



THE Saintly NEWS

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Save The Date!

Pastor Janet's last Sunday before her retirement is June 23. We are planning a retirement luncheon for her at 11:30 am on the 23rd. Please RSVP by signing up on Bulletin Board #2 or by calling Annette Jones or Kay Johnson at so we have an accurate head count for the caterer. A huge thank you to WELCA and church members who donated money for this event!



Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism on Sunday, May 19

Two young women have completed the required curriculum and will affirm their baptism at the 9:00 am worship service. Join us as we congratulate them on completing this important step in their faith life.

Pentecost Flowers

You can help in this project by donating using the insert included in the weekly church announcements or pick it up at church. You may give any amount of money (i.e. \$1.00, \$5.00, \$10.00) which will be used to buy flowers and other landscaping needs. Thanks for your ongoing help to beautify All Saints! Please make your donation by May 12th. Checks should be made payable to "All Saints Lutheran Church."



Attention Graduates!

We wish to include the names of our 8th grade, high school, trade school, and college graduates in the June/July issue of the Saintly News. Please fill us in on the exciting details about where your student is graduating and what their next step will be. Submit this information to office@AllSaintsByron.org by May 17th.

Sunday School!

Sunday School will conclude for the summer on May 19th and will resume on September 8th.

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 June/July
Saintly News is **May 17**
Please send articles to
Rebecca Presson

Dear Friends:

Spring is a good time to be reminded of the powerfulness of God – all around us are signs of new life coming out of what appears to be dead, sounds of powerful thunderstorms and reports of tornados and hurricanes soon to come. From the smallest blade of grass appearing from the dull, gray ground to the miracle of the resurrection on Easter morning, we are surrounded daily by wonders of God. We are reminded of the beauty of renewal and growth.

This can also be a time to remember the importance of renewing our commitment to one another and the mission of our faith. At the heart of our identity lies a deep sense of community. We are bound together not only by shared beliefs and traditions, but also by a common purpose: to embody the love of Christ in our relationships, our worship and in our service to others. As we journey through life together, it is this sense of community that sustains us, providing support, encouragement, and accountability along the way.

As we look ahead to the months to come, we know there will be some challenges a pastoral change will cause. Change is hard for everyone! What I hope you'll be able to focus on is what will NOT change. The wonderful people in the congregation will still be here. Our council leadership will remain in place. And, of course, the biggest thing that won't change is God's presence leading, guiding and inspiring this congregation!

We live in that promise of an "Easter life". Life is just life, but Easter life is more. Easter life is the power of God that overcomes death, dying, loss, pain and tragedy. Easter life can only be represented by the kind of life that comes as a sweet, unexpected surprise – life from death. With that assurance, we can move forward, knowing that God loves us beyond the grave, and gives us peace and life. What a gift – what a miracle.

May all of us feel the power of the Risen Lord in our lives on this day and always.

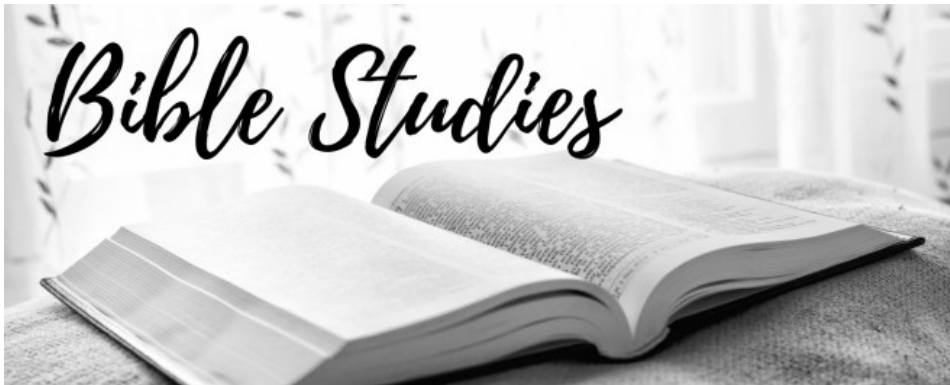
In Christ,
Pastor Janet



June/July Newsletter Deadline

We will be combining the June and July newsletters to be mailed at the beginning of June. If you are a contributor to the newsletter, please keep this in mind when submitting your summer articles. Please submit your articles for the summer newsletter by May 17.





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 the Conference Room 310. Please use the South entrance (the Sunday School wing). We will begin the study of the Gospel of Mark.

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study, facilitated by Pastor Janet Wold, meets at 1:30 pm in Conference Room 310. This study utilizes a publication entitled ***Examining Our Faith***.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study, facilitated by Steve Jones, meets in the Small Conference Room off the fellowship hall at 10:00 each Sunday morning. The Adult Sunday School course of study is ***Lost Christianities: Christian Scripture and the Battles over Authentication*** with lectures by Professor Bart D. Ehrman. These lectures focus on the remarkable fact that many of the struggles of early Christians were not against pagans or other nonbelievers but against other Christians. The series provides a fascinating opportunity to study little known and sometimes controversial Scriptures that might have become part of the Bible.
Note! This study will end on May 19 and resume in September.

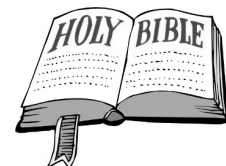
May Sunday Scriptures

May 5
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

May 12
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

May 19
Day of Pentecost
Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 26
The Holy Trinity
Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17



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for your reference*



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.

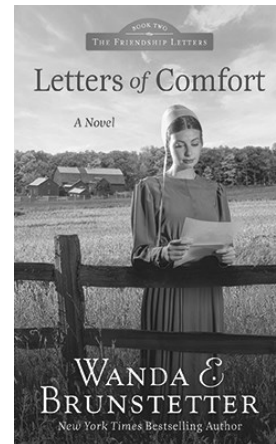


WELCOME
Come Worship With Us

Book Club

Join us on Tuesday, May 28 at 1:00 pm in Conference Room 310 to discuss the book ***Letters of Comfort***, Book Two from the Friendship Letters series by Wanda E. Brunstetter.

Doretta Schwartz used to be happy and passed her positive attitude along to friends in several letters she wrote each month, but that all changed the day she learned of her fiancé's death and a heavy weight of depression fell upon her. Feeling empty, she puts away her letter writing, and won't even respond to calls from friends. William's twin brother, Warren, is also grieving his loss, while at the same time, trying to be supportive to his parents and Doretta. Doretta responds to Warren's friendship but is he just becoming a replacement for the once-in-a-lifetime love she lost?



The GATHERING

Join the GATHERING on Tuesday, May 14th from 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall for a morning of fellowship, food, and fun!

Worship Totals	Online Viewers	In-Person	Total	Sunday School
March 31	126	119	245	—
April 7	124	68	192	17
14	152	59	211	14
21	na	62	na	23
Total	402	308	648	54
Average	134	77	216	18



Food Pantry Donations Needed

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 to 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-os	

*Personal Hygiene items include shampoo, lotion, toothpaste, tooth brushes, mouthwash, soap, deodorant, shaving cream, disposable razors.

Please place your donations in the basket by the main entrance. Thank you for your generosity!

Quilters

The quilters meet from 9:00-11:00 am on the first and third Thursdays of each month. This month we are meeting on May 2nd and 16th at the church. Our work continues to make warm quilts to send to people in need through Lutheran World Relief. The two hours we work together are a time of fellowship and service.

Confirmation

Confirmation Schedule

May 5^h – Second year students will have rehearsal for Confirmation Sunday after Confirmation Class. Parents should attend rehearsal.

May 19 – Confirmation Sunday/Affirmation of Baptism at the 9:00 a.m. worship service.

May 5	Devil	<i>I don't know what or where the devil is.</i>	Hebrews 2:14-15
May 12	Doubt	<i>Sometimes I have doubts and I don't know if that's okay.</i>	John 20:29-31
May 19	CONFIRMATION (AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM)		



Easter Breakfast Thanks!

Our thanks to Annette Jones for organizing and serving the food for the Easter Breakfast. Thank you to everyone who donated egg casseroles, pastries, milk and juice, and everything else that made for such a delicious meal. About 43 people attended. The donations received totaled \$220.45 and will benefit All Saints. Everyone who came enjoyed fellowship as well as the good food. It was great to be able to gather on such a beautiful Easter morning!



All Saints Mowing Schedule

The schedule for mowing the church's lawn has been sent to the individuals who expressed interest on the time and talent forms. As always, additional help could be used, even as a backup. If you could help by filling in when any individual is not available on their scheduled day, or if you could help others to maintain the grounds on their scheduled day, please contact the church office to offer your support.

Library News

Check out the wide selection of books available in the Church Library! There's something for everyone, with no dues or late charges. Just good reading at your leisure!



School Kit fundraiser

Clarice Brisart, one of our new members and president of the Byron PTA, is announcing an exciting program. Byron PTA is raising money to help purchase school kits for kids in the Byron school district that come from low income households and qualify for free lunches. This year the district has 117 kids that qualify for free lunches and 42 kids that qualify for a reduced-price lunch. The average price of a kit for a child is \$60. School kits are bought through 1st Day School Supplies. This year the PTA is reaching out to organizations in the community to raise enough money to provide all eligible children with a kit. This would require the PTA to raise about \$7000. Any help that you can give us in raising money for this cause is appreciated!

If you wish to donate to this worthy cause, please make your check out to "Byron PTA" and put in the offering plate. Thank you from Clarice Brisart and the Byron 226 PTA.



March Financials

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual March	Budget March	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2023
Revenue	General Fund	\$21,613	\$16,389	\$59,908	\$49,167	\$196,668
	Mortgage	\$1,522	\$1,247	\$4,612	\$3,741	\$14,964
	Other Giving	\$60	\$417	\$20,459	\$1,251	\$5,004
	Total Revenue	\$23,195	\$18,053	\$84,980	\$54,159	\$216,636
Expenses	1000 Mission Support	\$728	\$833	\$1,944	\$2,500	\$10,000
	Other Outreach	\$0	\$874	\$1,859	\$2,621	\$10,484
	Total Outreach	\$728	\$1,707	\$3,803	\$5,121	\$20,484
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$4,395	\$5,331	\$12,436	\$15,997	\$63,972
	Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$7,185	\$7,169	\$22,800	\$21,509	\$86,028
	Total Ministries	\$11,580	\$12,500	\$35,235	\$37,506	\$150,000
	3000 Total Building (Non Capital)	\$2,419	\$2,885	\$7,039	\$8,660	\$34,620
	Total Expense	\$14,727	\$17,092	\$46,077	\$51,287	\$205,104
	3000 Capital Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$1,246	\$1,247	\$4,326	\$3,741	\$14,964
	Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total Building Capital	\$1,246	\$1,247	\$4,326	\$3,741	\$14,964
	Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	\$15,973	\$18,339	\$50,404	\$55,028	\$220,068
Net	Net for Month/Year (Revenue Minus Expense)	\$7,221		\$34,576		
	(Under)/Over Budget for Month/Year	(\$2,366)		(\$4,624)		

Concert at All Saints on May 19th!

On Sunday, May 19, from 3 to 5 pm, Carl Cole will return to All Saints for a concert courtesy of Crossroads Blues Society. He will play and sing for us, doing a mix of jazz, blues, Gospel and more. We hope you and your family and friends can come out and enjoy this free event! It will be a lot of fun!



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

Francis Stevenson

Margie Myer

Kevin Nickels

Dick Sabin

Bobbie Chisem

Jennie Sanchez

John Kirchner

Rick Udholtz

Lee Joyce

Billie Jean Hartman

Jim Carson

Mindy Vanatter

Jim Bowers

Judy Owens

Ron Sasso

Geoff and Judy Zoellick

Lori Ludens

Richard Reif

Randy Roberts

Sybil & Alton

Jayne Fitzsimmons

Mark Thompson

Mimi Leombruni

Marilyn Litschheim

Tim Litschheim

Jeff Johnson

Toni Girten

Pam Spanier

Shirley Frahm

Lisa Helms

Michelle Olsen

Shut Ins

Lori Pederson

Kit Reif

Mary Whitmer

Ken Lapp

Military

David Bishop

Dylan Bishop

Tyler Peterson

Staff Sgt. Kyle Reif

Matt Vizer

Sage Harper

Cristiano Sasso

Logan Usrey

Tyler James Yoakum

Sympathy

Reuben Johnson

Tom Lombardo

James Carson

Susie Wilcox



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May 5

Bishop Stacie Fidler visit

May 12

Pentecost Flower deadline

May 19

Affirmation of Baptism/
Confirmation

Last Day of Sunday School
until Fall

May 19

Carl Cole concert

June 23

Pastor Janet's
Retirement Dinner

Bishop Stacie Fidler to Preach on May 5

Bishop Stacie Fidler, Bishop of the Northern Illinois Synod, will be our guest preacher on Sunday, May 5. Additionally, she will offer blessings to Pastor Janet as she nears retirement, and to our congregation as we begin our church life without Pastor Janet as our spiritual leader. Bishop Fidler will be available for conversation and questions after worship.

Please plan to attend church that Sunday to give Bishop Fidler a warm welcome!



Office Hours are Monday through Thursday