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Confirmation

Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism on Sunday, May 21

Four young women have completed the required curriculum and will affirm their baptism at the 9:00 am worship service. Join us as we congratulate them on completing this important step in their faith life.

Pentecost Flowers

You can help in this project by donating using the insert included in the weekly church announcements or pick it up at church. You may give any amount of money (i.e. \$1.00, \$5.00, \$10.00) which will be used to buy flowers and other landscaping needs. Thanks for your ongoing help to beautify All Saints! Please make your donation by May 21st. Checks should be made payable to "All Saints Lutheran Church."



Attention Graduates!

We wish to include the names of our 8th grade, high school, trade school, and college graduates in the June/July issue of the Sainly News. Please fill us in on the exciting details about where your student is graduating and what their next step will be. Submit this information to office@AllSaintsByron.org by May 19th.

Email or Address Change?

Send it to the Church Office! It is important for us to keep our church records up to date and be able to keep open our lines of communication with you. If you have moved recently, please send your new address to the church. If you have not been receiving a weekly email from All Saints, that means we do not have your email address on file. Please send your email address to the church office so you can be included in these important mailings.



Sunday School!

Sunday School will conclude for the summer on May 21 and will resume on September 10.

Effective May 1st, the All Saints Office Hours will change to 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Thursday.



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:

How do we respond when someone loves us? I suppose that answer might depend on how we feel about the person who has declared their love for us. I know that when I feel love from another person, and I also feel love toward that person I want to do things for that person that reflect that love – that love grows inside of me and shows itself in kindness toward that other person and in doing things that will make that person happy.

We all know how much God loves us and we, hopefully, share that feeling of love toward God. Out of that love and acceptance that God has shown us, we then want to do things that reflect God's love – that share God's love with others.

If we were to poll a cross-section of people about how they came to faith and participation in the church, approximately 90% would say, "I was invited by a relative, friend or neighbor." Friends invite friends to Jesus. Because most people find new places intimidating, they are far more likely to "come and see" if they are invited by a friend or relative.

Today we live in the midst of a large spiritually yearning public. The mission field is no longer overseas. It is in our neighborhoods and schools, our workplaces, and homes. The hurts and hopes of a stress-filled, fast-paced life contribute to a hunger for answers and meaning. All Saints Lutheran can be a community that provides real hope for real life.

Research also shows that there are three key times when unchurched people are more inclined to seek a relationship with God and the church: Christmas, Easter, and Mother's Day. Seekers, drawn by the pull of religious memory, family history or cultural influence are even more likely at these times to respond positively to a sincere invitation than at other times of the year. This year Mother's Day is May 14. I encourage you to begin praying now about who you might invite to come with you on that Sunday (or any Sunday of your choosing). Your invitation may be just what is needed to help someone find a church home.

I will be praying for those who will be invited to accept their invitations. I am also praying for you to do the inviting...together we can indeed "make disciples of all nations" as Jesus invites us to do.

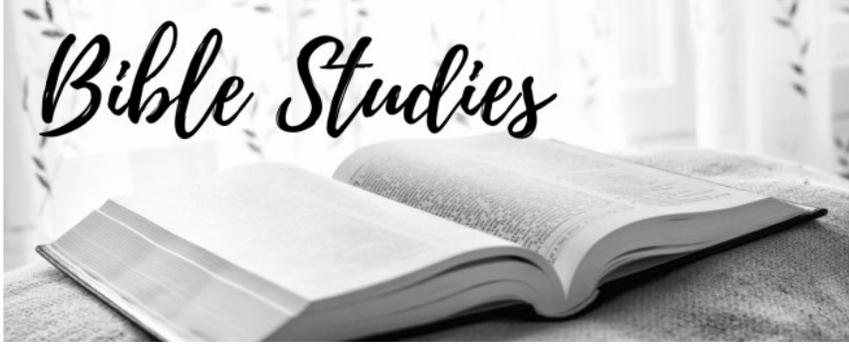
In Christ,
Pastor Janet Wold

Pastoral Acts

April 22 – Baptism of Jacob Edward Marburger
April 30 – Baptism of Theodore Arnold Kimbell



Deadline for the June/July
Saintly News is **May 19**
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, meets at 7:00 pm in Conference Room #310. This study will explore and dig deeper into devotions and their meanings.

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." This Bible study will conclude on May 24 and resume in September.

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. This Bible study will conclude on May 21 and resume in September.

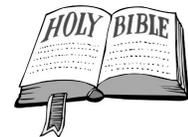
**May
Sunday
Scriptures**

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

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

**May 21
Seventh Sunday of Easter**
Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

**May 28
Day of Pentecost**
Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 20:19-23



*Please Clip & Save
for your reference*

April Council Highlights

- Giving in March did not meet budgeted expenses.
- Church office hours will be adjusted to 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Thursday.
- Approved archiving names of former members who have moved away.
- Vacation Bible School will be held June 19-23. The VBS theme is Puzzling Pyramids.
- Opted to keep the existing confirmation curriculum for the upcoming year.
- Tankless water heater will be replaced in the coffee kitchen.



WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Church in America)

The All Saints WELCA ladies are invited to attend the 2023 Spring meeting planned for Saturday, May 6, 2023. All ladies of the church are automatically members of this group. The meeting will begin with a provided breakfast at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall with a business meeting following shortly after. Some agenda items include discussion on the past years activities plus planning for future projects. Bring your creative ideas to share. We look forward to networking and fellowship with our church family.

Worship Totals	Online Viewers	In-Person	Total	Sunday School
April 2	258	70	328	17
9	168	116	284	nc
16	142	67	209	26
23	98	67	165	18
Totals	666	320	986	61
Average	166	80	246	20

Library News

The books for the month of May are the first three books of Karen Kingsbury's "Firstborn" series.

Fame - Hollywood's A-listed Dayne Mathews returns to Los Angeles after a shocking discovery. Though his life is filled with fame, fortune and paparazzi, his heart has pulled him toward a woman and a family who have no idea how their lives are tied to him.

Katy Hart is happy to be the director of Christian Kids Theater in Bloomington, Indiana. But that changes quickly when she meets Dayne and he promises her the future she has left behind back in Bloomington. Katy struggles to walk the Christian Kids Theater group through a devastating tragedy. John Baxter reconnects with an old friend and shares a buried secret.

Forgiveness - Dayne is working on what may be his best movie yet. Still, he feels empty inside, aching for real love and a family. Then a friend tells him about a teaching center and a way to become like God. Back in Bloomington, Katy struggles to walk the Christian Kids Theater group through a devastating tragedy. John Baxter reconnects with an old friend and shares a buried secret.

Found - Driven by his wife's dying wishes to find their firstborn son, John Baxter starts a search of a lifetime. But when the answers finally come, they shake John to his core. He has to decide to walk away or decide it's time to let the truth come out. Meanwhile, Dayne receives crushing news. He finds wisdom and comfort from a long-lost friend and then from Katy, the girl Dayne can't seem to forget. Will he find the strength to face a future laced with loss and will that strength lead him to the greatest love of all?



Book Club

Our Book Club selection for this month is *Miss Julia's School of Beauty* by Ann B. Ross. Miss Julia, now Mrs. Murdock, is having a hard time getting used to not doing things her way and not having everything just as she likes it. Her beloved Lillian is at war with Sam's housekeeper, James. But most of all, she misses being with Little Lloyd and Hazel.



Confirmation Schedule

May 7th – second year students will have rehearsal for Confirmation Sunday after Confirmation class. Parents should be in attendance at rehearsal.

May 21 – Confirmation Sunday/Affirmation of Baptism at the 9:00 a.m. church service.

May 7	Letters	I don't know why so many letters are considered Holy Scripture	1 Timothy 1:1-11
May 14	Revelation	I don't understand all the strange and scary images in the book of Revelation	Revelation 21:3-4



Puzzling Pyramids Vacation Bible School for 2023

This summer for VBS the Sunday School hallway will be transformed into Ancient Egypt. Throughout the week participants will join archeologist and adventurer Colorado Smith as he seeks to unravel the mystery of the Puzzling Pyramids with the aid of some very helpful Egyptian animals he meets along the way. Colorado doesn't know much about the life of Moses, but he thinks there is a great treasure to be found if he can piece together the clues in Moses' life.

If you have a child, friend, neighbor, or relative who is three years of age through those who are just completing 5th grade please invite him or her to attend. **Puzzling Pyramids** will take place on **June 19th – 23rd** from **9:30 am to 11:30 am**. Daily sessions will involve gatherings, Bible stories, skits, games, crafts, and lots of fun!

For more information or to register, contact Michel Williams.



Blood Drive – Save the Date!

The next All Saints blood drive will be held on Thursday, July 13, 2023. Watch for more information on how you can donate in the June/July Saintly News!



Amazon Wish List

Since Amazon has discontinued the Amazon Smile program, we have created an All Saints Specific “Wish List” for items we use routinely at church as well as special needs for the church for those who wish to contribute to the church in this manner.

To access this list, go to [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) or click the link on our church website: [www:AllSaintsByron.org](http://www.AllSaintsByron.org). This list will be updated as suggestions are brought to us. If you see an item (such as a new Bunn Coffee-maker!) that is expensive, you can make a donation towards that item and as soon as we have the money to order it, we will do that. Thank you for your generosity!

Quilters



The quilters plan to **LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF** meet on May 4th and 18th at 9:00 am. at the church. The ladies continue to make warm quilts to send to LWR. The next shipping date for sending the quilts is six months away. There is a generous supply of materials for us to use waiting on the shelves. The need for quilts continues to be great throughout the world. Working together is a time of service and fellowship.

The GATHERING

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

Easter Breakfast Thanks!



Our thanks to Annette Jones for organizing and serving the food for the Easter Breakfast. Thank you to everyone who donated egg casseroles, pastries, milk and juice, and everything else that made for such a delicious meal. About 47 people attended. The donations received totaled \$170 and will benefit All Saints. Everyone who came enjoyed fellowship as well as the good food. It was great to be able to gather on such a beautiful Easter morning!

All Saints Mowing Schedule



The schedule for mowing the church’s lawn has been sent to the individuals who expressed interest on the time and talent forms. As always, additional help could be used, even as a backup. If you could help by filling in when any individual is not available on their scheduled day, or if you could help others to maintain the grounds on their scheduled day, please contact the church office to offer your support.

Summer Newsletter Deadline & FYI



We will be combining the June and July newsletters to be mailed at the beginning of June. If you are a contributor to the newsletter, please keep this in mind when submitting your summer articles. Please submit your articles for the summer newsletter by May 19.

March Financials

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual March	Budget March	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2023	
Revenue	General Fund	\$14,918	\$16,772	\$53,357	\$50,316	\$201,264	
	Mortgage	\$914	\$1,247	\$3,241	\$3,741	\$14,964	
	Other Giving	\$200	\$834	\$2,119	\$2,502	\$10,008	
	Total Revenue	\$16,032	\$18,853	\$58,717	\$56,559	\$226,236	
Expenses	1000 Mission Support	\$640	\$1,167	\$1,770	\$3,501	\$14,004	
	1000 Other Outreach	\$550	\$519	\$2,448	\$1,557	\$6,228	
		Total Outreach	\$1,190	\$1,686	\$4,218	\$5,058	\$20,232
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$1,209	\$1,117	\$2,609	\$3,357	\$13,404	
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$10,979	\$11,298	\$34,993	\$33,896	\$135,576	
		Total Ministries	\$12,188	\$12,415	\$37,602	\$37,253	\$148,980
	3000 Total Building (Non Capital)	\$3,133	\$2,714	\$8,117	\$8,145	\$32,568	
		Total Expense	\$16,511	\$16,815	\$49,938	\$50,456	\$201,780
	3000 Capital Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$1,246	\$1,247	\$9,341	\$3,741	\$14,964	
	3000 Capital Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Total Building Capital	\$1,246	\$1,247	\$9,341	\$3,741	\$14,964	
	Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	\$17,757	\$18,062	\$59,278	\$54,197	\$216,744	
Net	Net for Month/Year (Revenue Minus Expense)	(\$1,726)		(\$561)			
	(Under)/Over Budget for Month/Year	(\$305)		\$5,081			

Spring Clean-Up Thanks!

We had a great turn out for the Spring Clean-up on April 15. We had beautiful weather and accomplished much in and around the church building. Thank you to everyone who helped beautify our church and grounds!



In Our Prayers

Health & Healing

Kathy Burrows
Phyllis Coffman
Jim Coffman
Sandi Reid
Kit Reif

Dylan Sproule
Cindy Yoakum

Dennis Reid
 Richard McCabe
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 Rick Udholtz
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Lori Pederson
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Thank you to everyone who
purchased flowers for our
Easter Garden.
Our sanctuary was beautiful on
Easter morning!



May 6

WELCA breakfast meeting

May 7

Confirmation rehearsal

May 21

Confirmation Sunday

Last Day of Sunday school

Office Hours are Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Closed on Friday