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Rev. Jas A. Mortenson, Pastor

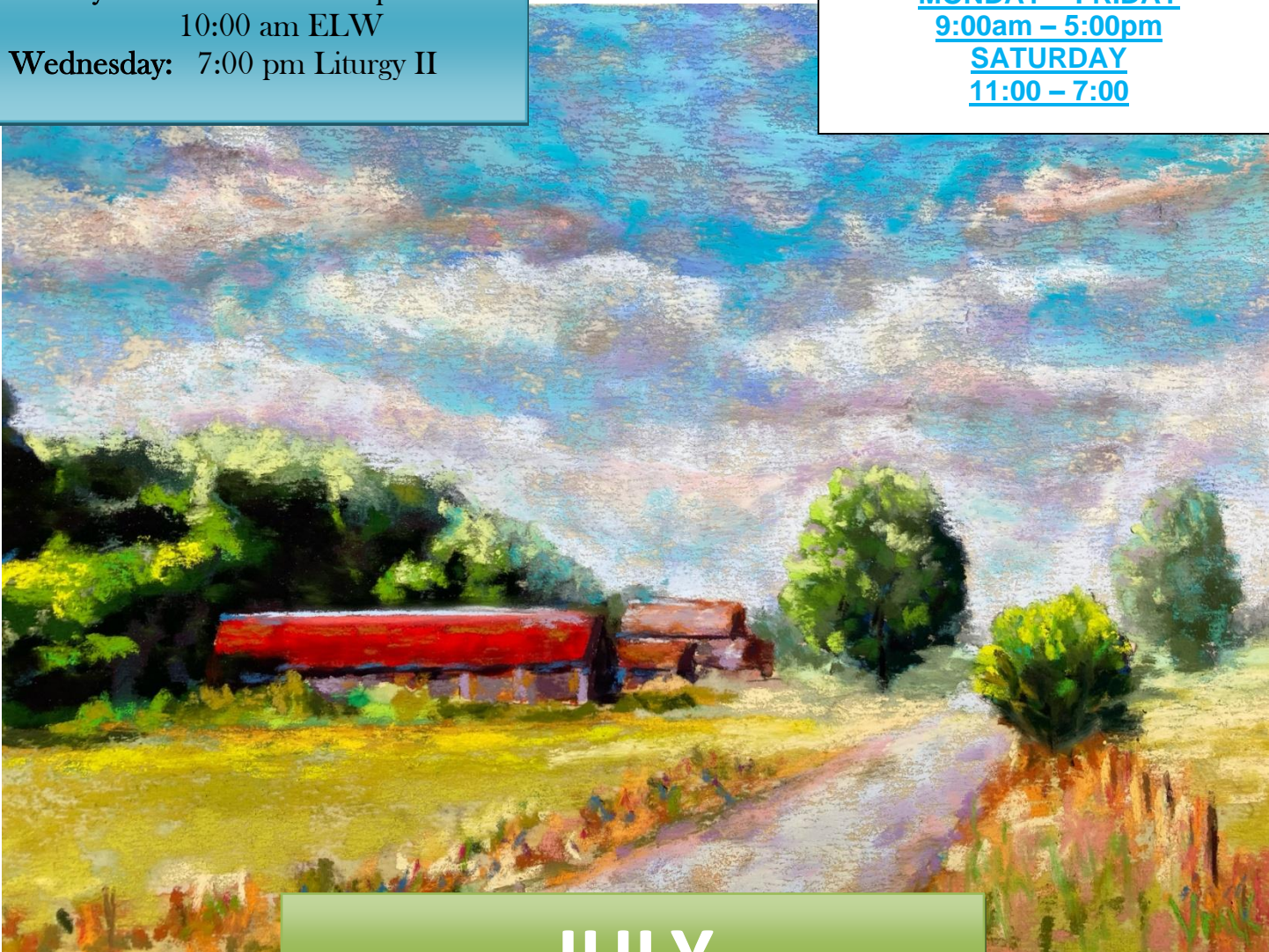
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We, a diverse Christian family, faithful in word and sacrament strive to share in God's unconditional love through prayer, worship, and outreach.

Saturday: 5:00 pm Liturgy I
Sunday: 9:00 am Pericope
10:00 am ELW
Wednesday: 7:00 pm Liturgy II

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY – FRIDAY
9:00am – 5:00pm
SATURDAY
11:00 – 7:00

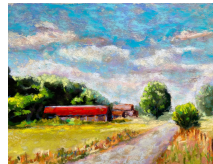


JULY



- 7-2 Devin Lang
- 7-5 Carol Frechette, Rosemary West
- 7-7 Ana Rivas, Lily Turlais
- 7-8 Debra Pavlik
- 7-9 Steve Dziedzic, Vivian Turlais
- 7-10 Julie Dittmann
- 7-15 Kerry Howard
- 7-16 Monica Zapata
- 7-19 Sue Duchesneau, Patti Holzman,
Moriah Joy, Bill Thom
- 7-20 Addisen Wettengel
- 7-21 Elizabeth Ruka
- 7-24 Debbie Delebeck, R.B Wood
- 7-26 Joy Kubusek
- 7-27 Barbara Schrubey
- 7-28 Dan Martindale, Michelle Turlais,
August Speaks
- 7-29 Dennis Schneider
- 7-30 Bill Runningen, Steven Mahler,
Rita St. Louis

- 7-2 Ronald and Rosario Rickey
- 7-3 Bill and Denise Schmid
- 7-3 Brian and Pat St. Louis
- 7-4 David and Lynn Speaks
- 7-8 Margaret and Patrick Quinn
- 7-9 Luke and Kelly Meier
- 7-11 Bill and Sandy Thom
- 7-14 Greg and Kelly Polacheck
- 7-15 Chris and Bonnie Windschanz
- 7-18 Bob and Nadine Desmarais
- 7-27 Karl and Lisa Kleppek
- 7-28 Wally and Diane Hogan
- 7-29 Jennifer and Bryan Oleszak
- 7-29 Dennis and Phensiri Schneider



**COVER ART –
“Homecoming” –
Original pastel painting
by Kinga E. Vnuk**



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Please contact the church office to report any changes to the records.
This helps ensure our files stay current. **THANK YOU**

Comment Article: Thank God, For Our Freedoms...



If you are like me, we take so much for granted. Constantly and continually. We try to be thankful, but it seems like there is always something more to be thankful for...sometimes, we just forget.

So, every year when the month of July rolls around, I start to be more cognizant of our personal freedoms, realizing of course, that not everyone around the world has the many personal freedoms that we have.

We are blessed, we are fortunate, we are lucky...and probably do not even consider ourselves to be so, and yet, we really truly are...

We have:

Freedom of association: the right to join or leave groups of one's own choice.

Freedom of belief: the right to hold any opinion or conviction without interference.

Freedom of speech: the right to express one's views without censorship or punishment.

Freedom to express oneself: the right to use any form of communication or artistic expression.

Freedom of the press: the right to publish and access information without restriction or bias.

Freedom to choose one's state in life: the right to pursue one's own goals and interests.

Freedom of religion: the right to practice any faith or no faith at all.

Freedom from bondage and slavery: the right to be free from any form of forced labor or servitude.

We may complain about our country and the present-day divisiveness, but there are many places around the world where we would not dare to complain...out of fear for our lives. Here, we have that right, here, we have that freedom. Here we have the power to the right to act, speak, or think as one wants without the fear of hindrance, intimidation, or restraint.

There is also the freedom to be found in Christ Jesus. It was Martin Luther who said, and or wrote, "A *Christian* is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A *Christian* is a perfectly dutiful *servant of all*, subject of all, subject to all."

We are indeed freed by the Holy Scriptures. Freed by our faith in God.

Freed by the Spirit.

Freed from the power of sin.

Freed to love others, as God loves us.

Freed for the "newness of life" with God forever.

I don't know about you, but I am truly thankful that I live where I live, that I have the freedoms that I have...and that I have the faith I have been blessed with...

Again, there is so much to be thankful for...and I do realize that freedom isn't free. It is costly. I am well aware of the many who have sacrificed for our personal freedoms. It leaves a lump in your throat and a humbleness in your heart.

I am also aware of the sacrifice of my God. God loves us so much, that he gave his only Son for us, he continually gives to us and blesses us daily. And the lump in my throat appears again...

Have a "Blessed Fourth" everyone! Please, make it be safe!

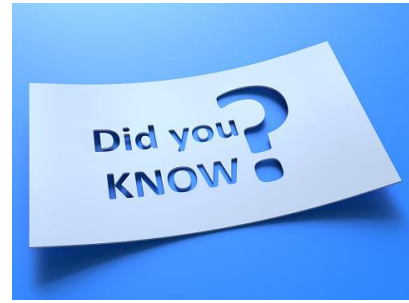
Pr. Mortenson

See you in Worship!

Three Liturgies a week continue...Saturday at 5:00, Sunday at 10, and Wednesday at 7.

Our blessings do continue...





Did You Know?

- That, the very first celebration of Independence Day was held in Philadelphia, PA.
- That the Liberty Bell is rung 13 times on Independence Day, once for each of the original thirteen colonies?
- That the Pennsylvania Evening Post was the first newspaper to publish the Declaration of Independence.
- That the fourth of July commemorates what document? Yep, the Declaration of Independence!
- That the proper way to fold and store an American Flag is in a triangle?
- That, Calvin Coolidge was the only President to be born on July 4th?
- That Thomas Jefferson was the first American President to host a Fourth of July celebration at the White House?
- That there are 50 stars and 13 stripes on the American Flag.
- Bristol, Rhode Island has the unique claim to fame of being the oldest location in the country to hold a Fourth of July parade.
- That 56 people actually signed the Declaration of Independence.
- That hot dogs are still the number one consumed food on the Fourth of July!
- That the "Star-Spangled Banner" is the name of our national anthem?
- That it was the people of France who gave us the Statue of Liberty.
- That Liberty Enlightening the World is the actual name of the statue?
- That John Adams and Thomas Jefferson actually died on the Fourth of July.
- That Francis Bellamy is the father of the Pledge of Allegiance?
- That during World War II the Declaration of Independence was stored at Fort Knox?
- On July 4th, 1960, the Philippines declared independence from the United States of America.



President's Article

Attending the 2023 Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly provided a wonderful opportunity to meet some of the leaders of “other ELCA congregations” in the area. Conversations with them were truly memorable.

Presentations at the assembly covered Lutheran Social Service Programs, the Global Mission Appeal, and Diversity and Inclusion.

During dinner, our “Keynote Speaker” spoke of his work with communities that have experienced trauma as a result of hate crimes. He also told of his work with the perpetrators to help them deal with their anger.

After dinner and more conversation, we moved to another large hall for a liturgy of worship. The hymns were especially notable, with hundreds of voices supporting each other. Rev. Kenneth Wheeler provided a stirring sermon. We ended with communion.

On the second day, we were assigned different tables, so that we met more people. There were planned discussion sessions, so we exchanged ideas and information throughout the morning.

Later we heard reports from Bishop Paul Erickson and Synod Vice President, Joyce A. Caldwell.

We passed five resolutions. The first involved caring for the environment. The second suggested raising the age at which juveniles can be tried as adults. The third increased the amount of money set aside for Pastor's Continuing education. New guidelines are to be set as well. The fourth established a compensation guidelines committee. The fifth involved adding language to the constitution that gives increased attention to children and youth, especially those at risk. We also approved several constitutional amendments and passed a budget for 2024/2025.

We also elected new Synod Council members:

Consultation Committee: Rev. Sheila Rawn, Rev. Casey Sugder. Secretary: Rev. Sarah Stobie.

Synod Council Members: Todd Beutin, Jose Guerrero, Rev. Kimberly Jordan, Missy Schober, Lucas Short.

Helen Haworth,

All Saints – Council President



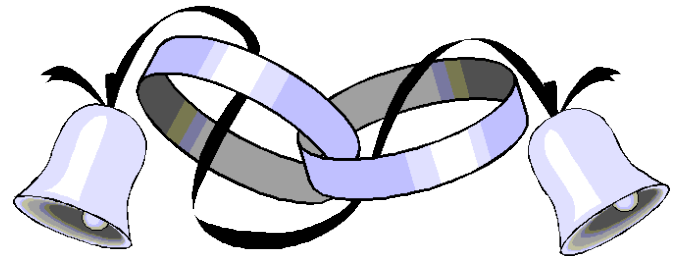
Council Capsules

Council approved the following matters at the June 19th regular meeting:

- A motion was approved to hold RALLY DAY on Sunday, September 10th, 2023.
- A motion was approved to hold an OUTDOOR WORSHIP LITURGY on the same day as RALLY DAY and host a picnic luncheon following the liturgy. The Church Council will provide the meat and do the grilling and there will be a sign-up sheet for people to bring side dishes and desserts to share.
- A motion was approved to allow the YOUTH GROUP to have an outing to the ESCAPE ROOM and to allow the youth group members to invite a friend along if they so desired.
- The council discussed guidelines for the sign and will finalize the guidelines at the next meeting of the Council.

Lisa Kleppek, All Saints Lutheran Church – Council Secretary

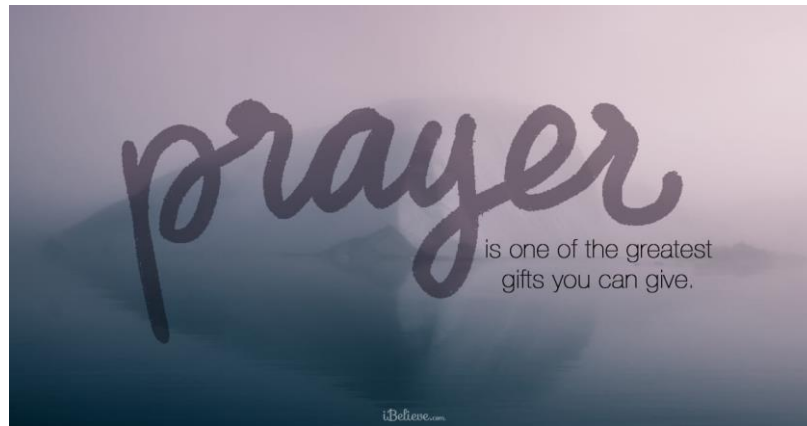
Congratulations



Congratulations to
Elizabeth Trahan, and Daniel Payne

married here on June 3rd, 2023.

*May God bless the love you have for each other and bless you
 in all your years together ahead.*



Special Prayers are asked for:

Lynn Speaks
 Linda Wood
 Elizabeth Trahan
 Judy Salchow
 Howard MacMillan
 Rita Cieszynski
 Pam Kahle
 Debbie Maley
 Julie Wishall
 Jeff LaFond
 TJ Jackalone
 Sue Gorecki
 Joe Wiorek
 Brent Mason
 Sandy Thom
 Betty Ford
 Val Fogarty

Joni McDonald
 Chuck Kocourek
 Sue Duchesneau
 Debbie Krajnak
 Katie Ruka
 Jeri Koss
 Joel Raison
 Ana Rivas
 Kay Thein
 Joe Kotarak
 Randy Meier
 Bonnie Windschanz
 Debbie Trauberman
 Fred-Thomas-Breitfeld
 Jim Sprague
 Lynn Friedman
 Tom Coonan

For Bruce the brother of Howard MacMillan...For Nolan the grandson of Val Fogarty...For Sharon Brindle, sister of Joni McDonald...For the Aunt of Jodi Heine...For John Krajnak and family...For the Father of Pam Kawczynski, Pam Kahle, Suz Pitts... Jodi Heine, and the parents of Lisa Kleppek...For Nicole, the niece of John and Sandy Montague...and the niece of Mike & Sue McIntosh

For our POLICE OFFICERS, MILITARY MEMBERS, FIREFIGHTERS, PARAMEDICS, AND ALL FIRST RESPONDERS, AND FOR ALL MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES...For all those addicted and still suffering...



Debbie & Harry Dahm

June 23rd, 2023

(They joined All Saints on October 4th, 1981)

They had three children: Mary, Michael, and Elizabeth.

(Elizabeth Rachel was baptized on November 22nd, 1981)

(Kristen Aimee was baptized on October 17, 1982)

Blessings, guys!

HAPPY
Anniversary!

Speaking of which...

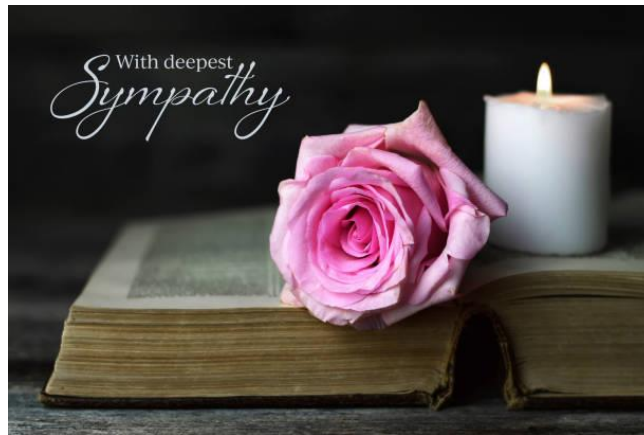
This year

All Saints celebrated 57 years of Mission and Ministry Together!

**Happy Anniversary,
All Saints!**



**Our deepest and heartfelt Sympathy to
Karl, Lisa, Summer, and Marty Kleppek
On the death of Karl's Father.
(Blessed are they, that die in the Lord!)**



**Our deepest and heartfelt Sympathy is also extended to Betty
Ford and her Family on the death of her husband, Bill.
(Bill and Betty Ford and Family are charter members of All Saints going all the way back to
April 6th, 1966!)**

Blessed are they that die in the Lord!

SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2023 RECAP

The Greater Milwaukee Synod (GMS) is a geographic grouping of congregations, extending from Sheboygan down to the Illinois border and from Lake Michigan to the western edge of Waukesha County. We are one of 65 synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

This synod is made up of 115 congregations, 4 Synod Authorized Worshiping Communities, and 59,143 baptized members in southeastern Wisconsin led by Bishop Paul D. Erickson and a 17-member synod council.



ELECTION RESULTS CONSULTATION COMMITTEE: Rev Sheila Rawn, Rev. Casey Sugden,
SECRETARY: Rev. Sarah Stobie . **SYNOD COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Todd Beutin, Jose Guerrero, Rev. Kimberly Jordan, Missy Schober, and Lucas Short. A full list of Synod Council members is available on our website: milwaukee-synod.org **PARTICIPANTS:** Rostered Voting Members: 167 Lay Voting Members: 105 Non-Voting Participants: 43 **TOTAL:** 315.

RESOLUTION RESULTS 2024-2025 Budget Constitutional & Bylaw Changes Resolution to Amend the ELCA Constitution to Include Creation Care: PASSED, Resolution in Support of Raise the Age Wisconsin: PASSED, Resolution on Synod Guidelines for Continuing Education: PASSED, Resolution to Establish a Compensation Guidelines Task Force: PASSED, Resolution on Children and Vulnerable Youth (Amended): PASSED.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY OFFERING TOTAL: \$4395.67 to the Rev. Ken Wheeler Scholarship Fund for African-American Seminarians as of 6/7.

Our delegates were: T. J. Jackalone, and Helen Haworth, we thank them for representing the All Saints family.



Christian Education

NOTE# There will be a Christian Education Committee Meeting on Sunday, July 23rd at 11:10 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall. As always, we can certainly use committee members so please reach out if you are interested in joining the committee. I am happy to be flexible with meeting dates and times in order to allow for the greatest attendance at all committee meetings...

Given it is July, Sunday Church School is presently not in session. However, I am already looking ahead to Fall and planning for the return of classes in September. RALLY DAY is scheduled for Sunday, September 10th. If you are not familiar with Rally Day, it is the kick-off to a new year of Sunday School and typically occurs the Sunday BEFORE Sunday Church School Classes begin each Fall. During Rally Day, families can stop in to sign up their children for Sunday Church School, receive their offering envelopes, visit with classmates, and do some crafts.

Please know that at All Saints we welcome both members and non-members alike to join us for Sunday Church School so always feel free to bring a friend or a neighbor with you! All young people ages 4 through 6th grade are welcome – as are their parents/grandparents/and or guardians, if they choose to stay.

If YOU are interested in teaching or in helping out with Sunday Church School, come September, please let me know. We need Teachers and Substitute Teachers, as well as anyone interested in being the Superintendent of Sunday Church School. Or anyone who might be interested in working with us on planning or leading SPECIAL MISSION PROJECTS. It is a great way to get to know our young people, as well as their families. Many hands do make light work!

Sue LaFond, Chris Ed Chair
Moremail4sue@yahoo.com
 414.897.6353 (Cell/Text)



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



The Fourth of July, also known as “Independence Day,” marks the historic date in 1776 when the “Declaration of Independence” was approved by the Continental Congress.

The written declaration stated that the American colonies were tired of being ruled by Great Britain and wanted to become their own country. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the “Declaration of Independence,” a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson.

In the event that you may have forgotten, these are the “Original Thirteen Colonies”: Virginia, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Maryland, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Delaware, North Carolina, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Georgia. This is also their order numerically listed from the first to the last received...1607-1732.

There were an estimated 2.5 million people living in the original thirteen colonies in 1776.

Evangelism



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER!

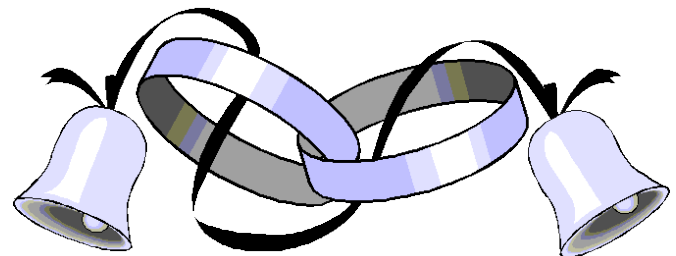
Donna Marie Woods



**The Evangelism Committee
Will
Meet**

**The second Sunday of each month at 1:10 am
All Are Welcome!
Come, and join us!**

Congratulations



*Congratulations to Pam and Rob Kawczynski
on renewing their wedding vows.*

*May God bless the love you have for each other and bless you
in all your years together ahead.*

Simply Giving

Without a person to chair the STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE, it's been up to the FINANCE COMMITTEE to help out. This is just a gentle reminder to "consider" SIMPLY GIVING. It is an electronic way to contribute to the support of All Saints. It is SAFE and EASY for you. If you do not want to set up your account yourself, just fill out one of the forms available at the GIFT CARD TABLE or hanging on the bulletin board leading into the FELLOWSHIP HALL. Fill out your information and leave the form in the Church Office with Kinga or Pj. We will take care of it for you. Again, it is very SAFE, and your personal information will NEVER be sold or given out to anyone!



Giving Envelopes

For those of you using giving envelopes, if you find you need MORE envelopes (or WANT envelopes) simply sign up on the bulletin board leading into the Fellowship Hall. Or give the church office a call! Your envelopes will be available within 10 days. Heck, we will even mail them out to you. Just let us know...and thanks for your support!



Thanks to those who regularly Mail-in their envelopes!
Blessings...



Financial:

As of this last weekend, we have taken in \$114,198. 04. That is indeed good news. Thank you so much for doing ALL THAT YOU DO. Thank you so much for all that you give. Everyone pretty much knows that the summer months are the hardest in the church. Attendance is down. Giving is down. Typically, the summer hurts. Please do everything in your power to not forget about your church this summer. Our ministry continues. Our doors are open seven days a week. Our food pantry is open to all in need. We have never turned anyone away with food in almost forty years! We continue to support NA, GA, Nar- Anon, AA, and our AA: Step Group. We gather three times a week to worship...each liturgy being different. We have two wonderful keyboardists and one dedicated pastor.

We know that each and every member will do what they can to make sure that ALL SAINTS is financially sound...and that our COMMUNITY OUTREACH continues... Bless you, for all that you do.

Timothy Jackalone, Finance Chair

Gift Card Update!

Just letting you all know that through MAY, our TOTAL gift card PROFIT has been almost \$1800. Thanks to everyone who uses our gift card program here at All Saints.

We will be updating (shortly) the current gift card ORDER FORM. Don't forget that we now have MC DONALD'S, LOU MALNATI's, TEXAS ROADHOUSE, and most grocery stores in our area. We also have SPEEDWAY and KWIK TRIP cards. (We also carry BP/AMOCO!)

IF YOU are not certain we carry a certain card, go to the website:

WWW.SHOPWITHSCRIP.COM

To see what other cards are available...you will find there are thousands of vendors on the list!

And again, if you have any questions on HOW the gift card program WORKS here at All Saints, stop by the gift card table before or after each liturgy...we are always happy to help. Thanks!

Also, you can stop in the church office any time, all week long, and pick up gift cards if you would like, the office is more than happy to help you with your gift card needs!



MONEY COUNTERS PLEASE NOTE

You would help out the church's Financial Secretary in a big way, simply by attaching the envelopes with their proper numerical counting sheet. With this one simple act, you can make her job so much easier. It is not really a new procedure at all, seeing as you have to include the envelope number and the amount on the corresponding counting sheet. Thanks in advance for all that you do!

DONALD KREYE

How's that for a blast from the past?

I cannot tell you HOW MUCH my heart is warmed when former members return to All Saints and speak with such positivity and faith about their time here in our midst. Some of you may still remember Clem & Peg Kreye and their children...Karen, Donald, Katie, and Dave. How awesome it is and how it warms the heart to see old friends again! Talk about your blessings...they do keep coming...

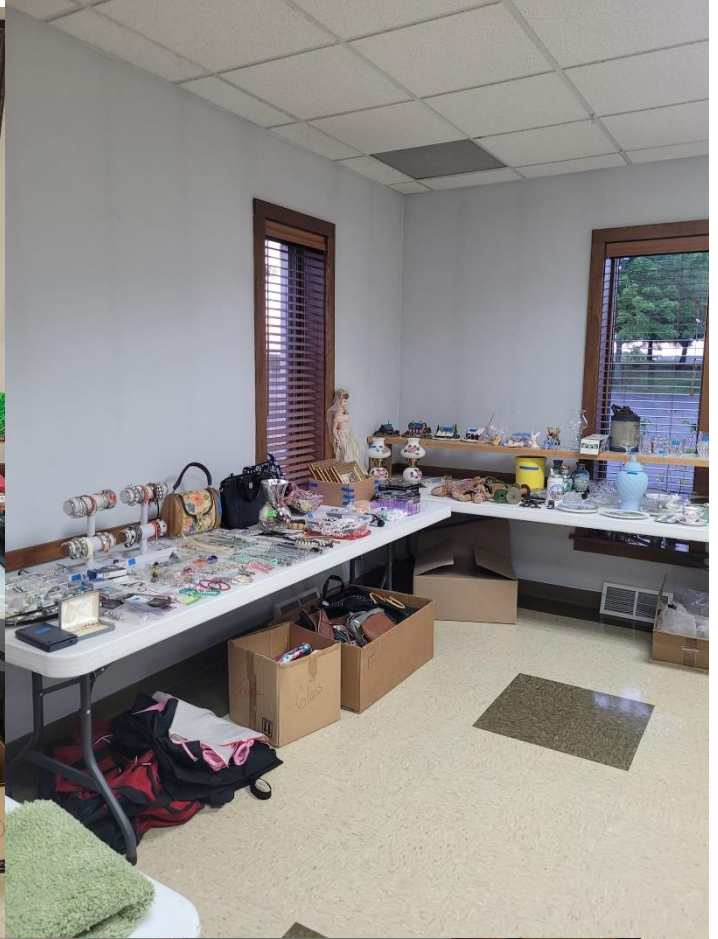
No Donald, I did not hold you back in Confirmation Class, I have never done that! That was your mom, who said "Another year will be good for him!" We're going to make him repeat it, let him be confirmed with his younger sister! 😊



Well over \$1500...almost \$1600.00 was raised! Thanks to everyone who brought in items... and remember, we do it all again at the end of August!

"Special thanks" to:

- Margaret Coonan
 - Mary Zahn
- Sandy Montague
 - Peggy Todryk
 - Kaity Jolitz
 - Cody Jolitz
 - Sara Jolitz
- Linda Steinbauer
 - Val Fogarty
 - Lynn Speaks
 - Dale Hochevar
 - Cyndi Uyhely
 - Patti Holzman
 - Kathy Mack and
- Carol Frechette! You guys were awesome!





July 2nd - Judy Wolter
July 9th - Dennis Schneider
July 16th - Dale Hochevar
July 23rd - Daniel Payne
July 30th - John Montague

We want to make sure that we thank those individuals who do live-streaming for us. Lynn Friedman, Bob Payne, Dick Kahle, Kinga Vnuk, John Montague, Judy Wolter, Dennis Schneider, Dale Hochevar, and Daniel Payne. You guys and gals have done an awesome job in keeping "All Saints Out There!" You are greatly appreciated!

We continually receive notes of thanks and calls of gratitude.

Thanks to Bob Payne who masterminded the whole thing from the onset and who still oversees it on a monthly basis, including getting out a monthly schedule for us.

Thank you, guys, we really mean it!



Liturgy Committee –

The Liturgy Team is looking for new members!

If you would like to be a part of a dynamic team that helps to make each liturgy special, come join us! We could use your help and creativity!!

If this might be something you would like to try or would like more information about, please let one of our members know.

Current active Liturgy Team members are Margaret Coonan, Lisa Kleppek, Joy Kubasek and Jayne Murnane. Mary Zahn can also point you in the right direction as she is an advisory member.

SAVE THE DATE! Outdoor liturgy and cookout- September 10! More info to come in August. Have you noticed that recently during communion PJ is not holding the plate with the wafers? That he is holding a chalice-like thing?

The chalice-like thing (in some sets it is smaller and box-like) is called a Ciborium or Host Box. It has a lid (which he leaves on the altar during communion), and it is what the consecrated Hosts are stored in.

The “plate” which we had been using for quite a while, is called a paten. Did you also know that there is a smaller plate or paten that rests on top of the chalice when it is “dressed”?

The Chalice, Host Box and small paten currently being used on Sunday’s and some Saturday’s, is a set which was donated by church member Vernice Draving on the second anniversary of her teenage son Jim’s untimely passing. Go ahead and take a quick peek at the set up after liturgy is over. If you are in church on Wednesday or a Saturday when the ceramic host box and paten are used, the chalice being used is the one that PJ brought back from Jerusalem in 1981. It is made of olive wood.

Average attendance at liturgies is as follows...

For the month of April: Wednesday – 8, Saturday- 22, Sunday- 60.

May: Wednesdays – 10, Saturdays – 18, Sundays – 39.

Please note that these numbers *include* PJ and Kinga/Peggy.

Thank you to the Communion Team!!

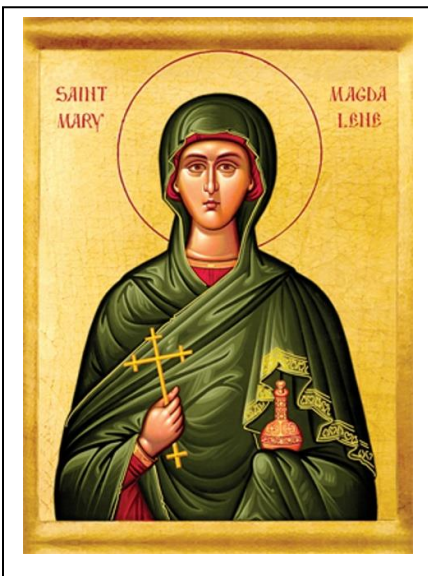
Helen, Barb, Brittany, Karen, Judy, Elaine, and Tim. Without you, PJ would be filling all the thimbles and cleaning up!

Shout out to council members for all your help with the liturgies! Thank you!

Many thanks to the following members of the congregation who have stepped up to help with readings, passing the plates or as communion assistants during liturgies during the month of May... Sara, Dale, Pat B.H., Wally H., Rosemary, Peggy, Dick, Linda, Sandy, Sydney L, Greg B, Steve, Kathy B, Elizabeth, Karen B., Richard K, Derk, Kathy, Mary Z., Kinga, Jasmine, Phen, Jodi, Sue. We appreciate you!

Respectfully Submitted,
Jayne Murnane
Liturgy Committee Chair

Mary Magdalene



Mary Magdalene has been a victim of mistaken identity for almost 20 centuries.

Except for the mother of Jesus, few women are more honored in the Bible than Mary Magdalene. Yet she could well be “the patron saint of the slandered,” since there has been a persistent legend in the Church that she is the unnamed sinful woman who anointed the feet of Jesus in Luke 7:36-50.

Most scholars would say, “Not so!” But the tradition continues...in spite of the best of knowledge.

The precise dates of her birth and death are unknown, but we do know she was present with Christ during his public ministry, death, and resurrection. She is mentioned at least a dozen times in the Gospels.

Mary Magdalene has long been regarded as a prostitute or sexually immoral in Western Christianity, but this is not supported in the scriptures.

It is believed she was a Jewish woman who lived among Gentiles, living as they did.

The Gospels agree that Mary was originally a great sinner. Jesus cast seven demons out of her when he met her.

Her day is and always has been July 22nd, the date on which she is celebrated in church.



Anti-bacterial Soap for in the bathrooms...

Wish List

For Sara, our Custodian



D-Cell Batteries

For in the bathrooms for the paper towel dispensers...

Thanks for all you do!

Christian Stewardship

Prayerfully soon someone will step forward to chair this committee going into the Fall Stewardship Drive. You will have the support and the help of the entire church council behind you and with you. (The term is appointed by the president and now has fewer than 7 months remaining.)

Christian Stewardship according to our Church Constitution is the committee in the church that promotes the giving of time, talent, and financial support to this congregation as well as, expressing Christian faith in daily living. The committee is also responsible for congregational efforts which lead to informed and grateful giving.

When it comes to “Temple Talks” we have church members who will get up and share with the congregation why they give to All Saints. And why they think it is important to give.

The Simply Giving Program is and has been important to the life of this church family...and we must keep it in front of the congregation as a possibility for faithful giving. People can also make online donations at any time, they choose from the church’s website. We also have envelopes for those that would like them.

A Time and Talent Sheet is an important tool in the life of most congregations. People actually check off a box saying they would like to usher. Or they would like to lector in church. Or maybe, join the choir. How about ushering? A greeter at the front door is always nice for people entering the building. Perhaps you might be a blood bank donor. There is always something that everyone can do, young and old alike.

Everyone knows that the more people involved the better. You feel invested. You feel more like a part of the church. It is your congregation. It is also a good way to get to meet new people.

We are looking for that one special person who will say “Yes!” I will help out! Is that person maybe you?

Timothy Jackalone





- Thank you to all those who came out to help out with the Spring Clean Up...you guys were awesome!
- Thanks too, to all those who helped in any way with the Rummage Sale...you guys really made a huge difference...remember, we do it all again in August! Thanks too, to all those who brought in items for sale at the Rummage! Bless you!
- Thanks to our Liturgy Committee for all the changing of paraments and colors during these summer months, especially for our Saint Day celebrations...
- Thanks to all those who purchased gift cards for snacks for the Oak Creek Police Department and for our three Fire Stations! You guys rock!
- Thanks to those who are signing up for Lawn Care! Thanks, Debbie Krajnak, Jim Kubusek, David and Lynn Speaks, Thanks Brian Rathmann... the church lawn looks great!
- Thanks to those who are purchasing flowers for the altar and to those who purchase bulletins and candles in honor and in memory of loved ones!
- Thanks to those who are Live Streaming on Sunday mornings...
 - Blessings...one and all...



Oh Moriah...

How does this dog know the difference between Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday and the time for worship?

If you show up at church on a Monday, our “first alert system” will automatically sound. You will be “caught” before you leave the parking lot. The barking will continue as you enter the building. Our “watchdog” is on watch. She has been alerted and now sees it as her responsibility to alert everyone else. She will also react similarly on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

It doesn't matter if she knows you well or not, she is sounding the alarm. She is doing her job. She is letting “others” know of your presence.

Come to worship on a Saturday night and she will greet you warmly at the door, typically with something in her mouth. The same is true on Sunday and on Wednesday. But come before worship. Come earlier in the day. Come later in the day, or come at night, and our first alert system will let us know of your presence.

She is on watch and on guard. She can be very vocal. She keeps a close eye on AA: Step, Nar-Anon, and GA. She is non-stop protection.

Security is her business.

And she typically eats very little. Apparently, she doesn't have time for such things as nourishment, she is too busy, being on guard. A job she takes very seriously!



We're doing it all again!

We are sure, we are positive that you still have “stuff” to share. “Stuff” stored. Stuff in the basement. Stuff in the attic. Stuff in the garage. “Stuff” hidden away. Items that are no longer used, are no longer necessary, but we tend to hang on to them still...we can really stockpile stuff, can't we? Here is yet another opportunity to “UN-BURDEN” yourself, by cleaning out, by getting rid of, by sorting through...

Our RUMMAGE SALES are huge successes because you give. You let go of...

DE- CLUTTERING is a “good thing!”

The dates are:

(Note the change-in-date)

- Friday, August 25th
9:00 A.M – 6:00 P.M.**
- Saturday, August 26th
9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.**

Help to spread the word!



**Our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy
To
Sandy and Bill Thom and Family
On the death of Sandy's mother!**



Please make sure that your celebration of the Fourth of July is safe!

**Take some time
And
Remember to give thanks...**



World Concerns

The World Concerns Committee writes...

There are a lot of things happening in the upcoming months ahead...

Fisher House is scheduled for 3:00 P.M. on September 5th... Fisher House is a home away from home for veterans and military families who need temporary housing while their loved one receives care at a VA-approved medical facility.

Fisher House is here to help families get through tough times by offering comfortable accommodation in a home-like environment at no cost to the guests.

We will be making a meal for those staying at Fisher House.

On October 10th from 2-7 P.M., we will be hosting a Blood Drive here at the church. Consider "giving the gift of life!" Watch for more details as the date approaches...

Thank you to everyone who so generously purchased gift cards for the Oak Creek Police Department and for the three Oak Creek Fire Stations. We hope to have pictures when we drop off the goodies.

With the monies raised, it is our intention to purchase snacks for both the Police and Fire Departments. Dale Hochevar has agreed to shop for the snacks for us. Thanks, Dale!

For the month of July, the food pantry is asking (if at all possible) for people to donate spaghetti and spaghetti sauce to our food pantry.

Families continue to come in on a regular basis and utilize our Pantry, thanks for your generous gifts...they are appreciated more than you will ever know.

Elaine Kleinhans, World Concerns, Chair





Save the date:

Saturday, September 23rd, 2023

9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

\$500.00 gift Prize to the Public Chosen best piece...

Artists Sought!

Booths Available

\$35.00 a booth

(Apply online or at the church office!)

Call 414.762.5111 for details.

Bakery-Food-Raffles-Wine

Help spread the word!

Brian and Lori Rathmann, Coordinators



Youth Ministry



Happy July everybody! Summer is in full swing. The sun is shining, sun tans are all aglow and there are lots of reasons to celebrate in the month of July. While you're stocking up on burgers, brats, and fireworks for your Independence Day Celebrations, here are a few more reasons to celebrate this summer.

July 1 st	International Joke Day	July 15 th	Cow Appreciation Day (A Wisconsin Favorite)
July 4 th	Sidewalk Egg Frying Day	July 19 th	National Hot Dog Day
July 6 th	National Fried Chicken Day	July 24 th	Tell An Old Joke Day
July 7 th	Father-Daughter Walk Together Day	July 27 th	Take Your Houseplant For A Walk Day
July 11 th	National Blueberry Muffins Day	July 29 th	National Chicken Wing Day
July 14 th	Bastille Day	July 31 st	National Watermelon Day

So, let's start off July right and begin with a Joke to celebrate July 1st. What did the Colonists wear to the Boston Tea Party? TEA-SHIRTS!! Ah, your groans are music to my ears.

All joking aside, the youth group held its summer outing on June 24, 2023. We went to the City 13 Escape Room. This seems to be a favorite activity for the kids. We had 5 youth and 2 adults. Kobi Maley, Rorrie Lang, Samara Lang, Nora Lonergan and Mason Fischer-Sedlachek.

Erica Malley and I chaperoned the event. Our team's name was "The Batman" and our escape room mission was to go deep into The City and find an old, abandoned railcar hidden inside the Cyber Station. Our team was needed to get this old thing up and running to help save the city.

We had 1 hour to complete our mission and we did it in 51 minutes and 23 seconds. A job well done by our youth heroes! To celebrate our victory, we went to Culver's for ice cream afterward. Thank you to all for making this a fun event.

We had a good discussion at our council meeting and have decided to expand our youth group and encourage more participation. Youth activities will now be open to all of our youth from confirmation age through age 18. This will encourage the youth to keep participating in church activities and foster healthy friendships after confirmation is complete.

For the youth,
Dennis Schneider



Escape Room Adventure



Confirmation Ministry!

**Calling all 7th graders, 8th graders, and 9th graders!
It is never too late to jump in and join the action and the fun!**



In Holy Baptism your parents made promises before God and before a Christian Community.

They promised that you would be raised in the life of the church.

They promised that the Holy Scriptures would be placed in your hands.

They promised that you would learn about the creeds, the Ten Commandments, and the good news about Jesus.

They promised that they would worship together as a family.

Call the church office to enroll your child today!



Known to be recently hospitalized (and released):

- Benny Brown
- Joan McDonald
- Barb Grobschmidt

The Constitution Committee

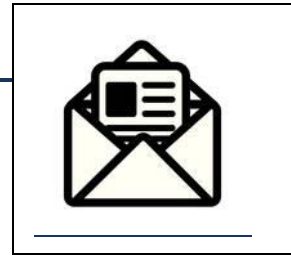
(An Ad-Hoc Committee)

Will Meet on Monday, August 7th, 6-8:00 P.M.



ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

Letters we receive: Correspondence



Dear PJ,

I thought it was time for me to send you a thank you for the Culvers gift card, for all the spiritual, and wonderful things you do for All Saints.

*"I will praise you, O Lord my God,
with all my heart and I will glorify Your name forevermore"*

Psalm 86:12

Bill Elmore



Dear PJ, and All Saints family,

Once again, our heartfelt thanks for all your thoughts, prayers, and get well wishes - they are all truly appreciated!

God bless you all!

With much love, and prayers,

Deb & Jer Pavlik



Dear PJ,

Thank you for the prayers, and the encouraging cards.

I don't have 50 cards to send you, but I hope you will accept this represent all the cards you sent me!

Thank you!

Chuck Kocourek



Dear PJ, (and Kinga!)

Thank you again for taking the time to prepare and conduct our 10-year vow renewal. It was so special to have you renew them and have the kids there. Short, simple, and sweet. So many spiritual milestones that we are grateful to have you, and the church be part of!

See you soon.

Love,

Evan, Cassidy, Benson, and Veda Berns

Our Favorite Recipes

Red, White and Blue Dessert

Ingredients

- 2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened.
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 2 cups heavy whipping cream, whipped.
- 2 quarts strawberries, halved, divided.
- 2 quarts blueberries, divided.

Directions

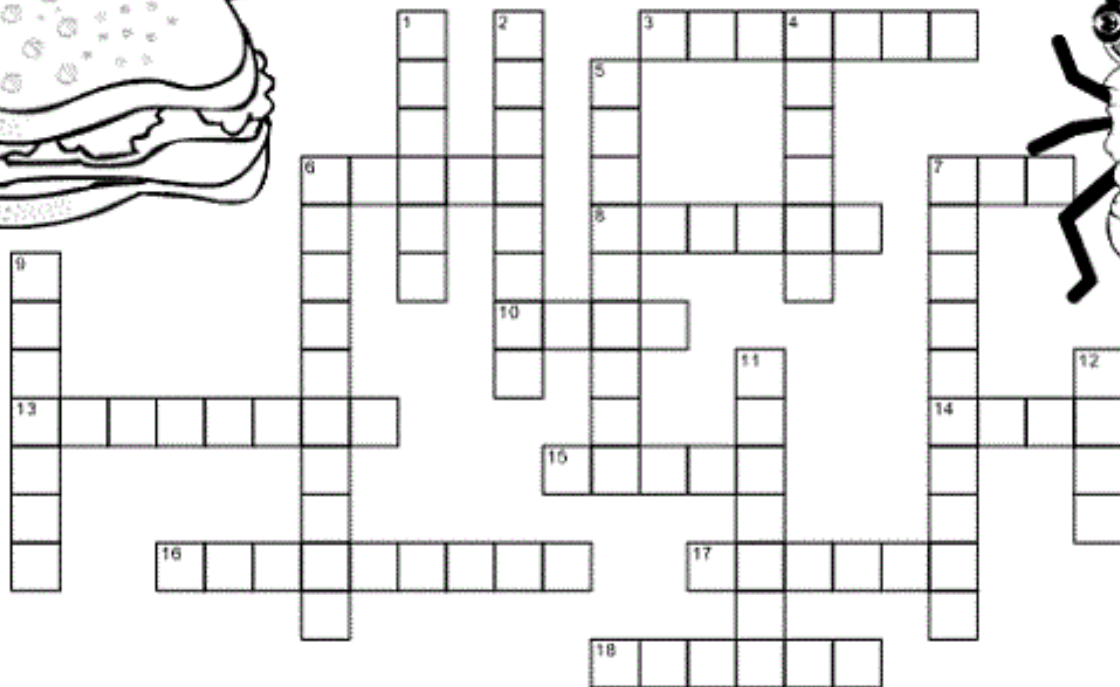
In a large bowl, beat cream cheese, sugar, and extracts until fluffy. Fold in whipped cream. Place a third of the mixture in a 4-qt. bowl. Reserve 20 strawberry halves and 1/2 cup blueberries for garnish. Layer half of the remaining strawberries and blueberries over cream mixture. Top with another third of the cream mixture and the remaining berries. Spread the remaining cream mixture on top. Use the reserved strawberries and blueberries to make a "flag" on top.

Nutrition Facts

1 cup: 168 calories, 10g fat (6g saturated fat), 32mg cholesterol, 44mg sodium, 20g carbohydrate (15g sugars, 3g fiber), 2g protein.



Picnic Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

3. A fun picnic game played with a disc shaped toy.
6. Coleslaw is a type of _____.
7. A popular round-shaped baked dessert that is cut into wedges to serve.
8. One type of container used to carry picnic goodies.
10. It's yummy on the cob.
13. This comes in black lumps and is sometimes used on a picnic grill.
14. This type of weather can often ruin a picnic.
15. Tall and leafy, these provide shady places for your picnic blanket.
16. A bright evening show that sometimes follows a picnic.
17. A square of cloth or paper used to keep things clean when eating your picnic meal.
18. Grilled wiener on a bun.

DOWN

1. A picnic container that keeps food cold.
2. Two pieces of bread stuffed with meat, cheese, or other good stuff.
4. Most popular season of the year for picnics in North America.
5. A ground beef patty on a bun.
6. Eye protection from the sun.
7. A fun area for kids inside some parks.
9. Red condiment made from tomatoes.
11. Yellow sauce sometimes used on hamburgers and hotdogs.
12. Tiny picnic invaders.



Just for Laughs...

These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services in other churches out there: (can we add our own? Send them in!)

- 1) The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
- 2) Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles, and other items to be recycled. The proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- 5) Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
- 6) Miss Charlene Mason sang '*I will not pass this way again,*' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- 7) For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- 9) Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- 10) A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
- 11) At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be '*What Is Hell?*' Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- 12) Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- 13) Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
- 14) The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment, and gracious hostility.
- 15) Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.
- 17) This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

- 18) The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.
- 20) The eighth graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- 22) The *Associate Minister* unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: *'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'*



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 working 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?

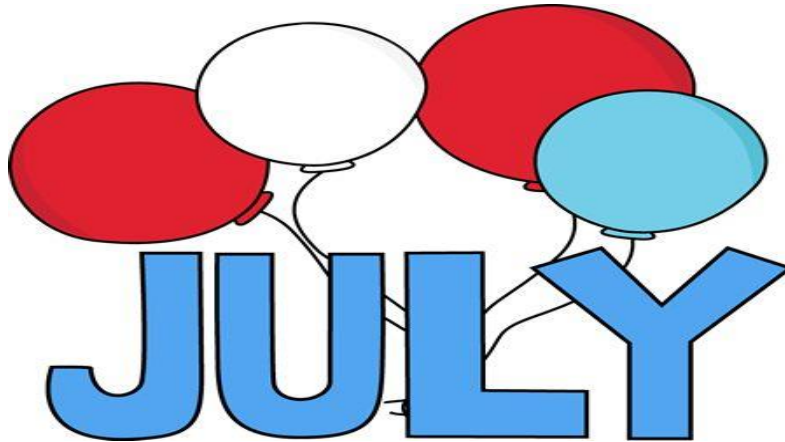
Are you aware that both wine and grape juice are available on each communion tray? The grape juice is always in the center glasses. If you wish to have grape juice all you need to do is, ask the communion assistant and it will be given.

We also have gluten free wafers available, but you need to let Pj know before the liturgy if you wish them available for communion.

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

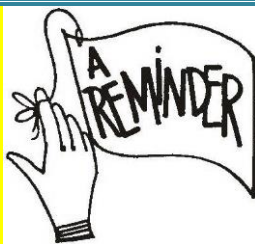
The donation's folder is posted in the blue folder on the Bulletin Board. Select your dates for those special occasions or people in your lives and follow the instructions on the inside front cover.

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:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Bulletins</u>	<u>Memorial Candle</u>	<u>Honor Candle</u>
July 1 to 7	Open	Open	Hochevar	Vnuk	Open
July 8 to 14	Open	Open	Templin	Krajnak	Open
July 15 to 21	Murnane	Windschanz	Hochevar	Vnuk	Vnuk
July 22 to 28	Open	Open	Hochevar	Krajnak	Bishop
July 29 to Aug 4	Vnuk	Vnuk	Zahn	Krajnak	Vnuk



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**Pentecost V**

Jeremiah 28:5-9
89:1-4, 15-18
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 28:16-20

Pentecost VI

Zech 9:9-12
Psalm 145:8-14
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 10:40-42

Pentecost VII

Isaiah 55:10-13
Psalm 65: [1-8] 9-13
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Pentecost VIII

Isaiah 44:6-8
Psalm 86:11-17
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Mary Magdalene

Exodus 2:1-10
Psalm 73:23-28
Acts 13: 26-33a
John 20:1-2, 11-18

Pentecost IX

1 Kings 3:5-12
Psalm 119:129-136
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Numbers you should have at hand:

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Kinga Vnuk, Administrative Assistant Office: 414-762-5111

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All Saints ELCA

Web Page:

<http://allsaintsoakcreek.org>

Do you have an address, phone number or status change? Please contact the church office to report any changes to the records. This helps ensure our files stay current. THANK YOU

MONEY COUNTERS TEAMS:

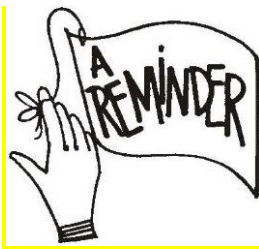
TEAM 1: July 16, 2023
Paul Salewski, Captain
Tom Coonan
Judy Wolter

TEAM 2: July 23, 2023
Don Olsen, Captain
Dena Olsen
Elaine Kleinhans

TEAM 3: July 2, 2023
July 30, 2023
Brian Rathmann, Captain
Barbara Schrubey, Captain
Lori Rathmann

TEAM 4: July 9th, 2023
Denise Kalski, Captain
Lynn Friedman
Tim Jackalone

SUBSTITUTES:
Kathy Grom, Captain
Jeff Grom
Scott Woiak



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