



THE Saintly NEWS

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Pastor Janet's Farewell Luncheon

Pastor Janet will preach her last sermon as our worship leader on Sunday June 23. Following worship, we are planning a retirement luncheon for her beginning at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP for this luncheon by contacting Annette Jones or Kay Johnson with your name and how many will be attending. You can also sign up on Bulletin Board #2. Please RSVP by June 7 so we can confirm the number of attendees with the caterer. This luncheon is being funded entirely by private donations and we thank you all for your generous contributions that will make this retirement luncheon for Pastor Janet extra special!



We are also working on a memory book for Pastor Janet. If you would like to contribute a memory, message, or photos to this memory book, please email them to Kay Johnson at AllSaintsWELCA@aol.com, or give it to her at church on Sundays. If you're creative, you can create your own scrapbook page to be included in the book. The size needed is 12" x 12". Please send these to Kay no later than June 16.



Congratulations Graduates!

Congratulations to all of our graduates! These are the names submitted to our church newsletter. If you would like your child's accomplishment highlighted in the August newsletter, please send their information to the church office at office@AllSaintsByron.org.

Rachel Carson graduated from Byron High School. Rachel will be attending the Rock Valley College RAISE Program in the fall.

Nathan Lawler graduated from Illinois State University with a Criminal Justice Degree. Nathan will be completing an internship this summer with the DeKalb Police Department before moving onto the next steps in his career.

Andrew Hart graduated from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale with a Bachelor's of Science degree. He will remain in Carbondale for the time being to finish his Associates in Aviation and is currently using his Airframe and Powerplant Mechanics license at his full-time job working on various aircraft.

Audra Miles graduated from Iowa State University with a Bachelor's degree in Agriculture Business with a minor in Agronomy. She is employed as a Credit Analyst with Agribank in St. Paul MN.

Kennedy Heaslip graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Social Work from the College of Letters and Sciences. Kennedy is going to work for Professional Services Group in Janesville, WI as a Family Support Specialist.

Amanda Schramm graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Platteville with her Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science on May 11th.

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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Deadline for the August Sainly News is **July 19**
Please send articles to
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Dear Friends:

As I sit down to write this farewell article, my heart is filled with both gratitude and nostalgia. After serving as your pastor for nearly 10 years, the time has come for me to retire and pass the torch to a new leader. This time I've had here with the people of All Saints has been one of immense joy, growth, and shared experiences that have shaped not only my ministry but also my life.

Reflecting on the years spent together, I am reminded of the countless moments of connection, prayer, and community that we have shared. From Sunday sermons to Bible studies, from baptisms to funerals, each encounter has left an indelible mark on my heart. It has been a privilege to walk alongside each of you, witnessing your faith journeys unfold and being part of your lives. Your willingness to serve, to forgive, and to grow in faith has inspired me beyond words. I am humbled by the experience.

As I prepare to bid farewell, I am filled with gratitude for the opportunity to serve such a vibrant and caring congregation. You've perhaps heard me say that whoever becomes your next pastor will be lucky to get to serve here.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you'll find an article from our church council indicating the guidelines to ensure a smooth transition. Alan and I will not be members here any longer...we're joining Trinity Lutheran Church in Rockford. I won't be able to conduct any pastoral acts here at All Saints. However, if we see each other in public, I'd be delighted to talk to you! We'll still be living here in Byron.

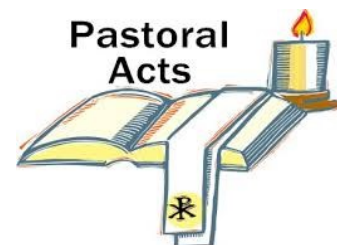
As I embark on this new chapter of my life, I ask for your prayers and blessings. I will certainly be praying for this congregation as it goes through this transition – I absolutely trust that God will help to guide both of us in the days ahead. May God's grace and peace be with you always.

With deep affection and gratitude,
Pastor Janet



Pastoral Acts:

Funeral for Reuben Johnson on April 25
Baptism for Katy Elizabeth Williams on May 12
Baptism for Adeline Williams Meier on May 12
Baptism for Josephine Williams Meier on May 12





Check the calendar for changes to the Bible Study schedule.

Monday Afternoon Bible Study, facilitated by Pastor Janet Wold until June 17 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 do not have a computer, you can join via telephone at the number included in the weekly announcements email.

Tuesday Night Bible Study, facilitated by Steve Reid, will continue through the summer at 7:00 pm in Conference Room #310. This Bible Study is studying the Gospel of Luke.

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study will be on hiatus until the Fall.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study, facilitated by Steve Jones, will be on hiatus until the Fall.

June Sunday Scriptures

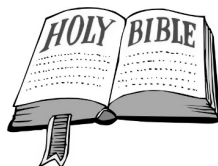
June 2
2nd Sunday after Pentecost
 Deuteronomy 5:12-15
 Psalm 81:1-10
 2 Corinthians 4:5-12
 Mark 2:23—3:6

June 9
3rd Sunday after Pentecost
 Genesis 3:8-15
 Psalm 130
 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1
 Mark 3:20-35

June 16
4th Sunday after Pentecost
 Ezekiel 17:22-24
 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17
 Mark 4:26-34

June 23
5th Sunday after Pentecost
 Job 38:1-11
 Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
 2 Corinthians 6:1-13
 Mark 4:35-41

June 30
6th Sunday after Pentecost
 Lamentations 3:22-33
 Psalm 30
 2 Corinthians 8:7-15
 Mark 5:21-43



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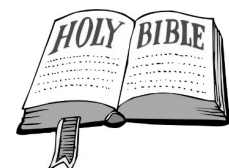
July Sunday Scriptures

July 7
7th Sunday after Pentecost
 Ezekiel 2:1-5
 Psalm 123
 2 Corinthians 12:2-10
 Mark 6:1-13

July 14
8th Sunday after Pentecost
 Amos 7:7-15
 Psalm 85:8-13
 Ephesians 1:3-14
 Mark 6:14-29

July 21
9th Sunday after Pentecost
 Jeremiah 23:1-6
 Psalm 23
 Ephesians 2:11-22
 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 28
10th Sunday after Pentecost
 2 Kings 4:42-44
 Psalm 145:10-18
 Ephesians 3:14-21
 John 6:1-21



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May Congregation Council Highlights

- * Met with Pastor Jen Beamsley, Assistant to the Bishop, regarding upcoming leadership vacancy.
- * Conducted an Exit Interview with Pastor Janet Wold with Pastor Jen Beamsley as moderator.
- * Giving in April did not meet budgeted expenses. Funds were withdrawn from savings to cover additional building costs.
- * No VBS will be held this summer.
- * People Helping People will hold a Community Food drive on June 8.



The GATHERING

The GATHERING will meet at 9:00 am on June 11th and July 9th. All are welcome to join us for fun, fellowship, and food!

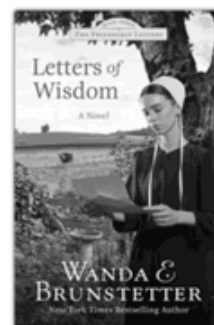


Book Club

Book Club Join us on Tuesday, June 25 at 1:00 pm in Conference Room 310 to discuss the book Letters of Wisdom, Book Three from the Friendship Letters series by Wanda E Brunstetter.

Irma Miller thought having a family of her own would bring her joy and a sense of accomplishment, but she struggles with memories of the abuse she suffered as a child at the hand of her stepfather. When she becomes physically and emotionally abusive to her own children, she reaches out to her friend Doretta for prayer and wisdom. But Irma may find herself at an even darker emotional place before she will admit she needs professional help to heal the past traumas. Will Doretta's letters of wisdom help Irma and her family, or will too much be broken to ever be repaired?

Book Club will also meet on Tuesday, July 23 at 1:00 pm. The book for that meeting will be decided at the June Book Club and will be announced in the weekly emails.



Worship Totals	Online Viewers	In-Person	Total	Sunday School
April 28	114	66	180	9
May 5	120	61	181	21
12	126	78	204	21
19	232	88	320	13
Total	592	293	885	64
Average	148	74	221	16



Community Food Drive

Our local food pantry, People Helping People, needs the community's help in filling their empty shelves with much needed food to meet the needs of our neighbors in need. PHP assists over 250 people every month with food donations for the families. PHP distributes the food to the families on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month.

To help PHP there will be a Community Food Drive that will take place on June 8th from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. Food donations can be dropped at the Byron Library parking lot, as well as County Market and/or Felker Foods. At the conclusion of the Food Drive the donated items will be taken back to the pantry and placed on the shelves for PHP's food distribution.

Some of the most needed items are cans of fruit and vegetables, crackers and peanut butter and jelly, along with boxes of cereal and oatmeal.



Jan Sloan would like to thank everyone who donated to the Spring Flowers fund this year. Your generosity will enable her to replace several bushes that are dying out and help maintain the beauty of the landscaping around the church. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to water flowers this summer.

Quilters

The quilters plan to meet on June 6th and 20th and once in July on the 18th at the church at 9:00 am. The number of finished quilts to send to Lutheran World Relief is getting bigger every month. The time we spend together goes by quickly as we work. It is a time of service and fellowship. We will gladly accept donations of sheets or fabric that you have. Thank you!



Memorial Golf Play Day Honoring Jonathon Knodle

Serenity Hospice and Home will be holding their Annual Jonathon Knodle Memorial Golf Play Day. This event honors the life of Jonathon Knodle, the son of Lynn and Doug Knodle, who died in 1990. He was cared for by Serenity Hospice (formerly Ogle County Hospice) in the final months of his life. Both Doug and Lynn became passionate volunteers for Serenity following his death, and Lynn is now the CEO.

Proceeds from this year's Golf Play Day will specifically support Serenity's pediatric care. Serenity is one of the few hospices in the area who accepts pediatric patients. The Golf Play Day will be held on Saturday, June 15th, at Prairie View Golf Course, located at 7993 N. River Road, Rt. 72 & German Church Road, Byron, IL. Check-in begins at 7:00 am and the shotgun start is at 8:00 am. There will be a best ball scramble, on course contests, raffles and more. People can register online at <https://golfplayday2024.cbo.io>. For more information, call Serenity Hospice and Home at 815-732-2499.

The Relationship Between the Congregation and our Departing Pastor

Dear People of All Saints,

Pastor Janet Wold's last day at our congregation is June 23, 2024, although her official retirement date is July 1, 2024. She will use her remaining vacation during the week of June 24-30, 2024. As we engage in the time of transition ahead of us, we ask that you read and reflect on the information below. These agreements, as put forth by the Northern Illinois Synod, are important as we all move forward into the future. They reflect the healthiest practice in congregation ministry and will serve both us and our departing minister as we continue to be the body of Christ in this world.

The Church council and Pastor Wold have agreed to the following and seek your cooperation regarding the positive future relationships among us:

We will do everything possible to uphold the mission of the church and the positive quality of life in this congregation.

We will recognize the need for time to adjust to the new relationships and will reach out in care and compassion to one another.

We will honor the departure of our former pastor so duties may be relinquished; and will honor the arrival of the new pastoral leader by seeking his or her counsel and ministry. We are aware that conducting pastoral acts (such as baptism, weddings, funerals, confirmations, communions) and defining ministry programs and leadership styles are no longer the option of our departing pastor, but belong to the arriving pastoral leader with the Council and congregation.

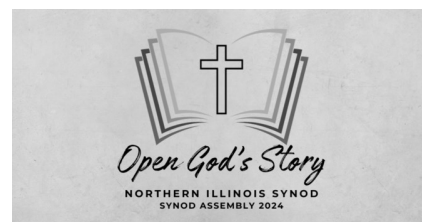
Experience across the Church has shown that continuing relationships with former pastors is very positive when the above things are kept in mind. As we embark down the road with an interim pastoral leader and then call a new pastor, it is important that they become the sole pastoral leader of the congregation as they serve us. There can be no confusion by having the former pastor as part of the congregation. We went through exactly the same process with Pastor Bill as he left and then with Pastor Scott when he left. A congregation has but one pastor and the confusion that could ensue by having a former pastor practicing in any way at the church could diminish the relationship of the interim or new pastor with us. Our Council will work diligently to make the transition as smooth as possible. Please let me know at any time if you have any questions.

In Christ,
Steve Jones
Congregation Council President



Email or Address Change?

Send it to the Church Office! It is important for us to keep our church records up to date and be able to keep open our lines of communication with you. If you have moved recently, please send your new address to the church. If you have not been receiving a weekly email from All Saints, that means we do not have your email address on file. Please send your email address to the church office so you can be included in these important mailings. We do have new addresses for Kit Reif and Ken Lapp. If you would like these addresses, please check bulletin board #1 or call the church office.



Northern Illinois Synod Assembly

The Thirty-Sixth Annual Northern Illinois Synod Assembly will be held on Friday, June 14th and Saturday, June 15th, 2024 at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois.

The theme for this assembly, as well as the theme for all of 2024, is Open God's Story. We will be focusing on God's stories - both in scripture and in our lives - and how these stories change us. Representing All Saints as voting members of the assembly are Pastor Janet Wold, Alan Wold, and Michel Williams.

April Financials

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual April	Budget April	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2023
Revenue	General Fund	\$12,929	\$16,389	\$72,837	\$65,556	\$196,668
	Mortgage	\$1,137	\$1,247	\$5,749	\$4,988	\$14,964
	Other Giving	\$499	\$417	\$20,960	\$1,668	\$5,004
	Total Revenue	\$14,565	\$18,053	\$99,547	\$72,212	\$216,636
Expenses	1000 Mission Support	\$1,166	\$833	\$3,110	\$2,500	\$10,000
	Other Outreach	\$325	\$874	\$2,184	\$4,328	\$10,484
	Total Outreach	\$1,491	\$1,707	\$5,294	\$6,828	\$20,484
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$4,446	\$5,330	\$16,882	\$21,327	\$63,960
	Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$7,850	\$7,167	\$30,650	\$28,676	\$86,004
	Total Ministries	\$12,296	\$12,497	\$47,532	\$50,003	\$149,964
	3000 Total Building (Non Capital)	\$4,567	\$2,885	\$11,606	\$11,545	\$34,620
	Total Expense	\$18,355	\$17,089	\$64,432	\$68,376	\$205,068
	3000 Capital Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$2,411	\$1,247	\$6,737	\$4,988	\$14,964
	Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total Building Capital	\$2,411	\$1,247	\$6,737	\$4,988	\$14,964
	Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	\$20,766	\$18,336	\$71,169	\$73,364	\$220,032
	Net for Month/Year (Revenue Minus Expense)	(\$6,200)		\$28,377		
	(Under)/Over Budget for Month/Year	\$2,430		(\$2,195)		
Net						

Congratulations Confirmands



On May 19, two young ladies affirmed their baptism during worship.
 Congratulations to Savannah Wallery and Evita Vitale.
 Also pictured are the Confirmation teachers,
 Dan Danielowski and Pastor Janet Wold.

In Our Prayers

Health & Healing

Kathy Burrows
Phyllis Coffman
Jim Coffman
Sharon Provencher
Sandi Reid
Cindy Yoakum
 Mike Gordon
 Will Heindrick
 Bruce Roller
 Keith Padgett
 Ann Frerichs
 Francis Stevenson
 Kevin Nickels
 Dick Sabin
 Bobbie Chisem
 Jennie Sanchez
 John Kirchner
 Rick Udholtz
 Lee Joyce

Billie Jean Hartmann
 Mindy Vanatter
 Jim Bowers
 Judy Owens
 Ron Sasso
 Geoff and Judy Zoellick

Lori Ludens
 Richard Reif
 Randy Roberts
 Sybil & Alton
 Jayne Fitzsimmons
 Mimi Leombruni
 Marilyn Litscheim
 Tim Litscheim
 Jeff Johnson
 Toni Girten
 Pam Spanier
 Shirley Frahm
 Lisa Helms
 Michelle Olsen
 Rose Millard
 Cindy Beitel
 Gail Gartin
 Debra Olsen

Holly Stukenberg

Shut Ins

Ken Lapp
 Lori Pederson
 Kit Reif
 Mary Whitmer

Military

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

Sympathy

Richard McCabe
 Ken Heal



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Spring Clean Up Thanks!

A BIG thank you to all who helped with our Spring clean-up on April 27. Many hands made light work! Thank you to Mike and Jan Sloan for coordinating the delivery of mulch, black dirt and lunch.



Thank
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June Events

June 8

Community Food Drive
for PHP

June 14-15

Northern IL Synod Assembly

June 15

Jonathon Knodle
Golf Play Day

June 23

Pastor Janet's
Retirement Luncheon

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