



THE Sainly NEWS

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Our New Bishop-Elect

At the Northern Illinois Synod Assembly, held June 17 and 18 in Rock Island, we conducted many important pieces of business. One of our biggest tasks was to elect a new bishop. On the fifth ballot, we elected Pastor Stacie Fidlar as our next bishop. Pastor Fidlar recently served as the pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Rock Island, IL. Ordained in 1995, she has always served congregations in Northern Illinois and has served St. John's since 1999. Bishop-elect Fidlar will begin her term as Bishop on Sept. 1, 2022.



We also expressed our deep gratitude to Bishop Jeff Clements for his leadership in our synod for more than 20 years, the last 6 of which he has served as our Bishop.

Sunday School News!

All Saints will kick off another year of **Sunday School** from 10:00 am to 11:00 am on **September 11th**. We are excited to announce that for the first time since March of 2020, there will again be two classes. Heather Brown will instruct the younger students, and Michel Williams will be working with the older kids.

Heather's class will be using curriculum from Sunday School Planet. Each month of the year will have a theme. Some themes for 2022-2023 include Journey to Mars, Not Afraid, Thankfulness, God Colors, Emotions, and Angry Words. Each week there are songs, object lesson videos, and game videos that can be incorporated into the lesson.

Michel's group will be building foundational Bible navigation skills, developing an understanding of the books of the Bible and how they fit together, as well as gathering tools to build on their Christian faith in order to develop a deeper relationship with God. Time will also be used to answer the kids' questions about God, the Bible, and faith.

Registration is open! Contact Michel Williams with questions/concerns or to register your child for the 2022-2023 Sunday School year.

The Annual All Saints Picnic!

Mark September 11, 2022 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, and we will have a donation jar for St. Vincent de Paul. 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!



Fall Schedule

Worship: 9:00 am

Education Hour: 10:00-11:00 am

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 last winter seemed particularly hard) – it makes me appreciate the beauty each season has to offer.

I hope you are taking some time for vacation. With the price of gasoline, not everyone can afford to get away – but taking some time for rest – for “re-creation” is important, as was modeled for us by God. Alan and I were delighted to host his daughter and son-in-law recently, visiting from Washington State. 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 to offer recordings of our worship service online.

On July 4th, we celebrated Independence Day...a great thing to celebrate. It was also a reminder of our dependence on God's gracious love and forgiveness. May we always remember to take time out to praise God and to appreciate the world around us.

God's blessings to you in these summer days...

In Christ,
Pastor Janet Wold



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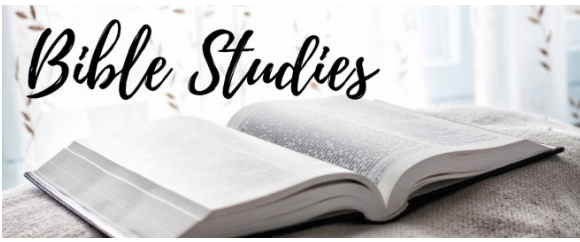
May 15

Affirmation of Baptism for Lucy Peterson

July 24

Ethan Richard Wendorf Baptism





**Check the calendar
for changes to the
Bible Study
schedule.**

The Monday afternoon Bible Study, facilitated by Pastor Janet Wold, continues through the 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 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, meets in Conference Room #310 at 7:00 pm. In August, we will continue to look at Bible devotions and how they relate to Christian life. The subjects we will be studying are as follows: 1. We don't mold God -- it's the other way around; 2. Two testaments back to the future; 3. Religion and the meaning of life; 4. God reveals your future every day. All are welcome to join us for a refreshing insight into the study of the Bible.

Wednesday afternoon Bible Study, facilitated by Pastor Janet Wold will be on hiatus through the summer months. Wednesday Bible Study will resume on September 7.

The Sunday morning Adult Bible Study, facilitated by Steve Jones will be on hiatus through the summer months. Sunday Bible Study will resume on September 18.

June Council Meeting Highlights

- Giving was on track with expenses
- WELCA's hog raffle netted \$1,630 for roof replacement expenses
- VBS scheduled for the week of July 11-15. Decorating has begun!
- Videos are being produced for Stewardship
- May 23 Blood Drive resulted in 38 units collected, potentially saving up to 104 lives
- Church picnic is scheduled for September 11

July Council Meeting Highlights

- Giving was down for the month of June. WELCA contributed \$1,000 towards bills, and congregation members stepped up to help ease the financial crunch.
- A new Sunday School curriculum entitled "Sunday School Planet" will be purchased for younger students. Sunday school will be held from 10:00 – 11:00 am.
- It was decided to continue with one worship service at 9:00 am.
- Another blood drive will be scheduled for January, 2023
- All Saints will host a water and rest stop for the St. Vincent de Paul "Walk for the Poor" participants on September 24.
- All Saints annual picnic is on schedule to be held September 11. Sign-up sheets for volunteers will be posted on Bulletin Board #2.

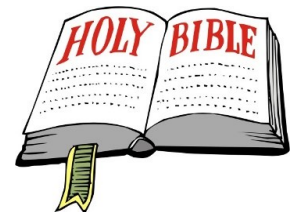
August Sunday Scriptures

**August 7 – 9th Sunday
after Pentecost**
Genesis 15:1-6
Psalm 33:12-22
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

**August 14 - 10th Sunday
after Pentecost**
Jeremiah 23:23-29
Psalm 82
Hebrews 11:29--12:2
Luke 12:49-56

**August 21 – 11th Sunday
after Pentecost**
Isaiah 58:9b-14
Psalm 103:1-8
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

**August 28 – 12th Sunday
after Pentecost**
Proverbs 25:6-7
Psalm 112
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14



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Blood Drive 2022

On May 23rd All Saints held the annual Blood Drive at the church. Working with the Rock River Valley Blood Center, the drive took place from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm. RRVBC arrived at the church at 12:00 pm and turned All Saints Fellowship Hall into a blood collection center.



Prior to the start of the 1:00 pm start of the drive 7 donors showed up ready to donate blood. The RRVBC Coordinator, Rob Bland, was surprised at the amount of people that showed up to donate. Many of the donors were not on the appointment list. It was hectic at the beginning as the RRVBC staff worked quickly to accommodate the donors, so the donors did not wait for an extended period of time.

During the drive a total of 38 units of blood were collected, which had the potential of saving up to 104 lives.

Thank you for those who came to participate at the Blood Drive. Special thanks 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 23, 2023, from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Jim Wilcox
Social Ministry Chairman

Worship Totals	Online Viewers	In-Person	Total
May 29	130	52	182
June 5	178	52	230
12	164	53	217
19	94	59	153
26	48	58	106
July 3	46	67	113
10	100	64	164
17	122	49	171
Totals	882	454	1336
Average	110	58	167

Quilters

The Quilters plan to meet on August 4th and 18th at 9:00 am at the church. Two quilts are displayed in the church all the times; one on the quilt stand in the main hallway and the other on the wall in the fellowship room. There is a closet filled with many quilts being stored until LWR shipping date arrives. They are beautiful because of all the donations we have received to work with. So, thank you for keeping us supplied.



Book Club

The selection for this month's Book Club meeting August 23 at 1:00 pm, is *The Bishop's Daughter*, the third and final book of the *Daughters of Lancaster County* series by Wanda Brunstetter. The story of a kidnapped Amish child runs through the three books.





St. Vincent de Paul Walk for the Poor

On Saturday, September 24, we will welcome local walkers raising money for St. Vincent de Paul'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.



WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)

Thank you to everyone who participated in the hog raffle to raise funds for the roof replacement fund. We raised \$1,630! Congratulations to Sylvia Richardson, the winner of the hog! Second place prize, a \$50.00 gift certificate to Pinnon's Foods was awarded to Bonnie Fox.

In March WELCA donated \$1,500 to the Roof Replacement Fund. In June we donated \$1,000 to the general fund to help off-set expenses not covered by weekly offerings. We also donated \$500 for the Ukraine Relief Fund.

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for September 17! The Northern Illinois Synod Women of the ELCA Convention will be held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Freeport from 9:00 am to noon. Keynote Speaker is Loni Taylor, Tribal Leader of Rocky Boy's Reservation in Montana. Look for information on the website: www.nisynod.org/women

Pentecost Flower Donations



Thanks to everyone who made donations to the Pentecost flower fund. Like everything else these days, the price of plants has really gone up. Using this year's donations, and donations saved from previous years, we were able to replace a lot of our landscape. We removed the rosebushes from the front and replaced them with hydrangea bushes. We also planted a lilac bush out by the parking lot. These bushes were funded by the Lloyd Funk Memorial monies. We also removed the pine tree by the front door and replaced it with a planter, and removed the Russian sage in the courtyard and replaced those with carpet roses.

Also, a big THANK YOU goes out to our fantastic outdoor flower watering crew!! We couldn't keep the plants looking as good as they do without these wonderful people!

Thank you everyone for keeping our church looking great! By keeping the outside looking beautiful people will want to come in to see the inside!!

God Bless!
Jan Sloan



VBS



Our 2022 Vacation Bible School

is now in the record books. What an exciting and memorable week of Compassion Camp we had! Through lively songs, crafts, movement, and Bible stories, participants learned that compassion means recognizing, identifying with, and helping to ease an individual's hurt. We heard about God's compassion for us and how we need to care for ourselves in order to thrive. We witnessed how compassion can move through barriers people may have constructed as we look beyond ourselves. We also celebrated that we do not walk alone in our life and faith journey.

I could not have done it without

- *volunteers Mary Heal and Mia Girten,
- *Ron and Carolyn Niederer for getting a Thrivent Action Team Grant for materials and supplies and decorating the entryway,
- *an anonymous monetary donation for snacks/supplies,
- *Amy and Amanda Harn for designing/donating the waterproof logo and name stickers for the kids' water bottles, and
- *our faithful parents/caregivers for bringing the kids to VBS each and every day.

Thank you,
Michel Williams
VBS Director



*See back cover for more photos.

June Financials

Budget Items		Item Description	Actual May	Budget May	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2022
Revenue		General Fund	\$16,082	\$16,489	\$74,470	\$82,445	\$197,868
		Mortgage	\$1,364	\$2,095	\$42,018	\$10,475	\$25,140
		Other Giving	\$1,910	\$833	\$21,130	\$4,169	\$9,996
		Total Revenue	\$19,356	\$19,417	\$137,617	\$97,089	\$233,004
Expenses	1000	Mission Support	\$970	\$1,250	\$4,576	\$6,250	\$15,000
		Other Outreach	\$300	\$516	\$3,221	\$2,592	\$6,192
		Total Outreach	\$1,270	\$1,766	\$7,797	\$8,842	\$21,192
	2000	Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$666	\$1,179	\$2,683	\$5,924	\$14,148
		Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$11,099	\$11,541	\$57,425	\$57,713	\$138,492
		Total Ministries	\$11,766	\$12,720	\$60,108	\$63,637	\$152,640
	3000	Total Building (Non Capital)	\$3,013	\$2,537	\$12,819	\$12,708	\$30,444
		Total Expense	\$16,049	\$17,023	\$80,724	\$85,187	\$204,276
	3000 Capital	Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$1,246	\$2,168	\$7,527	\$10,843	\$26,016
		Other Building Capital	\$60,020	\$0	\$60,020	\$0	\$0
Total Building Capital		\$61,266	\$2,168	\$67,547	\$10,843	\$26,016	
	Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	\$77,315	\$19,191	\$148,271	\$96,030	\$230,292	
Net		Net for Month/Year (Expenses Minus Revenue)	(\$7,959)		(\$10,654)		
		(Under)/Over Budget for Month/Year	\$8,124		\$2,241		

July Financials

Budget Items		Item Description	Actual June	Budget June	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2022
Revenue		General Fund	\$13,767	\$16,488	\$88,237	\$98,933	\$197,856
		Mortgage	\$1,009	\$2,095	\$43,027	\$12,570	\$25,140
		Other Giving	\$575	\$833	\$21,706	\$5,002	\$9,996
		Total Revenue	\$15,351	\$19,416	\$152,970	\$116,505	\$232,992
Expenses	1000	Mission Support	\$100	\$1,250	\$4,676	\$7,500	\$15,000
		Other Outreach	\$50	\$516	\$3,271	\$3,108	\$6,192
		Total Outreach	\$150	\$1,766	\$7,947	\$10,608	\$21,192
	2000	Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$613	\$1,179	\$3,296	\$7,103	\$14,148
		Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$12,278	\$11,540	\$69,703	\$69,253	\$138,480
		Total Ministries	\$12,891	\$12,719	\$72,999	\$76,356	\$152,628
	3000	Total Building (Non Capital)	\$2,124	\$2,537	\$14,943	\$15,245	\$30,444
		Total Expense	\$15,165	\$17,022	\$95,889	\$102,209	\$204,264
	3000 Capital	Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$2,876	\$2,168	\$10,404	\$13,011	\$26,016
		Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$60,020	\$0	\$0
Total Building Capital		\$2,876	\$2,168	\$70,424	\$13,011	\$26,016	
	Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	\$18,041	\$19,190	\$166,312	\$115,220	\$230,280	
Net		Net for Month/Year (Expenses Minus Revenue)	(\$2,690)		(\$13,342)		
		(Under)/Over Budget for Month/Year	(\$1,149)		\$1,092		

Health Kits for Lutheran World Relief

This year we'll be collecting supplies for Health Kits, that are distributed around the world to those in need. The following items are what's needed for a health kit:

- ◆ ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- ◆ TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- ◆ ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- ◆ ONE sturdy comb, remove packaging
- ◆ ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging
- ◆ Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope, no plastic bags or wrap



In Our Prayers

Health & Healing

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Sue Davis

Tim Harn

Sandi Reid

Kit Reif

Hilda Stevenson

Sandi Rennick

Dennis Reid

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Mike Gordon

Judy Wirth

Will Heindrick

Christopher Bowers

Bruce Roller

Felipe Sanchez

Keith Padget

Ann Frerichs

Tom Lombardo

Francis Stevenson

Jared King

Judy Hines

Margie Myer

Sydeny Provencher

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Kevin Nickels

Dave Kopp

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Roberta Haendler

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September

September 11

Sunday School Kick-off
Annual Church Picnic

September 24

St. Vincent de Paul
Walk for the Poor

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