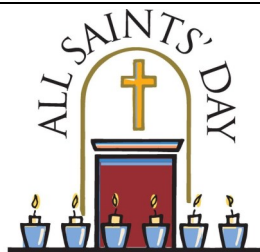




THE Sainly NEWS

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All Saints Sunday, November 3

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.

Christmas Decorating Party

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 8:00 am on Saturday, November 30. 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.

People Helping People Thanksgiving Donations

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 collections through November 24th. Note on your envelope the amount donated to help PHP. A \$15.00 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 non-perishable 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 10th. Thank you for your generous contribution to this vital ministry.

Blue Christmas Worship Service

Join us in worship at 4:30 pm on Saturday, December 21 for a worship service that acknowledges grief and loss. This is a quiet and reflective service that brings us closer to God and helps us as we navigate our personal losses during the Holiday season.



Welcome Kris Jones

We are pleased to welcome Kris Jones as our new church secretary. Kris and her husband, Alan, are parents to Bryan and Kyle (Liz) and one grandpup, Winchell. Stop by and say hi when you are at church!



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 December
Saintly News is **November 15**
Please send articles to
Rebecca Presson

Dear Friends in Christ,

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord!

Praise him with trumpet sound;

praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance;

praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with clanging cymbals;

praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!



The book of Psalms is a wonderful place to go when you are looking for words to connect with God. There are 150 Psalms in the bible and they are divided up into categories to help you find what fits your needs. A couple categories are:

Prayers for Help - or laments: These are individual prayers for help and they were prayed by individuals in crisis. Some examples are Psalms 3, 4, and 6.

Hymns of Praise: These give witness to God's love and grace through a call to praise and reasons for praise. Some examples are Psalms 8, 33, and 150.

One of my favorite psalms is Psalm 150. As I read it, I can hear each of the instruments adding to the song as the melody crescendos to the final line "Praise the Lord!" As the Thanksgiving holiday gets closer, we may begin to become more intentional about thanking and praising God for everything that God has provided for us: Our families, friends, pets, homes, jobs, and food on the table (just to name a few). This is also a time where we can feel loneliness or sadness because of the things or people we once were so grateful to have in our lives, are no longer with us. Either if we are feeling joyful and thankful or lonely and sad; we know that God is with us in our feelings. If we don't know how to express to God how we feel, we can go to the psalms and use them as our prayers.

I have so enjoyed the Stewardship videos we have been sharing each Sunday. So today I am thankful and full of praise for what God is doing here at All Saints. I am thankful for all the ministries that you do for the community: hosting Blood Drives, donating to People Helping People, St. Vincent DePaul's ministry for the poor, and the Bryon High School Food Pantry. I am also thankful for the ministries that we are doing for our kids (Sunday school and confirmation), our adult bible study opportunities, and also for the ministries to help those around the world: quilts to Lutheran World Relief, and donations to Lutheran Disaster Response's hurricane relief.

(Cue the trumpets!) Praise the Lord!

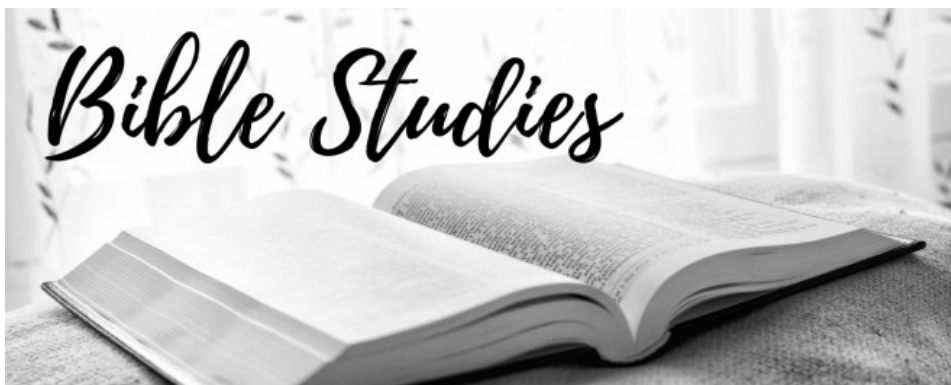
Blessings to you and your family this Thanksgiving!

Vicar Michelle Wandersee

Pastoral Acts:

October 27 - Baptism of Jordan Coldren





Check the calendar for changes to the Bible Study schedule.

Sunday Morning Bible Study, 10:00 am in the small Conference Room. Led by Steve Jones. 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.

Monday Afternoon Bible Study, led by Vicar Michelle Wandersee, 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, Vicar Michelle 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.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study, 7:00 pm in Conference Room #310. Led by Steve Reid, this study examines the Book of Esther. **Note: This study will not meet on Tuesday, November 26.**

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study, "***The Weary World Rejoices***" led by Vicar Michelle Wandersee, will be held at 1:30 pm in Conference Room #310. Study Packets will be given out for each week's meeting. **Note: This study will not meet on Wednesday, November 13.**

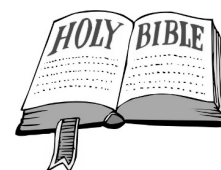
November Sunday Scriptures

November 3
All Saints Sunday
Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 24
Revelation 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44

November 10
25th Sunday after Pentecost
1 Kings 17:8-16
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

November 17
26th Sunday after Pentecost
Daniel 12:1-3
Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25
Mark 13:1-8

November 24
Christ the King Sunday
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm 93
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37



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for your reference*



October Council Highlights

- Call committee has begun meeting and has distributed a fact-finding survey to the congregation.
- Giving has remained strong and has allowed us to keep up with budgeted expenses year to date.
- The new church secretary, Kris Jones, began work on September 30. She is being trained by Karen Larson and Kay Johnson.
- Stewardship videos are being shown before each worship service.
- The next All Saints Blood Drive is scheduled for January 20, 2025.
- Worship Committee met to discuss liturgy settings. A new schedule has been created to allow more diversity in weekly worship.
- The 2025 Budget will be discussed at the November Council meeting.
- Fall Work Day is scheduled for November 16.



Worship Date	Online Viewers	In-Person	Sunday School	Total
September 29	236	68	18	322
October 6	184	63	21	268
13	298	51	17	366
20	160	65	19	244
Total	878	247	75	1200
Average	220	62	19	300



The GATHERING

The GATHERING will meet on Tuesday, November 12 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Join in on the fun, fellowship, and food!



Pastoral Call Update

The All Saints Call Committee distributed a congregational survey form to the members of the All Saints Congregation in October. These responses are being studied and will be used to create our Ministry Site Profile (MSP). This MSP will be our “resume” that will be presented to prospective pastoral candidates. We will continue to meet to gather information needed to complete the MSP over the coming weeks and months. We will keep you all updated on our progress.

Kay Johnson, Chairman
All Saints Call Committee

All Saints Christmas Party

A fun All Saints Christmas Party is planned for Saturday, December 14 at 2:00 pm. Plan to gather together that afternoon for good food, fun, and fellowship with your All Saints Family! More information will be included in the weekly emailed announcements as well as in the December issue of Saintly News as plans come together. Sign up sheets will be posted on Bulletin Board #2 soon so we will have a head count for the party.

Quilters

The Quilters plan to meet on November 7th and 21st at 9:00 am at the church. It is encouraging for our group to have received many generous donations. There is a great need around the world for people to know that others care about them and want to help. Our time together is a time of fellowship and service. Helping Lutheran World Relief with their ministry is also a blessing for us.

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 hope you have enjoyed seeing the video clips we have prepared to bring you the good news that is All Saints to you. These video clips will continue through December 1st. A huge thank you to Dan Danielowski for bringing these video concepts to life. 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 11th, we will be mailing the Time and Talent forms as well as the Statement of Intent forms to each home. Please complete one form for each member of your household. Additional forms will be available at the church office and on the table in the narthex.

On December 1st, 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!

Kay Johnson,
Stewardship Chairman



Property Report

The 2025 Time & Talent forms will soon be sent out to members. I ask you to consider helping the lawn-mowing crew. The last two years, we have scheduled mowing every other week due to the lack of volunteers. Next year, with no other changes, there will be two less (Reuben Johnson & Alan Wold) available to be scheduled. To keep the outside areas looking well maintained, we need additional volunteers.



Several years ago, when the number of volunteers dropped, the council solicited bids to have a contractor do the mowing. The result of that was actually predictable; the budget would not accommodate the cost.

The change to mowing every other week was done so that the existing volunteers would not be imposed on to mow more than three times a season which would be a deterrent to keeping them on the volunteer list the following year. So, for those who have faithfully done the mowing over the years, Thank you. For those who have not, please consider adding your name to the 2025 list.

Bob Branson
Property Committee Chairman



Third Quarter Giving Statements

The third quarter giving statements have been emailed out to everyone who has an email address on file. If you did not receive yours please contact Amy Harn to resend it. If you do not have an email address, the statements have been printed and are located on the table in the narthex.

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.

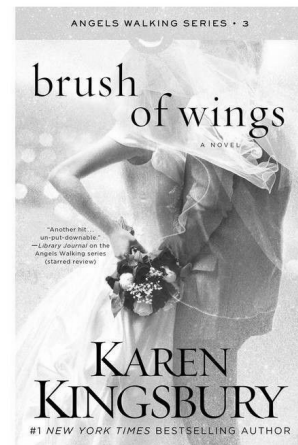
Canned Vegetables	Granola Bars
Canned Fruit	Cereal Bars
Canned Tuna	Fruit Cups
Canned Chicken	Applesauce
Jelly/Jam	Hamburger Helper
Peanut Butter	Tuna Helper
Mac & Cheese	Taco Kits
Pasta/Pasta Sauce	Condiments
Crackers	Instant Potatoes
Rice	Boxed Potato Sides
Lipton Sides	Healthy Snacks
Canned Soup	Sandwich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

At this time the most urgent need is for boxes of cereal, oatmeal, granola bars, mac 'n cheese, ramen, canned fruit or individual fruit cups. There are two families that are gluten intolerant, so any gluten free items donated would be great. Also, taco kits, mashed potatoes, shampoo, and deodorant are needed as well.

*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!

WELCA Silent Auction

This is a reminder we will need items for the WELCA Silent Auction benefitting Good Gifts delivered to the church by November 30 as Advent begins December 1st. The items will be displayed and open for bids in the fellowship hall until Wednesday, December 18th. Bidding will close at 6:30 pm during the Advent soup supper. Let's make this another successful year.



Book Club

Join us on Tuesday, November 19th at 1:00 pm in the main conference room (#310) as we review the book "Brush of Wings" by Karen Kingsbury.

Despite needing a heart transplant and against the advice of her doctor, Mary Catherine moves to Uganda to work at a new orphanage. Whatever time she has left, Mary Catherine wants to spend it helping children – especially since there will be no children of her own. The only problem is Major League Baseball player Marcus Dillinger, the man she never meant to fall in love with. Neither Marcus or Mary Catherine's other friends, Tyler Ames and Sami Dawson, will ever know just how serious her heart condition is. Unless a team of Angels Walking can help bring about the impossible.

Through it all, Marcus is sure in the depths of his soul that something is wrong with Mary Catherine. After months of silence from her, a divinely timed letter leads him on a desperate life or death mission. Then, as Sami and Tyler prepare to marry, the group receives shocking news that changes everyone's plans. At the same time, the angels in their midst are faced with a very real possibility: not all missions succeed.

September Financials

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual September	Budget September	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2024
Revenue	General Fund	\$13,147	\$16,389	\$152,165	\$147,501	\$196,668
	Mortgage	\$1,013	\$1,246	\$11,508	\$11,218	\$14,952
	Other Giving	\$648	\$416	\$32,474	\$3,752	\$4,992
	Total Revenue	\$14,808	\$18,051	\$196,147	\$162,471	\$216,612
Expenses	1000 Mission Support	\$600	\$833	\$11,250	\$7,500	\$10,000
	Other Outreach	\$337	\$869	\$4,061	\$7,846	\$10,424
	Total Outreach	\$937	\$1,702	\$15,311	\$15,346	\$20,424
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$2,759	\$1,139	\$12,689	\$10,365	\$13,668
	Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$6,162	\$11,338	\$80,468	\$102,074	\$136,056
	Total Ministries	\$8,921	\$12,477	\$93,157	\$112,439	\$149,724
	3000 Total Building (Non Capital)	\$2,646	\$2,876	\$25,163	\$25,943	\$34,512
	Total Expense	\$12,504	\$17,055	\$133,631	\$153,728	\$204,660
	3000 Capital Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$1,246	\$1,246	\$13,535	\$11,218	\$14,952
	Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total Building Capital	\$1,246	\$1,246	\$13,535	\$11,218	\$14,952
	Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	\$13,750	\$18,301	\$147,166	\$164,946	\$219,612
Net	Net for Month/Year (Revenue Minus Expense)	\$1,058		\$48,981		
	(Under)/Over Budget for Month/Year	(\$4,551)		(\$17,780)		

Order Poinsettias for Christmas

The deadline to order is December 1st. We are again ordering poinsettias from Merlin's in Oregon. These beautiful 8" plants are a deep red color wrapped in foil with a bow. The cost is \$17.50 per plant and orders need to be placed by Sunday, December 1st. 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. You may claim your poinsettia after the Christmas Eve Worship service.



Altar Flower Reservations

The Altar Flower Reservation Book has been updated for 2025. Sign up early to make sure the dates you wish to commemorate with flowers are available. Please note the cost of flowers is \$22.00 per bouquet.

In Our Prayers

Health & Healing

Kathy Burrows

Phyllis Coffman

Jim Coffman

Sandi Reid

Cindy Yoakum

Bruce Roller

Keith Padgett

Dick Sabin

Bobbie Chisem

Rick Luidholtz

Mindy Vanatter

Jim Bowers

Judy Owens

Ron Sasso

Geoff and Judy Zoellick

Lori Ludens

Randy Roberts

Sybil & Alton

Jayne Fitzsimmons

Mimi Leombruni

Marilyn Litscheim

Tim Litscheim

Jeff Johnson

Lisa Helms

Rose Millard

Debra Olsen

Holly Stuckenberg

Paula Davis

Kaerington Kopp

Alice Ewert

Grace Swedberg

Joann Holifield

Mike Lading

Suzie Geske

Mike Egan

David Taylor

Mike Shepard

Cassie Davis

Bud Rollins

Lois Rollins

Jaxson Stricker

Mike Jones

Dave Kopp

Shut ins

Lori Pederson

Kit Reif

Mary Whitmer

Military

David Bishop

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Staff Sgt Kyle Reif

Matt Vizer

Sage Harper

Tyler Peterson

Christiano Sasso

Logan Usrey

In Sympathy

Summit Conley

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Bonnie Pettee



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Fall Clean-Up Day

Mark Saturday, November 16th on your calendar. We will gather at the church beginning at 8:00 am to clean up leaves and get the outside of the church ready for the long winter.

There is plenty to do inside the church as well. A sign-up sheet is posted on Bulletin Board #2 so we know how many to expect that day.

November

November 3

All Saints Sunday

November 16

Fall Clean-up Day

November 30

Christmas Decorating Party

Deadline to bring items for WELCA Silent Auction

December 1

WELCA Silent Auction begins

December 4, 11, 18

Mid-week soup suppers & worship

December 14

All Saints Christmas Party

December 18

Winners of the Silent Auction bids announced at 6:30 pm

December 21

Blue Christmas Worship Service

December 24

Christmas Eve Worship

Office Hours are Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, Closed on Friday