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Ash Wednesday Service Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion Wednesday, February 22 at 7:00 pm

7:00 pm Wednesday Lenten Worship *The Prayer He Taught*

Jesus gave the Lord's Prayer to the disciples almost 2000 years ago. Since that time it has been repeated more times than human calculators can count. Unfortunately, too often we repeat the Lord's Prayer without taking the time to consider what we are saying. It is almost inevitable that anything used so often will sometimes be repeated without thought to its meaning. But there is no reason we should not recapture some of the deep truth contained in these ancient words. The meditations beginning February 29 are by W.A. Poovey. Meditation Themes include:

Ash Wed. Feb. 22 - From Our Ashes We Need The Prayer Jesus Taught
No soup tonight

Feb. 29 - "The Invisible God" (Our Father Who Art in Heaven Hallowed Be Thy Name)
First night of the soup suppers!

See our website, www.AllSaintsByron.org and watch yur mailbox for the upcoming Lenten brochure for the complete list of for Wednesdays night lessons in March.



Soup and Lenten Meditations

During Five Wednesdays in Lent

6 pm Soup and Bread Supper (Feb 29- March 28)

7 pm Our mid-week Lenten Service



For Lenten services again this year, we are inviting all to a light soup supper before the Lenten service February 29 through March 28th from 6:00 to 6:45 pm. For these five Wednesday evenings all are welcome to enjoy some soup and fellowship. These will be simple, light, soup suppers provided by volunteers and groups of the church. If you are interested in helping to set up, provide soup, crackers, bread, or clean up – sign up on bulletin board #2. We hope that everyone will have a chance to come a little early before the 7:00 pm service and share this experience!

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



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A Note from Pastor Scott Schmidt

[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."

Luke 11:1

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e know from Scripture that Jesus held prayer vital to his earthly ministry. Immediately in the first chapter of *The Gospel according to Mark* we learn this as "in the morning, while it was still very dark, [Jesus] got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.'" (Mark 1:15-26) As Jesus modeled the importance of prayer, *The Gospel according to Luke* says Jesus "was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.'" (Luke 11:1)

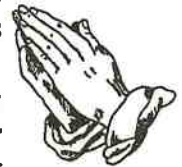
As modern day disciples, a life of prayer is still very important. That's why it is awesome that a year ago as we adopted our *Long-Range and Strategic Plans* that intergenerational input from the faithful at All Saints led to the fourth part of the plan – **focus on teaching prayer, expanding prayer, and adding prayer groups**. So, I'd like to share some opportunities being offered to help us live out this part of our faithful vision.

Each Sunday at 9:15 am through March 11 the *Family Life Forum* is in the midst of a series called *The Four Acts of Prayer* (We Speak, God Listens, God Speaks, We Listen) by Walter Wangerin, Jr. This is open to all adults. Look at the schedule on page 4 for the February sessions. You are welcome to attend as many of these sessions as you can. The small group meets in the Study Nook.

Then, I am excited to share two more opportunities to help us grow in prayer life. We will have **A Lenten Emphasis on Prayer**. For our 7:00 pm Tuesday Night Bible Study beginning February 21 we begin using *The Lord's Prayer: Entering into God's Country*, also by Walter Wangerin, Jr. During our 7:00 pm Wednesday Lenten Worship for our brief sermon message, I will share "meditations on the Lord's Prayer" using *The Prayer He Taught* by W.A. Poovey. Mid-Week Lenten Worship begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22. Please refer to the front page for this month's lessons and meditations. For the complete schedule of Tuesday Night Bible Study Lessons and Wednesday Night Worship Meditations, please see our separate brochure entitled: **A Lenten Emphasis on Prayer** or go to our web site: www.AllSaintsByron.org.

So, as you have asked – we are offering several opportunities for you to ponder what your prayer life means. We hope it also helps you to grow in your life of conversation with God.

In Jesus' name,
Pastor Scott Schmidt



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March Newsletter Deadline

Articles should be submitted by **March 14th**.

This month, articles should be emailed to [Kay Johnson](mailto:allsaintswelca@aol.com) at: allsaintswelca@aol.com



FEBRUARY 5th, 2011

**Tackle Hunger with
Souper Bowl of Caring!**
Everyone can make a difference!
Help us take care of our neighbors in need.
Our collection will take place at:

**ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH after 8:00 and 10:30 am worship on
February 5th**

Money collected will go to People Helping People (our local food pantry). Souper Bowl of caring began with a simple prayer from a single Youth group:

“Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game,
Help us to be mindful of those without
even a bowl of soup to eat.”

Nationally, over \$71 million dollars have been raised for local charities. This has become a very powerful movement that occurs during Super Bowl weekend. To make it the largest celebration in the nation of giving and serving, please be a part of this celebration sharing God’s love as we collect food, raise money, and assist those who are in need within our communities.

January Council Meeting Summary

We welcome the Green and Stoker families to our church and an extra thanks to Sonja for stepping up to join council. *We are sad to see Skip Richardson leave, the council. We wish him well. *Much of our time was spent discussing the 2012 Budget, reviewing and changing any issues that arise. *Time and Talent inputting to LOGOS is in process. *Cards for ALL occasions are available for a donation in the fellowship hall,. Proceeds help those going to the 2012 Youth Gathering in New Orleans. *Many groups and committees are expanding and anyone interested may join at any time! These include computer programming for services, music, youth work/assistance, property maintenance. *Review of three candidates to run for council – voting at the Congregation meeting, Jan. 29th. *Sonja Stoker will replace Skip Richardson on council. *Annual meeting date set for January 29, 2012, 5:30 pm potluck - 6:30 pm meeting for 2012 budget approval and constitutional changes. *Looking for volunteers for 2011 Audit team. *Old water fountain has been removed after issues with leaking. *While there are no baptisms at this time, we have many potential new members to begin class 1/29. *Ash Wednesday is Feb.22 with worship service at 7 pm. Feb 29 begins the soup supper before services through Lent. *Save the date! March 20 is our annual Blood Drive. ~Allison Roberts

A Lenten Emphasis on Prayer

7:00 pm Tuesday Night Bible Study

The Lord’s Prayer: Entering into God’s Country

The Lord’s Prayer may be the most well-known and well-loved prayer in history. And yet this prayer that Jesus himself gave us is almost mysterious in its simplicity. In *The Lord’s Prayer: Entering into God’s Country*, author Walter Wangerin, Jr. explores the petitions and the structure of the Lord’s Prayer. Wangerin sheds light on what the Lord’s Prayer reveals about God’s nature, our own nature, and how we should live in relationship with God and one another. Divided into eight segments covering each phrase of the Lord’s Prayer, the video uncovers new meaning in this cherished prayer. This Bible Study on the Lord’s Prayer is accompanied by a study guide that includes scripture references, class activities, and journaling topics. Lessons in February are listed in box to the right.



Sunday Scripture Texts



February 5, 2012

Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

February 12, 2012

2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30
1 Corinthians 9:24-27
Mark 1:40-45

February 19, 2012

2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

Ash Wednesday

February 22, 2012

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Psalm 51:1-17
2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

First Sunday in Lent

February 26, 2012

Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

Bible Study



**7 pm Tuesday nights,
in the Main Conference Room**

All are welcome to attend as often as you are able. (Please use the South entrance – closest to the Main Conference Room)

An Attitude of Discipleship:

Feb. 7 - Mark 1:40-45
Transformed
Feb. 14 - Mark 2:1-12
Boldness

Lenten Emphasis on Prayer

Feb. 21 - Lesson 1
Entering Into God’s Country
Feb. 28 - Lesson 2
Our Father Who Art in Heaven

Seeds Grow Fruit

From God's Story to Our Story

Congregational Resourcing Event

Sign up by Feb 26th for this learning event to be held on Saturday, March 10th from 8:30 am to 3:15 pm at Kishwaukee College. This is one of this synod's finest yearly events. Church council members, teachers, musicians, staff, volunteers, and leaders – everyone in a congregation—can take advantage of this learning event through workshops to strengthen skills, gather resources, and network with others. You can discover new ways to enhance congregational and individual ministries. The day starts at 8:30 with registration followed by welcome and worship, a keynote speaker and three choices of many workshops. Lunch is included after the first workshop. The cost for this event is \$17 which All Saints will pay. Please sign up in the church office by Feb 26th so we can get the registration off before the deadline. When you sign up, you can look over the different workshops and choose the ones you want to attend. Members from All Saints have attended this event in past years, and have felt it was very well worth while. There will be car pooling available. Come, experience and bring home new ministry tools.



All Saints Blood Drive March 20, 2012

On March 20th All Saints Church again will be hosting the annual Blood Drive. The drive will be held at the church from 1 pm to 7 pm.

I have met with the associates at the Rock River Valley Blood Center in Rockford. I was informed that the Blood Center is low on blood and has been reaching out to persons on the Donor List for donations. If the Blood Center calls you, Please Donate, to help others in need. When you donate ask them to pledge your donation to the "ALL SAINTS CHURCH MARCH 20TH BLOOD DRIVE". This way your donation will count towards our goal. The past few years the Blood Center has been very pleased with the results of our Blood Drive. We have continuously met and exceeded our goals.

The Blood Drive Committee will be calling past donors from our provided list to schedule appointments. It is a wonderful feeling to know that your donation can save a life. In conjunction with the Blood Drive, I am trying to arrange for us to have a bone marrow donation as well. If you have a question regarding health and medication questions that may deny you the ability to donate, call the Rock River Blood Center @ 815-965-8751.

Jim Wilcox, Social Ministry Chairman

Adult Sunday Bible Study

Meet in the main conference room from 9:15 am -10:15 on Sunday. We will continue with the 24 lecture series on the New Testament featuring Professor Bart D. Erhman of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His insights into Christianity and its roots are exceptional. He writes and speaks in a manner that is easy to comprehend despite the depth of his knowledge. Each lecture is approximately 30 minutes. There will be a discussion centered on each lecture after the DVD is shown.

- Feb 5 Paul's Letter to the Romans
- Feb 12 Paul, Jesus & James
- Feb 19 The Deutero-Pauline Epistles
- Feb 26 The Pastoral Epistles

Adult Confirmation Review and New Member Class Continues

If you know someone or you, yourself would like to join All Saints, we extend an invitation to participate in the new member class. *OR* – maybe you are a current member who would like review their earlier years of confirmation lessons. The class started January 29th, but feel free to speak with Pastor Scott Schmidt if you would like to participate on any Sunday. Each new member should also invite a current member of All Saints to be his/her sponsor. Sponsors would be welcomed and encouraged to also participate in the lessons. We will meet in Pastor's office on **Sundays at 9:15 am**. We will meet for a total of nine classes, welcoming new members on Palm Sunday, at worship.

- Feb 5 Ten Commandments 1
- Feb 12 Ten Commandments 2
- Feb 19 The Apostles' Creed
- Feb 26 The Lord's Prayer 1

Family Life Forum

Family Life Forum is open to all who are able to join and would like to grow in faith and fellowship. This group meets during Sunday School time, 9:15-10:15. This group meets in the Study Nook. We will continue with the theme started in January of **The Four Acts of Prayer**.

- Feb 5 God Listens
- Feb 12 God Speaks – God speaks Your Name
- Feb 19 God Speaks – The Words God Uses
- Feb 26 God Speaks – The Way God Speaks



Rummage Sale

Go ahead, clean out those closets and box up what you can no longer use and give it to the WELCA Rummage Sale. The sale will be held at the end of March. Look for more details in the March newsletter.



Thank You

Dec 26, 2011

Dear Congregation at All Saints Lutheran Church,

I am writing to you to thank you for the care packages that you sent. I received them just in time for Christmas. It was a blessing to receive them and they brought some joy to me because I hadn't received any mail in quite some time. I appreciate the support you showed towards me and my fellow soldiers. I shared the items with others that may have needed something from the packages. It is very appreciated. Thank you again from my heart. God Bless You.

Sincerely, PFC Pablo Orozco, Jr
(Cindy Bussey's son)

Media Help Requested

All Saints Lutheran Church is growing and is in need of volunteers to support our future media needs. There are a variety of needs that include media: programming, production, audio mixing and eventually video recording. In addition, we need help with building and maintaining the underlying infrastructure. No skills are required, just a desire to contribute your time and a willingness to learn. If interested, please contact Mark Hart about classes to be held in February. At this time training is planned for Sat. Feb 4th. Mark Hart 815-519-0615 - hyperjet@t6wireless.com



Worship Attendance				
	8:00	10:30	Total	Sunday School
Jan 1	36	46	82	-----
Jan 8	65	96	161	65
Jan 15	68	77	145	54
Jan 22	83	59	142	52
Total	252	278	530	171
Average	63	69	132	57



High School Lock-In

February 3rd-4th 7pm - 8am

Immanuel Church in Dixon

There will be bowling, laser tag, and games to play. Bring monies to play games. Pizza and snacks are provided. Join in the fun.



February 5th.....Souper Bowl of Caring

Let's begin the Souper Bowl of caring with a simple prayer: "Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat." We will again hold 2 large soup pots at the doors of the sanctuary for you to vote for your favorite team. Please help up raise money for People Helping People. Thank you for your donations.

February 12th ... Family Fun Night

Get your families together and let's have a Family bowling night. Bring your families and let's have some fun. We will meet at church at 4:30 pm, and then go to the Towne & Country Bowling Alley, arriving there at 5pm. Please bring \$7 for 2 games and rental of shoes, extra monies for snacks.

February 23rdYouth Quake/Zone meeting. All who will be going to Quake/Zone should meet at church at 6:30 pm for a parent/youth meeting, to go over all plans for the youth quake trip in March. Please plan to attend.

Confirmation Schedule- February

Sunday classes 9:15 am – 10:15 am

Wednesday classes 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

- Wed. Feb 1 Old Testament – The Psalms
 - Sun. Feb 5 The Life of Jesus – The Passion
 - Wed. Feb 8 Leader and Guide Huddle
 - Sun. Feb 12 The Life of Jesus – The Resurrection
 - Wed. Feb 15 Old Testament – Wisdom Literature
 - Sun. Feb 19 The Life of Jesus – The Great Commission
 - Wed. Feb 22 Plan to attend Ash Wednesday Service at 7 pm with your family *
 - Sun. Feb 26 The Lord's Prayer – Our Father
 - Wed. Feb 29 Confirmation Service Project*
- Optional Class Participation on Feb 22 & 29, Mar 21*

February 26thYouth Nite

Jr. High and High school youth will meet together for snack and devotions. Jr.High and H.S. will split up for an hour, and then we will get back together to play some team building games. We will meet at church from 5-7pm. I do need an Adult to help with Jr. High youth. Thanks!

March 9-11, 2012... Youth Quake/Zone @ Wisconsin Dells, WI (6th-12th grade)

Chula Vista Resort: **Quakes/Zone** meetings are Christ centered weekends, with praise and worship, speakers and small group events, while growing their personal faith with Jesus Christ, and lots of fun, too.



March 17th ...Our 5th Annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held at church from 5-7 pm Please come and eat some, mingle with folks and support our youth group. Thanks!

March 11th & 25th Youth Nite

Jr. High and High school youth will meet together for snack and devotions. Jr. High and H.S. will split up for an hour, and then we will get back together to play some team building games. We will meet at church from 5-7pm. I do need an Adult to help with Jr. High youth. Thanks!

Audrey Adams, All Saints Youth Leader

S.T.A.T.I.C

Students Taking Action Together In Christ

Library

Items donated this month include 3 DVDs donated by Pastor Schmidt:

o *Facing the Giants* is an inspiring story about a losing high

school coach with a new game plan. After 6 years of losing games, personal fears and crises, Coach Taylor turns to God in desperation. He and his team find how faith plays out on and off the field.

o *Flywheel* is a second copy for the library about a car salesman that will do whatever is needed to sell a car. As he restores a car, God begins to restore him.

o The DVD *Joshua* brings a woodcarver/carpenter to Auburn, and shows through his actions and words what it is to be a Christian. Some people become suspicious when they see him doing unbelievable things as he brings the community together. The book by Joseph Girzone is also available in the library.

We are also adding the following books:

o *Joshua and the Children* by Joseph F. Girzone finds Joshua arriving in a city where the children are the first to recognize him as one very different from the unscrupulous leaders and violent people in their town. He uses them to bring peace and honesty to the town.

o Joshua goes home in *Joshua in the Holy Land* by Girzone. He finds it no more peaceful than he remembers from long before. He retraces the path taken 2,000 years ago to lead his followers to peace in this world and the next.

o *Joshua and the City* by Girzone. Joshua comes to an urban community with huge problems. He brings them his healing message that leads to peace and understanding and shows them how to regenerate the city.

o *Joshua The Homecoming* by Girzone brings Joshua back to Auburn where the countdown to 2000 has people feeling curious, anxious and panicked. Joshua reminds them of the lessons he taught there 20 years before. After an earthquake strikes just before the new year and other "signs of the apocalypse" seem to happen, he realizes he must reach people throughout the world.

o *The Return of the Prodigal Son: a Story of Homecoming* by Henri J.M. Nouwen describes a spiritual journey taken by Nouwen after he views the Rembrandt painting. He examines the themes and personalities of the parable and digs into the parable and his own life to develop a stronger relationship with God.

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Anne Morgart



The Gathering

The Gathering brought together 13 ladies on January 10th. Some are talented, experienced knitters or crocheters as well as the exact opposite, the extreme novice. The experienced ladies helped the beginners get started and getting started was harder than imagined. Hopefully no one was discouraged and will return next month on February 14 at 9 am. Yarn and thread are provided. For knitting, bring size 7 to 10 needles and for crocheting, a number G or H hook or any size that you happen to have. Other types of handwork is also welcome. There will be goodies, coffee and wonderful fellowship. Everyone is invited even if you don't want to do handwork. Just being together is the best! Thanks to Gloria and Ethel for the delicious "goodies" at our first "Gathering".

Linda Hank



Book Club

At press time we did not have the book chosen for February's discussion which is scheduled for Monday, Feb 27th at 1:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Please check the Church web site: www.AllSaintsByron.org When you get to the home page, look at the row of choices in the dark blue background and choose: Congregational Life. A drop down will come up as you put the cursor there. Go down the list to Religious Book Club and choose that option. You will be able to read about the book that will be discussed. Hope to see many there to have some fellowship time and lively discussion during the cold winter month.



Quilters

The quilters plan to meet on February 2nd from 9 to 11 am in the church. Twelve ladies worked on preparing material and tying quilts in January. The time was spent happily as we worked together to make comforters for people in need. Please continue to donate sheets and fabrics to use in this worthwhile project. There is a container in the hallway near the library cart for your donations. Thank you for all the help that you have given us in the past. Please join us whenever you can on the first Thursday of the month.

Millie Knodle



Pastoral Acts

January 14, funeral for *Dorothy Zarcoff* who entered God's eternal care on December 18, 2011.

Health & Healing



Lore Bogdanovich
Eileen Carlson
Deb & Tom Curtis
Eileen Ebert
Phil Houston
John Hunsaker
Sharon Provencher
Blanche Schroeder
Linda Wedig
Mary Whitmer
Marilyn Williams

Donna Linderman
George Mootz
Norman Cozart
Donny Jones
Dave Acton
Celeste Reif
Tim O'Hare
Francis Goreth
Roger Reimer
Josh Wakeley
Nancy Stout
Lee Zoellick
Kristen Thomas
Carla Brewer
Dale Palmgren
Dan Lind
Karen Lutz
Scarlet Griffith
Debbi Houston
Shirley Bull
Justin Davis
Shirley Althoff
Matthew Aulwes
Pat Carter
Liz Strack
Clark Faris
Ted Miller
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David Kopp
Pam Mower
Monica Berkeley
Denny Berglund
Bob Meline
Cole Andrews
Cody Leschner
Tony & Alexis Crose
Arnold Schramm
Kathi Roberts
Nancy Hamilton

In the Military

Tom Faudree
Kelly Lott
Kevin Merritt
Nathan Perkins
Pablo Orozco, Jr.

In Sympathy

Those who mourn for
Dea Crose
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One last reminder-

The Congregation Annual meeting is on Sunday, January 29 at 6:30 pm. There is a pot luck supper before the meeting. Set up for the pot luck is at 5:15 pm with dinner at 5:30 pm. Please sign up on Bulletin Board #2 to let us know what you will bring and how many will attend.

