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Annual Congregation Meeting Sunday, January 31, 2016 Potluck: 5:30 pm Meeting: 6:30 pm



ANNUAL
**CONGREGATION
MEETING**

Some of the items on the agenda include:

- ⇒ Review the annual report
- ⇒ Approve the budget for 2016
- ⇒ Vote on church council members
- ⇒ Appoint voting members to the Northern Illinois Synod Assembly in June
- ⇒ Ratify changes to the constitution as recommended by All Saints Congregation Council.
- ⇒ Review proposed policy for Safeguarding God's Children at All Saints

This will be a great opportunity for all members of the church to enjoy Christian fellowship, eat good food, and exercise their rights as active and voting members of All Saints.

Annual Meeting Voting Requirements

All Saints' constitution lists two minimal requirements in order to be considered an active voting member at congregation meetings: Receive Holy Communion and make at least one financial contribution of record in the current or previous year. "Of record" simply means that the financial secretary has recorded your donation because you have used a numbered offering envelope or written a check.

'Tis the Season to Un-decorate

We have enjoyed the festive look of the church with the Christmas decorations, but we move on in the church year and need to take down the trees and greens. Many hands are required to make this light work, so join in on Saturday, January 9th starting at 10:00 am. There will be jobs for all ages. If you have questions, talk with Kay Johnson, Council President.



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 Janet Wold

Dear Friends,

I found this prayer by William Barclay, and thought it appropriate as we come to the end of the year:

O God our Father, as this year comes to an end, we remember before you all its days.

Every happy hour and every happy day; every new thing we have learned and seen and done; every new friend we have made and the old friends to whom we are closer now than ever we were: *We remember and give thanks with joy.*

Everything that was difficult to face or hard to bear, but out of which we came, wiser in mind and stronger in character; every failure and disappointment that has kept us humble; everything that has shown us how dangerous life can be and how much we need you: *We remember and give thanks with joy.*

Every task in which we failed; every temptation to which we succumbed; every person we hurt and failed and disappointed; every word and deed for which we are sorry now: *We remember and confess with sorrow.*

All those for whom this has been a thrilling, an exciting, and a successful year: *That they may remember to give you thanks.*

All those for whom this has been a sad year, and who come to the end of it lonelier than they were at the beginning: *That they may find comfort and courage to go on.*

All those for whom this has been an ordinary year, when nothing special seemed to happen, making them forget that it is in life's routine they win or lose their destiny: *That they may know themselves to be blessed by you.*

And help us now, made wise by the lessons life taught us, to go on to higher achievements and nobler things, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Happy New Year, my friends...

In Christ,
Pastor Janet Wold

Stewardship News

Thanks to all who made a commitment/pledge during our recent stewardship drive. If you didn't get a chance to make a pledge, you may still do so by dropping a pledge card into the offering plate or mailing it to the church office.

What is Share, Save, Spend? – The answer is that it's an educational series created by Nathan Dungan covering:

Share: It's not just about "your" money-it's about how sharing impacts your family, your community, and the world.

Save: For a rainy day, for retirement, or for something more. How would your life change with a comfortable cushion?

Spend: Money makes the world go round, but how and where you spend money is a powerful statement.

If interested in learning more, please contact Doug Knodle or look for opportunities to sign up for this educational opportunity on bulletin board #2. Based on response, we'll determine what time(s) work best for participants. Total class time is approximately 4-6 hours.

Deadline for the February
 Saintly News is **January 17**

Please send articles to

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Tuesday Night Bible Study

Join the group every Tuesday night at 7:00 pm. All are welcome. We meet in the main conference room (310), so please enter by the south doors. The topic for the Tuesday night Bible Study will continue with: The Holy Spirit "Understanding His work in our Lives" utilizing this Bible Study book on Jan 5th.

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study

The Wednesday afternoon Bible study will reconvene January 6, 2016, at 1:30 pm in the main conference room (310).

Annual Report Time

Attention all Organizations, Committees, Secretaries, Treasurers: Now is the time to review the past year and write your report for the Annual Congregation meeting to be held January 31st. Please include a financial report and a brief overview of what your group has done in 2015. Reports need to be submitted to the office by January 4th so the booklet can be compiled and made available prior to the Annual Congregation meeting.

Copies of last year's report are available if needed. If possible please submit your report in a Word file and email it to the church at office@AllSaintsByron.org. Of course, a hand written report will be accepted as well.

Thank you, Congregation Council

DECEMBER Council Highlights

- Heard Northern Illinois Synod's plans to honor Bishop Wollersheim and Polly Wollersheim on his retirement in August
- Decided the Safeguarding God's Children Policy proposal will be presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting
- Learned we still need members to run for Council in January
- Approved the 2016 budget to be presented at the Annual Meeting in January
- Discussed changing out the parking lot lights to LED for greater illumination and cost effectiveness
- Heard the Sunday School Christmas program went well. Approximately 150 attended the program.
- Learned Share, Save, Spend Workshop will be scheduled to fit the needs of those wanting to attend
- Heard the Blues Concert Series will resume on March 6



Sunday Scriptures

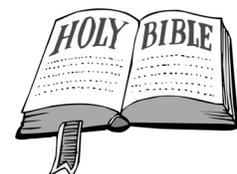
Sunday, Jan. 3
2nd Sunday of Christmas
Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 147:12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:1-18

Sunday, Jan. 10
Baptism of Our Lord
Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sunday, Jan. 17
2nd Sunday After Epiphany
Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

Sunday, Jan. 24
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21

Sunday, Jan. 31
4th Sunday after Epiphany
Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30



Altar Guild



The annual Altar Guild meeting will be held on Saturday, January 2, 2016, in the main conference room (310) at 9:00 am. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the ministry of Altar Guild, elect officers for the coming year, and create a schedule for Altar Guild service for 2016. We will also be discussing weekly communion and will decide if we will be continuing this practice in the coming year. Current Altar Guild members are invited and encouraged to attend this important meeting.

ALTAR GUILD

We are in need of new Altar Guild members to assist in setting up the sanctuary for Sunday worship. If you are interested in joining but have questions about the work we do, please contact Kay Johnson, Michel Williams, Bridget Reibel or Jo Marie Branson for more information. Everyone is invited to join – men, women, youth – everyone! Many hands make light work!

-Kay Johnson, President

ALTAR GUILD FLOWER CHART



Please take a moment to consider donating altar flowers that beautify the church throughout the year. The flower reservation binder is on the wall by the Altar Guild bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Bouquets are ordered from Merlin's at a cost of \$18.00 each, and are delivered every other week. There are envelopes in the rack to use for your flower payment. This will help the Altar Guild Treasurer keep track of donations.

Altar Flowers

If you have questions about this system, please contact any of the Altar Guild people listed in the Sunday bulletins, or Kay Johnson.

The GATHERING

The GATHERING will be meeting again in 2016 on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Join us on January 12 at 9:00 am for great conversation, fun, and yummy treats!

Quilters

The quilters plan to meet on Thursday, January 7th from 9:00 to 11:00 am at the church. Thank you for all the donations of fabric and sheets. One of the fun parts of working with the materials is planning how to make the best use of all that has been given. We all agree that once the quilts are tied together, each quilt is unique and beautiful. Our thoughts are always about helping someone in need of a warm cover. Once again, we are happy to see friends join us for the first time and hope they become "regulars" around our tables. Please come and see what happens when we are together.



WELCA

All women are invited to a Soup & Salad Pot Luck on Saturday, January 9th. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 12 noon to plan for the upcoming year. Every woman is a member of WELCA, so please plan on joining us as we share our Faith, Food and Fellowship. (Snow date is January 16, same place, same time.)

Thank you to all who helped to make the bake sale a success!! \$342.00 was raised. All proceeds will be donated to Brittany Harn, Caleigh Huber and Ashley Camling to help these girls with their trip to Carnegie Hall. Good Luck Girls!

Sunday Night Blues Series Continues

The Sunday night Blues Concert Series will resume on March 6, 2016. Watch upcoming issues of the Sainly News for more information!



Book Club

If you would like to share a Christmas novel you have read with the Book Club or would like to hear about the different books we have chosen, join us on January 25th at 1:00 pm at church.



Bishop Wollersheim Retirement Gift

Bishop Gary Wollersheim will be retiring on August 31, 2016, after 18 years of leadership as bishop in the Northern Illinois Synod. The Synod is establishing two ministry funds in their names to honor Bishop and his wife Polly. The first is an existing fund currently titled "Rostered Leaders Debt Retirement Fund" which will be renamed the "Gary Wollersheim Rostered Leaders Educational Debt Retirement Fund". This fund was established to help rostered leaders reduce their educational debt. Payments are made directly to the financial institutions. The intent of this fund is that it will be ongoing and a very important way to support our leaders well into the future.

The second ministry fund will be created to honor Polly Wollersheim titled the "Polly Wollersheim Fund for Literacy Education - Arcot Lutheran Church, India" and is intended to help increase literacy in our companion Synod. The purpose of this fund is to provide support in helping the Arcot Lutheran Church, India fulfill the goal of their educational programs to improve literacy and educational skills of the Dalite class in youth as well as adults. The resources from this fund would go to the Resource Center at the Danish Mission Boarding Home and School at Siloam, Tirukoilur, Tamil Nadu, India. This Resource Center will provide students at the school and the clergy of the Arcot Lutheran Church, India with a place to access computers and the internet. Currently the schools of the Arcot Lutheran Church School system only have access to computers by way of a traveling van with six computers once or twice a month.



The Congregation Council determined supporting both of these funds is an excellent way to honor Bishop Wollersheim and Polly for their 18 years of leadership in the Northern Illinois Synod and will also impact those in need well into the future. Please prayerfully consider contributing to one or both of these funds. Envelopes will be available in the narthex on the oak table for this purpose. Donations will be accepted through April and will be sent to the Synod in honor of and in thanksgiving for All Saint's 38th anniversary in May. Thank you!

2015-2016 Confirmation Class Schedule

Confirmation Class



- January 3 – Sunday**
No Class - Happy New Year
- January 6 – Wednesday**
Justification by Faith - Romans 3
- January 10 – Sunday**
The Cross - 1 Corinthians 1
- January 17 – Sunday**
Law & Gospel - Matthew 22
- January 20 – Wednesday**
Saint & Sinner - Romans 7
- January 24 – Sunday**
The Church - Acts 2
- January 31 – Sunday**
No Class



Youth NEWS

January 2016

Meet Sundays, 6-8 pm at United Church of Byron (UCB) or All Saints Lutheran (ASL) unless noted.

DECEMBER:

Miracle on 2nd Street - Our sales were great. We sold 80 hotdogs and UCB made \$50 with their chili sales. It was a great night for all to be out enjoying the evening. Due to the rain and low attendance, we did not go **Christmas Caroling**.

JANUARY:

January 3rd – NO Youth Group

January 18th – Monday, Ski trip to Chestnut Mountain – 9am-9pm. See

youth board if you are interested in going. Sign up before January 13th. I may need some chaperones to drive if there are lots of people going.



K-5

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at UCB along with All Saints Lutheran Kids after school until 5:30 pm. We will walk the kids from school to UCB.

SCHEDULED FOR
January 13th



LIBRARY NEWS

January's library additions may be of interest to men, preteens, teens, and those who enjoy Amish fiction and contemporary romance novels.

The Brotherhood, by Jerry B. Jenkins- Newly widowed Boone, a cop, follows the rules, but is accused of police brutality and his life spirals out of control. While protecting a Chicago gang leader, he sees that God can change the hardest heart... and forgive the worst of crimes.

Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life by Wendy Mass- On Jeremy's 13th birthday, he receives a box in the mail containing a carved box with 4 locks but no keys. It reads, "The Meaning of Life," and is from his father who had died 5 years earlier. Lizzie joins him in finding the keys and the meaning of life.

Shopaholic Ties the Knot, by Sophie Kinsella- Becky, a personal shopper living in Manhattan's West Village is getting married, but where? After Luke proposes, her mother plans a wedding in her backyard with Becky wearing her frilly gown. Luke's high-society mother plans a glamorous affair at the Plaza for the same day. Becky can't turn either down.

Sweet Surprise, is a collection of 9 contemporary romances along with dessert recipes from each of the authors.

Sarah's Garden is the first book of the series, "A Patch of Heaven" by Kelly Long. Sarah King is happiest in her Amish kitchen garden. When she falls in love with Englishman Grant Williams, she must choose between family and forbidden love. She begins a quilt that illustrates her pain.

Lilly's Wedding Quilt by Kelly Long is the second book of the series. Lilly has loved Jacob for years, but he loves Sarah. When she marries another, he agrees to wed Lilly, but still longs for Sarah. God is subtly at work, and weaves them into a sweet romance producing a pattern of faith and the creation and comfort of Lilly's Wedding Quilt.

Thread of Grace, is the third book of the series by Kelly Long- Widow, Grace Beiler is not looking for a husband, especially one so much younger as Seth Wyse. When he finds a way to help Grace keep her autistic son away from his ill-intentioned uncle, she agrees to marry him.

Sign up by **January 25th** on youth board for: **Youth Quake/Zone @ Wisconsin Dells, WI Wilderness Resort (6th-12th grade) to be held April 1-3, 2016.** The theme is UNBREAKABLE. **Quakes/Zones** are Christ centered weekends, with praise and worship, speakers and small group events, while participants grow their personal faith with Jesus Christ, and have lots of fun, too!



"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.'" ~2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Thank you all for your support of the Youth Ministry here at All Saints Lutheran Church!

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

Worship Attendance				
	8:00	10:30	Total	Sunday School
Nov. 22	58	44	102	45
29	57	39	96	27
December 6	53	52	105	n/a
13	59	145	204	SSP
20	57	65	122	n/a
Total	284	345	629	72
Average	57	69	126	36
Thanksgiving Eve	n/a	n/a	45	n/a
Advent	n/a	n/a	38	n/a
Advent	n/a	n/a	35	n/a

Safeguarding God's Children



The Northern Illinois Synod has provided us with excellent training and resources to assure the children of All Saints are always safe while in our care. Utilizing these resources the Council has created a "Safe Child Policy" that we will be sharing with you at the Annual Meeting in January. In a nutshell, this policy allows for the church leadership to conduct background checks on all volunteers and employees who will be working with our children, outlines what conduct is and is not appropriate when working with children, and how alleged misconduct can be reported and handled.

While we have not had any issues of this type in the past, the Congregation Council agreed that the formation of this policy is a proactive measure to assure we do not have any issues in the future. Copies of this policy will be available on the oak table in the narthex. If you have any questions on the policy, please contact Kay Johnson or Pastor Janet.

Synod Assembly Delegates Needed!



At the January Annual Meeting we will be electing up to three members of All Saints to attend the Synod Assembly in Rock Island, IL June 16-18, 2016. This is an especially exciting assembly since we will be electing a new Bishop for our Synod. The worship is great, and you get to see the larger church at work. If you are interested in being nominated and elected for this opportunity, please speak to Pastor Janet or Kay Johnson.

- In Our Prayers**
- Health & Healing**
Cheri Eden
Jeannine Hayes
Barb Kinner
George Krebs
Al Olsen
Jim Reif
Marlene Roberts
Sharon Provencher
Ethel Montgomery
 Russ &
 Ellen (Booth) Spencer
 Kim Sherman
 Mary Dummer
 Peggy Swinney
 Lori Mueller
 Don Hartman
 Juanita Williams
 Patricia Skutt
 Ruth Lukawski
 Jayne Fitzsimmons
 Bob Ecklund
 Amanda Aulwes-Ihde
 Duane Burnett
 April Roos
 Dean Booth
 Keri Kleinschmit
 Bill Brown
 Dean Lundgren
 Pamela Newman
 Frances Murray
 Marinda Ball
 Tom Fortener
 Sim Czarnowski

- Shut Ins**
Eileen Carlson
Blanche Schroeder
Lori Pederson
Patricia Mohr

- Military**
David Bishop
Will Goreth
Joe Wrassee



November 2015 Financial Report

	General Monthly	General Monthly	General Year to Date	General Year to Date
General Account	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	\$18,508.55	\$13,486.47	\$186,309.97	\$148,351.17
Expense	\$13,778.40	\$17,449.42	\$182,973.13	\$191,943.92
Net Income	\$4,730.15	-\$3,962.95	\$3,336.84	-\$43,592.75

	Mortgage Reduction Monthly	Mortgage Reduction Monthly	Mortgage Reduction Year to Date	Mortgage Reduction Year to Date
Mortgage Reduction	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	\$3,380.50	\$2,213.83	\$25,777.50	\$24,352.13
Expense	\$2,074.21	\$2,074.21	\$23,633.64	\$22,816.75
Net Income	\$1,306.29	\$139.62	\$2,143.86	\$1,535.38

Mortgage Balance = \$248,796.95

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Congregation Council Members Needed!

We will be electing four new members to the All Saints Congregation council at our annual meeting on January 31st. Three of these members will be elected for a three year term and one more member to fulfill a vacancy with two years remaining on that term. Additionally, we will be electing one youth representative for a one year term.

If you are interested in serving our church in this capacity, please pick up a nomination form on the oak table in the narthex, complete it, and turn it in to the church office or give it to Kay Johnson. The 3-year term committees that are being vacated in January are President, Secretary, and Property, and the vacancy with 2 years remaining is for Christian Education. However, committee assignments can change at the February Council meeting when Committee Chairs are appointed. If you have any questions about the work the Council does, please contact any of the council members or feel free to attend our next meeting on Monday, January 11 at 7:00 pm.



January 2

Annual Altar Guild Meeting

January 9

Un-Decorate the church

January 9

WELCA Soup & Salad Potluck
and Quarterly Meeting

January 18

Youth Ski Trip to Chestnut
Mountain

January 31

Congregation Potluck and Annual
Meeting

Office Hours - Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, and Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.