



THE Sainly NEWS

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Holy Week Schedule

All services will be held in-person and uploaded later to our Facebook page and our website.



Sunday, April 2 - Palm Sunday
Distribution of the Palms 9:00 am

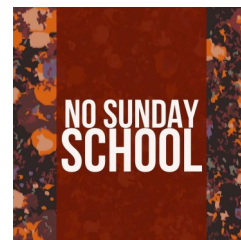
Thursday, April 6 - Maundy Thursday Communion
Stripping of the Altar 7:00 pm

Friday, April 7 - Good Friday Worship 7:00 pm
Tenebrae Service of Darkness

Sunday, April 9 - Easter Sunday
Worship 9:00 am
Easter Breakfast 8:00 am

Easter Breakfast

Join us on Sunday, April 9 at 8:00 am for Easter Breakfast. Menu will include egg casseroles, sausage, baked goods, fruit, juice, milk, and coffee. A free will offering will be gratefully accepted. Sign-up sheets are posted on Bulletin Board #2 for volunteers and food donations.



Sunday School News

Sunday School will not meet on April 9 (Easter Sunday).
Classes will resume on Sunday, April 16.

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:

On Sunday, April 9th we will celebrate Easter, the day we know that Christ is Lord of all, having become a victor over even death. The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday – a day when we are reminded of our sinfulness by confessing our sins and receiving a cross of ashes on our foreheads. During the remaining days of Lent, we are to reflect on our need for a Savior – we are reminded, once again, of our own inability to be able to “save ourselves” and how it is only through the grace of God that we are able to BE saved!



On Maundy Thursday we hear a word of forgiveness for our sins, and then on Good Friday we are reminded again of the pain of the cross, and on Saturday we reflect on the death of our Savior.

And then comes Sunday! The tomb is empty, and our Lord has risen from the dead! What a victory – what a gift! As it says in the book of Romans, “When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his... But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. For we know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again, death no longer has dominion over him.” (Rom.6:3-5,8-9)

The root of our Christian faith is found in Easter. With Christ’s death and resurrection, Christ broke through the bonds of death and made eternal life with God possible for us all. I hope you’ll come and celebrate this with us – our worship time for Easter is 9:00 am, with a delicious breakfast served at 8:00 am. In Christ we are made new – join with us as we sing for joy this Easter!

In Christ,
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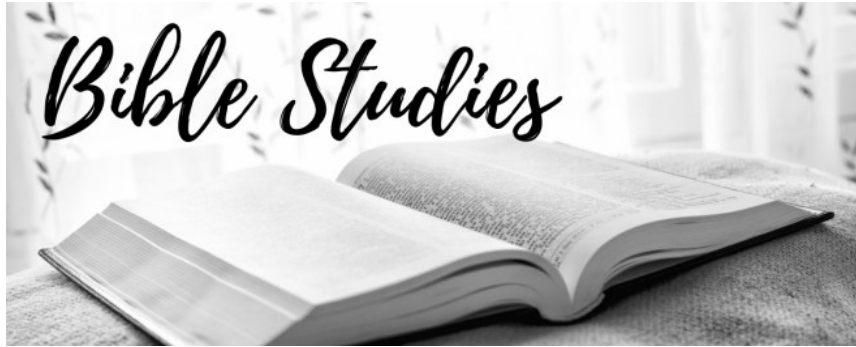
Deadline for the May Sainly News is **April 14**
Please send articles to
Rebecca Presson

March Council Highlights

- Giving is not keeping up with expenses.
- New homebased confirmation format will be presented at a parents’ meeting on March 19.
- Blood drive in January was successful. Another drive is scheduled for July 23, 2023.
- Volunteers are needed for upcoming Holy Week events.



**MEETING
MINUTES**



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 resume on April 11 at 7:00 pm in Conference Room #310.

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study, facilitated by Pastor Janet Wold, meets at 1:30 pm in Conference Room #310. This group of men and women engage in lively conversation over a cup of coffee, utilizing a study, "Jesus Calls Us."

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study, facilitated by Steve Jones, meets at 10:00 am in the Small Conference Room. Adult Sunday School's course is entitled "The History and Archaeology of the Bible." Presented by Jean-Pierre Isbouts, DLitt from the Fielding Graduate University, we will view and discuss 24 lectures that range from Genesis to the Rise of Christianity in the first century. This course looks at how the Bible was shaped by the eras where it came to be written down and how history shows us evidence of the Bible's stories. The class meets each Sunday during the Education hour after Church beginning at 10:00 am. Most sessions are about 45 minutes, with a 40-minute video and short discussion after the videos.

**April
Sunday Scriptures**

April 2 – Sunday of the Passion - Palm Sunday - Procession with Palms

Matthew 21:1-11
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14--27:66

April 6 – Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 7- Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13--53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25
John 18:1--19:42

April 9 – Resurrection of our Lord: Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10

April 16 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

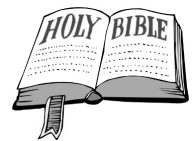
Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

April 23 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

April 30 – 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10



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for your reference*



New Al-Anon Family Group

A new Al-Anon family group has started meeting Sundays at 6:00 pm at our church. Named “Sunday Night Serenity Al-Anon Family Group,” they are a 12-step support group for families of those struggling with alcoholism or other additions. This is in addition to the two AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) meetings held at the church on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. If you are aware of someone in our community that could benefit from attending any of these meetings, please pass this information on to them.



Worship Totals	Online Viewers	In-Person	Total	Sunday School
March 5	92	65	157	25
12	126	54	180	27
19	114	74	188	27
26	102	78	180	nc
Totals	434	271	705	79
Average	108	68	176	26

WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Church in America)



The All Saints WELCA ladies are invited to attend the 2023 Spring meeting planned for Saturday, May 6, 2023. All ladies of the church are automatically members of this group. The meeting will begin with a provided breakfast at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall with a business meeting following shortly after. Some agenda items include discussion on the past years activities plus planning for future projects. Bring your creative ideas to share. We look forward to networking and fellowship with our church family. See information on the Northern Illinois Synod Women’s Retreat on page 7 of this newsletter.



Book Club

Book Club selection for April is *Almost Friends* by Phillip Gulley.

Pastor Sam Gardener takes a 3 month leave-of-absence from Harmony Friends Meeting to care for his ill father. Pastor Krista Riley, a woman!!, and just out of seminary after fifteen years of teaching has come to fill in. She is the first female pastor of the quirky Quakers and finds not all of the parishioners are happy. Can she change their minds?

Book Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm from September through May. Join us on April 25. You are welcome to join us whether you have read the book or not!



April 2	<i>Paul's Theology</i>	<i>I'm not sure why Paul's ideas are so important to Christians.</i>	<i>1 Thessalonians 1:8</i>
April 9	<i>No Class</i>	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	
April 16	<i>Romans</i>	<i>I don't know why Paul felt the need to cram so many diverse issues and topics into one letter.</i>	<i>Romans 1:1-17</i>
April 23	<i>1st and 2nd Corinthians</i>	<i>I don't know why the church in Corinth seemed so messed up and confused.</i>	<i>2 Corinthians 5:17-21</i>
April 30	<i>Galatians</i>	<i>I don't know what to do when Christians disagree.</i>	<i>Galatians 1:1-10</i>

Library News

This month's books are by Debbie Macomber:

Thursdays at Eight - Four women meet every week for breakfast to talk, share about their lives, and to encourage each other. Claire has just gone through a divorce and is angry. Elizabeth is a widow in her late fifties and doesn't want to waste a minute. Karen is in her twenties and wants to become an actress. Julia is 39. Her life is going as she wished until she becomes pregnant.

The Man You'll Marry contains two stories: *The First Man You Meet* - Shelly's great-aunt's wedding dress comes with a family legend: She will marry the next man she meets. That man caught her as she tripped on an escalator and fell into his arms. *The Man You'll Marry*- After her wedding, Shelly sent the dress to her best friend. But can the first man she meets be the gorgeous grouch she met *before* she got the dress?

Love in Plain Sight contains two stories: *Love 'N' Marriage* - Stephanie discovers sometimes you find love in the most ordinary places like in the office. She is an assistant temporarily assigned to the boss, a dictator and grouch. Stephanie's co-workers, all romance readers, decide he is the classic lonely hero in need of *Love 'N' Marriage*. Stephanie is the woman they have in mind. *Almost an Angel* - Bethany is in love with her boss although their relationship is strictly business. One day he asks for help outside the office. His ten-year-old daughter, Angie is coming to live with him and he has no idea how to raise her. Angie quickly develops matchmaking plans for her dad - and Bethany.



Amazon Wish List

Since Amazon has discontinued the Amazon Smile program, we have created an All Saints Specific "Wish List" for items we use routinely at church as well as special needs for the church for those who wish to contribute to the church in this manner.

To access this list, go to

<https://www.facebook.com/100064600272856/videos/1353670858750250/> or click the link on our church website: <http://www.AllSaintsByron.org>.

This list will be updated as suggestions are brought to us. If you see an item (such as a new Bunn Coffeemaker!) that is expensive, you can make a donation towards that item and as soon as we have the money to order it, we will do that. Thank you for your generosity!



Quilters

The quilters plan to meet on April 6th and 20th at 9:00 am to make quilts for people in need. At the March 2nd meeting, we recalled with thanksgiving that the quilting group has been active these last 20 years. In that time, 1816 quilts have been made and sent to Lutheran World Relief. Also 135 have been given in our community and disaster areas in the United States. Many people of faith have donated their time and gifts to this effort to help people in need. Our plan is to continue this work with God's blessing.

The GATHERING

The GATHERING will meet on Tuesday, April 11 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. All are invited to join us for a morning of fun, fellowship, and food!



Planning has begun for Vacation Bible School for the week of June 19. Watch for more information in the May newsletter!

All Saints Blood Drive Results!

On January 23, we held our first blood drive for 2023. Our collection goal was 28 units, but we exceeded that goal and collected 34 units. Additionally, 3 units were donated at the blood bank and credited to our drive, for a total of 37 units. These donations will save up to 111 lives! Thank you to all who donated. Our next blood drive is scheduled for July 13, 2023.



All Saints Mowing Schedule

The schedule for mowing the church's lawn has been sent to the individuals who expressed interest on the time and talent forms. As always, additional help could be used, even as a backup. If you could help by filling in when any individual is not available on their scheduled day, or if you could help others to maintain the grounds on their scheduled day, please contact the church office to offer your support.



February Financials

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual February	Budget February	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2023	
Revenue	General Fund	\$13,782	\$16,772	\$37,852	\$33,544	\$201,264	
	Mortgage	\$715	\$1,247	\$2,202	\$2,494	\$14,964	
	Other Giving	\$172	\$834	\$1,918	\$1,668	\$10,008	
	Total Revenue	\$14,669	\$18,853	\$41,972	\$37,706	\$226,236	
Expenses	Mission Support	\$1,000	\$1,167	\$1,130	\$2,334	\$14,004	
	Other Outreach	\$836	\$519	\$1,898	\$1,038	\$6,228	
	Total Outreach	\$1,836	\$1,686	\$3,028	\$3,372	\$20,232	
	Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$564	\$1,120	\$1,400	\$2,240	\$13,440	
	Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$11,188	\$11,299	\$24,014	\$22,598	\$135,588	
	Total Ministries	\$11,751	\$12,419	\$25,414	\$24,838	\$149,028	
	3000 Total Building (Non Capital)	\$2,424	\$2,715	\$4,984	\$5,431	\$32,580	
	Total Expense	\$16,012	\$16,820	\$33,427	\$33,641	\$201,840	
	3000 Capital	Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$3,914	\$1,247	\$8,094	\$2,494	\$14,964
		Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Total Building Capital	\$3,914	\$1,247	\$8,094	\$2,494	\$14,964
		Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	\$19,926	\$18,067	\$41,521	\$36,135	\$216,804
Net	Net for Month/Year (Revenue Minus Expense)	(\$5,258)		\$451			
	(Under)/Over Budget for Month/Year	\$1,859		\$5,386			

2023 WELCA Spring Retreat

All women in the Northern Illinois Synod are welcome to attend the 2023 Spring Retreat Women at the Well on April 29th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at LOMC in Oregon, IL. Registration fee is \$25.00 which includes lunch. WELCA is able to help with registration fees if necessary. Registration forms are available in the narthex. Questions may be directed to Marlene Roberts or Carol Miller.



Welcome New Members!

We are happy to welcome two new families to our All Saints Family!



Jeff, Rachel, and Tammy Carson



Katy Williams,
Scott, Adeline and Josephine Meier

In Our Prayers

Health & Healing

Kathy Burrows
Phyllis Coffman
Jim Coffman
Sandi Reid
Kit Reif

Dylan Sproule
Cindy Yoakum

Dennis Reid
Richard McCabe
Mike Gordon
Judy Wirth
Will Heindrick
Bruce Roller
Felipe Sanchez
Keith Padget
Ann Frerichs
Tom Lombardo
Francis Stevenson

Jared King
Margie Myer
Ernie Leombruni
Kevin Nickels
Ken Anderson
Alex Crawford
Dick Sabin
Bobbie Chisem
Jennie Sanchez
Jan Liljeberg
John Kirchner
Paul Keiffer
Mason Sasso
Rick Udholtz
Susan Caruso
Lee Joyce

Billie Jean Hartman
Cliff Thompson
Jim Carson
Mindy Vanatter
Beth Brandt
Robert Reif
Jim Bowers
Al Ewert
Judy Owens

Family of 3rd St house fire

Shut Ins

George Davis
Lori Pederson
Doris Swedberg
Mary Whitmer

Military

David Bishop
Dylan Bishop
Tyler Peterson
Staff Sgt. Kyle Reif
Matt Vizer
Sage Harper
Tyler Peterson
Cristiano Sasso
Logan Usrey
Tyler James Yoakum

Sympathy

Frank Roberts
Victim of 3rd St house fire



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April 2

Palm Sunday

April 6

Maundy Thursday

April 7

Good Friday

April 9

Easter Sunday Worship

Easter Breakfast

April 15

Spring Clean-up Day

April 29

NI Synod Women's Retreat

May 6

WELCA Breakfast Meeting



Spring Clean-Up Day!

April 15 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 April 22.

Office Hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Closed on Friday