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As we approach Advent, we anticipate the birth of our Savior. All Saints is offering three mid-week worship services on Dec. 6, 13, and 20 at 7:00 pm. These services will be short 30 minute worship services using the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy. This liturgy is a peaceful, contemplative alternative to the hectic nature of this holiday season.

Preceding each Wednesday's worship service, a free soup supper will be served from 6:00 to 6:45 pm. Please join us for this time of fellowship. Additional information will be in the Sunday bulletins and a sign-up sheet for soup, bread and dessert donations is located on Bulletin Board #2.

Christmas Eve Worship Schedule

Join us for the conclusion of the Advent Season on Sunday, December 24 at 9:00 am. Please note there will be only one worship service on December 24 in the morning. We will resume our normal worship services at 8:00 am and 10:30 am on December 31st.



Come Worship with Us Christmas Eve

**Sunday, December 24
7:00 pm and 10:30 pm**

Join your All Saints family for a Christmas Eve service of carols and communion in the beautiful poinsettia adorned sanctuary. Invite your family and neighbors to praise God for the uplifting joy and good news of our Savior's birth. Both services will conclude with candle lighting and singing of "Silent Night."

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 January
 Saintly News is **December 10**

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A Note From Pastor Janet Wold

Dear Friends,

First, let me express my deep gratitude for the celebration of my 30th anniversary of my ordination. Your warm wishes, cards and gifts meant more to me than I can say. I love being a parish pastor – thank you for allowing me to serve here as YOUR pastor! Now we move into December.

I think it was some time in October that I turned to Alan and said “We just saw our first commercial for Christmas this year.” The Christmas season starts earlier and earlier it seems. When I was a child it seemed as if it took FOREVER for Christmas to get here...I couldn’t wait for that magical day to arrive!

Now that I’m an adult, my excitement level isn’t quite what it was as a child, as I anticipate the coming of Christmas. Though I still enjoy the day, I tend to think of December as just a really, really busy month, trying to fit all the shopping, card writing, entertaining, and decorating in.

The church season known as Advent begins this Sunday, December 3. Advent, by definition, means “coming.” It is a season marked by waiting for the coming of Christ. Not ChristMAS, but Christ. We are waiting for the fulfillment of promises, waiting and watching for the Lord, for the reign of God to break in again and again. When I focus on the anticipation of Christ breaking into my life again, giving me hope, direction and purpose, when I focus my excitement on ways to spread the good news of God coming into our world to save us humans – well, that is really something TO get excited about! Come join us as we wait together on Sunday mornings during this Advent season – together we can anticipate the coming of Christ into our lives again and again and again!

Prayerfully yours,

Pastor Janet Wold

Pastoral Acts

Baptism November 12 - Austin Harold Carpenter

Baptism November 26 – William Steven Kimbell

Help Us Undecorate Our Church

Please plan to join us at 10:00 am on Saturday, January 6, 2018 to undecorate the church. Many hands make light work! Coffee and donuts will be served!



Bible Studies - (in the main conference room #310)

Tuesday Evening Bible Study - 7:00 pm

The Tuesday night Bible Study will continue the review and study of the "Ten Commandments" from Martin Luther's Large Catechism from the book of the Concord. The subject we will study after the Ten Commandments to be determined. The group meets every Tuesday night at 7:00 pm. All are welcome. Feel free to join us.

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study - 1:30 pm

We are studying Luther's Small Catechism using a new curriculum entitled *By Heart*. *By Heart* is a richly illustrated, in-depth exploration of the Small Catechism. We will study the biblical and historical context of the Small Catechism, its link to the church's faith, and its connection to Luther's life and our life today. Each session will also have a short, lively, animated video. Because each chapter in the *By Heart* book contains more information than any group can cover in a single meeting, the videos provide a fun, quick way to create curiosity and allow us to explore the material by digging deeply into our own experiences.



Looking for Council Members

Congregation Council elections are just around the corner at our annual meeting in January. We need at least three candidates to run. If you have an interest, please let Pastor Janet know. Contact any of the council members for more information. The Congregation Council is a great way to sharpen and use your leadership skills. Take this opportunity to share your time and talents.

November Council Highlights

- Heard giving is keeping up with budgeted expenses, however, Mission Support is behind
- Heard Youth Group is continuing their fundraising efforts in preparation for the June, 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering event
- Learned the Sunday School Christmas program will be held on December 10
- Learned Sunday School offerings for the month of December will be used for ELCA Good Gifts
- Learned we will participate in the Christmas gift program at Neighbors Rehab Center for their residents
- A safety task force will be formed to discuss church security. In the meantime the door to the Sunday School wing will remain locked on Sunday mornings.
- Accepted with regret, Dennis Cassens' resignation from the Church Council

Sunday Scriptures

Sunday, December 3 First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

Sunday, December 10 Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

Sunday, December 17 Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Sunday, December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent

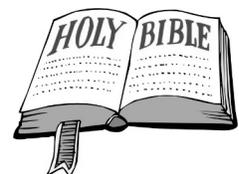
2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Luke 1:46b-55
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14

Sunday, December 31 First Sunday of Christmas

Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Psalm 148
Galatians 4:4-7



ANNUAL REPORT

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 28th**. Please include a financial report and a brief overview of what your group has done in 2017. Reports need to be submitted to the office by **January 7th** 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 e-mail it to the church (Office@AllSaintsByron.org). Of course, a hand written report will be accepted as well. Thank you! Congregation Council

ANNUAL MEETING

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 an offering envelope or written a check.

The GATHERING

The GATHERING will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am on Tuesday December 12. Bring your craft to work on or just come and enjoy the fellowship and fun!

Altar Guild

The annual Altar Guild meeting will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2018 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 2018. Current Altar Guild members are invited and encouraged to attend.

We are always looking for 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!



Poinsettias

If you would like to order a Poinsettia plant this year to help adorn the sanctuary on Christmas, please do so by **December 3**. Plants are \$12.50 each. You can make a check out to All Saints Altar Guild and place it in the offering plate or leave it in the office along with the order form. Additional order forms are available in the church office.

Library

The book cart this month is filled with Advent and Christmas books, CDs, and DVDs for all ages to enjoy. The cart is to the left as you enter the front doors of the church. Please fill out the card with the date and your name and place it in the plastic box on the cart. There is no due date so take time to relax with a Christmas movie, curl up in a comfortable chair with a Christmas book, or listen to Christmas music as you bake those tasty Christmas treats.

Quilters

The quilters plan to meet on December 7th at the church from 9 to 11 am. At the November meeting, ten quilts were finished. Now the shelves are not so empty. We are eager to make more comforters for people in need all through the coming year. We plan to continue to meet on the first Thursday of every month. Please join us for a time of service and fellowship.



Book Club

Book Club is taking the month off while we enjoy the Christmas season. January's selection is *Girl Meets God*, a memoir written by Lauren F. Winner. Lauren's father is Jewish and her mother, a lapsed Southern Baptist. She chose to become an Orthodox Jew, but found herself drawn to Christianity. This is a memoir of a year in her life as a devoted Christian attempting to reconcile both religions in her religious identity.



Youth NEWS

December 2017

All Saints Lutheran (ASL) and United Church of Byron (UCB) have partnered again to do fun and exciting things with our youth.

December ... We will start selling Little Caesar's Pizza Kits. Audrey will have forms for you to pick up and start selling your pizzas. We will have the pizza kits delivered close to the Super Bowl Weekend.

December 1st - Miracle on 2nd Street 5:30-8:30 pm

The youth will be selling hot dogs for \$1.00 and Brats for \$2.00. Sign up on youth board to help. We have lots of fun. We will be there at 5:30 pm to set up our stand. You will need to dress warm for this event.

December 10th - Craft and Christmas card sales.

We are raising monies for our trip to Houston. The youth will be having a table of lots of goodies available after 8:00 am service and 10:30 am service. Please stop by and see if there is anything you would like to buy to decorate for Christmas and some cards to mail to friends and family.

December 17thYouth Group. We will meet at **10:30 am** in the youth room. All age youth are welcome to come and meet together for snack, devotion, and some fun!

January 21st – Baked Potato grab-n-go, after 8:00 am & 10:30 am services. Watch for more information.

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



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Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month at UCB. This joint venture welcomes Mary Morgan students who have registered for fun activities after school until 5:30 pm. We will walk the kids from school to UCB. We need some adult help, please.

SCHEDULE December 13 & 27

Nursing Home Ministry



Christmas at Generations at Neighbors

Generations at Neighbors is once again looking for Christmas presents for their residents. Their party is December 21. Donated gifts must be dropped off no later than December 19. See Bulletin Board #2 for names and gift suggestions.



WELCA

Thanks to all who helped with the 30th ordination anniversary open house for Pastor Janet on November 12th. All Saints has been blessed to have a pastor with so many years of experience. Thanks to all who attended and enjoyed the time of fellowship.

Thanks also to those who helped with the Christmas bazaar. We needed many hands to help with the set up and during the sale the third weekend of November. More details will be shared in January's newsletter

We look forward to the next WELCA meeting on Saturday, January 20th. This will be a potluck breakfast meeting at 9:00 am. We are looking for women to volunteer to be a leader or Co-leaders for WELCA. All ladies of All Saints are encouraged to attend and enjoy the fellowship and tasty breakfast foods the second Saturday of January.

Stewardship

As we spend time during this season discussing Stewardship, it is a great time to reflect on the gifts we ourselves have received. It impossible to not realize the blessings and gifts we have and continue to receive in our lives. As Christmas nears and the thoughts of gifts and presents take on a bigger role, should we not also reflect on the gifts and presents we continue to receive daily from God? God's grace is in itself an eternal and everlasting gift.

So as we contemplate our financial commitment on Commitment Sunday, December 3rd, let us not forget the endless gifts we have received from God and prayerfully consider our financial commitment to our church.

A special "Thank you" to those who have helped with our Stewardship efforts! I certainly enjoyed hearing what Stewardship means in the lives of others in our church and at least for me, it reminds me of how bountifully I have been blessed.

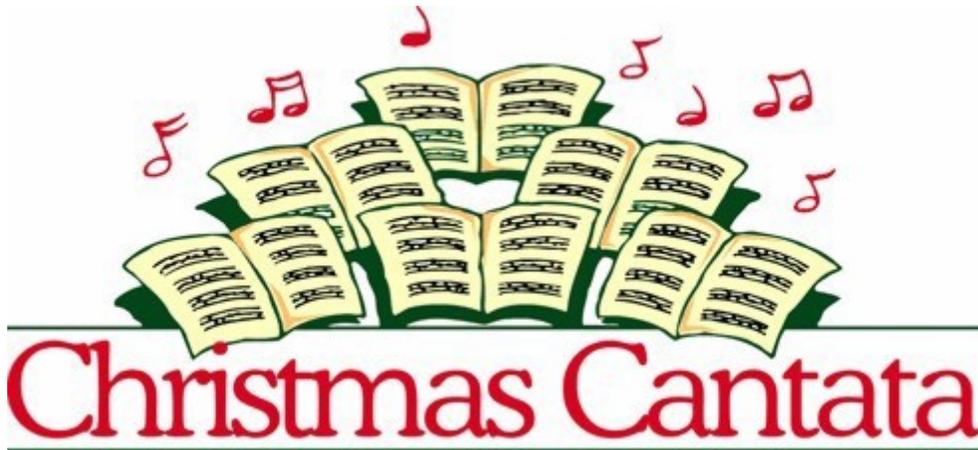
Doug Knodle, Stewardship chair



Worship Attendance				
	8:00	10:30	Total	Sunday School
October 29	36	92	128	13
November 5	59	52	111	32
12	47	59	106	16
19	48	59	107	33
Total	190	262	452	94
Average	48	66	113	24

Finance Report

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual October	Budget October	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2017
Revenue	General Fund	\$15,218	\$14,333	\$148,173	\$143,333	\$172,000
	Mortgage	\$2,446	\$2,083	\$18,267	\$20,833	\$25,000
	Other Giving	\$832	\$2,110	\$12,826	\$21,105	\$25,326
	Total Revenue	\$18,495	\$18,527	\$179,266	\$185,271	\$222,326
Expenses	1000 Mission Support	\$0	\$1,250	\$7,790	\$12,500	\$15,000
	1000 Other Outreach	\$920	\$467	\$4,143	\$4,666	\$5,600
	Total Outreach	\$920	\$1,717	\$11,933	\$17,166	\$20,600
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$892	\$997	\$8,084	\$9,973	\$11,969
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$10,053	\$11,210	\$104,010	\$112,096	\$134,515
	Total Ministries	\$10,944	\$12,207	\$112,094	\$122,069	\$146,484
	3000 Total Building (Non Capital)	\$1,845	\$2,529	\$21,933	\$25,292	\$30,351
	Total Expense	\$13,710	\$16,453	\$145,960	\$164,527	\$197,435
	3000 Capital Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$2,074	\$2,074	\$20,742	\$20,743	\$24,891
	3000 Capital Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$7,509	\$0	\$0
Total Building Capital	\$2,074	\$2,074	\$28,251	\$20,743	\$24,891	
Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	\$15,784	\$18,527	\$174,211	\$185,270	\$222,326	



'Invitation to a Miracle' is the title of the 13th Annual Christmas Cantata at Trinity Lutheran Church, 308 E Brayton Road, Mount Morris. Join us on Sunday, December 3 for this uplifting musical prelude to the Advent Season. Prelude begins at 2:30 pm. There will be a free will offering to benefit local food pantries, and light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the cantata.

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In Our Prayers

Health & Healing

- Kathy Burrows**
- Lynn Burrows**
- John Cassens**
- Jim Coffman**
- Carla Combs**
- Steve Jones**
- Al Olsen**
- Leroy Pederson**
- Sandi Reid**
- Skip Richardson**
- Juanita Williams
- Duane Burnett
- April Roos
- Bill Brown
- Laura Egler
- Marcia Kasmaric
- Dolores Burton
- James Maxwell Farrell
- Arnold Schramm
- Francine Wallery
- Frank Lewton
- Lillian Long
- Roger Hathaway
- Tim Lapp
- Reggie Wallin
- Chet Kobel
- Chloe
- Frank Tomasino
- Steve Hawkins
- Paul Wood
- Sheri Dossett
- Audrey Bruning
- Pat Gibler
- Wood Family

Shut Ins

- Eileen Carlson**
- Lori Pederson**
- Patricia Mohr**
- Blanche Schroeder**
- Mary Whitmer**

Military

- David Bishop**
- Landon Skaar
- Staff Sgt. Kyle Reif
- John Rebolledo

Sympathy

- Gregory Wood
- Rev. Matthew Schmidt
- Steven Marean

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Sunday School Christmas Program



Join us on Sunday, December 10 at 10:30 am worship for the Sunday School children's Christmas program "The Christmas Story." The Sunday School youth will be singing and telling the story of Christ's birth.

New Member Orientation

Are you interested in joining the All Saints church family? If so please speak with Pastor Janet about the upcoming New Member Orientation in January. We will love welcoming you into our church family!



December 1

Miracle on 2nd Street

December 2

Decorate the Church for Advent!

December 3

Stewardship Commitment Sunday

December 6, 13, 20

Advent Worship & Soup Suppers

December 10

Youth Bake Sale & Sunday School
Christmas Program

December 24

One Sunday Morning Worship
at 9:00 am

December 24

Christmas Eve Worship
at 7:00 pm and 10:30 pm

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