

# "THE REVEALER"

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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 -**  
Sunday, December 24th at 11:00 pm

**CHRIST MASS LITURGY -**  
Monday, December 25th at 10:00 am

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



**DECEMBER**

**SATURDAY**  
**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**  
**11:00am – 7:00pm**

**Weekly Worship at All Saints**  
**Saturday:** 5:00 pm Liturgy I (White Book)  
**Sunday:** 8:45 am SCS  
9:00 am Pericope  
10:00 am ELW Setting 8  
**Wednesday:** 7:00 pm Liturgy II (White Book)



- 12/1 Joel Raison, Haydn Susek
- 12/2 Benson Berns, Spencer Venne
- 12/3 Lyla Stecker
- 12/4 Jennifer Oleszak
- 12/5 Sharon Wiorek, Luke Czarny
- 12/6 Marcia Serfort
- 12/8 Bill Nowicki, Brittany Czarny
- 12/14 Teddy Lang, Jayne Murnane, Amanda Oleszak
- 12/15 Margaret Coonan, Maresa Grudzielanek
- 12/16 Susan McIntosh
- 12/17 Jenelle Montague
- 12/18 Brian Rathmann, Daniel Wipijewski, Myrna Farell
- 12/19 Kathy Bandstra Bauman, Jessica Gorecki,
- 12/21 Scott Woiak, Paul Wittke
- 12/22 David Speaks
- 12/23 Alexander Allmann, Jim Holzman
- 12/24 Nadine Desmarais
- 12/25 Alivia Derks
- 12/26 Tony Veres
- 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

- 12-09 John and Nicki Turlais
- 12-28 Bob and Susan Payne
- 12-28 Ben and Jenny Welker
- 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 to the records.

This helps ensure our files stay current. **THANK YOU**

## Comment Article – “Human Form”



God entered our world in human form, I bet, no one saw that one coming...I mean, who would-a-thunk?

Then, the teachings and the examples of “how to live this life began in earnest.” Throughout the Early Christian Writings, we see how God came in human form to relate to us, to be among us, to even suffer alongside with us. But he also came to build personal relationships with us, and to teach us his ways, and to ultimately offer redemption and salvation for all humankind.

He came to save.  
 He came seeking us out.  
 He came to teach.  
 He came to lead and to guide.  
 He came to serve.

The humble servant, always humble, never arrogant, or showy. The best storyteller and the best teacher. Full of compassion, exuding grace, and touching hearts with his unfailing love. Again, always teaching and showing the way, pointing beyond himself, to his heavenly father.

We see his father’s hand in everything...from his learning and growing during his early synagogue training to the very last words that he uttered on the cross of crucifixion. God was there leading, and guiding him, every step of the way. Just as he guides us, today!

Jesus knew that his life would not be easy and that he would indeed experience pain and unimaginable suffering. He knew he would be treated like the outcasts that he ministered to, misunderstood by many, alienated, and not spoke well of...

He purposefully chose the lowly. He sought out the poor, He healed the sick, restored the weak and the hurt, and was constantly surrounded by the lonely and the lost.

His ways were not the ways of the world. He chose his own path. But he did not walk it alone. His father was with him, every step of the way. And in the end, he was raised to new life, again to show us the way, to point us to the “new tomorrow” that lies “out there” ahead of us. And now, we prepare to celebrate his coming...

See you in worship.

Pr. Mortenson

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

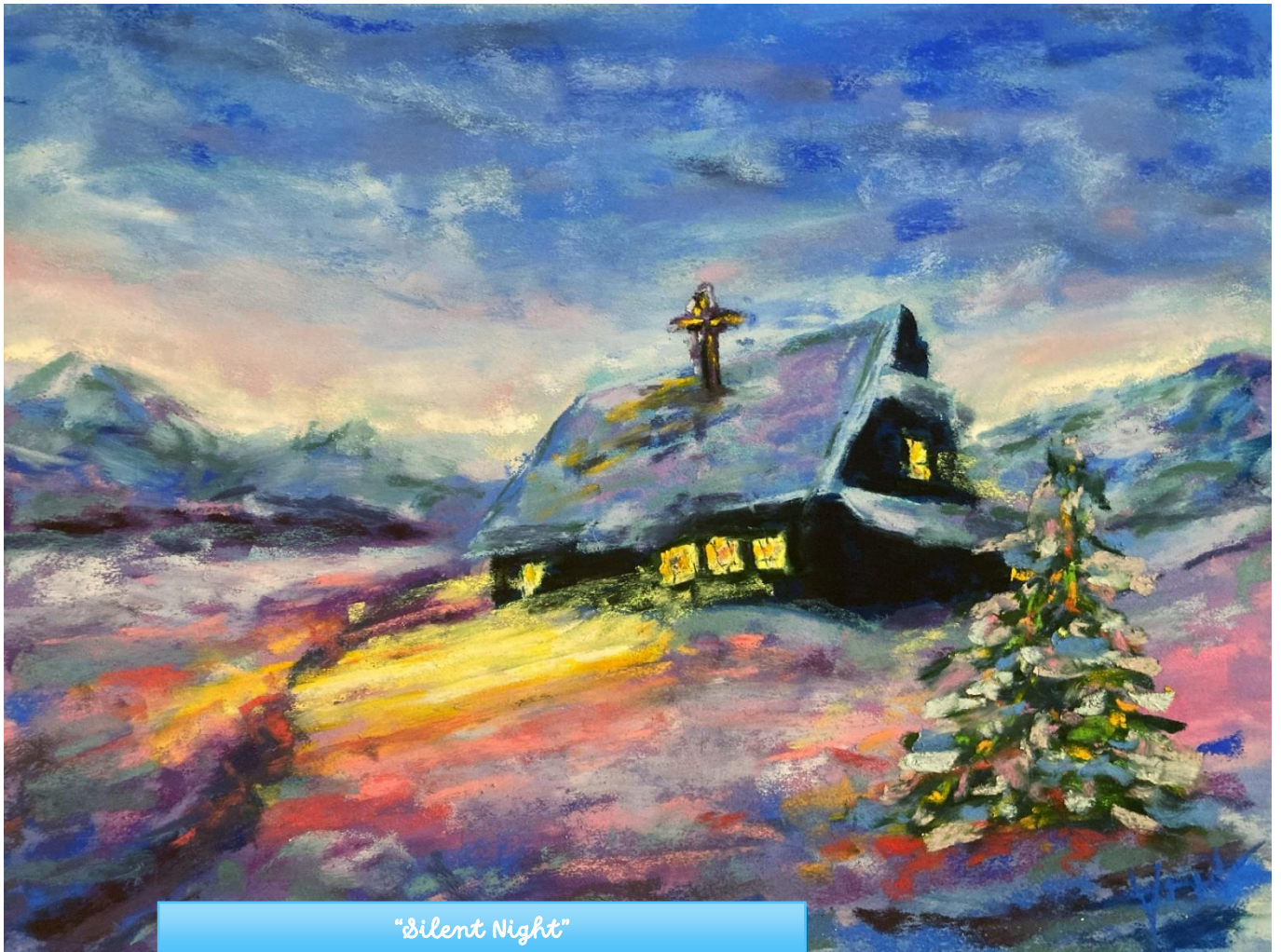
~~Peggy Rudolph Lichte~~

~~Rev. Joe G. Molenster~~

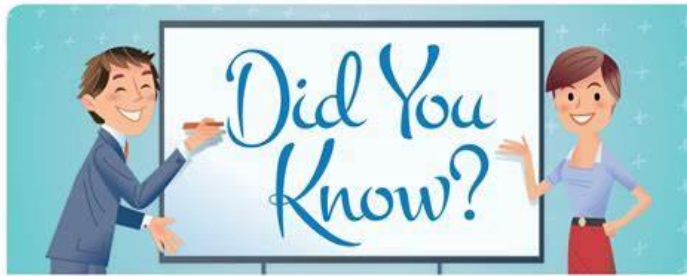
~~Sara Solity~~

Kinga Vnuk

MORIAM  
JOY



"Silent Night"  
Original pastel painting by Kinga E. Vnuk



## Did You Know?

- That, the English term *Christmas* (“mass on Christ’s day”) is of fairly recent origin.
- That, the earlier term *Yule* may have derived from the Germanic *jōl* or the Anglo-Saxon *geōl*, which referred to the feast of the winter solstice.
- That, the corresponding terms in other languages—*Navidad* in Spanish, *Natale* in Italian, *Noël* in French—all probably denote “nativity.”
- That, the German word *Weihnachten* denotes “hallowed night.”
- That, the actual observance of the day of Jesus’ birth was long in coming.
- That, during the first two centuries of Christianity there was strong opposition to recognizing birthdays of martyrs or, for that matter, of Jesus.
- That, numerous early Church Fathers offered sarcastic comments about “the pagan custom” of celebrating birthdays when, in fact, saints and martyrs should be honored on the days of their martyrdom—their true “birthdays,” from the church’s perspective.
- That, the precise origin of assigning December 25 as the birth date of Jesus is unclear.
- That, December 25 was first identified as the date of Jesus’ birth by Sextus Julius Africanus in 221 and later became the universally accepted date.
- That, for a long time the celebration of Jesus’ birth was observed in conjunction with his baptism, celebrated January 6.
- That, after December 25 had become widely accepted as the date of Jesus’ birth, Christian writers frequently made the connection between the rebirth of the sun and the birth of the Son.
- That, every day at All Saints is sunny, warm, and bright!



# The Season of Advent

Advent is a season observed in most Christian denominations as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Christ at Christmas and the return of Christ at the Second Coming.

Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year in Western Christianity.

The name was adopted from Latin *adventus* "coming; arrival", translating Greek *parousia* from the Early Christian Writings, originally referring to the Second Coming.

The season of Advent in the Christian calendar anticipates the "coming of Christ" from three different perspectives: the physical nativity in Bethlehem, the reception of Christ in the heart of the believer, and the eschatological Second Coming.

Practices associated with Advent include Advent calendars, lighting an Advent wreath, praying an Advent daily devotional, erecting a Christmas tree or a Chrismon tree, lighting a Christingle, as well as other ways of preparing for Christmas, such as setting up Christmas decorations, sending Christmas cards to friends and family, and a custom that is sometimes done liturgically called the hanging of the greens ceremony.



An "all new" Canticle will be used on Sunday's and Wednesday's during Advent. It is entitled, "We are waiting for Jesus" and was written by John Helgen. Come and join us!

# Christmas Bazaar and Cookie Sale



**It is true!**

**If you bake them, we can sell them!**

**The Christmas Bazaar and Cookie Sale is now literally days away...the ladies have been working almost daily on the Christmas Memorabilia. Santa is well practiced and well-rehearsed. His chief elf is at the ready!**

**This is the “granddaddy” of all of our FUNDRAISERS, this one going back to the very early 80’s. The goal has always been the same, to bring some much-needed funds into the church at years’ end to make sure all of our various expenses are covered. The idea is at years’ end to come out in the black, not the red. The Lord knows we do not need to carry a deficit into the new year. Therefore, the Christmas Cookie Sale. From the onset, the idea was always to help out our church. To bring in some added funds...**

**Over the years we have expanded it, now to include crafters, raffle items, Santa Claus, Chili-to-Go, or eat it, while you’re here! A number of years back we added all the Christmas Memorabilia...all donated by our very own members...and then, there are our cookies...**

**Christmas cookies, all shapes, all varieties...they make awesome presents. Or eat them yourself! (No judgment!)**

**It is a good day. It is a fun day. We need you to help spread the word, let your family members and neighbors know about the event. Pass it on...the date is Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. – 3.p.m. The raffle will be pulled at 2:45!**

**Come on out and see what we can accomplish when we all work together! It is awesome!**



## Council Capsules

Council Capsules from the November meeting:

- Council approved a motion to allow the youth group to have an offsite activity in February at either Skyzone or bowling
- The council approved a motion to put forth the Treasurer's proposed budget to the congregation at our annual meeting that includes a 4% increase for the staff.
- The council approved a motion to accept the newly created constitution and send it to the synod for approval.
- Council approved asking a backup pianist to play on Saturdays until the end of February.
- The council was advised that the books will be closed on December 31st.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Wytrykus Kleppek

All Saints Lutheran Church Council Secretary



**Council Meeting – Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**  
**Check the Calendar for the dates and times**  
**of the various Committee Meetings**





## **Christmas Worship Hours!**

**(Please note)**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Liturgy**

**11:00 P.M.**

**Christ Mass**

**(Christmas Morning)**

**10:00 A.M.**

**Disclaimer: There will be no liturgy of worship on Saturday night, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 P.M. The liturgy on Christmas Eve morning at 10:00 A.M. is not a liturgy of Christmas but is the celebration of the fourth Sunday in Advent in the life of the church.**

## Christian Education



The next Chris Ed Committee Meeting will be on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:10 a.m.  
All are welcome

### Sunday School:

The Sunday School kids kicked off our Fall Mission project on **Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>** supporting the ELCA's Good Gifts program – specifically God's Global Barnyard. The kids will be providing the congregation with the opportunity to gift animals/insects to those in need. The animals/insects we are specifically focusing on during the Christmas Holiday are Chicks (\$10), Honeybees (\$20), Piglets (\$30) and Goats (\$50). Note: There are other animals and items available for giving via the Good Gifts program – visit <https://goodgifts.elca.org/all-gifts> if you are curious and wish to learn more about how you can personally give.

Please stop by and talk with the Sunday School kids before or after service now **thru Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** to learn more. Everyone can track the progress of the Mission Project by viewing the Christmas Tree on the bulletin board as you head into the Fellowship Hall. As people donate, ornaments will be added to the tree showing what was given. Thank you in advance for your support of the Sunday School children!

The Sunday School kids will be very busy during the month of December as we focus on learning the story of Jesus' birth and the meaning of Christmas. In addition to the mission project and lessons, we will be spending time during class on December 3<sup>rd</sup> supporting the World Concerns 'Santa in a Shoebox' project by helping wrapping presents. We are also dedicating time during each class practicing for the Christmas Program on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Attend the service that day and you may see some young Angels singing as well as a short skit. A special shout out to the Sunday School Parents for helping their kids practice at home!!

Additionally - The Christian Education committee is partnering with the Evangelism Committee to collect Hats, Gloves, and other items to help keep Elementary School Children (ages Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade) warm this winter. If you have any items to donate, please place them near the Santa in a Shoebox collection bills and we'll be sure they are put to good use. We will also accept small sized toys for kids of any age thru December 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Confirmation and First Communion:

I'd like to thank Helen Haworth, Brittany Czarny, Sydney Lafond and Julie Dittmann for their assistance during the October 29<sup>th</sup> and November 5<sup>th</sup> Confirmation / First Communion celebrations. Helen did a great job announcing the confirmands and passing out bibles while Brittany and Sydney assisted by taking pictures. Julie was kind enough to create (and donate) the boutonnieres and corsages worn by those celebrating their special day. Many hands make light work – Thank You!

Respectfully submitted,

Sue LaFond

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So, I kissed a pig, on both ends...I dressed up as a cow, with udders and looked udderly ridiculous, I dressed up as a chicken...while the "chicken dance" played on in the background...there is not a whole lot left for me to do...

I do not think I could squeeze into a honeybee costume...and I already am an old goat!

My options are few...

But I can tell you that I wholly support the Sunday School Children in their fund-raising



activities for the ELCA GOOD GIFTS Program!

Just look how



cute these

little critters are!



Of course, we would bless them all at the annual Pet Blessing in January...if they were to show up! In the meantime, lets support our children in Sunday School and show them that we support both them and their efforts to help others around the world...Lord knows our world needs more critters, not less.

Help out where and if you can.

Show the children that we care, beyond our walls, beyond our city, beyond our state...

This is teaching some of our little saints, that it is not all about us...it is about others, too!

You have to admit, it is a cute idea!

# St. John, Apostle, and Evangelist

(Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>)



**St. John the Evangelist is traditionally identified as the author of the Gospel of John. Christians have traditionally associated him with John the Apostle, John of Patmos, and John the Presbyter, although this has been disputed by most modern scholars.**

**John the Evangelist is often referred to as the “disciple whom Jesus loved” in his own Gospel. He was one of the original twelve apostles and is traditionally believed to have been the youngest.**

**He survived all the other apostles.**

**John, along with his brothers James, and Peter, formed an informal circle of three disciples among the Twelve Apostles in the Gospels.**

**They were the only apostles present on three particular occasions during Jesus’ public ministry: the Raising of Jairus’ daughter, the Transfiguration of Jesus, and the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane<sup>1</sup>.**

**After Jesus’ death, John, along with Peter and James the Just, were collectively recognized as the three Pillars of the Church.**

**He was also the one to whom Jesus gave the honor of caring for his mother, as John stood beneath the cross.**

**Due to the depth of his Gospel, John is often thought of as the eagle of theology, soaring in high regions that other writers did not enter.**

**It is the life of another saint that will be celebrated here in our midst! Come and join us on the Wednesday night, after Christmas!**

**With a namesake like ALL SAINTS, you have to remember all those who came before you!**



### **GIFT CARD UPDATE!**

We're geared up for Christmas shopping. Check out what gift cards we currently have in stock.

Gift cards make great gifts for those hard—to—buy—for people on your shopping list. Who doesn't like to receive a gift card - instead of a sweater that doesn't fit?

And gift card recipients don't have to take back their presents after Christmas. Everyone wins.

So far through October we've made almost \$3,000 in gift card profit that we can give back to our church. Stop by the gift card table either before or after each liturgy if you have any questions.

### **MEMBER ENVELOPE INFORMATION**

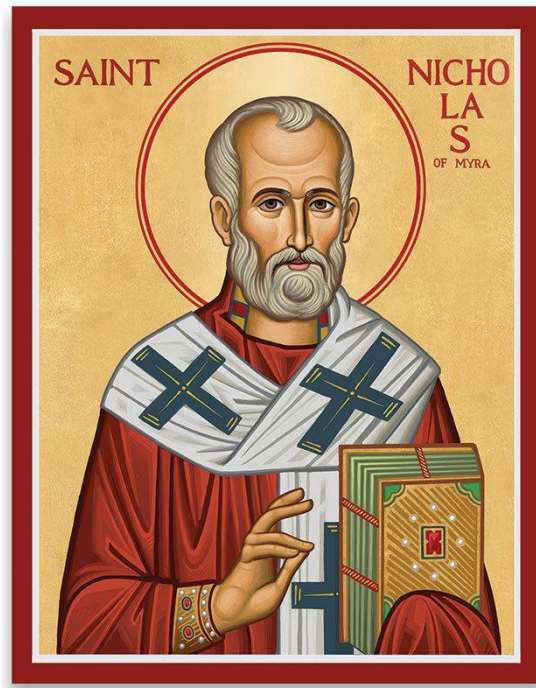
If you are a church member who gives using envelopes and you need more envelopes, please put your name down on the ENVELOPE LIST hanging on the bulletin board into the Fellowship Hall.

You will be given a new box of envelopes for you to use within about a week.

Also, if you do use member envelopes, please remember to put the amount of your offering on the envelope. You don't have to put your name down, but please put your giving amount on the envelope. An adding machine tape is run of the amounts on the envelope for insurance purposes (if the church should be robbed - OH, NO - we have that tape to use for insurance purposes.

Again, thank you for helping support OUR church.

# Saint Nicholas



Saint Nicholas Day, also called the Feast of Saint Nicholas, is observed on 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> of December in Western Christian countries, and on 19<sup>th</sup> of December in Eastern Christian countries using the old church Calendar, is the feast day of Saint Nicholas of Myra; it falls within the season of Advent. It is celebrated as a Christian festival with particular regard to Saint Nicholas' reputation as a bringer of gifts, as well as through the attendance of church liturgies.

The American Santa Claus, as well as the British Father Christmas, derive from Saint Nicholas. "Santa Claus" is itself derived in part from the Dutch Sinterklaas, the saint's name in that language. However, the gift-giving associated with these descendant figures is associated with Christmas Day rather than Saint Nicholas Day itself.

This year, December 6<sup>th</sup> falls on a Wednesday night...so come and join us as we gather to worship and celebrate the life of yet another saint of the church!

Who knows what gifts might be left behind for those in attendance that night!

St. Nicholas Day celebrates the life and legacy of a **4th-century bishop** who was known for his **kindness and generosity** to the poor and children.

After the Reformation, St. Nicholas was largely forgotten in Protestant Europe, although his memory was kept alive in Holland as Sinterklaas.

# The Harley Tree



**That would be  
“Holy Harley of All Saints Oak Creek,” actually!**

**But Harley wasn't our first, she was preceded by Joshua Ben Nun, and following her have been St. Emma of All Saints, and Moriah Joy (Mojo) of All Saints Oak Creek. We have a history! And tons of stories...does anyone else remember when Adell Lowrey broke her hip throwing a Frisbee with Harley? I believe, Adell was in her eighties at that time. She kept saying it's not Harley's fault, I fell...**

**But it was Harley, back in the day, that started the “Harley Tree” for animal companions still in shelters and awaiting their “fur-ever homes.” The needs are great, not only now, but all year long. We support only NO KILL SHELTERS.**

**The two shelters we deal with are HAWS in Waukesha County and Secondhand Purrs in Milwaukee!**

**The easiest thing to do is to simply write a check. Checks are made out to All Saints and go into the collection plate. Do not hang them back on the tree. Also put your offering envelope number on the envelope!**

**But not everyone can do that. Could you bring a roll of paper towels? How about an old (yet still good) towel that can be used for wiping up messes? A small bottle of bleach?**

**This year, we are suggesting SOMETHING NEW, how about a picture of a beloved animal companion and hang their picture on the tree and then donate in one of the envelopes (in any amount). We will do everything in our power to save your picture for you, just place your name and phone number on the back of it.**

**Looking ahead: Don't forget the Animal Blessing on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 P.M. Worship in the beauty of January with your very own animal companion. It's awesome!**



## All Saints Sunday celebrations photo memories.





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

**Myrna Farrell**

- In Memory of David Farrell

**Judy Wolter**

- In Memory of our Parents

**Mary Jo and Randy Meier**

- In Memory of Dorothy and Joseph Hartnett
- In Memory of Verna and Armin Meier
- In Memory of Alicia Hatzinger - Hartnett
- In honor of Our Children
- In honor of Our Grandchildren

**Kim Schramer**

- In Honor of Jeri Ross

**Suz and Mike McIntosh**

- In Memory of All our Angels in Heaven

**Betty Ford**

- In Memory of Husband, Bill

### Linda Steinbauer

- In Memory of Jim Steinbauer – Father of Mollie and Annie
- In Memory of Jim Steinbauer – Papa to Brodie, Pax, Brylie, and Hadley

### Jayne Murnane

- In Honor of My Family

### PJ

- In Memory of All the Blessed Saints in Light
- In Memory of Ruth Mortenson
- In Memory of Wally Mortenson
- In Memory of Bonnie Cline
- In Memory of William Cline
- In Memory of Emil Pie
- In Memory of Marie Pie
- In Memory of Maimie Mortenson
- In Memory of Carl Mortenson
- In Memory of Anna Kerbs



Revealer Articles are due on **Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

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# Lifeline Screening

Lifeline Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive, and painless health screenings at All Saints Lutheran Church on Monday, February 5, 2024.

A package of four screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

## Carotid Artery Screening (Plaque)

An ultrasound is performed to screen the carotid arteries (a pair of blood vessels in the neck that deliver blood to your brain) for buildup of fatty plaque. This buildup, called atherosclerosis, is one of the leading causes of stroke.

## Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening

An Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI) test is performed using blood pressure cuffs on the arms and legs. It is important to screen for PAD because it increases the risk of coronary artery disease, heart attack, or stroke.

## Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)

An ultrasound is performed to screen the abdominal aorta for the presence of an enlargement or aneurysm. AAA can lead to a ruptured aortic artery, which is a serious medical emergency.

## Atrial Fibrillation

A 6-lead electrocardiogram (EKG) is performed by placing sensors on the arms and legs to screen for Atrial Fibrillation. AFib can lead to blood clots, stroke, heart failure, and other heart-related complications. These 4 vital screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Register by calling toll free 1-844-591-7160, text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607 or online at <https://lisa.social/HC>



**YOUR CHURCH** cares for the surrounding community!



**THANK YOU!!!**

I am so grateful for the show of support for the **Fall Craft Fair**. We couldn't do it without all the donors and volunteers! **We raised \$9,843.75!** A new record! Wow! This will help the church pay many bills. If you attended, thank you very much. If you baked, donated items, donated scrip, or volunteered your valuable time thank you even more!! If you did both, you are the best!

- We had 34 wonderful crafters and 579 visitors on November 4, 2023. We couldn't do a craft show without both.
- I would like to thank the many people who helped make the craft fair a success. If I forget someone, please forgive me - it was not intentional and I'm sure God noticed your good works even if it was missed by others.
- We were also blessed by our many church bakers, who worked so hard baking pies, cakes, cookies, candy, and breads. Thank you to Sara Jolitz, Kaity Jolitz, Cody Jolitz, Debbie Krajnak, Peggy Todryk, and Cyndi Uyhely who baked together for 2 days, and made 76 individual pies, and 20 large pies! More bakers brought in delicious candies, cookies, breads, fudge, rice Krispie treats, puppy chow, chocolate suckers, pies, and cupcakes from home included: Mary Jo Meier, Dale Hochevar, Lisa Kleppek, Jodi Heine, Lynn Friedman, Blake Buchanan, Bonnie Dailey, Judith Salchow, Kathy Mack, Elaine Kleinhans, Barb Schrubey, Cyndi Uyhely, Brittany Czarny, Tara Roslawski, Sandy Montague, Margaret Coonan, PJ, Sue McIntosh, Debbie Maley, Jodi Heine, Linda Steinbauer, and Judy Wolter.
- The kitchen had hard working volunteers: Brittany Czarny, Joy Kubusek, Kaity Jolitz, and Sydney LaFond. The food was excellent (as usual) and kept the people coming back. Special thanks to Dale Hochevar for donating and preparing the savory turkey; Lynn Friedman who also donated and prepared extra turkey, Debbie Krajnak for donating and making the best BBQ in town; and PJ for making his famous baked beans. Thank you to Dick and Pam Kahle for donating the supplies for the malts, and Lynn Friedman and her grandson for making the delicious malts.
- Thank you to those that priced and sold bakery: Elaine Kleinhans, Sara Jolitz, Kaity Jolitz, Jodi Heine, Helen Haworth, Peggy Todryk, Sue McIntosh, Blake Buchanan, and Linda Steinbauer.

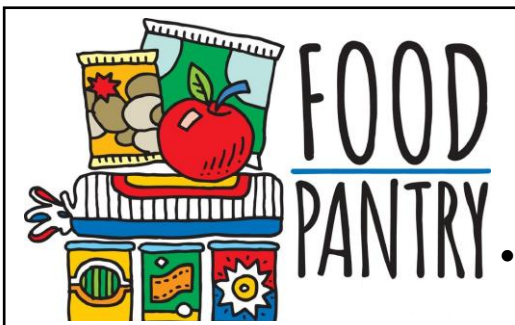
- Thank you to Lynn Speaks for putting together the wonderful raffle baskets! Thank you to all the donors who donated raffle items, and scrip cards! Thank you to the raffle ticket sellers: Betty Ford, Elaine Kleinhans, and Lynn Speaks. Thank you to our raffle announcer Jeff LaFond, and PJ for picking the winners!
- Thank you to our greeters, food pantry donation runner, and door prize callers: Derk Vander Molen, Dale Hochevar, Patti Holzman, and Jeff Friedman. We collected 5 grocery carts full of nonperishable food items for our food pantry.
- Thank you to our money counters: Barb Schrubey, and Helen Haworth!
- Thank you to those who donated food items, soda, and condiments for the kitchen: Brittany Czarny, Sue and Jeff LaFond, Debbie Krajnak, Pattie Holzman, Mary Jo Meier, and Jodi Heine.
- At this craft fair David Speaks headed up the clean-up crew and was able to get the clean-up done in 45 minutes! Special thanks to those who helped set-up and/or clean-up for the craft fair: David and Lynn Speaks, Evan Meier, Joy and Jim Kubusek, Sara Jolitz, Cody Jolitz, Sue McIntosh, Lynn Speaks, David Speaks, the whole LaFond family, Dennis Schneider, Anden Hartnett, Randy Meier, and Debbie Krajnak. This is a hard job, putting away the church chairs, setting up tables, and chairs on Thursday, then reversing everything in time for church on Saturday! We appreciate you!
- We received so many wonderful remarks from our crafters and attendees about our positive attitude and how much they like our craft fair.
- A special thank you to our craft fair team who made the planning, preparing, and behind the scenes work joyful, and rewarding: Helen Haworth, Sara Jolitz, Elaine Kleinhans, Debbie Krajnak, Brittany Czarny, David and Lynn Speaks.
- If I forgot anyone, I am so sorry, but I am thankful!

Thank you all and God bless,

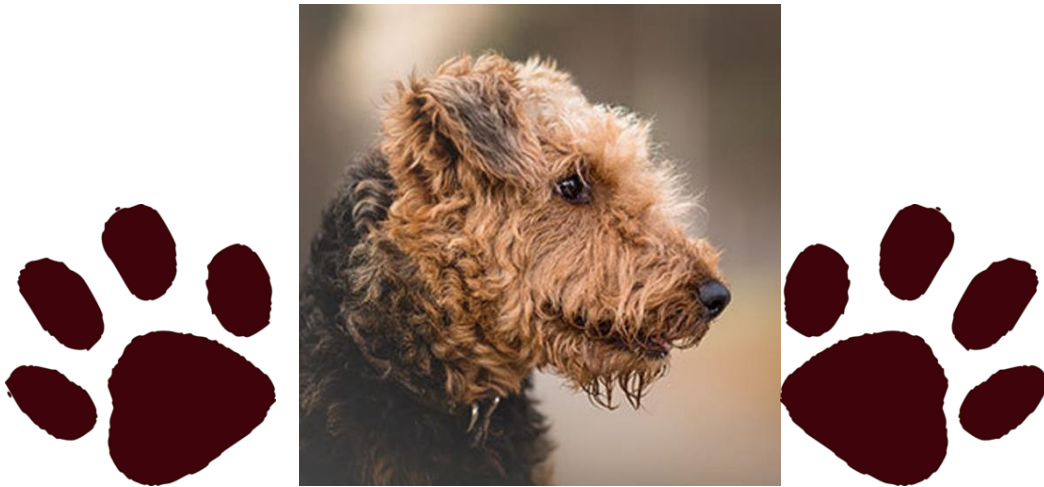
Mary Jo Meier, Craft Fair Coordinator

## ○ FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

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



- **Phil and Audrey Haerle**
  - Doris Templin
  - Elaine Kleinhans
- **Joe and Sharon Wiorek**
  - Mary Jo Meier
- **Dennis Schneider and family**
  - Tara Roslawski & Cyndi Uyhely
  - Judy Salchow



### ***Moriah writes...***

Dear Santa,

Just so you know, I have been a pretty good dog this year. I didn't draw blood on many, just a couple, here and there, maybe I got Dennis Schneider, maybe, a couple of people have asked for Band-Aids...but who knows what their problem was...Mary Zahn says, I have "only given her 19 bruises" since September 1st.

(I wonder why she is counting!?) I have never bitten anyone intentionally, honestly! No bruises for Sandy Montague, Elaine Kleinhans, Kinga Vnuk, and I have been the perfect dog for Jasmine Schneider. I haven't even chased the vacuum lately; I love my Sara! Paul Salewski hasn't bruised any and I would speculate neither has anyone else.

For Christmas this year, I am just asking for a fur-ever home for all those animal companions in shelters! Please!!!! Love, Moriah





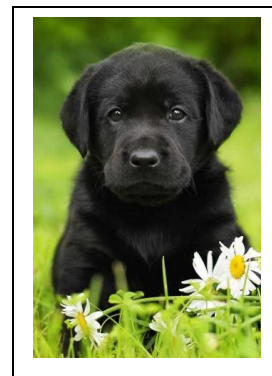
- **Jerry Pavlik**
- **Katie Ruka**
- **Pat Loso**
- **Jeff LaFond**
- **Randy Meier**
- **Jim Sprague**
- **Joel Raison**
- **Patti Sprague**
- **Pat St. Louis**
- **Lynn Friedman**
- **Brian St. Louis**
- **Ellen Votaw**
- **Fiona Ellenbecker**
- **Elaine Kuehn**
- **Pam Kahle**
- **Ana Rivas**

- **John Gruber**
- **Lynn Speaks**
- **Chuck Kocourek**
- **Elsie Ellenbecker**
- **Marlene Anderson**
- **Joni McDonald**
- **Howard MacMillan**
- **Diane Salewski**
- **Rita Cieszynski**
- **Barb Grobschmidt**
- **Peggy Rudolph-Lisle**
- **Rob Kawczynski**
- **Carolyn Hughes**
- **Jody Dobrzynski**
- **Julie Wishall**
- **Benny Brown**



## THE HOLY HARLEY TREE

The Harley Tree was put up right after Thanksgiving. Doesn't it look great. And check out the envelopes hanging on the tree for your cash/check donations. And don't forget to take a "Wish List for the Harley Tree" with you to aid in your shopping for all the homeless animals. We're helping out two shelters again this year: Second Hand Purrs in Milwaukee and HAWS in Waukesha. Both are no-kill shelters (the best kind). We know you're torn in all directions for giving at the holidays, but please try to remember those homeless animals who are looking for their forever homes/families.



Please help make some lonely, forgotten animals feel special this Christmas. Help out if you can.

In memory of Harley & St. Emma



## STEWARDSHIP "APPEAL"

Because there is no Stewardship Chairperson this year (so sad), I'm going to try to appeal to all of you to please help out our church with giving, be it "giving" with a monetary donation or "giving" with helping out any way you can (baking, ushering, communion assistant, altar setup/cleanup, helping out a committee, selling gift cards - the list goes on and on). There are many ways to give monetarily: you can use the regular giving envelopes, you can use Simply Giving (our church's on-line giving program which charges your checking/savings account) or you can set your credit card up for Simply Giving. All these ways really help us out. And if you are using Simply Giving, consider increasing your giving amount by a *few* dollars. There are forms hanging up on the bulletin board leading into the Fellowship Hall or you can stop by the gift card table for a form to increase giving. Fill out the form and turn it in to the office. It's just that simple. Try to think back this year on all the blessings you've received - hopefully that will make your decision easier about "giving" back to YOUR church. Thanks...

Barbara Schrubey  
Treasurer

# The Season of Christmas

And a glorious season it is! You do of course, know that Christmas is the shortest season of the church year. It is the second season of the church year, being preceded by Advent. The season of Christmas is 12 days in length. It was never meant to be a one-day, one-and-done kind of event. There is the “cultures” season of Christmas, and there is the “churches” season of Christmas. And there is a huge difference between the two. For a great many it is the hap-happiest season of all...but not for everyone. We need to be mindful and prayerful of those experiencing a different Christmas this year. A Christmas that will be evolving and will never be the same.



Christmas is that annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, observed “primarily” on December 25 as a religious and cultural celebration among billions of people around the world.

A feast central to the Christian liturgical year, it follows the season of Advent and initiates the season of Christmastide, which historically in the West lasts twelve days and culminates on Twelfth Night.

The season that follows Christmas is the EPIPHANY SEASON.

Christmas Day is a “public holiday” in many countries, is celebrated “religiously” by a majority of Christians, as well as “culturally” by many non-Christians, and forms an integral part of the holiday season organized around it.

The traditional Christmas narrative recounted in the Early Christian Writings, known as the Nativity of Jesus, says that Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in accordance with messianic prophecies.

When Joseph and Mary arrived in the city, the inn had no room and so they were offered a stable where the Christ Child was soon born, with angels proclaiming this news to shepherds who then spread the word.

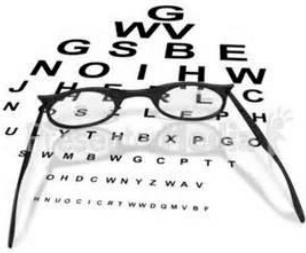
To reread the Christmas story, turn to Luke, chapter 2. You will be glad you did!

Have children or grandchildren, include them in your reading of the WORD!

## 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.



**The official closing of the books will take place on Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> following the 10 A.M. liturgy of worship. All monies received after that point will obviously be considered donations for the year 2024. Expect your financial statements to be emailed to you sometime in January. You do realize that means that we must have your current email address!**

## WISH LIST!

Sara has once again said that she needs plastic garbage bags of both sizes...  
The large black garbage bags and the smaller white ones for the offices, bathrooms, and kitchen



areas. Bless you for all that you “always do!”  
You guys, rock!

# 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 for 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 for 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...



# Christmas Caroling

Join us!

On Thursday night, prayerfully, weather permitting, the Confirmation Classes will be Christmas Caroling. We always like to extend the invitation to the congregation, as well. Come and Join Us! We will be out caroling from 6:00 – 900 P.M. and eating pizza and having soda, back at the church. **PARENTS ARE NEEDED as DRIVERS!**

We provide the song sheets, the route, the phone numbers of the other drivers...yeah, every year, someone gets lost and gets left behind somewhere along our route.

It really truly is all spelled out for you!

It is a blast! It is a memory making-kind of event.

It is heartwarming! It is so appreciated!

We may be a little “off key” or a little “flat” here and a little “flat” there, but our intentions are good!

The more the merrier!

C'mon you know you like to sing! You want to get “in the spirit!” Here's your opportunity and chance! Just show up! We would love to have you join us...especially if you can carry a tune!

## **Coming your way, soon!**

**You are aware and know that for the past year a committee has been meeting and reviewing and going over line-by-line, and word-by-word on recommended constitutions for congregational use. Our current constitution was ratified in 2008. Since that time, the church has made many, many changes to what is our “current constitution.” The Synod has asked congregations to update their constitutions. We were set and ready to do that when the Pandemic hit.**

**We looked at the 2016 Constitution. The 2019 Constitution. And now, we are ready to propose a 2024 Constitution to be the next constitution governing the actions of All Saints going forward. The constitution must be in your hands 30 days prior to the ANNUAL MEETING. E copies are permissible to send out, but hard copies must also be made available upon request.**

**At the November meeting of the Church Council, it was recommended that we present the 2024 ELCA Approved Constitution to the congregation for voting on. Once accepted by the congregation it will be submitted to the Synod for their final approval and the process will come to an end.**

**MAKE SURE WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS, MAKE SURE WE HAVE IT CORRECTLY WRITTEN. A new constitution governing our church is coming your way!**

## **Membership Requirements**

One more time, before years end, we want you to know and to understand that to be a member in “good standing” of All Saints Lutheran Church, you must either receive Communion at least once during the previous year (filling out a communion slip) “OR” you must make a monetary gift to the church (during the previous year) that is recorded with your name attached to it.

To vote at an ANNUAL MEETING, you MUST do BOTH, you have to give an offering that is recorded with your name attached to it AND you MUST take communion on at least one occasion during the previous year (filling out a communion slip.)

Failure to follow these requirements removes one’s name to inactive status in the life of the church.



## World Concerns

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It's hard to believe how fast the holidays are approaching ...

On December 9th, 2023, between 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. we are having our Christmas Bazaar and Cookie Sale and we are expecting a "special guest" — Can you guess who? Yes, it's Santa Claus! It should be a lot of fun!  
So, mark your calendar.

My team and I will be working on wrapping the shoe boxes for "Santa in a Shoebox" on SUNDAY, December 10th, between 12 — 4 P.M.

We are planning a wrapping party with the Sunday School Children on December 14th, at 5:30 P.M.

The Food Pantry is asking for the month of December for Boxed milk and little canned hams...and looking ahead to SUPERBOWL SUNDAY we will once again be asking for soups...as always there is a lot going on...

Elaine Kleinhans, World Concerns, Chairperson





## 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 the best flavor!

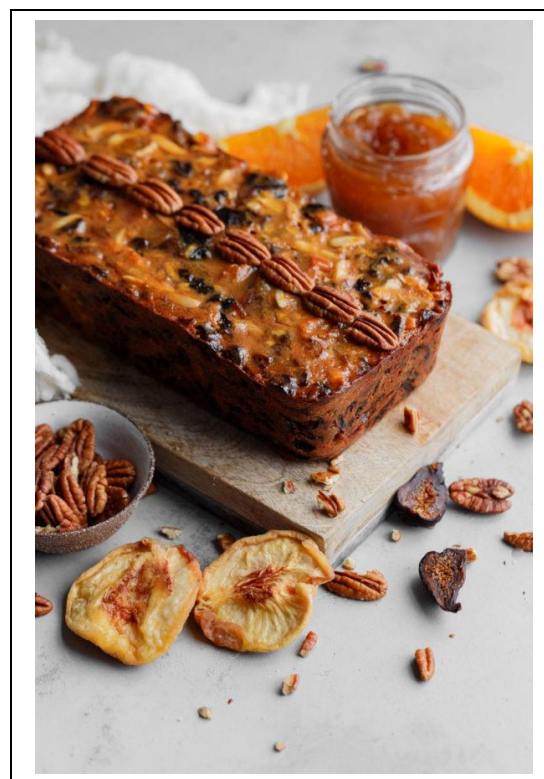
### Ingredients

#### *Soaked Fruit Mixture:*

- 1¼ cups (200 g) dark raisins
- 1¼ 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

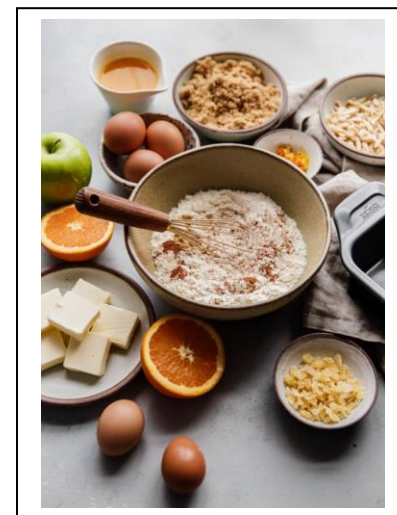
#### *Fruit Cake Ingredients:*

- 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 inside 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.

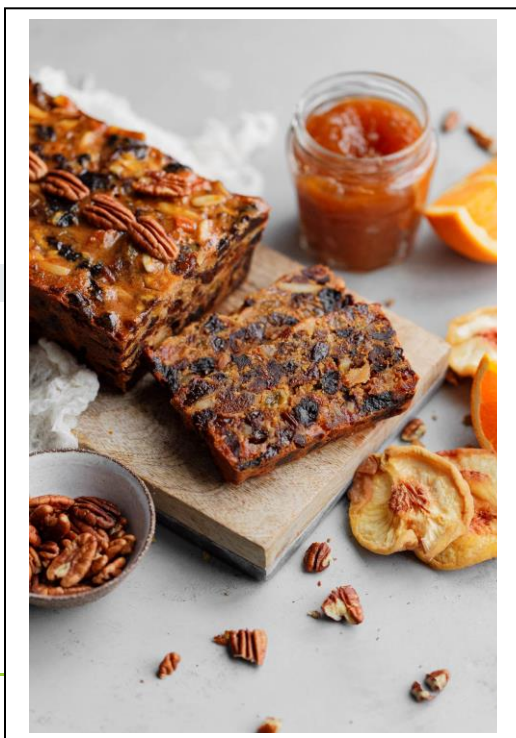
- In a medium mixing bowl, whisk together the all-purpose flour, baking powder, spices, and salt. Set it aside.
- In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment, cream the softened butter and light brown sugar together over medium-high speed for 3 minutes, or until light and fluffy. Reduce 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: **1serving**, calories: **196kcal**,  
 carbohydrates: **36g**, protein: **3g**, fat: **5g**,  
 saturated fat: **2g**, polyunsaturated fat: **2g**,  
 cholesterol: **30mg**, sodium: **58mg**, fiber: **2g**,



# Facebook

## Live Streaming

**Live Streaming for the month of December:**

**Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Bob Payne**

**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, Judy Wolter**

**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, Dennis Schneider**

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Dale Hochevar**

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 P.M. - Open**

**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, Bob Payne**

**Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, Judy Wolter**

**Please go out of your way, to thank these folks!**

**Thank you, guys! You are appreciated!**



## Youth Ministry



It's the most wonderful time of the year. Time for shopping and wrapping, baking, and eating, singing, and celebrating, decorating the house (inside and out), not to mention putting out milk and cookies for Santa (and don't forget some sugar for Roudolph).

All these fun things to do as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our risen Lord. Speaking of celebrating, here are some more holidays in December.

Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Advent Begins	Dec 20 <sup>th</sup>	Go Caroling Day
Dec 5 <sup>th</sup>	Repeal Day (Cheers to that)	Dec 21 <sup>st</sup>	Look On The Bright Side Day
Dec 6 <sup>th</sup>	St. Nicholas Day	Dec 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Festivus (for the rest of us)
Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>	International Children's Day	Dec 24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Eve / National Chocolate Day
Dec 14 <sup>th</sup>	International Monkey Day	Dec 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day
Dec 17 <sup>th</sup>	National Maple Syrup Day	Dec 31 <sup>st</sup>	New Year's Eve

A very special thank you to Debbie Maley for heading up our annual Butterbraid fundraiser.

Thank you to all the youth and members who took orders. Thank you to Tara Roslawski for helping distribute and thank you to everyone who purchased or donated to support our youth group. All these efforts helped us to raise \$1,164.50 for our youth group!

The youth group will be participating in an off-site winter fun activity this February. Currently, it looks like either bowling or Sky Zone trampoline center. Either way, I'm sure the youth will have a wonderful time!

December 14<sup>th</sup> is our annual Christmas Caroling and Pizza Party! We will also have a birthday party for Teddy Lang who will be turning 13 years old that very day!! Thanks so much Teddy for celebrating your birthday by bringing joy to those around us. YOU ROCK DUDE!!

Kayla Lang gave me a great idea for our confirmation kids and their families. I will have suggested that over the month of December, they read one chapter of the Gospel of Luke each night. Since there are 24 chapters in Lukes Gospel it will be a great family activity to prepare for our coming celebration of Jesus' birth. I encourage all to make this an annual family tradition.

Thus ends another year of youth articles. Time to start thinking of new and fun ideas for next year. In the meantime, shine up those Festivus poles, cook up your best meatloaf, and prepare yourselves for the feats of strength and my personal favorite, the airing of grievances. And once your Festivus celebration has come to an end, remember to say a little prayer of thanks to Jesus, it is of course his birthday too.

On behalf of the All-Saints Youth Group, have a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Dennis Schneider

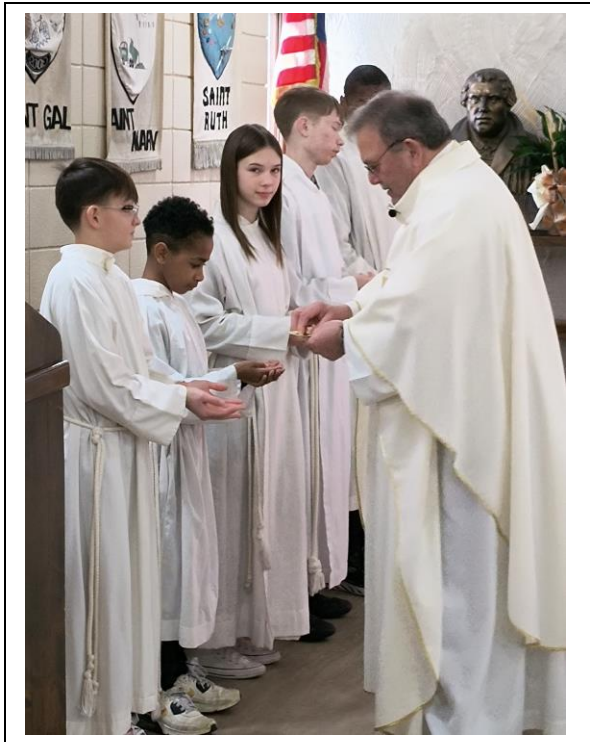


## Swap & Helping Hands Board

**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.**

# Christ the King Sunday Processional



## 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.

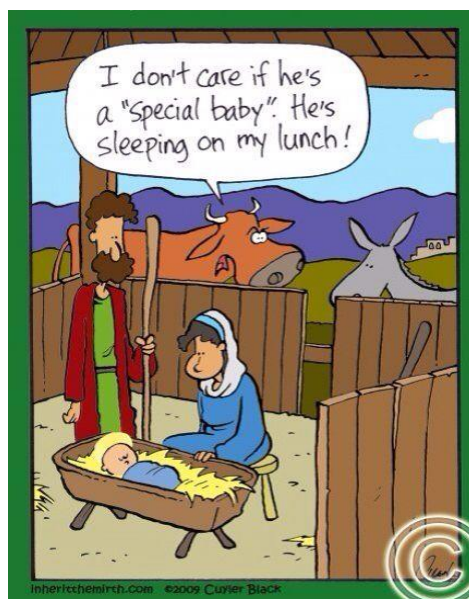
The policeman asked, 'Then how come I can smell wine?'

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.

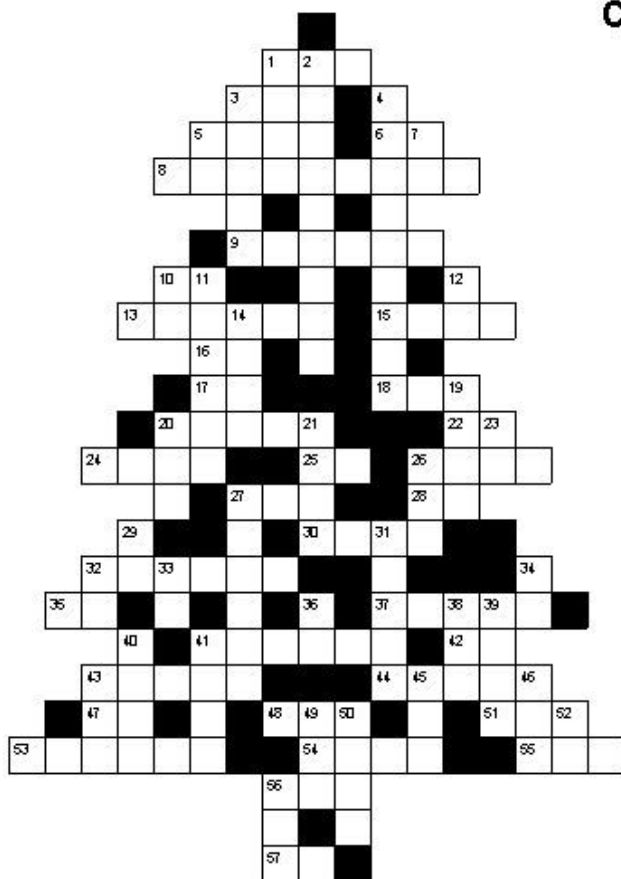
Father O'Malley, having watched for a while, approaches the beggars. He says to the man with the Star of David, 'Don't you realize that this is a Catholic country? You'll never get any contributions holding a Star of David.'

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?'





## Christmas



### Across

1. President
3. Observe
5. Discuss
6. "And \_\_\_\_\_ shall reign over the house of Jacob..."
8. Flock watchers
9. Satisfy
10. The great I \_\_\_\_\_
13. Mary's resting place
15. Mother of Jesus
16. Negative
17. "\_\_\_\_\_ and search diligently for the young child"
18. Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God
20. The baby
22. "...and shall be called the Son \_\_\_\_\_ of the Highest."
24. Destitute
25. "...and laid Him \_\_\_\_\_ a manger"
26. Bearded nanny
27. "And she brought her first born \_\_\_\_\_"
28. "...and \_\_\_\_\_ earth peace, good will towards men."
30. Wiseman gift
32. "And \_\_\_\_\_ him with all the heart" (two words)
35. "...what have we to \_\_\_\_\_ with thee, thou Jesus..."
37. What the wisemen brought
41. Stepfather
42. Either
43. More accurate.
44. "And all went to be \_\_\_\_\_, every one into his own city."
47. "For unto you \_\_\_\_\_ born this day
48. No room here
51. Consume
53. Singing Cherubs
54. Present decorations
55. "For unto you is born, this \_\_\_\_\_ in the city..."
56. Pro
57. Way to win in boxing

### Down

1. Jump
2. Birth city
3. Shepherds flock
4. The Holiday we observe
5. Brand of suger
7. Mr. McMahon
10. "Hee shall be born of Mary, \_\_\_\_\_ Jerusalem..."
11. Baby's bed
12. Northwestern state
14. Hisses
19. Mid day
20. Happiness
21. What the angels did
23. "\_\_\_\_\_ la la la la la la la"
26. Jehovah
27. Redeemer
29. "His name was called Jesus, which was \_\_\_\_\_ named of the angel"
31. Illumination
32. "and it came \_\_\_\_\_ pass..."
33. "... and \_\_\_\_\_, the star which they saw in the east..."
34. "When \_\_\_\_\_ his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph,"
36. "Master what shall \_\_\_\_\_ do?"
38. Sly canine
39. Decorated pine
40. "...behold, there came \_\_\_\_\_ men from the east."
41. Not Gentiles
43. Parable of the \_\_\_\_\_ tree
45. Mary's transportation
46. Father
49. Broadcast TV network
50. Christmas carol
52. Instructor's helper
56. Inquire



## Letters we receive: Correspondence



*Dear PJ, Kinga, Sue LaFond, and Council*

*Thank you for making October 29, 2023, such a special day for our family. Cora and Theo's 1<sup>st</sup> Communion and Elaina's Baptism will be a cherished memory for us. We loved the sermon "you might be a Lutheran" and the music ("Borning Cry" is such a favorite); the cake and corsages made it extra special. The bibles, certificates, special announcements and being the first to communion made Theo and Cora very proud.*

*With much gratitude,*

*Mary Jo and Randy Meier*

*P.S. Use the check for whatever is needed*



*Dear PJ and All Saints,*

*It's easy to overlook the impact with have on others, but the truth is, your influence is far-reaching to our youth. You make a difference in their lives. You inspire minds in ways you may not even realize. Your compassion made a world of difference to the girls. We thank you for allowing them to have their special day with the Church a week early.*

*Thank you!*

*Love,*

*Kayla and Kevin Lang*



*Dear PJ and All Saints,*

*Thank you for getting me to this milestone in my life.  
I greatly appreciate you moving our date to earlier because of  
soccer. I believe I placed 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Many thanks to you and the Church.  
Rorrie Lang*



*Dear PJ and All Saints,*

*Thank you for helping me complete my journey to get confirmed.  
Thank you for putting in your time and effort into me.  
I appreciate all that you do.  
Samara Lang*

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>Bulletins</u>	<u>Memorial Candle</u>	<u>Honor Candle</u>
Nov 25 to Dec 1	Vnuk	LaFond	OPEN	Vnuk
December 2 to 8	Vnuk	OPEN	Vnuk	Bishop
December 9 to 15	Dittmann	McIntosh	OPEN	OPEN
December 16 to 22	Murnane	McIntosh	Rathmann	Murnane
December 24 Christmas Eve	Worship & Music	Kleinhans	OPEN	OPEN
December 25 Christmas Day	Worship & Music	Kleinhans	OPEN	OPEN
Dec 27 to 29	Schramer	OPEN	Cieszynski	OPEN
Dec 30 to Jan 5	Montague	OPEN	Cieszynski	Vnuk

**1st Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 64:1-9  
 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
 1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
 Mark 13:24-37

**2nd Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 40:1-11  
 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13  
 2 Peter 3:8-15a  
 Mark 1:1-8

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
 Psalm 126  
 1 Thess 5:16-24  
 John 1:6-8, 19-28

**4th Sunday of Advent**

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16  
 Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26  
 Romans 16:25-27  
 Luke 1:26-38

**Nativity of Our Lord**

Isaiah 9:2-7  
 Psalm 96  
 Titus 2:11-14  
 Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

**1st Sunday of Christmas**

Isaiah 61:10-62:3  
 Psalm 148  
 Gal 4:4-7  
 John 1:1-14

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