



# THE Sainly NEWS

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## Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism on Sunday, May 15

Lucy Peterson has completed the required curriculum and will affirm her baptism at the 9:00 am worship service. Join us as we congratulate her on completing this important step in her faith life.



## Attention Graduates!

We wish to include the names of our 8th grade, high school, trade school, and college graduates in the June/July issue of the Sainly News. Please fill us in on the exciting details from where your student is graduating and what their next step will be. Submit this information to [office@AllSaintsByron.org](mailto:office@AllSaintsByron.org) by May 20th.

## Vacation Bible School 2022

As we look around the world today, our deep need for compassion becomes more evident with each and every day. The goal of our 2022 Vacation Bible School program, **Compassion Camp**, is to explore what it means to have compassion for ourselves, others, and the world. The practice of lovingkindness serves as the backbone for our theme. Lovingkindness is the utmost form of selfless love toward ourselves and others.



**Compassion Camp** will take place from 9:30 am to 11:30 am on **July 11<sup>th</sup> – July 15<sup>th</sup>**. Children ages four through those who have just finished 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to attend. Each session will consist of gatherings, Bible stories, music, crafts, movement/recreation, compassion in action, and lovingkindness practice. Registration will take place starting in June. For questions or more information, contact Michel Williams.

## Sunday School!

Sunday School will conclude for the summer on May 22 and begin again on September 11.



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:

I don't know about you, but I am ready for the warmer weather of summer. I look forward to summers...though things don't slow down too much at the church, the schedule has a different pace to it. It's good to have a break from some things and get excited by others. Alan and I also take some time in the summer months for some vacation...it's good to get out of town to see family (or have them come to us as they will this July) and just to have some time together as a couple.

I hope you've had time (or are planning on taking time) for some "re-creation". You don't need to necessarily *go* anywhere (though a change of scenery and schedule does help). Taking time to renew ourselves gives us the opportunity to strengthen relationships around us – perhaps even giving us the chance to strengthen our relationship with God. As God modeled for us, we know we become more complete when we have taken the time to rest.

My prayer is that wherever you are in your lives right now, you will take the time to pause and become "re-created". My prayer also is that in that time of recreation, God will fill you with a sense of peace and renewal! God's blessings be with you all...

In Christ,  
Pastor Janet Wold

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Karen Larson**Deadline** for the June SaintlyNews is **May 20**

Please send articles to

**Rebecca Presson****March Council Highlights**

- ⇒ Refinancing of the church mortgage to include funds to replace the roof is complete
- ⇒ Donations for roof replacement to date has exceeded \$24,000, reducing the amount needed to finance.
- ⇒ Offerings for budgeted items are still falling short
- ⇒ Roof replacement will begin April 18
- ⇒ Spring Clean-up is scheduled for April 30 with a rain date of May 7
- ⇒ Audit of the church financial records was completed on March 20 with no discrepancies noted
- ⇒ All Saints Blood drive is scheduled for May 23
- ⇒ Sunday School will conclude for the summer on May 22 and begin again on September 11



## 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.

**Tuesday night Bible Study**, facilitated by Steve Reid, meets in Conference Room #310 at 7:00 pm. We will be looking at devotions and how they relate to Christian life.

The subjects we will be studying are as follows:

We can do anything God asks as God is near.

Three reasons we should not fear Jesus.

The original Passover reveals fresh meanings.

All are welcome to join us for a refreshing insight into the study of the Bible. Please use the Sunday School wing door.

**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 "God Frees and Redeems." Each week is unique – we invite you to come as often as you can! Note this Bible study will be on hiatus during the summer months and will resume in September.

**The Sunday morning Adult Bible Study**, facilitated by Steve Jones is held in the Small Conference Room. The Adult Sunday School Class has embarked on a new course with *The Fall of the Pagans and the Origins of Medieval Christianity*.

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 sessions are open to all who are interested, and each session stands on its own as an interesting and informative experience.



## May Sunday Scriptures

### May 1 – Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

### May 8 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

### May 15 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

### May 22 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

John 14:23-29

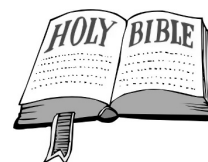
### May 29 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

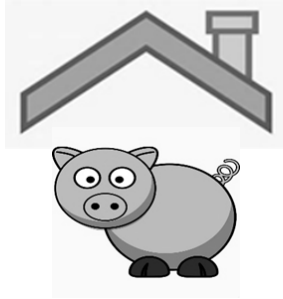
John 17:20-26



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## WELCA

½ Hog Raffle! \$5.00 per ticket 6 tickets for \$25.00. Purchase tickets before and after worship from any WELCA member. Grand Prize is 1/2 hog processed to your specifications, second prize is a \$50.00 Pinnon’s Gift Certificate. Drawing to be held May 22, 2022 after worship. Proceeds will benefit the All Saints Roof Replacement Fund.



## Pentecost Flowers

You can help in this project by donating using the insert included in the weekly church announcements or pick it up at church. You may give any amount of money (i.e. \$1.00, \$5.00, \$10.00) which will be used to buy flowers and other landscaping needs. Thanks for your ongoing help to beautify All Saints! Please make your donation by May 16th. Checks should be made payable to “All Saints Lutheran Church.”



Worship Totals	Online Viewers	In-Person	Total	Sunday School
March 27	124	55	179	n/a
April 3	122	63	185	11
10	220	70	290	11
17	148	96	244	n/a
<b>Totals</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>11</b>



## Summer Newsletter Deadline & FYI

We will be combining the June and July newsletters to be mailed at the beginning of June. If you are a contributor to the newsletter, please keep this in mind when submitting your summer articles. Please submit your articles for the summer newsletter by May 20.



## Email or Address Change?

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.



## Gathering

The GATHERING will meet at 9:00 am on Tuesday May 11 at the church. Join us for a morning of fun and fellowship.

## Library News

The following books will be on the library cart by the front doors to the church for the month of May. To check out a book from the cart or from the library, sign your name and the date on the card in the front of the book. Place the card in the small tote on the cart. There is no due date; just return the book to the library when finished.

*Hot Flashes and Cold Cream* by Diann

Hunt - This large print book will have you laughing out-loud as Maggie plows headlong into a mid-life crisis. "A body heading south, a teenager in trouble, and a workaholic husband with a gorgeous new colleague come together to bring her to the edge."

*The Potluck Club, Trouble's Brewing* by Linda

Shepherd and Eva Marie Everson - Six women meet and eat together every month. Troubles boil over, with "an unhappy homecoming, one suitor too many, new dos and new outlooks on life leaving the ladies in a stew." Many recipes are an added bonus!

*For Love of Eli* by Loree Lough is a "Quilts of Love" book. When four-year-old Eli loses his parents in a tragic accident, he is left with Taylor, the sister of his father, and his bachelor uncle Reece to care for him. Realizing Eli will have few memories of his parents Taylor pieces a memory quilt together for him. Meanwhile Eli experiences more heartache. But Taylor and Reese will have to overcome anger and resentment before they can help Eli through his present difficulties.

*Life Among the Lutherans*, by Garrison Keillor -

The collection of stories includes "the church directory that is full of photos that are just plain awful, the moment when the pastor receives a leather-bound copy of his sermons, and where all the women are strong and the men are good looking and all the children are above average."



## Enjoyed a tasty Breakfast Easter Sunday



Our thanks to Dan and Julie Danielowski for organizing and serving the food for the Easter Breakfast. About 55 people attended and four of our youth moved through the room refilling coffee, milk and juice cups. Thanks also to Thrivent who approved a grant to purchase the food. The donations received totaled \$364 and benefitted the roof fund. Everyone who came enjoyed fellowship as well as the good food. It was great to be able to gather together again.



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Lent Worship Totals	Online Viewers	In-Person	Total
Ash Wednesday	111	42	153
March 9	109	23	132
16	152	23	175
23	166	24	190
30	132	28	160
April 6	154	25	179
14	134	31	165
15	110	36	146
Totals	1068	232	1300
Average	134	29	162

## All Saints to Celebrate Lutheran Social Services on May 8 Good Shepherd Sunday 2022

All Saints will celebrate Good Shepherd/LSSI Sunday on May 8. Once each year, on Good Shepherd Sunday, congregations across Illinois celebrate the social ministry we share with other congregations and the three ELCA synods. Together we provide foster care, mental health counseling, substance use treatment, low-income housing, and residential homes for the disabled. All gifts made to LSSI for Good Shepherd Sunday will be matched, up to \$5,000 per synod. For more information, visit [www.LSSI.org](http://www.LSSI.org) or talk to Pastor Janet. Special offering envelopes will be available that day, or gifts may be made to All Saints, noting "LSSI" in the memo line.

### How to support the mission of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois and the people we care for:

Give generously to LSSI, so they can continue to serve people in need. For information, call 847.635.617.

Become part of The Inspired, LSSI's monthly giving program. For information, call 847.635.4617.

Leave a legacy by helping others far into the future—make a gift to The Cornerstone Foundation. For information, contact David P. Novak at 847.635.4671.

Pray daily for the people served by LSSI and for the LSSI staff.

Subscribe to *Inspired*, LSSI's bi-monthly newsletter. Send an email to [Communications@LSSI.org](mailto:Communications@LSSI.org).

Be a part of their **Facebook** community by liking their page Meet LSSI. It's a great way to stay up-to-date with LSSI's news and events.



## guest speaker

### Quilters

The quilters plan to meet on May 5th and May 19th at 9:00 am at the church. The work continues to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We are looking forward to having a special guest on the 19th. Connie Seavey, WELCA NIS President and WELCA Interim Central Conference Representative, will be coming to learn about our quilting time together and she will be sharing news from WELCA groups in our area.



### Book Club

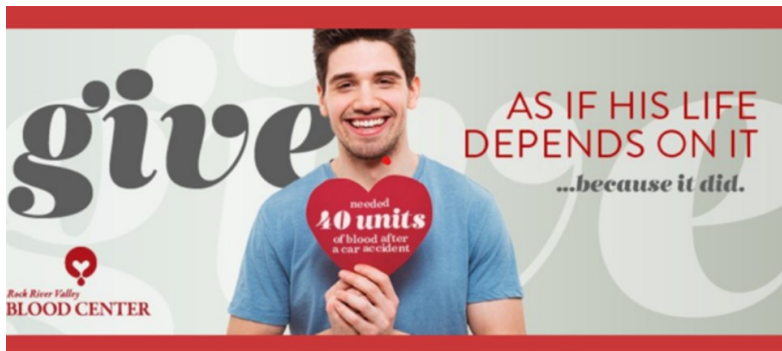
This month's Book Club selection is *The Lost Quilter* by Jennifer Chiaverini. Sylvia Bergstrom Compton treasures an antique quilt made by a fugitive slave. Joanna came to the Elm Creek Farm in 1859 through the Underground Railroad. Although her time of freedom was short, she left her son with the Bergstrom family to be raised as their own. By using Aunt Gerda's diary and Joanna's quilt, Sylvia connects Joanna's past to present day Elm Creek Manor.

Come join us at church on May 24 at 1:00 as we discuss *The Lost Quilter* over a cup (or two) of coffee.



# Finance Report

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual March	Budget March	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2022
Revenue	General Fund	\$12,228	\$16,489	\$43,543	\$49,467	\$197,861
	Mortgage	\$973	\$2,095	\$3,106	\$6,285	\$25,140
	Other Giving	\$9,074	\$834	\$15,851	\$2,502	\$10,000
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$22,275</b>	<b>\$19,418</b>	<b>\$62,501</b>	<b>\$58,254</b>	<b>\$233,016</b>
Expenses	Mission Support	\$477	\$1,250	\$2,124	\$3,750	\$3,750
	Other Outreach	\$0	\$519	\$1,416	\$1,557	\$1,557
	<b>Total Outreach</b>	<b>\$477</b>	<b>\$1,769</b>	<b>\$3,540</b>	<b>\$5,307</b>	<b>\$5,307</b>
	Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$868	\$1,185	\$1,952	\$3,560	\$3,560
	Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$10,710	\$11,543	\$33,839	\$34,630	\$34,630
	<b>Total Ministries</b>	<b>\$11,579</b>	<b>\$12,728</b>	<b>\$35,790</b>	<b>\$38,190</b>	<b>\$38,190</b>
	<b>3000 Total Building (Non Capital)</b>	<b>\$2,738</b>	<b>\$2,542</b>	<b>\$7,753</b>	<b>\$7,629</b>	<b>\$7,629</b>
	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$14,794</b>	<b>\$17,039</b>	<b>\$47,083</b>	<b>\$51,126</b>	<b>\$204,468</b>
	Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$2,094	\$2,169	\$6,281	\$6,507	\$26,028
	Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>3000 Capital Total Building Capital</b>	<b>\$2,094</b>	<b>\$2,169</b>	<b>\$6,281</b>	<b>\$6,507</b>	<b>\$26,028</b>
<b>Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)</b>	<b>\$16,887</b>	<b>\$19,208</b>	<b>\$53,364</b>	<b>\$57,633</b>	<b>\$230,496</b>	
Net	<b>Net for Month/Year (Expenses Minus Revenue)</b>	<b>\$5,387</b>		<b>\$9,136</b>		
	<b>(Under)/Over Budget for Month/Year</b>	<b>(\$2,321)</b>		<b>(\$4,269)</b>		



## All Saints Lutheran Church Blood Drive

Monday, May 23rd / 1:00 to 7:00 PM

624 Luther Dr., Byron, IL 61010

To schedule a donation, call Jan Sloan at  
(815) 238-2014, the Church at (815) 234-5277  
or scan the QR Code.



You're invited to a Wine Tasting at Katie's Cup  
*A Spring peek at balance, bouquets & blend*

**Thursday, May 5, 7 - 9 pm**

Donation: \$20  
502 Seventh Street, Rockford

and with a nod to Cinco de Mayo, including tasty treats,  
with music by Trinadora!

Tickets/reservations available at Katie's Cup, or contact  
815.986.0628, [katiescuprockford@gmail.com](mailto:katiescuprockford@gmail.com), or a Katie's  
Cup Board member by Friday, April 29. A limited number  
of tickets will be available at the door.

Wines provided by



Benefiting Katie's Cup coffeebar



## In Our Prayers

### Health & Healing

**Helen Cambier**

**Phyllis Coffman**

**George Davis**

**Phil Houston**

**Sandi Reid**

**Kit Reif**

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

Sharon Pleniewicz

Margie Myer

Stephanie Farrell

Jimmy Johnson

Sydeny Provencher

Missy Kopp

Morgan Jones

Ernie Leombruni

Kevin Nickels

Anna Schroeder

Dave Kopp

Ron Sasso

Colleen Derting

Michael Wirtz

Kathi Roberts

Jim Carson

### 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

Pia Leombruni

Harold Hilliard

Gary Worrall

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## Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Easter Garden this year. The flowers from Merlin’s were spectacular and their beauty added to our celebration of our Lord’s resurrection.



welcome  
**MAY**  
please be good

### May 5

Katie’s Cup Wine Tasting Fundraiser

### May 15

Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation

### May 22

WELCA Roof Fundraiser drawing

### May 22

Last day of Sunday School

### May 23

All Saints Blood Drive

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