



# THE Sainly NEWS

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## Mid-week Advent Worship and Soup Suppers Continue Through Advent

We will be meeting in person for the mid-week Advent worship services on November 30, December 7, 14, and 21 at 7:00 pm. Pastor Janet will be presenting the message “Who Needs Christmas” utilizing a DVD of the same title by Andy Stanley. Due to copyright restrictions on the DVD, we will not be able to post this worship service on-line. So, the only way you will be able to hear this message is to attend worship each Wednesday evening. You will not want to miss this unique take on Advent. Prior to the mid-week worship service, we are going to resume our popular Wednesday night Soup Suppers at 6:00 pm. We will need at least four crockpots of soup, bread, and desserts each week. There is a sign-up sheet on Bulletin Board #2 if you wish to contribute.



## Come Worship with Us Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24 - 8:00 pm

Join your All Saints family for a Christmas Eve service of carols and communion in the beautiful poinsettia adorned sanctuary. Invite your family and neighbors to praise God for the uplifting joy and good news of our Savior’s birth. This worship service will conclude with candle lighting and singing of “Silent Night.”

## Worship on Christmas Day!

We will be holding regular Sunday morning worship on Christmas Day at 9:00. Come and celebrate the birth of our Savior with special music and liturgy.



## All Saints Constitution Update

The All Saints Constitution has been reviewed and compared to the Model Constitution provided by the ELCA. Several paragraphs have been updated to bring them up to the current wording suggested by the ELCA. Copies of these changes are available on the website at AllSaintsByron.org, and a limited number of hard copies are located on the oak table in the narthex. We will vote on these changes at the All Saints Annual Congregation Meeting to be held on January 22, 2023.



## Save the Date!

The Annual All Saints Congregation Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 22, 2023 following worship. We will be voting on the 2023 budget, electing new council members, and approving changes to the All Saints Constitution.



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 Friends:

First, let me express my deep gratitude for the celebration of my 35th anniversary of my ordination. Your warm wishes, cake and flowers meant more to me than I can say. I love being a parish pastor – thank you for allowing me to serve here as YOUR pastor! Now we move into December.

I think it was sometime in September or October that I turned to Alan and said “We just saw our first commercial for Christmas this year.” The Christmas season starts earlier and earlier it seems. When I was a child it seemed as if it took FOREVER for Christmas to get here...I couldn’t wait for that magical day to arrive!

Now that I’m an adult, my excitement level isn’t quite what it was as a child, as I anticipate the coming of Christmas. Though I still enjoy the day, I tend to think of December as just a really, really busy month, trying to fit all the shopping, card writing, entertaining, and decorating in.

The church season known as Advent began on Sunday, November 27th. Advent, by definition, means “coming.” It is a season marked by waiting for the coming of Christ. Not ChristMAS, but Christ. We are waiting for the fulfillment of promises, waiting and watching for the Lord, for the reign of God to break in again and again. When I focus on the anticipation of Christ breaking into my life again, giving me hope, direction and purpose, when I focus my excitement on ways to spread the good news of God coming into our world to save us humans – well, that is really something TO get excited about! Come join us as we wait together on Sunday mornings during this Advent season – together we can anticipate the coming of Christ into our lives again and again and again!

In Christ,  
Pastor Janet Wold



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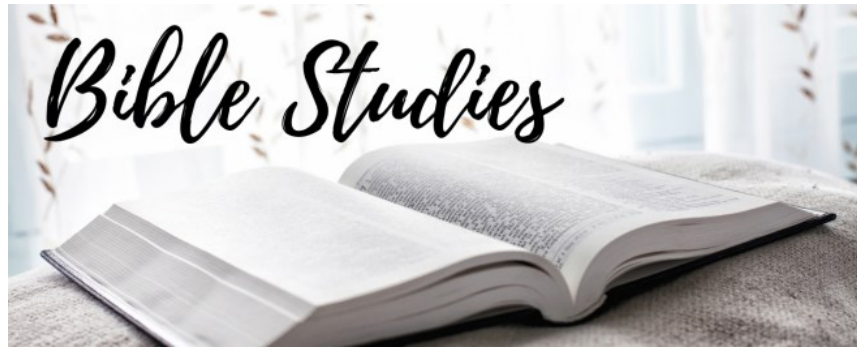
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## November Council Highlights



- ◆ Preliminary review of proposed 2023 budget. We will review it again before recommending it to the congregation at the January Annual Meeting
- ◆ Sunday School Christmas Program scheduled for December 11 during worship
- ◆ Stewardship videos will continue through December 4.
- ◆ Time and Talent and Statement of Intent forms will be mailed on 11/17.
- ◆ All Saints will have a greeting card in the Community Greeting display by the library.

**Deadline** for the January Sainly News is **December 16**  
Please send articles to  
**Rebecca Presson**



***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, will go on hiatus thru February or March, depending on the winter weather.

**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, *From Darkness to Light*.

**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 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.

## **Inclement Weather Policy**

If the decision is made to cancel worship services because of weather, the decision will be made by 7:00 am. You can learn of that decision by:

- Checking our Facebook page
- Checking our website [www.AllSaintsByron.org](http://www.AllSaintsByron.org)
- Checking the weather – related closings on local TV stations

It is our intention to have services if at all possible. If you don't feel safe on the roads, please stay home.



## **December Sunday Scriptures**

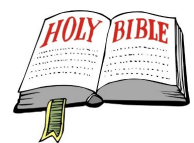
**December 4 – Second Sunday of Advent**  
Isaiah 11:1-10  
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19  
Romans 15:4-13  
Matthew 3:1-12

**December 11 – Third Sunday of Advent**  
Isaiah 35:1-10  
Psalm 146:5-10  
James 5:7-10  
Matthew 11:2-11

**December 18 – Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
Isaiah 7:10-16  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 1:18-25

**December 24 – Christmas Eve**  
Isaiah 9:2-7  
Psalm 96  
Titus 2:11-14  
Luke 2:1-14

**December 25 - Nativity of Our Lord III – Christmas Day**  
Isaiah 52:7-10  
Psalm 98  
Hebrews 1:1-4  
John 1:1-14



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for your reference*



## Help Us Undecorate Our Church

Please plan to join us at 10:00 am on Saturday, January 7, 2023 to undecorate the church. Many hands make light work! Coffee and donuts will be served!



## Library News

The Library Cart in the main hallway is full of great reading for December. Christmas, fiction and non-fiction books are available for everyone's reading pleasure. Check out the cart and a few books!

## Adopt a Neighbor

Generations at Neighbors is once again looking for Christmas presents for their residents. We have been given 15 names this year with suggested gift items. (Names and suggestions are on individual stockings.) Stockings and instructions are on the Bulletin Board #2. Donated gifts must be dropped off no later than Monday, December 12 to Generations at Neighbors. At drop off, as a thank you for your kindness, the receptionist will ask you to fill out an entry for our December basket Raffle. Basket Raffle winners will be drawn during our Resident Christmas Party, and winners will be contacted via phone.

Worship Totals	Online Viewers	In-Person	Total	Sunday School
October 23	168	68	236	21
30	226	79	305	17
November 6	116	61	177	27
13	90	52	142	23
20	100	60	160	23
<b>Totals</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>1,020</b>	<b>111</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>22</b>

## Attention All Organizations, Committees, Secretaries, Treasurers



Now is the time to review the past year and write your report for the Annual Report. Please include a financial report and a brief overview of what your group has done in 2022. Reports need to be submitted to the office by January 4th so the booklet can be compiled and made available prior to the Annual Congregation Meeting. Copies of last year's report are available if needed. If possible, please submit your report in a Word file and e-mail it to the church. Of course, a hand-written report will be accepted as well. Thank you!

## Council Members Needed

We need at least three candidates to run to fill upcoming vacancies on our church council. If you have an interest, please let Pastor Janet know. Contact any of the council members for more information. The Congregation Council is a great way to sharpen and use your leadership skills. Take this opportunity to share your time and talents. Elections will be held at the Annual All Saints Congregation Meeting on January 22, 2023.



## Annual Meeting Voting Requirements

All Saints' constitution lists two minimal requirements in order to be considered an active voting member at congregation meetings: receive Holy Communion and make at least one financial contribution of record in the current or previous year. "Of record" simply means that the financial secretary has recorded your donation because you have used an offering envelope or written a check.

# WELCA News Women of the ELCA

On Saturday, October 22, 2022, sixteen ladies of All Saints WELCA met after a long break due to Covid. It was nice to be back together. We enjoyed a lovely brunch then discussed many topics. Committee reports were shared, and old business reviewed briefly. We are looking to the future with some upcoming fund raisers planned. The Potato and Pie sale will be held soon with money directed to the WELCA fund. The Advent Silent Auction will support the ELCA Good Gifts program.

Officers for the next year will remain the same with:  
 Marlene Roberts as Chair  
 Carol Miller as Secretary  
 Jan Sloan as Treasurer  
 JoMarie Branson as Sunshine chair

We hope to meet twice a year with the next meeting planned for Spring of 2023. Thank you to all who attended and we look forward to seeing many more next year.

## Confirmation Schedule

December 4	<i>The Lord's Prayer</i>	<i>The Lord's Prayer is just empty words to me.</i>	<i>Matthew 6:5-13</i>
December 11	<i>Holy Baptism</i>	<i>I don't know why people should get baptized.</i>	<i>Romans 6:1-11</i>
December 18	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>I don't know what communion is for.</i>	<i>Luke 22:14-20</i>
December 25	<b>NO CLASS</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS BREAK</b>	<b>BLESSED CHRISTMAS</b>

## Stewardship

We hope you have enjoyed our weekly video series, "Parables of All Saints." These videos have highlighted our work not only within our church walls, but locally and globally as well. Without your participation, this work would not be possible, and what a loss that would be to those who benefit from it!

In mid-November each family received a Statement of Intent and Time and Talent form. If you haven't already one so, please fill out these forms and return them to the church. Please complete one Time and Talent form for each member of your household. Additional forms are available in the church office and online on the church website, [www.AllSaintsByron.org](http://www.AllSaintsByron.org). Also, check your email for the link to the forms emailed to you by the church office.

Thank you for all you do to bless this congregation!



## Sunday School News

We love seeing so many kids in Sunday School as they anxiously prepare for their Christmas Program during the 9:00 am worship service on December 11<sup>th</sup>. This year there are only three speaking parts. As the narrators tell the Christmas story through Bible verses and narration, the children, dressed in character, visually demonstrate what is being recounted. Congregation members will be asked to participate by singing some of the hymns. Please join us and support the Sunday School children. We look forward to seeing you!

- ◆ There will be Sunday School on December 11<sup>th</sup> (after the program) and December 18<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ Sunday School will not be in session on December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>.

## The GATHERING

The Gathering will meet from 9:00 – 11:00 am on Tuesday, December 13 at the church. All are invited to join us for a morning of fun, conversation, and food.

## Book Club

There will be no Book Club in December. Have a Blessed Christmas.

## Quilters

The quilters plan to meet on December 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at the church. We are grateful to have all the supplies we need to complete warm quilts for people in need. The time working together is a blessing for us.

## WELCA Advent Silent Auction

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. 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 27<sup>th</sup>, the first Sunday of Advent.
- Auction begins on November 30<sup>th</sup>, the first Wednesday of Advent.
- Auction closes on December 21<sup>st</sup>, the last Wednesday of Advent.
- Winners will be announced at the December 21<sup>st</sup> Wednesday evening Advent Soup Supper.

Please consider donating an item for auction. Examples may include but are 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 21<sup>st</sup>. Of course, direct monetary donations are always welcome. If there are any questions, please see Carol Miller.

## Byron School District Food Pantry

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

Here is a list of their current needs:

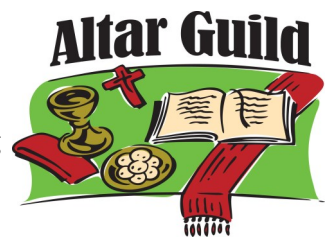
Canned Vegetables	Granola Bars
Canned Fruit	Cereal Bars
Canned Tuna/Chicken	Fruit Cups
Jelly/Jam	Applesauce
Peanut Butter	Hamburger Helper
Mac & Cheese	Tuna Helper
Pasta/Pasta Sauce	Taco Kits
Crackers	Condiments
Rice	Instant Potatoes
Lipton Sides	Boxed Potato Sides
Canned Soup	Healthy Snacks
Ramen	Sandwich Crackers
Canned Ravioli	Feminine Products
Spaghetti-os	Personal Hygiene

Also shampoo, lotion, toothpaste, mouthwash, soap, deodorant, shaving cream, disposable razors.

Please place your donations in the basket by the main entrance. Thank you for your generosity!

## Mark Your Calendar!

The Annual Altar Guild meeting will be held on Saturday, January 7 at 9:00 am. Following the meeting plan to stay to help undecorate the church!



## Altar Flower Reservations

The Altar Flower Reservation Book has been updated for 2023. Sign up early to make sure the dates you wish to commemorate with flowers are available. Please note the cost of flowers has increased to \$22.00 per bouquet effective January 1, 2023.

# October Financials

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual October	Budget October	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2022	
Revenue	General Fund	\$17,168	\$16,488	\$153,102	\$164,885	\$197,856	
	Mortgage	\$2,462	\$2,095	\$49,620	\$20,950	\$25,140	
	Other Giving	\$1,274	\$833	\$24,026	\$8,334	\$9,996	
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$20,904</b>	<b>\$19,416</b>	<b>\$226,748</b>	<b>\$194,169</b>	<b>\$232,992</b>	
Expenses	Mission Support	\$0	\$1,250	\$6,886	\$12,500	\$15,000	
	1000 Other Outreach	\$897	\$515	\$5,106	\$5,170	\$6,180	
		<b>Total Outreach</b>	<b>\$897</b>	<b>\$1,765</b>	<b>\$11,992</b>	<b>\$17,670</b>	<b>\$21,180</b>
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$526	\$1,166	\$7,201	\$11,791	\$13,992	
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$10,770	\$11,536	\$114,508	\$115,400	\$138,432	
		<b>Total Ministries</b>	<b>\$11,296</b>	<b>\$12,702</b>	<b>\$121,709</b>	<b>\$127,191</b>	<b>\$152,424</b>
	3000 Total Building (Non Capital)	\$2,135	\$2,532	\$24,141	\$25,379	\$30,384	
		<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$14,327</b>	<b>\$16,999</b>	<b>\$157,843</b>	<b>\$170,240</b>	<b>\$203,988</b>
	3000 Capital	Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$2,579	\$2,168	\$16,721	\$21,683	\$26,016
		Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$60,020	\$0	\$0
		<b>Total Building Capital</b>	<b>\$2,579</b>	<b>\$2,168</b>	<b>\$76,741</b>	<b>\$21,683</b>	<b>\$26,016</b>
	<b>Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)</b>	<b>\$16,906</b>	<b>\$19,167</b>	<b>\$234,584</b>	<b>\$191,923</b>	<b>\$230,004</b>	
Net	<b>Net for Month/Year (Expenses Minus Revenue)</b>	<b>\$3,998</b>		<b>(\$7,836)</b>			
	<b>(Under)/Over Budget for Month/Year</b>	<b>(\$2,261)</b>		<b>\$42,661</b>			

## Fellowship

Thank you to everyone who decorated a table or provided chili for our Trunk or Treat and chili supper on October 29. We welcomed 48 children in various costumes to partake of the treats and we went through 5 crock pots of chili! A good time was had by all! A special thank you to the Byron Family Dollar for donating literally hundreds of full-size candy bars for our event.



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## In Our Prayers

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 Reuben Johnson  
 Judy Kirking  
 Cindy Pederson  
 Sandi Reid  
 Kit Reif  
 Dylan Sproule  
 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  
 Bobbie Chisem  
 Jennie Sanchez  
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 Mason Sasso  
 Michelle Olson  
 David Kopp  
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 Rick Udholtz  
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 Susan Caruso  
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SUNDAY SCHOOL  
CHRISTMAS  
PROGRAM

**Sunday School Christmas Program**

Sunday, December 11, 2022

During the 9:00 am Worship Service

See and hear the story of Jesus' birth depicted by the  
Sunday School children.



**Last Day to Order Poinsettias is December 4**

If you would like to order a red poinsettia plant this year to help adorn the sanctuary on Christmas, please do so by December 4. Plants are \$15.00 each. You can call in your order to the church office and drop off a check later. You can make a check out to All Saints Altar Guild and leave it in the office along with the order form which can be found in the weekly emailed announcements. Additional order forms are available on the oak table in Narthex.



**December 4**

Statement of Intent and  
Time and Talent sheet due

Poinsettia Orders Due

**December 7, 14, 21**

Mid-Week Advent Worship & Soup  
Supper

**December 24**

Christmas Eve Worship – 8:00 pm

**December 25**

Christmas Day Worship – 9:00 am

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