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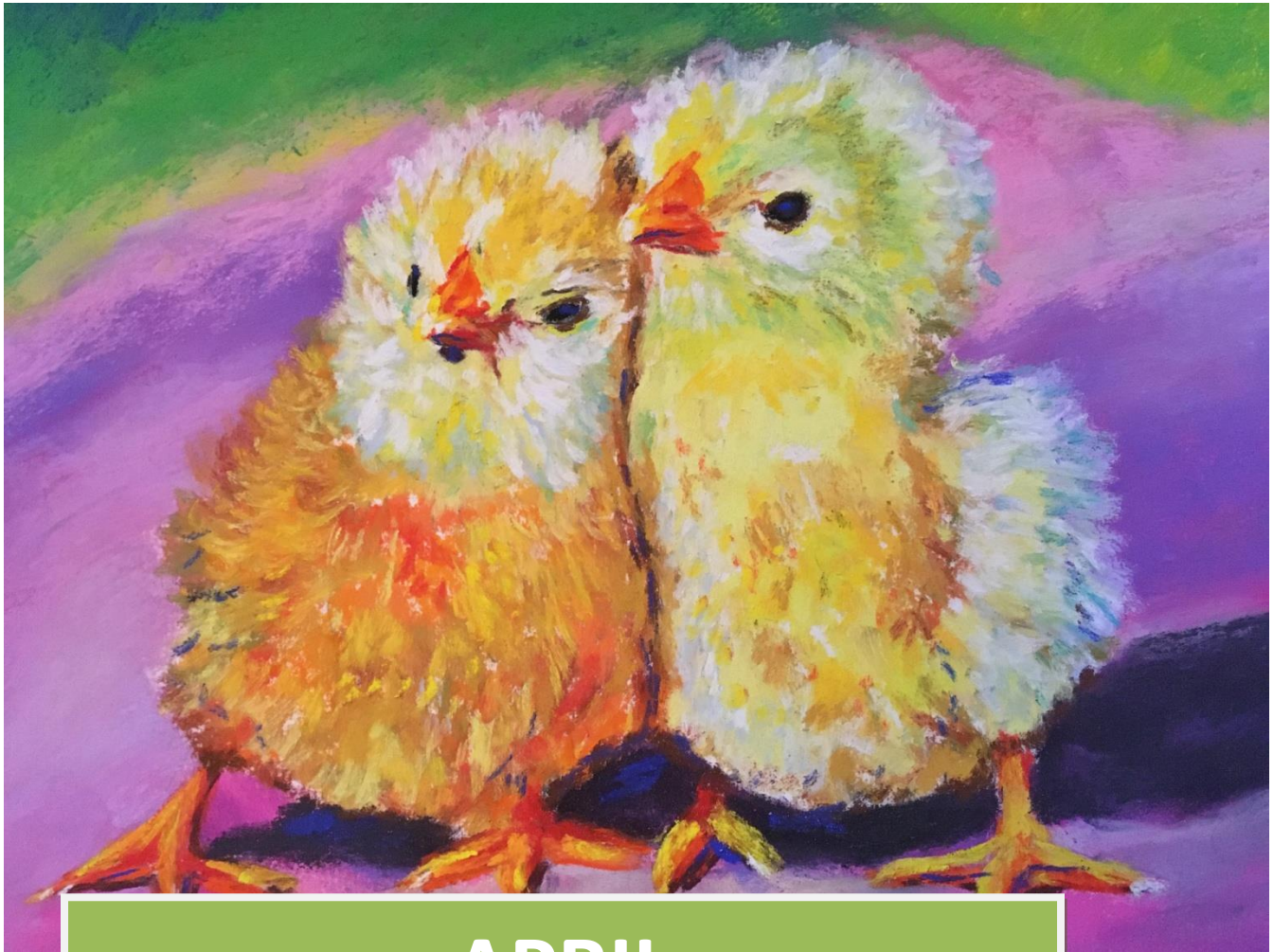
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We, a diverse Christian family, faithful in word and sacrament strive to share in God's unconditional love through prayer, worship, and outreach.



APRIL

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

Happy
birthDay
to you!

Happy
anniversary

- 4-1 Aaron Dittmar, Julie Padden
- 4-2 Glen Baumgartner, Fiona Ellenbecker
- 4-3 Nathan Holzman
- 4-5 Dale Slowik, Caleb Quinn
- 4-6 Marlene Anderson, Paxton Polster,
- 4-7 Denise Kalski, Grace Turlais
- 4-9 Tom Coonan
- 4-10 Kevin Lang, Rosario Rickey
- 4-11 Jeffrey Grom, Lynn Speaks
- 4-12 Laurie Martindale, Paul Salewski
- 4-14 Marie Venne, Kevin Chovanec
- 4-17 Ava Turlais
- 4-18 Cassidy Berns
- 4-20 Jess Bogart
- 4-22 Jenna Jastrow
- 4-24 Colin Stecker, Jenny Walker
- 4-26 Pamela Bluemner
- 4-27 Steve Pitts
- 4-30 Tracey Halvorson, Melissa Weier, Emma Chovanec

4-18 Brittany and Ryan Czarny
4-21 Paul and Diane Salewski



COVER ART –
“Just Hatched” –
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: In the midst of two seasons... in the midst of two worlds

It is the season of Lent. The Season of Easter is looming. We are caught in the middle...both will be celebrated in the month of April.

Lent 2025 has been somber, darker than most. The emphasis has been on the "traditional agonies" associated with Lent: Ashes for repentance, Jesus praying in Gethsemane, The Pillar of Scourging and Flagellation, the Crown of Thorns, The Cross of Crucifixion, and the Crucifixion itself. Dark. Heavy. Some may even say it is a bit theatrical. But it is what it is. It happened.

And it happened to Jesus.

The handing over, the quick nighttime trials, the scourging (whipping), the beatings and taunting, being slapped and spit upon...and then being forced to carry his own cross bar, on which he would be crucified.

The scriptures talk about him stumbling and falling under the weight of the cross.

We hear about the women of Jerusalem weeping and wailing for him. And then, Good Friday. Followed by the extreme solemn time of HOLY SATURDAY.

The Rabbi dead. Hopes dashed. Dreams gone. Too horrendous to even think about.

And then, there is the JOY of EASTER SUNDAY MORNING, the EMPTY TOMB, the ANGELIC VISITORS, and the announcement by women of the RESURRECTION TO NEW LIFE.

We are caught between these two worlds, these two celebrations, both of which are worthy of our celebrating, remembering and our prayerful concern.

Meanwhile life is happening all around us...at a quickened pace...Young kids joy riding at excessive speeds, people in need of food, people being shot and murdered in the streets, sex trafficking happening on the 1-94 corridor.

Drug overdoses happening routinely, young people losing their lives for a one-time thrill...people are scared, a lot of confusion confronts many, not knowing where to turn or even what to do...

And somehow, as people of faith we must respond to all of it. Or to a part of it, Or to that which we can. We must be a presence. We are here for everyone. (No small order, by the way!)

The church, the people of God, the people of faith and hope, must act, where we can. Do what we can. Help out where we can. Be the church to a fallen and falling world.

I believe we each have such a role to play. There is something for each of us to do.

Lend an ear, listen, lend a shoulder, care, support, correct, pray, reach out, teach, be the example, guide, give as you are able, do what you can, where you can.

Lord knows, there is plenty of work surrounding each of us and all of us. We have neighbors in need. Neighbors in crisis. Heck, some of us have families in crisis and family members in need. The church has always responded to those in need.

And in the midst of the world, as it is, we must cling to our own faith, that is within us. Hang on with everything you've got. Sometimes, it is a rough ride. And sometimes rougher than others...

You know, thank God for our faith. I do not know how people do it without a strong, viable faith. How do they cope...how do they get through...without it. And why would you want to?

The church has always been in this position, this is nothing novel or new. The scripture talks about us between two worlds, in and not of...while we are here, we must do what we can. And we are in between two seasons of the church year, as well. For now, it is still Lent, but ah, Easter is coming...

See you in worship!
Pr. Mortenson



**CONGRATULATIONS TO BRITTANY, RYAN AND
LUKE CZARNY ON THE BIRTH
OF THEIR SON AND BROTHER,
LOGAN EARL!**



A HOLY WEEK RUNDOWN OR ITINERARY



Holy Week

Holy Week begins on Palm (or Passion) Sunday and ends on Easter Sunday at the first light of day.

On Palm Sunday, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey to the shouts of the crowd. This is known as the triumphant ride into Jerusalem.

On Monday, Jesus drove the money changers out of the temple.

On Tuesday, he dealt with the questions of the priests ("By whose authority . . .?") and taught the people in parables, warning them against the Pharisees and predicting the destruction of the temple.

The Scriptures do not record anything for Wednesday. Traditionally the church has used the term "SPY WEDNESDAY" and this day has been set aside for the dealings on the side, made by Judas Iscariot in an attempt to "hand him over" to the authorities...you remember, for thirty pieces of silver. Nice, huh?

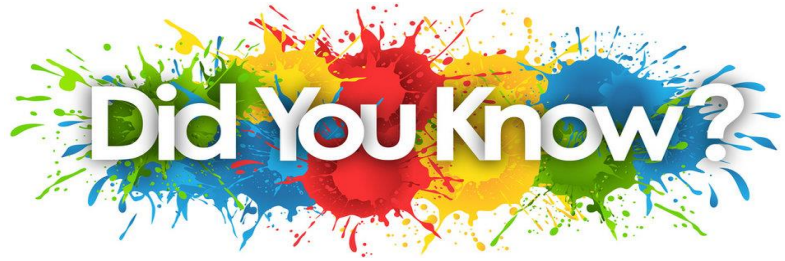
Then come the Three Great Days, set aside since the fourth century as a unit marking the beginning and the heart of the church year.

Thursday was the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. This was the day when Jesus washed his disciples' feet and "took bread . . ." saying, "Do this in remembrance of me."

On Friday Christ was crucified.

Saturday evening, counting as the Jews did from sundown to sundown, began the first day of the new week, the day of resurrection.

Holy Week concludes with the celebration of the resurrection.



Did You Know?

Let's see how much you know about Holy Week...

- : That, Shrove Tuesday or Fat Tuesday is not a part of the Lenten Season?
- : The first day of Holy Week is Passion Sunday, also known as Palm Sunday!
- : The last day of Holy Week is Holy Saturday.
- : Holy Week always occurs the week before Easter.
- : That MAUNDY THURSDAY comes from mandatum, meaning command.
- : Some churches celebrate the HARROWING of HADES...any guesses?
- : Some churches celebrate LAZARUS SATURDAY...again any guesses?
- : Maundy Thursday celebrates the LAST SUPPER.
- : Maundy Thursday also celebrates the WASHING OF FEET.
- : What is the new commandment given on Maundy Thursday?
- (How are you doing with that, by the way?)
- : What is the one day a year, when the EUCHARIST is typically not celebrated?
- : WHY?
- : Why is the sanctuary lamp extinguished? And on what day?
- : Of course, you have heard of SPY WEDNESDAY? What is that all about?
- : Have you ever heard of CLEAN MONDAY, PURE MONDAY, GREEN MONDAY, MONDAY OF LENT? (Why not?)
- : WHO conspired to betray Jesus and on what day traditionally is it celebrated?
- : What is the "CRY OF THE WHOLE CONGREGATION" and on what day is it celebrated?
- : What day is Sabbatum Sanctum celebrated on?
- : IF a Christian church were to have a special liturgy during Holy Week, which day would they typically pick?
- : Have you ever been to an EASTER VIGIL? (What is "the best time" to do an Easter Vigil?)
- : What is the significance of lighting a new fire?
: When is the Paschal Candle changed and marked?
- : When is the church stripped and what does it represent?
- : Have you ever heard of BLACK SATURDAY? What about the JOYOUS SATURDAY? Or the SATURDAY OF LIGHT?

- Lucy, you've got some studying to do...

The Three Great Days or the Triduum



Since the 300's these days have been known by various names: The Triduum, The Paschal Triduum, The Easter Triduum, The Holy Triduum, the Three Days, and The Great Three Days, etc.

What's a triduum you ask? Good question.

Triduum is Latin and simply means "three days."

From the fourth century on, Triduum has reflected the three days that Jesus laid in the tomb...from Good Friday to Easter Sunday.

From there the Triduum took on a life of its own.

In most churches this is to be a serious time of prayer...the FAITHFUL are supposed to spend extra time in prayer and in reflection.

It is also a time of fasting. There are some people who fast from Good Friday to Easter Sunday morning. The first food of the new week is the Body and Blood of Christ.

These days are solemn, quiet, strangely different.

Sometimes you will note even the weather seems to cooperate, cloudy, overcast, darker than normal.



President's Article

AAAHHHH April-signs of Spring are all around us this month! We have been waiting for the warmth of Spring for a few months now and it is a welcome feeling, isn't it? With Spring comes planning for Easter and around the corner are graduations and summer vacations.

The lows and highs of Easter will be celebrated during Easter week with liturgies portraying the crucifixion of Jesus and the joy of an Easter morning that could not hold Him in the grave. Join us for this week of sorrow and joy, won't you?

Also, join us for an Easter Brunch on Sunday, April 20th from 9-10 am. Your fellowship is important, so please join us!!!

Your church council is working hard to keep All Saints active and alive. Each committee has great ideas and would welcome new members. With many hands working, we can accomplish many good works. Please consider joining a committee and helping out.

We are still looking for someone to come forward and take the position of Youth committee council member. If you like working with youth, please consider this important position. Speaking of Spring, if you think about it, we are planting the seeds of our future with the youth of our church, so it is important to cultivate the youth of our church family. Please help us grow in faith and in our future by springing into action and joining the church council. Thank you!!

Hoping to see you in worship.

Kathy Mack
President

Easter Brunch

Sunday, April 20th, between 9 and 10am,
there will be an Easter Brunch served in the Ballbach Hall.
Tickets will be available at the door.



Ticket prices are Adults \$8.00, Children 4-10 years old \$5.00 and children under 3 are free.

Mimosas will be served at an additional cost.

Please see the sign-up sheets on PJ's office door if you can help out with donations for the brunch.

Please join us for an Easter Brunch to celebrate the Risen Lord.

We Pray for Others

(Of course, we do!)

Keith & Cheri Saylor
Jerry Pavlik
Wally & Diane Hogan
Benny Brown
Joe & Sharon Wiorek
Bill Boyce
Chuck Kocourek
Justin Halter
David Heine
Joel Raison
Peggy Rudolph-Lisle
Ana Rivas

Debbie Maley
Joyce Swisher
Sydney LaFond
Jim Votaw
Diane Salewski
Jeff LaFond
Rita Cieszynski
RB Wood
Rich Lisle
Jess Bogart
Michael Dittmar
Pope Francis
Kristen Nicole



- For Kenadee and Nico, grandchildren of Rob and Pam
- For the children of Rita St. Louis
- For Corby and Mike Erickson
- Debbie and John Krajnak
- Bruce, the brother of Howard MacMillan
- The parents of Lisa Kleppek, Jodi Heine, Pam Kawczynski, and Robin Schmitt...the father of Suz Pitts...
- For all Law Enforcement Officers, Military Members, Firefighters, Paramedics and all first responders...
- For all those addicted and still suffering...
- And you know, there are many, many more...they are ongoing...and continuous...



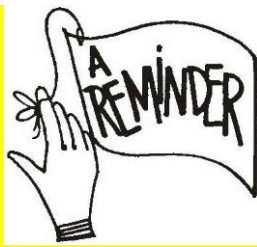
Council Capsules

Council approved the following matters at the March 18th regular meeting:

- Council approved a motion to remove the word "optional" from the liturgy signup sheet. Council members are encouraged to ask someone to be a greeter especially on Sundays and special liturgies.
- Council agreed to table the discussion and approval of a noisy offering until after Easter.
- Council approved a motion to require that council members who wish to call a motion at an upcoming meeting give the President and Secretary notice 4 days before the upcoming council meeting and plan to attend the meeting even if it is not a full council meeting.
- Council approved a motion to have a spending moratorium (not spend above what is necessary and must be within budget).
- Council approved a motion to approve Bill Elmore as a new member.
- Council approved a motion to hold 8 am and 10 am liturgies on Easter Sunday.
- Council approved PJ's planned vacation May 10-12 and the need to secure a substitute pastor for liturgies that weekend.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kleppek
Church Council Secretary



Revealer Articles are due on **Wednesday April 17th 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.



**THE CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
WILL TAKE PLACE ON APRIL 20th
at 8:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M.**

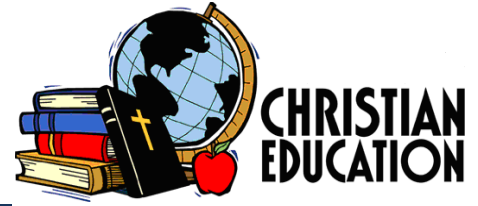
**AN EASTER BRUNCH WILL BE HOSTED
BETWEEN 9:00 and 10:00**

- **HOT HAM AND ROLLS**
 - **BAKED BEANS**
 - **SIDE SALADS**
 - **DESSERTS**
 - **WATER**
 - **COFFEE**
 - **JUICE**

**TICKET WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR...
\$8.00 ADULTS, \$5.00 10 AND UNDER, UNDER 3 – FREE**

MIMOSAS - \$5.00 EACH

COME AND JOIN US!



Christian Education

Sunday School focus for the coming weeks:

<u>Date</u>	<u>focus verse</u>	<u>Topic</u>
• April 6	James 1:2-3 Romans 8:31	Tough Times God is For Us
• April 13	Colossians 2:7 Matthew 21:1-3	Growing in Faith Palm Sunday
*Reminder: No Sunday School on April 20 – Easter Sunday		
• April 27	Psalms 51:10 Psalms 103:12	Pure Heart Sins Removed
• May 4	Romans 8:28 John 4:1-42	Trust God Jesus talks to Samaritan Women
• May 11	Proverbs 1:8-33 1 Samuel 1	Ready Hannah & Samuel

***Last Day of Sunday School – May 11**

Confirmation Students are meeting on Thursdays:
6:00 pm for 7th Grade 7:00 pm for 8th Grade

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

Are you interested in having your child take First Communion Classes? We are offering classes to students 7 years of age or older. Class dates will be dependent on families signing up & being in town for Memorial Day. The class dates will be:

A: May 10, 17, 31 and June 7 or **B:** May 17, 24 (Memorial Weekend), 31 and June 7.

Please call the church office at 414-762-5111 to register your child for First Communion Classes and let the office know of your preference on the dates **A** or **B**.

A parent/guardian must be present during each class session. Celebration of First Communion will occur on Sunday, June 8, 2025, at the 10:00 am Service. Each child receiving First Communion will also receive a Bible and a Certificate to help celebrate. There will be a small celebration after service in Fellowship Hall.

Christian Education committee will meet on April 6, 2025, after service (at 11:15 am). We meet in the Sunday School Classroom. If you have an interest in the Christian Education of All Saints, we would love for you to join us.

Robin Schmitt,
Christian Education

Livestream for April



- Sunday April 6 - Judy
- Sunday April 13 - Lynn
- Thursday April 17 - Dale
- Friday April 18 - Dick Kahle
- Saturday April 19 - Bob Payne
- Sunday April 20 - Brian
- *Sunday April 27 - Dan*

A Special Thank You to "ALL" those who Live Stream for us on a regular basis.
You are "ALL" appreciated!

Congratulations and Best Wishes

to *Richard Gorecki*

on his recent retirement.





This is what our world celebrates.
Easter is one day long.

In the church, however...it is an entire season of the church year.
7 Sundays in length.
7 weeks in length.

7 being the number of fullness or completion.
7 being the number of perfection.

The Season of Easter is the perfect celebration in the life of the church.
The Season of Easter is the fifth season of the church year...it has been preceded by:

ADVENT
CHRISTMAS
EPIPHANY
LENT
And now,
EASTER!

So, any guesses what the season is called that follows Easter?
(Hint, hint, it is the longest season of the church year, and the color is green forever!)

The color of Easter is gold and white.

What happens on the 40th day after Easter?

What happens on the 50th day after Easter?
(You've got this...come on)

Welcome to All Saints Lutheran Church
Oak Creek, Wisconsin

Name _____ Date _____

E-Mail _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Home Church _____

- Communed Today
 - Visiting Today
- Recently Moved to the Area
 - Desire Pastor to Call
- Change of Address (above)
 - Desire to Join All Saints
- Prayer request on the back

Please give to ushers when going to communion or place in the offering plate.

You've seen these before a million times...just so you know they are inserted into each bulletin, every week.

According to our Constitution you must fill one of these out at least once a year.

Our Constitution states that to be a member of All Saints in "good standing" you must fill out one a year – or –

You must give a record of offering.
Prayerfully you will put down your full name.

Prayerfully you know your offering number (the correct one) not some number that you remember from ten years ago.
Prayerfully you print your full name...and it is legible.

Simply putting down, JOHN is not helpful...to anyone.

Help the money counters with a name and a number.
Help the church statistician out by listing your full name.

In order to vote at an ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHURCH you must both give a record of offering and have communed at least once in the previous year. We want all of our information to be current and to be correct. Thank you!

Finance

For the month of February 2025, Income is \$15,770.47 and Expenses are \$23,410.24 for a deficit of \$7,639.77.

We need some fresh new ideas to get us back on track!! Please listen to the announcements for the next meeting date.

Thank you for all that you do!!

Finance Chairperson
Brian Rathmann

CHURCH HISTORIAN NEEDED!!

We are in need of a volunteer to become our Church's Historian. Keeping track of the records of the church's history can be completed at your convenience and at your home. It is not hard to do but requires the diligence of mind to sort and perhaps catalogue our church history. If you are interested in helping preserve relevant items of our church, please contact the church office.





- Let's start off with those buying flowers for our Easter Garden of flowers...
- Let's add to that all those people who have purchased gift cards as a raffle prize for the Spring Craft Fair...
- Now the bakers, we couldn't do it without our bakers...
- And those who price the baked goods...
- And those who tear down, and set up and tear down and set up again...
- All those people that will be in attendance on April 5th, we are thanking you in advance...
- Do come and check out OUR SPRING CRAFT FAIR...it is awesome...
- Thanks to those who ran the kitchen...
- Thanks to those who ran the bake sale...
- Thanks to those who run the Raffle...
- Thanks to those providing items for the raffle...
- Thanks to those providing flowers for our altar...
- Or those purchasing candles or bulletins...
- Or those providing food for Fellowship after worship on Sundays...
- Thanks to our liturgy teams...
- Our Communion teams...
- Thanks to those packing food for the hungry...
- Thanks to all those who bring in food for those in need...
- Thanks for those who are filming on a weekly basis...
- Thanks to those who tune in and watch FACEBOOK LIVE.
- Thanks to those working behind the scenes on the committee structure, or those serving on council...
- You know it never stops, always so many people to be thankful for...
- So many people involved in the heart of this church family. THANK YOU!

Special Music for Easter:

We are so blessed to have both Peggy Rudolph-Lisle and Kinga Vnuk as our musicians. They are more than wonderful! Please go out of your way to tell them so. So much talent! And we are indeed grateful all year round...

At special times during the liturgical season, we add "special music" not to detract from what already is, but to add to it.

Again, we have been blessed over the years to have Tatiana Migliaccio, Ingrid Tihcheva, Bob Desmarais, and Mike Lizzo with us. They do add a great deal to our overall worship experience. I am always moved by the sounds...it is music from heaven. Please go out of your way to thank them, as well.

The sound of violin, cello, trumpet and trombone all delight the senses. We again will be honored to have them in our midst.



**"Come and be lifted up!"
You will love it!**



Liturgy Committee -



Easter Garden
in the Sanctuary will be decorated
with Spring Flowers
that have been generously donated by

Pat Bruss-Horswill

- 1 Blue Hyacinth in Memory of Her Friend, Diane Novak

Betty Ford

- 1 Blue Hyacinth In Memory of Husband, Bill Ford, and Daughter Shari Ford

Dan and Bonnie Dailey

- 1 Regal Geranium In Memory of Katie Ruka

Nathan, Emily, and Lizzy Ruka

- 1 Regal Geranium In Memory of Katie Ruka

Jim and Joy Kubuszek

- 1 Easter Lily In Honor of All Saints



Steve and Cyndi Ughely

- 1 Easter Lily In Honor of Grandson Tyler Roslawski
- 1 Yellow Daffodil In Honor of Granddaughter Kaitlyn Roslawski
- 1 Blue Hyacinth In Honor of Grandson Tyler Roslawski
- 1 Pink Tulip In Honor of Granddaughter Kaitlyn Roslawski
- 1 Regal Geranium In Honor of Daughter, Tara Roslawski

Mary Jo and Randy Meier

- 1 Blue Hyacinth In Honor of Luke, Kelly, Evan, Jake, Chayenne, Cora, Theo, Winnie, and Lainey
- 1 Regal Geranium In Memory of Verna and Armin Meier
- 1 Regal Geranium In Memory of Joseph and Dorothy Hartnett; Alicia Hatzinger-Hartnett

Sandy Montague

- 1 Blue Hyacinth In Memory of Husband, John Montague
- 1 Regal Geranium In Honor of Our Children and Grandchildren

Lynn Friedman

- 1 Regal Geranium In Memory of My Parents, Norb and Evie Garson

Dee McCullough

- 1 Regal Geranium In Honor of My Daughter, Sherri Lynn
- 1 Regal Geranium In Honor of My 5 Sons

Howard MacMillan

- 1 Pink Tulip In Memory of Eilean and Leslie MacMillan
- 1 Pink Tulip In Memory of Infant Son, Gary MacMillan
- 1 Regal Geranium in Memory of Daughter – In -Law, Joanne MacMillan
- 1 Regal Geranium in Honor of Granddaughter, Emerson Seagren who graduated from UWM and will be an Early Education Teacher

The Coonan Family

- 1 Pink Tulip In Honor of Our Children:
David, Bradley, and Carly



You may take your plant home **AFTER**
the 10:00 am Easter Liturgy.



SPRING CRAFT FAIR

April 5th, 2025

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Many hands are needed to have a successful event!!! Sign-up sheets are posted on the narthex doors. Please help as you can, with your donations and time.

RAFFLE DONATIONS NEEDED:

We need Scrip Cards!

We only have half of what we normally get, so please help if you can.

BAKERS NEEDED!



We need cakes, cupcakes, cookies, breads, fudge, muffins, Rice Krispy treats, puppy chow, candy, and full-sized and individual sized pies!

Our church members will be baking pies at church **on Thursday, April 3rd from 1-6 PM and Friday April 4th 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 church.

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 really need you!

Breakdown of the Sanctuary. Move chairs, remove chair holders, move altar, and remove 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.*

Clean and Set-up kitchen for luncheon starts at 3 pm. **NEED FOOD DONATIONS BY NOON on Friday!** It's okay to drop off a day or 2 prior!



Saturday, April 5th Craft Fair from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM

Come to the Craft Fair! We have Kinga's sculptures, photography, puzzles, hand painted items, quilts, stuffed toys, handmade 3D cards, paper goods, Tupperware, L'Bri items, aprons, embroidered towels, cloth books, jams, jellies, relishes, unique handmade baskets, Easter gifts, sewn items, soaps, bath bombs, lotions, coasters, pottery, jewelry, door wreathes, art, and much more!

We have an excellent lunch:

Hot turkey sandwiches, BBQ sandwiches and/or quarter pound 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 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):

Thursday, April 3rd at 5:30 PM Church set-up (moving tables, and chairs)

Wednesday, April 16th at 5:30 PM Post Craft Fair Meeting, wrap up.

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

- **Sunday, March 30th** drop off pie filling donations and kitchen donations
- **Thursday, April 3rd**
Pie Baking from 1 – 6 PM pie at church
Craft Fair Set-Up from 5:30 – 6 PM (many hands needed)
- **Friday, April 4th**
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
Crafter set-up 3 PM – 7 PM
- **Saturday, April 5th**
Many volunteers needed from 8 AM – 3:30 PM
(Sign-up sheets will be on 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 PM – 4 ish PM

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

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

Print your name _____

Address

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



Council Meeting – Monday, April 15th at 6:30 pm
Check the Calendar for the dates and times
of the various Committee Meeting



MORIAH JOY

Yeah ok, whatever, if you guys wanna do hot ham and rolls I get it. The price of eggs has soared...and everyone and their neighbor complains about it...yadda, yadda, yadda...

But just so you know, I still think the breakfast sausages rule, you know those little links, they are bite-size, two bites and they are swallowed. They are so good!

Why doesn't DENNY'S have a drive through? Why don't they offer just breakfast links? Mickey D's has the drive through, but do they sell just breakfast sausages, "NO, I tell you!"

What is wrong with these people? These humans...

Dogs like Snausages...the breakfast kind...the kind with "real meat." The kind that just slide down the old pallet.

Help a girl out, make an old girl happy...you don't even have to put them on a plate, just drop them on the floor. Trust me, dogs know nothing about your 5 or 15 second rules...



Help a girl out, come on...

MARY JO MEIER

Every once in a while you run across a “special person,” a “truly special person,” one who gives freely of herself, and who never asks for or seeks personal recognition.

I tell you; it is a rarity especially today.

To this end...we ran across some old, outdated information about her...

It was in December of 1982 that the family joined All Saints. Mary Jo was always full of energy and vitality. A fun lady to be around.

Did you know she is also the mother of three sons...working fulltime, married, and totally engaged in life and living...and now, a grandmother...babysitter...retired...and matriarch of the family...and a Sunday School teacher besides...

Mary Jo for the past 11 years has been the Craft Fair Coordinator at All Saints, she is the face of the craft fair. She is the one who gets up makes the announcements...she is the one doing all the behind-the-scenes legwork. That means, she has done like 22 of these shows, or thereabouts, one in fall, one in spring of each year. Sometimes they kind of run together with not much of a break in between. It is a lot of work. A lot of planning. To her benefit Mary Jo assembled a large group of people to collaborate with her. She is always singing their praises, for the work they do. Mary Jo is a schmoozer, and the crafters adore her.

We wanted to publicly celebrate MARY JO and to THANK HER for all of the work she has done on our behalf over the past decade plus.

Thank you, Mary Jo, you are indeed SPECIAL.”

Blessings...





Stewardship

HAPPY APRIL FROM THE STEWARDSHIP TEAM!

Our last meeting was held on March 8th with six people present. It was so awesome to have people respond and step up, as I had no idea that this committee had no one on it at the present time. I reached out and prayed that a new committee could be formed again, and prayers were answered. After having to cancel one of our weekly liturgies, and hearing talk of only having a Sunday Liturgy down the road, our group decided we need to do more reaching out to our members.

We all have our own reasons for loving this church: Our children having been baptized here, confirmed here, married here and the many friends we have met along the way and shared our Faith with.

When Covid hit us all, some church buildings decided to close, but All Saints continued to stay open through it all.

A small group of members got together and started our live streaming, we already had Online giving, so we were able to keep going. Slowly members started coming back, but as of now, we are still experiencing the effects of it all. Weekly steady members have been missed, and those that are still attending regular liturgies are missing these people. Current members ask (where is so and so), or (have you seen so and so, I miss them). The Stewardship members are concerned and want to reach out all we can. We continue to have new members join, but it takes lots of people to do all the things that are done on a weekly basis. Our church calendar is always full!

We are now going into another busy season with Easter coming up and we need more people to help out. We also have a Craft Fair in April, an Easter Breakfast, Spring Clean-up and lots of things where All committees could use some extra people to help out.

Please know it's a great feeling when you can help out your church in any way. We are all here together, but we cannot do it all without each other.

There are sign-up sheets on the church doors and any help is always appreciated! If you have any questions on things you could help out with, just ask a Council Member or a member of Stewardship.

In Christian Joy!
The Stewardship Committee,
Sandy Montague, Chair
Pat, Ken, Patti, Linda, Debbie, Michael

Next Meeting Date: Sat. April 12th, 4:15



Easter Word Search



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TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report

ANOTHER WAY TO CONTRIBUTE...

Certain IRA holders have the opportunity to make tax-free distributions from their IRAs to qualified charitable organizations (All Saints is a qualified charitable organization). For tax-free eligibility, the qualified charitable distribution must be sent directly from the IRA payable to the receiving qualified non-profit organization.

People who hold IRAs are required to take Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) each year beginning at age 73 - even if they don't need or want the funds. That same required minimum distribution increases the IRA holder's total taxable income. BUT - if you fill out the proper forms from your IRA distributor, those RMDs can become tax—free distributions to you if you designate ALL SAINTS as the recipient.

If you have any questions on how this all works, please feel free to either call me (414-287-1683 direct at work) or e—mail me (bschrubey@yahoo.com). Hopefully I can answer any questions you might have. Thanks...

Barbara Schrubey, Treasurer



GIVING ENVELOPES

For those of you using envelopes to contribute to All Saints, please remember that if you need additional envelopes you MUST sign up on the I WANT/NEED ENVELOPES sheet on the bulletin board leading into the Fellowship Hall. You will receive your box of envelopes within a week to 10 days. Thanks...

SIMPLY GIVING

Simply Giving is just that...a simple, easy, safe way to contribute to All Saints. You can set your account up yourself (go to the church's website (allsaintsoakcreek.org), click on GIVE, and then click on the Simply Donate page (where you see the VISA/MASTERCARD logos). Then just follow the prompts to set your account up.

If you don't want to do that, there are forms at the gift card table. Simply ask one of the gift card sellers for the form, fill it out, and return it to the office. Please remember you need to attach a voided check or savings account deposit slip (must have your account number on it). It's easy, and we're happy to help you set things up. The site is very secure (we've never had a problem with someone hacking into the site). Please give it a try. Thanks...

THE WISH LIST FOR APRIL

13-gallon white garbage bags...

All three sizes are needed:
Sandwich Size
Quart Size
Gallon Size



Congratulations

*to Bryson Aaron Ugrotzi
on His Baptism.*

*May he grow in wisdom and stature
and in favor with God and all humankind.*





World Concerns

We had our blood drive on March 4, 2025 and it went well.
We had 20 donors. A big thank you to those who donated!!! It does save lives!!!!

The next blood drive is May 20, 2025, look for details closer to the date.

The food pantry handed out 13 bags of food for the Month of February. A big thank you for your donations!!! For the month of March, it is members choice of donation. Remember the poor.

We are doing Fisher House on April 10, 2025.

Serving food for the families that have loved ones in the Hospital. This is so rewarding. Food that will be served will include Sloppy joes, buns, potato salad, fruit, veggie tray, dessert, soda, and chips.

Next meeting will be on April 16, 2025

Elaine Kleinhans, World Concerns Committee



*Our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy is extended
to Jaclynne Cera, and Carol Kocourek
on the death of Their Niece, and Cousin.
Blessed are those who die in the Lord*



From the Kitchen of Saint Ruth

(Mother of PJ)

Crazy Chocolate Cake

Ingredients:

- 1 ½ cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- ¾ cups sour milk
- ¾ cup cocoa
- 3 tsp. soda
- ¾ cup shortening
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 ¼ cups flour
- ¾ cups boiling water

Directions:

Place all ingredients in a bowl and add water last. Beat it for 3 minutes. Pour into a pan and bake at 350-degree oven for about 30 minutes.

Enjoy!

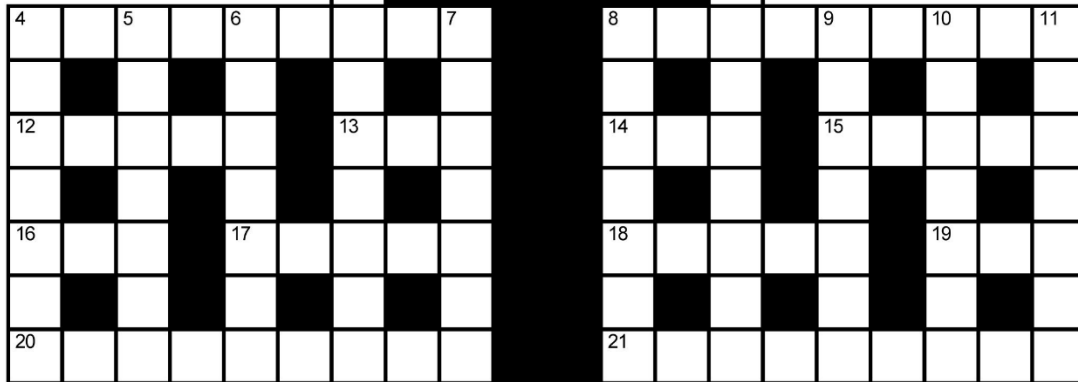
Bible Crossword X

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- 1 Donkey (3)
- 2 Jesus' Father (3)
- 4 One of the twelve (9)

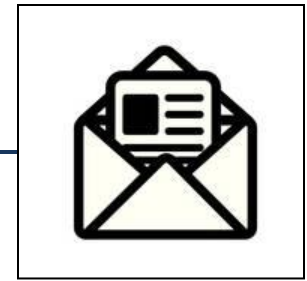
- 1 One of God's messengers (5,2,3,4)
- 3 1940s archaeological find (4,3,7)



- 8 Didn't believe in resurrection (9)
- 12 One of David's warriors (5)
- 13 First word of the Lord's Prayer (3)
- 14 New Testament name for Noah (3)
- 15 Wish harm upon (5)
- 16 Hole in the ground (3)
- 17 Adversary (5)
- 18 Savour (5)
- 19 First woman (3)
- 20 Mother of John the Baptist (9)
- 21 Family of priests (9)
- 22 Third son of Jacob (4)
- 23 Hates (8)
- 26 Assurances (8)
- 30 Endured pain (8)
- 31 Return from the dead (4)
- 32 Intercessor (8)
- 35 Decorating (8)
- 39 Old Testament book of the Bible (4)
- 40 The prince of Rosh, Mesech and Tubal (3)
- 42 A wise insect (3)
- 44 Dwelling place of kings (6)
- 45 Make bigger (8)

- 4 Tread down (7)
- 5 Father of Jonah (7)
- 6 Very salty water bordering Israel (4,3)
- 7 Defensive structures (11)
- 8 Refuges (11)
- 9 Dirty (7)
- 10 Devout (7)
- 11 Pieces of money (7)
- 24 Used to listen (3)
- 25 Used to see (3)
- 26 Positions (5)
- 27 Made available (7)
- 28 Snake (7)
- 29 Destroyed along with Gomorrah (5)
- 33 Finish (3)
- 34 Possess (3)
- 35 King of the Amalekites (4)
- 36 Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
- 37 Almost sacrificed by Abraham (5)
- 38 Present (4)
- 41 Unfasten (4)
- 43 Fish traps (4)

Letters we receive: Correspondence



Dear PJ,

Thank you for all your hours of work in preparing an excellent eulogy for Scott and Debbie. It was a beautiful tribute to both of their lives and a source of comfort and peace for our family. It was truly a “no judgment” one and a blessing.

Thank you again for four decades of ministering to the three generations of our family. Thanking God for you!

With appreciation,

Brian and LeeAnn Davies



Dear PJ and Kinga,

Thank you for all you two do for everyone. It is very much appreciated and thanks so much for all the prayers!

Rita St. Louis



Dear PJ,

Thank you for your beautiful letter, Inspirational words, and blessings for our 50th ANNIVERSARY. No words can ever express our thanks and appreciation for all you have done through the years. With your love, support, and prayers for us and our families. It truly takes a whole lot of Faith, and village to get through all the ups and downs of life!

We continue to pray for you and your Ministry and our church family!

Unbelievably Blessed

Incredibly Grateful

Eternally Thankful

Blessings to All.

With Love and Prayers

Love,

Jer and Deb Pavlik



Just for Laughs...

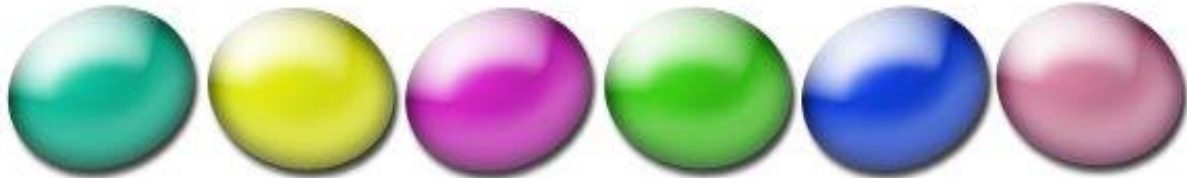
- There was a preacher who fell in the ocean, and he couldn't swim. When a boat came by, the captain yelled, "Do you need help, sir?" The preacher calmly said "No, God will save me." A little later, another boat came by, and a fisherman asked, "Hey, do you need help?" The preacher replied again, "No God will save me." Eventually the preacher drowned & went to heaven. The preacher asked God, "Why didn't you save me?" God replied, "Fool, I sent you two boats!"
- A man is talking to God. "God, how long is a million years?" God answers, "To me, it's about a minute." "God, how much is a million dollars?" "To me, it's a penny." "God, may I have a penny?" "Wait a minute."
- Two guys are walking through a game park & they come across a lion that has not eaten for days. The lion starts chasing the two men. They run as fast as they can and the one guy starts getting tired and decides to say a prayer, "Please turn this lion into a Christian, Lord." He looks to see if the lion is still chasing, and he sees the lion on its knees. Happy to see his prayer answered, he turns around and heads towards the lion. As he comes closer to the lion, he hears it saying a prayer: "Thank you Lord for the food I am about to receive."



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:

Date	Flowers	Bulletins	Memorial Candle	Honor Candle
April 5 to 11	Holzman	Haworth	LaFond	Krajnak
April 12 to 16 PALM SUNDAY	Kleinhans	Haworth	Hochevar	Vnuk
April 17 MAUNDY THURSDAY	Open	Haworth	Krajnak	Krajnak
April 17 GOOD FRIDAY		Haworth	Krajnak	Krajnak
April 19 to 25 EASTER	Kleinhans	Krajnak	Vnuk	McCullough
April 26 to May 2	Montague	Haworth	Hochevar	Krajnak



Yep, there is now a WINDOW FUND...
All monies given are GREATLY APPRECIATED!



5th Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

Passion/Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:14-23:56

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Luke 24:1-12

2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Revelations 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20}
Psalm 30
Revelations 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

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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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Judy Wolter

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Dena Olsen
Elaine Kleinhans

TEAM 3: April 6th, 2025
Brian Rathmann, Captain
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