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Lenten Midweek Worship and Soup Suppers

March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1
Soup Suppers - 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm
Lenten Worship
featuring **Holden Evening Prayer**
7:00 pm

These services will be short 30 minute worship services using the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy including a short video entitled "The Walk" by Adam Hamilton. Preceding each Wednesday's worship service, a free soup supper will be served from 6:00 to 6:45 pm. Please join us for this time of fellowship. Additional information will be in the Sunday bulletins and a sign-up sheet to bring food is located on Bulletin Board #2.

First Communion Class

Typically, the season of Lent is the time in our congregation to prepare those who have not yet received communion to take this important step in their faith life. First communion class will be held on Sunday, March 15 from 1:00 –3:00 pm. This class is for anyone 3rd grade and older who has not had first communion. If your son or daughter is in 3rd grade or higher, (or younger if you feel they are ready to take this next faith step), and has not taken their first communion, please contact the church office. We will send you the information. Participants in this class will receive their first communion on Palm Sunday, April 5.

Sunday, April 5 - Palm Sunday

Procession of the Palms - Reading of the Passion - First Communion
8:00 am and 10:30 am

Thursday, April 9 - Maundy Thursday
Communion - Stripping of the Altar

Friday, April 10 - Good Friday
Community Worship Service
Middle Creek Presbyterian Church
12473 Montague Road Winnebago, IL 61088
7:00 pm

Sunday, April 12 - Easter Sunday
Worship with Communion
8:00 am and 10:30 am

Easter Breakfast
Sunday April 12 - 9:00 am
Proceeds from the Easter Breakfast will benefit the
Sanctuary Carpet Replacement Fund



Sunday School will not meet on April 12.

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

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Dear Friends,

There is much happening around All Saints Lutheran these days – God is certainly at work here among us! Our mid-week Lenten services began with our Ash Wednesday service on February 26. This meaningful service began our Lenten journey with the opportunity to confess our sins, receive the sign of the cross with the imposition of ashes and receive Holy Communion. From March 4th – April 1st, at 7:00, our worship service will again use the *Holden Evening Prayer* – it really is a beautiful, contemplative service. Special thanks to those who will provide vocal leadership and to Heather Green for playing the flute. We will be viewing video segments from Adam Hamilton’s video journey entitled “**The Walk – Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life**” as part of the worship service. This worship lasts about ½ hour. I hope you’ll plan on making these mid-week services a part of your Lenten journey. The services are preceded by a supper at 6:00. Come join us!

In the book *Sundays and Seasons*, Lent is defined as a time to “face the truth of our humanity, our utter inability to be God, and our inability to believe that God is. Our human limitations get us into all kinds of trouble, seizing up our relationships with ourselves, with each other, and with earth itself. In our desperate attempts to measure up to what we imagine we ought to be or in our fatalistic abandonment of the gifts God has given us, we deny our limitations and/or the miracle we are. Unable to hold these two polarities in tension, we wreak havoc in our relationships and on the earth. It is for this we need salvation by the one who is without limits and who also loves us beyond measure.”

As I look around at our life here at All Saints, and in my own personal life, I can see the hand of God clearly guiding us. My prayer is that you sense God’s presence as well and will be called into action as we all seek ways to share God’s love.

In Christ,

*Pastor Janet Wold***Pastoral Acts:**

February 15 - Funeral for Michael Reibel

February 16 - Baptism of Tasha Wendorf, Carter Mitchell, and Grant Wendorf

Welcome new Congregation Council Members!

We welcome Michel Williams, Trina Andersen, and Scott Fitzsimmons as new members and Audra Miles as a returning member of the All Saints Congregation Council.



Bible Studies

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 – This study meets in the Main Conference (Room #310). Steve Reid is the class facilitator. The Tuesday night Bible Study will resume in mid-March with a movie, *The Apostle Peter and The Last Supper*. All are welcome to join us for this refreshing insight into the study of the Bible.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 1:30 pm -This study meets in the Main Conference room (Room #310). Pastor Janet Wold is the class facilitator.

During the season of Lent, beginning with Wednesday March 4, we will be studying the *Faces of Christ*. This five-week study will help us to dive more deeply into who/how Jesus is for us, with us and among us today. Come join us!

All Saints Annual Blood Drive

Please help others in need and donate to the All Saints Blood Drive. Staff from the Rock River Valley Blood Center will be here on Thursday, April 16, from 1-7 pm. Please call Jan Sloan to set up a time to donate that day. You need to be 17 years old to donate or age 16 with parental consent. One in three people will need blood and you never know when you or someone you love might be the one.

Please volunteer to give that day!



Sunday Scriptures

March 1 - First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

March 8 - Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

March 15 - Third Sunday of Lent

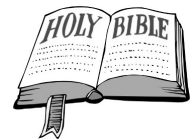
Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

March 22 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

March 29 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45



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WELCA

Eight ladies ventured out despite the weather to attend the January 25th WELCA meeting. The secretary and treasurer's report were approved. Some plans for the upcoming year were decided.

- ♦ February 26 - Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper
- ♦ April 12 - Easter Breakfast will be held between services
- ♦ Potato and Pie sales will be scheduled in the spring.

All of these projects will need volunteer help. Be watching the Bulletin Board #2 for signup sheets. Money received from these projects will be directed to the carpet fund.

WELCA will contribute \$100 to the Village of Progress for needed supplies and \$150 to Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) for use at their discretion.

For more details on this meeting, see the minutes posted on the WELCA Bulletin Board.

The next WELCA meeting is set for Saturday, May 2nd at 11:00 with brown bag lunch optional.



Congregational Resourcing Event

The 2020 CRE will be Saturday, March 14 at Kishwaukee Community College in Malta. The day begins with registration at 8:30 am and concludes with the third workshop at 3:15 pm. Keynote speaker: ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton speaking on "We Are Church." If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Pastor Janet or Kay Johnson for registration information.

Quilters

The quilters plan to meet on Thursday, March 5th from 9:00 to 11:00 am at the church. The work continues every month to make quilts for people in need and get them ready to send to Lutheran World Relief. If we are made aware of a need in our community, quilts will be gladly given here too. Thank you to Thrivent Financial for a \$250.00 Action Grant that will be used to purchase batting for the quilts. As we work together, the time goes by quickly as we share the work and fellowship.

Book Club

Book Club, will meet on March 23, at 1:00 pm. The book to be discussed is *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 from the people he meets.

Just a reminder of our 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.



February Council Highlights

- ◆ Welcomed new Council members Trina Andersen, Scott Fitzsimmons, and Michel Williams. Welcome back to Audra Miles, who was elected to another one-year term.
- ◆ Committee Assignments were made as follows:
 - President: Doug Knodle
 - Vice President: Kay Johnson
 - Secretary: Bill Pirnat
 - Worship: Carol Miller
 - Education: Michel Williams
 - Finance: Trina Andersen
 - Stewardship: Scott Fitzsimmons
 - Fellowship: Kay Johnson
 - Outreach/Social Ministry: Jim Wilcox
 - Property: Doug Knodle
 - Youth & Family Ministry: Audra Miles
 - Alisha Fortener will remain as Treasurer.
 - Steve Jones will assume the position of Financial Secretary
- ◆ Financial giving for the first month of 2020 was strong.
- ◆ New carpet squares for the sanctuary have been ordered. Delivery and installation TBD.



Meeting Minutes

Annual Congregation Council Meeting Highlights

- ◆ Trina Andersen, Scott Fitzsimmons and Michel Williams were unanimously elected to three year terms on the Congregation Council and Audra Miles was unanimously elected as the youth representative for a one year term.
- ◆ The results of the vote for the summer worship schedule revealed 108 votes cast; 81 for one service and 27 to keep the two-service schedule. One service schedule will commence May 24 and run through September 6, 2020.
- ◆ A total budget of \$223,998.00 was presented and accepted unanimously by the congregation members



DreamLeaders Initiative

DreamLeaders Initiative 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. This month we will be collecting: pancake mixes and syrup, pasta and pasta sauce, and full-size bath soap, shampoo and conditioner. Monetary donations are gratefully accepted. Please make checks payable to BHS Food Pantry and place it in the offering plate or leave it in the church office. We will make sure it is delivered to BHS.



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Confirmation Schedule

March 1	Worship	<i>I don't know how I'm supposed to feel during or after worship.</i>	Psalm 95:1-7
March 8	Devil	<i>I don't know what or where the devil is.</i>	Hebrews 2:14-15
March 15	Doubt	<i>Sometimes I have doubts and I don't know if that's okay.</i>	John 20: 29-31
March 22	Stewardship		

Worship Attendance				
	8:00	10:30	Total	Sunday School
January 26	44	62	106	32
February 2	49	55	104	27
9	41	47	88	29
16	45	65	110	30
Total	179	229	408	118
Average	45	57	102	30

Library News

These books will be added to the library after March 31st. Until then they will be on the cart by the front door. Check out is easy - sign and date the card inside the front cover and place it in the plastic container next to the books. There is no due date - take it home and enjoy, then return it to the tote in the library.

The Heart of a Woman by Maya Angelou is the fourth volume of her autobiography. She begins her passion for writing in the late 1950's and becomes involved in the fight for racial equality in the 1960's. She writes of her struggle with racism, her political opinions and her misfortune in romance.

Brush of Wings by Karen Kingsbury is the third book of the *Angels Walking Series*. There is a meeting of angels in heaven to decide how to help Mary Catherine. "We will need a strategy for this risky mission." She needs a heart transplant, but is determined to go to work at an orphanage in Uganda first. The man she loves doesn't understand why she is pushing him away. Can the angels find a solution in time?

When We Were Young by Karen Kingsbury - Noah and Emily have decided to divorce. Noah has put their lives on Instagram since their engagement. But Noah's too involved with social media and it's taking time away from family. He will leave in the morning. When he wakes Emily is gone and the kids have aged. Strange things have happened and he is sure he's 20 years older and is desperate for a second chance.



Finance Report

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual January	Budget January	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2020	
Revenue	General Fund	\$17,878	\$16,430	\$17,878	\$16,430	\$197,160	
	Mortgage	\$1,160	\$2,075	\$1,160	\$2,075	\$24,900	
	Other Giving	\$0	\$834	\$0	\$834	\$10,008	
	Total Revenue	\$19,037	\$19,339	\$19,037	\$19,339	\$232,068	
Expenses	1000 Mission Support	\$2,000	\$1,250	\$2,000	\$1,250	\$15,000	
	1000 Other Outreach	\$0	\$469	\$0	\$469	\$5,628	
	Total Outreach	\$2,000	\$1,719	\$2,000	\$1,719	\$20,628	
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$763	\$1,134	\$763	\$1,134	\$13,608	
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$14,684	\$11,157	\$14,684	\$11,157	\$133,884	
	Total Ministries	\$15,447	\$12,291	\$15,447	\$12,291	\$147,492	
	3000 Total Building (Non Capital)	\$1,995	\$2,576	\$1,995	\$2,576	\$30,912	
	Total Expense	\$19,442	\$16,586	\$19,442	\$16,586	\$199,032	
	3000 Capital	Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$0	\$2,095	\$0	\$2,095	\$25,140
		Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Total Building Capital	\$0	\$2,095	\$0	\$2,095	\$25,140
		Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	\$19,442	\$18,681	\$19,442	\$18,681	\$224,172



Sunday School News

Sunday School students will be singing in church at the 10:30 service on March 15th. You don't want to miss hearing from this enthusiastic, joy-filled group of kids!

Planning is underway for this summer's Vacation Bible School. A survey was recently given to parents of current Sunday School students. Contact Michel Williams if you did not receive a survey or have suggestions or questions.

Altar Guild Flower Chart

Please take a moment to consider donating altar flowers that beautify the church throughout the year. The flower reservation binder is 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 any of the Altar Guild members listed in the Sunday bulletins, or Kay Johnson.



In Our Prayers

Health & Healing

Richard Annis
Pat Bontjes
George Davis
Jeanine Hayes
Phil Houston
Kay Johnson
Al Olsen
Gloria Olsen
Skip Richardson
 Juanita Williams
 Reggie Wallin
 Paul Wood
 Sharon Bayme
 Jeanne Greenfield
 Richard Myers
 Steve Hawkins
 Gordon Green
 Danette Potter
 Diane Hawkins
 Dana Harper
 John Kushner
 Ed Putnal
 Mary Gardner
 Bill Michaux
 Jonce Wright
 Wanda Presson
 Mary Sanders
 Harold Hilliard
 Joyce Hilliard
 Joyce Hilliard
 Billie Jean Hartman
 Justine Davis
 Kirby Middleton
 Sandi Rennick
 Patti
 Amara McDuff

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

Roger Hathaway
Mike Reibel
 Don Teal
 Ron Cooper



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Easter Flower Garden

Would you like to order an Easter plant to enhance the beauty of the sanctuary for Easter services? Order forms will be available in the church bulletins and in the church office. Plants will come from Merlin's Flowers. Orders must be placed by Sunday, March 29. The cost is \$15 per plant for lilies, mums, or tulips, and \$25 per plant for azaleas or Hydrangeas. Make your check payable to All Saints Altar Guild. These plants will be displayed in the sanctuary on Easter and can be taken home after the 10:30 am worship service.



March 4, 11, 18, 25

Midweek Lenten Worship and
Soup Suppers

March 14

Congregational Resourcing Event
Kishwaukee College

March 15

First Communion Class

April 1

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