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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.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY – FRIDAY 9:00am – 5:00pm

Weekly Worship at All Saints

Saturday: 5:00 pm Liturgy I
Sunday: 9:00 am Pericope
(CANCELLED until further notice!)
10:00 am ELW
Wednesday: 7:00 pm Liturgy II



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ATTENTION!!!

Please note that mask wearing inside the church is **mandatory** per Governor's orders until 01/01/2021

Our Bulletins are complete and self-contained for each Liturgy. You are encouraged to take yours home and reflect upon it. Thank you.



- 1-1 Mark Howard
- 1-2 Kelly Schwarz
- 1-3 Cody Beran, Bruce Friedbauer,
Rorrie Lang
- 1-5 Sara Bennett
- 1-7 Joni McDonald
- 1-8 Leanne Buttke, Wally Hogan,
Denise Schmid
- 1-9 Howard MacMillan
- 1-10 Aly Pinkos
- 1-11 Jodi Heine, Bert Ugrotzi, Mary Manthei
- 1-13 Diane Hogan
- 1-14 Rob Betz, Wendy Osse
- 1-15 Patrick Hochevar
- 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
- 1-25 Kate Miller
- 1-26 Eva Brown, 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 & Richard Rudolph-Lisle
- 1-6 James & Patti Sprague
- 1-20 Pat and Kenneth Bruss-Horswill



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

Comment Article: "Silent Night"



Very odd, very different. Christmas Eve and the church is completely quietō silent. Not even a church mouse to be heard. The tree is lit. The boughs are lighted. The spots are on. And I sit here alone. Not a car in the parking lot, except for the Jeep. No music. No babygrand. No Clavinova.

No carols. No choir of angels. No noise of any kind. Not so much as a knock at the door. Even the phone sits silent.

It is a pandemic. A Global pandemic. And as much as you and I are tired of hearing about it, it continues to affect us all. Ten months of thisō .sometimes feeling like twentyō or thirty.

Christmas 2020 like most of the year of 2020 is different. And yet, we have been blessed. We ARE blessed. We have made it this far. As Pat Bruss-Horswill reminds us in worship, the good news is %WE ARE HERE!+

We are holding are own. We have kept our heads above water, so far. Each and every month prayers have been answered. I am aware that it was well over 200 years ago that %he now famous song was first conceived and written.+ You know the one.

It was 204 years ago (to be exact) when "Silent Night" was first heard by Austrian villagers attending Christmas Eve mass in St. Nicholas Church in Oberndorf. It is a song about a calm and bright silent night, and the wonder of a tender and mild newborn child, words written in 1816 by a young priest in Austria, Joseph Mohr, not long after the Napoleonic wars had taken their toll. The back-story is that the priest went for a walk before he wrote it, and he looked out over a very quiet, winter-laden town," it was peaceful and quiet. Very quiet.

Much like our sanctuary this evening. We have no snow, but it is pretty cold outsideō even the traffic on Howell avenue has slowedō to nothingnessō

I long for a return. I long for the day when we can get together again. I long for the day when the smell of freshly brewed coffee will fill the air. And I can watch people hugging and laughing and engaging in conversation. I long to hear the laughter of children in the sanctuary and babies cryingō I long to see a real live baby fill the manger, again.

But that will have to wait for another yearō another time.

Till then, it is a silent night.

Blessings

Pr. Mortenson

EPIPHANY 2021

As we turn the corner from 2020 to 2021, we also move from the Christmas liturgical season to the Epiphany, beginning January 6th. YAY!

In the liturgical church, the Christmas Season is preceded by the Season of Advent and followed by the Season of Epiphany. These two bookends extend and enrich the Christmas celebration.

Advent is a season of preparation whereby we examine our hearts in the light of Christ. The Christmas Season begins on Christmas Day and extends for the twelve days up to the celebration of the Epiphany. The word Epiphany means manifestation or a showing forth or a revealing. You know, like when we get something and the light-bulb turns on over our heads?

The Feast of the Epiphany is January 6th. Traditionally this has been called THREE KINGS NIGHT and observes the visitation by the Magi, or Wise men from afar. Right away in the beginning of his life GENTILES come and pay homage to Jesus. This celebration clearly manifests that Jesus is the Son of God.

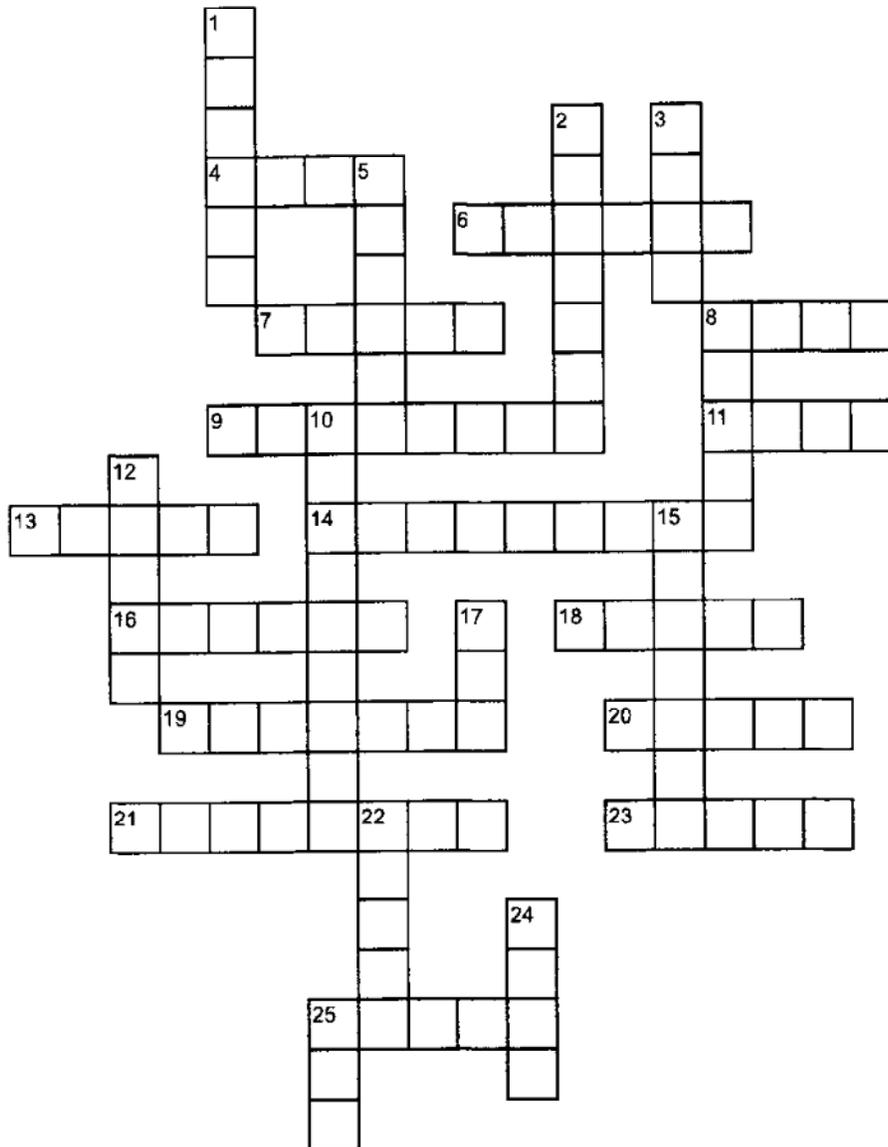
The actual length of the Season of Epiphany depends on the date when Easter will be celebrated. This year, Easter is early. Kind of early. Sunday, April 4th! Thus in some liturgical years the season is longer than others. Throughout the Season of Epiphany we explore the numerous and various ways in which God has revealed himself to us in the Scriptures.

Because we have worship on WEDNESDAY NIGHTS the Day of the Epiphany falls on a Wednesday this year so we will be celebrating it!!!! YAY!!!! (As we should!)

The date is easy to REMEMBER it is WEDNESDAY, January 6th, come and join us!



Epiphany



Across

- 4 Symbol of the Holy Spirit
- 6 Four books which begin the New Testament
- 7 Son of God
- 8 Precious metal
- 9 Made living
- 11 First man
- 13 King of Judea at the time of Christ's birth
- 14 The bringing into the universe by God
- 16 Hebrew prophet taken into heaven by a whirlwind
- 18 Loyalty of belief
- 19 Fragrant smoke
- 20 Presents
- 21 Message and witness

Down

- 1 River of Israel
- 2 Traveled from the East
- 3 The first home of Adam and Eve
- 5 Old Testament prophet, the successor of Elijah
- 8 Gift of the Holy Spirit
- 10 The mother of John the Baptist
- 12 The language of the New Testament
- 15 Three persons in one
- 17 From a rib
- 22 Where Mary and Joseph fled after the birth of Christ
- 24 Site of wedding feast
- 25 Offense, disobedience

Did You Know?

- Thatō January is a month named by the Romans after the God Janus, the %God of Gateways.+
- This is because January is the gateway to the new year and is most often welcomed through a celebration of great merriment and mirth . not to mention usually-unachievable new year's resolutions!
- January is of course, known for January 1st - New Year's Dayō a day of football and recreational eatingō as if we didnō do enough of that at Christmas time!
- January 1st is also considered to be the World Day of Peace. There still are many hot spots around the globeō and Lord knows, we could use a WORLD day of peaceō that would be good, right?
- January 9th is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Dayō and if you listen carefully to the prayers spoken in church we do include all Police Officers and First Responders in our prayers on a regular basis.
- January 11th is National Human Trafficking Awareness Dayō and the statistics here are mind-blowing. Chicago-Racine-Milwaukee is a major thoroughfare for such trafficking. Did you know that actual cases of human trafficking have been reported in every county in the state of Wisconsin?
- January 18th is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. It celebrates the life and the achievements of Martin Luther King Jr., an influential American civil rights leader. He is most well-known for his campaigns to end racial segregation on public transportation and for racial equality in the United States.
- The whole month of January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month.
- So how many resolutions did you make for 2021?
- How many have you kept?



I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."

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 one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

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!

I have a dream that one day, *down* in Alabama, with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of "interposition" and "nullification" -- one day right there in Alabama little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.

I have a *dream* today!

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, and every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight; "and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together.+

(This speech was made on August 28th, 1963 at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.)

This dream still needs to be kept alive!

Sorry, Dr. King, we are not there, yet!



President's Article

I hope you enjoyed your Christmas holidays, whether with family or in quiet contemplation, remembering all the ways you are blessed. I hope you were able to worship either online or in person. Christmas liturgies at All Saints are always special.

Now we are entering a new calendar year, full of promise of new opportunities ahead. Here, at All Saints, we are planning for the year ahead. Will you join in the planning? Our committees could use fresh ideas, your ideas. Choose your favorite area and join in planning and implementing. Working together on projects really can be fun!

Blessings,

Helen Haworth
Council President

**Annual Meeting
For the
Fiscal Year – 2020
Sunday,
February 7th, 2021**
(Immediately following our morning ☩ liturgy!)

2021 Budget
The Church Council Election

**ANNUAL
MEETING**

Q&A

(Sorry, no luncheon this year!)

"We Three Kings", original title "Three Kings of Orient", also known as "We Three Kings of Orient Are" or "The Quest of the Magi", is a Christmas carol that was written by John Henry Hopkins Jr. in 1857.

At the time of composing the carol, Hopkins served as the rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and he wrote the carol for a Christmas pageant in New York City.

Many versions of this song have been composed and it remains a popular Christmas carol.

So can you name the three kings?

John Henry Hopkins Jr. organized the carol in such a way that three male voices would each sing a single verse by himself in order to correspond with the three kings.

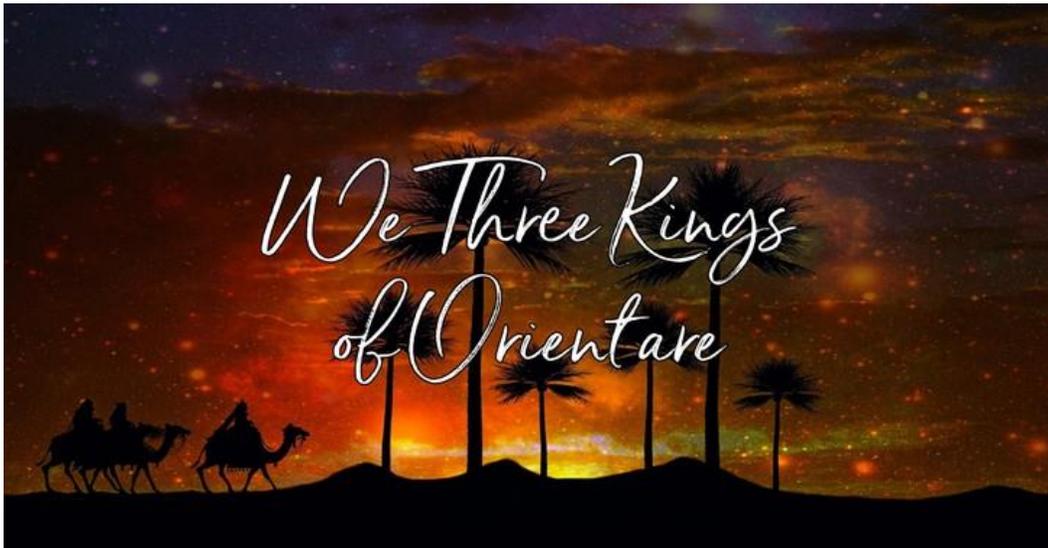
The first and last verses of the carol are sung together by all three as "verses of praise", while the intermediate verses are sung individually with each king describing the gift he was bringing.

The refrain proceeds to praise the beauty of the Star of Bethlehem.

Nowadays, however, the Magi's solos are typically not observed when singing the carol.

The carol's melody has been described as "sad" and "shifting" in nature.

Because of this, it highly resembles a song from the Middle Ages and Middle Eastern music, both of which it has been frequently compared to.



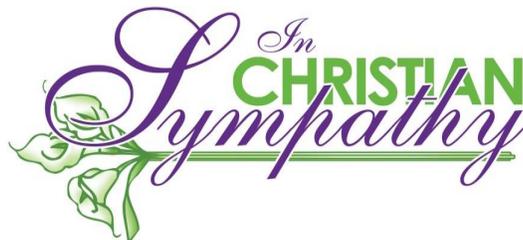
**The Day of Epiphany
January 6th, 2021
Wednesday Night
7:00 P.M.**

**Come and Worship with us!
We'd love to have you join us!**



Who knows?

You just might fall in love with this liturgy!



*Our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy is extended
to Robert, Wendy and Erik Osse on the death of
Marlene Osse of our church family.
Blessed are those who die in the Lord*



Evangelism

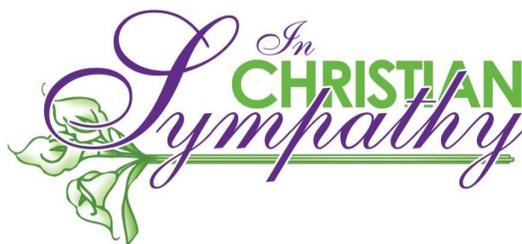
Happy, happy new year everyone! As we look forward to another year, what resolutions have you made? Do any of them involve giving more *time* to All Saints? There are many ways that you can help out **our church** and ð .much help is needed! Please consider helping out at a liturgy, being on a committee,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

The annual PET BLESSING will be held during the 5:00pm liturgy on Saturday, January 16. Dogs, cats, hamsters, birds, fish, horses, and more! All animals are invited and welcome! :)

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, 1/12 at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall at church - masks and social distancing are recommended.**

Peace,
Jenny St. Germaine
Evangelism

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*Our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy is extended
to the family of Richard Genke of our church family on his passing.
Blessed are those who die in the Lord*

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





**The Church Staff
And
Moriah Joy**

**Would like to express their thanks and
appreciation for the many kind
remembrances, cards, words and doggie
treats!**

You guys, ROCK!
(No, seriously, you do!)

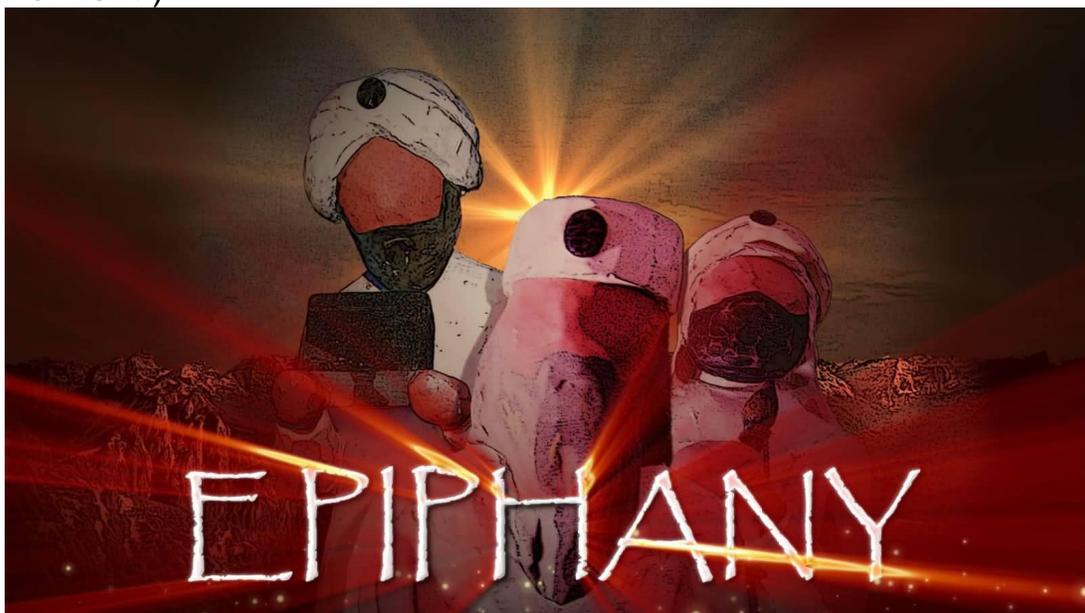


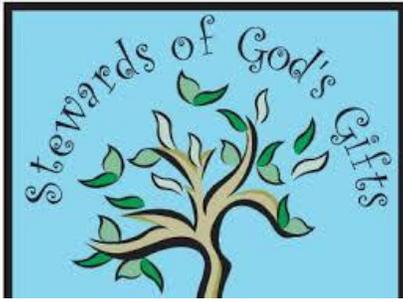
The **Epiphany season**, also known as **Epiphanytide** or the time of **Sundays After the Epiphany**, is a liturgical period, celebrated by some Christian churches, which immediately follows the Christmas season.

It begins on the day of Epiphany (which is always January 6th) and ends at various points as defined by those churches.

The typical liturgical color for this season is green...with the exception of the DAY of Epiphany and the TRANSFIGURATION (or, the last Sunday of Epiphany)

Several Protestant churches, including branches of Methodism and Lutheranism, celebrate the Epiphany season that lasts from January 6 until the day before Ash Wednesday. (Ash Wednesday of course, begins the next season of the church year, the Season of Lent!)





Stewardship

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a nice holiday season, despite limited visits with family! Your All Saints family has continued to be there for you, with 3 services per week that are virtual for those of us who choose to not attend large gatherings. Thank you for your continued support.

I can only hope and pray that things will change this year, hopefullyō .quickly!

I am continuing to post the links for pledging and Time and Talents for your convenience. Here is the link for your pledge: <https://www.survio.com/survey/d/B3Y0F6J7C8Y6Q5R5Y>
By copying it into your browser, it will direct you to a pledge card.

Here is the link for the Time and Talent Sheet:

<https://www.survio.com/survey/d/B3Y0F6J7C8Y6Q5R5Y>

Please copy this link into your browser, Please answer all questions. We are seeking an email address from each of you and a Phone Number. These are so important, so we are able to get valuable information to you on what's happening here at All Saints. Of course all information is private and will NOT be shared.

For those of you who prefer, there are HARD copies of the Time and Talent and the Pledge cards out in the Narthex.

Offering envelopes are located in the vestibule of the church, please take a few minutes to pick yours up.

God has blessed us with so many gifts in this life! What can we do to thank Him?

Please continue, if you can, to give what you can! Send in your envelopes, or drop them off at the church office, or to simplify, go to Simply Giving or Simply Donate. To get to Simply Giving or Simply Donate. Copy this link into your browser and it will take you there. <https://allsaintsoakcreek.org/give/>
You will need to scroll down to the icon towards the bottom of the page and click it to get in! THANK YOU!!!! (I personally use the Simply Donate!)

May God bless you and your families and keep you safe.

Suz Pitts

Stewardship Chair



2021 DONATION CHART

Our 2021 Donation Chart for flowers, candles and bulletins is now posted on the bulletin board in the ASLC Informative Board. 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 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:



WoW!

Thank you, Jeff Grom for all the time spent installing three cameras for us, two in the sanctuary and one in the “old hallway!”

And not only that! Thanks too for replacing the old light bar circa 1969 on the back beam and replacing it with new remote colored lighting...so the banner on the way out of church can reflect the appropriate color of the day!

It is awesome. Cameras are up and functioning (thank you Miss Kinga our “techie gal” in the office! And Kinga and Sara also managed to fix, repair the ring doorbell at the front entrance. We do get stuff done around here, pandemic or no pandemic!

And as long as we are thanking...here...thanks to the ladies of Worship and Music for the beautiful Advent decorations and the transition in to the Season of Christmas. The church looks fabulous!

Thanks to Dale Hochevar for the wreath out-of-doors near the entrance way decorations... Whether you are at home watching us Live-stream our liturgies or here in person...the sanctuary looks really super this year...our thanks to all those who make it all happen! Blessings...



*Our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy is extended
to Nancy Moss and family on the passing of her Mother-in-Law.
Blessed are those who die in the Lord*



World Concerns

The food pantry has been quiet this month. The usual individuals continue to come to receive food.

I hope you are having fun with the Advent Food Drive project. I know that it has been fun for our family. It is a good educational tool for families to understand how much food costs for a month. If you do not do the shopping in your family, it can be a shock to see the price of food today. If your family requires snacks and goodies, this too can be expensive. Just think if you had to rely on a pantry for all of your necessities. Some people have to rely on a pantry for most of their food. The canned ham that was suggested on the calendar used to cost \$5.00 years ago, but it is now \$10.00.

Please continue to support our mission of the food pantry. We are excited to see how many families participate in the drive this month. You may turn in the boxes of food at any time in December and January. If you are a first time giver to the pantry, please let us know your experiences with it. The outcome will be shared in January's newsletter. If you have any comments on the project, either positive or negative, please direct them to me. My email address is kathybunnie@gmail.com or 262-902-6128.

Respectfully submitted,

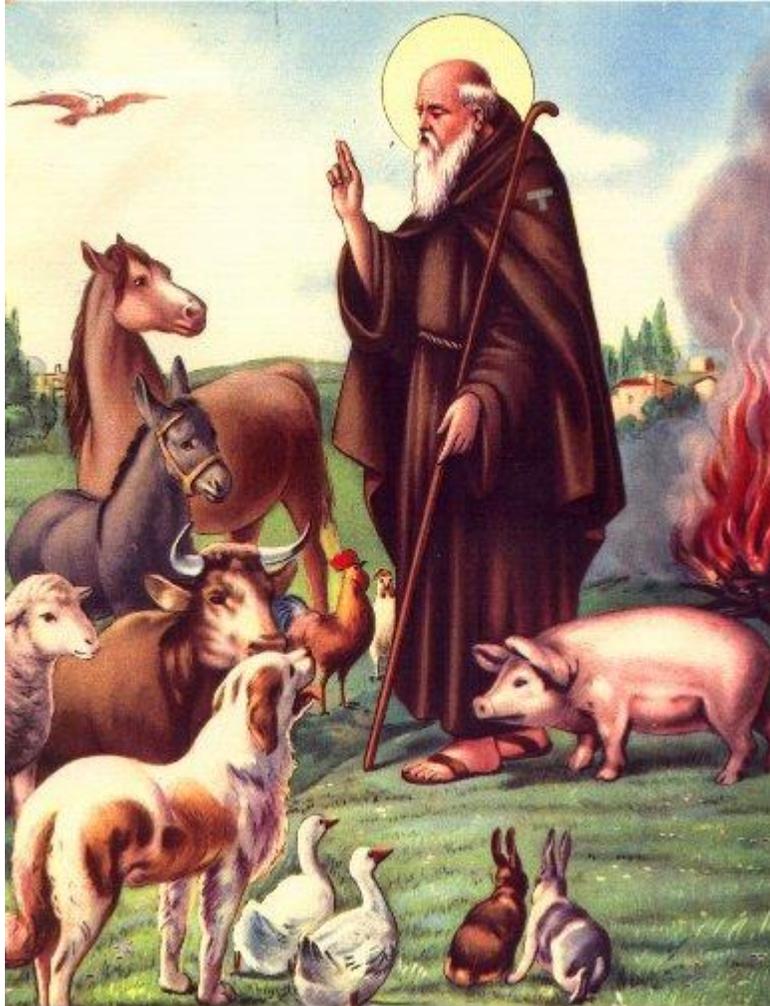
Kathy Bandstra Bauman

World Concerns Committee 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 16th, 2021. Spread the word and bring all those critters with you!



YES, I STOLE THIS FROM UNDER THE HARLEY TREE!

I CONFESS!

I DID IT!

MEA CULPA, MEA CULPA, MEA MAXIMA CULPA!

(My fault, my fault, my most grievous fault)

It's got my slobber all over it now, so what are you going to do about it?

It's covered with my DNA.

You can't give this to a sheltered animal NOW!

It's all YOUR fault anyway...

You guys went into the sanctuary to worship and left me in this den of temptation, alone!

Just what is a lonely forgotten Airedale supposed to do?

You can't expect me to be "good-all-the-time"

Church dog or no church dog!

Ha-ha it's mine now...

I dare you to TRY and take it away!



Confirmation corner...



What fun! Some of the best carolers that ever caroled a carol...nobody could hold a tune to them!

Lisa Kleppek
 Brady Susek
 Makenzie Susek
 Matt Susek
 Haydn Susek
 Jenny St Germaine
 Dylan St. Germaine
 Dan Thein
 Kay Thein
 Clare Thein
 Kinga Vnuk
 Julia Vnuk
 William Vnuk
 Lori Rathmann
 Brian Rathmann
 Cooper Rathmann
 Jill Borchardt
 Addyson Borchardt
 Bill Runningen
 Phyllis Runningen
 Shawn Runningen
 Leslie Derks
 Seth Derks
 Alivia Derks
 Stacy Kingston
 Sydney Kingston
 Pj

27 carolers in the midst of a global pandemic! People actually came out of their houses to listen to us! No one booed or hissed! No tomatoes were thrown OR INJURIES during this singing extravaganza.

It was a blast...and no one really got lost this year, except for those following Phyllis Runningen! It was tons of fun...five homes and done within two hours of time. We sang to Joy and Jim Kubusek, Pam and Dick Kahle, Lynn and Jeffrey Friedman, Bill and Betty Ford and Brent and Nancy Mason. Fortunately, Miss Kinga even prerecorded some music for us...so most of the time we were on key...or close...or at least, in the ballpark or

neighborhood. We held candles and sang our little hearts out...it was so awesome...so much fun.

Next year, consider joining us, there is always room for more...

No matter how high one's tolerance for cold weather, hot chocolate and three-part harmony, there comes a time in every Christmas caroler's evening when he or she thinks to themselves, Why am I doing this?



Here's why

All Saints Carolers,

I want to thank you for making me and my neighbors so happy! They said, "They missed your singing last year!" One neighbor called me the next day and said, "He and his wife were just leaving and he had his car window open just a little, when they heard some singing + They looked and saw a lot of people singing Christmas songs, they could not believe it! He said, they saw something like that once on TV, but they never witnessed it in person. They said to me, "Tell your carolers they really topped Christmas this year!"

You were a blessing to me and to all of my neighbors

Thanks again!

Love,
Betty Ford



***Wishing you a season
Full of family, friends,
And Happiness!***

Dear All Saints Carolers,

A special THANK YOU for singing some beautiful carols.

Pandemic and all...you took the time to come and make our Christmas Special!

Much appreciation to our church family...

'Hope to be back to church sometime in January.

Stay safe and healthy!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Jim and Joy Kubusek

**P.S. Thanks for the gifts!
A Culvers' Sundae sounds yummy while I am laid up!**

LOL



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!)





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.'



The Story of the 4th Wiseman!

In the mountains of ancient Persia, lived Artaban, whose study of the planets and the stars led him to predict the birth of the King of Kings. He sold his house and every possession and purchased a large sapphire blue as a fragment of the night sky, a flawless ruby redder than a ray of sunrise, and a lustrous pearl as pure as the peak of a snow mountain at twilight — which he intended to carry as tribute to the King. He then set out for Jerusalem where he had arranged to meet up with three other wise men, or Magi, to find the newborn. After many weeks of difficult travel and frustrating delays, one night, he saw a man lying on the road. His haggard face, pallid skin and labored breathing, bore the mark of the deadly fever. But, as he turned to leave, the man begged for help.

Artaban hesitated. If he lingered to minister to a dying stranger even for an hour, he could miss his three friends. But if he left now, the man would surely die. He turned to the sick man and carefully attended to him, leaving with him all that he had left of bread and wine, and his store of healing herbs.

“I have nothing to give you in return,” said the grateful man, “...only this: our prophets have decreed that the Messiah will be born in Bethlehem, not in Jerusalem. May the Lord bring you in safety to that place, because you had pity upon the sick.”

When he reached the meeting place, he received only this message: “We can delay no longer. Follow us across the desert.” Artaban backtracked to Babylon, sold the sapphire, and bought a train of camels, and provisions for the journey. He arrived at Bethlehem with his remaining ruby and pearl offerings, but it was three whole days after the three other wise men had found Mary, Joseph and Jesus, and had laid gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh at the baby’s feet.

In a little cottage, he met a woman with her son, who told him Joseph had taken his wife and child and fled secretly that very night; Herod was slaying all male children, afraid the promised ‘King’ would claim his throne. As she spoke, there was uproar in the streets as Herod’s soldiers searched each home to kill any male children they found. The terrified young mother clasped her child to her. But Artaban rushed to the doorway and held out the ruby to the soldier, who snatched it eagerly. “March on!” he commanded his men, “there is no child here.”

Artaban sighed: “Now two of my gifts are gone. I have spent for man that which was meant for God. Shall I ever be worthy to see the face of the King?”

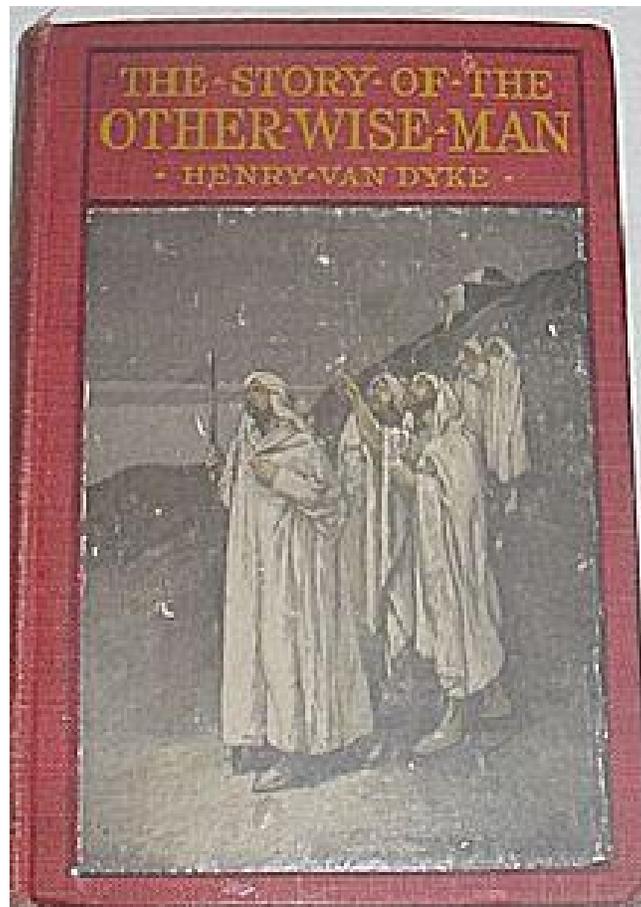
But the woman, weeping for joy, said gently: “Because you have saved the life of my little one, may the Lord bless you and keep you and give you peace.”

Artaban wandered for 33 years in search of the little family from Bethlehem. Worn and weary, ill now, and ready to die, but still looking for the King, he had come for the last time to Jerusalem.

Hearing of a great person who was to be put to death that very day, and hearing of his life and teachings, Artaban realized this was indeed his 'King', but as he made his way to Golgotha, hoping his priceless pearl could buy the great one's release, he saw a troop of soldiers marching down the street, dragging a young girl in chains. "Have pity on me; save me! I am to be sold as a slave."

The fourth wise man knew what he must do. He took the pearl from his bosom. Never had it seemed so luminous and radiant as it was now. He exchanged the girl's freedom for the pearl. His grief at not being able to see the 'King' caused him to collapse, but in his half-conscious state he heard a gentle yet compelling voice: "Verily I say unto thee, inasmuch as thou hast done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, thou hast done it unto me." His journey had ended. His treasures were accepted. The fourth Wise Man had indeed found the King.

(In case you were wondering...the names of the Three Kings are...drum roll please...Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar...and tradition says that they came from India, Persia and Arabia, respectively!)



Our LIVE-STREAMING Team:

**1/3: Makenzie Blackman
1/10: Jenny St. Germaine
1/17: John Montague
1/24: Judy Wolter
1/31: John Montague
2/7: Jenny St. Germaine
2/14: Jenny St. Germaine
2/21: Judy Wolter
2/28: Makenzie Blackman**

**Saturdays
John Montague**

**Wednesdays
Kinga Vnuk**

Please express your thanks to them!





All you "COOL CATS" out there, "DIG" LIVE-STREAMED worship!



- **Brent Mason**
- **Greg Bauman**
- **Pam Kahle**
- **Joel Raison**
- **Kerry Howard**
- **Lynn Friedman**
- **Howard MacMillan**
- **Joy Kubusek**
- **Jerry Pavlik**
- **Randy Meier**
- **Dale Slowik**
- **Linda Wood**
- **Katie Ruka**
- **Richard Lisle**
- **Sue Gorecki**
- **Carol Kocourek**
- **Jim Votaw**
- **Linda Wood**
- **Marlene Anderson**
- **Phyllis Thompson**
- **Bob, Erik and Wendy Osse**
- **Joe Cassinelli and Family**
- **Nancy Moss and Family**
- **Andy Hanson and Family**
- **The Family and loved ones of Richard Genke**
- **For all those suffering with Covid – 19 and their families**
- **The Mother of Jackie Cera**
- **For the mother and father of Karl Kleppek**
- **For our Police Officers, Fire Fighters, Paramedics and all First Responders**
- **For all those addicted and still suffering...**

And of course, there are many, many others who would like to remain anonymous...but who are still seeking our prayers...

KEEP PRAYING THERE IS POWER IN PRAYER...

Of Personal Concerns



KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN HOSPITALIZED

- Sandy Montague
- Sue Gorecki



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



Many Hands Make **LIGHT** Work

Council Meeting – Monday, January 18th at 6:30 pm
Check the Calendar for the dates and times
of the various Committee Meeting



Letters we receive: Correspondence



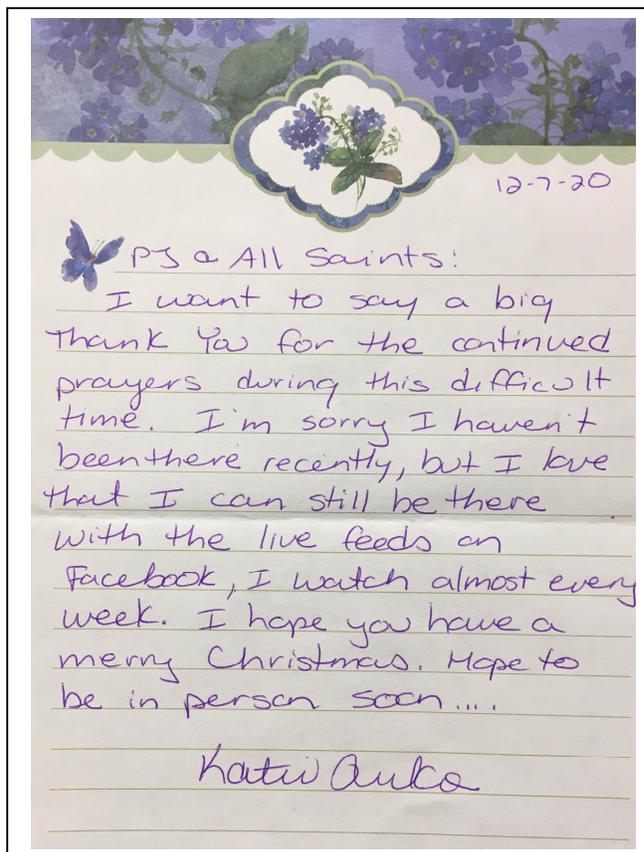
Dear All Saints Children, Young Adults & Parents

that participated in Christmas caroling on 12/17,

A huge thanks to all the kids, parents, PJ & Kinga who came to sing at my house and for my neighbor on Thursday, 12/17. Everyone was touched by the effort of all concerned and we enjoyed all four songs that were sung. Thanks again for brightening our night with song and for the gift provided. You were all very impressive with your voices even with the chilly night air. Blessings and Merry Christmas to All.

Yours in Christ,

Lynn & Jeff Friedman, Linda & Bob Cutting (neighbors)



THANK YOU



THANK YOU

Dear PJ,
What can I say... Thank you for everything you have done for my family. Everything was beautiful. Thank you for the cards, thoughts & prayers.

Always in my
Heart ♥
Brietta

PJ,
Thank you so much for doing the graveside service for our Grandson Bradley. It was a great comfort having you there. It was great to see you again and talk with you too.
Love, Pat, Sandy, + Ken

We will miss being with you on Christmas evening for the service which we love so much, please understand our hearts will be there and we will be on Facebook. Being able to follow the service every Sunday on Facebook makes us feel so much closer to all of you.

Thank you and remember us in your prayers.

Love

Cele & Jerry



*Silent night, a star so bright,
a gift of love,*

faith and hope at this blessed time

Dear PJ - My Mom doesn't
want anything for Christmas
so she asked that I make a
donation to the church in her
name - Margarete Van Antwerp
Thank you for all you do
for the church +
community.
Peace! from the Speaks!



Τὸ γὰρ ἀπόστολος
ἀθεράπευτον
[St. Gregory Nazianzen,
Letter 101 to Cledonius]

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VITA QUARENS INTELLECTUM

Thursday, 24 December 2020

Rev. Jas Mortenson
All Saints Lutheran Church
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Hello PJ - and Merry Christmas!

I reopened the envelope and resealed it in order to include the \$500.00 check to All Saints Lutheran Church.

The wonderful surprise arrived a couple days ago in the form of a beautiful large table-top decoration. I immediately gave it to my next door neighbor family which has included me in their family. In fact, I'm having dinner with them tonight as well as tomorrow, Christmas Day. They added an extra leaf in their table just to accommodate the decoration, which gave me an opportunity to talk about the wonderful people of All Saints.

Whoever from All Saints sent this decoration has my deep gratitude! As in the past, I also received several of card greetings. I'm always unsure who sends them—they just say "All Saints family." After all these many years, this is a very great blessing; I'm the one leper (of the ten) who turns back to say "Thank you."

May our loving Lord continue to bless your ministry and the ministry of All Saints.

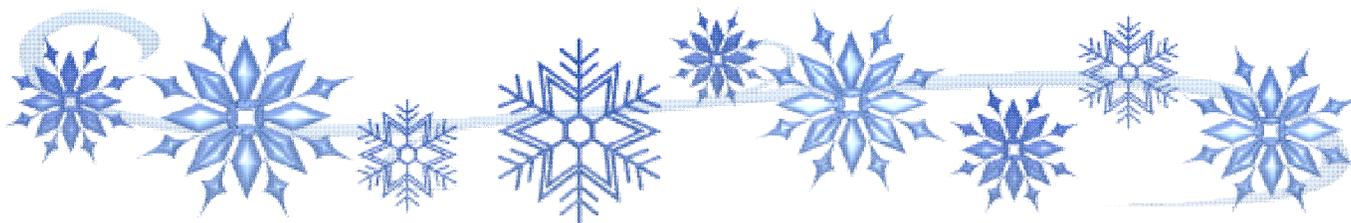

RAY

Encl: CK#13440, 24DEC20, All Saints Lutheran Church, \$500.00

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

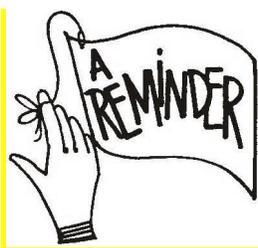
The donation folder is posted in the blue folder on the Bulletin Board. Select your dates for those special occasions or people in your lives and follow the instructions on the inside front cover.

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 2 to 8	Open	Open	Bauman	Wood	Open
January 9 to 15	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
January 16 to 22	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
January 23 to 29	Cieszynski	Open	Open	Vnuk	Vnuk



Revealer Articles are due on Wednesday January 20th 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 Christmas**

Isaiah 61:10-62:3
 Psalm 148
 Galatians 4:4-7
 Luke 2:22-40

Epiphany of Our Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6
 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
 Ephesians 3:1-12
 Matthew 2:1-12

Baptism of Our Lord

Genesis 1:1-5
 Psalm 29
 Acts 19:1-7
 Mark 1:4-11

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]
 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
 John 1:43-51

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
 Psalm 62:5-12
 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
 Mark 1:14-20

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
 Psalm 111
 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
 Mark 1:21-28

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All Saints ELCA

Web Page: <http://allsaintsoakcreek.org>

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

Money Counting Schedule
 April 2020 - March 2021

<u>Team 1</u>	<u>Team 2</u>	<u>Team 3</u>	<u>Team 4</u>	<u>Team 5</u>
April 19	April 26	May 3	April 5-Palm Sunday	April 12-Easter
May 24	May 31	June 7	May 10-Mother's Day	May 17
June 28	July 5	July 12	June 14	June 21-Father's Day
August 2	August 9	August 16	July 19	July 26
September 6	September 13	September 20	August 23	August 30
October 11	October 18	October 25	September 27	October 4
November 15	November 22	November 29	November 1-DST ends	November 8
December 20	December 27	January 3	December 6	December 13
January 24	January 31	February 7	January 10	January 17
February 28	March 7	March 14	February 14	February 21
			March 21	March 28

MARK THESE DATES ON ALL YOUR CALENDARS. Don't rely on your wife, husband, mother, brother, sister, friend, boy/girlfriend to remind you. This is YOUR responsibility, no one else's.

GET YOUR OWN SUBSTITUTES. If you find you can't count on your scheduled Sunday, arrange for a substitute YOURSELF.

MAKE SURE YOU SHOW UP ON YOUR SCHEDULED SUNDAY TO COUNT. It's not fair to not show up. How would you like it if someone did that to you. Your team is counting on you to be there.

TEAM CAPTAINS. The key for the money safe is hanging in the keybox in the workroom. Please get the bags of money from the safe yourself or arrange for someone from your team to get the money.

BE CAREFUL WITH ALL THE ENVELOPES. This past year we had quite a few instances where envelopes were recorded on the WRONG line; envelopes weren't recorded correctly (memorial recorded as special, bulletins recorded as flowers, etc.). Mark down exactly what is written on the envelope under the appropriate column. If the envelope says "flowers," mark it down as "flowers." DO NOT SECOND-GUESS ANYTHING.

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TEAM 1:

**Lynn Friedman
Denise Kalski, Captain
Paul Salewski
Barbara Schrubey, Captain**

TEAM 2:

**Mary Anderson, Captain
Sean Kingston, Captain
Stacy Kingston
Joan Koenig, Captain**

TEAM 3:

**Jeff Grom
Kathy Grom, Captain
James St. Germaine
Jenny St. Germaine, Captain**

TEAM 4:

**Karen Bishop
Muriel Mulligan
Dena Olsen
Don Olsen, Captain**

TEAM 5:

**Tom Coonan, Captain
Brian Rathmann, Captain
Lori Rathmann
Judi Wolter**

SUBSTITUTES:

**Andrew Koenig
Jason Koenig
Matt Koenig, Captain
Scott Woiak**