



THE Sainly NEWS

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Lenten Midweek Worship - March 6, 13, 20

Lenten Worship featuring Holden Evening Prayer 7:00 pm These services will be short 30-minute worship services using the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy. We will also be utilizing the DVD, *Why Easter Matters*, by Andy Stanley for the first four Wednesdays. Due to copyright restrictions, we will not be able to upload these services to our Facebook page or website.

Please note there are only four sessions in this DVD, so the fifth Wednesday (March 20) will be a Service of Healing as well as the Holden Evening of Prayer and will be uploaded to Facebook and our website.

Each Wednesday's worship service will be preceded by a free soup supper at 6:00 pm. If you wish to donate soup, bread, and/or dessert, please sign up on Bulletin Board #2. Please join us for this time of worship and fellowship.



Holy Week

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Looking forward to Holy Week activities the final week of March.

All services will be held in-person and uploaded later to our Facebook page and our website.

Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday

Distribution of the Palms 9:00 am

Thursday, March 28 - Maundy Thursday

Communion and Stripping of the Altar 7:00 pm

Friday, March 29 - Good Friday

Tenebrae Worship 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday

Worship with Communion 9:00 am Easter Breakfast 8:00 am

Easter Garden Orders

Would you like to order an Easter plant to enhance the beauty of our sanctuary for Easter services? Order forms will be available in the weekly announcements and in the church office. Plants will come from Merlin's Flowers. Orders must be placed by Sunday, March 17th. The cost is \$17.50 per plant for lilies, mums, geraniums,

or tulips, and \$25 per plant for azaleas or hydrangeas. Make your check payable to All

Saints Altar Guild. These plants will be displayed in the sanctuary on Easter and can be taken home after Easter worship service.



Join us on Sunday, March 31 at 8:00 am for Easter Breakfast. Menu will include pancakes, egg casseroles, sausage, baked goods, fruit, juice, milk, and coffee. A free will offering will be gratefully accepted. Sign-up sheets are posted on Bulletin Board #2 for volunteers and food donations.

Sunday Worship - In-Person 9:00 a.m.
Recorded Service available on our
Facebook Page and
Webpage at 10:30 am.

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Deadline for the April Saintly News is **March 17**
Please send articles to
Rebecca Presson

Dear Friends:

The season of Lent is upon us – Ash Wednesday began our Lenten season on February 14. The word “Lent” comes from an old English word meaning “to lengthen” and it names the time of year when the days get longer in the spring. After the cold, dark and often dismal months of the year come the signs of renewal.



Lent is meant to be a tithe of our time to God. We know that a year is 365 days in length – and a tithe of that time (10% of that time) would equal about 36 days...approximately the same length as the season of Lent. These days of Lent are to be a time when we renew our relationship with God (one of the reasons we add a mid-week worship service) and examine our need for a Savior. Ash Wednesday service is a time of confession – but a word of absolution isn’t spoken until Maundy Thursday, giving us time to truly reflect on our sinfulness and our need for Christ to have to go to the cross to die for our sins.

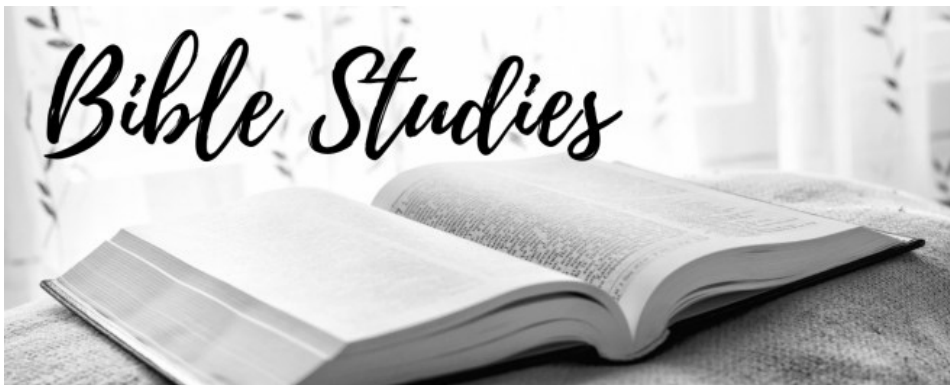
Our mid-week Lenten services are held in person. Due to the copyright restrictions of the DVD message, they will not be able to be recorded for the first four weeks. These began on February 21 and continue through March 20 at 7:00 p.m. For the first four mid-week Lenten services, we will view a message from the DVD entitled *Why Easter Matters* by Andy Stanley. Topics in March include “The God Who Can Be Trusted” and “The Foundation of our Faith”. On the last mid-week service (March 20) we will have a healing service instead of a video. This mid-week WILL be able to be uploaded to our Facebook and website. We are again using a service called *Holden Evening Prayer* – it really is a beautiful, contemplative service. Special thanks to Dan and Julie Danielowski, Amy Harn, Caryn Huber, Heather Green, Rory Brown, Alisha Fortener, and Steve Jones for providing the vocal and instrumental accompaniment! This worship lasts about 45 minutes (or less). Each week there will be a free soup/bread/dessert supper at 6:00 p.m. I hope you’ll plan on making these mid-week services a part of your Lenten journey.

As I look around at our life here at All Saints, and in my own personal life, I can see the hand of God clearly guiding us. My prayer is that you sense God’s presence as well and will be called into action as we all seek ways to share God’s love.

In Christ,
Pastor Janet

We offer our condolences and prayers to the family and friends of Elmer Montgomery, who passed away in Monroe, WI on January 9; Everett W. Stoker, son of Paul and Sonja Stoker, who passed away on January 22; and Polly Zeibert, who passed away on February 15.





March Sunday Scriptures

March 3 - 3rd Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

March 10 - 4th Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

March 17 - 5th Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

March 24 – Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday *Procession with Palms*

Mark 11:1-11
Readings and Psalm
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1--15:47

March 28 – Maundy Thursday

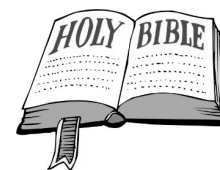
Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

March 29 – Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13--53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25
John 18:1--19:42

March 31 – Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Mark 16:1-8



*Please Clip & Save
for your reference*

Monday Afternoon Bible Study, facilitated by Pastor Janet Wold, continues via Zoom at 1:30 pm. This is a study and discussion of the following Sunday's Gospel lesson. A link to the Monday afternoon Bible Study is included in the Thursday announcement's 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 announcement's email.

Tuesday Night Bible Study, facilitated by Steve Reid. This study is on hiatus for the winter.

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study, facilitated by Pastor Janet Wold, meets at 1:30 pm in Conference Room 310. This study utilizes a publication entitled *Examining Our Faith*.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study, facilitated by Steve Jones, meets in the Small Conference Room at 10:00 each Sunday morning. The Adult Sunday School course of study is *Lost Christianities: Christian Scripture and the Battles over Authentication* with lectures by Professor Bart D. Ehrman. These lectures focus on the remarkable fact that many of the struggles of early Christians were not against pagans or other nonbelievers but against other Christians. The series provides a fascinating opportunity to study little known and sometimes controversial Scriptures that might have become part of the Bible.

Souper Bowl of Caring Results!

The congregation of All Saints successfully predicted the winner of the 58th Super Bowl by choosing Kansas City Chiefs as the victors over the San Francisco 49ers. The final "score" (money collected) was \$871 with \$740 for the Chiefs and \$131 for the 49ers. The real winner of the day is People Helping People who will receive 100% of the money donated for the food pantry. Thank you to everyone for your generosity!



Gym Shoe Drive

Carpenter’s Place is a non-profit homeless day center whose goal is to help those suffering from homelessness find peace and hope by providing the tools for rebuilding their lives.



Each Maundy Thursday, Carpenter’s Place in Rockford hosts a special event where every guest who walks through the doors receives a new pair of gym shoes along with 2 pairs of socks and foot powder. If you are able to donate a NEW pair of gym shoes, socks, foot powder, or cash, you can drop these items off at church by Palm Sunday, March 24, and we will make sure they are delivered to Carpenter’s place. There will be a basket in the main hallway for donations. Checks can be made payable to Carpenter’s Place and placed in the offering plate. Their main need is men’s shoes between sizes 9 and 12. You can also order shoes on Amazon from their wish link: <https://a.co.2kiKZLL>



WELCOME
Come Worship With Us

Worship Totals	Online Viewers	In-Person	Total	Sunday School
January 28	126	62	188	12
February 4	106	66	172	20
11	122	68	190	19
18	114	67	181	17
25	102	66	168	20
Total	570	329	899	88
Average	114	66	180	18

Participation in Thrivent Choice® & Thrivent Action Teams Makes a Difference!



We’re proud to be a Thrivent Choice®-enrolled organization. Through Thrivent’s programs, we are eligible to receive grant dollars, fee-free donations, and support from Thrivent Action Team service projects. We have seen firsthand how much of an impact Thrivent’s clients can make on All Saints. To date we have received Thrivent action grants for a variety of events, including purchasing food for the annual picnic, purchasing items for the Good Gifts silent auction, and purchasing materials for the quilters.

If you have Thrivent Choice dollars available, March 31 is the deadline for designating your previous years’ Thrivent Choice Dollars to All Saints. Last year we received \$112 in Thrivent Choice Dollars as designated by congregation members who are members of Thrivent. We appreciate how you have supported All Saints with your Thrivent benefits and hope you consider us in the future.

To learn more about Thrivent’s membership benefits and generosity programs visit thrivent.com/generosity. Thank you!



The GATHERING

We will meet on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for fellowship, food, and fun!



Library News

Spring might be right around the corner, but it's still chilly enough to want to curl up with a good book under a cozy blanket! Check out the offerings in the library or on the library cart in the entrance hallway. There's something there for everyone!

Byron School District Food Pantry

The Byron School District Food Pantry currently sends groceries home to needy families in the district each week. They also provide snacks for students at Mary Morgan Elementary. At the high school they provide breakfast to anyone needing it. Below is a list of all items needed.

Canned Vegetables Canned Fruit Canned Tuna Canned Chicken Jelly/Jam Peanut Butter Mac & Cheese Pasta/Pasta Sauce Crackers Rice Lipton Sides Canned Soup Ramen Canned Ravioli Spaghetti-os	Granola Bars Cereal Bars Fruit Cups Applesauce Hamburger Helper Tuna Helper Taco Kits Condiments Instant Potatoes Boxed Potato Sides Healthy Snacks Sandwich Crackers Feminine Products Personal Hygiene*
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*Personal Hygiene items include shampoo, lotion, toothpaste, tooth brushes, mouthwash, soap, deodorant, shaving cream, disposable razors.

Please place your donations in the basket by the main entrance. Thank you for your generosity!

Book Club

Due to inclement weather in January, the Book Club did not meet. We discussed the January book at the February meeting and moved the previously announced February selection to March.

Join us on Tuesday, March 26th to discuss this month's selection: *House of Secrets* by Tracie Peterson. We meet at 1:00 pm in conference Room 310.

When her father orchestrates a surprise trip to the summer house of her childhood, Bailee Cooper is unprepared for what follows. What is intended to be a happy reunion for Bailee and her sisters, Geena and Piper, quickly becomes shrouded by memories of the past. Together again, the three sisters sift through their recollections of fifteen years ago, of an ill mother and of their father making a desperate choice. They vowed, as children, to be silent but one sister believes the truth must now be revealed. Yet can they trust their memories?



March 3	The Neighbor	<i>I don't need any neighbors, because I already have enough friends and family.</i>	Luke 10:25-37
March 10	Grace	<i>I don't trust that grace is really a free gift.</i>	John 1:14-17
March 17	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
March 24	NO CLASS		
March 31 (Easter)	SERVICE PROJECT	<i>Easter Sunday – help with Breakfast</i>	

February Council Highlights

- * Giving in January exceeded budget requirements due largely to annual and semi-annual giving.
- * Pastor Janet has started a list of things that need to be changed or updated prior to her retirement in June.
- * Committee assignments were discussed and all council members indicated they would like to keep their current assignments.
- * Blood drive was successful with 22 units collected. Bad weather was a factor in the lower number of participants.
- * Lent soup suppers are scheduled beginning February 14 (Ash Wednesday).
- * Pizza and game night scheduled for March 2.
- * Spring clean-up day scheduled for April 27 with a rain date of May 4.
- * Mid-November clean-up day will be scheduled this Fall.
- * The first four Lent Mid-week services cannot be recorded and rebroadcast due to copyright issues with the DVD we will be using.



Council Minutes

Welcome Back Congregation Council Members!

We welcome back Steve Jones, Kay Johnson, and Rory Brown who were re-elected as members of the All Saints Congregation Council! Steve will retain his role as Council President and Finance Chairman, Kay Johnson will remain as Vice-President and Stewardship Chairman, and Rory Brown will continue to be our Youth and Family Representative. Thank you for your service to the Congregation Council!

Please see the sidebar on page 2 for the list of congregation council members and their committee assignments.



thank you

Sunday School News

The Sunday School kids had so much fun deciding how they wanted to spend the Good Gifts donations. A lot of thinking, discussion, and compromising went into their planning. Here is what they finally decided.

5 Chicks	50.00
1 Goat	50.00
2 Piglets	60.00
2 Honeybees	40.00
1 Share of Safe-Water Project	250.00
3 Water Filters	90.00
1 Farmers' Field School for a Woman	75.00
2 School Fees and Uniforms for a Girl	80.00
5 School Supplies for a Child	50.00
5 Fruit Tree Seedlings	50.00
1 Seeds and Gardening Tools	50.00
2 Hygiene Kits	50.00
3 Mosquito Nets for a Family	60.00
5 Clinic Visits for Children	50.00
2 Nutrition for a Child for One Month	50.00
2 Feed a Refugee Family for a Week	100.00
5 Bibles	60.00
Give Where Needed Most	3.00

Thank you again to WELCA for facilitating the silent auction, and to those who participated or made a direct donation. As you can see, the \$1,218 raised went a long way!

Inclement Weather Policy

If the decision is made to cancel worship services because of weather, the decision will be made by 7:00 am. You can learn of that decision by:

- ⇒ Checking our Facebook page
- ⇒ Checking our website www.AllSaintsByron.org
- ⇒ Checking the weather – related closings on local TV stations

It is our intention to have services if at all possible. If you don't feel safe on the roads, please stay home and watch the service online.

If the Byron School District is closed, the church office will be closed also. If you are in doubt, please call before driving in to the church.

January Financials

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual January	Budget January	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2023
Revenue	General Fund	\$23,657	\$16,389	\$23,657	\$16,389	\$196,668
	Mortgage	\$1,892	\$1,247	\$1,892	\$1,247	\$14,964
	Other Giving	\$20,132	\$417	\$20,132	\$417	\$5,004
	Total Revenue	\$45,681	\$18,053	\$45,681	\$18,053	\$216,636
Expenses	1000 Mission Support	\$940	\$833	\$940	\$833	\$10,000
	Other Outreach	\$230	\$874	\$230	\$874	\$10,484
	Total Outreach	\$1,170	\$1,707	\$1,170	\$1,707	\$20,484
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$4,186	\$5,333	\$4,186	\$5,333	\$63,996
	Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$8,537	\$7,170	\$8,537	\$7,170	\$86,040
	Total Ministries	\$12,723	\$12,503	\$12,723	\$12,503	\$150,036
	3000 Total Building (Non Capital)	\$2,322	\$2,888	\$2,322	\$2,888	\$34,656
	Total Expense	\$16,215	\$17,098	\$16,215	\$17,098	\$205,176
	3000 Capital Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$1,834	\$1,247	\$1,834	\$1,247	\$14,964
	Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total Building Capital	\$1,834	\$1,247	\$1,834	\$1,247	\$14,964
	Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	\$18,049	\$18,345	\$18,049	\$18,345	\$220,140
Net	Net for Month/Year (Revenue Minus Expense)	\$27,632		\$27,632		
	(Under)/Over Budget for Month/Year	(\$296)		(\$296)		

Spring Clean-Up Day!

April 27 at 8:00 am is the date and time of our Annual Spring Clean-Up Day. There's work that needs to be done on the inside as well as the outside, as we prepare our church to be as beautiful as the spring flowers that will soon be blooming! Please sign up on the sheet on Bulletin Board #2 so we know how many will be coming to help. Rain Date will be May 4.



Altar Guild

You are never too young to serve on Altar Guild! Briar Brown spent a little time learning about Altar Guild and what we do to get ready for worship on Sunday mornings. If you would like to see what we do, please contact any of the Altar Guild members! We'll be happy to show you!

WELCA

The Annual meeting of WELCA will be March 16, at 10:30 am. We will meet for cake and coffee in the fellowship hall. Come and help celebrate Carol Miller's birthday.



In Our Prayers

Health & Healing

Audrey Adams
Kathy Burrows
Phyllis Coffman
Jim Coffman
Sue Davis
Reuben Johnson
Sandi Reid
Cindy Yoakum
 Richard McCabe
 Mike Gordon
 Will Heindrick
 Bruce Roller
 Keith Padgett
 Ann Frerichs
 Tom Lombardo
 Francis Stevenson

Margie Myer
 Kevin Nickels
 Dick Sabin
 Bobbie Chisem
 Jennie Sanchez
 John Kirchner
 Rick Udholtz
 Lee Joyce
 Billie Jean Hartman
 Jim Carson
 Mindy Vanatter
 Jim Bowers
 Judy Owens
 Ron Sasso
 Geoff and Judy Zoellick
 Lori Ludens
 Richard Reif
 Randy Roberts
 Sybil & Alton
 Jayne Fitzsimmons
 Mimi Leombruni
 Marilyn Litschein
 Tim Litschein
 Jeff Johnson
 Eric Stroud
 Toni Girten
 Pam Spanier
 Shirley Frahm

Shut Ins

Lori Pederson
Kit Reif
Mary Whitmer

Military

David Bishop
Dylan Bishop
Tyler Peterson
 Staff Sgt. Kyle Reif
 Matt Vizer
 Sage Harper
 Tyler Peterson
 Cristiano Sasso
 Logan Usrey

Sympathy
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Midweek Lenten Worship

March 17

Easter Flowers Order Deadline

March 24

Palm Sunday

March 28

Maundy Thursday Worship

March 29

Good Friday Worship

March 31

Easter Sunday Worship and
Easter Breakfast

.Byron High School Choir Concert

On February 24 the Byron High School Choir performed to a capacity crowd! This concert was a fundraiser for their upcoming trip to Ireland and free will donations totaled over \$800! Thank you to everyone who attended and for your generosity!



Office Hours are Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Closed on Friday