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Ash Wednesday Worship March 2

Ash Wednesday Worship with imposition of ashes and communion will be held at 7:00 pm. Join us as we begin our Lenten journey together.

Lenten Midweek Worship March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6 Lenten Worship featuring Holden Evening Prayer 7:00 pm

These services will be short 30-minute worship services using the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy. Closer to Lent, the Congregation Council will be determining whether each Wednesday's worship service will be preceded with a free soup supper. Additional information will be in the weekly announcements. Please join us for this time of worship.



Northern Illinois Synod Congregational Resourcing Event (CRE)

CRE will be held on March 12 as a virtual event via Zoom again this year. Details are still being worked out, and more information will be included in the March issue of the "Sainly News." We hope you will save the date for this informative event and join us from the comfort of your home.

Thank you to Outgoing Council Members!

Thank you to Jared Fitzsimmons, Carol Miller, Bill Pirnat and Jim Wilcox for their service to the Congregation Council. Their terms ended with the January council meeting. Bill served 6 years as Council Secretary and Jared served as the Youth and Family ministry member. Jim, Jared, and Carol are eligible for re-election and are willing to serve another term.

New Council Members will be installed as council members on February 6. Council committee assignments will be made at the council meeting on February 14 and will be announced in the March 2022 "Sainly News."



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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Karen Larson**Deadline for the March Sainly**News is **February 11**
Please send articles to
Rebecca Presson

Dear Friends:

Hope you're keeping warm in these cold days we've been having! I know I'm not alone in wishing for spring to come...a day in the 40's even sounds like a treat to me!

Our annual meeting here at All Saints will be held on January 30. Thanks, once again, to our outgoing church council member, Bill Pirnat, and to those who are willing to continue to serve on the council: Carol Miller, Jim Wilcox and Jared Fitzsimmons. I am grateful to those who said "yes" to accepting a term on our council: Caryn Huber and Julie Danielowski, and our synod assembly delegates, Brian and Michel Williams. We will approve a budget for 2022 and talk about the process of replacing our roof this year.

All of that is the "business" of the church. But, as you hopefully know, our congregation is about so much more than elected council folks and budgets. Our congregation is a vibrant place of worshipping, learning and support. The COVID crisis continues to plague the world, but it hasn't stopped us from being able to BE the church via worship, Bible studies, Sunday School, quilt making, prayers and so much more!

However, the reality of COVID still looms large in our world today...the positivity rates in Ogle, Winnebago and Boone county are very high. As I write this newsletter, Swedish American Hospital has announced they have no more ICU beds available. As we continue to be cautious, we will continue to require masks when in the building. In addition, at the January council meeting, we decided to suspend coffee hour following worship. This means no food OR drink being offered. You can still visit with each other at the fellowship tables following worship, but now you'll need to keep your mask on for the entire time. No food or coffee will be served at Quilters, the Gathering or Bible studies. This decision was not made lightly, but we all felt this was an important step to take to continue to protect each other. This will be reviewed monthly at our council meetings.

We are all tired of this pandemic and all of its ramifications. I want to close with a quote from the bishop of South-Central Wisconsin. Bishop Joy Mortensen-Wiebe: "We are all exhausted. We all want this pandemic to end. Yet, we are not alone. We are in this together. God is also here in this with us. Let us love our neighbor. It is taking all our heart, our soul and our strength perhaps but we can do this. God walks with us on this journey. God walks with our neighbor. You do make a difference with your acts of love and care."

Thank you for your partnership with me in the ministry of All Saints Lutheran.



In Christ,

Pastor Janet Wold



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.

Tuesday night Bible Study, facilitated by Steve Reid, will be on hiatus in February due to potential winter weather and road conditions.

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. The topic is "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 Small Conference Room. The Adult Sunday School Class has embarked on a new course with *The Fall of the Pagans and the Origins of Medieval Christianity*. This next course highlights how the pagan world was converted and transformed by the Christianization of the Roman Empire. There are 24 half-hour videos that we will watch and discuss. The sessions are open to all who are interested, and each session stands on its own as an interesting and informative experience.

Altar Flower Reservations

Please take a moment to consider donating altar flowers that beautify the church throughout the year. The flower reservation binder is located on the wall as you enter the Fellowship Hall. Bouquets are ordered from Merlin's at a cost of \$18.00 each, and are delivered every other week. If you wish to reserve both bouquets, please make sure you reserve both weeks in the binder. Envelopes are located in the rack by the flower reservation binder for your use for payment. This will help the altar guild treasurer keep track of donations. If you have any questions about this system, please contact any of the Altar Guild members.



February Sunday Scriptures

February 6 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

February 13 – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

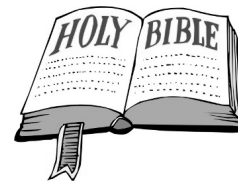
Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 6:17-26

February 20 – Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
Luke 6:27-38

February 27 Transfiguration of our Lord

Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2
Luke 9:28-36



*Please Clip & Save
for your reference*

Altar Guild

The members of the All Saints Altar guild met on Saturday, January 8 for their Annual Meeting. At that time the following officers were elected: President, Kay Johnson; Vice-President, Lynn Knodle; Secretary, Jan Sloan; Treasurer, Jo Marie Branson, Wine scheduler, Kay Johnson; Baptism Banners, Carol Miller; and Vestments, Barb Elfstrom.



If you are interested in joining the Altar Guild, please see any of the people listed above. It's not difficult work, but it is integral to the worship service we enjoy each week. We will be happy to train you and you will be paired with an experienced altar guild member to show you the ropes.



Worship Totals	Online Viewers	In-Person	Total	Sunday School
January 2	186	34	220	10
9	210	51	261	15
16	120	54	174	12
23	148	56	204	13
Totals	664	195	859	50
Average	166	49	215	12



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2022 Confirmation Class Schedule

February 6	Saint & Sinner	<i>I never felt like I'm a "good enough" Christian, and I don't know what to do about it.</i>	Romans 7:15-25
February 13	The Church	<i>I don't know why I have to go to church to be a Christian.</i>	Acts 2:41-47
February 20	Freedom of a Christian	<i>I thought freedom meant I was free of expectations and requirements.</i>	Galatians 5:1, 13
February 27	The Neighbor	<i>I don't need any neighbors, because I already have enough friends and family.</i>	Luke 10:25-37



January Council Highlights

- Financial giving fell short of budget for December
- \$11,000 has been pledged so far for the Roof Replacement Fund; in addition, \$6,000 has been given for this purpose.
- Agenda for the Annual Congregation Meeting was reviewed and approved
- Due to increased COVID numbers, it was decided to pause coffee hour after worship and not allow any food or drink during committee and group meetings.
- Budget for 2022 was discussed and approved for presentation during the Annual Meeting
- VBS for 2022 is in the planning stages



WELCA

Throughout the month of January, WELCA collected socks for Rockford Rescue Mission. The response has been wonderful, but the need continues. So, we will be collecting socks throughout the month of February as well. Thank you for your donations!



Book Club

The Book Club will meet on Tuesday, February 22 at 1:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to join us.



Gathering

The GATHERING will meet at 9:00 am on Tuesday, February 8. All are welcome to join us for this time of fellowship!



Thank you!

We received a thank you note on behalf of the residents of Generations at Neighbors for the Christmas gifts they received from the All Saints family. Thank you for your generosity!



Sunday School

The Sunday School children were overwhelmed with the generosity of those who donated to their ELCA Good Gifts fundraiser, including the silent auction held by WELCA.

Carol Miller and her team organized and arranged the very successful silent auction, which ran from December 1st to the 22nd, to raise money to support the Sunday School students. Members of the congregation donated many homemade and purchased items for the auction. Thrivent Financial approved a Thrivent Action Team proposal from Brian Williams for \$250 to purchase additional merchandise for this cause. It was such a fun and worthwhile event.

A total of **\$1050.00** was received (via the silent auction and direct monetary gifts) to be used by the kids to shop and make a difference in the lives of people around the world. Here is a list of what the kids decided to purchase. **THANK YOU!**

Purchased	Cost
50 Chicks	\$ 50.00
One Rooster	\$ 15.00
One Goat	\$ 50.00
One Piglet	\$ 30.00
Two Hives of Honeybees	\$ 40.00
Three Water Filters	\$ 90.00
Send a Woman to Farmers' Field School	\$ 75.00
Send Three Girls to School	\$120.00
School Supplies for Eight Children	\$ 80.00
Five Fruit-tree Seedlings	\$ 50.00
Seeds and Gardening Tools	\$ 50.00
Nutrition for Four Children for a Month	\$100.00
Four Mosquito Nets	\$ 40.00
Ten Warm Blankets	\$100.00
Three Bibles	\$ 36.00
Feed Forty People at a Soup Kitchen	\$ 80.00
Give Where Needed Most	\$ 44.00



Inclement Weather Policy

If the decision is made to cancel worship services because of weather, the decision will be made by 7:00 am. You can learn of that decision by:

- * Checking our Facebook page
- * Checking our website www.AllSaintsByron.org
- * Checking the weather – related closings on local TV stations

It is our intention to have services if at all possible. If you don't feel safe on the roads, please stay home, and participate using our online recorded worship service on the All Saints Facebook page or our website, www.AllSaintsByron.org.



Quilters

The quilters plan to meet on February 3rd and 17th at 9:00 am at the church. Thank you to members who have generously donated sheets and fabrics for our use in this new year. Our work continues to make quilts for people in need. The time goes quickly as we enjoy fellowship as we work together.

Finance Report

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual December	Budget December	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2021	
Revenue	General Fund	\$15,834	\$16,488	\$175,665	\$197,861	\$197,861	
	Mortgage	\$1,081	\$2,095	\$16,663	\$25,140	\$25,140	
	Other Giving	\$451	\$833	\$9,692	\$10,000	\$10,000	
	Total Revenue	\$17,365	\$19,416	\$202,021	\$233,001	\$232,992	
Expenses	1000 Mission Support	\$0	\$1,250	\$13,353	\$15,000	\$15,000	
	1000 Other Outreach	\$1,048	\$506	\$4,406	\$6,100	\$6,100	
		Total Outreach	\$1,048	\$1,756	\$17,759	\$21,100	\$21,100
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$623	\$1,022	\$9,627	\$12,414	\$12,414	
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$10,761	\$11,930	\$132,067	\$143,211	\$143,211	
		Total Ministries	\$11,384	\$12,952	\$141,694	\$155,625	\$155,625
	3000 Total Building (Non Capital)	\$2,053	\$2,589	\$27,382	\$31,137	\$31,137	
		Total Expense	\$14,485	\$17,297	\$186,835	\$207,862	\$207,564
	3000 Capital	Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$2,094	\$2,095	\$26,019	\$25,140	\$25,140
		Other Building Capital	\$0	\$12	\$668	\$0	\$144
Total Building Capital		\$2,094	\$2,107	\$26,686	\$25,140	\$25,284	
	Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	\$16,578	\$19,404	\$213,521	\$233,002	\$232,848	
Net	Net for Month/Year (Expenses Minus Revenue)	\$787		(\$11,500)			
	(Under)/Over Budget for Month/Year	(\$2,826)		(\$19,481)			

LOMC IS SEEKING SUMMER STAFF

Applications are being accepted to work this summer in a variety of areas. Those 18 and over are encouraged to be a part of the joy of summer ministry!

- Aquatics/Lifeguarding
- Counselors
- Health Coordinator
- Hospitality Specialist
- Maintenance Specialist
- Food Service

For employment opportunities, go to <https://lomc.org/employment/seasonal/>



In Our Prayers

Health & Healing

Phyllis Coffman
George Davis
Phil Houston
Sandi Reid
Kit Reif

Jim Wilcox
 Bill Michaux
 Sandi Rennick
 Dennis Reid
 Richard McCabe
 Diann

Mike Gordon
 Judy Wirth
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 Felipe Sanchez
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 Sharon Pleniewicz
 Margie Myer
 Stephanie Farrell

Pia Leombruni
 Carla Pearl
 Jimmy Johnson
 Tim Whitmer

Sydeny Provencher

Shut Ins

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Mary Whitmer

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Dylan Bishop
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 Staff Sgt. Kyle Reif

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February 13

Souper Bowl of Caring

March 2

Ash Wednesday Worship

March 9

Lenten mid-week
worship begins



Let's begin the Souper Bowl of Caring with a simple prayer:

Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat.

On February 13, 2022, we will again hold two large soup pots at the doors of the sanctuary at the conclusion of each worship service for you to vote for your favorite Super Bowl team. Money collected supports our local food pantry, People Helping People. Thank you for your donations!

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