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Welcome to Pastor Marilyn Hanson, our Interim Pastor!

Pastor Marilyn Hanson has been assigned to All Saints by the Northern Illinois Synod to serve as our interim pastor during this time of transition in our congregation. She currently lives in DeKalb, IL with her two daughters, Breanna (18), a first-year student at Kishwaukee College, and Meghan (15), a freshman at DeKalb High School.



Pastor Marilyn just recently completed a 15-month interim at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mt. Morris. Her role at All Saints will include Word & Sacrament ministry as she leads worship services and presides at all baptisms, weddings and funerals. She will do regular hospital and home visitation and attend monthly council and committee meetings.

Pastor Marilyn's regular office hours will be Tuesday & Thursday mornings, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm and Monday & Wednesday afternoons, 1:00 – 5:00 pm. She will be available at other times as well but it will be best to call to make an appointment, as she will schedule visitations during the other hours of the day. Friday will be her normal day off and Saturdays she will be working from home. The best way to contact Pastor Marilyn is via the church number during the day and via e-mail: pastor@allsaintsbyron.org or her home phone (815-758-8023) or cell phone (815-762-0963) on evenings and weekends.

As Pastor Christine Stienstra explained in the forum meeting between services on Sunday, October 20th, this interim period is a time of grieving the departure of our former pastor and preparing to welcome a new pastor. This can feel like an uncertain time, but we have been assured that the synod staff will walk with us through it.

The Call process is beginning as our Church Council reviews the job description for the future pastor, seeks input from members of the congregation and makes decisions about compensation. A Call Committee will be formed in the next months. The Church Council and/or the Call Committee will then compile and submit a Ministry Site Profile to the synod, which will include many elements from the All Saints' Long-Range and Strategic Plans. The Call Committee and the Church Council will keep the congregation informed of how we are progressing through the call process through the newsletter and the Sunday morning bulletins. If you have questions, please contact one of the Council members.

Give thanks and bless God's holy name

Our Annual Thanksgiving Eve Service Wednesday, November 27th at 7:00 pm

You are encouraged to bring staple items for our local food pantry, *People Helping People*. You will be asked to bring these items to the altar area as part of your Thanksgiving offering that evening. This is a good service to bring family members who are visiting for the Thanksgiving Holiday.



Sunday Worship 8:00 and 10:30 am
Whole Family Education Hour

Responding to the Gospel
to carry out God's mission



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Deadline is Sat, Nov 16th for the Dec. Newsletter. This month, send articles to Kay Johnson at allsaintswelca@aol.com.

Thank You from Pastor Scott & Trish Schmidt

Thank you! Thank you for the wonderful gathering on October 6. We thank you for the gifts, the gracious words spoken, the heart-filled cards and notes, and for the memory book. Thank you for a blessed five years at All Saints. May the Lord continue to bless the faithful at All Saints as you continue *Responding to the Gospel to carry out God's mission*. Please keep us in your prayers. The following words from the Apostle Paul's letter to the church at Philippi are fitting: *Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.* (Philippians 1:2-6)

In Jesus Christ,
Pastor Scott & Trish Schmidt

Advent Worship Schedule

Due to the response received from our previous mid-week Advent services we have decided to continue a new tradition that was created last year. We will be having 3 mid-week (Wednesday) Advent services on December 4, 11 and 18 at 7:00 pm. These services will be short 30 minute worship services. At 6:00 pm, please join us for a soup supper. Additional information will be in the Sunday bulletins and on Bulletin Board #2.



As we approach Advent, we anticipate the birth of our Savior, but at the same time we realize that for some people the holidays are a time of stress, trials and tribulations. As a committee we believe this to be an integral part of responding to the Gospel to carry out God's mission by following Jesus' example.

So please join us for these Advent services.

Worship Committee

2013 Confirmands

Rite of Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism was held on Reformation Sunday, October 27th at the 10:30 am service. We celebrate with those who completed the confirmation classes: Rebecca Brown, Ashley Camling, Zack Fortener, Caleigh Huber, Peyton Keller, Rebecca Raum, Everett Stoker and Lane Watson.



Stewardship Committee Updates

Be on the lookout for your 2014 Stewardship Mailing. Time and talent sheets and pledge cards are being revised and will be mailed soon. We would like these forms and cards returned to the church by the end of November. The pledge cards will be dedicated on Commitment Sunday, December 8, 2013.

Thank you to Phyllis Coffman and Steve Jones for their Temple Talks recently on how they relate to Stewardship. If you would like to share with the congregation something related to Stewardship, let us know.

We are still looking for members to serve on our committee. Please help our committee grow and be able to serve All Saints to our fullest potential. If interested in service on the Stewardship Committee, please contact Rebecca Heaslip.

Decorate the Church for Christmas

Advent begins Sunday, December 1st ! Join us in preparing the church by decorating the sanctuary and putting up the various Christmas trees. We have the big Crismon tree and greens in the sanctuary, a tree for the Sunday School, and other trees throughout the church building that need to be decorated. We need all hands – adults and kids of all ages. We will meet at church at 9:30 am on Saturday, November 30th (the Saturday after Thanksgiving). It is a fun time with the fellowship of working together. A light lunch follows when the church is ready for the new church year. If you have questions – contact the church office.



People Helping People -Thanksgiving Needs

People Helping People Food Pantry coordinator, Ruth Ann Goelitz, explained PHP at the present time assists close to 65 families on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. As Thanksgiving gets closer, the numbers of less fortunate people and families needing assistance from PHP increases, which adds to the struggle to meet those needs.

Ruth Ann asked if All Saints would assist PHP in purchasing turkey so all of the families will receive and enjoy a turkey dinner on Thanksgiving. She estimates a \$14 donation would help provide dinner to 2 families. Since this is a perishable item it needs to be purchased close to the day of delivery. The Thanksgiving baskets are distributed on November 25th.

Those who would like to help PHP can make monetary donations until Sunday, November 24th. Checks can be made payable to All Saints Lutheran Church, (and the funds will be passed onto People Helping People) or made out directly to People Helping People.

Another option is to fill the shopping cart located in the entry way of the church. Items needed are the usual non-perishable Thanksgiving dinner foods such as stuffing mix, canned vegetables, potatoes and cranberry sauce.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jim Wilcox at 815-234-2365, or his email sgtjim271@yahoo.com.



Scripture Texts



Nov. 3
Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
Psalm 149
Ephesians 1: 11-23
Luke 6:20-31

Nov. 10
Job 19:23-27a
Psalm 17:1-19
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

Nov. 17
Malachi 4:1-2a
Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

Nov 24
Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

Nov 27 Thanksgiving Eve
Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 100
Philippians 4:4-9
John 6:25-35

Tuesday Night Bible Study



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

We will use the Discipleship: A New Way of Being series from elca.org

Nov 5
A New Life
Text: Luke 20:27-38

Nov 12
A New Preparedness
Text: Luke 21:5-19

Nov 19
A New Kind of Leader
Text: Luke 23:33-43

Nov 26
TBA
Text: Matthew 24:36-44

Discipleship Gatherings: "Giving"

This fall, the Northern Illinois Synod is hosting Discipleship Gatherings in each of our eight conferences. The last two opportunities to attend are listed below. As we explore the important aspect of discipleship – "giving", we will do so by emphasizing areas of stewardship and how gifts for mission support are used in God's mission. Evenings include ministry fairs which include displays and representatives from our agencies, institutions, ministry committees, and ministry task forces of our synod. Ministry fairs are followed by programs that address the topic of "giving" and the distribution of the 2014 Mission Support resource packet.

Date	Details
Nov. 7	First Lutheran Church, Freeport 6:00-7:00 Registration, Ministry Fair 7:00 – 8:00 Program
Nov. 10	First Lutheran Church, Galesburg 3:00 – 4:00 Registration and Ministry Fair 4:00 – 5:00 Program

Medical Equipment Lending Program

The Barnabas Caregiving Ministry would like to collect donated canes, walkers and similar items for those recovering from illness or injury. Someone who has a larger item to donate, like a wheel chair, should talk with a member of the Barnabas Caregiving Ministry – Rachel Niederer, Jim Wilcox, or Kay Johnson.

Delivering the Saintly News

Currently, the Saintly News is mailed by bulk mail to every member and to others that are on our mailing list. If you would like to receive your copy of Saintly News via e-mail, we would be happy to do that for you. Just e-mail Cindy Beitel at: office@AllSaintsByron.org with the e-mail address you would like us to use, and look for the December issue on your computer. You can also receive a hard copy and an emailed copy. If you are not sure about this now, contact the church office at any time if you would like your e-mail added to our address list.

I wish to express our sincere thank you to all for the cards, notes, calls, prayers, food and expressions of sympathy extended to our family at the passing of our husband, father, and grandfather. Special thanks to Cindy and Karen for help with memorial cards and bulletins, and WELCA for lunch. God blessed me with caring friends at All Saints. *Family of Paul Roberts*

September 2013 Expense Report

General / Facilities Giving	\$ 16,816.05
General / Facilities Expenses	\$ 18,396.38
Mortgage Reduction / Capital Campaign Giving	\$ 4350.50
Mortgage Balance	\$ 271,267.74

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In Sympathy

Helen Berg
Paul Roberts

Book Club

We will meet in the Fellowship hall on Monday the 25th of November at 1:00 pm. A book has not yet been chosen for the November book club meeting. Watch the Sunday bulletin for that information. Come and join in the conversation and fellowship. We do not meet in December but will meet again on the fourth Monday in January.



Library

The following are books donated by Skip and Sylvia Richardson.



- o **Central Things- Worship in Word and Sacrament** by Gordon W. Lathrop "...considers what worship in word and sacrament actually is and why it matters so much." "...there are certain central things that we hold and that hold us into hope and faith and life."
- o **Christian Caregiving- a Way of Life** by Kenneth C. Haugk will help you to talk about your faith, pray with others, and comfort a friend. It will prepare you to give care in a Christian way.
- o **Moments of Grace-Hymns, Worship Services and Meditations for Caring and Healing Ministries**
- o **The Worshiping Life- Meditations on the Order of Worship** by Lisa Nichols Hickman covers Gathering (Call to Worship, Prayer of Invocation, Opening Hymn, Confession, and Assurance of Pardon), Proclaiming (Prayer for Illumination, Children's Sermon, Old and New Testament Lessons, and Sermon), Responding (Affirmation of Faith, Middle Hymn, Offering, Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer), Sealing (Baptism and Communion), Bearing Out (Closing Hymn, Benediction and Amen), and Postlude.
- o **Seeking His Face- A Daily Devotional** by Charles Stanley is a book of devotions based on Scripture readings touching on an aspect of spiritual growth each month of the year- A Divine Encounter with God: with Emotional Healing, with Forgiveness, at the Cross, with Christian Devotion: Prayer, Worship, and the Word, in Intimacy, in Spiritual Growth, with Grace, in the Midst of Trials and Temptations, in Personal Ministry, in Times of Adversity, and with God's Plan for the Future.

Thanks to all who helped with the baked items for the Bake Sale at the Oregon Living and Rehab Center to benefit the Alzheimer's Association. We raised over \$400 from the bake sale. The total for the home from the various fundraisers was over \$5300.

Marlene Roberts



YouthNews

November 2013

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Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you...1 Peter 5:7

November 6th & 20th... STATIC Nite

High school youth gather from 6:00-7:30 pm Wednesday nights at church. We have all kinds of fun, do adventurous things, plan events and much more ... **If you are in 8th grade now**, we would love to have you.

November 9th... Holiday Shopping Extravaganza For 6th - 12th grade

10:00 am -3:00 pm at church the Youth will serve lunch. Please sign up on youth board to help with this awesome service project. We have lots of fun and have an opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts.

YOUTH NITE... November 10th ... 5-7 pm
Meet at church - Jr. High and High school youth meet for snack and devotions. Jr. High and H.S. split up for an hour, and then rejoin to play team building games. An Adult is needed to help with Jr. High youth.

November 15th-17th Confirmation youth...
Come for the weekend to LOMC for this great weekend called Scrabble. Cost \$114.00 per person. Friday 7pm-Sunday 1pm. See Youth Board for flyer & to sign up.

Nov 24th..Youth Nite/Families in Faith...
Come one, come all from 5:00-7:00 pm at church in the fellowship hall. We will be having a Thanksgiving potluck with devotion and sharing thanks.

December 6th ... Miracle on 2ND Street
The youth of All Saints will be selling hot dogs for \$1.00 from 6:00-8:30 pm . Sign up on youth board to help. We have lots of fun.

Upcoming Events.....

- December ... Sell Pizza Kits
- December 8th ... Youth Christmas Party
- December 21st ... Christmas Caroling/ Pizza

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Youth Quake/Zone.. 6th-12thgrade

Friday, Jan.31st - Sunday, Feb.2, 2014 at Wilderness Resort, Wisconsin Dells.

"Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all." 1 Chronicles 29:11



2015 National Youth Gathering...

will be in Detroit, Michigan in July 2015. We have started to plan for this event and are working on lots of fundraising ideas. If you are interested in attending the National Youth Gathering, helping out with fundraising or being an adult chaperone, please contact me at 815-509-2682.

S.T.A.T.O.C

Students Taking Action Together In Christ

Audrey Adams,

All Saints Youth & Family Leader

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November Confirmation Lesson Schedule

- Sun, Nov. 3 – 10 Commandments – Stealing
- Wed, Nov. 6 – Old Testament – overview
- Sun, Nov. 10 – 10 Commandments – False Witness
- Wed, Nov. 13 – Leader and Guide Huddle
- Sun, Nov. 17 – 10 Commandments – Coveting
- Wed, Nov. 20 – Creation
- Sun, Nov 24 – 10 Commandments – Review

Adult Sunday School Class

Anyone High School and older is welcome to attend the class that meets in the Pastor's office on Sundays from 9:15 am to 10:15 am. We are using a course entitled "Jesus and the Gospels," presented by Professor Luke Timothy Johnson. Each week, we watch a DVD-based lesson and then we discuss what was covered. If you have questions, please contact Steve Jones, the class facilitator, at 779-537-4006 or by email at sub_insignia@yahoo.com.

Quilters

The quilters will meet on November 7th and 21st from 9:00 to 11:00 am at the church. October was a busy month for the quilters. The 83 quilts for LWR were taken to Zion Lutheran Church in Rockford to travel to New York and then to places where the need is greatest. Fourteen quilts were given locally during this past year also. The closet shelves will be filling up quicker now that we are meeting twice a month. The ladies that attend our work mornings also love to bake and share their treats during our coffee break. When you attend the Holiday Extravaganza on November 9th, please check out the GATHERING table and the quilt we will be selling. Thank you for the donations that continue to show up for our use that are placed in the plastic container in the hallway. Please join us sometime. Millie Knodle



The GATHERING

The GATHERING is busy finishing projects or gathering Grannie Attic objects for the Holiday Shopping Extravaganza on Sat, November 9. Beautiful handmade articles were displayed at our last meeting. Donations can be dropped off in the designated area near the coat rack by the main entrance or brought to church on Friday November 8. Contact Lois Lapp at 815-234-7176 for more information or if you have questions. The next GATHERING will be on Tuesday, November 12 at 9:00 am. Refreshments will be provided by Dorothy Lalowski. Everyone is invited. Bring a handwork project or just come for fellowship.



Worship Attendance				
	8:00	10:30	Total	Sunday School
Sept 29	90	49	139	51
Oct. 6	90	73	163	57
13	52	52	104	51
20	82	58	140	43
27	80	188	268	57
Total	394	420	814	259
Average	79	84	163	52



Mission Trip to Moore, OK

On September 30, 16 people from Northern Illinois arrived in Moore, OK to help the organization "Serve Moore" with their rebuilding efforts. Four were from All Saints: Bob Branson, Reuben Johnson, and Doug and Lynn Knodle. Others in the group represented LOMC, Salem Lutheran Church in Sycamore, and St. John Lutheran Church in Sterling.

When we entered the Moore OK area, we were awed by the devastation left by the EF-5 tornado that ravaged the city on May 20, 2013. Entire neighborhoods were completely wiped away, leaving only concrete pads and driveways. There are still piles of debris everywhere. Rebuilding is beginning, but it is a slow process with so many homes damaged or destroyed.

The first order of business for some of our team was to reconstruct a fence around a house to secure building supplies that will be provided to repair the rest of the house. When the fence was finished, which was a two day project, we moved to a second house and replaced some doors that had been improperly installed. This took all of the third day. On the fourth day we rejoined the rest of our team to help with the installation of new insulation and drywall on the interior of the home. While we were working on doors and the fence, they had completely rewired the house, replacing the existing aluminum wire, and had most of the insulation installation complete.

We were only there for four days, and could have easily spent several weeks working to help rebuild Moore. If you are interested in serving or making a monetary donation, you can contact Serve Moore through their website: www.servemoore.com or by calling 405-735-3060, If you would be interested in organizing another work team from All Saints, please contact Jim Wilcox or Kay Johnson.

Families in Faith

"I want us to help each other with the faith we have. Your faith will help me, and my faith will help you" Romans 12:4-5.

What: Thanksgiving Potluck

When: Nov 24, 2013 from 5-7pm

Where: All Saints Lutheran Church

Please sign up on Bulletin Board #2

COME GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD AND CELEBRATE!

Our next task force meeting will be held on Nov 6, 2013 @ 6:00pm. We will be finalizing plans for Thanksgiving gathering.

We would love to see you there! If you have questions please contact Marddi Rahn at navy_m@hotmail.com or 815-631-4491 or Rachel Brown at rbrown68@gmail.com or 815-621-8290.



Health & Healing



- Cindy Adams
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Holiday Shopping Extravaganza!

Mark your calendars now! The Holiday Shopping Extravaganza is right around the corner! This year's event will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2013 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Many of your favorite vendors are returning, including Scentsy, Usborne Children's Books, 31 Gifts, Tupperware, The GATHERING and more. We have some new vendors joining in the fun, including Nerium AD, which is a skin care product; It Works! - skin care and health care products; and Origami Owl, a jewelry company. There will definitely be something for everyone on your holiday shopping list!

The Youth of All Saints' Family and Faith ministries will provide a light lunch from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, so be sure to support them by sharing a meal with friends! Child care will be available in the nursery while you shop.

We will also have a drawing for products donated by our vendors. Tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Receive a free ticket by visiting all of our vendors. Vendor stamp-off sheets will be available at the registration table when you enter through the main entrance. Proceeds from the drawing benefit All Saints. This is always a fun day, and we are so looking forward to having you join us to get a head start on your holiday shopping!

Office Hours - Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.