



THE Sainly NEWS

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Trunk or Treat and Free Chili Supper

Plan to attend Trunk or Treat this year! Bring your family and friends in costume to gather treats from our festively decorated tables in the Sunday School wing. We are going to hold the event entirely indoors, so this event will be held rain or shine! This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, October 29th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.

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 Steve Jones.

In addition to trunk or treat, we will also be offering a free chili supper! This event will be held in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. A sign-up sheet is posted on Bulletin board #2 so you can sign up to bring a pot of your favorite chili, bread, and/or cornbread to share!



Your prayers and presence are requested on
Saturday, October 8, 2022, at 11:00 am

for the

Holy Eucharist

with the

Rite of Installation

of the Fourth Bishop of the Northern Illinois Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The Reverend Stacie Fidler

at Trinity Lutheran Church

200 North First Street, Rockford, Illinois

A reception will follow the service in Anderson Hall.

ELCA pastors and deacons and clergy of other traditions

are invited to vest and should arrive by 10:15 am.

The color of the day is red.

Masking is encouraged.

Please RSVP by September 23 at <https://nissynod.org>.

The service will be livestreamed at <https://nissynod.org>.



People Helping People

Not too early to think about Thanksgiving donations! Over the past few years All Saints has helped People Helping People make sure all the families receiving PHP's assistance are able to enjoy a turkey dinner at Thanksgiving. We will begin accepting donations on **October 16**, and will continue through **November 13**.

A \$12.00 donation can buy a turkey breast. A \$17.00 donation will help to purchase a whole turkey for the family to enjoy for their Thanksgiving dinner. Other items All Saints could help PHP with are the usual Thanksgiving dinner

items like, stuffing, canned fruit, canned sweet potatoes, canned cranberry sauce, cans of vegetables, potatoes, canned or bottled gravy, and other related items. These donated items can be placed in the shopping cart in the front entrance of the church. Those items will be delivered to PHP for their Thanksgiving distribution on November 14. Monetary donations can be made during the Sunday collection and noted on your envelope the amount donated to help PHP. Checks can also be made out directly to PHP which will be given to PHP to help purchase the turkeys. Thank you for your generous contribution to this vital ministry.

The Church Office will close at 3:00 pm on October 3, 4, 5 and 6th.

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 14**

Please send articles to
Rebecca Presson

Dear Friends:

Several years ago, I heard a lecture presented by Bishop Mark Hanson, at that time the presiding bishop of the ELCA. He is still a sought-after speaker and panelist around the world, representing the ELCA in a variety of settings. Bishop Hanson spoke of a time when he was part of a panel of religious leaders from a variety of faith traditions (Buddhist, Jewish, Muslim etc.) All were asked how they understood what God's relationship was to humans. One speaker said that he believed that there were many paths leading to God and that, among other things, is what made working together with a variety of faiths possible. Bishop Hanson said that we viewed things a little differently – we don't see paths leading from us to God, but instead we see God coming TO us.

God comes to us. That is the root of the Christian faith – in Jesus Christ; God reached down to US and came. We don't have to figure out how to make our way to God – our sin prevents us from ever being able to make our way completely. Luckily for us, God doesn't wait for us to come to him, but instead extends his love to encompass us as we are. As we are then surrounded by that grace, forgiveness, and acceptance, we then act in that love toward others and toward God.

That idea of God coming to us got me thinking about our mission here at All Saints. Are we just waiting for people to come to us? Or are we out there, bringing God to people who don't know Christ and sharing God's love with those in our community? While I believe we do a great job of sharing our resources with those in our community (look at all the items we collect throughout the year and give to local and worldwide agencies, for example), I am not sure we have fully embraced the idea that WE need to get out to where non-churched people are and work alongside of them, helping them to see the love of Christ in us and, hopefully, inviting them to be part of this faith journey.

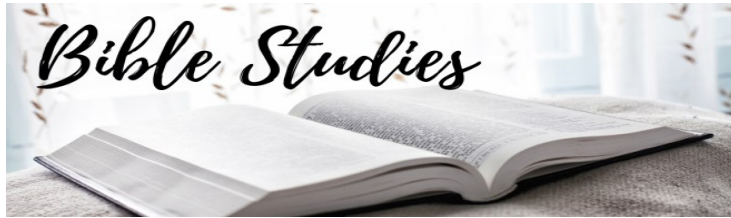
How are you bringing God's love into the world? What are ways we could be doing more of that here at All Saints? I would love to engage in a conversation with you about this. As we enter into this season of stewardship, finances, and thanksgiving, I challenge all of us to prayerfully consider how God has reached into our lives and blessed us – and then to take the next step and prayerfully consider how God might be challenging us to reach out to others.

Blessed to be on this journey with you –
Pastor Janet Wold

All Saints Sunday, November 6

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 16, the weekly email reminders will include a form to submit names for inclusion in our prayers on November 6. There will also be forms in the narthex.





Check the calendar for changes to the Bible Study schedule.

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 continue to look at Bible devotions and how they relate to Christian life. All are welcome to join us for a refreshing insight into the study of the Bible.

The subjects we will be studying are as follows:

1. If only you are as humble as I Am
2. Should we follow the table-flipping Jesus?
3. Old or New Testament -which are you living in?
4. The Gospel the world forgot

Wednesday afternoon Bible Study, facilitated by Pastor Janet Wold, meets at 1:30 pm in Conference Room #310. This group of men and women engage in lively conversation over a cup of coffee, utilizing a study, *God's Exceptional Choice*.

Sunday morning Adult Bible Study, facilitated by Steve Jones, meets at 10:00 am in the Small Conference Room. The Adult Sunday School Class will continue with the course *The Fall of the Pagans and the Origins of Medieval Christianity*. This 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.

First Communion Class

First communion class will be held on Sunday, October 23, from 11:00—12:00am. This class is for anyone 3rd grade and older who has not had first communion. If your son or daughter is in 3rd grade or higher, (or younger if you feel they are ready to take this next faith step), and has not taken their first communion, please contact the church office. We will send you the information. Participants in this class will receive their first communion on October 30 during worship.

October Sunday Scriptures

October 2 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Psalm 37:1-9
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

October 9 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

October 16 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

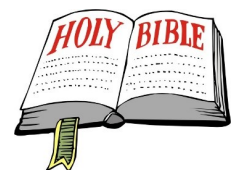
Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3:14--4:5
Luke 18:1-8

October 23 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22
Psalm 84:1-7
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

October 30 – Reformation Sunday

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



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for your reference*

September Council Highlights

- ◇ August giving did not meet budgeted amounts.
- ◇ Church picnic was a success in spite of the bad weather. Held indoors, there were approximately 70 in attendance, including several children who enjoyed the kids' games.
- ◇ Trunk or treat will be held indoors in the Sunday School wing on from 4:00 – 6:00 on October 29, with a chili supper to be held in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00 – 7:00.
- ◇ We will once again take up a collection for People Helping People to aid with their Thanksgiving dinner distribution.
- ◇ A new tankless water heater has been installed in the kitchen. Another new tankless water heater will be ordered for the bathrooms in the new wing of the church.
- ◇ Sunday School is off to a great start. Michel Williams has 11 students and Heather Brown has seven students. There are seven girls in confirmation this year as well.



Worship Totals	Online Viewers	In-Person	Total	Sunday School
August 28	128	58	186	
September 4	306	53	359	
11	120	70	190	20
18	98	62	160	15
Totals	652	243	895	35
Average	163	61	224	18



WELCA Advent Silent Auction

Summer flew by, fall is here and soon the holiday season will be upon us. During the Advent season, we will again hold a silent auction of a variety of items to earn money for the ELCA Good Gifts program. Last year this event was very successful with \$1050 in silent auction and direct donations earned for this valuable program. The Sunday School children were able to direct funds for a multitude of items and animals that help those in need through the Good Gifts program. Auction items will be on display through Advent in the church fellowship hall. Bids may be added at any time during the month.

Dates for this year's silent auction are:

- Auction items due to the church by Sunday November 27th, the first Sunday of Advent
- Auction begins on November 30th, the first Wednesday of Advent
- Auction closes on December 21st, the last Wednesday of Advent

Winners will be announced at the December 21st Wednesday evening Advent Soup Supper.

Please consider donating an item for auction. Examples may include but not limited to craft items, purchased items, holiday decorations, or any other new item of your choosing. Any baked goods will have a picture displayed with the freshly baked item due on Wednesday December 21st. Of course, direct monetary donations are always welcome.

Any questions, please see Carol Miller.

Altar Guild

Merlin's has informed us that increased costs of floral supplies makes a price increase for our bouquets necessary. Effective January 1, 2023, the price per bouquet will be raised to \$22.00. This \$4.00 increase will ensure we continue to receive the beautiful bouquets Merlin's has provided for us at a reasonable cost for so many years.



The GATHERING

Let's make it a baker's dozen (or more!) in October! In September, eleven women joined together for a morning of morning of fun, fellowship, and food. In October the GATHERING will meet on Tuesday, October 11 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Bring your latest handiwork project or just join us!

Confirmation Schedule

2022-2023 Confirmation Class Schedule

October 2	<i>The Reformers</i>	<i>I don't know how just one person like Martin Luther could totally change the church.</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 3:1-11</i>
October 9	<i>Lutheran Confessions</i>	<i>I don't know why stuff outside the Bible is important to my faith.</i>	<i>John 11:22-28</i>
October 16	<i>Adiaphora</i>	<i>I don't know what we're reforming from/to/for. I thought the Reformation was done. How will I know when we're done reforming?</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 10:23</i>
October 23	<i>Luther's Small Catechism</i>	<i>I don't know why the Small Catechism matters</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 15:3</i>
October 30	<i>The Ten Commandments</i>	<i>I don't know why I should keep the 10 Commandments.</i>	<i>Exodus 20:1-21</i>



The October Book Club selection for October is *The Half-Stitched Amish Quilting Club* by Wanda E. Brunstetter.

A troubled young woman, a struggling couple, a widower, a rough and tough biker, and a preacher's wife make up the quilter's club. As their problems bind them together, they learn to open up and help each other.

Book club will meet at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, October 25 in conference room 310.

Sunday School News

Sunday School is off to a great start! We have welcomed a new Kindergartener and first grader into the younger class. That group is really enjoying the weekly Bible stories, songs, games, and crafts. The 3rd through 6th graders are working hard to get to know the Bible. So far, they have discussed the creation story and the Garden of Eden. They are also working on correctly pronouncing the books of the Bible. The kids had not realized that Adam and Eve were created as a grown man and a grown woman and never experienced childhood.

Christmas may seem like a long way off, but it is really not that far away. Our Sunday School Christmas Program is scheduled during the 9:00 am worship service on December 11th. Please let Heather Brown or Michel Williams know if your child will be available that day to take part. Practices during Sunday School time will begin in early November.

Annual Church Picnic – an Indoor Success!

Our annual church picnic was held on Sunday, September 11th. It was raining heavily, but the picnic was not deterred; we regrouped early, planned for an indoor event (as the certainty of rain was inevitable), and held a great indoor picnic. We set up to eat and play indoors and things worked out smashing well!

We grilled some brats, burgers and hot dogs and everyone enjoyed them and the other food; there was enough available for seconds and more. After everyone had eaten, the games began. The adults and some young folks enjoyed ten games of bingo with super prizes, while the kids moved into the education wing and played an assortment of games to win a myriad of prizes. Each of the participants got a goodie bag to collect up their treasures for the afternoon. Then it was time for the event that everyone seems to want to participate in: the annual cakewalk! With a dozen cakes to vie for, the competition was friendly but fierce. As tunes were spun and the music stopped, the participants scurried for their numbers to await their fate as numbers were drawn. The game was held in the Narthex and a long oval replaced the circle we typically traverse outdoors. It was fun and everyone had a great time!

Our fundraiser for St. Vincent de Paul during the picnic was a great success with \$401.00 raised for their benefit. Michel Williams was the winner of 50/50 drawing and donated her proceeds back to the cause. The drawing netted \$188.00. The donation jar netted an additional \$150.00. Leftover hot dogs and brats were sold for \$63.00 which was added to the fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who contributed!



September Financials

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual August	Budget August	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2022
Revenue	General Fund	\$11,572	\$16,488	\$122,560	\$131,909	\$197,856
	Mortgage	\$808	\$2,095	\$45,448	\$16,760	\$25,140
	Other Giving	\$65	\$833	\$21,920	\$6,668	\$9,996
	Total Revenue	\$12,445	\$19,416	\$189,928	\$155,337	\$232,992
Expenses	1000 Mission Support	\$2,210	\$1,250	\$6,886	\$10,000	\$15,000
	1000 Other Outreach	\$110	\$516	\$3,691	\$4,140	\$6,192
	Total Outreach	\$2,320	\$1,766	\$10,577	\$14,140	\$21,192
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$1,447	\$1,178	\$5,698	\$9,459	\$14,136
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$10,698	\$11,537	\$92,327	\$92,327	\$138,444
	Total Ministries	\$12,146	\$12,715	\$97,027	\$101,786	\$152,580
	3000 Total Building (Non Capital)	\$1,816	\$2,535	\$18,812	\$20,315	\$30,420
	Total Expense	\$16,282	\$17,016	\$126,416	\$136,241	\$204,192
	3000 Capital Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$1,246	\$2,168	\$12,896	\$17,347	\$26,016
	3000 Capital Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$60,020	\$0	\$0
	Total Building Capital	\$1,246	\$2,168	\$72,916	\$17,347	\$26,016
Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	\$17,528	\$19,184	\$199,332	\$153,588	\$230,208	
Net	Net for Month/Year (Expenses Minus Revenue)	(\$5,083)		(\$9,404)		
	(Under)/Over Budget for Month/Year	(\$1,656)		\$45,744		

Quilters

The quilters plan to meet on October 6th and 20th at the church. The new year of making quilts for Lutheran World Relief starts again. The September meetings were busy ones as we finished 50 personal care kits and 4 fabric kits to go along with 105 quilts to LWR. Additionally, \$75.00 was donated to offset mailing costs for LWR. Working together to help people in need gives us a feeling of purpose as we work together to be of service for others. Thank you for all your donations that helps us complete our work. A special thank you to Thrivent for their action grants that allowed us to purchase items to complete the health kits and quilt batting.



In Our Prayers

Health & Healing

Phyllis Coffman
George Davis
Sue Davis
Sandi Reid
Kit Reif
Cindy Yoakum
 Sandi Rennick
 Dennis Reid
 Richard McCabe
 Diann
 Mike Gordon
 Judy Wirth
 Will Heindrick
 Christopher Bowers
 Bruce Roller
 Felipe Sanchez
 Keith Padget
 Ann Frerichs
 Tom Lombardo
 Francis Stevenson
 Jared King
 Judy Hines
 Margie Myer
 Sydeny Provencher
 Ernie Leombruni
 Kevin Nickels
 Ron Sasso
 Ken Anderson
 Alex Crawford
 Dick Sabin
 Roberta Haendler
 Bobbie Chisem
 Jennie Sanchez
 Jan Liljeberg
 Al McNary
 Laura Olzewski
 Al Ewert
 John Kirchner
 Paul

All those affected by Covid-19

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
 Tyler James Yoakum

Sympathy

Rick Geddes



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WELCA

October 22 – 10:30 am - Brunch meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Food will be furnished. All women of the church are invited!

December 4th – Baked Potato & Pie Sunday. Carry out after church. Bears vs Packers Football Sunday! Don't worry about cooking! Pick up a baked potato w/all the fixins' & a delicious slice of pie!

Watch for more information in the November Sainly News and the weekly announcements.



October 8

Installation of NIS Bishop

October 22

WELCA Brunch

October 29

Trunk or Treat

Chili Supper

November 6

All Saints Sunday

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