

Save The Date!

Pastor Janet's last Sunday before her retirement is June 23. We are planning a retirement luncheon for her at 11:30 am on the 23rd. More information will be forthcoming as we finalize plans.



Bishop Stacie Fidler to Preach on May 5

Bishop Stacie Fidler, Bishop of the Northern Illinois Synod, will be our guest preacher on Sunday, May 5. Additionally, she will offer blessings to Pastor Janet as she nears retirement, and to our congregation as we begin our church life without Pastor Janet as our spiritual leader. Bishop Fidler will be available for conversation and questions after worship. Please plan to attend church that Sunday to give Bishop Fidler a warm welcome!

Pentecost Flowers

You can help beautify the church grounds by donating to the Pentecost Flower Fund. You can do this by using the insert included in the weekly church announcements or picking it up at church. You may give any amount of money (i.e. \$1.00, \$5.00, \$10.00) which will be used to buy flowers and other landscaping needs. Thanks for your ongoing help to beautify All Saints! Please make your donation by May 12th. Checks should be made payable to "All Saints Lutheran Church."



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Dear Friends:

We've just concluded a meaningful Lenten season here at All Saints with the triumphant celebration of our Lord's victory over death. Thank you to all who helped make our mid-week Lenten services possible as well as our Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter worship services so meaningful. Your gift of music, preparing the altar, reading scriptures, helping with the food for the soup suppers or Easter breakfast and, especially, your attendance helped make our Lent, Holy Week and Easter the significant services they were. Thank you!



Now spring is in the air and we find ourselves grateful once again for the signs of new life around us. Though we had a relatively mild winter, I know I'm always glad to see the greening of our world again and experience the warmer temperatures. Spring is a good time to be reminded of the powerfulness of God – all around us are signs of new life coming out of what appears to be dead, sounds of powerful thunderstorms and reports of tornados and hurricanes soon to come. From the smallest blade of grass appearing from the dull, gray ground to the miracle of the resurrection on Easter morning, we are surrounded daily by wonders of God.

It is a good time to reflect on the renewal happening in our lives daily. Our God gives us love, life and forgiveness. Daily we are being "re-created" to live as God desires. How are you living into that daily gift? In what ways do you try to connect to God's promises? One way is to be part of our weekly worship, another is to attend one of our Bible studies, another way is to pray and ask God to help you! We all fall short of what God wants of us, but the good news is that we have "new life" every day!

May this Spring be a time of renewal for us all.

God's blessings to you,
Pastor Janet

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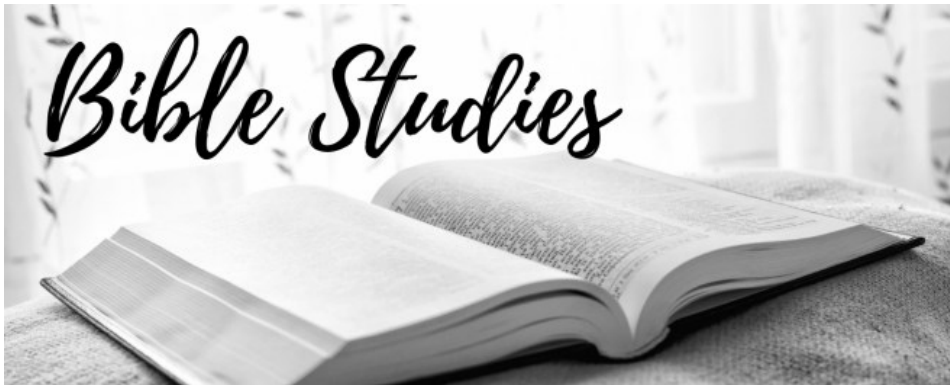
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Deadline for the May Saintly News is **April 15**
Please send articles to
Rebecca Presson

Attention Graduates!

We wish to include the names of our 8th grade, high school, trade school, and college graduates in the June/July issue of the Saintly News. Please fill us in on the exciting details about where your student is graduating from and what their next step will be. Submit this information to office@AllSaintsByron.org by May 17th.



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 Resumes, facilitated by Steve Reid. We will be resuming the Tuesday night Bible Study on April 9 at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room 310. Please use the South entrance (the Sunday School wing). We will begin the study of the Gospel of Mark.

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study, facilitated by Pastor Janet Wold, meets at 1:30 pm in Conference Room 310. This study utilizes a publication entitled *Examining Our Faith*.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study, facilitated by Steve Jones, meets in the Small Conference Room off the fellowship hall at 10:00 each Sunday morning. The Adult Sunday School course of study is *Lost Christianities: Christian Scripture and the Battles over Authentication* with lectures by Professor Bart D. Ehrman. These lectures focus on the remarkable fact that many of the struggles of early Christians were not against pagans or other nonbelievers but against other Christians. The series provides a fascinating opportunity to study little known and sometimes controversial Scriptures that might have become part of the Bible.

April Sunday Scriptures

April 7

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35

Psalms 133

1 John 1:1--2:2

John 20:19-31

April 14

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19

Psalms 4

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

April 21

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12

Psalms 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

April 28

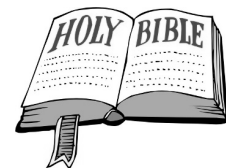
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40

Psalms 22:25-31

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8



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for your reference*



The GATHERING

We will meet on Tuesday, April 9 at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for fellowship, food, and fun!



Worship Totals	Online Viewers	In-Person	Total	Sunday School
March 3	144	65	209	15
10	128	62	190	24
17	128	69	197	25
24	NA	66		—
Total	400	262	569	64
Average	133	66	199	21

Book Club

Join us on Tuesday, April 23 at 1:00 pm in Conference Room 310 to discuss the book *Letters of Trust*, Book One from the Friendship Letters series by Wanda E Brunstetter.

Life is good on their Pennsylvania Amish farm for newlyweds Vic and Eleanor Lapp – until a tragic event occurs and Vic turns to alcohol to numb the pain. Things get so bad that Vic loses his job and their marriage is falling apart. Eleanor is desperate to help her husband and sends letters asking for advice to a friend who lives in Indiana. The trust Eleanor puts in her friend Doretta and the gentle words she receives in return are a balm for even darker days to come.



Byron School District Food Pantry

The Byron School District Food Pantry currently sends groceries home to needy families in the district each week. They also provide snacks for students at Mary Morgan Elementary. At the high school, they provide breakfast to anyone needing it. Below is a list of all items needed.

Canned Vegetables	Granola Bars
Canned Fruit	Cereal Bars
Canned Tuna	Fruit Cups
Canned Chicken	Applesauce
Jelly/Jam	Hamburger Helper
Peanut Butter	Tuna Helper
Mac & Cheese	Taco Kits
Pasta/Pasta Sauce	Condiments
Crackers	Instant Potatoes
Rice	Boxed Potato Sides
Lipton Sides	Healthy Snacks
Canned Soup	Sandwich Crackers
Ramen	Feminine Products
Canned Ravioli	Personal Hygiene*
Spaghetti-os	

*Personal Hygiene items include shampoo, lotion, toothpaste, tooth brushes, mouthwash, soap, deodorant, shaving cream, disposable razors.

Please place your donations in the basket by the main entrance. Thank you for your generosity!



Quilters

The quilters meet from 9:00-11:00 am on the first and third Thursdays of each month. This month we are meeting on April 4th and 18th at the church. Our work continues to make warm quilts to send to people in need through Lutheran World Relief. The two hours we work together are a time of fellowship and service.



April 7	Bondage of the Will	<i>I'm not sure what or who is behind the choices I</i>	Luke 22:39-42
April 14	Two Kingdoms	<i>I thought Jesus only talked about one</i>	Matthew 3:1-6
April 21	Vocation	<i>I don't know what God is calling me to do with my</i>	I Corinthians 12:4-11
April 28	Worship	<i>I don't know how I'm supposed to feel during or after</i>	Psalms 95:1-7

March Council Highlights

- ⇒ Giving nearly matched our spending for the month of February.
- ⇒ Laundry Love will give a Temple Talk sometime in the month of April (see article about this elsewhere in the newsletter).
- ⇒ The audit committee has been established and will conduct an audit of our books soon.
- ⇒ There will be a child receiving his first communion at the Maundy Thursday service.
- ⇒ Our water bills remain normal, assuring us that the leaks have been resolved.



June/July Newsletter Deadline

We will be combining the June and July newsletters to be mailed at the beginning of June. If you are a contributor to the newsletter, please keep this in mind when submitting your summer articles. Please submit your articles for the summer newsletter by May 17.



WELCA

The WELCA meeting was held March 16th, with 12 members in attendance. Many topics were discussed. Future activities include the personal care kit collection for LWR and the Good Gifts Silent Auction during Advent. Fundraiser and activity ideas discussed included a potato and pie sale, soup in a jar sale, a designated library day, a luncheon using the church cookbook, and a brat sale day. No specific dates were set so watch for further updates.

The Pastor's Retirement dinner is planned for Sunday, June 23rd, at 11:30. Watch for an RSVP to be sent out.

Officers for the next year will remain the same; Marlene Roberts, chairperson; Carol Miller, Secretary; Jan Sloan, Treasurer; and JoMarie Branson, Sunshine.



Library News

Check out the wide selection of books available in the Church Library! There's something for everyone, with no dues or late charges. Just good reading at your leisure!

February Financials

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual	Budget			Budget
		February	February	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Total 2023
Revenue	General Fund	\$14,639	\$16,389	\$38,296	\$32,778	\$196,668
	Mortgage	\$1,198	\$1,247	\$3,090	\$2,494	\$14,964
	Other Giving	\$264	\$417	\$20,398	\$834	\$5,004
	Total Revenue	\$16,101	\$18,053	\$61,783	\$36,106	\$216,636
Expenses	1000 Mission Support	\$276	\$833	\$1,216	\$833	\$10,000
	Other Outreach	\$1,629	\$874	\$1,859	\$2,581	\$10,484
	Total Outreach	\$1,905	\$1,707	\$3,075	\$3,414	\$20,484
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$3,855	\$5,333	\$8,041	\$10,666	\$63,996
	Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$7,078	\$7,170	\$15,615	\$14,340	\$86,040
	Total Ministries	\$10,933	\$12,503	\$23,655	\$25,006	\$150,036
	3000 Total Building (Non Capital)	\$2,295	\$2,887	\$4,620	\$5,775	\$34,644
	Total Expense	\$15,132	\$17,097	\$31,350	\$34,195	\$205,164
	3000 Capital Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$1,246	\$1,247	\$3,080	\$2,494	\$14,964
	Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total Building Capital	\$1,246	\$1,247	\$3,080	\$2,494	\$14,964
	Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	\$16,379	\$18,344	\$34,430	\$36,689	\$220,128
Net	Net for Month/Year (Revenue Minus Expense)	(\$278)		\$27,353		
	(Under)/Over Budget for Month/Year	(\$1,965)		(\$2,259)		

Laundry Love is a national ministry that provides free laundry services to the needy. A representative from the Rockford Chapter will be with us April 14 for a Temple Talk to tell us more about this ministry and how we might get involved here in Byron. A free will offering will be taken that day.

For more information go to www.laundryloveRockford.org



In Our Prayers

- Health & Healing**
Audrey Adams
Kathy Burrows
Phyllis Coffman
Jim Coffman
Sue Davis
Reuben Johnson
Sharon Provencher
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Cindy Yoakum
 Richard McCabe
 Mike Gordon
 Will Heindrick
 Bruce Roller
 Keith Padgett
 Ann Frerichs
 Tom Lombardo
 Francis Stevenson
 Margie Myer
 Kevin Nickels
 Dick Sabin
 Bobbie Chisem
 Jennie Sanchez
 John Kirchner
 Rick Udholtz
 Lee Joyce
 Billie Jean Hartman
 Jim Carson
 Mindy Vanatter
 Jim Bowers
 Judy Owens
 Ron Sasso
 Geoff and Judy Zoellick
 Lori Ludens
 Richard Reif
 Randy Roberts
 Sybil & Alton
 Jayne Fitzsimmons
 Mimi Leombruni
 Marilyn Litschein
 Tim Litschein
 Jeff Johnson
 Toni Girten
 Pam Spanier
 Shirley Frahm
 Lisa Helms
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Ken Lapp
Lori Pederson
Kit Reif
Mary Whitmer
- Military**
David Bishop
Dylan Bishop
Tyler Peterson
 Staff Sgt. Kyle Reif
 Matt Vizer
 Sage Harper
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 Cristiano Sasso
 Logan Usrey
- Sympathy**
 Tom Hinrichs



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Spring Clean-Up Day

April 27 at 8:00 am is the date and time of our Annual Spring Clean-Up Day. There's work that needs to be done on the inside as well as the outside, as we prepare our church to be as beautiful as the spring flowers that will soon be blooming! Please sign up on the sheet on Bulletin Board #2 so we know how many will be coming to help. Rain Date will be May 4.

Volunteers are also needed to help mow the church lawn (mowers are provided) and to water the plants throughout the summer. If you're interested in learning more about those opportunities, please contact the church office.



UPCOMING

April 27

Spring Clean Up Day
(Rain date 5/4/24)

May 5

Bishop Stacie Fidler Visit

May 19

Affirmation of Baptism/
Confirmation

May 19

Last Day of Sunday School

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