



# THE Sainly NEWS

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## In-Person Worship Resumes January 31!!

In-person worship will be held at 9:00 am beginning January 31. Many safeguards remain in place, including social distancing, and limiting attendees to 50 or less (25 people in the sanctuary and 25 people in the Fellowship Hall). The requirement of wearing a mask the entire time of building occupancy, taking temperatures at the door to assure no one has a fever at or above 100.4 degrees, and the addition of hand sanitizing stations at the entry to the church and at the sanctuary doors remains in place. We will continue to offer one in-person worship service at 9:00 am each Sunday until further notice. A recording of our worship service will be uploaded to Facebook by 10:30 am and our church website later that day. A basket containing packages of communion wafers for those of you who wish to continue worshipping in your home will remain in the entry to the church for as long as needed. There are 10 wafers in each package, so feel free to take as many packages as you need to celebrate communion with your family.

## In-Person Sunday School Resumes January 31

Based on the decision to continue one worship service at 9:00 am, in-person Sunday School will resume on January 31 from 9:00 am to 9:40 am — the same time as the worship service. This gives parents the opportunity to attend church while their children are in Sunday School.

Temperatures will be taken upon entering, and masks will be required. The plan is to use the length of the Sunday School hallway rather than individual classrooms for learning, which will better allow for physical distancing. Supplies will only be shared by members of the same household. Hand sanitizer will be available, and disinfecting protocols will be followed. At some point we may need to move to remote learning if state mandates or other circumstances warrant doing so. Please reach out to Pastor Janet or Michel Williams with your questions or concerns. Communication is important as we work together to nurture the children's faith. We are looking forward to having children and their families in the church building once again.



## Annual Congregation Meeting In-Person - January 31

The 2021 Annual Congregation Meeting will be held following our 9:00 am worship service. Copies of the Annual Report have been emailed to those who have emails on file, or you can stop by the church during regular office hours to pick up a copy. There will be copies available on the day of the meeting. Agenda items include approving the 2021 budget and electing Congregation Council members.

Sunday Worship - In-person 9:00 am  
Recorded Service available on our  
Facebook Page at 10:30am and  
Webpage, later in the day

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to carry out God's mission**



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Karen Larson

Dear Partner in Ministry:

Have you decided what you will give up for Lent yet? Ash Wednesday is February 17...in the past, a Lenten discipline meant giving something up, often something that we shouldn't have been doing anyway.

Those Lenten disciplines are still valid, especially if you tie the giving up to something spiritual. For example, you give up sugar and contribute the money you would have spent on sweets to ELCA World Hunger.

But what if instead of giving something up, we added something to enrich our spiritual lives? For those of you who are baffled, below are some suggestions to help you launch into Lent.

Read the Bible. Something I've done as part of my devotionals is to take a random paragraph from the New Testament and read it aloud. Then read it aloud again. Every time it's read, I reflect how each time a different verse "sparkled" or "jumped out" at me. I then read it aloud again and then one more time. This process of reading the same passage aloud and letting the words really live in us and then reflecting on what "sparkled" for you is a long-lived practice of devotion known as "lectio divina." Perhaps this could help to "sparkle" your devotional life into something it hasn't been before.

Boost your prayer life. Building on the suggestion above, perhaps you could begin to set aside a time regularly to turn off the TV, radio, computers etc. and spend some time in prayer.

Volunteer for something you've never done. Lent could be the time to challenge yourself to do something new – either here at the church or in our community. There aren't as many opportunities for folks who want to give a little or a lot of their time as there was before the pandemic, but opportunities are out there. It's a chance to make a difference not only in the lives of others, but I think you'll find yourself affected positively too!

Worship regularly. I know for some of you, missing a Sunday morning worship is a rare occurrence. For many though, Sunday morning worship is not a part of your regular weekly schedule. Why not try, during the 5 Sundays that are part of Lent, to make a commitment to attend or watch our service each week? And while you're at it, attend or watch the Wednesday evenings of Lent for a half-hour worship to hear the word of God.

Maybe you'll think of something other than the above suggestions – whatever we do, I pray that this Lenten season will be a time of deepening our relationship to God and reflecting on the sacrifice made by Jesus on the cross.

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Janet Wold

**Deadline** for the March SainlyNews is **February 12**

Please send articles to

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## Bible Studies

**The Monday Afternoon Bible Study**, facilitated by Pastor Janet Wold, is being held 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 Evening Bible Study** facilitated by Steve Reid will resume on Tuesday, February 2 at 7:00 pm. We will be studying Biblical Devotions, and how they are related to Christian living for example, "Who is Satan," "God's Forgiveness," and "Judge Not."

**The Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study**, facilitated by Pastor Janet Wold, is being held in-person in the Fellowship Hall at 1:30 pm. Masks are required. On January 27 we began utilizing Adam Hamilton's study entitled "Why?" covering topics that make us ask "why" in our own lives. This study will continue through February 24.

**The Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study**, facilitated by Steve Jones will resume on Sunday February 7 at 10:00 am.

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## January Council Highlights

- ◆ 2020 ended on a strong note financially due to the generous giving of our congregation family.
- ◆ Appointed Amy Harn as Financial Secretary
- ◆ Approved proposed budget for 2021 to be presented at the Annual Meeting on January 31
- ◆ Approved proposed agenda for the 2021 Annual Meeting on January 31
- ◆ Learned new thermostats were installed throughout the church
- ◆ Thanked outgoing council members: Doug Knodle, Kay Johnson, and Audra Miles for their service

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to the entire church council for their leadership. We especially thank Doug Knodle, Audra Miles, and Kay Johnson whose terms ended with the January 2021 council meeting. In the March newsletter, we will welcome new members to the All Saints Congregation Council.

A BIG  
thank  
you  
♥

## Sunday Scriptures

**February 7**

**Fifth Sunday of Epiphany**

Isaiah 40:21-31  
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23  
Mark 1:29-39

**February 14**

**Transfiguration of Our Lord**

2 Kings 2:1-12  
Psalm 50:1-6  
2 Corinthians 4:3-6  
Mark 9:2-9

**February 17**

**Ash Wednesday**

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17  
Psalm 51:1-17  
2 Corinthians 5:20b--6:10  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

**February 21**

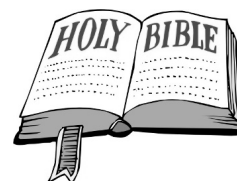
**First Sunday in Lent**

Genesis 9:8-17  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:9-15

**February 28**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
Psalm 22:23-31  
Romans 4:13-25  
Mark 8:31-38



*Please Clip & Save for your reference*

## Quilters

The quilting group meets on the first and third Thursday mornings at church from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. When we're not together we spend our time cutting the quilt squares, piecing them together, and sewing them into quilt tops. When we do meet, we tie the three layers together and enjoy each other's company in the process. If you have fabric or sheets that you no longer need, we would gratefully accept them. There is a container in the hallway by the coat racks where donations can be placed. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



To our Church Family:

This has been a difficult year in many ways for everyone. And it is especially difficult for those of us who are saying "Good bye". While we are very excited to be moving near one of our sons, which puts us closer to our other son, we are experiencing sadness in missing those we leave behind in the Byron Community after spending the past 30 years building our lives here.

All Saints will always hold a special place in our hearts, since this was our home during those precious years when our boys were growing up. We will value our friendships forever.

We both hope and pray that 2021 brings peace, happiness and good health to all.

Happy New Year!

Rich and Lavonne Berkeley

## Ash Wednesday In-Person February 17

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



## Lenten Mid-Week Worship Services

These services will be short 30-minute worship services using the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy. The dates are February 24, March 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 7:00 pm. Please join us for this time of worship. Additional information will be in the weekly announcements.

## Northern Illinois Synod Congregational Resourcing Event (CRE)

CRE will be held on March 13 as a virtual event via Zoom 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.



**~From our Sunday School**

In December, the Sunday School children chose to carry on their tradition of collecting funds for the mission and ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America through ELCA Good Gifts. Thanks to the generosity of those who made donations to this worthy cause, All Saints was able to pass on \$255! Here is an excerpt from the email acknowledging those monies:

*Thanks to a generous group of donors, all your gifts will be matched -- going twice as far in our efforts to share God's love in Christ with our neighbors near and far.*

*Your gifts are making a difference in the world - responding to hunger and poverty, sharing the gospel, equipping leaders, and growing the church. Thank you for all that you have graciously given so that others may experience God's love.*

*~Michel Williams, Education Chair*

**~From Generations at Neighbors**

Dear All Saints Family,  
Sorry, we are a bit tardy, but we wanted to thank everyone at All Saints Lutheran Church for the lovely gifts our residents received from your church.

Our parties were a "moving" festivity...with our staff and Santa working their way down each hallway singing carols, Santa visits, serving refreshments and of course delivering of the wonderful gifts our residents received.

We are once again, in awe, of the giving community that is Byron. Year after year, our area churches step up to make Christmas the joy-filled season it should be. And, again, THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts for keeping Christ in Christmas!

Sincerely,  
Kim M. Hughes, A.D.  
Generations at Neighbors

**~From LOMC**

Dear Congregation Members of All Saints,

**#GIVINGTUESDAY™**

Giving Tuesday on December 1 was a huge success with \$28,000 raised and whether you gave on Giving Tuesday or on another day, we are enormously blessed to have you as a supporter of outdoor ministry Illinois. Thank you so very much!

Thank you for your donation to LOMC  
Amount: \$1,000.00 on December 28,2020  
Fund: Annual Fund Donation  
Type: Congregation (Annual Fund)

We are in awe of your generosity to the Ministry of LOMC.

Blessings, Peace and Thanks,  
Rob Gieraltowski  
Executive Director



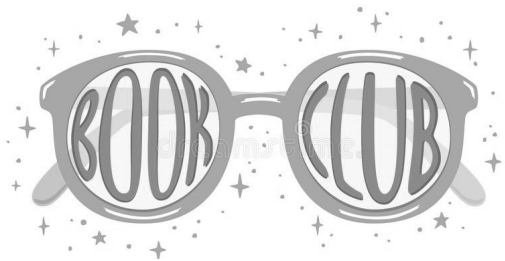
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**SHOP NOW ►**

## Book Club

February's Book Club selection is *The Sweetgum Knit Lit Society* by Beth Pattillo. A group of five woman that love to knit and have a passion for books meet on the third Friday of each month. The women remain happy with the group as it is until an angry teenager is brought to a meeting by the town librarian as punishment for tearing a page out of a library book.

Each of the ladies has a secret which comes to the forefront as they meet to discuss the book selection and show each other their knitted project. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at church on Tuesday, February 22 at 1:00 pm.



## Confirmation Schedule

**2020-2021 Confirmation Class Schedule**  
**All Classes held via Zoom from**  
**10:00 to 10:30 am Sundays**

February 7	<i>The New Testament</i>	<i>If the whole Bible is so important, I don't understand why it is split into two parts.</i>	<i>John 12:44-50</i>
February 14	<i>Jesus</i>	<i>I don't understand how Jesus could be fully human and fully divine.</i>	<i>Philippians 2:5-8</i>
February 21	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>I don't know why Matthew refers to the Old Testament all the time.</i>	<i>Matthew 1:18-25</i>
February 28	<i>Mark</i>	<i>I don't get why Mark skips stuff and ends before the story does.</i>	<i>Mark 1:14-20</i>

## The Gathering

The Gathering will meet on February 9 at 9:00 am. We meet the second Tuesday of each month in the fellowship hall. All are WELCOME.



## 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](http://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.



Worship Totals	Online Viewers	Sunday School
<b>Dec 20</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Jan 3</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1734</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>13</b>



# Finance Report

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual December	Budget December	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2020
Revenue	General Fund	\$22,372	\$16,430	\$220,786	\$197,160	\$197,160
	Mortgage	\$1,465	\$2,074	\$20,139	\$24,891	\$24,888
	Other Giving	\$470	\$833	\$7,725	\$10,000	\$9,996
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$24,306</b>	<b>\$19,337</b>	<b>\$248,650</b>	<b>\$232,051</b>	<b>\$232,044</b>
Expenses	1000 Mission Support	\$1,167	\$1,250	\$19,598	\$15,000	\$15,000
	1000 Other Outreach	\$1,180	\$464	\$4,739	\$5,600	\$5,568
	1000 <b>Total Outreach</b>	<b>\$2,347</b>	<b>\$1,714</b>	<b>\$24,337</b>	<b>\$20,600</b>	<b>\$20,568</b>
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$1,083	\$1,224	\$9,428	\$14,849	\$14,688
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$10,394	\$11,035	\$132,107	\$132,472	\$132,420
	2000 <b>Total Ministries</b>	<b>\$11,478</b>	<b>\$12,259</b>	<b>\$141,535</b>	<b>\$147,321</b>	<b>\$147,108</b>
	3000 <b>Total Building (Non Capital)</b>	<b>\$1,916</b>	<b>\$2,565</b>	<b>\$25,332</b>	<b>\$30,837</b>	<b>\$30,780</b>
	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$15,741</b>	<b>\$16,538</b>	<b>\$191,203</b>	<b>\$198,758</b>	<b>\$198,456</b>
	3000 Capital Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$2,094	\$2,095	\$25,124	\$25,140	\$25,140
	3000 Capital Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$13,306	\$0	\$0
	3000 Capital <b>Total Building Capital</b>	<b>\$2,094</b>	<b>\$2,095</b>	<b>\$38,429</b>	<b>\$25,140</b>	<b>\$25,140</b>
<b>Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)</b>	<b>\$17,835</b>	<b>\$18,633</b>	<b>\$229,632</b>	<b>\$223,898</b>	<b>\$223,596</b>	

## Pastoral Acts

January 17 – Baptism of Aiden Joseph Montagno



Pictured with Pastor Janet are Eric and Samantha Montagno and their children Ella and Aiden following Aiden’s baptism.

## In Our Prayers

### Health & Healing

**Phyllis Coffman**  
**Kate Danielowski– Cuccaro**  
**George Davis**  
**Heather Green**  
**Jeanine Hayes**  
**John Hetland**  
**Phil Houston**  
**Joyce Niehaus**  
**Kit Reif**

Gordon Green  
 Bill Michaux  
 Justine Davis  
 Kirby Middleton  
 Sandi Rennick  
 Matt Henkel  
 Dennis Reid  
 Vicki Scull  
 Jamie Dreyfus  
 Scott Gordon & wife Lu  
 Gary Diehl  
 Richard McCabe  
 Doug Karr  
 Gary Wuslich  
 Kevin Lyons  
 Diann  
 Mike  
 Judy Wirth  
 Toni Girten  
 Ernie Leombruni  
 Francis Stevenson  
 Scot DeWall  
 Terry VanLanningham  
 Gene Wilson  
 Will Heindrick  
 Maria Rogers  
 Renee Fraser  
 Jan Ekstrom  
 Janet Keller

### Shut Ins

**Eileen Carlson**  
**Patricia Mohr**  
**Lori Pederson**  
**Mary Whitmer**

### Military

**David Bishop**  
**Dylan Bishop**  
 Staff Sgt. Kyle Reif  
 Matt Vizer  
 Sage Harper  
 Wes McGee  
 Reggio  
 Tyler Peterson

### Sympathy

Barb Kinner



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## Souper Bowl of Caring

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 7, 2021 we will again hold 2 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.

“More Than A Soup Can”



### January 31

In-person Worship resumes

In-Person Sunday School Resumes

Annual Congregation Meeting

### February 17

Ash Wednesday In-Person Worship at 7:00 pm

### February 24

Mid-Week Lenten In-Person Worship at 7:00 pm

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