



# THE Sainly NEWS

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## Annual Congregation Meeting - Sunday, January 26, 2020 Potluck: 11:45 am - Meeting: 12:30 pm

This will be a great opportunity for all members of the church to enjoy fellowship, eat good food, and exercise their rights as active and voting members of All Saints. A sign-up sheet is posted for the potluck on Bulletin Board #2.

Some of the items on the agenda include:

- Review the annual report
- Approve the budget for 2020
- Elect church council members
- Appoint voting members to the Northern Illinois Synod Assembly on June 19 & 20 at Augustana College in Rock Island.



### Summer Worship Schedule To Be Determined

All members of All Saints have been mailed a ballot to vote on a summer worship schedule for 2020. Vote for your choice of worship times. Each confirmed All Saints Member has a vote! The choice is to have one service at 9:00 am or to keep our 8:00 am & 10:30 am worship schedule. Return your ballots by January 19<sup>th</sup> so that your vote will count.



### Synod Assembly Delegates Needed!

At the January Annual Meeting, we will be electing up to three adult members and one youth member of All Saints to attend the Synod Assembly in Rock Island, IL on June 19-20, 2020. Worshiping with other synod churches is uplifting, and you get to see the larger church at work. If you are interested in being nominated and elected for this opportunity, please speak to Pastor Janet.

**Sunday Worship 8:00 and 10:30 am**  
**Whole Family Education Hour**  
Sundays 9:15 am (Sept - May)

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Dear Friends,

I found this prayer by William Barclay and thought it appropriate as we begin this new year.

O God our Father, as this year comes to an end, we remember before you all its days.

Every happy hour and every happy day; every new thing we have learned and seen and done; every new friend we have made and the old friends to whom we are closer now than ever we were: *We remember and give thanks with joy.*

Everything that was difficult to face or hard to bear, but out of which we came, wiser in mind and stronger in character; every failure and disappointment that has kept us humble; everything that has shown us how dangerous life can be and how much we need you: *We remember and give thanks with joy.*

Every task in which we failed; every temptation to which we succumbed; every person we hurt and failed and disappointed; every word and deed for which we are sorry now: *We remember and confess with sorrow.*

All those for whom this has been a thrilling, an exciting, and a successful year: *That they may remember to give you thanks.*

All those for whom this has been a sad year, and who come to the end of it lonelier than they were at the beginning: *That they may find comfort and courage to go on.*

All those for whom this has been an ordinary year, when nothing special seemed to happen, making them forget that it is in life's routine they win or lose their destiny: *That they may know themselves to be blessed by you.*

And help us now, made wise by the lessons life taught us, to go on to higher achievements and nobler things, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Happy New Year, my friends...

In Christ,

*Pastor Janet Wold*

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December 8 - Benjamin Robert Schwartz, son of Jake and Lindsay (Klink) Schwartz was blessed as a child of God.

**Help Us Undecorate Our Church**

Please plan to join us at 10:00 am on Saturday, January 11, 2020 to undecorate the church. Many hands make light work! Coffee and donuts will be served!



**Deadline** for the February Saintly News is **January 15**

Please send articles to

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## Bible Studies (in the main conference room #310)

See Education Opportunities brochure for more details

**SUNDAY MORNING 9:15 am** -This study meets in the Small Conference room (Rm. 209). Steve Jones is the class facilitator.

*“After the New Testament – The Writings of the Apostolic Fathers”*

Who exactly were the Apostolic Fathers? Why were they given that name? Most important is what windows into the shaping of Christianity’s canon, church hierarchy, and creed are open for us?

**TUESDAY EVENING 7:00 pm** -The Tuesday Evening Bible study will not be meeting in January. Come study with us in February.

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 1:30 pm** -This study meets in the Main Conference room (Rm. 310). Pastor Janet Wold is the class facilitator. Wednesday afternoon Bible study will resume on January 8. On the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup>, we will conclude the “Greatest Story” Bible study. Then on Jan. 22 through Feb. 19, we will study the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday. The season of Lent will have a dedicated study, to be detailed later.

## Welcome New Members!

Welcome New Members! The following people joined our church family on December 8. Please look for their picture on the bulletin board in the narthex and be sure to welcome them to our congregation!



**Nathan Devenport** Nathan works as a maintenance tech out at the Exelon Power Plant. He enjoys being with family and friends, bicycling, reading and traveling.

**Fred and Mary Heal** Both Fred and Mary are retired. They both enjoy playing cards, Fred enjoys woodworking and Mary enjoys crafting.

**Greg and Doris Lading** Both Greg and Doris are retired. They enjoy all kinds of sports, especially baseball and football.

**Matthew and Tasha Wendorf** Matthew works at Nestle in DeKalb as a shop lead, Tasha is a product manager for Ingersoll Cutting Tools. They are parents to Carter Mitchell (age 7) and Grant Wendorf (age 3). They enjoy fishing, the outdoors and the holidays.

## Sunday Scriptures

### January 5 Second Sunday of Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14  
Psalm 147:12-20  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
John 1:10-18

### January 12 Baptism of our Lord

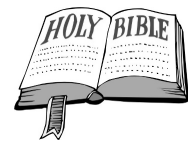
Isaiah 42:1-9  
Psalm 29  
Acts 10:34-43  
Matthew 3:13-17

### January 19 Second Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7  
Psalm 40:1-11  
1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
John 1:29-42

### January 26 Third Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4  
Psalm 27:1, 4-9  
1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
Matthew 4:12-23



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# Women of the ELCA

The quarterly WELCA meeting will be held Saturday January 25 at 11:00 am. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy during the meetings!

## Attention all organizations, committees, secretaries, treasurers:

Now is the time to review the past year and write your report for the Annual Congregation meeting to be held January 26th. Please include a financial report and a brief overview of what your group has done in 2019.

Reports need to be submitted to the office by Monday, January 6th 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 email it to the church (Office@AllSaintsByron.org). Of course, a hand written report will be accepted as well.

## Altar Guild

The annual Altar Guild meeting will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 9:00 am in the Main Conference Room (310). Current and prospective Altar Guild members are invited and encouraged to attend!



## The GATHERING

This group meets on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 9:00 am. Join us with your craft project, or if you don't have a project, just come and enjoy the fellowship and food.

## Quilters

The quilters plan to meet on January 9th, 2020 at 9 am. Note this is the second Thursday in the month. The December meeting brought 15 ladies to work on quilts for people in need. The ladies also brought food for the potluck luncheon that we all enjoyed after our work was done.

Looking into the future, we hope to continue our work making comforters for others. Our time together goes by quickly as we enjoy fellowship.



This month's Book Club selection is *The Amish Midwife* by Mindy Starns Clark and Leslie Gould. As her father is on his death bed, Lexie learns about a box given to her adopted parents at the time of her adoption. It holds information that sends her on a quest to find her biological family in Lancaster County. She finds Marta who may hold the key to her past, but she isn't talking. As Mindy continues to be a mid-wife while searching, she learns the meaning of *demut*: "to let it be," but can she learn to depend totally on God?



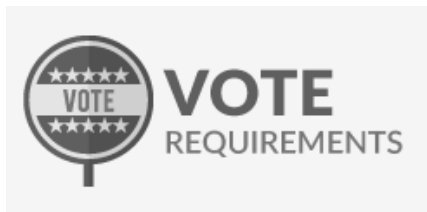
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## December Council Highlights

- \* The Fall Stewardship Drive is going well with 51 pledges returned for the general fund and 25 pledges for the mortgage.
- \* 2020 Budget was discussed and is ready to be formally approved at the January 13 council meeting. We will then present it to the congregation for approval at the Congregation Meeting on January 26.
- \* Discussed concerns about spreading flu germs during the 'passing of the peace' at worship. Participation is not mandatory, but we will place hand sanitizer bottles at the end of each row of chairs for those who wish to use it. Also the use of 'fist bumps' or just verbal words of peace are acceptable.
- \* The dead and dying trees along Route 2 have been removed. Stump removal and clean-up will occur in the spring.



## 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.

## Book Club 2019 Review

In this month of January, 2020, we reflect on the books of the past year our Book Club has read and enjoyed. I hope you will check them out and enjoy them also.

January's meeting was cancelled due to the weather.

February - *Something Beautiful Happened* by Yvette Corporon is a personal memoir of the author and her quest to find descendants of the family her grandmother and the people of a Greek island hid from the Nazis during WWII.

March - *Welcome to Harmony* by Philip Gulley - Sam grew up in Harmony and became the pastor of a church in the next state over. He stayed there until he became sick: "I was sick of them and they were sick of me." His family stayed with his parents in Harmony, praying that God would provide a job. Suddenly, Pastor Taylor of Harmony's church died when hit by a truck...and so it begins.

April - *Blood Red Murder* of the African Violet Club Mysteries by Elise Stone - A new resident to the Retirement Community is murdered during an African violet repotting demonstration. Willey falsely becomes the primary suspect and resident Lilliana comes to the aid (not really appreciated) of a small town police chief.

May - *Between Friends* by Debbie Macomber - Lesley and Jillian are friends who grew up in the 50's and 60's. We follow their lives and choices they made through letters, and diary entries from good times and tragic times as they share every grief and joy of their opposite life journeys. (It includes lots of history from that time.)

September - *Mixed Blessings* by Cathy Hake - Widowed Marie's son was switched at birth with wealthy widower Peter's son three years ago. How can they switch them back to the biological parents and give up the child they thought was theirs?

October - *Shadows of Lancaster County* by Mindy Starns Clark - Anna returns home when her brother is missing. She follows the trail he left behind that leads her from the simple world of the Amish to the world of DNA research and gene therapy. When she learns she has something others want, she depends on her instincts, faith in God, and help from the Amish.

November - *Where Do I Go?* is book one of four in a series by Neta Jackson. Gabby has lost herself in the fifteen years she's been married to Philip. When he wants to move to Chicago to start a new business, she reluctantly agrees. Finding an opportunity to give her life meaning again at a woman's shelter in need of a program director, she takes the job. But Phillip doesn't like the changes and gives her an ultimatum: quit the job or risk divorce and losing custody of their two sons.



# Confirmation Schedule



January 5	NO CLASS	CHRISTMAS BREAK	
January 8 (Wednesday)	Law & Gospel	<i>I don't know why the law still matters when we have the gospel.</i>	Matthew 22:34-40
January 12	Saint & Sinner	<i>I never feel like I'm a "good enough" Christian, and I don't know what to do about it.</i>	Romans 7:15-25
January 19	The Church	<i>I don't know why I have to go to church to be a Christian.</i>	Acts 2: 41-47
January 22 (Wednesday)	Freedom of a Christian	<i>I thought freedom meant I was free of expectations and requirements.</i>	Galatians 5:1, 13
January 26	The Neighbor	<i>I don't need any neighbors, because I already have enough friends and family.</i>	Luke 10:25-37

## Second Annual Fundraiser for Katie's Cup

Having Your Cake (or Pie!) and Eating it too!  
 Friday, February 21, 2020 - Dinner, with a Delectable, Decadent DESSERT AUCTION  
 Mauh-Nah-Tee-See Country Club, Rockford  
 5:30 pm - Check in/dessert viewing/cash bar  
 Last year we had two tables from All Saints supporting this event. We had a wonderful time and would encourage everyone to sign up to go this year. Let's try to fill three tables this year! It's for a great cause and it's a fun evening. A sign-up sheet will be posted on Bulletin Board #2 so we can purchase tickets in advance. Tickets are \$30.00 per person.

## New Carpet for the Sanctuary

The carpeting in the sanctuary near the sacristy (the back left corner of the church) is stained due to a foundation crack underneath. Doug Knodle is getting a bid (estimated to be about \$1000) to fix the crack and has gotten a bid to replace all of the carpeting in the sanctuary. The proposal is to install carpet tiles – the same pattern as is in the fellowship hall, though in a lighter color. The bid from Stateline Carpet is \$8,128 for the carpet tiles and installation. WELCA has pledged \$3000 toward the cost of this project, and other donations totaling \$1,050 have been received. If you would like to donate toward the remaining balance, please designate your gift "carpeting." Thank you!

## Looking for Council Members

Congregation Council elections are just around the corner at our annual meeting in January. 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.



Worship Attendance				
	8:00	10:30	Total	Sunday School
November 24	54	56	110	22
December 1	50	53	103	31
8	48	68	116	23
15	55	100	155	0
22	58	42	100	0
Total	265	319	584	76
Average	53	63	116	25

# Finance Report

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual November	Budget November	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2019
Revenue	General Fund	\$12,981	\$15,610	\$168,874	\$171,714	\$187,320
	Mortgage	\$1,083	\$2,074	\$18,840	\$22,817	\$24,888
	Other Giving	\$1,000	\$833	\$8,946	\$9,167	\$9,996
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$15,064</b>	<b>\$18,517</b>	<b>\$196,661</b>	<b>\$203,698</b>	<b>\$222,204</b>
Expenses	1000 Mission Support	\$748	\$1,145	\$6,873	\$12,605	\$13,740
	1000 Other Outreach	\$670	\$464	\$1,246	\$5,136	\$5,568
	1000 <b>Total Outreach</b>	<b>\$1,418</b>	<b>\$1,609</b>	<b>\$8,119</b>	<b>\$17,741</b>	<b>\$19,308</b>
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$747	\$993	\$9,828	\$11,057	\$11,916
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$11,632	\$11,175	\$121,537	\$122,980	\$134,100
	2000 <b>Total Ministries</b>	<b>\$12,379</b>	<b>\$12,168</b>	<b>\$131,365</b>	<b>\$134,037</b>	<b>\$146,016</b>
	3000 Total Building (Non Capital)	\$2,047	\$2,456	\$23,839	\$27,065	\$29,472
	3000 <b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$15,844</b>	<b>\$16,233</b>	<b>\$163,322</b>	<b>\$178,843</b>	<b>\$194,796</b>
	3000 Capital Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$2,094	\$2,074	\$22,884	\$22,817	\$24,888
	3000 Capital Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	3000 Capital <b>Total Building Capital</b>	<b>\$2,094</b>	<b>\$2,074</b>	<b>\$22,884</b>	<b>\$22,817</b>	<b>\$24,888</b>
<b>Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)</b>	<b>\$17,938</b>	<b>\$18,307</b>	<b>\$186,207</b>	<b>\$201,660</b>	<b>\$219,684</b>	

## DreamLeaders Initiative December Challenge

The Byron School District Pantry helps students in the elementary, middle and high school. In the elementary school, 150 snacks are provided weekly. There are several students who receive a grocery bag of food for the weekend for their family.

*For the month of January we are encouraging our members to donate meal helpers such as Hamburger Helper or Tuna Helper, ramen and noodle mixes, macaroni and cheese mixes, and pasta and pasta sauce. As always, monetary donations can be made out to BHS Food Pantry and left in the church office, or placed in the offering plate on Sundays. Thank you for your generous donations!*

A group from All Saints sang Christmas carols to residents at Generations at Neighbors Nursing Home. The residents were seated in chairs/wheelchairs at the main nurses' station while we stood by their Christmas tree. We sang many Christmas songs from Jingle Bells to Silent Night.



## 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.

## In Our Prayers

### Health & Healing

- Pat Bontjes
- Carla Combs
- George Davis
- Jeanine Hayes
- Phil Houston
- Kay Johnson
- Al Olsen
- Gloria Olsen
- Skip Richardson
- Mike Reibel
- Juanita Williams
- Marcia Kasmaric
- Reggie Wallin
- Paul Wood
- Sharon Bayme
- Jeanne Greenfield
- Clarence Buskohl
- Richard Myers
- Steve Hawkins
- Gordon Green
- Danette Potter
- Diane Hawkins
- Jim Sanders
- Dana Harper
- John Kushner
- Ed Putnal
- Marlene Lucciana
- Mary Gardner
- Judy Wirth
- Bill Michaux
- Jonce Wright
- Anne Hall
- Mark Hochleutner
- Wanda Presson
- Mary Sanders
- Harold Hilliard
- Roger Hathaway
- Becky Beveroth
- Joyce Hilliard
- Billie Jean Hartman

### 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

### Sympathy

- Dessie Whitlow
- Betty Walters
- Sean Nielsen



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**January 6**

Annual Committee Reports are due

**January 11**

Altar Guild Annual Meeting

Un-Decorate the Church

**January 25**

WELCA Brown Bag Lunch Meeting

**January 26**

Annual Congregation Meeting

**An Emoji Christmas!**

The Sunday School Students presented a lively Christmas program featuring 'emojis' that was enjoyed by all on December 15, 2019.

