



THE Sainly NEWS

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All Saints Sunday, November 5

The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. Our congregation will remember the faithful who have died during the past year. You are invited to submit names of your loved ones who have died since last All Saints Sunday. The weekly email reminders include a form to submit names for inclusion in our prayers on November 5th. There are also forms in the narthex.



People Helping People

Over the past few years All Saints has helped People Helping People make sure all the families receiving PHP's assistance are able to enjoy a turkey dinner at Thanksgiving. Monetary donations can be made during the Sunday collection and noted on your envelope the amount donated to help PHP. Checks can also be made out directly to PHP which will be given to PHP to help purchase the turkeys. We are accepting monetary donations through November 12th. A \$14.00 donation can buy a turkey breast. A \$20.00 donation will help to purchase a whole turkey for the family to enjoy for their Thanksgiving dinner. Other items All Saints could help PHP with are the usual Thanksgiving dinner items such as stuffing, canned fruit, canned sweet potatoes, canned cranberry sauce, cans of vegetables, potatoes, canned or bottled gravy, and other related items. These donated items can be placed in the shopping cart in the front entrance of the church by November 5th. After November 5th, PHP requests donations of cereal, canned fruit, and jams and jellies to replenish their stock. Thank you for your generous contribution to this vital ministry.

Advent Begins Sunday, December 3!

Join us in preparing the church by decorating the sanctuary and putting up the various Christmas trees. We have the big Chrismon tree and greens in the sanctuary, a tree for the Sunday School hallway, and other trees throughout the church building that need to be decorated. We need all hands – adults and kids of all ages. We will meet at church at 9:00 am on Saturday, December 2nd. It is a fun time with the fellowship of working together. There will be donuts for the coffee break! A sign-up sheet is posted on Bulletin Board #2. If you have questions, call 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:

As the vibrant colors of autumn surround us and Thanksgiving approaches, we are reminded of the abundant blessings that grace our lives. It is the season of gratitude, reflection and giving thanks for all that God has provided us.



Stewardship is at the heart of our faith journey. It is the recognition that everything we have – our time, talents, and treasures – it IS a gift from God. Our stewardship focus began in October when we began to see weekly videos showcasing all the things that All Saints is part of – that YOU are part of as our family here. In mid-November, Time & Talent and Statement of Intent cards will be mailed out. We have an opportunity to delve deeper into the practice of stewardship, to reflect on our own ‘blessings and to discern how we can give back to God’s kingdom.

1. **Reflect of God’s blessings:** Consider taking some time to reflect of the blessings of your life. Whether the warmth of family, the joy of friendships, or the security of a home, recognize that these are all gifts from God.
2. **Pray for Guidance:** Seek guidance through prayer. Ask God to show you how you can be a good steward of these blessings, using them to serve others and further God’s work.
3. **Time and Talents:** Consider how you can offer your time and talents to our church community. Perhaps you can volunteer for a church event, join a Bible study, or share your skills to benefit others.
4. **Financial Giving:** As we approach the end of the year, prayerfully consider what your financial gifts for 2024 could be. The statements of intent are just that...what you intend (hope) to give. We understand circumstances may change in the coming year making it difficult to fulfill that intention. Your statement of intent can be changed at any time. It is helpful for the leadership to have an idea of what monies we might expect the next year as we put together a budget.

Remember, stewardship is not just a seasonal practice but a lifelong commitment. It’s a way of living out our faith daily by recognizing that all we have belongs to God. My prayer is that we can all be grateful, generous, and faithful stewards of God’s gifts. Together, as a church family, we can make a positive impact on our community and the world.

May God’s blessings overflow in your life and may your stewardship journey be a source of joy and fulfillment.

In Christ,
Pastor Janet

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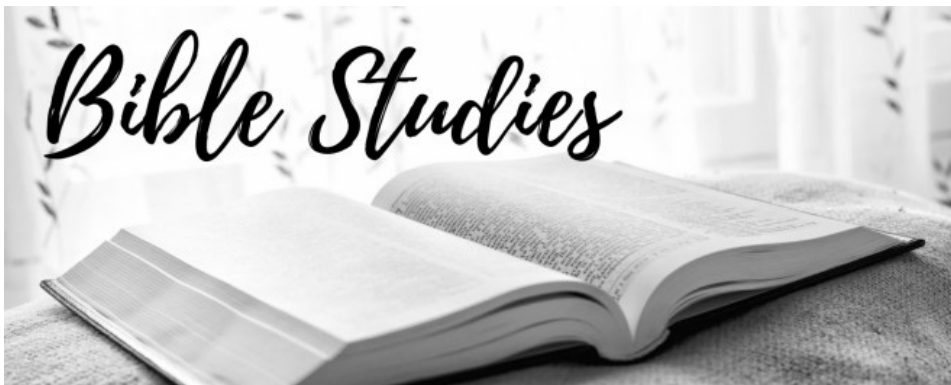
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Deadline for the December Sainly News is **November 13**
Please send articles to
Rebecca Presson

Pastoral Acts

October 21 – Doris Swedberg Memorial Service

IN LOVING
Memory



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. Please note there will not be a Bible Study on November 20.

Tuesday Night Bible Study, facilitated by Steve Reid, meets at 7:00 pm in Conference Room #310. This Bible Study will be watching and discussing DVDs entitled *The Bible*. Please note there will not be a Bible Study on November 21.

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study, facilitated by Pastor Janet Wold, meets at 1:30 pm in Conference Room 210. This study utilizes a publication entitled *God's Law is Love*. Please note there will not be a Bible Study on November 22.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study, facilitated by Steve Jones, meets in the Small Conference Room at 10:00 each Sunday morning. They are utilizing the study entitled *The History and Archaeology of the Bible*.

THANK YOU!

We are so appreciative of everyone who took the time to keep our outdoor plants watered this summer. With the hot, dry weather, consistent watering to keep them thriving was necessary more than ever. We also thank Jan Sloan for sharing her talents in landscaping to assure the flowerbeds and hanging baskets were beautiful all summer.



November Sunday Scriptures

November 5
All Saints Sunday
Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

November 12
24th Sunday after Pentecost
Amos 5:18-24
Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

November 19
25th Sunday after Pentecost
Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Psalm 90:1-8, 12
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

November 26
Christ the King Sunday
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46



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for your reference*



Library News

The library is open when the church is open. There are fiction and non-fiction books for men and women, boys and girls. We also have large print books. There is no due date; just return the book in a timely manner. Sign your name on the card and add the date. When you have finished, place the book on the library counter.



Worship Totals	Online Viewers	In-Person	Total	Sunday School
October 1	118	68	186	14
8	144	66	210	19
15	138	67	205	21
22	148	75	223	14
Total	548	276	824	68
Average	137	69	206	17

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is vital to the health and growth of a congregation. However, stewardship is not confined to monetary donations. It is also the time, talents, and energy expended by our congregation to carry out the good things we do! We have been rerunning the Stewardship videos from last year to remind you of everything we do as a church family. We hope you are amazed, and maybe a little proud, at the impact our church has had not only within our walls, but in our community and globally as well!

During the week of November 13th, we will be mailing the Time and Talent forms as well as the Statement of Intent forms to each home. Due to postal regulations, we can only mail one Time and Talent sheet in each envelope. Additional copies are available on the oak table in the narthex. Please complete one form for each member of your household.

On December 3, we will have our Statement of Intent Dedication Sunday, so please return your Time and Talent forms as well as Statement of Intent by that date. We will also have this information on our website, www.AllSaintsByron.org where you can submit your forms electronically. Thank you for your generosity! You make our mission possible!



Give Serve



Attend Grow

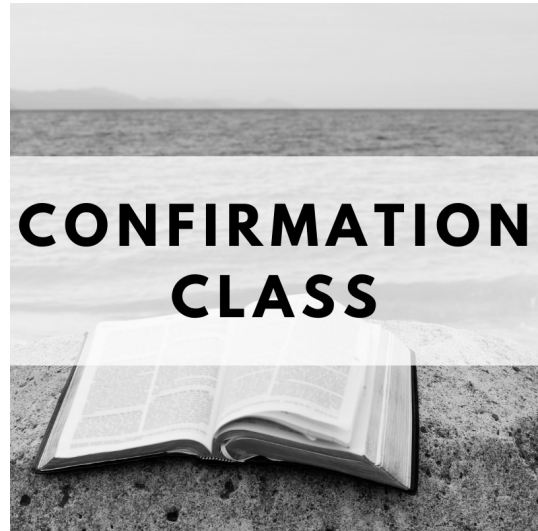
Stewardship

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Good Gifts Silent Auction

Advent season begins on Sunday, December 3rd. The third annual WELCA Good Gifts Silent Auction is planned to begin on that Sunday. Bidding on the items will be available during the Advent season and will conclude at the last midweek Advent service on Wednesday, December 20th. Proceeds from the auction are then passed on to our Sunday School children. They shop in the Good Gifts catalog and direct monies toward purchase of animals and other needed items as listed in the catalog for people in need in third world countries.

Please consider donating a new auction item such as a craft item, homemade item, or holiday decoration. Items should be dropped off at the church by Saturday, December 2nd to allow time to set up the auction. Contact Carol Miller if you have questions.

We have raised over \$1000 in each of the first two years of this project, so it has been a great success. We look forward to seeing what items may be up for bid this year. Thank you for your participation!



November 5	Kings	<i>I don't know where Kings fit into the story of Israel.</i>	1 Samuel 8:1-9
November 12	Babylonian Captivity	<i>I don't know why God would free the people only to let them be captured again.</i>	Jeremiah 25:1-4
November 19	Prophets	<i>I don't know what qualifies someone to be a prophet.</i>	Deuteronomy 18:15-22
November 26	NO CLASS		



Quilters

The quilters plan to meet on November 2nd and 16th at 9:00 am at the church. We are grateful to have the materials to make many quilts for people in need during the months ahead. The time spent working together goes by quickly as we work together. It is a time of service and fellowship. Helping Lutheran World Relief with their ministry is blessing for us.



let us
gather and
give thanks

The GATHERING

The GATHERING will meet on Tuesday, November 14th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Bring your latest handiwork project or just join us for fun and conversation!

October Council Highlights

- * September giving did not meet budgeted needs.
- * Need input from different committees for 2024 budget preparation.
- * Stewardship videos from 2022 will be used in 2023 with some editing to make them current.
- * Time and Talent and Statements of Intent will be mailed in November.
- * Advent soup suppers will begin on December 6.
- * Sunday School Christmas program is being planned.
- * Midweek Advent Worship will begin December 6, utilizing the Holden evening Prayer.
- * Communion at the rail on the first Sunday of each month will continue.

the MINUTES

Book Club

Join us on Tuesday, November 28 at 1:00 pm for Book Club! In November we will be discussing the book *Thursdays at Eight* by Debbie Macomber.

Four women of different ages and stages in their lives meet each Thursday morning for breakfast and to share each other's sorrows and joys, which draws them closer together. The experiences of Clare, Elizabeth, Karen, and Julia become opportunities for all of them to learn to nurture, and to overcome life's obstacles together.

September Financials

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual September	Budget September	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2023
Revenue	General Fund	\$14,441	\$16,771	\$147,103	\$150,946	\$201,252
	Mortgage	\$1,336	\$1,246	\$10,800	\$11,218	\$14,952
	Other Giving	\$729	\$833	\$4,932	\$7,501	\$9,996
	Total Revenue	\$16,506	\$18,850	\$162,836	\$169,665	\$226,200
Expenses	1000 Mission Support	\$100	\$1,166	\$7,244	\$10,502	\$13,992
	1000 Other Outreach	\$550	\$515	\$4,578	\$4,655	\$6,180
	1000 Total Outreach	\$650	\$1,681	\$11,822	\$15,157	\$20,172
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$1,474	\$1,098	\$8,871	\$10,010	\$13,176
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$11,974	\$11,293	\$101,457	\$101,657	\$135,516
	2000 Total Ministries	\$13,448	\$12,391	\$110,327	\$111,667	\$148,692
	3000 Total Building (Non Capital)	\$2,383	\$2,705	\$22,400	\$24,400	\$32,460
	3000 Total Expense	\$16,481	\$16,777	\$144,550	\$151,224	\$201,324
	3000 Capital Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$1,246	\$1,246	\$18,100	\$11,218	\$14,952
	3000 Capital Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	3000 Total Building Capital	\$1,246	\$1,246	\$18,100	\$11,218	\$14,952
	3000 Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	\$17,727	\$18,023	\$162,650	\$162,442	\$216,276
	Net	Net for Month/Year (Revenue Minus Expense)	(\$1,222)		\$186	
(Under)/Over Budget for Month/Year		(\$296)		\$208		

In Our Prayers

Health & Healing

Kathy Burrows

Phyllis Coffman

Jim Coffman

Sandi Reid

Cindy Yoakum

Richard McCabe

Mike Gordon

Will Heindrick

Bruce Roller

Keith Padgett

Ann Frerichs

Tom Lombardo

Francis Stevenson

Margie Myer

Ernie Leombruni

Kevin Nickles

Dick Sabin

Bobbie Chisem

Jennie Sanchez

John Kirchner

Rick Udholtz

Susan Caruso

Lee Joyce

Billie Jean Hartman

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Mindy Vanatter

Beth Brandt

Jim Bowers

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November 5

All Saints Sunday

December 2

Decorate for Advent

December 3

Advent begins

Order Poinsettias for Christmas

Deadline to order is December 3rd. We are again ordering poinsettias from Merlin's in Oregon. These beautiful 8" plants are a deep red color wrapped in foil with a white bow. The cost is \$17.50 per plant and orders need to be placed by Sunday, December 3rd. The order form will be available in the narthex each Sunday, and in the emailed announcements sent out each week. Please make your checks payable to "All Saints Altar Guild" and place it in the offering plate or leave it in the office.



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