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Our Annual Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service Wednesday, November 25th at 7:00 pm

You are encouraged to bring staple items for our local food pantry, *People Helping People*. You will be asked to bring these items as part of your Thanksgiving offering that evening. Make this a family tradition to worship with your extended family members who are visiting for the Thanksgiving Holiday.



Thanksgiving Help for People Helping People Food Pantry

All Saints has been asked to help our local food pantry, People Helping People, make sure our less fortunate families in our community enjoy a turkey dinner at Thanksgiving. Last year All Saints took on this challenge and as a result of our congregation's generosity many families were able to enjoy a turkey dinner at Thanksgiving. Monetary donations can be made through your church offering designating People Helping People on your church envelope, or a check can be made out directly to People Helping People and placed in the offering plate. The coordinator of PHP, Ruth Ann Goelitz, indicated a \$12.00 donation can help buy a turkey to feed a family of 4 or more. A \$4.50 donation can provide a meal for a family of 1 to 2 people. Please make your monetary donations by Sunday, November 22, 2015.

2015 Confirmands

Rite of Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism was held on Reformation Sunday, October 25th at the 10:30 am service. We celebrate with those who affirmed their baptism: Michael Anaya, Richard Anaya, Reese Armstrong, Tyler Camling, Ethan Fortener, Connor Harn, Andrew Hart, Nathaniel Penrod.



As we approach Advent, we anticipate the birth of our Savior. All Saints is offering three mid-week worship services on December 2, 9 and 16 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 on Bulletin Board #2.

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

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A Note From Pastor Janet Wold

Dear Friends,

November is a time of change. In the church it's a time for looking forward and looking back. In November the current church year comes to an end, Advent is just around the corner and a new church year begins. So November is a time for looking back and a time for looking forward.

One part of stewardship is looking back.

First we look back on all that God has given us and all that God has done for us. We look back on all that God has accomplished in the world, and also look back on all the things that, through our stewardship, we have been able to accomplish where we are: exciting programs for kids and families, vibrant worship, helping those in need.

Another part of stewardship is looking forward.

We look forward in hope to all the future can bring. What are the things that we're most glad to see our church doing? What are we most excited about? What are things we'd like to see? What kinds of ways can our congregation help children, families and members of all ages experience a deepening faith? What are the things we can do to make this happen? And how can we reach out to others with the gospel so that they can experience God's love for them? What would God have us do?

Finding answers to these questions is an important task for us, and the answers that we give will help shape the ministry that we provide.

When we think of all that we'd like God to do for us, we can come up with a pretty good list: health, healing, hope, safety for our families, our children and all those we care about. These are all important things, and we ask God for these in our prayers all the time. When we realize that God is also working through us – through the gifts we bring, the offerings of money, offerings of ourselves, our time and talents and skills for the sake of the church – I hope that we also have a long list.

There are lots of things that we are responsible for, and when we see results from the gifts that we bring, I hope it makes us feel good. There is a great deal of joy that we get from being successful, and from being involved. I hope that's what you think of when you think of stewardship.

Because the truth is ***we do not give to the budget***. Who wants to do that? That feels like an obligation, and "have to" instead of "want to." It feels like paying a bill. Nobody wants to do that; nobody wants to give to a budget. And that's ***not*** what stewardship is about.

The truth is that stewardship is giving to ministry, it's giving to people and taking care of the needs of people, and being partners with God for the good of the world. That's what real stewardship is. And that kind of giving is the giving that makes us feel good.

Yes, we have to pay our bills at the church. There are day-to-day operating expenses – everybody knows that. But over and above that, there is the freedom to give to help do God's work in the world. We can hear the stories of hope given and received. ***Giving in Gratitude*** is our theme of our stewardship campaign this year at All Saints. For us to recognize the many ways we want to respond to God in gratitude, we will be talking about growth giving, and we'll be talking about numbers and all the things you associate with stewardship. But if we look beyond that, to all the things we'd like to see our church provide, and all the people we'd like to help and all the ways that we'll be partnering with God, then we really will be ***Giving in Gratitude!***

In Christ,

Pastor Janet Wold

Pastoral Acts

Jordan Joseph Bielefeldt Baptism September 27 - Rosemary Hyle Funeral October 14
Harper Kathleen Hickerson Baptism October 18 - Melvin Knodle Funeral October 24

Tuesday Night Bible Study

Join the group every Tuesday night at 7:00 pm as we continue our study, *The Holy Spirit: Understanding His work in our lives*. All are welcome. We meet in the conference room, so please enter by the south doors.

NOTE: The Bible study will not meet during Thanksgiving week, Nov. 24.

This Advent we are studying the birth of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Join us as we explore the meaning of the star, the visit of the magi, Joseph's dreams, the flight to Egypt, and much, much more.

Join us December 1st, 8th, and 15th at 7:00 pm as we prepare for Christmas by diving into the story of the birth of our Savior.

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study

This study meets on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm in the conference room. Pastor Janet leads this study of the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday, therefore each week is unique. All are welcome to attend whenever you can!

Informational Forum Results

Thank you to everyone who attended the potluck and informational forum on October 18. We had a good discussion about the many possibilities/needs that face our congregation now. We conducted a "straw poll" of those in attendance, asking for their opinions of what should be a priority. **All of these items are dependent upon receiving additional monies to fund them - we currently do NOT have the resources to make these things happen.** The straw poll indicated the following, ranked from "most important for us to consider at this time" to "least important for us to consider at this time."

- 1) Replace Fellowship Hall Carpeting
- 2) Repair of soffits that are rotted
- 3) Tie between: Staining and painting exterior and Repairs of drywall joints that have come loose and/or split
- 4) Repair existing and add gutters and downspouts
- 5) Repair of drywall joints that have come loose and/or split
- 6) Continue "green effort" that successfully reduced utility bills by:
a) completing replacement of T-12 Sanctuary lights with T-8; b)
insulate outside north wall in Fellowship Hall.
- 7) Tie between: Painting of inside areas that haven't been done recently and Investigate staining in Sanctuary carpet
- 8) Pay for mowing service
- 9) Tie between: Investigate staining in Sanctuary carpet and Pay for mowing service
- 10) Paid Parish Coordinator
- 11) Paid Youth Director

If you have questions or comments, please talk to Pastor or any member of our church council. Thank you!

Sunday Scriptures

Sunday, November 1

All Saints Day

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 24

Revelation 21:1-6

John 11:32-44

Sunday, November 8

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 17:8-16

Psalm 146

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

Sunday, November 15

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm 16

Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18]

19-25

Mark 13:1-8

Sunday, November 22

Christ the King Sunday

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalm 93

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

Sunday, November 29

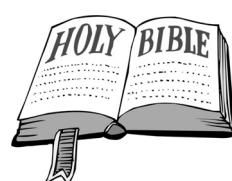
First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm 25:1-10

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36



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Sunday Night Blues Series Continues

On **Sunday, November 1st** from 4:00 to 6:00 pm Dave Hanson and Larry Ubbens will be featured as the Blues Hawks Acoustic and on **Sunday, December 6th** from 4:00 to 6:00 pm Macyn Taylor returns for another engagement at All Saints. The shows are free of charge. Refreshments are also served free of charge; donations for the refreshments are accepted and go to People Helping People, the local Byron Food Pantry. These programs are run with the assistance of Crossroads Blues Society. Crossroads is a non-profit organization that works to keep the blues alive with their Blues in the Schools programming and with community blues music performances. For more information, call the Church office at 815-234-5277.



Book Club

November's Book Club selection is *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan. This is a novel blending facts researched by the author and fiction. After Edwin and Mamah Borthwick Chaney commission Frank Lloyd Wright to design a new home, Mamah and Frank fall in love and leave their spouses and children to be together.

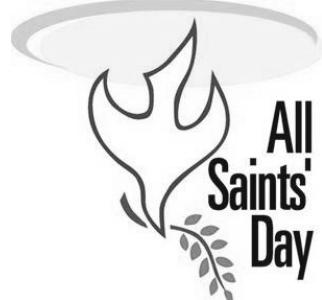
Intellectual Mamah's emotional torments, human aspects of Wright and his artistic talent and eccentricities, the development of the feminist movement in the U.S. and Europe are a few of the themes in this book.

Join us on Monday, November 23, in the fellowship hall as we discuss *Loving Frank*.

All Saints Sunday, November 1

The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. On this day or the following Sunday, many congregations will remember the faithful who have died during the past year.

You are invited to submit names of your loved ones who have died in the past year. Talk to Pastor Wold if you have a name to be included in the Sunday prayers.



Eucharistic Ministry

In July, 2014 we began our "Eucharistic Ministry." The Eucharist is one of the names we give to Holy Communion, a word that means "thanksgiving".



Five of our members, Kay Johnson, Mike Reibel, Marlene Roberts, Jim Wilcox, and Michel Williams have been trained and commissioned as "Eucharistic Ministers". This ministry is in addition to pastoral visits made by Pastor Janet. The elements are consecrated at worship by the pastor at the communion table, and presented to our Eucharistic Ministers during communion.

We currently have four members to whom we will take communion, but if others request that the sacrament be brought to you, we will be ready and prepared to come. You simply need to call Cindy or Karen at the church office at 815-234-5277 and let us know you would like to be one of the recipients of this ministry.

Holiday Bazaar

Mark your calendars now! After a one year hiatus, The Annual All Saints Holiday Shopping Extravaganza will be held December 5 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. As many as seventeen vendors will bring their 'cash and carry' wares to make your Christmas shopping a breeze! A light lunch will be available to purchase at the church.

The GATHERING

If you forgot to attend the October meeting of "The GATHERING", you missed all the fun and interesting conversation. You can catch up, though, by attending our next GATHERING on Tuesday, November 10 at 10:00 am.

A thank you goes out to all who brought home made bakery goods for our coffee hour. We all enjoy a treat with our coffee.

Meals on Wheels

Thanks to all who served members of the Byron community by delivering Meals on Wheels in the month of October. This is a way that All Saints helps out those in need. Those who receive the meals are helped not only by the food they receive, but by the friendly volunteers who deliver the meal. All Saints delivers a month in the Spring and again in the Fall. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry, contact Dennis Cassens.

October Council Highlights

- ⇒ Pr. Andrew Kayes of Emmanuel Lutheran, Paynes Point visited as a guest on behalf of the Synod.
- ⇒ Discussed and agreed on wording for the Staff Support Committee description in the All Saints Constitution
- ⇒ Approved 2016 health insurance plan for Pastor Wold
- ⇒ Heard Youth Group cooperation with United Church of Byron is going well with good turnout
- ⇒ Reviewed and revised power point presentation for the Informational Forum meeting on 10/18
- ⇒ Heard ADA accessible door installation is nearly complete
- ⇒ Heard Stewardship plans are on schedule



2015-2016 Confirmation Class Schedule

November 1 – Ruth: I don't know why Ruth would willingly become an outsider in a foreign land. Ruth 1:6-18
 November 4 – Kings: I don't know where Kings fits into the story of Israel. 1 Samuel 8:1-9
 November 8 – Babylonian Captivity: I don't know why God would free the people only to let them be captured again. Jeremiah 25:1-4
 November 15 – Prophets: I don't know what qualifies someone to be a prophet. Deut. 18:15-22
 November 18 – Psalms: I don't know what purpose the Psalms serve. Psalm 1
 November 22 – Wisdom: I don't know what makes Wisdom books more wise than the rest of the Bible. Proverbs 2:1-15
 November 25 – No class
 November 29 – No class



Youth NEWS

November 2015

Meet Sundays, 6:00-8:00 pm at United Church of Byron (UCB) or All Saints Lutheran (ASL) unless noted.

NOVEMBER

Nov. 1st – Movie Night at ASL ... Popcorn, hotdogs, treats.

Sign up on the Youth board.

Nov. 8th – Game Night at Laser Tag ... 5:30-8:00 pm - Bring money.

Meet at All Saints at 5:30 pm. Laser tag and pizza. Come join the fun.

Nov. 15th – Mission Night at ASL (Tacos)

Nov. 22nd – Devotion Night at UCB (Breakfast for Dinner)

Nov. 29th – Thanksgiving (No Youth Group)



Please bring \$3 to Youth Group for meal cost/mission.

Finance Report

Finance Report for Nov. 2015 Newsletter

Sept. 2015 Expense Report

General Giving	=	\$ 14,205.77
General Expenses	=	\$ 14,593.83
Mortgage Reduction	=	\$ 2,074.21
Mortgage Balance	=	\$250,929.15

2015 9 Months YTD Financial Report

9/30/2015

Account	Balance
General Giving Received	\$ 157,460.44
General Expenses	\$ 151,818.82
Mortgage Reduction	\$ 19,485.22
General Savings balance	\$ 6,867.37
Capital Reserve balance	\$ 4,770.95

DECEMBER

Dec. 4th- Miracle on 2nd Street ...5:30-8:30 pm

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

Dec. 5th- Holiday Shopping Extravaganza... 10:00 am -2:00 pm ...at ASL

Event is at church. The Youth will serve lunch and help with small children in the nursery. Please sign up on youth board to help with this awesome service project. We have lots of fun and have an opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts.

Dec. 6th-People Helping People/ Operation Santa... 6:00-8:00 pm...at UCB

We will all meet at UCB, have food then go to PHP and help in warehouse and with Operation Santa.

Dec. 13th – Christmas Caroling

at Neighbors Nursing home and around town. Meet at UCB

Chaperone: Adams/more needed

Dec. 20th – Christmas Party;

Bring a White Elephant gift.

Dec. 27th – Merry Christmas!

No Youth Group

If you would like to help 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
Sept. 27	55	72	127	45
October 4	57	47	104	53
11	66	50	116	44
18	70	66	136	30
Total	248	235	483	172
Average	62	59	121	43

LIBRARY NEWS

November's additions to the library begin with four more books from the Miss Julia series:

Miss Julia Delivers the Goods - There is a robbery in town and Hazel Marie has sent Julia's best P.I packing. She has to get Hazel and J.D. Pickens to make up before it's too late.

Miss Julia Rocks the Cradle - Miss Julia has promised her husband, Sam, she'd mind her own business, but what should she do when there is a death to investigate, her good name needs to be restored, she has to catch the one who stole her checks, and pregnant Hazel needs care?

Miss Julia to the Rescue - Miss Julia cannot sit idle, when J.D. Pickens has gone missing. A man fitting his description is in isolation at the local hospital and being detained by police. Along the way, she and Etta Mae encounter snake handlers, a sultry officer, and a supervisor who will not let them in to see the mysterious patient.

Miss Julia Stirs Up Trouble - Hazel's housekeeper, James, takes a nasty fall down the stairs and she has to feed and care for him, her husband and two babies. However, she can't even boil water. Soon Miss Julia convinces the ladies of Abbotsville to give Hazel their recipes and demonstrate how to prepare them. Over 45 recipes are included as well as helpful hints.

Two books donated by Sylvia and Skip Richardson:

Liberty is a novel of Lake Wobegon by Garrison Keillor taking place on July Fourth.

The Delany Sisters' Book of Everyday Wisdom –The sisters who were born in 1889 and 1891 both lived over 100 years. In this book, they answer questions submitted to them and offer counsel and examples.

Also added:

Revolution in World Missions by K.P. Yohannan, a missionary statesman who has impacted the world of missions with a message that touches hungry hearts.

No Longer a Slumdog, by K.P. Yohannan tells the stories of the suffering children of Asia, and how they overcame adversity. Then you will rejoice in their triumphs!

Bedside Manners by Katie Maxwell is a guide to visiting the ill written by this trained hospital counselor.



K5 Kids Club

The United Church of Byron and All Saints Lutheran Church are again collaborating with a new youth group! This one is geared towards youth in kindergarten through 5th grade and is called K5 Kids Club. It will meet on the second Wednesday of every month at the United Church of Byron from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm (although late pickup can be arranged). The first meeting was held on Wednesday, October 14. K5 Kids Club will focus on music & arts. Snacks will be provided as well as games, music, crafts, etc. If children need to be walked to the church from the school, adult supervision will be provided. More information will be provided at time of registration. To register, please call Deb Eisfeller at 1-815-985-2008. There is a \$10 registration fee per child for the entire year. If assistance is needed for the registration fee, scholarships are available.

Thank You!

A big “thank you” goes out to all of our watering volunteers. The flowers around the church were beautiful all summer long thanks to your diligence!

Also, a big THANKS to Jan Sloan for planting and weeding our wonderful gardens.



Thank You!

Quilters

The quilters plan to meet on November 5th at the church from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Sending the quilts to Lutheran World Relief went smoothly. Generous volunteers took the boxed quilts and personal care kits to Zion Lutheran Church in Rockford for the first part of their journey to people in need all over the world. Now we begin again to fill up the shelves with quilts made from your donations of fabrics and sheets. The LWR fall newsletter wrote that the Nepal earthquake was devastating for their country. LWR focused on the very remote communities in India to share the quilts, personal care kits and filtration units. These items bring comfort and promote good health and let people in their darkest hour know that they are not alone.

Did you see the beautiful quilt rack and the lovely quilt hanging on it in the hallway? Well, if you haven't already heard, the quilt rack was made by Gary Asher using wood from Jack and Helen Cambier's property. Hilda Stevenson made the lovely quilt that hangs on it. Thank you Gary, Jack, Helen, and Hilda for your generous donations! It was your idea and you brought it to completion so we will now enjoy seeing different comforters each month made at our quilter's gatherings.

In Our Prayers

Health & Healing

Kathy Burrows
Jeannine Hayes
George Krebs
Al Olsen
Jim Reif
Kim Sherman
Mary Dummer
Peggy Swinney
Lori Mueller
Don Hartman
Juanita Williams
Patricia Skutt
Ruth Lukawski
Jayne Fitzsimmons
Bob Ecklund
Amanda Aulwes-Ihde
Duane Burnett
April Roos
Michelle Merritt
Dean Booth
Jerry Sindt
Keri Kleinschmit
Bill Brown
Susie Wilcox
Korrin Cogswell

Shut Ins

Eileen Carlson
Blanche Schroeder
Lori Pederson
Patricia Mohr

Military

David Bishop
Will Goreth
Joe Wrassee

In Sympathy

Patricia Armstrong
Rosemary Hyle
Mel Knodle



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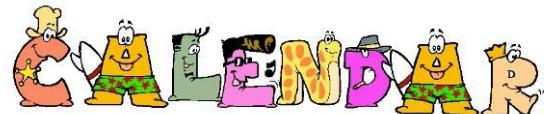
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Decorate the Church for Christmas

Advent begins Sunday, November 29th! Join us in preparing the church by decorating the sanctuary and putting up the various Christmas trees. We

have the big Crimson tree and greens in the sanctuary, a tree for the Sunday School, and other trees throughout the church building that need to be decorated. We need all hands – adults and kids of all ages. We will meet at church at 9:30 am on

Saturday, November 28th (the Saturday after Thanksgiving). It is a fun time with the fellowship of working together. A light lunch follows when the church is ready for the new church year. For lunch planning purposes, a sign-up sheet is posted on Bulletin Board #2. If you have questions contact Kay Johnson at 815-262-8789.



Upcoming Events

November 1

Sunday Night Blues Series

November 11

K5 Kids Club at UCB

November 25

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

November 28

Decorate Church for Christmas!

December 5

Holiday Shopping Extravaganza

December 6

Sunday Night Blues Series