



THE Sainly NEWS

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Congratulations Confirmands!

Congratulations to our 2020 Confirmands: Rory Brown, Logan Burpo, Jayln Carr, Nicholas Cassens, Kyle Hartman, Devin Lorio, and Jessica Penrod, who affirmed their baptism at a special service held on October 25.

Worship Changes

The Governor of Illinois has mandated we return to more restrictive meeting requirements, allowing only 10 people per meeting rather than 25 as we have adhered to over the past several months. Since we have been averaging well over that number of people attending worship each Sunday, we are forced to return to worshipping online. On November 1, please join us online via our Facebook page at 9:00 am for a live-stream of regular worship with a recording available on our webpage at 10:30 am. Subsequent worship services will be recorded in advance and uploaded to Facebook and our webpage for viewing at 9:00 am on each Sunday until further notice. We have the capability of recording these worship services onto DVDs. If you would like to reserve a weekly copy of these DVDs, please call the church office and have your name put on the list. DVDs can be picked up on the Monday after worship at the church office.

Virtual communion will be celebrated on each Sunday. There is a basket of communion wafers in the entryway for your use. There are 10 wafers in each package, so feel free to take as many as you need to celebrate communion with your family.

We will do our best to communicate with all of you throughout this disruption in our regular life. Email is the fastest way to be able to do that. Watch for emails from the church. If you haven't received any of our messages, please contact us with your email address so

you can be added to the list. When you do receive updated information, please help us out by sharing that information with church friends that you know don't have email. Thank you!

We know this is a difficult and uncertain time, but as we do what we can to help flatten the curve, we also trust in a God who holds us in the palm of his hand.



Thanksgiving Plans Donations Appreciated

We will not be having a Thanksgiving Eve worship service this year. While we will not be gathering in church, we are still collecting food items and monetary donations for People Helping People. These donations will help them assist members of our community who cannot provide a traditional Thanksgiving dinner for their families. A \$15.00 donation will provide a turkey and some perishable items. We will also be collecting the following non-perishable items: stuffing mix, canned fruit, canned green beans, mushroom soup, and Jell-O. These items will round out the items provided to our neighbors for their Thanksgiving meal. Donations for this specific meal will be accepted through November 22.

Sunday Worship - Recorded Service
available on our Facebook Page and
Webpage at 9:00 am.

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Sainly News is **November 13**Please send articles to
Rebecca Presson

Dear Partner in Ministry:

It has been a hard year, hasn't it? When I think back to last November, the things that loomed ahead were Thanksgiving and the busy Christmas season. This year, as we look toward Thanksgiving, I wonder if we can rally our gratitude, given all that has happened. Looming over us is the persistence of COVID and all its implications. Some call it a hoax, some call it a dire emergency, some wear masks faithfully, some resist the imposition. The numbers continue to rise, the hope of a vaccine still on the horizon. Sometimes it seems getting through the day is all we can manage.

So, what are we to be grateful for this Thanksgiving? While it's easy to think of all the things that are wrong now, hopefully you don't have to think too hard about conjuring up something that is going right. I find myself continuing to be grateful for the gift of my family, the gift of being able to worship - especially the gift of being able to offer worship both in person and online. I am grateful for both in person and online Bible studies. I am grateful for the many ministries that are happening here at All Saints: such as Sunday School, quilting, and book club. I am grateful we are able to open our beautiful building up for outside groups to use such as AA, blood drives, and Girl Scouts.

As you, hopefully, read in the stewardship mailing we sent out the week of October 19th, we are making a real difference in people's lives here at All Saints Lutheran Church. It is a challenging time to be sure, but God has walked with us and shown us ways that we can still BE the church. As we reflect on our blessings, I pray that you will continue to support our congregation not only with your financial gifts, but also with your prayers and your presence either in person or online.

Please know that I count you, people of All Saints, to be among my biggest blessings. I am grateful for your faithfulness and your prayers for me and our ministry here. God will continue to be with us in the days, weeks and months ahead.

Thank you.

In Christ,

Pastor Janet Wold**Pastoral Acts:**

October 25 – Baptism of Logan Burpo

October 25 – Affirmation of Baptism



Bible Studies

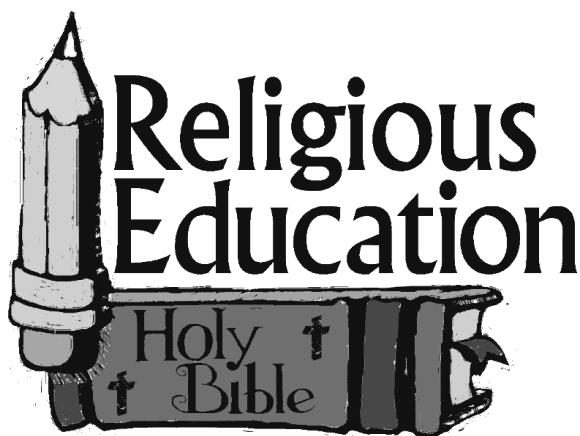
The Monday Afternoon Bible Study, facilitated by Pastor Janet Wold, is being held via Zoom at 1:30 pm. This is a study and discussion of the following Sunday's Gospel lesson. A link to the Monday afternoon Bible Study is included in the Thursday announcements email. Feel free to join us! If you need 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 is held in-person in Conference Room 310 at 7:00 pm. We will be 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 being held in-person in the Fellowship Hall at 1:30 pm. Masks are required. The topic of this study is a continuation of last year's study "The Greatest Story." This time our study will be focused on Jesus from his birth through his ministry along the dark path of trials and crucifixion, and into the light of Easter morning.

The Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study, facilitated by Steve Jones is on hiatus due to the new COVID-19 restrictions. When we reconvene, having completed our study of "The Writings of the Apostolic Fathers," our Adult Sunday School will next embark on a similar course of study with "From Jesus to Constantine: A History of Early Christianity."

This course is also 24 lectures and covers a similar period of time to our last course and will reinforce what we learned while expanding into new areas of the early church and its practices, writings, traditions, mission and liturgy. We once again will listen to and watch each lecture of about 30 minutes each Sunday and discuss the video afterwards. This course is also presented by Professor Bart D. Ehrman whom we have enjoyed several times before. All are welcome!



Sunday Scriptures

November 1

All Saints Sunday

Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

November 8

23rd Sunday After Pentecost

Amos 5:18-24
Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

November 15

24th Sunday After Pentecost

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Psalm 90:1-8, 12
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

November 22

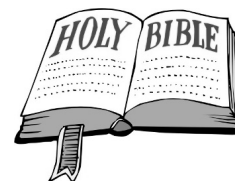
Christ the King Sunday

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

November 29

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37



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2020-2021 Confirmation Class Schedule
All Classes held via Zoom from
10:00 to 10:30 am Sundays

November 1	<i>The Ten Commandments</i>	<i>I don't know why I should keep the 10 Commandments.</i>	<i>Exodus 20:1-21</i>
November 8	<i>Apostles' Creed, Article 1</i>	<i>I don't know if I believe in God.</i>	<i>Psalm 8</i>
November 15	<i>Apostles' Creed, Article 2</i>	<i>I don't see how Jesus has anything to do with me.</i>	<i>Luke 23: 39-46</i>
November 22	<i>Apostles' Creed, Article 3</i>	<i>The Holy Spirit seems really ambiguous, undefined, and impersonal. (P.S. Creepy, too.)</i>	<i>Acts 2: 1-13</i>
November 29	NO CLASS	SUNDAY FOLLOWING THANKSGIVING	

Library News

Being added to the library this month are by the author, RaeAnne Thayne.

Island Promises is an anthology of three stories by three different authors: Thayne, Marie Ferrarella, and Leanne Banks. revolving around the same destination wedding in Hawaii.

A Soldier's Secret: Anna inherited Brambleberry House from her friend Abigail. The house is old and needing a lot of repairs. Conan, a shaggy mutt with an uncanny human quality of knowing when to approve or disapprove Anna's secrets, came with the house. Harry Maxwell, a wounded lieutenant, needs to find out why Anna inherited the house instead of a family member. The two meet and are great together, but Harry has a secret that's getting between them.

A Soldier's Return: After her divorce, Melissa returns to Cannon Beach with her two daughters. She is living in Brambleberry House and working in the medical profession. She runs into Eli, an old classmate and the son of her boss. Eli has come home to take over his father's medical practice while he is out of commission. Eli is a soldier fighting off the nightmares of war casualties and feeling like it is his duty to continue to serve in the army. His feelings for Melissa are reignited, but he knows his stay is temporary.



Quilters

The quilters plan to meet at the church on November 3rd from 9:00 to 11:00 am. We are eager to start making more quilts for people in need. The quilts and personal care kits that were assembled in the past year were delivered to Rockford Zion Lutheran Church on October 3rd. Their journey continues from there to Lutheran World Relief sites all over the world. A LWR quilt is special! It brings warmth on a cold night, shelter from the sun on a hot day. It becomes a bed, a room divider and/or a backpack to carry belongings.

Thank you for all the donations of sheets and fabric that continue to be given for our use. Wearing masks and social distancing will be required during the time we spend together. We are fortunate to have plenty of space to use in the church to follow these safety guidelines.

Blood Drive

As you all have seen on various commercials on TV, the Rock River Valley Blood Center is in desperate need of blood to maintain their needed supply. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the need for blood has increased immensely. RRVBC has also faced challenges in finding places to host a blood drive. With the consent of the church council All Saints was the site for a 3rd Blood Drive this year. The drive was held on Thursday, October 1st from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm. During the drive, 26 units of blood were collected which has the potential of saving up to 78 lives. There were also 2 new donors added to the RRVBC donor list. The RRVBC blood drive coordinator, Allyssa Eller, extended her sincere thanks and appreciation to All Saints for allowing the blood drive to be held at the church.

Blessings,
Jim Wilcox
Social Ministry
Chairman



Book Club

November's Book Club selection, *The Second Sister* by Marie Bostwick is about two sisters diametrically opposite of each other. Lucy is a political activist who has run a successful campaign bringing Thomas Ryland to the White House. Her sister, Alice, was left with brain damage after an accident and years later has died. Going back to her home town to make arrangements for the funeral, Lucy discovers she must temporarily stay in the town she had vowed never to return to in order to meet the terms of the will.

Living in the cottage she grew up in, meeting Alice's diverse group of friends and the people of Nilson's Bay, Wisconsin, Lucy discovers she has missed so much by living the chaotic life she has.

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, November 24 at 1:00 pm.



October Council Highlights

- * Financial giving remains strong, allowing us to keep current with bills. We have deep gratitude for our church family and their faithful giving!
- * The parking lot will be sealed and striped on October 16.
- * Tree stumps remaining from dead trees removed earlier in the year have been ground out.
- * Sunday school is going well with 5-7 children in person and 2 children remote learning each week.
- * Stewardship mailings will begin on Tuesday 10/13/20. Intent Sunday will be November 15.
- * Discussed plans for upcoming Advent and Christmas worship services

Mid-week Advent Worship Begins Wednesday, December 2

We will be live-streaming the service at the time of worship on Facebook at 7:00 pm each Wednesday evening. The dates are December 2, 9, 16, and 23.

This year’s Advent worship will feature the DVD *Incarnation* by Adam Hamilton. Because of the licensing requirements of this DVD, we are not allowed to save these services to our Facebook page or website. The live-stream event is the only time it will be available online, so if you do not have internet access and would like to view this DVD, please contact the church office after Christmas to borrow it.

Christmas Eve Worship

Again, because of the COVID-19 pandemic and our concern and care for our parishioners, we are canceling in-person Christmas Eve worship service. We will be recording the Christmas Eve worship during the week before Christmas and load it to Facebook and the church website on December 24. This will make the service available to you to view at your convenience. We will use the same worship format with special music, the lighting of candles, and singing “Silent Night” to conclude the service. We encourage you to watch the recorded service at night, dim your lights, light a candle, and join us in celebrating this most Holy night. We will also serve communion virtually, and wafers are available in the entryway of the church. There are 10 wafers in a package so take as many as you need to celebrate communion with your family.

ATTENDANCE

Worship Totals	In Person	Online Viewers	Sunday School
Sept. 27	46	168	20
Oct. 4	43	112	20
11	50	146	15
18	37	202	9
Totals	176	628	64
Average	44	157	16

Byron School District Food Pantry

The Byron School District Food Pantry currently sends groceries home with 8 families in the district each week. They also provide 35 snacks per week to students at Mary Morgan Elementary. At the high school they provide breakfast to anyone needing it.

Here is a list of current needs:

- CANNED VEGETABLES
- CANNED FRUIT
- CANNED TUNA/CHICKEN
- JELLY/JAM
- PEANUT BUTTER
- MAC & CHEESE
- PASTA/ PASTA SAUCE
- CRACKERS
- RICE
- LIPTON SIDES
- CANNED SOUP
- RAMEN
- CANNED RAVIOLI
- SPAGHETTIOS
- GRANOLA BARS
- CEREAL BARS
- FRUIT CUPS
- APPLESAUCE
- HAMBURGER HELPER
- TUNA HELPER
- TACO KITS
- CONDIMENTS
- INSTANT POTATOES
- BOXED POTATO SIDES
- HEALTHY SNACKS
- SANDWICH COOKIES
- FEMININE PRODUCTS
- PERSONAL HYGIENE

SHAMPOO, LOTION, TOOTHPASTE, MOUTH-WASH, SOAP, DEODORANT, SHAVING CREAM, DISPOSABLE RAZORS

Donations can be dropped off in the basket in the church entryway, and we will deliver them to the school. Thank you for your generosity!

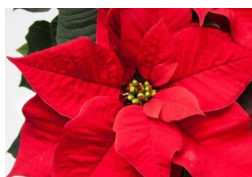


Finance Report

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual September	Budget September	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2020
Revenue	General Fund	\$13,418	\$16,430	\$171,591	\$147,870	\$197,160
	Mortgage	\$1,478	\$2,074	\$15,338	\$18,669	\$24,888
	Other Giving	\$670	\$833	\$6,585	\$7,501	\$9,996
	Total Revenue	\$15,565	\$19,337	\$193,514	\$174,040	\$232,044
Expenses	1000 Mission Support	\$1,998	\$1,250	\$16,058	\$11,250	\$15,000
	1000 Other Outreach	\$597	\$464	\$2,247	\$4,208	\$5,568
	1000 Total Outreach	\$2,595	\$1,714	\$18,305	\$15,458	\$20,568
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$1,310	\$1,227	\$6,825	\$11,173	\$14,724
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$11,465	\$11,038	\$101,186	\$99,364	\$132,456
	2000 Total Ministries	\$12,775	\$12,265	\$108,011	\$110,537	\$147,180
	3000 Total Building (Non Capital)	\$2,137	\$2,567	\$19,532	\$23,141	\$30,804
	Total Expense	\$17,507	\$16,546	\$145,847	\$149,136	\$198,552
	3000 Capital Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$2,094	\$2,095	\$18,843	\$18,855	\$25,140
	3000 Capital Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$9,450	\$0	\$0
	3000 Capital Total Building Capital	\$2,094	\$2,095	\$28,293	\$18,855	\$25,140
Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	\$19,601	\$18,641	\$174,140	\$167,991	\$223,692	

Poinsettia Orders

We are again ordering poinsettias from Merlin’s in Oregon. These beautiful 8” plants are a deep red color wrapped in foil with a white bow. The cost is \$15.00 per plant and orders need to be placed by Sunday, December 6. The order form will be in the emailed announcements sent out each week. Please make your checks payable to “All Saints Altar Guild” and place it in the offering plate or leave it in the office. A list of donors and their dedications will be in the emailed announcements for Christmas Eve virtual worship.



Sunday School News

We were blessed to have between 5 and 10 kids in Sunday School each week since September. The children adapted well to the new routine and precautionary procedures. **However, due to new COVID-19 restrictions, starting on November 1st Sunday School will take place via ZOOM at 9:00 a.m. instead of in person.** Watch for the link in the weekly announcements. Any questions can be directed to Michel Williams .

Our current lessons focus on exploring the heart of God. Students are learning about God’s character throughout the Bible, so they can reflect him to the world around them. So far the kids have learned that...

- *God is creative and made us in His image.
- *God is the greatest, and we don’t need to be.
- *God is giving, so we’re giving.
- *God doesn’t change, so we trust Him when we’re unsure.

Our next project will be the Sunday School Christmas program. At this point, we are planning to record the program on a Saturday or Sunday prior to its being presented during the church service on December 20th. Watch for emails or notes asking whether or not your child will be participating, as well as dates that will work to practice/record the program.

Looking ahead: **There will be No ZOOM Sunday School on November 29th, since it is Thanksgiving weekend.**

In Our Prayers

Health & Healing

Kate Danielowski– Cuccaro

Jovana Danielowski

George Davis

John Hetland

Phil Houston

Al Olsen

Stacy Peterson and family

Skip Richardson

Kit Reif

Eric Seaworth and family

Paul Wood

Gordon Green

Danette Potter

Diane Hawkins

Bill Michaux

Jonce Wright

Mary Sanders

Harold Hilliard

Joyce Hilliard

Justine Davis

Kirby Middleton

Sandi Rennick

Matt Henkel

Dennis Reid

Vicki Scull

Jamie Dreyfus

Scott Gordon & wife Lu

Gary Diehl

Richard McCabe

Doug Karr

Eric Miles

Gary Wuslich

Kevin Lyons

Diann

Mike Wilcox

Pat Gibler

Marion Masticola

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

Ada Harris

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Sunday School Fun



November 1

All Saints Sunday

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First Communion Service

November 15

Stewardship Sunday

November 22

Thanksgiving Donation Deadline

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