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Spring Clean Up May 5th

Our annual spring cleaning is scheduled on Saturday, May 5th beginning at 8:00 am. There are projects to tackle both inside and outside the church building. Please bring gloves and an appetite. Lunch, fellowship and refreshments will be provided.

All Saints Lutheran Electronics Recycle Collection

On May 4th & 5th Ogle County is holding their annual Electronics Recycling Event. If you don't have a truck load of items you can save a trip and your gas by bringing your unwanted electronic items to the All Saints garage between 8 and 11 am on May 4th. Bob Branson will collect your items and take them to the Ogle County collection site. If you have questions call Bob at 815-234-5875.



New Illinois State Law:

Effective January 1, 2012, electronic devices may no longer be disposed of in landfills in Illinois. They must be disposed of through a collector/recycler/refurbisher licensed and approved by the State of Illinois.



Vacation Bible School

July 9 - 13, 2012

9 am to noon

Come soar with us this summer at Sky VBS where "Everything is Possible with God"! (Mark 10: 27) All children ages 4 through 6th grade are invited to attend. Registration forms can be found on the information table in the narthex or you may register on-line (All Saint's web page www.AllSaintsByron.org) starting in May.

To make All Saints VBS outreach program possible, many people are still needed to help plan and lead. **Please consider lending your talents to Sky VBS and watch Bible truths take flight.** We need decorators, leaders, publicity, snack coordinator, photographer and media person (ideal for a high schooler). We know people are busy so if you can only give one morning of your time that is fine. Lessons are mapped out, there is minimal planning and everything you need to teach is written out word for word. All you need to bring is your positive attitude. Each lesson lasts about 15 to 20 minutes and is taught to new 'crews' four times per morning. At Sky VBS the children and adults will have loads of fun singing, playing games, doing experiments and acting out the Bible lessons. Teaching the children who come to VBS at All Saints *will* fill your hearts with joy! Please contact Jodi Miles (jodim23@comcast.net) to volunteer. A meeting will be held at 9:15 am on May 20th for anyone interested. For more information and a list of supplies needed see page 4.

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



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A Note from Pastor Scott Schmidt

Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one. So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air; but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified. (1 Corinthians 9:24-27)

This is the time of year of graduations. Many eighth grade youth conclude their years of primary education with cautious excitement about entering high school. At the same time high school seniors complete their secondary education, and others graduate with collegiate degrees. For those who have participated in high school athletics, most will not continue in collegiate sports. For those who do, the level of competition greatly increases, and for those who succeed in college athletics – a very, very few ever see the professional level. Yet, as an athlete does compete at any level, they are encouraged to prepare in such a way as to be part of a winning program.



For many youth who participate in organized sports, at that moment of life they can be so engrossed in their sport that they almost cannot truly imagine life without that sport, but the wreath of athletic victory is perishable. It does not last forever. Yet, we all know people who late in life reminisce a particular athletic contest from decades prior. When my son ran cross country, I recalled my years running competitively. In the world of primary, secondary and collegiate education, we today often hear the phrase “student athlete.” The world is coming to understand, even as St. Paul did 2000 years ago, that the wreath of athletic victory is a perishable one. That’s why our society encourages people to receive an education in this sports focused culture.

Yet, there is a message to ponder with the “perishable wreath” in this time of year when we congratulate those eighth graders being promoted, those high school and college seniors graduating, and those post-graduate students completing additional degrees. Despite how our education can lead to successful careers, even that education and those careers can fade like a perishable wreath during our lifetimes. Yet, we do not lose hope.

In the race of life, we know that Jesus won for us a wreath, a victory and success that never perishes. Because of the cross and the empty tomb, this wreath lasts forever. This has been told to us by a great cloud of witnesses – our ancestors and those around us today. As it says in scripture:

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2)

Proclaiming Jesus Christ,
Pastor Scott Schmidt

PS #1 - In the June newsletter (*The Saintry News*) we would like to list the names of those who are graduating. Please submit those names (and schools, degrees) by May 15 to Office@AllSaintsByron.org so these can be included.

PS #2 - As students head for college, trade school, military, etc. please keep us informed of those address changes so they can receive our newsletter (*The Saintry News*) and so we can send them “care packages” during finals or when they are serving overseas.

First Communion

We rejoiced with youth on their First Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 5th and Sunday, April 15th. New Communicants included: Ryer Christian, Jacob Fitzsimmons, Maggie Hunter, Vance Hunter, Audra Miles, Lanee Oleson, Cindy Pederson, Amanda Schramm, Justin Schramm, and Josanne Smith.

New Member Class

There will be a class for those who are interested in becoming members at All Saints. If interested, please contact Pastor Scott Schmidt. The class will have a slightly different format this time.

May Newsletter Deadline

Articles should be submitted by May 15th and should be emailed to Carolyn Niederer rjn2cjn@comcast.com

EMBRACING TODAY PREPARING FOR TOMORROW

Capital Campaign

As of mid-April, the “EMBRACING TODAY – PREPARING FOR TOMORROW” Capital Campaign has received 72 pledges for a total of \$120,000 for the 3-year campaign. God continues to bless All Saints by working through our members as evidenced by their response to support our mission and ministry.

If you are still prayerfully considering making a pledge, please do so. There are pledge cards and a drop box in the Narthex if needed, or they may be mailed to the church office. We will hold “Celebration Sunday” on April 29th to dedicate all pledges received. We will raise up and celebrate every penny pledged as it all is a blessing and represents our love for God and our gratitude for God’s grace.

If you are unable to pledge at this time, please know that your prayers for All Saints are always very much needed and appreciated. You may decide to occasionally include financial support to reduce the mortgage by including it in your Sunday offering. Please record the amount in the appropriate “mortgage reduction” entry on your regular offering envelope.

God’s blessings to you all as you continue to “Respond to the Gospel to carry out God’s mission”.

In Christ, **Randy Mastricola**

Prayer Chain Breakfast

Pastor's Breakfast with the Prayer Chain is Saturday, May 19, at 8:00 am. Pastor Scott Schmidt is delighted to prepare breakfast for the prayer chain as a thank you to this important ministry. Also, our prayer chain coordinator, Gloria Olsen, and Pastor will unveil a revised prayer chain brochure and will cover some other pertinent items to our prayer chain. And of course, we will pray! If someone is interested in becoming part of the prayer chain, you are welcome to join us to explore this ministry opportunity. If you plan to attend, please add your "autograph" to the sign-up sheet on bulletin board #2.

Altar Guild Meeting

A meeting of the All Saints Altar Guild will be held on Saturday, May 19 at 10:00 am in the Main Conference Room (Rm. 310). We welcome and encourage anyone (regardless of age or gender) to attend this long range planning meeting. If you have questions contact Kit Reif at 815-234-5606.

Barnabas Caregiver Training

On June 23rd, All Saints Lutheran Church will be hosting Barnabas Caregiver Training that will be taught by Pastor Chuck Olson. The seminar was well attended last year and is open to other congregations as well. During the seminar, Pastor Olson shares his knowledge and teaches the attendees the principles of Barnabas Caregiving.

Our Barnabas Caregiver Team at All Saints is able to assist Pastor Scott Schmidt in making visits to our members that are homebound or in the hospital.

There will also be books available to purchase during the seminar which are very insightful. The seminar will be held at All Saints Lutheran Church from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on June 23rd. If you are interested in attending you can contact Jim Wilcox at 815 -298-5546 or by email at sgtjim271@yahoo.com.

Jim Wilcox - Social Ministry Chairman

Mugs for Visitors

Mugs for Visitors group met April 19th for the first time. We picked out a design for a mug to share with families who visit All Saints. We plan to make a short visit to thank visitors for joining us in worship and present a mug as a small gift. If you would like to join this ministry, contact Kay Johnson 815-262-8789.

Sunday Scripture Texts



May 6, 2012
Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

May 13, 2012
Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

May 20, 2012
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

Pentecost
May 27, 2012
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 104: 24-34, 35(b)
Acts 2:1-21
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Family Life Forum- The 5 Love Languages

This series meets 9:15 am Sundays in the Pastor's Office

This series that began after Easter continues using material by Dr. Gary Chapman. Pastor Scott Schmidt will facilitate this series on how to express heartfelt commitment to your mate. Apply the right principles, learn the right language, and soon you'll know the profound satisfaction and joy of being able to express your love - and feeling truly loved in return.

Here is the class schedule:

- April 29 Love Language #2
Quality Time
- May 6 Love Language #3
Receiving Gifts
- May 13 Love Language #4
Acts of Service
- May 20 Love Language #5
Physical Touch
- May 27 The In Love Experience



Tuesday Night 7:00 pm Bible Study

Confronting Death: A Christian Approach to the End of Life with Walter Wangerin, Jr.

The class continues the Walter Wangerin's DVD series and Bible Study Guide on *Confronting Death*. Wangerin says, "You and I sooner or later are going to experience what comes to all people: we are going to experience dying. But there is a difference between us and the world - the world looks away from that fact and tries to hide it as much as possible - but we as faithful people have the power and ability to look death straight in the eye and understand it." Join us as we listen to Wangerin draw from his own experience with cancer as he helps us explore:

- May 1 Caring for the one who is not sick
- May 8 How do we handle the pain?
- May 15 Confronting the dying itself

Then as we prepare for Pentecost and Holy Trinity Sundays we will look at:

The Choices of Discipleship

- May 22 (Pentecost) *Spirit-filled or Spirit-emptied?*
Primary Text: Acts 2:1-21
- May 29 (The Holy Trinity) *Heirs or Runaways?*
Primary Text: Romans 8:12-17

Adult Sunday Bible Study



Meet in the conference room from 9:15 am -10:15 am on Sunday. In April, the Adult Sunday School will begin a new course to follow on from their New Testament studies. The next 24 weeks will focus on the "Great Figures of the New Testament", a new course taught by Professor Amy-Jill Levine who is a staff member at Vanderbilt University Divinity School. She is an excellent lecturer and we will cover a 30 minute lesson on a DVD and then have a short discussion.

Special Music Volunteers

I hope you have noticed all the special music that has been included in our worship services the past year. If you would be interested in providing special music in the future, please email Amy Harn, ahharn5@yahoo.com. We try to have special music at both services, and will work around the service you primarily attend.



Meals on Wheels

May is the month that All Saints helps with the Meals on Wheels deliveries. Thanks to those who volunteer their time and energy to this important service. If you are interested in helping please contact Jim Wilcox @ 815-298-5546.



Vacation Bible School Volunteers!

May 20 at 9:15 am, there will be an informational and training session for anyone interested in helping or teaching VBS in the 3rd/4th grade Sunday School room. Leaders will receive their lesson packets and we'll brainstorm fun activities and decorating ideas. Please plan on attending and be a part of the possibilities!



A VBS donation list has been posted in the narthex. We need heaps of rainbow colored balloons, kites, windsocks, toy airplanes, cotton balls and poly-fill, streamers, and anything else that flies or is in the sky. We are looking for sheets with a cloud print, and also a helium tank. We are asking early since this might be hard to come by. This list does not yet include the snacks needed for VBS. Thank you in advance for your help.

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center

- Memorial Day Weekend Cleanup

Come out to Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center in Oregon on Memorial Day weekend to help us clean up camp and get ready for summer. We start on Friday, May 25th at 6:00 pm and work Saturday, Sunday, and Monday usually from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm. LOMC provides the workers with 3 meals a day, and after dinner is free time for those guests staying overnight. Anyone can help out. There are lots of different things to do from planting a flower to painting and construction! If you have questions, contact Audrey Adams at LOMC 815-732-2200.

Updates for Sunday School

Those who've helped lead Sunday School this year will be honored at a Teacher Appreciation Luncheon at noon on Sunday, May 20th. The last day of Sunday School is May 20th.

Introducing Summer Sunday School: we are in need of teachers for a possible Sunday School over the summer months. The idea would be a one room school house format, with a common theme and materials provided. Please consider this idea as another way to spread the good word to our youth. You could help with one class, all of them, or any amount in between!

We are also asking for help for this coming fall's Sunday School. We would love to be able to get together and coordinate ideas ahead of time, so our program may benefit more. Contact Alisha Fortener (815-822-8448) or Rachel Medearis (815-298-3854) with any questions or if you would like to help!

Worship Attendance				
April	8:00	10:30	Total	Sunday School
Palm Sun 1	107	79	186	51
Easter 8	45 / 109	102	256	--
15	72	89	161	52
22	93	78	171	50
Total	381	348	774	153
Average	95	87	193	51
Maundy Thurs. 7:00 pm - 68				

April Council Meeting Summary

Finances are balanced. Synod Mission Support to date is \$5279.47. * Youth fund raising to date for the 2012 Youth Gathering is at \$2926 with plans for more activities before July.* We will begin a one room summer Sunday School class. Sunday School children are scheduled to sing at Neighbors nursing home April 29 at 2 pm. * 41 letters to the families of college students requesting their school addresses have been sent with plans to send exam time care packages by Youth and GATHERING groups. * Byron Masonic Lodge will be adding their CHIP kit to our Neighborhood picnic in September. This program gives parents a packet with their child's finger prints, DNA sample, and DVD with photos and a voice recording of their child. * Rummage sale was such a great success next year that Rockford Rescue Mission will bring their truck to the lodge parking lot instead of having all our great volunteers make trips to them. Thank you* Relay for Life is June 8-9; there is interest in having an All Saints team entered. *Special music is on a rotation so both services may enjoy the gifts of music. Our congregation is asked to please refrain from applause after special music as these gifts are shared as part of worship. *A committee flow chart will be made for the congregation to see what committees are formed and who to contact with interest to help. *Two more offering counters will be added to the rotation for vacation/sickness relief. *Cleaning service proposals from four companies are being evaluated and a contract should be approved within the month. *WELCA has purchased tile for the kitchenette, the kitchen and adjacent west entrance hall to the doorway.

Respectfully submitted-Allison Roberts

Byron Postal Food Drive

All Saints Lutheran Church has again been asked by retired Byron Postmaster, Jeff Engstrom, to assist with this worthwhile endeavor. On May 19th postal patrons in the Byron area are asked to place non-perishable items (such as canned goods, boxed cereal, paper products) near the mailbox to be gathered by volunteers. The donations are then taken directly to the local food pantry, People Helping People. Audrey Adams and All Saints Youth Group are looking for youth volunteers and adult drivers to venture out into the community and pick up the donations.



The adventure starts at 9:15 am where volunteers can meet at the Byron Post Office. *Treasure Maps* will be provided to the drivers and their crews. We will set sail sometime around 9:30 am. Once we have deposited our bounties at People Helping People, the volunteers are invited to set anchor at All Saints where we will feast on pizza and pop. Anyone interested in participating in our voyage should contact: Captain Audrey Adams @ 815-509-2682 First Mate Jim Wilcox @ 815-298-5546.

Pastoral Acts

April 1 Baptisms

Lanee Oleson, Cindy Pederson

Youth News



Thank You's! to everyone who helped with their time, for all the food donations, and to everyone who shared their Easter morning with us. It was fantastic day for all. All of this is what makes this event such a HUGE success.

May 19th ... Postal Food Drive

Any Youth can come and help. We will meet at the post office at 9:15 am to drive around picking up food from mail boxes for People Helping People. 9:15 am - 12:00 pm.

Adults needed to drive youth with a map. Jim Wilcox is our leader.

May 13th ... NO Youth night Happy Mother's Day! Take your mom out for a special day!

May 18-20th ... PRAYER RETREAT

For 8th grade - high school. Join us from 7 pm (Fri) -1 pm (Sun) at L.O.M.C. in Oregon for a weekend & learn more about prayer. Cost is \$20.00 per person. See youth board for more details.

May 27th ... Youth night

Junior High & High School youth will meet at LOMC with a cookout 5:00-7:00 pm.

Our High School youth at All Saints have been meeting on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:30 pm at church. We do all kinds of fun and adventurous things. **If you are in 8th grade now please come join us.**

Come out to Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center on Memorial Day weekend to help us clean up camp and get ready for summer. There will be lodging and meals. Anyone can help out, lots of different things to do from planting a flower to painting and construction.

May 25th - 28th

LOMC...**Summer Camp**...Starts

June 10th - August 10th Come

out and enjoy Gods Word in the world of God.

Summer brochures are available.

June 8-11th... Youth & Family Camping

Come and enjoy the outdoors of L.O.M.C. and go camping for one night or two. No cost, just bring your goodies for meals, snacks provided. Come have some fun. Sign up sheet on the youth board.

Famous Car Wash Youth and Adults, come help us and have some fun!

Where: TBA

When: **Saturday June 23rd, 2012** 1-4 pm

Why: to raise money for Youth Gathering in July

What to bring: your dirty car

Cost: free will donation

****We will have a recycling bin for all aluminum cans. Save all your cans and bring them to the car wash.**

Youth continue to save aluminum cans and other aluminum items. There will be a spot by the garage. A sign will be there. Thanks!

Audrey Adams, All Saints Youth Leader

S.T.A.T.I.C

Students Taking Action Together In Christ

Confirmation Schedule - May

May 6 The Lord's Prayer – Review

May 13 Lutheran Life – Confessing My Faith

May 20 Lutheran Life – Confirming My Convictions

Looking Ahead for Confirmation students:

June, July, and August – Transitional Class one Sunday a month at 9:15 am for those youth (finishing 8th grade) being confirmed in the fall.

Sunday, October 21st – Confirmation Rehearsal & Photos (Students and Parents need to attend) 9:15 am

Sunday, October 28th – Confirmation Sunday, at either the 8:00 am or 10:30 am service.


LOMC Summer Camps start June 10th

As you make your summer plans, check out the LOMC brochures on the table in the narthex for information about the activities they have planned for all summer long. There are outdoor camps for all ages, music and drama camps, usually 5 days, but at least one 10 day camp (with a canoe trip). Some of the camps are filling up, so don't wait too long! You can check out their website: www.lomc.org.

Ladies Day Out - Wednesday, May 16

We are going to try a "Day Out" and attend an afternoon of laughs and memories at the **Senior Follies** presented by Lifescape Community services, Inc. at Rockford First Church Auditorium (located at Mulford and Spring Creek Rd.) The show starts at 2 pm, but if you want to car pool, we plan to meet at church at 12:30 pm. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Call Marlene Roberts by May 14 (815-218-1134) for more information and car pooling. There is a sign up sheet on Bulletin Board #2.

Blood Drive 2012 A Success

On March 20th, 2012 All Saints Lutheran Church hosted the Annual Blood Drive with the Rock River Valley Blood Center. 56 donors registered to make donations. Six people were first time donors. Fifty-three units were collected, exceeding the goal of 41 units projected by the Blood Center for our drive. 

Thank you to those of you who took time out of your busy lives to participate in the Drive. A special thanks goes out to Jan Sloan and Lisa Perket who worked very hard in making calls and arrangements.

Jim Wilcox - Social Ministry Chairman

Thank you

Al and I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, visits – food – moral support and for caring. All your concerns have helped make this trying time easier for us. God Bless and thank you all. **Gloria and Al Olsen**

Rummage Sale Update Results

Thanks to all that donated and helped at the annual rummage sale at the end of March. We appreciated the women and especially the men during the week and those who delivered to the Rescue Mission on the Monday after the sale. We made \$1377!

Monroe Center – Mega Rummage Sale

The Monroe Center Community Church is sponsoring a Mega Rummage Sale at the Monroe Center Firefighter's Hall, 104 West St. in Monroe Center

Sale dates are Friday, May 11th 8am – 7pm

Saturday, May 12th 8am – 1pm

They are accepting donation of clean items in good condition. Drop off dates at the Firefighter's hall are May 7 noon - 8 pm, May 8th 9am - 5pm, May 9th 9am-8pm, May 10th 9am – 1 pm

Proceeds will benefit the Church and Rockford Rescue Mission. For assistance call

Anne (815) 262-3517, Nancy (815) 393-5005.



Book Club

Join the book club for the last discussion before summer on Monday, May 21 at 1:00. We will discuss the book *Wonderland Creek* by Lynn Austin. Alice Grace Ripley lives in a dream world, her nose stuck in a book. But happily-ever-after life she's planned on suddenly falls apart when her boyfriend, Gordon, breaks up with her, accusing her of living in a world of fiction. Then to top it off, Alice loses her beloved job at the library because of cutbacks due to the Great Depression. Alice heads to the mountains of eastern Kentucky to deliver five boxes of donated books to the library in the tiny coal-mining village of Acorn. Dropped off by her relatives, Alice volunteers to stay for two weeks to help the librarian. When Alice is trapped in Acorn against her will, she soon finds that real-life adventure and mystery--and especially romance--are far better than her humble dreams could have imagined.

Quilters News

The quilters plan to meet on Thursday, May 3rd from 9 am to 11 am at the church. There are plans for many comforters to be made in the coming months. Materials were gathered for our project at the annual rummage sale. Sheets and fabrics will be converted to layers of the quilts. The storage closet is almost one third full. Several ladies have returned from their winter homes and are back to share in the work and fun of being together on the first Thursday of every month. We are encouraged by the recent message we received from Lisa. She was a recipient of a quilt that was sent with a team from All Saints that went to Mississippi after Katrina Hurricane. We know that our quilts along with thousands of others are shipped all over the world to people in need. Please join us whenever can to help make covers for people in need as we use our hands for God's work. Submitted by: **Millie Knodle**



The Gathering

The GATHERING is an informal group which meets once a month to work on individual handwork, be it knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, Swedish weaving or just conversation. Amateurs and the experienced are welcome. Guidance is freely given to help those who are having problems with their project. Next meeting will be May 8 at 9 am. Thanks to Helen Cambier for the April treats. In May, Sharon Provencher will bring goodies for coffee break. We look forward to seeing everyone. Submitted by: **Linda Hank**



Library Additions

Donated by **Pastor Scott Schmidt**:

- The DVD, *Joshua* is an inspirational story about a stranger with mysterious powers coming to a small town.
- A small book, *Never Forget...Hope*, contains writings from leading Christian authors guiding you to find answers to hard questions of suffering.
- *The Help*, by Kathryn Stockett, is about 3 women on opposite sides of the racial divide coming together in the troubled place and time of the 60's.



Donated by **Marlene Roberts**:

- *Arkansas* by Christine Lynxwiler follows 4 brothers, each finding love: One rescues a woman from a rushing stream, the 2nd rescues a woman from a burning cabin, the 3rd falls for a woman making restitution for her dead husband's crimes and the 4th helps a woman find her missing sister.
- *I Never Knew That Was in the Bible* is an A-Z resource of expressions and curious words found in the Bible.

Donated by **Alice Mastricola** (more next month)

- *Daily Inspiration for the Purpose Driven Life* offers scripture and reflections from the *40 Days of Purpose* by Rick Warren.
- *Divine Guidance* by Doreen Virtue, Ph.D. God sends messages and angels to everyone and Ms. Virtue teaches us how to receive them.
- *The Way to Happiness* by L. Ron Hubbard is a nonreligious, moral code based on common sense leading to joy, happiness and better living.
- *The Purple Pig* by Dick Eastman is a compilation of miraculous encounters with God. He invites us to sit quietly and let God speak to us about our part in the great End-Time harvest.

Submitted by **Anne Morgart**

Health & Healing



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Eileen Carlson
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Melissa Morrison
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 Diane McCullough
 Erin Chavez & unborn child
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 Carl Rodig
 Donna Veitch
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 Collin Archer
 Sue Hokanson
 Matthew Aulwes
 Diane Borchard
 Valerie McCammond

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Tom Faudree
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 Nathan Perkins
 Devon Kornett
 Landon Skaar

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The Adult Choir is Coming!!!



In alignment with our long range goals we are excited to announce the hiring of a choir director. Caryn Huber was approved as the new choir director at the April Council meeting. **Now we need choir members!!** If you ever have or wish to try praising God through music ministry now is the time to join! With the new schedule put forth by the worship committee this commitment does entail singing at both services on the fourth Sunday of the month. Weekly practices will be scheduled on Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:30 pm, beginning May 24. To enhance our worship, we are inviting singers, adults and youth age 12 or older (prior choral experience is recommended for anyone under the age of 18). If interested please contact either Caryn Huber (email to chamber323@aol.com or 815-222-5938) or Troy Rahn (tardc1013@gmail.com or 815-441-2335).