



THE Sainly NEWS

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Annual Congregation Meeting Sunday, January 22, 2023, 10:00 am



Annual Meeting
OF THE
Congregation

This year the 2023 Annual Congregation Meeting will be held following worship on Sunday, January 22. We will gather in the sanctuary and review the annual report, review and vote on the 2023 Budget, elect church council member(s) to fill three vacancies on the Church Council, appoint voting members to the 2023 Northern Illinois Synod Assembly to be held June 16 & 17 at Augustana College in Rock Island, and approve changes to the All Saints Constitution. 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.

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 22nd. Please include a financial report and a brief overview of what your group has done in 2022. Reports need to be submitted to the office by Tuesday, January 3rd 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.

Annual Meeting Voting Requirements

All Saints' constitution lists two minimal requirements 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 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. The Congregation Council meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. Take this opportunity to share your time and talents.

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 16-17, 2023. 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 - In-Person 9:00 a.m.
Recorded Service available on our
Facebook Page and
Webpage at 10:30 am.

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OUTREACH/SOCIAL MINISTRY

Jim Wilcox

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Jared Fitzsimmons

Dear Friends:

“On the Twelfth Day of Christmas” “We Three Kings of Orient Are”

What do these two Christmas Carols have in common?

They are both referencing the day of Epiphany! Epiphany happens on January 6. It is the 12th day of Christmas - that is, 12 days after Christmas. Epiphany is the day we remember the Three Wise Men coming to see Jesus, having followed a star to find him.

We use the word “epiphany” in our everyday language to indicate a sudden understanding – Webster defines it as (1) a usually sudden manifestation or perception of the essential nature or meaning of something. (2) an intuitive grasp of reality through something (such as an event) usually simple and striking. (3) an illuminating discovery, realization, or disclosure. It is a “lightbulb moment.” This hearkens back to the star showing the way to Jesus – we celebrate the in-breaking of God’s light.

“This Little Light of Mine” is another appropriate hymn for Epiphany. Through word and sacrament, we too are invited to rise and shine, for our light has come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon us. Fed and nourished in worship, we are sent forth to bear witness, to let our lights shine brightly!

May this New Year find you renewing your relationship with God – come join us in worship as we celebrate the Light of Christ! God’s blessings to you all in 2023!

In Christ,
Pastor Janet Wold



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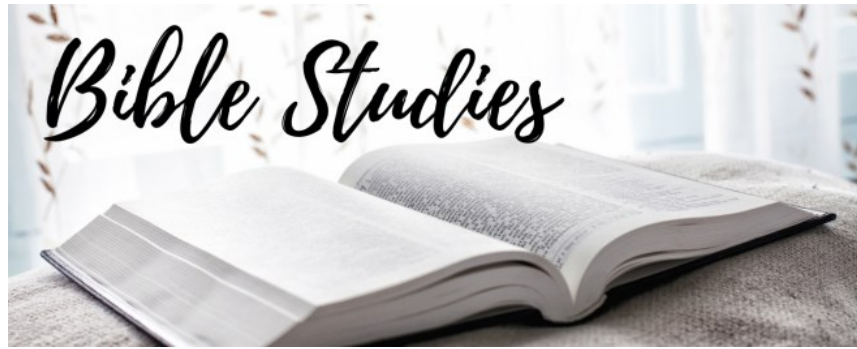
Deadline for the February Sainly News is **January 16**

Please send articles to
Rebecca Presson

December Council Highlights



- ◇ Giving was down for the month of November.
- ◇ Approved purchasing another tankless water heater for the Fellowship Hall bathrooms
- ◇ Sunday School program was well done and well attended. Special thanks to Michel Williams and Heather Brown for their creativity and guidance!
- ◇ Stewardship Statement of Intent dollar amounts are up from last year. Videos have all been shown and were well received.
- ◇ Blood drive scheduled for January 23, 2023
- ◇ Pizza and game night will be scheduled for Saturday January 21 beginning at 5:00 pm.



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 thru 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 concludes their current topic of Study on January 8, 2023 and on the 15th they will begin 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. Steve Jones leads the class.

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.



January Sunday Scriptures

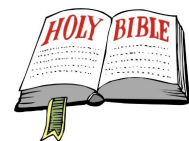
**January 1 – First
Sunday of Christmas**
Isaiah 63:7-9
Psalm 148
Hebrews 2:10-18
Matthew 2:13-23

**January 8 – Baptism of
our Lord**
Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

**January 15 – Second
Sunday after Epiphany**
Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

**January 22 – Third
Sunday after Epiphany**
Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23

**January 29 – Fourth
Sunday after Epiphany**
Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12



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for your reference*



GriefShare Program

St. Mary Catholic Church of Byron will be offering the GriefShare program again in 2023. It is open to everyone in the area. The program is 14 weeks long and will be held on Mondays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. beginning January 16, 2023 and ending April 17, 2023. They meet at St. Mary Catholic Church, 226 E. 2nd St., Byron in Room 204.

GriefShare seminars and support groups are led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help. You'll gain access to valuable GriefShare resources to help you recover from your loss and look forward to rebuilding your life. You can attend as many sessions as you want.

For questions, please contact Ron or Rosemarie Edwards at 815-234-4549 or Roseedwards1@comcast.net or also the secretary at St. Mary at secretary@saintmaryinbyron.org

Worship Totals	Online Viewers	In-Person	Total	Sunday School
November 27	158	56	214	Na
December 4	90	63	153	19
11	224	117	341	25
18	118	65	183	19
24	100	61	161	
25	104	59	163	
Totals	814	421	1235	63
Average	136	69	206	21

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 21 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.



Library News

In case you were busy with Christmas preparations and would like to sit in the easy chair with a good Christmas book, the cart is full and waiting for you. If nothing interests you there, check the shelf behind the library door.





Confirmation Schedule

January 1	NO CLASS	CHRISTMAS BREAK	BLESSED CHRISTMAS
January 8	Confession & Forgiveness	I don't understand why we need to confess if we're already forgiven.	Luke 22:14-20
January 15	Daily Prayers	I don't see the point in praying prayers that other people wrote; it seems forced, insincere, and	1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
<i>Unit 3 - New Testament</i>			
January 22	Maps	<i>I don't know where all this Bible stuff happened.</i>	Acts 14:24-28
January 29	The New Testament	<i>If the whole Bible is so important, I don't understand why it is split into two parts.</i>	John 12:44-50

Stewardship

Thanks be to God for the generous outpouring of gifts that all Saints Lutheran Church experienced on December 4th as we celebrated the commitment of gifts for our ministry for next year. We currently have received 41 Statements of Intent totaling \$155,167.00.

Over a period of ten weeks, our stewardship program, *Parables of All Saints* highlighted the good we do as individuals and as a church family, not only in our own building, but locally, nationally, and internationally as well. Each day we celebrate God's rich grace in our lives and how we give of ourselves in response to God's gift of grace in Jesus Christ.

Pledge Year	General	Mortgage	Roof	Total
Amnt 2022	\$135,284.00	\$15,142.00	\$10,602.00	\$161,028.00
Amnt 2023	\$139,514.00	\$12,110.00	\$3,914.00	\$155,538.00
# Pledges 2022	47	23	16	47
# Pledges 2023	42	22	10	42
Avg Pledge 2022	\$2,878.38	\$658.35	\$662.63	\$3,426.13
Avg Pledge 2023	\$3,321.76	\$550.45	\$391.40	\$3,703.29

If you have not already done so, please join us in celebrating our ministry and growing in discipleship by filling out your Statement of Intent and Time and Talent form. You are invited to prayerfully consider how God is calling to you to share your gifts and then complete the Statement of Intent and Time and Talent form with a spirit of joy and thanksgiving for the many blessings God has given, especially our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God for all that is happening at All Saints! Thank you, too, for all you do in our ministry together.



Gathering events

The GATHERING

We will meet January 10, 2023, at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall for fellowship and coffee. Join us for fellowship, food, and fun!

Quilters

The Quilters plan to meet at 9:00 am on January 5th and 19th at the church. We are eager to make warm quilts for people in need in the new year. The two hours together are a time of fellowship and service.



Book Club

January's Book Club selection is *Charlotte Figg Takes Over Paradise* by Joyce Magnin. Charlotte's husband, Herman, dies unexpectedly. Three days after the funeral, Charlotte opens her door and the ugliest, hairiest mutt resembling Nikita Khrushchev walks in and sits in Herman's chair. She names him "Lucky" and the two of them move to the Paradise Trailer Park where she organizes a women's baseball team to the chagrin of the husbands and the lack of baseball knowledge of the women.

WELCA

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Good Gifts Silent Auction. Thank you for all the generous donations. As of this writing, we are getting in some nice bids. Thank you to all those bidding up the items so we can pass on a good amount of money for the children to use when shopping in the catalog.

The Potato and Pie sale netted \$406 to benefit WELCA projects. Thank you to all who purchased and to Thrivent for the Action grant.



Sunday School News

Applause to the Sunday School students for their amazing Christmas Program performance. It is always such a joy to have the sights and sounds of children in worship. A special thanks to Michel Williams, Heather and Nate Brown, Malerie Busche, Amy Harn, Caryn Huber, and Dave and Becky Marburger for assistance, costuming/props, and music. We sincerely appreciate the families and friends of the children for their continued cooperation and support. If you were unable to attend, you can still view the performance on All Saints Lutheran Church's Facebook page or by following the link on the church website (allsaintsbyron.org).

Altar Guild

The annual Altar Guild meeting will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2023, at 9:00 am in the Main Conference Room (310). Current and prospective Altar Guild members are invited and encouraged to attend!

November Financials

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual November	Budget November	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2022
Revenue	General Fund	\$13,047	\$16,488	\$166,149	\$181,373	\$197,856
	Mortgage	\$1,055	\$2,095	\$50,675	\$23,045	\$25,140
	Other Giving	\$72	\$833	\$24,179	\$9,167	\$9,996
	Total Revenue	\$14,174	\$19,416	\$241,003	\$213,585	\$232,992
Expenses	1000 Mission Support	\$0	\$1,250	\$6,886	\$13,750	\$15,000
	1000 Other Outreach	\$546	\$515	\$5,652	\$5,685	\$6,180
	Total Outreach	\$546	\$1,765	\$12,538	\$19,435	\$21,180
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$1,380	\$1,165	\$8,981	\$12,956	\$13,980
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$10,897	\$11,535	\$125,406	\$126,935	\$138,420
	Total Ministries	\$12,278	\$12,700	\$134,387	\$139,891	\$152,400
	3000 Total Building (Non Capital)	\$1,978	\$2,530	\$25,719	\$27,909	\$30,360
	Total Expense	\$14,801	\$16,995	\$172,644	\$187,235	\$203,940
	3000 Capital Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$1,246	\$2,168	\$17,968	\$23,851	\$26,016
	3000 Capital Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$60,020	\$0	\$0
Total Building Capital	\$1,246	\$2,168	\$77,988	\$23,851	\$26,016	
Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	\$16,048	\$19,163	\$250,631	\$211,086	\$229,956	
Net	Net for Month/Year (Expenses Minus Revenue)	(\$1,874)		(\$9,628)		
	(Under)/Over Budget for Month/Year	(\$3,115)		\$39,545		

Blood Drive 2023

On January 23rd, 2023 All Saints will be hosting our first Blood Drive of 2023.

The drive will take place from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. You'll notice the times of the drive have been changed from years past. Due to the lack of staff the Rock River Valley Blood Center found it necessary to reduce the drive by one hour.

RRVBC appreciates if donors make reservations to give blood (walk-ins are always welcome). By making a reservation it allows the staff to prepare accordingly, which facilitates getting the donations completed in a timely fashion. You can make a reservation by calling the All Saints Church Office at 815-234-5527 or by contacting the RRVBC at 815-965-8751.

The RRVBC is in constant need of blood to meet the demands of persons in need of blood. It only takes about an hour to donate.

Hope to see you at All Saints Blood Drive on January 23rd, 2023.



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In Our Prayers

Health & Healing
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Reuben Johnson
Judy Kirking
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
 Judy Hines
 Margie Myer

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 Alex Crawford
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 Paul Keiffer
 Mason Sasso
 Michelle Olson
 David Kopp
 Rick Udholtz
 Don Lundquist
 Susan Caruso
 Lee Joyce
 Penne McCabe
 Billie Jean Hartman
 Cliff Thompson
 Wes Champlain

Shut Ins
George Davis
Lori Pederson
Doris Swedberg
Mary Whitmer

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

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UPCOMING

January 7

Annual Altar Guld Meeting
Undecorate the church

January 21

Pizza and Game Night

January 22

Annual All Saints
Congregation Meeting

January 23

Blood Drive

February 12

Souper Bowl of Caring

Sunday School Program



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