this! We need several people to sign up to be communion assistants. You would only come forward before communion to help distribute the wine and grape juice tray, and then return to your seat at the conclusion of communion. If you are interested, speak to Pastor Janet.



Church Attendance

Worship Totals	Online Viewers	In-Person	Total
May 28	140	53	193
June 4	126	62	188
11	82	71	153
18	128	47	175
25	No power	54	54
July 2	82	60	142
9	90	52	142
16	156	53	209
23	78	51	129
Total	882	503	1385
Average	98	56	154

June Council Highlights

- Giving has not kept up with budget requirements.
- An outing to Timber Lake Playhouse is confirmed for July 30. The play is a presentation of “9 to 5”.
- Need to schedule AED (defibrillator) training. A sign-up sheet is posted for interested people to sign-up.
- Next blood drive is scheduled for January 22, 2024.
- Many repairs have been accomplished around the church.
- VBS is scheduled for June 19-23, 2023.



MEETING MINUTES

July Council Highlights

- Spending was under budget for June.
- A new cleaning lady, Peggy McClung, has been hired to replace Peterson Cleaning.
- VBS was a great success with 10 children participating.
- Sunday School will begin September 10. A hybrid program of two sessions, one at 9:00 and one at 10:00 will give parents a choice of which to attend.
- Emergency light battery pack replacement has begun.



BOOK CLUB

Book Club

The Book club will meet on Tuesday, August 22 at 1:00 pm in conference room 210. This month's selection is "**The Pilot's Wife**" by Anita Shreve. A pilot's wife is taught to be prepared for the late night knock at the door. But when Kathryn Lyons received word that a plane flown by her husband, Jack, has exploded near the coast of Ireland, she confronts the unfathomable, one startling revelation at a time. She is soon drawn into a maelstrom of publicity fueled by rumors that Jack led a secret life. Kathryn sets out to learn who her husband really was, at whatever that knowledge might cost.

Blood Drive 2023

On July 13 All Saints held a Blood Drive at the church. Working with the Rock River Valley Blood Center, the drive took place from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. RRVBC arrived at the church at 12:00 pm and turned All Saints Fellowship Hall into a blood collection center. During the drive a total of 31 units of blood were collected, which had the potential of saving up to 93 lives. Thank you for those who came to participate at the Blood Drive. Special thanks to Jim Wilcox for coordinating the drive, and to Jan Sloan who made the calls to area donors and helped fill up the appointment list. All Saints next drive will be held on January 22, 2024.



Library News

The Shack by WM. Paul Young - Mackenzie's daughter is kidnapped and murdered. Her body was found in an abandoned cabin in the deep woods. Four years later in the midst of his sadness, her father receives a letter from "God" inviting him to the shack for a weekend.

Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline - Molly is close to ageing out of the foster care system when she meets Vivian, an elderly woman. As a community service requirement to keep her out of Juvie, Molly helps her clean out her attic. In the process, Molly learns they have much in common.



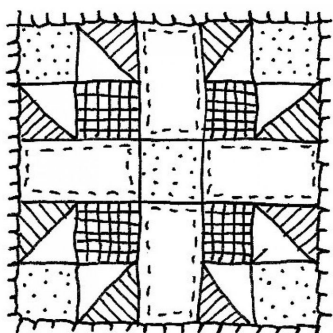
WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Church in America)

Thank you to all who participated by buying tickets for our bratwurst sale. We made \$508. Expenses were covered by a donated Thrivent Action Grant, so the entire amount of money raised is profit and able to cover needed funds for the emergency light batteries. A special thank you goes to the grant donor, Greg Lading, Steve Jones for being our master griller, and Marlene Roberts for shopping and coordinating the sale. Thank you to all those who assisted in this project.

A WELCA meeting is being planned for sometime this fall.

Quilters

The quilters plan to meet on August 3rd and 17th at 9:00 am at the church. The finished quilts are filling up the storage shelves. The time is getting closer to ship the quilts and school kits to Lutheran World Relief. The LWR newsletter stated that the Quilt and Kit Ministry allows us to love our neighbors during the hardest time of their lives. They are literally the answer to their prayers.



The GATHERING

The GATHERING will meet on Tuesday, August 8 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Come join us for fun, fellowship, and food!



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Lutheran World Relief

Items needed for 2023 School Kits

Contributions are needed by AUGUST 30.

- 4 spiral bound notebooks (70 page)
- 1 ruler with both inches and centimeters
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 blunt tip scissors
- 5 #2 Pencils (unsharpened)
- 5 pens (blue or black ink – no gel ink)
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 1 eraser (2 ½ inch)



Attention Parents of 7th and 8th Graders!

Confirmation will begin on September 10th. Letters have been mailed to homes of potential confirmation students. If you have a child entering 7th or 8th grade and did not receive this letter, please contact the church office as soon as possible so your child can be included in this fall's class. Deadline for registering your child is August 13th so we have time to order materials for this year's curriculum.

May Financials

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual May	Budget May	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2023	
Revenue	General Fund	\$14,637	\$16,772	\$85,372	\$83,860	\$201,264	
	Mortgage	\$873	\$1,246	\$5,176	\$6,234	\$14,952	
	Other Giving	\$819	\$833	\$3,474	\$4,169	\$9,996	
	Total Revenue	\$16,329	\$18,851	\$94,021	\$94,263	\$226,212	
Expenses	1000	Mission Support	\$100	\$1,167	\$3,344	\$5,835	\$14,004
		Other Outreach	\$355	\$516	\$2,828	\$2,592	\$6,192
		Total Outreach	\$455	\$1,683	\$6,172	\$8,427	\$20,196
	2000	Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$575	\$1,110	\$4,279	\$5,584	\$13,320
		Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$10,770	\$11,294	\$57,719	\$56,484	\$135,528
		Total Ministries	\$11,344	\$12,404	\$61,998	\$62,068	\$148,848
	3000	Total Building (Non Capital)	\$2,557	\$2,710	\$12,961	\$13,569	\$32,520
		Total Expense	\$14,356	\$16,797	\$81,132	\$84,064	\$201,564
	3000 Capital	Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$1,246	\$1,246	\$11,834	\$6,234	\$14,952
		Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Building Capital		\$1,246	\$1,246	\$11,834	\$6,234	\$14,952	
Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)		\$15,602	\$18,043	\$92,965	\$90,298	\$216,516	
Net	Net for Month/Year (Revenue Minus Expense)	\$727		\$1,056			
	(Under)/Over Budget for Month/Year	(\$2,441)		\$2,667			

June Financials

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual June	Budget June	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2023	
Revenue	General Fund	\$12,393	\$16,772	\$97,765	\$100,632	\$201,264	
	Mortgage	\$1,674	\$1,246	\$6,850	\$7,480	\$14,952	
	Other Giving	\$279	\$833	\$3,754	\$5,002	\$9,996	
	Total Revenue	\$14,346	\$18,851	\$108,369	\$113,114	\$226,212	
Expenses	1000	Mission Support	\$100	\$1,167	\$3,444	\$7,002	\$14,004
		Other Outreach	\$100	\$516	\$2,928	\$3,108	\$6,192
		Total Outreach	\$200	\$1,683	\$6,372	\$10,110	\$20,196
	2000	Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$695	\$1,110	\$4,974	\$6,694	\$13,320
		Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$11,803	\$11,294	\$69,522	\$67,778	\$135,528
		Total Ministries	\$12,498	\$12,404	\$74,496	\$74,472	\$148,848
	3000	Total Building (Non Capital)	\$2,611	\$2,710	\$15,572	\$16,279	\$32,520
		Total Expense	\$15,309	\$16,797	\$96,440	\$100,861	\$201,564
	3000 Capital	Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$1,246	\$1,246	\$13,080	\$7,480	\$14,952
		Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Building Capital		\$1,246	\$1,246	\$13,080	\$7,480	\$14,952	
Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)		\$16,555	\$18,043	\$109,520	\$108,341	\$216,516	
Net	Net for Month/Year (Revenue Minus Expense)	(\$2,209)		(\$1,151)			
	(Under)/Over Budget for Month/Year	(\$1,488)		\$1,179			

In Our Prayers

Health & Healing
Kathy Burrows
Phyllis Coffman
Jim Coffman
Sandi Reid
Kit Reif

Cindy Yoakum
 Dennis Reid
 Richard McCabe
 Mike Gordon
 Will Heindrick
 Bruce Roller
 Keith Padgett
 Ann Frerichs
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 Dave Kaye
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Mary Whitmer

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Vacation Bible School Photos



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Sunday School Registration

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Confirmation classes begin

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Annual Picnic

Office Hours are Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Closed on Friday