



Ash Wednesday Worship & Pancake Supper February 10

6:00 pm – 6:45 pm Pancake Supper served by the Youth
(fundraiser for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering)
7:00 pm Worship with imposition of ashes and communion

Soup Suppers & Lenten Worship Five Wednesdays in Lent

(February 17, February 24, March 2, March 9, and March 16)

6:00 pm – 6:45 pm Soup and Bread Supper 7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Worship
These services will be short 30 minute worship services using the *Holden Evening Prayer* liturgy. We will also be presenting a Lenten worship series “Final Words From the Cross” by Adam Hamilton. 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 to bring food will be located on Bulletin Board #2.



Have you ever wanted to learn to knit, crochet, or do needlework? Come to the GATHERING Special Workshop on February 6

Maybe you used to be able to do these things and need a refresher? If so, the GATHERING will hold a workshop on Saturday, February 6th from 9:00 am to 12 noon. We picked a Saturday morning so anyone interested in knitting, crochet, needlepoint or plastic canvas crafts can attend to learn and participate in these crafts. This will be a fun morning with lots of laughter, fellowship, and treats and we hope you will join us! If you have any questions, please contact Pete Raum.

First Communion Classes

First Communion class will be held on Sunday March 6 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. These classes are for anyone 3rd grade and older who have not had first communion. Invitations to this class will be sent out soon. If your son or daughter is in 3rd grade or higher, (or younger if you feel they are ready to take this next faith step), has not taken First Communion, and you do not receive an invitation, please contact the church office. We will send you the information. Participants in this class will receive their first communion on Thursday, March 24 at Maundy Thursday worship.



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Deadline for the March Saintly

News is **February 14**

Please send articles to

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A Note From Pastor Janet Wold

Dear Friends,

Did you know...

- over 800 million people in the world do not get enough food each day to live healthy lives? (World Food Programme)
- in the United States, nearly 16 million children are not sure where their next meal will come from? (Bread for the World)
- about HALF of all adults in the United States aged 20-65 will need federal assistance to buy food at some point during their lifetime? (Food Research and Action Center)

Did you ALSO know...

- the world produces enough food to give every living person 2,868 calories per day? (Food and Agriculture Organization of the U.N.)
- the number of people living in chronic hunger worldwide has fallen 17 percent since the early 1990s? (World Food Programme)
- in 2014, gifts to ELCA World Hunger helped support over 380 anti-hunger ministries in the United States and 250 programs in over 50 other countries – from food pantries to community gardens, from health care clinics to job training programs, and so much more? (Information taken from the ELCA hunger education site)

On Sunday, February 7 (Super Bowl Sunday) we will once again participate in “Souper Bowl of Caring” Sunday here at All Saints. American consumers spend more than \$10 billion on food and other items for Super Bowl each year. (U.S. News, “6 Numbers to know for Super Bowl”). Imagine if even a tithe of those dollars were instead put toward ending hunger in our world? On February 7, please consider donating generously as our youth collect money for Souper Bowl. All monies collected will go directly to People Helping People, our local food pantry. In addition, donations to ELCA World Hunger are always welcome – checks can be made out to All Saints, and then in the “memo” line, indicate it is for World Hunger.

As we enter the season of Lent (Ash Wednesday is February 10th), it is good to remember our Lord’s sacrifice for us and prayerfully consider ways we can give thanks to God with our time and our resources.

Thank you for your partnership in the ministry God has called us to here at All Saints!

In Christ,

Pastor Janet Wold

Pastoral Acts

Baptism of Simody Czarnowski on January 3



Tuesday Night Bible Study

Join the group every Tuesday night at 7:00 pm. All are welcome. We meet in the main conference room so please enter by the south doors.

The topic for the Tuesday night Bible Study will continue with: The Holy Spirit "Understanding His work in our lives" with the Bible study book through the first week in February.

Our next Bible Study topic is being reviewed and will be determined soon.

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study

This study meets on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm in the main conference room. All are welcome to attend as often as you are able.

January Council Highlights

- Revised and approved the agenda for the Annual Meeting on January 31, 2016
- Heard Congregational Resourcing Event (CRE) will be held at Kishwaukee College in Malta IL on March 12.
- Appointed Michel Williams as All Saints Treasurer
- Appointed Bridget Reibel as All Saints Financial Secretary
- Made final revisions to the 2016 All Saints Budget
- Heard Time & Talent forms will be mailed in March
- Heard All Saints will host a Blood Drive on March 31
- Heard Altar Guild Committee recommendation to continue weekly communion, and voted unanimously to continue this practice
- Thanks were expressed to outgoing council members: Bob Branson, Julie Danielowski, Rebecca Heaslip, and Kay Johnson

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 meeting will be called in April 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.

Sunday Scriptures

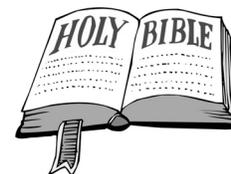
Sunday, Feb. 7
Transfiguration of Our Lord
Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2
Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

Wednesday, February 10
Ash Wednesday
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Psalm 51:1-17
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

Sunday, February 14
Deuteronomy 26:1-22
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

Sunday, February 21
Genesis 15:1-12.17-18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 13:31-35

Sunday, February 28
Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm 63:1-8
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9



*Please Clip & Save for
your reference*

Altar Guild

The Annual Altar Guild meeting was held on Saturday January 2. During this meeting we discussed at length our 6 month trail of offering weekly communion. We decided as a group that this was a good ministry to continue, and voted unanimously to recommend to the Worship Committee and the Congregation Council that we continue the practice of weekly communion.

Elected officers for 2016 are Kay Johnson, President; Lynn Knodle, Vice-President and Sunshine Chairman; Bridget Reibel, Secretary; and Jo Marie Branson, Treasurer.

The GATHERING

In addition to the special workshop on February 6, the GATHERING will also meet as usual on February 9 at 9:00 am. Bring anything you are working on, or just come to enjoy the fellowship, laughter, and treats!

Social Ministry News

All Saints will host our annual blood drive provided by the Rock River Valley Blood Center on Thursday, March 31st from 1:00 - 7:00 pm. Please contact Dennis Cassens at 815-262-0901 or email dennis.cassens@gmail.com to reserve a time slot.

We are not asking for your money - just 30 minutes of your day and some your blood. We never know when we or someone we love may be the recipient. So give now – each pint donated saves up to three lives!

Also, if you would be willing to help with the blood drive, please contact Dennis at 815-262-0901 or email dennis.cassens@gmail.com.

WELCA

Women of the Evangelical Church in America

Please save the following dates:

April 9th - NIS Women's Retreat

April 14, 15, 16 - Rummage Sale

April 18 - Next WELCA Meeting

May 14 - Spring Luncheon

June 16, 17, 18 - Synod Assembly

The following thank you note was received from LSSI:

Thank you so much for your recent in-kind gift to LSSI of Illinois. Your donation of a high chair, two booster chairs, and a wooden youth chair will be used by the Foster Care Program in the visitation room.

People continue to depend on our helping hand to successfully participate in the life of our community and we continue to depend on our donors. Thanks again for remembering LSSI with your in-kind donation.

In Faith,

Candis Katzberg,

Administration Assistant for Advancement

A collection box will be in the narthex for donations for the All Saints kitchen. Please help us keep expenses down by donating. The following is a list of everyday things the kitchen uses:

paper towels
Dawn dish soap
hand sanitizer
Brillo or SOS pads
aluminum foil
plastic wrap
Press and Seal wrap
baggies- quart/gallon
dish cloths (not towels)
soup ladles
tongs
knives- paring/slicing



Sunday Night Blues Series Continues

The Sunday night Blues Concert Series will resume on March 6, 2016. Dan Phelps will return to All Saints with his unique brand of delta style blues. Join us from 4:00 to 6:00 pm for this free concert.



The 2015 CRE will be Saturday March 12 at Kishwaukee Community College in Malta, IL

Sponsored by the Northern Illinois Synod Congregational Life Committee, the Congregational Resourcing Event is one of this synod's finest yearly events. Church Council members, teachers, musicians, staff volunteer, and leaders – just about everyone in the congregation – can take advantage of this learning event to strengthen skills, gather resources, network with others and discover new ways to enhance congregational and individual ministries. Come, experience and bring home new ministry tools! Workshop descriptions and registration forms are available on the oak table in the narthex. Registration deadline is February 21. Registration fees for those who register on or before the deadline will be covered by All Saints. If there is enough interest, we can carpool from the church parking lot. Please let Karen or Cindy in the church office know if you would like to carpool.



The quilters plan to meet on February 4th from 9:00 to 11:00 am at the church. The ladies bravely come out in the cold to tie quilts for people in need. In the last three months, 28 quilts were finished and 5 of those were given to Serenity Hospice and Home for their use. A donation of three boxes of fabric was generously given to us by the quilting group at Grace Lutheran Church in Loves Park. They heard of our need and shared their surplus and we are truly grateful for their kindness. Each month we will display a newly finished comforter on the beautiful quilt rack that was made for that very purpose by Gary Asher. Please join us whenever you wish and share time with our group.



Youth NEWS

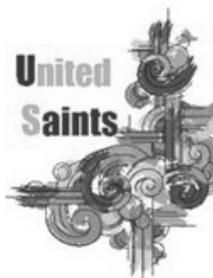
February 2016

Meet at United Church of Byron (UCB) or All Saints Lutheran (ASL) as noted below.

February 7th - Souper Bowl of Caring. Let's begin the Souper Bowl of caring with a simple prayer: **"Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat."**

We will again hold 2 large soup pots at the doors of the sanctuary for you to vote for your favorite team. Please help up raise money for People Helping People. Thank you for your donations.

Lock In



Who: All high school youth are invited. Friends welcome!

What: Lock IN with inflatables, gaga ball, 9 square in the air, video games, board games, large group games, movies, midnight worship, pizza and more.

Where: Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Rockford

When: Feb 5th-6th 8pm-7am

How much: \$30 per youth. \$20 if you bring a friend!

SCHOLARSHIPS available to ALL who can't afford that price.

What do I need to do?: Fill out and return the registration form from the youth board and give to Audrey.

February Confirmation Class Schedule

February 3 – Wednesday

Freedom of a Christian

February 7 - Sunday

The Neighbor

February 14 - Sunday

Grace

February 17 –Wednesday

The Word

February 21 - Sunday

Bondage of the Will

February 28 - Sunday

Two Kingdoms



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.

SCHEDULED FOR
February 17th

LIBRARY NEWS

Deceived by Irene Hannon- Kate’s husband drowned when he and their 4 year old son were fishing. The boy was never found. 3 years later in the mall, Kate hears a boy ask for a “poppysicle” the way Kevin used to. She called his name and he turned to look at her, but the man with him rushed him away. Is this coincidence God’s miracle? Read this suspense novel to find out.

The Lightkeeper’s Daughter, the first in the series by Colleen Coble is donated by Marlene Roberts. It’s 1907 and Addie works at a lavish estate in Mercy Falls, CA. She hopes to discover the truth of her heritage, but nothing is as it seems. The danger she’d tried to escape has followed her.

The Lightkeeper’s Bride- Katie works as a telephone operator in Mercy Falls, CA. Soon after she overhears a chilling exchange between her friend Eliza and a familiar male voice, she learns Eliza has disappeared. This event may be linked to another investigation by the new lighthouse keeper, Will.

The Lightkeeper’s Ball - Olivia is an heiress to an empire, but their wealth has nearly disappeared. When Mercy Falls holds a masquerade to raise funds for a new lighthouse, secrets are revealed. Will she realize money, family, or romance can never compare to God’s unconditional love?

The Church Ladies by Lisa E. Samson- Poppy Fraser’s husband has decided to change his profession and become a pastor in Mount Oak. Being the pastor’s wife is a role she doesn’t want. The competition for church membership in the little vacation village is getting old and guilt is slowly strangling her. All this changes when her best friend’s son is killed in a fraternity accident.

A Time to Dance by Karen Kingsbury- The perfect couple, John and Abby, are pretending to be happy, but are going to divorce. As they decide to tell the children, they learn Nicole is getting married. They’ll have to wait so they don’t spoil her joy with their news. Alone in the moonlight on a pier, is it possible to find a time to dance?

A Time to Embrace, by Karen Kingsbury, is book 2 of the Timeless Love Series. John and Abby are together and happy when tragedy happens. The crunch of metal causes devastation to their family causing their children to falter in their faith. Hoping for forgiveness and a miracle, John and Abby must remember what is important and cling to it.

February 10th – Ash Wednesday

.....Calling all youth.....

Please come and help with Pancake Supper from 6 -6:45 pm at church Come help out and earn youth dollars. Arrive at 5:00 pm to help prepare sausages and pancakes. See Youth board for sign and donations. Thanks,

February 21st – Movie night at All Saints Sunday from 3-5 pm. We will have popcorn, pop, snacks and a great movie to watch. Please let me know if you will be attending.

March 19th - CRE at Kishwaukee College 8th-2th grade

Saturday from 8:30 am-4 pm this is an event that starts with worship. There are 3 workshops to attend. Oh yeah - lunch is at 12 Noon!

If you think you would like to go, please see Audrey. We would love to get more youth to attend. There are workshops for youth as well. We would love for **you** to come! Let me know.

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

Thank you all for your support of the Youth Ministry here at All Saints Lutheran Church!

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

Worship Attendance				
	8:00	10:30	Total	Sunday School
Dec. 27	61	28	89	n/a
January 3	48	55	103	n/a
10	45	51	96	n/a
17	53	39	92	19
24	54	51	105	26
Total	261	224	485	45
Average	52	45	106	22

Stewardship News



Again, thanks to all who showed their support to All Saints during our recent stewardship drive. Your commitment to our church home is a large part of our budget and planning process for the upcoming year. If you didn't get a chance to fill out a pledge, it's never too late! Time and talent sheets will be mailed to your homes in March. Please prayerfully consider giving generously of your time to All Saints when yours arrives. We continue to look for people interested in finding out more about an educational series called Share, Save, Spend, created by Nathan Dungan. If interested, please contact Doug Knodle. Total class time is approximately 4-6 hours.

February Book Club



February's Book Club selection is *The Prayer Box* by Lisa Wingate. Tandi needs to hide from her abusive husband. She and her children rent a cottage from Iola Anne Poole on Hatteras Island. When Iola dies at age 91, Tandi cleans out her house in exchange for rent. She discovers 81 decorated prayer boxes each filled with a year of hopes, wishes, fears and thoughts. While reading the random pieces of paper and with help from new friends, Tandi changes her life. Come join us on February 22nd.

- In Our Prayers**
- Health & Healing**
Cheri Eden
Jeannine Hayes
Barb Kinner
George Krebs
Al Olsen
Leroy Pederson
Jim Reif
Sharon Provencher
Ethel Montgomery
 Russ &
 Ellen (Booth) Spencer
 Kim Sherman
 Mary Dummer
 Peggy Swinney
 Don Hartman
 Juanita Williams
 Patricia Skutt
 Jayne Fitzsimmons
 Bob Ecklund
 Amanda Aulwes-Ihde
 Duane Burnett
 April Roos
 Dean Booth
 Bill Brown
 Dean Lundgren
 Pamela Newman
 Frances Murray
 Marinda Ball
 Tom Fortener

- Shut Ins**
Eileen Carlson
Blanche Schroeder
Lori Pederson
Patricia Mohr

- Military**
David Bishop
Will Goreth
 Joe Wrassee

- In Sympathy**
 Keri Kleinschmit
 Luciano Gola
 Lori Mueller



Dec 2015 Financial Report Year End				
General Acct.	General Monthly	General Monthly	General Year to Date	General Year to Date
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	\$15,869.77	\$12,128.24	\$180,035.36	\$145,538.00
Expense	\$17,615.86	\$17,451.38	\$200,588.99	\$209,395.00
Net Income	-\$1,746.09	-\$5,323.14	-\$20,553.63	-\$63,857.00
Mortgage Reduction	Mortgage Reduction	Mortgage Reduction	Mortgage Reduction	Mortgage Reduction
	Monthly	Monthly	Year to Date	Year to Date
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	\$1,570.50	\$2,213.87	\$27,348.00	\$26,566.00
Expense	\$2,074.21	\$2,074.21	\$25,707.85	\$24,891.00
Net Income	-\$503.71	\$139.66	\$1,640.15	\$1,675.00
Mortgage Balance = \$247,871.69				

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Rockford

February 6

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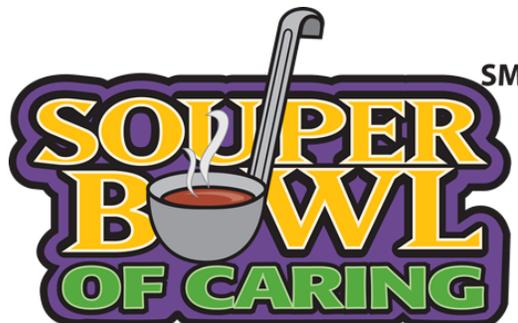
February 21

CRE Registration Deadline

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