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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.



All Saints ELCA



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
	11:00 am	Adult Choir
Wednesday:	7:00 pm	Liturgy II (White Book)



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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH 2019 AT 11:30 AM



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



- 1-2 Kelly Voss
- 1-3 Cody Beran, Bruce Friedbauer,
Rorrie Lang
- 1-5 Ava Bohn, Emily MacKenzie, Sara Bennett
- 1-7 Joni McDonald
- 1-8 Leanne Buttke, Wally Hogan,
Denise Schmid
- 1-9 Howard MacMillan
- 1-10 Edward Polacheck, Aly Pinkos
- 1-11 Jodi Heine, Bert Ugrotzi, Mary Manthei
- 1-13 Diane Hogan
- 1-14 Rob Betz, Wendy Osse
- 1-16 Jason Koenig
- 1-17 Sherri Schroeder
- 1-19 Kay Thein
- 1-20 Paul Turlais
- 1-21 Benjamin Kawczynski, Lori Rathmann
Julie Wishall
- 1-22 Penelope Martinez
- 1-24 Elaine Kuehn, David Todryk
- 1-25 Kate Borkowski
- 1-26 Eva Brown, Brett Greish, Karen Kuktowski
- 1-28 Hannah Guibord, Sydney LaFond,
Jeffrey Runge, Rick Wettengel
- 1-31 Karol Docter

- 1-1 Cheri & Keith Saylor
- 1-2 Brad & Felipa Larson
- 1-4 Peggy and Richard Rudolph-Lisle
- 1-6 James & Patti Sprague

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Comment Article: "The Work of Christmas."

Big sigh of relief, ~~its~~ over for another year+õ hold on a secondõ the work of Christmas begins when the angels went back to the highest heavens, when the shepherds returned to their flocks by nightõ when Mary and Joseph prepared to flee from Bethlehemõ The real work begins after the fact, ~~wh~~ say+starting on December 26th, the celebration of the birth of the Christ-child has come and gone, now what are you going to do about it? What kind of an impact has the ~~ba~~be of Bethlehem+made upon your heart?

The work of Christmas really begins NOWõ and it continues ALL YEAR LONGõ (In my heart of hearts,) I never believed that Christmas was ONE DAY A YEAR, but rather that it is to be celebrated and observed EVERY DAY of the YEARõ throughout the entire year!

All those acts of giving and kindness . of what value are they for ONE DAY?
Could they not be EXTENDED even just a wee bit longer?

Its about that famous line from John's Gospel, ~~for~~ GOD so LOVED the WORLD+how silly to think that he ONLY loved it THAT ONE DAYõ loving, sharing and caring is something that we CAN DO, all year long. It is a choice! A conscious decision!

The best way to celebrate the SAVIOR's BIRTH is by doing good for ~~ot~~hers+õ but not just on December 25th, what about all the other days of the year? I am sure you've got it in you!
I know you could do it, if you wanted toõ

See you in Church!

Pr. Mortenson



Did You Know?

- Christmas is an annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, observed primarily on December 25 as a religious and cultural celebration among billions of people around the world.
- A feast central to the Christian liturgical year, it is preceded by the season of Advent and initiates the season of Christmastide, which historically in the West lasts twelve days and culminates on Twelfth Night.
- Christmas Day is a public holiday in many of the world's nations, is celebrated religiously by a majority of Christians, as well as culturally by many non-Christians, and forms an integral part of the holiday season centered around it.
- The traditional Christmas narrative, the Nativity of Jesus, delineated in the New Testament says that Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in accordance with messianic prophecies.
- When Joseph and Mary arrived in the city, the inn had no room and so they were offered a stable where the Christ Child was soon born, with angels proclaiming this news to shepherds who then further disseminated the information.
- Although the month and date of Jesus' birth are unknown, the church in the early fourth century fixed the date as December 25. This corresponds to the date of the solstice on the Roman calendar.
- Most Christians celebrate on December 25 in the Gregorian calendar, which has been adopted almost universally in the civil calendars used in countries throughout the world.
- However, some Eastern Christian Churches celebrate Christmas on December 25 of the older Julian calendar, which currently corresponds to a January date in the Gregorian calendar.
- For Christians, believing that God came into the world in the form of man to atone for the sins of humanity, rather than knowing Jesus' exact birth date, is considered to be the primary purpose in celebrating Christmas.
- Because gift-giving and many other aspects of the Christmas festival involve heightened economic activity, the holiday has become a significant event and a key sales period for retailers and businesses.
- The economic impact of Christmas has grown steadily over the past few centuries in many regions of the world.

Next Up: Epiphany!



The manifestation of (Jesus) called the “Christ” (another word for “Messiah”) to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi (See: Matthew 2:1–12). The festival commemorating the Epiphany on January 6... An Epiphany is a manifestation of a divine or supernatural being. Another definition of an epiphany is a moment of sudden revelation or insight.

In the Greek language the word EPIPHANY means manifestation or appearance.

Epiphany may have originated in the Greek-speaking eastern half of the Roman Empire as a feast to honor the baptism of Jesus.

Around 200, Clement of Alexandria wrote that, "But the followers of Basilides celebrate the day of His Baptism too, spending the previous night in readings.

And they say that it was the 15th of the month Tybi of the 15th year of Tiberius Caesar.

And some say that it was observed the 11th of the same month."

The Egyptian dates given correspond to January 6 and 10.

The Season of Epiphany is the third season of the Christian Liturgical Year: Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. Any guesses what the NEXT SEASON is called?

Come on...you know what it is!



Many Hands Make **LIGHT** Work

Council Meeting – Monday, January 20th at 6:30 pm
Check the Calendar for the dates and times
of the various Committee Meeting



President's Article

Merry Christmas Everyone!!!

I cannot believe just how fast this year has gone by. It seems that it wasn't very long ago we were gathered together for our last annual meeting. It seems that so much has happened this year. Considering the increased violence being committed on places of worship, we responded with the installation of security cameras and timed locks on the front door to identify and slow down would-be intruders. We also created a new committee to address our security needs and to draw up emergency plans in case of fire or other dangers facing our congregation.

This summer we had our first annual Art Fair. Except for the sudden wind and rainstorm towards the latter part of the event that sent us scrambling to move the outside booths indoors, positive feedback was received by several the exhibitors.

This fall we had our Fall Craft Fair. We set records for proceeds and made the top 10 list for best Craft Fairs in Wisconsin.

This year we replaced the refrigerators and dishwasher that were badly in need of repair with more energy efficient models.

This fall we also repainted the fellowship hall.

Our Food Pantry has also been successful with providing for those in our community that need assistance.

Our Worship and Music Committee continues to provide us with wonderful worship experiences and special musical performances throughout the year.

We should all be very proud of our efforts and thank you to everyone who has helped out this year. But everything is not rosy. With the changes in our tax laws, we find that our current giving via envelopes is down. We have been able to make up some of it with our fundraising activities, but, with our current Stewardship drive coming to a close we have only received 39 responses in renewed pledge cards for 2020. Yikes!!!

Our nominations committee is busy looking for volunteers/nominations to fill 4 open positions on the 2020 Church Council. Not one person has come forward or even nominated someone yet. I am actually ashamed of the level of response that we are receiving. Not one person cares enough of our congregation to step forward and take a leadership role. People say "oh, so and so was on council and when their term was up, we never see them again in church." Well did you know that everyone currently on Council has held one or more terms on council previously? Ask one of the council members about it. Get the real story on what council is about.

We are always looking for new ideas on how to attract younger families into our congregation. Please join us and help shape the direction of All Saints going into the next decade.

Our 2020 Annual Meeting is Sunday January 26 after our worship liturgy. We are planning a taco bar and other fun things for those in attendance. See you then.

Yours in Christ

Dan Duchesneau
Council President



CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS SOUGHT

Do you care about YOUR church family? Are you PASSIONATE about it? Do you care about the DIRECTION that your church is TAKING? Would you like to see NEW and EXCITING things happen?

Would you like to see our worship liturgies DRASTICALLY CHANGED or ALTERED? Are you FORWARD thinking?

Would you like to see us go the route of a multi-media packaging? Should we abandon hymnals and bulletins? How important is our carillon system? Did you know that our interior walls are not insulated? Should we insulate and add drywall? The glass windows in the church are single pane glass, is that what you have at home? Should we be adding more modern music? More PRAISE songs?

The tiles on the floor were laid down in 1969 we still have members present who actually laid those tiles down on our floors. Should they be covered over and updated?

It really does take a WHOLE CHURCH to make ministry happen! But obviously only “a select few” can be a part of the decision making process on a regular and on-going basis.

Who is going to do it?

Will it be you?

Council Nominations are being sought!



Council Capsules

Council approved the following matters at the December 16th regular meeting:

- Sunday Church School will not be held on December 29th 2019 or January 5th 2020.
- The annual Pet Blessing will be Saturday, January 18th.
- Evangelism accepted a free will offering from the Advent by Candlelight event held Sunday, December 8th.
- Audra and Kayden Tyszko were reactivated as members of All Saints.
- Kerry Howard was accepted as a new member of our church.

Council welcomes the returning members and new member!

- \$500 for the purchase of church letterhead and envelopes for the church office.
- The continuance of the current security monitor vendor for 2020.
- Normally the membership role is reviewed for communion and donation participation on an annual basis for members who have not donated or communed with us in the past year. Since this has not been reviewed with sufficient notification time to those who might be dropped, no members will be dropped at the 2020 annual meeting.
- The annual meeting will be Sunday, January 26th following liturgy.
- Lunch for the 2020 annual meeting will be a Taco Bar and fixings. Members who sign in to attend the meeting will be entered into a drawing for a raffle prize.
- Treasurer Barbara Schrubey will pay all 2019 church bills to the extent of available funds before closing the 2019 books.
- The 2019 church books will close on Sunday December 29th. All donations must be received by that day in order to count toward 2019 giving.



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.

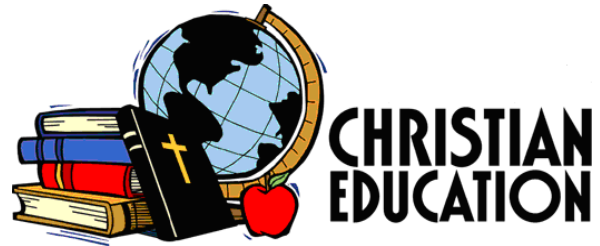
Please consider nominating someone who you feel would be a good leader or nominate yourself if you want to help. Or, if one of us from the nominating committee asks you to look in your heart to serve, would you please consider?

There IS 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



Christian Education

First order of business is to remind parents of SCS children that there will NOT be SCS on December 29th or January 5th. We resume the New Testament studies January 12th and look forward to settling back into our classroom routines after the busy December.

Speaking of, I hope that you all enjoyed Almost Angels! God bless Miss Kinga for writing and directing the play, and for every ounce of her patience. Thank you, Kinga! And thank you Sue LaFond and Dale Hochevar for your support and help, the kids and their parents who brought them to the extra Saturday rehearsals, Pj for his acting debut, and everyone else who helped in any way with the production.

Thank you to Christian Education committee members, Lori Rathmann, Sue LaFond, Dale Hochevar, Debbie Krajnak, Marlene Anderson, Kerry Howard and Pj. Our next meeting is on January 12th following liturgy. Please, anyone interested in our Christian Education, join us.

Respectfully,
Leanne Buttke
2019 Christian Education



BOW, WOW, WOW, WOW...

This year's Harley Tree was one of the most successful. We are so grateful. There were so many pet beds, toys, blankets, food, and treats— just everything imaginable to make a shelter animal happy while they await their forever home. And not to mention all the \$\$\$ that was also collected. To everyone who unselfishly gave, a big THANK YOU. You are truly appreciated. Everything has been taken to the Lakeland Animal Welfare Shelter.

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



From the desk of the Christmas Play director

It was my second year as a playwright and a director this year and I am thrilled with the wonderful performance by our talented young actors of Sunday School! Many hours of practice resulted in an outstanding result.

Let me proudly present our cast:

Cast:

Ariel the Head Angel: Julia Vnuk
 Muriel the Head Angel: Ms. Leanne Buttke
 Cecilia . Ava Hochevar
 Frugentius . Patrick Hochevar
 Frumentius . J.J. Hochevar
 Lydia . Sydney LaFond
 Mammertus . William Vnuk
 Peregrinus . Ben LaFond
 Polycarp . T.J. Sabatke
 Seraphina . Ariana Schroeder

Shepherds:

Zebulun: Jackson LaFond
 Barshabba: PJ

Holy Family:

Mary: Ariana Schroeder
 Joseph: T.J. Sabatke

I would like to thank all who made our Christmas play such a great success, especially: our SCS teachers and helpers: Leanne Buttke (helper and benefactress), Sue LaFond and Dale Hochevar. Thank you very to PJ who stepped in as one of our shepherds. He's a natural!

Respectfully submitted,
 Kinga Vnuk

A Very Merry Christmas Orchestra!!!



TRUMPET

Dylan St. Germaine

VIOLIN

Julia Vnuk

FLUTE S

Brooke St. Germaine

Marie Venne

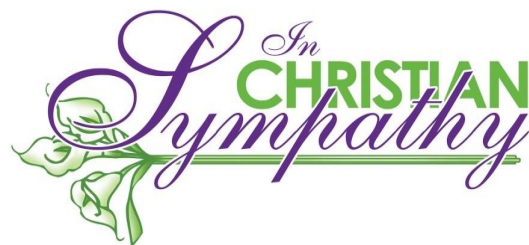
DOUBLE BASS

Drake Schwarz

*Congratulations
to our talented young musicians!
Thank you for your time, dedication and talents that you share
with us.
God Bless You!*



Eternal God, you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love. Grant that in this NEW YEAR 2020 we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in the light of the event that gives us joy forever --- the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



*Our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy is extended
to Bill, Phyllis and Shawn Runningen
on the death of Bill's Mother and Shawn's Grandmother.
Blessed are those who die in the Lord*



Evangelism

Happy, happy new year everyone! As we look forward to another year, what resolutions have you made? Do any of them involve giving more *time* to All Saints? There are many ways that you can help out **our** church and much help is needed! Please consider signing up for liturgy tasks, being on a committee, or joining the church council.

We are currently in need of 4 people to join the church council. I know this commitment may seem a little scary to most people, but I assure you, it's not! *If I can do it, anyone can!* It does not require a ton of extra time and the entire council helps each other out when needed. It's also a great way to know what goes on at All Saints outside of liturgy. If you are interested in learning what being on council is all about, please call me or any of the other council members. We are happy to answer your questions!

We had a wonderful afternoon at the first ever advent by candlelight! We enjoyed the food, and fellowship, music and prayer, and a reminder that God's presence in our lives is more important than presents in our lives. Many people are already looking forward to next year's event! We hope you will be able to join us!

The annual PET BLESSING will be held during the 5:00pm liturgy on Saturday, January 18. Dogs, cats, hamsters, birds, fish, horses, and more! All animals and well-behaved humans are invited :)

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14 at 6:30pm at Panera.

Praying for you,
 Jenny St Germaine
 Evangelism
 414-345-7877
jj saint0502@gmail.com



ANNUAL
 CONGREGATIONAL

MEETING SAVE THE DATE!

**The All Saints 52nd Annual Congregational Meeting
 Is on Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 11:00am**

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





Financial: Five Years of Flat Giving

It is budget time at All Saints and I have been busy with the Finance Committee setting up a budget for next year. It is typical to expect expenses to go up year on year as we increase our employees' salaries and as the cost of goods and services increase. The sad news is that our giving at All Saints has not increased to match the increases in expenses. Envelope and Simply Giving has been flat over the past 5 years. It has been within \$1,000 of \$155,000 over the last 5 years. We would like to see 2-3% growth every year in Giving, which would equate to about a \$3,000 to \$5,000 increase in giving year on year. Over 5 years this would equate to about a \$20,000 increase in Giving. I ask that you please reflect on how you might be able to increase your giving to the church by about 5%. If we all did this, it would go a long way to help balance our budget.

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. It is very difficult to 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	\$ 22,867.51	\$ 187,653.75	\$ 197,780.41	95%	\$ 217,807.50
Total Current Expenses	\$ 19,953.34	\$ 188,782.52	\$ 196,636.99	96%	\$ 222,537.50
GAIN / (LOSS)	\$ 2,914.17	\$ (1,128.77)	\$ 1,143.42		\$ (4,730.00)

**FROM ALL OF US
ON THE
CHURCH STAFF**



*For the cards
Kind words expressed
And for
Any and all
Remembrances...*

Bless You!

Pj, Kinga, Peggy, Sara and Moriah, too!



Stewardship - "Just One Thing."

As we kick off the new year, we often look at it as a chance for new beginnings; maybe an exercise program or a better diet. Maybe we resolve to spend more time with our families or get better sleep. There are lots of ways that we can resolve to improve our lives and with the promise of a new year, January 1st seems like a great time to commit ourselves to this improvement!

One way we can improve our lives is to commit ourselves to giving back to the world around us. Maybe we look to increase our giving to a charity we support. Or we begin volunteering for at a local shelter (if you know me, I am passionate about animals so doing more for the stray animals in our community is very important to me!) Or we just resolve to help a neighbor or a friend in need.

All these resolutions can help to improve our lives by making us healthier, happier and more connected to the world around us. But, too many resolutions can make us feel overwhelmed and may set us up to fail. They always say the busiest time in a local gym is the week after New Year's. The slowest week? The second week of January!

So rather than take on too many resolutions . try something new this year. Resolve to do one small thing. Rather than resolving to add this extreme new exercise program to your already busy week, look into taking a fun exercise class that you have been wanting to try and sign up for once a week. Or commit to increasing your daily walks by 10 minutes a day. Rather than committing to spending a lot of extra time with family and friends, commit to calling a relative or a friend once a week to see how they are doing. And rather than committing a significant amount of time to volunteering, commit to 2 hours a month to a charity you believe in.

And I will be so bold to ask that you do the same with your church. Rather than be overwhelmed with the idea of committing a significant amount of time to a committee or increasing your giving drastically, commit to one small thing. Commit to increasing your giving by 5 or 10% in the coming year. Or commit to volunteering for just one liturgy a month in service. Or resolve that you are going to help by mowing the lawn just once this summer. By making that one small commitment to All Saints, you will be helping the church and it will help you more closely connect to your congregation.

Thank you . and good luck on all your resolutions in the New Year!

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Wytrykus Kleppek
Stewardship Chairperson

**DON'T FORGET YOUR 2020 OFFERING
ENVELOPES!**





**Sunday
January 26th, 2020
11:00 A.M.
A Quorum MUST BE present!**

To Be A Voting Member: You must have received the Eucharist at least once in 2019 **AND** given a record of offering. Non-voting members or visitors may of course, be present, you just cannot vote.

To Be A Member In Good Standing: You must have received the Eucharist at least once in 2019 **OR** given a record of offering.

Something **NEW** and Different this year:
A TACO BAR!



Worship and Music

Our church serves many purposes . it is a meeting place for the community, a food bank, a safe haven a school a place for fellowship but perhaps the main reason it exists at all is to give us a place to gather and worship our God. We on the worship and music committee have the unique privilege of turning our building into a sacred place where we feel closest to him, to make the mundane divine.

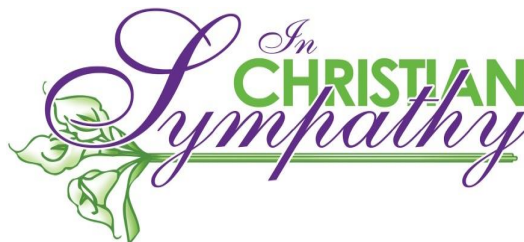
While I cannot speak more highly of our dedicated little band, they are not skilled in the lumberjacking arts and I though willing am of no help this holiday season. What I am asking of our congregation is some help on **January 5th after service** (mark your calendars) to remove the tree and Christmas decorations. Tradition dictates that the tree comes down on the 12th day of Christmas and we could use your help. I'm sure a good time will be had by all and the more folks that show up the quicker we will finish.

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.

Yours in Christ

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Meier
Worship & Music Committee Chair



*Our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy is extended
to the family and friends of John Kangas of our church family.
Blessed are those who die in the Lord*



CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

Our Annual Christmas Cookie Sale is a big thing! Our members are so good, so kind so generous and dare we say, **SUCH GOOD BAKERS!** Like so many things that we do around here, it is hard to tell actually when it all began. It seems like we have been doing it like forever! There are so many good memories associated with it.

I remember **“BACK IN THE DAY”** we collected three different sizes of coffee cans, we washed them we bleached them we got the coffee smell out. We hand-decorated all those cans with gift wrap...pretty much all year long and then, we stored them away. Every can had a bow and a name tag on top. So **WAY BACK WHEN** we sold three different sizes...

The congregation has always **STEPPED UP!** I remember when we made \$500.00 on cookies, it was insane! On cookies, mind you...then, \$1,000.00. All of this on cookies at one of the busiest times of the year.

One year my mom and I together made 1,000 cut-out-cookies. It was fun! Mom did the baking I did the frosting and decorating. It remains to this day, a very cherished memory.

Well if you have **NOT HEARD** yet, this year we hit another high-light! (**DRUM ROLL PLEASE**)...on December 14th – the day of our Annual Cookie Sale we made \$4297.00 on Christmas Cookies!

Now, if we could encourage **MORE BAKERS** to help us out next year – what possibly could our potential be? Anyone with ideas for promotion or advertising or new possibilities should speak to us in the church office. We would love to make this event **EVEN BIGGER** in 2020.



2020 DONATION CHART

Our 2020 Donation Chart for flowers, candles and bulletins is now posted on the bulletin board in the narthex entryway. Bulletin cost is \$15; Memorial/Honor Candle is \$8. Flowers need to be ordered on your own and need to be on the Sanctuary Altar before 5:00 pm on Saturday evening. Please help out All Saints by donating those items. Your help is greatly appreciated! God bless you!



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



It is already January.
The beginning of another year of events, here, at All Saints.
For those who like to plan ahead, I have the dates of the blood drives this year:
Tuesday, March 3rd
Tuesday, July 7th
Tuesday, November 10th

We look forward to being able to facilitate these life giving donations. We ask you to consider donating here, at All Saints

World Concerns will also be holding two food drives this spring. The first will be in April (Stuff the Bus+). The second will be Postal Food Drive in early May. Please, consult future Revealer articles for exact dates.

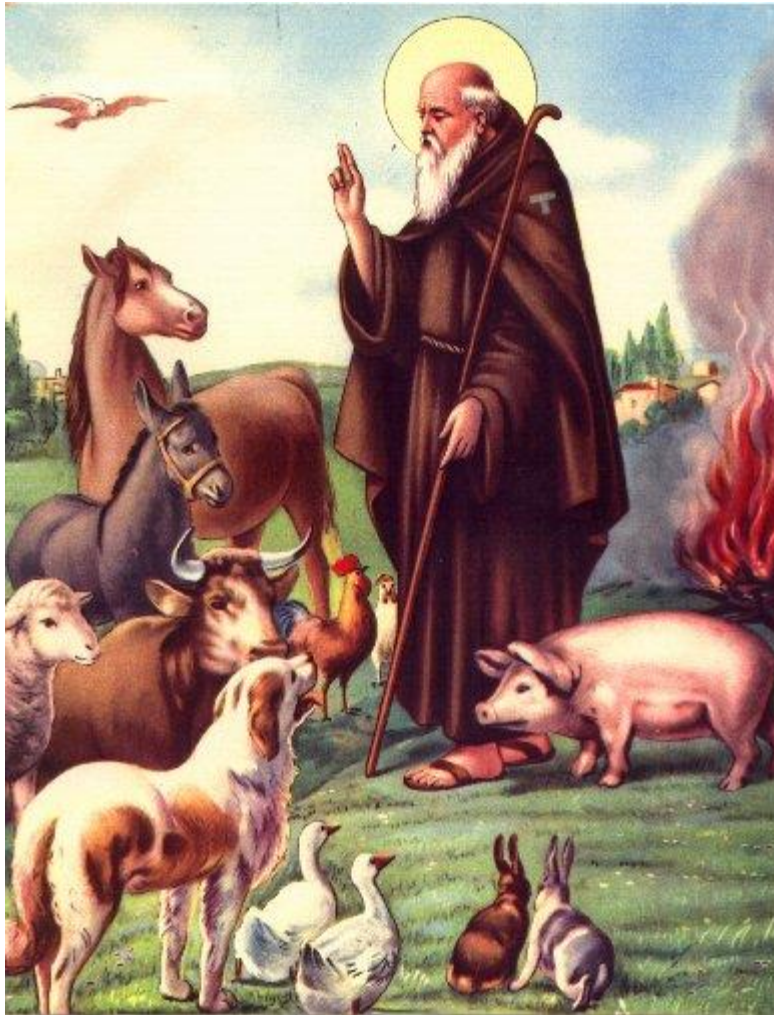
We would like your input as we plan for these events. Please, join us at our next meeting on Sunday, January 12, at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Helen Haworth
World Concerns Chairperson



SUCKERS FOR THE KIDS GARBAGE BAGS

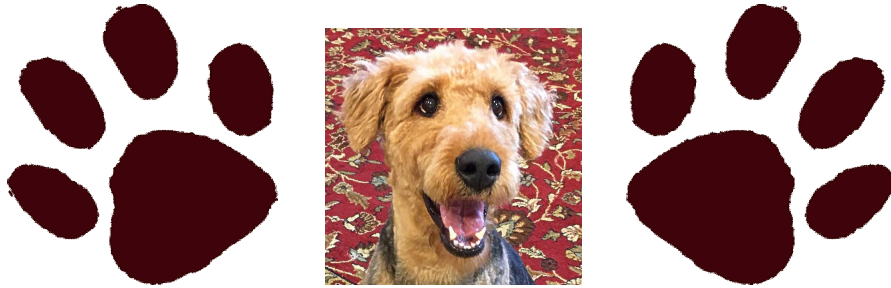
Bless You for Remembering Us!



St. Anthony Abbot, born in Egypt in the 3rd century AD, at the age of twenty renounced everything to live as a hermit until 106 years of age, becoming the most famous monk of ancient Christendom, a noble example of an ascetic life of austerity, sacrifice and extreme solitude.

St. Anthony is venerated primarily as “a protector of farm animals,” and his printed image is found in stables, and the focus of celebrations is the blessing of cattle, a typical ceremony preserved to this day all over Italy in rural areas.

Almost 800 years before St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony Abbott was blessing animals of all kinds...He is the reason for our PET BLESSING at the liturgy closest to JANUARY 17th! This year we will gather together on Saturday, January 18th, 2020. Spread the word and bring all those critters with you!

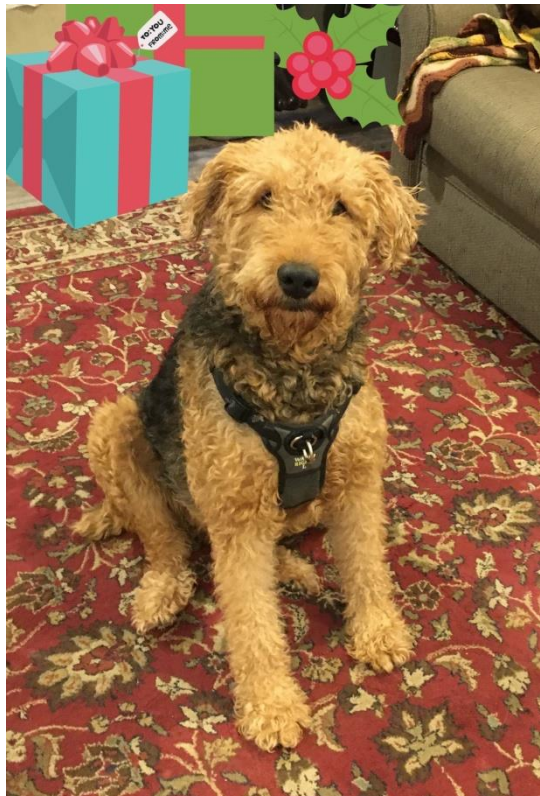


It was ~~10~~ a month!+

I was a **VERY ACTIVE** “church dog” this month. I learned “how to” open the **REFRIGERATOR** all by myself. I managed to open a **COOKIE CONTAINER** (for Dr. Ruhl) and take out **EIGHT COOKIES** “almost undetected,” without breaking, ripping or tearing the container! Miss Kinga taught me “how to sing!” She downloaded for me the dog version of “Jingle Bells.” And I quickly learned when to **BARK on BEAT** with the other dogs in the song! You know I already know “**HOW TO**” get **OUT** of the church and let myself outside if I need to go...it’s the getting back **IN**, that is the problem!

I also learned “how to” take **TENNIS BALLS** in a bag off of the **HARLEY TREE** in the narthex area without knocking the whole tree **DOWN** or over. What I **HAVEN’T** learned and still must still learn is “**HOW TO**” not get **CAUGHT**...with my various antics...

I can’t wait for the **PET BLESSING** in January to see all my **FRIENDS** again in **WORSHIP!** It will be kind of like, “**MORIAH’s OPEN HOUSE**” and **ALL** are welcome! Maybe we should consider forming an **ALL ANIMAL CHORUS!**





**The Blessing of
Our Animal Companions
Saturday, January 18th, 2020
(You know you want to come!)**

Confirmation corner...



Only At All Saints!

The question of the night was **WHO DIDN'T GET LOST!** So much for knowing our way around the city!!! Oh Boy! What is the difference between Highway V and H? North, South, East, West **RECALCULATING** back and forth, up and down and it was **DARK** very dark! Did we mention we went caroling? We really did and **EvEnTuAlLy** we found every destination we sang our little hearts out all of us: Margaret Coonan, Kay Thein, Clare Thein, Mary Zahn (Pizza Mom), Sydney LaFond, Ariana Schroeder, Sue LaFond, Shiela Schwarz, Ben LaFond, Derk Vander Molen, Jennie St. Germaine, Julia Vnuk, Seth Derks, Jackson LaFond, Dylan St. Germaine, Liam Belmas, Hayden Rokenbrodt, Haydn Susek, Brady Susek, Diane Seegert, Ashley Seegert, Leslie Derks, Kinga, Vnuk, Austin Seegert and Pj. Do not trust Google! Recalculating!



Senior Village

It's a



Party!

**January 30th, 2020
Senior Get-together!
1:00 P.M.**

It is going to be a BINGO and SUPER BOWL themed gathering...We will provide the hot dogs and buns...YOU provide the SNACKS...BARB will come up with Football themed BINGO GAMES...it will be a fun way to beat the monotony of a mid-winter's day! Join us you will be glad you did! It is always a "hoot!" With lots of good people, good conversation and good food!

WHO WILL THE BINGO WINNERS BE?



Babcia Zosia's Pączki – Polish Doughnuts

(* Pączki is plural – Pączek is singular)

Recipe submitted by Kinga Vnuk (modified to American standards)
Courtesy of Kinga's Grandmother – Zofia (Babcia Zosia) Kutynia

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups warm milk (no warmer than 110 F)
- 2 packages active dry yeast (Original recipe calls for a stick of fresh yeast)
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 4 ounces room-temperature butter (unsalted)
- 1 large room-temperature egg
- 3 large room-temperature egg yolks
- 1 - 3 tablespoons vodka (that ingredient helps the dough from absorbing too much oil)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 4 1/2 to 5 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 gallon oil for deep frying
- Confectioners' sugar
- Fruit jam for filling (Prune preserves or Rosehip jam is a traditional Polish way)

DIRECTIONS:

For the Dough

1. Add yeast to warm milk, stir to dissolve and set aside.
2. In a large bowl or stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, cream together sugar and butter until fluffy. Beat in egg, egg yolks, vodka, and salt until well-incorporated.

3. Still using the paddle attachment, add 4 1/2 cups flour alternately with the milk-yeast mixture and beat for 5 or more minutes by machine and longer by hand until smooth.
(The old fashioned way is to work the dough by hand . use those muscles! The dough is ready when it starts to ~~blister~~ the dough will be very slack.
(If too soft, add remaining 1/2 cup flour, but no more otherwise the dough will be too tough).
4. Place dough in a greased bowl. Turn to grease the other side. Cover and let rise until doubled in bulk, anywhere from 1 to 2 1/2 hours. Punch down and let rise again. (You can use your oven if it has a ~~proof~~+bread option. The yeast dough likes the warm and moist air)
5. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface. Pat or roll to 1/2-inch thickness. Cut rounds with a 3-inch biscuit cutter (or a glass tumbler) close together so you will have fewer scraps. Remove scraps, and re-roll and re-cut.
Cover and let rounds rise until doubled in bulk, 30 minutes or longer.
(Babcia Zosia always covers them with a damp kitchen towel)

Fry the Pączki (or you can bake them too if you are concerned about the calories)

1. In a large pot or Dutch oven, heat oil to 350 F. Place pączki top-side down (the dry side) in the oil a few at a time and fry 2 to 3 minutes or until bottom is golden brown. Flip them over and fry another 1 to 2 minutes or until golden brown. Make sure the oil doesn't get too hot otherwise pączki will burn before the inside is cooked. Drain pączki on paper towels or brown paper bags. (If you decide to bake them . preheat the oven to 375 F and then bake them for 10 minutes on the parchment - lined baking sheet.) To fill them, poke a hole in the side of cooled pączki and, using a pastry bag, squeeze in a generous dollop of the jam/preserves. Then dust filled pączki with confectioners' sugar.
2. Eat them fast! Pączki taste the best eaten the same day.

Smacznego!!! (That means eat with a good appetite in Polish!)





Born on January 15, 1929, Martin Luther King Jr. (NOT TO BE CONFUSED with Martin Luther) grew to become one of the greatest “Social Activists” the world has ever known. At the age of 35, he became the youngest person to win the Nobel Peace prize, (that is until recent times...)

He was assassinated on April 4, 1968 while making a speech from the balcony of his hotel room in Memphis, Tennessee.

His birthday became a National Holiday by an act of Congress in 1983. Many consider it a day to “SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY.”



“I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream today.” - August 28th, 1963



Just for Laughs...

- Reverend Clive Morgan was completing his homily in St John's Church about the dangers of alcohol and the need for moderation and temperance. He announced at the end of the sermon in a loud, clear voice, 'If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river.' With even greater emphasis he added, 'And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river.' Finally, he intoned in an extremely serious manner, 'And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river.'

The Reverend Morgan then sat down. Jerry, St John's leading chorister stood up and announced with a smile, 'For our closing hymn this Sunday, let us sing together hymn number 109: 'Shall We Gather at the River.'
- One beautiful Sunday morning, Reverend Barnard announces to his congregation, 'My good people, I have here in my hands three sermons...
 A \$100 sermon that lasts five minutes
 A \$50 sermon that lasts fifteen minutes
 And a \$20 sermon that lasts a full hour.
 Now, we'll take the collection and see which one I'll deliver.'



Of Personal Concerns

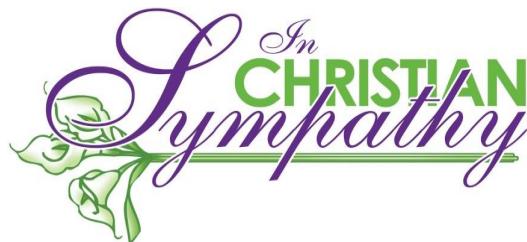


KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN HOSPITALIZED

- Randy Meier
- Sharon Gates
- Pat St. Louis
- Jamie Derks
- Kobi Maley
- Christy Van Hoff
- Rita St. Louis
- Lillie Goslin



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



Our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy is extended to Sandy and Tom McAvoy and family on the death of Sandy's Mother. Blessed are those who die in the Lord



Letters we receive: Correspondence



Dear PJ,

Thank you so much for such a sweet package! Hope all is well! It means the world to know I have such awesome support from home every day. Thank the kiddos in Youth Ministry and Moriah for me as well, too.

From one of our College students...



Dear Sunday School Students,

Thank you all for your contributions to the food pantry during the month of November. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Helen Haworth

World Concerns Chair



Dear Leslie and Members of All Saints Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the Milwaukee VA Fisher House, we thank you for coming to the house on December 7th to provide a home cooked meal to the families staying with us.

We appreciate your support and contribution in making this house a "home away from home" for all the families who come to stay. Your donation demonstrates your concern for America's heroes and their families.

Thank you again,

The Milwaukee VA Fisher House Staff and Volunteers



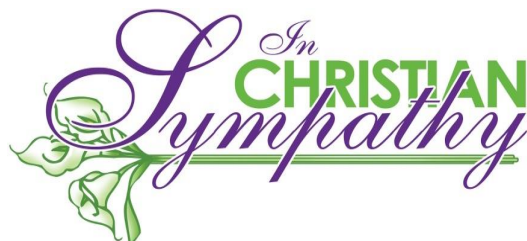
Dear All Saints Lutheran Church,

Thank you for all that your church does for the 12 Step programs!!!

Please accept this donation of \$250.00 as a sincere thank you.

Tom Pellizzi

Thursday morning GA Group



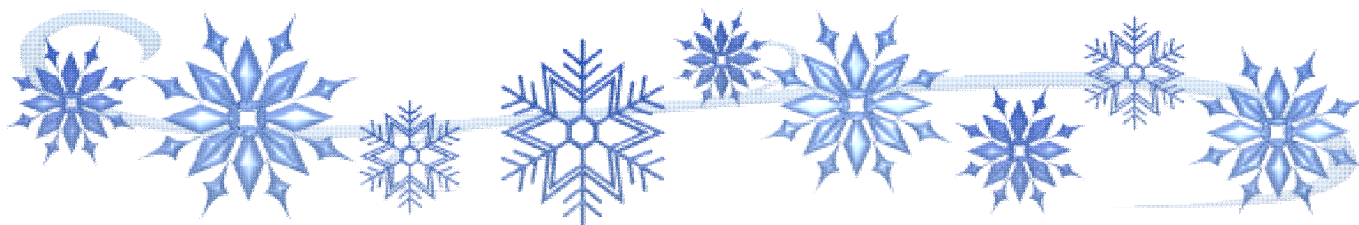
*Our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy is extended
to Mary Zahn and family
on the death of Her Nephew.*

Blessed are those who die in the Lord

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>
January 4 to 8	Zahn	Open	Open	Wood	Open
January 11 to 15	Open	Open	Open	Open	Heine
January 18 to 22	Open	Open	Coonan	Krajnak	Open
January 25 to 29	Open	Open	LaFond	Vnuk	Vnuk



Revealer Articles are due on Wednesday January 22nd 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.

**2nd Sunday in Christmas**

Jeremiah 31:7-14
 Psalm 147:12-20
 Ephesians 1:3-14
 John 1: [1-9] 10-18

Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 42:1-9
 Psalm 29
 Acts 10:34-43
 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7
 Psalm 40:1-11
 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
 John 1:29-42

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4
 Psalm 27:1, 4-9
 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
 Matthew 4:12-23

Presentation of Our Lord

Malachi 3:1-4
 Psalm 84
 Hebrew 2:14-18
 Luke 2:22-4

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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