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COME ONE, COME ALL! SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY IS SEPTEMBER 10 at 9:15 am

Registration for Sunday School begins on September 10th. There will be games and activities and a balloon launch for the students and a chance for students and parents to meet the teachers. Registration forms are on the oak table in the narthex for early registration opportunities.



The All Saints Annual Picnic is scheduled for 12:30 pm on Sunday, September 10

**Help make the annual picnic a success!
Volunteers needed!**

Plan to join us at our annual All Saints Picnic on September 10 here at church! We guarantee you will have a great time enjoying fellowship, great food, playing bingo, or getting your face painted! This year we will have tables inside and outside for eating. Thanks to a Thrivent Action Grant, we will also have a bounce house for the kids again this year.

We are in need of volunteers to help us make this event a success! Areas where we need help include bingo, cake walk, registration table, food service, and the kid games. Also we need brownies or cookies for our picnic dessert and

cakes for the cake walk. A sign-up sheet is located on bulletin board #2. Please take a moment to see what areas are available and sign up! We can't pull this picnic off without you! If you have any questions, please contact Pam Kultgen at 815-985-1948 or Theresa Fitzsimmons at 815-670-9459.

Bibles for Third Graders!

As a part of Rally Day activities, students entering 3rd grade will receive Bibles during the worship services. If you have a child older than 3rd grade who has not received a Bible, please let the church office know so we will have Bibles and dedication labels for all.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES START ON SEPTEMBER 17 for ages 3 through adults.

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 October
 Saintly News is **September 17**

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A Note From Pastor Janet Wold

Pastor Janet felt this letter from Bishop Clements was important for us all to read.

The Church Cannot Stay Silent – a pastoral letter from Bishop Jeffrey Clements

August 15, 2017

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ:

I am sure that many of you watched events unfold in Charlottesville Friday night and through the day on Saturday as intently as I did. Lutherans, including the bishop and bishop-elect of the Virginia Synod and the bishop of the Delaware-Maryland Synod, were participants in the counter-protest. I know many preachers scrambled to rewrite or revise their sermons before they were preached on Sunday to name the sins of racism, anti-Semitism and white supremacy. Several local solidarity events have already taken place in communities across Northern Illinois.

I find myself disheartened by the fact that such a blatantly racist protest could take place in 2017. It serves as further proof to me that we have not come very far in the efforts that were initiated in the civil rights movement of the 1960s. It simply horrifies me to see heavily armed Nazi and Confederate flag-bearing protesters marching as into battle. The photos depicting the hate and outrage of so many young men trouble me to my core. How have they learned to despise and fear “the other” so deeply?

Hatred, fear, racism, intolerance, bigotry, white supremacy, and violence were on full display in Charlottesville. I want to believe we are better than this. We aren't. Not now. I believe we can be, but we must stand together.

I am asking this synod to confront anew the sins of racism, anti-Semitism, and white supremacy.

As Bishop Elizabeth Eaton said, “White supremacy has no place in the kingdom of God, only the love and healing of the reign of the Prince of Peace.”

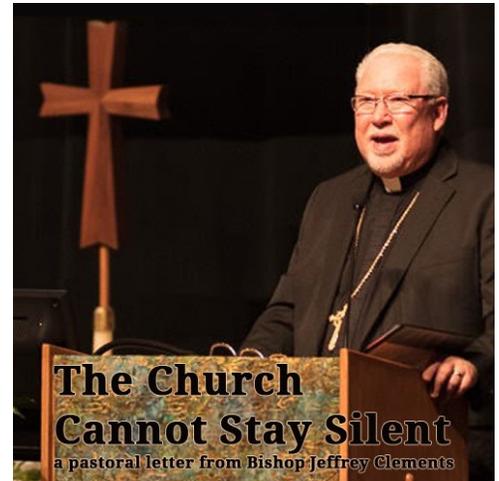
I am very thankful for what many congregations are doing in their individual communities. Please continue to reach out, especially to our brothers and sisters in the African American community. Also, do not forget that the Muslim and Jewish communities are under attack as well. Let us continue to build bridges. Lutherans have been particularly good at this. Those of you who live in all white communities, please engage in the hard discussion about race in America. I believe the mainline churches, especially our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, can offer a clear voice of reason and reconciliation. Challenge the hate. Learn about white privilege. Seek opportunities for repentance and dialogue. The church cannot stay silent.

Walking with you,
 Bishop Jeff Clements

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. 2 Cor. 5:18-19

Sunday School Teachers Needed!

It's time to start thinking about Sunday school this fall. Rally Day is Sept. 10 with special activities and then actual classes begin Sept. 17. This year we're continuing to use the "Dig In" curriculum, with the focus this year on the Old Testament. As we started last year, we are asking you to sign up for the Sundays you'd like to teach. Sign up sheet is on Bulletin Board #2.



Bible Studies

See the *Fall 2017 Education Opportunities at All Saints* brochure for details of each Bible Study

SUNDAY MORNING STUDY 9:15 AM This study resumes on Sunday, September 17 and meets in the small conference room (Rm. 209). Steve Jones is the class facilitator.

TUESDAY EVENINGS, 7:00 PM The evening Bible study will resume on Tuesday, September 19th in the Main Conference room (Rm. 310). Steve Reid is the class facilitator.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS, 1:30 PM This class resumes on Wednesday, September 6 in the Main Conference room (Rm. 310). Pastor Janet Wold is the class facilitator.

August Council Highlights

- ⇒ Heard finances kept up with budgetary spending with the exception of the mortgage which fell short by over \$300 necessitating borrowing from the General Fund
- ⇒ Heard the insurance company approved the plan to raise the screen in the sanctuary rather than relocating the exit
- ⇒ Learned parking lot light LED project will be completed before fall
- ⇒ Learned Sunday School calendar and registration forms are ready to go
- ⇒ Heard Youth group will hold a baked potato/pie fundraiser in September

Quilters

The quilters plan to meet at the church from 9:00 am to 11:00 am on September 7th. This will be a busy and fun time for us as we display the quilts in the sanctuary later in the month. The quilts will be boxed and sent to Lutheran World Relief on the first Saturday in October. The efforts of the ladies that work in this project are greatly rewarded as we think of the comfort that will come to the people in need when they receive a quilt. Churches all across the country work together to make a difference in the world and we are happy to be one of them. Thank you for all the donations of sheets and fabric that you have provided for us.



Crossroads Blues Society

Crossroads Blues Society Concerts at All Saints will be suspended during September and resume on October 1. The artist for the October concert is in the process of being confirmed, and further details will be in upcoming Sunday bulletins. The concerts are free, and there will be a free-will offering accepted to benefit People Helping People and help offset the expenses incurred by the artists performing.

Have a New Neighbor?

If someone new moves into your neighborhood, we would like to invite them to worship with us at All Saints. You can help by talking to your new neighbor yourself, or by giving their name, if you know it, and their address to the church office, Pastor Janet, or Pam Kultgen. The Outreach committee is working hard to bring God's Word and an invitation to join us at All Saints to our neighbors in our community.

Sunday Scriptures

September 3 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

September 10 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost

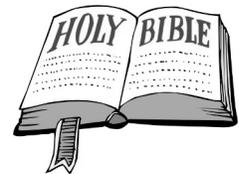
Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

September 17 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103: 8-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

September 24 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Jonah 3:10-4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16



*Please Clip & Save for
your reference*

Book Club

Book Club returns in September with the book, *Return to Me* by Lynn Austin. God's people are allowed to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple after years of slavery in Babylonia. This historical fiction novel brings the biblical books of Ezra, Nehemiah, and Zechariah to life with the struggles they encounter living among the Samaritans and obeying God's call to rebuild his temple.

Join us on September 25th at 1:00 pm. Everyone is welcome whether you've read the book or not. If you'd like to read this book before we meet, call Anne Morgart at 815-298-0449 or e-mail at anne@jmorgart.com.

Stewardship

If anyone is interested in learning more about or participating in our stewardship program here at All Saints, you are welcome to join us on Saturday, September 23rd at the Northern IL Synod Stewardship Resourcing event at Faith Lutheran Church in Rochelle! "Embracing Stewardship – a Resourcing Event for Congregations" will be held from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. The registration fee, which includes lunch, will be covered by All Saints, so please let the church office know before September 15 if you intend to attend. We'll make carpooling travel plans as the date gets closer.

Acts 20:35 - *In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'*

Doug Knodle, Chairperson, Stewardship Committee

All Saints Serves Meals on Wheels in October -Volunteer Drivers Needed

In the month of October, All Saints Church will be helping LifeScape deliver Meals on Wheels to our special friends that live in and around the Byron area. Volunteers meet with the LifeScape driver at Neighbors Rehab Center at approximately 12:15 pm. Volunteers are provided with the meals and a daily roadmap as we set out on our adventure in delivering the meals. It takes approximately a half-hour to deliver an average of three to four meals daily. If anyone is interested in taking part in this worthwhile activity and can spare an hour of their time, contact Pam Kultgen at pamelakultgen@yahoo.com or call at 815-985-1948.

Library News

LaVyrle Spencer is the author of contemporary and historical romance novels. This month's selections are a sampling of her books.

Separate Beds, donated by Mary Jo Cassens-

Catherine's father is an abusive drunk and her mother is weak. Clay comes from a home with loving and wealthy parents. They agree to a marriage of convenience after she becomes pregnant on their only date, and to a divorce after the baby is born- until they fall in love.

That Camden Summer takes place in Roberta's home town of Camden, Maine in 1916. After a divorce, she moves with her three daughters to be with family, but is met with disapproval and shame by family and townspeople. Determined to provide a good life for her girls, she gets a job as a country nurse, and falls in love with the widowed carpenter who renovates her home. They are forced to go public with their romance to fight for justice after Roberta is attacked and the town threatens to exonerate the aggressor.

Home Song-Tom Gardner is principal of a high school and his wife, Claire, is the English teacher. A new student arrives who Tom realizes is his illegitimate son conceived from a one-night stand just before his marriage to Claire. He is forced to reveal his secret when Kent begins to court his daughter.

The Fulfillment- Mary, husband Jonathon, and his twin, Aaron live together on a farm. Mary and Jonathon long for children and wish to have an heir to the farm, but have no children after years of trying. Jonathon is convinced his childhood case of mumps has left him sterile. He asks Aaron to father a child with Mary and thinks after Mary becomes pregnant things will return to normal.

November of the Heart, donated by Marlene Roberts-Gideon Barnett's yacht club loses the first race of a three year regatta in 1895. His daughter convinces him to hire handsome kitchen hand and boat builder, Jens. They give in to a love that nearly results in scandal and requires Lorna to risk the life she knows for the life she really wants.

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WELCA

Women of All Saints! Plan to attend the WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) meeting in September at All Saints. Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 16th at 9:00 am. We will have a breakfast pot luck, so plan to bring something to share and enjoy the fellowship. We look forward to planning upcoming events.

Thanks to your generosity, the new blinds in the fellowship hall, both kitchens, and library have been installed. Don't they look great!?

We are Collecting Items for Personal Care Kits

The collection of items for the personal care kits continues through September 24th in the hallway basket. Any donations will be gladly accepted as we try to help people with just the basic items when they are in need. The finished kits will be sent to Lutheran World Relief early in October. Thank you for helping out people in need and thank you to Thrivent Financial for an Action Grant to purchase more items to complete more kits.

Include the following items in each Personal Care Kit:

- one light weight bath size towel (20" x 40" to 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping
- one adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- one sturdy comb
- one metal nail clipper

A Special THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of our volunteers who watered the flowers and hanging baskets this summer. With the hot and humid weather, your diligence assured the flowers remained bright and beautiful all season!



Youth NEWS

September 2017

All Saints Lutheran (ASL) and United Church of Byron (UCB) has partnered again to do fun and exciting things with our youth

UCB and All Saints Lutheran Youth Group Kick Off

Saturday, September 9th at 9 AM - 4 PM

Stronghold Camp & Retreat Center

1922 N. IL Route 2, Oregon, IL 61061

All youth between 5th-12th grades and their families are welcome!

Bring your calendars as we gather to plan out this fall and winter activities for our combined Youth Group. We will start the morning with planning gatherings and outings followed by a wonderful lunch fellowship. Afterwards we will spend the afternoon honing our archer skills and enjoying the grounds of Stronghold with geocaching.

Keep posted for more exciting things to happen in October.....

Attention Parents of 7th and 8th Graders!

Confirmation classes for 7th and 8th grade students will be starting soon. On September 17 we will be gathering with students and parents at 9:15 am for an introduction to the Confirmation program. On September 24 at 9:15 we will hold acolyte training for first year students and acolyte review for second year students. Look for a mailing to your home with other pertinent information. If you do not receive a mailing and have a confirmation age student, please contact the church office and information will be sent to you.

K-5



K-5 Kids Klub, a joint venture of All Saints Lutheran and United Church of Byron, meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at United Church of Byron. We will pick up the students and walk them from school to UCB. Games, crafts, skits, snacks provided. All children must be registered. For registration, go to UCB.org .

September 27, 2017 - 3:00-5:30 pm

.....Youth NEWS continued

September 17thYouth Group. We will meet at **10:30 am** in the youth room. All age youth are welcome to come and meet together for snack. I do need an adult to help with youth. Thanks

September 30th5-7 PM...Youth to do a PPP fundraiser at All Saints (potato, pie, pop) This is a baked potato bar with different toppings, assorted pies and a pop to drink for \$6.00. This is a new and exciting fundraiser, come check it out.

ELCA Youth Gathering
June 27-July 1, 2018 Houston TX

The ELCA Youth Gathering is a ministry of the church wide organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to, with and for high school-aged youth and their adult leaders. The Gathering event takes place Wednesday to Sunday – and includes opportunities for worship, service, fellowship, study and holy prayer. The 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering will help young people understand that they are called, through their baptism, to follow Jesus’ way of the cross.

COST: Registration is \$350 per person including adults. Food is an additional \$30 per person per day. Bus Trip \$300.00....Housing costs of \$150.00....Spending money \$25 per day Total amount needed to raise for each person is \$1075.00.

Sept. 15, 2017 – Registration opens and early bird rate begins with a \$150.00 deposit required

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

Healing Pathways Now Offering Hope Floats! Program for Children

This fall, OSF Healing Pathways Cancer Resource Center in Rockford is offering a wonderful, FREE program for children who are dealing with cancer in their family. This children’s support group is called *Hope Floats!*. At *Hope Floats!*, kids bond with other kids who are in a similar situation, while learning the skills to be a good caregiver at home. *Hope Floats!* provides art therapy, music therapy, group discussions, healthy coping techniques, and a supportive social network. The support group is an 8-session series. For more information or to register, call (815) 977-4123.



2018 Budget Planning Begins

The Finance Committee will be asking for budget input for 2018 from All Saints committees starting in September. Committees will receive a letter with a copy of the 2017 budget, current 2017 spending to date, and some prior year financial data to review so they can assess and make their input. We have gotten pretty good at budgeting to our needs. We do not have a lot of fluff or extras built into our budgets. We try to be realistic in estimating what we have spent and where we will go in the next year with our mission and ministries. Thanks to all who support this process!

Steve Jones, Finance Chair

| Worship Attendance | | | | |
|--------------------|------|-------|-------|---------------|
| | 8:00 | 10:30 | Total | Sunday School |
| July 23 | 51 | 45 | 96 | n/a |
| 30 | 53 | 38 | 91 | n/a |
| August 6 | 51 | 35 | 86 | n/a |
| 13 | 40 | 40 | 80 | n/a |
| 20 | 47 | 45 | 92 | n/a |
| Total | 242 | 203 | 445 | n/a |
| Average | 48 | 41 | 89 | n/a |

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- September 9**
Youth Group at Stronghold (with UCB)
- September 10**
Sunday School Rally day
All Saints Picnic
Interfaith Café at Katie's Cup
- September 12**
RE-MARK-ABLE Conversations
- September 16**
WELCA Breakfast Meeting
- September 17**
Confirmation Meeting for Parents &
Students
Sunday School For All Ages Begins!
- September 23**
Stewardship Workshop in Rochelle
- September 24**
Quilt Sunday
LSSI Representative Visit
- September 27**
K through 5 Kids' Klub at UCB
- September 30**
Baked Potato Bar & Pie Fundraiser

INTERFAITH CAFÉ

September 10, 2017 @ Katie's Cup 2-4 p.m.
Corner of 7th St. & 4th Ave., Rockford

Meet with people of various faiths. This is a chance to increase your understanding of people who may have different beliefs than yours, but may also have some very similar beliefs. We will meet in small groups of people from different faiths to discuss a question, then move to another group.

This activity is sponsored by the Rockford Interfaith Council, which has been active in Rockford for 25 years.



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