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Mid-week Advent Worship and Soup Suppers Begin Wednesday, December 1



We will be meeting in person for the mid-week Advent worship services on December 1, 8, 15, and 22 at 7:00 pm. This year's "Grinchy" theme is The Heart That Grew Three Sizes. Due to copyright restrictions on the DVD we will be using, we will not be able to post this worship service. So, the only way you will be able to hear this message is to attend worship each Wednesday evening. You will not want to miss this unique take on Advent.

Prior to the mid-week worship service, we are resuming our popular Wednesday night Soup Suppers. We will need at least four crockpots of soup, bread and individually wrapped desserts each week. There is a sign-up sheet on Bulletin Board #2 if you wish to contribute. Soup and bread will be served, and we will provide individually wrapped pats of butter for the bread. We still need volunteers to bring soup, bread, and desserts on December 15 and 22. If no one signs up for these dates, we will not be able to have the soup supper those weeks.

Come Worship with Us Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24 - 8:00 pm

Join your All Saints family for a Christmas Eve service of carols and communion in the beautiful poinsettia adorned sanctuary. Invite your family and neighbors to praise God for the uplifting joy and good news of our Savior's birth. This worship service will conclude with candle lighting and singing of "Silent Night."



Help Us Undecorate Our Church

Please plan to join us at 10:00 am on Saturday, January 8, 2022 to undecorate the church. Many hands make light work! Coffee and donuts will be served!



Sunday School Program - "Symbols of Christmas" December 12, 2021 - 9:00 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:

On November 28, we began the season of Advent. Advent is a time of waiting...not a “countdown” to Christmas, but instead a waiting for Christ’s return.

We don’t wait very well in our society. We are surrounded by 24-hour stores (no need to wait for them to open!), microwave entrees, ATM’s, faster internet speeds and instant coffee. I must admit, I get caught up in the impatience as well...how long something takes to prepare and cook is a factor in my deciding if it will be on the menu that week. I get frustrated with lines at the grocery store, slow traffic, and being put on “hold” when calling a company. Christmas decorations are up in stores in October; Christmas music starts to play the instant Thanksgiving is over...there doesn’t seem to be much “waiting” involved.

So, is the call to “wait” during this Advent season a meaningless one? What is the point?

Waiting can be a good thing. Part of the enjoyment of a trip or the arrival of family or friends is the anticipation of it. We anticipate what we’ll see and do on the trip, we anticipate getting caught up with our family and friends when they come to visit. The anticipation can make the whole experience sweeter! As we enter into this season of waiting, my prayer is that we are filled with *that* kind of anticipation and not the frustration we feel normally feel when made to wait. Anticipation of Christ entering into our lives again and again, anticipation of the celebration of Christ’s birth, and anticipation of what Christ will do in our lives in expected and unexpected ways.

God’s blessings to you as we await the coming of our Lord.

In Christ,

Pastor Janet Wold

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Deadline for the January
 Sainly News is **December 17**

Please send articles to
Rebecca Presson



There are a variety of stories associated with the symbols and traditions of the Christmas season. Find out from the Sunday School kids how those traditions and

symbols are intertwined with the story of Jesus’ birth. You will not want to miss the message they share during their Christmas program on December 12th. Watch the performance in person during the 9:00 am worship service or via the recorded worship (available by 10:30 am on Facebook or on the website later in the day).

The kids have received their Global Barnyard coin boxes and are once again collecting monies for ELCA Good Gifts from now until December 22nd. If you too wish to make a difference in the lives of people around the world, you can donate through All Saints and indicate towards which cause you would like your gift to be used. Go to elca.org/good-gifts for a complete list of needs. Or you can always let the children choose. WELCA is also holding a silent auction to benefit the Good Gifts program. Please see page 7 for more information.

REMINDERS: There will be NO SUNDAY SCHOOL on November 28th or December 26th. Class will resume on January 2nd.

Bible Studies

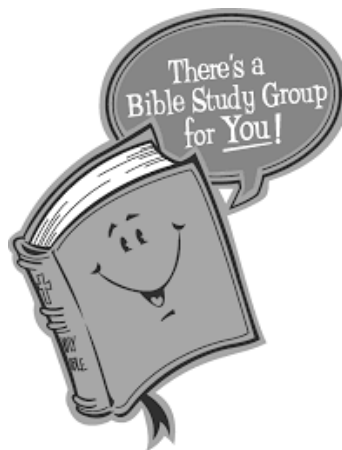
Check the calendar for changes to the Bible Study schedule.

The 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.

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. We will continue studying Biblical Devotions, and how they are related to Christian living. Topics include: "We were created to worship God," and "Why did Jesus call Herod 'that fox'." 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 meets in Conference Room #310. We will gather for an in-person Bible study on Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 pm. Beginning in December, the topic will be "Justice, Law, and History." Each week is unique – we invite you to come as often as you can!

The Sunday morning Adult Bible Study, facilitated by Steve Jones is held in the Fellowship Hall. The Adult Bible Study continues with the second half of the 24-lecture series entitled "From Jesus to Constantine: A History of Early Christianity." The course looks at early Christianity and its growth from the time of Jesus until Emperor Constantine made Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire in the 4th century. The course is presented by Professor Bart D. Ehrman, who we have enjoyed several times before as our video lecturer. All are welcome!



December Sunday Scriptures

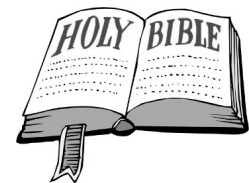
December 5
Second Sunday of Advent
Malachi 3:1-4
Luke 1:68-79
Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6

December 12
Third Sunday of Advent
Zephaniah 3:14-20
Isaiah 12:2-6
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-18

December 19
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Micah 5:2-5a
Luke 1:46b-55
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45

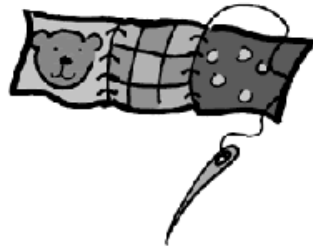
December 24
The Nativity of our Lord:
Christmas Eve
Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14

December 26
First Sunday of Christmas
1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
Psalm 148
Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 2:41-52



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reference*

Quilters



The quilters plan to meet on December 2nd and 16th at 9:00 am at church. Many hours of work are done at our homes to prepare for these quilting mornings. Squares of all sizes are cut and brought to the ladies that are ready to sew them into lovely quilt tops. The backings are cut from donated sheets to the correct size and brought to church ready to assemble the three layers to be pinned together. The time goes by quickly as we work together to make comforters for people in need.

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Book Club

The Book Club is not meeting in December.

Library News

Check out the Christmas themed books on the book cart by the front door.



Worship Totals	Online Viewers	In-Person	Total	Sunday School
October 24	200	64	264	21
October 31	144	69	213	15
November 7	50	64	114	24
14	164	59	223	22
Totals	558	256	814	82
Average	140	64	204	20

Church Roof Replacement

Thank you to those who have contributed to the roof replacement fund. To date, \$5,707.49 has been contributed to help offset the approximately \$52,000 cost. Additionally, \$7,578.00 has been pledged on the 2022 Statement of Intent so far. 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 costly. Thank you for your consideration of this request!



2021-2022 Confirmation Class Schedule

December 5	Psalms	<i>I don't know what purpose the psalms serve.</i>	Psalm 1
December 12	Wisdom	<i>I don't know what makes wisdom books more wise than the rest of the Bible.</i>	Proverbs 2:1-15
December 19	Job	<i>I don't know why bad things happen to good people.</i>	Job 1:13-22
December 26	NO CLASS		

November Council Highlights

- ⇒ Giving did not meet budgeted expenses for October
- ⇒ 9 Children are participating in Sunday School
- ⇒ Blood Drive is scheduled for May 23, 2022
- ⇒ Advent soup suppers before mid-week worship is generating much interest
- ⇒ Roof replacement fund has received some donations
- ⇒ Time and talent and Statement of Intent information has been sent to members



Thank You All Saints

This has been a crazy year. Every day we face new challenges and with the COVID situation, things seem to change daily. Our local food pantry, People Helping People, faces challenges regularly while trying to help our neighbors in need. I spoke with the PHP Coordinator, Ruth Ann Goelitz, who explained to me during the holiday seasons and now the issue of COVID, PHP has the task of assisting many families. At the present time PHP is assisting almost 50 families made up of over 200 people. Ruth Ann pointed out that as the holidays approach the need for assistance from PHP grows.

Over the past few years, PHP has had a goal of making sure our neighbors in need enjoyed a turkey for their Thanksgiving dinner. Ruth Ann explained she could buy a turkey to feed a family for about \$15. All Saints took on the mission of helping PHP meet their goal by donating almost \$1,100 to assist PHP. Not to be overlooked are the donations of items that were placed in the church's PHP shopping cart which completed the meal.

I wanted to thank All Saints congregation for helping PHP assist our less fortunate families in our community.

Blessings,
 Jim Wilcox
 Social Ministry Chairman



Coffee Hour Hosts Needed!

We do not have anyone signed up to host coffee hour for the month of December. If you would like to host, please sign up on Bulletin Board #2. You do NOT have to bring treats (although they are appreciated!), just be willing to make coffee and clean up afterwards.

Altar Guild

The Annual Altar Guild meeting will be held on Saturday, January 8, 2022 at 9:00 am in the Main Conference Room (310). Current and prospective Altar Guild members are invited and encouraged to attend!



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Save THE Date

The annual Congregation Meeting will be held January 30, 2022. Time TBD.



Annual Meeting Voting Requirements

All Saints' constitution lists two minimal requirements in order to be considered an active voting member at congregation meetings: receive Holy Communion and make at least one financial contribution of record in the current or previous year. "Of record" simply means that the financial secretary has recorded your donation because you have used an offering envelope or written a check.

Attention All Organizations, Committees, Secretaries, Treasurers

Now is the time to review the past year and write your report for the Annual Report. Please include a financial report and a brief overview of what your group has done in 2021. Reports need to be submitted to the office by January 4th so the booklet can be compiled and made available prior to the Annual Congregation Meeting. Copies of last year's report are available if needed. If possible, please submit your report in a Word file and e-mail it to the church. Of course, a hand-written report will be accepted as well. Thank you!



Looking for Council Members Congregation Council

Elections are Just Around the Corner!

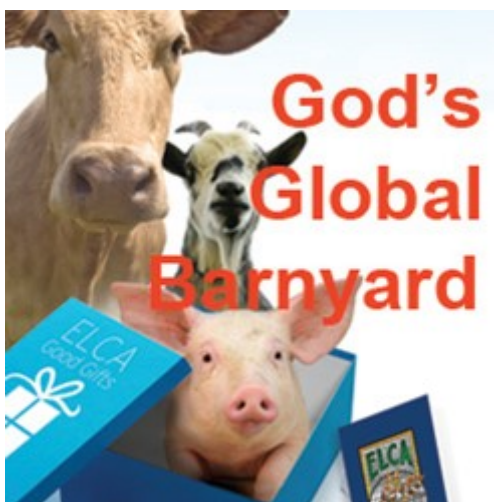
We need at least three candidates to run. If you have an interest, please let Pastor Janet know. Contact any of the council members for more information. The Congregation Council is a great way to sharpen and use your leadership skills. Take this opportunity to share your time and talents.

Finance Report

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual October	Budget October	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2021
Revenue	General Fund	\$14,513	\$16,488	\$147,427	\$164,885	\$197,856
	Mortgage	\$1,653	\$2,095	\$13,918	\$20,950	\$25,140
	Other Giving	\$1,587	\$833	\$9,048	\$8,334	\$9,996
	Total Revenue	\$17,753	\$19,416	\$170,393	\$194,169	\$232,992
Expenses	1000 Mission Support	\$0	\$1,250	\$12,103	\$12,500	\$15,000
	1000 Other Outreach	\$630	\$506	\$3,128	\$5,088	\$6,072
	Total Outreach	\$630	\$1,756	\$15,231	\$17,588	\$21,072
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$1,027	\$1,245	\$8,004	\$12,579	\$14,940
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$10,226	\$11,710	\$110,464	\$117,141	\$140,520
	Total Ministries	\$11,253	\$12,955	\$118,469	\$129,720	\$155,460
	3000 Total Building (Non Capital)	\$1,986	\$2,590	\$22,387	\$25,959	\$31,080
	Total Expense	\$13,869	\$17,301	\$156,087	\$173,267	\$207,612
	3000 Capital Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$2,094	\$2,095	\$23,926	\$20,950	\$25,140
	3000 Capital Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$668	\$0	\$0
	Total Building Capital	\$2,094	\$2,095	\$24,593	\$20,950	\$25,140
	Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	\$15,962	\$19,396	\$180,680	\$194,217	\$232,752
Net	Net for Month/Year (Expenses Minus Revenue)	\$1,790		(\$10,287)		
	(Under)/Over Budget for Month/Year	(\$3,434)		(\$13,537)		

Christmas at Generations at Neighbors

Generations at Neighbors is once again looking for Christmas presents for their residents. We have been given 15 names this year with suggested gift items. The information (and names) can be found on Bulletin Board #2. Donated gifts must be dropped off no later than Monday, December 13 to Generations at Neighbors for their party on December 15. See Bulletin Board #2 to sign up to participate in this project. Names, gift suggestions, and a letter with full instructions are on the board.



Silent Auction for Good Gifts

During the entire month of December, a silent auction is being held to raise money for ELCA Good Gifts program. The money raised will be passed on to our Sunday School to shop for items benefiting people around the world. The auction items are on display in the church fellowship room. Bidding will be open from December 1st and ending on December 22. Let's have fun raising money for a worthwhile cause. Contact Carol Miller with any questions.

In Our Prayers

Health & Healing

- Jim Coffman**
- Phyllis Coffman**
- George Davis**
- Amanda Harn**
- Phil Houston**
- Dick Provencher**
- Sandi Reid**
- Steve Reid**
- Kit Reif**
- Jim Wilcox**
- Bill Michaux
- Sandi Rennick
- Dennis Reid
- Richard McCabe
- Diann
- Mike Gordon
- Judy Wirth
- Toni Girten
- Will Heindrick
- Christopher Bowers
- Jason Delacruz
- Gage
- Bruce Roller
- Felipe Sanchez
- Larry Pearson
- Cheryl Henert
- Keith Padget
- Ann Frerichs
- Tom Lombardo
- Francis Stevenson
- Jared King
- Judy Hines
- John Peterson
- Rhonda Kay
- Sharon Pleniewicz
- Margie Myer

- Shut Ins**
- Lori Pederson**
- Doris Swedberg**
- Mary Whitmer**

- Military**
- David Bishop**
- Dylan Bishop**
- Tyler Peterson**
- Staff Sgt. Kyle Reif
- Matt Vizer
- Sage Harper
- Cristiano Sasso

- Sympathy**
- Iolynn Beers**
- Gary Wuslich



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December 1, 8, 15, 22

Mid-week Advent Worship and
Soup Supper

December 5

Last Day to Order Poinsettias

December 12

Sunday School Christmas Program
during 9:00 am worship

December 24

Christmas Eve Worship 8:00 pm

Last Day to Order Poinsettias is December 5

If you would like to order a red poinsettia plant this year to help adorn the sanctuary on Christmas, please do so by December 5. Plants are \$15.00 each. You can call in your order to the church office and drop off a check later. You can make a check out to All Saints Altar Guild and leave it in the office along with the order form which can be found in the weekly emailed announcements. Additional order forms are available on the oak table in Narthex



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