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All Saints Sunday, November 1

The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. On this day or the following Sunday, many congregations will remember the faithful who have died during the past year. You are invited to submit names of your loved ones who have died in the past year. Beginning the week of October 18, the weekly email reminders will include a form to submit names for inclusion in our prayers on November 1.

ALL
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SUNDAY

Trunk or Treat



We are planning to have a Trunk or Treat event again this year. We are going back to our original format of decorating the trunks of our cars and holding the event entirely outdoors. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, October 24th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Children are invited to come to the church parking lot in costume to gather treats from volunteers who have decorated their cars.

We are looking for volunteers willing to decorate in the spirit of the season and pass out candy to children looking for yummy treats. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office and ask to have your name added to the list.

We hope you will join us! Questions? Contact Kay Johnson. Please be aware if the state mandates change, we may be forced to cancel this event at the last minute.

Our St. Vincent was a great success with \$418 raised for their benefit. Carol Miller won the 50/50 drawing and donated her proceeds back to the cause.

Thank you to the ladies who worked so hard to create the beautiful quilts that were displayed in church on Sunday, September 27. There were 100! See the back page for photos.

Thanks also to everyone who contributed to the personal care kits. We assembled 54 kits to be sent to Lutheran World Relief along with the quilts for distribution to those in need. Thank you to everyone who donated towards mailing the Health Kits. We raised \$117.00 to offset the cost of postage.

THANK YOU

dePaul fundraiser



Sunday Worship 9:00 am
Whole Family Education Hour
Sundays 9:00 am (Sept - May)

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**Deadline for the November
Saintly News is October 16**

Please send articles to
Rebecca Presson

Dear Partner in Ministry:

Building a Culture of Generosity is the theme of our fall stewardship appeal. This theme points us to the generosity that we have witnessed around our church in these last months, but also points us to know that we can grow into this in even more profound ways.



As we come out the other side of perhaps the worst national crisis of our lifetimes, we all have stories to tell of acts of generosity and we all have stories to share about how important this faith community is to us, even as we had to engage in social isolation. We needed worship. We needed to check in with each other. We need our congregation to remain strong and vibrant.

Our grateful response in generosity helps to demonstrate to us and to the world around us that in fact God has provided us everything and we have enough, even enough to share.

In the weeks ahead, you will be hearing more about generosity. Through mission moments, letters and more, we will share this story and our hopes for an even more robust ministry next year.

Many of us are still recovering from the economic downturn that resulted from shutting down the country for so many weeks. At the same time, we emerge knowing that we can make a difference and we have a shared vision that this congregation, and the ministries we support are more important than ever.

So, in the coming weeks, please review these materials. Pray about how you can become more generous. Then, by Intent Sunday, November 15, please bring, mail or drop off your intent card to declare the generosity that you intend to share with All Saints.

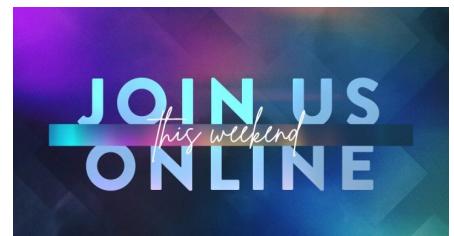
Thank you for being part of this exciting congregation. Pray for our common work together as we continue to reach out with the Gospel.

In Christ,

Pastor Janet Wold

P.S. Your intent card will be mailed to your home the week of November 1st for you to return on November 15.

Worship Totals	In Person	Online Viewers
Aug. 30	37	198
Sept. 6	28	168
13	46	152
20	42	148
Totals	153	666
Average	38	166



Bible Studies

The Monday Afternoon Bible Study, facilitated by Pastor Janet Wold, is being held 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 announcements 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 announcements email.

The Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study, facilitated by Pastor Janet Wold, is being held in-person in the Fellowship Hall at 1:30 pm. Masks are required. The topic of this study is a continuation of last year's study "*The Greatest Story*." This time our study will be focused on Jesus from his birth through his ministry along the dark path of trials and crucifixion, and into the light of Easter morning.

The Tuesday evening Bible Study will be resuming at 7:00 pm. on October 6. We will finish watching the DVD, "Peter and the Last Supper." Please enter through Sunday School doors.

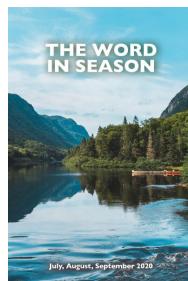
Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School meets in the Confirmation area and is facilitated by Steve Jones. Masks and social distancing are required as with the church service. We will complete the series that was not finished from March, a course entitled "**After the New Testament: The Writings of the Apostolic Fathers**." Most of the material does not build on itself, so new-comers are more than welcome. We will start with the lecture on "The Use of Scripture in the Early Church" to refresh our memories and then have eight weeks more of this to study together. From there we will begin one of the three new courses that we acquired late in 2019:
 "From Jesus to Constantine: A History of Early Christianity"
 "Lost Christianities: Christian Scriptures and the Battles"
 "Fall of the Pagans and the Origins of Medieval Christianity"

The lessons are on video and run a half hour and then we discuss what we watched as a group. We hope to see you at an upcoming class.

If you come by the church, you will find in the entryway:

- ⇒ *Word in Season*—The new issue of *Word in Season* (October through December) is available. Large print edition is available.
- ⇒ Prayer List
- ⇒ *Living Lutheran Magazine*
- ⇒ Basket for offering envelopes
- ⇒ Basket of communion wafers. There are ten wafers in each package, so feel free to take as many packages as you need. This basket will be refilled as needed.
- ⇒ Office Hours are 8:00 – 4:00, Monday-Thursday



Sunday Scriptures

October 4

18th Sunday after Pentecost
 Isaiah 5:1-7
 Psalm 80:7-15
 Philippians 3:4b-14
 Matthew 21:33-46

October 11

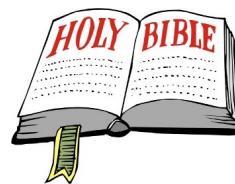
19th Sunday after Pentecost
 Isaiah 25:1-9
 Psalm 23
 Philippians 4:1-9
 Matthew 22:1-14

October 18

20th Sunday after Pentecost
 Isaiah 45:1-7
 Psalm 96:1-9
 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
 Matthew 22:15-22

October 25

Reformation Sunday
 Jeremiah 31:31-34
 Psalm 46
 Romans 3:19-28
 John 8:31-36



Please Clip & Save for your reference

October Sunday School News

Sunday School is off to a great start! There are 10 students currently enrolled, and we have had seven kids in attendance on each of the first two Sundays. It has been wonderful to see the children and their families again!

Sunday School meets on Sunday mornings from 9:00-9:40 am, which is the same time as worship. Once inside the main entrance, masked parents and children can head straight to the Sunday School wing to have temperatures taken and sign in. Then, kids pick up the supply baskets with their name(s) on and find a table in the hallway to get ready for the day's lesson. First, we watch a video, which introduces the theme for the day. That is followed by the core Bible discovery, craft, and life application wrap-up.

We are using a **DIG IN** curriculum from Group Publishing again this year, which allows us to select from a variety of multi-sensory activities that work with our specific class format. For the first four weeks the kids have been learning about spiritual gifts and how we are part of the body of Christ. When we work together, we can do amazing things for God! After that, students will be digging into **The Heart of God** as we explore God's character throughout the Bible and what it means to reflect the heart of God in everyday life.

We encourage anyone to reach out to Pastor Janet or Michel Williams with questions, concerns, or suggestions about Christian Education at All Saints.

2020-2021 Confirmation Class Schedule

All Classes held via Zoom from
10:00 to 10:30 am Sundays

October 4	<i>The Reformers</i>	<i>I don't know how just one person like Martin Luther could totally change the church.</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 3:1-11</i>
October 11 (1 hour class covering 2 topics)	<i>Lutheran Confessions</i>	<i>I don't know why stuff outside the Bible is important to my faith.</i>	<i>John 11:22-28</i>
	<i>Luther's Small Catechism</i>	<i>I don't know why the Small Catechism matters.</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 15:1-4</i>
October 18	<i>No Class</i>		
October 25	<i>Adiaphora</i>	<i>I don't know what we're reforming from/to/for. I thought the Reformation was done. How will I know when we're done reforming?</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 10:23—11:1</i>

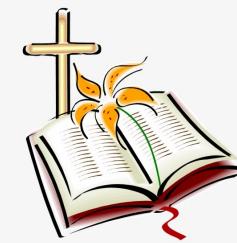
Library News

Books being added to the library can be found on the cart by the front door of the church for the month of October.

- ◊ *Golfing With God, A Novel of Heaven and Earth* by Roland Merullo - Golf-pro Hank is in heaven playing golf with friends every day on one of 10,000 golf courses. He receives a message from God that He needs help on his game and He thinks Hank can help. The training course is on Earth where they show up as a man and a woman touring the South in a Cadillac convertible. What Hank thought was a golf lesson becomes a spiritual journey.
- ◊ *Everything's Coming Up Josey* by Susan May Warren - Josey's sister marries her ex-boyfriend and her best friend/secret crush gets engaged. And after she hears a Missionary in church say, "I need you," she signs up to go to Russia. She soon learns life as a Missionary isn't as glamorous as she thought and it isn't so much what she's capable of, but about what God can do when she surrenders her will to His will.
- ◊ *Beach Road* by James Patterson and Peter De Jonge - Tom Dunleavy has a one-man law firm in East Hampton. His clients are not the rich who come to the beaches every summer, but the year-rounders who make their living serving the rich. His next client is a local star athlete and old friend of his who is accused of a triple murder on the beach near a movie-star's mansion.

Book Club

The October Book Club selection is *The Friends of Jesus* written by Karen Kingsbury.



Kingsbury takes the stories of six friends of Jesus from the Bible and enhances each with fictional details resulting in wonderful stories of faith. The chapters are: Simon, the Leper, Martha the Broken-Hearted, Jairus the Two-Faced Leader, Mary Magdalene the Demon-possessed, Peter the Betrayer, and John the Arrogant Disciple.

We will meet in the sanctuary on Monday, October 26 at 1:00 pm.

Finance Report

Budget Items		Item Description	Actual August	Budget August	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2020
Revenue		General Fund	\$17,570	\$16,430	\$158,174	\$131,440	\$197,160
		Mortgage	\$1,905	\$2,074	\$13,861	\$16,595	\$24,888
		Other Giving	\$0	\$833	\$5,915	\$6,668	\$9,996
		Total Revenue	\$19,474	\$19,337	\$177,949	\$154,703	\$232,044
Expenses	1000	Mission Support	\$1,895	\$1,250	\$14,060	\$10,000	\$15,000
		Other Outreach	\$230	\$467	\$1,650	\$3,744	\$5,604
		Total Outreach	\$2,125	\$1,717	\$15,710	\$13,744	\$20,604
	2000	Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$1,282	\$1,238	\$5,515	\$9,946	\$14,856
		Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$13,516	\$11,038	\$89,721	\$88,326	\$132,456
		Total Ministries	\$14,798	\$12,276	\$95,236	\$98,272	\$147,312
	3000	Total Building (Non Capital)	\$3,434	\$2,569	\$17,394	\$20,574	\$30,828
		Total Expense	\$20,357	\$16,562	\$128,340	\$132,590	\$198,744
	3000 Capital	Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$2,094	\$2,095	\$16,749	\$16,760	\$25,140
		Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$8,492	\$0	\$0
		Total Building Capital	\$2,094	\$2,095	\$25,241	\$16,760	\$25,140
		Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	\$22,451	\$18,657	\$153,581	\$149,350	\$223,884

2021 Budget

The Finance Committee is asking for budget input for 2021 from All Saints committees. Committees will receive a letter with a copy of the 2020 budget, current 2020 spending to date, and some prior year financial data to review so they can assess and make their input. We have gotten pretty good at budgeting to our needs. We do not have a lot of fluff or extras built into our budgets. We try to be realistic in estimating what we have spent and where we will go in the next year with our mission and ministries. Thanks to all who support this process!

September Council Highlights

- ◆ Giving continues to be strong. We are very grateful for our generous church family during this trying time.
- ◆ Approved resealing the parking lot, utilizing the low bid from Premier.
- ◆ Sunday School has begun with several children attending.
- ◆ Parent and student confirmation orientation meeting was held on September 13, with first Zoom confirmation class to be held September 20.
- ◆ Approved attempting to hold a ‘Trunk or Treat’ event in October, pending COVID-19 status and state mandated social distancing requirements.
- ◆ New speakers for the sanctuary have arrived and are awaiting installation.
- ◆ Stewardship campaign will kick off in October with “Intent Sunday” being held November 15.
- ◆ Advent worship is in the planning stage; there will be no Thanksgiving Eve Worship this year.



For a little Fall fun, check out the corn maze sponsored by The Underground Student Ministry of Cornerstone Family Church. The corn maze is located at the corner of Tower and Lynn Roads, 1 mile north of Byron. The corn maze is open each Saturday and Sunday in October. Saturday hours are 4:00 to 9:00 pm and Sunday hours are 4:00 to 8:00 pm. Cost is \$4 for adults, and \$3 for kids. Family max cost is \$20.00. Kids under 3 are free! Pre-packaged concessions will be available for purchase.

In Our Prayers

Health & Healing

Kate Danielowski– Cuccaro

George Davis

Jeanine Hayes

Phil Houston

Al Olsen

Skip Richardson

Kit Reif

Brenda Schramm

Doris Swedberg

Paul Wood

Steve Hawkins

Gordon Green

Danette Potter

Diane Hawkins

Bill Michaux

Jonce Wright

Mary Sanders

Harold Hilliard

Joyce Hilliard

Justine Davis

Kirby Middleton

Sandi Rennick

Matt Henkel

Dennis Reid

Vicki Scull

Jamie Dreyfus

Scott Gordon & wife Lu

Gary Diehl

Richard McCabe

Doug Karr

Laura Medlar

Eric Miles

Emily Skaar

Gary Wuslich

Kevin Lyons

Shut Ins

Eileen Carlson

Patricia Mohr

Lori Pederson

Mary Whitmer

Military

David Bishop

Dylan Bishop

Staff Sgt. Kyle Reif

Matt Vizer

Sage Harper

Wes McGee

Reggio

Tyler Peterson

Sympathy

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October 1

Blood Drive

October 24

Trunk or Treat

October 25

Confirmation Worship Service at 1:00 pm

Food Pantry Donations: Month of October -
special needs are: noodles, canned tuna and
canned peaches—Monetary donations are
always accepted.



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