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The All Saints Annual Picnic is scheduled for 12:30 pm on Sunday, September 11

Help make the annual picnic a success! Volunteers needed!

Are you up for a fun afternoon of free food, fun, games, and a lot of laughter? Then plan to join us at our annual All Saints Picnic on September 11! We guarantee you will have a great time enjoying great food, playing bingo, or getting your face painted!

We are in need of volunteers to help us make this event a success! Areas where we need help include bingo, cake walk, registration table, food service, silent auction, and the kid games. 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 in need of canopy tents, 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 Pam Kultgen or Theresa Fitzsimmons. Sign up sheets are on Bulletin Board #2.***

Donations Needed for the Silent Auction!
We are in need of donations for the silent auction. If you can help by donating items to be bundled into baskets, please bring them to church by Sunday, August 28. Ladies from The GATHERING will be packaging them during the following week. A list of suggested baskets will be included in the Sunday announcements and also copies of the list will be on the oak table in the narthex. St. Vincent de Paul ministries will benefit from the auction of these baskets as well as the 50/50 drawing held during the picnic.

COME ONE, COME ALL!
SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY IS SEPTEMBER 11 at 9:15am

Registration for Sunday School begins on September 11th. There will be games and activities for the students and a chance to meet the teachers. As a part of Rally Day activities, students entering 3rd grade will receive Bibles during the worship services. If you have a child older than 3rd grade who has not received a Bible, please let the church office know so that we will have Bibles and dedication labels for all.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES START ON SEPTEMBER 18 for ages 3 through adults. Confirmation class kick-off begins on the 18th also.

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Deadline for the September Saintly News is **August 15**
Please send articles to
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A Note From Pastor Janet Wold

Dear Friends,

As I'm writing this newsletter article, we're in the midst of Vacation Bible School here at All Saints. What a fun week it has been with nearly 40 kids here! I've enjoyed seeing the faces of the kids singing, dancing, playing outside and learning more about God's amazing love. We've been blessed with kids from our congregation AND kids from our community! I am so pleased by the 100's of children's books that were donated during that week. So many children who otherwise wouldn't have a book of their own will now have some – and with a bookmark decorated by the VBS kids! This, following a really fun experience in the ByronFest parade, makes me proud of the many ways the people of Byron have been exposed to our wonderful congregation.

As we pray about ways that we can continue to reach out to our community, I want to encourage you to prayerfully consider ways you can let others know about All Saints. Come to the Outreach meeting with Pastor Gary Erickson from the Northern Illinois Synod office on Monday, August 1 at 7:00 pm to learn about new ways to be inviting. Inviting someone to church can feel intimidating – so, perhaps, you can practice being inviting and invite someone to our annual picnic on Sept. 11!

We also continue our Blues Concerts on August 7 with Ron Holm and Trinadora Trio performing. These events are the perfect opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors to our congregation. I know I've said it before, but the truth is that, when surveyed, most people say they would come to a church IF someone invited them. Do you have folks you know that are just waiting to be invited? There's only one way to find out!

May God continue to bless our congregation. We are blessed to be a blessing to others!

God's blessings be with you all –

Pastor Janet Wold

Byron Fest Parade

A big shout out and thank you to all of those who participated in the parade. Thanks to the Praise Team for the music. Dan and Steve spent of lot of time making the music happen. Thanks to the musicians who did such a great job performing on a moving vehicle! Thanks also to Reuben for driving and providing the truck and trailer which was the bedrock of our entry. Also thanks to the team who provided the decorations, the walkers who handed out bags along the parade route, and to everyone else who contributed to this event - this truly was a team effort to show the community what All Saints is all about, and encourage children to come to VBS. It was a lot of fun to participate in the parade and we hope the community can look to All Saints and know they are welcome here.

Bible Studies

Both Bible Study groups are off for the summer and will resume next month.

July Council Highlights

* Theresa Fitzsimmons was nominated and approved to fill the remainder of Pete Raum's term on Council.
* Learned Pictorial Directory will be updated this year with kick-off meeting with Lifetouch to be held Aug 3
* Heard ByronFest parade was a success and was a lot of fun
* The Fellowship Committee is hoping to hold one fun event a month.
* Learned chili supper fundraiser for youth to be held in conjunction with Trunk or Treat in October
* Learned Pastor Wold was elected to the Northern Illinois Synod Council at the Synod Assembly in June
* A Special Congregation meeting will be held Aug 14 to approve revised wording in our Constitution.

Altar Guild

Do you have a special birthday, anniversary, or memorable event that you would like to commemorate? If so, please consider donating flowers for the altar at church! There is a Flower Donation Book on the rack in the Fellowship Hall, and all you have to do is write your name on one of the empty lines and how you would like the flowers dedicated. Available dates are October 9, November 13, and November 27. The cost is $18.00 per bouquet. If you have any questions, contact any of the Altar Guild members listed in the Sunday bulletin or Kay Johnson, Altar Guild President.

Stewardship News

As we prayerfully consider our time, talent and resource commitments to All Saints, I wanted to remind you that there is a vehicle in place that will allow for future support of our mission. The Mission Endowment Fund was established as a means to allow for the future support of All Saints and our members. Recently Michael Dixon, the Regional Gift Planner from the ELCA Foundation visited All Saints and was available to answer questions and joined in on several conversations. I know I enjoyed the discussion I had with him. Hopefully you had time to speak with him as well.

We have a Mission Endowment Fund set up and funded that is available to accept your donations with the purpose of supporting the future of All Saints Lutheran Church. If you would like more information on how to contribute to this fund, please contact me.
Doug Knodle, Stewardship

Sunday Scriptures

Sunday, Aug. 7
Genesis 15:1-6
Psalm 33:12-22
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

Sunday, Aug. 14
Jeremiah 23:23-29
Psalm 82
Hebrews 11:29—12:2
Luke 12:49-56

Sunday, Aug. 21
Isaiah 58:9b-14
Psalm 103:1-8
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

Sunday, Aug. 28
Proverbs 25:6-7
Psalm 112
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Please Clip & Save for your reference

The Book Club will meet again on September 26th. The book we will discuss is *The Faded Flower* by Paul Mc Cusker. It is now being passed around to members. If you would like to join us, let one of us know and we will see that you also receive the book to read, or you can just come and enjoy the conversation.

The GATHERING

Join the GATHERING for great conversation, fun and food on the second Tuesday of each month. We will meet on August 9 at 9:00 to work on our craft projects or to just enjoy each other's fellowship. Join us for a great time!

Quilters

The quilters plan to meet on August 4th from 9:00 to 11:00 am at the church. The closet is almost full with the lovely completed quilts. There are many containers of beautiful donated fabric in the closet also that we will be using for the future quilts.

Every month, ladies set aside one morning to come together to work on the quilts we make for people in need. It is the joy of service that brings us together for a time of work and fellowship. Please join us whenever you are able on the first Thursday morning of every month.

WELCA

(Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)

WELCA - The All Saints Women of the ELCA invites all women 18 and up to join us September 19th for a Pizza Supper at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. A new president for the upcoming year will be selected at that time. If you would like to throw your hat into the ring, please notify Sue Davis, Anne Morgart or Jan Sloan. See you there!

We will once again be collecting items to be included in Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. A basket will be out in August and September for your donations and the kits will be put together in early October. The following items will be collected: bath-size bars of soap, adult size toothbrushes, sturdy combs, metal nail clippers, and new bath-size towels (dark colored).

The women of WELCA would like to thank everyone at All Saints for helping us reach our goal to purchase new carpeting for Fellowship Hall. The installation will take place during the week of August 15 so it will be complete before Rally Day. Again thank you for your donations!

Next meeting: September 19 Pizza Dinner at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Crossroads Blues at All Saints

The Blues concert Series will return beginning in August. All shows begin at 4:00 pm.

August 7: Trinadora
(Ron Holm and Jannie Nelson)
What happens when a classically trained musician crosses paths with a roots-music maven? The answer is 'Trinadora.' Their music is a mélange of standards and original compositions in genres that include jazz, blues, classic country, early rock-n-roll, and just about any other ingredient you can think of. They season their vocals with keyboard, ocarina, concertina, harmonica, and guitar accompaniment. Don't miss this interesting concert!

September 4: No Show (Holiday)

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save the date®

We will be creating a new photo directory this year, with photo appointments being accepted on September 22, 23, and 24 and October 3 and 4. Each participant or family will receive one free 8 X 10 photo and a copy of the directory. Please save these dates! We hope to have 100% participation!
Watch for further details!

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.

Will resume in October.

Youth NEWS

August 2016

The Youth Group meets at United Church of Byron (UCB) or All Saints Lutheran (ASL) as noted below.

We will be having monthly get-togethers on Sundays to be announced from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm for lots of fun and fellowship, and food.

Our next big event will be making plans for High School age youth to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas in June of 2018.

Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

We will begin having planning meetings and fundraisers for this event soon. Watch for details!

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

Second Notification of Congregation Meeting August 14, 2016

Proposed Constitution Change Notification

The following change to Paragraph C12.01 of the All Saints Constitution removes the mandate of a Young Adult age 18 to 30 to serve on the Congregation Council. A special congregation meeting is being called on August 14, 2016 after the conclusion of each service to vote on this recommended change.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

C12.01. The voting membership of the Congregation Council shall consist of the pastor(s), the officers of the congregation, and up to 7 other members of the congregation, at least one of whom shall be a youth (under the age of 18 at the commencement of their term) and at least one of whom ~~shall~~ should be a young adult (between the ages of 18 and 30 at the commencement of their term). Any voting member of the congregation may be elected, subject only to the limitation on the length of continuous service permitted in that office. A member's place on the Congregation Council shall be declared vacant if the member a) ceases to be a voting member of this congregation or b) is absent from four successive regular meetings of the Congregation Council without cause. Consistent with the laws of the state in which this congregation is incorporated, the congregation may adopt procedures for the removal of a member of the Congregation Council in other circumstances.

Worship Attendance				
	8:00	10:30	Total	Sunday School
June 26	49	48	97	n/a
July 3	47	38	85	n/a
10	59	44	103	n/a
17	44	70	114	n/a
24	45	37	82	
Total	244	237	481	n/a
Average	49	47	96	n/a

LIBRARY NEWS

The Baxter family is the focus of this series of 5 books by Karen Kingsbury. The Baxter's are born and live in Bloomington, Indiana, a real town. "Some landmarks are real and in their true settings, but others are a figment of our imagination." Her first series is written with relationship and life builder, Gary Smalley.

Redemption- Kari Baxter Jacobs discovers her husband's affair with one of his students. Hurt and confused, she returns to her childhood home to sort things out. But an old flame returns and she's even more confused.

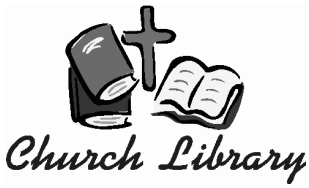
Remember- Ashley Baxter will let no one into her heart, including God. She's sure no one can love her. Then four Alzheimer patients sneak into the cracks and help her remember. She's ready to open her heart to Ryan, as the nightmare of September 11th causes the lives of all the Baxter's to remember what is important.

Return- Luke, the only son in the family, has decided life is random, faith is a fraud, and God is a fantasy after the events of September 11th. Unbeknownst to him, he is about to become a father. What will bring him back to the family?

Rejoice- Daughter, Brooke and husband, Peter, are devastated by the drowning of their 3 year old daughter. Peter is unable to see past his guilt and finds illegal ways to ease his pain. Will a Baxter wedding give them a reason to be happy?

Reunion- Plans are being made, but a heartbreaking secret threatens their family reunion. What lies ahead brings each to a place of faith and honesty. Love always wins out. God reigns even in the darkest night.

Each of these books is a stand-alone novel, but are best if read in this order and each series stands together as a self-contained saga. The Firstborn series will be added to the library in the near future.



Finance Report

Budget Items		Item Description	Actual June	Budget June	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2016
Revenue		General Fund	$11,965	$16,717	$83,873	$100,304	$200,609
		Mortgage	$2,052	$2,333	$12,125	$14,000	$28,000
		Other Giving	$110	$429	$1,735	$2,575	$5,150
		Total Revenue	**$14,128**	**$19,480**	**$97,732**	**$116,879**	**$233,759**
Expenses	1000	Mission Support	$496	$1,417	$3,518	$8,500	$17,000
		Other Outreach	$574	$471	$1,640	$2,825	$5,650
		Total Outreach	**$1,070**	**$1,887**	**$5,158**	**$11,325**	**$22,650**
	2000	Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	$293	$1,189	$3,916	$7,132	$14,264
		Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	$11,283	$11,433	$66,145	$68,599	$137,198
		Total Ministries	**$11,576**	**$12,622**	**$70,062**	**$75,730**	**$151,462**
	3000	**Total Building (Non Capital)**	$2,240	$2,896	$13,572	$17,378	$34,756
		Total Expense	**$14,886**	**$17,405**	**$88,792**	**$104,433**	**$208,868**
	3000 Capital	Mortgage Principal and Interest	$2,074	$2,074	$12,445	$12,446	$24,891
		Other Building Capital	$0	$0	$10	$0	$0
		Total Building Capital	**$2,074**	**$2,074**	**$12,455**	**$12,446**	**$24,891**
		Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	**$16,961**	**$19,480**	**$101,247**	**$116,878**	**$233,759**

Our VBS this year was a huge success thanks to the efforts of all who volunteered their time and talents to pull this event together. Thanks especially to Jodi Girten for coordinating the week, all of the teachers, helpers, snack crew, and parents and grandparents who brought their kids. We had nearly 40 children attend, and collected several hundred children's books. Thank you all for being so generous! The books and bookmarks, hand made by the VBS children, were delivered on Monday, July 18, to a very appreciative staff at the Rockford Literacy Council.

In Our Prayers

Health & Healing
Jeannine Hayes
Al Olsen
Leroy Pederson
Jim Reif
Ellen (Booth) Spencer
Kim Sherman
Mary Dummer
Peggy Swinney
Don Hartman
Juanita Williams
Patricia Skutt
Duane Burnett
April Roos
Dean Booth
Bill Brown
Dean Lundgren
Pamela Newman
Marie Schulte
Tim O'Hare
Bradly Mattingly
Doug Friede
Laura Egler
Jared Smith
Mary Lou Mann

Shut Ins
Eileen Carlson
Blanche Schroeder
Lori Pederson
Patricia Mohr
Mary Whitmer

Military
David Bishop
Joe Wrasse
Landon Skaar

Sympathy
Russ Spencer
Nancy Wright
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August 1
Special meeting with
Pastor Gary Erickson
August 7
Blues Concert Series – Trinadora
August 15-18
Carpet installation in
Fellowship Hall
September 11
Rally Day
September 11
Annual Picnic

How Can We Share God's Love?

Pastor Gary Erickson will be our guest on ***Monday, August 1, at 7:00 pm.*** Pastor Erickson is an Assistant to Bishop Wollersheim and his special emphasis is outreach/evangelism. He will be sharing with us his knowledge of how best to reach out to our community to bring God's word to them and encourage more people to find a church home (hopefully ours).

The timing for this is perfect as we look forward to our church picnic and upcoming Sunday school registration. We hope that you will join us on August 1 to hear what Pastor Erickson has to share with us. This meeting is for the outreach committee, church council and anyone in our congregation who is interested in outreach/evangelism - so please put this important meeting on your calendar and join us that evening.

Thank you, Pam Kultgen
Social Ministry/Outreach

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