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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

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

**MONDAY**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**THURSDAY**

**9:00am – 12:00pm**



- 2-1 Susan Payne,  
Pam Halter
- 2-2 LeeAnn Davies
- 2-3 Grayson Venne
- 2-5 Mary Anderson
- 2-6 Marvel Baumgartner
- 2-7 Brandon Kawczynski, Justin Halter,  
Leslie McAbee
- 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 Roman Michalski, Cinnamon Salchow
- 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
- 2-17 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**



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

## Comment Article: “Gearing up for Lent”

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The fourth season of the church's liturgical year will soon be upon us: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, and soon, the Season of Lent.

Lent is a time of introspection.

Lent is a time to examine our lives closely—the good, the bad, and the not-so-pretty parts...

Are we “talking the talk” and “walking the walk” or merely “going through the motions?” You know, just “spinning our wheels?”

Or are we even “going through the motions,” at all?

Lent has always been seen as a journey that is renewed every year.

They say that every journey begins with one step.

Will you take that one step this Lenten Season?

Lent is a blessed time when we can slow down and actively reflect on our spiritual journey.

Go ahead and tell me, what is more important...what is more pressing...

We are called to examine “our hearts and minds,” our whole lives in respect to our God.

Lent reminds us that this is the season “to turn away” from our worldly distractions and “to journey home” to God.

God is waiting for you; you know he is...

Lent has always been that season of the church year, when we hear the words, “Return to the Lord, your God.”

They echo...across the centuries...

They echo through the darkness of the night...

They echo in our sleeping hours...

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, (which is just around the corner!) Christians are called to use the season of Lent to examine our relationship with God as they prepare for the next season of the church year, that being, Easter. The Season of Resurrection joy....

The holy season of Lent commences with black ashes on the forehead in preparation to celebrate “the mystery of the cross.”

Lent lasts 40 days so that we can spend “the right amount of time” in this period of seeking forgiveness and preparation for Easter.

The period of 40 days represents a period of “preparation or testing.”

The number 40 has special significance in the Bible. It was the number of days water flooded the earth, the years Israel wandered in the desert and the days Jesus fasted in the desert.

So, we take these 40 days to enter into preparation “for the new life God has waiting for us.”

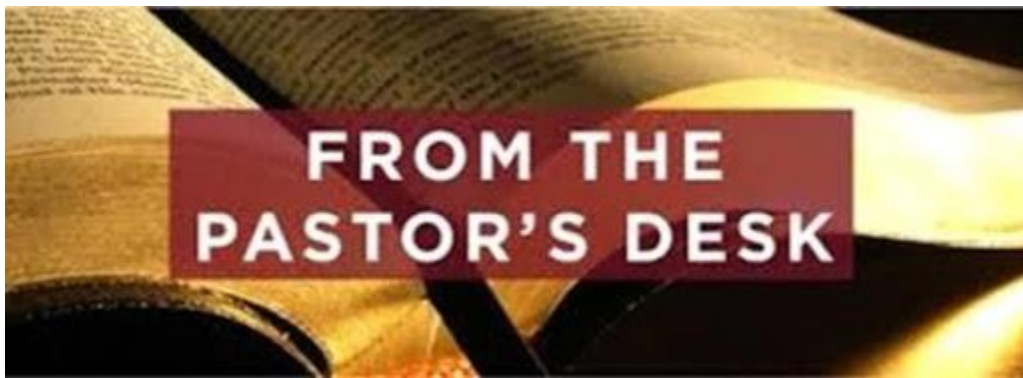
We contemplate how Christ gives us hope, forgiveness, and new life, through the cross and through his gracious mercy.

Lent is also a time to find out HOW to get closer to God. Closer to his Son.  
How to RETURN to HIM.  
Sometimes we wander.  
Sometimes we allow there to be a distance between God and ourselves.  
Sometimes we turn our backs on him  
Sometimes we run in the opposite direction.  
Sometimes we just become lazy.  
Sometimes we leave Him in our past.

The season of Lent is a time to grow in our relationship with God and his Christ through increased prayer, acts of charity, almsgiving, and fasting.  
Those have always been considered to be the chief pillars of the season of Lent.

It's a special season for healing and restoring our relationship with God and with his son, and prayerfully with others...as well.

I pray you have a blessed Lenten journey.  
See you in church!  
Pr. Mortenson



# The 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Congregational Meeting Revisited

First off, thanks to all who attended.

Secondly, thanks to those members who served on the council. We so appreciate all that you do and have done for our church.

The Council Secretary will submit the Council Capsules...

Four members of the Congregation won door prizes; they were Mary Zahn, Ryan Czarny, Patti Holzman, and Margaret Coonan. Blessings...

Following the meeting, Kathy Mack was voted to be the new Council President. Jayne Murnane was voted to be the Council Vice-President.

Still needed are (2) delegates to the Synod Assembly (May 30 – 31, 2025) AT THE Brookfield Conference Center on South Moorland Road. Contact the church office if you are interested, or Kathy Mack.

The Church Council will be installed on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at our Sunday liturgy of worship.

The Council Retreat will take place on February 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 A.M.

The Committee Structure at this point will include:

- Christian Education – Robin Schmitt
- Evangelism Committee – Brittany Czarny
- Finance Committee – Open
- Liturgy Committee – Jayne Murnane
- Property Committee – Dan Thein
- Stewardship Committee – Sandy Montague
- World Concerns Committee – Elaine Kleinhans
- Youth Committee – Open
- The Church Treasurer: Barbara Schrubey
- The Financial Secretary: Susan McIntosh
- The Church Council Secretary: Lisa Kleppek

Thank you, to each one of you for stepping forward. You are appreciated!



## Did You Know?

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- How long is the season of Lent?
- What event in Jesus' life, is Lent based on?
- The first day of Lent is when?
- What great Feast Day and Season does Lent lead up to?
- What are the Three Great Pillars of Lent?
- Which day of the week is not counted in Lent?
- What does the word "ALMSGIVING" mean?
- What did the word LENT originally mean?
- What is the color of the vestments during Lent?
- When is the last day of the LENTEN SEASON?
- What word is not supposed to be said or sung during Lent?
- What food was traditionally eaten the day before Lent began?
- What is the day called when Palms are blessed?
- Who helped Jesus carry his cross?
- What is the TRIDUUM?
- What is the day of the foot washing?
- What is the meaning of the word EASTER?
- What is the goal of the Lenten season?
- How is the ash for ASH WEDNESDAY made?
- On what day is the Eucharist not celebrated?
- What is the meaning of the word REPENT?
- Why did the Romans become involved in the case against Jesus?
- Who was the Roman Governor?
- How many trials was Jesus subjected to?
- Who denied Jesus?
- Who betrayed Jesus?
- What was the normal "cause of death" for someone crucified?
- On what day did the Last Supper occur?
- What snack originated during Lent because it contains only water, flour, and salt?
- What do Roman Catholics abstain from eating on Fridays?
- How much did one disciple "sell Jesus out" for?
- On what day is CHRISM (oil) traditionally blessed?
- The word "eucharist" means?
- What was the name of the Hebrew celebration that was about to occur?
- What is the Greek word for Messiah?
- What is the Hebrew word for Anointed One?
- What is a shroud meant to do?

So, how did you do? Thank God for G00GLE, am I right? 🤔



**Keith and Cheri Saylor  
Charles Kocourek  
Jim Sprague  
Peggy Rudolph-Lisle  
Debbie Maley  
Sydney LaFond  
Sue Duchesneau  
Diane Salewski  
Marlene Anderson  
Phyllis Thompson  
Bill Boyce**

**Jerry Pavlik  
Justin Halter  
Joel Raison  
Rich Lisle  
Ana Rivas  
Jeff LaFond  
Debbie and John Krajnak  
Corby and Mike Erickson  
Wally and Diane Hogan  
Brian and Pat St. Louis**

**For Brian and LeeAnn Davies on the death of Scott and Debra Delebeck.  
Dor Dick Kahle on his retirement.  
For Kenadee and Nico, grandchildren of Rob and Pam.  
For the children of Rita St. Louis  
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 and Sue McIntosh.  
For the Fathers of Suz Pitts and Pam Kawczynski.**

**For all of our Police Officers, Military members, Firefighters, Paramedics, and  
First Responders...  
For all those addicted and still suffering...**



## Council Capsules

Council approved the following matters at the January council meeting.:

- Council approved new members Alana Zielesch and Roman Michalski
- Council approved extending the food pantry hours to two Saturdays a month from 12-2 pm beginning in March.
- Council agreed to present to the congregation a proposal to reduce the number of liturgies each week from three to two, eliminating Wednesdays except at special liturgical seasons as discussed with the liturgy committee and the pastor.
- Council approved the youth group hosting Easter breakfast.

### Congregational Annual Meeting Recap

- Council changes - The congregation approved the appointment of Barb Schrubey to Treasurer, Sue McIntosh to Financial Secretary and Lisa Wytrykus Kleppek to Council Secretary. There were five council positions and 3 of them were filled by Robin Schmidt, Dan Thein and Sandy Montague. At the close of the meeting there are still two vacant positions on council.
- The congregation approved a \$245,637 budget for 2025 that includes a 3% raise for the employees.
- There were no volunteers for the synod assembly in May.
- The congregation approved a motion to eliminate the weekly Wednesday liturgies except for special seasonal liturgies at the discretion of the liturgy committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Wytrykus Kleppek  
All Saints Lutheran Church  
Council Secretary







## Christian Education

Sunday School focus for the coming week:

Date	focus verse	Topic
• February 2	Psalm 33:21	Joy
	• Mathew 3:13-17	John Baptizes Jesus
• February 9	1 Thessalonians 5:18	Gratitude
	• 1 Samuel 16:1-13	David is Chosen King
• February 16	Luke 11:28	Obedience
	• Genesis 6	Noah Builds the Ark
• February 23	Psalm 27:14	Patience
	• Genesis 18:1-15	Isaac is Born
• March 2	1 Corinthians 15:33	Peer Pressure
	• Exodus 23:2	God gives the Ten Commandments

Confirmation Students are meeting on Thursdays:  
 6:00 pm for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade      7:00 pm for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade      8:00 pm for 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

Pericope Meets at 9:00am on Sundays. All are welcome to join in the discussion or just come and listen.

Christian Education committee will meet on February 9, 2025, after service (at 11 am). Reminder: the Congregational Meeting will be held on February 2. We would love to see more faces to help discuss the Christian Education concerns and decisions for All Saints. Many hands make light work.

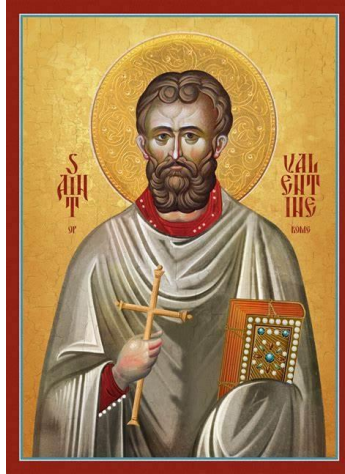
Respectfully submitted,  
 Robin Schmitt  
 Christian Education Chair



**Many Hands Make LIGHT Work**

**Council Meeting – Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**  
**Check the Calendar for the dates and times**  
**of the various Committee Meeting**

# Valentine's Day



“Love, love, love, that’s what it’s all about, cause God loves us, we love each other...”

The history of Valentine's Day—and the story of its patron saint—is shrouded in mystery. We do know that February has long been celebrated as a month of romance and that St. Valentine’s Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman traditions. But who was Saint Valentine, and how did he become associated with this ancient rite?

The history of Valentine’s Day recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred.

One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine’s actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

Still others insist that it was Saint Valentine of Terni, a bishop, who was the true namesake of the holiday. He, too, was beheaded by Claudius II outside Rome.

Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons, where they were often beaten and tortured.

According to one legend, an imprisoned Valentine sent the first “valentine” greeting himself after he fell in love with a young girl—possibly his jailor’s daughter—who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter signed “From your Valentine,” an expression that is still in use today.

Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories all emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic, and—most importantly—romantic figure. By the Middle Ages, perhaps thanks to this reputation, Valentine would become one of the most popular saints in England and France. So, who is your Valentine?

# Offering Envelope Update!

For those church members using envelopes, if you need more envelopes, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board leading into the Fellowship Hall.

Just put your name down along with your member's number (the envelope number if you can remember it.)

You will receive your box of envelopes in about a week to 10 days. Your envelopes will be on the table in the narthex, leading into the church.

Also, if you are using envelopes, please use up ALL YOUR ENVELOPES. Use the "SPECIAL OFFERING" envelopes, all the Christmas, Advent, Lent, etc., envelopes. Your offering is recorded just that way. There are NO DATES on any of your envelopes so if you miss church for a few weeks, just use ONE envelope (instead of five, eight, or more) to get caught up.

You also do not have to put a date on your envelopes because the money counters only record OFFERINGS on Sunday and your offering is recorded for that day (SUNDAY.)

The money counters will thank you...

## GIFT CARD UPDATE

Last year we made over \$2,459.00 in Gift Card profit for our church!

Thank you, to all who used the GIFT CARD PROGRAM here at All Saints!  
Your participation is appreciated!

However, we could be doing so much better in terms of profit.

We ALL need groceries, fill our vehicles up with gas, go out to eat once in a while, and purchase various items/clothes.

IF you fall into any of those categories, please use GIFT CARDS for all of your purchases.

Keep the gift cards in your wallet or purse so they are handy when you go shopping.

EVERYONE here at the church should be using the gift card program. It is easy!

You can even go online to purchase e-gift cards.

The site is: [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). You can set your account up so that you can pay electronically. The site is VERY SAFE, so you do not have to worry.

Please EVERYONE HELP US OUT HERE!  
(Thanks...)



## Liturgy Committee –

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Wow! It is February already and Lent is just around the corner!

The Liturgy Team is already making plans for Holy Week and Easter! We look forward to seeing you in worship.

Please bring in any palms from previous years that you do not want anymore, so that the committee can burn them for use on Ash Wednesday. Please bring them to church by Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.

It has been an honor and adventure to serve as your Liturgy Chair for the past three years! Thank you!

I am sure that Sandy will be great as your new chair, and I look forward to being of support to her.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jayne Murnane



*Our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy is extended  
to LeeAnn Davies and family  
on the death of Her Sister, and Brother.  
Blessed are those who die in the Lord*

# Moriah Joy says...



I finally read about “my breed.” You know, it makes a lot of sense. I found it fascinating. I am not blowing my own horn at all but just thought you might find some of the following to be of interest.

Airedales are known for:

- Highly Intelligent
- Versatility
- Inquisitiveness
- **STRONG** Protective Instincts
- A Lively Spirit

I bet you didn't know that we are also called **BINGLET TERRIERS** or **WATERSIDE TERRIERS**.

We were actually named for the area of our origin in England. They say we originated in the valley of **DALE** of the River **AIRE**, in the West Riding of Yorkshire, England. And therefore, our breed name is Airedale. We are the largest of the terriers and are called the **KING** of the **TERRIERS**.

What a lot of people do not know is that we were originally bred as a hunting dog and as an all-around working farm dog, especially where vermin control was necessary.

The Airedale was extensively used in World War I to carry messages to soldiers behind enemy lines and transport mail.

They were also used by the **RED CROSS** to find wounded soldiers on the battlefield.

There are numerous tales of Airedales delivering their messages despite terrible injury.

An Airedale named "Jack" ran through half a mile of enemy fire, with a message attached to his collar. He arrived at headquarters with his jaw broken and one leg badly splintered, and right after he delivered the message, he dropped dead in front of its recipient.

I thought you might find this interesting!

# 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



**April 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 414-762-5111 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
  - Legos
  - Pet 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!



- We need cakes, cupcakes, cookies, bread, fudge, muffins, rice crispy treats, candy, and especially full-sized and individual-sized pies!
- **We need canned pie-filling donations.** Shop the store sales, if you are able, we **need at church by March 30<sup>th</sup>!**

- We need these kind of pie fillings: berry medley, strawberry, blueberry, apple, cherry, and peach!

Our church members will be baking pies at church **on Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1-6 PM and Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM-2 PM.** We need more helpers; we will teach you how to bake pies! A great life skill for anyone!

- Please don't donate "refrigeration needed" baked goods, as refrigerator space is very limited at the church.

Help is needed (Mark your calendars):



Help is needed (Mark your calendars):

Thursday, April 3 from 5:30-6:00 PM -

- Help needed to move chairs and tables! Please help if you can!! We need lots of help, but it 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, April 4 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 after March 15<sup>th</sup>.*
- ❖ 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 priors!**





### Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 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 fishing lures, puzzles, hand-painted items, quilts, stuffed toys, handmade 3D cards, paper goods, bakeware cozies, dog toys, snuffle balls, Tupperware, L'Bri items, aprons, cloth books, jams, jellies, relishes, unique handmade baskets, Easter gifts, sewn items, embroidered towels, soaps, bath bombs, lotions, lazy Susan, coasters, pottery, jewelry, door wreaths, 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, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-3:30 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.

Committee meeting (all are welcome to come):

- Wednesday, Feb 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm planning meeting
- Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM planning meeting
- Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 PM Church set-up (moving tables, and chairs)
- Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM Post Craft Fair Meeting, wrap up.

### **Helper times (come for an hour or 2 or more)**

- Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> drop off pie filling donations by noon
- Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Pie Baking from 1 – 6 PM pie at church
- Craft Fair Set-Up from 5:30 – 6 PM (many hands needed)

Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

- Pie Baking from 9 AM – 2 PM at church
- Bakery pricing from 2 – 6:30 PM
- Kitchen food donations needed by noon
- Kitchen Set-Up from 3 – 7 PM

Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

- Many volunteers are needed from 8 AM – 3:30 PM (Sign-up sheets will be on the Narthex door by the end of February)
- Craft Fair hours from 9 AM – 2 PM
- Craft Fair helpers needed from 8 AM – 4 PM
- Clean-up 2:30 – 4 ish...

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!!!

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

○ **P.S. Sandy Davis isn't able to commit to the Craft Fair Coordinator job due to family issues. So, we are once again looking for someone to fill this role. If you are interested, talk to Mary Jo or PJ.**

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

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			

**Live Streaming  
On**

**facebook.**



# **Live Streaming**

**February 2 - Judy Wolter**

**February 9 – Dan Payne**

**February 16 – Lynn Friedman**

**February 23 – Dale Hochevar**

**Know that**

**We appreciate...**

**All that you do!**

**THANK YOU!**



## Stewardship Committee

### **STEWARDSHIP aka “Sty Warden”**

I would like to thank a few members who have helped me with Stewardship this past year. Kinga Vnuk helped me learn how to use the software “Servant Keeper” and send emails to the congregation. Mary Zahn, Derk VanderMolen, and Sandy Montague helped by being members of the Stewardship committee. I couldn’t have done it without all of you!

Another thanks to the Sunday School children and teachers for filling their piggy banks and donating to the window fund!! They were awesome and a good example for all of us.

Petunia is still collecting for the window replacements. We need new windows in the fellowship hall and sanctuary. Windows will be a great addition to keeping utility bills in check, but they are also expensive. Therefore, we will keep Petunia available for any donations you can spare. Thank you to all who donated their change to this fund.

Lastly, thank you to all who filled out Time and Talent sheets and our new pledge forms this past year. YOU ROCK!!!

As of this writing, we have not held our annual meeting, therefore I do not know if I will be chair of this committee next year, but I have enjoyed serving on this committee. I hope many of you will consider joining the committees next year.

Kathy Mack, Stewardship Chairperson



# Thank You!

- Thank you to those who donate to the Food Pantry...
- Thank you to those who donate to PETUNIA THE PIG!
- Thank you to those providing "SCHNECKS" for fellowship...
- Thanks to those who attend PERICOPE!
- Thanks to Sandy Montague for the beautiful Christmas Tree.
- Thanks to those who cut down and hauled the tree.
- Thanks to those who set up and helped to decorate the tree.
- Thanks to those who packed the decorations away...
- Thanks to those who took down all of our decorations...
- Thanks to the person who donated the large wreath hanging outside the front doors of the church.
- Thanks to whoever made and put together our Advent Wreath!
- Thanks to those bringing stuff to the Annual Meeting luncheon!
- Thanks to those who purchase altar flowers.
- Thanks to those who sign up for bulletins.
- Thanks to those who purchase the honor candle.
- Thanks to those who purchase the memorial candle.
- Thanks to all those bringing in cans of soup...the altar area is looking good!
- Thanks to those who stay for fellowship after worship!
- Thanks to those who set up communion and to those who clean up.
- Thanks to those who take home the dirty laundry from the kitchen!
- Thanks to those who help out with the WISH LIST...
- Thanks to those who bring in BIRD FOOD for the bird feeder.
- Thanks to those who keep the cookies stocked in the kitchen!
- Thanks to those bringing in books for our lending/reading library.
- Thanks to Mary Zahn who provided bread for the altar.
- Thanks to the council members...
- Thanks for everything you do!
- Thanks to Kinga and Sue for getting the year-end statements out!
- Thanks to everyone who helped out with the PET BLESSING!



## World Concerns

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My committee and I had a meeting on Jan.8, 2025. We discussed upcoming events, we want to focus on serving our community, veterans, and world concerns.

We are going to have blood drives 2 times a year.

March 4, 2025, 2-7 p.m. And a tentative date in September or October, watch for coming details.

Fisher House - April 10,2025, August 14, 2025, and tentative date - December 4, 2025.

We will be serving a meal and breakfast items. This is a place for family members to stay while their loved ones are in the hospital.

Food pantry is asking for canned soup to go around the altar for Super bowl Sunday February 9, 2025.

For March member choice of food donations. For 2024 we handed out 299 bags of food.

That is awesome !!!

God's blessing thank you for your donations, it does make a difference.

My next meeting is on February 12, 2025.

Remember the poor.

God Bless,

Elaine Kleinhans, Chairperson

# The Souper Bowl Of Caring



**If everyone could bring one or two cans of soup for on or around our altar, can you envision how cool that would look? All the soup would then go to our FOOD PANTRY to help feed hungry people in our area! Let's do it!!! Let's make it happen!**



## 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!

# Wish List

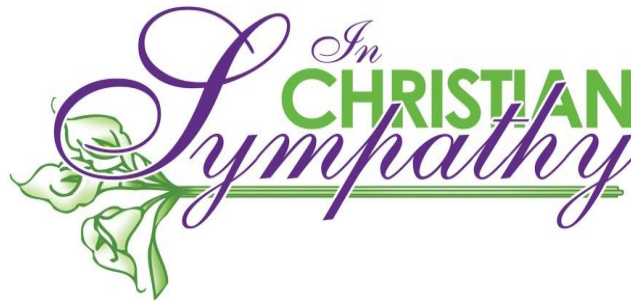
- Garbage Bags  
13 gallons  
33 gallons

And

- D-Cell Batteries...

(TIA)

**Thank you in advance!**



*Our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy is extended  
to Chuck Kocourek and family  
on the death of His Sister, Robin.  
Blessed are those who die in the Lord*



## Letters we receive: Correspondence

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*Hello,*

*We really appreciate your SUPER generous donation of winter accessories for our students. Not only was it so thoughtful, but the love and care that went into the homemade items was very touching. We've already had multiple students who have needed to borrow these items for recess or keep an odd piece if they didn't have their own at home. Please know they're all going to good use and we're all so thankful for such a considerate community.*

**Angela Petre**

*School Secretary*

*Forest Ridge Elementary*



*Dear PJ,*

*Thank you for all your help last week with my Mom's funeral.*

*On behalf of our entire family, we are very grateful.*

*Sincerely,*

*Rod and Denise Kalski*

# HAWS

**Humane Animal Welfare Society**

701 Northview Road  
P.O. Box 834  
Waukesha, WI 53187  
Phone: 262-542-8851  
Fax: 262-542-8853  
[www.hawspets.org](http://www.hawspets.org)

January 8, 2025

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

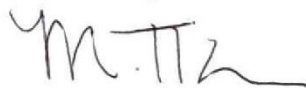
Dear All Saints Lutheran Church,

The Humane Animal Welfare Society (HAWWS) of Waukesha County extends its most sincere appreciation for your charitable **donation from the Harley Tree Fundraiser to General Donation - Shelter Support**. Your generous support of our programs and services better the lives of the many animals who look to HAWWS for hope and help in finding their forever homes.

Established in 1965, Humane Animal Welfare Society (HAWWS) is an open admission, no-kill shelter dedicated to strengthening the relationship between animals and humans through adoptions and education making a more compassionate community possible.

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

Warmest Regards,



Maggie Tate-Techtmann  
Executive Director

So very wonderful!  
Thank you for your  
continued support!

PS Please visit [www.hawspets.org](http://www.hawspets.org) for information on HAWWS' many fostering opportunities, community events, adoptable animals, training classes, children's camps, and much more.

*No goods or services were received in exchange for this donation. All donations are tax deductible as allowed by law. Please retain this letter as your receipt for tax purposes.*

The Humane Animal Welfare Society of Waukesha County leads the community in animal welfare and assures sanctuary for animals in need.

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

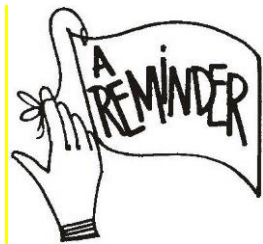
The donation's folder is posted in the blue folder on the Bulletin Board. Select your dates for those special occasions or people in your lives and follow the instructions on the inside front cover.

Remember, by donating Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Candles, and Bulletins you help with 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>
<b>February 1 to 7</b>	Open	Haworth	Dailey	Open
<b>February 8 to 14</b>	Montague	Haworth	Vnuk	Friedman
<b>February 15 to 21</b>	Montague	Haworth	Templin	Kleinhans
<b>Feb 22 to 28</b>	Montague	Haworth	Krajnak	Open



Revealer Articles are due on **Wednesday February 19<sup>th</sup> by Noon.**

With extending the deadline, to the Wednesday after Council meets -

this is a firm deadline for all Revealer Articles. You are encouraged to send them to the church office in advance if possible. Please make sure to have them in on time. Thank you



**Presentation of Our Lord**

Malachi 3:1-4  
 Psalm 84  
 Hebrews 2:14-18  
 Luke 2:22-40

**5 Sunday after Epiphany**

Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]  
 Psalm 138  
 1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
 Luke 5:1-11

**6 Sunday after Epiphany**

Jeremiah 17:5-10  
 Psalm 1  
 1 Corinthians 15:12-20  
 Luke 6:17-26

**7 Sunday after Epiphany**

Genesis 45:3-11, 15  
 Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40  
 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50  
 Luke 6:27-38

**Numbers you should have at hand:**

**Rev. Jas A. Mortenson (PJ)** Private Line 762-6101 Cell: 414-276-2788  
**Kinga Vnuk**, Administrative Assistant Office: 414-762-5111

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<b>Church Treasurer</b>	Barb Schrubey	414-421-4134
<b>Church Statistician</b>	Kinga Vnuk	414-762-5111
<b>Church Historian</b>	Pat St. Louis	414-294-9419
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	Sue McIntosh	414-416-3014

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<b>Finance</b>	OPEN	
<b>Liturgy</b>	Jayne Murnane	414-380-5404
<b>Property</b>	Dan Thein	414-731-2820
<b>Stewardship</b>	Sandy Montague	414-764-4506
<b>World Concerns</b>	Elaine Kleinhans	262-825-0675
<b>Youth</b>	OPEN	
<b>Church Pianist</b>	Kinga Vnuk	414-483-3144
<b>Church Pianist</b>	Peggy Rudolph Lisle	414-943-3168
<b>Funeral Luncheon Coordinator</b>	Helen Haworth	414-762-3733



**All Saints ELCA**

**Web Page:** <http://allsaintsoakcreek.org>

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

## **MONEY COUNTERS TEAMS:**

**TEAM 1:** February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025  
Paul Salewski, Captain  
Tom Coonan  
Judy Wolter

**TEAM 2:** February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025  
Don Olsen, Captain  
Dena Olsen  
Elaine Kleinhans

**TEAM 3:** February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Brian Rathmann, Captain  
Barbara Schrubey, Captain  
Lori Rathmann

**TEAM 4:** February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Denise Kalski, Captain  
Lynn Friedman  
Tim Jackalone

**SUBSTITUTES:**  
Kathy Grom, Captain  
Jeff Grom  
Scott Woiak