



THE Sainly NEWS

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Annual Congregation Meeting- Sunday January 31, 2021 11:00 am Via Zoom

This year our Annual meeting will be held via Zoom on January 31, 2021 at 11:00 am. If you have never used Zoom, and would like a tutorial, Pastor Janet will be happy to help you. Otherwise you can call in using the phone number below utilizing the Meeting ID and Passcode. You will be able to hear everyone, and everyone will be able to hear you. You just will not be able to see people in the meeting if you use the telephone option.

To join Zoom Meeting, call the church office for the link and access code This information will also be included in the weekly emails.

Some of the items on the agenda include: review the annual report, approve the budget for 2021, elect church council members, elect Mission Endowment Committee members, and appoint voting members to the virtual Northern Illinois Synod Assembly to be held via Zoom on June 18 & 19.



Annual reports will be emailed to everyone in .pdf format prior to the meeting. If you do not have access to email, or need a hard copy, you may pick one up at the church office during the week of January 25, 2021.

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.



Sunday Worship - Recorded Service
available on our Facebook Page and
Webpage at 9:00 am.

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Dear Partner in Ministry:

By the time you read this, Christmas Day will be over. As will 2020! I've never been so glad to think about saying good bye to a year like this past one. As I'm writing this though, Christmas is still to come and my list of "to-dos" is lengthy (including writing a newsletter article!). Despite it being a different kind of Christmas (I am really going to miss seeing you all on Christmas Eve) I still find myself putting a lot of expectations on myself this time of year – decorating, making those special dishes/treats, getting cards out, writing thank you notes, planning for worship and trying to make it as special as it can be, despite it not being able to be in person. It can seem overwhelming at times.

As we now look to a new year (yay 2021!) we can place a whole new set of expectations on us. THIS will be the year I lose weight...spend less... get organized...become more patient. That list can go on and on because we are daily reminded of what we are not: we are not perfect. The good news is that no one else is either! Does this mean we give up on trying to better ourselves? No, of course not – progress isn't made by doing the same thing over and over. We try – and can succeed at some changes – which is a good thing!

But whether we succeed at our goals (resolutions) or fail miserably, the best news of all is that God loves us just the way we are: full of imperfections! God's grace, love and forgiveness envelop each of us. God sees the truth about each of us and declares each of us as his beloved child! Come hear that good news when we come to praise and worship God every Sunday morning. Perfect we're not – but loved we are!

Happy New Year!

Pastor Janet Wold

**Pastoral Acts**

November 30
Graveside Funeral Service for Patricia Mohr

December 12
Memorial Service for Alfred Olsen

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

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, is on hiatus until further notice due to the COVID -19 resurgence. When we can return, 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. We continue our study on the life of Jesus through January 20. From January 27 through February 17, we will be utilizing Adam Hamilton's study entitled "Why?" covering topics that make us ask "why" in our own lives.

The Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study, facilitated by Steve Jones is on hiatus due to COVID-19 restrictions.

December Council Highlights

- ◆ The Annual Congregation Meeting will be held January 31 at 11:00 am via Zoom.
- ◆ Nominations are needed for three Council Positions to be elected in January.
- ◆ Stewardship campaign was a huge success with 77 Statements of Intent received, exceeding our challenge to receive 70. Our "challenger" has donated \$4,000 to fulfill this challenge.
- ◆ Sunday School participation via Zoom has been successful with approximately 10 children participating.
- ◆ We learned the \$382.00 donated to People Helping People in November helped feed 60 families Thanksgiving dinner.
- ◆ We approved the purchase of 5 new thermostats to replace aging units throughout the church.



Sunday Scriptures

January 3

Second Sunday of Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalms 147:12-20

Ephesians 1:3-14

John 1:10-18

January 10

The Baptism of Our Lord

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalms 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

January 17

Second Sunday after Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

January 24

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalms 62:5-12

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

January 31

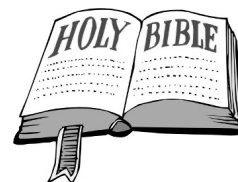
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalms 111

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28



Please Clip & Save for your reference



My family and I would like to thank everyone for the calls, cards, support and memorials for Al.

A special thank you to Pastor Janet, Steve Jones, Caryn Huber, and Alisha Fortener for their parts in the service.

God Bless,
Gloria Olsen and Family

Quilters

The quilters plan to meet on January 7th and January 21st at 9:00 am at the church. A new wall quilting rack has been installed in the fellowship hall. The beautiful rack was donated by Jan Sloan and installed by Kirk Kirking. Thank you, Jan and Kirk, for this new way to display quilts that are made here in the church for Lutheran World Relief to give to people in need. Many hours are spent in the homes of the ladies as they sew, cut, and assemble materials that make up a quilt. This is a service of love that will reach people who need a warm covering.

Sunday School News

If you have not had a chance to see the 2020 Sunday School Christmas Program, it is not too late! The program was part of the worship service on December 20th. Just head to the All Saints' Facebook page or the church website (AllSaintsByron.org) to see what you missed. The program was entitled, "What? No Angels?". A young girl named Lisa, who hears the Christmas story for the first time, feels a deep connection to the story as her poor family seems to have a lot in common with Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds. Paula Powers returns to her hometown to produce a flashy Christmas program that will show everyone how talented and successful she is. Her priorities are definitely not in line with the spirit of Christmas and Jesus. Can Paula be convinced to alter her plans?

Ten of our Sunday School students took part in the performance, which was recorded on December 12th. Using masks, face shields, and separate microphones for individuals/families we were able to share the message of Jesus' birth while maintaining guidelines put in place to ensure a safe environment. They did an amazing job! The time they took to practice their lines was much appreciated. Thanks to the parents, as well, for their support and cooperation.

Sunday School will resume on January 10, 2021 at 9:00 am via Zoom.



Outreach/Social Ministry

For the past several years the Byron local Food Pantry, People Helping People, has reached out to the All Saints congregation for assistance during the Thanksgiving holiday. As the holiday season approaches, the demands for assistance from PHP increases. With the COVID situation, the need for help from PHP has taxed their resources immensely. With the generosity of All Saints, PHP was able to make sure our neighbors in need were able to enjoy a turkey dinner for Thanksgiving. With the donations of food items placed in the shopping cart at the entrance to the church, and a monetary donation of \$382, PHP was able to provide Thanksgiving dinners to almost 200 people (60 families) in our community. The coordinator of PHP, Ruth Ann Goelitz, thanks the All Saints congregation for their continued support in helping care for our less fortunate neighbors in the Byron area.



Altar Guild Flower Chart

Please take a moment to consider donating altar flowers that beautify the church throughout the year. While we are worshipping remotely, you can call the church during regular office hours and one of the secretaries will record your requested date of donation. Once we are able to worship in-person once again, you will find the flower reservation binder on the wall by the Altar Guild bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Bouquets are ordered from Merlin's at a cost of \$18.00 each, and are delivered every other week. There are envelopes in the rack to use for your flower payment. This will help the Altar Guild Treasurer keep track of donations. If you have questions about this system, please contact Kay Johnson or Pastor Janet.

IRA Distributions to Charities

Did you know?...

Qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) have been permanently extended. Individuals can donate up to \$100,000 per year directly from a Traditional IRA or Roth IRA to qualifying charities. This is attractive to some investors because QCDs can be used to satisfy required minimum distributions (RMDs) from an IRA without having the distribution included in their income.

A qualified charitable distribution may be made:

When the IRA holder is age 70 1/2 or older.

Directly from the IRA to a qualified charity

From a Traditional IRA or Roth IRA

By 12/31 of the tax year

Must be made directly to the qualified charity

Simply put, you can make a donation directly to All Saints Lutheran Church from your IRA or Roth account, and avoid paying income tax on that amount. It's a win-win situation for all! Ask your financial advisor for more details on how you can make this donation.



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Book Club

Book Club will meet January 26 at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will discuss the book, *Snow Day* by Billy Coffee.

A big snow is on the way and the town takes a "snow day." In each of Peter's stops along the way to pick up the "must have bread and milk," he is reminded of what is important in life by the people he meets.

Confirmation Schedule

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

January 3	NO CLASS	<i>CHRISTMAS BREAK</i>	<i>BLESSED CHRISTMAS</i>
January 10	Confession & Forgiveness	I don't understand why we need to confess if we're already forgiven.	1 John 1:5-10
January 17	Daily Prayers	I don't see the point in praying prayers that other people wrote; it seems forced, insincere, and awkward.	1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
<i>Unit 3 - New Testament</i>			
January 24	Maps	I don't know where all this Bible stuff happened.	Acts 14:24-28

Souper Bowl Sunday Pandemic Edition

Typically, on the first Sunday of February, we hold "Souper Bowl Sunday" a fundraiser for our local food pantry, People Helping People. Since we are worshipping virtually, we are unable to monetarily vote for our favorite Superbowl contender. The need for help continues to be great in our community, so we are asking you to add a gift designated for People Helping People in your weekly offering during the month of January. Please note "People Helping People" in the 'other' line of your offering envelope. The donations will be sent to People Helping People on Monday, February 8. Thank you for your generosity!



Worship Totals	Online Viewers	Sunday School
Nov. 22	Synod Service	18
29	304	n/a
Dec. 6	312	19
13	404	9
Totals	1020	46
Average	340	15

Finance Report

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual November	Budget November	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2020
Revenue	General Fund	\$13,523	\$16,430	\$198,425	\$180,730	\$197,160
	Mortgage	\$1,657	\$2,074	\$18,695	\$22,817	\$24,888
	Other Giving	\$0	\$833	\$7,255	\$9,167	\$9,996
	Total Revenue	\$15,180	\$19,337	\$224,374	\$212,714	\$232,044
Expenses	1000 Mission Support	\$2,373	\$1,250	\$18,431	\$13,750	\$15,000
	1000 Other Outreach	\$1,312	\$464	\$3,559	\$5,136	\$5,568
	1000 Total Outreach	\$3,685	\$1,714	\$21,990	\$18,886	\$20,568
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$769	\$1,225	\$8,362	\$13,625	\$14,700
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$10,221	\$11,036	\$124,108	\$121,437	\$132,432
	2000 Total Ministries	\$10,990	\$12,261	\$132,470	\$135,062	\$147,132
	3000 Total Building (Non Capital)	\$1,649	\$2,565	\$23,495	\$28,272	\$30,780
	3000 Total Expense	\$16,324	\$16,540	\$177,954	\$182,220	\$198,480
	3000 Capital Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$2,094	\$2,095	\$22,527	\$23,045	\$25,140
	3000 Capital Other Building Capital	\$3,856	\$0	\$13,306	\$0	\$0
	3000 Capital Total Building Capital	\$5,950	\$2,095	\$35,833	\$23,045	\$25,140
Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	\$22,273	\$18,635	\$213,787	\$205,265	\$223,620	

Library News

Three more large print books are in the library now. They are in the bookcase to the right of the door for the month of January.

By My Hands by Alton Gansky - Something strange is happening at Kingston Memorial Hospital and Dr. Rachel Tremaine has been ordered to get to the bottom of it. All she has to go on is that several patients have been healed, completely, without medical intervention. Although others see it as "miraculous" Rachel's highly scientific mind is unable to let it go at that. When a parishioner of Rev. Adam is suddenly healed - then disappears – Rev. Adam starts his own investigation. Who is behind the healings, and why do they vanish? Rachel and Adam team up to find out.

A Test of Faith by Carol Cox is book 3 in the series, "Mystery and the Minister's Wife." Copper Mill, Tennessee, is nestled in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains. After Kate and her husband Paul move in, they are surprised to discover that small-town life is anything but boring. When a stolen car crashes through the window of the diner, Kate sets out to find the missing driver. And when her wallet is found in the front seat of the car, she has a whole new reason to find the culprit.

Sisters, Ink by Rebeca Seitz is book 1 in a series of novels written by and about scrapbookers. The four young adult sisters, are each adopted separately in early childhood by Marilyn and Jack Sinclair. Attorney Tandy Sinclair is confused - is her home in Orlando, with her dream job and the only "man" in her life, a Basset hound? Or is it in Tennessee with Daddy, Momma's grave, and three crazy, lovable sisters? When she is forced to take a leave of absence, she heads to Stars Hill to find answers. But the sleepy town isn't as she remembers.



In Our Prayers

Health & Healing

Phyllis Coffman
Kate Danielowski- Cuccaro
George Davis
Heather Green
Jeanine Hayes
John Hetland
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Kit Reif

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 Mike
 Judy Wirth
 Toni Girten
 Ernie Leombruni
 Francis Stevenson
 Scot DeWall

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Skip Richardson
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 Sage Harper
 Wes McGee
 Reggio
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This year's Sunday School Program “What, No Angels?”



January

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