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The Annual All Saints Picnic Returns!

Mark September 12, 2021 on your calendar! After a year hiatus due to the pandemic, the picnic will return on the Sunday School Kick-Off Day. 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 cake-walk for fun, and a bounce house, and games for the kids. A 50/50 drawing will be held to benefit St. Vincent de Paul, and we will have a donation jar for St. Vincent de Paul as well since we will not have a silent auction this year. 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!

Sunday School Kick-Off Sunday



Sunday School will be back in session on September 12th. Classes will be in person and held from 10:00-10:45 am following the 9:00 am worship service. Children ages 3 through 6th grade are invited. Registration forms will be available in a display in the narthex beginning August 1st. You can also register by emailing or calling Michel Williams. Early registration will enable us to make more informed decisions about classes and curriculum.

If you are interested in assisting with Sunday School as a teacher or assistant (on a once-a-month basis or more often) please contact Michel. We cannot wait to see all those smiling faces once again!

Vacation Bible School 2021

What a fun week was had from June 21-25 in the jungle of Gospeltopia! The children met some of the animals that live there and learned from them that Jesus knows us completely, He takes care of us, Jesus is strong, and He saves us. On the final day kids discussed how Jesus wants us to share the Good News of his love and forgiveness with others. Crafts were a big hit, as was the Tuesday water activity. Who knew pool noodles could transform into trunks to play a game of elephant hockey or a shepherd's staff to gather sheep? Check out all the pictures on the bulletin board display in the Sunday School hallway. A big thanks to Rachel Carson and Masyn Brown for all the assistance they provided throughout the week, to Carolyn Niederer for decorations, and to those who made monetary or snack donations.



***See Back Page for Photos

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:

As life becomes more “normal” in these days, it is appropriate to reflect back on what we’ve learned during the pandemic and what we’ll want to change (or keep in place) as we move forward. In his address to the Synod Assembly this year, Bishop Clements laid out some questions for congregations to consider as we move forward. Here are a few of those questions – I would welcome your thoughts on these topics!

Our history tells us something of who we are, now the question becomes who we will be?

Why did God plant All Saints Lutheran where it is for ministry today? Will we go back to living as we did before? Do we risk losing something we have learned from a year of pandemic life? Who and what does God want us to be, planted in the communities that we are?

What is our mission now in 2021 going forward?

These, and other questions, are ones our church council will be wrestling with over the next several months. It makes sense to me to take some time to step back, see what we’ve learned and then decide how we’ll move forward into the future. What do you think? Please let me or any church council member know your thoughts. You can find their names and contact information on the side bar of this page of the newsletter.

Thank you for your partnership with me as we continue to do ministry in the name of Christ here in the Byron area!

In Christ,

Pastor Janet Wold

Pastoral Acts

Baptism: Benjamin Michael Marburger 6/12/21

Baptism: Henry Joseph Kimbell 6/13/21

Funeral: Harold “Skip” Richardson 7/13/21

Quilters

The quilters plan to meet on August 5th and 19th at 9:00 am at the church. The work continues to make comforters for people in need. Right now, there is a good supply of quilt tops, batting, and backings that just need to be tied together. When we meet, the time goes by quickly as we visit with friends and work at this familiar task together. Donations of sheets and fabric continue to be needed.



Deadline for the September Saintly News is **August 13**
Please send articles to
Rebecca Presson

Bible Studies

The Monday Afternoon Bible Study, facilitated by Pastor Janet Wold, continues this summer 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 announcements 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 announcements email.

The Tuesday Night Bible Study, facilitated by Steve Reid, meets from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in conference room #310. Enter by the Sunday School wing door. In August we will continue studying Biblical Devotions, and how they are related to Christian living. All are welcome to join us for a refreshing insight into the study of the Bible.

The Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study, facilitated by Pastor Janet Wold, will resume on September 8 at 1:30 pm at the church.

The Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study, facilitated by Steve Jones, will resume on September 19 at 10:00 am at the church.



June Council Highlights

- * Finances are doing well with all bills paid. Thank you to the congregation members for their generosity.
- * Discussed roof replacement and reviewed bids ranging from the low \$50,000s to \$70,000. Property committee to meet and discuss the urgency of this replacement.
- * VBS was in session with 9 children in attendance.
- * Still need video camera operators to help record Sunday services.
- * Coffee hour reopened and was going well.

July Council Highlights

- * Enjoyed the first in-person council meeting in 2021
- * Finances remain in the black with all bills paid.
- * Viewed a video message from Bishop Clements about the post-pandemic church
- * Roof replacement can be postponed until 2022, allowing us time to try to raise funds.
- * Timber Lake Playhouse trip was well attended and enjoyed by all.
- * Picnic assignments were made to council members in preparation for the September 12 event.

August Sunday Scriptures

August 1

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15
Psalm 78:23-29
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

August 8

11th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:4-8
Psalm 34:1-8
Ephesians 4:25--5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

August 15

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 9:1-6
Psalm 34:9-14
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

August 22

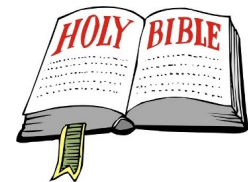
13th Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
Psalm 34:15-22
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

August 29

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
Psalm 15
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



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your reference*

Church Roof Replacement

At the January 2021 Annual Congregation Meeting, the condition of the church roof was brought up by one of the attendees. The property committee took the assignment to review the roof and seek estimates for replacement. Three different contractors were called and offered bids ranging from \$53,000 to \$70,000. Further discussion with the contractors indicated that, while there are issues with the roof, none are so urgent that replacement needs to happen this year.

With a one-year grace period, the council decided to try to raise the funds to replace the roof in 2022. We have already received a \$2,100 gift for this purpose, so we are off to a great start! This grace period also gives us time to present the quotes to the congregation, either in a special meeting or during the 2022 Annual Congregation Meeting, for approval to proceed with the roof replacement.

If you would like to contribute to the roof replacement fund, please contact Pastor Janet, Steve Jones, or Scott Fitzsimmons. You can also place a check in the offering plate on Sunday morning and indicate "Roof Replacement Fund" in the memo line. If we can raise the funds by next summer, we won't need to borrow the money from the bank, making the replacement much more cost effective. Thank you for your consideration of this request!



St. Vincent dePaul Walk for the Poor

On Saturday, August 28, we will welcome local walkers raising money for St. Vincent dePaul's ministry in Byron. We will offer cold water and snacks to the walkers as they make their way back to St. Mary Catholic Church.

For more information, contact St. Mary's at 815-406-8368.

Celebrating with an Evening of Music!

Join our sister congregation, Trinity in Mount Morris, as they celebrate 175 years of ministry. Saturday, August 14th from 7:00—9:00 pm the Blue Grass band, "Grass Attack," will perform at the Mount Morris bandshell on Wesley Avenue.

The Ogle County Pork Producers will be there at 6:00 pm with their famous porkchop sandwich meal which includes chips and a drink for \$6.00. Trinity is serving up free pie & ice cream for all. View and vote for this year's winners in the U.S. National Straw Sculpting Competition which is being held August 13-29th and visit the Encore Art exhibit in Old Sandstone. We hope that you will join us.

Book Club

This month's Book Club selection is *The Rejected Writer's Book Club* - This group of quirky women would rather celebrate rejected manuscripts than publish a book. New to the city, Librarian Janet is dragged to her first meeting just as they are about to raise a teacup to their five hundredth rejection letter, and also have received bad news that could destroy one member's reputation and end the book club forever. Looking for the key to find a long-buried secret and save the book club, they set off on a wild road trip to San Francisco. Join us on August 24th at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Library News

These books being added to the library will be on the cart near the church's front doors for the month and then placed in the library. They can be signed out by adding your name and the date to the card found inside the front cover and placed in the small tote on the cart.

He Chose the Nails: What God Did to Win Your Heart, by Max Lucado - Included is a chapter-by-chapter study guide.

How to Hear from God by Joyce Meyer - Learn to Know His Voice and Make Right Decisions

A devotional, *A Confident Heart, 60 Days to Stop Doubting Yourself* by Renee Swope
Reader's Digest, *The Bible Through the Ages* - "The Oral Tradition," "The Written Word," "Words of New Faith," "Copying the Word," and "The Printed Word."

The series, "Ribbons West" by Judith Pella and Tracie Peterson

Book 1- *Westward the Dream*

Book 2- *Separate Roads*

Book 3- *Ties that Bind*



Online Giving Is Now Possible

All Saints now has access to use Vanco Online Giving Services which will enable our congregation to donate online. Our survey showed that half the people responding to the survey expressed an interest in giving online and that the majority of respondents said they would be willing to pay the small fee associated with the giving.

We have currently set up online giving for these areas:

One Time or Periodic:

- Regular Sunday Offering
- Regular Mortgage Offering
- Vacation Bible School
- Sunday School
- LOMC
- Lutheran World Hunger
- ELCA Good Gifts

One Time

- Pentecost Flowers
- People Helping People
- Saint Vincent DePaul

The link to our online giving is:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YQYA/home> and you can find that link on our website and on our Facebook page.

There is an option to donate 3% in addition to your donation to cover processing costs and fee. Future options will include Altar Flowers, Easter Flowers, Christmas Poinsettias and other ministries that we support. If you have questions, please contact Council President Steve Jones.



Wish List Thank You!

Two items on the All Saints Wish List can be taken off! Thank you to Jim and Phyllis Coffman for donating the funds necessary to replace the tattered old blinds in the Sunday School rooms with nice new curtains! Thank you to Pam Kultgen for arranging to have the small conference room repainted. Take a look next time you're at church. They look fantastic!



Timber Lake Playhouse Outing



On July 11, 17 All Saints members attended the last show of "The Putnam County 25th Annual Spelling Bee" at Timber Lake Playhouse in Mount Carroll. This funny and light-hearted play was enjoyed by all, with the possible exception of Alan Wold who was chosen to be one of the contestants in the bee. A good time was had by all, and we enjoyed sharing this fun experience with each other.



Worship Totals	Online Viewers	In-Person	Total
May 30	152	44	196
June 6	100	64	164
13	148	76	224
20	162	54	216
27	176	46	222
July 4	188	44	232
11	130	54	184
18	154	47	201
Totals	1210	429	1639
Average	151	54	205

Finance Report

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual June	Budget June	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2021
Revenue	General Fund	\$12,873	\$16,488	\$88,591	\$98,933	\$197,856
	Mortgage	\$1,533	\$2,095	\$9,112	\$12,570	\$25,140
	Other Giving	\$3,985	\$833	\$4,781	\$5,002	\$9,996
	Total Revenue	\$18,391	\$19,416	\$102,484	\$116,505	\$232,992
Expenses	1000 Mission Support	\$1,708	\$1,250	\$9,206	\$7,500	\$15,000
	1000 Other Outreach	\$5	\$508	\$1,653	\$3,060	\$6,096
	1000 Total Outreach	\$1,713	\$1,758	\$10,859	\$10,560	\$21,096
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$923	\$1,258	\$2,907	\$7,580	\$15,096
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$12,063	\$11,714	\$67,185	\$70,298	\$140,568
	2000 Total Ministries	\$12,986	\$12,972	\$70,091	\$77,878	\$155,664
	3000 Total Building (Non Capital)	\$2,143	\$2,595	\$13,157	\$15,590	\$31,140
	Total Expense	\$16,841	\$17,325	\$94,108	\$104,028	\$207,900
	3000 Capital Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$2,094	\$2,095	\$15,551	\$12,570	\$25,140
	3000 Capital Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$668	\$0	\$0
	3000 Capital Total Building Capital	\$2,094	\$2,095	\$16,219	\$12,570	\$25,140
Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	\$18,935	\$19,420	\$110,327	\$116,598	\$233,040	

2021 Intergenerational Event

Nineteen individuals (high-school-aged and older) came together on Wednesday, July 14th to support the mission of the Granny Rose Animal Shelter in Dixon. To start off the evening Michel Williams gave a brief presentation on why God made pets and how we can learn a lot about loving God from those beloved members of our families. Then, Carolyn Niederer demonstrated the process for making the pet toys. Everyone got right to work, and many cat and dog toys were created. Participants who had never braided before ended up being experts by the end of the evening. It was a great night of fun and service! We appreciate all those in attendance, as well as those who donated t-shirts, socks, towels, pet food, and treats. Thanks to Ron and Carolyn Niederer for getting seed money for a Thrivent Action Team to help cover some of the costs of the event.



In Our Prayers

Health & Healing

Phyllis Coffman
Kate Danielowski-Cuccaro
George Davis
Phil Houston
Joyce Niehaus
Steve Reid
Kit Reif

Bill Michaux
 Sandi Rennick
 Dennis Reid
 Gary Diehl
 Richard McCabe
 Doug Karr
 Gary Wuslich
 Kevin Lyons
 Diann
 Mike Gordon
 Judy Wirth
 Toni Girten
 Will Heindrick
 Christopher Bowers
 Jason Delacruz
 Gage and Crystal
 Bruce Roller
 Felipe Sanchez
 Larry Pearson
 Joe Hafer
 Cheryl Henert
 Bob Sund
 Jo Ann Sund
 Keith Padget
 Barb Kopperud

Shut Ins

Lori Pederson
Doris Swedberg
Mary Whitmer

Military

David Bishop
Dylan Bishop
Tyler Peterson
 Staff Sgt. Kyle Reif
 Matt Vizer
 Sage Harper
 Reggio
 Cristinano Sasso

Sympathy

Audrey Blobaum
Skip Richardson
 John Kultgen
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August 1

Sunday School Registration begins

August 28

St. Vincent dePaul Walk for the Poor

September 8

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study begins

September 12

Confirmation meeting with parents

Sunday School Kick-Off!

All Saints Annual Picnic

VBS 2021



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