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Palm Sunday, April 1

8:00 & 10:30 am Holy Communion & Reception of New Members

Maundy Thursday, April 5

7:00 pm Worship "Into Deeper Waters" with First Communion (reception following)

Good Friday, April 6

6:00 am to 5:00 pm Prayer Vigil at All Saints (Sign up on Bulletin Board #2)

7:00 pm Community Good Friday Service "Doubts and Fears"

United Church of Byron (offerings will be divided between two local charities:
People Helping People Food Pantry and
St. Vincent DePaul which provides other assistance in our community.)

Holy Saturday, April 7

10:00 am - Noon Easter Breakfast Set up

Easter Sunday, April 8

6:00 am Sunrise Service "The Easter Doxology"

The conclusion of our Lenten Series on the Lord's Prayer

8:00 am Traditional Worship "We Are Easter People"

10:30 am Blended Worship "We Are Easter People"

Easter Breakfast *served between services*

7 to 7:45 am & from 9 to 10 am

**Pancakes, Sausage, Egg Casserole, Donuts,
Juice, Milk, Coffee**

Suggested donation \$5 per person



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



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**May Newsletter
Deadline**

Articles should be submitted by April 18 and should be emailed to Carolyn Niederer
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An Easter Note from Pastor Scott Schmidt

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another. John 13:34-35

We are *Easter People*. We are *Easter People* as we follow Jesus as our Lord's disciples, responding to the Gospel to carry out God's mission. We are to be *Easter People* in all of our daily walks of life, which include our vocations or work, retirement or school, and as a family member or as a spouse. On Maundy Thursday, the night before going to the cross, Jesus gives his disciples of all times a new commandment or mandate. Maundy means "mandate." The mandate of Jesus is to love one another as he loves us, as shown not only on the cross for our sins, but especially as proclaimed in Christ's victory over the grave on that first Easter. This makes us *Easter People*.



Some of the primary places where we are to live as *Easter People* are in our homes, among our family members, and especially for those who are married – with our spouses. So, to help those who are married to live out that vocational calling as spouse and to live that calling as *Easter People*, I would like to offer a seven part class on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am in my office. The title of the class is *The 5 Love Languages*, based on the bestselling book by Gary Chapman. (This is the final spring class for the *Family Life Forum*.)

In my own life, I claim that the premise of *The 5 Love Languages* has strengthened my vocation as a spouse. So, if you're married I highly encourage you to consider participating in this small group from April 15 through May 27.

In our Risen Savior's name,

Pastor Scott Schmidt

The Family Life Forum -

The 5 Love Languages

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

Using material by Dr. Gary Chapman, Pastor Scott Schmidt will facilitate this series on how to express heartfelt commitment to your mate. Chapman reveals how different people express love in different ways. What speaks love to you may be meaningless to your spouse. This study contains the key to understanding each other's unique needs. 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 15** Introduction
- April 22** Love Language #1 Words of Affirmation
- 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



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Thank you so much for your generosity in the past and thank you for considering to play a part in eliminating All Saints' mortgage. Your gift is welcome! If you cannot afford to financially support the campaign, we ask that you keep All Saints and the campaign in your prayers. The Follow-Up Team is still collecting commitment cards. **Sunday, April 29** will be Celebration Sunday when all received commitments will be dedicated to God.

Yours in Christ,

Randy Mastricola -- Capital Campaign Chairman



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – SKY!

July 9 - 13, 2012

Come soar with us this summer at Sky VBS where “Everything is Possible with God”! (Mark 10: 27) To make this All Saints VBS outreach program possible, many people are still needed to help plan and lead. **Please think about 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, but 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 of All Saints *will* fill your heart with joy! Please contact Jodi Miles (jodim23@comcast.net) to volunteer. A meeting will be held at 9:15 on May 20th for anyone interested. A donation list has been posted in the narthex. We need heaps of rainbow colored balloons, kites, windsocks, toy airplanes, cotton balls and polyfill, streamers, and anything else that flies or is in the sky. We are looking for sheets with a cloud print plus a helium tank; we are asking early since these might be hard to come by. This list does not include the snacks that will be needed for VBS. Thank you in advance for your help.

WELCA

Spring WELCA Central Conference

The meeting will be held at 9 am on April 21st at Trinity Lutheran Church, Mt. Morris, IL.

Spring Luncheon

April 28TH 12:00 noon at All Saints Lutheran Church

Our theme for the day will be “Show & Share”. Tickets go on sale March 25th. Price is \$7 for adults and \$5 for those under 12. Come and enjoy your delicious lunch served on beautiful china. Join in the fun by bringing or wearing an apron. Share your story or just sit back, listen and learn something new with the entertaining program presented by Elizabeth Itnyre and Judy Dampen “Memories and the Forgotten Apron”. For more information contact Susan Davis at 815-732-4080.



Sunday Scripture Texts



April 1, 2012 Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 15:1-39 [40-47]

April 5, 2012 Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 8, 2012 Easter

Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Acts 10:34-43
Mark 16:1-8

April 15, 2012

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31

April 22, 2012

Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

April 29, 2012

Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

Family Life Forum

is open to all who are able to join and would like to grow in faith and fellowship. This group meets at Sunday School time, Sunday, 9:15-10:15 am. April 1 – Resurrection (meets in the Study Nook)

April 8 - Easter – no class

(See page two for April 15 thru May 27 schedule for a series on *The 5 Love Languages*.)



CARE PACKAGES

for Post HS Students during Final Exams

We'd like to give members of All Saints who are in college or school beyond high school some encouragement during final exams by sending them care packages with some goodies to give them some energy during finals. This is a joint project of *The Gathering* (formerly *The Crafters*)



and of our *Youth Group*. In April we will be collecting goodies and sweets to send in the care packages. See the display in the narthex for details. Also, please send an email to Office@AllSaintsByron.org with your All Saints student's name and mailing address (this includes students commuting from home) along with their year in education and the institution's name.

MUG A VISITOR

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to mug someone? Here's your chance to find out! We're in the planning stages of a great new outreach project, and we need your input and help! If you would like to be a part of this fun project, contact Kay Johnson at 815-262-8789. A committee meeting is planned for **April 19, 7:00 pm.**



EARLY SPRING CLEANUP

Spring has Sprung Early this Year. After plans were made to hold our annual spring cleaning Saturday, May 5th largely due to the sleet and snow experienced during last year's spring cleaning - Spring Sprung Early after all. This year the grass is growing, the bushes need trimming, and we can take advantage of the good graces of the warm weather. Long before the annual spring cleaning, Jan Sloan is already in the flower beds weeding and preparing for the annual flower planting and could use some help. **Thanks to those who helped on Sat. March 24th** to get a head start on the landscaping with trimming bushes. It was good to have a team of Mike Greene, Carolyn Niederer, Mike and Jan Sloan and Mark Hart working in the morning. **Saturday, March 31st at 9 am** we're planning to spread mulch, trim shrubs, etc. We will appreciate help with the projects, weather permitting. *Many thanks for your help!*



PENTECOST FLOWERS

Let's add a little extra color to our church, especially red, for Pentecost (May 27th). You can help in this project by making a donation. See the insert in the April 15 & 22 church bulletins. You may give any amount of money (i.e. \$1.00, \$5.00, \$10.00) which will be used to buy flowers. If you have questions, give Jan Sloan a call: 815-234-2610. Please make your donation by **April 29**. Checks should be made payable to "All Saints Lutheran Church." Plants selected will be appropriate for our outdoor flowers boxes, entrances to our church, the sign planter, or the courtyard. These flowers remind us of God's continuing bounty, inspiration, and new life in Jesus Christ throughout the summer months. Thanks for your ongoing help to beautify All Saints!



HELP NEEDED

After serving to keep All Saints clean for more than 6 years, Mary Dummer has resigned. The Property Committee is currently searching for a replacement cleaning service. This process will take at least another three weeks, during which a small group will attempt to perform the cleaning needs of our church. As we frequently have special events and find our cleaning needs are on the rise, any help we can get would be greatly appreciated. If you can't join the temporary cleaning team, just making sure to clean-up after your event will make a difference. If you can help with short-term cleaning, please contact Mark Hart at 815-519-0615.



WOMAN'S EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP

The Byron Woman's club sponsors a scholarship to encourage women 18 years or older, residing in the Byron or Meridian School District who would like the opportunity to continue her education for College, a GED, or Vocational/Professional Training. If you are interested, or know a woman who might be interested, pick up an application in the church office. The completed application should be returned to All Saints. The deadline is April 13th. For more information, contact Wanda Cacciatore, 815-234-4291.

HARMONY FOR HUNGER

The fourth annual Harmony for Hunger Concert will be held Friday evening, April 20, 2012 at Hononegah High School Performing Arts Center - 307 Salem Street, Rockton, IL. The performance features The Triumphant Quartet, one of the most well-known southern Gospel quartets today. Ticket price is \$10.00 each and can be ordered by calling the ticket hotline: 815-231-2718. All the net proceeds will go to various local hunger relief agencies.



MORING DISPOSAL CHANGES

Moring Disposal is introducing new roll-away totes to be used instead of the traditional round garbage cans. All Saints recently made this transition to the new roll-away totes. Right now we have four brown totes for three different purposes. Two all dark brown are marked for garbage, one dark brown with a tan lid is marked for mixed recycling and the last all dark brown marked office paper only.



Please observe these differences in our effort to do the right thing and recycle as much as possible. To further complicate matters, in a few weeks we will have 2 additional landscape waste totes. We will mark those as well to help everyone during this transition. Your cooperation and participation is greatly appreciated.

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.



The New Testament figures we will learn about include John the Baptist, Mary and Joseph, Peter and Jesus' apostles, Martha, Mary Magdalene, Pontius Pilate, Paul and others. It culminates with two lectures on Jesus Christ. Each lecture stands on its own, so if your schedule does not allow you to attend every week you can still get a lot out of each week's session.

FAITH AT THE END OF YOUR FORK

"Faith at the End of Your Fork" is an event sponsored by the Rockford Chapter of Bread for the World. The event encourages spiritual reflection, study, and action around food and diet. There have been events held through February and March. The main event will be held on April 28th from 8:30 am – 5:00 pm at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd at 1829 N. Rockton Ave. in Rockford. There are brochures at church with more information or you can visit the website at <http://www.meetup.com/Food-and-Faith/>



Youth News

Thanks! to the adult leaders who went to Youth Quake in March: Theresa Fitzsimmons and Pete Raum. Without them our youth would not have been able to go. Our Youth grew their personal faith with Jesus, along with some faith building experiences.

Thanks! to everyone for coming to our spaghetti dinner. We made \$300.00 profit. Thanks also to everyone for the food donations and all our wonderful workers.

April 7th ... EASTER Breakfast set up

10:00 am - noon

April 8th ... EASTER

Breakfast will be served from
7:00 -7:40 am and 9:00-10:00 am

NO YOUTH NIGHT

April 8th ... EASTER

Spring will be here soon and so we will have our Annual Easter Breakfast. The Youth group will be serving an Easter Breakfast after the 6:00 am service and the 8:00 am service. Menu: pancakes, sausage, egg casserole, donuts, orange juice, milk and coffee. Suggested donation: \$5.00 per person. Sign up sheets are posted for all the youth to help set-up, serve, and clean up for the breakfast. So please sign up.



Easter Breakfast Donations still needed: Sign up sheets are also posted for donations needed for the breakfast menu. Your donations of food items and your time are what make this event such a HUGE success. THANK-YOU

April 22nd ... Youth night

Youth 6th-12th grade will meet 5:00-7:00 pm at church.

May 5th ... Postal Food Drive

Any Youth can come and help out. We'll meet at the post office at 9 am to drive around picking up food from mail boxes for People Helping People. 9 am - 12 pm Adults who will have a map, are needed to drive the youth. Jim Wilcox is our leader.

May 10th ... NO Youth night

Happy Mother's Day! Take your mom out for a special day!

May 22nd ... Youth night

Junior High & High School youth will meet at church 5:00-7:00 pm

May 25th - 28th ... LOMC

Come out to Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center on Memorial Day weekend to help us clean up camp and get ready for summer. Lodging and meals provided. Anyone can help out and there are lots of different things to do from planting a flower to building a barn.

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.

June 10th - August 10th

LOMC Summer Camp

Come out and enjoy Gods Word in the World of God. Summer brochures are available.

Stacy Steiner, All Saints Youth Leader

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CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE- April	
Sunday Morning 9:15 am	
Apr 1	The Lord's Prayer - Forgive Us
Apr 8	Easter Breakfast
Apr 15	The Lord's Prayer - Time of Trial
Apr 22	The Lord's Prayer - Deliver Us from Evil

LIBRARY



- Books added to the library this month are the following from the Bethany House Publishers:
- *The Doctor's Lady* by Jody Hedlund. Priscilla knew God wanted her to be a missionary, but the only way she could serve is to be married.
- *Wonderland Creek* by Lynn Austin. Alice, an ex-librarian delivers 5 boxes of books to Acorn.
- *While We're Far Apart* by Lynn Austin. A horrific accident occurs during a world at war. Can faith and hope survive in the midst of God's silence?
- *A Lasting Impression* by Tamera Alexander is a love story about mending, redemption, courage and seeing each other as they really are.
- *House of Secrets* by Tracie Peterson. A happy reunion for sisters becomes shrouded by memories of the past.
- *The Sweetest Thing* by Elizabeth Musser. A friendship during the 1930's is tested by jealousy, betrayal, and secrets.
- And 2 books by Beverly Lewis- *The Postcard* and book 1 of the Courtship of Nellie Fisher, *The Parting*.
Anne Margart

BOOK CLUB

The book club will meet on Monday, April 23rd, at 1:00 in the fellowship hall. We will discuss the book, The Postmistress by Sarah Blake. We will meet in May and then take the summer off as we usually do. Join us for fellowship and discussion.



The Postmistress is a many layered novel. It is a story about love won and lost, a story of those who waited at home. It is a compelling account of some events leading to American involvement in World War II. Much of the description of Frankie's reporting via radio is based on fact with a novelist's liberties.--*Carolyn Niederer*

Worship Attendance				
March	8:00	10:30	Total	Sunday School
4	95	64	159	63
11	67	90	157	49
18	65	71	136	53
25	73	84	157	66
Total	300	309	609	231
Average	75	77	152	58

Wednesday, 7:00 pm		
2/29 - 77	3/7 - 90	Total - 284
3/14 - 64	3/21 - 53	Avg. - 71

THE GATHERING

For a fun morning with a great group of ladies, come to "The Gathering" on April 10 at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. A variety of handwork projects and lively conversations are always going on. Even if your handwork skills are limited, this is a caring and welcoming group, just come and enjoy the coffee and the company.

-- Linda Hank



QUILTERS NEWS

The quilters plan to meet on April 5th from 9 to 11 am at the church in the Sunday School rooms. The church rummage sale was held before our work day in April. Three quilts were selected to be sold. The quilts were especially pretty this year. The work continues the first Thursday of every month to make comforters for people in need. Thank you for the donations we receive in the container by the book cart. We don't know who has given us all the lovely sheets and fabrics lately, but each one is a special gift to our project. Please join us whenever you can. The time goes quickly as we work, visit and remember that we are serving our Lord.

-- Millie Knodle



Bible Study

Tuesday Night 7:00 pm

All are welcome to join us as often as you are able.

We meet in the Main Conference Room.

Please use the far south entrance.

Conclusion of: *The Lord's Prayer: Entering into God's Country*

We will conclude the DVD and Bible Study series: ***The Lord's Prayer: Entering into God's Country***, by author and pastor Walter Wangerin, Jr. The last two lessons include:

- April 3 Lead Us Not Into Temptation, But Deliver Us From Evil
- April 10 When An End Is Also A Beginning

We start a new series - *Confronting Death:*

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

For five weeks we will use 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." On the following five dates we will listen to Wangerin draw from his own experience with cancer as he helps us explore:

- April 17 Discovering serious illness
- April 24 Grieving before death
- May 1 Caring for the one who is not sick
- May 8 How do we handle the pain?
- May 15 Confronting the dying itself

Health & Healing



Lore Bogdanovich
Eileen Carlson
John Cassens
Deb & Tom Curtis
John Hunsaker
Gloria Olsen
Sharon Provencher
Kit Reif
Bill Runnion
Blanche Schroeder
Myria Schumacher
Julie Stukenberg
Mary Whitmer
Marilyn Williams
Isabelle Wittig

Donna Linderman
 George Mootz
 Norman Cozart
 Donny Jones
 Dave Acton
 Celeste Reif
 Tim O'Hare
 Francis Goreth
 Roger Reimer
 Josh Wakeley
 Nancy Stout
 Lee Zoellick
 Kristen Thomas
 Carla Brewer
 Dale Palmgren
 Scarlet Griffith
 Debbi Houston
 Shirley Bull
 Shirley Althoff
 Pat Carter
 Clark Faris
 Ted Miller
 Sharon Carrell
 David Kopp
 Pam Mower
 Monica Berkeley
 Denny Berglund
 Bob Meline
 Cody Leschner
 Tony & Alexis Crose
 Arnold Schramm
 Diane McCullough
 Erin Chavez & unborn child
 Jerry Winder
 James Doyle
 Carl Rodig
 Donna Veitch
 Cliff Thompson
 Bill Cassens

In the Military

Tom Faudree
 Kelly Lott
 Kevin Merritt
 Nathan Perkins
 Pablo Orozco, Jr.
 Devon Kornett

In Sympathy

The grieving families of
Richard Morris (uncle of Carol Wilson)
 Dan Lind
 Thalia Arrendondo
 Brenda Gutierrez
 Karen Lutz
 Chris Alton

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