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ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA

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



MARCH

Saturday: 5:00 pm Liturgy I
Sunday: 8:45 am SCS
9:00 am Pericope
10:00 am ELW Liturgy
Wednesday: 7:00 pm LBW Lenten Liturgy

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

SATURDAY
11:00 – 7:00



- 3-2 Kathleen Grom
- 3-3 Shawn Runningen
- 3-4 Gwendolyn Meier
- 3-6 Luke Meier
- 3-7 Jeffrey LaFond, Jacob Meier
- 3-8 Tim Allmann, Susan LaFond,
Wendy Osgood
- 3-10 Frederick Ruhl, Pat St. Louis,
Patricia Martinez
- 3-11 Pat Hanson
- 3-12 Kayla Lang, Ben Welker
- 3-13 Suz Pitts
- 3-16 Jill Borchardt, Mike McIntosh
- 3-19 Sean Kingston
- 3-20 Rebecca Claus, Pam Kawczynski,
Dee McCullough
- 3-24 Tyler Kingston, Andrew Koenig,
Bill Boyce
- 3-25 Janet Mittelstadt, Greg Polacheck,
- 3-28 Chris Windschanz

- 3-1 Gerald and Debra Pavlik
- 3-9 Matt and Kelly Susek
- 3-25 Daniel and Bonnie Dailey



COVER ART

**“Endless Purple” –
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: "An Amazing Story"

The Amazing Story concerns a man, a general laborer who lived 2,000 years ago in an obscure Roman province in a town called Nazareth. At age 30, the Man hung up the tools of his trade and began to speak publicly up and down the countryside.

Religious leaders were ambivalent at best. Most felt deeply threatened, because this ex-day worker taught in a huge outdoor area with compelling authority -- and he healed all kinds of people. Not just colds and fevers, but crippled limbs and blind eyes. On two occasions, he even brought people back from the dead.

The religious leaders saw their orderly world spinning out of their control.

And so, they determined to eliminate the guy.

They infiltrated his inner circle so they could grab him away from public view.

And once in custody, they engineered a trial behind closed doors, and then put huge political pressure on the Roman governor to execute him immediately.

Within 12 hours of his arrest, the guy hung on a cross. Six hours later he was dead -- seemingly a martyr to a glorious but hopeless cause.

But there's more.

The guy did not resist his arrest and crucifixion -- in fact, he had predicted it to his followers again and again.

And he taught that his death would have incredible meaning -- that he would give his life as a ransom for many, if not, all. That is, his death would pay the ransom price for a multitude of people who were enslaved by their sins -- and set them free.

That's what he said.

And on that cross, he prayed for his crucifiers -- certainly enslaved in *their* sins -- "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing."

And he died.

A Roman centurion who saw him die said, "Surely, this man was the Son of God."

He died on a Friday at just about three in the afternoon.

By dusk he had been buried by a rich follower in a tomb hollowed out of solid rock, a tomb protected by a huge stone that rolled into place along a channel in the rock, then clunk!

The tomb was secure.

Friday night and all-day Saturday his cold body lay there.

But Sunday morning, the Sunday we call Easter, some women had come to complete the hasty burial and they found the stone rolled back and the tomb empty.

An angel appeared to them saying, "He is not here, he has risen." This, too, the guy, Jesus, had foretold to his followers.

Over the next 40 days, he appeared to his disciples and others, even 500 at one time. It was insane. His Spirit was poured out on his followers a few days later. Within a single generation, his followers traveled with the "Amazing Story" to all of the known world.

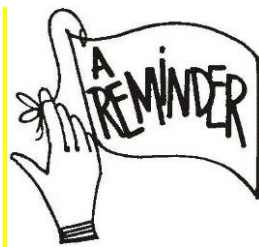
Our world has never been the same.

Because where people believe the story, they find forgiveness, freedom, and meaning.

They receive the Spirit of God themselves and they begin to show love for one another...and for all others...and all because of the life, of this one guy.

Do you know the guy of whom I speak? Do your children? And your children's children? It is an amazing story, about an amazing guy!

See you in church!
Pr. Mortenson



Revealer Articles are due on [Wednesday March 20th by Noon.](#)

With extending the deadline, to the Wednesday after Council meets - this is a firm deadline for all Revealer Articles. You are encouraged to send them to the church office in advance if possible. Please make sure to have them in on time. Thank you.

You may know why Holy Thursday is called "Maundy Thursday," but do you know why the day before it is called Spy Wednesday?

Many Christians, on hearing the name "Spy Wednesday," assume that *Spy* must be a corruption or abbreviation of a Latin word. That's a reasonable assumption: After all, the *Maundy* in Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday) is an anglicization (by way of Old French) of the Latin *mandatum* ("mandate" or "command"), referring to Christ's commandment to His disciples at the Last Supper in John 13:34 ("A new commandment I give unto you: That you love one another, as I have loved you").

But in the case of Spy Wednesday, the word means exactly what we think it means. It's a reference to Judas's action in Matthew 26: 14-16:

"Then went one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, to the chief priests, and said to them: What will you give me, and I will deliver him unto you? But they appointed him thirty pieces of silver. And from thenceforth, he sought opportunity to betray him."

The beginning of Matthew 26 seems to place that event two days before Good Friday. Thus, a spy entered the midst of the disciples on Wednesday of Holy Week, when Judas resolved to betray our Lord for 30 pieces of silver.

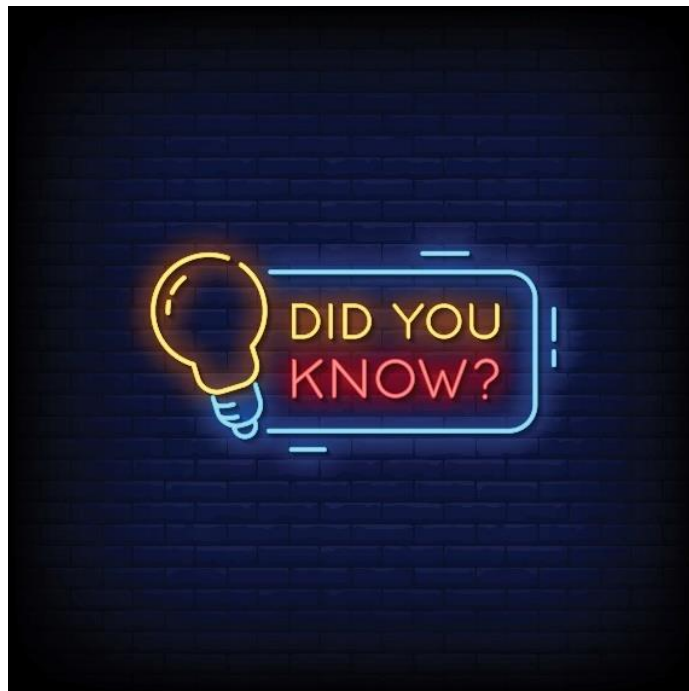


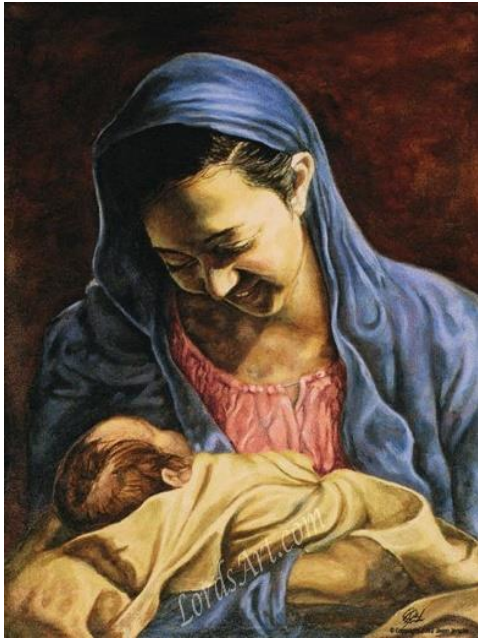
“SPY WEDNESDAY”

(IT IS “A THING!”)

Did You Know?

- That...Easter baskets have special symbolism. The woven treat containers represent birds' nests and new life, especially when filled to the brim with eggs.
- That...Easter lilies are a relatively new tradition. These beautiful blooms first originated in Japan and arrived in England in the late 18th century. The United States only caught onto the trend after World War I.
- That...Easter clothes used to be considered good luck. An old superstition held that if you wore new clothes on Easter, you would have good luck for the rest of the year.
- That...The holiday was named after the Anglo-Saxon goddess Eostre. Scholars believe that Easter was named after a festival celebrating Eostre and the coming of spring.
- That...Good Friday is recognized as a holiday in only 12 states. Occurring two days before Easter Sunday, Good Friday commemorates Jesus Christ's crucifixion, but it isn't a federal holiday. Only certain states officially observe it, include New Jersey, North Carolina, and Tennessee.
- That...In 2020, 77% of American adults celebrated the holiday.
- We can thank Germany for the bunny. The idea of the Easter bunny delivering candy and eggs originated in Germany during the Middle Ages, with the first written mention of this tradition dating back to the 16th century.





LET'S TALK ABOUT MARY!

The time their twelve year old got lost in Jerusalem and they finally found him in the Temple, Mary said, "Behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing" and as things turned out, it was "a shadow of things to come."

It's not too hard to imagine her sorrowing again when Jesus left a good, steady job in Nazareth to risk his neck wandering around all over creation to proclaim whatever it was he thought he was proclaiming.

Part of her sorrow was presumably that she loved him too much for himself instead of for "the wild and holy business" he thought he'd been called to.

Another part must have been that like just about everybody else who was closest to him in Nazareth, she never really understood "what he was doing" and may well have been one of the ones who, when he came back home once, decided he must be "off his rocker." "He is beside himself," they said and tried to lock him up for his good.

For all the sentimentalizing that their relationship has come in for since, there's no place in the gospels where he speaks some special, kind, loving words or does "some special loving thing" for the woman who gave him birth.

"You get the idea" that he felt he couldn't belong truly to anybody unless he somehow belonged equally to everybody. They were all his mothers and brothers and sisters, and there's no place in the record where he offers her anything more than he offered to anybody else.

Except for those stark words on the cross, "Mother behold your son."



Council Capsules

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

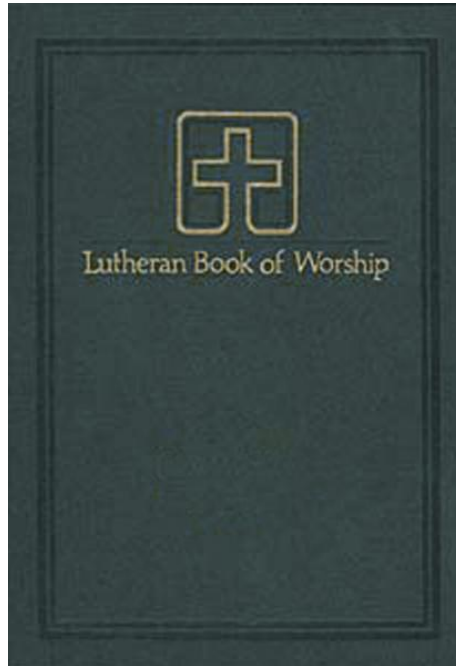
- Two new duties were added to the custodial Job Description, (Kitchen and Storage Upkeep)
- A Bingo Night was set for March 23rd at 6:00 P.M. Sponsored by the Evangelism Committee.
- “A MINGLE & KRINGLE” event was set by the Evangelism Committee welcoming NEW MEMBERS received.
- \$3,158.49 in Gift Card Profits from the fiscal year 2023 will go under a new line item established for NEW WINDOWS.
- The INSTALLATION OF THE NEWLY ELECTED CHURCH COUNCIL will take place on Sunday, March 10th at the 10 A.M. liturgy.
- The Greater Milwaukee Synod Office will be contacted regarding the possibility of inviting the Reverend Paul Erickson, Bishop of the Greater Milwaukee Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to join us in worship and for coffee fellowship following the liturgy.

Respectfully submitted,

PJ (for the Church Council Secretary)



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



If you enjoyed the LBW (LUTHERAN BOOK OF WORSHIP),
You still have a few opportunities to worship with us, using the Second Setting...

OUR MIDWEEK LENTEN LITURGIES
On Wednesday nights at 7:00 P.M.
Are featuring the "old" Green Book as our liturgy of choice!

It is like a blast from the past!
It is fun!
There is some great music...
And
You get a midweek Lenten Meditation
All at the same time!

We think
It's a win/win situation!

Come and join us, we meet on Wednesday's at 7:00

Come on...
You know
You want to give it a try!

ALL ARE WELCOME!



WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOD MEN ...

... or women to become money counters. For those of you who don't know, the money counters are a group of dedicated men and women who, each Sunday after liturgy, count the weekly giving. There are three people on each team, the function happens each Sunday after liturgy, and it takes about 30-40 minutes to get the job done. That's it:

So - if you're interested, please let me know and you'll be put on a team of "veteran" counters who will "show you the ropes." It's really easy — and you'll get to meet some new friends.

Thanks...

Barbara Schrubey

bschrubey@yahoo.com

414-421-4134



GIFT CARDS UPDATE

Last year's gift card profit totaled \$3,158.49. Council voted to have that profit go to the "Window" fund.

There were inquiries lately as to why the percentage of gift card purchase does not appear on the GIFT CARD ORDER FORM. The reason: the percentages are always changing, and it was just too difficult to keep up to date on the changes. That would mean the change would have to be made, new forms printed up, old forms thrown away (a complete waste of good paper), etc.

So - if you want to see what percentage our church makes from your gift card purchase, please check the three-ring binder located at the gift card table. Thanks...

PASCHAL TRIDUUM

At a recent Pericope study, we were discussing the Triduum. It was acknowledged that many people know nothing about THE THREE GREAT DAYS. The reason became apparent. People come to worship on Palm/Passion Sunday, and then, on the following Sunday, Easter...and they miss out on and are completely unaware of everything that takes place in between.

The holiest days of the liturgical year are during HOLY WEEK. What exactly is the Easter Triduum? We are talking about the THREE GREAT DAYS!



Maundy Thursday Good Friday Black (or Holy Saturday)

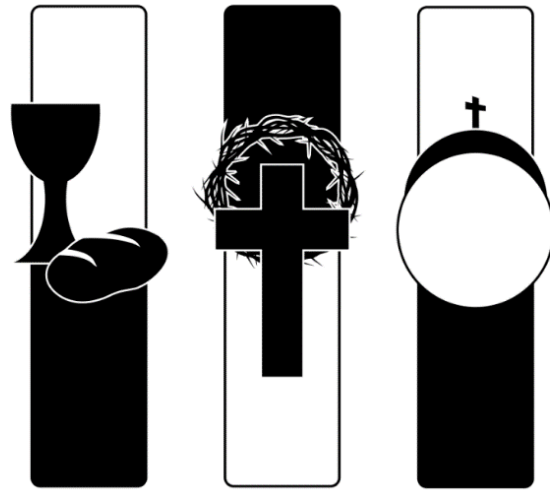
Good Friday, we know. And Easter most certainly. But what is Maundy Thursday? Maundy Thursday is the Thursday before Easter, believed to be the day when Jesus celebrated his final Passover with His disciples. Most notably, that Passover meal was when Jesus washed the feet of His disciples in an extraordinary display of humility. He then commanded them to do the same for each other.

(Sometimes the day is called "Holy Thursday!")

Usually, the feet of representatives of the congregation are washed. A male, a female, a child (perhaps a teenager) sometimes, a newborn, a Senior Citizen. Usually there would be four to five individuals, and people actually sign up in advance for this!

This year, there will be one, intentionally and on purpose. It will be a lone woman.

Would Jesus have washed the feet of his own mother? In a patriarchal culture could that even happen?



TRIDUUM

Good Friday is a Christian holiday commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary. It is observed during Holy Week as part of the Paschal Triduum. It is also known as Holy Friday, Great Friday, Great and Holy Friday, and Black Friday. This is the only day during the liturgical year that the Eucharist is not celebrated. The Sanctuary candle is also extinguished. The "Tenebrae" is a liturgy of shadows and darkness.

Holy Saturday, also known as Great and Holy Saturday, the Great Sabbath, Hallelujah Saturday, Saturday of the Glory, Sábado de Gloria, and Black Saturday or Easter Eve, and called "Joyous Saturday", "the Saturday of Light", is the final day of Holy Week, between Good Friday and Easter Sunday, when Christians prepare for the latter. It is a somber day, looking forward with hope to the resurrection. The Eucharist is celebrated. It is a stark day. We await the resurrection of our new life.





You know we have them...

And, if you are interested, there is a box at the GIFT CARD TABLE that does tell you which gift cards give the biggest percentage back to the church. The problem is that those percentages are fluid, and they can change at any time throughout the year. But you can get an idea...

Actually, they ALL HELP OUT YOUR CHURCH...this is a great fundraiser for us.

IF ONLY...we could encourage more members to utilize this service on a regular basis.

Some of us, cannot go to the grocery store without using gift cards, or at the pump...or when we go out to eat...

They also make great gifts...

Cards are ordered on a weekly basis, the turn-around time is just a couple of days.

Cards ordered on a Monday are normally received at the church by Thursday...

We are always happy to help you and to answer any questions that you might have.

Stop by the GIFT CARD TABLE before or after any liturgy, we are there to help you...and remember ALL OF THE PROFIT goes directly to OUR CHURCH! Stop by and see us! We'd love to serve you!

Evangelism



Next Meeting:
March 11th at
6:00pm

This month was our first meeting since the Annual Meeting. We brainstormed ideas for new events for the Church, community outreach, and engaging our many visitors.

We are excited to bring these ideas to life this year!

If you're interested in learning more about the Evangelism Committee or joining us, please reach out to Brittany Czarny (Brittany.czarny@outlook.com).

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Czarny

New Member Mingle

Help us welcome our newest members into our Church family by joining us for Kringle & coffee on Sunday, April 14th, 2024 after liturgy.



We welcomed 15 new members in 2023 and continue to grow into 2024.





BINGO NIGHT

Join us for an unforgettable evening of excitement, camaraderie, and the thrill of winning fun prizes at All Saints' Bingo Night! Get your dabbers ready and mark your calendars for an evening filled with anticipation and fun!

MARCH 23RD

6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

\$1 per card
First sheet FREE
(4 sheet max)

SPECIAL SHEET
Available after each session

**Concessions Available
to purchase**

**Great
Prizes**

Fun for all ages!



PRAYER REQUESTS

Lynn Speaks
Asher Ray
Chuck Kocourek
John Gruber
Jerry Pavlik
David Heine
Peggy Rudolph-Lisle
Debbie Maley
Sydney LaFond
Katie Ruka
Diane Salewski
Rita Cieszynski
Rob Kawczynski
Joel Raison
Ana Rivas
Randy Meier
Dave Schulte
The fathers of Pam Kawczynski, Jodi Heine, Suz Pitts

Justin Halter
Diane Hogan
Derk Vander Molen
John Krajnak
Corb & Mike Erickson
Brian St. Louis
Kenadee, Granddaughter of Rob & Pam
Jeff LaFond
The niece of Mike & Sue McIntosh
The mother of Tom Grudzielanek
All those addicted
The children of Rita St. Louis
Brother of Howard MacMillan
Our Police Officers
Firefighters
Paramedics
All First Responders

Keep those prayers coming...



**PRAYER
REQUESTS**



I thought I knew about Saint Patrick. The guy who banished snakes from Ireland, then converted everyone to Christianity by noting that the three-leaf clover was a perfect symbol of the Trinity. He performed many miracles. Because of that, there's a big parade down New York's Fifth Avenue on March 17, and all the bars serve green beer, right?

The real Saint Patrick—or Patricius, to use his given name—proved far more interesting. Contrary to myth, Patrick did not rid Ireland of snakes—the Emerald Isle never had any—and though he might have used the three-leaf clover in a sermon, the greatest miracle he ever performed is what God made of his life.

Patricius wasn't even Irish by birth. He was born into a British Christian family sometime in the late fourth century (though it is hard to know when). It was in England that he learned his rudimentary Latin and, during the waning Roman Empire, lived in prosperity and security. Then as a teenager, he was kidnapped, whisked off to Ireland, and sold as a slave to a chieftain there, who made him a shepherd. He lived in the cold, unforgiving, damp climate with little more than the skin on his back.

Young Patricius turned to prayer to sustain himself, as he later recounted in his memoir, *Confession*. He forged a deep relationship with God while tending the flock. "In one day," as he later wrote, "I would say as many as a hundred prayers and after dark nearly as many again, even while I remained in the woods or on the mountain. I would wake and pray before daybreak—through snow, frost, rain."

Patricius's influence on Ireland was transformational. In time, the petty warring stopped, and monasteries were established places where Scriptures would be saved, preserved, and copied. As the Roman Empire disintegrated and the Dark Ages descended, chaos disappeared from the Emerald Isle, a land changed by the work of one man. Never underestimate what one person can do.



Liturgy Committee –

Didn't we just finish Advent and Christmas?? Wowzers, time does seem to fly by!!

Flowers have been ordered for our Easter Garden in the Sanctuary and plans are in the works for a very special Holy Week.

Hopefully...you will be able to come to the liturgies during Holy Week.

They will be at 7 pm on Wednesday (3/27), Thursday (3/28), and Friday (3/29). Saturday liturgy will be at 5 pm as usual (but a little different!)

The story of the last week of Jesus' life will be presented from the point of view of Mary, his mother. Why don't you make a plan to attend all of them this year!

As a gentle reminder, when handing out the wine during communion, please remember to say 'The Blood of Christ' as the person takes a Communion glass filled with wine or grape juice.

Thank you to everyone who helps out with readings, communion, ushering and greeting at all of the liturgies. Your help is greatly appreciated!!

Many Thanks

Jayne

*Where your
treasure is,
there will
your heart
be also.
Matt. 6:21*

My Offering

Name _____

Address _____

Amount _____

HELP US OUT PLEASE

For those of you who are using offering envelopes, you MUST PUT YOUR NAME ON THE ENVELOPE, AND ALSO YOUR ENVELOPE NUMBER (if you know it).

Lately the money counters have had to guess on a few envelopes as to "who owns them."

If you don't put your name (please write/print so that it can be read) on your envelope and you're not on our current member list, your offering will just be recorded as "loose", and you won't receive credit for your offering on your year-end giving statement. And - AGAIN - if you want/need offering envelopes, please sign up on the sheet hanging on the bulletin board going into the Fellowship Hall. Thanks...



Moriah Joy Says...

PREPARING FOR WORK!

Those leisurely moments before leaving for work...before the stress and the strain of being a church dog take hold, having to be on guard, greeting people, putting your best paw forward, looking out the windows, waiting for the UPS guy to make a delivery, making sure the property and offices are safe, looking for intruders and wondering who the next person will be through the church doors. It is a hectic day, I tell you.

Someone has to watch the sidewalks and the parking lot.

Someone needs to be on the lookout...

So, there are moments of relaxation and reflection beforehand...wondering what today will hold in store...

Who will show up, who will greet me, and who will ignore me completely?

Breathe deeply and relax. It will all happen soon enough. Keep your eye on my driver, when he grabs the jacket and the leash, you know it is GO TIME! If you are noticing the wall clock, this photo was taken the night before...I was anticipating the next day's events, even then...

It's good to "paws" and reflect, it is LENT, you know...

Daylight saving time officially begins on Sunday, March 10 at 2 a.m. when we will “spring forward” our clocks ahead by one hour, shifting more light into the evening hours. It will last until Sunday, Nov. 3 at 2 a.m. when we “fall back” for standard time.



Unfortunately, this time around it is spring forward, meaning we will be losing an hour of sleep, if not more...

So, ON SUNDAY, MARCH 10th, will you be one of those waking up and showing up at worship on time, or not?





SPRING CRAFT FAIR
March 16th, 2024
9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Many hands are needed to have a successful event!!! Sign-up sheets are posted on the front door of the church. Please help as you can, with your donations and time. Call the church at 414-762-5111 to ask that what you can sign up for.

RAFFLE DONATIONS NEEDED:

We are looking for these new items for the raffle baskets:

Brewer items

Black and white items for Road America basket

Harley Davidson items

Pokemon cards or toys

Cat items for pets

Margarita basket items

Scrip cards – any amount, any type

LARGE baskets (recycled is great)

Any questions contact Lynn at 262-930-0772

BAKERS NEEDED!



Please “no refrigeration needed” baked goods - as refrigerator space is very limited.

We need cupcakes, cookies, breads, candy, fudge, muffins, Rice Krispy bars, and full-sized and individual sized pies!



Help is needed (Mark your calendars):

[Thursday, March 14 from 5:30-6:00 PM -](#)

Help needed to move chairs, and tables! Please help if you can!! We need lots of help but should only take 30 minutes if we have 10+ people. Youth we need you!

Breakdown of the Sanctuary. Move chairs, remove chair holders, move altar, and hymnals to make room for craft tables and chairs.

[Friday, March 15 from 2:00-6:30 PM](#)

Bring in baked goods. We will price the baked goods for you. *Plastic containers are available outside the kitchen area.*

Clean and Set-up kitchen for luncheon starts at 1 pm. [NEED FOOD DONATIONS BY NOON on Friday! It's okay to drop off a day or two prior!](#)



[Saturday, March 16th from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM](#)

Help needed in many areas, kitchen, runners, greeters and door prize area, raffle table and baked goods table. Please sign up on the church door sign-up sheets. Take a 2-hour shift if you are able. Come to the Craft Fair! We have pottery, wooden crafts, handmade baskets, St Patrick's day gifts, Easter gifts, sewn items, soaps, jewelry, door wreathes, and much more!

We have a great lunch:

Hot turkey sandwiches, BBQ sandwiches and/or foot long hotdogs

Plus, PJ's famous beans all for very reasonable prices

Amazing baked goods, and a fabulous Raffle too!

Come to the craft fair, and shop for unique Easter gifts, birthday gifts, for others or for yourself! Better yet, bring a friend, sister, husband, or neighbor with you! Support your church!

Saturday, March 16 from 2:30-3:45 PM - Many hands and strong bodies needed to put the Sanctuary back together in time for our 5:00 pm Liturgy. We need 10-12 people to help. Many hands make for light work.

The craft fair proceeds are a good part of our annual budget, so we need all the help you are able to give. THANK YOU and God Bless you!!!

Committee meeting (all are welcome to come):

Thursday, March 14th at 5:30 PM Church set-up (moving tables, and chairs)

Friday, March 15th from 2 – 6:30 PM Bakery pricing and kitchen set-up

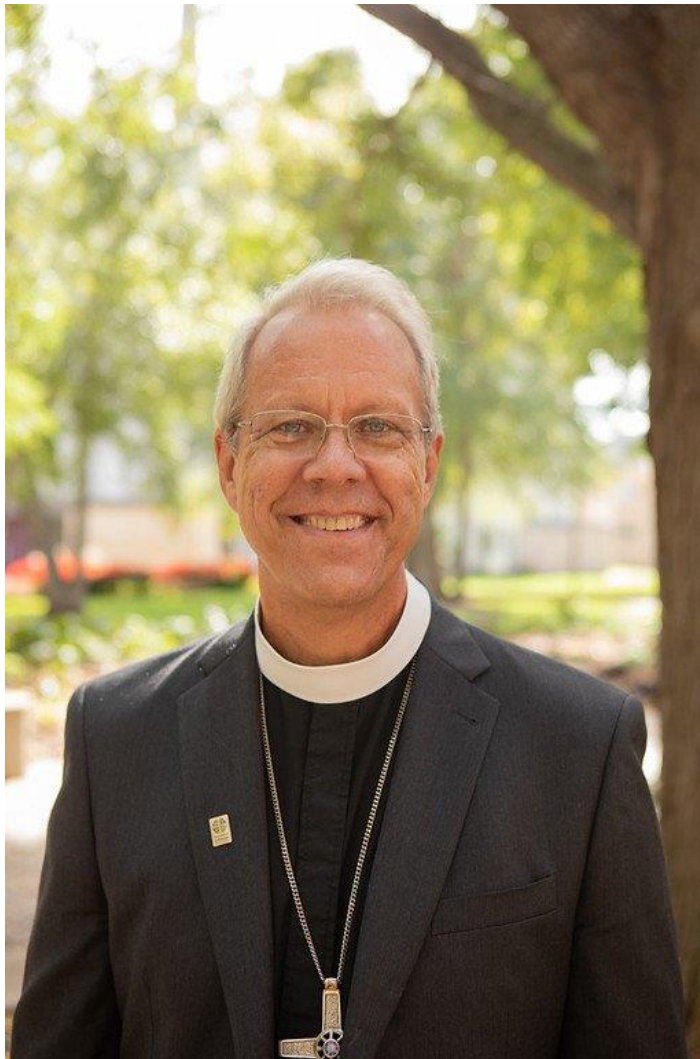
Wednesday, March 20 at 6 PM Post Craft Fair Meeting, wrap up.

Mary Jo Meier, Craft Fair Coordinator
414-530-2339

Please help the Craft Fair Raffle by donating a scrip card. The church receives all the profits from the craft fair raffle (and luncheon, bake sale, and crafter table rentals). Your donation will be added to your church statement. Church gets donation for scrip and for raffle tickets! Double donations! Purchase Scrip of your choice and give this form and the scrip gifts to PJ. He will ensure the Craft Fair committee receives them.

Print your name _____ Address _

SCRIP CARD	AMOUNT	RETURN	QUANTITY	TOTAL \$
Kohls	\$10	5%		
TJ Maxx	\$25	7%		
Pick and Save	\$25	4%		
Pick and Save	\$100	4%		
Sendik's	\$50	5%		
Woodman's	\$50	5%		
Kwik Trip	\$50	10%		
Speedway	\$25	5%		
Marcus Theater	\$25	9%		
Any scrip card	\$			



The Bishop is Coming...The Bishop is Coming!

**The Bishop,
Reverend Paul D. Erickson
Will be joining us in Worship and Fellowship
On
Sunday,
April 28th at 10:00 A.M.
JOIN US!!!**

Property
Committee



Property

Hello everyone!

I just wanted to start off by introducing myself.

I'm Daniel Wipijewski. I am in charge of the Property.

To get to know me a little better here are a few fun facts about" me."

As a full time job I build parts for Airplanes, I enjoy going to Admiral and Brewer Games, and when the weather is nice, I love being outdoors.

With that being said if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me by email calling or texting.

wipijewskid@yahoo.com

414-698-2927

Daniel Wipijewski

Feel free to give me a "shout out!"

Property Committee





WINDOWS...WINDOWS...WINDOWS

You will be hearing a lot about windows in the coming months and years ahead!

All Saints was built in the year 1969.

The addition was put on the building in the year 1985.

So, just “how old” are the windows in this place? The church windows go back in time to the year 1969. The remainder of the windows were all changed out in 1985. We have windows that are 55 years old and windows that are 39 years old. The cranks on most of the casement windows have long since broken. The wood around the windows is not in the best condition.

The time to be looking ahead is now! A NEW LINE ITEM has now been established and a WINDOW FUND is just in its infancy. Just a heads up, we are keeping you in our loop!

Holy Week & Easter Hours of Worship!

Spy Wednesday

7:00 P.M.

Maundy Thursday

7:00 P.M.

Good Friday

7:00 P.M.

Holy Saturday

5:00 P.M.

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

8:00 A.M. Worship!

Breakfast

9:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M. Worship!





Stewardship

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word “stewardship”? Budgets and spreadsheets? Money? Pledge cards? A grateful response to God? What about love? For many congregations of the ELCA, stewardship means “the church asking for money” or it means nothing at all. If it draws to mind anything, it is the three-week annual financial response that happens every fall to ensure there is enough money to fund the budget for the next year. While the annual financial response may be wrapped up in religious language, at the end of the day it is about the need of the congregation to receive rather than the need of the giver to give. Stewardship encompasses so much more than money. It is a way of life. It calls for integration between our faith and the way that we live our lives — we are a church that is energized by lively engagement in our faith and life. Stewardship is a mindset, a culture and a discipline that can never be contained in an annual three-week financial response. According to Clarence Stoughton, former president of Wittenberg University, stewardship is everything we do after we say, “I believe.” It is the way in which we use all of the resources that God has entrusted to our care so that we can love God and our neighbor. Stewardship is about love. “Stewardship is a matter of the heart. My stewardship practices are a response to the boundless love God first showed me. It means that I am grateful for all that God has generously entrusted to me. As a faithful steward and child of God, I understand that (the) decisions I make, in all aspects of my life, reveal my priorities. It is a privilege to share time, talents, and finances, to care for God’s earth and to serve my neighbors. Being a good steward has brought me great joy and has helped me grow spiritually. I am blessed to be a blessing.”

The above paragraphs are taken from the ELCA website on Stewardship. I felt their words were the best to describe what STEWARDSHIP means to me. I hope you will agree.

In closing, I would invite anyone interested in joining me on a Stewardship journey to attend the Stewardship meeting on March 13th at 6:00pm. I look forward to our journey together to develop an ambiance of STEWARDSHIP in your life and in our church.

Submitted by: Kathy Mack Stewardship Chairperson



World Concerns

Our Blood Drive is scheduled for March 19, 2024, from 2-6:30 pm.

If you know anyone who wants to donate or if you want to donate yourself, please contact Lynn Friedman at 414-870-7939.

Flyers are in the bulletins and on Facebook. God bless you for donating it really makes a difference in saving lives.

There was a great turnout for Souper Bowl Sunday. A big thank you!

Food Pantry request for March is as following: jelly, graham crackers, saltines, also needed are packed instant rice, potatoes, and mac and cheese.

For the month of January, we handed out twenty-nine bags of food to feed the hungry. Thank you for your donations and helping the poor. It is greatly appreciated!

Remember the poor!

God's blessings!

Elaine Kleinhans,
World Concerns Committee

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

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



- Elaine Kleinhans
 - Mary Jo Meier
- Phil and Audrey Haerle
 - Judy Wolter
 - Robin Schmitt
- Jo and Sharon Wiorek
 - Tara Roslawski
- Rick and Sue Gorecki

memorials & gifts

The Memorial Committee Sunday, March 10th, 2024

All Saints has always historically had a Memorial Committee. The Committee is made up of the President, the Vice President, The Liturgy Chairperson, two members at large from the congregation, and the Pastor. The two at large members this year (2024) are Debbie Krajnak and Joy Kubusek.

The Committee does not necessarily meet on an annual basis. They convene based on need...or by request. The committee has not convened now in a number of years. There have been no requests or needs presented. Nor is there presently.

When All Saints discarded our old ALLEN ORGAN and made the decision to go with a baby grand piano to lead the congregation in worship, it was the Memorial Committee that led the way. When the Clavinova (Electronic Keyboard) was purchased, that too, was a Memorial Committee motion.

The Memorial Committee can only make recommendations to the Church Council. It is the Church Council that must make all final decisions.

It is the President of All Saints Lutheran Church who oversees all memorial gifts to the church during his/her presidency.

We will keep you informed of any and all actions taken by the Memorial Committee.



Youth Ministry



I can't believe it's March already! It seems like we just celebrated New Year. Last month I spoke a little about how we should help to foster a feeling of welcomeness to the youth in our congregation. Moving forward, I would like to help introduce you all to the wonderful kids we have in our Confirmation class. So, each month I will feature one of our 10 Confirmation students. Without any further ado, I would like to introduce you all to Reese Grudzielanek.

Reese is a member of our 9th grade Confirmation class. She is 15 years old and was born in Ozaukee, WI in December of 2008. She attends Wisconsin Lutheran High School. Her favorite snacks are Kettlecorn Popcorners, and Oreo Cookies. Her Favorite TV show is Chicago P.D. She loves Dolphins and sloths as well as playing softball and basketball. And like most kids, she's not a big fan of homework.

Our winter youth activity was held at Sky Zone on February 10th, 2024. We had 17 youth and 2 adults (chaperones only). Present were Rorrie Lang, Ella Alwin, Kenzie Susek, Gabby Kubenik, Devin Lang, Cashton Loreck, Teddy Lang, Kader Ivamoute, Samara Lang, Lilly Borzick, Brodie Burke, Paxton Polster, Blake Buchanan, Jovie Sodemann, Kobi Maley, Tyler Roslawski, Aiden Kasten, Tara Roslawski and Dennis Schneider. Everyone had a terrific time, along with the jumping, we had popcorn, pizza, and pink lemonade. Thanks to all the parents for your help!

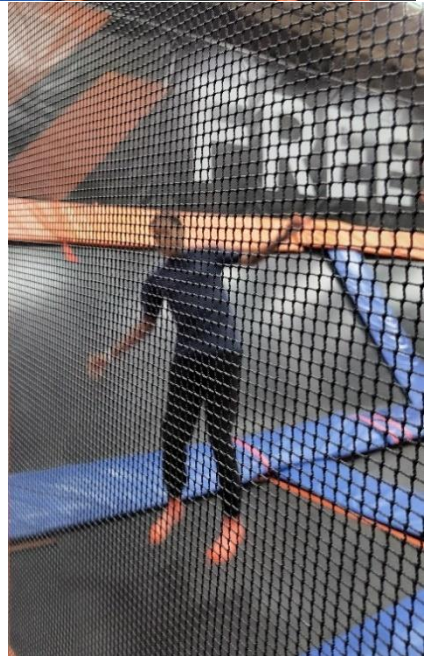
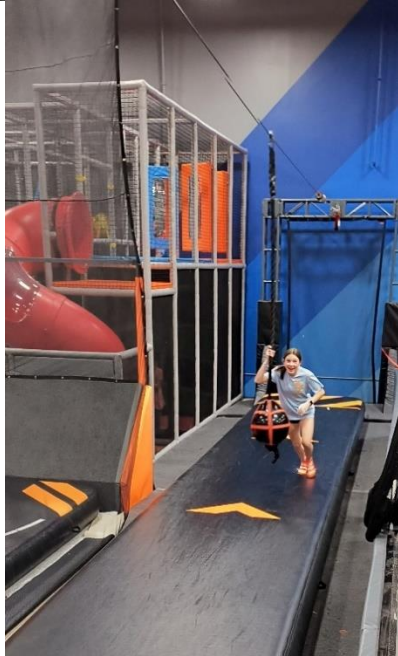
Our Easter Breakfast is coming up on March 31st at 9:00 AM. We will be starting our ticket sales on Sunday March 10th at all three liturgies until Easter Sunday. No Biden-flation over here. Ticket prices will remain the same as they were in the last 2 years. Adults and Kids over 12 are \$7.00, Seniors and Kids 5-12 are \$5.00 and Kids 4 and under are free. The earlier you buy your tickets the better so we can plan the right amount of food, please do not wait. Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex for food/supply donations and volunteers. If anyone would like to make a Thrivent donation we would happily accept.

We are planning for 3 processions coming up. Palm Sunday, and 2 on Easter Sunday.

I will be out of town for work from February 24th through March 8th, PJ will be covering the Confirmation classes for that time. Thanks PJ, you rock!

Our next meeting will be on Thursday March 14th at 6:45pm. Thank you to all of the youth, parents, volunteers, and congregation for your support of our All-Saints youth group.

For the youth,
Dennis Schneider



SKY ZONE





Sunday, March 3 – Judy Wolter
Sunday, March 10 – Lynn Friedman
Sunday, March 17 – Brian Rathmann
Sunday, March 24 – Dennis Schneider
Wednesday, March 27 - Bob Payne
Thursday, March 28 – Lynn Friedman
Friday, March 29 – Dale Hochevar
Saturday, March 30 - Dick Kahle
Easter Sunday, March 31 - 8 am Dale Hochevar
Easter Sunday, March 31 - 10 am Judy Wolter

Thanks, guys!
You are appreciated by many!!!

Mutual Ministry Special Report



Happy Pianist Anniversary to our wonderful Kinga!

22 years?

No way!!!

We are so lucky to have such a fantastic musician to play and sing for us. So, next time you are in church, please prayerfully listen to the amazing music she performs for all of us.

Mutual Ministry Committee.

Lent

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Forgiveness

Healing

Jesus

Prayer



From the Kitchen of Saint Ruth

(Mother of PJ)

Six Layer Dinner

Ingredients:

- 2 cups sliced new potatoes
- 1 cup sliced onions
- 1 cup uncooked rice
- ½ cup chopped green peppers
- 1 lb. raw ground beef
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 pt. cooked tomatoes

Directions:

Peel and slice potatoes and put in the bottom of the baking dish. Add layer of onions, rice, add green peppers, salt, and pepper. Then add ground beef and lastly pour the tomatoes over all ingredients. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 2 hours.

Serves 6

Enjoy!



Letters we receive: Correspondence



To: Barbara Schrubey, Treasurer, All Saints Lutheran Church – ELCA

Barbara,

I am reaching out simply to acknowledge, and offer our humble gratitude, for All Saint's recent pledge of mission support in the amount of \$13,500!

This is no small thing, we know. All Saints has been a valued partner for years, and this pledge is a strong statement of commitment to the beautiful things that God is doing around the region, nation & world.

Personally, I witnessed one of the thousands of ways that those kinds of mission support dollars make a difference in the lives of individuals throughout the world. Just a few weeks ago, I was in El Salvador with our bishop, and as a part of that trip, we met with people who were in very tenuous financial situations who then received a micro-grant to start their own small businesses. These individuals might have otherwise needed to flee their desperate situations, but instead, through the support of the ELCA and churches like yours, received grant funds and have started businesses that provide for them and their communities. We met one woman whose small store had been so successful that she now offers grants to others wanting to start their own businesses. We met another man who was given a one-room house and 100 chicks and was learning how to be a chicken farmer. All of this is possible because of the ways our combined resources flow all around the world. It was touching to see up close...to meet the people affected by the generosity that flows out of our synod.

I share that story with you with the knowledge that there are hundreds...thousands more stories like that. When you send funds to the Greater Milwaukee Synod, just under 50% goes on to the ELCA Churchwide organization, and those sorts of things happen with those dollars.

It is so important to share these stories of impact, so that folks know the incredible investment in ministry that mission support is. I'd be happy to come and share more stories, or you can also check out milwaukeeesynd.org/stories to find more local examples of what is possible because of your generosity.

Please do let me know if there are other ways you think would make an impact for us to share our gratitude with your council or the whole congregation. Please also share this note with All Saints' leaders or members.

Our combined resources change lives...and we are so grateful for your faithful partnership in that mission.

Peace,
Rev. Matthew Short | he, him, his
Assistant to the Bishop for Evangelical Mission
Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA



Hi Moriah Joy,
I was just thinking about you and decided that you need a little blanket of your own.
Hope you like it!

Linda Wood

P.S. Don't let your daddy use it, he has his own...

Sara's Wish List!



and...



**Thank you,
In advance!**



Just for Laughs...

- A recently ordained priest, Father Henry, was to hold his first ever graveside burial service at a pauper's cemetery for a destitute man with no family or friends. Father Henry, not knowing where the cemetery was, made several wrong turns and got lost. He eventually arrived an hour late, the hearse was nowhere in sight, the spade was next to the open hole, and the workmen were sitting under a tree eating lunch. Father Henry, being a reliable young priest went to the open grave and found the vault lid already in place. Feeling guilty because of his lateness, he preached an impassioned and lengthy service, sending the deceased to the great beyond in considerable style. As the good Father returned to his car, he overheard one of the workmen say to the other, 'Do you know, fancy that, I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty five years and I ain't never seen anything like that.'
- 'There will be a meeting of the Board immediately after the service,' announced Reverend Morris. After the close of the service, the group gathered at the back of church for the announced meeting. However, there was a stranger in their midst. He was a visitor who had never attended their church before. 'My friend,' asked Reverend Morris, 'did you understand that this is a meeting of the Board?' 'Oh, yes,' came the response from the visitor, 'and after that sermon, I'm about as bored as you can get.'



LEPERS ... I HEAL LEPERS

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

The donation's BLUE folder is posted 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>
Feb 24 to March 1	Mutual Ministry	Mutual Ministry	Open	Jolitz
March 2 to 8	Mutual Ministry	Templin	Open	Bishop
March 9 to 15	Montague	Kleinhans	Open	Open
March 16 to 22	PJ	Kleinhans	Open	Open
March 23 to 27 PALM SUNDAY	Open	Open	Open	Murnane
March 28 MAUNDY THURSDAY	Open	Open	Open	Open
March 29 GOOD FRIDAY	-----		Open	Open
March 30 to April 5 EASTER	Open	Open	LaFond	Heine



3rd Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17
 Psalm 19
 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
 John 2:13-22

4th Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9
 Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22
 Ephesians 2:1-10
 John 3:14-21

5th Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34
 Psalm 51: 1-12
 Hebrews 5:5-10
 John 12:20-33

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a
 Psalm 31: 9-16
 Philippians 2:5-11
 Mark 14:1-15:47

Resurrection of Our Lord

Acts 10:34-43
 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
 Mark 16:1-8

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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

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Paul Salewski, Captain
Tom Coonan
Judy Wolter

TEAM 2: March 5th, 2024
Don Olsen, Captain
Dena Olsen
Elaine Kleinhans

TEAM 3: March 12th, 2024
Brian Rathmann, Captain
Barbara Schrubey, Captain
Lori Rathmann

TEAM 4: March 19th, 2024
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Lynn Friedman
Tim Jackalone

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