



THE Saintly NEWS

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Halloween Hallway and FREE Chili Supper

Plan to attend our Halloween Hallway this year! Bring your family and friends in costume to gather treats from our festively decorated tables in the Sunday School wing. We are going to hold the event entirely indoors, so this event will be held rain or shine! This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, October 26th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. We are looking for volunteers willing to decorate in the spirit of the season and pass out candy to children looking for yummy treats. Once again, the Byron Family Dollar is contributing candy to our event. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office and ask to have your name added to the list. We hope you will join us! Questions? Contact Annette Jones.



In addition to the Halloween Hallway, we will also be offering a **free chili supper**! This event will be held in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. A sign-up sheet is posted on Bulletin board #2 so you can sign up to bring a pot of your favorite chili, bread, and/or cornbread to share if you are so inclined!

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. You are invited to submit names of your loved ones who have died since last All Saints Sunday. Beginning the week of October 13, the weekly email reminders will include a form to submit names for inclusion in our prayers on November 3. There will also be forms in the narthex. Names need to be submitted to the office by October 27.

2025 Budgeting Process Begins

It's time to start working on our 2025 budget for All Saints. If any committees have any budget needs for next year, please let Steve Jones know so he can include them in our budget. Thank you!



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 in Christ,

*Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
let the sea resound, and all that is in it.
Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;
let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.
Psalm 96:11-12*

I love to walk in the forest. Some days it seems like the trees are singing for joy! The leaves rustling in the wind as the sun shines through the branches onto the forest floor. My eyes awaken to the bright colors of red, orange, and yellow dancing in the sky. Then I hear the chorus song of warning by the chickadees as I pass by “their” trees. I feel God’s presence during these walks. A feeling of peace washes over me as I soak in God’s creation. This is when I am able to refresh my mind and unwind from worldly pressures. This is when I am able to reenergize my call to serve God and others. God walks along with me, so I can walk along with you - the people of All Saints.

I am here to walk with you during this time of transition. I am here to walk with your joys, challenges, and sorrows. I am here to walk with the confirmation students while I teach Lutheran tradition. I am here to walk (and eat) during conversations with the Quilters, the Gatherers, in-person and zoom Bible studies, and wherever else you need me to be! And if there are times that you need me to just listen, I will be there with my ears wide open!

Please let me know if you need anything from me. You can call me in the office, or if you actually want to take a walk- I’ll bring my walking shoes! (Maybe a new walk and pray group?!)

I hope that you can get out and walk with God sometime this Fall. Enjoy the colors, the bird songs, and God’s peace!

Blessings!
Vicar Michelle

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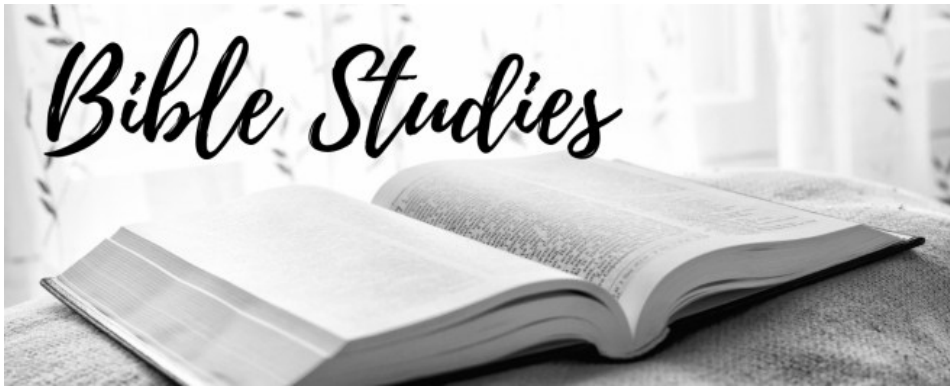
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Deadline for the November
Sainly News is **October 18**

Please send articles to
Rebecca Presson



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, facilitated 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 announcement's email.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study, 7:00 pm in Conference Room #310. Led by Steve Reid, this study will examine the Book of Esther.

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study, "***Worship at the Table***" led by Vicar Michelle Wandersee, will be held at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. A light meal will be served as part of this Bible study.

October Sunday Scriptures

October 6

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalms 8

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16

October 13

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Psalms 90:12-17

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

October 20

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 53:4-12

Psalms 91:9-16

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

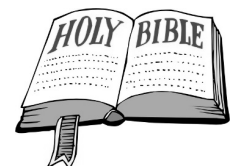
October 27

Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 46

Romans 3:19-28



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for your reference*



September Council Highlights

- * Finances continue to be stable.
- * Call Committee members have been finalized and will begin working to find a new pastoral leader for All Saints.
- * Several people have responded to Facebook posts advertising for a new secretary.
- * Stewardship drive will begin in October with a new series of videos highlighting the good works of All Saints.
- * The All Saints Annual Picnic was a huge success with 52 people attending.
- * Halloween Hallway will take place on October 26 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm with a free chili supper being served from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.



| Worship Date | Online Viewers | In-Person | Total | Sunday School |
|--------------|----------------|-----------|-------|---------------|
| August 25 | 306 | 63 | 369 | n/a |
| September 1 | 202 | 59 | 261 | n/a |
| 8 | 204 | 68 | 297 | 25 |
| 15 | 224 | 73 | 314 | 17 |
| 22 | 150 | 61 | 231 | 20 |
| Total | 1086 | 324 | 1472 | 62 |
| Average | 217 | 65 | 294 | 21 |

The GATHERING

The GATHERING will meet on Tuesday, October 8 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Join in on the fun, fellowship, and food!



WELCA

Hello All Saints members: We will again this year hold the Good Gifts Silent Auction during the Advent season. In past years we have collected over \$1000 each year toward the ELCA Good Gifts program to support those in need. The Sunday School children are able to go shopping in the Good Gifts catalog to select anything from chickens and pigs to water pumps and school supplies and much more. As you are out shopping for the holidays or maybe attending a craft fair this fall, keep the auction in mind.

We will need items 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.

Thank you!
Carol Miller



The next All Saints Blood drive will be held on Monday, January 20, 2025 from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. More information will follow!



Quilters

The quilters plan to meet on October 3rd, 17th, and 31st at 9:00 am at the church. The new year of making quilts for Lutheran World Relief starts again. Working together to help people in need gives us a feeling of purpose as we work to be of service to others. Thank you for all your donations which have helped to serve those in need.

October Pastoral Call Process Update

The Call Committee to begin the process of searching for a new Pastoral Leader has been named. Members are Kay Johnson, Call Committee Chairman and Council Representative; Jeff Carson, Greg Lading, Scott Meier, Jean Whipple, and Michel Williams. The Call Committee met with Pastor Jen Beamsley on the 23rd of September to kick off the process and start planning to do our Church Self-Assessment. Updates will be shared with you as they become available.



Fall Clean-Up Day!

Mark Saturday, November 16 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 will be posted on Bulletin Board #2 so we know how many to expect that day.

People Helping People Thanksgiving Donations

It's not too early to think about 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 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 will begin accepting monetary donations on October 6, and will continue through November 20. 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 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 10. Thank you for your generous contribution to this vital ministry.





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.

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 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 | |

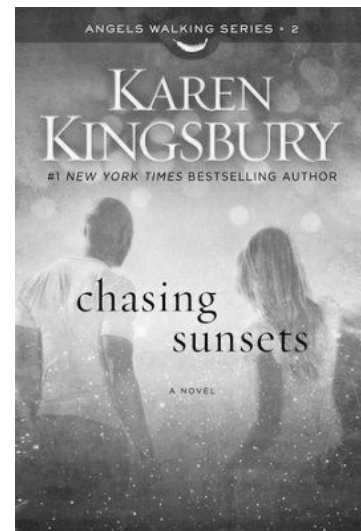
*Personal Hygiene items include shampoo, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, soap, deodorant, shaving cream, disposable razors. Please place your donations in the basket by the main entrance. Thank you for your generosity!

Book Club

Join us on Tuesday, October 22 at 1:00 pm in the main conference room (#310) as we review the book ***“Chasing Sunsets”*** by Karen Kingsbury.

Growing up in a comfortable home, Mary Catherine wanted for nothing. Though she loves her wealthy parents, their lifestyle never appealed to her. Instead, Mary Catherine pursues meaning through charity work, giving away a part of herself but never giving away her heart.

Now Mary Catherine lives in Los Angeles with her roommate, Sami, and volunteers at a local youth center with baseball coach Tyler Ames and LA Dodgers pitcher, Marcus Dillinger. Despite Mary Catherine's intention to stay single, she finds herself drawing close to Marcus, and their budding romance offers an exciting life she's never dreamed of. That is, until she receives devastating news from her doctor. News that alters her future and forces her to make a rash decision.



August Financials

| Budget Items | Item Description | Actual July | Budget July | Actual YTD | Budget YTD | Budget Total 2024 |
|--------------|--|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Revenue | General Fund | \$13,961 | \$16,389 | \$139,018 | \$131,112 | \$196,668 |
| | Mortgage | \$914 | \$1,246 | \$10,496 | \$9,972 | \$14,952 |
| | Other Giving | \$669 | \$417 | \$31,824 | \$3,336 | \$5,004 |
| | Total Revenue | \$15,544 | \$18,052 | \$181,338 | \$144,420 | \$216,624 |
| Expenses | 1000 Mission Support | \$4,100 | \$833 | \$10,650 | \$6,667 | \$10,000 |
| | Other Outreach | \$350 | \$871 | \$3,724 | \$6,977 | \$10,448 |
| | Total Outreach | \$4,450 | \$1,704 | \$14,374 | \$13,644 | \$20,448 |
| | 2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary) | \$1,456 | \$1,149 | \$9,930 | \$9,226 | \$13,788 |
| | Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits) | \$7,611 | \$11,339 | \$74,306 | \$90,736 | \$136,068 |
| | Total Ministries | \$9,067 | \$12,488 | \$84,236 | \$99,962 | \$149,856 |
| | 3000 Total Building (Non Capital) | \$3,059 | \$2,879 | \$22,517 | \$23,067 | \$34,548 |
| | Total Expense | \$16,576 | \$17,071 | \$121,128 | \$136,673 | \$204,852 |
| | 3000 Capital Mortgage Principal and Interest | \$1,246 | \$1,246 | \$12,288 | \$9,972 | \$14,952 |
| | Other Building Capital | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| | Total Building Capital | \$1,246 | \$1,246 | \$12,288 | \$9,972 | \$14,952 |
| | Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense) | \$17,823 | \$18,317 | \$133,416 | \$146,645 | \$219,804 |
| Net | Net for Month/Year (Revenue Minus Expense) | (\$2,279) | | \$47,922 | | |
| | (Under)/Over Budget for Month/Year | (\$494) | | (\$13,229) | | |

Picnic Update

We held our annual church picnic on Sunday, September 8, 2024. It was a great event and we counted 52 people in attendance. We served bratwurst, hamburgers and hot dogs, coleslaw, chips and cookies. Kids activities included candy guessing game, the bounce house, soda bottle ring toss, cage game and craft making. Adults had their own candy guessing game and all (adults and kids) enjoyed 10 rounds of bingo and 17 rounds of the cake walk. We held a 50/50 raffle and we had a donation jar for Saint Vincent De Paul.



Winners: Kids Candy guessing game - Irelynd Sproule. Adult candy guessing game - Rory Brown. 50/50 raffle (\$81.00) won by Carol Miller and she in turn donated most of her winnings back to the cause. Saint Vincent De Paul jar raised \$37.00. A total of \$117.00 was donated to St. Vincent De Paul.

Thank you to all that helped out and to those that attended. You made the day an enjoyable one!

Next Up... Mark your calendars for All Saints Halloween Hallway October 26, 2024. Trick or treat from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Chili and hot dogs served from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. All are welcomed! Tell your neighbors and friends.

****More photos on back cover**

In Our Prayers

Health & Healing

Kathy Burrows

Phyllis Coffman

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Cindy Yoakum

Bruce Roller

Keith Padgett

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Jim Bowers

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Lori Ludens

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Mimi Leombruni

Marilyn Litschein

Tim Litschein

Jeff Johnson

Lisa Helms

Rose Millard

Debra Olsen

Holly Stuckenberg

Paula Davis

Kaerington Kopp

Alyson Conley & Family

Alice Ewert

Grace Swedberg

Joann Holifield

Mike Lading

Suzie Geske

Mike Egan

Larry Miller

David Taylor

Mike Shepard

Cassie Davis

Bud Rollins

Lois Rollins

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Decorate the Church for Advent



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