



THE Sainly NEWS

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Annual Congregation Meeting Sunday, January 30, 2022, 10:00 am

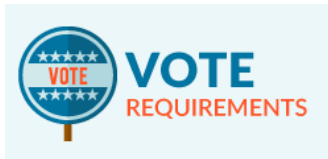
This year the 2022 Annual Congregation Meeting will be held following worship on Sunday, January 30. We will gather in the sanctuary and review the annual report, review and vote on the 2022 Budget, elect church council member(s) to fill two vacancies on the Church Council, appoint voting members to the 2022 Northern Illinois Synod Assembly to be held June 17 & 18 at Augustana College in Rock Island, and appoint committee members for Mission Endowment. If you are interested in any of these vacancies, please see Pastor Janet and fill out the nominating form, which is available on the oak table in the narthex.



ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation

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.



Looking for Council Members

Congregation Council elections are just around the corner at our annual meeting in January. We need at least two 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. The Congregation Council meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. Take this opportunity to share your time and talents.

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 30th. Please include a financial report and a brief overview of what your group has done in 2021. Reports need to be submitted to the office by Tuesday, January 4th 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. Of course, a hand-written report will be accepted as well.



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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to carry out God's mission**



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Karen Larson

Deadline for the February Sainly News is **January 14**
Please send articles to
Rebecca Presson

Dear Friends:

Happy New Year! As always, whenever we turn the calendar to a new year, we think “How can it be a new year already?” Perhaps with the ongoing pandemic, time has moved more slowly than before, but nevertheless, I certainly find myself wondering how the years go by so quickly.



We’ve just completed the Christmas season here at church and now enter into the season of Epiphany. “Epiphany” is a word that’s made it into our everyday language. “I was struggling with that problem, then I suddenly had an epiphany of how to solve it.” Dictionary.com gives a couple of definitions of the word, including “a sudden, intuitive perception of or insight into the reality or essential meaning of something, usually initiated by some simple, homely, or commonplace occurrence or experience.” The initial definition of Epiphany, however, commemorates the arrival of the magi (AKA The Three Wise Men, or Three Kings) who came from afar to pay homage to the Christ child.

The season of Epiphany is marked by light – as the Magi followed the star to find the Christ child, we, too, find ourselves becoming “enlightened” as the season progresses. We’ll see in the scripture for this season an increased understanding of who Christ is and why he came. Ultimately, we will learn why he had to go to the cross and die during the season of Lent which follows Epiphany.

We learn that the Christ child is born to us every day and our Epiphany is continuous. The time after Epiphany is a perfect opportunity to receive new insights about ourselves and the God we serve.

May this season of Epiphany be a time of enlightenment for us all. I pray for a healthy, happy 2022 for all of you!

In Christ,
Pastor Janet Wold

Pastoral Acts:

November 29 – Funeral for Emery Hayes (Husband of late member Jeanine Hayes)

Synod Assembly Delegates Needed!

At the January Annual Meeting, we will be electing up to two adult members and one youth member of All Saints to attend the Synod Assembly in Rock Island, IL on June 17-18, 2022. This year’s assembly will be especially important since we will be electing a new Bishop. The first portion of the Assembly will be held online via Zoom at the beginning of the month of June, and the in-person portion will begin in the evening of the 17th.

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.



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.

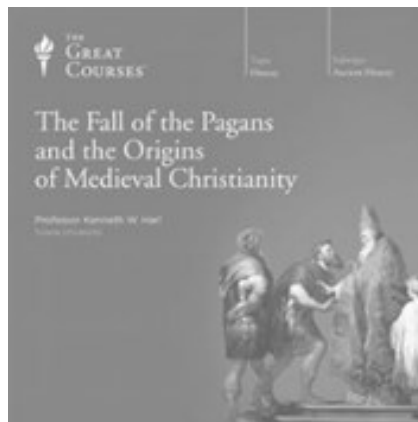
The Tuesday night Bible Study, facilitated by Steve Reid, will be on hiatus in January due to potential winter weather and road conditions.

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 wrapped up their current set of videos and embark on a new course with **The Fall of the Pagans and the Origins of Medieval Christianity** beginning on Sunday, January 2nd. 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 first half dozen session cover the initial beliefs of the people of the Roman Empire. The next nine describe the rise of Christianity and the persecutions and issues that arose. Three sessions follow about the Emperor's conversion and how that spread to become the religion of the Empire. The final six sessions are about the rise of the church and its' rites, dogmas and the standardization of beliefs along with the final downfall of paganism.

The course is another of the offerings from The Great Courses who have given us many series to learn from and enjoy. The sessions are open to all that are interested and each session stands on it's own as an interesting and informative experience.



January Sunday Scriptures

Sunday, January 2

Second Sunday of Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalms 147:12-20

Ephesians 1:3-14

John 1:10-18

Sunday, January 9

Baptism of our Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalms 29

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sunday, January 16

Second Sunday

after Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalms 36:5-10

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

Sunday, January 23

Third Sunday

after Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalms 19

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

Sunday, January 30

Fourth Sunday

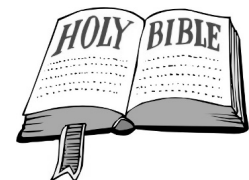
after Epiphany

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalms 71:1-6

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30



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Book Club News

January's Book Club selection is *Paper Angels* by Jimmy Wayne. When Thomas's mother decided it was time to leave for good, he knew they better get far away or his father would find them. It was Christmas Day while his father was watching the football game and drinking heavily and his mother was cooking dinner, that she told him and his sister to quietly go to the car.

As they waited for their mother to come out, Thomas worried that his father would be the next one to leave the house with his glassy eyes and tightened jaw.

The car left without hesitation and Thomas and Sara had received the best gift ever: freedom. Will it last?



Worship Totals	Online Viewers	In-Person	Total	Sunday School	Advent Services
November 21	136	58	194	22	n/a
28	136	65	201	n/a	n/a
December 5	206	62	268	23	n/a
12	256	88	344	33	12/1/21 20
19	184	54	238	12	12/8/21 23
24	252	71	323	na	12/15/21 22
26	128	64	192	na	12/22/21 No count
Totals	1298	462	1760	90	65
Average	185	66	251	22	22

Church Roof Replacement

Thank you to those who have contributed to the roof replacement fund. To date, \$6,044.49 has been contributed to help offset the approximately \$52,000 cost. Additionally, \$10,922.00 has been pledged on the 2022 Statement of Intents so far. If you would like to contribute to the roof replacement fund, please contact Pastor Janet, Steve Jones, or Scott Fitzsimmons. You can also place a check in the offering plate on Sunday morning and indicate "Roof Replacement Fund" in the memo line. If we can raise the funds by next summer, we won't need to borrow the money from the bank, which would make the replacement much more costly. Thank you for your consideration of this request!



2022 Confirmation Class Schedule

January 2	Esther	<i>I don't know why Esther's story matters when it doesn't mention God.</i>	Esther 4:13-17
January 9	The Rise of Rome	<i>What happened in the world between the Old Testament and the New Testament?</i>	Ezra 1:1-5

Unit 2—Lutheran Living

January 16	Justification by Faith	<i>I don't see why I can't take care of justification on my own.</i>	Romans 3:21-28
January 23	The Cross	<i>I don't understand why a symbol of execution is a central image of Christianity.</i>	1 Corinthians 1:18-25
January 30	Law & Gospel	<i>I don't know why the law still matters when we have the Gospel.</i>	Matthew 22:34-40



December Council Highlights

- ⇒ Revenue continues to fall short of budgeted items.
- ⇒ Campaign is ongoing. Only 46 Statement of Intent responses have been received to date. Stewardship committee has sent out reminders.
- ⇒ Thanksgiving donations were gratefully received by People Helping People.
- ⇒ Reviewed the draft of the budget to be presented at the Annual Meeting in January.
- ⇒ Sunday School Program went well and all enjoyed their message.



WELCA

Throughout the month of January 2022, we will be collecting new socks for Rockford Rescue Mission. The socks can be for men, women, and/or children. We know the winter months can be very challenging with bad weather and cold temperatures. A nice warm pair of socks can be a small yet welcome comfort for those less fortunate. A basket will be available in the church entryway for collecting until the end of the month. Thank you for your generosity.



Help Us Undecorate Our Church

Please plan to join us at 10:00 am on Saturday, January 8, 2022, to undecorate the church. Many hands make light work! Coffee and donuts will be served!

Library News

Now that the holidays are over perhaps you will have more time to relax with a Christmas themed book. Books by favorite authors such as Mary Higgins Clark, Debbie Macomber, John Grisham and more will be on the cart by the front door.

If you don't find something that looks interesting, check behind the door on the top shelf of the library for more choices.

Happy New Year,
Anne Morgart



Gathering

We will meet January 11, 2022 at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall for fellowship and coffee. We also hope soon to be able to take hats, prayer shawls and lap robes to the cancer center. So, keep on knitting and crocheting!

Gloria Olsen



Altar Guild

The annual Altar Guild meeting will be held on Saturday, January 8, 2022, at 9:00 am in the Main Conference Room (310). Current and prospective Altar Guild members are invited and encouraged to attend!

Stewardship Committee News

As of December 12th, our 2022 Stewardship drive so far has resulted in 46 Statements of Intent and 55 Time and Talent forms being returned. We still have a lot of people to hear from, but the results thus far have been great! Here is a summary on the financial side:

		General	Mortgage	Roof
2022	Total Dollars	\$130,784	\$14,542	\$10,922
	Total Pledges	46	22	15
	Average Pledge	\$2,843.13	\$661.00	\$728.13
2021	Total Dollars	\$169,748	\$16,780	\$0
	Total Pledges	76	27	0
	Average Pledge	\$2,233.53	\$621.48	\$0

As you can see, we still have responses we are expecting, but the current Statements of Intent show a generous level of giving for 2022. If you have not filled out your forms, we hope you will do so soon. We are working on our budget for 2022, which will be very close to the 2021 budget. It is always comforting when our intentions from stewardship cover at least 60-65% of the budget. We also have the roof replacement project facing us which will likely cost over \$50,000. We hope that you can help support the financial future of our church with your generosity. Thank you all for all your work and donations!

Steve Jones
Stewardship Chair



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.

Quilters

The quilters plan to meet on January 6th and 20th at 9:00 am at the church. The ladies are looking forward to making quilts in this coming year for people in need. The time goes quickly as we enjoy the fellowship while working together. Watch for different quilts to be displayed on the quilt rack in the hallway and on the fellowship wall quilt rack each month.



Finance Report

Budget Items		Item Description	Actual November	Budget November	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2021
Revenue		General Fund	\$12,609	\$16,488	\$160,047	\$181,373	\$197,856
		Mortgage	\$1,450	\$2,095	\$15,368	\$23,045	\$25,140
		Other Giving	\$171	\$833	\$9,239	\$9,167	\$9,996
		Total Revenue	\$14,230	\$19,416	\$184,654	\$213,585	\$232,992
Expenses	1000	Mission Support	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$13,353	\$13,750	\$15,000
		Other Outreach	\$230	\$506	\$3,358	\$5,594	\$6,072
		Total Outreach	\$1,480	\$1,756	\$16,711	\$19,344	\$21,072
	2000	Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$1,762	\$1,023	\$9,004	\$11,392	\$12,276
		Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$10,487	\$11,930	\$121,306	\$131,281	\$143,160
		Total Ministries	\$12,249	\$12,953	\$130,310	\$142,673	\$155,436
	3000	Total Building (Non Capital)	\$2,534	\$2,589	\$25,329	\$28,548	\$31,068
		Total Expense	\$16,263	\$17,298	\$172,350	\$190,565	\$207,576
	3000 Capital	Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$2,094	\$2,095	\$26,019	\$25,139	\$25,140
		Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$668	\$0	\$0
		Total Building Capital	\$2,094	\$2,095	\$26,687	\$25,139	\$25,140
Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)		\$18,357	\$19,393	\$199,037	\$215,704	\$232,716	
Net		Net for Month/Year (Expenses Minus Revenue)	(\$4,127)		(\$14,383)		
		(Under)/Over Budget for Month/Year	(\$1,037)		(\$16,667)		

Game and Pizza Night!

Join us for an evening of fun, food and fellowship! Kids of all ages are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, January 15 at 5:00 pm. We will begin with a pizza supper. A free-will donation to offset the cost of the food and sodas would be appreciated! Then we'll break out the games and get our competitive spirit flowing! If you have a favorite game you would like to bring, please do so! A sign-up sheet is posted on Bulletin Board #2 so we know for how many to plan.



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In Our Prayers

Health & Healing

Phyllis Coffman

George Davis

Sue Davis

Phil Houston

Sandi Reid

Kit Reif

Jim Wilcox

Bill Michaux

Sandi Rennick

Dennis Reid

Richard McCabe

Diann

Mike Gordon

Judy Wirth

Toni Girten

Will Heindrick

Christopher Bowers

Bruce Roller

Felipe Sanchez

Cheryl Henert

Keith Padget

Ann Frerichs

Tom Lombardo

Francis Stevenson

Jared King

Judy Hines

John Peterson

Rhonda Kay

Sharon Pleniewicz

Margie Myer

Stephanie Farrell

Shut Ins

Lori Pederson

Doris Swedberg

Mary Whitmer

Military

David Bishop

Dylan Bishop

Tyler Peterson

Staff Sgt. Kyle Reif

Matt Vizer

Sage Harper

Cristiano Sasso

Logan Usrey

Sympathy

Emery Hayes

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A **BIG** thanks to the Sunday School students for their performance of Christmas Symbols and to the parents for their continued cooperation and support! We were very fortunate to have fourteen of the fifteen students currently enrolled in Sunday School be able to take part in the program. What a group of talented kids! Hopefully, you learned something new about the true meaning of Christmas in the holiday decorations and symbols around us. As you decorate your tree, will you envision a blessing God has given you for each ornament you hang? Will the lights and candles all around remind you that you are light and to share that light with the world? When you wrap a gift with ribbon, will you remember how Jesus binds us together as the family of God? Thanks to the kids for the reminders of how Jesus is connected to so many Christmas symbols and traditions.



January 4

Annual Reports Due

January 8

Annual Altar Guild Meeting

Undecorate the Church

January 15

Game and Pizza Night

January 30

Annual Congregation Meeting

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