

Lenten Midweek Worship - March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29

Lenten Worship featuring Holden Evening Prayer 7:00 pm. These services will be short 30-minute worship services using the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy and a video message from our new Bishop, Bishop Stacie Fidlar, entitled "Unfinished: Discovering God's Call in the Not Yet." Each Wednesday's worship service will be preceded with a free soup supper with the exception of March 1st, which will be our rescheduled Pancake Supper. A sign-up sheet for soup, bread, and dessert donations is posted on bulletin board #2. Please join us for this time of worship and fellowship.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Looking forward to Holy Week activities the first week of April. All services will be held in-person and uploaded later to our Facebook page and our website.



Sunday, April 2 - Palm Sunday Distribution of the Palms 9:00 am

Thursday, April 6 - Maundy Thursday Communion Stripping of the Altar 7:00 pm

Friday, April 7 - Good Friday Worship 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 9 - Easter Sunday Worship with Communion 9:00 am Easter Sunday

Easter Breakfast 8:00 am



Join us on Sunday, April 9 at 8:00 am for Easter Breakfast. Menu will include egg casseroles, sausage, baked goods, fruit, juice, milk, and coffee. A free will offering will be gratefully accepted. Sign-up sheets are posted on Bulletin Board #2 for volunteers and food donations.

Easter Garden Orders

Would you like to order an Easter plant to enhance the beauty of our sanctuary for Easter services? Order forms will be available in the weekly announcements and in the church office. Plants will come from Merlin's Flowers. Orders must be placed by Sunday, March 26. The cost is \$17.50 per plant for lilies, mums, geraniums, or tulips, and \$25 per plant for azaleas or hydrangeas. Make your check payable to All Saints Altar Guild. These plants will be displayed in the sanctuary on Easter and can be taken home after Easter worship service.

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 April Saintly News is March 17 Please send articles to Rebecca Presson

Dear Friends:

There is much happening around All Saints these days – God is certainly at work here among us!

Our mid-week Lenten services begin March 1 and continue for the 5 Wednesdays of March at 7:00 p.m.



The Saintly News

Once again, we'll be using a service called Holden Evening Prayer – it really is a beautiful, contemplative service. Special thanks to those who are lending their musical skills that enhance the service! This worship lasts about ½ hour and includes a videoed Lenten message from our Bishop, Stacie Fidlar. I hope you'll plan on making these mid-week services a part of your Lenten journey. Come join us! For those unable to join us in person, these worship services will be recorded and uploaded to our Facebook page and our website: www.allsaintsbyron.org, just as we do for our Sunday services.

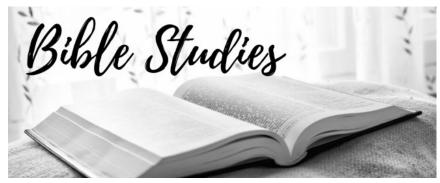
I read something the other day that quoted a child describing Lent to his friend. "That's the day when everyone starts their diet!" Often we have thought about the season of Lent as a time to give up something we love as our own mini sacrifice during this season of repentance and renewal. There is value in that exercise – but there is also value in adding something to our daily life during this season as well. Perhaps daily Bible reading, intentional prayer or devotions, or worshipping more regularly are just some possibilities for helping us to be closer to God. Lent is a time for reflection on the sacrifice made by our Savior and for us to remember why we needed saving to begin with!

As I look around at our life here at All Saints, and in my own personal life, I can see the hand of God clearly guiding us. My prayer is that you sense God's presence as well and will be called into action as we all seek ways to share God's love.

> In Christ, Pastor Janet Wold

February Council Highlights

- New council members were welcomed. Committee assignments were completed.
- Spring Clean-Up Day will be held in April.
- New confirmation curriculum is being considered for the upcoming year.
- Next blood drive will be held on July 13.



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 be on hiatus through 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, "Jesus Calls Us."

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study, facilitated by Steve Jones, meets at 10:00 am in the Small Conference Room. Adult Sunday School's course is entitled "The History and Archaeology of the Bible." Presented by Jean-Pierre Isbouts, DLitt from the Fielding Graduate University, we will view and discuss 24 lectures that range from Genesis to the Rise of Christianity in the first century. This course looks at how the Bible was shaped by the eras where it came to be written down and how history shows us evidence of the Bible's stories. The class meets each Sunday during the Education hour after Church beginning at 10:00 am. Most sessions are about 45 minutes, with a 40-minute video and short discussion after the videos.

Spring Clean-Up Day!

April 15 at 8:00 am is the date and time of our Annual Spring Clean-Up Day. There's work that needs to be done on the inside as well as the outside, as we prepare our church to be as beautiful as the spring flowers that will soon be blooming! Please sign-up on the sheet on Bulletin Board #2 so we know how many will be coming to help. Rain Date will be April 22.



March Sunday Scriptures

March 5 Second Sunday in Lent Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17

March 12 Third Sunday in Lent Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42

March 19 Fourth Sunday in Lent 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41

March 26

Fifth Sunday in Lent Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45

> Please Clip & Save for your reference



Book Club

The Book Club will discuss the book, *Sweetwater Gap* by Denise Hunter on March 28 in the Conference Room at 1:00. Josie Mitchell returns to her family's apple orchard after years of staying away. She wants to sell the orchard, but needs to convince her sister.

Laurel, who's pregnant with twins, who thinks she's come home to help with the harvest. Her brother-inlaw thinks she's come to convince Laurel to sell the orchard. The manager, Grady thinks she's "Trouble." Josie thinks she doesn't have long to live. Come and join us! You don't have to have read the book. You can be added to this book's list only, or we would be very happy to add you to our group list.

The GATHERING

The GATHERING will meet on Tuesday, March 14 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. All are invited to join us for a morning of fun, fellowship, and food!

Quilters

The quilters plan to meet at 9:00 am on March 2nd and 16th at the church to work on making quilts for people in need. Twenty years ago on March 3rd, five ladies started the quilting group at All Saints. It has been a remarkable journey with countless persons helping in so many ways. To God be the Glory as He has provided the desire to help others and given the supplies that are necessary to make a quilt.

Attendance

Worship Totals	Online Viewers	In- Person	Total	Sunday School	
January 29	156	45	201	14	
February 5	126	64	190	19	
12	96	65	161	22	
19	134	66	200	21	
26	114	73	187	27	
Totals	626	313	939	103	
Average	125	63	188	21	

Library News

The books being added to the Library this month are:

Almost Friends, by Phillip Gulley. It was Pastor Gardener's 6th year at Harmony Friends Meeting when he had to take a leave of absence. Will he have a job when he gets back?

Brides of Montana by Kelly Eileen Hake contains three historical romances under the Montana sky during the 1800's: "A Time to Plant," "A Time to Keep," and "A Time to Laugh."

Brides of Georgia by Connie Stevens is a 3-in-1 collection of stories taking place in the Old West during the1800's: "Heart of Honor," "Harvest of Hope," and "Harbinger of Healing."

Brides of Alaska by Tracie Peterson contains three historical romances set in America's Last Frontier: "A Light in the Window," "Destiny Road," and "Iditarod Dream."

Confirmation Schedule



March 5	John	I don't get why John is SO different from the other Gospels and changes the order of events.	John 14: 6-14
March 12	Acts	I don't know if church today is supposed to look like the church in Acts	Acts 1:6-11
March 19	Paul and the Early Church	I don't know why we hold Paul in such high esteem, given his poor track record with Christians.	Acts 9:10-18
March 26	No Class	Spring Break	

January Financials

			Actual	Budget			Budget
Budget Items		Item Description	January	January	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Total 2023
		General Fund	\$24,071	\$16,772	\$24,071	\$16,772	\$201,264
		Mortgage	\$1,487	\$1,247	\$1,487	\$1,247	\$14,964
Revenue		Other Giving	\$1,744	\$834	\$1,744	\$834	\$10,008
		Total Revenue	\$27,302	\$18,853	\$27,302	\$18,853	\$226,236
		Mission Support	\$130	\$1,167	\$130	\$1,167	\$14,004
	1000	Other Outreach	\$1,062	\$519	\$1,062	\$519	\$6,228
		Total Outreach	\$1,192	\$1,686	\$1,192	\$1,686	\$20,232
	2000	Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$836	\$1,120	\$836	\$1,120	\$13,440
		Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$12,826	\$11,299	\$12,826	\$11,299	\$135,588
F		Total Ministries	\$13,663	\$12,419	\$13,663	\$12,419	\$149,028
Expenses	3000	Total Building (Non Capital)	\$2,548	\$2,716	\$2,548	\$2,716	\$32,592
		Total Expense	\$17,403	\$16,821	\$17,403	\$16,821	\$201,852
		Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$4,180	\$1,247	\$4,180	\$1,247	\$14,964
		Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Total Building Capital	\$4,180	\$1,247	\$4,180	\$1,247	\$14,964
		Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	\$21,583	\$18,068	\$21,583	\$18,068	\$216,816
Net		Net for Month/Year (Revenue Minus Expense)	\$5,719		\$5,719		
		(Under)/Over Budget for Month/Year	\$3,515		\$3,515		

Sunday School News

Sunday School will **not** be in session on **March 26th** due to spring break and **April 9th** due to Easter.

Preplanning for Vacation Bible School has begun. If you have children/ relatives/neighbors who are four years of age through 5th grade that would be interested in attending VBS this summer, please let Heather Brown or Michel Williams know. Once a list of interested individuals has been generated, dates and times will be selected based on feedback from those who have expressed interest. Watch for more detailed information in future newsletters and weekly announcements.



Welcome new Congregation Council Members!

We welcome Bob Branson, Heather Brown, Rory Brown, and Annette Leombruni Jones as new members of the All Saints Congregation Council! Bob will chair the Property Committee, Heather will chair the Education Committee, Rory will be our Youth and Family Representative and Annette will chair the Fellowship Committee. Thank you for your service to the Congregation Council!

In Our Prayers

Health & Healing Kathy Burrows Phyllis Coffman Jim Coffman Sandi Reid Kit Reif **Dylan Sproule** Cindy Yoakum Dennis Reid **Richard McCabe** Mike Gordon Judy Wirth Will Heindrick Bruce Roller Felipe Sanchez Keith Padget Ann Frerichs Tom Lombardo Francis Stevenson Jared King Margie Myer Ernie Leombruni Kevin Nickels Ken Anderson Alex Crawford Dick Sabin **Bobbie Chisem** Jennie Sanchez Jan Liljeberg John Kirchner Paul Keifter Mason Sasso **Rick Uhdholtz** Susan Caruso Lee Joyce Penne McCabe Billie Jean Hartman **Cliff Thompson** Jim Carson Mindy Vanatter Beth Brandt Robert Reif Jim Bowers

<u>Shut Ins</u> George Davis Lori Pederson Doris Swedberg Mary Whitmer

<u>Military</u> David Bishop Dylan Bishop Tyler Peterson Staff Sgt. Kyle Reif Matt Vizer Sage Harper Tyler Peterson Cristiano Sasso Logan Usrey Tyler James Yoakum

<u>Sympathy</u> Judith Claire Hines



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