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Christian Education is sponsoring two events this summer
Vacation Bible School the week of June 21-25 and an Intergenerational Event on July 14.
Keep reading to learn more and how you can take part on page 7.

Congratulations Graduates!

Belvidere Central Middle School

Ireland Heaslip, attending Belvidere North High School in the fall

Byron Middle School

Noah James Johnson, attending Byron High School in the fall

Byron High School

Ryer Christian attending Illinois State University in the Fall. He will be majoring in Finance with a Music minor.

Josie Smith, attending Bradley University in Peoria to study journalism

Stillman Valley High School

Jacob Fitzsimmons, undecided on which college he will be attending

Audra Miles, attending Iowa State University majoring in Industrial Engineering

Valparaiso University

Zachery Fortener obtained a degree in Mechanical Engineering.



All Saints Fellowship Outing Scheduled!

Join us for a fun Sunday afternoon at Timber Lake Playhouse! Sunday, July 11, 2021, 2:00 pm

Timber Lake Playhouse, located in Mount Carroll, has reopened to the public. All Saints has a connection to Timber Lake as member Dan Danielowski is the Executive Director. This year we have reserved 20 seats for a fun play entitled "The 25th Annual PUTNAM County Spelling Bee."

Tickets are \$ 20.00 each, payable by June 27. Make checks payable to All Saints Lutheran Church with "Timber Lake Play" in the memo column of your check. We will meet at church at 12:30 pm to carpool to the theater. Sign up on Bulletin Board #2. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, June 27.

25th Annual PUTNAM County Spelling Bee - An eclectic group of six mid-pubescents vie for the spelling championship of a lifetime. While candidly disclosing hilarious and touching stories from their home lives, the tweens spell their way through a series of (potentially made-up) words, hoping never to hear the soul-crushing, pout-inducing, life un-affirming "ding" of the bell that signals a spelling mistake. Six spellers enter; one speller leaves! At least the losers get a juice box.



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:

What a joy it is to have finally arrived solidly in spring...the flowers blooming, the sound of lawn mowers in the air, the sight of a bird's nest tucked away in a safe place!

Our Sunday school year has just come to an end – thank you to Michel Williams and Jean Whipple who helped make our Sunday school and confirmation programs such high-quality events. It is a delight to serve a congregation with parents and leaders who are committed to helping our youth know Christ!

As COVID restrictions start to ease up, we've reflected that here at All Saints too. We are no longer taking temperatures upon entry in the building. If you're fully vaccinated and wish to not wear a mask in worship, that is now permitted. Of course, masks are still welcomed for those who feel most comfortable with that. Congregational singing is now allowed. Holy Communion now has both the wafers and wine/grape juice being offered. Conversations are being held regarding removing the taped off rows - that action isn't in place yet, but as soon as a decision gets made, we'll announce it via our worship services and weekly emailed announcement sheet. As a fully vaccinated person, I know I am grateful for the opportunity to know I am protected, but also feel a responsibility to protect the vulnerable around me. While I certainly encourage everyone to get vaccinated, I know there are those who choose not to for a variety of reasons. I want everyone to know they are welcome at All Saints.

In addition, we will continue to upload a recording of our worship service on the weeks we have a camera operator. To date, only one person has volunteered to give Steve Jones a break, and unfortunately that person isn't available in the summer. So, on the weeks Steve desires a needed break, the result may be that there won't be a recording. Of course, this could change if YOU volunteered to learn how to operate the video camera 😊

We have weathered this pandemic well here at All Saints, I believe. People continue to find ways to stay connected and have supported our ministry financially. Thank you so much for that. I pray this summer will be a time of renewal and refreshment for us all.

In Christ,
Pastor Janet Wold

Pastoral Acts

May 20 – Funeral for Lloyd Funk

Deadline for the August
Saintly News is **July 16**
Please send articles to
Rebecca Presson



May Council Highlights

- * Finances showed giving was slightly under budget in April, but we still met all of our financial obligations.
- * Approved the hiring of Laura Hopkins as our Treasurer/Bookkeeper at a cost of \$400.00 per month. She will begin these duties on June 1.
- * Reviewed first quote to replace the roof on both sides of the church. We need to get more quotes before making a decision. Congregational approval will be required.
- * Online giving survey was split 50/50. Steve Jones will set up a link for those wishing to donate online, which will be available on our website. (Note: see article elsewhere in this newsletter.)
- * Wish List is growing and will be advertised for those wishing to donate towards specific projects.
- * Another Blood Drive is scheduled for June 24.

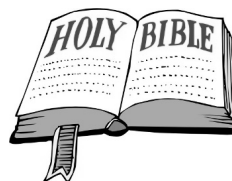
June Sunday Scriptures

June 6
Second Sunday
after Pentecost
 Genesis 3:8-15
 Psalm 130
 2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1
 Mark 3:20-35

June 13
Third Sunday
after Pentecost
 Ezekiel 17:22-24
 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17
 Mark 4:26-34

June 20
Fourth Sunday
after Pentecost
 Job 38:1-11
 Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
 2 Corinthians 6:1-13
 Mark 4:35-41

June 27
Fifth Sunday
after Pentecost
 Lamentations 3:22-33
 Psalm 30
 2 Corinthians 8:7-15
 Mark 5:21-43



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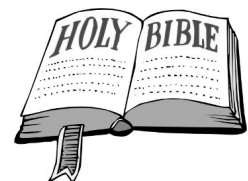
July Sunday Scriptures

July 4
Sixth Sunday
after Pentecost
 Ezekiel 2:1-5
 Psalm 123
 2 Corinthians 12:2-10
 Mark 6:1-13

July 11
Seventh Sunday
after Pentecost
 Amos 7:7-15
 Psalm 85:8-13
 Ephesians 1:3-14
 Mark 6:14-29

July 18
Eighth Sunday
after Pentecost
 Jeremiah 23:1-6
 Psalm 23
 Ephesians 2:11-22
 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 25
Ninth Sunday
after Pentecost
 2 Kings 4:42-44
 Psalm 145:10-18
 Ephesians 3:14-21
 John 6:1-21



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Bible Studies

The Monday afternoon Bible Study, facilitated by Pastor Janet Wold, continues this summer 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 night Bible Study, facilitated by Steve Reid, meets from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in conference room #310. Enter by the Sunday School wing door. During June and July, we will continue studying Biblical Devotions, and how they are related to Christian living. All are welcome to join us for a refreshing insight into the study of the Bible.

The Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study, facilitated by Pastor Janet Wold, is on hiatus until the Fall.

The Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study, facilitated by Steve Jones is on hiatus until the Fall.



Bible Studies Near You



All Saints Wish List

Several people have inquired about the All Saints Wish List we started several years ago. We have updated the list and have it in the green notebook in the church office. Items include: painting the conference room by the coffee kitchen, new window coverings for the Sunday School rooms, a 55" television monitor and cart for the Fellowship Hall so that those seated there during worship will have visibility to the sanctuary screens, and much needed sound equipment for the sanctuary. There are other things that may be added by the Church Council as time goes on, but these are what we consider to be the most immediate needs. If you would like to contribute towards any of these projects, please place your donation in the offering plate with a note designating it to a specific project. Thank you!

Northern Illinois Synod Assembly

The Annual Northern Illinois Synod Assembly, held June 18-19, will be a Zoom event this year. While only voting members, elected from each congregation, will be allowed into the actual Zoom meeting to vote or comment, interested congregation members can view a live-stream of the event by accessing <https://nisynod.org/annual-events/assembly>. All Saints members involved in this year's event are Steve Jones and Alan Wold on the Credentials Committee, and Kay Johnson on the Resolutions Committee and Minutes Review Committee. This is an excellent opportunity to take a peek into the 'nuts and bolts' of the church. Live stream will be available at 6:30 pm on Friday the 18th, and 9:30 am on Saturday the 9th.

Book Club

Book Club is continuing into the summer months. The next books we will read and discuss are: *The Next Level*, *A Parable of Finding Your Place in Life* by David Gregory and *The Rejected Writer's Book Club* by Suzanne Kelman.

- *The Next Level* - Logan has completed his business degree and taken a job as an organizational analyst- a trouble-shooter. He is hired to evaluate the company's five divisions, each with its own set of principles. While evaluating each level's approach he answers: which set of principles is successful, why is most of the profit made by one tiny division, what is real profit, who is the executive that Logan reports to and who holds the key to life's ultimate purpose?
- *The Rejected Writer's Book Club* - This quirky group of women would rather celebrate rejected manuscripts than publish a book. New to the city, Librarian Janet is dragged to her first meeting just as they are about to raise a teacup to their five hundredth rejection letter, and also have received bad news that could destroy one member's reputation and end the book club forever. Looking for the key to find a long-buried secret and save the book club, they set off on a wild road trip to San Francisco.



Library News

The Library is open any day the church is open. Now is the time to relax with a book as you sip a lemonade in the shade. Whether you enjoy fiction, Christian fiction, or non-fiction, you will find something great to read right here at the All Saints library. There is no due date; just put it in the library tote when you have finished.



Online Giving Is Now Possible

All Saints now has access to use Vanco Online Giving Services which will enable our congregation to donate online. Our survey showed that half the people responding to the survey expressed an interest in giving online and that the majority of respondents said they would be willing to pay the small fee associated with the giving.

We have currently set up online giving for these areas:

One Time or Periodic:

Regular Sunday Offering
 Regular Mortgage Offering
 Vacation Bible School
 Sunday School
 LOMC
 Lutheran World Hunger
 ELCA Good Gifts

One Time

Pentecost Flowers
 People Helping People
 Saint Vincent DePaul

The link to our online giving is:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YQYA/home>
 and you can find that link on our website and on our Facebook page.

There is an option to donate 3% in addition to your donation to cover processing costs and fee. Future options will include Altar Flowers, Easter Flowers, Christmas Poinsettias and other ministries that we support. If you have questions, please contact Council President Steve Jones.



Quilters

The quilters plan to meet on June 3rd and 17th and July 1st and 15th at 9 am at the church. The work continues to make warm quilts to comfort people in need. This All Saints project started in 2003 and has evolved to produce hundreds of quilts. Preparing quilt tops at home has been a pleasure as donated fabrics and sheets are put to use. Also, many hours of fellowship are enjoyed as the quilts are assembled and finished at church.

Email or Address Changes?

Send it to the Church Office! It is important for us to keep our church records up to date and be able to keep open our lines of communication with you. If you have moved recently, please send your new address to the church. If you have not been receiving a weekly email from All Saints, that means we do not have your email address on file. Please send your email address to the church office so you can be included in these important mailings.



2021 All Saints Confirmands



Confirmed on May 23 were Alexandra Vitale and Maddex Draheim. Leaders were Jean Whipple and Pastor Janet Wold.

ATTENDANCE

Worship Totals	Online Viewers	In-Person	Total	Sunday School
April 25	210	46	256	20
May 2	226	43	269	15
9	178	53	231	7
16	120	59	179	15
23	83	73	239	15
Totals	900	274	1174	72
Average	180	55	235	14

Finance Report

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual April	Budget April	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2021
Revenue	General Fund	\$16,297	\$16,489	\$58,484	\$65,956	\$197,868
	Mortgage	\$1,698	\$2,095	\$6,292	\$8,380	\$25,140
	Other Giving	\$0	\$834	\$60	\$3,336	\$10,008
	Total Revenue	\$17,995	\$19,418	\$64,836	\$77,672	\$233,016
Expenses	1000 Mission Support	\$1,201	\$1,250	\$5,992	\$5,000	\$15,000
	Other Outreach	\$122	\$511	\$1,053	\$2,044	\$6,132
	Total Outreach	\$1,323	\$1,761	\$7,045	\$7,044	\$21,132
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$245	\$1,265	\$1,570	\$5,064	\$15,180
	Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$14,712	\$11,715	\$43,930	\$46,869	\$140,580
	Total Ministries	\$14,958	\$12,980	\$45,500	\$51,933	\$155,760
	3000 Total Building (Non Capital)	\$2,505	\$2,599	\$9,048	\$10,400	\$31,188
	Total Expense	\$18,786	\$17,340	\$61,594	\$69,377	\$208,080
	Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$2,989	\$2,095	\$11,364	\$8,380	\$25,140
	3000 Capital Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$796	\$0	\$0
Total Building Capital	\$2,989	\$2,095	\$12,160	\$8,380	\$25,140	
Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	\$21,775	\$19,435	\$73,754	\$77,757	\$233,220	

Christian Education Events

Vacation Bible School will take place from 9:30–11:30 each morning from Monday, June 21st through Friday, June 25th. Children ages 4 through those who have just finished 4th Grade are invited to attend. Kids will take part in lessons, skits, games, and crafts while exploring the land of Gospeltopia. They will meet some of the animals that live there. Those animals all have something to teach the kids about God’s love.



Our **Intergenerational Event** for kids and adults will be held on Wednesday, July 14th from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. That evening we will be focusing on God’s creation—specifically pets. Pets are a blessing and are precious to us! They were all created by God, and each has unique qualities and characteristics. We can learn from our pets some of the characteristics that we need to have for a Godly life. For our service project, we need willing hands to create pet toys to donate to the Granny Rose Animal Shelter in Dixon. We will be making rope toys for dogs and stuffed toys (with a whiff of catnip) for the cats. The dogs and cats will keep busy playing and will appreciate your efforts.

What can you do?

- ⇒ If you have questions or would like to attend either event, please contact Michel Williams. For planning purposes, we ask that you register for VBS by June 10th. Walk-ins are welcome!
- ⇒ We are looking for donations of old t-shirts (any color) and baby/toddler socks that you no longer need. We can also use fleece fabric if you have some extra fabric from a project. We will have a basket in the front hallway for your donations.
- ⇒ We will also be collecting the following items for the Granny Rose Animal Shelter. Look for this collection basket, also in the front hallway.
 - IAMS dry dog and cat food
 - Dog and cat treats
 - Canned food for dogs and cats
 - Blankets and towels (can be gently used)



There is NO cost to attend either event!
THANK YOU for the many ways you support
 Christian Education!

In Our Prayers

Health & Healing

Phyllis Coffman
Kate Danielowski–Cuccaro
George Davis
Ada Hetland
John Hetland
Phil Houston
Kay Johnson
John Kultgen
Joyce Niehaus
Steve Reid

Bill Michaux
 Sandi Rennick
 Dennis Reid
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 Richard McCabe
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 Kevin Lyons
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 Mike Gordon
 Judy Wirth
 Toni Girten
 Will Heindrick
 Maria Rogers
 Christopher Bowers
 Jason Delacruz
 Gage and Crystal
 Galen Bennett
 Bruce Roller
 Felipe Sanchez
 Larry Pearson
 Cheryl Henert

Shut Ins

Lori Pederson
Skip Richardson
Mary Whitmer

Military

David Bishop
Dylan Bishop
 Staff Sgt. Kyle Reif
 Matt Vizer
 Sage Harper
 Reggio
 Tyler Peterson
 Cristinano Sasso

Sympathy

Dennis Echelbarger
Ethel Montgomery
Lloyd Funk
 Matt Henkel
 Joe Hafer



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BLOOD DRIVE!

All Saints Lutheran Church

Thursday, June 24th
1:00 PM - 7:00 PM

To schedule an appointment,
visit RRVBC.org or
call 815-965-8751



UPCOMING EVENTS

June 9

Lifescape Senior Supply Box
drive-through pick-up

June 18-19

Synod Assembly Livestream via NISynod.org

June 21-25

Vacation Bible School

June 24

All Saints Blood Drive

July 11

Timber Lake Playhouse

July 14

Evening Intergenerational VBS

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