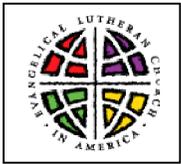




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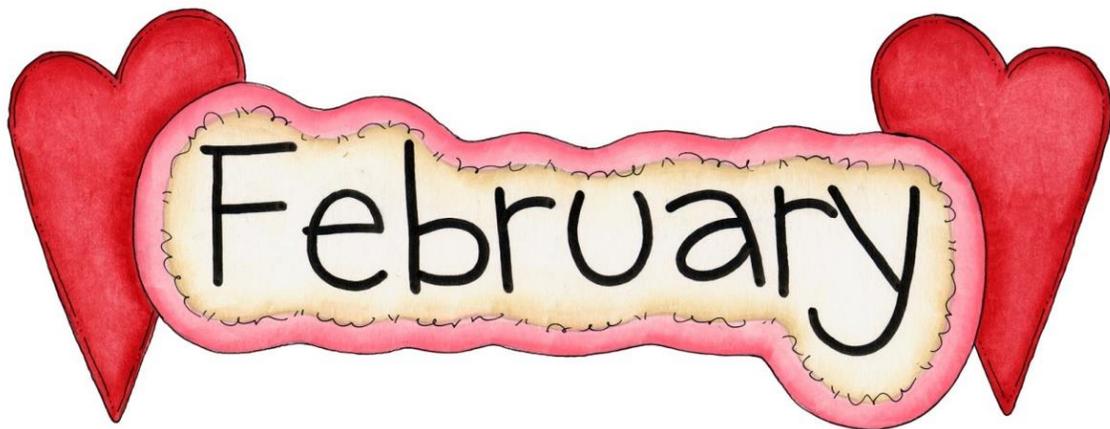
ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA

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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)



ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY – Wednesday, February 26th, 2020 at 7:00 pm



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



- 2-1 Susan Payne,
James St.Germaine, Robin Van Hoff
- 2-2 LeeAnn Davies, Bill Ford,
- 2-3 Grayson Venne
- 2-5 Mary Anderson, Katie Ruka
- 2-6 Marvel Baumgartner
- 2-7 Brandon Kawczynski
- 2-8 Ben Calteux, Peggy Todryk, Pat Loso
- 2-9 Chris Boyce, Patti Sprague
- 2-11 Melanie Betz, Joe Wiorek
- 2-13 Maxwell Hochevar
- 2-14 Diane Cornale, Cheri Saylor
Derk Vander Molen
- 2-18 Bob Payne, Connie Runge,
Landon Vander Molen
- 2-19 Cinnamon Salchow, Chuck Wolter
- 2-20 Coraline Meier
- 2-22 Brooke St.Germaine
- 2-23 Derek Thom
- 2-25 Michelle Dittmar, Carolyn Hughes,
Jaime Stecker, Jessica Markey, Jeff Sageser
- 2-27 Dan Markey
- 2-28 James Sprague

- 2-7 Annie and Kevin Polster
- 2-14 Bridgette and Mark Bugni
- 2-15 Joel and Bonnie Raison
- 2-15 Chuck and Judy Wolter
- 2-17 David and Peggy Todryk
- 2-18 Derk and Karen Vander Molen
- 2-23 Steve and Suz Pitts
- 2-23 TJ and Dora Jackalone

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Comment Article: "The 54th Annual Congregational Meeting – Good news-Bad News!"

The Good News First: Thank you to Brian Rathmann for volunteering to be our Synod Delegate! Thank you to Sara Jolitz for over-seeing two major Rummage Sales one in June and one in July! Thank you to the TWENTY PEOPLE who signed up to help Sara out with the rummage sales. Thank you to all those who came out for the meeting. Thank you too, to those who brought in desserts! Thank you to those who rushed over to join us in the meeting. Thanks to those who filled out their Time and Talent Sheets. Thank you to Kathy Bandstra-Bauman who felt called and directed to act. Thanks to those who said yes to being a Teller.+Thanks to Suz Pitts who offered whatever she could do to help out. Thank you to those who gave a free-will donation toward the cost of the food. Thank you to those who gave funds toward the donkey for Palm Sunday. Thank you to Sandy Montague for saying, YES+when asked about an appointment as Council Secretary. The good news is that Jenny St. Germaine is going above and beyond. That is a whole lot of good news+ there is much there to be thankful for.

The Bad News+of course, is that we still do not have a full council going forward. The bad news+is without an election next year there will be at least six vacancies to contend with then what? The bad news+is that there will not be two committees functioning at all. They have been temporarily suspended.+ The bad news is that there will be no YOUTH committee. The bad news is that we have suspended a committee on Evangelism. Were it not for Jenny St. Germaine Christian Education would have been suspended as well.

NEEDED are two individuals to step up and to offer themselves to the Church Council+for the remainder of the year 2020 until such time as the congregation meets again in January of 2021. We want more decision makers, not less. More input, not less.

Helen Haworth, Council President, would love to hear from you!

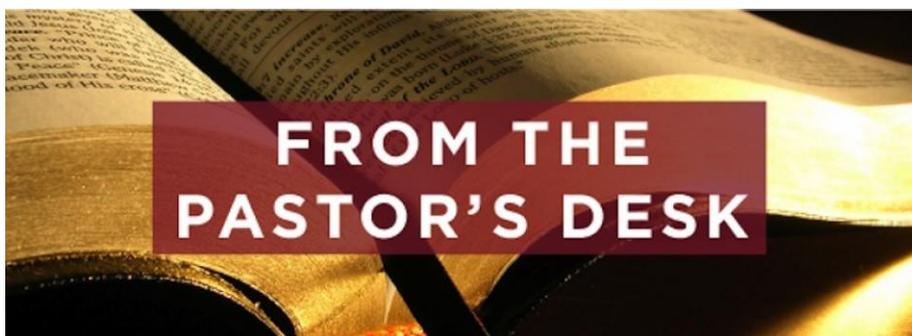
All Saints has always been a group effort+there are no solo acts, no super-stars it has just been us, loving and caring about this place of worship and the people in it.

For the record, Jenny REALLY wants to continue her work begun with Evangelism.

Can you tell we need some help?

See you in Church!

Pr. Mortenson



Leap Day

(Yup, there really is such a thing!)

February 29, also known as **leap day** or **leap year day**, is a date added to most years that are divisible by 4, such as 2016, 2020, and 2024.

A leap day is added in various solar calendars (calendars based on the Earth's revolution around the Sun), including the **Gregorian calendar** standard in most of the world.

lunisolar calendars (whose months are based on the phases of the Moon) instead add a leap or intercalary month.

In the Gregorian calendar, years that are divisible by 100, but not by 400, do not contain a leap day. Thus, 1700, 1800, and 1900 did not contain a leap day; neither will 2100, 2200, and 2300. Conversely, 1600 and 2000 did and 2400 will.

Years containing a leap day are called leap years.

Years not containing a leap day are called **common years**.

February 29 is the 60th day of the **Gregorian calendar**, in such a year, with 306 days remaining until the end of the year.

In the **Chinese calendar**, this day will only occur in years of the monkey, dragon, and rat. This is the year of the rat!

A leap day is observed because the Earth's period of orbital revolution around the Sun takes approximately 6 hours longer than 365 whole days.

A leap day compensates for this lag, realigning the calendar with the Earth's position in the Solar System; otherwise, seasons would occur later than intended in the calendar year.

The **Julian calendar** used in Christendom until the 16th century added a leap day every four years; but this rule adds too many days (roughly 3 every 400 years), making the equinoxes and solstices shift gradually to earlier dates.

By the 16th century the vernal equinox had drifted to March 11, and the **Gregorian calendar** was introduced both to shift it back by omitting several days, and to reduce the number of leap years via the "century rule" to keep the equinoxes more or less fixed and the date of Easter consistently close to the vernal equinox. WOW! Was that more than you wanted to know or what?



Did You Know?

- **Black History Month** is an annual observance originating in the United States, where it is also known as **African American History Month**.
- It has received official recognition from governments in the **United States** and **Canada**, and more recently has been observed unofficially in **Ireland**, the **Netherlands**, and the **United Kingdom**.
- It began as a way of remembering important people and events in the history of the African diaspora.
- It is celebrated in **February** in the United States and Canada while in Ireland, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom it is observed in **October**.
- **A GREAT MANY PEOPLE HAVE NO IDEA:** The precursor to Black History Month was created in 1926 in the United States, when historian Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History announced the second week of February to be "**Negro History Week**"
- This week was chosen because it coincided with the birthday of Abraham Lincoln on February 12 and of Frederick Douglass on February 14, both of which dates black communities had celebrated together since the late 19th century.
- By 1929, **The Journal of Negro History** was able to note that with only two exceptions, officials with the State Departments of Educations of "every state with considerable Negro population" had made the event known to that state's teachers and distributed official literature associated with the event".
- Churches also played a significant role in the distribution of literature in association with Negro History Week during this initial interval, with the mainstream and black press aiding in the publicity effort.
- Negro History Week was met with enthusiastic response; it prompted the creation of black history clubs, an increase in interest among teachers, and interest from progressive whites. Negro History Week grew in popularity throughout the following decades, with mayors across the United States endorsing it as a holiday.
- On February 21, 2016, 106-year Washington D.C. resident and school volunteer Virginia McLaurin visited the White House as part of Black History Month.
- When asked by the president **why she was there**, McLaurin said, "**A black president. A black wife. And I'm here to celebrate black history. That's what I'm here for.**"



President's Article

As your new Council President, I would like to help my fellow council members make their committees even better than they are now.

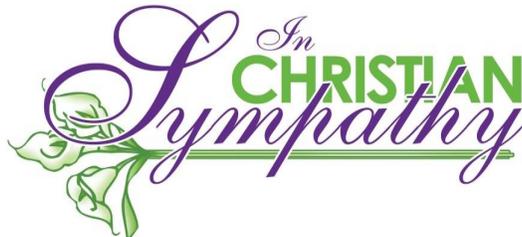
Since I have been a member of All Saints for more than two decades, I know that the work done by our committees is essential.

I ask you to seriously consider joining one of our committees. Each of our committee chairs would gladly welcome new members and new ideas. Your help is needed.

You all have special skills and talents. Please, share them, here, with us, at your church.

Written in hope:

Helen Haworth
Council President.



*Our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy is extended
to Dan, Kay and Clare Thein
on the death of Dan's Great-Aunt.
Blessed are those who die in the Lord*

Your Church Council:

President: Helen Haworth
Vice President: Sean Kingston
Treasurer: Barb Schrubey
Council Secretary: Sandy Montague

Committee Structure:

Christian Education: Sara Jolitz
Evangelism: Jenny St. Germaine
Finance: Sean Kingston
Property: Randy Meier
Stewardship: Suz Pitts
World Concerns: Kathy Bandstra Bauman
Worship & Music: Lisa Kleppek
Youth: OPEN



Church Constitution

Just a reminder according to the Church Constitution of All Saints, if you have not communed within the past year AND given a record of offering, you are ineligible to vote at any congregational meeting.

To be a member in good standing with active membership+you must either commune within the year OR give a record of offering.

IF you have not given a record of offering OR communed you are automatically moved to less active status.+

If it is your desire to be an active member of this church family^õ you must either commune OR give a record of offering.

That means your name needs to be on your gift^õ you cannot just throw money in the plate . less+ and less expect us+to know that you have given. It does not work that way^õ it must be a RECORD OF OFFERING.

And again, to vote, you must do both^õ

These are constitutional issues^õ and just so you know, we are looking at redoing our present church constitution^õ Interested?????



“A motion has been made and seconded that this be one of those meetings where nothing actually gets done.”

Church Council Installation Sunday, February 9th, 2020

BTW – the above cartoon does not apply to All Saints! We always get things done...





Council Capsules

Council approved the following matters at the January 20th regular meeting:

- Donated hats, mittens and scarves from the Christmas Hat and Mitten Tree will be donated to Edgewood Elementary School.
- Daniel Wipijewski was accepted into membership. Welcome Daniel!
- The 2020 budget that was presented at the annual meeting on January 26th for approval by the voting membership.
- Permission in perpetuity for the solicitation of gift cards from the congregation for raffle prizes at the annual craft and art fairs in the newsletter and bulletin inserts.
- 2020 Lenten services will include the lighting of candles by attendees who wish to say a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
 Leanne Buttke
 Council Secretary



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 aways+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:

Agape Meal

agape

aga·pe | \ ä-'gä-(,)pā , 'ä-gə-,pā \

Definition of *agape*

1 : LOVE FEAST

2 : LOVE - unconditional loving. Loving without restraint.

Agape (Ancient Greek ἀγάπη, *agapē*) is a Greco-Christian term referring to love, "the highest form of love, charity" and "the love of God for man and of man for God".

The word is not to be confused with “philia,” brotherly love, or “philautia,” self-love, as it embraces a universal, unconditional love that transcends and persists regardless of circumstance.

It goes beyond just the emotions to the extent of seeking the best for others. The noun form first occurs in the Septuagint, but the verb form goes as far back as Homer, translated literally as affection, as in "greet with affection" and "show affection for the dead".

Other ancient authors have used forms of the word to denote love of a spouse or family, or affection for a particular activity, in contrast to “eros” (an affection of a sexual nature).

Within Christianity, *agape* is considered to be the love originating from God or Christ for humankind. In the Early Christian Writings, it refers to the covenant love of God for humans, as well as the human reciprocal love for God; the term necessarily extends to the love of one's fellow man.

Some contemporary writers have sought to extend the use of *agape* into non-religious contexts.

The concept of *agape* has been widely examined within its Christian context.

It has also been considered in the contexts of other religions, religious ethics, and science.

The Agape meal typically is the feast celebrated before Lent begins. The Holy Season of Lent starts out with Love. And if you think about it...isn't that the reason for what Jesus did?

LOVE-UNCONDITIONAL LOVE! CELEBRATE IT!





Christian Education

2020 has arrived and we are looking ahead for ideas to keep the children engaged and possibly re-engage interest in Christian Education. This winter we will have a craft event for the kids for just something fun and different to do. At this time, we do not have a date set, but of course you are welcome to join us. Please listen for announcements or look for the date on the church calendar. Or, ask Sue LaFond or me if you see us roaming around the church.

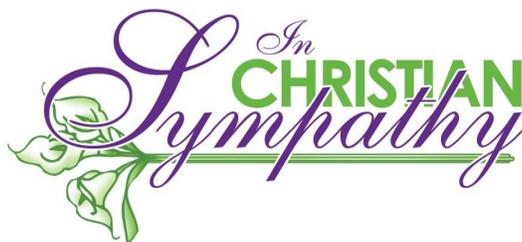
The committee also considered changing the frequency or date/time of SCS. Why, you ask? Well, similar to other congregations our attendance has fallen. You've certainly read previous Christian Education articles here in the Revealer, received a letter from me, or maybe attended a meeting and learned the challenges. We must at least consider alternatives. For now, this committee decided to maintain holding SCS at 8:45 on Sundays.

If you have thoughts on the issue that you would like to share, please attend Christian Education committee meetings. Future meetings will be scheduled on the monthly calendars once the 2020 council is elected at the annual meeting.

Thank you to Christian Education committee members, Lori Rathmann, Sue LaFond, Dale Hochevar, Debbie Krajnak, Marlene Anderson, Dena Olsen, Kerry Howard, McKenzie Blackman and Pj. The experience of serving our church with these members is rewarding and humbling, to say the least.

Respectfully,

Leanne Buttke
2019 Christian Education



*Our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy is extended
to Sue and Mike McIntosh
on the death of Sue's two brothers, Jack and Dick
Blessed are those who die in the Lord*

ASH WEDNESDAY



First, thank you for returning your palms from last Palm Sunday, it is how our ashes are made. Bless you!

Ash Wednesday is a Christian holy day of “”prayer and fasting. It is preceded by “Shrove (fat)Tuesday and falls on the first day of Lent, the six weeks of penitence before Easter. Ash Wednesday is traditionally observed by Western Christians. Most Latin Rite Roman Catholics observe it, as do some Protestants like Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists, Nazarenes and Independent Catholics.

As it is the first day of Lent, some Christians begin Ash Wednesday by marking a Lenten calendar, praying a Lenten daily devotional, and abstaining from a luxury that they will not partake of until Easter arrives.

Ash Wednesday derives its name from the placing of repentance ashes on the foreheads of participants to the solemn and sacred words of "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The ashes are prepared by burning palm leaves from the previous year's Palm Sunday celebrations.

ASH WEDNESDAY BEGINS IT ALL!



Evangelism

This was my first year with the Evangelism committee and I couldn't have done it without my wonderful committee members: Marlene Anderson, Leslie Derks, Sara Jolitz, Debbie Krajnak, Rick Mobley, Dena Olsen, Michael Steiner, and Derk Vander Molen. Your ideas, support, and help with coordinating events is appreciated! Also, a very special thank you to Rita Cieszynski who has been responsible for mailing out birthday cards to our church members.

This year's pet blessing was held on Saturday, January 18. We had 7 dogs, 3 cats, and 1 rabbit in attendance. Please see the bulletin board for pictures of our furry friends getting blessed.

We will be making and serving a meal to the guests at Fisher House on Saturday, March 7. If you are interested in attending and bringing a food item for our Taco Bar, please sign up on the bulletin board. We will meet at All Saints at 11:15am to carpool. We serve from 12-1:30pm.

Care Notes, which are located in the entryway, have been updated and re-stocked. CareNotes are written for people dealing with intensely emotional situations who are looking for concise, easy-to-read guidance and support. These wellness-oriented booklets address real-life emotional, psychological and spiritual needs.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11 at 6:30pm at Panera. ALL are welcome to join us!

"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness?" - John Steinbeck

Praying for you,
Jenny St Germaine
Evangelism
414-345-7877
jjsaint0502@gmail.com



**SUCKERS FOR THE KIDS GARBAGE BAGS
PAPER TOWELS**

Bless You for Remembering Us!

Shrove Tuesday



Shrove Tuesday (also known as Pancake Tuesday or Pancake Day or as FAT Tuesday or as Pączki Day (or as some would call it **NOT CAKE Day**) is the day in February or March immediately preceding Ash Wednesday (the first day of Lent), which is celebrated in some countries by consuming of all things **pancakes or sweet and fattening food.**

In others, especially those where it is called Mardi Gras or some translation thereof, this is a **carnival day,** and also the last day of "fat eating" or "gorging" before the fasting period of Lent.

This **moveable feast** is determined by Easter.

The expression "Shrove Tuesday" comes from the word *shrive*, meaning "absolve".

Shrove Tuesday is observed by many Christians, including Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists and Roman Catholics, who "make a special point of self-examination, of considering what wrongs they need to repent, and what amendments of life or areas of spiritual growth they especially need to ask God's help in dealing with."

Along with its emphasis on feasting, another theme of Shrove Tuesday involves Christians **repenting of their sins** in preparation to begin the season of Lent in the Christian calendar.

Shrove Tuesday is a reminder that Christians are entering a season of penance and was originally a solemn day.

But over the centuries, in anticipation of the Lenten fast that would begin the next day, Shrove Tuesday took on a festive nature.

That is why Shrove Tuesday is also known as Fat Tuesday or **Mardi Gras** (which is simply French for Fat Tuesday).

For us, we should note that we are about to enter another season of the church year – the **HOLY SEASON of LENT!**

Journey with us
And it is
A journey!

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 Name tags.

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



Lent



Lent is a solemn religious observance in the Christian liturgical calendar that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends approximately six weeks later on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter Sunday.

The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer for Easter through prayer, doing penance, mortifying the flesh, repentance of sins, almsgiving, and denial of ego.

This event is observed in the Anglican, Eastern Orthodox, Lutheran, Methodist, Moravian, Oriental Orthodox, Reformed, and Roman Catholic Churches.

Some Anabaptist and evangelical churches also observe the Lenten season. How did lent get started?

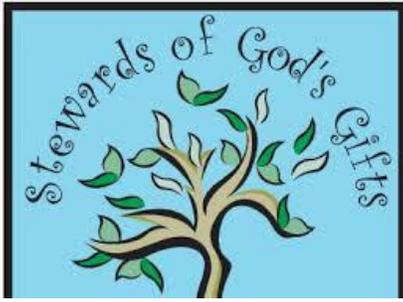
Lent began in the early centuries, and was used as a time to prepare new members for the Church.

The early Christians tried to imitate Jesus Christ and the way that he lived by translating what he did into their lives, and in the way they prepared others to be received into the Church.

Lent is traditionally described as lasting for 40 days, in commemoration of the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert, according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, before beginning his public ministry, during which he endured temptation by Satan.

Depending on the Christian denomination and local custom, Lent ends either on the evening of Maundy Thursday, or at sundown on Holy Saturday, when the Easter Vigil is celebrated.

Regardless, Lenten practices are properly maintained until the evening of Holy Saturday.



Stewardship

I had another article written for the Revealer this month but as I sit here after the Annual meeting, I feel the need to write a different one. Today was a little sad at our annual meeting. We struggled with attendance at the annual meeting and then we struggled and came up short in nominations for new council members. In the end, we had to make some tough decisions as a council regarding how to proceed with council in 2020. Activities will get cut. Responsibilities won't get done. It is unreasonable to ask so few people to take on more responsibility. When is it too much?

So I ask once again that you prayerfully consider what more you might be able to do for our church? One of the initiatives that I had intended to explore in 2020 was the concept of Micro Volunteering. I'm not sure at this point how much time I can devote to this exploration, but I wanted to share the concept with the masses. Micro Volunteering is described as having a volunteer, or team of volunteers, completing small tasks that make up a larger project. The difference is that it often involves only a minimal commitment, sometimes only a few hours or a weekend. We already have many members who participate in this type of volunteering when they sign up to help with the craft fair or lawn mowing. But often, the people doing those tasks are also involved in other longer-term commitments as well. Is it possible that we can encourage others who do not typically get involved to participate in some of these shorter-term projects? What can we do to help people see that they are not getting roped into something long term but can make an impact with just a few hours of help?

What do you think? Do you volunteer for projects and events at All Saints? If you do, thank you! And if you don't, what can we tell you to encourage you to help and reassure you that you aren't signing away your first born? Please consider seeing what you can do for the church in a small meaningful way. If you would like to talk to a council member about what might be useful, please reach out to us. We are here to help, but we also need your help!!

Sincerely,

Lisa Wytrykus Kleppek
2019 Stewardship Chairperson



Council Meeting – Monday, February 17th at 6:30 pm
Check the Calendar for the dates and times
of the various Committee Meeting

WORSHIP!



Date: Wednesday, February 26th, 2020
Time: 7:00 P.M. Imposition of Ashes
Adult Choir Singing - Communion Celebrated
(Lent Officially Begins!)





Security Update

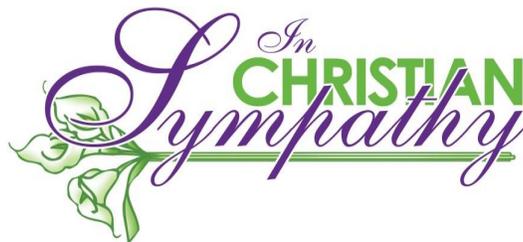
Recently a church in our area fell victim to thieves who brazenly walked into the church and rifled through the coats in the coat closet to find a set of keys which they used to steal a member's car. It's sad to think that this type of crime can happen at a church but a sobering reminder that no place is truly safe from determined criminals.

It is for this reason that we continue to move forward with our security plans for All Saints. These plans will not only increase the safety at our church from crimes against our property but also protect us from anyone with intention to do us harm. As a church community, we can look out for one another and make sure that we are keeping ourselves safe.

Do you want to learn more about keeping our congregation safe? Please join us at our meetings at 6:30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. We are working on protocols for every event from weather to intruders and will plan to train the congregation once we have the protocols in place. Please join us!

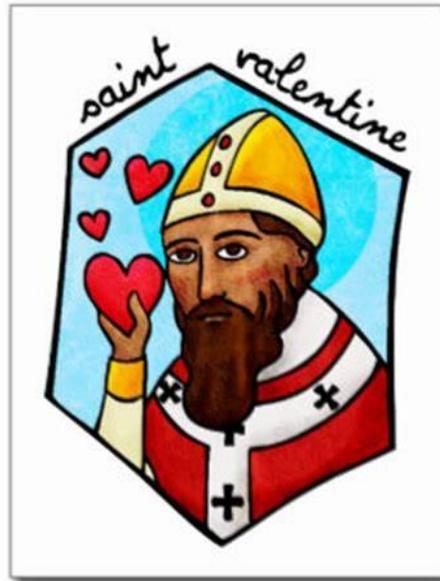
Regards,

Lisa Wytrykus Kleppek
Security Committee Chairperson



*Our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy is extended
to James, Jenny, Brooke and Dylan St. Germaine
on the death of James' Grandfather
and the children's Great-Grandfather.
Blessed are those who die in the Lord*

St. Valentine!



There are two different Saints' Lives for a St Valentine on February 14, but they are probably the same man. Saint Valentine was a clergyman – either a priest or a bishop – in the Roman Empire who ministered to persecuted Christians.

He was martyred and his body buried at a Christian cemetery on the Via Flaminia close to the Ponte Milvio to the north of Rome, on February 14, which has been observed as the Feast of Saint Valentine (Saint Valentine's Day) **since 496 AD**.

Relics of him were kept in the Church and Catacombs of San Valentino in Rome, which "remained an important pilgrim site throughout the Middle Ages until the relics of St. Valentine were transferred to the church of Santa Prassede during the pontificate of Nicholas IV".

His skull, crowned with flowers, is exhibited in the Basilica of Santa Maria in Cosmedin, Rome; other relics of him were taken to Whitefriar Street Carmelite Church in Dublin, Ireland, where they remain; this house of worship continues to be a popular place of pilgrimage, especially on Saint Valentine's Day, for those 'seeking love.'

For Saint Valentine of Rome, along with Saint Valentine of Terni, "abstracts of the acts of the two saints were in nearly every church and monastery of Europe", according to Professor Jack B. Oruch of the University of Kansas.

Saint Valentine is commemorated in the Anglican Communion and the Lutheran Churches on February 14. In the Eastern Orthodox Church, he is recognized on July 6; in addition, the Eastern Orthodox Church observes the feast of Hieromartyr Valentine, Bishop of Interamna, on July 30.

In 1969, the Roman Catholic Church removed his name from the General Roman Calendar, leaving his liturgical celebration to local calendars.



Worship and Music

As I write this there are only 5 Mondays before meteorological spring! Ash Wednesday is just around the corner and lent will start, time does fly. Should you have any palms left from last year we would appreciate it if you dropped them off at church so that we may burn them for ashes to use.

A box will be in the narthex.

As you know after four short weeks of lent comes Easter . please order your Easter flowers as soon as the notice goes out so that we can get a good number for the florist . we really appreciate your help in making the church glow for Easter!

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 Schwarz and Mary Zahn with special help also from Mike Steiner and Debbie Krajnak.

Yours in Christ

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Meier
2019 Worship & Music Committee Chair

**Save the date for the Agape Dinner.
Sunday February 23 after church at 11.30.**

**The theme is LOVE. Recipes will be posted on the wall by PJ's door.
These recipes are selected from our church cookbooks in memory of those in our church family that have passed. Please choose a recipe and make it to bring to the dinner.
Games will be played, a raffle/silent auction will be held. The Eucharist will be celebrated and we will all be able to reminisce as we eat the foods prepared in memory of those we loved.
Please come and join us to remember our Blessed Saints.**

The next meeting will be on Sunday February 2 after church at 11:30

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Krajnak

Agape



**With your help, we would like to decorate our Sanctuary
for the Celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord.
You may purchase a plant in Memory or Honor of a Loved One or just for yourself.
(Our supplier this year is CJ's Flowers).**

Deadline for Ordering is Sunday, March 1st, 2020

_____ 6+Pot Lily	11.00 Each
_____ 6+Hyacinth	11.00 Each
_____ 6+Assorted Tulips (Colors vary)	11.00 Each
_____ 6+Yellow Daffodils (Short lived)	11.00 Each

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Checks payable to All Saints

In Memory / Honor of (please indicate)

Given by: _____ Env. # _____

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Prayers around the Cross

Guess what? Yep, we are trying something NEW again! NEW Liturgy, NEW experiences, even some NEW music.

This liturgy will gather around the altarō togetherō everyoneō post meditation. You can stand or sit. Expect to see the cross centrally located ON THE ALTAR. Expect to see votive candles all AROUND the altar. Expect to see the Sacrament central.

Expect to hear prayers, NOT written from the keyboard of the Pastor, but rather prayers that come from the hearts of the faithful. Candles may indeed be lighted for yourself or on behalf of others. No one will ever know. But you will. So, expect to see the LOAF of bread, the CHALICE of wine, the CROSS and VOTIVE candlesō expect to learn a CHANT or two (more like a round,) as well as singing some of our OLD Lenten favorites.

It is our fondest hope and desire that this liturgy be loved and appreciatedō it will be different.



We meet on Wednesdays at 7:00



MORIAH JOY!



For the record: I like TACOS, too! I would eat refried beans. I like NACHOS. Sure, have an annual meeting with tons of food and lock me in the office. I saw that dessert table. You MAY HAVE NOTICED I did escape ONCE...but only once. Lord knows, I tried. Closet doors I can open, the front doors I can open, desk drawers I can open, the refrigerator I can open, just so you all know, I am working on the Office doors. You can take a girl out of North Carolina, but you cannot lock her up in an office. I WILL figure this out. If the office door is ajar, just a wee-bit, NO PROBLEM---I am SO OUT!

My “houman” thinks he is so smart, turning out the lights, closing the wooden blinds...telling me to lay down and to go to sleep, he thinks I will fall asleep. He even thinks I am listening to all of those words and verbiage. Guess what? NOT GONNA HAPPEN! I am plotting. I am looking. I am checking out that door. I WILL get it. I am determined. It is just a matter of time, just saying! My mouth fits over the door knob very nicely...the problem is with turning it...but I will get it, don't you worry! Practice makes perfect!

The Blessing of Our Animal Companions



It is always an exciting night! No one quite knows what to expect. This year was different. Usually the animals are pretty quiet. I can tell you this year, most of the barking came from deep within the church office. Good old, you know who! Someone wanted out...someone wanted to play...someone wanted to see her friends...up close and personal...someone wanted the treats...

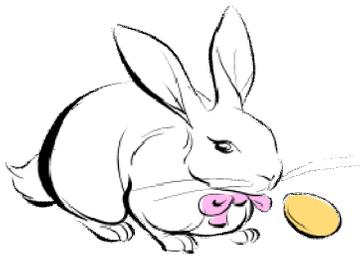
The dogs, cats and rabbits were all good. There were no accidents. They were a lively crowd! And wanted to be heard, and they were!

We blessed two dogs, two cats and a horse in absentia. That was different, too! We even had pictures...there were 8 dogs, 1 rabbit and 3 cats present. So, our total for the night was 10 dogs, 5 cats, 1 horse and 1 rabbit....and a partridge in a pear tree...just kidding about the last one!

There were treats, certificates and medals passed out. All-in-all it was another “only at All Saints” kind of moment...

And I am sure, somewhere in the land where saints dwell...St Anthony Abbot was smiling from ear-to-ear.

Already there is anticipation about the Pet Blessing for Next Year...yeah, we love our animal companions, that much!



MARCH 28th, 2020

The Craft Fair is right around the corner.

Donations are needed for the Craft Fair Raffle. **Fall Craft is March 28, 2020**

We need: **ITEMS FOR RAFFLE BASKETS:**

We are looking for new items related to:

- Milwaukee Brewers
- Dog basket
- Children's toys
- Wine Basket
- Gardening supplies
- Scrip gift cards

You can bring your donations to PJ or Kinga anytime and they will keep them safe until we create the raffle baskets. Please put your name on the item so we know who to thank.

Volunteers

The volunteer posters will be hung the middle of February for kitchen items, bake sale goodies, and volunteers. Or call Mary Jo at 414-530-2339

Craft Fair Meeting times and Set-up times

- Wednesday, February 12 at 8-9 PM - postcards need to be sent
- Wednesday, March 18 at 8-9 PM - planning meeting
- Wednesday, March 25 at 8-9 PM Set-up of Craft Fair (lots of help needed - especially youth and strong, willing people to move tables and chairs)

- Thursday, March 26 at 12:30 PM . 4 PM Raffle Basket set-up.
- Friday, March 27 from 2-6:30 pm Kitchen set-up and Bakery drop off and pricing (Need lots of home-made baked goods, especially pies and cakes). Also crafter set-up.
- Saturday, March 28 CRAFT FAIR 8-2:30 PM (Volunteers needed to sell baked goods, sell food in the kitchen, sell raffle tickets, and clean-up).
- Saturday March 28 - Craft Fair Clean-up 2:30-4 PM. Many people needed! We need to put the church back together after the craft fair in time for service at 5 PM.
- Wednesday, April 1 at 8-9 pm (Follow-up meeting for improvements needed)

Thank you so much for your continued support to our Craft Fairs!!

It takes so many to make the craft fair a success.

All proceeds go to the church for operating funds and paying bills. We need your help.

Thank you!

Mary Jo Meier and the Craft Fair Committee

Print your name _____ Address _

SCRIP CARD	AMOUNT	RETURN	QUANTITY	TOTAL \$
Kohls	\$10	5%		
TJ Maxx	\$25	7%		
Pick and Save	\$25	4%		
Pick and Save	\$100	4%		
Sendik's	\$50	5%		
Woodman's	\$50	5%		
Kwik Trip	\$50	10%		
Speedway	\$25	5%		
Marcus Theater	\$25	9%		
Any scrip card	\$			





The Spring Craft Fair is “just around the corner!”

So, we are soliciting your help, once again! It is our hope to have as another “Raffle Prize” a number of gift cards in a basket. Whatever you can give will be wonderful. People REALLY do bid the most on these items. They are HUGE. In the REVEALER you will see a sample of what we are asking for...but of course, we will take anything...

We will try and have inserts in our weekly bulletins in church.

Announcements (as reminders) will also be made.

This is so BIG for our church. People LOVE our Craft Fairs. They LOVE the food, the RAFFLES, the BAKED GOODS, the VENDORS. It is such an awesome event and of course, none of this could ever happen without YOU.

Thank You for all that you do.

Thanks for your baking.

Thanks for selling.

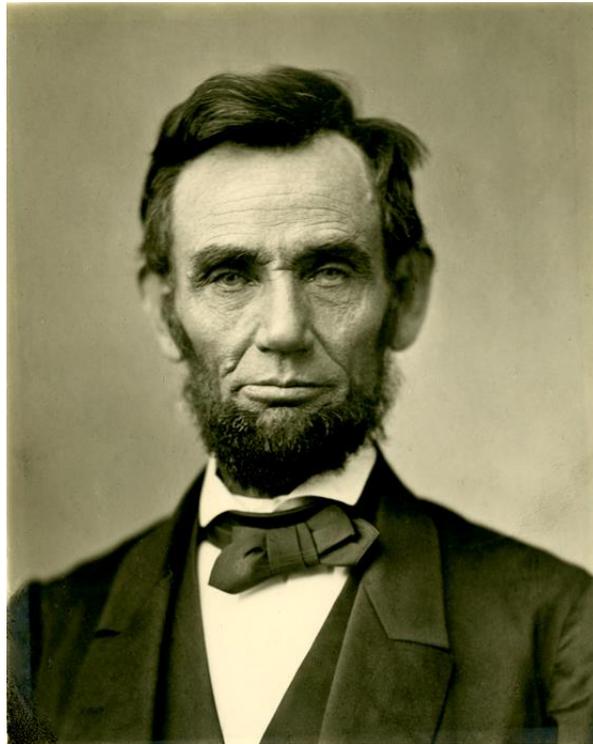
Thanks for coming.

Thanks for helping with the set-up and the tear-down.

This church is AMAZING.

Don't forget to HELP US get the WORD out...the SPRING CRAFT FAIR is Saturday, March 28th from 8 to 2:30 P.M. Let's make this one THE BEST, ever!!!

February 12th



**“Folks are usually about as happy as they make their minds up to be.”
— Abraham Lincoln**

**“Whatever you are, be a good one.”
— Abraham Lincoln**

**“America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.”
— Abraham Lincoln**

**“My concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right.”
— Abraham Lincoln**

**“Those who look for the bad in people will surely find it.”
— Abraham Lincoln**

**“The best way to predict your future is to create it.”
— Abraham Lincoln**

Senior Village



DID SOMEONE YELL BINGO?

We did it again! Another Senior gathering and luncheon! These are the best. The best conversationsō the best laughterō the best of timesō Barb always manages to come up with thematic bingo games+for us. This was a +pre-celebration+for Super Bowl 54. The food as always was great! Lots of variety as alwaysō but ahh the banter! The side-bars! This is All Saints at its best! Nothing serious! Just friends reminiscingō chatting and touching base again. It is the best! Do you want to know who the +BIG WINNERS+were? We had a prediction for the game.



AND THE WINNER WAS:
Kansas City!!!



When it came to BINGO the BIG WINNERS were none other than:
Benny Brown, Carol Frechette, Brent Mason, Benny Brown and Rita Cieszynski.
Did we mention the Brats, Polish, Italians and Burgers? Homemade potato salad, chips, desserts and all the fixingsō

This time together and these gatherings are MORE important than you realize!

WHY NOT consider JOINING US?

The NEXT Senior Luncheon



When: March 26, 2020

Where: All Saints

Time: 1:00 P.M.

Who: Any and all "Seniors" in the church family

What: Potluck Dinner...we will be eating ONLY WHAT YOU BRING.

The Police Department will have a representative be present.

The Health Department will have a representative be present.

The Fire Department will have a representative present.

We are talking all things...SENIOR including SAFETY, HEALTH and WELLNESS!

This is one event you will not want to miss!

Ash Wednesday

February 26, 2020

The Imposition of Ashes

7:00 pm



Our liturgy will be at 7:00 P.M.

The Choir will be singing

The Eucharist is always celebrated

Visitors are always welcome!

Come, and get your “ash on!”



Just for Laughs...

- After having children, Adam and Eve started getting a lot of questions from their kids about why they no longer lived in Eden. Adam has a simple answer for this:
%our mother ate us out of house and home.+
- During a Sunday school lesson, a child learned about how God created human beings. The child became especially focused when the teacher explained how Eve was created from Adam's ribs. Later on in the week, the boy's mother saw him lying down on the floor, so she asked him what was wrong. His reply was priceless:
%Mom, I have a pain in my side. I think I'm getting a wife.+
- Shortly after tying the knot, a young married couple started arguing over who should make the coffee. Being a good Christian woman, the wife went to the scriptures for her answer. She said that the Bible specifically stated that men should be the ones to make the coffee. Puzzled, the husband asked her where in the Bible it said that. Very confidently, the wife opened up her Bible and said: %It's right here. HEBREWS.+



Of Personal Concerns

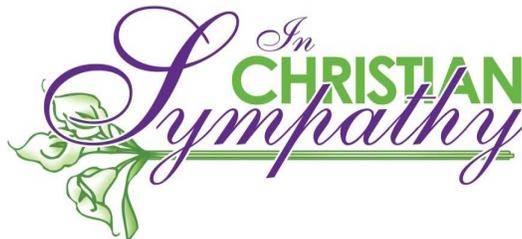


KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN HOSPITALIZED

- Karen Vander Molen
 - Bill Wishall
- Sue Duchesneau
 - R.B. Wood
- Robin Van Hoff
 - David Heine
- Sharon Wiorek



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



*Our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy is extended
to Dawn Case
on the death of her Brother-in-law.
Blessed are those who die in the Lord*



Letters we receive: Correspondence



Dear All Saints Carolers,

I want to thank all of you for the beautiful Christmas music. I felt so proud to hear people on my floor saying to me, make sure you tell your Church people, how we enjoyed the music. Some people who heard we had Carolers on our floor, told me, they hope you sing on their floors next year. They only hear the music on the main floor, never on their floor. Again, I want to say Thanks again!

Love,

Betty Ford



Dear All Saints Carolers,

Thank you all so very much for coming to our house and gifting us with your lovely voices. It was such a pleasure to look out at your sweet faces, doing such a kindness. We also want to thank you for the generous gifts you presented to us. You made our Christmas very special. Best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Rick and Pat Ackerman



Dear All Saints,

Thank s for all that your church does for the 12 Step Programs! Please accept this donation of \$250.00 as our thank you.

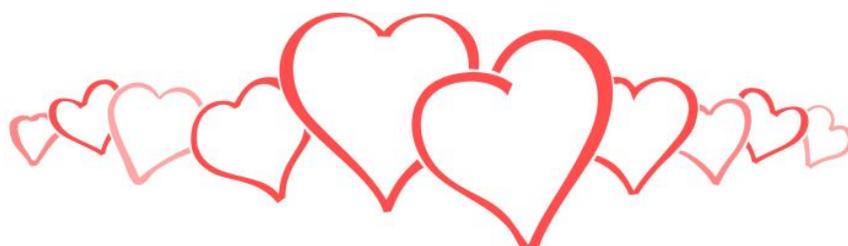
Tom Pellizzi

Thursday GA Group

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

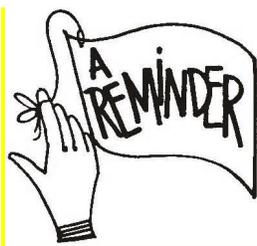
The donation folder is posted in the blue folder on the Bulletin Board. Select your dates for those special occasions or people in your lives and follow the instructions on the inside front cover.

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>
February 1 to 5	Buttke	Open	Krajnak	Buttke	St. Germaine
February 8 to 11	Haworth	Open	Open	St. Germaine	Friedman
February 15 to 19	Montague	Open	Walter	Vnuk	Open
February 22 to 26	Mutual Ministry Comm.		Bauman	Open	St. Germaine
Feb 29 to March 4	Mutual Ministry Comm.		Krajnak	Open	Krajnak



Revealer Articles are due on **Wednesday February 19th 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.

**Presentation of Our Lord**

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

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]
 Psalm 112:1-9[10]
 1 Corinthians 2:1-12[13-16]
 Matthew 5:13-20

6th Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
 Psalm 119:1-8
 1 Corinthians 3:1-9
 Matthew 5:21-37

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Exodus 24:12-18
 Psalm 2 or 99
 2 Peter 1:16-21
 Matthew 17:1-9

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12
 Psalm 51:1-17
 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

1st Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
 Psalm 32
 Romans 5:12-19
 Matthew 4:1-11

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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