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Confirmation (Affirmation of Baptism) Reformation Sunday

October 30th 10:30 am worship service

Confirmands who have completed the required curriculum will be confirmed at the 10:30 am worship service on Reformation Sunday (October 30). There will be refreshments after worship and an opportunity to greet the newly confirmed members of our congregation. Check out the display with pictures and biographical information about each of these students.



On Sunday, October 23rd at 9:15 am, all confirmands and their parents are required to attend a rehearsal. Confirmands will be fitted for confirmation gowns and individual and group photographs will be taken.



October 29 is the 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat at All Saints!

Come out in your favorite costume and join us in the All Saints parking lot for some Halloween fun starting at 5:00 pm and continuing until 6:30 pm. There will be a festive spirit, fun decorations, and of course plenty of candy! We are in need of volunteers to bring your decorated cars and/or donate candy. Sign up on bulletin board #2! If you have questions, contact Theresa Fitzsimmons or call the church office.

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.



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. Beginning October 16, Sunday bulletins will include a form to submit names for inclusion in our prayers on Nov. 6.

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 November
 Saintly News is **October 16**

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A Note From Pastor Janet Wold

Dear Friends,

Many years ago I heard a lecture presented by Bishop Mark Hanson, then the presiding bishop of the ELCA. He is a sought after speaker and panelist around the world, representing the ELCA in a variety of settings. Bishop Hanson spoke of a time when he was part of a panel of religious leaders from a variety of faith traditions (Buddhist, Jewish, Muslim etc.) All were asked how they understood what God's relationship was to humans. One speaker said that he believed that there were many paths leading to God and that, among other things, is what made working together with a variety of faiths possible. Bishop Hanson said that we viewed things a little differently – we don't see paths leading from us to God, but instead we see God coming TO us.

God comes to us. That is the root of the Christian faith – in Jesus Christ; God reached down to US and came. We don't have to figure out how to make our way to God – our sin prevents us from ever being able to make our way completely. Thankfully for us, God doesn't wait for us to come to him, but instead extends his love to encompass us as we are. As we are then surrounded by that grace, forgiveness and acceptance, we then act in that love toward others and toward God.

That idea of God coming to us got me thinking about our mission here at All Saints Lutheran. Are we just waiting for people to come to us? Or are we out there, bringing God to people who don't know Christ and sharing God's love with those in our community? While I believe we do a great job of sharing our resources with those in our community (look at all the items we collect throughout the year and give for local and worldwide needs, for example), I am not sure we have fully embraced the idea that WE need to get out to where non-churched people are and work alongside of them, helping them to see the love of Christ in us and, hopefully, inviting them to be part of this faith journey.

How are you bringing God's love into the world? What are ways we could be doing more of that here at All Saints? I would love to engage in a conversation with you about this. As we enter into this season of stewardship, finances and thanksgiving, I challenge all of us to prayerfully consider how God has reached down into our lives and blessed us – and then to take the next step and prayerfully consider how God might be challenging us to reach out to others.

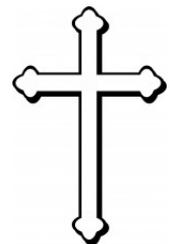
Blessed to be on this journey with you –

Pastor Janet Wold



Pastoral Acts

September 4 - Baptism of Emma Leigh Dixson, daughter of Cole Dixson



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 6 to 8 weeks. We welcome any one who wishes join our group.

The Epistle of James is the “how-to” book of the Christian life. It is one of the most practical books in the New Testament because it offers instruction and exhortation to Christians who are experiencing problems, as all of us do. James, the half-brother of Jesus, traditionally called “the Just” (see Matt. 13:55), became the leader of the Jerusalem church (see Acts 15:3; Gal. 2:9). He seems to be the most probable author of this epistle. If he was the author, it is noteworthy that he did not mention his relationship to Jesus in this letter. Instead his sole claim to authority was his spiritual servanthood to the Lord Jesus Christ (see 1:1). But the major theological issue in James is faith and works (2:14–26). He calls faith without works “dead”. With this letter, James was sounding a wake-up call to all Christians: “Get your life in line with what you believe!”

Yours in Christ
Steve Reid

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study

Join a Study of World Religions

Starting in October, the Wednesday Bible Study will begin 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 main conference room (310).

The schedule is:

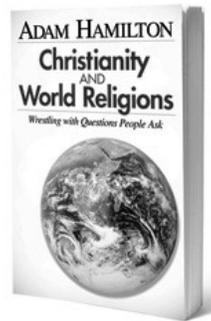
October 5 – DVD on Islam

October 12 – Field trip to Mosque in Rockford

October 19 – DVD on Judaism

October 26 – Field Trip to Temple Beth-El in Rockford

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



September Council Highlights

- * Learned \$655 was raised for St. Vincent de Paul during the picnic
- * Discussed moving future picnics to a park and making it more of a potluck
- * New media desk has been crafted by Gary Asher and is in use in the sanctuary.
- * Learned constitutional verbiage change was approved and will be submitted to Synod for review in November
- * Heard pictorial directory sign-ups are going well
- * 2017 Proposed budget feedback is needed from all committee heads.
- * Heard new Stewardship program will kick off on October 23
- * Meals on Wheels delivery scheduled for October and volunteers are needed

Sunday Scriptures

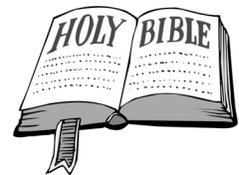
Sunday, Oct. 2 – 20th
Sunday after Pentecost
Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Psalm 37:1-9
Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

Sunday, Oct. 9 – 21st
Sunday after Pentecost
2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
Psalm 111
Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

Sunday, Oct. 16 – 22nd
Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 121
Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

Sunday, Oct. 23 – 23rd
Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22
Psalm 84:1-7
Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

Sunday, Oct. 30 –
Reformation
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 46
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36



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your reference*

FIRST, WE GIVE OF OURSELVES: Giving in Generosity

The theme of this year's campaign is First, We Give of Ourselves: Giving in Generosity. How would you define the generosity you have received and given? Many generous members of All Saints laid the foundation for us to have a wonderful church home and family. My family provided me with a generous Christian environment and taught me about God which was instrumental in who I am today.



How best can we now 'pay it forward'? Beyond our financial giving, giving of our time, and talents, what else can we do to be generous in God's eyes? Are we living our lives in a generous manner? We should all be asking God for guidance on how we can use our talents to be more generous.

This fall we enter into the final leg of our three-year journey exploring discipleship and growing as stewards. We began our first leg with an emphasis on "Giving in Grace." Year two was one filled with the meaning of gratitude as we centered our attention on "Giving in Gratitude." Now, as we enter year three of this emphasis on discipleship and stewardship, we turn our attention to "Giving in Generosity." Over the next number of weeks, we will explore the concept of generosity, both God's and ours. What does God's generosity look like? How do we live each day in God's generosity? How does God's generosity provide a model for our own? These are just a few of the questions we will explore together.

Mark These Dates on Your Calendar

October 23, "First, We Give of Ourselves: Giving in Generosity" Kick-Off Sunday

Dec. 4, "Celebration and Commitment" Sunday. At this service we will celebrate God's generosity and indicate how we will generously share our gifts in response to God's grace and for our ministry of sharing this grace.

"Giving in Generosity" All Congregation Bible Study

Gathering around God's Word enriches all we do. As we experience our conversation about generosity, we have the opportunity to share in an all-congregation Bible Study entitled, "Giving in Generosity." This four-week home study will examine generosity from the perspective of God's grace, God's generosity, and how God's generosity is a model for our own. This Bible study will be emailed out weekly, along with our weekly announcements, for you to incorporate into your family discussions or personal prayer life. These four Bible studies will be sent out starting the week of November 6. If you do not have an email address, a printed copy can be obtained by contacting the church office.

Doug Knodle, Stewardship Committee



Thank you to all who helped make our church picnic a success. I believe that a good time was had by all. Great food, kids had a good time getting their faces painted, and the cake walk and bingo were lots of fun with many winners! The silent auction brought in \$655 for St Vincent de Paul society in Byron. Thank you to the folks who set up, cleaned up, made food and cooked, my co-chair Theresa Fitzsimmons, and all who pitched in to help that day -- what a wonderful thing to see all of us working together for the church.

Thanks,
Pam Kultgen - Social Ministry/Outreach Committee

The GATHERING

The group meets on Tuesday, October 11th 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.

Quilters

The quilters plan to meet on October 6th from 9 to 11 a.m. at the church to tie quilts. September was a busy month as we displayed the quilts in the sanctuary. The quilts were then boxed, labeled and taken to Zion Lutheran church as they began their journey to Lutheran World Relief. People in need all over the world will receive quilts with our blessing. The shelves in the quilters' closet are bare so we will begin a new year of meeting to make more comforters. Thank you to everyone who donates sheets and fabrics for this worthwhile project!



College Addresses Needed!

It is that time of year when our youth are going off to college or moving away from home. If you have a person with a change of address, please notify Karen or Cindy in the church office with that address. We would like to stay in touch and get them the newsletter. OR give us their email address so we may send it electronically. There are also change of address forms on the table in the narthex.

Crossroads Blues at All Saints

Macyn Taylor will be the featured performer at All Saints on Sunday, October 2. This free concert will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. A free will offering will benefit People Helping People and the performing artist.



Macyn's musical journey started when she was 7 years old in her Brownie troupe. They were slated to do a talent show at the local nursing home but she didn't think she had a talent. Her dad had an old guitar at home and said he'd give her some lessons. Within a month she had learned over 20 songs. She began playing at lots of retirement homes, farmers markets, coffee shops, fund raisers and even at some Irish pubs. She loved it and even started to play on sidewalks and earned the title of "Sidewalk Superstar!" Next, she got some gigs at the student union at Madison where an impressed music instructor suggested that she enroll in some college music courses. Soon she was enrolled at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee School of Music in the only accredited Fingerstyle Guitar program in the world where she is working toward a degree and performing publicly wherever she can. She graduated college at 17 and has even completed her Master's Degree in music. She is an amazingly talented young guitar player and we are excited to have her back at All Saints!

Book Club

Join us on Monday, October 24 at 1:00 pm for Book Club. October's selection is *The Church Ladies*, by Lisa E. Samson. Poppy's best friend Chris's son dies in a college hazing stunt. Poppy joins with other local women to pray for Chris and her family. Meanwhile, Poppy, a devout Christian, struggles with her role as a pastor's wife, with her daughter, who has rejected Jesus and her in favor of multiple body-piercings and premarital sex, and with the guilt of an affair she had several years before. Poppy works to hold her family together as well as to help her best friend's family to heal.

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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 October 12, 2016



Youth NEWS

October 2016

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

Saturday, **October 1, 2016!!!** The NIS-LYO Board will meet at LOMC, Oregon, from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. We will be working on the events for 2016-2017. Come and be part of the planning! Youth and their adult advisors from all over the Synod are all encouraged to attend. Since we will meet over the lunch hour, we will, of course, have lunch! Let Audrey Adams know if you are coming.

Autumn Fest @ LOMC

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center is having their Fall Autumn Fest celebration. Mark your calendar for Autumn Fest at LOMC on **October 9th**. There will be fun for the whole family from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. This is a FREE event. There will be wagon rides, crafts, pumpkin carving, choir performances and worship. For more information, visit www.lomc.org or call 815-732-2220.

Jr. High Day - October 22nd -

6-9th grade... is being held at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center in Oregon, IL. This will be a day event filled with devotions, team building, a service project, lunch, zip-lining and lots more. Please contact Audrey Adams at 815-509-2682 if you want to help out or attend.



October 23rd ...Corn Maze...5-7 pm

Everyone (adults and youth) can attend. There will be treats, hot cocoa, apple cider and best of all... 5 acres of twists, turns and dead ends in an agricultural labyrinth. Clues in the maze will help you find your way. Cost is \$4 to enter the maze and bring spending money for treats and drinks. We will be outside so wear warm clothes. It is located 1 mile north of Byron on Tower Rd. (Cornerstone Family Church). Sign up on the Youth Board. Come join us and have some fun!

Library News

November 5th - Chili Dinner 4-7 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 door. Cost: \$7.00 per person, \$4.00 ages 5-10, under 4 is free. Chili is also available for take-out. See youth bulletin board for sign-ups to help cook, set-up and work.

Our kick-off meeting for the **2018 ELCA Youth Gathering** will be **October 29th at 11am at All Saints**. We will be planning for our big event for High School age youth to attend the ELCA Youth gathering which will be held in Houston, Texas from June 27th -July 1, 2018. If you are in 7th or 8th grade this school year, please plan to attend this meeting since you will be in high school and eligible to go to this great event in 2018.

If you are interested in going to the Youth Gathering, helping with fundraising or being an adult chaperone, please contact me Audrey Adams at 815-509 -2682. Middle School **Peder Eide** Retreat (6-9 grades) will return to LOMC on November 11-13. Cost is \$145.00 per person. Sign up on the youth bulletin board. For more information visit www.lomc.org.

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

October's selections to the library include:

Guidepost Comfort from Beyond selections-

- *A Glimpse of Forever, Stories of Everlasting Love*
- *Undying Love, Stories of Eternal Devotion*
- *Stories of Unexpected Joy- Brief Reunion*
- *Life After Life and Reflections on Life After Life* by Dr. R. A. Moody

Guidepost selections on Prayer-

- *Prayers for Every Need, Volumes 1 and 2*
- *In His Time, Recognizing God's Answers*
- *Answered Prayers*
- *Angels, Miracles and Answered Prayers, Volumes 1 and 2*

Guidepost selections on Angels

- *A Book of Angels* by Sophy Burnham who was saved by an angel at age twenty-eight and denied it until she was forty-three.
- *Angel Letters* by Sophy Bunham- Letters she received in response to *A Book of Angels*.
- *All Night, All Day Angels Watching Over Me*
- *Christmas Angels All Year Round* including *Angels We Have Heard on High* by Joan Wester Anderson and *Christmas Miracles* by Jaime C. Miller, Laura Lewis, and Jennifer Basye Sander

Health Journeys CD, A Meditation to help you with Healthful Sleep

WELCA

(Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)

On September 19 the Women of All Saints met for a pizza supper. Delicious! After dessert and devotions on the Joys of Friendship, WELCA appointed new co-chairwomen. Carolyn Niederer and Marlene Roberts have stepped up to leadership. Good luck ladies! Watch the newsletter and bulletins for WELCA news.



Worship Attendance				
	8:00	10:30	Total	Sunday School
August 28	51	46	97	n/a
September 4	59	44	103	n/a
11	60	80	140	n/a
18	52	66	118	40
25	57	55	112	37
Total	279	291	570	77
Average	56	58	114	38

Finance Report

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual August	Budget August	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2016
Revenue	General Fund	\$10,881	\$16,717	\$112,848	\$133,739	\$200,609
	Mortgage	\$1,622	\$2,333	\$15,578	\$18,667	\$28,000
	Other Giving	\$118	\$429	\$1,931	\$3,433	\$5,150
	Total Revenue	\$12,621	\$19,480	\$130,357	\$155,839	\$233,759
Expenses	1000 Mission Support	\$500	\$1,417	\$4,538	\$11,333	\$17,000
	Other Outreach	\$20	\$471	\$1,660	\$3,766	\$5,650
	Total Outreach	\$520	\$1,887	\$6,198	\$15,100	\$22,650
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$899	\$1,189	\$5,644	\$9,509	\$14,264
	Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$10,080	\$11,433	\$86,691	\$91,465	\$137,198
	Total Ministries	\$10,979	\$12,622	\$92,334	\$100,974	\$151,462
	3000 Total Building (Non Capital)	\$2,372	\$2,896	\$17,940	\$23,170	\$34,756
	Total Expense	\$13,871	\$17,405	\$116,473	\$139,244	\$208,868
	3000 Capital Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$2,074	\$2,074	\$16,594	\$16,594	\$24,891
	Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$60	\$0	\$0
	Total Building Capital	\$2,074	\$2,074	\$16,654	\$16,594	\$24,891
Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	\$15,945	\$19,480	\$133,127	\$155,838	\$233,759	

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.

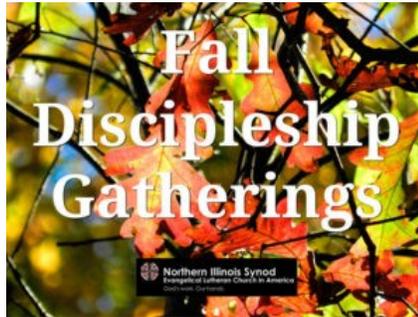
Bishop Clements invites you to take a step toward healing. At the Discipleship Gatherings this fall we’ll consider what message Jesus has for us through this timeless parable in the face of our changing communities and in this time of racial division and misunderstanding.

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

- Thursday, October 6, Central St. Paul, Sterling
- Tuesday, October 11, West/Southwest Augustana, Andover
- Tuesday, November 1, East St. John, Joliet
- Thursday, November 3, South St. John, Peru
- Wednesday, November 9, North St. Mark, Rockford
- Thursday, November 10, Northeast Bethany, Crystal Lake
- Tuesday, November 15, Northwest 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

Eileen Bunge
Chuck Goering

Linda & Bob Daub
Dolores Burton

Jane Peele
James Maxwell Farrell

Evan Flannery

Shut Ins

Eileen Carlson
Blanche Schroeder

Lori Pederson
Patricia Mohr

Mary Whitmer

Military

David Bishop

Joe Wrasse
Landon Skaar

In Sympathy

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Sunday School Fun!



October 2

Blues Concert - Macyn Taylor

October 3

Photo directory photo sessions

October 4

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October 6

Discipleship Gathering – Sterling, IL

October 23

Corn Maze

October 29

Trunk or Treat

October 30

Confirmation Service

November 5

Chili Supper

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