

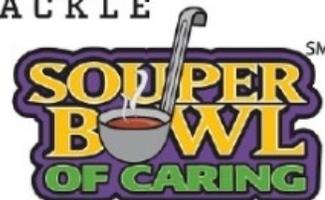


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Souper Bowl of Caring

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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.

On February 2, 2020 we will again hold 2 large soup pots at the doors of the sanctuary at the conclusion of each worship service for you to vote for your favorite Super Bowl team. Money collected supports our local food pantry, People Helping People. Thank you for your donations.

"Having your Cake (or Pie!) and Eating it too!" Dessert Auction

February 21, 2020 - 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Mauh-Nah-Tee-See Country Club, 5151 Guilford Road, Rockford, IL 61107

5:30 pm - Check in/dessert viewing/cash bar

Last year we had two tables from All Saints supporting this event. We had a wonderful time and would encourage everyone to sign up to go this year. Let's try to fill three tables this year! It's for a great cause and it's a fun evening. A sign-up sheet will be posted on Bulletin Board #2 so we can purchase tickets in advance. Tickets are \$30.00 per person. Checks may be made payable to Katie's Cup and given to Pastor Janet or Kay Johnson.

Katie's Cup was created in 2009 as a community re-development project of Zion Development Corporation and Rockford Area Lutheran Ministries to encourage the renewal of the Mid-Town District as a great place to live, work, worship and play. In July of 2012, Seventh Street Coffee, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation of concerned community members representing area Lutheran churches, assumed ownership and management of the project.

The coffeebar has become a center for community activities with daily operations serving fine coffee and food. In addition, there are weekly concerts, lectures, book studies and conversations held in the coffeebar and activity rooms. The presence of Katie's Cup on Seventh Street has provided a significant uplift to the community. Other new businesses have moved into the area, increasing the traffic of shoppers and others who see the area as a destination for services, goods and entertainment. This has resulted in a major reduction of crime in the area.



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

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Dear Friends,

This past month we were all stunned to hear that Mike Reibel had been diagnosed with a rare form of pancreatic cancer. Mike has been a member here since he was a young child, some 40 plus years. So many of us have been the recipient of his love of teaching, having taught confirmation for years, and his love of music and his love of leading worship. We were all so proud of him as he made his decision to follow God's calling into the ministry, entering seminary this past fall to begin the journey toward ordained ministry of Word and Sacrament.



It has caused many of us to wonder where God is in the midst of this. We wonder that, don't we, when we see tragedy strike, affecting the innocent in all kinds of ways – cancer, natural disasters (such as what's happening in Australia right now), shootings (school and otherwise), and acts of terrorism. So much sadness, so much heartbreak, so much evil.

What I can tell you is that I don't have the answers. In the face of such grief there is much I don't know; there are many, many questions that remain unanswered for me and I can't pretend otherwise. But, let me tell you again what I believe and what I've felt in powerful ways recently.

We are not abandoned. God in Christ is present in our sufferings when evil still has its say ... present to bear our wounds in his wounds. But God in Christ is also present to keep the promises of God. Evil will not have the last word. God will have the last word and the last word will be life and life abundant. [Rev. 21]

In the midst of things we don't understand, in the midst of things that just aren't fair, we are assured of the presence of God, who walks with us in both the days of light and the nights of darkness. Thanks be to God for that promise.

In Christ,

*Pastor Janet Wold***Pastoral Acts:**

Landon Lee Danielowski baptism on January 19, 2020
George Wrasse Memorial Service on January 29, 2020

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the entire church council for their leadership. We especially thank Audra Miles, Steve Jones, and Jodi Girten whose terms ended with the January 2020 council meeting. In the March newsletter, we will welcome new members to the All Saints Congregation Council.

**Deadline** for the March SaintlyNews is **February 10**

Please send articles to

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Bible Studies (in the main conference room #310)

See Education Opportunities brochure for more details

SUNDAY MORNING 9:15 am -This study meets in the Small Conference room (Rm. 209). Steve Jones is the class facilitator.

“After the New Testament – The Writings of the Apostolic Fathers”

Who exactly were the Apostolic Fathers? Why were they given that name? Most important is what windows into the shaping of Christianity’s canon, church hierarchy, and creed are open for us?

TUESDAY EVENING 7:00 pm -In February, we will be off due to weather and road conditions at night.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 1:30 pm -This study meets in the Main Conference room (Rm. 310). Pastor Janet Wold is the class facilitator. We will study the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday. The season of Lent will have a dedicated study, to be detailed later.



THANK YOU to everyone who helped All Saints’ Sunday School students make a difference in communities around the world! By combining their December offering with designated gifts from the congregation, the children were excited to be able to pass on \$400 to ELCA Good Gifts. Below is a list showing how the kids voted to designate those monies. Children will soon be receiving a God’s Global Barnyard coin box, which will enable them to start saving in anticipation of next year’s campaign.

A goat and a flock of chicks A piglet Honeybees Water filter Send a girl to school School supplies for 5 children A solar-powered lantern	Five fruit tree seedlings A mosquito net Health care for a child Vaccinations for a child Warm blankets A backpack stocked with food Warm meal for ten people at a soup kitchen
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Sunday Scriptures

February 2 - Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Micah 6:1-8
 Psalm 15
 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
 Matthew 5:1-12

February 9 - Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-9a
 Psalm 112:1-9
 1 Corinthians 2:1-12
 Matthew 5:13-20

February 16 - Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
 Psalm 119:1-8
 1 Corinthians 3:1-9
 Matthew 5:21-37

February 23 Transfiguration of our Lord

Exodus 24:12-18
 Psalm 2
 2 Peter 1:16-21
 Matthew 17:1-9

February 26 Ash Wednesday

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



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WELCA

We are looking forward to reporting on upcoming WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) activities planned for the coming year. Next month we can share what was discussed at the January 25th meeting. Remember WELCA has a designated area on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall where minutes from the meeting will be posted. You can keep track of activities there.



Altar Guild News

We are pleased to welcome Carla Leddy as a new member of Altar Guild. Thank you, Carla, for answering the call for this important ministry!

The Annual Altar Guild meeting scheduled for January 11, 2020 was postponed until January 18 due to inclement weather. The weather was still not as cooperative on the 18th as we would have liked, but we held the meeting with 5 members in attendance who braved the elements. During this meeting we voted to begin replacement of altar and pulpit paraments, beginning with the green season paraments. We will use Altar Guild funds and donations given for that purpose. Since there were a limited number of Altar Guild members in attendance, we voted to leave the slate of officers as elected in 2019. New, updated Altar Guild Handbooks were given to those in attendance. Copies will be provided over the next few weeks for other Altar Guild members who were unable to attend.

The Altar Guild could use two or more new members. The work is not difficult, and you will be partnered with an experienced member while you learn the ropes! Please prayerfully consider joining Altar Guild, and see Kay Johnson or any Altar Guild member with any questions or further information you might need. Thank you!



Quilters

The quilters plan to meet on February 6th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the church. The shelves in the quilt closet are already filling up with comforters for people in need. Most all the quilts are sent to Lutheran World Relief in October. A few may be given locally when a need is seen. The work to make these quilts is happily done by ladies who wish to help others. Thank you for the donations of fabrics and sheets.

Book Club

The Book Club selection for this month is a novel by Frederick Ramsay, *Judas, The Gospel of Betrayal*. According to Ramsay, "I rely heavily on the resonance between plausibility and circumstance to discern the truth of a matter. I would be remiss if I didn't make it clear that this is, in every sense, a work of fiction...a retelling of scripture in an allegorical form."

If you would like to join us to discuss this book, meet us at church on February 24 at 1:30. The book will be passed around to members or anyone interested in reading and discussing the book with us. Some members use the Stillman Valley or Byron Library to supply the books we read.



January Council Highlights

- ⇒ Reviewed and approved the agenda for the Annual Congregation Meeting.
- ⇒ Reviewed and approved the 2020 budget to be presented at the Annual Congregation Meeting.
- ⇒ Annual blood drive is scheduled for April 16, 2020.
- ⇒ 2019 giving was strong at the end of December. However, we still fell slightly short of our Mission Support pledge.
- ⇒ We have collected \$4,550 towards the \$8,900 sanctuary carpet replacement project. This includes \$3,000 donation from WELCA.
- ⇒ Outgoing Council members, Audra Miles, Jodi Girten and Steve Jones, were thanked for their service.
- ⇒ Steve Jones was nominated and approved for appointment as Financial Secretary.

Council Minutes

THANK YOU!

Inclement weather on January 11 forced us to cancel our "Un-decorate the Church" event that morning. As an alternative, we planned to do some of the un-decorating between worship services, and then finish after the second worship service on January 12. However, so many people pitched in after first service that it literally took a half hour to dismantle, repack, and put away all of the Christmas decorations. Thank you to everyone for helping! You truly proved the old adage "many hands make light work".



DreamLeaders Initiative

DreamLeaders Initiative Challenge

The Byron School District Pantry helps students in the elementary, middle and high school. In the elementary school, 150 snacks are provided weekly. There are several students who receive a grocery bag of food for the weekend for their family. This month we will be collecting: trail mix packs, fruit snacks, cracker sandwiches (peanut butter and crackers, etc.). Monetary donations are gratefully accepted. Please make checks payable to BHS Food Pantry and place it in the offering plate or leave it in the church office. We will make sure it is delivered to BHS.



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Confirmation Schedule

February 2	Grace	<i>I don't trust that grace is really a free</i>	John 1:14-17
February 5 (Wednesday)	The Word	<i>I'm not sure if the words in the Bible are the same thing as The Word.</i>	John 1:1-5
February 9	Bondage of the Will	<i>I'm not sure what or who is behind the choices I make.</i>	Luke 22:39-42
February 16 (Wednesday)	Two Kingdoms	<i>I thought Jesus only talked about one kingdom.</i>	Matthew 3:1-6
February 23	Vocation	<i>I don't know what God is calling me to do with my life.</i>	I Corinthians 12:4-11
February 26	SERVICE PROJECT/ Ash Wednesday	<i>Help with Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper and Attend Ash Wednesday Worship</i>	

Library News

The books being added to the library this month are:

Who Is My Shelter, book 4 of the Yada Yada House of Hope series by Neta Jackson - After Gabby's husband threw her out of their home, she found refuge at the shelter where she works. It is there that she finds God again and good things are happening. But now her ex-husband has returned and asks for a second chance.

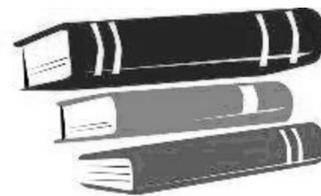
Orchard of Hope by Ann H. Gabhart - It's 1964 in Hollyhill, Kentucky. 14 year old Jocie is about to start high school, her father has found a new love, and her hippie sister is about to have a baby. But everything is about to change when a black family from Chicago moves in to plant an orchard.

Summer of Joy by Ann H. Gabhart - Two people come to town causing trouble when what happened in the past threatens to destroy strong relationships in this quiet Kentucky town.

Sam's Letters to Jennifer by James Patterson - When Samantha is in a coma, her granddaughter, Jennifer is called to return to her home town. She finds a pile of letters addressed to her in Sam's home. Each letter is part of a story about her grandmother's life that can change the world Jennifer thought she knew.

Bedside Manners, A Practical Guide to Visiting the Ill by Katie Maxwell offers insight into visitation, whether it be in hospitals, nursing homes, or the homes of shut-ins. The author teaches how to be open, compassionate, empathetic, and sensitive to the patient's needs.

Worship Attendance				
	8:00	10:30	Total	Sunday School
December 29	35	40	75	0
January 5	49	59	108	13
12	52	50	102	30
19	41	57	98	30
Total	177	206	383	73
Average	44	52	96	24



Finance Report

Budget Items		Item Description	Actual December	Budget December	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2019
Revenue		General Fund	\$22,906	\$15,610	\$191,782	\$187,324	\$187,320
		Mortgage	\$1,925	\$2,074	\$20,765	\$24,891	\$24,888
		Other Giving	\$0	\$833	\$8,946	\$10,000	\$9,996
		Total Revenue	\$24,831	\$18,517	\$221,494	\$222,215	\$222,204
Expenses	1000	Mission Support	\$5,704	\$1,145	\$11,965	\$15,000	\$15,000
		Other Outreach	\$400	\$464	\$3,025	\$4,350	\$5,568
		Total Outreach	\$6,104	\$1,609	\$14,990	\$19,350	\$19,308
	2000	Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$588	\$992	\$10,416	\$12,049	\$11,904
		Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$10,190	\$11,174	\$129,091	\$134,154	\$134,088
		Total Ministries	\$10,778	\$12,166	\$139,507	\$146,203	\$145,992
	3000	Total Building (Non Capital)	\$4,830	\$2,456	\$28,722	\$29,521	\$29,472
		Total Expense	\$21,712	\$16,231	\$183,218	\$195,074	\$194,772
	3000 Capital	Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$2,094	\$2,074	\$24,978	\$24,891	\$24,888
		Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Building Capital		\$2,094	\$2,074	\$24,978	\$24,891	\$24,888	
	Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	\$23,806	\$18,305	\$208,196	\$219,965	\$219,660	

Congregational Resourcing Event

The 2020 CRE will be Saturday, March 14 at Kishwaukee Community College in Malta. The day begins with registration at 8:30 am and concludes with the third workshop at 3:15 pm.

Keynote speaker: **ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton speaking on “We Are Church”**.

In addition to workshops from the keynote speaker and NIS Bishop Jeffrey Clements, other workshops feature topics including: Administration/Council/Treasurers, Education, Evangelism/Outreach/Hospitality, Global/Inter-Faith, Leadership, Social Justice, Spirituality/Prayer/Health & Wellness, Stewardship, and Youth/Young Adult/Family Ministry. Church council members, teachers, musicians, staff, volunteers, and leaders – just about everyone in a congregation – can take advantage of this learning event to strengthen skills, gather resources, network with others, and discover new ways to enhance congregational and individual ministries. Come, experience and bring home new ministry tools.

Supervised childcare is provided with pre-registration, but parents will need to bring a sack lunch and snacks for their children. A free-will offering will be accepted to cover child-care costs.

Registration forms are available on the oak table in the narthex. If you are interested in attending this event, please contact the church office, Pastor Janet, or Kay Johnson for more information. All Saints will underwrite the cost of attending this event (which includes lunch) if you sign up by February 23. If you would like to carpool to this event in Malta, please let us know that as well so that can be arranged.



In Our Prayers

Health & Healing

- Richard Annis**
- Pat Bontjes**
- George Davis**
- Jeanine Hayes**
- Phil Houston**
- Kay Johnson**
- Al Olsen**
- Gloria Olsen**
- Skip Richardson**
- Mike Reibel**
- Juanita Williams
- Marcia Kasmaric
- Reggie Wallin
- Paul Wood
- Sharon Bayme
- Jeanne Greenfield
- Clarence Buskohl
- Richard Myers
- Steve Hawkins
- Gordon Green
- Danette Potter
- Diane Hawkins
- Jim Sanders
- Dana Harper
- John Kushner
- Ed Putnal
- Marlene Lucciana
- Mary Gardner
- Bill Michaux
- Jonce Wright
- Mark Hochleutner
- Wanda Presson
- Mary Sanders
- Harold Hilliard
- Jack Gavin
- Sabrina Wright
- Roger Hathaway
- Becky Beveroth
- Joyce Hilliard
- Billie Jean Hartman
- Justine Davis
- Kirby Middleton

Shut Ins

- Eileen Carlson**
- Patricia Mohr**
- Lori Pederson**
- Mary Whitmer**

Military

- David Bishop**
- Dylan Bishop**
- Staff Sgt. Kyle Reif
- Matt Vizer
- Sage Harper
- Wes McGee

Sympathy

- Daniel Haines
- Pete Scully
- George Wrasse



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February 2

Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday

February 21

Katie's Cup Dinner and Dessert
Auction Fundraiser

February 26

Ash Wednesday Worship and
Pancake Supper

**Ash Wednesday Worship &
Pancake and Sausage Supper
February 26 - 6:00 - 6:45 pm**

A Pancake and Sausage Supper will be served on Ash Wednesday at 6:00. A sign-up sheet for food donations or to volunteer to serve is located on Bulletin Board #2. A free will offering is appreciated for the pancake supper.

Worship follows with imposition of ashes and communion at 7:00 p.m. Join us as we begin our Lenten journey together.

Watch for a sign-up sheet on Bulletin Board #2 for Lenten Soup Suppers beginning March 4, 2020.



Monday through Thursday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Closed on Friday