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**ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA**

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



## Weekly Worship at All Saints

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

### MAUNDY THURSDAY LITURGY 6

Thursday April 1st at 7:00 pm

### GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY -

Friday, April 2nd, 2021 at 7:00 pm

HOLY SATURDAY 6 Saturday, April 3rd at 5:00 pm

### EASTER SUNDAY LITURGIES:

Sunday, April 4th, 2021 @ 8:00 and 10:00 am

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY . FRIDAY

9:00 am . 5:00 pm

## ATTENTION!!!

Please note that mask wearing inside the church is **mandatory** per Governor's orders until 04/05/2021

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



- 4-2 Glen Baumgartner, Brian Steiner,  
Nicole Mobley
- 4-3 Nathan Holzman
- 4-4 Teegan Sabatke
- 4-5 Dale Slowik
- 4-6 Marlene Anderson, Paxton Polster,  
Patrick Duffey
- 4-7 Denise Kalski, Diane Seegert, Grace Turlais
- 4-9 Tom Coonan, Mike Seegert
- 4-10 Kevin Lang, Rosario Rickey
- 4-11 Brian Bishop, Jeffrey Grom,  
Allen Kuehn, Lynn Speaks
- 4-12 Laurie Martindale, Paul Salewski
- 4-14 Marie Venne
- 4-15 John Duffey, Cheyenne Fischer
- 4-16 Margaret Quinn
- 4-17 Karen Vander Molen, Ava Turlais
- 4-18 Cassidy Berns, Ashley Seegert
- 4-19 Grace Zapata
- 4-20 Meghan Duffey
- 4-22 Jenna Jastrow
- 4-23 Nolan Mobley
- 4-24 Colin Stecker, Jenny Walker
- 4-26 Pamela Bluemner
- 4-27 Steve Pitts
- 4-29 Jeri Koss
- 4-30 Tracey Halvorson, McKenna Olsen, Melissa Weier

4-21 Paul and Diane Salewski  
4-21 Karen and John Koltowski



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: "Easter Pandemic People"

It is easy to be %Easter people on THE DAY itself.+ Even, if you are in the midst of a world-wide pandemicõ that has spanned the course of an entire haunted year. That pandemic did a lot to our psyche, a lot to our headsõ

But I refuse to allow it to enter into ANOTHER celebration of Easter. Easter is too important. My celebration of Easter is bigger ... and this year it will hold-its-own. I will sing. I will celebrate. I will meditate on the mighty acts of my God. I will soak in the music and the trumpet sounds. I will smell ALL those lilies. There are chocolate eggs to be consumed! Hard boiled eggs to be dropped . oops!

Hope is going to abound THIS YEAR. We have turned the corner. People are getting vaccinated. Things are looking up! Every day the percentages of those being vaccinated is risingõ

It is not just superficial optimism that is blind to the reality of suffering in the world. I get it. People are still suffering. People are still hurting. People are still jobless. And yes, people are still dying of COVID-19. But this year, Easter is saying, YOU are an EASTER PEOPLE. Easter is speaking LOUDLY. GOD is FOR us. GOD is WITH us. Easter is not a season of despair, but rather one of HOPEFULNESS. Easter calls us TO BE NOT AFRAID. EASTER calls us to HOLD ON to LIFE and LIVINGõ to embrace it. Easter calls us to hang on to the PEACE and the JOY that Jesus died to give us ALLõ and to give it to us ABUNDANTLY.

No, Easter is not the problem. The DAY is not the problem. The PROBLEM is the next 49 daysõ of the SEASON. CLINGING to the Good. HOLDING ON to our faithõ DAILY. Continuing the HOPEFULNESS, keeping the SPIRIT, JOY and PEACEFULNESS aliveõ and being MINDFUL that Easter is not just a single day, but a season of 50 full days. KEEPING the reflections goingõ continuing to MEDITATE and give THANKS for all that God has done and IS NOW DOINGõ

It ain't always easyõ but we can do this. We are an EASTER PEOPLE, even if we are STILL in the midst of a worldwide pandemicõ I send MY LOVE and my EASTER BLESSINGSõ to you and yoursõ

Blessings +++

See you virtually or in person!  
Pr. Mortenson



# Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday is the first day of the Triduum, which will end with the celebration of Easter. The day calls to mind the Last Supper and the beginning of Christ's passion. But do you know these less-common facts about the day?

## **It's not just called 'Holy Thursday' – there are different names for the day all around the world.**

Although the day is often referred to as **Holy Thursday**, it is also known as **Covenant Thursday**, **Great and Holy Thursday**, **Sheer Thursday**, and **Thursday of Mysteries**. What you call the day largely has to do with where you're located geographically. If you live in England, you probably call the day **Maundy Thursday**, but if you call Canada, Scotland, or Ireland, you probably don't refer to the day with that title.

~~Maundy~~ comes from a Christ's command to love that He gives at the last supper.

The washing of the feet and the sacrament of the Eucharist: two expressions of one and the same mystery of love entrusted to the disciples, so that, Jesus says, "as I have done – so also must you do" (John 13: 15).

Because the liturgy on Holy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper, it is often celebrated at night. On the night of Holy Thursday, Christ ate the Passover meal with his disciples, which would have been eaten at night.

## Did You Know?

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- While Good Friday is a major holiday for Lutherans, only 12 out of the 50 states consider the Friday before Easter an actual federal holiday. Most of the country will go to work on Good Friday.
- Americans will consume more than 16 million jelly beans.
- That's enough jelly beans to circle the globe not once, not twice, but *three times* - or to fill a plastic egg the size of a nine-story building.
- The fluffy bunny stems from the Anglo-Saxon festival of Easter which featured a spring goddess who used the rabbit to represent fertility. It wasn't until Germans settled in Pennsylvania in the 1700s that the tradition of the bunny that lays eggs came to the states.
- Buying a new outfit for Easter stems from a superstition.
- Back in the mid-1800s in New York, people believed that buying new clothes to wear on Easter would bring them good luck for the rest of the year. And, lucky for us, the custom continues today.
- Back in 1933, composer Irving Berlin introduced the Easter Bonnet into American pop culture with his ballad "Easter Parade." Today, it's still one of the most popular songs for the holiday.
- Easter is the second biggest candy-consuming holiday.
- It comes in second only to Halloween, respectively. Americans spent approximately \$1.9 billion on Easter candy last year.
- Americans eat more than 600 million Peeps during Easter.
- This makes Peeps the most popular non-chocolate Easter candy. The Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, factory makes an impressive 1 billion Peeps a year and 4 million a day.
- Most Americans bite off the ears of a chocolate bunny first.
- In fact, a whopping 76% say that's where they take their first mouthful, followed by 5% who eat the feet first, and 4% who eat the tail first.
- Most adults prefer milk chocolate to dark. Adults are actually twice as likely to prefer the milky stuff, so keep that in mind if you're buying a sweet Easter surprise.

# Good Friday (God's Friday!)

## **It can take place any day between March 20 and April 23.**

Since Easter is a "moveable feast," Good Friday similarly shifts dates from year to year. It all comes down to the lunar calendar, specifically the first full moon to occur after the spring equinox. Good Friday is celebrated the following Friday, with Easter Sunday just after it. Good thing your calendar calculates it for you!

## **The holiday marks the end of Lent.**

Depending on your beliefs, Lent (a 40-day religious sacrifice period) ends on Good Friday, but also may conclude on the Thursday before or Saturday after. The true finale is debated each and every year.

## **The origin of "Good Friday" is unknown.**

There are numerous theories behind the name Good Friday, but none are backed by valid evidence. Many believe that the "Good" means "Holy," while others are convinced that "Good" is used in replace of "God."

## **In fact, it has multiple names.**

We may know the Friday before Easter as Good Friday, but other countries refer to this day as Easter Friday, Holy Friday, Great Friday, Silent Friday, among other names.

## **Church bells toll 33 times.**

Churches across the world ring in the special day with 33 bells tolls in remembrance of Christ's years on Earth and to also commemorate his death.

## **There is typically no mass.**

Traditionally, there is no mass or celebration of Eucharist on Good Friday. Rather, the absence of mass honors the Passion and passing of Christ.

## **The Thursday before is also celebrated.**

The Thursday before Good Friday is known as Holy Thursday or Maundy Thursday - deriving from the Latin word mandatum, meaning commandment. This symbolizes the commandment given by Jesus at the Last Supper.

## **As is the following Saturday.**

The Saturday after Good Friday and before Easter Sunday is known as Holy Saturday. Furthermore, the entire week before Easter, starting on Palm Sunday, is called the Holy Week.



## President's Article

Every month at our church council meeting, PJ starts us off with a prayer. This month, he asked if anyone else would be willing to pray instead. Blank stares were seen around the room. You could hear a pin drop. Why is it so hard for us to pray?

Please read an excerpt from World Vision's Marilee Pierce Dunker:

I love Luke 5:16 because it shows that just like you and me, Jesus needed a break from the demands of his busy life to recharge his batteries and spend time with his Heavenly Father. The life of Christ is intended to give us examples we can follow and learn from. So, even though he was God incarnate, Jesus didn't draw on his superpowers as the Son of God when it came to facing life's challenges. Instead, when he was exhausted or burdened or in need of spiritual refreshment, he would slip away to pray - plugging into the power, perception, and purpose that can only be found in God's presence.

**“But Jesus Himself would often slip away to the wilderness and pray.” - Luke 5:16, AMP**

Prayer is one of the most powerful weapons God has given us, and I believe it has never been more important for God's people to be on our knees. But knowing how to pray is not always easy. Jesus' disciples felt the same confusion. They were familiar with the repeated prayers of the Torah. But Jesus prayed with a kind of authority and power they had never seen before - as though God was listening! So when they came to Jesus, they didn't say, “Teach us another prayer.” They said, “Lord, teach us to pray.”

The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13) is Christ's response. It is a beautiful prayer and one that every Christian should hide in their heart. But elegant as the words are, I do not believe Jesus intended it to become another ritualistic prayer. Rather, it was to be an example of *how* to pray.

In confirmation class, PJ teaches our young people (and their parents) how to pray. Start off by thanking God for all of your blessings. Then, feel free to add your requests, no matter how big or how small.

**“Oh, Lord our God, we give you thanks and praise for this, your day.....”**

So...how is your prayer life? Do you only pray at church? Do you pray before meals? Do you pray at bedtime? Do you talk to God throughout your day? I'm told, the more often you do it, the easier it becomes. I decided to challenge myself to pray often during the season of Easter. My hope is that after those 50 days, praying will be second nature. Who's with me?

With much love,  
Jenny St Germaine  
414-345-7877

*“Do not worry about anything; instead pray about everything.  
Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done..” - Philippians 4:6 NLT*

# Live Streaming Crew: April 2021

- **Thu 4/1 (7:00 PM): Mackenzie**
  - **Fri 4/2 (7:00 PM): John**
  - **Sat 4/3 (5:00 PM): Bob**
  - **Sun 4/4 (8:00 AM): Jenny**
  - **Sun 4/4 (10:00 AM): Judy**
- **Sun 4/11 (10:00 AM): Mackenzie**
  - **Sun 4/18 (10:00 AM): Jenny**
  - **Sun 4/25 (10:00 AM): Judy**
- **Saturday's will be handled by John Montague and Bob Payne**
  - **Wednesday's will be streamed by Kinga Vnuk**





## Council Capsules

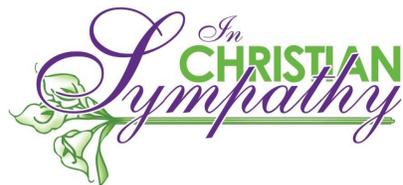
Council approved the following matters at the March 15th regular meeting:

- The motion for the Palm Sunday donkey was approved
- A motion was made to utilize unused offering envelopes on a trial basis.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Montague  
Council Secretary



**Council Meeting – Monday, April 19th at 6:30 pm**  
**Check the Calendar for the dates and times**  
**of the various Committee Meetings**



*Our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy is extended  
to the family of Annice Hargens on her death.  
Blessed are those who die in the Lord*

**April Fools' Day** or **April Fool's Day** is an annual custom on April 1 consisting of practical jokes and hoaxes. Jokesters often expose their actions by shouting "April Fools!" at the recipient.

Mass media can be involved in these pranks, which may be revealed as such the following day.

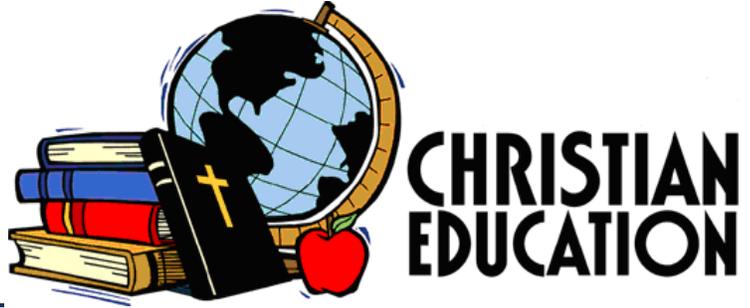
The day is not a public holiday in any country except Odessa in Ukraine, where the first of April is an official city holiday.

The custom of setting aside a day for playing harmless pranks upon one's neighbor, sibling, parents and friends has been relatively common in the world historically.



### **Memorable Pranks**

**Early 1950s** - The BBC runs a "news" item about the spaghetti harvest in Switzerland.



## Christian Education

In keeping it short and sweet this month

We will be holding a Christian Education Team/Committee meeting after church (at 11:05am) on Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to participate and help brainstorm alternative ways we can provide Christian education during the pandemic.

### First Communion:

Spring First Communion classes will be starting Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> with First Communion to be celebrated on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Anyone 7 years or older is welcome to join the class which will meet for an hour on the following Saturdays at 11am: May 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please contact the church office to sign up.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue LaFond  
moremail4sue@yahoo.com  
414-897-6354 (cell/text)



## FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

- You **DO** have to be baptized.
- You do **NOT** have to be a member of All Saints.
- **OUR CLASSES** are **OPEN** to the entire **COMMUNITY!**
- You should be in second grade, seven years of age or **OLDER.**
- Never had **FIRST COMMUNION?**
- Never have taken **INSTRUCTION.**
- Perhaps, the time is now! **WE** offer classes twice a year, both in Spring and in Fall of the year.
- A Parent or guardian must be in attendance.
- Classes are on Saturday mornings.
- Each class is 45 minutes in length.
- We have four classes.
- It is fun. It is interesting. You will learn **NEW THINGS.**
- To register, simply contact the church office. (762-5111)
- Classes are scheduled for: May 1<sup>st</sup>, May 8<sup>th</sup>, May 15<sup>th</sup>, and May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**This IS important!**  
**THIS is BIG STUFF!**

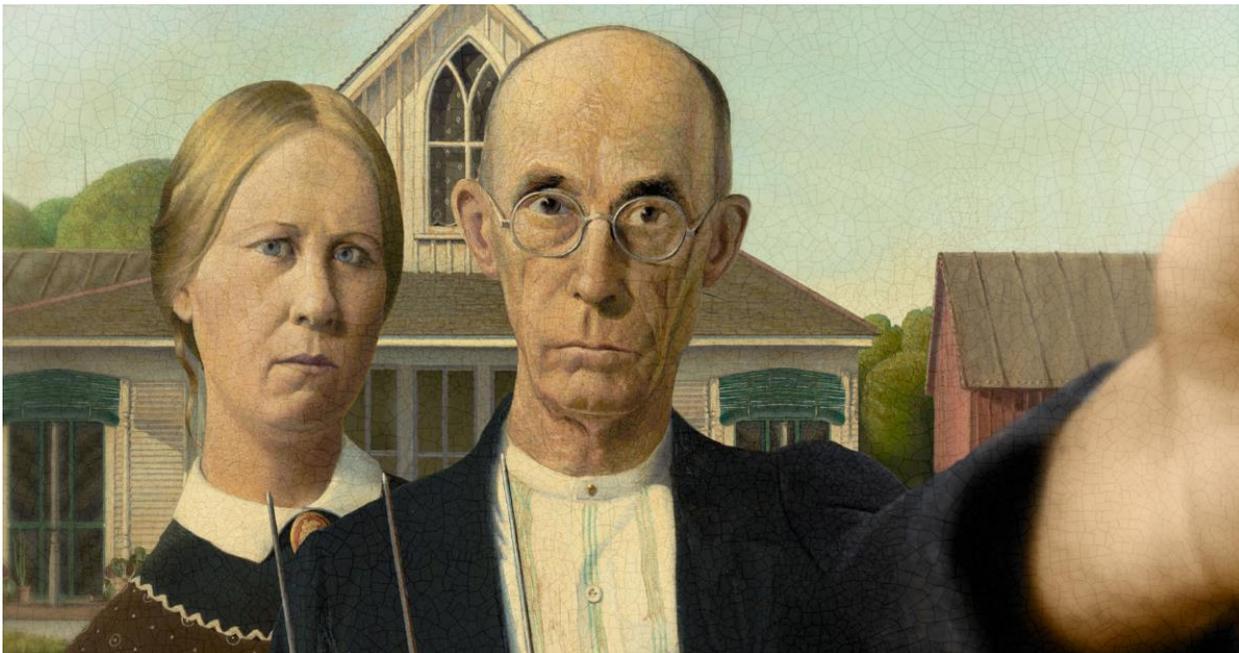
**SAVE THE DATE!**

**SPREAD THE WORD! ART FAIR!!!!**

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR ARTISTS ONLY!**

**SATURDAY, JULY 17th, 2021**

**9 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. “HOW GREAT THOU ART”**



**Is he or is he not taking a “selfie?”**



Property  
Committee



## Property

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone is enjoying the intermittent nice weather. Hopefully it gets warmer soon. I had a good first meeting for Property. We walked around the church and I learned some much needed information. We have the Spring Clean-up coming up on Saturday May 15th at 9am. We need several people to help us pull this off. There will be lunch after we are done. The flower beds need to be cleaned up. The Patio of Reflection needs to be sealed. The outside windows need washing and some other small after winter jobs need to be done. I will have a sign-up on the bulletin board at church or you can text me to put your name on it. Your help is greatly appreciated. The next Property meeting will be Sunday April 18th after church at 11:15am. Hope to see you there.

Brightest Blessings,  
Sara Jolitz  
(414) 380-4189 (mobile)  
[bugtooleus75@gmail.com](mailto:bugtooleus75@gmail.com)



# WISH LIST



**BLEACH SOLO CUPS**



**Bless you for remembering us!**

## Thanks, Jim!

Thanks to the handiwork of Jim Kubusek the women's bathroom door no longer sticks and the privacy door is now actually lockable! He was in and out in nothing flat! Wow!

Next on his Sara-Do-List is a quick paint job in the Men's bathroom, a little something to brighten it up!

## Thanks, Derk!

Lest we forget Derk, with drills and anchors and all kinds of equipment, made a couple of stops to help Sara tidy up her space and secure things in the Janitor's closet. You guys are amazing. Thanks so much, for taking care of business...



**What will they tackle next?**

**Did you see there is a Spring Clean Up now on the calendar?  
Many hands are needed and necessary!**

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**They do come crashing down.**

**Especially with 50 m.p.h. winds in Wisconsin.**

**Thanks to Brian Rathmann and his buddy, who came with saws in hand and cleaned up the back forty!**

**Thanks to all the guys, who were willing and happy to help out.**

**We wanted to clear the lot before Easter Sunday.**

**Who knew...**

**It would be cleared and cleaned up in three days time!**

**Did we mention, the men of this church, rock?**

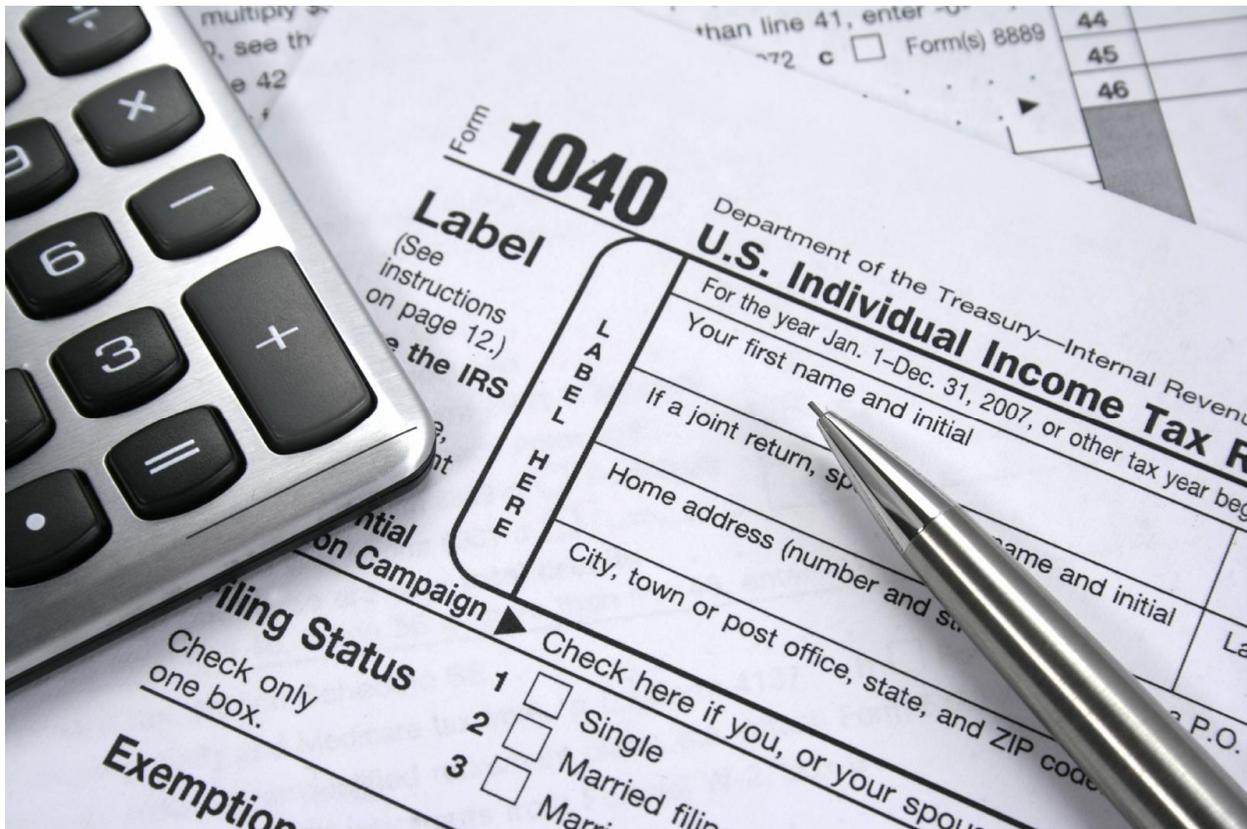
**You do!**

**Thanks, guys!**

**And “just like that” the lot was cleared!**

# TAX DAY-2021

The Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service announced that the federal income tax filing due date for individuals for the 2020 tax year will be automatically extended from *April 15, 2021*, to *May 17, 2021*. The IRS will be providing formal guidance in the coming days...



**Calm  
Down  
You Have  
Time!**

# EASTER

Easter 2021 falls on April 4.

Every year, the holiday is celebrated on the first Sunday following the first full moon after March 21, the spring equinox.

In 325 A.D., the Council of Nicaea, the first ecumenical council of the Christian church, declared that Easter should be observed on this date.

Easter can fall on any Sunday between March 22 and April 25.

Orthodox Easter celebrations usually take place later than that of Roman Catholics and Protestants.

This is because Eastern Orthodox churches base their calculation of the date of Easter on the Julian calendar instead of the Gregorian calendar.





## Outreach Ministry

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Now that Spring has arrived, there is hope in the air. Soon the birds will be returning and flowers will be in bloom.

Outreach is using this early spring time to plan events that we hope will be possible later this year as we can go out into the community safely, again.

Please, join us at our next Outreach meeting on Sunday, April 11th at 11:00 am. Everyone is welcome.

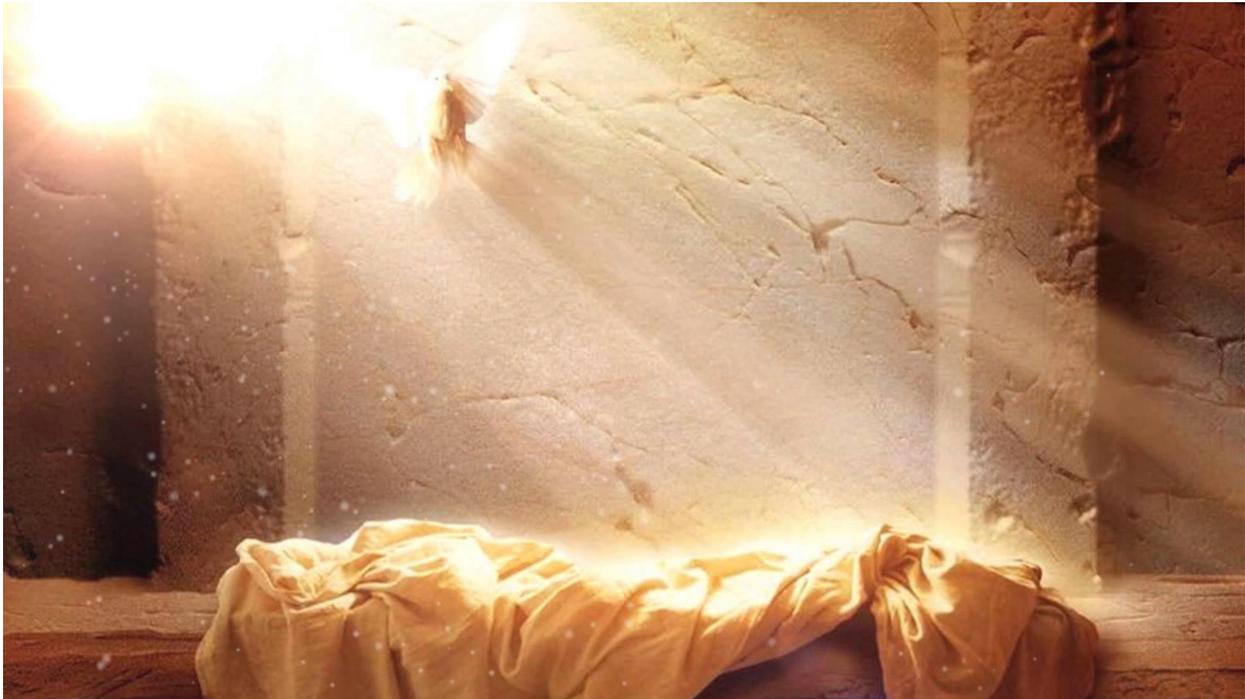
See you there.

Blessings,  
Helen Haworth  
Outreach Chair



Congratulations to Declan Storm Rackowski  
on His Baptism.  
May he grow in wisdom and stature  
and in favor with God and all humankind.  
(Luke 2:52)

# The Season of Easter



It is not just a day. It is a full season of the church year. As a matter of fact, it is the fifth season of the church year, being preceded by Advent, Christmas, Epiphany and Lent. Easter is the PERFECT SEASON of the church year. Remember the number seven means perfection, wholeness; this season of the church year is made up of seven Sundays. It takes us all the way to the Day of Pentecost; the 50<sup>th</sup> Day!

Easter for Christians is not just one day - it's a 50-day period. The season of Easter, (or Eastertide,) begins at sunset on the eve of Easter and ends on Pentecost, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church.

The Easter season is more than just an extended celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. In the early church, Lent was a season for new converts to learn about the faith and prepare for baptism on Easter Sunday. The initial purpose of the 50-day Easter season was to continue the faith formation of these new Christians.

Today, this extended season gives us time to rejoice and experience what it means when we say Christ is risen. It's the season when we remember our baptisms and how, through this sacrament, we are incorporated into Christ's mighty acts of salvation. As Easter people, we celebrate and ponder the birth of the Church and gifts of the Spirit (Pentecost), and how we are to live as faithful disciples of Jesus today...CELEBRATE ALL FIFTY DAYS!



Earth Day . 2021

## Earth Day History

By the early 1960s, Americans were becoming aware of the effects of pollution on the environment. Rachel Carson's 1962 bestseller *Silent Spring* raised the specter of the dangerous effects of pesticides on the American countryside. Later in the decade, a 1969 fire on Cleveland's Cuyahoga River shed light on the problem of chemical waste disposal. Until that time, protecting the planet's natural resources was not part of the national political agenda, and the number of activists devoted to large-scale issues such as industrial pollution was minimal. Factories pumped pollutants into the air, lakes and rivers with few legal consequences. Big, gas-guzzling cars were considered a sign of prosperity. Only a small portion of the American population was familiar with, let alone practiced, recycling.

**WE CAN DO BETTER!  
REMEMBER THOSE GENERATIONS YET TO COME...  
MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE!**

(Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Earth Day!)



## Worship and Music – “Thoughts and Prayers on volunteers”

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*"May your Spirit strengthen us; so that we will be: strong in faith, discerning in proclamation, courageous in witness, persistent in good deeds."*

I spend a lot of my free time volunteering for groups like All Saints that for one reason or another, have my heart. I do believe that I have a servant's heart which **means to help others in love without expecting something in return, serving in appreciation of the gifts God has already given us.** My reasons for serving each of these groups differs and while some I serve out of a temporary commitment (like giving back to my kids' extracurricular activities), some, like my service to our church or my dedication to helping animals in need is something that I am committed to for a lifetime.

As I look around our church, I see others like me who commit for short or long periods of time to the service of our church. People who make sure that the church is clean, welcoming, and ready for whoever walks through our doors, whether it is for a weekly liturgy, a visit to our craft fairs, group meetings, or a need from our food pantry. And I thank them . each and every one of them who are working alongside me in making sure that our friendly little church continues to be there for those who need us.

And I say a little prayer for all those who commit their time to All Saints:

**1 Thessalonians 1:2-3** *2We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. 3We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our LORD Jesus Christ.*

I say this prayer for all the members of All Saints Church Council and the members of their committees and most especially for the members of my Liturgy committee, whose work is so vital to our church and without whose help, I wouldn't know what the heck I am supposed to be doing most of the time!

And I say a special pray and thank you to my dear friend, Mary Zahn who is missed and loved by her committee and congregation! We hope you come back for lots of visits!

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Wytrykus Kleppek  
Liturgy (Worship and Music) Committee Chairperson

Next Meeting April 10, 2021 - 9:30 am



## **Moriah takes a spin...**

**I do to have a license! It is a Milwaukee County license.**

**That means I can drive anywhere in Milwaukee County that I want.  
Go ahead. Check it out. I get my license renewed every single year.**

**My license number is # 5772. It is good for all of 2021.**

**I will not get out of the driver's seat until you hand over the car keys.**

**I got this! I really got this!**

**I may have a little trouble with the gas pedal but you know I can shift it into  
reverse or drive, I've done it before! It is my right!**

**You get in on the passenger side.**

**Pretend you have your own chauffer!**

**I don't need directions, I can sniff my way there...**

**Come on, get in... Or, I am taking off without you!**



## Spring Craft Fair

Thank you to everyone who helped, volunteered, donated gift cards, donated raffle items, donated food, baked, cleaned, set-up or reset-up the church. It went well despite the Covid-19 Pandemic. We planned it well! Everyone wore facemasks, we cleaned throughout the day, and the church and crafters did well fiscally. Less shoppers than during normal times, but the people who did visit bought lots of goods. The crafters were grateful to be able to sell their crafts! We raised thousands for the church!

Sara Jolitz led a bake team (Debbie Krajnak, Sandy Montague, Cody Jolitz, Katie Jolitz, and Linda Steinbauer) to bake (with masks and gloves) at church and her area raised \$1,927.50  
Phyllis Runnigan led the kitchen team and raised \$971. Debbie Krajnak, Dale Hochevar, and PJ cooked and donated food for the to-go only lunch. Several people donated food and drink items.  
Lynn Speaks lead the raffle team and raised \$2,040. [She is still running an online auction for the next few weeks; so look on the All Saints Facebook page for your chance to bid on awesome gift items.](#)  
David Speaks and Derk Vander Molen were the greeters ensuring everyone had face masks and used copious amounts of hand sanitizer. They also sold \$55 worth of cookbooks!  
Crafters rental tables raised \$910.

Total Sales for the Fall Craft Fair \$5,903.50 but still expecting more with the online auction.  
I am so grateful to everyone who made this a successful event. What an awesome group of people to work with!

God Bless,  
Mary Jo Meier and Helen Haworth



## **Unspoken Heroines! (And heroes, too!)**

We just wanted to lift up Mary Jo Meier and all those women (and men) who preceded her in working with our various Craft Fairs. There was a time when there was one a year. Every fall, All Saints had a Fall Craft Fair. The problem was it was lucrative. It brought people together. All kinds of people contributed and became involved...and it was good. People from outside of our community loved it. It helped our church out – greatly! Everyone loved it...well, almost everyone! Then, we switched to two a year. Yikes! Spring and Fall! And, as you know, we have now added, Two Rummage Sales in the Summer and an ART FAIR! It takes a special person to coordinate and to head up such events...it is not easy. There are tons of questions, even more opinions. One finishes and the next one begins...

There is little breathing room in between!

Do you know we are already working on 2023? Yep, we are registering crafters for 2023 and 2022. It never stops.

So many of you are involved. So many of you contribute.

It is major. It is massive.

All Saints is and has been listed in the TOP TEN CRAFT FAIRS IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN! That is huge!

Mary Jo Meier is our Craft Fair Coordinator.

Thank you, Mary Jo, just so you know, you and all of your year-long-efforts are appreciated!

**THANK YOU!**

(And thank you to all those who support these events!)



## Letters we receive: Correspondence

Thank You  
...for being so kind

P.J.: Thank you for the wonderful letter you gave to us for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Thanks too for the beautiful cards. We are grateful to have all saints in our lives as well as you as our Pastor!

See you at church  
Much Love,  
Sandy & John



PJ AND THE PEOPLE OF ALL SAINTS,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.

I HAVE RECOVERED WELL FOLLOWING SURGERY AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO A CANCER FREE FUTURE.

WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE YOUR SUPPORT!

ALL SAINTS  
ROCKS!

Joe Crimell.



# With a Thankful Heart



Dear PJ and all Saints Family,

Thanks once again for  
the many Prayers & Support  
during these last <sup>few</sup> months.

It truly helped us  
through, and meant a lot.

Gods Blessings to All!

Deb & Jer  
Pavlik



*Dear PJ and Kinga,*

*“Way to go... way to shine... way to be you, reflecting Jesus, as only you can do.”  
Thank you for our spiritual and mental health. Your work is helping us get through this.  
“As the Spirit of the Lord works within us,  
we become more and more like Him  
and reflect His glory even more.”*

*11 Corinthians 3:18*

*Leanne Buttke.*



Congratulations to Levi Carson Martinez  
on His Baptism.

May he grow in wisdom and stature  
and in favor with God and all humankind.

(Luke 2:52)



- Pam Kahle
  - Brent Mason
  - Nancy Mason
  - Randy Meier
  - Joel Raison
  - Greg Bauman
  - Joy Kubusek
  - Mary Manthei
  - Scott Woiak
  - Katie Ruka
  - Kerry Howard
  - Margaret Coonan
    - Richard Lisle
    - Bethany Heine
    - Lynn Friedman
  
  - For Donald Brindle brother-in-law of Joni Mc Donald
  - For Adam and Nathan Vitek, Great Nephews of Mary Zahn
  - For Joe Cassinelli and family
  - For the parents of Lisa Kleppek
  - For the mother and father of Karl Kleppek.
  - For all those suffering with Covid – 19 and for their families.
  - For all Military, Police Officers, Fire Fighters, Paramedics, First Responders, all Medical Personnel...and for their families...
  - For all those addicted and still suffering...
  - For those recently baptized...
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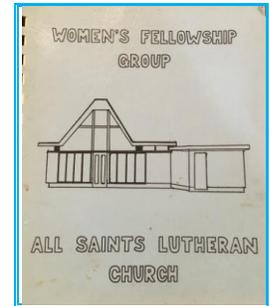
## **Arbor Day – Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Arbor Day is a secular day of observance in which individuals and groups are encouraged to plant trees. Today, many countries observe such a holiday. Though usually observed in the spring, the date varies, depending on climate and suitable planting season.

Arbor Day became a nationwide effort thanks to the efforts of President Richard Nixon. This move was in line with other environmentally-friendly actions taken by Nixon in the 1970s, including the passing of the Clean Air Act, the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act and the National Environmental Protection Act, along with the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Arbor Day, which literally translates to tree+day from the Latin origin of the word *arbor*, is a holiday that celebrates the planting, upkeep and preservation of trees. For centuries, communities spanning the globe have found various ways to honor nature and the environment. However, the appreciation of trees and forests in modern times can be largely attributed to Arbor Day. And although Arbor Day may not have the same clout as holidays like Valentine's Day or St. Patrick's Day (or even Earth Day), it has a history with strong roots that branched out across multiple nations.

The origins of Arbor Day date back to the early 1870s in Nebraska City, . A journalist by the name of Julius Sterling Morton moved to the state with his wife, Caroline, in 1854, a little more than 10 years before Nebraska gained its statehood in 1867. The couple purchased 160 acres in Nebraska City and planted a wide variety of trees and shrubs in what was primarily a flat stretch of desolate plain.



## *From the kitchen of All Saints' Family*

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

### Swedish meatballs

Recipe submitted by Mary Anderson

#### Ingredients

- 1 ½ lbs. hamburger
- ½ c. milk
- 2 tsp. salt (dash pepper)
- ¼ tsp. allspice
- ¼ c. finally chopped onion
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 ½ c. soft bread crumbs
- ½ tsp. nutmeg
- 2 tbsp oil
- 2 tbsp flour
- 1 c. consommé or beef broth

#### DIRECTIONS

Mix well, form into balls. Heat 2 tbsp. Of oil in a heavy skillet, add meatballs, a few at a time and brown slowly. Remove from pan. Add 2 tbsp flour to the skillet, blend well. Add 1 cup (10 ½ oz) consommé or beef broth. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until thickened. Return meatballs to gravy, cover and simmer 15 minutes.

Enjoy!





## Just for Laughs...

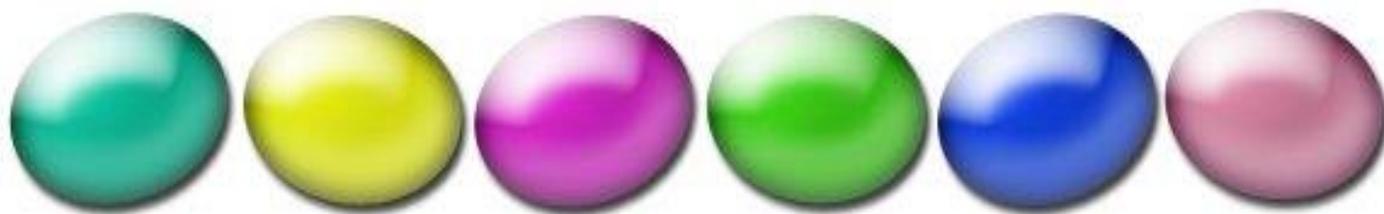
- There was a preacher who fell in the ocean and he couldn't swim. When a boat came by, the captain yelled, "Do you need help, sir?" The preacher calmly said "No, God will save me." A little later, another boat came by and a fisherman asked, "Hey, do you need help?" The preacher replied again, "No God will save me." Eventually the preacher drowned & went to heaven. The preacher asked God, "Why didn't you save me?" God replied, "Fool, I sent you two boats!"
- A man is talking to God. "God, how long is a million years?" God answers, "To me, it's about a minute." "God, how much is a million dollars?" "To me, it's a penny." "God, may I have a penny?" "Wait a minute."
- Two guys are walking through a game park & they come across a lion that has not eaten for days. The lion starts chasing the two men. They run as fast as they can and the one guy starts getting tired and decides to say a prayer, "Please turn this lion into a Christian, Lord." He looks to see if the lion is still chasing and he sees the lion on its knees. Happy to see his prayer answered, he turns around and heads towards the lion. As he comes closer to the lion, he hears it saying a prayer: "Thank you Lord for the food I am about to receive."



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

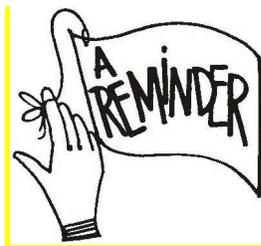
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<b>April 14 to 18</b>	Pat St. Louis	Open	Open	Vnuk	Vnuk
<b>April 21 to 25</b>	Montague	Open	Pat St. Louis	Vnuk	Case
<b>April 28 to May 2</b>	Montague	Open	Wood	Open	Open



Revealer Articles are due on Wednesday April 21st 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.



**Resurrection of Our Lord**

Acts 10:34-43  
 Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24  
 Romans 6:3-11  
 John 20:1-18

**2nd Sunday of Easter**

Acts 4:32-35  
 Psalm 133  
 1 John 1:1-2:2  
 John 20:19-31

**3rd Sunday of Easter**

Acts 3:12-19  
 Psalm 4  
 1 John 3:1-7  
 Luke 24:36b-48

**4th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 4:5-12  
 Psalm 23  
 1 John 3:16-24  
 John 10:11-18

**5th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 8:26-40  
 Psalm 22:25-31  
 1 John 4:7-21  
 John 15:1-8

**6th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 10:44-48  
 Psalm 98  
 1 John 5:1-6  
 john 15:9-17

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