

"THE REVEALER"

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ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH – ELCA

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

CHRISTMAS CANDLIGHT LITURGY -

Tuesday, December 24th at 11:00 pm

CHRIST MASS LITURGY -

Wednesday, December 25th at 10:00 am



DECEMBER

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY &
THURSDAY
9:00am – 12:00pm

Weekly Worship at All Saints

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

Sunday: 8:45 am SCS

9:00 am Pericope

10:00 am ELW Setting 8

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

Happy
BirthDay
to you!

HAPPY
anniversary

12/1 Joel Raison, Haydn Susek
12/2 Benson Berns, Spencer Venne
12/3 Lyla Stecker
12/4 Jennifer Oleszak
12/5 Sharon Wiorek, Luke Czarny
12/6 Marcia Serfort
12/8 Brittany Czarny
12/14 Teddy Lang, Jayne Murnane, Amanda Oleszak
12/15 Margaret Coonan, Maresa Grudzielanek
12/16 Susan McIntosh
12/17 Jenelle Montague
12/18 Brian Rathmann, Daniel Wipijewski, Myrna Farell
12/19 Kathy Bandstra Bauman
12/21 Scott Woiak, Paul Wittke
12/22 David Speaks, Linda Payne
12/23 Jim Holzman
12/24 Nadine Desmarais
12/25 Alivia Derks
12/27 Dale Hochevar, Dylan Freimund-Raison,
Devin Freimund-Raison
12/28 Bill Schmid
12/29 Samara Lang, Glenn Mittelstadt
12/30 Kobi Maley, John Turlais

12-09 John and Nicki Turlais
12-28 Bob and Susan Payne
12-28 Ben and Jenny Welker
12-31 Tom and Nikki Grudzielanek



COVER ART
"The Holly and The Ivy" –
Original pastel painting
by Kinga E. Vnuk

Do you have an address, email, phone number or status change?



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

Comment Article – “Peace on Earth. Good will “toward ALL.”



“In this season it is well to reassert that the hope of mankind rests in faith.

Nothing much happens unless you believe in it, and believing there is hope for the world is a way to move toward it.”

(Or, so wrote, Gladys Taber)

...Like festive greenery, silver bells, shiny twinkling lights, candle-glowing, mistletoe, presents under a tree, or candy canes, these words have come to define the holiday season...for some people...

Peace on earth, it would be nice, wouldn't it?

An end to all violence as we know it to be.

We sing these words in carols, scribble them on Christmas cards, and read them aloud in church.

In this season of love, joy, and miracles, **PEACE** — what we as human beings claim to cherish most — feels ever more elusive than ever. And so, we pray. Praying is good.

There are so many different versions and varieties of peace and peacefulness...my peace, your peace...

Inner peace, world peace...mental peace...relational peace...spiritual peace...psychological peace...shalom...

Wholeness...completeness...

Each day, as we learn of yet another natural disaster, shooting, stabbing, or some form of domestic violence, our hearts break a little more, and we wonder why...

What makes sense in a world that seems to be falling apart, when those who lack a moral compass can wield such power against another? How can some be led so far beyond the limits of human decency?

Moreover, how can we steady our faith and resolve, and hold onto hope in the face of adversity and uncertainty?

Those are good questions...aren't they?

For me, there is one place to go. One place to be. One place that brings it all together.

It is what God wants for each of us. It begins with me. It begins with you. It begins with our every interaction with others.

Peace on Earth. Goodwill "toward ALL." May it come soon!

Envision it. Live it. Believe it can happen. Hope it comes. Pray for it.

See you in worship,

Pr. Mortenson

Christmas Eve Candlelight

11:00 P.M.

With Cello and Violin

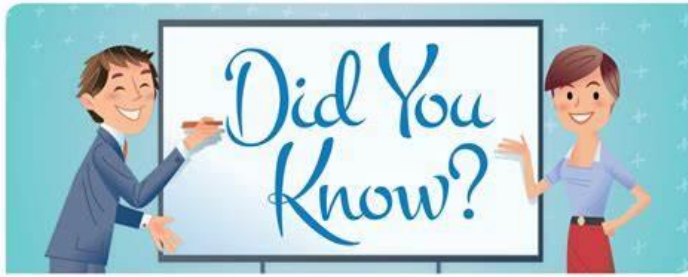


Christmas Day

10:00 A.M.

With Cello and Violin

(For Wednesday night worshipers there is NO 7:00 Liturgy!)



Did You Know?

Let's see how good you are with Christmas Trivia!

- In what city was Jesus born?
- In what city did Jesus grow up in?
- Which gospel contains the Christmas story?
- Who ordered that a census be taken?
- What was the name of the elderly prophetess who recognized Jesus as being the savior?
- What are swaddling clothes?
- What does the word Emmanuel mean?
- What is the name of the messenger who appeared before Mary?
- Which Hebrew Bible prophet foretold the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem?
- What does the name Bethlehem mean?
- How many wise men were there? (Do NOT say three!)
- WHO were the first individuals to visit the baby Jesus?
- Why did Joseph and Mary go to Egypt?
- How many generations are listed in the genealogy of Matthew?
- Who was the ruling Emperor at the time of the birth of Jesus?
- Who is the first to hear the good news of the birth of the Messiah?
- Of the four gospels which one is the only one not to mention Jesus' birth or beginning?
- So, how did you do? To find the answers, go to the book and read...all the answers are there!





ADVENTIDE-2024

I bet you never heard this one before...

The tradition, which began in the 19th century (1800's) but had roots in the 16th, (1500's) originally involved a fir wreath with 24 candles (the 24 days before Christmas, starting December 1), but the awkwardness of having so many candles on the wreath reduced the number to four.

The candles are often said to symbolize hope, peace, joy, and love, respectively.

But we also know them as being the prophecy candle, the Bethlehem candle, the Shepherd's candle, and the Angel's candle. So, there are a couple of different traditions...

The origin of the Advent wreath has been traced back to Germany, though the exact dates are unknown.

Historians have noted that pre-Christian Germanic peoples would light candles around wreaths in the dark winter months in anticipation of the warmer, lighter months in springtime.

This tradition likely evolved into an "Advent wreath" at some point during the Middle Ages, transforming the pagan tradition into a Christian one.

“By 1600, both Catholics and Lutherans had more formal practices surrounding the Advent wreath.” Ultimately, the Advent wreath tradition spread beyond Germany and into other areas of the world, namely throughout the Western Church.

Today, it is not uncommon for church members to have advent wreaths in their homes and to count down the days and the weeks before Christmas!

The word “*Advent*” comes from the Latin word, “ADVENTUS” which means “*a coming, approach, arrival.*”

When we expect guests to arrive at our homes, we turn the lights on; we anticipate their arrival and welcome them with joy.

In Advent, we prepare our homes and churches as we joyfully anticipate “His arrival,” and the light also gets brighter as we near Christmas day, the day on which the *Light of the World* was born.

Lord knows that as the Northern Hemisphere grows darker and darker, we all could use a little more light in our lives! (WE energies loves it!)

Christmas...the date of December 25 was identified by Sextus Julius Africanus in 221 CE as the day on which Christmas would be celebrated, and it was celebrated in Rome by 336 CE.

During the Middle Ages Christmas became extremely popular, and various liturgical celebrations of the holiday were established.

The practice of exchanging gifts began by the 15th century (1400's.)

Traditions featuring the Yule log, cakes, and fir trees derive from German and Celtic customs.

In the United States and other countries since the early 20th century, Christmas has also been celebrated as a secular family holiday, observed by Christians and non-Christians alike, devoid of Christian elements and marked by an elaborate exchange of gifts and the legendary figure of Santa Claus.)

Now you have the low-down and are in the know!



Council Capsules

Council Capsules from the November meeting:

- Council approved a motion to allow the Evangelism committee to host an ornament making and hot cocoa event on December 11th.
- Council approved a motion to allow the Evangelism committee to set up a hat and mitten tree in the Narthex to collect winter essentials for donation.
- Council approved the date of January 15th for the 2025 annual pet blessing.
- Council discussed the cleanup of the nursery and agreed that the extra paint that was stored there (as it could not be stored in the garage) was a potential hazard and should be removed. Council person Dennis Schneider volunteered to remove the paint, catalog the colors for potential future purchase and dispose of. The cabinet that was put in there would need to be secured to the wall and the chairs removed before it can be used as a nursery again.
- Council approved the use of white wine for the chalice at the altar.
- Council approved the new Facility Use Agreement for outside groups to use the church and appointed Council Secretary, Lisa Kleppek to contact the groups, collect key cards and issue new keys and instructions.
- Council approved the new office hours for the church (the hours in which the Church Secretary will be in the office) as M, W and Th 9 am - 12 pm. While the Pastor may be in the church during additional hours, these are the hours that will be published on our website and sign when people can come into the office to conduct church business or access the food pantry.
- Council reviewed the 2025 Budget and approved a 3% employee salary increase - this budget will be submitted to the congregation for approval at the annual meeting.
- Council approved the Annual Meeting Date on February 2, 2025 to begin immediately after liturgy.
- Council approved closing the church's books on December 29, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Wytrykus Kleppek

All Saints Lutheran Church Council Secretary

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN



Nominations are needed for the 2025 Church Council. We will have 5 positions to fill. In a normal year, automatically, three positions need to be filled. This year, we had one resignation and one appointment, adding two more terms of office. To be nominated, a person must be a member in good standing and according to our constitution, they need to be a confirmed member of the church. Feel free to nominate yourself or another member, the Nominating Committee will follow up with a phone call. The Election will be held at the Annual Meeting in February.

I would like to nominate the following person for the 2025 Church Council:

Just slip the nomination in the WHITE BOX in the NARTHEX AREA. The box is located on the ledge. Thanks for nominating someone! It is appreciated!



Chuck Kocourek
Benny Brown
Jerry Pavlik
Jim Sprague
Peggy Rudolph-Lisle
Justin Halter
Debbie Maley
Joel Raison
Sydney LaFond
Ana Rivas
Sue Duchesneau
Kelly Braet
Diane Salewski
Brian Davies

Rita Cieszynski
Jeff LaFond
Sue McIntosh
Diane Hogan
Brian and Pat St. Louis
Rich Rudolph
Wally Hogan
Dennis Schneider
Debbie & John Krajnak
Julie Wishall
Keith & Cheri Saylor
Marlene Anderson
Marty Kleppek

- For Judy Wolter and Family on the death of her husband, Chuck...
 - For Kenadee and Nico, grandchildren of Rob and Pam...
 - For the children of Rita St. Louis...
 - For Corby and Mike Erickson...
 - For Bruce the brother of Howard MacMillan...
 - For the mother of Nancy Mason...
 - For the parents of Lisa Kleppek, Jodi Heine, and Robin Schmitt...
 - For the niece of Mike & Sue McIntosh...
 - For the fathers of Suz Pitts and Pam Kawczynski...
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- For our Police Officers, Military Members, Firefighters, Paramedics, and all First Responders...
 - For all those addicted and still suffering....

PLEASE...remember them daily in your prayers...Thank you!



Christian Education

Sunday School focus for the coming week:

<u>Date</u>	<u>focus verse</u>	<u>Topic</u>
• December 1	Jeremiah 31:3	God's Love for Me
	1 John 3:1	Called children of God
• December 8	Hebrews 12:1	Honesty
	Luke 22:54-62	Peter betrays Jesus
• December 15	Luke 2:7	Remember Jesus
	Matthew 1:21	Jesus, Born to Save
• December 22	*No classes – The Christmas Program during the 10:00 am service	
• December 29	* No Sunday School Classes	
• January 5, 2025	1 Corinthians 6:19	Health
	Daniel 1	Daniel eats vegetables

The Sunday School Christmas Program, occurring during the 10:00 am service on December 22, is looking for an adult volunteer or two adults to be in the program. **Are you willing to be the “Grandparent(s)” for the program? The Grandparent(s) will have lines to say and will be basically telling or reading the Christmas Story. If interested, please contact Robin A Schmitt @ 414 852-2091.**

A huge thank you to everyone who helped during the First Communion & Confirmation Celebration. A special Thank you to Julie Dittman for making the flowers for the students to wear. Also, thank you to those who worked behind the scenes. We truly are blessed with wonderful people who pitched in and made the celebration a special day.

Did you hear?! Petunia the Pig had babies! Thank you to the Stewardship Committee for providing the piggy banks to the Sunday School students to collect coins and then they can donate some of the money to the window fund as the Sunday Schools' December Giving Focus. The students were quite excited for their piggy banks.



We are looking for someone to take over the council duties in the new year. The Christian Education Committee Members would support and help you. If interested, please contact Robin A Schmitt @ 414 852-2091.

Christian Education committee will meet again on December 1, after service (at 11 am). We would love to see more faces to help discuss the Christian Education concerns and decisions of All Saints. Many hands make light work.

Robin Schmitt,
Christian Education Committee Chair



GIFT CARD UPDATE!

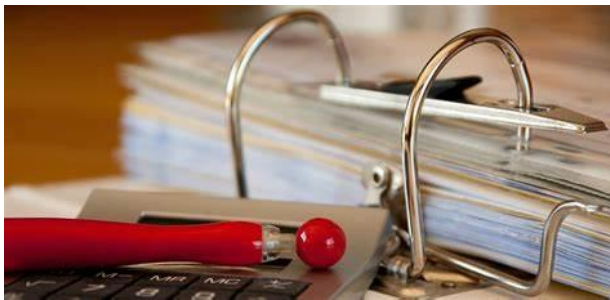
We've increased our inventory of gift cards for the holiday season. Why not consider using gift cards for those hard-to-buy-for people on your list. Who doesn't like receiving a gift card. That way you can purchase whatever you want.

And don't forget to ask about gift card holders. We do have a supply of gift card holders at the gift card table available for those buying gift cards. Just ask for them.

And, again, if you have any questions about the gift card program here at All Saints, stop by the gift card table either before or after each liturgy. we're always happy to help.

SIMPLY GIVING

Hanging on the bulletin board going into the Fellowship Hall are Simply Giving forms, All Saints' electronic giving program. Just grab one of the forms, fill it out, attach a voided check, and hand it in to the office. We'll be happy to set your account up for Simply Giving, a safe, convenient way to donate to All Saints.



The church books

will close on Sunday, December 29. Please have all your offerings in by that date. Anything received after December 29 will be posted to your 2025 giving records. Thanks.

Barbara Schrubey
Treasurer



Evangelism

An elderly woman, with a walker, living at THE WATERS (in Oak Creek,) is seeking a ride to and from worship on a weekly basis. She has reached out to us and is inquiring if any member would be interested in picking her up and bringing her to the liturgy...for worship.

If you can find it in your heart, to pick up this individual, please contact Brittany Czarny, Evangelism Chairperson at 1-262-639-8325.



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.



- The Youth Group says thank you to everyone who purchased Butter braids...
- The Liturgy Team says thank you to everyone who purchased poinsettias to adorn our altar area for Christmas!
- Thanks to Tim Jackalone for adding to our Guest Book holder at the front entranceway!
- Thanks to all those who helped out in any way with the Fall Craft Fair!
- Thanks to those who weekly film and post our liturgies on FACEBOOK LIVE!
- Thanks to the liturgy team for the Harvest Altar and for always making our sanctuary look so outstanding!
- Thanks to our YOUTH who participated in our recent PROCESSIONALS!
- Thanks to ANGELA CARROLL PHOTOGRAPHY for the awesome pictures of our First Communicant Members and our Confirmands!
- Thanks to those who stop by for Coffee and a Schneck after liturgy! (Coffee/Fellowship) has returned on Sundays!
- Special thanks to our MONEY COUNTERS during this time of the year! (You guys rock!)



Finance Committee

I would like to wish everyone a fantastic Holiday Season ahead!

We, as Christians, know that we are celebrating the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is giving us the greatest gift ever, out of his unconditional love for us.

It has come to the time of year to do the annual audit. So, the church council is looking for three to four people who would like to volunteer. The date for this is Sunday, December 8th after the liturgy. Please consider helping out if you are interested. Please call the office or me if you want to help with the audit. My cell phone is 414-405-2040. Thank you in advance for your help.

Everyone knows that any Church is supported by its members. Every year the cost of operations goes up. (You can count on it!) So, if you are able, please consider increasing your giving for the year 2025.

Every little bit helps to keep our Church thriving and moving into the future!

I will be stepping down as a council member, having served my three-year term.

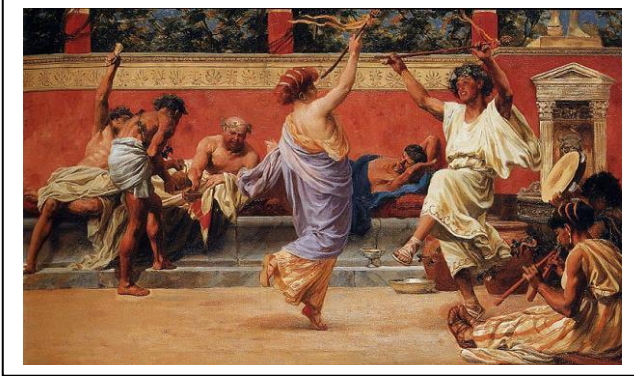
It is time for others to fill the important positions on the church council. So please, consider being a council member and helping to lead our Church.

Thank you once again.

Finance Chairperson,

Timothy Jackalone

Saturnalia



The celebration of Christmas, especially, owes many of its traditions to the ancient Roman festival of Saturnalia, including why it is celebrated on December 25th.

The Bible does not give a date for the birth of Jesus; in fact, some theologians have concluded Jesus was probably born in the spring of the year, as suggested by references to shepherds and flocks on the hillside grazing in the Nativity story. That makes good sense!

But by the fourth century A.D., Western Christian churches settled on celebrating Christmas on December 25, which allowed them to incorporate the holy day with Saturnalia and other popular pagan midwinter traditions.

Saturnalia was a Roman harvest festival, also associated with the winter solstice.

The early Christians were an eclectic group, borrowing from everywhere they could. There were no copyright laws! Plagiarism was not “the thing” that it is today.

Pagans and Christians co-existed (though not always happily) during this period, and this likely represented an effort to convince the remaining pagan Romans to accept Christianity as Rome’s official religion.

Recall if you will Constantine, in the year 325. The famous Edict of Milan...Although Constantine is acclaimed as the first emperor to embrace Christianity, he was not technically the first to legalize it. In the 3rd century CE, various generals issued local edicts of toleration to recruit Christians into the legions.

Before the end of the fourth century, many of the traditions of Saturnalia—including giving gifts, singing, lighting candles, feasting, and merrymaking—had become absorbed by the traditions of Christmas as many of us know today.

No Christianity is not a pagan holiday, nor was it ever...but it did borrow widely and freely to promote its spread to as many peoples and cultures as it could.

We absorbed much from all cultures and from all peoples and at the time, it was not considered to be a bad thing...

But oh the judgment, the church faces today, from many different sources...

Christmas Bazaar And Cookie Sale!

Please consider baking!

The cookie sale is on Saturday, December 14th!

The more cookies we have, the higher our profits...

All Cookies should be at the church no later than 4:00 P.M. on Friday.

Cookie Packers are always needed on Friday night! We pack cookies starting at 4:00, until we are done! (We pack on Friday Night the 13th!) Uh-Oh!!! Friday the 13th!

We can sell 300-400 boxes of cookies...but to do that, we need MORE bakers!

Do you know our cookies are usually sold out by 1:00 P.M.?

We also need help putting the church back in order at 3:00 P.M. any help is appreciated! Remember there is worship on Saturday at 5:00 P.M.

Did we mention, we can always use more bakers?



Confirmants receive “service hours” for helping out with the cookie packing!



Liturgy Committee –

A huge shout out to your Liturgy Team members for all they do to make the sanctuary look great!

Lisa Kleppek

Joy Kubusek

Margaret Coonan

Mary Zahn

Brittany Czarny

Another shout out to your Communion Team members who clean up after Liturgies.

Judy Wolter

Elaine Kleinhans

Barb Schrubey

Helen Haworth

When you see them, please Thank them! Their dedication is what allows us to provide THREE LITURGIES PER WEEK!! That is a LOT of dedication!!

Thank you, Ladies, for all of the work that you do! I am grateful to all of you!

May everyone have a wonderful and minimally stressed Christmas! Be well!

Much Love,

Jayne Murnane





To

Judy Wolter

Christy Ugrotzi & Family

Craig Wolter & Family

And to the entire Wolter family...

On the death of

Chuck Wolter

Chuck was a Charter Member of All Saints...

He died on the same day as his mother

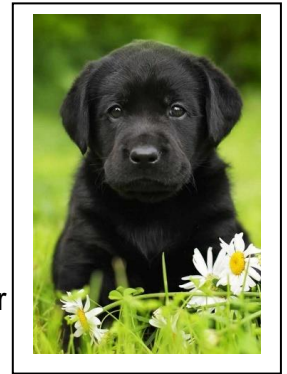
(Lois Wolter)

Died in the year 1998.

**The Stained-Glass Window above the altar is in Loving Memory of his
father and Lois' husband.**

Blessed are they who die in the Lord!

THE HOLY HARLEY TREE



The Harley Tree is now up in the narthex area next to the gift card table. Please stop by and pick up an envelope hanging on the tree for your cash/check donations. If you are donating by check, please make your check payable to ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH and put your member number on the envelope. That way you'll get credit for your donation on your giving statement.

Also, pick up a reminder on what's needed by both shelters.

The reminders are on the Harley Tree poster hanging up in back of the gift card table.

Both shelters are overcrowded and filled to capacity and urgently need your help.

Wouldn't it be nice if ALL shelter animals had a forever home this Christmas.

And now is the time to clean out your linen closets. Both shelters need blankets and towels. So, if you have any ratty towels or blankets you want to get rid of, bring them to church and put them near the Harley Tree. Both shelters will put them to good use.

And there's also an article about Harley (the big, beautiful black lab who started this church tradition). The article appeared in an issue of the Oak Creek Pictorial (anyone remember that?' about 30+ years ago. Pick a copy up and read about this heartwarming tradition of All Saints.

HARLEY TREE NEEDS

The Harley Tree especially needs cat food (especially moist kitten food); cleaning supplies, clay litter (NOT the scoopable); bleach (not splashless); dish soap and Purell hand sanitizer. Both shelters are filled to capacity so there's a special need for CASH donations to help these homeless animals find their forever homes. They will also accept CHEWY gift cards. Please help them out if you are able. Thanks for all you do...

Membership Requirements

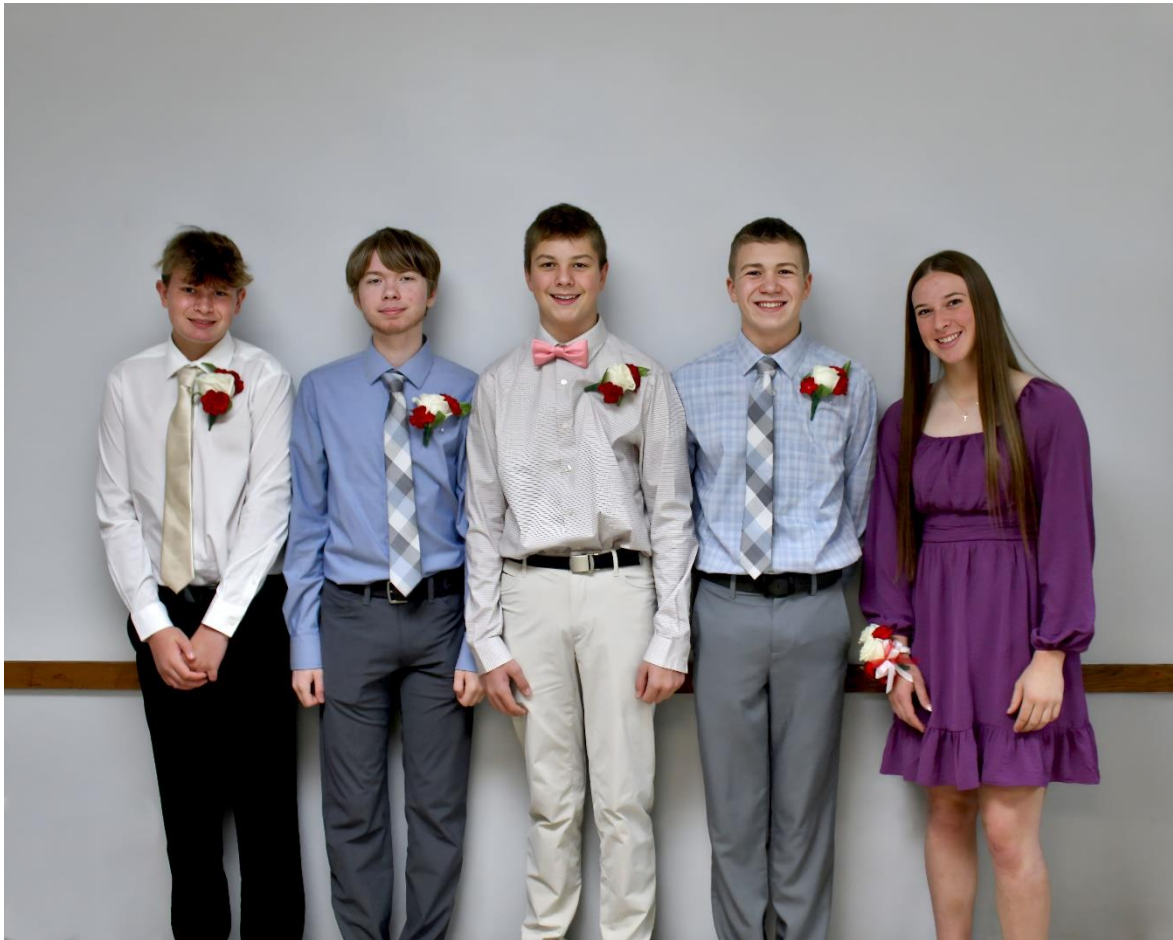
One more time, before years end, we want you to know and to understand that to be a member in "good standing" of All Saints Lutheran Church, you must either receive Communion at least once during the previous year (filling out a communion slip) "OR" you must make a monetary gift to the church (during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

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

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

All Saints Sunday celebrations photo memories.









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

Betty Ford

- One White Poinsettia In Memory of Husband, Bill and Daughter, Shari

Myrna Farrell and Cindy Katz

- One White Poinsettia In Memory of David Farrell
- One Red Poinsettia In Memory of Chad Smith

Judy Wolter

One White Poinsettia In Memory of Chuck Wolter

Mary Jo and Randy Meier

- One White Poinsettia In Memory of Our Parents, and Niece, Alicia
- One Red Poinsettia In Honor of Our Children: Luke & Kelly, Evan, Jake & Cheyenne Meier
- One Red Poinsettia In Honor of Our Grandchildren: Coraline, Theodore, Gwendolyn, and Elaina.

Richard Kahle

- One White Poinsettia In Memory of Pamela, Elliot, Geneva, Juliann, and Melvin
- One Red Poinsettia In Honor of Maxwell

Dan & Bonnie Dailey / Nathan, Emily, and Lizzy Ruka

- One White Poinsettia In Memory of Katie Ruka

Kathy Mack

- One White Poinsettia In Honor of All the Saints in Heaven

Sandy Montaguz

- One White Poinsettia In Memory of My Husband
- One White Poinsettia In Memory of those gone before us
- One Red Poinsettia In Honor of Our Pastor
- One Red Poinsettia In Honor of My Family

Rita St. Louis

- One White Poinsettia In Memory of Parents of Rita St, Louis, Daughter, Renee Dufay, Brother, Ed LaVigne
 - One Red Poinsettia In Honor of My Family's Children
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Revealer Articles are due on **Wednesday December 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.



Moriah the church dog writes...

Some of you know that I have developed allergies of late. They currently have me on a daily regimen of Apoquel. I can usually feel the pill or taste the pill, so I spit it out. I do not like taking medication! The good news is the people in the church office wrap my pill in LIVER SAUSAGE. So, every single day I get treated with Liver Sausage. (Yay, me!) Just so you know, **my ears may be a little sensitive.**

They do not usually check animals for their allergies to see what they are allergic to...sometimes it is dietary, but usually it is just environmental.

The most common foods to trigger an allergic response in dogs are animal proteins including chicken, beef, dairy, and eggs.

Lamb, pork, and fish are less likely to cause allergies, although it is possible.

While some dogs have proven to be allergic to wheat and corn, this is much more rare than common wisdom would have you believe.

Instances of other grains, such as oats or rice, causing allergies are rare to nonexistent. I tell you seriously...this aging stuff is not for sissies!

Cooking for the Holidays

PINEAPPLE HONEY-GLAZED HAM

INGREDIENTS

- One 9- to 10-pound bone-in fully-cooked smoked ham (butt or shank half)
- 1 tablespoon whole cloves, optional
- Two 20-ounce cans sliced pineapple
- 20 maraschino cherries
- 2 cups honey
- 2 cups light brown sugar



DIRECTIONS

1. Let the ham sit at room temperature for about 30 minutes.
2. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F.
3. Trim off any skin from the ham. Use a sharp paring knife to score through the fat in a diagonal crosshatch pattern without cutting through to the meat. Push the cloves into the ham, if using, placing them at the intersections of the cuts. Put the ham, flat-side down, on a rack in a roasting pan.
4. Drain the pineapples, reserving the juice. Arrange the sliced pineapple all over the ham, securing with toothpicks. Add a maraschino cherry to the center of each pineapple slice and secure with a toothpick.
5. Pour 1/4 inch water in the bottom of the pan and tent the ham with foil.
6. Roast until an instant-read thermometer inserted in the thickest part of the ham (avoiding bone) registers 130 degrees F, about 2 hours 30 minutes (or about 15 minutes per pound).
7. Meanwhile, combine the honey, brown sugar and reserved pineapple juice in a large saucepan set over medium heat. Simmer, stirring occasionally, until thickened, syrupy and reduced to about 3 cups, 25 to 30 minutes. Set aside.
8. Increase the oven temperature to 425 degrees F.
9. Uncover the pan and carefully brush a third of the glaze all over the ham. If the water in the roasting pan has evaporated, add more. Bake the ham for 15 minutes more. Brush with another third of the glaze and bake for 15 minutes more. Brush the remaining glaze over the ham and cook until the glaze is shiny and the skin is dark golden brown and crispy, about 15 minutes more. Let rest for 15 minutes.

Confirmation corner...



Christmas Caroling with the Youth

It is always the best! What a fun time. Join the Confirmands in Christmas Caroling! You will be glad you did!

When: We meet at the church, on Thursday, December 12th

At 6:00 P.M. **Note** Confirmands get “service hours” for Caroling... **Afterward:** We head back to the church for PIZZA!



All are welcome to attend!

Wear your best Santa hat!

And dress for the weather!

The Twelve Days of Christmas

(No, not the song!)



The Shortest Season of the Church's Liturgical year! 12 days in length!

I bet you didn't know: In 567 the COUNCIL OF TOURS "proclaimed the twelve days of Christmas to Epiphany (that is through the end of January 5th, as Epiphany begins the following day) as a sacred and festive season and established the duty of Advent fasting in preparation for the feast.

During this period one celebration leads into another...leads into another.

December 25, the Nativity of Our Lord.

December 26, Stephen, the first Christian martyr.

December 27, St. John, the Evangelist.

December 28, the Holy Innocents (martyrs)

December 29, the Feast of the Holy Family (moveable date)

December 30, The Archbishop of Canterbury (Martyr)

December 31, John Wyclif, Priest and Translator of the Bible into English

January 1, The Circumcision and the Naming of Jesus, Mary, Mother of God

January 2, Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

January 3, Holy Name Day

January 4, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seaton

January 5, The Eve of the Epiphany

The Epiphany of Our Lord (Three Kings Day!)



Stewardship Committee

Merry Christmas to you and yours from the Stewardship Committee!!!

To date, the Stewardship Committee has completed the new forms for Time and Talent as well as the new pledge forms. Many of you may have received an email plea to fill out a new pledge form for 2025. We are asking you to participate in this pledge drive as we haven't held a formal drive in over 5 years.

Please return your pledge drive form as soon as possible. There is a box in the church entrance for this purpose.

I can't impress upon you enough how important it is that you also consider using '**Simply Giving**' as your designated form of donating. Using this electronic giving format allows us to pay our bills on time as the church receives a steady stream of income. Please consider using '**Simply Giving**'.

Maybe you heard the excitement of the Sunday School Children as they gathered around Petunia with their own baby piggy banks. They were so happy to have their own pig with which to collect coins and donate to the window fund!! To date, Petunia has collected \$759.04. Thank you to all who have donated to this cause!

Our next meeting is December 11th at 5:30 p.m. Please join us as we contemplate what Stewardship means and how we can enrich lives and thrive at All Saints!!!

Kathy Mack
Stewardship Chairperson



Council Meeting – Monday, December 16th at 6:30 pm
Check the Calendar for the dates and times
of the various Committee Meetings

ANNUAL MEETING DATE ANNOUNCED!

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, February 2nd, 2025



We Promise to get you in and out as quickly as possible...

And,

We will even feed you!

Just a heads up...

SUPERBOWL LIX (59)

Will take place in New Orleans

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Caesar's Superdome Home of the Saints

On

Sunday, February 9th, 2025 🤗



World Concerns

This is busy time of the year for the church getting ready for our birth of Christ decorations, picture with Santa Claus, and our Christmas cookie bazaar with our famous chili dump.

We are also doing Sojourner family peace center we are asking for gift cards from Target, Walmart, Pick & Save, McDonald's, Subway, and Gas of \$10.00 or any denominations.

Also, other donations that are listed on the box in the narthex. Thank you for your donations.

The dates are 11/15/24 to 12/15/24.

Food pantry was down for the month of October. We only gave out 14 bags of food.

We are asking for any donations for the month of December. Thank you for your donations. They are greatly appreciated!!!!

The next blood drive: Tuesday March 4, 2025, from 2:00 to 6:30 pm.

My next meeting is Wednesday Dec. 11, 2024 @ 5:00pm.

God's blessings.

Remember the poor!!

Elaine Kleinhans, World Concerns, Chairperson



The Live Streaming Crew for December

- 1 - Lynn
- 8 - Dan
- 15 - Brian
- 22 - Dale
- 24 - Dale
- 25 - Lynn
- 29 - Jayne



OH HOLY NIGHT

A D N H P W P J Q B T G F F S Q V
Y D M Q M I A A S T A R R L G F R
F X F A G R D O N K E Y A S Q L J
F S B U G S A V I O R M N F W U W
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B K Y M W I H F R A P E A C E G W

ANGEL
ANIMALS
BABY
BETHLEHEM
DONKEY
FRANKINCENSE

GIFTS
GOLD
JESUS
JOSEPH
MANGER
MARY

MYRRH
PEACE
SAVIOR
SHEPHERD
STAR
WISE MEN



Just for Laughs...



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

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

'Only water', replied Father O'Malley.

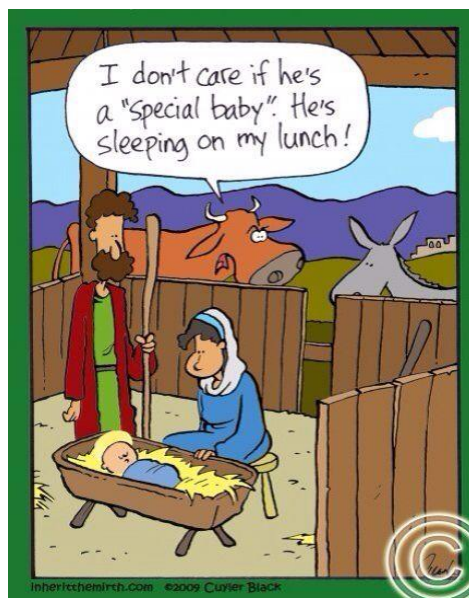
The policeman asked, 'Then how come I can smell wine?'

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

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

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

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





Letters we receive: Correspondence

THANK YOU!

Outreach for Hope would like to express its appreciation to:

All Saints Lutheran Church (Oak Creek)

*Thank you for your participation in the 2024 Outreach for Hope Family Ride Run Walk!
Your support is truly appreciated.*

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Number of registrants

\$102.50

Total \$ Raised



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

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

Remember, by donating Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Candles, and Bulletins you help the church budget, and it is a great way to remember those special people and dates in your life. **PLEASE PRINT**



Donations:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Bulletins</u>	<u>Memorial Candle</u>	<u>Honor Candle</u>
Nov 30 to Dec 6 ADVENT I	Vnuk	OPEN	Hochevar	Vnuk
December 7 to 13 ADVENT II	Vnuk	OPEN	Vnuk	OPEN
December 14 to 20 ADVENT III	Woods	Schmitt	Hochevar	Krajnak
December 21 to 23 ADVENT IV	Murnane	OPEN	Hochevar	Murnane
December 24 Christmas Eve	Worship & Music	OPEN	Hochevar	OPEN
December 25 Christmas Day	Worship & Music	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Dec 26 to Jan 3	OPEN	OPEN	Hochevar	OPEN



1st Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16
 Psalm 25:1-10
 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
 Luke 21:25-36

2nd Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3:1-4
 Luke 1:68-79
 Philippians 1:3-11
 Luke 3:1-6

3rd Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-20
 Isaiah 12:2-6
 Philippians 4:4-7
 Luke 3:7-18

4th Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:2-5a
 Psalm 80:1-7
 Hebrews 10:5-10
 Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

Nativity of Our Lord

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

1st Sunday of Christmas

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
 Psalm 148
 Colossians 3:12-17
 Luk 2:41-52

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December 1st, 2024

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December 29th, 2024

Tom Coonan

Judy Wolter

TEAM 2:

December 8th, 2024

Don Olsen, Captain

Dena Olsen

Elaine Kleinhans

TEAM 3:

December 15th, 2024

Brian Rathmann, Captain

Barbara Schrubey, Captain

Lori Rathmann

TEAM 4:

December 22nd, 2024

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Lynn Friedman

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