



# THE Sainly NEWS

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## Sunday School Kick-Off! September 10

We are gearing up for another exciting year of Christian Education. So, mark your calendars for these events:

Kick-off Sunday on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Two sessions will be offered each week as participants travel through the Bible and build a lasting foundation of faith.

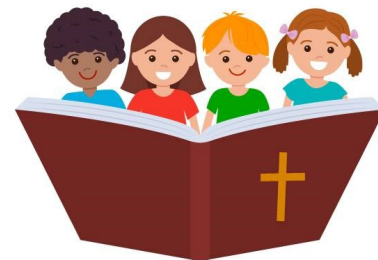
9:00 – 9:50 Children’s Church  
10:00 – 10:50 Sunday School

The Bible point for each week will be the same for both sessions. Parents can choose which session works best depending upon family activities planned for that Sunday. We cannot wait to see all those smiling faces once again! Reach out to Michel Williams with questions.

## Annual All Saints Picnic September 10 - 12:00 to 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, a bounce house and 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 de Paul. 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!



## Third Graders to Receive Bibles

On September 24, during worship, those children in third grade will receive their Bible. If you have a child entering third grade, or an older child who has not received their Bible, please contact the church office.

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:

It's hard to believe that summer is nearly over and the busy fall season is just around the corner. Actually, the fall season has already begun, with schools already in session (and Alan occasionally substitute teaching!).

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find articles highlighting all the opportunities for continued learning here at All Saints. Please see the article about Sunday school elsewhere in this newsletter, as well as information about our confirmation class. As you know, we never reach the point where we know everything! The adult learning opportunities are just as important as the ones for the youth. On Sundays, Steve Jones will hold his class during the Sunday school hour, beginning on October 1. Every Monday, I lead a Bible Study via Zoom at 1:30 pm for a look at the scripture for the upcoming Sunday...one of the delights of this study is the inclusion of people who don't live nearby anymore! On Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm, Steve Reid teaches a class in our conference room. Our Wednesday afternoon Bible studies, taught by me, resume on September 13 at 1:30 pm. This group of men and women engage in lively conversation over a cup of coffee, utilizing a study "God's Law is Love." Remember: I never call on anyone – you can come to that class and never have to say a word if you don't want to! Each of these studies is unique each week – if you miss a week, you won't be "behind." Please consider adding one or more opportunities for learning to your calendar this fall.

Thanks for being on this journey with me!

Pastor Janet



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## Pastoral Acts:

Mary Raney Memorial Service - August 17



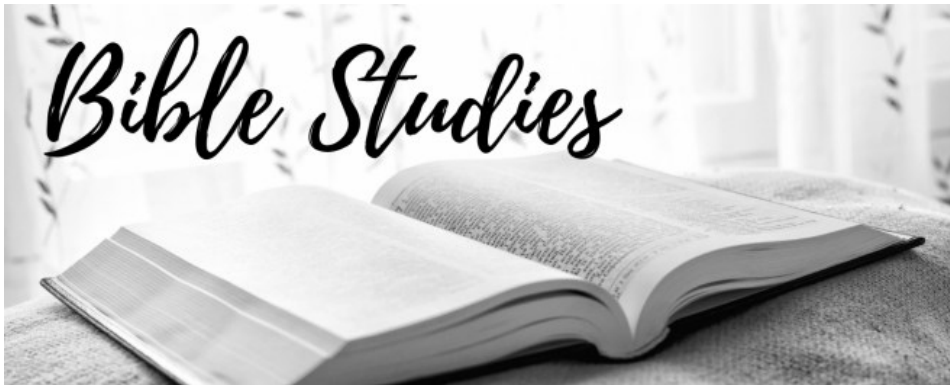
**Worship**  
**9:00 am**

**Children's Church**  
**9:00 – 9:50 am**

**Sunday School**  
**10:00 – 10:50 am**

**Adult Sunday School**  
**10:00 – 11:00 am**  
**(begins Oct. 1)**

**Deadline** for the October  
Saintly News is **September 15**  
Please send articles to  
**Rebecca Presson**



***Check the calendar for changes to the Bible Study schedule.***

**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, meets at 7:00 pm in Conference Room #310. This Bible Study is digging deeper into devotions, and the meaning of them.

**Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study**, facilitated by Pastor Janet Wold, will resume on Wednesday September 13. This study will utilize a publication entitled "God's Law is Love."

**Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study**, facilitated by Steve Jones, will resume on October 1.



## **September Sunday Scriptures**

**September 3**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Jeremiah 15:15-21  
Psalm 26:1-8  
Romans 12:9-21  
Matthew 16:21-28

**September 10**  
**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Ezekiel 33:7-11  
Psalm 119:33-40  
Romans 13:8-14  
Matthew 18:15-20

**September 17**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Genesis 50:15-21  
Psalm 103:8-13  
Romans 14:1-12  
Matthew 18:21-35

**September 24**  
**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Jonah 3:10--4:11  
Psalm 145:1-8  
Philippians 1:21-30  
Matthew 20:1-16



*Please Clip & Save  
for your reference*

## July Council Highlights

- ◆ Giving in July exceeded budgeted items.
- ◆ New locking mailbox has been installed.
- ◆ New LED lights were installed on the cross behind the altar.
- ◆ Sunday School will begin September 10 with two options for parents: 9:00-9:50 Children’s Church and 10:00-10:50 traditional Sunday School.
- ◆ Confirmation begins September 10 with a parent meeting and acolyte training.
- ◆ St. Vincent de Paul’s Walk for the Poor will be held on September 23, with All Saints offering water and snacks for the walkers on their route.
- ◆ Picnic plans are coming together, with a fun day planned for all.



Worship Totals	Online Viewers	In-Person	Total
July 30	140	61	201
August 6	128	51	179
13	152	53	205
20	148	54	202
27	144	62	206
Total	712	281	993
Average	142	56	198



## Confirmation Resumes!

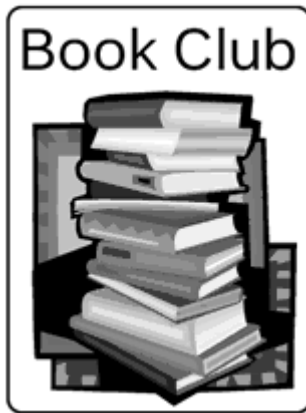
Confirmation for students in grades 7 and 8 will resume on September 10 with a parent meeting and acolyte training. Classes will be held from 10:00 – 11:00 in Conference Room 310.

### 2023-24 Confirmation Class Schedule

September 10 - Gathering with parents and students and acolyte training review

#### *Unit 1 - Bible: Old Testament*

September 17	Canon	<i>I don't know why the Bible is so special, why certain parts made the cut, and who had the right to decide.</i>	2 Timothy 3:14-17
September 24	The Hebrew Bible	<i>I don't know why the Hebrew Bible is part of the Christian Bible.</i>	Deuteronomy 6:4-9



## Book Club

Join us on Tuesday, September 26 at 1:00 pm for our book club discussion. September's selection is *White Picket Fences* by Susan Meissner. The Janviers have an idyllic life – a beautiful home, great jobs, and two wonderful kids. Surrounding it all is the proverbial white picket fence that protects them, offers them serene security, and hides all their secrets!



## Communion Assistants Needed!

We know how many of you have missed our former way of communion by kneeling (or standing) at the rail. We would like to reinstate this method of communion on the first Sunday of each month, beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>. However, we will need your help to accomplish this! We need several people to sign up to be communion assistants. You would only come forward before communion to help distribute the wine and grape juice tray, and then return to your seat at the conclusion of communion. If you are interested, speak to Pastor Janet.

## Library News

This month's book being added to the library is: *Chester and Gus* by Cammie McGovern. Chester hopes to be a service dog as his mother had been. But he failed his certification test because he's afraid of loud noises. A family with a 10 year old autistic son adopted Gus to be the boy's companion. It's not what Chester was trained to do, but he'll figure out how to help Gus.



## St. Vincent de Paul Walk for the Poor

On Saturday, September 23, we will welcome local walkers raising money for St. Vincent de Paul's ministry in Byron. We will offer cold water and snacks to the walkers as they make their way back to St. Mary Catholic Church. For more information, contact St. Mary's at 815-406-8368. We have registration forms available at church if you would like to participate in this walk.



## Quilters

The quilters plan to meet on September 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am at the church to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief. This is our favorite month to gather as we drape all the completed quilts in the sanctuary on September 24<sup>th</sup>. The next day, we plan to pack them up to make their journey to LWR sites and onto their destinations. It is a joy to work together throughout the year as we think about the needy families that will be receiving a quilt. Our hope is this will bring them comfort and remind them that they are not alone.



## The GATHERING

The GATHERING will meet on Tuesday, September 12 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Come join us for fun, fellowship, and food!



**ELCA World Hunger**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

## ELCA World Hunger Donations

All Saints recently received a certificate of recognition for our 2022 contributions of \$1,115 to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Our gifts were included in the Northern Illinois Synod contribution of \$411,645. The World Hunger Appeal received a total of \$22,893,795 from across the ELCA. Our certificate can be viewed on the main bulletin board in the narthex.

Thanks to all who make direct contributions and to those who contributed through the Good Gifts silent auction last year. World Hunger supports many projects around the world, both emergency situations and long-term development projects.

Would you be interested in promoting ELCA World Hunger programs, either domestically or internationally, and serving as a liaison in the Central Conference? Talk to Pastor Janet if this is a way you feel called to serve.



# July Financials

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual July	Budget July	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2023
Revenue	General Fund	\$21,862	\$16,772	\$119,627	\$117,404	\$201,264
	Mortgage	\$1,632	\$1,246	\$8,482	\$8,726	\$14,952
	Other Giving	\$272	\$833	\$4,028	\$5,835	\$9,996
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$23,766</b>	<b>\$18,851</b>	<b>\$132,137</b>	<b>\$131,965</b>	<b>\$226,212</b>
Expenses	1000 Mission Support	\$1,600	\$1,167	\$5,044	\$8,169	\$14,004
	1000 Other Outreach	\$350	\$516	\$3,278	\$3,624	\$6,192
	<b>Total Outreach</b>	<b>\$1,950</b>	<b>\$1,683</b>	<b>\$8,322</b>	<b>\$11,793</b>	<b>\$20,196</b>
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$861	\$1,109	\$5,836	\$7,803	\$13,308
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$10,045	\$11,293	\$79,567	\$79,071	\$135,516
	<b>Total Ministries</b>	<b>\$10,906</b>	<b>\$12,402</b>	<b>\$85,402</b>	<b>\$86,874</b>	<b>\$148,824</b>
	3000 Total Building (Non Capital)	\$2,174	\$2,708	\$17,746	\$18,987	\$32,496
	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$15,030</b>	<b>\$16,793</b>	<b>\$111,471</b>	<b>\$117,654</b>	<b>\$201,516</b>
	3000 Capital Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$2,527	\$1,246	\$15,607	\$8,726	\$14,952
	3000 Capital Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Building Capital</b>	<b>\$2,527</b>	<b>\$1,246</b>	<b>\$15,607</b>	<b>\$8,726</b>	<b>\$14,952</b>	
<b>Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)</b>	<b>\$17,557</b>	<b>\$18,039</b>	<b>\$127,078</b>	<b>\$126,380</b>	<b>\$216,468</b>	
Net	Net for Month/Year (Revenue Minus Expense)	\$6,209		\$5,059		
	(Under)/Over Budget for Month/Year	(\$482)		\$698		



The significant loss of life and damage caused by the wildfires in Hawaii have turned our prayers and attention to mourning those lost, supporting the survivors and how Lutheran Disaster Response can assist with recovery.

Exacerbated by strong winds, wildfires on Maui have claimed dozens of lives and have destroyed homes, businesses and lines of communication. The Big Island of Hawaii has also been impacted by wildfires, and more islands remain vulnerable to additional fires this season.

Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Pacifica Synod and other partners to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires. We will work with them to provide for immediate needs and long-term recovery amid the widespread destruction. Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to accompanying recovering communities in the years ahead. By standing with Maui’s wildfire survivors, we follow Christ’s call to share hope and healing with our neighbors in need.

**If you’d like to donate, please make check out to All Saints and write “Fires” in the memo.**

## In Our Prayers

### Health & Healing

- Kathy Burrows*
- Phyllis Coffman*
- Jim Coffman*
- Sandi Reid*
- Cindy Yoakum*
- Dennis Reid
- Richard McCabe
- Mike Gordon
- Will Heindrick
- Bruce Roller
- Keith Padgett
- Ann Frerichs
- Tom Lombardo
- Francis Stevenson
- Margie Myer
- Ernie Leombruni
- Kevin Nickels
- Dick Sabin
- Bobbie Chisem
- Jennie Sanchez
- John Kirchner
- Rick Udholtz
- Susan Caruso
- Lee Joyce
- Billie Jean Hartmann
- Jim Carson
- Mindy Vanatter
- Beth Brandt
- Jim Bowers
- Judy Owens
- Pat Jacobs
- Ron Sasso
- Geoff and Judy Zoellick
- Pastor Scott Schmidt
- Hayden Casper
- Roberta Haendler
- Lori Ludens
- Richard Reif

### Shut Ins

- George Davis*
- Lori Pederson*
- Mary Whitmer*

### Military

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

### Sympathy

- Mary Raney
- Doris Swedburg*
- Jean Boggs



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## SEPTEMBER

### September 10

Sunday School Kick-off  
Confirmation Meeting and

Acolyte Training

Annual All Saints

Community Picnic

### September 23

St. Vincent de Paul

Walk for the Poor

### September 24

Stories & Songs with  
Brian Spahr

ALL ARE WELCOME to join us for Stories & Songs with Brian Spahr on Sept. 24th at 1:00 pm at Immanuel (501 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., Rock Falls, IL). Brian is an alternative, Americana, Country, Folk, songwriter artist from Fort Wayne, IN. Refreshments will be served following the event. A free will offering will be received to support Brian's ministry.

Stories & Songs with Brian Spahr  
on Sept. 24th at 1 p.m. at Immanuel.  
(501 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., Rock Falls, IL)

All are welcome! A free will offering  
will be received to support Brian's ministry.



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