



# THE Sainly NEWS

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## All Saints Sunday, November 7



The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. Our congregation will remember the faithful who have died during the past year. You are invited to submit names of your loved ones who have died since last All Saints Sunday. Beginning the week of October 17, the weekly email reminders will include a form to submit names for inclusion in our prayers on November 7. There will also be forms in the narthex.

## Trunk or Treat

We are planning to have a Trunk or Treat event again this year. We are going back to the format of decorating tables in the Sunday School hallway and holding the event entirely indoors. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, October 30th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Children are invited to come in costume to gather treats from volunteers who have decorated their tables. We are looking for volunteers willing to decorate in the spirit of the season and pass out candy to children looking for yummy treats. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office and ask to have your name added to the list. We hope you will join us! Questions? Contact Kay Johnson. Please be aware of the state mandates that masks are required indoors for everyone. If the COVID-19 situation changes, we may be forced to move this event outdoors, or cancel the event at the last minute.



## St Vincent dePaul Fundraiser

Our St. Vincent dePaul fundraiser during the annual All Saints picnic was a great success with \$261.00 raised for their benefit. Bill Pirnat was the winner of 50/50 drawing and donated his proceeds back to the cause, totaling \$61.00. The quilts were won by Michel Williams and Carol Miller. The drawing netted \$170.00. The donation jar netted an additional \$30.00. Thank you to everyone who contributed!



## Thank You!

Thank you to the ladies who worked so hard to create the beautiful quilts that were displayed in church on Sunday, September 26. There were over 90! Thanks also to everyone who contributed to the School supply kits. We assembled over 50 kits to be sent to Lutheran World Relief along with the quilts for distribution to those in need.

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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**Deadline** for the November  
Saintly News is **October 15**

Please send articles to  
**Rebecca Presson**

Dear Friends:

Last year we embarked on a new styled Stewardship Campaign entitled *Building a Culture of Generosity* and we are continuing this for a second year. The program is geared to have us look at the generosity that we have witnessed around our church so that we can work to grow in generosity in even more profound ways.

As we began last year, we thought we were on the down-side of an international crisis. The reality is that a year later we are still struggling in America and globally; we have successes but also difficulties in coming to grips with the changing pandemic environment. Last year, we had stories that we shared about how important this faith community is to us, even in social isolation. We will share new stories with you this year. We needed worship. We needed to check in with each other. We needed our congregation to remain strong and vibrant. I think we were successful in this as we learned how to continue to worship not only remotely but also in a blended manner. We maintained giving levels that enabled us to continue our mission and ministry. We learned how to worship effectively and safely and sustain All Saints in its ministry in northern Illinois, our Synod, with the greater church and globally.

In the weeks ahead, you will be hearing more about the idea of generosity that we began to explore last year. Newsletter articles, bulletin inserts, mission moments, letters and more will be used to share this story and our hopes for an even more robust ministry next year.

We survived the first eighteen months of the pandemic. New variants create new issues for our church, our community, and our country to address. As we grow in our knowledge how to do this, let us also grow in our faith.

In the coming weeks, please pay attention to the materials. Pray about how you can become more generous. Then, on intent Sunday, November 14, please bring your intent card with you to declare the generosity that you intend to share with this congregation. You may also mail it to the office, drop it off or make your intentions known on-line.

Thank you for being part of this exciting congregation. Pray for our common work together as we continue to reach out with the Gospel.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Janet Wold

P.S. Your intent card will be mailed to your home the week of November 8 for you to return on November 14.

## September Council Highlights

- \* Finances are falling short of budgeted needs.
- \* New emergency lighting will be purchased for the bathrooms by the Fellowship Hall.
- \* Advent mid-week worship will be held, with Christmas Eve Service being scheduled for 8 pm.
- \* Trunk or Treat scheduled for October 30; need volunteers to decorate tables



## Bible Studies

**The Monday afternoon Bible Study**, facilitated by Pastor Janet Wold, continues this summer 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 night Bible Study**, facilitated by Steve Reid, meets from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in conference room #310. Enter by the Sunday School wing door. We will continue studying Biblical Devotions, and how they are related to Christian living. Such as "The Choice We Must All Make," "Prayer - Powerful but Neglected," and "The Dread Disease - Sin."

**The Wednesday afternoon Bible Study**, facilitated by Pastor Janet Wold in Conference Room #310. We will gather for an in-person Bible study on Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 pm. This fall we are using a series entitled "Celebrating God."

This Augsburg Adult Bible Study is a year-round Bible study that is released quarterly. Written by an array of accomplished theologians, this series provides terrific insights into scripture through questions, prayer, suggested memorization, and daily readings.

Each session:

- Explores the meaning of the text for the original writer and audience, and for today
- Includes a list of related texts for daily Bible reading
- Provides extensive background on each text.

**Each week is unique – we invite you to come as often as you can!**

**The Sunday morning Adult Bible Study**, facilitated by Steve Jones is held in the Fellowship Hall. The Adult Bible Study continues with the second half of the 24-lecture series entitled "From Jesus to Constantine: A History of Early Christianity." The course looks at early Christianity and its growth from the time of Jesus until Emperor Constantine made Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire in the 4<sup>th</sup> century. The course is presented by Professor Bart D. Ehrman, who we have enjoyed several times before as our video lecturer. All are welcome!

## Church Roof Replacement

Thank you to those who have contributed to the roof replacement fund. To date, \$4,607.49 has been contributed to help offset the approximately \$52,000 cost. If you would like to contribute to the roof replacement fund, please contact Pastor Janet, Steve Jones, or Scott Fitzsimmons. You can also place a check in the offering plate on Sunday morning and indicate "Roof Replacement Fund" in the memo line. If we can raise the funds by next summer, we won't need to borrow the money from the bank, making the replacement much more costly. Thank you for your consideration of this request!

## October Sunday Scriptures

### October 3 – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 2:18-24  
Psalm 8  
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12  
Mark 10:2-16

### October 10 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15  
Psalm 90:12-17  
Hebrews 4:12-16  
Mark 10:17-31

### October 17 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

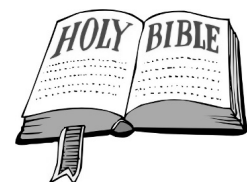
Isaiah 53:4-12  
Psalm 91:9-16  
Hebrews 5:1-10  
Mark 10:35-45

### October 24 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 31:7-9  
Psalm 126  
Hebrews 7:23-28  
Mark 10:46-52

### October 31 – Reformation Day

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalm 46  
Romans 3:19-28  
John 8:31-36



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your reference*

## Library News

Books being added to the library this month are:

- ◇ *Ever After* by Karin Kingsbury is the sequel to *Even Now*. Emily Anderson, now 20, meets Justin Baker, an army reservist, while attending college. Their relationship founded on a mutual faith in God is an inspiration to her birth parents, Lauren Galanter and Lauren Gibbs who struggle to move past opposing beliefs in war, politics and faith.
- ◇ *The Quarryman's Bride* by Tracie Peterson is a historical romance taking place in St. Cloud, Minnesota during the 1890s. Emmalyne and Travin, planning to marry, are separated by the deaths of her youngest sisters and the family tradition mandate she remain single to care for her parents.
- ◇ *The Icecutter's Daughter* by Tracie Peterson follows Merril Krause as she helps harvest ice in Minnesota. Rurik Jorgenson is drawn to Merril, but when his former fiancée and her brother come to town they set off a scandal only God's grace can fix.



## Book Club

Book Club will meet on October 26th at 1:00 pm to discuss *The Keeper of Lost Things* by Ruth Hogan.

Anthony, an author, leaves his estate to Laura with one condition. She must try to reunite as many people as she can with their lost items that he has collected over many years. He also wants to be reunited with fiancée who was killed in an accident years earlier.

Laura has help from Freddie, the gardener, and Sunshine, who has a gift for being able to sense the back story of the item when she touches it.

Worship Totals	Online Viewers	In-Person	Total	Sunday School
August 22	188	62	250	Na
29	168	46	214	Na
September 5	146	50	196	Na
12	102	66	168	19
19	112	66	178	13
<b>Totals</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>1006</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>16</b>

## Quilters

The quilters plan to meet on October 7th and 21st at 9:00 am at the church. We will begin a new year of making quilts and spending time in fellowship working to help others. It has been a good year of cutting, sewing, tying the three layers of material together and then binding them together. The quilts made for Lutheran World Relief in the past year will be on their way to people in need. Thank you to everyone who has supported our efforts with donations of sheets, fabrics and buying tickets for a drawing to benefit St. Vincent de Paul.



## 2021-2022 Confirmation Class Schedule

October 3	Genesis	<i>I don't know why Genesis matters when science has already disproven the stories.</i>	Genesis 1:26-2:4
October 10	Exodus	<i>I don't understand why (or how) God plays favorites with Moses and the Israelites.</i>	Exodus 33:17-23
October 17	Law	<i>I don't understand why we observe some parts of the law but not others.</i>	Deuteronomy 5:1-21
October 24	Judges	<i>I don't know what judges are at all.</i>	Judges 6:11-27
October 31	Ruth	<i>I don't know why Ruth would willingly become an outsider in a foreign land.</i>	Ruth 1:6-18



# Finance Report

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual August	Budget August	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2021	
Revenue	General Fund	\$14,748	\$16,488	\$119,897	\$131,909	\$197,856	
	Mortgage	\$1,055	\$2,095	\$11,321	\$16,760	\$25,140	
	Other Giving	\$485	\$833	\$6,451	\$6,668	\$9,996	
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$16,287</b>	<b>\$19,416</b>	<b>\$137,669</b>	<b>\$155,337</b>	<b>\$232,992</b>	
Expenses	1000 Mission Support	\$1,629	\$1,250	\$12,103	\$10,000	\$15,000	
	1000 Other Outreach	\$125	\$508	\$1,778	\$4,076	\$6,096	
	<b>Total Outreach</b>	<b>\$1,754</b>	<b>\$1,758</b>	<b>\$13,881</b>	<b>\$14,076</b>	<b>\$21,096</b>	
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$1,301	\$1,254	\$5,845	\$10,089	\$15,048	
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$10,392	\$11,711	\$88,302	\$93,720	\$140,532	
	<b>Total Ministries</b>	<b>\$11,694</b>	<b>\$12,965</b>	<b>\$94,147</b>	<b>\$103,809</b>	<b>\$155,580</b>	
	3000 Total Building (Non Capital)	\$2,810	\$2,594	\$18,523	\$20,778	\$31,128	
	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$16,258</b>	<b>\$17,317</b>	<b>\$126,551</b>	<b>\$138,663</b>	<b>\$207,804</b>	
	3000 Capital	Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$2,094	\$2,095	\$19,738	\$16,760	\$25,140
		Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$668	\$0	\$0
		<b>Total Building Capital</b>	<b>\$2,094</b>	<b>\$2,095</b>	<b>\$20,406</b>	<b>\$16,760</b>	<b>\$25,140</b>
<b>Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)</b>		<b>\$18,351</b>	<b>\$19,412</b>	<b>\$146,957</b>	<b>\$155,423</b>	<b>\$232,944</b>	

## 2022 Budget

The Finance Committee is asking for budget input for 2022 from All Saints committees. Committees will receive a letter with a copy of the 2021 budget, current 2021 spending to date, and some prior year financial data to review so they can assess and report their input. We have gotten pretty good at budgeting to our needs. We do not have a lot of fluff or extras built into our budgets. We try to be realistic in estimating what we have spent and where we will go in the next year with our mission and ministries. Thanks to all who support this process!

## The GATHERING

The GATHERING will meet at 9:00 am on October 12. Bring your latest handicraft project or just come and enjoy the food and fellowship!

## Annual All Saints Picnic

41 people congregated on the lawn of All Saints on Sunday September 12 to enjoy food, fun and fellowship. The cake walk was a huge success, and the candy guessing games were won by Michel Williams and Ken Lapp. Thanks to everyone who helped set-up, serve, and clean-up, and to everyone who attended. We had a great day.



## In Our Prayers

### Health & Healing

- Phyllis Coffman**  
**Kate Danielowski-Cuccaro**  
**George Davis**  
**Phil Houston**  
**Joyce Niehaus**  
**Steve Reid**  
**Kit Reif**  
**Jim Wilcox**  
 Bill Michaux  
 Sandi Rennick  
 Dennis Reid  
 Richard McCabe  
 Doug Karr  
 Gary Wuslich  
 Kevin Lyons  
 Diann  
 Mike Gordon  
 Judy Wirth  
 Toni Girten  
 Will Heindrick  
 Christopher Bowers  
 Jason Delacruz  
 Gage and Crystal  
 Bruce Roller  
 Felipe Sanchez  
 Larry Pearson  
 Cheryl Henert  
 Keith Padgett  
 Barb Kopperud  
 Ann Frerichs  
 Tom Lombardo  
 Francis Stevenson  
 Jared King  
 Kimberly Smith

### Shut Ins

- Lori Pederson**  
**Doris Swedberg**  
**Mary Whitmer**

### Military

- David Bishop**  
**Dylan Bishop**  
**Tyler Peterson**  
 Staff Sgt. Kyle Reif  
 Matt Vizer  
 Sage Harper  
 Reggio  
 Cristiano Sasso

### Sympathy

- Ron Stevenson  
 Evelyn Fawver  
 Gary Williams  
 Betty Walsh  
 Veneta Campbell  
 Mark Deming



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**October 30**

**Trunk or Treat**

**November 7**

**All Saints Sunday**

## **Backpack Blessing Sunday**

On Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> we kicked off another year of Sunday School at All Saints. Kids and parents gathered in the sanctuary at 10:00 am that morning for a Blessing of Backpacks and Back-to-School Liturgy. We asked for God’s blessings upon the children, the educators, and the families who support them. Each child received a backpack tag as a reminder that God loves them and is always with them wherever they go, through every fear and celebration. Afterwards the children headed back to the Sunday School classroom to dig into learning more about God’s character throughout the Bible.

Children aged 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us on Sundays from 10-10:45.



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