



THE Sainly NEWS

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Ash Wednesday Worship February 22

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.

Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper

Join us for a pancake and sausage supper before Ash Wednesday service.

When: Wednesday, February 22

Time: 5:30 pm

Menu: Pancakes, sausages, applesauce, milk, coffee, juice

Please sign up to donate the items or to help with service and meal prep. The sign-up sheets can be found on Bulletin Board #2. Items can be dropped off in the kitchen prior to Wednesday, February 22nd.



A free-will offering will be gratefully accepted.



Lenten Midweek Worship March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29

Lenten Worship featuring Holden Evening Prayer 7:00 pm These services will be short 30-minute worship services using the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy and a video message from our new Bishop, Bishop Stacie Fidler, entitled "Unfinished: Discovering God's Call in the Not Yet."

Congregational Resourcing Event (CRE)

Congregational Resourcing Event (CRE) will be held on March 4, 2023, at Sauk Valley Community College in Dixon, IL (note new location!). CRE will feel different this year as we gather for the first time since 2019. The morning will be intentional conversations around our theme, "Be the Body" while the afternoon you will have the opportunity to engage in a variety of workshops. More information will be shared as it becomes available.



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:

The new year is well underway now. How are you doing with your New Year's resolutions? New beginnings can be a time when we "take stock" of our lives and make some decisions about what areas we want to work on. Losing weight, quitting smoking, working less, spending more time with family, being more disciplined in our prayer life and/or worship life, getting a handle on our budgets – all of these are admirable goals to work on. However, as was noted in the news recently, the end of January is often a time when we become depressed because we realize we aren't changing ourselves the way we'd hoped at the beginning of the year.



Failure to meet goals can make US feel like a failure. We recognize our inability to achieve perfection and our instincts may be to say "I'm never going to be able to do that, so why even try?" It's hard to admit that we are a people who are unable to do it all...that we are a people who are sinful...that we are a people who need a Savior. Someone once asked me "What if I'm not good enough to get into heaven?" My response to her was "None of us are good enough to get into heaven...that's why we need saving. That's why we need a Savior...to save us from ourselves." Jesus the Christ came into the world because of God's great love for us and desire for us to be in a relationship with him. What we can never do on our own we CAN do with Christ, knowing that we are forgiven over and over, which can then empower us to try again.

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-19) This is our challenge and our gift from God.

In Christ,
Pastor Janet Wold

Pastoral Acts:

William Dach Funeral December 31
Gladstone Barracks Memorial January 6

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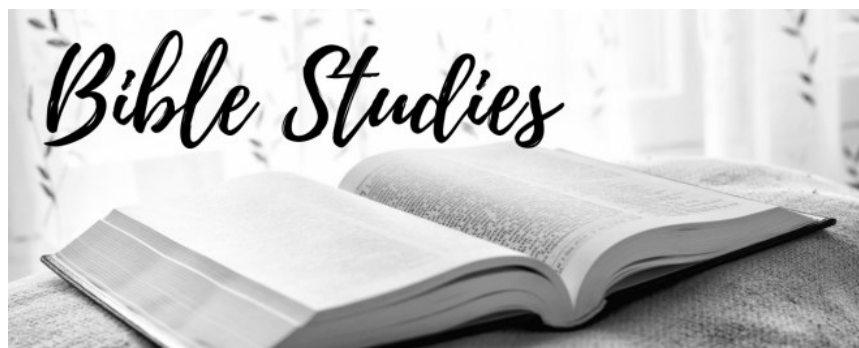
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Deadline for the March Sainly News is **February 16**
Please send articles to
Rebecca Presson

Thank you to Outgoing Council Members!

Thank you to Trina Andersen, Jared Fitzsimmons, Scott Fitzsimmons, and Michel Williams for their service to the Congregation Council. Their terms ended with the January council meeting. Michel served as Education Chairman, Scott as Property Chairman, Trina as Finance Chairman, and Jared served as the Youth and Family ministry member. New Council Members will be installed as council members on February 5. Council committee assignments will be made at the council meeting on February 13 and will be announced in the March 2023 "Sainly News."





Check the calendar for changes to the Bible Study schedule.

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 through February or March, depending on the winter weather.

Wednesday afternoon Bible Study, facilitated by Pastor Janet Wold, meets at 1:30 pm in Conference Room #310. This group of men and women engage in lively conversation over a cup of coffee, utilizing a study, "**From Darkness to Light.**"

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study, facilitated by Steve Jones, meets at 10:00 am in the Small Conference Room. Adult Sunday School began a new course entitled "**The History and Archaeology of the Bible.**" Presented by Jean-Pierre Isbouts, DLitt from the Fielding Graduate University, we will view and discuss 24 lectures that range from Genesis to the Rise of Christianity in the first century. This course looks at how the Bible was shaped by the eras where it came to be written down and how history shows us evidence of the Bible's stories. The class meets each Sunday during the Education hour after Church beginning at 10:00 am. Most sessions are about 45 minutes, with a 40-minute video and short discussion after the videos.



February Sunday Scriptures

February 5 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Psalms 112:1-9

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Matthew 5:13-20

February 12 – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalms 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

February 19 – Transfiguration of our Lord

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalms 2

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

February 22 – Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Psalms 51:1-17

2 Corinthians 5:20b--6:10

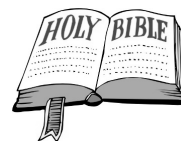
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 26 – First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalms 32

Romans 5:12-19



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for your reference*

January Council Highlights

- ◇ Thank you to outgoing council members: Trina Andersen, Jared Fitzsimmons, Scott Fitzsimmons and Michel Williams.
- ◇ Actual YTD revenue and expenses were under budget due to reduction in mortgage,
- ◇ 2023 budget was reviewed and approved for presentation at the Annual Meeting.
- ◇ Annual Meeting Agenda was reviewed and approved.
- ◇ WELCA’s silent auction netted \$1,065. This money was given to Sunday School children to purchase Good Gifts program items.
- ◇ Stewardship pledges to date total \$180,895 compared to total pledges in 2022 of \$161,028.
- ◇ Blood Drive is scheduled for January 23 and the goal is 37 participants.



Worship Totals	Online Viewers	In-Person	Total	Sunday School
January 1	116	50	166	n/a
8	150	62	212	27
15	128	74	202	27
22	180	65	245	16
Totals	574	251	825	70
Average	143	63	206	23



Sunday School News

The Sunday School kids had so much fun deciding how they wanted to spend the Good Gifts donations. A lot of thinking, discussing, and compromising went into their planning. Here is what they finally decided.

- Chicks – 3
- Roosters – 2
- Goat – 1
- Piglets – 2
- Shares of a Cow – 1
- Honeybees – 2
- Water Filters – 4
- Farmers’ Field School for a Woman – 2
- School Fees and Uniforms for Girls – 3
- School Supplies for a Child – 5
- Fruit-tree Seedlings – 5
- Mosquito Nets for a Family – 6
- Clinic Visit for a Child – 4
- Bibles – 4
- Feed 10 at a Soup Kitchen – 5

Thank you again to WELCA for facilitating the silent auction, and to those who participated or made a direct donation. As you can see, the \$1,065 raised went a long way!





Become Part of Our Church Family

New Member Class

Are you interested in learning about membership here at All Saints? Please plan on attending a New Member Class on Sunday, February 12th at 10:00 am (during the Sunday School hour) to learn more about our life here at All Saints and what membership means. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall, near the kitchen. By coming to the class you are not committing to join – you are welcome to come with your questions! If there are folks ready to join, we'll decide together what Sunday would work to be received as a new member. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Janet Wold.

Confirmation Schedule

February 5	Jesus	<i>I don't understand how Jesus could be fully human and fully divine.</i>	<i>Philippians 2:5-8</i>
February 12	Matthew	<i>I don't know why Matthew refers to the Old Testament all the time.</i>	<i>Matthew 1:18-25</i>
February 19	Mark	<i>I don't get why Mark skips stuff and ends before the story does.</i>	<i>Mark 1:14-20</i>
February 26	Luke	<i>I'm not sure why Luke is so fixated on the Roman Empire and people on the fringes of society.</i>	<i>Luke 2:49</i>

Library News

The books being added to the library this month are:

“On Calvary’s Hill” by Max Lucado - "Lets follow Jesus on His final journey...so we may learn how to make ours."

“7 Lessons from Heaven How Dying Taught Me to Live a Joy-Filled Life” by Mary C. Neal, M.D.

“The Book of Lost Names” - A novel by Kristin Harmel- A librarian sees a newspaper picture of a book she hadn't seen in a very long time. The article described the looting of libraries across Europe by the Nazis during World War II. Eva began forging identity documents for the for the Jewish children fleeing to Switzerland. She decided she needed to find a way to preserve the real names of these children who were too young to remember their real name. These names were added to the **“The Book of Lost Names”**.

CHURCH LIBRARY

“Love the Lord your God with all your mind.”



Quilters

The quilters plan to meet February 2nd and 16th at 9:00 am at the church. The work continues to make quilts to send to Lutheran World Relief for people in need. The three layers of fabric are tied and sewn together to make a warm blanket. Much work is done at homes before our meetings. The donated sheets and fabric are cut to the proper size for backings. Squares of fabric are sewn together to make pretty tops. Polyester batting is the middle layer that is provided by Thrivent Choice Dollars. The time at church goes by quickly as the three layers are tied together. Please join us if this sounds like a project you would like to help with.



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

Book Club

The book for this month's Book Club is *Firstborn* by Robin Lee Hatcher, "Erika's worst fear is realized when her well-kept secret shows up on her doorstep. As she reaches out to the daughter she gave up for adoption twenty-one years ago, her husband pulls away leaving Erika with an impossible choice. Join us for Book Club on Tuesday, February 28 at 1:00 pm.



Altar Guild

The Annual Altar Guild meeting was held on Saturday, January 7. Officers elected were: Kay Johnson, President; Lynn Knodle, Vice-President and Sunshine Chairman; Jan Sloan, Secretary, and Jo Marie Branson, Treasurer. A new committee was formed entitled "Parament Change Coordinator." This committee will change the paraments as the church season changes. Michel Williams will chair this committee and schedule help as needed. We are also pleased to welcome two new Altar Guild members: Pam Kultgen and Doris Lading. Thank you for your service to this important ministry!



The GATHERING

The GATHERING will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am on Tuesday, February 14. Join us for this time of fun and fellowship!

December Financials

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual December	Budget December	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2022	
Revenue	General Fund	\$16,166	\$16,488	\$182,315	\$197,861	\$197,861	
	Mortgage	\$2,299	\$2,095	\$52,974	\$25,140	\$25,140	
	Other Giving	\$654	\$833	\$24,835	\$10,000	\$10,000	
	Total Revenue	\$19,119	\$19,416	\$260,124	\$233,001	\$233,001	
Expenses	1000 Mission Support	\$4,853	\$1,250	\$11,739	\$15,000	\$15,000	
	Other Outreach	\$50	\$515	\$5,702	\$6,200	\$6,200	
		Total Outreach	\$4,903	\$1,765	\$17,441	\$21,200	\$21,200
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$1,174	\$1,164	\$10,367	\$14,120	\$14,120	
	Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$10,804	\$11,535	\$136,210	\$138,470	\$138,470	
		Total Ministries	\$11,978	\$12,699	\$146,577	\$152,590	\$152,590
	3000 Total Building (Non Capital)	\$2,768	\$2,530	\$28,487	\$30,439	\$30,439	
		Total Expense	\$19,649	\$16,994	\$192,505	\$204,229	\$204,229
	3000 Capital Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$1,246	\$2,168	\$19,214	\$26,019	\$26,019	
	Other Building Capital	\$0	\$4,333	\$60,020	\$52,000	\$52,000	
		Total Building Capital	\$1,246	\$6,501	\$79,234	\$78,019	\$78,019
	Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	\$20,896	\$23,495	\$271,739	\$282,248	\$282,248	
Net	Net for Month/Year (Expenses Minus Revenue)	(\$1,777)		(\$11,615)			
	(Under)/Over Budget for Month/Year	(\$2,599)		(\$10,509)			

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 worship via our Facebook page or website in the comfort of your own home.



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In Our Prayers

Health & Healing

Phyllis Coffman
Sue Davis
Reuben Johnson
Carolyn Niederer
Sandi Reid
Kit Reif
Dylan Sproule
Cindy Yoakum
 Dennis Reid
 Richard McCabe
 Diann
 Mike Gordon
 Judy Wirth
 Will Heindrick
 Christopher Bowers
 Bruce Roller
 Felipe Sanchez
 Keith Padget
 Ann Frerichs
 Tom Lombardo
 Francis Stevenson

Jared King
 Margie Myer
 Ernie Leombruni
 Kevin Nickels
 Ron Sasso
 Ken Anderson
 Alex Crawford
 Dick Sabin
 Bobbie Chisem
 Jennie Sanchez
 Jan Liljeberg
 John Kirchner
 Paul Keiffer
 Mason Sasso
 Rick Uhdholtz
 Susan Caruso
 Lee Joyce
 Penne McCabe
 Billie Jean Hartman
 Cliff Thompson
 Wes Champlain
 Jim Carson
 Mindy Vanatter
 Beth Brandt
 Scott Meadows
 Robert Reif

Shut Ins

George Davis
Lori Pederson
Doris Swedberg
Mary Whitmer

Military

David Bishop
Dylan Bishop
Tyler Peterson
 Staff Sgt. Kyle Reif
 Matt Vizer
 Sage Harper
 Tyler Peterson
 Cristiano Sasso
 Logan Usrey
 Tyler James Yoakum

Sympathy

William "Bill" Dach
 Gladstone Barracks



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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 12, 2023, 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!

FEBRUARY

February 12

Souper Bowl of Caring

February 22

Ash Wednesday Worship

Ash Wednesday Pancake

and Sausage Supper

March 1

Lenten Mid-week Worship

and Soup Suppers Begin

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