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ONLINE COMMUNION BEING OFFERED STARTING MAY 3

On Sunday, May 3, often designated Good Shepherd Sunday, we will share together Holy Communion in our online Livestream worship and will continue to do so every Sunday after that.

Before the time of the service you will want to prepare a slice or a small loaf of any kind of bread to share and a cup or small cups of juice - perhaps grape or cranberry - or wine. Set these elements in the living room or kitchen where you experience worship electronically with our faith community. Perhaps you want to put them on a lovely cloth or fabric that reminds you of a special time or person. Perhaps light a candle or place a flower or the photograph of someone you wish to bring into the circle of faith beside the bread and the cup.

During the worship service, Pastor Janet will bless the bread and wine on the altar. You can then partake of communion with your prepared elements at home. For those who don't have access to the internet, the invitation still stands to reach out to Pastor to set up a time to receive communion when desired.

Thank you for your preparation.



Online Worship 9:00 am Each Sunday

We will continue to live-stream worship during the COVID-19 pandemic crisis. This has been a huge success with viewers from



literally around the world tuning in to hear the message of hope each Sunday. To access the live streamed message at 9:00 am each Sunday, log on to AllSaintsByron.org and click on the Facebook link. If you are not able to hear the message live, you can visit our website and click on the link on the home page for the recorded messages. All services to date that have been broadcasted over Facebook are linked to that page for your viewing.

Summer Worship Hours!

This is a reminder that we had planned to begin our Summer Worship Hours to one service on May 24 at 9:00 am. This will take effect when we are able to worship together in-person once again and run through Labor Day weekend, September 6.



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

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Dear Friends,

I pray that all of you are healthy and not going too stir crazy during this time of quarantine! We've all had to learn how to do things differently these days – from grocery shopping with face masks on, sanitizing everything we come into contact with, and social distancing from each other. I have had to learn how to design a worship service that can be livestreamed. Thank you again to Steve Jones, Caryn Huber, Amy Harn, Alan Wold and our secretary Karen Larson who are making this happen every week! Thank you, also, for your continued financial support of our congregation. We, literally, couldn't do it without you!

I have also learned how to rely on phone calls with parishioners and how to use a video conferencing tool called Zoom. One of the things I miss the most is seeing each other! To that end, I am proposing an online Bible study on Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 pm, starting May 6. This would be via Zoom...a link would be emailed you each week that you would click on and then you'd be part of the group. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, let me know. I'd be happy to "practice" with you regarding zoom...I can set up a video meeting for just the two of us, if desired.

Despite all the changes around us, and the feelings of uncertainty and perhaps even fear, the one thing we know doesn't change is God's presence, God's love and God's peace surrounding us today and always. I am so grateful for the gifts God gives me – and those gifts certainly include this congregation, this community and most of all the gift of my family and our health.

God is with us,

Pastor Janet Wold

Email or Address Changes? Send it to the Church Office!



CHANGE OF ADDRESS, EMAIL, PHONE

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 office at office@allsaintsbyron.org.

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.

Graduates from All Saints

We wish to include the names of our 8th grade, high school, trade schools and college graduates in the June/July issue of the Saintly 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 by May 12th.



Deadline for the June/July Saintly News is **May 15**
Please send articles to
Rebecca Presson
rpresson222@gmail.com

Bible Studies

All Bible Studies are subject to resolution of the COVID-19 virus. Until the time we are given the all clear, we will not be meeting in person.

The Tuesday night and Sunday morning Bible Studies will resume when we are able to gather again in person.

The Wednesday afternoon Bible Study will begin May 6 via Zoom. We will be studying the following Sunday's Gospel lesson with Pastor Janet Wold facilitating. If you would like to join these zoom events, please contact Pastor Janet and make sure your email address is current. The link to the zoom Bible Studies will be included in each week's emailed announcements. Pastor will also email the link to people who have expressed interest in participating in these studies. If you have never used Zoom, Pastor will be happy to set up a practice meeting with you. You can also access the Bible Study using your phone. Call us and Pastor will explain that process to you.

April Congregation Council Minutes

- Met via Zoom from their homes several times to address challenges and opportunities
- Decided to suspend in-person worship until further notice
- We are very grateful for the faithful giving by our congregation family during the pandemic crisis.
- Applied for Government Funded Paycheck Protection Program (which was later approved)
- Expressed gratitude to those who are helping facilitate the Sunday morning online worship events
- New carpet will be installed during the week of April 19 as previously scheduled.
- Spring Clean-up day postponed until after quarantines are lifted
- Time and Talent sheets are slow to come in.
- Group Publishing has provided free videos from March 22 through May 6 for Sunday School children.
- Blood drive will continue as scheduled on April 16.

Email vs Paper Copies of Newsletter

To those who have requested to receive the newsletter by email, we will continue to send it electronically. However, you may also receive it through the mail because we need 200 parcels to get the bulk mail rate. Using bulk mail saves us close to \$65.00 in postage each month. Thank you for your understanding!



Sunday Scriptures

May 3 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

May 10 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

May 17 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

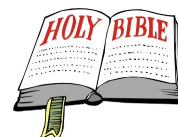
Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

May 24 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

May 31 - Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 20:19-23



Please Clip & Save for your reference

Changes **AND** CANCELLATIONS

Altar Guild

Thank you to everyone who donated flowers for our Easter Garden this year. Although we were not able to enjoy it in person, our church looked beautiful during the live-stream on Facebook.

We are not ordering altar bouquets while we are unable to worship in person. If you signed up to donate bouquets during this time we will call you to reschedule or cancel your donation. There are plenty of spaces in the flower reservation book later in the year so hopefully we can use some of those spaces as an alternative.

Confirmation Sunday

Confirmation Sunday has been rescheduled to October 25, 2020, Reformation Sunday.



Northern Illinois Synod Assembly

In an abundance of caution and concern, Bishop Jeffrey Clements and the Northern Illinois Synod Council has made the decision to cancel the Northern Illinois Synod Assembly scheduled for June 19-20, 2020.

LOMC Updates

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the anticipated 8-week Summer Camp at LOMC has been canceled for 2020. The Memorial Day Work Weekend has also been canceled, although they are hoping to reschedule it for later in the year. Check the LOMC website at www.LOMC.org for updates.

WELCA

The WELCA meeting for May has been cancelled. A future meeting date has not yet been set. Watch the calendar for a fall meeting date.

All Saints Annual Blood Drive 2020

On April 16th All Saints held the annual blood drive. The drive was held from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Shortly after noon the Rock River Valley Blood Center associates arrived at the church and began to set up for the blood drive. It was interesting to watch the fellowship hall converted into the blood collection center for the day.

This year with the COVID-19 concern the fellowship hall was set up for the drive to maintain the social distancing recommendations. This year the drive was unique with the challenges we had to deal with. If you noticed, the usual sign that sat out by the road advertising the blood drive was not there. This year RRVBC was only accepting donors who made prior appointments. Fortunately, during the drive, there were only a few people turned away because they didn't make an appointment to donate.

As the drive began there was a steady flow of donors arriving to give blood. The RRVBC staff was very pleased with the turn out of the drive. During the drive a total of 44 donors gave blood to help save a life. All Saints again exceeded the goal set by RRVBC for this year's Blood Drive.

Thank you to all who helped make this drive possible. Special thanks to Jan Sloan who did a GREAT JOB making calls from the donor list and filling the donation schedule.



Finance Report

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual March	Budget March	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2020	
Revenue	General Fund	\$14,608	\$16,430	\$47,757	\$49,290	\$197,160	
	Mortgage	\$1,485	\$2,075	\$4,574	\$6,225	\$24,900	
	Other Giving	\$1,324	\$834	\$5,290	\$2,502	\$10,008	
	Total Revenue	\$17,417	\$19,339	\$57,621	\$58,017	\$232,068	
Expenses	1000 Mission Support	\$716	\$1,250	\$4,490	\$3,750	\$15,000	
	1000 Other Outreach	\$265	\$469	\$895	\$1,407	\$5,628	
	Total Outreach	\$981	\$1,719	\$5,385	\$5,157	\$20,628	
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$725	\$1,131	\$2,671	\$3,399	\$13,572	
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$10,200	\$11,157	\$35,323	\$33,471	\$133,884	
	Total Ministries	\$10,925	\$12,288	\$37,994	\$36,870	\$147,456	
	3000 Total Building (Non Capital)	\$1,686	\$4,668	\$5,601	\$7,723	\$56,016	
	Total Expense	\$13,592	\$18,675	\$48,980	\$49,750	\$224,100	
	3000 Capital	Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$2,094	\$2,095	\$4,187	\$6,285	\$25,140
		Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$6,970	\$0	\$0
		Total Building Capital	\$2,094	\$2,095	\$11,157	\$6,285	\$25,140
		Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	\$15,686	\$20,770	\$60,137	\$56,035	\$249,240

Sunday School News

Thanks to Group Publishing, All Saints Sunday School children have had an opportunity to continue to receive spiritual nurturing at home while congregations are not able to meet in person!

Group Publishing (the company we purchase our Sunday School curriculum from) has offered churches a series of lessons entitled “**Empowering Courageous Kids.**” These are FREE weekly interactive video lessons that reveal how Jesus’ power is bigger than the emotions kids are facing surrounding COVID-19. Kids are shown how to manage the negative emotions through EMPOWERMENT and THANKFULNESS. Below is the sequence of lessons which are currently being emailed to families who have children enrolled in Sunday School.

Please contact Michel Williams if you have questions or would like to receive any or all of the materials via email.

A BIG THANKS to Jodi, Mia, and Molly Girten for the Easter bags they decorated, filled with goodies, and left at the homes of our Sunday School students on April 11th. What a pleasant surprise that was! Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

At this point Sunday School is still suspended until further notice. Watch for information regarding a possible Vacation Bible School in July.

Date	Point	Bible Story
March 22, 2020	Jesus’ Power Calms Our Fears	Jesus Calms the Storm
March 29, 2020	Jesus’ Power Calms Our Worries	Jesus Walks on Water
April 5, 2020	Jesus’ Power Is Unexpected	Palm Sunday
April 12, 2020	Jesus’ Power Means We Don’t Need	Easter
April 19, 2020	Jesus’ Power Takes Action	Jesus Heals the Lame Man
April 26, 2020	Jesus’ Power Takes Away Loneliness	Jesus Heals a Leper
May 3, 2020	Jesus’ Power Brings Hope	Jesus Brings Lazarus Back
May 10, 2020	Jesus’ Power Lives In Us	Pentecost

In Our Prayers

Health & Healing

- Richard Annis**
- Pat Bontjes**
- Kathy Burrows**
- George Davis**
- Jeanine Hayes**
- Phil Houston**
- Kay Johnson**
- Al Olsen**
- Gloria Olsen**
- Sharon Provencher**
- Skip Richardson**
- Juanita Williams
- Reggie Wallin
- Paul Wood
- Sharon Bayme
- Jeanne Greenfield
- Richard Myers
- Steve Hawkins
- Gordon Green
- Danette Potter
- Diane Hawkins
- Dana Harper
- Mary Gardner
- Bill Michaux
- Jonce Wright
- Wanda Presson
- Mary Sanders
- Harold Hilliard
- Joyce Hilliard
- Justine Davis
- Kirby Middleton
- Sandi Rennick
- Matt Henkel
- Dennis Reid
- Daphne Downey
- Vicki Scull
- All those being affected by the COVID 19
- Including all health care providers (especially Stephanie, Cassidy, Patricia)

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
- Reggio
- Tyler Peterson

Sympathy

- Ed Putnal
- Sheila Norup
- Donald Dummer



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During the week of April 19, the new carpet was installed in the sanctuary. When we are able to worship in-person once again, we will be greeted by a bright new worship space!



Summer Newsletter Reminder!

FYI - We will be combining the June and July newsletters to be mailed at the end of May. If you are a contributor to the newsletter, please keep this in mind when submitting your summer articles.

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