



THE *Saintly* NEWS

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Welcome Pastor Janet Wold!



As we look forward to the arrival of our new pastor, she writes to us:

"I am excited about becoming the pastor at All Saints Lutheran and look forward to getting to know all of you! My first day in the office will be September 16 and my first Sunday will be September 21. All Saints is an enthusiastic congregation that is energized for the future God is calling you to -- I'm thrilled to be a part of that future! See you in mid-September!" -Pastor Janet

Sunday School News

Rally day is Sunday, September 7th. Stop in at the registration table in the narthex at 9:15 am to register your child or review the personal information already on file. Please let us know if there are any special precautions we should consider for your child, including allergies, as we occasionally serve snacks.

Registration will take place in the narthex. Children can receive their name tag and meet their teacher in the Sanctuary. We will be playing games/doing crafts and celebrating the return of Sunday school. Don't forget to stay for church and enjoy our Church Picnic after.

Regular Sunday school will begin on September 14. As in prior years children will gather in the sanctuary for devotions then go to their individual classroom.

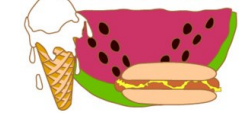
If you are available to help, teach, or sub with Sunday school, special occasion Sundays, Christmas program, or with ideas or supplies, please contact Alisha Fortener at 815-742-8033 or fortenerfamily@comcast.net.

I look forward to another year of fun learning about the Lord. -Alisha Fortener, Sunday School Superintendent

Sunday, September 7, 12 noon

Don't Miss the Annual All Saints Neighborhood

PICNIC



It's almost here!

The All Saints Church and Neighborhood Picnic begins Sunday, September 7, at noon on the north lawn of our church.

We will have lots of food, games, and fun for everyone!

The theme for the picnic is "God's work. Our hands." This will be an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us in this celebration of fellowship.

If you have any questions about the picnic, please contact Rebecca Heaslip or Jim Wilcox.



First Year Confirmation Students to Receive Bibles

On Sunday September 7th, all students entering our Confirmation program as first-year students will receive a copy of the *Lutheran Study Bible*. It is the NRSV translation of the Bible, but also contains some amazing resources that will be beneficial for our students as they dig into God's Word. Bibles will be presented to our students at both worship services that Sunday morning.

Sunday Worship 8:00 and 10:30 am
Whole Family Education Hour
Sundays 9:15 am (Sept - May)

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Deadline for the October Newsletter is **September 14**.
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A Note From Interim Pastor Marilyn Hanson

Dear friends in Christ,

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3:1). So writes the author of the book of Ecclesiastes. After first complaining in the earlier chapters of this book that nothing ever changes, the author then speaks of how life is constantly changing and provides us with a rather extensive list of all the changes that are evident. Here at All Saints, life is about to change as well. I am completing my ministry among and with you on September 13th. Therefore, this will be my last “pastor’s page” while serving as your interim pastor.

As you know, a congregation meeting was held on Sunday, July 27 to vote to extend a Letter of Call to Pastor Janet Wold to serve as pastor at All Saints. The vote was favorable and with God’s leading, Pastor Janet has accepted the Call to serve here. I am excited for this congregation as it prepares to embark on a new beginning.

That being said, I will certainly miss all of you. It has been such a blessing to serve in ministry with all of you. You welcomed me with open arms when I came in October of 2013 and walked alongside me and supported me throughout the many seasons of ministry here at All Saints. Together we have accomplished some good things. We have also dreamed about and envisioned the direction this congregation could head in the future. I believe that the future of All Saints is very bright. There is a great staff in place here and an amazing group of lay volunteers to do the work of ministry in this congregation and throughout the community.

It is my hope and prayer that you will give a warm All Saints welcome to Pastor Janet and her husband Alan when they arrive. Pray for them in this time of transition in their lives as I know they are already praying for each of you. Take time to get to know them. Invite them into your hearts and homes. Offer to assist them in any way that you can as they enter into this new season in their lives.

Please accept my deepest gratitude for the joy of serving as your pastor during these months of transition in your congregation. Many of you have asked what I’ll be doing next. Well, if the details all fall into place, I’ll be switching places with Pastor Janet and serving Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Rockford, the congregation she has served for the past fifteen years. My daughters and I will continue to live in DeKalb. Breanna, my 19-year old, will be attending her second year at Kishwaukee College in Malta and Meghan, my 15-year old, will be a sophomore at DeKalb High School. Meghan hopes to stay somewhat connected with the youth in this congregation as she plans to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit with them next summer. Please know that the congregation of All Saints and its many wonderful members will always hold a very special place in our hearts.

In thanksgiving for each of you, *Pastor Marilyn Hanson*



Pastoral Acts

Lore Bogdanovich
graveside service Byron
Cemetery on July 25

AUGUST 2014		Worship Attendance	
	8:00	10:30	total
July 27	76	58	134
Aug 3	57	51	108
10	68	54	122
17	63	61	124
24	61	44	105
Total	325	268	593
Average	65	54	119

August Church Council Highlights

- Approved all reports, as presented.
- Accepted, with regret, the resignations of both Troy Rahn & Cortni Rahn (youth rep) as members of the Church Council.
- Approved the transfer request of Thomas & Sandra Hedges to unite with Peace Lutheran Church of Plainfield, IL.
- Heard that new locks will be installed throughout the church on August 12.
- Reduced the hours of Cindy Beitel, church secretary, to 25 hours/week, effective September 1st. The church office will now close at 4:00 pm on Monday – Thursday and on Friday at 3:00 pm.
- Heard that the VBS offering of \$56.10 will go to support clean water in India.
- Discussed conducting a survey on Sunday, August 17 to get feedback from the congregation on our use of media at worship and on our current cleaning service.
- Heard initial plans regarding the fall stewardship program.

New office hours begin September 1st

In an effort to reduce the cost of staffing the church office, the Church Council has decided to close the office an hour early each day. Beginning September 1, the new church office hours will be:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

On Mondays & Fridays, the church office will be closed during the noon hour. If you are planning to stop by on these days, it is always best to call ahead and make sure someone is in the office to let you in.

New HVAC System for Sanctuary Approved

On August 17, a special congregation meeting was held to discuss a proposed bid by B & H Plumbing and Heating Company to replace the HVAC in the Sanctuary. The HVAC equipment is the original installation for which there are no longer replacement parts available. By the standards of today, the installation is inefficient and costly to operate. The replacement of the equipment in the Fellowship Hall has resulted in reduced utilities cost and this project should yield similar results for the Sanctuary with a payback period expected to be less than three years.

Steve Reid spoke on the financing part of this project. Our current mortgage is set to refinance in March. The current balance is \$251,848. If we borrow \$15,000 to cover this project our balance would be \$266,848. Byron Bank is offering a lower interest rate if we move to a 15 year loan instead of the 21.5 year loan we currently have. If we do this it will reduce our current monthly payment by about \$125 and save us \$1,530.96 a year.

The cost of the replacement and the refinancing of the current mortgage was unanimously approved by the voting members at this special meeting. - *Bob Branson*



July 2014 Expense Report

General Giving = \$ 13,281.50
General Expenses = \$ 14,490.10
Mortgage Reduction / Capital Campaign Giving = \$ 3070.50
Mortgage Balance = \$ 251,848.14

Scripture
Texts



Sept 7

Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

Sept 14

Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

Sept 21

Jonah 3:10-4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

Sept 28

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25:1-9.
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

Tuesday Night
Bible Study

We meet each Tuesday night in the main conference room at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend as often as you are able. We use the Gospel lessons for Sunday as our study material from the website www.elca.org. The theme is **The Challenge of Discipleship**. Please use the South Entrance to the building.

Tues 9/2

Matthew 18:15-20; Conflict

Tues, 9/9

Matthew 18:21-35; Forgiveness

Tues 9/16

Matthew 20:1-16; Grace

Tues 9/23

Matthew 21:23-32; Responsible Living

Tues 9/30

Matthew 21:33-46; Courage

Thanks for your input!

On Sunday morning, August 17, a worship and building survey was distributed to all in attendance at worship and the congregation meeting. Two key questions were asked, with the following results:

Do you like having the worship services projected on the screen each week?

Yes = 45 No = 6

Are you happy with the overall appearance/cleanliness of our church facility?

Yes = 39 No = 7

We appreciate the input that was given to both surveys. Some good suggestions were offered as to how to improve the media projection. We will try to incorporate those as we move forward. My best suggestion for those who are shorter and have difficulty seeing the projection is to move closer to the front. There are generally always seats available. Comments regarding improvements to our church facility have been forwarded to the Property Committee. Again, thanks for taking the time to help us evaluate the things we are doing here at All Saints.

—Pastor Marilyn Hanson

Altar Guild

Bread & Wine

Providers Take Note

Thank you to who have generously offered to provide bread and/or wine for communion. Please bring these items to church on the Friday before the first Sunday of the month. The office is open between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm on Friday. Usually there is no one at church on Saturday, so unless you have a key to get in, you will be unable to deliver these items. Altar Guild members no longer have a specific time to set up for communion, so it's just easier on all concerned if you can drop your contribution off on Friday. Thank you!



Thank You, All Saints

Dear Friends,
Thank you so much for your cards, calls and especially your prayers during my recent illness. It is a blessing to be part of your church family.

Shalom, Karen Larson

Thank you to the Call Committee

The Call Committee's job was to interview and recommend a new pastor to the Church Council. They did a wonderful job and recommended an excellent pastor in Pastor Janet Wold to lead All Saints into the future. Thank you to everyone on the committee who worked so hard to make this happen so quickly! Pastor Janet has accepted the call to All Saints, so the Call Committee is now officially disbanded.

Call Committee members were: Michael Reibel, chairman, George Davis, Kay Johnson, Rachel Niederer, Cortni Rahn, Troy Rahn, Marlene Roberts, and Pastor Marilyn Hanson and Pastor Christine Stienstra in advisory capacities.



Synod Events . . .
Save these dates

NI Synod Worship Workshop - “Worship that Builds Community” - Keynote Speaker, Mary Preus
- 9/20 from 9:30 am-3 pm at St. John’s, Mendota

NI Synod Stewardship Retreat - “Building Fluency in the Language of Generosity”
9/15-16 at Grizzly Jack’s Grand Bear Resort, N. Utica

NIS Professional Leaders Conference - “We Are Church Together” with Audrey West, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, and Roy Carroll;
9/22-24 at Sinsinawa Mound

Fall Discipleship Gatherings
“Conversation as hospitality – Helping make the faith connection.”

- 9/16 St. John’s, Pearl City
- 9/18 St. Paul, Sterling
- 10/9 Cross of Glory, Homer Glen
- 10/14 Calvary, Moline
- 10/16 Trinity, Rockford
- 11/6 Trinity, Ottawa
- 11/11 Bethany, Woodhull
- 11/13 Redeemer, Woodstock

There is a Place for You in the Choir!

Choir will resume practice on September 3, 2014. Choir practice is held on Wednesday nights from 7:30 pm-8:30 pm. We have fun singing and praising the Lord together. New members, junior high through adult, are welcome to attend. Occasionally we incorporate instruments with our songs. If you play an instrument and would consider sharing your talent with the choir, please let me know. Hope to see you there.

Alisha Fortener,
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New Books in Our Library

We have added to our church library this month some of the books Skip Richardson used during his diakonia classes.

Early Christian Writings translated by Maxwell Staniforth include letters and treatises giving first hand accounts of the early Church.

Introduction To The History of Christianity edited by Tim Dowley is an illustrated reference book on church history.

The History of Christianity in the United States by Nancy Koester is an understandable account of the development of Christianity in the US.

An Introduction to the Old Testament by Walter Brueggemann covers each book of the Old Testament from the church's perspective.

Great Prayers of the Old Testament by Walter Brueggemann offers his wisdom on 12 moving prayers in the Old Testament making them come alive for us today.

Reading the New Testament by PHEME Perkins is an "excellent book for anyone wishing to start studying the New Testament."

Life Together, the Classic Exploration of Christian Community by Dietrich Bonhoeffer is his account of fellowship in an underground seminary during the Nazi years in Germany and shows how life with Christ can be sustained in families.

A Testament to Freedom by Dietrich Bonhoeffer includes excerpts from his books, sermons and letters spanning his career as pastor and theologian until his execution in a Nazi concentration camp for his involvement in a plot to kill Hitler.

—Anne Morgart

+ YouthNEWS

September 2014

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We know that God is always at work for the good of everyone who loves him. They are the ones God has chosen for his purpose." ~ **Romans 8:28**

September 5-6th

6-8th grade...7 pm-8 am

Jr. High Night Owls is being held at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center in Oregon, IL. This is a lock-in for Jr. high youth. We play games, do service projects, eat pizza and stay up all night. Please let Audrey know @815-509-2682 if you want to help or attend.

September 7th

Rally Day...9:15-10:15 am

ALL High school students invited...
S.T.A.T.I.C.

Come check out the youth room and join the fun! BIG surprise. Come and see what we are up to. Bring a friend too!

September 7th

All Saints Picnic... 12-3:30 pm

All youth come and help with the kid's games up on the hill. We will be there from 12-3 pm. Come work anytime that you can. We will have a blast!

YouthNEWS Continued

September 14thYouth Nite.

We will meet at church from 5-7pm.
All middle school through high school youth are welcome to come and meet together for snacks and outdoor games.
Adult volunteer needed for this event!

**October 11thYouth Fundraiser
Dinner Nite.**

We will meet at church @ 4 pm to prepare for and cook the dinner. We will serve from 5-7pm. Sign up on Youth board.

Adult volunteer needed for this event!

October 19thYouth Nite.

We will meet at church from 5-7pm.
All age youth are welcome to come and meet together for snack and play some outdoor games.

Adult volunteer needed for this event!

Just remember you can always bring your friends!

Our Mission statement:
Seeking God, Serving Others & Having Fun!

Audrey Adams,
All Saints Youth Leader

S.T.A.T.I.C

Students Taking Action Together In Christ

Confirmation Class Schedule

**Confirmation Orientation Meeting
for both Parents & Students
Sunday, September 14, 9:15 am**

Looking ahead

Sunday, October 19

Confirmation Rehearsal & Photos 9:15 am
(both students & parents need to attend)

Sunday, October 26 – Confirmation Sunday,
at the 10:30 am service

**All Saints Serves Meals on Wheels
in October --Volunteer Drivers Needed**

In the month of October, All Saints Church will be helping LifeScape deliver Meals on Wheels to our special friends that live in and around the Byron area.

Volunteers meet with the LifeScape driver at Neighbors Rehab Center at approximately 12:15 pm.

Volunteers are provided with the meals and a daily roadmap as we set out on our adventure in delivering the meals.

It takes approximately an hour to deliver an average of ten meals daily.

If anyone is interested in taking part in this worthwhile activity and can spare an hour of their time, you can contact Jim Wilcox @ 815-298-5546 or by Email: sgtjim271@yahoo.com.

God Bless, *Jim Wilcox*, Social Ministry Chairman

College Addresses

It is that time of year when our youth are going off to college or moving away from home. If you have a person with a change of address, please notify the office with that address. We would like to stay in touch and get them the newsletter. OR give us their email address so we may send it electronically.

**We are Collecting Items
for Personal Care Kits**

The collection of items for the personal care kits continues through September 28th in the hallway basket. Fourteen kits have already been assembled. Any donations will be gladly accepted as we try to help people with just the basic items when they are in need. The finished kits will be sent to Lutheran World Relief early in October. Thank you for helping out people in need!



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 clipper

Calling All Women!



WELCA (Women of the ELCA) will meet on Saturday, September 13th at 9:00 am for a potluck breakfast meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share and your ideas, comments, and compliments to share. All women are invited and encouraged to attend. Hope to see you there. —*Susan Davis*

Quilters

The quilters plan to meet on September 4th and 18th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the church. September looks to be a busy month as we display the quilts in the sanctuary. Then we will pack them to send to Lutheran World Relief. The shelves in the quilters’ closet are overflowing. A special quilt is set aside for the church picnic silent auction.



We want to thank Mary Raney for the generous donation of her sewing machine to our work at All Saints. Thank you, Mary!! We will miss you as you travel to Florida and make your year round home there. God bless you and Tom! Please keep in touch with us.

We always remember and want to thank everyone for their donations of fabrics and sheets. This makes our work to help people in need possible. Please join us whenever you can. -*Millie Knodle*

The GATHERING

If you think "The GATHERING" is only chit-chat, think again. Thanks to many hard workers, the SwedishAmerican Cancer Center will receive five cute knitted hats, four lap robes and two prayer shawls this month. The knitting machine, commonly known as Judy Kirking, will send to World Vision two baby blankets, sixteen hats and seventeen sweaters. A big **thank you** to all who spend hours and hours knitting or crocheting items for those in need.

Many others are working on special handcrafted projects. Health care kits were assembled and packed ready to be sent along with the quilts in October.

Coffee and treats were provided by Sylvia Richardson. At next month's meeting, September 9 at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall, Myrla Schumacher will be providing the refreshments. Please come, join us! —*Linda Hank*

Book Club Resumes

Join other readers as the book club starts again in the fall – Monday, September 22 at 1:00 pm in the fellowship hall. We will be discussing the book, ***She’s All That*** by Kristin Bullerbeck. With her two best friends, Lilly Jacob is contemplating life, love, and the pursuit of the perfect pedicure. When Lilly Jacob's coveted promotion as a fashion designer is given to a less-talented co-worker and her boyfriend develops issues with monogamy, she's convinced her bad hair day is responsible for it all. Will a spa weekend with her Spa Girls help? Or will it take more desperate measures?



Health & Healing



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April Roos
Charlize Soltes
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COMING EVENTS

- September 7
 - Church & Neighborhood Picnic
 - Rally Day/Presentation of Bibles
- September 13
 - WELCA Breakfast Potluck Meeting
- September 14
 - Sunday School begins
 - Confirmation Orientation
- September 21
 - Welcome Pastor Janet Wold
- September 29
 - Committee Night (note date change)
- October 11
 - Youth Fundraising Dinner
- November 8
 - Holiday Shopping Extravaganza



September 7
Communion/Presentation of Bibles
8:00 am Traditional
9:45 am Sunday School Rally Day
10:30 am Contemporary/Praise Team
12:00 noon - 3:30 pm
Church & Neighborhood Picnic
FOOD * GAMES * MUSIC * PRIZES

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