



THE Sainly NEWS

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U P D A T E S

We have been very happy with the response to our Facebook Live Streamed worship during the Spring. We not only reached local church family members, but also many from around the world! However, broadcast issues with the live streamed worship stemming from internet connections and other problems necessitated the change to recording the service and loading it to Facebook and our church website after worship concluded. This resolved the broadcast issues, but delayed viewing the worship service by approximately an hour for those of you who rely on this method of worship. We apologize for this delay, but felt delivering a quality broadcast had to take priority.

As our state moved into Coronavirus quarantine stage 4, we began limited in-person worship on July 5. Many safeguards were put in place, including limiting attendees to 50 or less, the requirement of wearing a

mask the entire time of building occupancy, taking temperatures at the door to assure no one has a fever at or above 100.4 degrees, and the addition of hand sanitizing stations at the entry to the church and at the sanctuary doors. Everyone who has attended these services has been very good about following these guidelines, and we will continue to offer in-person worship at 9:00 am each Sunday until further notice.

We also tried a Zoom “virtual coffee hour,” which was lightly attended, but enjoyed by all who did participate. We discontinued this practice after the July 19th meeting.

We will continue to offer online communion during Sunday 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.

Byron Day for Justice

On Sunday, August 23, a Byron Day for Justice has been organized by United Church of Byron in support of Racial, Food, Educational, Environmental, and Voting Justice. The car procession, escorted by the Byron Police, will begin at 1:30 pm. Prior to departure, starting at 1:00 pm, cars will gather in the parking lot at the United Church of Byron, 701 W. Second St. There will be barrels available for participants to donate cash, checks or goods to help redress local inequities and injustice as follows:



Racial Justice: There will be a memorial bell ringing and moments of silence.

Food Justice: Donate to People Helping People (cash or check preferred, but canned fruit, spaghetti sauces, tuna, crackers and jelly always needed).

Educational Justice: Donate PPE support to Byron Public Schools (cash or check to Byron Public Schools, or cloth face masks, hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes).

Environmental Justice: Deposit plastic bags and film to be recycled into a bench for the Byron Public Library.

Voting Justice: Voter registration available at the parade’s terminus.

Please practice safe social distancing by wearing masks, staying 6 ft apart when making donations, and keeping in or near your car during the bell-ringing and procession. Contact the United Church of Byron, 815-234-8777, with any questions or for further information.

Sunday Worship 8:00 and 10:30 am

**Whole Family Education Hour
Sundays 9:15 am (Sept - May)**

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Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that August will soon be upon us. I don't know about you, but ever since the pandemic hit us in full force last March, the days and months seem to feel "off." "What day is today" is a question I've asked and heard others ask as well. Our "normal" routines have changed.



I am glad to have returned to "in-person" worship in July – it has been well received and has gone very smoothly. I am also grateful we have been able to purchase the needed equipment to be able to record and upload our worship services so that those who want to watch the service from home are able to do so.

For many of us, these days of living in the pandemic has brought new challenges to figure out...things we never dreamed we'd have to know how to do or even things we never knew we'd need! For us here at All Saints, that learning curve has included how to first "livestream" the worship service, offer "virtual communion" and now record the worship service. We've also had to figure out ways to come back into "in-person" worship safely. That conversation led to the purchase of a digital thermometer, hand sanitizing stations, face shields and an electrostatic cleaner. My deep gratitude goes to the COVID task force members and our church council for their leadership during this time.

Now the next thing to figure out is what Sunday School and Confirmation will look like this fall. Some ideas are being considered – more will be known as the time nears. We will certainly have information in the September newsletter about this. Perhaps a special mailing will occur as well.

I keep saying this (though I need to be reminded of this as well sometimes!) that despite all the upheaval around us, the one thing that hasn't changed in God's presence throughout all of this. I have marveled at the thoughtful conversations we're having at our Wednesday afternoon Bible study via Zoom. I am so pleased with how many households we're reaching with our online worship services. I am touched to see the quilters continuing their work in making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. All this and more assure me that we are still living out God's plan for this congregation and for our lives. Thank you for walking with me on this journey!

God is with us,

Pastor Janet Wold

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Deadline for the September
Saintly News is **August 14**

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Pastoral Acts:

Funeral for Richard Annis on June 16

Bible Studies

The Sunday morning and Tuesday evening Bible Studies are on hiatus.

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, is currently on hiatus. However, when the Bible study resumes, we will finish watching the DVD, "Peter and the Last Supper."

June Council Meeting Highlights

- * Financial giving was strong during this difficult time. Much gratitude was expressed to the congregation for their generosity.
- * Three hand sanitizing stations have been put in place.
- * A task force was formed to discuss requirements for re-opening the church to in-person worship. First in-person meeting will be held June 10 at 7:00 pm.
- * The decision was made to allow small groups such as AA and the quilters to resume meeting with restrictions of wearing masks, physically distancing, and sanitizing furniture at the conclusion of their meetings.

July Council Meeting Highlights

- * During the Coronavirus quarantine, many council meetings were held via Zoom and/or email. The Council Secretary entered into the record all meetings held in this manner, and the result of those meetings for historical purposes.
- * Financial giving remains strong allowing the ability to pass on some of our pledged giving to the Synod and keep our bills up to date. Many thanks to the congregation for their faithfulness.
- * Upgrading the sound system and speakers as well as adding permanent web cameras was discussed. This was sent to a task force formed to determine priority of purchases and cost for future discussion.
- * Sunday School discussions will take place and will be reported at the August Council Meeting.
- * "Beginning a Culture of Generosity" stewardship appeal webinars will begin on August 24. The \$450.00 fee will be covered by the Synod (\$100) a Thrivent Grant (\$250) and \$100 covered by All Saints.
- * There will be a blood drive at All Saints on August 6 from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Sunday Scriptures

August 2

9th Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

August 9

10th Sunday after Pentecost
1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

August 16

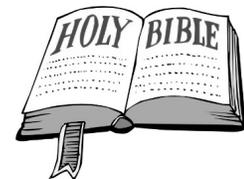
11th Sunday after Pentecost
Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Psalm 25:1-10
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

August 23

12th Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

August 30

13th Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28



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AUDIO-VISUAL ---team---

Audio/Visual Upgrades Task Force

We are considering options for future sound and video equipment at All Saints. We have done a lot of hard work to take our service online so we can worship together remotely during the pandemic. Now that we are back (at least in part) in church, there is still a need to continue providing our service online for the foreseeable future and possibly for a longer time.

The council has reviewed this and appointed a task force to set up a road map to prioritize sound and video enhancements over several years. If you would like to participate in this effort, contact Steve Jones or Mark Hart. Upgrading what we have will not be inexpensive. The cost will be something the congregation will have to be willing to bear, so we wanted you to be aware as to the possibilities that are under consideration.

Help save lives!



**Donate blood
at our
upcoming
blood drive!**

**See the back page for information on
our upcoming Community Blood Drive!**

Library News

Now that we are beginning to open the church again, the following books will be on the cart near the front doors.

- *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 an answer to this question and others you may have wondered about in this book. Most are true -to-life stories that picture God at work through the lives of His creatures.
- *The Amish Midwife* by Mindy Starns 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 which starts her search for her biological family. She finds Marta who knows more than she is willing to share with her.
- *The Dog That Talked to God* by Jim Kraus - Mary, recently widowed, buys a miniature schnauzer, 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."

Church Library



Finance Report

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual June	Budget June	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2020
Revenue	General Fund	\$14,286	\$16,430	\$125,375	\$98,580	\$197,160
	Mortgage	\$2,215	\$2,074	\$9,709	\$12,447	\$24,888
	Other Giving	\$100	\$833	\$5,915	\$5,002	\$9,996
	Total Revenue	\$16,601	\$19,337	\$140,998	\$116,029	\$232,044
Expenses	1000 Mission Support	\$5,486	\$1,250	\$12,746	\$7,500	\$15,000
	1000 Other Outreach	\$150	\$467	\$1,320	\$2,810	\$5,604
	Total Outreach	\$5,636	\$1,717	\$14,066	\$10,310	\$20,604
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$621	\$1,240	\$3,998	\$7,470	\$14,880
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$11,456	\$11,041	\$68,804	\$66,250	\$132,492
	Total Ministries	\$12,077	\$12,281	\$72,803	\$73,720	\$147,372
	3000 Total Building (Non Capital)	\$1,693	\$2,570	\$11,308	\$4,321	\$30,840
	Total Expense	\$19,406	\$16,568	\$98,176	\$88,351	\$198,816
	3000 Capital Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$2,094	\$2,095	\$12,670	\$12,570	\$25,140
	3000 Capital Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total Building Capital	\$2,094	\$2,095	\$12,670	\$12,570	\$25,140
Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	\$21,500	\$18,663	\$110,846	\$100,921	\$223,956	

LOMC Opened A Little Wider in July

RETREAT (Together)

is taking reservations!

Day Use is Open

Hiking, Fishing, Mushroom Hunting

If YELLOW sign is up at entrance, we are closed to visitors
Restrictions apply. See details at <http://lomc.org/>



June Online Worship	# of Viewers	July Worship	In Person	Online Viewers
7	396	5	25	336
14	510	12	32	640
21	386	19	35	248
28	336	26	35	Not available

In Our Prayers

Health & Healing

Pat Bontjes
Kathy Burrows
George Davis
Jeanine Hayes
Phil Houston
Devin Lorio
Al Olsen
Skip Richardson
Doris Swedberg

Reggie Wallin
Paul Wood
Richard Myers
Steve Hawkins
Gordon Green
Danette Potter
Diane Hawkins
Dana Harper
Bill Michaux
Jonce Wright
Mary Sanders
Harold Hilliard
Joyce Hilliard
Justine Davis
Kirby Middleton
Sandi Rennick
Matt Henkel
Dennis Reid
Daphne Downey
Vicki Scull
Jamie Dreyfus
Scott Gordon & wife Lu
Gary Diehl
Richard McCabe

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
Reggio
Tyler Peterson

Sympathy

Richard Annis
Debbie Gibson
Juanita Williams
Cindy Ray



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Community Blood Drive

**All Saints Lutheran
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Thursday, August 6th

1:00 PM - 7:00 PM

To schedule an appointment,
visit RRVBC.org
OR call RRVBC
at 815-965-8751



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