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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.



FEBRUARY

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

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

SATURDAY
11:00 – 7:00



- 2-1 Susan Payne,
Pam Halter
- 2-2 LeeAnn Davies
- 2-3 Grayson Venne
- 2-5 Mary Anderson, Katie Ruka
- 2-6 Marvel Baumgartner
- 2-7 Brandon Kawczynski, Justin Halter
- 2-8 Peggy Todryk, Pat Loso
- 2-9 Chris Boyce, Patti Sprague
- 2-11 Joe Wiorek
- 2-13 Elsie Ellenbecker
- 2-14 Cheri Saylor, Derk Vander Molen
- 2-17 Elizabeth Payne
- 2-18 Bob Payne
- 2-19 Cinnamon Salchow, Chuck Wolter
- 2-20 Coraline Meier
- 2-25 Michelle Dittmar, Carolyn Hughes,
Jaime Stecker, Jeff Sageser
- 2-27 Barb Grobschmidt
- 2-28 James Sprague

- 2-7 Annie and Kevin Polster
- 2-15 Joel and Bonnie Raison
- 2-15 Chuck and Judy Wolter
- 2-17 David and Peggy Todryk
- 2-18 Derk and Karen Vander Molen
- 2-23 Steve and Suz Pitts
- 2-23 TJ and Dora Jackalone



COVER ART

**“Sunset Crossroads” –
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: “Memento Mori”

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you will return...

There was an ancient Roman custom: When a general returned to the city after a great victory over his enemies on the battlefield, he would parade through the streets on a golden chariot receiving the adoring applause and loud crying cheers of the crowd.

However, those achievements and praise could not make a dent in the man's pride leading to a state of extreme hubris and extreme arrogance that made him develop a true delusion of his own importance. Some generals actually began to believe they were invincible.



To avoid this from happening, a slave was in charge of reminding him of his human and mortal nature (limited and perishable) whispering to him: “Respice post te. Hominem te memento,” which meant “Look behind, remember that you are a man”.

In that “same sense,” the phrase “memento mori” was used to remind those great men that regardless of their exploits and glories, the epilogue would be the same for everyone.

In this way, when a victorious general was celebrated in procession through the streets of the city, he was also reminded of his death to prevent him from incurring excessive pride.

The growing tendency in our culture is to deny death and to live in the illusion that we can stay forever young...

We can buy hair, teeth, hearing aids, and even undergo all kinds of cool body sculpting, have our tummies tucked, and get Botox injections to wipe away our wrinkles...and even eliminate the bags under our eyes...

The truth is, we live in a death-defying-denying culture.

None of us are truly prepared to accept the inevitable until “the proverbial writing is on the wall.” We spend our lives distancing ourselves from death. Yet to die is a natural part of the human condition.

Think for a moment about the rituals we practice each day. We wear our seat belts and shoulder harnesses, we watch what we eat, we exercise, and we take vitamins and all sorts of pills and medications. These are all small reminders of what we are trying to hide behind the veil: that death is inevitable.

Our language is rife with death-defying-denying idioms, such as “six feet under” or “he/she passed away.” These idiomatic expressions explicitly avoid making any direct reference to death whatsoever. Through language, we can see that our death-defying-denying culture runs deep. Way deep.

Chasing that illusion often means waging a losing fight against time, keeping our minds occupied with trivial matters, and chasing after objects that don't bring true satisfaction.

In this context, remembering from time to time the Latin phrase "*memento mori*" can become an ode to life.

It encourages us to stop wasting our lives pursuing other people's goals, hoarding material possessions, or worrying about trivial matters. Life is too short for that nonsense.

Ultimately, it can motivate us to take that first step to live as we want, so that at the end of the road we have no regrets.

What *memento mori* tells us is: *memento vivere!* (Remember that you must live...while all the while being mindful, we are dust.)

See you in worship!

Pr. Mortenson





**Wednesday, February 14th
7:00 P.M.**

- **Distribution of Ashes**
- **Special Music**
- **Eucharist**

Just as Jesus faced temptations in the desert, we too face many temptations in our everyday lives. As we celebrate the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, we encourage you to think about how you can better yourself during this important time of the year.

Along with reminding us of our mortality, the ashes on Ash Wednesday are also symbolic of grief; grief over the loss of loved ones who are not with us, grief over our sins of omission and commission. We may not always be able to resist temptation as Jesus did, but Lent provides an opportunity to reflect, pray and repent of our sins.

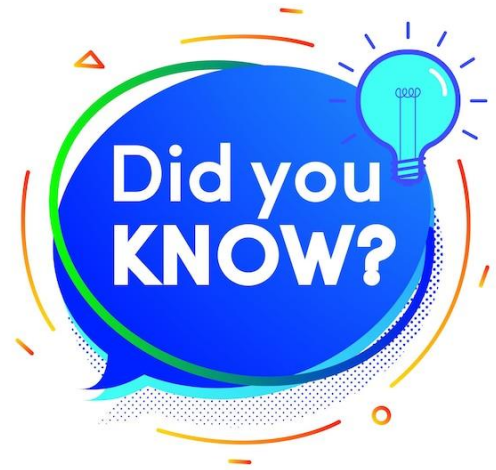
In doing so, many people commit to life changes throughout the 40 days of lent. It's a time for "spiritual fasting" so that we can "cleanse our souls" and "renew our faith" as we prepare for the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday.

Special Prayers are asked for:

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| Lynn Speaks | John Gruber |
| Chuck Kocourek | Sydney LaFond |
| Marlene Anderson | Asher Ray |
| Justin Halter | Dave Stecker |
| Rita St. Louis | Randy Meier |
| Jeff La Fond | Pat St. Louis |
| Brian St. Louis | Katie Ruka |
| Peggy Rudolph-Lisle | Karen Vander Molen |
| Derk Vander Molen | Diane Hogan |
| Debbie Maley | Rob Kawczynski |
| Diane Salewski | Rita Cieszynski |
| Keaton Atwood | |

For: Rebecca Claus, on the death of her father.
For: Linda and Lori Rudolf on the death of their mother, Lenore.
For Wally Hogan and family, on the death of his son.
For the cousin of Rick Ruhl....
For Kenadee, granddaughter of Rob & Pam Kawczynski
For Corby and Mike Erickson, friends of Leanne Buttke
For the sister of Val Fogarty
For Bruce, the brother of Howard MacMillan
For Sharon Brindle, the sister of Joni McDonald
For the Parents of Lisa Kleppek and Robin Schmitt
For the niece of Mike & Sue MacIntosh
For the fathers...of Suz Pitts, Jodi Heine, and Pam Kawczynski
For our POLICE OFFICERS, MILITARY MEMBERS, FIREFIGHTERS,
PARAMEDICS, AND ALL FIRST RESPONDERS...
And for all those addicted, and still suffering...





Did You Know?

- Lent is the 40 weekdays from Ash Wednesday to Easter observed by the Roman Catholic, Eastern, and some Protestant churches as a period of penitence and fasting. Sundays aren't included in the 40-day count.
- Since Sundays aren't included, Lent technically lasts 46 days.
- When Lent started, it was only 36 days. Later, it was changed to 40 days.
- The early church started the tradition of Lent around the year 325, during the Council of Nicaea, but it has spread through other Christian denominations.
- Lent starts on what's known as Ash Wednesday. This is when followers spread ashes on their forehead to signal their repentance to God. The ashes come from burning last year's palms that were distributed on Palm Sunday.
- Violet is the official color of Lent, as this represents mourning for Jesus dying on the cross while also celebrating his resurrection with the colors of royalty.
- The date for Easter has been set for thousands of years. It all has to do with the full moon of the Pashal, or Passover, full moon. Easter will fall between March 22 and April 25. There are mathematical formulas you can use to determine when Easter will fall in any year.
- In a study done in 2014, 72% of adults knew what Lent was, and 88% of those participating in Lent were giving up some item of food for 40 days.



The Lutheran Book of Worship

“A Blast from the Past”

Are you serious? The Old LBW? Yep, it is going to be making a comeback...but only for a limited time.

We gave up the LBW in the year 2006. The LBW was first published in the year 1978. I remember leading All Saints from the Red Hymnal (SBH-Service Book and Hymnal - 1958) to the LBW, and from the LBW to the ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Worship - 2006.) That was a major change for many congregations. Some congregations still use the SBH. And some congregations still use the LBW. And besides that, we have our WHITE BOOKS with three different liturgies in them.

I thought for MID-WEEK LENT ONLY it might be fun to return to those former days. There was music in there, that people really embraced, and really loved. You may remember pieces of music like “This is the Feast of Victory for our God,” “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Lord,” and “Thank the Lord and Sing His Praise.”

It will be fun! Different! A blast from the past!

We will update the singing with more modern music, and we will do it as a self-contained liturgy. So, no books to hold, just your bulletin for the evening.

So, all you have to do is to come and enjoy and participate...and smile. It will be fun! We begin on the Wednesday after Ash Wednesday. Come and join us!

Wednesday nights only! Sorry, Saturday and Sunday!

58th Annual Congregational Meeting

We did it!
We made it!

Thank you, Helen Haworth and the entire 2023 Council for your leadership and guidance!

It is never easy, there is a lot going on...and a lot to sort out!

We did it!

We have a FULL COUNCIL!

Elected and appointed to leadership roles in this church family are:

David Speaks – President
Vice President – Dennis Schneider
Secretary – Lisa Kleppek
Treasurer – Barbara Schrubey
Financial Secretary – Sue McIntosh

COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES:
Christian Education – Kerry Howard
Evangelism – Brittany Czarny
Finance – Timothy Jackalone
Liturgy – Jayne Murnane
Property – Daniel Wipijewski
Stewardship – Kathy Mack
World Concerns – Elaine Kleinhans
Youth – Dennis Schneider

DELEGATES TO THE GREATER MILWAUKEE SYNOD:
Jodi Heine
Brian Rathmann

We are indeed blessed!
Thank you so much for stepping forward and caring!

And,
The congregation at the 58th Annual Meeting formally adopted and ratified the 2024 ELCA
Constitution, as our own.

This is a major step toward our future!

Thank you, to all who attended, you guys, rock!



We also had some prizes that were given away at the Annual Meeting.

Lucky Winners Included:

Dena Olsen
Denise Kalski
Robin Schmitt
David Speaks
Kerry Howard
And
Mike McIntosh

Thanks, guys, for attending!

Thank you also to everyone who donated food, beverages, plates, napkins, utensils, the desserts were all wonderful!

All of it, so very tasty!

Thanks too, to those who set up...

And to those who stayed after the meeting and reset up the hall again!

Blessings...

See...sometimes it does take all of us working together to get things done!

Thanks to Myrna Farell for seeing to it that everyone had all coffee, that wanted it!

And to our tellers: Pat Bruss-Horswill, Jodi Heine, and Sandy Montague!



Council Capsules

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

- Council will be looking to have the congregation read the proposed constitution (available in the narthex and sent via email to all congregation members with current emails) and approve it at the annual meeting.
- Council agreed not to have an Agape supper this year because the start of Lent is so close to the Annual meeting. We will revisit it next year.
- Council approved PJ using old liturgy from the LBW book for Lent.
- Council approved a motion to have two Easter liturgies on Easter morning - 8 am and 10 am.
- Council approved a motion to allow the Youth to host an Easter Breakfast at 9 am on Easter morning.
- Council approved a motion to move the 36 names listed on the stats report to inactive status. These people had no record of giving or attendance in the last year. Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Wytrykus Kleppek
All Saints Lutheran Church
Council Secretary



*Our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy is extended
to Rebecca Claus and family
on the death of Her Father.
Blessed are those who die in the Lord*



YOU HAVE FORTY DAYS TO GET READY... FORTY DAYS TO PREPARE...

What are you going to do with your forty-day period of Lent?

Lent is a season of spiritual preparation before Easter, during which time Christians remember the events leading up to and including the death of Jesus of Nazareth.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday.

Lent is observed for 40 days, in imitation of Jesus' fast and fighting off temptation in the wilderness...

Lent focuses on fasting, prayer, almsgiving, repentance, moderation, and self-denial.

The word Lent comes from an old English word meaning 'lengthen', as the days get longer in spring...they are lengthening.

More light is coming into our world! Yay!
What will you do differently this Lent?

This the year of Mark, you could always look for "that Bible" blow the dust off of it and give reading a gospel a try!

It's only 16 chapters in length! And you do have 40 DAYS!
You might be glad, you did!



Christian Education

The next Chris Ed Committee Meeting will be on Sunday, February 11th at 11:10 a.m. With the Annual Meeting on February 4th, we should have a new Christian Education Chairperson to welcome at the meeting as my three-year term on church council has come to an end.

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

During the month of February, the Sunday School kids will continue their learning of the New Testament, specifically the book of Acts. The kids will be learning about Peter's Unexpected Escape, Paul Preaching in Lystra, Thankful Songs in Prison with Paul and Silas, as well as Paul Speaking Out. These four lessons chronologically end the curriculum we have for the New Testament, with the plan being to spend March circling back to four lessons we previously skipped over which are focused on the events that occur the week leading up to Easter and shortly thereafter.

First Communion – Spring 2024 Classes are scheduled to begin at the end of April and run for four Saturdays, ending with the Celebration of First Communion on May 19th. Please contact PJ or the church office to sign-up if you are interested. First Communion classes are for those ages 7 and older.

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



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



We want to thank those who have served on our church council! You guys are a real blessing to this church family. Going off council at the Annual Meeting will be President - Helen Haworth, Sue LaFond, Brittany Czarny, and Lisa Kleppek.

Still serving and working on behalf of all of us are Jayne Murnane, David Speaks, Dennis Schneider, Elaine Kleinhans, and Timothy Jackalone. Barb Schrubey will continue in her position as Church Treasurer. Thank you, St. Barbara!

Throughout the years, we have been blessed. So many people have stepped up for the good of their church, and we need to thank, acknowledge, and remember them, as well.

We also want to thank those individuals who, when asked, always step forward and help out. You folks are amazing.

I realized there is an unsung hero among us, who seldom if ever gets any kind of recognition or thanks...quietly, very quietly in the background, day in and day out is our very own RITA CIESZYNSKI. If you ever received a card for your birthday from the All Saints family, it was Rita who made sure it was mailed directly to you!

Day after day and month after month, Rita is busy behind the scenes sending out prayers and good wishes for all of our members. Thank you, Rita, you are appreciated and loved.

Sue McIntosh is another one of those unsung heroes behind the scenes. You can find her with a briefcase or folders, or a bag filled with a computer, phone, and mouse. She can be found in the church office usually one day a week. Sue is our Financial Secretary, and she deals with all the weekly, monthly, and annual dollars coming into the church and even the non-cash donations.

And then, there is Miss Kinga, in the Church Office who holds us all together, and on some days, even cracks her whip! Thanks, Miss Kinga!

We are indeed blessed.



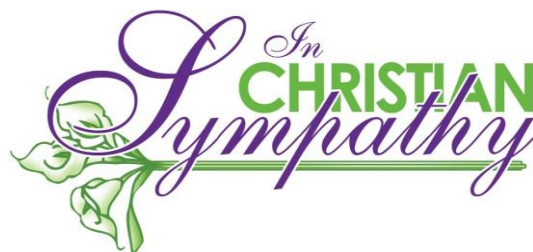


Evangelism Committee

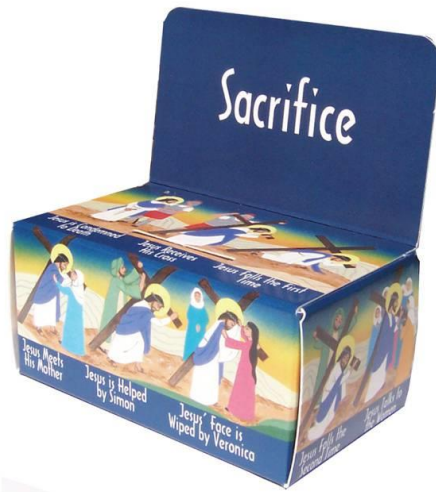
“There shall be a committee on Evangelism. The committee shall stimulate and lead all members of the congregation in continuous and concerted endeavors to reawaken spirituality indifferent and to reach others with the Gospel and attach them to Christ’s church. To this end, the committee shall devote itself to deepening spiritual life and shall periodically study the congregation in the context of its surrounding community.”

In the month of January, we coordinated All Saints’ Annual Pet Blessing. Although the weather was very cold, we had 8 animal companions join us. The Pet Blessing was an absolutely wonderful time! I want to take a moment to thank Lynn Friedman, Sue LaFond, Ryan Czarny, and MaryJo Meijer for participating in the Evangelism Committee this year. I am looking forward to watching this committee grow and reach our community in more ways in 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
Brittany Czarny,
Evangelism Committee Chair



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



Lenten Coin Boxes

Lent has always been a time of giving alms, remembering the poor, and setting aside time for self-reflection.

Not everyone likes the thought of self-denial. Some people think we are denied enough in this life. Why would we want to deny ourselves anything? We have a right to it all... We have worked hard for everything that we have, why would we ever want to give any of it away?

Lent is a special time, though hardly exclusive, time for putting some of our personal comforts aside and for focusing on God and on others...

Supposing rather than a cup of Starbucks you put that money in your coinbox.

Supposing rather than a quick stop at Culver's (or, you name the place) you put that money in your Lenten coinbox.

What if every time you had a negative-counter-productive thought, you put a coin in your Lenten coin box.

What if it was used every time you failed to use your directional in your car.

What if you placed a little something in there, every time a critical thought entered your head.

What if you made this silly little box into what you want it to become...

What about every time you thought of another person that you missed or loved, that a coin went into the box.

What if it became a cuss box during Lent. Or maybe a prayer box, how many coins would you find in it at the end of Lent? A coin being placed in it, every time you pray for others...

How creative can you become? And how do you bring God into the picture?



Liturgy Committee –

Baby it's cold outside!!

Thankfully, spring is just around the corner and here in the Liturgy Committee we are turning our thoughts to Lent and Easter!

We are planning the Easter Garden for inside the Sanctuary. This year there are two types of potted plants you can order.

Traditional Easter Lily and Premium Chrysanthemum. The color of the mums is 'shades of lavender and pink'.

We are asking \$15 for each potted plant. Deadline to order is February 18th. Order forms can be found in the narthex, bulletin and in the Revealer.



Were you able to attend the Annual Meeting? So many committees in need of help! Consider joining one...or several!!

The Liturgy Committee would like to welcome Brittany Czarny to our team! It's great to have you with us, Brittany!

If you are interested in what we do, please feel free to talk with one of our members...Margaret Coonan, Joy Kubusek, Lisa Kleppek, Mary Zahn or myself, Jayne Murnane. You could also ask Brittany what she thinks!

We are a pretty active committee! But please don't let that make you nervous! We also have had a lot of fun! (Yes, we've been spotted at a couple of Oak Creek's finer eateries on multiple occasions!) We would love for you to join us!

"Love is an act of endless forgiveness, a tender look which becomes a habit."

-Peter Ustinov

Respectfully submitted,
Jayne Murnane,
Liturgy Committee Chair

EASTER FLOWERS

TWO CHOICES:
TRADITIONAL LILY
OR
PREMIUM
CHRYSANTHEMUM
(COMES IN A POT OF
LAVENDER / PINK SHADES)

\$15 PER POTTED PLANT

Name: _____

| # OF PLANTS | LILY OR MUM | IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF... | \$ TOTAL |
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TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

FEBRUARY 18 ORDER
DEADLINE

ATTENTION!!!

Donation Chart
January - December
2024-2025

- *Altar Flowers*
- *Bulletíns*
- *Honor and Memory Candles*

2024 DONATION CHART

Our 2024 Donation Chart for flowers, candles and bulletins is now posted on the bulletin board in the ASLC Informative Board.

We have **A LOT!!!** of openings available.

Please, take a look, and sign up.

- Bulletin cost is \$15;
Memorial/Honor Candle is \$8.

Flowers need to be ordered on your own and need to be on the Sanctuary Altar before 5:00 pm on Saturday evening.

Please help out All Saints by donating those items.

Your help is greatly appreciated! God bless you!



Let the minor prophet Joel speak to your heart.

What does it mean when Joel says...or writes...

Joel 2:12-13:

"Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments."

Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love."

Return to the Lord...how can you accomplish that during this Lenten season?

Does Joel mean to suggest that we distance ourselves from God and one another?

How and in what ways have you distanced yourself from God?

Not to mention "others!"

How and in what ways can we move closer to God?

How and in what ways can we move closer to others...

What steps can we take? What are the things that keep holding us back?

What does it mean for you to rend your heart?



Mutual Ministry Special Report

Our Church Custodian

(Sexton, if you want to be technically correct!)

SARA JOLITZ

Happy, Happy ANNIVERSARY!

February 26th

6 years?

HOW is that even possible!

Thank You!



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. GIVE AWAY:

Ping Pong Table (good condition, with cover, and accessories)



WE HAVE GIFT CARDS!

Did you know we have Gift Cards for Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bath & Body, Best Buy, Home Depot, JC Penney, Lowes, Macy's, Kohl's, Menards, Target, TJ Maxx, Walgreens, and Walmart?

You know we carry restaurants...and Gas stations...

But we also carry Meijer, Piggly Wiggly, Pick 'N Save, Sendik's, Woodman's.

Did you know you can also order gift cards for some places that we do not carry?



WHEN IT COMES TO GASOLINE:

We routinely stock BP, Kwik Trip and Speedway...

Stop in and see what else we have in stock!

If you stop at the Church Office, we are always ready to help you, any day of the week!

Moriah Joy!



Remember when?

Can you believe it, it will be going on eight years, since MOJO (Moriah Joy) graced our doors. “Little Miss Pinkie” she was called for those first eight weeks of her life, because of the pink ribbon that separated her from her littermate brothers and sisters.

Some people can still see Brian Rathmann carrying her in and introducing her to her fur-ever home and church family, while Mary Zahn flew around the kitchen grabbing towels for her first bath in the church sinks...

She came to All Saints via Airports in North Carolina and Atlanta, where she changed flights headed for Milwaukee International Airport.

Did you remember that it was a group of Confirmation Class girls who named her...they had just read the story of “The Sacrifice of Abraham’s son, Isaac” on Mount Moriah. Moriah means “God will provide.” And there was a bramble bush with a ram caught up in it, for the sacrifice. God provides...

The congregation was deeply saddened by the death of our beloved church dog, St. Emma, the Labradoodle, and the girls said, Moriah would bring JOY to the church family again...

And therefore, the name stuck, Moriah Joy... “God will provide joy!”

Eight years, where oh where, has the time gone?

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

SPRING CRAFT FAIR



March 16th, 2024, from 9 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 414-763-5111 to ask what you can sign up for.

RAFFLE DONATIONS NEEDED:

- We are looking for these new items for the raffle baskets:
 - Brewer items
 - Harley Davidson items
 - Pokemon cards or toys
 - Minecraft toys
 - Legos
 - Cat items for pets
 - Margarita basket items
 - Scrip cards – any amount, any type
 - Wine and Chocolate basket
 - 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 cakes (especially pineapple upside down cake), cupcakes, cookies, breads, fudge, muffins, Rice Krispy bars, candy, and especially 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 2 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, 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):
 - Wednesday, Feb 7th at 6 pm Postcard meeting
 - Wednesday, Feb 28th at 6 PM Planning meeting
 - 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

Print your name _____

Address _____

| SCRIP CARD | AMOUNT | RETURN | QUANTITY | TOTAL \$ |
|------------------|------------|--------|----------|----------|
| Marcus Theatres | \$25 | 9% | | |
| TJ Maxx | \$25 | 7% | | |
| Pick and Save | \$25 | 4% | | |
| Menards | \$25 | 4% | | |
| Sendik's | \$50 | 5% | | |
| Restaurant Scrip | Any amount | | | |
| Starbucks | \$10 | 7% | | |
| Kwik Trip | \$50 | 10% | | |
| Barnes and Noble | \$10 | 8% | | |
| Any card | Any amount | | | |

Thank you for all that you do!
It is Appreciated!!!



**Our deepest and heartfelt sympathy
To
Diane and Wally Hogan
On the
Death of their Son**



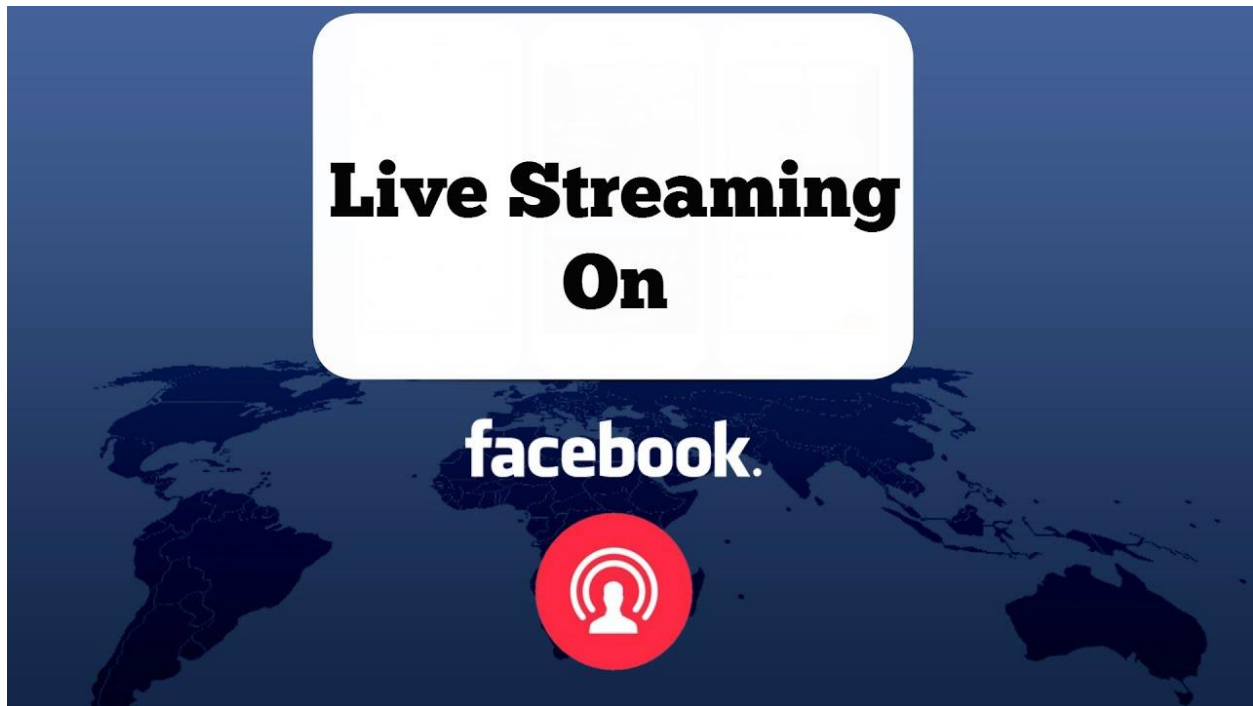
**We also remember Lenore Rudolf
Who also passed away.**

Sara's Wish List

- Sara says she needs 33-gallon garbage bags
- Paper towels
- Blue NON-Scratch Kitchen Sponges



Come on, help a girl out...hehehehe 😊



February Live Streamers

February 4th – Dennis Schneider

February 11th – Judy Wolter

February 18th – Brian Rathmann

February 25th – Daniel Payne

Thank you to our group of LIVE STREAMERS, you are appreciated! Thanks too, to Dale Hochevar for not only streaming but for scheduling, as well. We continue to hear comments all the time, about how thankful people are that they can watch – wherever they are...and it is only possible because of your assistance and help.

Please, when you see these folks around the church, thank them...

A little appreciation goes a long way...

Next month, the schedule gets hectic! Tune in if you cannot be present in person!

World Concerns



This was my first year on the committee called “World Concerns.” It was so very interesting, and I learned a great deal. It is a wonderful, active committee in the life of OUR church. If, you are considering joining a committee in 2024, allow me to suggest to you - World Concerns...

At our next meeting we will be discussing plans for the remainder of 2024...come and join us, you will not be disappointed! Listen for announcements in worship.

In the month of December alone, 23 families were fed from our food pantry. That is a lot of food. Bless you for all that you do. Bless you, for bringing in food for the hungry.

For Souper Bowl Sunday, which is February 11th, we hope to place as many cans of soup on and around our altar as we can gather...

Got Soup? We know where it is needed, and where it will go to a good cause!

At the end of every liturgy, we hear the words, “REMEMBER THE POOR!” Thank you, to all of you who bring in your weekly donations...you are literally FEEDING THE HUNGRY!

God Bless,
Elaine Kleinhans, Chairperson



Mark your calendars for our next blood drive on Tuesday, March 19th from 2-6:30 pm! Versiti (The Blood Center) requires a minimum of 20 donors to sign up online before they confirm an “on-site” blood drive.

This is a “feel good” day for all who help with their donations and who doesn’t want to feel GOOD? Heavy snacks and many kinds of beverages will also be available to donors.

Please call 877-232-4376 or visit <https://tinyurl.com/allsaints103> to sign up online.

If you do not want to sign up online, please call me and I can do it for you at 414-870-7939. I will need your birth date and email address as this is now required by Versiti.

Please make sure to eat a healthy filling meal for a few hours before donating and drink plenty of water before and after your appointment.

Also limiting caffeine intake on the day of donation helps with lowering your blood pressure if that is an issue for you.

We love to see our “regular donors” and we also NEED new donors who may never had the opportunity to donate blood.

Sign your friend up with you and help save one life and more with your donation.

Thank you in advance to all the World Concern Committee volunteers who helped make this day wonderful with their service to others.

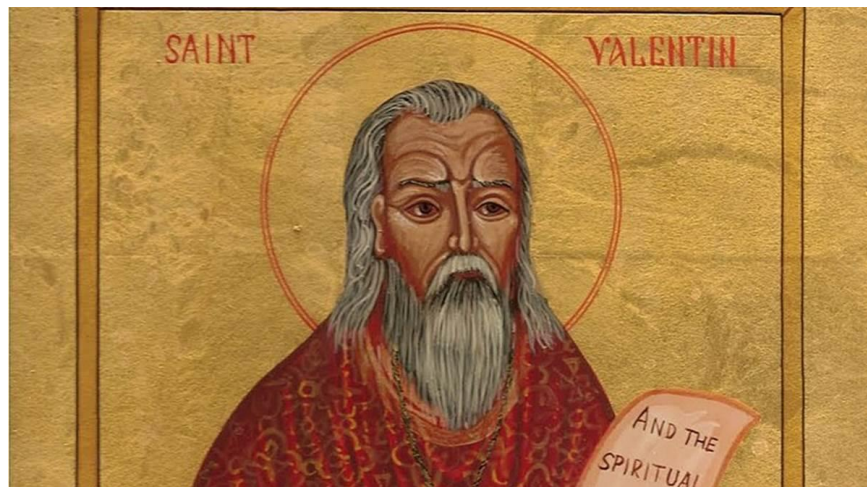
Lynn Friedman/World Concerns

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

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



- Elaine Kuehn
- Sue McIntosh
- Patti Holzman
- Cyndi Uyhely
- Sandy Montague
- The Schneider Family
- Elaine Kleinhans
- Doris Templin
- David Heine



**“Hagiography” is a good word to know!
It means the writing of the lives of saints!**

A common “hagiography” describes Saint Valentine as a priest of Rome or as the former Bishop of Terni, an important town of Umbria, in central Italy.

While under house arrest of Judge Asterius, and discussing his faith with him, Valentinus (the Latin version of his name) was discussing the validity of Jesus.

The judge put Valentinus to the test and brought to him the judge's adopted blind daughter. If Valentinus succeeded in restoring the girl's sight, Asterius would do whatever he asked. Valentinus, praying to God, laid his hands on her eyes and the child's vision was restored.

Immediately, humbled, the judge asked Valentinus what he should do. Valentinus replied that all of the idols around the judge's house should be broken and that the judge should fast for three days and then undergo the Christian sacrament of baptism.

The judge obeyed and, as a result of his fasting and prayer, freed all the Christian inmates under his authority. The judge, his family, and his forty-four-member household of adult family members and servants were baptized.^[29]

Valentinus was later arrested again for continuing to evangelize. He was sent to the prefect of Rome, to the emperor Claudius Gothicus (Claudius II) himself.

Claudius took a liking to him until Valentinus tried to convince Claudius to embrace Christianity.

Claudius refused and condemned Valentinus to death, commanding that Valentinus either renounce his faith or he would be beaten with clubs and beheaded. Valentinus refused and was executed outside the Flaminian Gate on February 14, 269.



We really need to thank:

**Helen Haworth
Sue LaFond
And**

Brittany Czarny for their service and help on the leading and guiding the 2023-2024 Church Council.

Helen and Sue spent a lot of years serving this church family and we owe them both our deepest gratitude!

Thank You!



**Thanks to Dick Kahle for the two new rubber mats at our entry way!
Thanks, Dick!**



Youth Ministry

The late, great Whitney Houston said it best; “I believe the children are our future. Teach them well and let them lead the way. Show them all the beauty they possess inside... Let the children's laughter remind us how we used to be”!

Every one of us was once a child, some of us are still children at heart. Children are very impressionable and also, very sensitive. They have a lot of things going on in their lives. School, sports, dance, scouts, chores, and yes church too. And they get different messages from so many different adults it can be difficult to try and make sense of it all. They hear things from their parents, grandparents, friends, teachers, coaches, scout masters, pastors, Sunday school teachers, confirmation teachers and even people in the congregation. While kids may have difficulty understanding and learning all the ins and outs of how adults act, what they do have is a very keen sense of is fairness, and contradiction.

Imagine for a moment you are a child helping out with a church activity. You just get out of Sunday school learning how Jesus loves the little children, and you are looking forward to doing something fun for the church. Then some adult in the congregation gives you a dirty look or a mean comment. What a horrible feeling that is for the child. Not to mention the exact opposite message of what the Sunday school teachers were just giving. Now imagine you are a parent that has a really hard time getting your kids up and ready to go to church. The kids tell their parents they don't want to go. It's not fun, there's not many other kids there, etc. You finally convince your child to go and as soon as they get to church, they are scolded by an older member that “you are in my seat” or “you are in the wrong book” or even worse just simply ignored. That one act may make that child never want to come to church again.

Like I said earlier, the youth today have so many things going on in their busy, young lives. They are being pulled in many different directions. Our job as adults is to guide them. But more importantly, as Christians we are supposed to welcome them. Church is supposed to be a safe place for everyone. Be kind. Not just to the children but to everyone. Your offhand negative remark might not mean much to you, but to a child it is called bullying, and it could really devastate them as they are just beginning to find their faith. February is the “season of love”. Please, spread that love to all of Gods people.

For the youth committee, Dennis Schneider

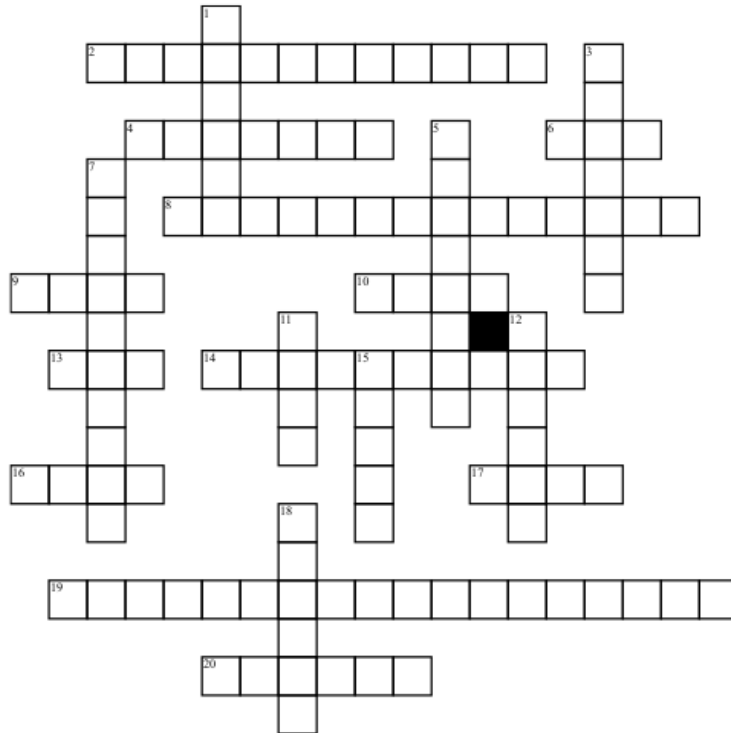
Lenten Crossword

Across

- 2. We spend Lent preparing for Jesus' death and _____
- 4. The sacrament that is especially significant on Easter Sunday
- 6. Lent begins on _____ Wednesday
- 8. Catholics are encouraged to receive this sacrament during Lent
- 9. "Remember your are _____ and to dust you shall return"
- 10. Ashes come from the previous year's _____ Sunday
- 13. When we disobey God, hurt others and hurt ourselves
- 14. The day Jesus died (two words)
- 16. A season of repentance, reflection and renewal
- 17. Catholics over age 14 give this up on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all other Fridays during Lent
- 19. Following in the steps of Jesus' suffering and death on the cross (four words)
- 20. A Lenten practice - to lift our minds and hearts to God, to talk to God

Down

- 1. The color of Lent



- 3. A Lenten practice - when you go without food
- 5. We don't sing or say this during Lent
- 7. A Lenten practice - to give and share what we have with those in need
- 11. Lent ends on _____ Thursday
- 12. The great feast that Lent leads to
- 15. There are _____ days in Lent
- 18. The day of the week not counted in the forty days of Lent





Just for laughs...

- After having children, Adam and Eve started getting a lot of questions from their kids about why they no longer lived in Eden. Adam has a simple answer for this: “Your mother ate us out of house and home.”
- During a Sunday school lesson, a child learned about how God created human beings. The child became especially focused when the teacher explained how Eve was created from Adam’s ribs. Later on in the week, the boy’s mother saw him lying down on the floor, so she asked him what was wrong. His reply was priceless: “Mom, I have a pain in my side—I think I’m getting a wife.”
- Shortly after tying the knot, a young married couple started arguing over who should make the coffee. Being a good Christian woman, the wife went to the scriptures for her answer. She said that the Bible specifically stated that men should be the ones to make the coffee. Puzzled, the husband asked her where in the Bible it said that. Very confidently, the wife opened up her Bible and said: “It’s right here—HEBREWS.”





From the Kitchen of Saint Ruth

(Mother of PJ)

Carrot Cake

For Cake

- 2 cups sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1½ cups oil
- 3 cups grated carrots
- 2 tsps. Soda
- 1 tsp nutmeg
- 1 tsp cloves
- 1 tsp cinnamon

For Frosting

- 8 oz cream cheese
- 1 lb. powdered sugar
- ¼ cup butter
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- ½ black walnuts

Directions:

Mix sugar, eggs, oil, and grated carrots. Sift dry ingredients together and add to the wet mixture. Spread the batter in a greased pan.

Bake for 1 hour in a 350 degrees oven.

Cream together the cream cheese, butter, powdered sugar, and vanilla.

Spread over the cooled cake and decorate with crushed walnuts along the sides and the top.

Enjoy!



Letters we receive: Correspondence



Dear Pj,

It's hard to believe another year has gone by. Thank you for the DECADES of love and support you have given our family, Lee Ann and I, Debbie, Scott, Tom, Karen, and their parents George and Sylvia, Eugene, and Bernice.

You married Lee Ann and I 40 years ago, this September 8th and you are still there for us. God Bless you!

Lee Ann, Brian, Debbie, and Scott



Dear All Saints Family,

Thank you for livestreaming the liturgies and all that you do. Lots of love and wishes for health and happiness in 2024!

God Bless You all!

Love,

Leanne Buttke



Dear PJ,

I want to thank you for the spiritual help you and the congregation have provided me and my brother. It has been a great support during a very challenging time. You asked a question of me last Sunday as to how old I would be on 1/9/2024 and I answered, 37 y/o. That was somewhat inaccurate (read bold face lie). Truth be told I will be 86 y/o.

Thank you for your care and prayers,

Howard MacMillan



*Dear Congregation of All Saints Lutheran Church,
Thank you so much for all of your time, space, and resources!
Collectively, across 4 counties, we delivered 3,011 boxes! We simply
could not have been as impactful without you! We appreciate you!
Thank you gain for your contribution to the mission and for making
our world a better place.*

Sincerely with love,

Diana and the entire Santa in a Shoebox team!



*HAWS
HUMANE ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY
January 30th, 2024*

*The Humane Animal Welfare Society (HAWS) of Waukesha County extends
its most sincere appreciation for your charitable donation from the
Harley Tree Fundraiser and your general donation to shelter support.
Your generous support of our programs and services betters the lives
of the many animals who look to HAWS for help in finding their
forever homes.*

*HAWS is Growing Our Humane Community, and we need partners like you
to achieve our goals. On behalf of the Societies Board of Directors,
staff, volunteers, and especially the 11,000 animals we assist
annually, we thank you for providing critical financial support so we
may continue to help those who cannot help themselves.*

Wagging tails,

HAWS



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

January 4, 2024

Thank You

All Saints Lutheran Church
9131 S Howell Ave
Oak Creek, WI 53154-4425

Dear All Saints Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,610.00 to ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through ELCA Good Gifts.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God (Romans 5:1-2).

As a church, we believe that God's grace is freely given to us. This brings us peace and hope. It makes a difference in our lives. Through your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA you share this amazing grace with others and help people around the world feel the transformational power of God's love.

Your Good Gift is a very good gift indeed. Through resources such as seedlings and seminary courses, vaccinations and vegetable gardens, Bibles and blankets, you equip God's people – around the world and around the corner – with what they need to live abundant lives.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God shines through you.

With gratitude,

Rachel Wind

Rachel Wind
Executive for Development

P.S. Please see the reverse side of this letter for your official receipt.



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

Gift date: 12/22/2023

Gifts are designated for:

| | |
|------------|----------|
| Honey bees | \$280.00 |
| Cow | \$500.00 |
| Piglet | \$240.00 |
| Goat | \$400.00 |
| Chicks | \$190.00 |

Total contribution: \$1,610.00

Donor ID: 06716

No goods or services were provided in consideration of this gift.

IMPORTANT: Federal law requires that you retain this receipt to substantiate your charitable deduction.

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

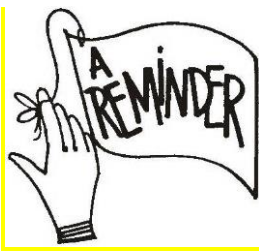
The donation's folder is posted in the blue folder on the Bulletin Board. Select your dates for those special occasions or people in your lives and follow the instructions on the inside front cover.

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> |
|-------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Jan 27 to Feb 2 | Kleppek | LaFond | Open | Bishop |
| February 3 to 9 | Open | Templin | Open | Open |
| February 10 to 16 | Friedman | Open | Vnuk | Open |
| February 17 to 23 | Open | Open | Open | Open |
| Feb 24 to March 2 | Open | Open | Open | Open |



Revealer Articles are due on **Wednesday February 21st by Noon.**

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



5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31
 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
 Mark 1:29-39

Transfiguration of Our Lord

2 Kings 2:1-12
 Psalm 50:1-6
 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
 Mark 9:2-9

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12
 Psalm 51:1-17
 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

1st Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17
 Psalm 25:1-10
 1 Peter 3:18-22
 Mark 1:9-15

2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
 Psalm 22:23-31
 Romans 4:13-25
 Mark 8:31-38

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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: February 5th, 2024
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Dena Olsen
Elaine Kleinhans

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

TEAM 4: February 19th, 2024
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Tim Jackalone

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