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Our Annual Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service - Wednesday, November 23rd 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 20, 2016.

9th Annual Chili Dinner to be held November 5

Join us in the Fellowship Hall at church from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm to have fun and enjoy some chili or chicken soup while helping the youth earn dollars for upcoming events. Tickets are on sale at church on Sundays and can also be purchased at the door. Cost: \$7.00 per person, \$4.00 ages 5 -10, 4 and under are free. Chili will also be available for take-out.



ADVENT WORSHIP

As we approach Advent, we anticipate the birth of our Savior. All Saints is offering three mid-week worship services on Nov. 30, Dec. 7, and 14 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.



Poinsettia Plants

If you would like to order a Poinsettia plant this year to help adorn the sanctuary on Christmas, please do so by **December 4**. 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.

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

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 Saintly News is **November 17**

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A Note From Pastor Janet Wold

Dear Friends,

Thanksgiving will soon be here. This is the time of year when we all pause to give thanks for the many blessings that God has given us...our family, friends, work, church etc. I hope we all know how blessed we are to have the abundance we have – a roof over our head, food on our tables and most of all, the abundance of love and acceptance from our Savior, Jesus Christ.

This year, perhaps, we could think not only in terms of what we have *received* when listing the things we're thankful for, but also being thankful for what we're able to *give*. I am grateful I have the capacity and willingness to volunteer my time for some organizations that are doing important work. I am grateful that Alan and I are able to give financially to our church and to other organizations we believe in. I am grateful for my family. I am grateful that not only do I have many good friends, but that I am able to be a good friend in return. I am grateful that God has put in my heart the concerns of other people and that I am able to pray on their behalf. In other words, when thinking in terms of what we're grateful for, let's not just think of all the things we've GOT, but also be grateful for all the things we can GIVE.

Without a doubt, one of the things I'm grateful for is being able to be your pastor. God has blessed me with a wonderful congregation and has given me the desire and ability to serve. Thank you for your partnership with me in the ministry here at All Saints Lutheran.

In Christ –

Pastor Janet Wold



2016 Confirmands

Rite of Confirmation/
 Affirmation of Baptism was held on Reformation Sunday, October 30th at the 10:30 am service. We celebrate with those who affirmed their baptism: Kennedy Heaslip, Maggie Hunter, Vance Hunter, Alyssa Morrison, Jennifer Raum, and Amanda Schramm.



New Member Classes

Are you interested in 'officially' joining the All Saints family? If so please plan to meet with Pastor Janet on Sunday November 20 in the main Conference Room at 9:15 am. At that time she will answer any questions you might have. We hope you will join us!

Tuesday Night Bible Study

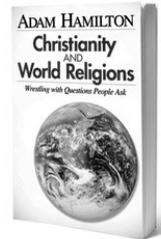
Join the group every Tuesday night at 7:00 pm as we continue our study of the Book of James. Please enter through the South door (Sunday School wing doors). We meet in the main conference room (310).



We began the study of the book of James the week of Sept 27th. This class will run for a total of 6 to 8 weeks. We welcome anyone who wishes to join our group.

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study

Join a study of World Religions that began in October. The Wednesday Bible Study began a video-based small-group study using Adam Hamilton's book *Christianity and World Religions*. This class, led by Pastor Janet Wold, meets on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.



In November this class will look at Hinduism, Buddhism, and Christianity. Bring a friend and join in this timely study.



Sunday School Classes

November 6, 2016 is an important day for the Sunday School classes. During Sunday School, they will begin practicing for the Christmas program. At the 10:30 service they will be singing songs they have learned about friendship and the life of Jesus.

Confirmation Schedule

November 2 (Wednesday)	<i>Apostles' Creed, Article 1</i>	<i>I don't know if I believe in God.</i>	<i>Psalms 8</i>
November 6	<i>Apostles' Creed, Article 2</i>	<i>I don't see how Jesus has anything to do with me.</i>	<i>Luke 23:39-46</i>
November 13	<i>Apostles' Creed, Article 3</i>	<i>The Holy Spirit seems really ambiguous, undefined, and impersonal. (P.S. Creepy, too.)</i>	<i>Acts 2:1-13</i>
November 16 (Wednesday)	<i>The Lord's Prayer</i>	<i>The Lord's Prayer is just empty words to me.</i>	<i>Matthew 6:5-13</i>
November 20	<i>Holy Baptism</i>	<i>I don't know why people should get baptized.</i>	<i>Romans 6:1-11</i>
November 27	NO CLASS	SUNDAY FOLLOWING THANKSGIVING	
December 4	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>I don't know what communion is for.</i>	<i>Luke 22:14-20</i>

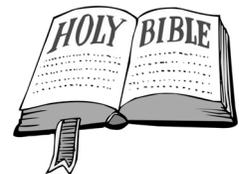
Sunday Scriptures

Sunday, Nov. 6
All Saints Sunday
Job 19:23-27a
Psalm 17:1-9
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

Sunday, Nov. 13
26th Sunday after Pentecost
Malachi 4:1-2a
Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

Sunday, Nov. 20
Christ the King Sunday
Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

Sunday, November 27
First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44



Please Clip & Save for your reference

FIRST, WE GIVE OF OURSELVES: Giving in Generosity

This fall we enter the final leg of our three-year journey we are calling *First, We Give of Ourselves*. The basis of our theme is the Bible passage from 2 Corinthians 8:5 where the Apostle Paul describes the generosity of the Macedonian Christians as



“giving of themselves.” Along this journey, we have been exploring what it means to “give of our selves,” to live as disciples, and grow in our giving. On the first leg of our journey, we talked of “giving in grace.” Last year we explored what it means to “give in gratitude”. This fall, our attention turns to the topic of generosity and what it means to “give in generosity” as God’s people in Christ.

On Sunday, October 23, we began this year’s journey with our Kick Off Sunday for **First, We Give of Ourselves: Giving in Generosity**. If you weren’t here that Sunday (or even if you were!) I would encourage you to watch a video message from our new Bishop about stewardship. You can find that video by going to <http://nisynod.org/giving-in-gratitude-a-message-from-bishop-clements/>

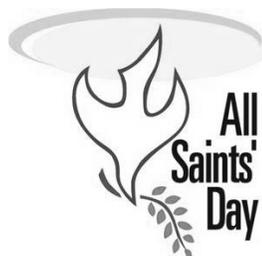
Giving in Generosity All Congregation Bible Study
A very important guide along this journey of discovery and growth is a four week all congregational Bible Study entitled “**Giving in Generosity**.” The whole congregation will be invited to take part in this faith and discipleship growing conversation. Our “**Giving in Generosity**” Bible Study will be emailed to you beginning the week of October 30. If you would like a printed version of the Bible study, copies will be available on the oak table in the narthex.

Join in our journey as we grow and give of ourselves in generosity.

All Saints Sunday, November 6

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 five 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.

Quilters

The quilters plan to meet on Thursday, November 3rd from 9 to 11 am. at the church. Ten quilts were completed from our October work morning. The closet shelves will fill up in the months to come as we continue our service of making quilts for people in need. Thank you for all the donations of sheets and fabric that continue to be given to us. Please join us on the first Thursday morning of each month to work together and have the joy of Christian fellowship.

WELCA

(Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)

Second Annual Bake Sale for the Holidays

The ladies of WELCA are having a bake sale on the Sunday before Thanksgiving! Between services, and for a short time after 10:30 service on November 20th, you will be able to purchase a selection of homemade baked goods. The members of WELCA will bring in tasty cakes, pies, cookies and brownies they baked at home and are donating for the bake sale. Proceeds will go towards the purchase of new blinds for the church. (Lawnmowers will be a very large cost and will take amass.

We plan to start saving after the blinds are purchased) Please support this effort and enjoy a delicious treat!



Crossroads Blues at All Saints

Daniel Souvigny will be the featured performer on November 6 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. He is a talented young rag time piano player. Come join us for what promises to be a very fun show!



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 Pam Kultgen.



We will be getting together for some outdoor yard clean-up work on Saturday, November 5th, at 9:00 am.

Our main focus will be to cut down one of the dead Ash trees on the east side of the church. Although we have some experienced chain saw operators, we will need some help moving the small branches to a burn pile near the garage. There may be a few other small chores to take care of as well, as we prepare our church yard for the upcoming winter season.

Even an hour or two of your time would be very helpful. No special skills are needed. You should bring work gloves with you and sturdy work shoes. Some light snacks and drinks will be provided.

Thanks in advance for upholding our mission of *"Responding to the Gospel to carry out God's Mission"*.

**Yours in Christ,
Randy Mastricola, Property Committee**

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Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month at UCB after school until 5:30 pm. We walk the kids from school to UCB.

Next Kids Club meets November 9, 2016



Youth NEWS

November 2016

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

We are planning for our big event for High School aged youth to attend the **ELCA Youth Gathering** in Houston, Texas from June 27th through July 1, 2018. If you are interested in going to this awesome event, helping with fundraising, or being an adult chaperone, please contact Audrey Adams at 815-509-2682.

November 5th - Chili Dinner... 5-7 pm

Join us in the Fellowship hall at church to enjoy some chili or chicken soup while helping the youth earn dollars for Youth Gathering. Tickets are on sale at church on Sundays and can also be purchased at the event. Cost: \$7.00 per person, \$4.00 ages 5-10, under 4 is free. Chili also available for take-out. See youth bulletin board for sign up to help cook, set up and work.

Jr. High **Peder Eide** Retreat (6-9 grade) will be at LOMC again this year on November 11-13. Cost is \$145.00 per person, see youth board to sign up.

Nov. 24th – Give thanks for all you have. Have a Happy Thanksgiving.



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

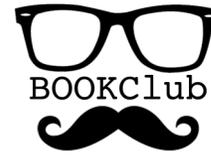
Our Mission statement:

Seeking God, Serving Others & Having Fun!

Audrey Adams, All Saints Youth Leader

S.T.A.T.I.C

Students Taking Action Together In Christ



Library News

This month's books being added to the library were donated by Mary Jo and Dennis Cassens.

Killing Lincoln by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard is an historical thriller recounting the assassination of Abraham Lincoln that changed the course of history.

Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker by Jennifer Chiaverini is an historical novel unveiling the private lives of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln through the perspective of Mrs. Lincoln's confidant. Her devoted friend, and dressmaker, Elizabeth Keckley, was a slave who earned her freedom by her sewing talent.

Thomas Jefferson and the Tripoli Pirates by Brian Kilmeade and Don Yaeger: For fifteen years Jefferson had tried to work with Tripoli, Tunis, Algiers, and Morocco. He found it impossible to negotiate with people who believed their religion justified their capturing American sailors, holding them as slaves for ransom. As president, he sent the Navy's new warships and Marines to blockade Tripoli, launching the Barbary Wars and the beginning of America's superpower status.

Valley Forge by Newt Gingrich and William R. Forstchen is a researched novel chronicling the time and place where Washington and his Continental Army, against all odds, were shaped by German, Friederich von Steuben into a fighting force to win a revolution and found the United States of America.

God Speaks to Women Today by Eugenia Price - By following the lessons learned by the women in the Bible, you can understand and find fulfillment in the world today.

A Child's Book of Prayers contains more than twenty well-known prayers that are beautifully illustrated by Michael Hague.

A Meditation to Help You With Healthful Sleep by Belleruth Naparstek is a CD of guided imagery, a form of directed daydreaming that is easy to do and takes only 20 minutes.

November's Book Club selection is *Beyond the Storm* by Carolyn Zane. A tornado rips through the town of Rawston causing destruction and death. This book follows several residents before, during, and after the damage has been done. Danny's death brings them together searching for an answer to, "What kind of a God would allow such tragedy?" Making a quilt out of bits of fabric gathered after the tornado brings peace to the mourners. Please join us on November 28 at 1:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

Altar Guild

Mark your calendars now! The Annual Altar Guild Meeting will be held on Saturday January 7, 2017 at 9:00 am in the Main Conference Room (310). Current and prospective Altar Guild members are invited and encouraged to attend!

The GATHERING

The group meets on Tuesday, November 8th at 9:00 am. Join us with your craft project, or if you don't have a project, just come and enjoy the fellowship and food.

October Council Highlights

- ⇒ Heard Thanksgiving Eve and Christmas Worship Services are set
- ⇒ Learned we will celebrate communion by intinction every 4th Sunday of the month
- ⇒ Heard the new photo directory is progressing
- ⇒ Heard that cash flow is still a struggle with receipts far below budgeted needs
- ⇒ Approved continuing Pastor's insurance coverage at the "Gold Plus" plan level for 2017
- ⇒ Sent Financial Responsibility Guide back to Finance Committee for rewording
- ⇒ Approved the purchase of a new computer for Pastor using monies from gifts and memorials
- ⇒ Heard there are three dead Ash trees requiring removal on the church property
- ⇒ Learned there will be a Fall clean-up day on November 5
- ⇒ There will be a showing of the movie "Luther" after Trunk or Treat on Oct. 29.

Worship Attendance				
	8:00	10:30	Total	Sunday School
October 2	55	53	108	39
9	52	55	107	40
16	62	57	119	37
23	47	63	110	40
Total	216	228	444	156
Average	54	57	111	39

Finance Report

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual September	Budget September	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2016
Revenue	General Fund	\$12,246	\$16,717	\$125,094	\$150,457	\$200,609
	Mortgage	\$2,014	\$2,333	\$17,592	\$21,000	\$28,000
	Other Giving	\$775	\$429	\$2,706	\$3,862	\$5,150
	Total Revenue	\$15,036	\$19,480	\$145,393	\$175,319	\$233,759
Expenses	1000 Mission Support	\$200	\$1,417	\$4,738	\$12,750	\$17,000
	Other Outreach	\$766	\$471	\$2,426	\$4,237	\$5,650
	Total Outreach	\$966	\$1,887	\$7,164	\$16,987	\$22,650
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$396	\$1,189	\$6,039	\$10,697	\$14,264
	Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$11,191	\$11,433	\$97,881	\$102,898	\$137,198
	Total Ministries	\$11,586	\$12,622	\$103,921	\$113,595	\$151,462
	3000 Total Building (Non Capital)	\$2,387	\$2,896	\$20,327	\$26,067	\$34,756
	Total Expense	\$14,939	\$17,405	\$131,412	\$156,649	\$208,868
	3000 Capital Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$2,074	\$2,074	\$18,668	\$18,668	\$24,891
	Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$60	\$0	\$0
	Total Building Capital	\$2,074	\$2,074	\$18,728	\$18,668	\$24,891
Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	\$17,014	\$19,480	\$150,140	\$175,318	\$233,759	

Serenity Hospice

Serenity Hospice and Home is excited to announce the opening of a second retail shop in Winnebago, IL to help support their mission. The first Angel Treasures is currently located in Mt. Morris and has become a dependable revenue source for Serenity Hospice. "With the current economic climate, people are buying second hand items, and people like to know when they donate their items that the proceeds are going to a good cause," said Executive Director Lynn Knodle. "We stay consistently busy at our current resale shop in Mt. Morris and we have become a part of the community there. We look forward to getting to know Winnebago and becoming involved in their community as well." Angel Treasures II opened October 3, 2016 and employs local people to run the shop.



LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR: The Challenges of a Changing Community

Save the dates for the 2016 Discipleship Gatherings! "And who is my neighbor?" the man asked Jesus. Jesus responded by telling the parable of the Good Samaritan; a story about race, division, and misunderstanding; a story about compassion, mercy, and healing. Bishop Clements invites you to take a step toward healing. At the Discipleship Gatherings this fall we'll consider what message Jesus has for us through this timeless parable in the face of our changing communities and in this time of racial division and misunderstanding.

Beginning with sharing a meal at 6:15pm, turning to scripture and lifting up prayer, each Discipleship Gathering will offer opportunity for fellowship, learning, listening, and reflecting. They will include learning about our history and listening to our personal stories. Through reflection on what we hear and think, we will begin to discern what our call to discipleship is in loving our neighbors. Resources will be offered for continued conversations back at your home congregations.

Dinner 6:15 - 7 pm
Program 7 - 8:30 pm

- Tuesday, November 1, St. John, Joliet
- Thursday, November 3, St. John, Peru
- Wednesday, November 9, St. Mark, Rockford
- Thursday, November 10, Bethany, Crystal Lake
- Tuesday, November 15, Prince of Peace, Freeport



In Our Prayers

Health & Healing

Jeannine Hayes
Sharon Kirchner
Al Olsen
Leroy Pederson
Jim Reif
Skip Richardson

Kim Sherman
Mary Dummer
Don Hartman
Juanita Williams
Duane Burnett
April Roos
Dean Booth
Bill Brown
Dean Lundgren
Pamela Newman
Marie Schulte
Tim O'Hare
Laura Egler
Marcia Kasmaric
Chuck Goering
Dolores Burton
Jane Peele
James Maxwell Farrell
Evan Flannery
Larry Lee
Judy Gambrel

Shut Ins
Eileen Carlson
Blanche Schroeder
Lori Pederson
Patricia Mohr
Mary Whitmer

Military
David Bishop
Joe Wrasse
Landon Skaar

In Sympathy
Larry Densberger

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November 5

Chili Supper

November 9

Discipleship Gathering in Rockford

November 23

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

November 26

Decorate the Church

November 30

Soup Supper and Midweek Advent

Worship begins

Decorate the Church for Christmas

- Advent begins Sunday, November 27th! Join us in preparing the church by decorating the sanctuary and putting up the various Christmas trees. We have the big Crismon tree and greens in the sanctuary, a tree for the Sunday School hallway, 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 26th (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 Dennis Cassens at 815-234-2110.



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