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The Annual Picnic, New Member Sunday, and Rally Day - September 13, 2026.

It is hard to believe the Church Picnic is soon upon us. Sunday, September 13, 2026 is set for a day of worship, food, and fun. This is also new member Sunday where we will welcome new members who are joining our church family and celebrate them at the church picnic. We look forward to your participation.



The day's activities will include worship, the start of Sunday School, food, a kids' fun zone, bingo, a cake walk, a candy guessing game, and a silent auction. The kids' fun zone will feature a bounce house, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, kites, games, and fun for everyone. Prizes will be awarded for all games.

All are welcome to participate in Bingo and the Cake Walk. A sign-up sheet for Cake Donations will soon be up on the Bulletin Board.

We will also have a silent auction to benefit St. Vincent de Paul. Donations for the Silent Auction are welcomed. Please drop off Silent Auction donations to Church by Sunday, August 30th.

Sign-Up sheets for volunteers for the various activities and picnic help will soon be up on the Bulletin Board. We look forward to seeing you there. Please feel free to invite friends to join in on the fun.

Silent Auction to Benefit St. Vincent de Paul **

During the annual All Saints picnic, we're planning to again offer a silent auction to benefit St. Vincent de Paul. If you would like to contribute a basket, or items that can be assembled into a basket, please bring them to church by Sunday, August 30th. The baskets will be assembled the following week for display and bids on Sunday, September 13th. Need ideas? Here's a few:

- ⇒ movie night basket
- ⇒ candle basket
- ⇒ kids' movie themed basket
- ⇒ gardener's basket
- ⇒ baby bath time basket



The sky is the limit! Use your imagination to create a cute or useful basket for this worthy fundraiser!

Backpack Blessing Sunday

Students will be returning to their classrooms in August. We want to send them back to school with all the blessings possible. We will have a Backpack Blessing on Sunday August 16th during 9:00 am worship. Please have your kids bring their backpacks to church that day for a special blessing to start the school year!



** See page 5 for more information about St Vincent de Paul

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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It's been a busy month! Jesus has been traveling around the country, we enjoyed GospelFest, and the kids have learned so much as they cruised through Vacation Bible School! Here are just a few shots of the fun!



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THIS SUMMER!

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Deadline for the September
Saintly News is **August 14**
Please send articles to
Rebecca Presson

Check the calendar for changes to the Bible Study schedule.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study, 7:00 pm in Conference Room #310. This study is led by Steve Reid. Please refer to future issues of the Saintly News and the weekly announcements for information on upcoming meetings.

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study, 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Led by Vicar Michelle Wandersee. This study is on hiatus for the Summer.



June Council Meeting Highlights

- ♦ May giving did not meet budgeted items.
- ♦ Several plumbing repairs have been completed.
- ♦ Vinyl siding was installed on the church in early June.
- ♦ Blood drive is scheduled for August 10th.
- ♦ VBS has been scheduled for July 20-24 in cooperation with United Church of Byron.
- ♦ All Saints evening at the theater is scheduled for July 26th at Starlight Theater's production of "Something Rotten".



July Council Meeting Minutes

- ♦ June giving exceeded budgeted items.
- ♦ Discussed hiring a Youth coordinator for Sunday School, youth group, and VBS events.
- ♦ HVAC has been inspected and repaired.
- ♦ The offering counting process has been updated and expanded for those who count the offering on Sunday mornings.
- ♦ VBS will be held at United Church of Byron on July 20-24.
- ♦ Church picnic will be held on September 13.

Pastoral Acts

July 11 – Funeral for Christine Henson
July 31 - Funeral for Sharon Provencher

August Sunday Scriptures

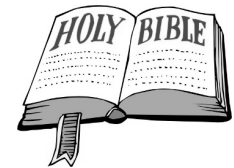
August 2
10th Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

August 9
11th Sunday after Pentecost
1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

August 16
12th Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:21-28

August 23
13th Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

August 30
14th Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28



*Please Clip & Save
for your reference*

Quilters

The quilters meet from 9:00-11:00 am on the first and third Thursdays of each month. During the months with five Thursdays, we will meet three times, utilizing the fifth Thursday. In August we will meet on the 6th and 20th. Thank you to everyone who has contributed fabric, thread, and sheets to help us create quilts. We continue to need queen size sheets or 4-yard lengths of fabric to finish the backs of the quilts. All donations may be left in the plastic tote in the hallway and are very much appreciated.



Worship Date	Online Viewers	In-Person	Total
May 24	29	64	93
31	39	68	107
June 7	34	54	88
14	15	62	77
21	53	50	103
28	32	66	98
July 5	30	60	90
12	43	54	97
19	44	60	104
Total	319	538	857
Average	35	60	95



Northern Illinois Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Synod Assembly Highlights

The 38th Annual Synod Assembly was held June 12th and 13th in Rock Island, IL. Thank you to Vicar Michelle Wandersee, Vi Burpo, and Al Schabacker for representing All Saints as our voting delegates. Here is a quick recap of the church business conducted during the assembly:

- Announced Crossroads – a program designed to help congregations as they discern their next faithful steps for ministry.
- Keynote Speaker was Rev. Laurie Skow-Anderson
- Festival Worship offering supports Synod Authorized Worshipping Communities: Iglesia San Jose Obrero and Becoming
- In-Kind Offering supports Lutheran social of Illinois with gift cards and wish list items
- Elected 22 Lay Leaders and Rostered Ministers to Synod committees and Synod Council.
- Approved Resolution R-1: Walking with Creation as Neighbor through Worship and Action
- Approved FY28 Synod budget
- Approved 2027 Rostered Minister compensation guidelines
- Approved New Synod Constitution.
- Three Worships:
 - Festival Worship
 - Service of Remembrance and Recognition
 - Service of Sending

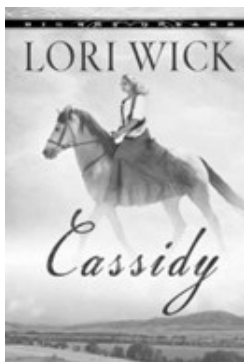
The GATHERING

Join us on Tuesday, August 11th from 9:00 – 11:00 am for fellowship, food, and fun! Bring along your latest craft to work on or just join in the conversation and enjoy the morning. All are welcome!

Book Club

Join us on Tuesday, August 25 at 11:30 am as we discuss the book "Cassidy" by Lori Wick.

*Token Creek, Montana Territory, 1880
Cassidy Norton is a fine seamstress who makes her living sewing for others. Amid the bustle of a busy frontier town, her life is rich. What time her business doesn't take, her friends and church family fill. But Cassidy hasn't always lived in Token Creek, and few people know her full story. So, she struggles with a nagging unsettledness in her heart.*



What is the Mission of St. Vincent de Paul?

St. Vincent de Paul is a lay Catholic ministry that is supported by the churches in Byron that assists those who are in financial need in the Byron community. They have assisted with gas money, utilities bills, and other financial needs. This allows All Saints to direct financial needs inquiries to St. Vincent de Paul at St. Mary's Catholic Church. If you know of someone in need, call the local St. Vincent de Paul number: 815-406-8368.



Northern Illinois Synod Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America 37th Annual Convention Saturday, September 19, 2026

Theme:

"I Am Worthy, All Are Worthy"

Morning Worship:

*Assistant to the Bishop,
Reverend Julie Monnard
Reverend Lindsey Fertig-Johnson*

Afternoon Breakout Sessions:

Pastor Pat Fish and Yenny Munoz-Swaninger

Location:

New Life Lutheran Church
249 N. Bolingbrook Drive, Bolingbrook

Coffee & Registration: 8:00 a.m.
Registration Fee: \$50.00

Registration

Registration forms are on Bulletin Board #3.
Any questions, please contact Kay Johnson.

*Fellowship – Worship– Singing Songs –
Breakout Sessions Exhibits-WELCA business
meeting for voting members*

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 for anyone needing it. Below is a list of all items needed.

Canned Vegetables	Granola Bars
Canned Fruit	Cereal Bars
Canned Tuna	Fruit Cups
Canned Chicken	Applesauce
Jelly/Jam	Hamburger Helper
Peanut Butter	Tuna Helper
Mac & Cheese	Taco Kits
Pasta/Pasta Sauce	Condiments
Crackers	Instant Potatoes
Rice	Boxed Potato Sides
Lipton Sides	Healthy Snacks
Canned Soup	Sandwich Crackers
Ramen	Feminine Products
Canned Ravioli	Personal Hygiene*
Spaghetti-o's	

*Personal Hygiene items include shampoo, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, soap, deodorant, shaving cream, disposable razors. Please place your donations in the basket by the main entrance. Thank you for your generosity!

People Helping People Needs

Cake Mix
Brownie Mix

Special Note Regarding Food Donations

Please be sure to check the expiration date of the food you are donating to both the Byron High School Food Pantry and People Helping People. They cannot accept or distribute food past the expiration dates listed on the containers or previously opened. Items in these conditions will be thrown away.

Sunday School Teachers needed for the 2026-2027 school year!

We are looking for volunteers that are passionate about sharing the love of God with our Sunday School kids! This is an important ministry! As the church, we are called to help support, teach, and nurture our kid's faith in Jesus Christ.

Teaching Sunday school, confirmation, and VBS was the beginning of my journey in ministry. The more I taught about Jesus, the more I learned about God's love, mercy, and grace that was for myself and all who believed. I learned right along with the kids! You don't have to have a degree in Christian theology to teach, you just need the passion to do it! God equips all of us with the abilities we need to do God's work.

To help with discerning if teaching Sunday School is something that you would like to pursue, here is some pertinent information to consider:

- Sunday School age children are 3 years to 5th grade.
- This past year, these students were combined together into one class with one teacher. The perfect scenario would be that we could have 4 teachers plus helpers. That way 4 teachers could rotate Sundays each month: 4 teachers—4 Sundays= one Sunday per teacher (you'd flip a coin if we have a fifth Sunday!)
- Helpers could be high school students- perhaps working on their volunteer hours, or extra family members you'd like to rope in with you!
- Sunday School begins with our Kick-Off /Church Picnic on September 13th and ends on May 9th, 2027.
- There will be a couple Sundays off around Christmas, and a couple around Spring Break and Easter.
- Class time will be 10:15-11:00. We will begin each class with an opening and songs.
- We will use a new curriculum called: *Wonder on the Go: a flexible, volunteer-friendly children's Sunday School Bible lessons that connect to the Sunday's lectionary for the day. Minimal prep time necessary! (If you have extra time to prep: there are extra ideas for activities, games, and crafts that you can use).*

Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to enrich the faith of our youngest members! Contact Vicar Michelle if you are interested.



May Financials

Item Description	Actual May	Budget May	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2026
General Fund	\$14,308	\$16,389	\$90,703	\$81,945	\$196,668
Mortgage	\$1,231	\$1,246	\$10,936	\$6,234	\$14,952
Other Giving	\$0	\$417	-\$73	\$2,085	\$5,004
Total Revenue	\$15,539	\$18,052	\$101,565	\$90,264	\$216,624
Mission Support (\$10,000 goal, \$14,000 budget)	\$1,200	\$1,167	\$7,063	\$5,835	\$14,000
Other Outreach	\$95	\$546	\$4,497	\$2,738	\$6,556
Total Outreach	\$1,295	\$1,713	\$11,560	\$8,573	\$20,556
Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$1,295	\$1,326	\$6,638	\$6,668	\$15,912
Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$6,852	\$7,252	\$35,738	\$36,272	\$87,024
Total Ministries	\$8,148	\$8,578	\$42,376	\$42,940	\$102,936
Total Building (Non Capital)	\$3,644	\$3,776	\$21,031	\$18,892	\$45,312
Total Expense	\$13,087	\$14,067	\$74,968	\$70,405	\$168,804
Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$1,246	\$1,246	\$9,884	\$6,234	\$14,952
Other Building Capital	\$7,760	\$1,350	\$22,189	\$6,750	\$16,200
Total Building Capital	\$9,007	\$2,596	\$32,073	\$12,984	\$31,152
Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	\$22,094	\$16,663	\$107,041	\$83,389	\$199,956
Net for Month/Year (Revenue Minus Expense)	(\$6,555)		(\$5,476)		
(Under)/Over Budget for Month/Year	\$5,431		\$23,652		

June Financials

Item Description	Actual June	Budget June	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2026
General Fund	\$19,035	\$16,389	\$109,738	\$98,334	\$196,668
Mortgage	\$3,035	\$1,246	\$13,971	\$7,480	\$14,952
Other Giving	\$0	\$417	-\$72	\$2,502	\$5,004
Total Revenue	\$22,070	\$18,052	\$123,637	\$108,316	\$216,624
Mission Support (\$10,000 goal, \$14,000 budget)	\$1,300	\$1,167	\$8,363	\$7,002	\$14,000
Other Outreach	\$1,873	\$546	\$6,370	\$3,284	\$6,556
Total Outreach	\$3,173	\$1,713	\$14,733	\$10,286	\$20,556
Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$1,650	\$1,326	\$8,288	\$7,994	\$15,912
Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$7,372	\$7,251	\$43,110	\$43,523	\$87,012
Total Ministries	\$9,022	\$8,577	\$51,399	\$51,517	\$102,924
Total Building (Non Capital)	\$4,036	\$3,776	\$24,725	\$22,668	\$45,312
Total Expense	\$16,231	\$14,066	\$90,856	\$84,471	\$168,792
Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$1,246	\$1,246	\$11,131	\$7,480	\$14,952
Other Building Capital	\$7,760	\$1,350	\$29,949	\$8,100	\$16,200
Total Building Capital	\$9,007	\$2,596	\$41,080	\$15,580	\$31,152
Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	\$25,238	\$16,662	\$131,936	\$100,051	\$199,944
Net for Month/Year (Revenue Minus Expense)	(\$3,167)		(\$8,299)		
(Under)/Over Budget for Month/Year	\$8,576		\$31,885		

Military

Kyle Reif
Matt Vizer
Kaden Harper
Christiano Sasso
Logan Usrey
Steve Cole
Kylie Krug
Todd Whitlow

In Sympathy

Sharon Provencher
Karen Vinoche-Brown
Christine Henson
Cliff Thompson
Livia Penna
Duane Zuagg

In Our Prayers

Health & Healing

Hilda Asher
Kathy Burrows
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Sue Davis
Kirk Kirking
Louise Krebs
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Steve Reid
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Mike Shepard
Terri Kimbell
Frank McCabe
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Faith Pauling
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Liz Lauer-Jones
Evan Flannery
Amy Starr Geyssens
Loren Colloton
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Dawn Heart
Tyler Camling
Terry Van Laningham
Pastor Janet Wold
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August 10

All Saints Blood Drive

August 16

Backpack Blessing Sunday

September 13

New Member Sunday

Sunday School Rally Day

Annual All Saints Picnic

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