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All Saints Lutheran Church invites children to

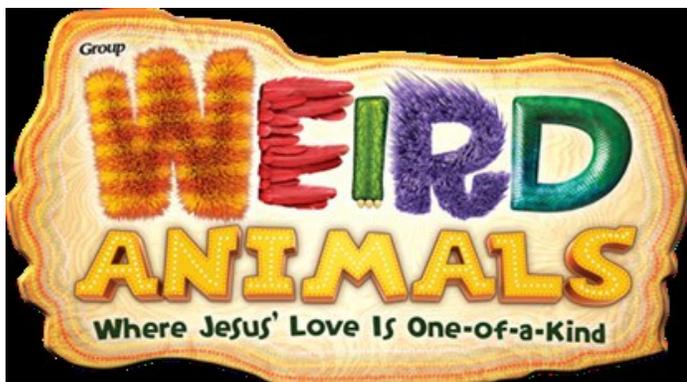
Weird Animals Vacation Bible School:

Where Jesus' Love Is One-of-a-Kind

July 21 – 25

8:30 am to 11:30 am

Weird Animals VBS is for kids from preschool through 5th grade. Students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades are encouraged to attend to help with the younger kids. **Deadline for registration is Wednesday July 9.**



At Weird Animals, kids will learn about some of God's most creative creations! They'll participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and dig into yummy treats, experience cool Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them they are one of a kind, and test out Science-like Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with The Tail End—a celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at 11:00 am each day.

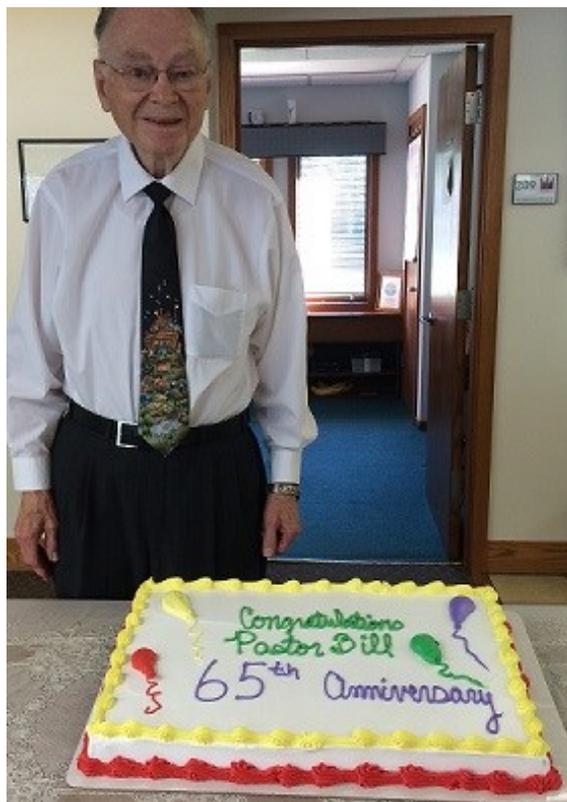
Kids at Weird Animals VBS will be invited to bring an offering to join an international mission effort to share God's love by providing water for school children in India.

**For more information,
call Gretchen Nelson at 815-979-0829.**

Save the date

There is a tentative date set for a potluck, a "meet and greet" for our pastoral candidate, and a special congregation meeting. July 27, 2014
5:30 pm Potluck and 6:30 pm Congregation Mtg.
Watch for further details in the Sunday Announcements.

**Congratulations
Pastor Bill Wittig
on your 65th Anniversary of
Ordination.**



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Deadline for the August Newsletter is **JULY 13**. Please send articles to Kay Johnson allsaintswelca@aol.com

A Note From Pastor Marilyn Hanson

Dear friends in Christ,

“Jesus called the twelve and began to send them out two by two ...” (Mark 6:7a)

Early in his ministry, Jesus realized that he could not meet the heavy demands and needs of all who reached out to him. He knew he needed to train and equip others to shoulder some of the responsibilities of the ministry. Therefore, he initially called twelve disciples to work with him. After preparing them for the work he called them to do, he sent them out *“two by two”*. They went out into the villages to preach and teach and to proclaim that all should repent of their sins. They cast out demons, anointed the sick with oil and cured many diseases. As a result, many lives were touched. Needs were met. And as we hear in the book of Acts, *“Day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.” (Acts 2:47)*

In our day, it is the same. No pastor can meet the needs of an entire congregation by him or herself. And, no pastor should try. For the ministry of a congregation belongs to the whole people of God, each person contributing to the ministry according to his/her particular gifts.

Here at All Saints, we have decided to launch a new ministry called a “Eucharistic Ministry.” The Eucharist is one of the names we give to Holy Communion, a word that means “thanksgiving”. Six of our members ... **Kay Johnson, Barb Kinner, Mike Reibel, Marlene Roberts, Jim Wilcox and Michel Williams** ... have been trained and will be commissioned as “Eucharistic Ministers” at the 8:00 am worship service on July 20. They will then be entrusted to take bread and wine out from our worship service in order to share Holy Communion with those who are no longer able to join us for worship.



The elements will be consecrated at worship by the pastor and from the communion table, our Eucharistic Ministers will go out. It is our plan to send out these ministers on a monthly basis, generally on the third Sunday of the month. If they are unable to go directly to our homebound members on Sunday morning, they will make an effort to go sometime during that following week. We currently have seven members to whom we will take communion, but if others of you request that the sacrament be brought to you, we will be ready and prepared to come. You simply need to call the church office and let us know you would like to be one of the recipients of this ministry.

It will still be my intent, while I am your Interim Pastor, to make a visit to our homebound members at least six times a year and take the sacrament when I visit. Our Eucharistic Ministers will not replace my visits but will be “in addition to” my visits.

I invite your prayers for this exciting new ministry of our congregation. Pray for our homebound members and pray for those who will now go out and share the sacrament with them. May blessings abound!

**God be with you,
 Pastor Marilyn**

**Pastoral Acts**

Baptism of Alexis Lyn Carpenter, daughter of Joshua and Stacey Carpenter on June 15

Call Committee Progress

The Call Committee has reached unanimous agreement on a pastoral candidate to recommend to the Church Council. The finance committee is preparing a financial package to offer. This candidate will meet with the council in the coming weeks, and if both parties agree, we will schedule a special potluck and “meet and greet” for the purpose of introducing the candidate to the congregation. At that time, a congregational vote will be taken to extend the call to the candidate.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Thank you to all for your input and prayers throughout this process.

Respectfully,

Rachel Niederer, Recorder

Highlights of the June Church Council Meeting

- Received, with regret, the resignation of Sarah Krug as the youth representative to Church Council
- Approved the secretary's report and all financial reports
- Received a brief update on the Call Process
- Reviewed a proposed schedule for temple talks by our various committees
- Heard that there was not enough interest shown by families in the community for a summer lunch program for kids
- Approved receiving the following people into membership at All Saints Lutheran Church: Tom & Elaine Carow, Kiera & Eve; Alfonso & Yvonne Anaya, Richard, Michael, Kenneth, Delila and Daniel; and Ben & Allison Hickerson and Henry. These families, along with newly transferred members Chad & Gretchen Nelson, Taylor, Morgan, & Dylan, will be welcomed at a reception on Sunday, June 29 during the 10:30 worship service, followed by a cake reception.
- Heard that plans are underway for the annual church picnic on Sunday, September 7

From the Finance Committee

May 2014 Expense Report

General Giving = \$ 13,858.00

General Expenses = \$ 16,029.53

Mortgage Reduction / Capital Campaign Giving = \$ 2,510.00

Mortgage Balance = \$ 254,203.61

We Asked and You Responded!

Thank you to those who have been able to add a little extra in their Sunday offering to help with paying bills. As we enter the summer season, our monthly bills continue, so it is our prayer that our members will continue their financial support to All Saints.



Scripture Texts

July 6 –Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Zechariah 9:9-12

Psalms 145:8-14

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 13 –Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 55:10-13

Psalms 65:[1-8] 9-13

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 20 –Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 44:6-8

Psalms 86:11-17

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 27 –Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 3:5-12

Psalms 119:129-136

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Tuesday Night Bible Study



Bible Study is held every Tuesday night in the main conference room at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend as often as you are able. We will use the Gospel lessons for Sunday as our study material from the website www.elca.org. Please use the South Entrance to the building.

July 1

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 8

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 15

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 22

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

July 29

Matthew 14:13-21

27th Annual Northern Illinois Synod Assembly Recap



Eight members of All Saints attended the 27th Annual Northern Illinois Synod Assembly June 13-14 at Augustana College in Rock Island, IL. Those attending were Pastor Marilyn Hanson, Audrey Adams, Jay Adams, George and Susan Davis, Kay Johnson, Courtney Loomis, and Michel Williams.

It was a fast paced two days with lots of business, prayer, worship, music, information given, and laughter.

By the numbers, business conducted was:

- 2 resolutions were presented, discussed, voted on, and passed.
 - Continuing Support of the ELCA World Hunger Appeal and Malaria Campaign and Lay Evangelist Training
- 3 new pastors were ordained at worship on Saturday afternoon.
- 6 pastors officially retired.
- 3 pastors were honored on the 50th anniversary of their Ordination. Of significant note was the recognition of Pastor Bill Wittig, who celebrated his 65th Anniversary of Ordination on June 12.
- 3 Bible studies were presented by The Rev. Dr. Kurt Hendel, which were excellent. The subject matter was the works and theology of Martin Luther.

The 2015 Budget was presented, voted on, and passed, committee reports were presented, and 21 new Synod Council and committee members were elected and announced, including our own Pastor Marilyn who was elected to Synod Council.

There were two worship services, one preached by Bishop Gary Wollersheim, and the second by The Rev. Dr. Kurt Hendel. We received communion at both worship services. There was also a Prayers of Remembrance worship service for pastors who have gone to the Church Triumphant in the past year.

ELCA Churchwide Representative, The Reverend Linda Norman, ELCA Treasurer, was an engaging speaker and gave us a lot of insight into the work our new Presiding Bishop, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton.

There were break-out sessions where attendees could listen to what the different committees do, and how they spend their budgeted money that comes from churches like All Saints, which were informative and enlightening.

We were given the opportunity to view displays created by services and committees supported by the Northern Illinois Synod, including LOMC.

Full assembly coverage can be found at www.nisynod.org/assembly/highlights

Copies of the official 2014 assembly highlights can be picked up in the narthex.

If you are interested in attending the 28th Annual Synod Assembly, it will be held June 19-20, 2015. You can offer to be a voting member at our Annual Congregation meeting in January, or go as a non-voting guest. It's an amazing, uplifting, and very spiritual experience.

In Christ,
Kay Johnson



All Saints Annual Community Picnic Date Set

**Sunday, September 7,
 12:30 pm**

We are very much in need of volunteers to help us make this event a success!

Let us know if you'd like to help. A sign-up sheet is located on bulletin board #2. Please take a moment to see what areas we have available, and sign up!

If you have any questions, please contact Jim Wilcox or Rebecca Heaslip for more information.

Help Out People In Need Around the World with Personal Care Kits

When natural disaster strikes or political conflict flares, families often have little chance to gather their belongings before fleeing the danger. They arrive in a refugee camp, or other place of safety, scared, vulnerable and dirty from travel. The simple items included in a Personal Care Kit allow them to wash away dirt and sweat with the fresh scent of soap and the softness of a towel, reminders of someone's care and concern for them in their plight.

Include the following items in each Personal Care Kit:

- ~one light weight bath size towel (20" x 40" to 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- ~two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping
- ~one adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- ~one sturdy comb
- ~one metal nail clippers

WELCA will place a basket in the hallway at church for your donations.

Completed kits will be sent to Lutheran World Relief in October.

Thank you for helping out people in need!

June 2014 Worship Attendance			
	8:00	10:30	total
May 25	56	40	96
June 1	78	57	135
8	63	52	115
15	65	66	131
22	63	62	125
Total	325	277	602
Average	65	55	120



July 2014

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I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13

June 8th-August 8th LOMC Summer Camp.

Come out and enjoy God's word in the world of God. There are summer brochures available in the narthex

Courtney Loomis served as the youth representative for the Northern Illinois Synod Assembly. Thursday, June 13th was the LYO (Lutheran Youth Organization) lock-in, with **Jay Adams, Courtney Loomis** and 20 other youth from different churches. We had worship, games, food and lots of fun, workshops with Lost & Found and Kevin Rogers from the Young Adults Global Mission Work. On Friday morning at the assembly Pr. Jeff Clements and Bishop Wollersheim installed the new LYO officers: **Sarah Krug** is vice-president. **Courtney Loomis** ran for Youth on the Synod Council.

July.....Youth Nite

We will NOT meet in July.

August 10th Youth Nite. We will meet at church from 5-7pm. We will be going over items for the **ELCA youth gathering** in Detroit.

Registration forms are due at this time with a deposit of \$150.00.

All age youth are welcome to come and meet together for snack and play some outdoor games. **I do need an Adult to help with youth.** Thanks!

Youth Mission Trip... This summer **Meghan Hanson** and **Courtney Loomis** will be joining the youth and leaders of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Dixon on a Youth Works mission trip to Logan, West Virginia from July 12-19. They are looking forward to this opportunity for learning and service. Please pray for their safe travels as they embark on this adventure.

S.T.A.T.I.C

**Time to Start Planning for the
ELCA Youth Gathering, July 15-19, 2015 in Detroit**

The ELCA Youth Gathering is a ministry of the church wide organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to, with and for high school-aged youth and their adult leaders. What sets the Gathering apart from what some call "arena ministry" is its multi-month, pre-event curriculum designed to plunge teens deep into the Scripture texts around which the ministry is built, and prepare them socially and emotionally for what, for many, is a pivotal moment in their life of faith, and understanding of vocation. After-care is also an exemplar of this ministry. We know that young people will return to their congregations and synods with a renewed witness to God's action in the world; and we try to help congregational leaders receive the witness of young people and incorporate them into the ongoing ministry of the congregation and synod as vital members of the body of Christ.

The 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering will help young people understand that they are called, through their baptism, to follow Jesus' way of the cross. They will return to their home communities to serve Christ crucified by:

- Living among God's faithful people,
- Hearing the word of God and sharing in the Lord's supper,
- Proclaiming the good news of God in Christ through words and deed,
- Serving all people, following the example of Jesus,
- Striving for justice and peace in all the earth.

COST:

Registration is \$375 per person including adults.
Food is an additional \$25 per person per day.
Bus Trip \$200.00....Housing costs of \$150.00....
Spending money \$25 per day
Total amount needed to raise for each person is \$975.00.
Registration & a deposit of \$150 is due on August 10th.

Confirmation Class Schedule

Summer Transitional Classes

For second-year students planning on being confirmed in the fall (Sunday, October 26, 2014), there will be two more transitional classes this summer as follows:

Sunday, July 13 @ 9:15 am

Stewardship of Talent

Sunday, August 10 @ 9:15 am

Stewardship of Treasure

Looking ahead to fall

Sunday, October 19

Confirmation Rehearsal & Photos 9:15 am

(both students & parents need to attend)

Sunday, October 26 – Confirmation Sunday, at either the 8:00 am or 10:30 am service

Thank You

Dear Fellow Members and Friends,

Since my March 5th surgery and subsequent ups-and-downs you have been most helpful and supportive. You have prayed for me; remembered me with cards, letters, phone calls, food and visits; transported me to doctors; given rides to worship at church; and, in general, showered me with warm care. *May our gracious and loving Lord, before whom not one sparrow goes unnoticed, bless you abundantly* (see Luke 12:6-7).

Bill Wittig

Byron Postal Food Drive

On May 10th, All Saints participated in the Annual Postal Food Drive. All Saints worked with the event coordinator, Ret. Postmaster Jeff Engstrom. Volunteers met at the Byron Post Office and obtained maps from Jeff to the specific areas groups were assigned. Volunteers ventured out into the Byron community where they gathered donations of non-perishable food items left at the mailboxes by the postal patrons. Once the groups covered their assigned areas, we traveled back to the People Helping Food Pantry where the donations were dropped off.

I was told that this was the best year with the most items collected during the annual event. Another great testimony to the good will of the residents of the Byron community for supporting those less fortunate in our area.

Special thanks to my co-pilot Kealie who collected the items left at the mailboxes while Dad navigated.

Blessings,
Jim Wilcox

Have you filled out & returned your new Time & Talent sheet???

Copies are available in the narthex. We invite you to prayerfully consider how you would like to serve at All Saints in the year ahead. The deadline was June 29th, but we still want to receive your form. Please return your sheet to the church office today.

Scheduling for the upcoming year will be done exclusively from these returned forms.



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Quilters

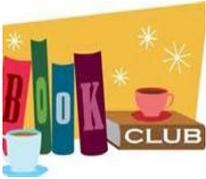
The quilters plan to meet only one time in July on the 17th, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the church.

There will be no meeting on July 3rd.

Many beautiful quilts are filling the shelves in the quilter's closet. A finished quilt was sent to the Synod Assembly to be given to the Nachusa Lutheran Home. Summer time is when many rummage sales

are held and dark sheets may be purchased for the backings that are used in making the quilts. Hint! Hint! We do appreciate all donations of fabrics and sheets and THANK YOU for all that has been given to our project in the past.

Please join us in making a gift for people in need. —*Millie Knodle*



The book club does not meet during the summer.

Keep reading and make notes of books that you feel the group would like to read in the fall and winter. We will meet again on the fourth Monday of September (September 22nd).

The GATHERING

Many ladies of "The GATHERING" are busy making prayer shawls, lap robes or caps for the Swedish American Cancer Center. The Cancer Center has expressed their appreciation of donations received which are gratefully used by their patients. Other handcraft projects are also being created for each attendee's enjoyment. Others come for the opportunity to socialize. As you can tell, getting together is our theme. The next meeting of "The GATHERING" is Tuesday, July 8 at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome; the coffee pot will be on. —Submitted by, *Linda Hank*



Library

July's list of books begins with 2 children's books:

- o **Black Beauty** by Anna Sewell in a specially adapted version by Deidre S. Laiken tells the story of a sensitive horse (in his own words) looking for love through happy times and harsh times.
- o **Sycamore Stories** is a book for adults to share with children trying to cope with problems in today's world. Pastor Paul guides them as Sycamore and friends find comfort in prayer.



- o **On Her Own** by Wanda Brunstetter, the second book in the series, The Brides of Webster County, joins books one and three. After Barbara lost her husband, she struggles to raise four boys and run her husband's beloved harness shop.

The next books by Wanda Brunstetter are from the series, *Brides of Lancaster County*:

- o **A Merry Heart** is the first book in the series. Miriam had dreams for a future with her childhood love. But he moved away and married someone else. Now she's known as the "old maid" schoolteacher with a "heart of stone."
- o **Looking for a Miracle** is the second book of the series. Rebekah's legs are paralyzed from an accident. She fears she will never measure up to the Amish expectation that she marry and raise a family. When Daniel spends time with her, she thinks he feels sorry for her and only wants her new business.
- o **The Hope Chest**, the fourth book, answers the question, "Is it wrong to hope for the impossible?" Rachel has been in love with her sister's boyfriend nearly as long as her sister, Anna. She has given up hope when unexpectedly Anna leaves the Amish faith. Will she learn the true meaning of hope while Silas suffers Anna's rejection?

Anne Morgart

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Gospelfest

Gospelfest, the Opening Ceremonies of Byronfest, will be held on Thursday, July 10th at 6:30 pm on the front lawn of Neighbors Rehabilitation Center (811 West Second Street, Byron). ***The Assemblymen***, a gospel trio from Rockford, IL will be the featured group.



The Gospelfest committee is asking each local church to donate 10 cakes and/or pies for the Cake/Pie Ice Cream Social that will be held at the conclusion of the event. ***If you are able to donate a cake or pie, please sign up on bulletin board #2 by Thursday July 3,*** and deliver your baked goods (in disposable containers) to Neighbors Rehabilitation Center by 12:00 pm on July 10.