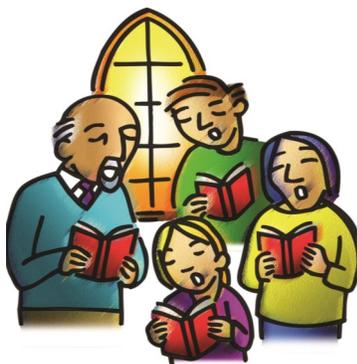




# THE *Saintly* NEWS

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## New Hymnal Sunday is May 4th



We have been blessed with a donation to purchase new cranberry *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnals and they have arrived!! We will be saying goodbye to our beloved green *Lutheran Book of Worship* hymnals on Sunday, May 4. During worship we will be doing something special to say good bye to the old and welcome in the new so please come and enjoy. Check out Pastor Marilyn's article on page 2 for more details of this special Worship Service.

## SPECIAL - SIX FLAGS TICKETS

For May 17-18 Weekend

See details on Page 6.

## Memorial Day Work Weekend May 23th-26th at LOMC

Come join us at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center during the Memorial Day Work Weekend. We work together to get camp ready for summer. Lodging and meals are provided for anyone who would like to help. We have lots of things to do from planting flowers, washing windows, spreading mulch, and much more.

LOMC is located on Route 2 south of Oregon, IL and is a camp of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

## Check out All Saints' Ministry Volunteer Fair

The Council has decided to hold a Ministry Volunteer Fair on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> between worship services during the Sunday school hour. Each Church Committee will be present in the Fellowship Hall with information detailing tasks their committees coordinate. Members can browse through the displays, ask questions and find out about the different areas that need volunteers to fulfill the mission and ministry tasks associated with All Saints.

We have many needs for volunteers at All Saints and we hope you will consider attending and learn how to best apply your personal time and talents as we grow our ministry and spread the Gospel of Christ.

## Graduates

This is a special time for many of our church families as they celebrate graduations occurring in May/June. May you prayerfully go forward into the future in confidence filled with courage and the knowledge

that God is always with you. *Parents, please note—we wish to include the names of our 8th grade, high school and college graduates in the June issue of the Saintly News.* Please drop a note or email the church office to fill us in on the exciting details - where your student is graduating from and if from High School or College, what their next step will be.



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**Dear Friends in Christ,**

*“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.” (Psalm 100:1-2)*

When Lutherans gather to worship, music is always a significant part of the service. Over the centuries, many beautiful hymns of the faith have been written and a number of different hymnals and supplements have been published. The Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW), which we currently use at All Saints, was published in 1978, so it is now 36 years old.

In 2006, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America came out with a new hymnal, a cranberry colored hymnal known as the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW). It is used in many Lutheran churches across the country today. This hymnal is a rich worship resource filled with many of the old familiar hymns we have known and loved, as well as some new, more contemporary hymns from a variety of cultures. It has ten different liturgical settings of Holy Communion, whereas our old hymnal had only three. Other additions to the ELW are Luther’s Small Catechism, a Service of Healing and liturgies for Lent, Sunday of the Passion, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil.

All Saints was recently gifted with 150 new hymnals, as well as two musical accompaniment books for our keyboardists. This generous gift, which will be used in worship for many years to come, was given by William and Janet Lewis in memory of Robert and Evelyn Raywood.

On Sunday, May 4, we will be introducing you to our new *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* book as we gather for worship. We will retire the old green hymnals and the blue supplemental worship books and introduce the new cranberry colored hymnals. We will start the service with the liturgy from the LBW, and conclude with the same liturgical setting from the ELW. It should provide us with a smooth transition. We will take time in the service to “Sing through the Seasons” of the church year so we might become familiar with some of what the new hymnal has to offer. I think you are going to like it!

Some of you may wish to take home a copy of the green or blue hymnal. You will have the opportunity to do that, beginning on Sunday, May 11. If you donated one of the hymnals, we will help you find the one donated by your family and you will have first opportunity to take that one home. We have a large number of hymnals, so there should be more than enough for anyone who wishes to have one.

We are planning on Sunday, May 11, to begin projecting our entire worship service on screens in the sanctuary. The question could be asked, “Why, then, do we need new hymnals?” The answer is simple. Sometimes it is just preferable to have an actual hymnal to hold in our hand and sing from rather than having words on the screen. This may be especially true for music at weddings and funerals. For some who are visually impaired, screens may not be the best option and when technology fails, it is good to have a trusted standby to turn to. Also, with so many Lutheran congregations now using this new hymnal, once you are familiar with it, you’ll feel right at home when visiting another ELCA congregation for worship. Come and join us for worship on May 4 and see for yourself what a marvelous new worship resource we’ve been given.

With joy & thanksgiving,  
*Pastor Marilyn Hanson*

**Celebrating their First Communion:**

Reese Armstrong, Sydnei Rahn, Jared Fitzsimmons, and Taylor Nelson received their First Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 17. The students and their parents attended two class sessions in preparation for this special day. They also baked the bread that was used during communion that night. A cake reception was held in their honor after the service.

**Deadline** for the June Newsletter is May15. Please send articles to Yvonne Anaya [yward1973@yahoo.com](mailto:yward1973@yahoo.com)

## Highlights of the April Church Council Meeting

- Received the report of the Audit Committee: Lavonne Berkeley and William Pirnat. All financial books were found to be in good order.
- Four students will receive their First Communion on Maundy Thursday.
- Decided to hold a Ministry Volunteer Fair on May 18, 2014.
- Reviewed a facility use policy—referred it back to committee for revision.
- Discussed staffing of the nursery and referred back to committee.
- Accepted, with thanksgiving, the gift of 150 new ELW Hymnals and 2 Accompaniment books given by William and Janet Lewis in memory of Robert and Evelyn Raywood.
- Heard that our existing Strategic Plan was reviewed by Karol Livingston and Lloyd Funk.

### Pastoral Acts:

Wedding of David Bishop and Brooke Fuller on March 29

Baptism of Catherine Ann Bishop-Czarnowski, daughter of Rebecca Bishop and Simody Czarnowski on March 30

### From the Finance Committee

#### March 2014 Expense Report

General Giving	=	\$ 14,024.00
General Expenses	=	\$ 16,072.06
Mortgage Reduction / Capital Campaign Giving	=	\$ 3,993.00
Mortgage Balance	=	\$256,435.38

#### 2014 1st Quarter Financial Report 3/31/14

Account	Balance
General Giving Received	\$40,993.74
General Expenses	\$51,129.65
Mortgage Reduction / Capital Campaign Giving	\$ 9,531.52
General Savings balance	\$ 7,094.21
Capital Reserve balance	\$ 1,657.21
Mission Endowment Fund balance	\$19,088.87

### *All Saints has some special financial needs, which are as follows:*

Lawn mowing tractor repairs	\$ 1,252.84
Snow plowing and salting	\$ 525.00
ComEd (Monthly Estimate)	\$ 516.00
Offering envelopes	\$ 335.96
The Lutheran Magazine	\$ 358.69
Sunday school materials	\$ 316.00
High school Sunday school materials	\$ 157.74
Vacation bible school materials	\$ 191.98
Quarterly devotion books	\$ 97.70

These needs have put a strain on our cash flow. If you are able to put a little extra in your offering envelope towards these expenses, it would be greatly appreciated. Please mark on your envelope "help with bills" or designate for which of these special needs you wish your donations to go. We hope that you will prayerfully consider the above needs of the church and we thank you for your continuous support.

### Scripture Texts

#### May 4

Third Sunday of Easter  
Acts 2:14a 36-41  
Psalm 116:1-4 12-19  
Peter 1:17-23  
Luke 24:13-35

#### May 11

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Acts 2:42-47  
Psalm 23  
Peter 2:19-25  
John 10:1-10

#### May 18

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Acts 7:55-60  
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  
Peter 2:2-10  
John 14:1-14

#### May 25

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Acts 17:22-31  
Psalm 66:8-20  
Peter 3:13-22  
John 14:15-21

### Tuesday Night Bible Study



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 site [www.ELCA.org](http://www.ELCA.org). (Please use the South entrance.)

Our Bible Study on the book of Esther continues through June 17.

05/06/14

Esther Chapter #3  
Evaluating Advice

05/13/14

Esther Chapter #4  
Doing the Right Thing

05/20/14

Esther Chapter #5  
Heart of the Matter

05/27/14

Esther Chapter #6  
Recognizing  
Unrighteousness

## Call Committee Update:

The Northern Illinois Synod has confirmed initial candidates for All Saints' future pastor. The candidate names were revealed to the Call Committee in a meeting after Easter. Interviews will be scheduled in the near future. Although candidate identities are confidential, general updates will continue to be provided to the congregation throughout this process.

Respectfully submitted

*Rachel Niederer*, Recorder

## Volunteers Needed for Byron Postal Food Drive on May 10th, 2014

On May 10th, 2014 All Saints has been asked to assist Ret. Post Master Jeff Engstrom with the annual Postal Food Drive. This is the 6th year All Saints has helped with this worthwhile cause.

The event kicks off at 8:45 am where volunteers and drivers will meet with Jeff in front of the Byron Post Office. Jeff will provide the volunteers with a map of an area where the group will venture out and gather donated food items left at the mailbox by the postal patrons. When the groups are finished covering their assigned areas we then meet at the People Helping People Food Pantry, located on the west side of the Byron Municipal building, where the donated food will be dropped off to the PHP volunteers.

Over the past 5 years, we at All Saints have had a lot of fun participating in this activity. If anyone is interested in volunteering a few hours of their time to help with this event please contact Jim Wilcox at 815-298-5546.

*Jim Wilcox*, Social Ministry Chairman

## Thrivent Financial 'Direct Now' Campaign

All Saints can earn an extra boost from the Thrivent "**Direct Now . . . and add \$20!**" campaign. Current Thrivent members can direct their Choice Dollars® to our congregation between April 1 and May 31, 2014, and we will receive an extra \$20 grant from Thrivent Financial.

If you have questions, please contact a representative from the Member Connection Center at 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and say "Thrivent Choice" or send an email to [fraternal@thrivent.com](mailto:fraternal@thrivent.com). For faster service, have your member ID or contract number available.

## From the Worship Committee

### **New Hymnals are Here!**

Our new cranberry *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnals have arrived!! Join us May 4<sup>th</sup> to say good bye to our beloved green *Lutheran Book of Worship* hymnals and welcome in the new ELW hymnals.

### **We want to know your Favorite hymns**

With this occurring we are also asking for your input. While the LBW and With One Voice hymnals are still available we would like your input on some of your favorite hymns to sing. We will be compiling a list of these songs to make sure we have the correct copyrights to continue their use during worship if they are not included in the new ELW hymnal. Please write down your favorites by title and give to Karol Livingston, Alisha Fortner, Mary Jo Cassens, Troy Rahn, or simply email the church secretaries.

### **Favorable response to Ushers & Greeters**

The response I have received about the new greeter and usher responsibilities has been great!! The biggest change that most people notice is that greeters are wearing name tags and are near the doors as you enter the church rather than the entrance to the sanctuary. If you are an usher or greeter and did not receive an instruction sheet during training, please contact me. If you have any questions or suggestions for our committee, please talk with me or feel free to join us at our next committee night.

God Bless,

*Troy Rahn*

## **Altar Guild News**

**Thank you** to everyone who donated flowers for our Easter Garden. Our sanctuary truly came alive with color and beauty on Easter Morning.

A special thank you to Ken and Lois Lapp for refurbishing our brass vases.

**Just a reminder** that if you are scheduled for Altar Guild duties, please contact the church office the week before you are to begin your duties to schedule a time to meet with Pastor Marilyn. This is an important meeting to prepare you for any special events during your month of service. Pastor Marilyn is not in the office on Saturday, so this meeting will need to be held during the week.

*Kay Johnson*, Altar Guild President

## Stewardship Time and Talent Drive

The Church Council has decided that it is best to break our annual Stewardship drive into two phases. The Spring phase will focus on time and talent sheets and the Fall phase will focus on financial stewardship. We expect to be sending out revised, simplified time and talent sheets in mid-May for all members to fill out. You can either drop your completed time and talent sheets off at the Ministry Volunteer Fair on May 18<sup>th</sup> or mail them back to the church office.

Thank you for your continued support and we hope that you will prayerfully consider the various needs of the Church as we go through this Spring Stewardship Drive!

Yours in Christ,  
Steve Jones

## 2014 Blood Drive a Success!!

On March 27<sup>th</sup>, All Saints held the annual Blood Drive at the church. Rock River Valley Blood Center workers arrived at the church at noon and in less than an hour the Fellowship Hall was converted into a blood collection center. The drive took place from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm, and during this time the church was a very busy place.

I wanted to thank everyone who took time out of their busy day to participate in this event. Thanks to those who went to the Blood Centers in Rockford and had their donation credited to the All Saints Blood Drive. Because of All Saints efforts, the blood collected during the drive will be used to save upwards of 111 lives. WELL DONE, ALL SAINTS!!!! Special thanks goes out to Jan Sloan and Lisa Perket who helped with making the phone calls to area donors to participate in the drive.

Next year's Blood Drive has been scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015, so put the date on your calendar.

Blessings,  
Jim Wilcox, Social Ministry Chairman

Worship Attendance				
April	8:00 am	10:30am	Total	Sunday School
6	74	74	148	50
13	89	80	169	56
Easter 20	123	107	267	na
total	286	261	584	106
Average	95	87	195	53

Special services	
April 2	51
9	56
Maunday Thur 17	76
Sunrise20	37



## YouthNEWS

May 2014

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Again Jesus spoke to them, saying "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." ~ **John 8:12**

## Thank you—Thank you—Thank you

March 5<sup>th</sup> was our 1<sup>st</sup> Ash Wednesday pancake dinner and it was a big hit. We raised \$240.00. A **BIG** thank you to all who helped out by serving, cooking and donating the food. We couldn't have done it without you!



Our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Spaghetti Dinner was on April 5<sup>th</sup> held at church. **Thank you** to all who helped prepare, serve and clean up, and especially to all who came to eat and support the youth. The youth raised \$245.00 to be used towards the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit.

**Thank you** to all the youth who helped fill tables, unload boxes, and whatever else needed to be done at the annual All Saints rummage sale.



## EASTER BREAKFAST

**Thank you** goes out to all the youth & families who helped set-up, serve, and clean up for the breakfast. Thanks to everyone who donated food items. Your donations of food items and your time are what make this event such a HUGE success. **We raised \$559.00 for our youth program.** THANK-YOU ~~

**May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> ...Six Flags weekend.** The tickets will only be \$29.00 per person for either day. Six Flags General Admission tickets are normally \$64.99 so this is quite a savings! So take advantage of this awesome deal and enjoy a day of fun at Six Flags. To order, tickets go to [sixflags.com/greatamerica](http://sixflags.com/greatamerica) and enter the promo code ALLSAINTS in the upper right hand corner of the screen during the purchase process. All Saints youth group will receive \$5 for each ticket sold after 20 tickets.

### **May 23th-26th,...LOMC**

Come and join us at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center for Memorial Day Work Weekend. We all work together to get camp ready for summer. Lodging and meals are provided for anyone who would like to help. We have lots of things to do from planting flowers, washing windows, spreading mulch, and much more.

*Audrey Adams,*  
All Saints Youth Leader

Our Mission statement:

**Seeking God, Serving Others & Having Fun!**

**S.T.A.T.I.C**

## **Confirmation Class Schedule**

Sunday, May 4

The Lord's Prayer – Doxology Review

Sunday, May 11

The Lord's Prayer – Review

Sunday, May 18

Lutheran Life – Confessing My Faith

Sunday, May 25

Confirming My Convictions

### **Looking ahead in 2014:**

**June, July, August** – Transitional Class one Sunday a month at 9:15 am —For those youth (finishing 8<sup>th</sup> grade) being confirmed in the fall

**Sunday, October 19** – Confirmation Rehearsal & Photos (students & parents need to attend) 9:15 am

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

## **May Meals on Wheels**

During the month of May, All Saints will be assisting LifeScape with the Meals on Wheels deliveries. Volunteers will meet with the LifeScape representative at 12:15 pm at Neighbors Rehab Center. The helpers will be provided with the meals along with a list of Byron residents that will be receiving the meals for the day. The deliveries are made Monday thru Friday and it takes about an hour to complete. Thank you to those who will be helping during the month of May in this worthwhile activity:

April 28 to May 5 - Len Kinner

May 6 to May 9 - Al and Gloria Olsen

May 12 to May 16 - Al and Sharon Schabacker

May 19 to May 23 - George Krebs

May 26 to May 30 - Lisa Perket and Jim Wilcox

All Saints will also be assisting LifeScape in the month of October. Anyone interested in participating in this activity please contact Jim Wilcox 815-298-5546.

God Bless,

*Jim Wilcox,* Social Ministry Chairman

## **Sunday School**

Sunday school has flown by this year. During Lent we focused on how we can share God's love with others. On Palm Sunday, the Preschool - 6th grade met as a group. The Easter story was told using an egg craft with props that the children made last year. The children then made two crafts: a beautiful banner and a personalized drum. The children used their drums during the parade at the 10:30 am service. Thank you to all those who helped make this fun day possible.

During the month of May the children will meet with their regular scheduled class the first two weeks. The children have learned a new song that we hope to share with the congregation on May 18, which will be the last day of Sunday school for this school year. We will meet as a large group that day to have a celebration.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped with Sunday school this year. Only with your help is this program possible. Thank you to all the children who come to Sunday school to learn about the love of God, Jesus, and how the power of the Holy Spirit moves us to do great things in this world. Thank you to all the parents who support your child by bringing them to Sunday school and encouraging them to make God the priority.

**May 4** - 9:15 am regular class

**May 11** - 9:15 am regular class

**May 18** - sing "Share A Little Bit Of Your Love" at the end of early service and the beginning of the late service. 9:15 am - Large Group Celebration for Preschool to 6th grade classes.

Please look for more information to follow in the newsletters regarding upcoming Bible School events, Sunday school fall start date and opportunities to help with the Sunday school by volunteering or bringing supplies. If you have any questions please contact me by phone or email: 815-742-8033, [fortenerfamily@comcast.net](mailto:fortenerfamily@comcast.net) Jesus Loves You!

*Alisha Fortener,* Sunday School Superintendent



## Quilters

The quilters plan to meet on May 1 and May 15 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the church. We will be spending that time working on all parts of making a quilt for someone in need. Most of our quilts are given to Lutheran World Relief. At the Church Rummage Sale, three quilts were won by customers at the sale. Darla Smith, Julie Murray and Brenda Dobbs were the winners this year. They certainly were happy to be the lucky ones to walk away with a quilt. Sheets for our work were found at the sale and this will be a big help as we continue to use our supply of available materials. Please join us on the first and third Thursdays of each month to work on quilts. There is always work to be done. The time goes by quickly as we enjoy each others' company.

## Book Club

Because of Memorial Day, the May meeting of the Book Club will be held on Tuesday, May 27 at 1:00 pm in the fellowship hall. The book we will discuss is **JESUS' FEET** by Tiffany Lee Thompson. It is a humorous book that "draws our heart to Jesus' feet while He was on earth" including His tiny, dirty, dancing, obedient, wet, teary, clean, "holey," and healed feet. Please join us.

## Library

May's list of new books to the library includes Reader Digest Select Editions:

- o Volume 4 2001 includes: **PEACE LIKE A RIVER** by Leif Enger; **"P" IS FOR PERIL** by Sue Grafton; **SUMMER ISLAND** by Kristin Hannah; **THE INCUMBENT** by Brian McGroty
- o Volume 3 2003 includes: **THE LAST PROMISE** by Richard Paul Evans; **DANGER ZONE** by Shirley Palmer; **NOT A SPARROW FALLS** by Linda Nichols; **STREET BOYS** by Lorenzo Carcaterra
- o Reader Digest Large Type Select Edition 3 2013: **THE BEST OF ME** by Nicholas Sparks; **LOVE IN A NUTSHELL** by Janet Evanovich and Dorien Kelly
- o The following books also will be placed in the library:
- o **JESUS' FEET** by Tiffany Lee Thompson is a humorous book that "draws our heart to Jesus' feet while on earth" including His tiny, dirty, dancing, obedient, wet, teary, clean, "holey," and healed feet.
- o **THE UNEXPECTED TEACHINGS OF JESUS, Encountering the Gospels All Over Again** by John Coleman is a collection of sacred stories that can teach us all how to live in today's world. It offers a new way of learning Jesus' words and teachings are not always what we thought we understood.
- o **THE CASE FOR CHRIST** by Lee Strobel is a Journalist's Personal Investigation of the Evidence for Jesus.
- o **HOME TO HOLLY SPRINGS** by Jan Karon is the first of the Father Tim Novels. Father Tim receives a handwritten, anonymous note 38 years after leaving Holly Springs: "Come home." These words take him on the most disturbing journey of his life.

*Anne Morgart*

## The Gathering

"The Gathering" will meet at 9:00 am on May 13. All are invited. Lois Lapp will be providing the treat for our coffee break.

We are still working on lap robes, prayer shawls, and caps for the Swedish American Cancer center. Yarn is available.

## Health & Healing



Julie Eads  
Ethel Montgomery  
Al Olsen  
Sharon Provencher  
Mike Schlagel  
Bill Wittig  
Kim Sherman  
Mary Dummer  
Francine Reibel  
Laura Logas  
April Roos  
Nancy Stout  
Charlize Soltes  
Bob Lewis  
Rose Cassens  
Dee Otto

## Shut Ins

Shirley Asher  
Lore Bogdanovich  
Eileen Carlson  
Bill Runnion  
Blanche Schroeder

## In the Military

David Bishop  
Tyler Peterson  
Stacy Seaworth

## In Sympathy

Kathy Hamas  
Al Palmer  
Melvin Blobaum  
Sophie Cupchack  
Shirley Bull

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## ***Important Dates!***

May 3 – WELCA Spring Luncheon  
May 4 – New Hymnal Sunday  
May 10 – Byron Postal Food Drive  
May 11 – Mother’s Day  
May 17-18 – Six Flags Weekend  
May 18 – Last Day of Sunday  
school  
May 18 – Ministry Volunteer Fair  
May 19 – Committee Night  
May 23-25 - LOMC Clean-Up  
Weekend



**SOLD OUT!**



**All Saints Fashion Follies**  
**May 3<sup>rd</sup> 11:30 am – 2:30 pm**

### **Address Changes?**

#### **Send it to the Church Office!**

As our young people head home for the summer from college or trade school, or have a military change of address, please keep the All Saints office informed of those address changes.