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35th Anniversary Community Picnic - Sept 8th

The All Saints 35th Anniversary Community Picnic is scheduled for Noon on Sunday, September 8. We are in dire need of volunteers to help us make this event a success! Areas where we need help include bingo, cake walk, registration, food service, silent auction, and the kid games/jump house. A sign-up sheet is located on bulletin board #2. Please take a moment to see what areas are available, and sign up! We can't pull this picnic off without you! We are also in need of small (10'X10') and larger (10'x20' or similar size) canopy tents for shade, eating areas, and other areas that need protection from the sun. If you can help by loaning a tent or if you have any questions, please contact Jim Wilcox or Kay Johnson.



Sunday School

Sunday School takes a break during the month of August. Rally Day is Sunday, September 8th. At 9:15 am we will have time to register students and enjoy fun activities. Plan to stay for the 35th Anniversary Community Picnic which begins at noon. Classes begin again for all ages Sunday, September 15th at 9:15 am. If you're interested in teaching or helping, please contact Alisha Fortener (Sunday School Superintendent) or Sonja Stoker (Education Chair).

Youth Confirmation Class for 2013-2014

Please mark your calendar for an informational gathering on September 15th at 9:15 am. Seventh and eighth grade youth participating in 2013-2014 Confirmation and also their parents should attend to learn plans for the school year. We also have some new things to present. Also, 7th grade youth entering Confirmation will be presented Bibles on **September 8th** Rally Day at either the 8:00 am or 10:30 am worship.

First Communion Bibles

On our **September 8** Rally Day at either the 8:00 am or 10:30 am service, Bibles will be presented to youth who will receive first communion next spring or this fall.

On **Sunday, August 11**, students preparing for First Communion, and their parents, are invited to two 45 minute, Bible Introduction Classes. We meet at 4:00 pm for an introduction to the Old Testament. We then break for pizza at 5:00 pm. Then at 5:30, we meet for part two, an introduction to the New Testament. We conclude around 6:15 pm.

(Typically, First Communion instruction is offered for students in third grade, but we have had families who opted to have their youth receive this instruction at an earlier or at a later grade level. This is okay. All are welcome.)



August 11 Youth & Family Work Day

Youth plus anyone of any age

3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

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

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Sept. Newsletter Deadline

Articles should be submitted by
 Sept. 18 and should be e-mailed
 to Carolyn Niederer.
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A Note from Pastor Scott Schmidt

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God.

2 Corinthians 1:2-4 (NRSV)

Thank you! This is important to say when people have shared their time, talents and treasures to help proclaim the Gospel through their word and action. This is especially true here, as many people have helped in consoling those who are grieving the loss of loved ones. For all of those who have helped in preparing for recent funerals, for all those who helped at a funeral worship service, for all who have helped prepare or serve a funeral luncheon, for who have helped after a funeral, and for all who wrote notes, made phone calls, said prayers, gave hugs or offered a listening ear – I say a sincere thank you!

Following our recent funerals, I have received gracious compliments from visiting family and friends on how we, as a congregation, have helped console their grieving loved ones. This type of ministry does not just happen, it takes work and planning and focuses on sharing the love of God. Sometimes the planning takes a little guess work on the details, and we just pray that we have everything prepared for folks who come to support those who grieve. The sincere effort by the disciples in Christ at All Saints has been noticed by those who've come through these doors for funerals, because sharing God's love has been the focus. Again, I say thanks!

As we do this for the faithful at All Saints, we have also shared this ministry of consolation for others in the community. Many times this work of ministry by all of you and by the pastor is the only time when others truly hear the Good News of life and forgiveness in Christ Jesus. It is about proclaiming the Gospel. It is about proclaiming Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Together as disciples of Jesus we do this through word and deed (and food). As we care for those who grieve, we are consoling them because many of us have received consolation ourselves at one time or another. And again, I simply want to say **thank you!**

In ministry of Jesus Christ,
Pastor Scott Schmidt

Pastoral Acts

June 13 – Pastor led Worship and Communion at the Synod Youth Gathering (prior to the Synod Assembly).

June 29 – Pastor participated in the dedication service of a new gazebo at Serenity Home and Hospice in Oregon.

June 30 – Baptism of **Jennifer DeHahn**. She is the daughter of Rick and **Debra DeHahn**. Her sponsors are Rodney Dole, Gynel Hagemann, Denise Tallakson, Chris DeHahn and Kristi DeHahn.

July 13 – Funeral at All Saints for **Isabelle Wittig** who entered God's eternal care on July 4.

A thanks received at www.AllSaintsByron.org:

I would like to thank Pastor and the members of All Saints Lutheran Church for all your prayers and gifts while I was stationed in Afghanistan. Since my return to the states the end of May I proposed and have married Jessica Mathers [and] we are leaving to our new home in Fort Campbell Kentucky. Again, your kindness and prayers were greatly appreciated!

*Take care and God Bless,
 Tyler (and Jessica) Stricker*

Finance Committee

The following is a snapshot of the reports that reflects the amounts of offerings received and expenses (bills) paid from the checkbook in the month of June. Also included this month is the second quarter report which includes the balances in the various accounts as of June 30th.

Please contact Steve Reid (Finance Chair) if you have questions about the information presented and suggestions you have.

June 2013 Expense Report

General / Facilities Giving = \$ 16,658.36

General / Facilities Expenses = \$ 14,643.72

Mortgage Reduction / Capital Campaign Giving = \$ 3,646.50

Mortgage Balance = \$ 280,410.08

2013 2nd Quarter Financial Report

Account	Balance
General Checking	\$ 5,500.83
Facilities Maintenance	\$ 1,554.03
General Savings	\$ 4,904.04
Capital Reserve	\$ 1,024.74
Mission Endowment Fund	\$ 16,663.71

Pastoral Care

When pastor is on vacation, please contact our secretaries Cindy Beitel or Karen Larson at the church office (815-234-5277). Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. After hours, contact Council President, Jim Wilcox (815-298-5546). We will contact with pastors who are covering emergency pastoral care July 27 through August 5.

Newsletter – Still looking for a Volunteer!

The newsletter team is still looking for one or two volunteers to join our staff. Most of the work is done at your home through e-mail, but we do meet once a month to pull the articles together and make sure we have the information the congregation needs. If you have an interest in sharing what goes on at All Saints and you would like to be part of the communication team for the newsletter, talk with Pastor Scott Schmidt, or Kay Johnson.

Sunday Scripture Texts



August 4

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14;
2:18-23

Psalms 49:1-12
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

August 11

Genesis 15:1-6
Psalm 33:12-22
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

August 18

Jeremiah 23:23-29
Psalm 82
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56

August 25

Isaiah 58:9b-14
Psalm 103:1-8
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday Night Bible Study

All are welcome to attend as often as you are able. (Please use the South entrance.)



We will use the Daily Discipleship series from the ELCA web page.

August 6

A Prepared Person's story
Primary Text: Luke 12:32-40

August 13

A Judge's story
Primary Text: Luke 12:49-56

August 20

A Freed Woman's Story
Primary Text: Luke 13:10-17

August 27

A New Hospitality
Primary Text: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Military Care Package Thanks:

Thank you so much for the wonderful care package that you sent to me!! I am enjoying some of the licorice while I write this. I appreciate your thoughts very much!! Things are going well here in Ghazni and the time is going faster than I could hope for, so I will be home soon (December).

God Bless, Jeremy Buttram



On Thursday, October 24th, All Saints Church will be the site for the

Life Line Screening event from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm in the church's fellowship hall. All Saints members who participate in the screening activity will again receive a \$10.00 discount towards their screening procedure. Also a \$10.00 donation will be made to the "Helping Hands" organization. This event is a wonderful opportunity for All Saints to reach out and open our church doors to members of our community. I know in the past couple years, 2 visitors who came for the screening process were found to be facing serious illnesses that were life threatening. Last year a visitor was told to immediately seek medical care. It is very possible that as a result of the Life Line screening process these visitors' lives were saved. More information about the event will be coming soon.

Sincerely,
Jim Wilcox

Workshop



alzheimer's association

Our first Alzheimer's workshop in April was a great success! We have

scheduled a follow-up workshop on October 6, from 2:30 to 4:00 pm. The subject of this workshop is "Learning to Connect: Relating to the Person with Alzheimer's". As Alzheimer's disease and other, related dementias progress, friends and family members may find it difficult to spend time visiting with the person with dementia. This program will provide insight into dementia and its effect on communication and behavior, and will introduce participants to techniques that can be used to make time spent more comfortable and meaningful for all concerned. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend this workshop if someone you know suffers from dementia. There will be a sign-up sheet on bulletin board #2 beginning in September. If you have any questions, please contact Kay Johnson. This workshop will be offered to the public.



In the month of October, All Saints Church will be helping LifeScape deliver Meals on Wheels to our friends who 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 10 meals daily. Anyone interested in taking part in this worthwhile activity who can spare an hour of their time should contact Jim Wilcox at 815-298-5546, or by Email: sgtjim271@yahoo.com.

Social Ministry Chairman

Fall Discipleship Gatherings

This fall, the Northern Illinois Synod will host Discipleship Gatherings in each of our eight conferences. We have changed the name of our fall gatherings to Discipleship Gatherings to reflect the emphasis of these events over the next few years as we explore the faith practices of discipleship. This fall, we will be exploring the practice of "Giving."

As we explore this important aspect of discipleship, we will do so by emphasizing the areas of stewardship and how gifts for mission support are used in God's mission. The evening will be composed of a ministry fair which will include displays and representatives from our agencies, institutions, ministry committees, and ministry task forces of our synod. The ministry fair will be followed by a program that addresses the topic of "giving" and the distribution of the 2014 Mission Support resource packet.

We are looking forward to an exciting event as we dig further into what it means to be a disciple in our faith walk. Please invite as many from your congregation to attend as possible. It is always good to come together as the church. See you there!

Conference Fall Discipleship Gatherings: "Giving"

Date	Location
*September 5	New Life Lutheran Church, Bolingbrook
*September 19	Grace Lutheran Church, Woodstock
*October 1	Trinity Lutheran Church, Moline
*October 10	Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Rockford
*October 22	St. John's Lutheran Church, Peru
*October 29	Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rock Falls
*November 7	First Lutheran Church, Freeport
**November 10	First Lutheran Church, Galesburg
*6 – 7 p.m.	Registration and Ministry Fairs
7 – 8 p.m.	Program
** 3 – 4 p.m.	Registration and Ministry Fair
*4 – 5 p.m.	Program

Equal Exchange Coffee and Chocolate

For some time now we have been offering Equal Exchange Coffee and Chocolate products available through Lutheran World Relief. Due to several price increases over the past year, we are now paying more per package than we are charging. Effective immediately, we will be raising the price per package of coffee to \$8.00. The price of the milk chocolate and dark chocolate candy bars will remain at \$2.00. Thank you for your continued support of this worthwhile ministry!

A Volunteer's View of VBS

The church hallways were bustling with the joyous sounds of children laughing and the stomping of feet as the children ventured throughout the church to various activities. I was blessed to have been asked to help with Vacation Bible School for the week. I had a great time interacting with the children learning daily Bible verses and joining in with the games that were held on the church lawn. Our day started with songs that really got our blood flowing and prepared us for the rest of the activities. Oh YEA even for an OLD Guy I still can "BUST A MOVE". At the conclusion of the day we were treated to a light lunch. The OLD Guy needed to replenish the fuel tank after the day's events. There were many people who aided in making the Vacation Bible School a big success. So I don't forget anyone who was instrumental in making the event special for everyone, I want to extend my thanks to all those who helped make this a memorable experience for all of us. Special thanks to Jodi Miles and her family who worked very hard put this event together for all to enjoy.

God Bless,
Jim Wilcox

Quilters

The quilters will meet on August 1st at the church at 8:30 am to work on making comforters for people in need. We will choose a finished quilt to donate to the silent auction at the church picnic that is planned in September. In October other quilts that have been completed will be sent to Lutheran World Relief. The donations of fabric and sheets used in constructing the quilts are appreciated. Please join us in August or on the first Thursday of any month.



The Gathering

A fun time was had at "The GATHERING" when we learned to transform a plain T-shirt into an embellished work of art with instruction by Cindy Busse. T-shirts will be completed at our next meeting. If you missed this GATHERING, it isn't too late. Bring a T-shirt and learn a new and decorative skill. Tasty treats were provided by Lois Lapp. The next "GATHERING" will be Tuesday, August 13 at 9:00 am with Betty Klink providing the treat.



YouthNews

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August 2013

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

Summer months always seem so busy for all of us with all the things we want to do, so, we will plan our Youth Nites together once a month to share stories, have fun, and enjoy one another.

August 11th...Youth and Family "Work" Day 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

We will be doing some of the projects left over from church work day. We are inviting all youth and families to come and help out on a work (mission) day at church, Please review the youth board to see what items that you could help with. Jim Wilcox has said that when we finish he is treating us to a pizza party.

2015 National Youth Gathering...will

be in Detroit, Michigan in July 2015. We have been starting to do some planning for this event. We will be working on lots of fundraisers. If you are interested in going to the National Youth Gathering, helping with fundraising or being an adult chaperone contact me @ 815-509-2682.

Coming Up....

Jr. High Night Owls..**August 16-17, 2013** will be at LOMC. This is a Jr. High lock-in from 7:00 pm Friday till 7:00 am Saturday morning. If you are interested in attending or helping please contact Audrey @ 815-509-2682 .

A Special Thank-you to all---

We would like to thank everyone for all their thoughts and prayers during this difficult time of losing our father and Grandpa. A special thanks for Pastor Scott for being there for us on that day. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful church family and friends. Thank you to WELCA for all the donations of food and preparing such a wonderful luncheon for us to gather at.

~David and Audrey Adams, Courtney and Jay [The family of Dick Williams]

YOUTH NITES September 8th & 22nd

Jr. High and High school youth will meet together for snack and devotions. Jr. High and H.S. will split up for an hour, and then we will get back together to play some team building games. We will meet at church from 5:00 -7:00 pm. I will need an adult to help with Jr. High youth.

It's time again to start thinking about **Youth Quake/Zone**. The dates are January 31st – February 2, 2014 @the Wilderness in the Wisconsin Dells. Early registration is due in October. This event is for 6th grade to 12th grade. Cost is \$150.00.

Always Bring your Friends!

Audrey Adams,
All Saints Youth & Family Leader

S.T.A.T.I.C

Students

Taking

Action Together In Christ

Youth Being Confirmed this Fall:

Sunday, October 20th – Confirmation Rehearsal & Photos 9:15 am (Students and Parents need to attend this meeting.)

Sunday, October 27th – Confirmation Sunday, at either the 8:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. service.

Prayers
In Sympathy

Velma Garnhard
Charles Hammer
Isabelle Wittig
Kevin Petrie



Adult Confirmation Review & New Member Class - Summer Sessions

Sundays, 9:15 am to 10:15 am
in the Main Conference Room 310

Classes started June 2nd, but feel free to join in a class if you are interested in the subject matter to be covered.

Class Schedule

(Each class begins with a brief description by one of our leaders on the life and ministry in and around All Saints)

August 18 Communion

August 25 Marks of the Church

35th Anniversary T-shirts and Polo Shirts

Orders for the 35th Anniversary t-shirts and polo shirts are still being taken! Order forms and examples of each shirt are located in the entrance hallway.



Shirts are ordered each week. Unfortunately, earlier orders were placed in queue behind baseball shirts for the Park District and schools in the area, which delayed delivery. Hopefully the supplier has caught up the backlog, and will deliver our future orders in a more timely manner. Thank you for your patience!

All Saints Coffee Mugs!

The new All Saints coffee mugs are HERE! The mugs are 11 oz clear glass with a purple inlay in the bottom of the mug, and the All Saints Logo imprinted in purple on the side. You can see an example of the mugs on display in the narthex. They sell for \$10 each, and are available in the office between services or during regular business hours. Proceeds from the sale of these mugs benefit the 35th Anniversary Community Picnic on September 8th.



Book Club

In September, Book Club resumes on the 4th Monday of the month at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall here at church. We are reading the novel by Neta Jackson, The Yada Yada Prayer Group. What do an ex-con, a former drug addict, a real estate broker, a college student, and a married mother of two have in common? At first it seemed nothing. But something happened the weekend of the Chicago Woman's Conference that made us realize we had to hang together.



Worship Attendance				
	8:00	10:30	Total	Sunday School
June 30	89	62	151	
July 7	70	59	129	
14	71	66	137	15
21	71	80	151	19
Total	301	267	568	30
Average	75	67	142	15

Kitchen Remodel

Have you noticed? During the week of June 16, seven volunteers spent a total of 80 working hours replacing the kitchen's vinyl floor and the entry's stained carpet with ceramic tile. The cost of the project was funded by WELCA.



Similar work in the kitchenette is planned for late July or early August. It is anticipated that a similar time will be needed for this work and additional volunteers would be appreciated to reduce the hours that individuals in the first crew spent. There are ample activities associated with the work where volunteers can be used; anything from removal of old vinyl and carpet to clean-up and everything in between.

The hours spent by the seven people is appreciated as is the support of WELCA in raising money for the projects. If you appreciate the improvements to the kitchen and can offer some help in the next project, contact Bob Branson.

Library

August's books are donated by Marlene Roberts.



- o **THE WHISPERS OF ANGELS** by Annette Smith. Ms. Smith, a nurse for 18 years recounts stories of the "most memorable patients and most meaningful situations" she has witnessed.
- o **Reader's Digest Large Type Select Editions, THE PEACH KEEPER**, by Sarah Addison Allen and **NOW YOU SEE HER**, by Joy Fielding.
- o **WHERE IS HOME, LITTLE PIP?** By Karma Wilson and Jane Chapman is a short story in English and Spanish of a baby penguin who gets lost after following a beautiful, glittery feather.
- o **PLAIN & FANCY**, by Wanda Brunstetter is book 3 of the Brides of Lancaster County series. (The others from this series can be found in the anthology, *Lancaster Brides* which follow 4 Amish women who while looking for their place in the world find true love in the process.)
- o **THE STOREKEEPER'S DAUGHTER** by Wanda Brunstetter is book 1 of the Daughters of Lancaster County series. Naomi is left to care for her siblings at an early age after her mother dies. After turning her back on one basic duty, she feels unworthy to accomplish any task given to her.
- o **THE QUILTER'S DAUGHTER** by Wanda Brunstetter is book 2 of the Daughters of Lancaster County series. Abby leaves her successful quilt shop and fiancé in Ohio to help her newly remarried and pregnant mother. Her world is shattered while away and her faith is shaken.
- o **LIGHT ON SNOW** by Anita Shreve- Nicky and her father, widowed by a car accident that killed his wife and baby, find an abandoned baby in the snowy woods. A young woman haunted by her choices and having read their story in the newspaper, appears at their door. While trapped by a snowstorm, they are forced to face decisions leading to heartbreak and/or redemption.
- o **TWO-PART INVENTION- The Story of a Marriage** by Madeleine L'Engle is book 4 of *The Crosswicks Journal*. It contains excerpts from the journals she kept during different phases of her life. They are like stories and advice from a favorite grandmother.



In the Military

Tyler Peterson Jeremy Buttram
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Vacation Bible School

A heart felt thank you to everyone who made VBS possible this summer for 28 wonderful kids. Over the week we had 22 volunteers! In addition, we had more volunteers make lunch for us every day of VBS. Serving lunches to the kids and volunteers fit our mission theme "ELCA World Hunger". We raised \$212.72 in offering for that organization!

Over the five days, the kids loved praising God in song and dance. They learned how God's love, friends and family, prayer, trusting God, and the Bible all help us to STAND STRONG. They also learned about King David, Queen Esther, Nehemiah, King Josiah, and the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Thank you to all who helped, donated items, made food, taught, and prayed. God's blessings to you all!

STAND STRONG FOR GOD!
Jodi Miles