

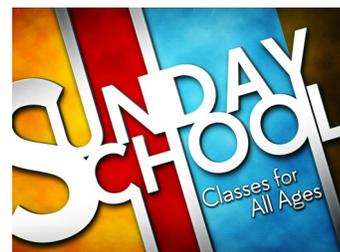
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THE Sainly NEWS

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Sunday School Kick-Off - September 12, 10:00 am

We are so excited to welcome Sunday School kids and their families back to church on September 12th. Sunday School will begin that day with a blessing of backpacks and back-to-school worship liturgy for parents and children in the sanctuary at 10:00 am. Kids will be given a reminder of God's love that they may take with them to school. You can register your child for Sunday School at that time if you have not previously had the opportunity to do so. Contact Michel Williams if you have questions or concerns.



From 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm that day is the All Saints Church picnic. There will be games, prizes, and other activities for kids. See the picnic newsletter article for all the details. Please join us for the fun!

Annual Church Picnic Returns - September 12, 12:00 – 3:00 pm



Join us for an afternoon of food, fellowship and fun! We will be grilling brats, burgers, and hotdogs to serve along with chips and a pre-packaged dessert for lunch. After lunch we'll have bingo games, games for the kids, and the ever-popular cake walk. The registration table will be selling 50/50 tickets and we will have a jar to collect monetary donations, both events to benefit St. Vincent dePaul. We will be holding a drawing for two beautiful quilts the Quilters have donated, the proceeds of which will also benefit St. Vincent dePaul. Tickets will be sold that day for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

We do need volunteers to help us with the registration table, food service, and to donate cakes or pies for the cake walk. There are sign-up sheets on Bulletin Board #2 with the areas help is needed. We will divide the work up into shifts so you aren't working the entire picnic but can take time to enjoy the day. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy this fun afternoon!

Worship to Remain at 9:00 am

Masking in worship strongly encouraged

The Church Council made the decision to keep one worship service at 9:00 am for the time being. We will keep an eye on the weekly attendance and decide in a few months whether or not to resume two worship services.

We also discussed the masking mandates and determined we will strongly encourage wearing masks when in worship and social distance by limiting 5 people per table during coffee hour. Again, we will keep an eye on the pandemic status and re-evaluate these decisions as needed.



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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Dear Friends:

As you read on the front page of this newsletter, the decision has been made to continue “in-person” worship services at 9:00 am. I am so grateful we’re able to hold in person worship, which has averaged about 50 people every week, as well as being able to upload a recording of that service, which is viewed by many more. If our in-person worship service attendance grows to the point where we need to consider adding another service, we’ll address that then.



Every church, including ours, is having to examine who we are and what our purpose is during this time of COVID. Primarily, the purpose of any Christian church is to embrace the love of Jesus, hear his redeeming and forgiving words and let others know about his saving grace. I believe we are living that purpose out here at All Saints – it may look and feel different than before, but there are signs of vitality all around us. People have been generous in their financial support of our congregation; and worship services have reached people who normally can’t attend our worship. Bible studies are happening, Sunday School and Confirmation classes will soon begin, quilting and book club are happening and this month we’ll collect items for School Kits to be sent around the world via Lutheran World Relief. We are having our picnic this year (see article elsewhere in newsletter) and as part of that, we’ll be collecting money for St. Vincent dePaul. Donations continue to come in for our local food pantry, People Helping People and Lutheran World Hunger via our offering envelopes. We are alive with activity here at All Saints, eager to share God’s Good News with each other and those around our community and world. Thanks be to God!

I continue to be honored to have been called to be the pastor here and look forward to continuing this journey together. Thanks for partnering with me in our quest to BE the church!

In Christ,

Pastor Janet Wold

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August Council Minutes

- ⇒ Discussed masking requirements at church. Decided to strongly encourage congregation members to mask in church at this time. Coffee Hour will continue, however social distancing (5 chairs per table) will be encouraged.
- ⇒ Roof replacement is on hold until 2022. We will continue to try to raise funds to cover this expense.
- ⇒ Many light fixtures in the Sunday School wing need to be replaced. These will be replaced with LED fixtures.
- ⇒ Sunday School Kick-off is scheduled for September 12. Michel would like at least one more volunteer to help.
- ⇒ We will be a water/rest stop for the St. Vincent dePaul Walk for the Poor on August 28.
- ⇒ The picnic planning is going well and will be held September 12 in the church front yard.
- ⇒ Trunk or Treat will be held October 30. Whether it will be held indoors or in the parking lot will be decided closer to the event date and will depend on the COVID-19 Delta variant status.

Deadline for the October Sainly News is **September 13**

Please send articles to

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Bible Studies

The Monday afternoon Bible Study, facilitated by Pastor Janet Wold, continues this Fall via Zoom at 1:30 pm. Note: There will not be a class on Labor Day, September 6. 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 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, facilitated by Steve Reid, meets from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in conference room #310. Enter by the Sunday School wing door. We will continue studying Biblical Devotions, and how they are related to Christian living. Devotion titles such as, "We don't mold God...It's the other way around", and "This Life Vs Eternal Life" will be discussed. All are welcome to join us for a refreshing insight into the study of the Bible.

The Wednesday afternoon Bible Study, facilitated by Pastor Janet Wold. Beginning September 8, we will once again gather for an in-person Bible study at 1:30 pm. This fall we will begin our study with a series called "Celebrating God."

This Bible study is described as follows:

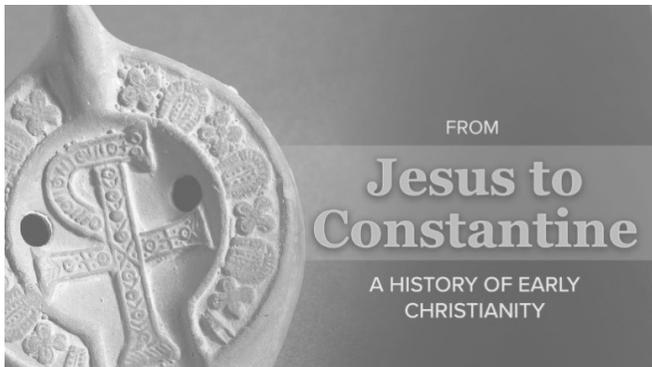
Augsburg Adult Bible Study is a year-round Bible study that is released quarterly. Written by an array of accomplished theologians, this series provides terrific insights into scripture through questions, prayer, suggested memorization, and daily readings.

Each session:

- Explores the meaning of the text for the original writer and audience, and for today
- Includes a list of related texts for daily Bible reading
- Provides extensive background on each text

Each week is unique – we invite you to come as often as you can!

The Sunday morning Adult Bible Study, facilitated by Steve Jones will resume on September 26. Adult Sunday School continues with the second half of the 24 lecture series entitled "From Jesus to Constantine: A History of Early Christianity." The course looks at early Christianity and it's growth from the time of Jesus until Emperor Constantine made Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire in the 4th century.



The course is presented by Professor Bart D. Ehrman whom we have enjoyed several times before as our video lecturer. The course resumes Sunday, September 26th at 10 AM in the Adult Sunday School Room. All are welcome!

September Sunday Scriptures

September 5 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalm 146

Romans 12:9-21

Luke 16:19-31

September 12 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 116:1-9

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

September 19 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Psalm 54

James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

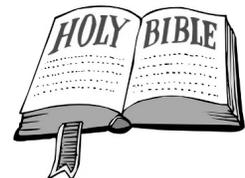
September 26 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16,
24-29

Psalm 19:7-14

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50



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your reference*

Library News

Large print books are being added to the library this month. They will be on the cart near the front door of the church for the month of October.

Under the Cajun Moon, by Mindy Starns Clark (Also in standard print) - Chloe, daughter of a famous New Orleans' chef is called home when her father is shot in the leg and is in the hospital. When becoming the prime suspect she searches the Louisiana Bayou for the truth while being chased by those who don't want their secrets revealed and the police. Her only clue to guide her is a poem written by her father as an insurance policy.

Can't Wait to Get to Heaven by Fannie Flag - In this comedy/mystery 80-year-old Elnor of Elmwood Springs, Missouri uses his high spirited and unlikely experiences to convince his neighbors that the answer to their question, "Why are we here?" can be answered right here and right now.

In This Mountain is the 7th book in the Mitford Years series - Tim and Cynthia are back in Mitford after leaving Whitecap Island. Father Tim dislikes retirement even more than change so when he decides to take on a unique, difficult ministry, he feels energized. But an unexpected event sends him on a painful journey that shakes his faith, his marriage, and the whole town of Mitford.

Critical Care by Candace Calvert - Claire, a former trauma nurse, hasn't been able to face the emergency department since her brother died fighting a fire. She is now a counselor and is called to counsel the ER staff after a propane explosion at a day care center. She battles painful memories and faces a doctor who has learned to distance himself from painful emotion.

Still Needed: Camera Operators

Would you be willing to be trained in how to use the video camera to record our worship services? Steve Jones has faithfully been our camera operator at every single worship service for over a year now. Steve has written out a "how to" sheet and would be more than happy to sit with you as you learn.

Worship Totals	Online Viewers	In-Person	Total
July 25	136	54	190
August 1	102	51	153
8	144	61	205
15	170	57	227
Totals	552	223	775
Average	138	56	194

The GATHERING

The GATHERING will meet on Tuesday, September 14 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Bring your latest handicraft or just come for the conversation. Join us for fun and fellowship!

Church Roof Replacement

At the January 2021 Annual Congregation Meeting, the condition of the church roof was brought up by one of the attendees. The property committee took the assignment to review the roof and seek estimates for replacement. Three different contractors were called and offered bids ranging from \$53,000 to \$70,000. Further discussion with the contractors indicated that, while there are issues with the roof, none are so urgent that replacement needs to happen this year.

With a one-year grace period, the council decided to try to raise the funds to replace the roof in 2022. We have already received over \$3,500 for this purpose, so we are off to a great start! This grace period also gives us time to present the quotes to the congregation, either in a special meeting or during the 2022 Annual Congregation Meeting, for approval to proceed with the roof replacement.

If you would like to contribute to the roof replacement, please contact Pastor Janet, Steve Jones, or Scott Fitzsimmons. You can also place a check in the offering plate on Sunday morning and indicate "Roof Replacement" in the memo line. If we can raise the funds by next summer, we won't need to borrow the money from the bank, which would make the replacement much more expensive. Thank you for your consideration of this request!

Book Club

This month's book club selection is *The Rejected Writer's Book Club*. This quirky group of women would rather celebrate rejected manuscripts than publish a book. New to the city, Librarian Janet is dragged to her first meeting just as they are about to raise a teacup to their five hundredth rejection letter. But an acceptance of the president's manuscript will tear the group apart. She and four other members take off on a wild trip to San Francisco from an island in the Pacific Northwest to get the manuscript back and receive a rejection letter in its place.

Finance Report

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual July	Budget July	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2021	
Revenue	General Fund	\$16,558	\$16,488	\$105,149	\$115,421	\$197,856	
	Mortgage	\$1,155	\$2,095	\$10,267	\$14,665	\$25,140	
	Other Giving	\$1,185	\$833	\$5,966	\$5,835	\$9,996	
	Total Revenue	\$18,897	\$19,416	\$121,381	\$135,921	\$232,992	
Expenses	1000 Mission Support	\$1,268	\$1,250	\$10,474	\$8,750	\$15,000	
	1000 Other Outreach	\$0	\$508	\$1,653	\$3,568	\$6,096	
		Total Outreach	\$1,268	\$1,758	\$12,127	\$12,318	\$21,096
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)		\$1,313	\$1,255	\$4,363	\$8,835	\$15,060
		2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$10,675	\$11,711	\$77,860	\$82,009	\$140,532
		Total Ministries	\$11,987	\$12,966	\$82,220	\$90,844	\$155,592
	3000 Total Building (Non Capital)	\$2,342	\$2,594	\$15,799	\$18,184	\$31,128	
		Total Expense	\$15,597	\$17,318	\$110,148	\$121,346	\$207,816
	3000 Capital	Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$2,094	\$2,095	\$17,645	\$14,665	\$25,140
		Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$668	\$0	\$0
Total Building Capital		\$2,094	\$2,095	\$18,312	\$14,665	\$25,140	
	Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	\$17,691	\$19,413	\$128,460	\$136,011	\$232,956	

School Kits

The Quilters of All Saints are collecting supplies for school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Through a grant from Thrivent we will receive money for the back packs. Check out the display located in the narthex requesting donations of items from the congregation to fill the backpacks. Donations need to be received by September 19 to allow time for assembling kits.

A school kit may provide the only supplies for children returning to school after the disruption of war. School kits help parents continue their children's education, even while living in a refugee camp, for example. A school kit may also be used in adult literacy classes.

The following items are needed for each school kit:

- * Four 70 sheet notebooks (280-300 sheets total) of wide or college ruled paper 8½" X 11"; no loose-leaf paper
- * One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- * One pencil sharpener
- * One pair of blunt safety scissors
- * Five new, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; (do not buy from a dollar store, they are of poor quality)
- * Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- * One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- * One 2 ½ inch eraser

There is a basket in the narthex for donations.



Additional Quilter News

The quilters plan to meet on September 2nd and 16th at 9:00 am in the church. We are looking forward to putting the quilts that are finished around in the sanctuary for you to see at the September 26th worship service. Then the quilts and the school kits will be packed in boxes to start the journey to Lutheran World Relief. All this is possible because of the donation of time and materials that have been given to help people in need.

In Our Prayers

Health & Healing
Phyllis Coffman
Kate Danielowski-Cuccaro
George Davis
Phil Houston
Joyce Niehaus
Steve Reid
Kit Reif
 Bill Michaux
 Sandi Rennick
 Dennis Reid
 Gary Diehl
 Richard McCabe
 Doug Karr
 Gary Wuslich
 Kevin Lyons
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 Mike Gordon
 Judy Wirth
 Toni Girten
 Will Heindrick
 Christopher Bowers
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 Gage and Crystal
 Bruce Roller
 Felipe Sanchez
 Larry Pearson
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 Bob Sund
 Jo Ann Sund
 Keith Padget
 Barb Kopperud
 Ann Frerichs
 Ron Stevenson
 Evelyn Fawver
 Wilma and Ron Stevenson

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Lori Pederson
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Win a Quilt!

As a fundraiser for St. Vincent dePaul, we are having a drawing to win one of these two beautiful quilts. Tickets are available at church on Sundays and also at the picnic. Drawing will be held at 3:00 pm on September 12.

Cost: \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00



September 8

Wednesday afternoon
Bible Study resumes

September 12

Sunday School Kick-off
Confirmation Parents meeting
Annual Church Picnic

September 26

Quilt and School Kit Display
and Blessing

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