



THE Sainly NEWS

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Easter Schedule

Sunday, March 20, 2016 - Palm Sunday

8:00 am and 10:30 am

Procession with Palms, Dramatic Reading of the Passion and Communion

Thursday, March 24, 2016

Maundy Thursday

Worship Service 7:00 pm

Worship, Communion, and Stripping of the Altar

Friday, March 25, 2016

Good Friday Community

Worship Service 7:00 pm

At All Saints Lutheran Church

Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016

Traditional Worship – 8:00 am

Blended Worship – 10:30 am

Holy Communion will be celebrated at both worship services

Easter breakfast will be served from 9:00 am to 10:00 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.



Soup Suppers & Lenten Worship

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 the soup supper display table.



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 March 13th, 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 for Easter and after the 10:30 am worship service, you can take your plant(s) home with 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 April Sainly

News is **March 14**

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A Note From Pastor Janet Wold

Dear Friends,

How do we respond when someone loves us? I suppose that answer might depend on how we feel about the person who has declared their love for us. I know that when I feel love from another person and I also feel love toward that person I want to do things for that person that reflect that love – that love grows inside of me and shows itself in kindness toward that other person and in doing things that will make that person happy.

We all know how much God loves us and we, hopefully, share that feeling of love toward God. Out of that love and acceptance that God has shown us, we then want to do things that reflect God's love – that share God's love with others.

In this issue of the Sainly News, you'll find a form that you can fill out with your choices of where you'd like to volunteer your time. Will choosing to be an usher or a Sunday School teacher, to mow the church lawn or work with our youth group really change your life? Initially our answer to that might be "No – those are just simple choices I'm making." But I believe the answer to be "Yes". When we choose to volunteer our time to help someone other than ourselves, we are choosing to serve. We are choosing to give up some time in OUR life to make someone ELSE'S life better. We are choosing to be the servant, as Christ modeled for us. The gift of our time and how we spend that time is very much an indicator of our lives.

New this year, we also have booklets available that further explain each opportunity (including how often each activity is needed). These were handed out at church on Sunday, February 21. If you did not receive your booklet at that time, copies are available in the narthex. If you'd like to receive the booklet by mail, please call the church office. Otherwise, please fill out the Time and Talent response form found in this newsletter (one for each adult in your household). You can bring it to church this Sunday, or mail it before March 13. Thank you for sharing your gifts!

In Christ,

Pastor Janet Wold

Scout Sunday

On Sunday, March 13, we will honor both the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts during our worship service. If your child is involved in Scouting, please have them come to church that day wearing their uniform.



Did You Know????

Did you know that, because of the privacy laws, the hospitals no longer call the church when a parishioner is hospitalized? Please be sure to either call the church yourself or have a family member inform the church when you are hospitalized, so that Pastor Janet can come to see you! Thank you!

Tuesday Night Bible Study

The topic for the Tuesday night Bible Study will be "Forgiveness, Making Peace with the Past". 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.

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study

Please join us as we begin our 10 week study on prayer. We'll be using Walt Wangerin's series on the "The Four Acts of Prayer." Wangerin uses stories to explore the four acts - We speak, God listens, God speaks, and finally, We listen. These stories explore the vital elements of the complete circle of praying. Join this group of men and women for as many weeks as you are able - we meet on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm in the main conference room. **NOTE: There is no Bible study on March 30.**

February Council Highlights

- ◆ Elected new Executive Committee consisting of Dennis Cassens, President; Michael Reibel, Vice-President; and Bill Pirnat, Secretary
- ◆ Appointed the following committee chairpersons: Finance, Steve Jones; Property, Randy Masticola; Education, Jodi Girten; Stewardship, Doug Knodle; Outreach/Social Ministry, Pam Kultgen; Worship, Michael Reibel; and Youth and Family Ministry, Rebecca Raum
- ◆ Jodi Girten was appointed to fulfill the remaining one year term vacancy.
- ◆ Heard plans for a men's luncheon with possible speaker, Sean Considine
- ◆ Heard Worship Setting 3 will be used through the Season of Lent
- ◆ Discussed plans to attend the Northern Illinois Synod Congregational Resourcing Event on March 12 in Malta, IL
- ◆ Learned April 30 will be the date of the Spring Clean-up Event
- ◆ Learned time and talent sheets will be due March 13
- ◆ Learned the Annual Blood Drive will be held on March 31
- ◆ Heard the Ecumenical Good Friday Community service will be held at All Saints this year.

38th Annual Meeting Highlights

- ◆ Elected Jodi Girten, Randy Masticola, Pam Kultgen, and Bill Pirnat to the church council. Terms and committee assignments to be determined at the February council meeting
- ◆ Elected Rebecca Raum to one year Congregation Council Term as Youth and Family Ministries representative
- ◆ Elected Kay Johnson, Alan Wold, and Sue Davis as voting delegates to the Northern Illinois Synod Assembly
- ◆ Elected Rebecca Heaslip, Kay Johnson, and Carolyn Niederer to three year terms on the Mission Endowment Committee
- ◆ Approved proposed change to paragraph C13.04 of the All Saints Constitution
- ◆ Approved the proposed 2016 General Budget of \$208,868 and the proposed 2016 Capital Budget of \$24,891
- ◆ All Saints Lutheran Church "Safe Child Policy" was unveiled and discussed

RUMMAGE SALE Get ready for the annual Rummage Sale! Look through your closets, basements and garages. Bring your stuff to be someone else's treasure. Electronics are not able to be sold through the rummage sale. The sale will be April 14, 15, & 16.

GET YOUR
RED OF
STUFF

Sunday Scriptures

Sunday, March 6 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Sunday, March 13 Fifth Sunday in Lent

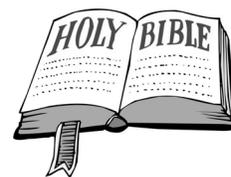
Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

Sunday, March 20 Palm Sunday

Luke 19:28-40
Procession with Palms
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:15 — 23:56

Sunday, March 27 Resurrection of Our Lord

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Luke 24:1-12



*Please Clip & Save for
your reference*

All Saints Annual Blood Drive

The All Saints annual Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, March 31st from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the church. We have been told by the Blood Center that there is a desperate need of all blood types. If you receive a call asking you to donate blood, please do not hesitate to do so. If you are planning to give blood in the next 5 weeks, please mention that you want your donation to count towards All Saints as the Rock River Valley Blood Center will give All Saints a credit for our goal. Please call the church office at 815-234-5277 for the number of the person scheduling appointments.

We are asking for your help, also. If you can give blood, great... but we also need help in the set up and the tear down of the blood drive and/or to be available to greet and help the donators during the day. Could you commit to a 2 hour block on March 31st? I THANK YOU in advance for your assistance. If you can help us, please contact me. I am your new council member and the chair of Social Ministry/Outreach.



Sincerely,
Pamela Kultgen

The GATHERING

The GATHERING will meet on March 8 at 9:00 am. Bring anything you are working on, or just come to enjoy the fellowship, laughter, and treats!

Altar Guild

Flowers are not displayed during the Season of Lent, however after Easter we will again have their beauty gracing the altar. If you would like to contribute a bouquet, please check out availability in the flower reservation book located on the rack in the Fellowship Hall. Bouquets are \$18.00 each and you are invited to take your donated bouquet home after it has been displayed for two weeks. If you wish to donate both bouquets for a particular two week period, make sure you write your name on both dates so someone else does not reserve the second bouquet. The cost for both bouquets is \$36.00.

WELCA

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Please save these dates:

April 9th - NIS Women's Retreat / LOMC

April 14, 15, 16 - Rummage Sale

April 18 - Next WELCA Meeting

May 14 - Spring Luncheon

Rummage Sale - The time is fast approaching for our annual Rummage Sale - April 14, 15, & 16 - to be held at the Byron Masonic Lodge.

Now is the time to start your spring cleaning and donate those objects that have been cluttering up your closets and cabinets. Drop off times at the lodge are as follows:

Monday, April 11 9am – 12 noon and 4 pm - 7 pm

Tuesday, April 12 9 am – 12 noon

Wednesday, April 13 9 am – 12 noon

Again, as in the past, a bake sale will be held

Thursday, along with a quilt raffle with the drawing at 12 noon on Saturday the 16th.

Let's help to make this another successful sale!

March Book Club

Join the discussion at Book Club on Monday, March 28th at 1:00 in the Fellowship hall at church. We will be reading the book, *Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind* by Ann B Ross. This book tells the story of Miss Julia, a recently bereaved and newly wealthy widow. With razor-sharp wit and perfect "Steel Magnolia" poise, Miss Julia speaks her mind indeed-about a robbery, a kidnapping, and the other disgraceful events precipitated by her husband's death. Fast-paced and charming, with a sure sense of comic drama, a cast of crazy characters, and a strong Southern cadence, *Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind* will delight readers from first page to last.

Even if you do not have time to read the book, you are welcome to join in the fellowship time.



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.

Congregational Resourcing Event

The 2016 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. This year's Keynote Speaker is Bishop Wayne N. Miller of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod. Church council members, teachers, musicians, staff, volunteers, and leaders-just about everyone in a 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. Registration forms are available on the oak table in the narthex. The registration deadline was Feb. 21, but if you are interested in attending, contact Pastor Janet.

Stewardship News - Time and Talent Forms



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Quilters

The quilters plan to meet on March 3rd from 9:00 to 11:00 am. There will be quilts ready to be tied and sewn around the edges. Seven quilts are finished on the average each month. The winter newsletter from Lutheran World Relief tells us that 332,592 quilts were sent to people in need in 2015. We feel happy to be a small part in this great mission project. Please join us on the first Thursday of the month. The time is spent working and having time for Christian fellowship.



Youth NEWS

MARCH 2016

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

Souper Bowl of Caring Thanks to everyone who donated money for the Souper Bowl of Caring. Once again, All Saints picked another winner. But in the end, we at All Saints are the winners for helping to support our community food pantry, People Helping People, with our donation of \$268.26.

**March 12th ...CRE at
Kishwaukee College
8th-12th grade**

Saturday from 8:30 am-4 pm, this event starts with worship, then there are 3 workshops to attend. We break for lunch at 12 pm. 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!

March 20th ... YOUTH NITE 5-7 pm.

Jr. High and High school youth will meet together for snack and devotions. We will meet at church from 5-7pm. I will need an adult to help.



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 March 9th

LIBRARY NEWS

Many books on Christ's journey to the cross for all ages are among the books on the cart by the front door this month.

- A DVD- *The Passion of Christ*, Audio tapes, and Children's Videos
 - Children's books: *The week that Led to Easter*, *Jesus Rides Into Jerusalem*, *Good Friday*, *The Day Jesus Died*, *The Easter Women*, *He's Risen!*, *He's Alive!*, *The Story of Easter*, *The Time of Easter*
 - Guidepost's, *The First Easter*
 - *The Case for Easter. A Journalist investigates the Evidence for the Resurrection* by Lee Strobel
 - *Easter Gospels The Resurrection of Jesus According to the Four Evangelists*
 - *The First Easter* by Peter Marshall
 - *The Very First Easter* by Paul L. Maier
 - *The Cross* by Max Lucado
 - Lenten devotionals- *Followers of the Cross and Walk with Jesus*
- Also added this month are books donated by Audrey and Dave Adams:
- *Grounded in God, Listening Hearts Discernment for Group Deliberations* by Suzanne G. Farnham, Stephanie A. Hull, and R. Taylor McLean
 - *Just Enough Light for the Step I'm On, Trusting God in the Tough Times* by Stormie Omartian - "Learn to take God's hand and let him lead you to places you can't get to without him."
 - Guidepost's, *God's Smuggler* by Brother Andrew- God turned the atheistic Andrew around and sent him on to do 10 years of secret work behind the Iron and Bamboo curtains.
 - *Courage*, 4 sessions of Youth Ministry DVD's by Francis Chan. "The Scriptures are opened up to show how faith in Christ can give the ability to live lives defined by courage."

Worship Attendance				
	8:00	10:30	Total	Sunday School
January 31	52	36	88	12
February 7	65	55	120	32
14	53	52	105	33
21	57	39	96	29
Total	227	182	409	106
Average	57	46	102	27

March 26th ... EASTER Breakfast Set Up
10:00 am – 12 pm. See youth board for sign up to help and for donations.

March 27st ... 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.



March 27th ... 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: \$6.00 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 for donations needed for the breakfast menu. Your donations of food items and your time are what make this event such a HUGE success.

April 9th ...Our 7th Annual Spaghetti Dinner is coming up soon. To be held at church from 5-7 pm. Please come and eat, mingle with folks and support our youth group. Thanks! I am looking for some youth to help prepare the dinner. See youth board to sign up.

April is the month for the annual Rummage sale. Calling all Youth: let's help out! Sign up on the youth board for April 11th from 6-8 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.

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

Finance Report

Here in this table we have a different way to look at the Church Finances. It is based on the budget categories. For January we paid \$609 towards our plan of 10% of general checking receipts to the Synod per our process. That leaves us over \$800 behind for the month of January in our pledge. This will hopefully recover with Lenten and Easter services. Our Mortgage/Debt Reduction giving did cover our regular mortgage payment, but just barely. Our bills were otherwise generally caught up at the end of January. However, a quick check of where we are in the middle of February shows many bills that we may not be able to cover. As always, we rely on your gracious giving for the Church to carry out its mission and ministry!

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual January	Budget January	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2016
Revenue	General Fund	\$15,913	\$16,720	\$15,913	\$16,720	\$197,909
	Mortgage	\$2,808	\$2,333	\$2,808	\$2,333	\$28,000
	Other Giving	\$124	\$654	\$124	\$654	\$7,850
	Total Revenue	\$18,845	\$19,707	\$18,845	\$19,707	\$233,759
Expenses	1000 Mission Support	\$609	\$1,417	\$609	\$1,417	\$17,000
	1000 Other Outreach	\$36	\$471	\$36	\$471	\$5,650
	1000 Total Outreach	\$645	\$1,887	\$645	\$1,887	\$22,650
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$638	\$1,189	\$638	\$1,189	\$14,264
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$11,226	\$11,433	\$11,226	\$11,433	\$137,198
	2000 Total Ministries	\$11,865	\$12,622	\$11,865	\$12,622	\$151,462
	3000 Building (Non Capital)	\$2,084	\$2,896	\$2,084	\$2,896	\$34,756
	3000 Total Expense	\$14,594	\$17,405	\$14,594	\$17,405	\$208,868
	3000 Capital Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$2,074	\$2,074	\$2,074	\$2,074	\$24,891
	3000 Capital Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	3000 Capital Total Building Capital	\$2,074	\$2,074	\$2,074	\$2,074	\$24,891
Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	\$16,668	\$19,479	\$16,668	\$19,479	\$233,759	

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. 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), and has not taken First Communion, please contact the church office to enroll them in this class. We will send you the information. Participants in this class will determine the date for their first communion.

March Confirmation Schedule

March 2 (Wednesday)	Vocation	<i>I don't know what God is calling me to do with my life.</i>
March 6	Worship	<i>I don't know how I'm supposed to feel during or after worship.</i>
March 13	Devil	<i>I don't know what or where the devil is.</i>
March 16 (Wednesday)	Doubt	<i>Sometimes I have doubts and I don't know if that's okay.</i>
March 20	Make up class for Unit 2	<i>Held during Education Hour</i>
March 27	NO CLASS	<i>EASTER SUNDAY</i>



In Our Prayers

Health & Healing

Cheri Eden
Jeannine Hayes
George Krebs
Al Olsen
Leroy Pederson
Jim Reif
Ethel Montgomery
Sylvia Richardson
Carol Houston

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
 Brad Fandel
 Don Dummer
 Marie Schulte

Shut Ins

Eileen Carlson
Blanche Schroeder
Lori Pederson
Patricia Mohr

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David Bishop
 Joe Wrassee

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Easter Breakfast

Sunday, March 27, 2016

9:00 to 10:00 am

Suggested Donation: \$6.00 per person

Menu:

Pancakes

Sausage

Egg Casserole

Donuts

Orange Juice, Milk, and Coffee

Set-up help and food donations are appreciated!
Please sign up on Youth Bulletin Board to help.



March 6

Blues Concert Series resumes

March 12

CRE at Kishwaukee Community College

March 20

Palm Sunday Worship with
Procession of Palms

March 24

Maundy Thursday Worship

March 25

Whole Community Good Friday
Worship at All Saints

March 27

Easter Worship

March 27

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March 31

Annual Blood Drive

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