



THE Sainly NEWS

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2020 Graduates Congratulations to our High School and College Graduates!

Brittany Harn graduated from Augustana College with a degree in biology and a minor in psychology. She will continue her education at Rasmussen College of Nursing.

Kennedy Lynne Heaslip graduated from Winnebago High School. She will be furthering her education in the fall at University of Wisconsin - Whitewater.

Maggie Hunter graduated from Byron High School. She will be attending Rock Valley College in the fall where she will get her Associates of Arts Degree. She then plans to transfer to a four-year university where she will get her degree in Mass Communications

Vance Hunter graduated from Byron High School. He will be attending Rock Valley College in the fall where he will get his Associates of Arts Degree. He then plans to transfer to a four-year University.

Alexandria Morrison graduated with her Bachelor of Arts degree in Exercise Science from Simpson College in Indianola, IA and plans to pursue a career in Cardiac Rehabilitation.

Alysa Morrison graduated as salutatorian of the Stillman Valley High School Class of 2020. She plans to attend either Texas Christian University or Kansas State University in the fall. Her major is currently undecided.

Amanda Schramm graduated from Stillman Valley High School and plans to become a real estate agent.

Patrick Schmadeke graduated with a Masters of Divinity Degree from Notre Dame University, South Bend, IN.



Example above of what a zoom meeting looks like.
See page 4 for more virtual church information.
(ie, online communion, worship totals)

Virtual Coffee Hour!

On every Sunday morning, beginning June 7, we will host a "virtual coffee hour" (via Zoom) at 11:00 am. The computer or iPad link to this will be sent out with the emailed announcements. If you do not have internet access, you can call in on your telephone to participate – you'll be able to hear everyone and everyone will hear you, you just won't be able to see people. The number to call will be included in the weekly announcements that are mailed or emailed to you. If you do not currently receive these announcements, please contact the church office to have your contact information included in the database for these mailings.

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

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Dear Friends,

I feel like I'm a broken record when I keep repeating "We've never lived through a time like this." This is certainly still true. The reality of this ongoing pandemic is wearing on me and others around me. One question we've been struggling with on our church council is "When will we be able to worship together in person?" Nobody wants that to happen more than me. I miss seeing you, singing together, laughing together following worship and preaching to a congregation of people sitting there instead of to a camera.

But, honestly, what I want more than "in person" worship is for all of us to be safe. Recently I read about a church in Calgary, Canada that gathered together in mid-March. The congregation worshipped and then had a time of fellowship following the service. There were only 41 people present, they were careful to observe the two-meter distancing and good hand hygiene. Food was served, but everyone handling it wore gloves. The pastor wrote: "We were very careful and then a week later, we learned about the first person who was diagnosed with COVID-19. A few days later, we had the second and third...within two weeks, there were 24 of the 41 people who had been there that day who became infected." At the time of this article being written, 2 of those people had died. To read the full article, you can go to: <https://calgary.ctvnews.ca/i-would-do-anything-for-a-do-over-calgary-church-hopes-others-learn-from-their-tragic-covid-19-experience-1.4933461>. I find this frightening, as I am sure you do as well. Our priority has to be keeping us safe – not only our own parishioners, but also keeping safe all those for whom you may be a caregiver.

I am glad we are able to provide worship via our Facebook page. We gather live at 9:00 am on Sundays – the service is then available to watch later on our church's website: www.allsaintsbyron.org If you wish for more worship resources for use in the home during this time of world-wide crisis, the ELCA offers up **Worship in the Home** which is available for each Sunday at blogs.ELCA.org/Worship. There you can also sign up for a **Daily Bible Reading** to be delivered to your email inbox.

We've restarted our Wednesday Bible study via Zoom. It was SOOO good to be able to see and talk to everyone! You can join this discussion any week you wish. We "meet" at 1:30 pm and discuss the upcoming Sunday's gospel reading. The link for this class is emailed out weekly with the announcements. People can call in, if desired. The number to call will be included in the weekly announcements that are mailed or emailed to you. If you do not currently receive these announcements, please contact the church office to have your contact information included in the database for these mailings.

Starting June 7 we will host a "virtual coffee hour" (via Zoom) each Sunday morning at 11:00 am. We miss the fellowship of Sunday morning coffee hours, and this will give us an opportunity to "see" and chat with each other. These will continue until further notice.

Please stay safe, dear parishioners. We are well in our home, and are grateful our niece April's husband, Josiah, arrived safely from South Korea on May 8.

I look forward to seeing you in the Bible study and/or the coffee hours! Contact me with any questions or concerns.

God is with us,

Pastor Janet Wold

Deadline for the August Saintly News is **July 17**
Please send articles to
Rebecca Presson

Bible Studies

The Sunday morning and Tuesday evening Bible Studies are on hiatus during the COVID-19 quarantine.



The Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study, facilitated by Pastor Janet Wold, is being held via Zoom at 1:30 pm. At this time this is a study and discussion of the following Sunday's Gospel lesson. A link to the Wednesday afternoon Bible Study is included in the Thursday announcements email. Feel free to join us! If you need a Zoom tutorial, Pastor Janet will help you with that. If you do not have a computer, you can join via telephone at the number included in the announcements email.

The Tuesday night Bible Study, for June/July we will not be meeting due to the stay at home orders by our Governor. However when the orders are lifted we will finish watching the DVD, "Peter and the Last Supper." We meet on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. All are welcome to join us for a refreshing insight into the study of the bible.

May Congregation Council Minutes

- ⇒ Giving has continued to be generous during this difficult time.
- ⇒ Council is looking into ways to assist congregation members without internet capability to access the Sunday online worship.
- ⇒ Wafers have been packaged in 10-piece packages and are in a basket in the entry way for those who wish to use wafers for online communion.
- ⇒ Timber Lake Theater tickets have been cancelled due to the uncertainty of the quarantine.
- ⇒ Sunday School students were sent videos to view in lieu of in-person classes.
- ⇒ VBS materials will be ordered due to great sale prices, and will be held for 2021 if necessary.

Email or Address Changes? Send it to the Church Office!

It is important for us to keep our church records up to date and be able to keep open our lines of communication with you. If you have moved recently, please send your new address to the church office.

If you have not been receiving a weekly email from All Saints, that means we do not have your email address on file. Please send your email address to the church office so you can be included in these important mailings.

Sunday Scriptures

June 7 - Holy Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1--2:4a
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

June 14 - 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 19:2-8a
Psalm 100
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35--10:8

June 21 - 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 20:7-13
Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39

June 28 - 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 28:5-9
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

July 5 - 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 145:8-14
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 12 - 6th Sunday after Pentecost

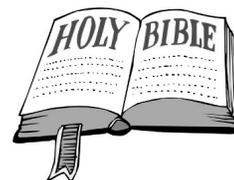
Isaiah 55:10-13
Psalm 65:9-13
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19 - 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 44:6-8
Psalm 86:11-17
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 26 - 8th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 3:5-12
Psalm 119:129-136
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



Please Clip & Save for your reference

Library

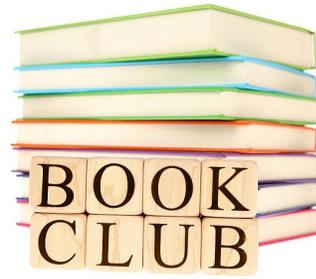
The following books will be available on the library cart by the front doors when the church services begin again.

- ◆ *When I Was Weird* written by Dick and Sharon Provencher's daughter-in-law, Misty Provencher and illustrated by their granddaughter, Sydney tells the story of "Sydney" who is told she is weird because she "never talks" at school. She is sad until she looks at the other kids in her class and learns everyone else is weird too.
- ◆ *The Hairy Brown Angel* edited by Grace Fox Anderson - Would a guardian angel take the shape of a smelly brown mongrel? You'll find the answer to this question and others you may have wondered about in this book. Most of the stories are true, but even the few fiction stories are true-to-life stories that picture God at work through the lives of His creatures.
- ◆ *The Amish Midwife* by Mindy Starnes Clark and Leslie Gould, standard and large print - As her father is on his death bed, Lexie learns about a carved box containing two locks of hair, and a letter given to her adopted parents. Using this unexpected information, she begins her search for her biological family in Pennsylvania's Amish country. She finds Marta, a lay midwife who knows more than she is willing to share with her.
- ◆ *The Dog That Talked to God*, a novel by Jim Kraus - Mary, recently widowed, buys a miniature schnauzer named Rufus, who to her surprise talks to her and to God. He shares advice with her that could make major changes in her life.
- ◆ *The Lord's Prayer*, artwork by Thomas Kinkade Studios. The words of the Lord's Prayer are set to images of the "glory of God's earth and the joy and promise of everlasting life in His grace."



Online Communion

We will continue to offer online communion during Sunday Facebook live worship. To supplement this effort, a basket containing packages of communion wafers has been placed in the entry to the church. There are 10 wafers in each package, so feel free to take as many packages as you need to celebrate communion with your family for several weeks. The basket will be refilled as needed for as long as needed.



The next Book Club meeting will *hopefully* be held at 1:30 pm on September 28th in the fellowship hall. We will discuss the book, *The Sweetgum Knit Lit Society*, by Beth Pattillo.

In this book, a group of five women meet each month to enjoy their love of knitting and a passion for books. All goes well until the town librarian brings an angry teenager into their group. One by one, the ladies unravel their secrets.

The book will be passed around closer to the meeting's date. Everyone is welcome to join us for our informal discussions. For more information contact Anne Morgart.



May Online Worship	# of Viewers
3	576
10	444
17	438

Finance Report

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual April	Budget April	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2020
Revenue	General Fund	\$47,144	\$16,430	\$94,901	\$65,720	\$197,160
	Mortgage	\$1,210	\$2,074	\$5,784	\$8,299	\$24,888
	Other Giving	\$0	\$834	\$5,290	\$3,336	\$10,008
	Total Revenue	\$48,354	\$19,338	\$105,975	\$77,355	\$232,056
Expenses	1000 Mission Support	\$540	\$1,250	\$5,030	\$5,000	\$15,000
	1000 Other Outreach	\$270	\$469	\$1,165	\$1,876	\$5,628
	Total Outreach	\$810	\$1,719	\$6,195	\$6,876	\$20,628
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$436	\$1,025	\$2,477	\$4,106	\$12,300
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$10,954	\$11,263	\$46,907	\$45,052	\$135,156
	Total Ministries	\$11,390	\$12,288	\$49,384	\$49,158	\$147,456
	3000 Total Building (Non Capital)	\$1,804	\$2,573	\$7,959	\$0	\$30,876
	Total Expense	\$14,004	\$16,580	\$63,537	\$56,034	\$198,960
	3000 Capital Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$2,094	\$2,095	\$6,281	\$8,380	\$25,140
	3000 Capital Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$6,970	\$0	\$0
	Total Building Capital	\$2,094	\$2,095	\$13,251	\$8,380	\$25,140
	Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	\$16,097	\$18,675	\$76,788	\$64,414	\$224,100

The actual April General Fund amount includes \$26,345.80 received from the Paycheck Protection Program to help cover payroll and other approved expenses for two months. This is a grant, not a loan.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We would like to acknowledge and thank those individuals who served during the past year as Sunday School teachers for our preschool through middle school/junior high students!

Age 3 through Grade 3 (Weekly Rotation)

Julie Danielowski Jodi Girten
 Jodi Miles Alan Wold

Grades 4 through 6 Confirmation

Michel Williams Jean Whipple

Substitutes

Diane Cassens
 Debbie DeHahn
 Carolyn Niederer

A big thanks to Pastor Wold as well for making copies of the weekly lessons and take-home sheets!

A Vacation Bible School curriculum has been purchased and is awaiting news as to whether or not we will be able to meet in person later in the summer. Watch the church announcements for more information about VBS.



**THANK YOU TO OUR
 SUNDAY SCHOOL
 TEACHERS**

In Our Prayers

Health & Healing

Richard Annis
Pat Bontjes
Kathy Burrows
George Davis
Jeanine Hayes
Phil Houston
Al Olsen
Gloria Olsen
John Perket
Skip Richardson
Doris Swedberg

Juanita Williams
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 Mary Sanders
 Harold Hilliard
 Joyce Hilliard
 Justine Davis
 Kirby Middleton
 Sandi Rennick
 Matt Henkel
 Dennis Reid
 Daphne Downey
 Vicki Scull
 Cindy Ray
 Jamie Dreyfus
 Scott Gordon & wife Lu
 All those being affected by the COVID 19
 Including first responders and all workers and patients at Serenity Home and Hospice, nursing homes, hospitals and all health care workers.

Shut Ins

Eileen Carlson
Patricia Mohr
Lori Pederson
Mary Whitmer

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Dylan Bishop
 Staff Sgt. Kyle Reif
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NIS 2020 Forum Day **Saturday, June 20** **9:30 am – 1:15 pm**

In order to keep spreading the word about the good work being done by the committees, sub-committees, and ministry groups of the synod, we are thrilled to announce that the Northern Illinois Synod is offering a “Forum Day” when our ministries will lead forums for all interested members of our congregations and the wider community to inform you about the work going on in your name!

This Forum Day, Saturday, June 20, will be held via the Zoom meeting platform. It will offer three sessions of forums featuring up to twelve of our ministries. The first forum will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the last one finishes at 1:15 p.m. A link will be added to www.NISynod.org to register and obtain the Zoom link.

Currently, our committees, sub-committees, and ministry groups are busy planning their forums. We will put up a schedule of the forums on www.NISynod.org no later than June 1.

Please mark your calendars for this great opportunity. The forums will also be recorded and available on the synod website after the event, so even though you are only able to attend three that day, you will be able to view the others soon thereafter.



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