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All Saints Celebrates Easter



Easter Schedule

Sunday, April 9, 2017 - Palm Sunday
8:00 am and 10:30 am

Procession with Palms, Dramatic Reading of the Passion and Communion

Thursday, April 13, 2017
Maundy Thursday
Worship Service 7:00 pm

Worship, Communion, and Stripping of the Altar

Friday, April 14, 2017
Good Friday Community
Worship Service 7:00 pm
At Middle Creek Presbyterian Church



Easter Sunday, April 17, 2017

Traditional Worship – 8:00 am and 10:30 am
Holy Communion will be celebrated at both services
Easter breakfast will be served from 9-10 am.
A free-will offering will be taken with all proceeds benefitting our youth who are attending the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX.

Easter Flower Garden

Would you like to order an Easter plant to enhance the beauty of the sanctuary for Easter services? Order sheets will be available in the church bulletins or in the church office. Plants will come from Merlin's Flowers. Orders must be placed by April 2nd, the cost is \$15 per plant for lilies, mums, or tulips, and \$25 per plant for azaleas or hydrangeas (make your check payable to "All Saints Altar Guild"). These plants will be displayed in the sanctuary on Easter and can be taken home after the 10:30 am worship service

Spring Clean-Up Day Scheduled! **Mowing Volunteers Needed!**

Mark your calendars! The annual "Spring clean-up day" at church has been scheduled for **Saturday, April 8 beginning at 9:00 am**. Sign-up on bulletin board #2 so that we can assure the appropriate amount of food is available for the clean-up crew. Our church runs on the efforts of many volunteers. In addition to maintaining a pleasant place for us all to worship, a well maintained property could influence visitors' choices to worship here or make a return visit. There is a need for all people, regardless of their skills, to perform a variety of tasks to help maintain our facilities.

We are also in need of volunteers for the seasonal mowing and flower watering. Please consider volunteering for one of these tasks on the Time and Talent sheet. The more helping hands we have, the fewer times each volunteer has to perform the work in the rotation. The novice lawn mowing volunteers will be paired up with an experienced volunteer.



WELCA BAKE Sale – April 9th - Palm Sunday between services. Please support our efforts to raise funds for new blinds for the fellowship hall. Enjoy some home baked goodies made by the ladies of WELCA. Thank You!

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

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Deadline for the May Saintly

News is **April 17**

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A Note From Pastor Janet Wold

Dear Friends,

On Sunday, April 16th we will celebrate Easter, the day we know that Christ is Lord of all, having become a victor over even death. The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday – a day when we are reminded of our sinfulness by confessing our sins and receiving a cross of ashes on our foreheads.

During the remaining days of Lent, we are to reflect on our need for a Savior – we are reminded, once again, of our own inabilities to be able to “save ourselves” and how it is only through the grace of God that we are able to BE saved! On Maundy Thursday we hear a word of forgiveness for our sins, on Good Friday we are reminded again of the pain of the cross, on Saturday we reflect on the death of our Savior. And then comes Sunday! The tomb is empty, and our Lord has risen from the dead! What a victory – what a gift! As it says in the book of Romans, “When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his... But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. For we know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again, death no longer has dominion over him.” (Rom.6:3-5,8-9)

The root of our Christian faith is found in Easter. With Christ’s death and resurrection, Christ broke through the bonds of death and made eternal life with God possible for us all. I hope you’ll come and celebrate this with us – our worship times for Easter are at **8:00 am and 10:30 am**, with breakfast served between services. In Christ we are made new – join with us as we sing for joy this Easter!

In Christ –

Pastor Janet Wold



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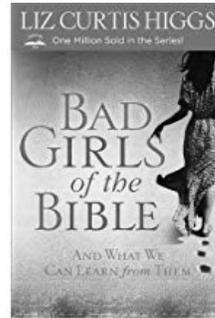
Tuesday Night Bible Study

The Tuesday night Bible Study will continue studying the book "PASSION" by Mike McKinley which examines Jesus' final day and how it changes you every day. The group meets every Tuesday night at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to join us.

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study

Join the group on Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 pm to explore the scriptural texts of Handel's Messiah. You will never listen to it quite the same! This study will wrap up on April 12.

Beginning April 19 through May 24 we will study the "Bad Girls of the Bible..." "Whether they were Bad to the Bone, Bad for a Moment, or Bad for a Season but - Not Forever, these infamous sisters show us how not to handle the challenges of life." So writes author Liz Curtis Higgs about her book *Bad Girls of the Bible and What We Can Learn From Them*. It promises to be a fun, informative way to learn more about some of the women whom God used to help proclaim his Word!



"Popular storyteller Higgs takes a look at the vamps and tramps of the Bible, searching for the lessons these wicked women have to teach. Higgs retells these biblical stories with rollicking humor and deep insight as she teaches about the nature of sin and goodness."

—Publishers Weekly



March Council Highlights

- ⇒ Learned giving is not keeping up with budgeted expenditures, particularly the mortgage payments
- ⇒ Heard All Saints will benefit from the "AmazonSmile" program
- ⇒ Learned giving for the replacement lawnmowers has been robust and we are only \$1,112 short of money needed to purchase two mowers
- ⇒ Learned there were 12 children in the first communion class
- ⇒ Learned Time & Talent sheets will be mailed shortly with a copy of the Volunteer Opportunities booklet
- ⇒ Learned Blood Drive is scheduled for April 6
- ⇒ Learned a representative from St Vincent de Paul will make a presentation at both worship services on April 2
- ⇒ Heard 6 families have been welcomed warmly as new members of All Saints

Sunday Scriptures

**Sunday April 2
5th Sunday of Lent**
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

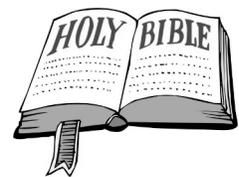
**Sunday April 9
Palm Sunday**
Matthew 21:1-11
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14--27:66

**Thursday April 13
Maundy Thursday**
Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**Sunday, April 16
Easter Sunday**
Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10

**Sunday April 23
Second Sunday of Easter**
Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

**Sunday, April 30
Third Sunday of Easter**
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35



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THE GATHERING

The GATHERING will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am on Tuesday April 11. Bring your craft to work on or just come and enjoy the fellowship and fun!

QUILTERS

The quilters plan to meet on April 6th from 9 to 11 am at the church. There are fifty completed quilts in the closet so the shelves are getting filled. Lutheran World Relief's newsletter encourages congregations to send as many quilts and kits as possible. The need keeps increasing to give help to people in need. The quilters appreciate all the generous donations of fabric and sheets that have been given. Please join us on the first Thursday of any month as we enjoy two hours of work and fellowship.



Book Club

April's Book Club selection is *Mutant Message Down Under* by Marlo Morgan. An American woman is summoned by a remote tribe of nomadic Aboriginals to go on a four month walk-about across the Outback desert. We will meet in the fellowship hall on Monday, April 24 at 1:00 pm.

I ♥
Book Club



Ladies of All Saints, April is a busy month for us. We have the **bake sale** on April 9th and need you to bring goodies for the sale. You can bring plates or containers of cookies, brownies, cakes, or whatever is your favorite to share on Saturday, April 8th from 11 am to noon. Marlene Roberts will be at church setting up and you can drop off your donation then. Or bring in your treats on Sunday, the 9th when you come to church.

And we have the rummage sale as you saw on the back page. If you can bake something for the bake sale on Thursday, April 20th, it would be greatly appreciated. Please bring your baked goods to the Masonic Lodge on Wednesday the 19th during drop off times, or early on Thursday morning. We need volunteers, both men and women, to work the days of drop off (sorting, setting up, stacking, pricing) as well as the days of the sale. And we need volunteers, especially men, to help pack up items that did not sell at the close of the sale on Saturday afternoon beginning at 1:00 pm for pick up by Serenity House, or Rockford Rescue Mission. If you can volunteer for a few hours during one or more of these days, it would be greatly appreciated. Please volunteer by signing up on Bulletin Board #2 or by calling Marlene Roberts at 815-218-1134.

Our next WELCA Meeting is April 29th at 9:30 am. This again is a breakfast potluck, so bring a breakfast or brunch food to share.

We will get a report about the bake sale and the rummage sale and information about different types of blinds and some approximate costs. Plan to join us and invite someone new to come.

Blood Drive

Please help others in need and donate to the All Saints Blood Drive. Staff from the Rock River Valley Blood Center will be here on Thursday, April 6, from 1-7 pm. Please call Jan at 1-815-238-2014 to set up a time to donate that day. You need to be 17 years old to donate or (age 16 with parental consent). One in three people will need blood and you never know when you or someone you love might be the one. Please volunteer to give that day!

Pam Kultgen - Social Ministry/
Outreach Chair



Meals On Wheels

It is again time for us to help our neighbors in the Byron area with noon meals. It takes about 30 minutes to complete the process each day. All Saints has been assigned the last week in April (someone has already volunteered to do that week) and the entire month of May (Mon - Friday). If you could help one of the weeks that would be wonderful, but if you are only available a couple days, I'll be glad to match you with someone else to fill in the rest of the week. Giving of yourself to help others makes you feel really good. For more information or to volunteer, please call or text me at 815-985-1948 or email me at pamelakultgen@yahoo.com.

Thanks, Pam Kultgen - Social
Ministry/Outreach Chair



Youth NEWS

April 2017

Meet once a month on Sundays, at All Saints Lutheran (ASL)

April 16th ... 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 8:00 am service. Menu: pancakes, sausage, egg casserole, donuts, orange juice, milk and coffee. Suggested donation: \$7.00 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 on the youth board 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 15th ... EASTER Breakfast set up
Saturday, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. See youth board for sign up to help and for donations.

April 16th ... EASTER Breakfast
Breakfast will be served from 9:00-10:00 am. Sign up on Youth board to help. Be there at 8:15 am to help with the breakfast.

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

April 12, 2017 - 3:00-5:30 pm

.....Youth NEWS continued

April 20th-22nd is the annual Rummage sale. Calling all Youth & families: let's help out! Sign up on the youth board for **April 17th from 5:00-7:30 pm**. We will meet at the Masonic Lodge to help fill tables, unload boxes and whatever else needs to be done. This is a great service project. See you there.

April 29thFaith week for the Northern Illinois Food bank, from 9:00 am-12:00 pm, Saturday. We would need to get a group of 10 people to go and help out. Anyone can come help out, family member, friends all are welcome to go.. We would be packing up cans of food so they can ship to needy families. We will meet at All Saints church at 8:00 am and leave from there to go to the Northern Illinois Food Bank. We are in need of chaperones to drive and go with youth.

2018 ELCA Youth Gathering... Houston, Texas June 27-July 1, 2018. We are planning on lots of fundraisers. If you are interested in going to the ELCA Youth Gathering, helping with fundraising or being an adult chaperone, please contact me at 815-509-2682.

If you would like to chaperone an event please let Audrey know.

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

Stewardship News

Thanks to everyone for you financial pledges for the coming year! We're off to a good start this year and I would like to remind everyone of the importance of meeting your pledged amounts as it truly makes a difference on an ongoing basis to the mission of All Saints Lutheran.

Coming soon will be your opportunity to participate in the sharing of your time and talents. This year we will be mailing you both the booklet of opportunities which contains a short description of each item as well as a signup form. It's amazing how rewarding it is to give of your time and talents! We hope you prayerfully consider your commitment to our church family and perhaps expand your list of commitments. There are many items and hopefully you should be able to find some that you'll enjoy participating in.

Everything we have is a gift from God that we are to use to help others!

Doug Knodle, Stewardship chair

A Musical Reformation Celebration

The 500th year of the Reformation will be the subject of a musical presentation at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 3300 Rural Street, Rockford, IL on Sunday, April 23, at 3 pm. Organist Dr. Naomi Rowley has created an eclectic program based on the chorales (hymns) of the Reformation. She will lead congregational singing and play music composed on the hymns. In addition there will be a choir and hand bells to round out the program.

The program is free and co-sponsored by Our Savior's and the Rockford Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.



Confirmation Schedule

APRIL 16 (Easter)	SERVICE PROJECT	EASTER SUNDAY - HELP WITH YOUTH BREAK-FAST.
May 3 (Wednesday)	SERVICE PROJECT	PROJECT TBA

Worship Attendance				
	8:00	10:30	Total	Sunday School
February 26	78	47	125	36
March 5	41	42	83	35
12	44	50	94	33
19	55	32	87	19
26	39	45	84	18
Total	257	216	473	141
Average	51	43	94	28

Finance Report

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual February	Budget February	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2017
Revenue	General Fund	\$13,673	\$14,333	\$33,655	\$28,667	\$172,000
	Mortgage	\$1,466	\$2,083	\$3,386	\$4,167	\$25,000
	Other Giving	\$955	\$2,110	\$1,437	\$4,221	\$25,326
	Total Revenue	\$16,094	\$18,527	\$38,478	\$37,054	\$222,326
Expenses	1000 Mission Support	\$1,013	\$1,250	\$2,917	\$2,500	\$15,000
	Other Outreach	\$272	\$467	\$436	\$933	\$5,600
	Total Outreach	\$1,285	\$1,717	\$3,353	\$3,433	\$20,600
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$1,087	\$997	\$2,380	\$1,995	\$11,969
	Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$10,232	\$11,210	\$21,564	\$22,419	\$134,515
	Total Ministries	\$11,319	\$12,207	\$23,943	\$24,414	\$146,484
	3000 Total Building (Non Capital)	\$2,063	\$2,529	\$4,997	\$5,058	\$30,351
	Total Expense	\$14,667	\$16,453	\$32,293	\$32,905	\$197,435
	3000 Capital Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$2,074	\$2,074	\$4,148	\$4,149	\$24,891
	Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total Building Capital	\$2,074	\$2,074	\$4,148	\$4,149	\$24,891
Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	\$16,741	\$18,527	\$36,442	\$37,054	\$222,326	

Blues Concert Series Continues



Join us on April 2nd when Birdog and Beck will perform. Ken Olufs and Warren Beck deliver harmonica spiked, piano blues with two of the most soulful voices you'll want to hear. Warren's impressive musical chops have taken him from Chicago and Nashville as a studio/backing artist to tours with blues singer, Mike Farris and Canadian blues/rock guitarist, Trevor Finlay. Also from Chicago, Ken bought his first harmonica after seeing the Siegel Schwall Blues Band at age 17. But, he credits his friendship, mentoring and a couple hundred gigs with blues piano great, Barrelhouse Chuck for inspiring him the most. With great chemistry and a clear love for their craft, this is a blues duo you will truly come to enjoy!



Many Lenten and Easter books are on the library cart this month and are ready for check out.

The following books were donated by Mary Jo Cassens:

Where the Light Gets In, Losing My Mother Only to Find Her Again by Kimberly Williams- Paisley who was the bride in the *Father of the Bride* movie remakes, portrayed Peggy Kenter on *Nashville*, and is the wife of country music artist Brad Paisley. Her mother suffers from a rare form of dementia.

Dogwood Hill by Sherryl Woods tests the strength of the O'Briens and proves that love and family can triumph.

A Real Prince by Debbie Macomber contains two novels: *Yesterday's Hero* and *The Bachelor Prince*.

In Our Prayers

Health & Healing

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Annual Rummage Sale

April 20 - 22nd

Get ready for the annual Rummage Sale! There is still time to look through your closets, basements and garages. Bring your stuff to be someone else's treasure.

Electronics and large furniture pieces are not able to be sold through the rummage sale. For the bake sale on Thursday, please bring baked goods on Wednesday the 19th during drop off times, or early on Thursday morning. Volunteers, especially men, are needed to help both during the drop off times and when we pack up on Saturday afternoon.

Drop off times at the Byron Masonic Lodge in Byron are as follows:

April 17: 9:00 am – 12:00 noon and 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

April 18 & 19: 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Rummage Sale Hours

April 20 - Thursday - 8:30 am – 5:00 pm with a bake sale

April 21 - Friday – 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

April 22 - Saturday – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. There will be a drawing to win one of three quilts at 12:00 pm on Saturday.

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RUMMAGE
SALE



April 2

Blues Concert

April 8

Spring Clean-up

April 9

WELCA Bake Sale

April 13

Maundy Thursday Worship

April 14

Community Good Friday Worship at Middle Creek Presbyterian Church

April 16

Easter Sunday Worship and breakfast

April 20-22

Annual Rummage Sale

April 29

WELCA Quarterly breakfast meeting

Office Hours - Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 3:30 pm, and Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.