



THE Sainly NEWS

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Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism on Pentecost Sunday, May 23

Confirmands who have completed the required curriculum will be confirmed at the at the 9:00 am worship service. Check out the display with pictures and biographical information about our students. On Sunday, May 16 at 9:45 am, confirmands and their parents are required to attend the rehearsal. Confirmands will be fitted for confirmation gowns and individual and group photographs will be taken.



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 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 by May 19th.



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.

Pentecost Flowers

You can help in this project by making a donation using the insert included in the weekly church announcements or from the church office. 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."



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 Partner in Ministry:

How do we respond when someone loves us? I suppose that answer might depend on how we feel about the person who has declared their love for us. I know that when I feel love *from* another person and I also feel love *toward* that person I want to do things for that person that reflect that love. That love grows inside of me and shows itself in kindness toward that other person and in doing things that will make that person happy.

We all know how much God loves us and we, hopefully, share that feeling of love toward God. Out of that love and acceptance that God has shown us, we then want to do things that reflect God's love – that share God's love with others.

Things are starting to “open up” in our communities, including here at All Saints. We've been back to in-person worship for several months, though continuing to offer our worship online too. The weather is warming up and soon the school year will come to an end. With those events we find ourselves in need a few volunteers:

Would you be willing to be trained in how to use the video camera to record our worship services? If you've ever videotaped your kids or grandkids at an event, you've got the skills we need. Steve Jones has faithfully been our camera operator at every single worship service for over a year now. It'd be great to have some other folks learn how to do that. Steve has written out a “how to” sheet and would be more than happy to sit with you as you learn.

Soon, we will need folks to mow our lawns here at church. We have two John Deere tractors – if you've never done it before, you'll be partnered with someone who has experience mowing here. If you would like to learn more about that or volunteer to help, please contact Scott Fitzsimmons or the church office.

We need 1 usher and 1 greeter at every in-person worship. We have a faithful group of folks who are doing that – it'd be nice to increase the pool of people to draw from. Interested? Contact the church office.

Together we can do this! This congregation has always been so faithful about stepping up when a need presents itself. So...here are three needs. Who might be willing to volunteer for one or more opportunities?

Thank you again for your faithful partnership with me in living out God's love at All Saints and the world. It was so good to see so many of you in person over Holy Week and Easter!

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Janet Wold

Pastoral Acts

Funeral for Jeannine Hayes on April 23

Deadline for the June/July
Saintly News is **May 19**
Please send articles to
Rebecca Presson

Bible Studies

The Monday Afternoon Bible Study, facilitated by Pastor Janet Wold, is being held 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 Evening Bible Study, facilitated by Steve Reid will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm. In May they will be studying Biblical Devotions, and how they are related to Christian living for example, The Parables "The Sower", "The Prodigal Son", and "The Moral Law of God".

The Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study, facilitated by Pastor Janet Wold, is being held in-person in the Conference Room at 1:30 pm. Masks are required. In March, our Wednesday Bible study embarked on a new study entitled "***Making Sense of Scripture: Big Questions about the Book of Faith.***" We would love to have you join us for this multi-week class. Each class session is unique - come as often as you are able! This Bible Study will conclude on May 12 and resume with a new topic in the Fall.

The Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study, facilitated by Steve Jones is being held on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am. Currently they are studying the Great Courses Curriculum *From Jesus to Constantine: a History of Early Christianity*. This Bible study will conclude on May 23 and resume in the Fall with a new topic.

April Council Highlights

- ⇒ Wish List for church related needs will be reviewed and updated.
- ⇒ Need a volunteer to help with video recording on Sunday mornings.
- ⇒ New laptop has been purchased for confirmation and multicamera worship needs.
- ⇒ We need to secure a new treasurer. Many thanks to Alisha Fortener for her hard work as our treasurer and best of luck as she pursues higher education.
- ⇒ We will be obtaining bids for roof repair/replacement.
- ⇒ Plans for Vacation Bible School are in motion. Tentatively scheduled for June.
- ⇒ All Saints raised \$700.00 for the LOMC Hike-A-Thon held in March.
- ⇒ Learned the blood drive held April 8 collected 42 units of blood, surpassing our goal of 34 units.
- ⇒ A poll of the congregation will be done to determine what interest there is for on-line giving.

Sunday Scriptures

May 2

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

May 9

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

May 16

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

May 23

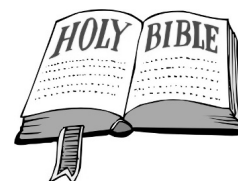
Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 30

The Holy Trinity

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17



Please Clip & Save for your reference

Church Treasurer Search

Alisha Fortener is stepping down as Treasurer in May to go back to school to pursue an advanced degree to help her in her profession. She has done a great job for over two years and we appreciate her hard work! We were looking at possible volunteer opportunities but no one was forthcoming, so the Church Council has approved making the treasurer a paid position. We are looking for qualified candidates with an accounting background to serve as Treasurer. Please contact Pastor Janet if you are interested.



On-Line Giving

Several congregation members have expressed an interest in possibly creating a means to give funds to the church online. The Stewardship Committee has created an online survey to see if anyone is interested in this. It's a simple survey with just three questions to see what might be of interest to members. Many churches who adopt this added form of giving see good sized increases in giving because it's easier for people who do their bills on line to just have the Church as another place to electronically transfer funds instead of writing checks. The link to the survey is on our Facebook page and website.



Steve Needs a Break

Steve Jones has been recording our services for use on Facebook and our Website since March 2020. It's time we share the opportunity to record the service. It's a simple task to run the video camera. It does not require any major levels of computer knowledge. The service is transferred from the memory card in the camera to Facebook right after the service. We even have a typed up procedure for doing it. If you are interested, please get in touch with Steve or with Pastor and we will train you for this important task.



Worship Totals	Online Viewers	In-Person	Total	Sunday School
March 21	182	42	224	21
28	222	50	272	20
April 4	258	97	355	0
11	156	41	197	20
18	198	47	245	20
Totals	1016	277	1293	81
Average	203	55	258	20

Book Club

This month's Book Club selection is *Just Shy of Harmony* by Philip Gulley, his second book about the life of Pastor Sam in the small town of Harmony. Sam is tired of writing sermons, and discouraged by the congregation's lack of meaningful goals for spreading the Word. Suggestions on Goal Setting Sunday vary from a vanity in the woman's rest room to the Scripture egg project, (feeding chickens paper with hand written Bible passages and handing out their eggs to unbelievers to find when they crack open their morning egg) to Heavenly Hoops, a basketball evangelism program. Pastor Sam can't take it any longer. Visit the residents of this small town community and share in the humor and drama of their joy and sadness, and controversy and compassion.

We will meet on Tuesday, May 25 at 1:00 pm at the church. All are welcome to come for the discussion, whether you have read the book or not. A copy of *Just Shy of Harmony* is being passed around. If you would like to be on the reading list, call the church office and we will add your name to the list of people wanting to read it.



Quilters

The quilters plan to meet on May 6th and 20th at the church from 9:00 am to 11:00 am to work on making quilts for people in need. We appreciate and use the donated sheets and fabric you give for us to make the quilt tops and backings. Two finished quilts are displayed in the church. One is on the quilt stand in the main hallway. Another quilt is hung on a wall rack in the fellowship hall. The time spent working together is happily spent in service and fellowship with each other.



People Helping People Charity Challenge

On March 1st All Saints learned that our local food pantry, People Helping People, was selected to participate in Sterling Federal Banks 4th Annual Charity Challenge. People interested in supporting participants in the Charity Challenge could go to the bank's Facebook page and vote daily for their choice through the end of March. PHP was up against some serious competition. Many of the charities were located in communities with significant populations that outnumbered the Byron area. All Saints jumped in to help PHP in the contest. An article was written and published in the Ogle County Life asking for the community's support and vote. As a result, PHP took 3rd place in the Charity Challenge and received a \$5000.00 donation. The donation will definitely assist PHP in their ongoing efforts to assist families in and around the Byron community.

Thanks to all those who took the time out of their day to help PHP take 3rd place in the contest.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Wilcox
Social Ministry Chairman

The 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.

Sunday School News

The final session for Sunday School (both in-person and ZOOM) will be on May 23rd. As we look towards summer, plans are underway for a week-long Vacation Bible School, as well as an evening intergenerational event. We believe we can modify these activities to create a COVID-safe environment. Michel Williams will be reaching out to a number of parents and members of the congregation for feedback to assist in planning. Watch for more details in the June/July newsletter and weekly church announcements.



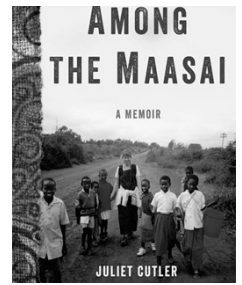
Blood Drive Results

Next Drive scheduled for June 24.
 On April 8th All Saints hosted the annual Blood Drive. Shortly after noon the Rock River Valley Blood Center, (RRVBC) workers arrived at the church and converted the Fellowship Hall into a mini blood center. The drive took place from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm. As the drive started people began arriving to give of their time and donate blood. There was a regular flow of people during the drive, and the church parking lot was full of cars. By the end of the day 42 units of whole blood were collected, which can save up to 126 lives. I want to thank everyone who came to donate at the drive and make this event a BIG SUCCESS!

Special thanks to Jan Sloan for making the calls to potential donors and filling up the appointment list. Due to the continued success of All Saints Blood Drive's, RRVBC asked if All Saints would host another drive this year. The date has been set! On June 24th All Saints will host another Blood Drive. Those who donated at the April 8th drive will be eligible at the June 24th event.

Blessings,
 Jim Wilcox
 Social Ministry Chairman

Juliet Cutler's "Among the Maasai" Book Chat



This is an opportunity from the Northern Illinois Synod Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (WELCA) that we share with any woman interested in learning about our sister synod in Tanzania. Plus, it's in the evening for those women who are not able to attend meetings during the day.

Please join us on Zoom for a book chat to discuss Juliet Cutler's book, "Among the Maasai".
 Thursdays - June 3, 10, 17 & 24
 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm US Central Time

To learn more about Juliet Cutler
<https://www.julietcutler.com>

To register or purchase the book contact Deb Quinn at 630/334-0330.

Confirmation Schedule

May 2	1st and 2nd Corinthians	I don't know why the church in Corinth seemed so messed up and confused.	2 Corinthians 5:17-21
May 16	CONFIRMATION (AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM) REHEARSAL		
May 23 Pentecost Sunday	CONFIRMATION (AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM)		

Finance Report

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual March	Budget March	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2021
Revenue	General Fund	\$13,058	\$16,489	\$42,187	\$49,467	\$197,868
	Mortgage	\$1,313	\$2,095	\$4,595	\$6,285	\$25,140
	Other Giving	\$0	\$834	\$60	\$2,502	\$10,008
	Total Revenue	\$14,371	\$19,418	\$46,842	\$58,254	\$233,016
Expenses	1000 Mission Support	\$1,272	\$1,250	\$4,791	\$3,750	\$15,000
	Other Outreach	\$355	\$511	\$931	\$1,533	\$6,132
	Total Outreach	\$1,627	\$1,761	\$5,722	\$5,283	\$21,132
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$269	\$1,265	\$1,325	\$3,799	\$15,180
	Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$7,141	\$11,716	\$29,218	\$35,154	\$140,592
	Total Ministries	\$7,410	\$12,981	\$30,543	\$38,953	\$155,772
	3000 Total Building (Non Capital)	\$2,168	\$2,599	\$6,543	\$7,801	\$31,188
	Total Expense	\$11,205	\$17,341	\$42,808	\$52,037	\$208,092
	3000 Capital Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$2,094	\$2,095	\$8,375	\$6,285	\$25,140
	Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$796	\$0	\$0
Total Building Capital	\$2,094	\$2,095	\$9,171	\$6,285	\$25,140	
Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	\$13,298	\$19,436	\$51,979	\$58,322	\$233,232	

Special thanks to all who participated in LOMC’s March Hike-A-Thon either by hiking or making donations! A total of over \$6000 of the \$20,000 goal was raised by churches and individuals.

On Saturday, March 20th, Audrey Adams, Joyce Niehaus, and Michel Williams hiked at LOMC. A BIG thanks to Audrey for her guided tour of the facilities and amenities that the camp has to offer. It was a beautiful and peaceful morning. We are so fortunate to have this wonderful resource right in our own back yard!

Donations to LOMC scholarship and grant funds will be used to assist in these ways:

- *Children and youth to attend camps to experience God and each other in the out-of-doors.
- *Households to come out safely to LOMC during this pandemic for needed rest.
- *Church workers (paid and volunteer) to come out for personal retreats for work, reflection, and rest.
- *Church groups to visit when financial needs are high.



In Our Prayers

Health & Healing

Phyllis Coffman
Kate Danielowski-Cuccaro
George Davis
John Hetland
Phil Houston
John Kultgen
Joyce Niehaus
Steve Reid
Kit Reif

Sylvia Richardson

Bill Michaux
 Kirby Middleton
 Sandi Rennick
 Matt Henkel
 Dennis Reid
 Gary Diehl
 Richard McCabe
 Doug Karr
 Kevin Lyons
 Diann
 Mike Gordon
 Judy Wirth
 Toni Girten
 Will Heindrick
 Maria Rogers
 Christopher Bowers
 Jason DeLaCruz
 Oscar Wilson
 Gage and Crystal
 Bradley Heal
 Galen Bennett
 Bruce Roller
 Felipe Sanchez

Shut Ins

Lori Pederson
Skip Richardson
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May 23

Confirmation Sunday

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Last day of Sunday School

June 24

All Saints Blood Drive

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 19.

