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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.

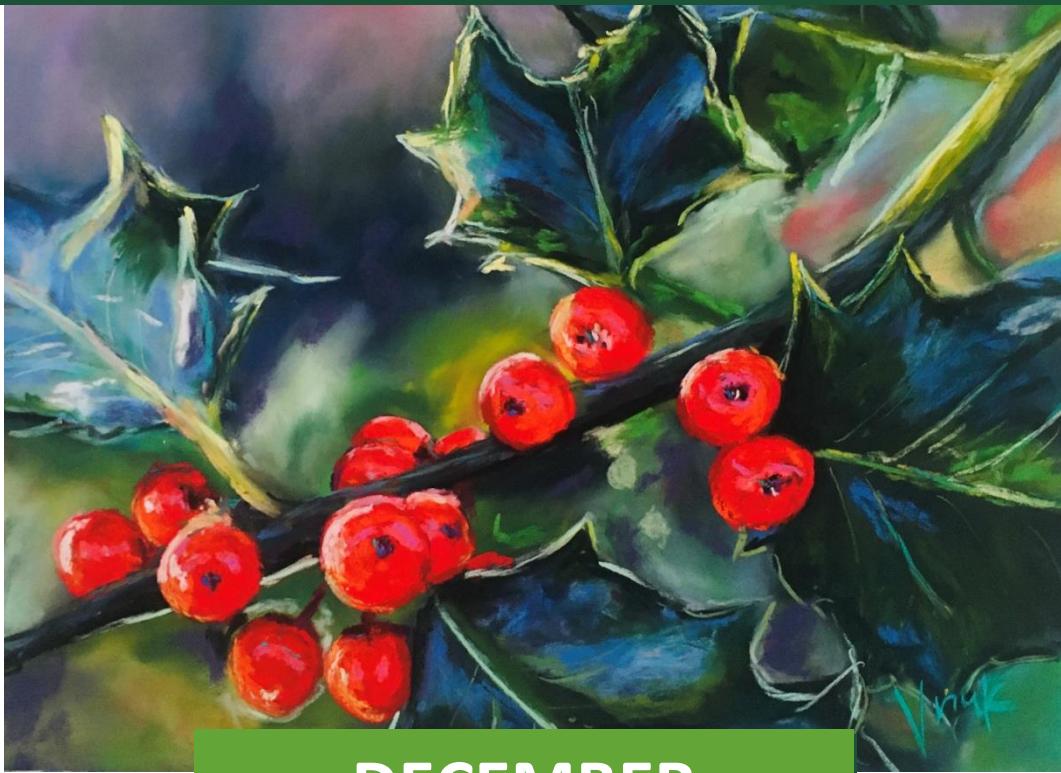
CHRISTMAS CANDLIGHT LITURGY -

Saturday, December 24th at 11:00 pm

CHRIST MASS LITURGY -

Sunday, December 25th at 10:00 am

HOLDEN ADVENT EVENING PRAYER LITURGY Wednesdays in December at 7:00 pm



DECEMBER

Weekly Worship at All Saints

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

Sunday: 8:45 am SCS

10:00 am ELW Setting 8

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY – FRIDAY

9:00am – 5:00pm

SATURDAY

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

11:00am – 7:00pm



- 12/1 Joel Raison, Haydn Susek
- 12/2 Benson Berns, Spencer Venne
- 12/3 Lyla Stecker
- 12/4 Melissa Weier
- 12/5 Sharon Wiorek
- 12/6 Marcia Serfort
- 12/8 Bill Nowicki
- 12/12 Joanne Gruber
- 12/14 Brandon Bluemner, Teddy Lang, Jayne Murnane, Amanda Oleszak, Blake Reynolds
- 12/15 Margaret Coonan, Maresa Grudzielanek
- 12/16 Susan McIntosh
- 12/17 Jenelle Montague
- 12/18 Brian Rathmann, Daniel Wipijewski
- 12/19 Kathy Bandstra Bauman,
Jessica Gorecki, Michelle Strieker
- 12/21 Scott Woiak, Paul Wittke
- 12/22 Sandy McAvoy, David Speaks
- 12/23 Alexander Allmann, Jim Holzman
- 12/24 Nadine Desmarais
- 12/25 Alivia Derks
- 12/26 Mary Nowicki
- 12/27 Dale Hochevar, Dylan Freimund-Raison,
Devin Freimund-Raison
- 12/28 Bill Schmid
- 12/29 Samara Lang, Glenn Mittelstadt
- 12/30 Kobi Maley, John Turlais
- 12/31 Jessica Steiner, Jovon Clark

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



COVER ART

**“The Holly and The Ivy” –
Original pastel painting
by Kinga E. Vnuk**

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 ensure our files stay current. THANK YOU



Comment Article – “It started out, oh, so simple!”



It was a simple enough scene that first Christmas – a rough room, a young girl an older man, and nothing but a feeding trough to put a newborn infant baby in.

It was probably quite cold when the sun went down and with family far away there was little to no help.

It was smelly, dirty, and filled with fresh animal dung. Fragrant, that's what it was, fragrant.

Not exactly the Hallmark moment we like to show in Christmas pageants or on all those specials made for TV.

And yet this rustic scene marked “the greatest event in the history of all humankind.”

God’s Son became human and came to earth to “save us.” The big fifty-cent word here is “incarnation.”

God had promised to send a Messiah, one who would “save his people.”

He could have easily burst on the scene as a full-grown man, a seven-foot warrior with fiery eyes and arms of steel.

That was exactly what many people were looking for, but it wasn’t how God chose to do it. It wasn’t how he saw things...

He arrived in the arms of a young girl. Helpless. Needy. Dependent. Scrawny.

He was, as someone else put it, “a very small package, wrapped in rags, given from the heart of God.

(And yet) ... the perfect gift.”

God would later sacrifice his only son to die, so that we, in all our brokenness, could know his forgiveness and his love.

He came so that we could know what love feels like, real love – love that never leaves, love that never disappoints, love that is never betrayed, love that is eternal...and love that is real.

He sent his Son (his boy) into “a corrupted awful wild world” to bring us hope, to bring us life...that we might someday know him.

It’s up to us, to share him and his love with others...

See you in worship!

Pr. Mortenson



Christmas Bazaar and Cookie Sale!

**Saturday: December 10th
9 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.**

**12 Booths
Lots of Cookies
Christmas Memorabilia Galore!
Chili-2-Go!
Santa Claus
And awesome raffle items!**

**Friday Night:
(December 9th)
Cookie Packing
4:00 – 6:00 P.M.**

Help is needed to put everything back together following the Sale!

Please consider helping out if you are able!

**We still are in need of a lot of people to help out! See the sign-up sheet on the Narthex doors.
Have you signed up to bake cookies yet?
Are you making chili?
Do you plan to come by and checking things out?**



There is still time to join the fun!

We meet three more Tuesdays in the month of December.

We meet from noon until 2:00 P.M.

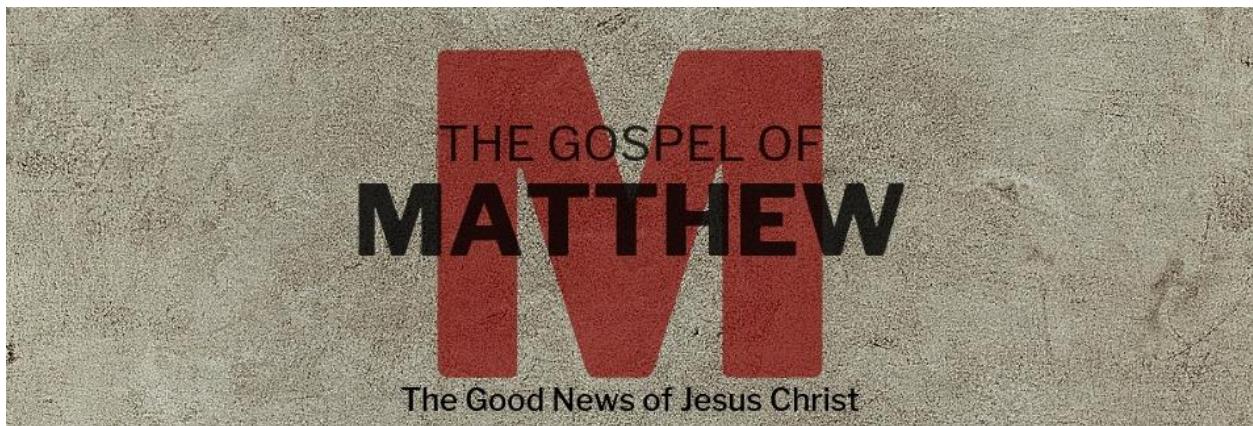
Remember: snacks are always appreciated!

December 6th

December 13th

December 20th

ALL ARE WELCOME!



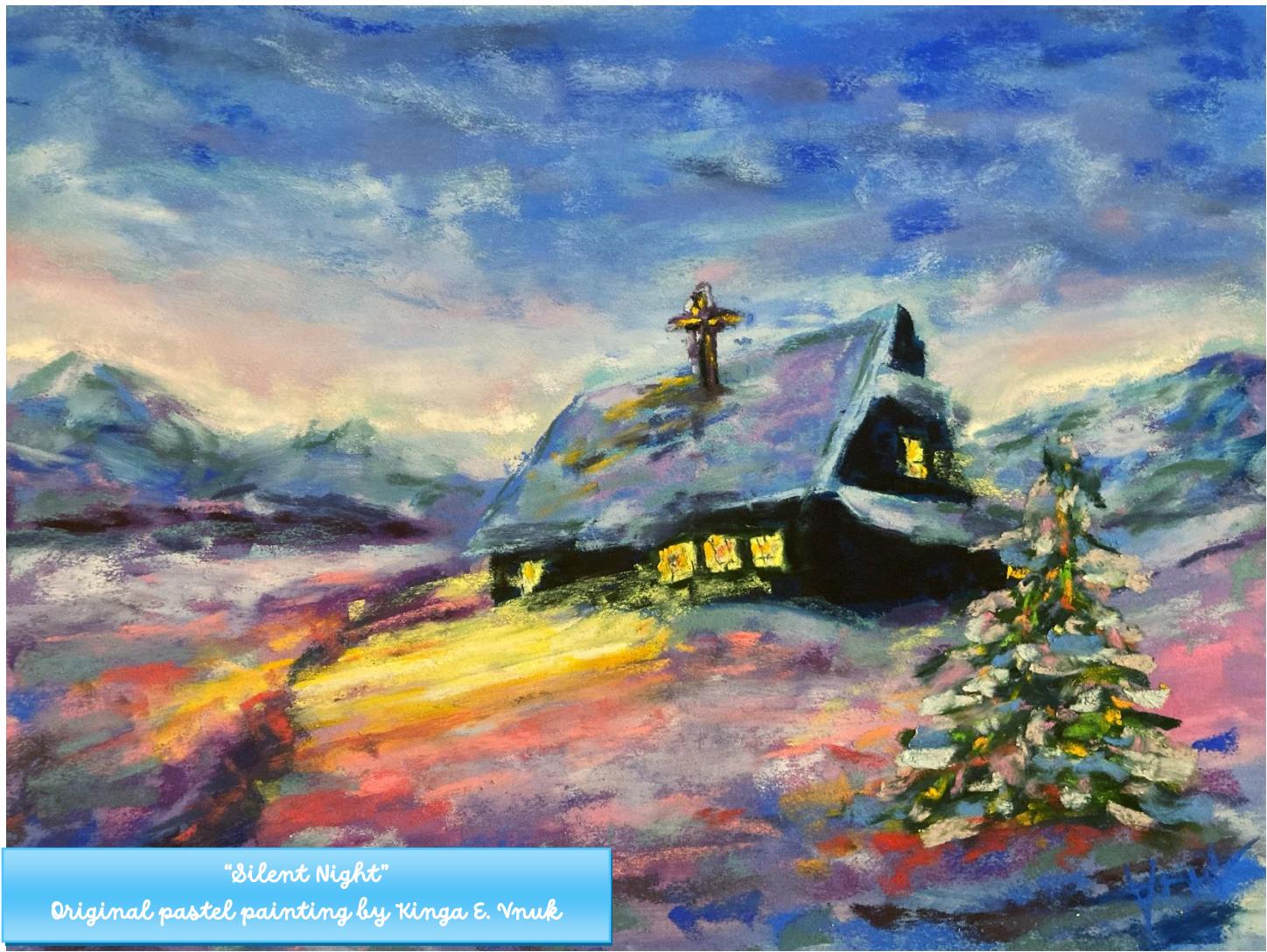
Christmas Blessings to you and yours.
From the All Saints Staff.

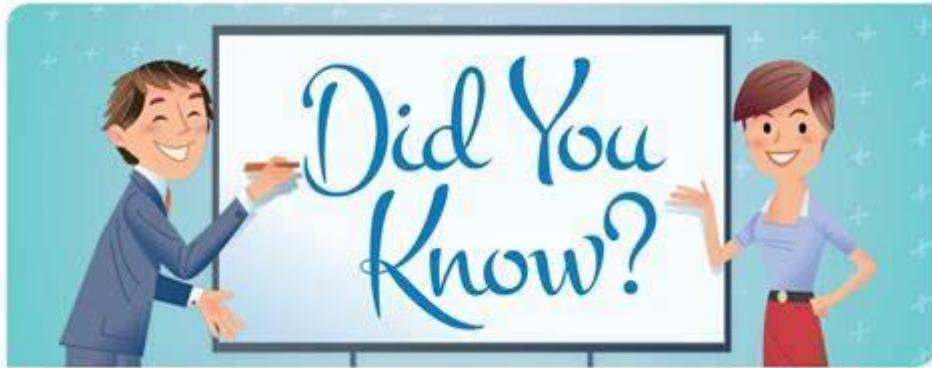
Peggy Rudolph Lisee

Rev. Jas G. Mankoski

Sara Polity

Kinga Vnuk
Moriah Joy





Did You Know?

Have you turned in your Time & Talent Sheet for 2023?

- That some of us will gather together on Saturday, December 31st to say “farewell” to the Old Year – 2022? (The liturgy is at 5:00!)
- That others of us, will gather together on Sunday, January 1st to say a word of welcome to the New Year – 2023? (The liturgy is at 10:00!)
- That if you have been blessed in some way in this year 2022 it is our hope that you will reach out and become a blessing to and for others...
- That 2023 (MMXXIII) is the 23rd year of the 3rd Millennium....
- That 2023 is the year of the Rabbit!



LAST CALL FOR COOKIE BAKERS! PLEASE HELP!



Tidbit: Though the word Advent is of Latin origin, the tradition of the wreath is probably Germanic in nature.

Another Tidbit: As far back as the seventh century, wreaths were used in baptismal and wedding ceremonies...bet you didn't know that!

The Shape of the wreath is to remind us: God is eternal. God is without a beginning and has no end. Our God is eternal. It was said that the wreath itself, usually made of evergreen, reminds us of God's eternal presence with us.

Still another Tidbit: In the early church, the evergreen symbolized life itself. The evergreen remains green and alive even in the dead of winter.

Rich in symbolism, candles crown a wreath with meaning. Assuredly, the flame represents Jesus as being the light of the world. As the season of Advent progresses people grew more hopeful and more expectant as more candles were lit, indicating that the Light Of The World grew ever closer!

I am full of little tidbits! Consider that light casts away the darkness, as another symbol of Advent!

The four candles represent Prophecy (Hope), Bethlehem (Peace), Shepherds (Joy), and the Angel's Candle (Love.) A fifth candle is called the Christ Candle.



Council Capsules

Council Capsules from the November 21st, 2022, meeting:

- The new sign has been installed. The feedback has been mostly positive.
- Langer Roofing will be out the week of November 28 to clear and repair the roof.
- A motion was approved to continue livestreaming “only” the Sunday Liturgy starting in 2023.
- A motion was approved to add an additional Christmas Eve Liturgy on Saturday, December 24 at 5:00 p.m.
- The food pantry served approximately twenty families this month.
- A motion was approved for the youth to participate in Christmas Caroling on Thursday, December 15 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- A motion was approved to accept the new Constitution with changes to typing errors and formatting.



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

+++ Christmas at All Saints! +++

Christmas Eve and Day Worship!

5:00 P.M.

Family Worship!

11:00 P.M.

Candlelight Worship!

10:00 A.M.

The Celebration of the

Christ Mass!





Christian Education

The next Chris Ed Committee Meeting will be held Sunday, December 11th at 11:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please reach out to let me know if you wish to join the committee and are planning to attend.

Sunday School –*All children ages 4 thru 6th grade are welcome. Kids can join us at any time throughout the school year.*

Last month the children continued to discuss stories from the Old Testament, many of which discussed groups of people making noise and blowing horns to defeat their enemies (e.g., Gideon). These stories showed them how God can encourage us when we're afraid. In December, the kids will be learning about Samson and Ruth before we take a break for winter. There will be no Sunday School on Christmas or New Year's with classes returning on January 8th.

For our Fall mission project, the Sunday School Kids will be supporting two of our Church's World Concerns Projects in December - the Food Pantry and Santa in a Shoebox. The kids will be bringing in food items for the church pantry each week of class – with Snack Items (such as goldfish crackers) on December 4th, Peanut Butter or Jelly on December 11th and Cereal on December 18th. Additionally, the kids will be helping wrapping gifts for in a Shoebox on December 11th. Each child was also asked to consider bringing in a gift for a child their age to help support the project.

Please join us for service on December 18th to see the children participate in worship. There may even be a Mary and Joseph sighting.

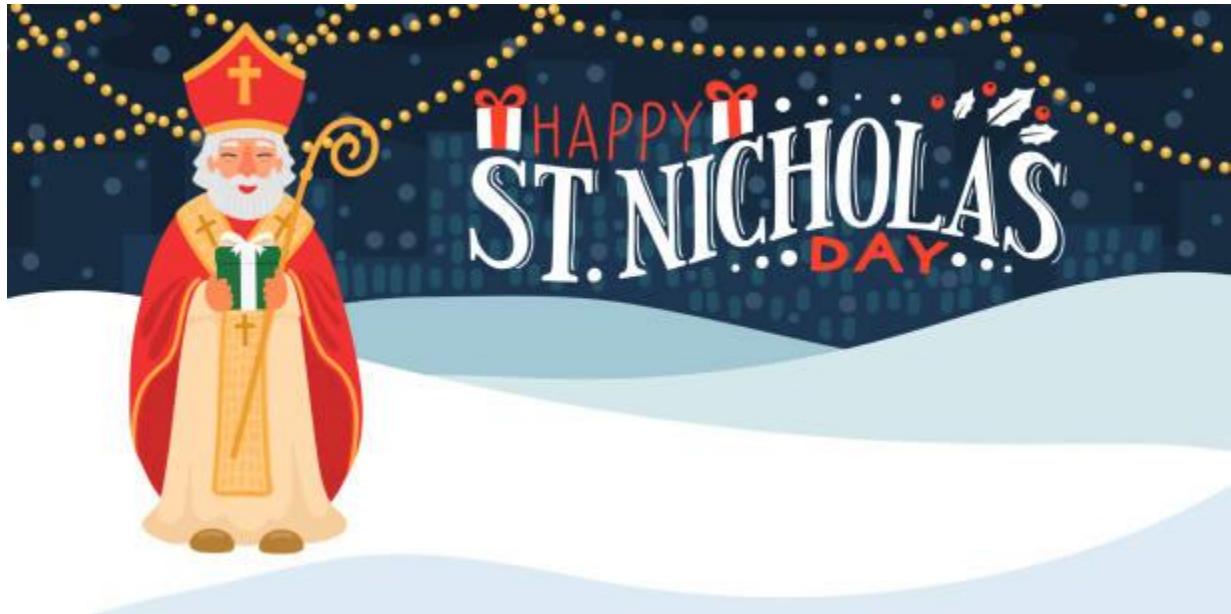
Respectfully submitted,

Sue LaFond

moremail4sue@yahoo.com

414-897-6354 (text)

St. Nick's Day



On December 6th, Saint Nicholas Day recognizes the **third-century saint** who became an inspiration for the modern-day Santa Claus. St. Nicholas is known for selling all his possessions and giving his money to the poor. Raised as a devout Christian, St. Nicholas dedicated his whole life to serving the sick and suffering.

While St. Nicholas Day is not to be confused with Christmas and Santa Claus, some similarities do exist. Traditions include leaving gifts in shoes (or stockings) or the exchange of small gifts. Another tradition suggests leaving treats for good boys and girls. However, the naughty ones receive a twig or chunk of coal.

He is the patron saint of a great many causes. Some of the causes include sailors, travelers, clergy, schoolchildren, and thieves, to name a few.

He was born in the village of Patar, located on the southeastern coast of modern-day Turkey.

Buried in a tomb in Myra, water believed to have healing powers formed in his grave. It is called the Manna of Saint Nicholas.

December 6th is also known as The Feast of St. Nicholas, widely celebrated in Europe. It became celebrated in the United States as more and more people immigrated from Europe bringing tales and celebrations of St. Nick with them!



The HISTORY of the Season of Advent

The earliest dating of Advent is impossible to determine! Yep, that's true!

The start of Easter in Christian history is far more obviously tied to Passover and Christmas came to be associated with the birth of Christ as a result of it falling during the December Solstice, the darkest day of the year in the northern hemisphere.

The coming of the “Light of the World” made a lot of sense in so much darkness. Within a few centuries of church history, both Easter and Christmas took on “special meaning” due to their use in commemorating the life of Jesus.

In the early centuries of the church, Advent almost certainly arose as a result of the fixed dating of Christmas. The length of the season of Advent varied from one region to another.

Once December 25 became Christmas, it was the center of gravity for the latter half of the year—a perfect balance to Easter in the first half.

ADVENT

In this way, Advent took on the significance the same way Lent did: both were prepared for the more significant season on the horizon.

By the fourth century, the first written evidence of Advent is found in modern Spain and Europe (Hispania and Gaul). Probably the earliest official mention of Advent practices comes from the Council of Saragossa AD 380.

A heresy, at the time, held to a harsh form of dualism—light vs. dark, body vs. soul—so perhaps the celebration of the incarnation made theological sense as a counterbalance to this heresy.

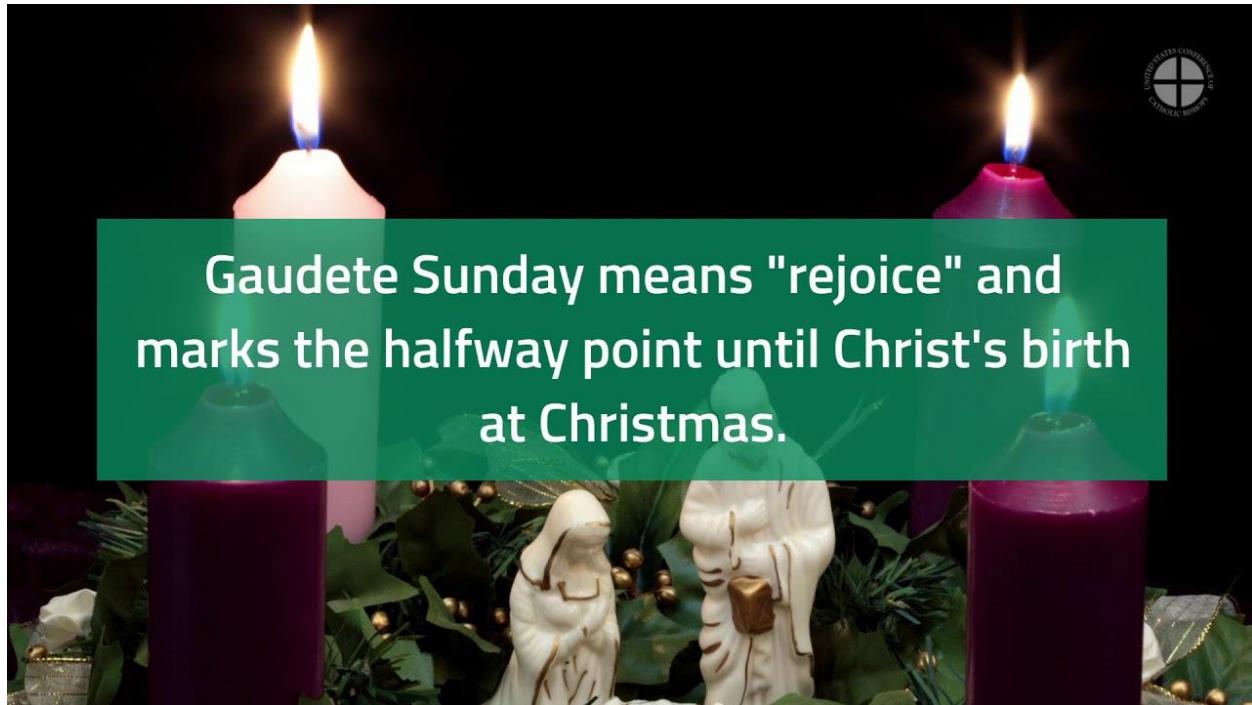
The council was not committed to any specific dating of Advent, though, and only suggested people attend church daily between December 17 and December 29.

By the fifth and the sixth centuries, more firm dating of the Advent season can be found in ACTUAL historical records—as well as in recorded Advent sermon series.

Unlike modern Advent ceremonies, most celebrations of Advent in history had a twin focus. The Latin word *adventus* was the translation of the Greek *parousia*—a word used for both “the coming of Christ in human flesh” and “his Second Coming.”

Advent, then, always tended to focus on both. For the first two weeks of Advent, the church would reflect on the Second Coming.

Disciples would chasten their hearts, confess sins, and spend time hoping for the quick coming of the Lord.



Gaudete Sunday means "rejoice" and marks the halfway point until Christ's birth at Christmas.

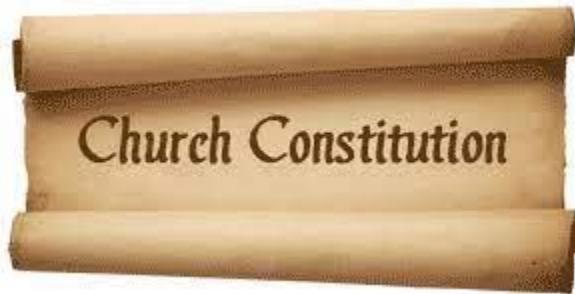
The last two weeks of Advent would then transition to focus on the first *parousia*, Christ in the manger.

This double meaning in Advent history signals an important reality in the liturgical calendar: Advent and Christmas are never held as a full re-enactment of the life of Christ but point to our place between the Resurrection and the Second Coming.

Advent and Christmas are not merely about the coming of Jesus, but about everything since the birth of Jesus.

The oldest document in which we find the length and exercises of Advent mentioned with anything like clearness is a passage in the second book of the History of the Franks by St. Gregory of Tours, where he says that St. Perpetuus, one of his predecessors, who held that see about the year 480, had decreed a fast three times a week, from the feast of St. Martin until Christmas. It would be impossible to decide whether St. Perpetuus, by his regulations, established a new custom, or merely enforced an already existing law. Let us, however, note this interval of forty, or rather of forty-three days, so expressly mentioned, and consecrated to penance, as though it were a second Lent, though less strict and severe than that which precedes Easter.

All Saints Constitution



Just so you know and are aware, the new proposed Constitution for All Saints is being submitted to the Greater Milwaukee Synod for their approval, at which point it will be sent back to the congregation. The next step is to have copies made available for the membership of All Saints and for you to peruse the new constitution. For it to become ratified it will require a two-thirds's majority vote by the people in attendance at the meeting.

It is our hope and our prayer that the constitution will be returned to us, in plenty of time for us to make copies of it and distribute them to you. For you to then peruse the constitution and bring your questions and comments to the meeting.

This constitution would then lead All Saints into the future and would play an important role at the time that a new pastor is called. It will also dictate our day-to-day activities and establish who is and who is not a member of All Saints.

We promise to keep you in the constitutional loop!

*I thank my God every time I remember you.
In all my prayers for all of you,
I always pray with joy...*

Philippians 1:3-4

Rita Cieszynski
Diane Hogan and Wally Hogan
RB Wood
Linda Wood
Val Fogarty
Pam Kahle and Richard Kahle
Katie Ruka
Liz Trahan
Joni McDonald
Chuck Kocourek
Jeff Friedman
Betty Ford
Mary Manthei
Joel Raison
Eva Brown
Barb Grobschmidt

For Joy Kubusek who recently retired!

For Paul, Diane, Zack, and Amanda Salewski on the death of Paul's mother, Karen.

For the granddaughter of Mary Zahn and the daughter of Peggy Rudolph-Lisle.

For the parents of Pam Kawczynski, Pam Kahle, Suz Pitts, Jodi Heine, and Karl and Lisa Kleppek.

For Nicole, the niece of John and Sandy Montague. For all those hospitalized with RSV, Covid, or the Flu. For all those addicted and still suffering...and for our Police Officers, Fire Fighters, Military Members, Paramedics, all First Responders, and for all Medical Personnel and their families...



Gift Card Update!

Don't forget to use gift cards for your holiday shopping. People LOVE to get gift cards. That way, they can get, exactly what they want...and you will save yourself a lot of time and aggravation by using gift cards for those hard-to-buy-for people on your shopping list.

We even have an order blank for \$10 gift cards. We are trying this during the holidays because we know you all have fill-in gifts to buy for teachers, Mani/Pedi people, stylists, barbers, drycleaners, etc. You have to special order these gift cards (because we do not have most of them in stock) so make sure you order them far enough in advance.

And through October, we have earned over \$3300.00 in gift card profit for our church. It all adds up! Consider using gift cards for groceries, fuel for your vehicles, going out to dinner/lunch/breakfast, shopping at Kohl's, etc.

And, if you have any questions on how the gift card program works here at All Saints, just stop by the gift card table...we are always happy to answer any questions you might have! Come on, you know, you want to try them...

Don't forget gift cards for St. Nick's! They make great stocking stuffers...Culver's, Starbucks, Duncan Donuts, we even carry Wendy's and Burger King!

You really have to stop at the Gift Card table and check out some of the many, many cards we carry in stock!

It is fast and it is easy! Gift Cards are available whenever the church office is open, just stop in, we are happy to help out!

But the best thing, is you are helping out YOUR CHURCH!



Our electronic giving program here at All Saints is known as SIMPLY GIVING. It is a safe electronic way to help support your church. There are authorization forms hanging on the bulletin board leading into the Fellowship Hall. Grab one, fill it in completely, and drop it off in the church office. We will set you up for Simply Giving. It is giving made...simple!

GIVING		NAME _____	DATE / /
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		STATE _____ ZIP _____	OTHER \$ _____
		PHONE _____	TOTAL \$ _____
		EMAIL _____	<input type="checkbox"/> CASH <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK # _____

For those of you who like to use giving envelopes, no problem. We have them for you! If you need a supply of envelopes, just let us know. There are sheets hanging on the bulletin board leading into the Fellowship Hall. Just sign up and you will be provided with a set of envelopes. Just that simple. We will even mail the envelopes out to you if you wish. But you have to let us know!

Finally...THE HARLEY TREE: located at the front entranceway. It is our tree for all homeless animals in shelters awaiting their fur-ever homes. Our two shelters again this year are Second-Hand Purrs and the Humane Animal Welfare Society (HAWS). Both are no-kill shelters (the best kind.) There is a list of items most needed by each shelter hanging on the wall near the tree. And this is the best time of the year to clean out your linen closets because the shelters are desperately in need of towels.

There are also envelopes hanging on the tree for your generous gifts of cash. Please make all your checks payable to All Saints Lutheran Church and put your name on the envelope (so you will get credit for your donation on your year-end giving statement.) Thank you in advance, for your generosity!



Financial:

The Finance Council meeting was held November 10th. There were four basic topics discussed.

The first was about the need to work on the Annual Budget and Expenses.

It was decided that I would put together the first draft and then present it to the council.

The second subject was what amount to apply for the annual raises for our "Paid" staff. After discussing the matter, it was suggested to apply a 3% raise. It would be more in line for a 4 - 5% increase due to inflation, but payroll is by far the biggest expense for our Church.

But it would be exceedingly difficult with the amount of our income.

The next topic was over getting two to three volunteers to do the annual audit. I was advised that neither Barb, treasurer, nor I, Finance Counselor, could perform this duty. So, if you are interested in being part of the annual audit, please let us know. It needs to be finished by the third week in January.

The last topic we discussed, was our insurance. That is basically a review of our excising policies. There are three types that we pay for: property, medical, and an umbrella. If I can find better coverage, I will present this to the council.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

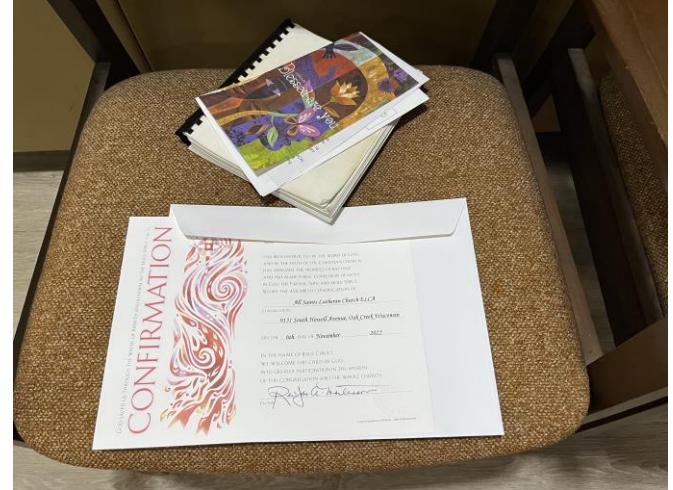
Tim Jackalone
Finance Committee Chair



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.

All Saints Sunday celebrations photo memories.







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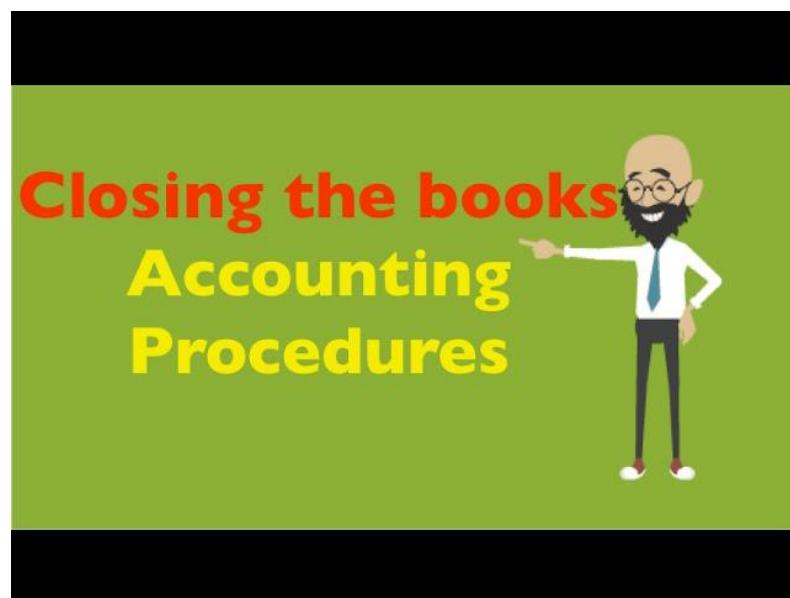
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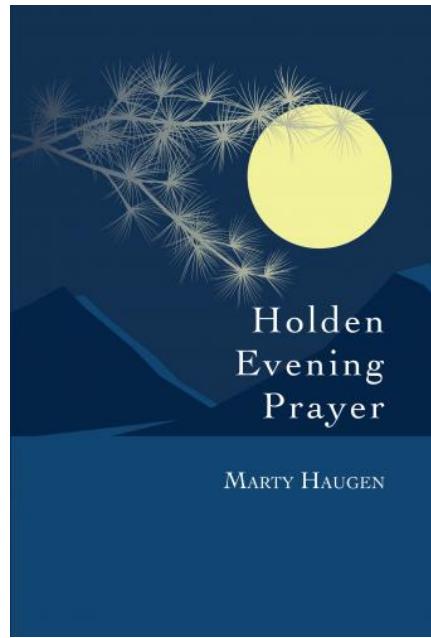
December 28th, 2022

**The church's books will officially close out
for the year.**

**A deposit will be made following the
Wednesday night liturgy!**

Any and all monies received after the 28th will appear on your 2023 statements.





Like with many things around here...we adopted this prayer liturgy, added the Eucharist to it, and made it our own.

We call it, "The Holden Advent Evening Prayer Liturgy!" It is melodic. It is singable! It flows! It is meaningful! Prayerfully, you will love it!

It just so happens to be the liturgy chosen for this season of Advent on Wednesday nights. Join us on December 7th, 14th, and 21st. We meet at 7:00 P.M.

If you have never attended a Holden liturgy, you might consider it. It always receives rave reviews. People like it.

As the large PASCHAL CANDLE is carried into the sanctuary, breaking the darkness of a cold December's night, the congregation sings:

"Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

The light no darkness can overcome;

Stay with us now, for it is evening,

And the day is almost over

Let your light scatter the darkness,

And shine within your people here."

Consider praying with us on a Wednesday night!



Liturgy Committee -

The members of the Liturgy Committee would like to wish each and every one of you a Very Merry and Love Filled Christmas!!

We look forward to seeing you at one, or several(!) of the THREE liturgies over Christmas weekend!



The Saint's banners are down...the boughs are going up, but first, they all have to be fluffed. Lights have to be checked. The wreath goes up.

Altar paraments get changed to blue! What do we do with the harvest items?
Up, down, up, down, up, down...who is going to make the Advent wreath up?
Are all the candles filled?

Hymn chart changed for the next two liturgies?

Is there anything we have forgotten?
Does all of this count as PREPARATION during the season of Advent?



Not bad, ladies, for a day's work!

The sanctuary is looking rather good!

Next comes the tree.

Friday night who will help us to put it up? It really truly only takes a few minutes of your time...

Then,

After that...

The tree trim!

Let's do it after liturgy, next Sunday and see if we can get a few more people to help us out! Extra hands are always appreciated...

Respectfully,

Jayne Murnane



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

Mary Jo and Randy Meier

- In honor of Our Children
- In honor of Our Grandchildren: Luke, Evan, Jake, Cora, Theo, and Winnie
- In Memory of our Parents and Niece, Alicia

Elizabeth Trahan and Daniel Payne

- In Honor of Grandma Joyce Kershaw

Donna Woods

- In Honor of Patricia Woods

PJ

- In Memory of All the blessed Saints in Light





The Sweet Sundays Quilters' Corner

Here are the pictures from our annual blessing of the quilts that took place during Thanksgiving Eve liturgy, on Wednesday, November 23rd, 2022





thank you!

Wow! Another great Craft Fair has happened at All Saints! Our church family came together and made it happen! We raised nearly \$9,698.50! Wow – this is a record! This will help the church pay many bills. If you baked, donated items, donated scrip, attended or volunteered your valuable time - **Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!**

We had thirty-four crafters and nearly 569 visitors.

Sara Jolitz, Cody Jolitz, Katie Jolitz, Peggy Todryk, and Debbie Krajnak baked twenty large pies, and one hundred small sized pie!

Lynn Speaks put together 20 beautiful raffle baskets. The All Saints Quilting Group donated a beautiful quilt for the raffle! Church members donated enough scrip to have three scrip raffle prizes.

Derk Vander Molen and the Lion's sold nuts! Derk also ran the door prize area and greeted all our visitors. We collected eight grocery carts full of nonperishable food for our food pantry. Dave Speaks was our announcer extraordinaire, making sure visitors knew about the lunch, bakery, and raffle, and visited both rooms of crafters.

Thank you to all the church members who donated scrip, and raffle items which helped raised \$3,676 in raffle sales!

We were blessed by our many church bakers, who worked so hard baking pies, cakes, cookies, candy, and breads. Special thanks to Dale Hochevar for making twenty-four pineapple upside cakes. We nearly sold out of baked goods and the bake sale raised \$3,202!

Phyllis Runningen is stepping down as the kitchen coordinator but not before she trained Brittany Czarny this past Craft Fair. Thank you to Phyllis for her 6 years of Craft Fair service to All Saints.

Thank you to Brittany for committing to this important fund raiser. The kitchen sold out of food and raised \$1,430.50! The food was excellent and keeps the people coming back. Special thanks to Dale Hochevar for donating and preparing the savory turkey; Debbie Krajnak for donating and making the best BBQ in town; and PJ for making his famous baked beans.

Thank you to the money counters: Helen Haworth, Mary Jo Meier, and Barb Schrubey!

Thank you to PJ for greeting and serving our crafters coffee, baking his delicious beans, and butterscotch peanut butter cookies, and pulling the raffle tickets each fair. It's a lot of work but he does it with a smile every day.

Thank you to our scrip card donors! \$1,155 of scrip was donated for our raffle.

We received so many wonderful comments from our crafters and attendees about our volunteers' positive attitudes and how much they like our craft fair. We are nearly sold out for Spring and Fall Craft Fairs for 2023, as the crafters have already booked tables for next year.

A special thank you to our craft fair team who makes the planning, preparing, and behind the scenes work joyful, and rewarding: Helen Haworth, Betty Ford, Elaine Kleinhans, Phyllis Runningen, Brittany Czarny, Sara Jolitz, Katie Jolitz, Lynn Speaks, and Debbie Krajnak.

We had many volunteers for set-up of the craft fair, and volunteers for the craft fair areas (kitchen, raffle, bake sale, greeters, and sanitation area). Thank you volunteers, especially our youth!

Our next Craft Fair is March 18, 2023! Mark your calendars!

It takes the whole church to make this event work! Thank you for your help in making this a successful event!

Thank you all and God bless,
Mary Jo Meier, Craft Fair Coordinator

○ FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Thank you to our church members who donated to our Food Pantry this month:



- Pat Loso
- Jeri Koss
- Doris Templin
- Phil Haerle
- Elaine Kleinhans
- Mary Jo Meier
- Tara Roslawski & Cyndi Uyhely
- Judy Salchow



Property

Fall Clean Up in October was a huge success. We did the normal cleanup like hoses and windows, but we also mulched most of the trees.

I want to thank Mary Jo and Randy Meier for bringing their trailer. Tim Jackalone brought a trailer for behind the lawnmower. They were a big help.

I also want to thank Brian and Cooper Rathmann, David and Lynn Speaks, the LaFond family, Jim Kubusek, and Annie and Paxton Polster for all their impressive help.

We had wheelbarrows coming and going, trailers going back and forth, and lots of people shoveling and raking. Debbie Krajnak, Mary Zahn, Margaret Coonan, and Sandy Montague worked on the gardens.

They are now ready for winter.

The lawnmowers have been winterized and the snow blower is ready to go.

We will be having D&B Lawn Service out of Oak Creek as our snowplow service again this winter. The sanctuary has been painted and looks genuinely nice. We just have to figure out how to get the West wall painted. It is too high for my ladder. We have extra paint, so after the Christmas Bazaar, we will be painting the hallway outside the bathrooms and all the way down to the second classroom.

The Fellowship Hall and kitchen have been stripped and waxed. They look almost new again.

I'm sure there will be more on my "Sara Do" list but that will have to wait until the New Year. I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The next property meeting will take place on December 21st at 6:15...I would LOVE to see more faces around the table! Come and join me!

Brightest Blessings,

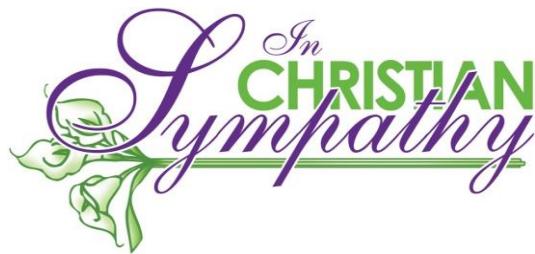
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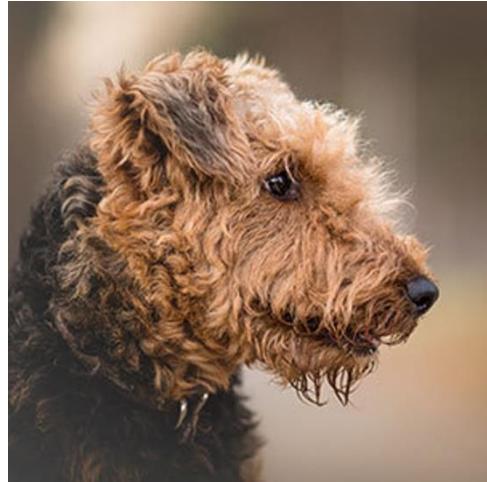


**Orange
Antibacterial
Hand soap Refills
(Soft Soap)**

(Sara, says "Thanks in advance!)



*Our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy is extended
to Paul Salewski and family
on the death of His Mother.
Blessed are those who die in the Lord*



Dear Santa,

Just so you know I am a good girl. I have calmed down a lot. I even promise not to jump on you if stop by the church!

Life is pretty good when you are a church dog. I just hang out and bark when someone comes. I sleep a lot more now that I am going on 7. God provides. I always have enough of everything...

So, this Christmas, I would like to ask on behalf of others...

Holy Harley has the animals in shelters covered. So, I would just like to support our food pantry and help out those who are hungry.

I do not think it is too difficult to bring “an item,” one thing with you to church for the church’s food pantry.

Something nutritious would be awesome. Something that will actually give sustenance.

A little bit of food goes a long way. And because this is the “season of giving” I thought it would be a blessing to give to others who cannot give back.

Santa, if you could just drop off some food for others? That would be amazing.

Say hi to Rudolph for me!

Moriah Joy!



THE HOLY HARLEY TREE

Yep, there was a point in time, when HOLY HARLEY OF ALL SAINTS OAK CREEK looked exactly like this. As a full-grown Labrador retriever, she grew to a weight of 138 pounds. A gentle giant she was.

Labs are like “America’s dogs,” at one point and time they were the number one family dog in America. Loyal, kind, protective, playful, and very people oriented. Her little brother HOCKEY PUCK tipped the scales just shy of 160 pounds with a solid block head.

The tree in the entranceway of the church was established by Harley as a way of giving back, helping, and aiding animals that were still in shelters...animals lacking forever homes.

At one point, TV 6 even came out and did a human-interest story, because back then, it was kind of unheard of in any church.

Over the years we have given away thousands and thousands of dollars, toys, food, treats, litter, cleaning supplies, dog and cat beds, blankets, pillows, you name it.

And it was all because of one little black lab puppy that came to All Saints and stayed. There are even pictures floating around of her mom and dad coming and joining her for pictures at the altar at Christmas time. Yep, they were “that proud” of their little girl and what she had become...Holy Harley was a Church Dog!

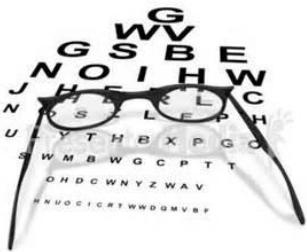
Please be generous in giving to our animal companions who are still sheltered! And we thank you (in advance) for your generosity and kindness!

This year, we have been blessed with even some corporate sponsors!

Information for your reference.....

Note on Hospitalizations...

Federal Law restricts the disclosure of patient information by hospitals. Therefore, if you are hospitalized and want the Pastor to know, it is important for you or the family to give us a call, as soon as possible. Church Office at 762-5111, P.J.'s private line at 762-6101 or his cell at 414-276-2788.



Eyeglasses and Hearing Aids Wanted

All Saints is collaborating with the Lion's Club to collect eyeglasses and hearing aids, which can be recycled for those in need. Pass the word to friends and relatives, too. A drop box is located in the entryway.

Lions Club of Oak Creek extends a Thank You to all who have been contributing to their cause. The response has been great and much appreciated.

Can I or A Family Member Have a Church Funeral?

This is a question that arises quite frequently by non-members or Members with non-member family. The answer is not always an easy one but, the only people eligible for a funeral held at All Saints are Members of All Saints. P.J. will only do immediate family funerals for Members of All Saints at his discretion and only at the Funeral Home and not the Church.



Wine or Grape Juice, Gluten free wafers?

Are you aware that both wine and grape juice is available on each communion tray? The grape juice is always in the center glasses. If you wish to have grape juice all you need to do is ask the communion assistant and it will be given.



Stewardship Committee

Advent Coin Boxes



You might say it is a “Stewardship thing.” You might say it is old-fashioned or even just an old gimmick. You might even say it is just a way for the church to raise more revenue and more funds.

Or, You might say, for some people, it is a form of Advent “discipline.”

Originally Advent was more of a confessional season of the church year. At one point it was even six weeks in length. The time of preparation was to be used for introspection, a time for “getting ourselves right with God.” It was meant to be a time set aside, to prepare us inwardly, and spiritually, for the birth of the Christ-child. Some people even used the language of “sacrifice.” They “gave up things” in preparation for the Nativity of Our Lord.

The coin boxes of Lent and Advent were meant to help guide individuals in their Lenten and Advent journey. Trust me, it is no fundraiser. It does not raise substantial dollars and probably never did. That was not its purpose.

For some of us, it is a reminder of the new season of the church year. It points us in the direction that we want to go. It helps and aids in keeping us focused. For some of us, it becomes a daily discipline. Money is placed daily in the box as a reminder of the season of the church year. It is a countdown until the birth of Jesus. It reminds me I can do better. I can do more. I can spend time in prayer. With all the hustle and bustle of the season, it tells me to focus. It calls me back. It directs my path. It points me in the direction of Bethlehem.

Just a reminder!

To be “a member” of All Saints, you must receive the sacrament of Holy Communion at least once during each and every year -OR- you may make a record of your contribution.

To be a “voting member” of All Saints, you must BOTH receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion AND give a recorded contribution in your name.

The Constitution will automatically place individuals on “inactive status” on February 1st of 2023 who have not fulfilled the constitutional requirements.

Parents of Confirmed Members are surprised when their young people cannot vote at an Annual Meeting because there has been no recorded contribution in their young person’s name. It is a constitutional requirement for voting!

Holy Innocents



Wednesday, December 28th – 7:00 P.M. Saints Liturgy, remembering the Holy Innocents of Matthew’s Gospel. The feast is observed in Western churches on December 28 and in Eastern churches on December 29. The slain children were regarded by the early church as the first martyrs, but it is uncertain when the day was first kept as a saint’s day. It may have been celebrated with Epiphany, but by the 5th century, it was kept as a separate festival. In Rome, it was a day of fasting and mourning. – (See Matthew 2. 16-18)

Christmas



Christmas is celebrated on December 25 and is both a sacred religious holiday and a worldwide cultural and commercial phenomenon.

For two millennia, people around the world have been observing it with traditions and practices that are both religious and secular in nature. Christians celebrate Christmas Day as the anniversary of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, whose teachings form the basis of their religion.

Popular customs include exchanging gifts, decorating Christmas trees, attending church, sharing meals with family and friends, and, of course, waiting for Santa Claus to arrive.

December 25—Christmas Day—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1870.

In the fourth century, church officials decided to institute the birth of Jesus as a holiday.

I bet you didn't know: Christmas was not a holiday in early America. From 1659 to 1681, the celebration of Christmas was actually "outlawed in Boston." Anyone exhibiting the Christmas spirit was fined five shillings. By contrast, in the Jamestown settlement, Captain John Smith reported that Christmas was enjoyed by all and passed without incident.



Thank You!

- : Thanks to everyone who helped out with the Fall Clean Up!
- : Thanks to our young people who were in procession!
- : Thanks for the delivery of Mulch! Blessings to those who were confirmed!
- : Thanks to all those who worked on the Harvest Altar!
- : Thanks to Sara, Katie, and Patrick for hauling in all the Christmas items!
- : Thanks to Jim Kubusek for bringing in more Christmas items...
- : Thanks to all who bring in food for the food pantry!
- : Thanks to all who helped out in any way with the Fall Craft Fair.
- : Thanks to the Liturgy Committee. Thank you, to our LIVE STREAMERS!
- : Thanks to all of those purchasing poinsettias for the church.
- : Thanks to David and Lynn Speaks, and Dennis and Jasmine Schneider for spreading additional mulch around our trees.
- : Thanks to the guys who took down the old sign out front.
- : Thanks to those who clean up three times a week after communion.
- : Thanks to all those who lector at our various liturgies.
- : Thank you to those who provide flowers for our altar.
- : Thanks to our money counters. Thanks to members of ASV! (All Saints Voices)
- : Thanks to those who weekly fold our bulletins and stuff them!
- : Thanks to all those who help out with the committee structure.
- : Thanks to those who bring in items for our wish list!
- : Thanks to those who worked on our new constitution.
- : Thanks to Margaret Coonan for doing the altar linens.
- : Thanks to those who always take the kitchen laundry...
- : Thanks to our Gift Card sellers and our Gift Card buyers!
- : Thanks to Barb Schrubey for ordering all our Gift Cards!

Cooking for the Holidays

PERFECT RIB ROAST

INGREDIENTS

- 1 standing rib roast (about 1/2 pound per person)
- 1 tbsp. kosher salt
- 2 tsp. black pepper
- 1 bunch fresh rosemary

DIRECTIONS

Remove rib roast from packaging and place in a roasting pan.

Let come to room temperature about 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 450°.

Generously cover all sides of rib roast with salt and pepper. Place roast in a roasting pan fat-side up. Arrange half the rosemary in the bottom of the pan around the roast.

Roast 30 minutes, then reduce heat to 350° and cook 1 hour 30 minutes more for medium rare. (Plan on about 15 minutes per pound.)

Remove roast from oven, cover with foil, and let rest 20 minutes.

To serve, slice along ribs to remove them, then separate each rib and put them aside. Slice the roast crossways against the grain. Serve on a platter with the ribs and remaining half fresh rosemary.

Nutrition (per serving): 502 calories, 31 g protein, .3 g carbohydrates, .1 g fiber, 0 g sugar, 41 g fat, 16 g saturated fat, 568 mg sodium



Confirmation corner...



Come and Join Us!

As is our custom, the Confirmands are preparing for their big singing debut in 2022. No, not in church! Not as a choir! Not as soloists headed for State... but as carolers hitting the streets of Oak Creek and beyond.

Afterward, we head back to the church for pizza and some soda. It is always a lot of fun. And one or two of our cars always seem to get lost.

Sometimes, a little off-key! We may mess up a word here or there but know that our hearts are always into it.

If you would like to join us, please do so...

Thursday, December 15th, 2022

6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Your heart will be warmed!



12/4 10:00 am – Dennis Schneider

21/11 10:00 am – Lynn Friedman

12/18 10 am – Sara Jolitz

12/24 11:00 pm – Dale Hochevar

12/25 10:00 am – Judy Wolter

1/1/23 10 am – Dennis Schneider

Wednesdays in December – John Montague

Saturdays in December – Bob Payne

Thank you, to all of our live streamers!



World Concerns

Request for Our Food Pantry: Please help if you can.

- Canned meats
- Peanut Butter and Strawberry jam
- Stuffing
- Shelf stable milk (can be found at Walgreens, the Dollar Store, and some grocery stores)

Thank you to everyone who donated food this past month! You are appreciated!

Thank you to Pat and Ken Bruss-Horswill who work faithfully each week putting away groceries and making up bags to give to the hungry. We are blessed to have you both!

Thank you to Dale Hochevar who helped me go through the food pantry closet and ensure all food expiring soon is taken to St. James Food Pantry.

We were able to help feed 20 families last month! Our families in need increased this past month. Food prices continue to rise, and many Oak Creek families are left needing food. Please donate nonperishable food items if you can.



On November 7th, our committee went to the Fisher House to provide a meal for our Veterans and their families. Thank you to Derk, Dale, and Mary Jo for helping prepare the food for our veterans. Thank you to Derk, Mary Jo, Dale, Lynn, Brittany, and Sara for donating food for the vets.



December we will be donating Christmas gifts through a Nonprofit group called Santa in A Shoebox.

All Saints will be donating items for seniors in Oak Creek.

All gifts donated to Oak Creek will go to people in our community.

Please be a part of this project. It's an opportunity to help someone receive a gift this year. It's a great way to teach our children how to give to others in need.

So how do I donate? Several ways to do it.

Donate an individual item in the Christmas box (will be in the Narthex between Nov 12 – Dec 12, 2022). This item will be added to a Shoebox that will be put together later.

Donate a completed shoebox full of items and label the outside with the age group. Put in the Narthex Christmas box between Nov 12-Dec 12th. Shoeboxes will be available for those that wish to complete a box.

Donate a completed shoebox that is wrapped in Christmas wrapping paper and labeled with the age group who it is for. Wrapped gifts go in the Narthex Christmas box between Nov 12th – Dec 12th.

What if we want to donate to another age group?

All Saints is concentrating on the Senior gifts, as this one is usually less likely to be donated. But you can choose to donate to any age group. Go on the "Santa in a Shoebox" website for more information on gift ideas and wrapping ideas.

Shoeboxes should be labeled into one of the following AGE GROUPS and GENDER for distributing:

Babies to age 2 yrs. Ages 3-4 years

Ages 6-8 years Ages 9-12 years

Ages 13–17-years Adult Male or Adult Female

Senior Male or Senior Female

We will begin collecting items at All Saints Lutheran Church through Dec 11, 2022.

All Saints Lutheran Church will be one of two drop off point for Santa in a Shoebox in Oak Creek. The Piggly Wiggly on Rawson Avenue will also be a drop off point in Oak Creek. We will get gifts for all age groups donated from outside the church.

We will have several wrapping parties in December:

Donations of wrapping paper, and packing tape, and scotch tape are needed.

Please come help us wrap presents! All are welcome!

Thursday, Dec 8th – Wrap with the youth from 6 pm – 9 pm. Pizza will be provided.

Parents of SCS kids - help needed. We will wrap gifts during SCS on Dec 11 from 8:45 – 9:45 AM.

Everyone can wrap a gift – Sunday Dec 11th from 11 AM – 3 PM. Lunch will be provided.

Final wrap party – Wednesday, Dec 14th from 5 PM – 8 PM. Wrap till you drop! Snacks will be provided!

How To Help

1 Pick up an empty shoebox or use your own.

2 Fill the shoebox with new gifts. See the ideas to the right.

3 Wrap up the filled shoebox and label it with the following:
-Gender
-Age group

4 Drop it off to All Saints
-or-

* Donate filler items (look to the right)

* Donate a script card

Santa in a Shoebox

All Saints is partnering up with the nonprofit Santa in a Shoebox (<https://santainashoebox.com>) to spread boxes of Christmas cheer to the Oak Creek area.

Donation Ideas & Needs

- Shoeboxes
- Body wash & Toiletries
- Perfumes & Colognes
- Adult coloring books
- Jigsaw puzzles
- Large print Word Search
- Card Games
- Slippers & Gripper Socks
- Reading lights
- Candy & Treats
- Tote bags
- Hand Sanitizer
- Small radio
- Stationary
- Craft Supplies
- Nail Polish
- After shave
- Stuffed animals
- Dominos
- Magazines
- Bird feeders
- Scarves
- Walker caddy
- Large print books

Wrapping Parties

Come join the fun & be a part of the wrapping party!
Thursday, December 8th at 6pm
Sunday, December 11th at 11am
Wednesday, December 14th at 5pm

Baking for the Holidays

World's Best Fruit Cake

YIELD: 2 (8 X 4 INCH) LOAF CAKES

PREP: 1 DAY

COOK: 1 HOUR 30 MINUTES

ADDITIONAL TIME: 30 MINUTES

TOTAL: 1 DAY 2 HOURS

A traditional moist fruit cake made with rum-soaked dried fruit, citrus zest, and candied ginger. The best fruit cake recipe you'll ever make! It turns cynics into converts. This fruit cake recipe yields two (8 x 4-inch) loaf cakes. Wrap in sherry or triple sec-soaked cheesecloth for at least a week for best flavor!



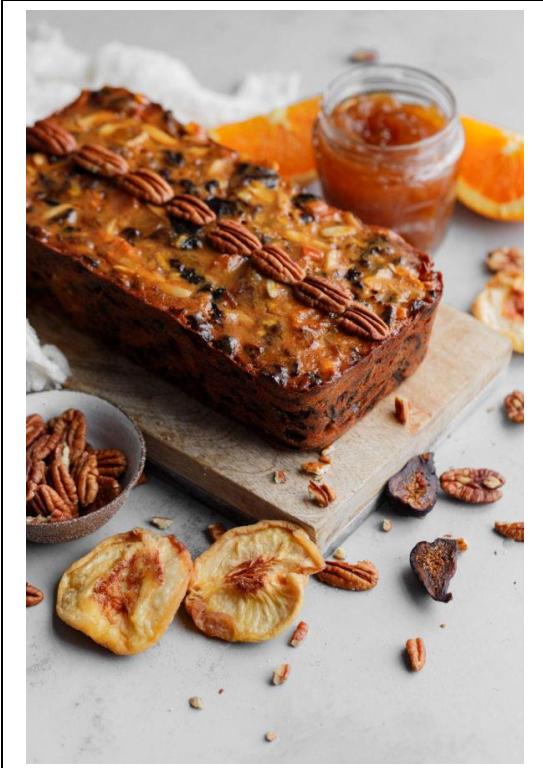
Ingredients

Soaked Fruit Mixture:

- 1½ cups (200 g) dark raisins
- 1½ cups (200 g) golden raisins
- 2 cups (320 g) mixed unsweetened dried fruit, chopped
- 1 cup (160 g) dried unsweetened black figs *chopped*
- 1 cup (160 g) dried unsweetened tart cherries *chopped*
- ¾ cup (120 g) dried unsweetened prunes *chopped*
- ¾ cup (6 oz; 180 mL) dark rum

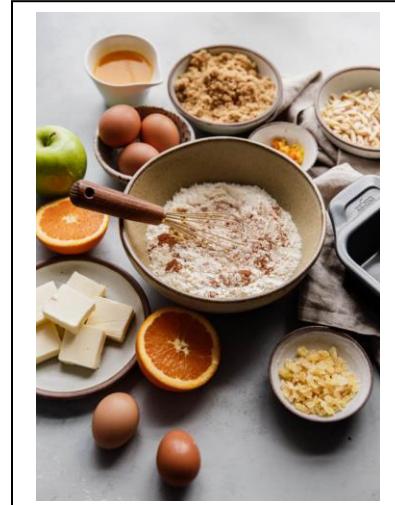
Fruit Cake Ingredients:

- 1½ cups (180 g) unbleached all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon Diamond Crystal kosher salt
- 1 stick (4 oz; 115 g) unsalted butter *softened*



Fruit Cake Ingredients: (continued)

- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup (160 g) packed light brown sugar
- **5 large eggs room temperature**
- 1 tablespoon freshly grated lemon zest
- 1 tablespoon freshly grated orange zest
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup (120 mL) freshly squeezed orange juice
- 1 Granny Smith apple *peeled and coarsely grated*
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup (90 g) slivered almonds (or chopped pecans or walnuts)
- 3 tablespoons (36 g) finely diced crystallized ginger
- **one batch-soaked fruit mixture see above**
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup (100 g) chopped bittersweet chocolate or dark chocolate chips *optional*



For Storage:

- medium sherry or triple sec *for soaking*

Instructions

- **The Day Before Baking:** Combine the dried fruit in a large mixing bowl. Add the dark rum, cover, and allow the mixture to soak at room temperature for a minimum of 12 hours, or ideally 24 hours prior to preparing the fruit cake batter.
- **Prepare the Fruitcake:** Preheat the oven to 300°F (150°C) with a rack aside two 8x4-inch nonstick Loaf Pans. If using these pans, you do not need to line or grease the pans prior to adding the batter.



Equipment Note: This fruitcake can also be prepared using 9x5-inch loaf pans. If using other types of pans, lightly grease and line with parchment paper.

- In a medium mixing bowl, whisk together the all-purpose flour, baking powder, spices, and salt. Set aside.
- In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment, cream the softened butter and light brown sugar together over medium-high speed for 3 minutes, or until light and fluffy. Reduce speed to medium and add the eggs one at a time, beating just until each egg is incorporated. The mixture will look slightly broken, that's ok.
- Over low speed, slowly add the flour mixture until just absorbed. Remove the bowl from the stand mixer. Add the lemon zest, orange zest, fresh orange juice, grated apple, slivered almonds, diced candied ginger, soaked dried fruit mixture (*along with any liquid if it hasn't already been absorbed*), and chocolate (if using).

Stir mixture with a large spatula, scraping the edges and bottom of the bowl several times, until all of the ingredients are evenly incorporated. It is a very thick, fruit heavy mixture.

- Transfer and divide the batter evenly among the loaf pans. Use an offset spatula to smooth the batter into an even layer. Set the loaf pans on the center rack, several inches apart from one another. Bake for 1 hour and 15 minutes to 1 hour and 30 minutes, rotating the pans halfway, or until the cakes have set. Remove from the oven and place on a rack to cool completely before removing from the pans.
- Storing and Aging:** Once the cake has cooled, carefully remove the cakes from the loaf pans and set upright. Soak two large pieces of cheesecloth in medium sherry or triple sec (*they should be lightly damp, not soaking wet when you wrap the cakes, so you may need to squeeze out any excess liquor). Wrap each cake tightly. Cover loafs with wax paper and foil before transferring to a large Ziploc bag. Store in the refrigerator for up to 6 to 8 weeks (it can often last even longer). You can serve this cake right after it has cooled, but the flavors improve greatly with time (I recommend several days or up to a week, at minimum). *Unwrap and re-soak the cheesecloth once a week.*

For Garnishing: If desired, you can top the fruitcake with a light apricot glaze and whole pecans before serving.

Serving Notes: Slice fruit cake with a serrated knife. Serve on its own or spread with a small amount of salted butter.



Serving: 1 serving, calories: 196kcal, carbohydrates: 36g, protein: 3g, fat: 5g, saturated fat: 2g, polyunsaturated fat: 2g, cholesterol: 30mg, sodium: 58mg, fiber: 2g,





Youth Ministry



The Angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11

The last signs of fall are now slumbering under a white blanket of snow. Time to light up the fireplace, put on some hot cocoa and get ready to unpack the myriad of boxes filled with Christmas decorations. Ahh, it really is the most wonderful time of the year.

What's the most popular Christmas carol in the desert? Oh, caaamel ye faithful.

What do snowmen eat for breakfast? Frosted Flakes or Ice Crispies.

Why is it getting harder to buy Advent calendars? Their days are numbered!

The youth Butter Braid fundraiser was a huge success! Thank you to all who volunteered and to all who everyone who made a purchase. Your efforts brought in approximately \$960.00 between profits and donations. A special thank you to Jill Borchardt for all of her hard work making this fundraiser possible. Thanks Jill 😊

If you attended Sunday liturgies or watched them online in November, you were in for two very special treats. The youth participated in two processions. One for All Saints / Confirmation Sunday and another for Christ the King Sunday. Thank you to Sue Lafond and to all the children for their participation.

The youth will be helping out with the "Santa in a shoe box" activity.

We are also looking forward to December 15th from 6:00 to 9:00pm for a fun night of Christmas Caroling.

December's meeting will be Thursday, December 8th at 7:45pm. Thank you to all of the youth, parents, volunteers, and congregation for your support of our All-Saints youth group.

For the youth committee,

Dennis Schneider



Just for Laughs...

- Father O'Malley was driving down to Boston on Christmas Eve when he got stopped for speeding in Medford. The highway patrol officer smelled alcohol on the priest's breath and then saw an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car.

He said, 'Father, have you been drinking?'

'Only water', replied Father O'Malley.

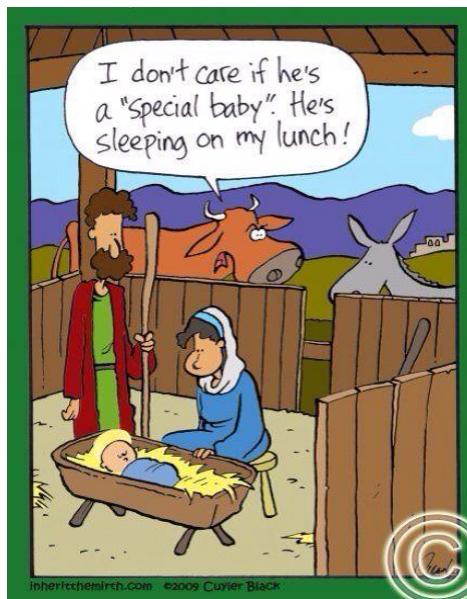
The policeman asked, 'Then how come I can smell wine?'

The priest looked at the bottle and said, 'Good Lord! He's done it again.'

- It's just before Christmas and two beggars are sitting on a park bench in Ireland. One is holding a cross and the other a Star of David. There is a steady stream of shoppers. Father O'Malley, the priest observes that both are holding hats to collect contributions. People walk by, lift their noses at the man with the Star of David and drop money into the hat of the man with the cross. Soon, the hat of the man with the cross is filled and the hat of the man with the Star of David is empty.

Father O'Malley, having watched for a while, approaches the beggars. He says to the man with the Star of David, 'Don't you realize that this is a Catholic country? You'll never get any contributions holding a Star of David.'

The man turns to the one with the cross and says, 'Moishe, can you imagine, this guy is trying to tell us how to run our business?'





Letters we receive: Correspondence



Dear PJ,

*Asking the Lord to bless you in return for the many ways your life is a blessing to others through your ministry.
Thank you for everything that you have done for me, and everything that you have taught me in the past years.*

Thanks,

Brady Susek



Dear PJ and my church family,

*I thank everyone for the prayers, cards, and phone calls.
It's so nice to know how many people think of others.
May God bless you all.
Thank you so much.
Love,*

Eva Brown



Dear All Saints family,

Settling in here (new house) but missing the in-person liturgies and friends at All Saints.

God's blessings and health to everyone.

XOXO

Leanne Buttke



Dear Mary Jo and All Saints,

On behalf of the families that enjoyed not only dinner, but a breakfast treat - thank you. Having interested volunteers come to cook for our Home has been something we have missed. The meal takes another pressure off our families and illustrates that people care for our Veterans.

Thank you again,

Milwaukee Veterans Fisher House Staff

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

The donation's 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:

Date	Flowers	Flowers	Bulletins	Memorial Candle	Honor Candle
Nov 26 to Dec 2	Vnuk	Bishop	LaFond	OPEN	Vnuk
December 3 to 9	Vnuk	Cieszynski	OPEN	Vnuk	OPEN
December 10 to 16	Cieszynski	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
December 18 to 23	Ford	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
December 24 Christmas Eve		Worship & Music	OPEN	OPEN	Krajnak
December 25 Christmas Day		Worship & Music	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Dec 26 to 30		Worship & Music	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN



Revealer Articles are due on Wednesday December 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.

**1st Sunday of Advent**

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

2nd Sunday of Advent

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

3rd Sunday of Advent

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

4th Sunday of Advent

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

Nativity of Our Lord

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

1st Sunday of Christmas

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

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