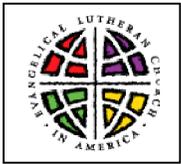




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ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA

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We, a diverse Christian family, faithful in word and sacrament strive to share in God's unconditional love through prayer, worship and outreach.



Weekly Worship at All Saints

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS (KINGA'S):
MONDAY – THURSDAY 9:00am – 2:00pm

Saturday: 5:00 pm Liturgy I (White Book)

Sunday: 8:45 am SCS

9:00 am Pericope

10:00 am ELW Setting 8

Wednesday: 7:00 pm Liturgy II (White Book)

OFFICE CLOSED ON

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

THROUGH THURSDAY, JANUARY 2ND 2020

CHRISTMAS FAMILY LITURGY - Tuesday, December 24th at 5:00 pm

CHRISTMAS CANDLIGHT LITURGY - Tuesday, December 24th at 11:00 pm

CHRIST MASS LITURGY - Wednesday, December 25th at 10:00 am

NEW YEAR'S EVE LITURGY - Wednesday, December 31st at 7:00 pm



All Saints ELCA



Do you have an address, email, phone number or status change?
Please contact the church office to report any changes for the records.
This helps insure our files stay current. THANK YOU



- 12/1 Joel Raison, Haydn Susek
- 12/2 Benson Berns, Spencer Venne, Eugene Toth
- 12/3 Lyla Stecker
- 12/4 Jennifer Weier
- 12/5 Karen Delebeck, Sharon Wiorek
- 12/6 Marcia Serfort
- 12/8 Sharon Gates, Bill Nowicki
- 12/9 Melissa Rickey
- 12/10 Dylan St.Germaine
- 12/14 Brandon Bluemner, Teddy Lang,
Jayne Murnane, Amanda Oleszak,
Blake Reynolds
- 12/15 Margaret Coonan, Maresa Grudzielanek
- 12/16 Susan McIntosh
- 12/17 Jenelle Montague
- 12/18 Brian Rathmann
- 12/19 Kathy Bandstra Bauman,
Jessica Gorecki, Michelle Strieker
- 12/21 Scott Woiak
- 12/22 Sandy McAvoy, David Speaks
- 12/23 Alexander Allmann, Jim Holzman,
- 12/25 Alivia Derks
- 12/26 Mary Nowicki
- 12/27 Dale Hochevar,
Dylan Freimund-Raison,
Devin Freimund-Raison
- 12/28 Bill Schmid
- 12/29 Samara Lang, Glenn Mittelstadt
- 12/30 John Turlais
- 12/31 Jessica Steiner, Jovon Clark

- 12-07 Shannon and Eugene Guibord
- 12-09 John and Nicki Turlais
- 12-16 Rob and Melanie Betz
- 12-20 Bill and Betty Ford
- 12-28 Bob and Susan Payne
- 12-31 Tom and Nikki Grudzielanek

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Comment Article: "Christmas-tide" or the Season of Christmas."

For most Christian denominations, such as the Lutheran Churches (ELCA, Missouri Synod (LCMS) and Wisconsin Synod (WELS,) the United Methodist Church, the Episcopalian Churches and the Roman Catholic Church, %Christmastide+begins on Christmas Eve at sunset or Vespers, which is liturgically the beginning of Christmas Day.

Most of Christmas Eve, (understood as 24 December,) is thus not part of %Christmastide,+ (but of Advent,) the season in the Church Year that precedes %Christmastide+; in many liturgical calendars, The Season of Christmas is followed by the closely related season of %Epiphany-tide+or the Season of Epiphany.

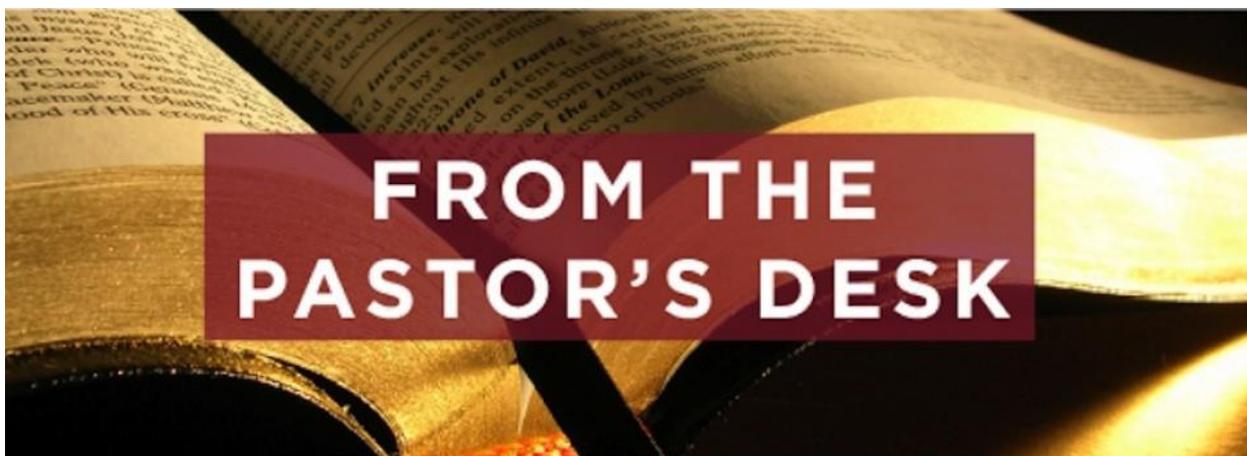
There are %several celebrations+within the Season of Christmas itself, including Christmas Day (25 December), St. Stephen's Day (26 December), The Feast of the Holy innocents (28 December), New Year's Eve (31 December), the Feast of the Circumcision of Christ, (New Year's Day-1 January), as well as Epiphany Eve or the actual %Twelfth Night+ok, everybody, time to pull out your Shakespearian Library and say, %Didnd William write a piece called, the Twelfth Night?+ But for us it is (the evening of 5 January). Yep, Christmas is 12 days in lengthō NOT ONE! Sorry about that! So, bask in its glowō

For you sticklers out thereō your tree is supposed to be down, packed up, stored away, burned or at the curb-side before January 6th . The Day of Epiphany also known as %Three Kings Day.+

And why would a Christmas Tree %go up+on Thanksgiving Day or before? It is all about %proper liturgicsō +

See you in Church!

Pr. Mortenson



Did You Know?

- In 567, the Council of Tours "proclaimed the twelve days %from Christmas to Epiphany+as a sacred and festive season, and established the duty of %Advent fasting+in preparation for the feast " (This took place at the second council of Tours!)
- This was actually done for %a very odd or strange reason.+ It seems
- There were many %conflicting calendars+at the time
- It was decided that by firming up these dates and this time period . this would go a long way in solving the "administrative problem for the Roman Empire as it tried to coordinate %the solar Julian calendar+with %the lunar calendars of its provinces in the East.+
- The idea was to get everyone %on the same page.+
- Did you know there were several councils called TOURS? In the years 461-567-813-1054-1060-1163 Church Councils met in Tours.
- Tours incidentally is in France.
- So why? Did the church convene a council in France? Good Question! In the medieval Roman Catholic Church there were several Councils of Tours, that city being %an old seat of Christianity,+and considered %fairly centrally located+in France.
- These %OLD SEATS+claim to have been founded by one or more of the apostles of Jesus, who are said to have dispersed from Jerusalem sometime after the crucifixion of Jesus, c. 26-36, perhaps following the Great Commission.
- Early Christians gathered in small private homes, known as %house churches,+but a city's whole Christian community would also be called a church . the Greek word %ecclesia+ literally means %an assembly, gathering, or congregation+ but the word is usually translated simply %as church+
- These %Old Seats of Christianity,+believed to have been established by the Apostles . became revered centers of the church.
- The correct liturgical name for Christmas is the %NATIVITY OF OUR LORD.+ I did my research!





Bakers “Desperately” Needed!

We routinely say:

“If you bake’m we can sell’m”

The problem is that little tiny word “IF”

WE NEED “YOU”

TO BAKE FOR “US!”

All Christmas Cookies need to be dropped off at the church no later than 4:00 on Friday, December 13th, they will be packaged immediately thereafter.

The Christmas Cookie Sale

Is Saturday Morning December 14th

Starting at 9 A.M.

Help us out, won’t you?



President's Article

Can you believe that Christmas is rapidly approaching? The Kids will be rehearsing for the Christmas program. Costumes are being made. The Choir is practicing several pieces to be sung throughout Advent.

Our Stewardship Committee is busy reaching out to you to gather your responses for the pledges and Time and Talent sheets for the upcoming year. Your responses are very important to our planning process. We cannot schedule our Liturgies or operate our committee structure without your help. Our finance committee is busy trying to create an operating budget for this upcoming year. We need your pledges to balance the expenses.

Did you know that to remain a voting member for the Annual Congregational meeting you need to have communed at least once during 2019 AND have a monetary donation of record. The books close at the end of December so please plan accordingly.

As your council, we are constantly challenged. One such case is how to balance keeping with tradition for current senior members of the congregation while being innovative and creative to attract the younger families which are our lifeblood for the future.

We will be looking for 4 energetic people to be nominated or volunteer to become part of the next Church Council.

As you can see there is a lot going on at All Saints. I hope that you can join us during the upcoming Advent and Christmas season.

Yours in Christ,

Dan Duchesneau
Council President



Council Meeting – Monday, December 16th at 6:30 pm
Check the Calendar for the dates and times
of the various Committee Meetings

Christmas Blessings to you and yours.
From the All Saints Staff.

Peggy Rudolph Lisle

Rev. Joe G. Mortenson

Sara Jolly

Kinga Vnuk
MORIAM
JOY



“Sleep in heavenly peace” is an original painting in soft pastels by Kinga Vnuk.



Council Capsules

Council approved the following matters at the November 18th regular meeting:

- The Christmas Tree supplier will receive a donation receipt for the value of the tree provided to the church.
- Repainting the Anniversary Wall in the Fellowship Hall will be done by council.
- The installation of a Wi-Fi repeater in the ceiling outside the Fellowship Hall doors.
- Special music will be provided for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.
- Christmas caroling will occur on December 19th from 6-9 p.m. by Adult Choir, SCS children and Junior Youth. The group will make stops in the community and return to the church for pizza and soda.

Merry Christmas everyone!

Leanne Buttke
Council Secretary



Council Opportunities

Yes, I said opportunities. There will be 4 positions opening on council in 2020. Please, pray and consider sharing your time and talent to this important aspect of our congregation's leadership. Is it a lot of work? Yes. But the rewards **far** outweigh the work. Our All Saints membership is amazing, the camaraderie at council is fun, and you get to be an integral part of what is going on in our church.

Please consider nominating someone who you feel would be a good leader or nominate yourself if you want to help. Or, if one of us from the nominating committee asks you to look in your heart to serve, would you please consider?

There will be a nominations box in the narthex - maybe with your name in it?

Thank you,
The Nominating Committee
Dan Duchesneau, Dick Kahle, Phyllis Runningen and Leanne Buttke

INTRODUCING A NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN'S PRODUCTION FOR CHRISTMAS!!!

Exciting news from the Sunday School classroom!

We will be performing a Christmas play again this year.

The original play was written by and will be directed by Kinga.

Every child will have a speaking part and they all will be in costumes.

Angels, angels, and more angels! There will be special music, too!

Volunteers are needed to help with the decorations, lighting, and other important jobs that are part of the theatrical production.

We are seeking individuals handy with sewing machines to help out with making the pageant costumes. Please see Kinga or Leanne for more details.

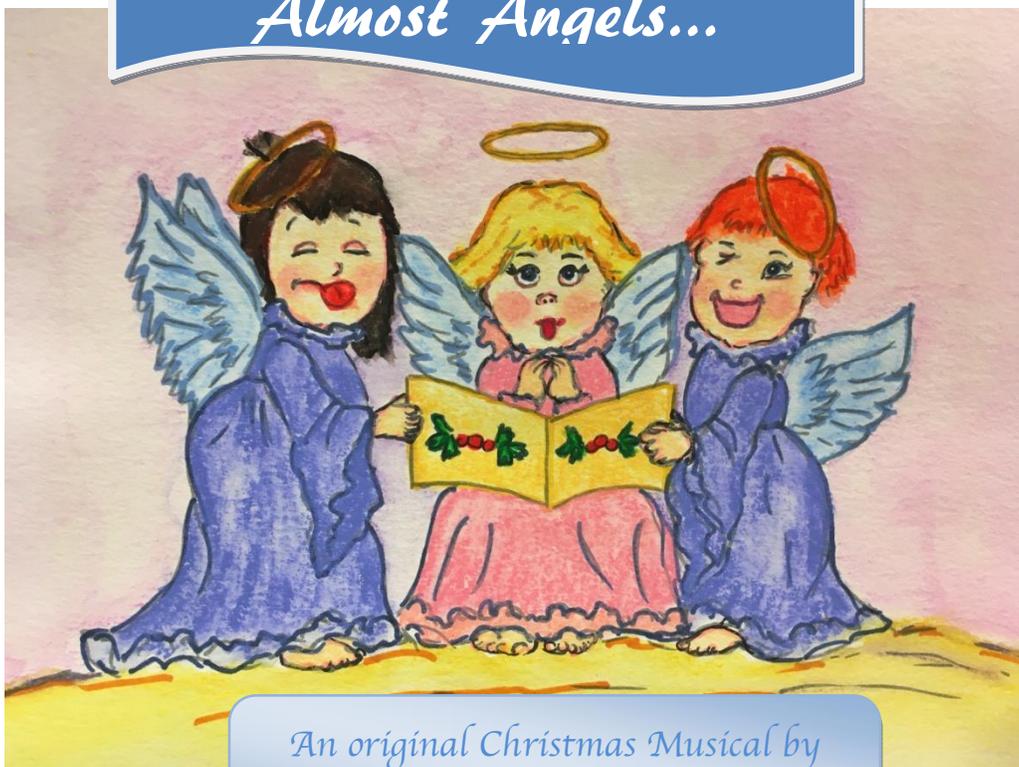
If you would like your children to shine on that special day and you have not signed them up for Sunday School yet, this is your chance!

Our practices are set to start in November with two general rehearsals set for 2 consecutive Saturdays in December. (December 14th and 21st)

Let's keep our yearly tradition where our whole All Saints family comes together to get ready for the Christmas season.

ALMOST ANGELS will be performed during Sunday morning Liturgy on December 22nd at 10:00 am.

"Almost Angels..."



*An original Christmas Musical by
Kinga E. Vnuk*



Christian Education

1. A recent SCS lesson was seemingly not flashy, but the story so powerful to this committee that I thought I'd share. It was the parable of the Sower. You know the story:

A farmer went out in the field to plant some seeds. The first location was on a worn path and the seeds were eaten by birds. The second location was on rocks so the seeds never took root. The third spot was amid thorny weeds that choked the life out of the plants and they died. Finally, the seeds were sown on fertile soil so that the seeds grew and provided a huge crop. Jesus drew the parallel to the different reactions from people when hearing God's word. This is a powerful parable because it teaches how we value our faith. As children we are first Baptized and then (in SCS!) we first learn about God's word. Our parents support that learning by their faithful actions. This lesson is about the importance of our Christian Education; a foundation for this aspect of our church. There is a lot to think about in this lesson and reflect on the strength of our own faith. Sometimes it might feel like a struggle among thorny bushes. But with prayer, our own Christian Education can nurture us through to win over those weeds that get in our way. The key there is that we HAVE that Christian Education foundation. Way to go All Saints families! We get to see your faithful actions each week; many of you are multi-generational supporters of your faith.

2. December is a busy and very exciting month for Christian Education (and, the other aspects too!). For us, **play rehearsals will be each December Sunday morning AND 2 Saturday mornings: December 14 and 21, from 9-11 a.m.** Parents, please bring the children, consistently, to the rehearsals. Thank you to those who have already volunteered their talents to help us. Wow, we are so blessed. **The play will be Sunday December 22 during liturgy.** I suggest you arrive early that day to secure a seat!
Hint, hint – there will be many little angels to see!
3. Thank you to everyone who supported our Food Drive in November, helping to fill our own Food Pantry with cereal, canned fruits, meal mixes, pasta and rice. The kids learned about our own church's community involvement and got to be a real help.
4. Thank you to Christian Education committee members, Lori Rathmann, Sue LaFond, Dale Hochevar, Debbie Krajnak, Marlene Anderson and Pj. Our next meeting is on December 8th following liturgy. Please, anyone interested in our Christian Education, join us.

Respectfully,
Leanne Buttke
2019 Christian Education



Evangelism

December 2019



I'm always amazed at how quickly this time of year passes by! There are so many things to get done in preparation for the holiday season. I hope making time for liturgy; reflection, worship, and prayer are on your list, as well.

We are gearing up for Advent by Candlelight, which is scheduled for Sunday, December 8 at 3:30pm. Thank you to everyone who was involved this year and especially to Kinga, Kathy, and all of our gracious hostesses!

If you are interested in being a part of the Evangelism committee, please join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30pm at Panera.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very Blessed Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year!

With much love,
Jenny St Germaine
Evangelism

jjssaint0502@gmail.com

414-345-7877

NOMINATION FORM

I, _____ (Your Name) hereby nominate
 _____ (Nominee's Name) for the All Saints
 Lutheran Church Council. I have spoken with and have permission from the nominee to
 enter their name into the voting at the Congregational Annual meeting to be held on
 JANUARY 26TH, 2020.

Here's the Real Story!

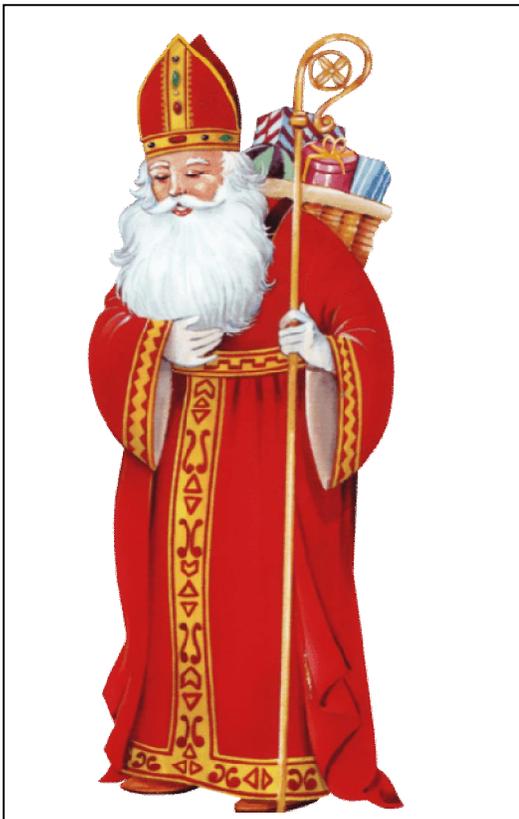
The "Real Saint Nick"

St. Nicholas was born in Patara, Turkey in 270AD and died in 345. He was, at the age of 30, installed as bishop of Myra, a town that St. Paul passed through much earlier on his way to stand trial in Rome.

Sprung from "a notoriously generous family," Nicholas's parents died "while working amongst the sick" when he was quite young. It was, clearly, dangerous work and while the death of his parents was not expected their "selfless example and courage," would clearly be a touchstone for Nicholas for the rest of his life.

It would "mark him and change him."

And the inheritance he would receive would naturally be ear-marked "for those that needed it most"—those that his parents served before him; his desire "to be generous and serve" the needs of the less fortunate began the Christmas tradition of "anonymous gift-giving." Hmm, was something lost in the translation? Or in the tradition? ANONYMOUS-giving...hmm now there's a concept! You know those cute little labels that read "To: From:" I guess those are "out" from now on...



And WHO are "we" supposed to be giving to?
 Yep, something must have been lost in the translation, either that, or we are doing it all wrong!

Wouldn't it be a real kicker...to just once give anonymously to someone that you do not know...and make their day a little brighter?

Try it, it might be fun...and better yet...contagious!



Financial: The Craft Fair – Just in time!

I am so thankful to everyone that helped out with the Craft Fair. We had the income from the Craft Fair just in time to help cover our expenses for the year. With that being said, I wish we were not in the position to have to rely on the Craft Fair to cover our current expenses.

As we work through the Stewardship drive, I ask that you please reflect and pray on how you might be able to give more to the church with your time, talent, and resources. Our expenses increase year on year, but we have not seen giving increase year on year. I am working on putting together the 2020 budget, and I can't make the budget balance if we don't have an increase in giving.

Please consider using Simply Giving to be consistent with your gift to the church. If you have any questions about how to use Simply Giving or to order gift cards on-line, please contact me.

If you have any questions about the finances of the church or if you would like to participate in the finance committee, please feel free to contact me either by phone or my e-mail listed in the Revealer. We meet at 7:00 pm on the Thursday prior to the church council meeting every month, and we would love to have you join us. Thanks to Barb Schrubey, Denise Kalski, and Leanne Buttke for their help on the finance committee.

Sincerely,
Sean P. Kingston, Finance Chair

	MONTH	YTD - ACTUAL	YTD - BUDGET	% VARIANCE	2019 BUDGET
CURRENT INCOME/EXPENSE SUMMARY					
Total Current Income Designated for Expenses	\$ 14,517.27	\$ 164,786.24	\$ 173,980.47	95%	\$ 222,107.50
Total Current Expenses	\$ 15,282.36	\$ 168,829.18	\$ 178,064.37	95%	\$ 222,537.50
GAIN / (LOSS)	\$ (765.09)	\$ (4,042.94)	\$ (4,083.89)		\$ (430.00)



Illustration by Chris Gash

Please Note#

“THE CHURCH BOOKS” will officially close for the year on Sunday, December 30th. A final deposit will be made at that time, closing out our fiscal year-2019!

+++ Christmas at All Saints! +++

Christmas Eve

5:00 P.M.

Family Liturgy

Christmas Eve

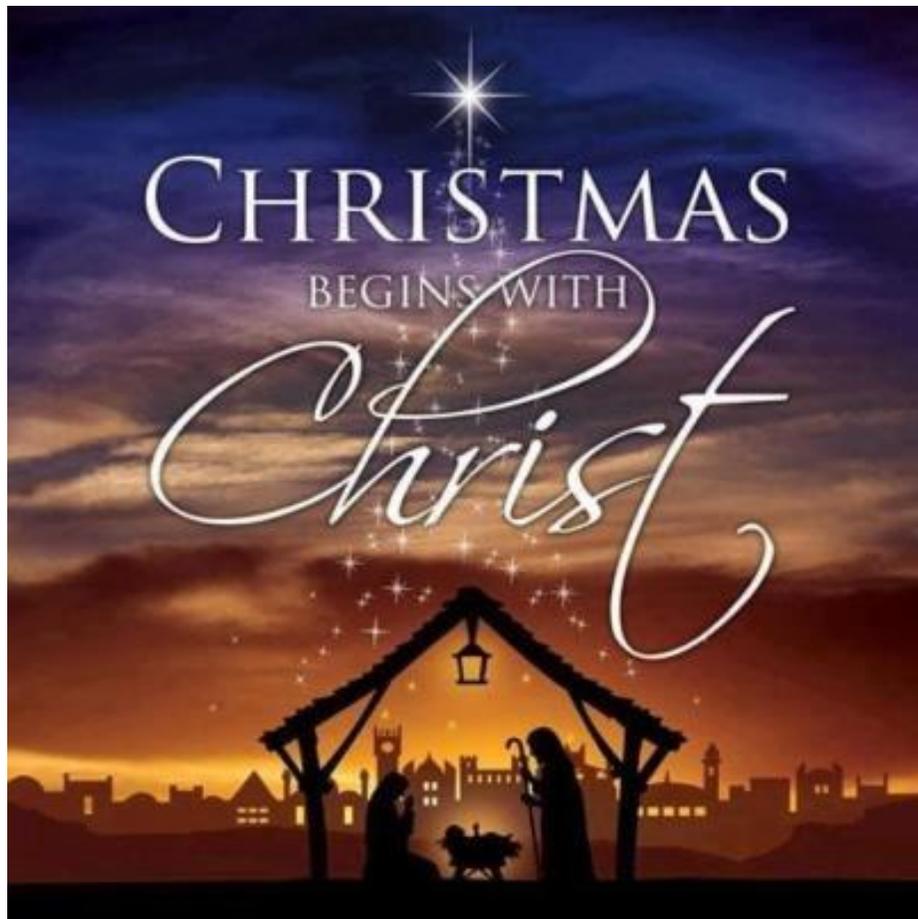
11:00 P.M.

Candlelight Liturgy

Choir Singing

Eucharist Celebrated at all liturgies!

10:00 A.M. Christ – Mass on Christmas Morning!





To help with your holiday shopping

We've increased our inventory of gift cards to give you a hand with your holiday shopping. We also have gift card wrappers for you to use, so be sure you ask the gift card sellers about those. We have many \$10 cards for stocking stuffers, too. Here's a short list of the most popular \$10 cards:

Barnes & Noble	Dairy Queen	Pizza Hut
Kohl's	Denny's	Potbelly
Menards	Dominos	Starbucks
Arby's	Dunkin' Donuts	Subway
Burger King	Noodles	Taco Bell
Chipotle	Panera	Wendy's
Culver's	Papa John's Pizza	Speedway
Cousins	Papa Murphy's	

So why not do yourself a favor and take some of the stress out of your Christmas shopping? Use gift cards. Most people would enjoy receiving a gift card instead of a present they'd only be taking back the day after Christmas. And you'd also be helping out your church. Thanks and Merry Christmas from all the gift card sellers.



DON'T FORGET ABOUT US...

The Harley Tree will be up in the Narthex after Thanksgiving. Again, it is for the benefit of all the homeless animals at the Lakeland Animal Shelter, a no-kill shelter (the best kind!) located in Elkhorn. Their needs are many, but here are a few ideas of items especially needed:

- Dry and canned cat and kitten food
- Dry dog food
- Bleach
- Paper towels
- Blankets for car cages
- Clay and scoopable cat litter
- Dog toys
- Cat toys
- Old terrycloth towels

Thanks in advance!

In memory of Holy Harley and St. Emma
Pj, Nina Slowik and Barbara Schrubey

Thrivent “Action Teams”



All Saints Lutheran Church has been the recipient of many “Thrivent Action Teams” in the past.

What does that mean?

Thrivent Financial provides each “action team” with a \$250.00 credit card, T- Shirts, Banner, Thank you cards and Nametags.

In order to apply for an “Action Team” you need to be a Thrivent Member.

If you are a member of Thrivent and would be interested in helping out our church by hosting an “Action Team” please contact Kathy Mack at (414) 460-9006 for more information! Your help is appreciated!

Some of the teams have “sponsored events” such as: The Spring and Fall Craft Fairs, The Youth Easter Breakfast, Blood Drives, The Postal Worker’s Drive to Stamp Out Hunger, The Spring Clean Up of our Church Grounds and the Annual Christmas Cookie Sale.

Even though several events have been sponsored by these Thrivent Action Teams, there is always more to do at All Saints...for instance, we need sponsors for the Sunday Church School, The Hat and Mitten and Toy Tree, The Harley Tree, the Fall Clean Up, Fall Flower Sale, Back Packs for Kids and on and on the list can go... Are you a Thrivent Member? Call me, I’d love to converse with you!

Please contact Kathy Mack at (414) 460-9006





YES! We have worship on December 31st ...

At the normal time of 7:00 P.M.

Because it is the Season of Christmas

We will not be doing a "Special Liturgy"

Come on out and Join us!

We would love to see you there!

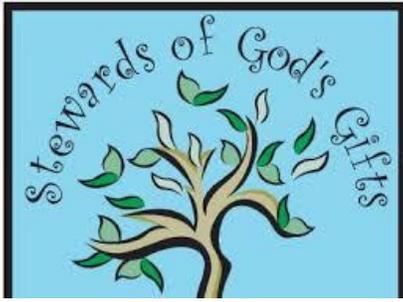
O Christmas tree, O Christmas Tree...

A Christmas tree is a decorated tree, usually an evergreen conifer, such as a spruce, pine or fir, or an artificial tree of similar appearance, associated with the celebration of Christmas, originating in Northern Europe. The custom was developed in medieval Livonia (present-day Estonia and Latvia), and in early modern Germany where Protestant Germans brought decorated trees into their homes. It acquired popularity beyond the Lutheran areas of Germany and the Baltic countries during the second half of the 19th century, at first among the upper classes.

The tree was traditionally decorated with "roses made of colored paper, apples, wafers, tinsel, [and] sweetmeats". In the 18th century, it began to be illuminated by candles, which were ultimately replaced by Christmas lights after the advent of electrification. Today, there is a wide variety of traditional ornaments, such as garlands, baubles, tinsel, and candy canes. An angel or star might be placed at the top of the tree to represent the Angel Gabriel or the Star of Bethlehem, respectively, from the Nativity. Edible items such as gingerbread, chocolate and other sweets are also popular and are tied to or hung from the tree's branches with ribbons.

In the Western Christian tradition, Christmas trees are variously erected on days such as the first day of Advent or even as late as Christmas Eve depending on the country; customs of the same faith hold that the traditional day when Christmas decorations, such as the Christmas tree, are removed are on the Twelfth Night.





Stewardship - "Will you be the CHANGE?"

So, here we are in early December 2019; Advent is just beginning. A time of the year that we all anticipate. But Thanksgiving was late this year so suddenly our Christmas preparations are upon us with an urgency that perhaps makes us uncomfortable . decorating our house, baking cookies, buying gifts, attending parties. It's a busy time of the year and we seemingly have less time than ever. Do you feel it? I know that I do!

But what do we do about it? What can we do to enjoy the Christmas season and not get so bogged down in the craziness that we all feel? First, I think that we should plan activities that focus on the beauty of the season . attend a choir concert or Christmas play that helps get you in the spirit. Our own Evangelism committee is hosting a wonderful event on December 8th that I would encourage you to attend. Secondly, I would encourage you to think of ways that you can help your community during this season . volunteer at a party for underprivileged children or donate supplies to a local animal shelter. Find some way to make the season brighter for others and you will find the joy of Christmas. And finally, commit to making a difference in your church. All Saints faces challenges as both a church and as part of the greater church community. How do we serve our community in the future and how do we continue to flourish in these changing times? What can you do as a congregational member to ensure the future of our church? What can you do to be the CHANGE All Saints needs now and in the future?

First and foremost, you can be the CHANGE by making a couple of changes! Commit to the Advent season by depositing your change into the advent box each night and turn it in on Christmas. Can you commit to one change in your service to the church? If you have been signing up to usher at the weekly liturgies, thank you. But can you sign up to do just one more duty? Maybe fellowship bake once a month or helping out with the spring craft fair? You don't need to make a bunch of changes, just one will do! Finally, make the commitment to make one small change in your offering to the church. Could you commit to giving \$10 a month more to the church? Or \$5 or even \$1? Whatever you can do . just think what would happen if everyone in our congregation made the commitment to those small changes!!

If you haven't already done so, please take an advent box home and save your change and please complete your time and talent sheet and pledge sheet.

All Saints Digital Time and Talent Response:

<https://www.surveio.com/survey/d/Y8S1N8U3B5T3F8Q1I>

All Saints Digital Pledge Form

<https://www.surveio.com/survey/d/D7Y8O3P5P6Q5N7S5X>

And remember, Be the Change you want to see in the world and in your church!!

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Wytrykus Kleppek
Stewardship Chairperson



Security Update

What would you do?

There is so much talk about security in today's world and how to address the unexpected. And we often think that we don't need to worry about security when we come to church. Church is a quiet place, a peaceful place; a place where we don't need to worry about danger. But just opening the newspaper or going online will tell you that isn't true. Some of the most peaceful, quiet places have been impacted by the intrusion of violence.

The question on everyone's mind is not only what those places are doing to prepare for the unexpected but also how would I respond if faced with the unexpected? Would I know what to do? Would I respond calmly? Would I be able to help others? Would I be able to thwart danger?

On All Saints's newly assembled Security Committee, these are the questions we are asking of ourselves and our church and we are asking that you join us in developing the answers! We want to create an environment where our church community is prepared and knowledgeable about how to respond to the unexpected. Would you join us? We need the input from other congregational members, and we would welcome you to join us at our next meeting!

Our next meeting is December 17th at 7 pm at All Saints. Please join us!

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Wytrykus Kleppek
Security Committee Chairperson

DON'T FORGET YOUR 2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES!





Holden ADVENT Evening Prayer Liturgy Returns!

While the season of Advent is four weeks in length, the four weeks prior to Christmas, we know that some years there are only three liturgies, that is the case this year!

For three weeks the Holden ADVENT liturgy will return.

The dates are: Wednesday December 4th, 11th and 18th at 7:00 P.M.

Our Holden liturgy is prayerful and a time for personal meditation. The music is melodic and is deeply loved. You may remember the Paschal candle is carried in procession to break the darkness of the night.

Beloved songs include:

- Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory
- Let My Prayers Rise Up Like Incense Before You
 - The Magnificat and The Final Blessing...

YOU WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED! IT IS AWESOME! COME, AND JOIN US!



Worship and Music

Happy (church) New Year! We are coming into the season of Advent and a very busy time in and around our church.

Our Christmas tree has been generously cut and delivered by Bob Prochaska and will be delivered and set up (strong men needed) 5:30 pm on November 29th

If you would like to be involved in decorating our tree this year, we would WELCOME you to join us on SATURDAY NOV 30th at 9:30 am. There will be snacks . albeit not in church!

Thanks so very much to our dedicated team on Altar Guild for their skill at making our worship meaningful!

I would especially like to recognize Rita Cieszynski, Margaret Coonan, Dale Hochevar, Diane Hogan, Sandy Montague, Sheila Schwartz and Mary Zahn with special help also from Mike Steiner and Debbie Krajnak.

A little Advent History

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia:

Observed in many Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas and the return of Jesus at the Second Coming. The term is a version of the Latin word meaning "comingq

The Latin word *adventus* is the translation of the Greek word *parousia*, commonly used to refer to the Second Coming of Christ. For Christians, the season of Advent anticipates the coming of Christ from three different perspectives. Philip H. Pfatteicher, formerly a professor at East Stroudsburg University, notes that "since the time of Bernard of Clairvaux (d.1153), Christians have spoken of the three comings of Christ: in the flesh in Bethlehem, in our hearts daily, and in glory at the end of time".

The season offers the opportunity to share in the ancient longing for the coming of the Messiah, and to be alert for his Second Coming.

See you in church!

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Meier
Worship & Music Committee Chair





ADULT CHOIR NEWS

Adult Choir needs you!

If you can sing and like to sing –
please consider joining our Adult Choir.

We are working on Christmas music now. We will be performing during Candlelight Christmas Eve Liturgy on Sunday, December 24th at 11:00 pm.

What better way to celebrate our Savior's birth
then to sing in His honor?

Don't miss it



Swap & Helping Hands Board

Are you looking for a used item of some kind or have something that is too good to toss and would like to pass on to someone else? Or, do you have a need for some helping hands or would like to offer your services if needed??? Give me your %Needs+and/or %Give always+and it will be listed in the %Revealer+every month. Do not call the church office.

I, Margaret Coonan, will be organizing these services. No monies will be exchanged.

I can be reached at 414-764-3197. GIVE AWAY: Twin size roll-away bed



World Concerns



Thanks to our generous blood donors, our November Blood Drive was a success. This life giving gift is so important to the recipients and their families.

Our next Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020.

In other news, our Sunday Church School students have been very busy collecting food for our food pantry during the month of November. A huge thank you goes to the students, their parents, and the congregation for their giving spirit.

Thanks, also to my committee members for their help with these events. You are awesome!

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, December 8th at 11:00 am. All are welcome.

Helen Haworth
World Concerns Chairperson



SUCKERS FOR THE KIDS GARBAGE BAGS
Bless You for Remembering Us!



Moriah says...



This is the skinny me, I went to the Vet this last week and my dad got yelled at...BIG TIME!

I gained 6 pounds...not a lot, I know, but winter and ice and snow are coming and I will be more sedentary...

Plus you know what happens when you get older...

If you even think about food you gain the weight.

So I am asking, if we could curtail the treats...

IF MY DAD SNEAKS SOME FOR ME, please "Yell at him" you have my permission!

Thanks!





HARLEY TREE



First, there was Joshua, followed by Holy Harley of All Saints, followed by Saint Emma and now carrying the torch is Moriah Joy. Yep, we have had that many dogs here in our midst!

Did you know that the kids in Sunday Church School named each of these dogs?

But only Harley touched this congregation in a special, profound and lasting way. Harley was a 138 pound black Labrador retriever as big as a bear and as gentle as a lamb.

Harley was the one who wanted us to do something for others. Harley was the one that wanted us to reach out beyond our walls. Harley was even interviewed back in the day by TV 6! Yep a film crew came out to take a picture of this dog that had its own Christmas tree. that was meant for all kinds of sheltered animals beyond our walls.

So, way back when we started the First Harley Tree...+

But it was never just for dogs alone! Harley wanted us to remember cats and rabbits, birds and snakes, gerbils and hamsters, dogs and horses, mice and rats, bearded dragons, chameleons, iguanas, gold and tropical fish and basically all of God's great animal kingdom.

So for all these years, a tree has been set up in the narthex area, we ask and you respond. Think of the animals in shelters this December they usually have nothing of their own.

No balls.

No blankets.

No collars.

No treats.

No toys

We decided to change all that from leashes, to litter, to food, to toys anything that would help make a sheltered animal feel a little special and a little bit loved.

YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO!





Wow! Another great Craft Fair has happened at All Saints! Our church family came together and made it happen! We raised nearly \$8,300! Wow . a new record! This will help the church pay many bills. If you baked, donated items, donated scrip, attended or volunteered your valuable time - Thank You!

We had 34 crafters and over 600 visitors.

We started taking credit cards with Square Reader this craft fair in our bakery, raffle, and kitchen areas! Sean Kingston trained Phyllis Runnigen (Kitchen Leader), Sara Jolitz (Bakery Leader) and Lynn Speaks (Raffle Leader) on square reader which helped us take in more monies and better track our craft fair sales.

Sara and Kaity held a potato candy making day in Betty Wittke's honor.

Lynn Speaks, Sandy Montague, Helen Haworth, and Carolyn Hughes made up the beautiful raffle baskets. Karen Vander Molen made dozens of bows for the baskets.

Thank you to all the church members who donated scrip, and raffle items which raised \$3,514 in raffle sales! A new record!

We were blessed by our many church bakers, who worked so hard baking pies, cakes, cookies, candy and breads. Special thanks to Sue Payne and Debbie Krajnak for making such a bounty of baked goods this year! We nearly sold out of baked goods and the bake sale raised over \$1,977.25!



Here we go again!!!

A Very Merry Christmas Orchestra!!!

*Seeking all who would like to
Make some Joyful Noise unto the Lord
and join our Christmas Band!*

*If you play an instrument - this is a group for you.
God gave you the talent - please share it!!!*

*We will prepare a Christmas carols' medley
to be played during our Sunday Liturgy
on December 22nd at 10:00 am*

*See the Sign-Up sheet on the Bulletin board
or talk to Kinga or PJ*

*Practices will be starting on Sunday, December 1st at 12:00 pm
And continue for the next three Sundays at the same time.*



Confirmation corner...

Here we go a caroling...
Lalalalalalalalalalalala!

Parents please note#

There is no confirmation class on **Thursday, December 19th** per seño all three classes will be getting together from **6-9 P.M.** and will be out and about Christmas Caroling. Following caroling they will be returning to the church for pizza and soda.

There are **no confirmation classes** being held on **December 26**, instead,
see you next year in 2020!!!!



Confirmation classes resume on Thursday, January 2nd as per usual...
at 6:00, 7:00 and 8:00 P.M.



Christmas Cookie Sale

Saturday, December 14th

9 A.M. until gone!

**Please tell your friends, family and neighbors!
Help us ADVERTISE!**

YOU KNOW THEY MAKE GREAT GIFTS!

(Remember your mail-carrier, your paper boy or girl your neighbor next door!)

YUMMY!!!!



The Christmas Altar will be decorated
With Poinsettias that have been generously donated by

Pat Bruss-Horswill

- In Honor of Granddaughter - Sara Horswill

Mary Jo and Randy Meier

- In honor of Our Children and Grandchildren
- In Memory of Randy's Parents: Armin and Verna Meier
And of Niece – Alicia Hertzel

Bill and Betty Ford

- In Honor of Our Children and Our Grandchildren
- Memory of our Daughter – Shari Ford and Grandsons: John and Jason Weinhold.

Karl and Lisa Kleppke

- In Honor of our Parents
- In Memory of Betty Wittke

Benny and Eva Brown

- In Honor of our Children
- In Memory of Our Parents

Linda Ford

- In Memory of John Weinhold and Jason Weinhold

Kinga and Jonathan Vnuk

- In Honor of Julia and Will Vnuk

Pat and Brian St. Louis

- In Memory of Laird, Fischer, St. Louis and Bebo Families

Bonnie and Chris Windschanz

- In Memory of Richard and Dorothy Kozhn;
- In Memory of Lee and Nancy Windschanz

PJ

- In Memory of All the blessed Saints in Light

The Paisar Family

- In Memory of Tommy Vaughn and Dick Paisar

Leanne Buttke

- In Memory of My Dad
- In Honor of My Mom and Family

Rita Cieszynski

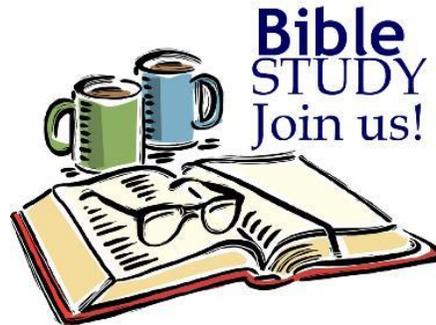
- In Memory of Husband and Father- Russ Cieszynski
- In Memory of Son and Brother – Scott Cieszynski

Patti Holzman

- In Memory of My Mom Lois, Dad Marvin, and Sister Gail.

You may take your plant home AFTER
the 10:00 am Christmas Liturgy.





Systemic Racism And The Church!



A New Day: Mondays

Starting: November 25th

Time: 1:00-3:00 P.M.

**(An all new study
dedicated to the memory of Betty J. Wittke)**

All Are Welcome!

- Copies available upon request

Senior Village



Senior Get-together



WE DID IT AGAIN!

Sorry if you missed our last gathering, as always it was a hoot! We had the best food EVER! As a matter of fact, it was ALL SO GOOD it was hard to decide which dish was the best. We voted! And there was a TIE! We had Turkey Divan, A Sweet Potato Bake, Traditional Stuffing, Raspberry Jello, Corn Casserole, Corny Corn Bread, Turkey and Gravy and Buns, Sweet Potato & Pecan Compote, Cake, Kringle, Pie, Peanut Butter Krispies and S'mores! And we probably left out someone's dish, sorry! So yummy! And the winners were:

Raspberry Jello by Betty Ford
And

Sweet Potato & Pecan Compote by Carolyn Hughes

(They each went home with a nice gift card!)

Thanks to everyone who showed up, who baked or made or created something wonderful and tasty!

OUR OWN: Kathy Bauman led us in some creative design-work and in some thanksgiving-gratitude reflection. It was awesome, all the while being serenaded by some very peaceful reflective mood music. What a neat time! Always a laugh along the way...good friends...good food, I mean, who could ask for anything more?

Our Next Gathering is
January 30th at 1:00 P.M.

See YOU There!



Fun for Seniors

Thursday, January 30th,
1:00 P.M.

Super Bowl Themed Party
Snacks and Hotdogs
And



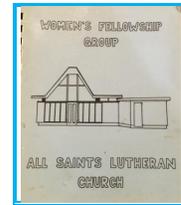
**You Bring the Snacks
We provide the Hotdogs and Buns!**



According to our constitution and by-laws, members must receive communion OR have a donation of record each year in order to remain on the active roster of All Saints. The books will be closing on December 29. With all of the hustle and bustle of the holidays rapidly approaching, it can be easy to have the deadline pass unnoticed.

In addition, to be a voting member at our annual meeting, members must meet both requirements of giving AND receiving communion.

Don't let this important item slip by!



From the kitchen of All Saints' Family

*an excerpt from The original 'All Saints' Cookbook –
"Women's Fellowship Group Cookbook" published in 1979*

Peanut Butter Cup Squares

Recipe submitted by Linda Steinbauer

Ingredients

- 1 c. powdered sugar
- 1 c. peanut butter
- 3 c. graham cracker crumbs
- 2 sticks butter, melted
- 12 oz package milk chocolate chips

DIRECTIONS

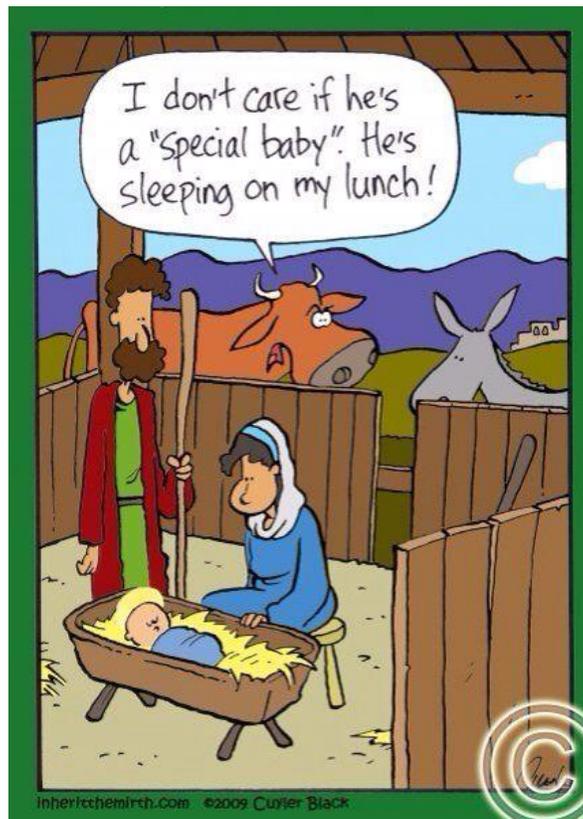
Melt 2 sticks of butter. Mix with peanut butter, powdered sugar and graham crackers crumbs. Pat mixture firmly into 9x13 inch pan. Melt milk chocolate chips and spread over crumb mixture. Refrigerate until the chocolate hardens. Cut into squares. Enjoy!





Just for Laughs...

- Father O'Malley was driving down to Boston on Christmas Eve when he got stopped for speeding in Medford. The highway patrol officer smelled alcohol on the priest's breath and then saw an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car. He said, 'Father, have you been drinking?' 'Only water', replied Father O'Malley. The policeman asked, 'Then how come I can smell wine?' The priest looked at the bottle and said, 'Good Lord! He's done it again.'
- It's just before Christmas and two beggars are sitting on a park bench in Ireland. One is holding a cross and the other a Star of David. There is a steady stream of shoppers. Father O'Malley, the priest observes that both are holding hats to collect contributions. People walk by, lift their noses at the man with the Star of David and drop money into the hat of the man with the cross. Soon, the hat of the man with the cross is filled and the hat of the man with the Star of David is empty. Father O'Malley, having watched for a while, approaches the beggars. He says to the man with the Star of David, 'Don't you realize that this is a Catholic country? You'll never get any contributions holding a Star of David.' The man turns to the one with the cross and says, 'Moishe, can you imagine, this guy is trying to tell us how to run our business?'



Of Personal Concerns



KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN HOSPITALIZED

- Ed Anderson
- Joseph Ugrotzi
- Rosemary West



Please remember them in your thoughts and in your prayers,
as they recover



Letters we receive: Correspondence



Dear PJ,

We want to thank you from the depth of our hearts for the helping hands that you gave us during this trying time. It really helped to make a really difficult situation a lot easier.

You were a Godsend to us.

Thanks and God Bless.

The Jasunas Family



Dear PJ,

I know we all did Ruth proud. Thank you for all you have done for our family past, present and future.

You are the best!

Love,

The Genke and French Families



Dear PJ,

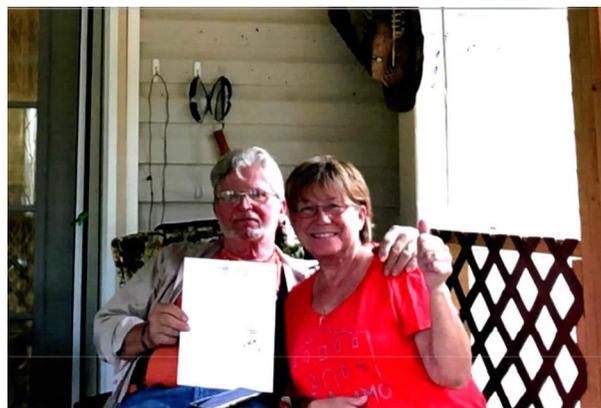
Thank you for making our 25th Wedding Anniversary so special (even though I messed up on recording it.)

We can always count on you for helping us with whatever you can.

You are one special Pastor!

Love,

R.B. and Linda Woods



Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! ~ Psalm 100:2

The donation folder is posted in the blue folder on the Bulletin Board. Select your dates for those special occasions or people in your lives and follow the instructions on the inside front cover.

Remember, by donating Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Candles and Bulletins you help the church budget and it is a great way to remember those special people and dates in your life. **PLEASE PRINT**



Donations:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Bulletins</u>	<u>Memorial Candle</u>	<u>Honor Candle</u>
Nov 30 to Dec 6	Vnuk	Buttke	McIntosh	Hochevar (Meyer)	Vnuk
December 7 to 13	Vnuk	Cieszynski	Friedman	Vnuk	St. Germaine
December 14 to 20	Buttke	Open	Bauman	Open	Krajnak
December 21 to 23	Montague	Open	Templin	Open	Ford
December 24	Montague	Open	Krajnak	St. Germaine	Open
December 25	Montague	Open	Buttke	Buttke	Open
Dec 28 to Jan 3	Open	Open	Bauman	Open	Open



Revealer Articles are due on **Wednesday December 18th by Noon.**

With extending the deadline, to the Wednesday after Council meets - this is a firm deadline for all Revealer Articles. You are encouraged to send them to the church office in advance if possible. Please make sure to have them in on time. Thank you.

**1st Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 2:1-5
 Psalm 122
 Romans 13:11-14
 Matthew 24:36-44

2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10
 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
 Romans 15:4-13
 Matthew 3:1-12

3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10
 Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55
 James 5:7-10
 Matthew 11:2-11

4th Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16
 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
 Romans 1:1-7
 Matthew 1:18-25

Nativity of Our Lord

Isaiah 9:2-7
 Psalm 98
 Titus 2:11-14 or Hebrews 1:1-12
 Luke 2:1-20 or John 1:1-14

1st Sunday of Christmas

Isaiah 63:7-9
 Psalm 148
 Hebrews 2:10-18
 Matthew 2:13-23

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Do you have an address, phone number or status change? Please contact the church office to report any changes for the records. This helps insure our files stay current. THANK YOU