



# THE Sainly NEWS

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## Summer Blues Music Series At All Saints



All Saints Lutheran Church will be hosting a Summer Blues Music Series in conjunction with Crossroads Blues Society. Each show will be on the first Sunday of the month, running from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. The shows are all free. A freewill offering will be accepted at the shows for People Helping People, the local food bank.

The shows kick off on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> with Dan Phelps from Roscoe, IL. Dan is a delta style blues player who won the 2014 Crossroads Blues Challenge and represented Crossroads Blues Society at the 2015 International Blues Challenge in Memphis, TN back in January. His finger picking guitar and vocals are outstanding. His third CD, *Going Home*, was released in 2014 to great reviews.

On July 5<sup>th</sup> Macyn Taylor from the Milwaukee, WI area will be featured at the Church. Macyn is a musical prodigy, having received her bachelors in music at UW Milwaukee at 17 and her masters from the same school at 19. Her guitar style is totally unique and is completely captivating. Her first CD (simply entitled *Macyn Taylor*) was received well and showcases her varied award winning talents.

Justin "Boots" Gates concludes the series on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. He is also a prodigy, a straight-A student attending Rock Valley College at 16; he intends on completing a degree in engineering. Playing in public since the age of 14 (first sitting in at Crossroads benefit concert for Super Storm Sandy), Justin plays some fantastic harmonica and guitar. He is a delightful young man and is a superb performer.

Each show will be conducted inside the church sanctuary. Light refreshments will be available. For more information on the show call Steve Jones at 779-537-4006.

## Financial Sanity Workshop

We will be offering a Share, Save, Spend course at All Saints on Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to approximately 3:00 pm. Adults, teens and families are invited to attend. Please sign up on the registration sheet on bulletin board #2. The course and lunch is free. The reason we are offering this workshop is because families and youth can benefit greatly from this program.

A study published in *Motivation and Emotion* shows that teaching youth about money can decrease their materialism and increase their self-esteem. The program is designed to help families balance spending with sharing and saving.

If you have questions, please contact Steve Jones.



WELCA Spring Luncheon on Saturday, May 2 at 12:00 pm.

Tickets will be available at the door.

The program will be the String-A-Longs.



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

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 Sainly News is **May 15**

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## A Note From Pastor Janet Wold

Dear Friends,

If we were to poll a cross-section of people about how they came to faith and participation in the church, approximately 90% would say, "I was invited by a relative, friend or neighbor." Friends invite friends to Jesus. Because most people find new places intimidating, they are far more likely to "come and see" if they are invited by a friend or relative.

Today we live in the midst of a large spiritually yearning public. The mission field is no longer only overseas. It is in our neighborhoods and schools, our workplaces and homes. The hurts and hopes of a stress-filled, fast-paced life contribute to a hunger for answers and meaning. All Saints Lutheran can be a community that provides real hope for real life.

Research also shows that there are three key times when unchurched people are more inclined to seek a relationship with God and the church: Christmas, Easter and Mother's Day. Seekers, drawn by the pull of religious memory, family history or cultural influence are even more likely at these times to respond positively to a sincere invitation than at other times of the year. As you know, Mother's Day this year is May 10<sup>th</sup>. We encourage you to begin praying now about who you might invite to come with you on that Sunday! In addition, Steve Jones has put together a series of free concerts to be held on the first Sunday of June, July & August here at All Saints. Events like these can be an easy "entry" point for folks who haven't been to our church before. Please see the front page for details of these great events!

Your invitation may be just what is needed to help someone find a church home. We are praying weekly for those who will be invited to accept their invitations. We are also praying for you to do the inviting...together we can indeed "make disciples of all nations" as Jesus invites us to do.

In Christ,

*Pastor Janet Wold*

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## First Communion

Sheyenne Wallery received her first Communion on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015. Sheyenne is the daughter of Shawn & Paloma Wallery. Her baptismal sponsors are Elizabeth & Derrick Wallery.

## Pentecost Flowers

Donations are now being accepted for the purchase of Pentecost Flowers for outdoor planters and also other outdoor landscaping needs at the church. Please make checks payable to *All Saints Lutheran Church* with a memo, "Pentecost Flowers". Donation forms will be included in the Sunday announcement sheet beginning April 26. Donations will be accepted until May 17.



## Tuesday Night Bible Study

7:00 pm in Main Conference Room

All are welcome to join us as often as you are able. Please use the far south entrance. We continue to study the book of Isaiah. In the four Tuesdays in May we will cover Isaiah chapter 24 through chapter 48.



## Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study

1:30 PM - All are welcome to join us as often as you are able. We are studying the following Sunday's scripture texts, and we meet in the Main Conference Room.

## Volunteers Needed for Byron Postal Food Drive on May 9, 2015

On May 9, 2015, All Saints has been asked to assist Ret. Postmaster Jeff Engstrom with the annual Postal Food Drive. This is the 7<sup>th</sup> year All Saints has helped with this worthwhile cause. The event kicks off at 9:15 am where volunteers and drivers will meet with Jeff in front of the Byron Post Office. Jeff will provide the volunteers with a map of an area where the group will venture out and gather donated food items left at the mailbox by the postal patrons. When the groups are finished covering their assigned areas, we then meet at the People Helping People Food Pantry, located on the west side of the Byron Municipal building; where the donated food will be dropped off to the PHP volunteers.

Over the past 6 years, we at All Saints have had a lot of fun participating in this activity. If anyone is interested in volunteering a few hours of their time to help with this event, please contact Dennis Cassens.



Mark your calendars now! VBS will be held July 6-10. Registration forms will be out in the narthex soon, and more information will follow in the June issue of the *Saintly News!*

### Finance Report

#### MAR. 2015 Expense Report

General Giving	=	\$15,700.59
General Expenses	=	\$15,591.13
Mortgage Reduction /		
Capital Campaign Giving	\$	2,388.50
Mortgage Balance	=	\$259,064.69

#### 2015 3 Months YTD

#### Financial Report 3/31/2015

Account	Balance
General Giving Received	\$53,791.37
General Expenses	\$46,524.44
Mortgage Reduction	\$ 7,171.50
General Savings balance	\$ 8,301.57
Capital Reserve balance	\$10,366.33

## Sunday Scriptures

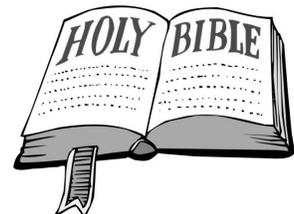
Sunday, May 3  
Acts 8:26-40  
Psalm 22:25-31  
1 John 4:7-21  
John 15:1-8

Sunday, May 10  
Acts 10:44-48  
Psalm 98  
1 John 5:1-6  
John 15:9-17

Sunday, May 17  
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26  
Psalm 1  
1 John 5:9-13  
John 17:6-19

Sunday, May 24  
Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Acts 2:1-21  
John 15:26-27;  
16:4b-15

Sunday, May 31  
Isaiah 6:1-8  
Psalm 29  
Romans 8:12-17  
John 3:1-17



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## Sunday School Good Gifts Update

Thanks to all who contributed to the Sunday School Good Gifts special Lenten offering! We collected \$415.00, and the Sunday School children have voted to provide: 1 sheep, 2 goats, 7 chicks, 2 pigs, and 3 hives of bees.

## Altar Guild

An Altar Guild meeting was held on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 for the primary purpose of discussing communion frequency. After discussion, it was decided we would ask the Worship Committee to recommend to the Church Council that we hold weekly communion for a trial period of 6 months beginning June 7, with a re-evaluation of the frequency after Christmas.

*Thank you* to everyone who donated flowers for our Easter Garden. Our sanctuary truly came alive with color and beauty on Easter Morning.

## 2015 In-Kind Offering at Synod Assembly

*<sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, ...' <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'* (Matthew 25:37, 40)

Food pantries supported by congregations throughout our synod do provide food to the hungry of our communities. Unfortunately other basic needs of "the least of these" often go unmet. Imagine not brushing your teeth because you have no toothbrush or not being able to wash your hands because you have no soap. A director of a pantry hosted by a Northern Illinois Synod congregation often hears requests for toiletry items that are not covered by state subsidy programs, yet are just as vital to the health and well-being of the people they serve.

In an effort to provide for those needs, All Saints will be collecting basic toiletries for delivery to the Synod Assembly on June 19 and 20. Items to be collected include toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, deodorant and feminine hygiene products. Items collected will be distributed to food pantries throughout each of the conferences in the synod. Please place donated items in the basket in the narthex by Tuesday, June 16. Thank you!

## April Council Meeting Highlights

- \* Heard the results of the audit of the church financial records by Bill Pirnat. Mary Jo Cassens assisted with the audit. Learned that everything was in order.
- \* Discussed the possibility of using Memorial funds to purchase a new computer for the office.
- \* Heard **Time & Talent** sheets will be mailed in the coming week, with return requested by May 1. Commitment Sunday will be May 3.
- \* Heard **Share, Save, Spend Workshop** will be held in May with Steve Jones hosting.
- \* Approved a series of Blues Concerts to be held at the church during the summer months.
- \* Heard the Youth Group is \$1,500 away from their goal for National ELCA Youth Gathering fundraisers.
- \* Discussed combining Outreach and Social Ministry committees and creating new Fellowship Committee.
- \* Suggested Jim Wilcox fill Mission Endowment Fund Committee vacancy created by Mike Schlagel's relocation to Florida.
- \* Approved with gratitude the anonymous donation of an automatic main door opener to enhance accessibility to the building.
- \* Heard Spring Clean-up day was attended by 15 volunteers and much was accomplished.
- \* Reviewed bids and approved bid by King Blacktop to repair, seal, and stripe the parking lot.
- \* Heard the church car has been sold, and insurance premium has reduced to reflect cancellation of the car policy. Retained a portion of the policy to cover the church for drivers of personal vehicles traveling to church events.

## Library News

The following books will be available on the cart by the front doors for the month of May before being added to the library.

- *Family First, Your Step-by-Step Plan for Creating a Phenomenal Family* by Dr. Phil McGraw
- Two Reader's Digest Large Type Select Editions were donated by Marlene Roberts: Vol. 2014-1 -*Crossfire*, by Dick and Felix Francis and *Calling Invisible Women* by Jeanne Ray and Vol. 2013-1 -*The Underside of Joy* by Sere Prince Halverson and *Promise Me* by Richard Paul Evans.

The following books were donated by Sylvia and Skip Richardson:

- *The Martyr's Song* by Ted Dekker
- *A Story Worth Sharing, Engaging Evangelism*, Kelly A. Fryer, Editor
- *Moral Man and Immoral Society, A Study in Ethics and Politics* by Reinhold Niebuhr.
- *The Evangelizing Church, A Lutheran Contribution* by various editors
- *New Testament Survey* by James W. Knox
- *Listen! God is Calling! Luther Speaks of Vocation, Faith, and Work* by D. Michael Bennethum
- *The Love Revolution* by Joyce Meyer
- *I Dare You, Embrace Life with Passion*, by Joyce Meyer

## Rummage Sale Recap



Thank you to everyone who contributed their time, effort, baked items and rummage to the All Saints Annual Rummage Sale. WELCA reports they earned over \$1,000 during the three day period. Rockford Rescue Mission and Angel Treasures benefitted from the unsold items.



## Youth NEWS

### May 2015

**Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. ~ Psalms 25:4**



### EASTER BREAKFAST

**Thank you** goes out to George, Sue, Pete and all adults who set up on Saturday, and all the youth & families who help serve, and clean up during the breakfast. We raised \$520.80. Thanks to everyone who donated food items. Your donations of food items and your time are what made this event such a HUGE success.

THANK-YOU ~~

### Postal Food Drive Volunteers Needed.....

May 9th is the annual postal food drive. All Saints has been asked to help again this year. This event kicks off at 9:15 am when volunteers and drivers meet at the Byron Post Office. Maps are provided for the groups to gather donated food items left at mailbox by postal patrons.

When groups are finished, we will deliver the donated items to People Helping People food pantry located on the west side of the Byron Municipal building. It only takes a few hours to collect all the donations.

## Meals on Wheels

During the month of May, 2015, All Saints will be assisting LifeScape with Meals on Wheels deliveries. Volunteers will meet with the LifeScape representative at 12:15 at the Neighbors Rehab Center. The helpers will be provided meals along with a list of Byron residents that will be receiving meals for the day. The deliveries are made Monday through Friday. It takes about an hour to complete. I want to THANK those that have helped in the past.

We need at least one volunteer for each of the following dates: April 27th – May 1st; May 4th - May 8th; May 11th - May 15th; May 18th - May 22nd; May 25th - May 29th; Please contact me at 815-262-0901 or by email at [dennis.cassens@gmail.com](mailto:dennis.cassens@gmail.com) if you can help.

Helping the work of God,  
Dennis Cassens, Social Ministry



**May 9<sup>th</sup> ..... LYO meeting  
8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade**

We will be meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church in Manlius on Saturday from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. Wanna go? Let Audrey know. Cell# 815-509-2682. We are looking for 8<sup>th</sup> grade thru high school youth to be a part of LYO (Lutheran Youth Organization).

**May 10<sup>th</sup> .....NO Youth Nite ...Mothers Day**

Take Mom out for a meal, or just take her out on the town and have a fun day!

**May 22<sup>nd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> ...LOMC**

Come and join us at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center for **Memorial Day Work Weekend**. We all get together to get camp ready for summer. Lodging and meals are provided for anyone who would like to help. We have lots of things to do from planting flowers, washing windows, spreading mulch, and much more.



Contact Audrey Adams with questions & to register. 815-732-2220 or by email to registrations@lomc.org

**Just remember you can always bring your friends!!**

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

**The GATHERING**

The next meeting of "The Gathering" is May 12 at 9:00 am. If you are working on a handwork project, bring it with. If not, come anyway for the fellowship. See you there!

**Quilters**

The quilters plan to meet on May 7th at 9:00 am at the church. We continue to be thankful that we can do a small part in helping people in need with the comforters that we make. Many bed sheets were given to the church rummage sale and we will be using some of them in the next few months. Please join us for work and fellowship on the first Thursday of any month.

Chances for three quilts were sold at the WELCA rummage sale. Congratulations to the winners Alice Masticola, Sandy Scott and Janet Opengo!

**May Confirmation Lessons**

Sunday May 3  
Lutheran Life – Worship: Meal and Sending  
Sunday May 10  
Lutheran Life - Claiming My Calling  
Sunday May 17  
Hot Topics - Sex and Love/Drugs:  
Your Body Is A Temple

Worship attendance				
	8:00	10:30	total	Sunday School
March 29	72	64	136	50
April 5	113	117	230	No count
12	52	74	126	39
19	62	68	130	No count
26	74	50	124	39
total	373	373	746	128
Average	75	75	149	43

Maunday Thursday	41
Easter Sunrise	19

## CHURCH PROPERTY

I want to thank the 15 volunteers who came to our annual spring clean-up day on April 11. We accomplished a lot of yard work as well as some major clean-up. There remains much to be done for the building particularly painting, which, for the most part, can be done any time. Please consider helping in this area at your convenience.

This past February was the second coldest on record. However, the winters tend to average out and although the use of the church's facilities are not exactly the same all the time, use is very similar. Looking at the utility savings of \$2,702 for the 2014-2015 winter after replacing the furnaces shows that the pay-back time should be as originally expected. There should also be savings in summer with the more efficient air conditioning units.

Bob Branson

## Book Club

May's Book Club selection is *Miss Dreamsville and the Collier County Women's Literary Society* by Amy Hill Hearth. Jackie and her family moved from Boston to Naples, Florida in 1962. Wanting something to do with her new life in the conservative, racially segregated small town, she accepts a late night-radio host job where she creates a mysterious persona and starts a reading group including a divorcee, a recently released husband killer, a gay man, a librarian, and a young black woman whose dream is to go to college.

Because the fourth Monday in May is Memorial Day, the meeting will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.

## Stewardship News

During the week of April 13, new Time and Talent sheets with a cover letter were mailed to all of our members.

If you haven't already, please take a moment and prayerfully consider ways you could support the work and mission of All Saints Lutheran! We would like your completed forms back by May 1<sup>st</sup>. We cannot schedule you to serve if we do not have your completed form advising us of the areas in which you would like to volunteer.

I'm constantly amazed at how many people volunteer their time and talents to make all of the activities at All Saints happen. As with financial tithing, consider tithing your time and efforts. A week is 7 days of 24 hours, totaling 168 hours. A tithe of 10% would be 16.8 hours per week. That's a rather ambitious challenge for anyone. Perhaps if we look at a standard 40 hour work week and then take a tithe of 10%, we would come up with 4 hours a week to give to God.

Only through your efforts will we be able to continue to be a strong church family!

Doug Knodle



## In Our Prayers

### Health & Healing

*Heather Green*

*Mel Knodle*

*Al Olsen*

Kim Sherman

Mary Dummer

April Roos

Peggy Swinney

Lori Mueller

Don Hartman

Juanita Williams

Patricia Skutt

Ruth Lukawski

Jayne Fitzsimmons

Bob Ecklund

Amanda Aulwes-Ihde

Matthew Ideus

Margurite

Nancy

Michelle Nagle

### Shut ins

*Shirley Asher*

*Eileen Carlson*

*Eva Dieckbernd*

*Blanche Schroeder*

*Lori Pederson*

*Patricia Mohr*

### In the Military

*David Bishop*

*Will Goreth*

Stacy Seaworth

### In Sympathy

Anna Disparte

Debra Kinchen

Marvin Frericks

Steve Tilbury

Darlene Sanders

Linda Gavin

Lois Wold

Phil Foglesong



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## *Graduates*

We wish to include the names of our 8th grade, high school, trade schools and college graduates in the June issue of the Sainly News.

Please fill us in on the exciting details from where your student is graduating and what their next step will be. Submit this information to

Office@AllSaintsByron.org by May 15th.



## **Address Changes? Send it to the Church Office!**

As our young people head home for the summer from college or trade school, or have a military change of address, please keep the All Saints office informed of those address changes. Send changes to Office@AllSaintsByron.org.



## *Important* **DATES**

May 2

**WELCA Spring Luncheon**

May 9

**Annual Postal Food Drive**

May 17

**Last day of Sunday School**

May 17

**Pentecost Flower Donation Deadline**

May 30

**Share, Save, Spend Workshop**

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