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Sunday School Kick-Off!!

Heather Brown and Michel Williams cannot wait for the children to return to Sunday School! Join them from 10:00 – 11:00 am each Sunday for a new year of Christian Education starting on September 11th. Heather's class will be comprised of children aged 3 through 2nd grade. Michel's class will encompass 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders.



A new curriculum from "Sunday School Planet" will be utilized for the younger students. The materials take what kids are already familiar with to teach them lessons from the Bible in a FUN way. In addition to the lessons there are object lessons, music, and game videos that can be used to reinforce the week's main point.

The older students will learn how to effectively use their Bibles to develop an understanding of how the books of the Bible fit together in order to tell God's historic story. They will gain confidence in navigating their Bibles with ease. Students will be given tools to better understand Bible characters and stories, as they build their Christian faith and develop their relationship with God.

From 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm that day is the All Saints Church picnic. There will be games, prizes, and other activities for kids. See the picnic newsletter article for all the details. Please join us for the fun!



Annual Picnic September 11 - 12:00 to 3:00 pm

Join us for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and fun! We will be grilling brats, burgers, and hotdogs to serve along with chips and a pre-packaged dessert for lunch. After lunch we'll have bingo games, games for the kids, and the ever-popular cake walk. The registration table will be selling 50/50 tickets and we will have a jar to collect monetary donations, both events to benefit St. Vincent de Paul.

We do need volunteers to help us with the registration table, food service, and to donate cakes or pies for the cake walk. There are sign-up sheets on Bulletin Board #2 with the areas help is needed. We will divide the work up into shifts so you aren't working the entire picnic but can take time to enjoy the day. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy this fun afternoon!



Fall Schedule

Worship: 9:00 am

Education Hour: 10:00-11:00 am

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:

It's hard to believe that summer is nearly over and the busy fall season is just around the corner. Actually, the fall season has already begun, with schools already in session (and Alan occasionally substitute teaching!).

The week of August 8-12 was our Tri-Annual Churchwide Assembly, held this year in Columbus, Ohio. This is the gathering of clergy and lay people from all over the USA (think synod assembly, but on a larger scale!) to hear reports and review the work of churchwide officers, leaders and units.

Gathering under the theme, *Embody the Word*, voting members participated in meetings and worship while acting on key legislative business and hearing reports on the work of the church. Imran Siddiqui was elected to a six-year term as Vice President, the highest position a lay person can hold in the ELCA. You can find all the actions of the 2022 Churchwide Assembly in the Legislative Update, found on the elca.org website.

You will find articles highlighting all the opportunities for continued learning here at All Saints. Please see the article about Sunday school elsewhere in this newsletter, as well as information about our confirmation class. As you know, we never reach the point where we know everything! The adult learning opportunities are just as important as the ones for the youth. On Sundays, Steve Jones will hold his class during the Sunday school hour, beginning on Sept. 18. Every Monday, I lead a Bible Study via Zoom at 1:30 pm for a look at the scripture for the upcoming Sunday...one of the delights of this study is the inclusion of people who don't live nearby anymore! On Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm, Steve Reid teaches a class in our conference room. Our Wednesday afternoon Bible studies, taught by me, resume on September 7 at 1:30 pm. This group of men and women engage in lively conversation over a cup of coffee, utilizing a study "God's Exceptional Choice." Remember: I never call on anyone – you can come to that class and never have to say a word if you don't want to! Each of these studies is unique each week – if you miss a week, you won't be "behind." Please consider adding one or more opportunities for learning to your calendar this fall.

Thanks for being on this journey with me,
Pastor Janet Wold



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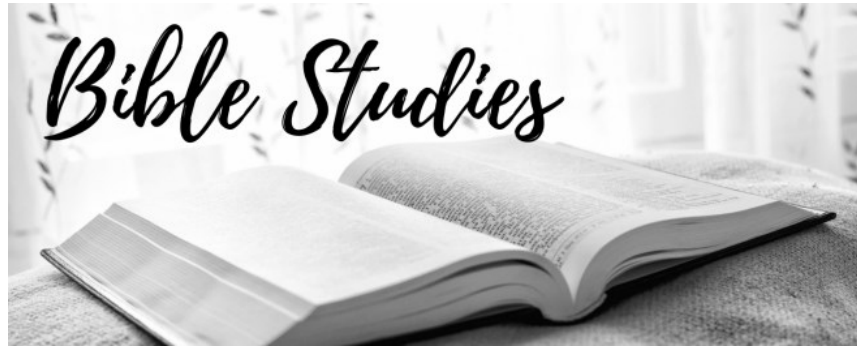
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Deadline for the October
Saintly News is **September 16**
Please send articles to
Rebecca Presson

Pastoral Acts

August 27 – Memorial Service for Phil Houston





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. Please note there will not be a Bible study on September 19.

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:

1. Does God ever bless unbelievers
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, will resume on September 7 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*. Please note there will not be a Bible Study on September 21.

Sunday morning Adult Bible Study, facilitated by Steve Jones will resume on September 18 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* which they began before the Summer break. 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.

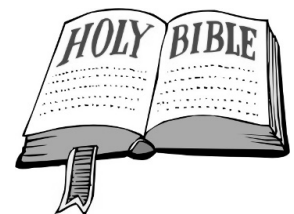
September Sunday Scriptures

**September 4 – 13th
Sunday after Pentecost**
Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 1
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

**September 11 – 14th
Sunday after Pentecost**
Exodus 32:7-14
Psalm 51:1-10
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

**September 18 – 15th
Sunday after Pentecost**
Amos 8:4-7
Psalm 113
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

**September 25 – 16th
Sunday after Pentecost**
Amos 6:1a, 4-7
Psalm 146
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31



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August Congregation Council Meeting Highlights

- * Generous giving in July enabled us to make all of our bills and mortgage payments.
- * Six children attended VBS in July, with one signing up for Sunday School in the Fall for the first time!
- * Stewardship videos are being edited by Dan Danielowski and will be available for viewing as soon as he is finished.
- * The annual church picnic is scheduled for September 11.
- * All Saints will be a refreshment stop for the St. Vincent de Paul "Walk for the Poor" walk on September 24.
- * Advent worship and soup suppers are being planned for December.



Worship Totals	Online Viewers	In-Person	Total
July 24	140	80	220
31	76	54	130
August 7	132	50	182
14	166	50	216
21	102	62	164
Totals	616	296	912
Average	123	59	182



Installation

Bishop Installation Choir Participants Needed!

On Saturday, October 8, 2022, at the installation of The Reverend Stacie Fidlar as the Northern Illinois Synod Bishop, we will have a festival choir. If you are interested in being a part of this choir, please let Pastor Janet know by sending a text or an email with the following information so that we can get the music before the day of the installation.

1. Your name, mailing address and phone number
2. What part you will sing: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass
3. Special requests or information

Rehearsal is from 9:00 -10:30 am on Saturday, October 8th at Trinity Lutheran Church, 200 North 1st Street, Rockford, Illinois. The installation service is at 11:00 am, also at Trinity Lutheran Church.





ALTAR FLOWERS

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.

Confirmation Schedule

2022-2023 Confirmation Class Schedule

September 11 Parent Meeting and Acolyte Training

<i>Unit 2 - Lutheran History & Catechism</i>			
Sept. 18	<i>Martin Luther</i>	<i>If we follow Jesus, why do we call ourselves Lutherans?</i>	<i>Ephesians 2:8-10</i>
Sept. 25	<i>The Reformation</i>	<i>Since the church is so divided, I don't understand how the Reformation could be a good thing.</i>	<i>Galatians 3:26-28</i>

Health Kits for Lutheran World Relief

This year we'll be collecting supplies for Health Kits that are distributed around the world to those in need. **All donations need to be here by September 12** to give us time to inventory donations and purchase needed items to complete kits.

The following items are what's needed for a health kit:

- ⇒ ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- ⇒ TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- ⇒ ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- ⇒ ONE sturdy comb, remove packaging
- ⇒ ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging
- ⇒ Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope, no plastic bags or wrap



Library News

The books being added to the library this month are authored by Beverly Lewis.

The Redemption of Sarah Cain - As the oldest of the five Amish children, it is up to Lydia to keep the family together, but guardianship was granted to an aunt in Portland, Oregon. Years later, the "thoroughly modern" sister, Sarah Cain, learns her sister has died and named her as guardian. How can Sarah leave the successful life style she enjoys to raise her Amish brothers and sisters in Lancaster County?

The Heritage of Lancaster County series:

The Shunning - A secret exists in the Amish community of Hickory Hollow when Katie Lapp discovers a satin baby gown in her parents attic.

The Confession - Kate, now known as Katherine, sets out to find her birth mother in a journey that takes her to a world of "compassion and greed, mercy and betrayal, and where the plain garb of the Amish is used to disguise an evil conspiracy."

The Reckoning - Katherine is now the Mistress of Mayfield Manor and living the "fancy English" life. Her long-lost love, Daniel, is desperate to find her, but is frustrated at every turn.



Quilters

The quilters plan to meet on September 1st and 15th at 9:00 am at the church. This is our busy month as we plan to display the finished quilts in the sanctuary on September 18th. Then the quilts will be packed up and sent to Lutheran World Relief. There is a pick-up site at Zion Lutheran Church in Rockford where the All Saints Quilts will be delivered. Personal Care Kits will also be sent and there are plans to send several Fabric Kits also. In October, we will be ready to start another year working together to send comforters to people in need.

The GATHERING

The GATHERING will meet on Tuesday, September 13 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Bring your latest handiwork project or just join us for a morning of fun, fellowship, and food!

Book Club

This month's Book Club selection is ***The Bridge*** by Karen Kingsbury.

"The Bridge is a story of friendship, love, forgiveness, and God's amazing grace. Join Charlie, Donna, Molly, and Ryan on an adventure of never-ending friendship in this wonderful story that God will never leave us and always protect us." -Hope P.

The Book Club will meet Tuesday, September 27 at 1:00 in Conference Room 310.

August Financials

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual July	Budget July	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2022
Revenue	General Fund	\$22,752	\$16,488	\$110,988	\$115,421	\$197,856
	Mortgage	\$1,613	\$2,095	\$4,640	\$14,665	\$25,140
	Other Giving	\$145	\$833	\$21,853	\$5,835	\$9,996
	Total Revenue	\$24,510	\$19,416	\$177,481	\$135,921	\$232,992
Expenses	1000 Mission Support	\$0	\$1,250	\$4,676	\$8,750	\$15,000
	1000 Other Outreach	\$310	\$516	\$3,581	\$3,624	\$6,192
	Total Outreach	\$310	\$1,766	\$8,257	\$12,374	\$21,192
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$955	\$1,178	\$4,251	\$8,281	\$14,136
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$10,927	\$11,537	\$80,630	\$80,790	\$138,444
	Total Ministries	\$11,882	\$12,715	\$84,881	\$89,071	\$152,580
	3000 Total Building (Non Capital)	\$2,054	\$2,535	\$16,996	\$17,780	\$30,420
	Total Expense	\$14,246	\$17,016	\$110,134	\$119,225	\$204,192
	3000 Capital Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$1,246	\$2,168	\$11,650	\$15,179	\$26,016
	3000 Capital Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$60,020	\$0	\$0
	Total Building Capital	\$1,246	\$2,168	\$71,670	\$15,179	\$26,016
Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	\$15,492	\$19,184	\$181,804	\$134,404	\$230,208	
Net	Net for Month/Year (Expenses Minus Revenue)	\$9,018		(\$4,323)		
	(Under)/Over Budget for Month/Year	(\$3,692)		\$47,400		

St. Vincent de Paul Walk for the Poor

On Saturday, September 24, we will welcome local walkers raising money for St. Vincent de Paul's ministry in Byron. We will offer cold water and snacks to the walkers as they make their way back to St. Mary Catholic Church. For more information, contact St. Mary's at 815-406-8368.

The local St. Vincent de Paul agency helps local community members in need in the form of rent and utilities assistance, food, and/or clothing. Our donations help them with this mission.



In Our Prayers

Health & Healing

Phyllis Coffman

George Davis

Sue Davis

Sandi Reid

Kit Reif

Sandi Rennick

Dennis Reid

Richard McCabe

Diann

Mike Gordon

Judy Wirth

Will Heindrick

Christopher Bowers

Bruce Roller

Felipe Sanchez

Keith Padgett

Ann Frerichs

Tom Lombardo

Francis Stevenson

Jared King

Judy Hines

Margie Myer

Sydeny Provencher

Ernie Leombruni

Kevin Nickels

Ron Sasso

Jim Carson

Ken Anderson

Alex Crawford

Dick Sabin

Roberta Haendler

David Cassidy

Inga Love

Bobbie Chisem

Jennie Sanchez

Jan Liljeberg

Al McNary

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Doris Swedberg

Mary Whitmer

Military

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Dylan Bishop

Tyler Peterson

Staff Sgt. Kyle Reif

Matt Vizer

Sage Harper

Cristiano Sasso

Logan Usrey

Tyler James Yoakum

Sympathy

Janice Bahls

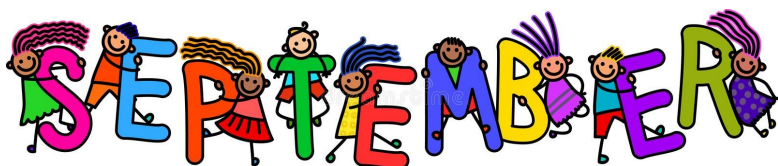
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September 11

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Annual All Saints Picnic

September 18

Quilt Sunday

September 24

St. Vincent de Paul

Walk for the Poor



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