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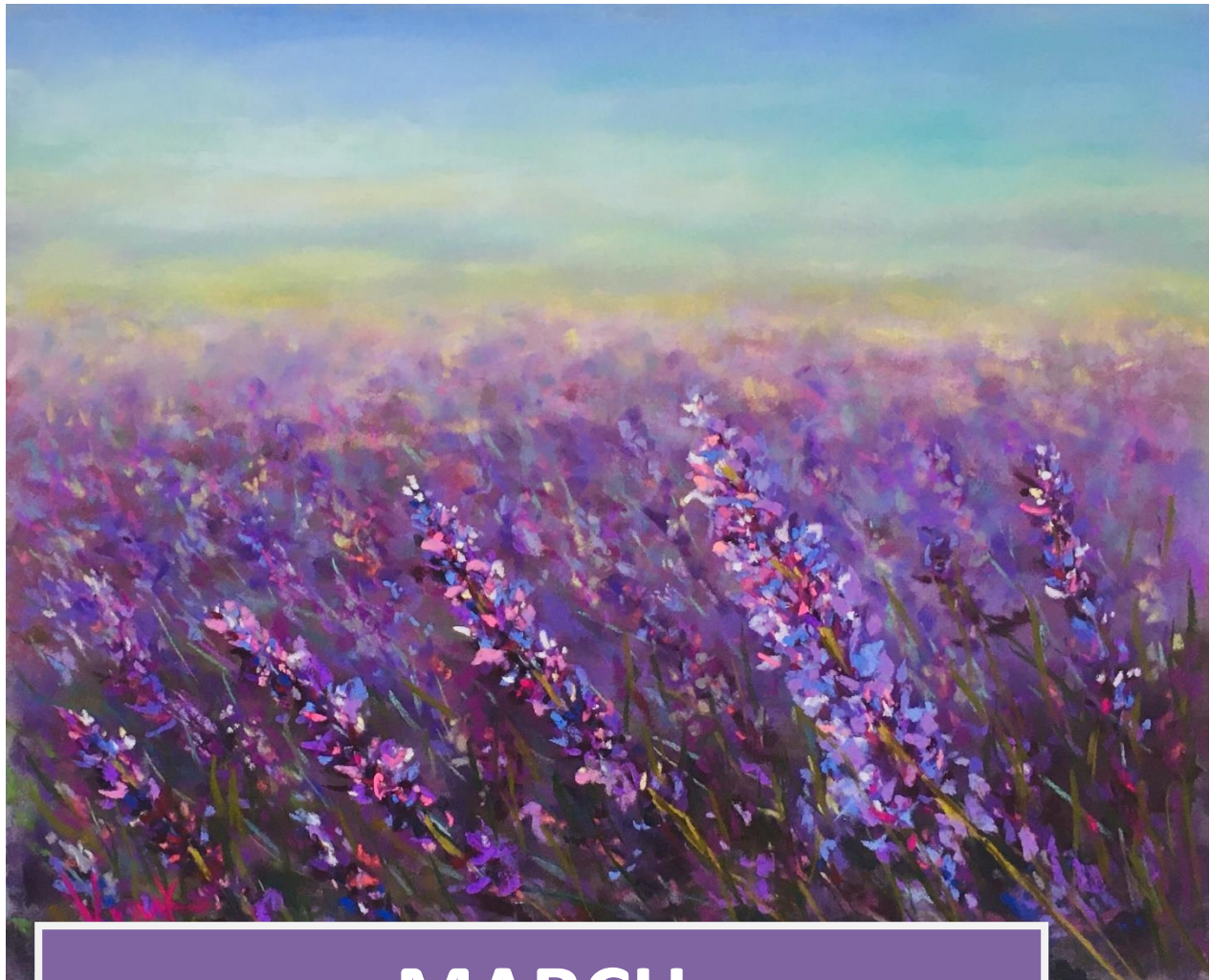
ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH – ELCA

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



MARCH

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

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

Happy
birthDay
to you!

Happy
anniversary

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

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



COVER ART

**“Endless Purple” –
Original pastel painting
by Kinga E. Vnuk**



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This helps ensure our files stay current. **THANK YOU**

Comment Article:

What was the culminating event that led to the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus? It is a good question, isn't it? You may disagree with me. Feel free...

What was the last straw for the religious authorities that moved them to make good on their threat to actually go out and capture Jesus, and to finally do something about him?

In Mark, Matthew, and Luke (you remember, called the SYNOPTICS) because they are so SIMILAR, it was the cleansing of the Temple, that moment when Jesus walked into the Temple and threw out all the merchants and the money changers because commerce was becoming more important than prayer. That REALLY made them angry. It was financial.

It is almost a holy moment. A reverent moment. A sacred moment. Really, truly, a cleansing...

In John's Gospel, it was when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. You don't do that!

It was such an astounding miracle that the religious authorities were terrified this marvel would make Jesus so popular that, as John writes, "If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place and our nation."

Now why would the Romans care about some itinerant backwoods Jewish preacher and miracle worker?

If he became "too popular" the people might proclaim him as "the Messiah" and the prophesied Messiah was supposed to be a great military leader who would rally the people, start a war, and liberate Israel from their Roman occupation.

If Jesus started that kind of uprising, Caiaphas feared how Rome might retaliate, so he decided that it was better for Jesus to die than for the whole country to suffer. The Sanhedrin, or council of elders, concurred.

It was a political game. A sacrifice of sorts, but that is John's take on it...

I personally think the crowds had something to do with it, too. They were a threat. The growing numbers. The constant flow of people surrounding him.

They needed him, they hoped in him. They thought he might be the one. He needed them, too, to get his message out. They kind of needed each other.

The miracles or the signs, if you will, further singled him out...and not necessarily in a good way. Like him or love him, or despise him, some thought he was a potential threat and his followers along with him. All of them were a part of the process...the plan, if you will.

Crowds can be fickle. We know that. They love you today, and tomorrow they are screaming, "Crucify him, crucify him." I am certain, Jesus knew that too! It did not deter him. Nothing did.

You know, they say, it is the greatest story ever told. I believe that.

Everything he did, he did, for us, for you, and me. He did it for us, all of us, without exception...it was the way of love. And his love was given to all.

See you in worship!

Pr. Mortenson

Now we worship twice a week, Saturdays at 5:00 or Sundays at 10:00. Join us! We'd love to see you in this place. The Eucharist is celebrated weekly, and you are invited to attend.

Almighty and ever-living God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



From the Pastor's Desk

In
CHRISTIAN
Sympathy



*Our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy is extended
to Helen Haworth and family
on the death of her Sister, Connie.
Blessed are those who die in the Lord*

MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP...

(It is going to be special for so many reasons!)

If you worship
on Saturday and Sunday only, you will miss out... completely!
Sunday's as you know are not counted in the days of Lent.
Historically, the "sorrowful mysteries" for contemplation have been:
The Agony in the Garden
The Scourging at the Pillar of Flagellation
The Crowning with Thorns
The Carrying of the Cross
And
The Crucifixion.

These will all be contemplated as we gather for worship on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 P.M. The Eucharist will always be celebrated! It will be for us, yet another time of important prayer together.

By popular request, we will be doing the Holden Lenten Liturgy adopted once more for our purposes.

COME AND JOIN US!



**Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M.
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

CONTEMPLATE WITH US "THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES OF LENT!"



Our deepest and heartfelt sympathy to Barb Grobschmidt on the death of her father-in-law, the distinguished former mayor of South Milwaukee. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire family.

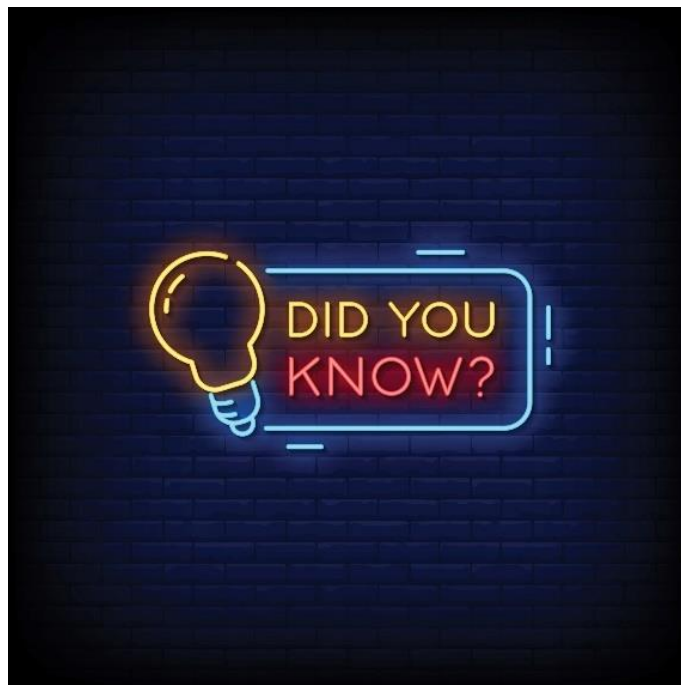


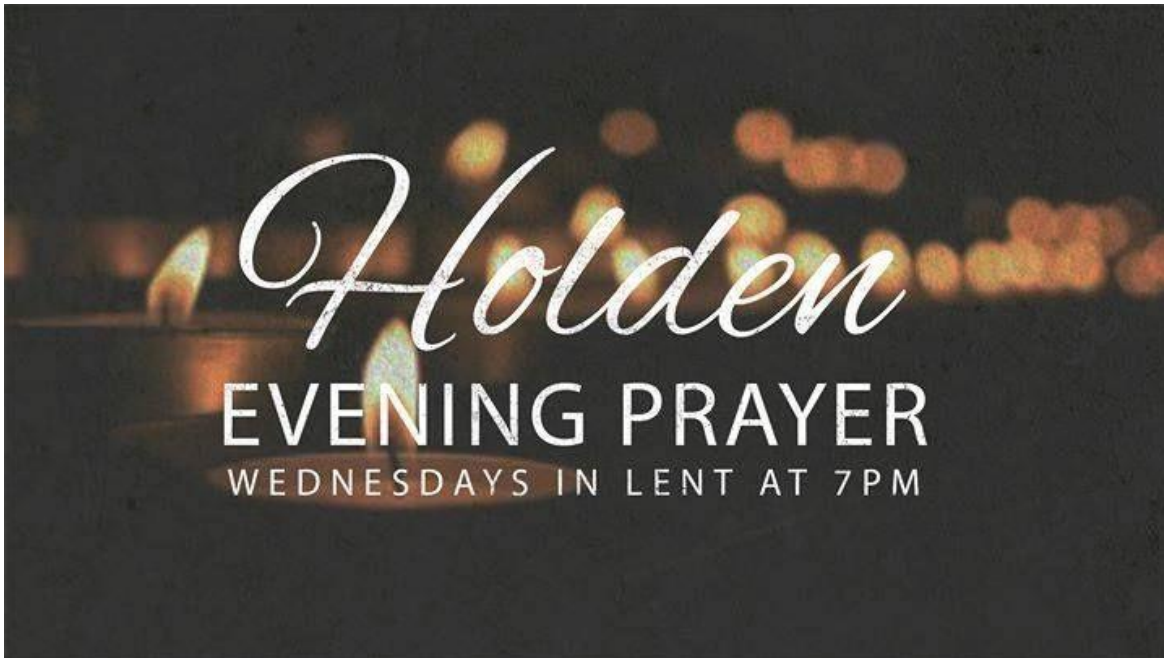
**We continue to lift up in prayer, Brian and LeeAnn Davies
Following the recent funeral held for
LeeAnn's Brother (Scott) and sister (Debra.)
The actual inurnment will take place later on in Spring.**

We pray you all find peace and comfort.

Did You Know?

- In the Roman world “flagellation” was often used as a prelude to crucifixion, and in this context is sometimes referred to as “scouring” or “the scourge.”
- Most famously according to the gospel accounts, Jesus also underwent scourging.
- Due to the context of the flagellation of Jesus, the method and extent may have been limited by local practice, though it was done under Roman law.
- Whips with small pieces of metal or bone at the tips were commonly used.
- Such a device could easily cause disfigurement and serious trauma, such as ripping pieces of flesh from the body or loss of an eye.
- In addition to causing severe pain, the victim would approach a state of hypovolemic shock due to loss of blood.
- The Romans reserved this treatment for non-citizens, as stated in the *lex Porcia* and *lex Sempronia*, dating from 195, and 123 BCE.
- The poet, HORACE refers to the *horrible flagellum* (horrible whip) in his *Satires*.
- Typically, the one to be punished was stripped naked and bound to a low pillar so that he could bend over it or be chained to an upright pillar to be stretched out, the latter being the preferred method.
- Two lictors, (some reports indicate Scourging with four or six lictors) alternate blows from the bare shoulders down the body to the soles of the feet.
- There was no limit to the number of blows inflicted—this was left to the lictors to decide, though they were normally not supposed to kill the victim.
- The Jews specified no more than 39 lashings, but the Romans knew no such number.





There will be the opportunity to light candles both in honor and in memory of loved ones.
Will you light a candle and break the darkness?
The music of this liturgy will carry you through the week!

You will be touched!
These liturgies will NOT be on FACEBOOK LIVE to experience them, **YOU MUST BE PRESENT
IN PERSON!**

YOU WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED IN THIS WORSHIP EXPERIENCE!



**“Let my prayers rise up, like incense before you, the lifting up of my hands as an offering to
you!” (Psalm 141.2)**



President's Article

Some of you know me quite well, but others do not, so let me introduce myself to the congregation:

I have been a member of All Saints since 1985. I am single and retired from a technical sales position in construction accounting software. I have two male (grown) children and two male grandchildren and three step grandchildren-one male and two females. Some of you may remember my grandchildren sitting on my lap when I was Lay-Lit. That's when they were soooooo cute. Now they are grown-sadly!!

I believe this is my third time as President of All Saints Council, so I am comfortable with this appointment. It is my desire to lead us and keep us focused on the work of the Lutheran church and Christ. If you have a concern or question, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. My telephone number is published in our phone directory and in this Revealer.

Also, I would like to add a "HUGE THANK YOU" to my fellow members on the council and to the newest members Sandy Montague, Dan Thein and Brian Rathmann - we needed you and you accepted the call-Thank you again. I also wish to thank Robin Schmitt for re-upping her council membership as well. Thank you also to all the other council members who have found it in their hearts to remain on council for the length of their terms. YOU ALL ROCK!!!

That brings me to another need: We still have a very important council position open-that of Youth committee. We need someone to step up and take this position so that our young people have a strong remembrance of their church through their growth. I recall fondly the time I spent in Luther League at St. Mark's. In fact, the reason I joined ASLC is because I ran into my old Luther League adviser who was a member of ASLC and invited me to join a liturgy at this church. I also remember the fun times we had with our advisers such as hay rides, dances, spaghetti dinners etc. How important is that memory? I suggest it ranks very high in the life of a young person, I feel it is the beginning of their concept of religion and their religious life as they grow into adulthood. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT!! If you agree, please step forward and join the council in the position of youth committee.

With Lent beginning in March, please join us for the Wednesday night liturgy. The Liturgy committee diligently provides worship experiences throughout the year and Lent is not an exception. I am sure you will feel the season of Lent!!

Hoping to see you in worship.

Kathy Mack
President



Saturday Night, March 8th
2:00 A.M (Sunday Morning)
Spring Ahead

Saturday Night, November 1st
Fall Back



Council Capsules

Council approved the following matters at the February 17th regular meeting:

- Council approved a motion by Christian Education to have the last day of Sunday School on Mother's Day, May 11th.
- Council approved a motion by the Liturgy Committee to get a donkey for Palm Sunday.
- Council approved a motion to allow Kathy Mack to do a temple talk before the February 23rd liturgy seeking someone to run the Easter Breakfast and fill the vacant Youth position on council.
- Council approved a motion to allow Barb to move the \$2458.95 gift card profit to the window fund.
- Council approved a motion to approve Jane Marja Voelker as a new member.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Wytrykus Kleppek
All Saints Lutheran Church Council Secretary



Council Meeting – Monday, March 17th at 6:30 pm
Check the Calendar for the dates and times
of the various Committee Meeting



*With
Deepest
Sympathy...*

**Our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy to
Patti Sprague on the death of her husband, Jim.**

**And also, to Sara, Kaity, and Cody Jolitz -
On the death of their father and grandfather.**

**A Memorial Liturgy
Will be held at
All Saints on Saturday, March 15th, 2025**

**Visitation is from 11-12:00
With the Memorial liturgy to follow...**

Remember: Blessed are they, that die in the Lord.



MONEY COUNTERS ...

We're in need of a few men or women to help with money counting. What's involved is one hour of your time (approximately) on a Sunday after church to count the collection from Saturday and Sunday liturgies. Currently we have 3 people on a team, and each team counts every fourth Sunday. It's an easy "chore" to do to help out YOUR church.

If you're interested, please e-mail me. Thanks...

Barbara Schrubey
bschrubey@yahoo.com
phone: 414-421-4134



GIFT CARDS UPDATE

After the Annual Meeting, there have been quite a few members who have signed up with RaiseRight to download their mobile app to their phone to purchase electronic gift cards. For those of you who are great at setting up apps on your phones, stop at the gift card table for instructions on how to register your electronic gift cards and add funds to your electronic gift cards. You'll need the enrollment code which is listed on the form. Just follow the instructions and you'll be all set.

Also, we do have zero-balance cards for Pick'nSave, Amazon, Starbucks, Walmart and Target. These cards have no value on them. It's up to you to activate them and add funds. If you're interested, just ask one of the gift card sellers for the zero-balance cards. Remember: there's no value on them until you load a value on them.

And - again, if you have any questions about how the gift card program works here at All Saints, just stop at the gift card table before or after each liturgy. We're always happy to help...

PRAYER REQUESTS

Keith and Cheri Saylor
Jim Votaw
Wally and Diane Hogan
Benny Brown
Joe and Sharon Wiorek
Kristen Nicole
Debbie and John Krajnak
Jerry Pavlik
Peggy and Rich (Rudolph) -Lisle
RB Wood
Chuck Kocourek
Joyce Swisher

Bill Boyce
Justin Halter
Debbie Maley
Joel Raison
Sydney LaFond
Ana Rivas
Diane Salewski
Jeff LaFond
Rita Cieszynski
Jess Bogart
David Heine

For Kenadee and Nico, grandchildren of Rob and Pam
For the children of Rita St. Louis
For Helen Haworth on the death of her sister, Connie Irving.
For Patti Sprague, Sara, Kaity, and Cody Jolitz on the death of Jim Sprague...
For Corby and Mike Erickson
For Bruce the brother of Howard MacMillan
For the mother of Nancy Mason and the father of Suz Pitts...
And for the parents of Lisa Kleppek, Jodi Heine, Pam Kawczynski, and Robin Schmitt...

For all Law Enforcement Officers, Military Members, Firefighters, Paramedics, and all first responders...

For all those addicted and still suffering...



Revealer Articles are due on **Wednesday March 19th 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.



Christian Education

Sunday School focus for the coming week:

<u>Date</u>	<u>focus verse</u>	<u>Topic</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 2 	1 Corinthians 15:33 Exodus 23:2	Peer Pressure God gives the Ten Commandments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 9 	Philippians 4:6 Matthew 6:9-13	Prayer Jesus' Friends Learn to Pray
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 16 	Ephesians 2:10 1 Corinthians 12 John 13:1-17	Purpose Gifts of the Holy Spirit Jesus Washes His Friends Feet
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 23 	Acts 2:42 Luke 22:7-38	Togetherness The Lord's Supper
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 30 	Romans 5:8 Revelation 21:4	Forgiveness The Good News
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 6 	James 1:2-3 Romans 8:31	Tough Times God is For Us

***Reminder: No Sunday School on April 20 – Easter Sunday**

Confirmation Students are meeting on Thursdays:

6:00 pm for 7th Grade 7:00 pm for 8th Grade 8:00 pm for 9th Grade

***Confirmation Students, Families, and others who will be helping with the Easter Breakfast, please watch for information.**

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.

Did you know you have the opportunity to learn about: the Education program at All Saints, what is Evangelism, the Finance of the church, the Liturgy Seasons, the All Saints Property, how Stewardship works, World Concerns focus for All Saints, and how to support the Youth? How?

Come to a committee meeting. Explore several meetings and find one that interests you. The committees would welcome new faces.

Christian Education committee will meet on March 2, 2025, after service (at 11:15 am). We usually 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. Many hands make light work.

Respectfully submitted,
 Robin Schmitt
 Christian Education Chair



1st Communion

Lookin' Ahead!

We know many parents like to plan things out ahead of time and not wait until the last minute. So, we looked ahead for you a little bit...

First Communion Classes for Spring of 2025 will be here before we know it.

In looking at the calendar – FIRST COMMUNION WILL BE HELD on **Pentecost Sunday, June 8th, 2025 at 10:00 in the morning.**

We have a little bit of play with the class dates: Monday, May 25th is Memorial Day. Some families take advantage of the time and are out of town on that weekend. In that case: we could hold classes on May 10th, May 17th, (skip the weekend for Memorial Day) and hold classes on May 31st and June 7th.

We will let the parents decide what works best for them.

We have four classes. Four weeks. A Parent or Guardian must be in attendance. Classes are each 45 minutes in length. Classes normally run from 11:00 – 11:45 on Saturdays. And, **we celebrate on JUNE 8TH**...THE CLASS TIME IN BETWEEN WE CAN PLAY WITH...(If Parents, so wanted we could hold classes on the 17th, 24th, 31st, and 7th) We are open.

Let us know your preference when you sign your young person up for classes. They must be seven years of age or older. Let's do this! It will be awesome.



The Crown of Thorns **(A little bit of history that actually is more current!)**

According to the Early Christian Writings, a woven crown of thorns was placed on the head of Jesus during the passion and leading up to his crucifixion. It was one of the ways, employed by Jesus' captors both to cause him pain and to mock him as being THE KING OF THE JEWS.

It is mentioned in the gospels of MARK, MATTHEW, and JOHN. Only Luke does not allude to it...

It is often referred to by the early Church Fathers, such as Clement of Alexandria and Origen and others, along with being referenced in the APOCRYPHA in the Gospel according to Peter.

A purported relic of the Crown of Thorns was received by Louis XIV of France... It went from the hands of Baldwin II of Constantinople to the French King and Emperor. It was kept in the Notre Dame de Paris, France. On 15 April 2019, it was rescued from "the great fire of Notre Dame" and was moved to the Louvre Museum where it was kept for safe keeping...On 12 December 2024, a ceremony marking its return to Notre Dame Cathedral was led by a procession attended by members of the Order of the Holy Sepulcher...

The Holy Relic was preserved.

**Live Streaming
On**

facebook.



Jane Murnane - Sunday, March 2
Lynn Friedman - Ash Wednesday-March 5
Dan Payne - Sunday, March 9
Dale Hochevar - Sunday, March 16
Brian Rathmann - Sunday March 23
Judy Wolter - Sunday, March 30

Because of you, others are allowed to share in our time of prayer together, they are able to hear the word and listen to and participate in our public worship!

We continually hear from others how much they appreciate your efforts at bringing our weekly liturgies to wherever they are...

Texas, Colorado, Arizona, Florida, Hospital rooms...Nursing homes...we forget sometimes, where this message is carried to... Blessings!



Finance

My name is Brian Rathmann. I have served on council before and have accepted the chairperson of the finance committee.

For January 2025, the income is \$14,818.59 with expenses of \$21,350.19 leaving the total for the end of month at a deficit of -\$6,531.60.

Thank you for everything that you all do!!

If you have any suggestions or would like to be an important part of the Finance Committee, please contact me at 414-218-2891.

From Brian Rathmann-Finance Chairperson



RaiseRight™

Formerly ShopWithScrip

RaiseRight raises money for All Saints!

By Lisa Wytrykus Kleppek
All Saints Lutheran Church Council Secretary

You probably see the gift card table when you are at church and think, "I should buy some gift cards but I never carry my checkbook with me." Or you buy some gift cards but then forget to use them or misplace them. While as the announcements always say "Buying gift cards helps out your church", RaiseRight has made it incredibly easy for you to do it right from the convenience of your phone!

With the RaiseRight app you can purchase physical gift cards (some are reloadable) as well as eGift cards that you can either enter into a merchant site or just use directly from your phone. There are currently over 430 retailers on the app and nearly all of those offer an eGift card so you never have to deal with a physical gift card. If you prefer to have a physical card, there are nearly 150 of the retailers who offer reloadable cards that can be repeatedly reloaded. Some cards are shipped to the gift card coordinator (Barb Schrubey) for free but some can be shipped directly to you (for a small fee).

Each card purchase earns a percentage of the value of the card for All Saints (it doesn't subtract from the value of the card you purchase) and with special offerings, sometimes those bonuses can really add up. At the time of the writing of this article, RaiseRight was offering a bonus of 15% on Kwik Trip Grocery Cards and 9% on Kwik Trip Gas cards.

By spending \$200.29, I was able to earn \$24 for church! Please note that by using the app, you will be charged a small fee depending on the payment method you choose. By connecting a bank account to the secure site, the fee is minimal (currently \$0.29). If you would prefer to connect a debit card, the card is 1% and a credit card will charge a 3% fee.

A couple of examples of the ways I use the cards:

- I buy eGift Amazon cards (which are only a 1.6% earning but it's better than nothing, right?) and load the eGift card codes into my account. I set up my account to take first from the gift card balance and when I notice it getting low, I buy a couple more!
- I also do most of my grocery shopping at Meijer so each month, I buy a certain amount on an eGift card and save it right in my RaiseRight wallet. When I check out at Meijer, I scan the barcode right in my RaiseRight app and I am on my way!
- With 4 pets, I get auto shipments from Chewy – Knowing how much I will spend, I purchase eGift cards, load them into my Chewy account which is set to draw first from the gift card balance and without really having to think about it, I am earning 5% of my pet budget for church!

RaiseRight also recently started offering a "Shop Online" link to directly make your purchases through the app (and not buy gift cards) and earn a percentage for the church. There are over 575 retailers listed and while the earnings percentages don't seem as large (e.g. 2% direct vs 5% with an eGift card), it is an option if you would prefer not to buy a gift card.

These purchases can be made on a computer as well as a smart phone. I would ask everyone reading this to consider downloading the app or look it up on your computer. Then I would challenge everyone to purchase either an eGift card or a physical card. Just an example of what we could do, if 50 people each bought just \$100 in a gift card that earned 3%, that would earn \$150 for the church. If each one of those people did that every month for a year, that would be \$1800 in profit! And it would just grow from there!

If you are interested in signing up, use this referral link <https://www.raiseright.com/enroll/> and enter this code for All Saints: FEAD5FF46989

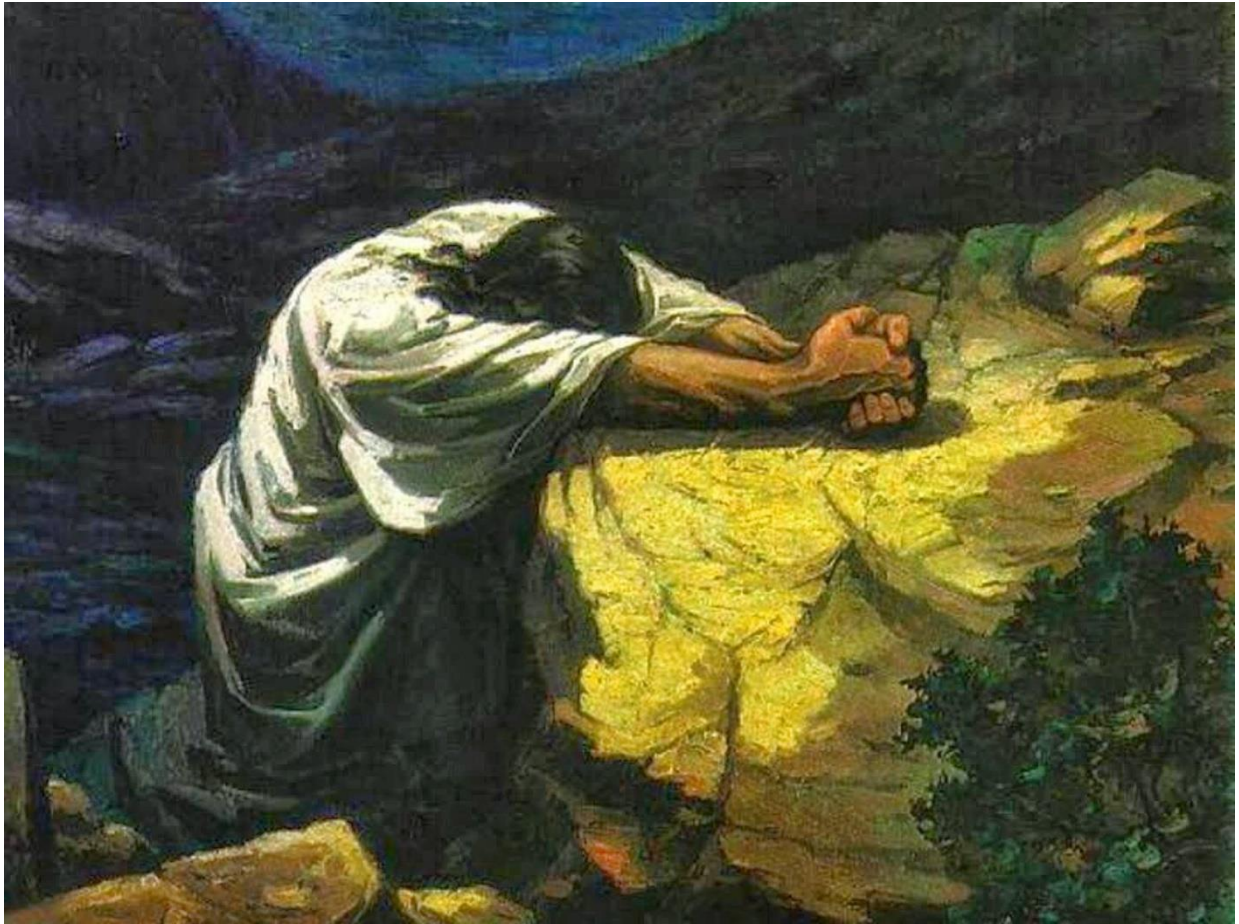
If you have any questions, please reach out to me at 414-526-9675 or catch me at church. I would be happy to help you learn how to use the app!

ENDOWMENT FUND



At the Annual Meeting, Don Olsen, Chairperson of the Endowment Fund Committee, updated the congregation on the new Endowment Fund Distribution Request Form and the new Endowment Fund pamphlet. Members in good standing of All Saints can request a distribution from the Endowment Fund for the following uses: Education, adult Education, Church Capital Projects, Mission Projects, and Other. Applications must be submitted by July 1 with funds to be distributed by September 1.

Forms are available in the church office. There are submission guidelines and other required information on the form. Check it out...



Conflict in the Garden

The Garden of Gethsemane is an actual garden area located at the foot of the Mount of Olives in East Jerusalem.

According to the four gospels (Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John), Jesus underwent great agony there in the garden, where he would be arrested before his actual crucifixion.

This garden area was a place of great importance to Jesus.

It is referred to in all four gospel accounts.

It is the place where Jesus would routinely retreat for times of prayer.

According to the BOOK OF ACTS OF THE APOSTLES, it is also in this vicinity that Jesus ascended into heaven.

This took place on the 40th day after the Resurrection from the dead.

So, Jesus is in agony. His disciples will not stay and watch with him for even one hour. Judas will lead soldiers to this area so that Jesus will be “handed over.” He is handed over, with a kiss of betrayal...by one of his own.

60 Years Old!

It is unbelievable to me, that this was ten years ago already... **All Saints is about to turn 60 years old.** And it is in honor of that date that I share the following with you...

February 2015

To say I have a long history with **All Saints**, I suppose, would be putting it mildly!

I was nine years old in 1965 when **Rev. Ray Stubbe** walked through our neighborhood (Griffin Avenue and Verdev Avenue area) knocking on doors. He was asking if there would be support for a Lutheran Church in the area. After much consideration, my parents, Marvin and Lois Arsand decided that this was a great idea. We were at that time members of Unity Lutheran Church on Oklahoma Avenue. My parents, along with my sister Gail and I were joined with fellow neighborhood families – **SCHOLLS, WITTKES, FROELICHS, FORDS, and HENDRICKSONS**. At that time, Richard Scholl was the President of the **MARINE BANK** and my mom, Lois was the office manager. They helped facilitate the church meeting in the basement of the bank. This was at the corner of **Howell Avenue and Puetz Road**. We met at that location until we moved into our church building in **1969**.

In the fifty years since, **All Saints** has been a constant presence in my life. There have been many joyous events including, my **Confirmation** by **Rev. (Larry) Sandin**, my marriage, by **Rev. (Dave) Morton** and the Baptisms and Confirmations of my three children, all by **Rev. Jas A. Mortenson**. There has also been the sorrow of funerals for my father, Marvin Arsand, Great-Aunt, Irene Ballbach, Grandmother, Marie Nelson, sister, Gail Arsand-Voss and my mom, Lois Arsand. Thanks to the love and support of my **All Saints' Family**, I made it through it all.

The hall which is often referred to as Fellowship Hall is actually named **Ballbach Hall**. It's named after my Great-Aunt Irene Ballbach. Her generous donation upon her death helped facilitate and expedite the building of the hall. The name plate located above the Hall's doorway was crafted by Marion Docter's late husband, Gordon. The wood is an actual piece from Irene's farmhouse which had been demolished to make way for the building of **M.A.T.C. South Campus**. Many years earlier, Gordon and his sons had helped with the demolition and Gordon still had a piece of wood. I've always thought that was a pretty cool coincidence.

Many of my family members are now gone and their **Saint Banners** adorn the walls. To me, they're a beautiful reminder of why our church is named – **ALL SAINTS!** Let's see what the next fifty years bring!

Blessings, **Patti Arsand-Holzman**



Liturgy Committee -

As mentioned at the Annual Meeting, this past year members of this committee filled 460 needed slots so that communion could be had at all three of the regular, Lenten and Christmas liturgies. That, to me, is an amazing accomplishment, besides our other duties. I am proud of this committee, its members, and our inspirational "leader" Jayne.

The season of Epiphany consisted of many weeks of green paraments, with the exception of the Presentation of our Lord (white) on February 2nd. The following week we had an abundance of soup on, below and next to the altar (good job Evangelism Committee), together with the "fish catch of the day." As PJ said, "Remember, God is always calling. Will you answer?"

An extremely busy time of the season is approaching fast, so here is a look ahead:

Transfiguration of our Lord	March 1-2
Ash Wednesday (7:00 pm liturgy)	March 5
Wednesday Lenten liturgies (7:00pm)	March 12
	March 19
	March 26
	April 2
	April 9
Palm Sunday (donkey day)	April 13
No Wednesday liturgy	
Maundy Thursday	April 17
Good Friday	April 18
Holy Saturday (5:00)	April 19
EASTER	April 20

LOOK FOR THE EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM IN THIS REVEALER AND IN THE BULLETINS.

Margaret Coonan
Liturgy Committee



There are always so many to thank...but this one has to do with the 59th Annual Meeting!

- Thanks to our outgoing Church Council People: David Speaks, Dennis Schneider, TJ Jackalone, Robin Schmitt...
- Thanks too to Robin Schmitt, Sandy Montague and Daniel Thein who joined the new Council...for 2025-2026.
- Thanks to those council members still serving: Kathy Mack, Jayne Murnane, Elaine Kleinhans, and Brittany Czarny...
- Thanks to our returning officers...Barb Schrubey, Lisa Kleppek, and Susan McIntosh... who were voted in at the Annual Meeting.
- Thanks to all those who came out and participated in the meeting...
- And those who brought in food goods for the luncheon!
- Thanks to those who brought in the beverages...
- And those who signed up for flowers, bulletins, and candles...
- Thanks to those who served as our "Tellers!"
- Thanks to Cinnamon and Judy Salchow for offering to be our delegates at the Synod Assembly.
- Thanks to Brian Rathmann for stepping up as Finance Chairman.
- Thanks to all those who said, "YES!" to the Mutual Ministry Committee...and finally thanks to those joining the committee structure. Did you know that the committee structure is the backbone of the church? Blessings, all!



Moriah Writes...

Wow! Another haircut! Another Spa-day!

Pretty fancy, right?

So, they recently held the Westminster Kennel Club Shindig in New York City, the week of February 8, 10-11th, 2025.

For those of you “in the know,” it was the 149th showing. It has long been considered to be the most prestigious and long-standing event in the Canine World. (Ahem, for the record, I am a canine!) Just saying...

And I was not invited!

I got my bath, had my haircut, nails done, teeth brushed, sat in the spa with other whining dogs for an hour...and nobody called. No invitation came.

No one showed up at my door.

The show continues to captivate dog lovers everywhere, with a rich history dating back to 1877. Did you know it has been televised since 1948, in the post-war era?)

Again, no one called. No invitation arrived.

Did you see, they even had a “WINNERS CIRCLE?

I could have sat there. I even would have held up a sign that said, “ONLY AT ALL SAINTS!) But no. No invitation. No free publicity. No knock at my door.

Maybe next year will be my year...oh, the primping a girl must go through until then....



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 front door of the church. Please help as you can, with your donations and time. Call the church at 414-762-5111 to ask that what you can sign up for.

RAFFLE DONATIONS NEEDED:

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

Brewer items

Pet items

Margarita basket items

Scrip cards – any amount, any type

Wine and Chocolate basket

Any questions contact Lynn at 262-930-0772

BAKERS NEEDED!



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

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

We need these kinds of pie fillings: berry medley (mixed berry), strawberry, blueberry, apple, cherry and peach!

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!

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 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 hymnals to make room for craft tables and chairs.
- Bakers needed at church to help bake pies from 1 – 6 PM.

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.*
- Bakers needed at church to help bake pies from 9 AM – 2PM.
- 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 two prior!

Saturday, March 5th Craft Fair 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 susans, coasters, pottery, jewelry, door wreathes, 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 5th from 2:30-3:45 PM –

Many hands and strong bodies needed to put the Sanctuary back together in time for our 5:00 pm Liturgy. We need 10-12 people to help. Many hands make for light work.

Committee meeting:

- Thursday, March 13th at 5:45 PM planning meeting (note this was a change)
- Thursday, April 3rd at 5:30 PM Church set-up (moving tables, and chairs)
- Wednesday, April 9th at 6 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 by noon
- **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
- **Saturday, April 5th**
Many volunteers needed from 8 AM – 3:30 PM (Sign-up sheets on Narthex door)
Craft Fair hours from 9 AM – 2 PM – Come visit us!
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.

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

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

Print your name _____ Address _

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





Don't forget about ordering flowers for our Easter Garden of Flowers...the church not only looks so good, but it also smells So good...

Flowers may be purchased in honor or in memory of loved ones...

They do add to our worship experience...

Have you ordered yours yet?

These flowers will come from Mileager's in Racine, they always offer such beautiful plants...Order forms can be found on the table in the Narthex area!



I don't know about you, but I can't wait to see where they go...and what they do with them this year!



We will have them all...don't forget to print clearly, so all names are spelled correctly... (that makes it easier on the church office!)

Wish List...



Sorry, this is so specific...

**Sara is looking for orange, antibacterial hand soap
But what she is requesting is the refill containers...**

We have the dispensers; she is looking to refill them...

If you can help, please do so and I'm sorry about the specificity. Bless you!



Stewardship

What defines Christian Stewardship in the life of the church:

It is a very individual and personal decision by each and all members to do what we can, through their time, talent and their giving to our church. We are all living in a very uncertain world today. No one expected that Covid would hit so hard, taking the lives of people we loved, and turning things upside down. But, through it all, our little church went on, it survived, when other churches did not. We stayed open, we continued on.

We, here at All Saints, are always needing more people to step up and help. As a small Lutheran church we accomplish so much. As of this writing, we have had to cancel one of our 3 liturgies. Not an easy decision, but a necessary one. Let's all look to the future, and remember God is with us every step of the way. The church is there for us when we need it to be, Let's all be there for OUR church, now when it needs us more than ever.

We have some new members on Council, and when they ask for help, please find it in your heart to give them a hand. We are going to keep Petunia the Pig going through the year, to continue to move forward with the new window fund. As you enter and exit the church she sits on the little table with the bulletins for the day. As of late, she has been very hungry. Please remember to help her out!

Our committee is going to try very hard this year, we have new members with some great ideas and new input.

The next Stewardship meeting will be on MARCH 8th, Saturday, right before the liturgy at **4:15**. All are welcome to join us at any time.

In Christian Joy,
Sandy Montague, Chair
Stewardship Committee



Anyone can drape a cross like this...But can you cover it entirely, so it is no longer almost visible...

Can you imagine the JOY on EASTER MORNING when the cross returns, after not having seen it for six whole weeks...

Shrouding of the cross has been historic in the life of the church...

Covering it up...Hiding it...Changing it in its appearance...The Latin Cross, widely recognized around the world, has deep roots in religious and cultural history, dating back to early Christianity.

Different from the Greek cross with arms of equal length, the Latin Cross has a longer vertical arm, a design dominant in Western Christianity. It's believed to represent the cross where Jesus Christ was crucified, making it central to the Christian faith.

The cross became a common Christian symbol in the 4th century after Christianity was legalized in the Roman Empire by Emperor Constantine the Great.

Before this, early Christians used symbols like the Ichthys (fish) or the Chi-Rho.

The cross's transformation from an execution method to a revered faith symbol marked a major change in Christian symbols.

The Latin Cross began appearing in architecture, art, personal ornaments, and manuscripts, symbolizing salvation and Christ's sacrifice.

The cross that is upfront in the center of our sanctuary is a Latin Cross...it is also called a crux immissae...or immissa.



World Concerns

Let it snow!!

Upcoming Event: Blood Drive, March 4, 2025, 2:00-6:30 p.m.

We currently have 18 donors and 2 double reds. It's not too late to sign up; contact me at 262-825-0675. Donating saves lives!

Souper Bowl Sunday: 200 cans of soup donated. Thank you!

As of February 17, 2025: 9 bags of food were distributed to the needy.
Your donations make a difference.

March Food Pantry: Open on March 1, 2025, 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. Donations of your choice are welcome.

God bless, remember the poor!

Elaine Kleinhans, Chairperson





From the Kitchen of Saint Ruth

(Mother of PJ)

Six Layer Dinner

Ingredients:

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

Directions:

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

Serves 6

Enjoy!



Letters we receive: Correspondence



Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your donation of \$172.50 raised for our shelter cats. It will provide food and other necessities for them.

We truly appreciate your support, and the kitties send along their meows of thanks as well.

Second Hands Purrs



Dear PJ,

Thank you so much for officiating our wedding. It means so much to both of us that you were able to come, support us, and join us in marriage.

You did an amazing job!

The new Mr. & Mrs. Reynolds



Dear PJ and Kinga,

Hope you're both doing well! Stay safe and healthy!

Also, thank you too for all you do for everyone. We have been blessed!

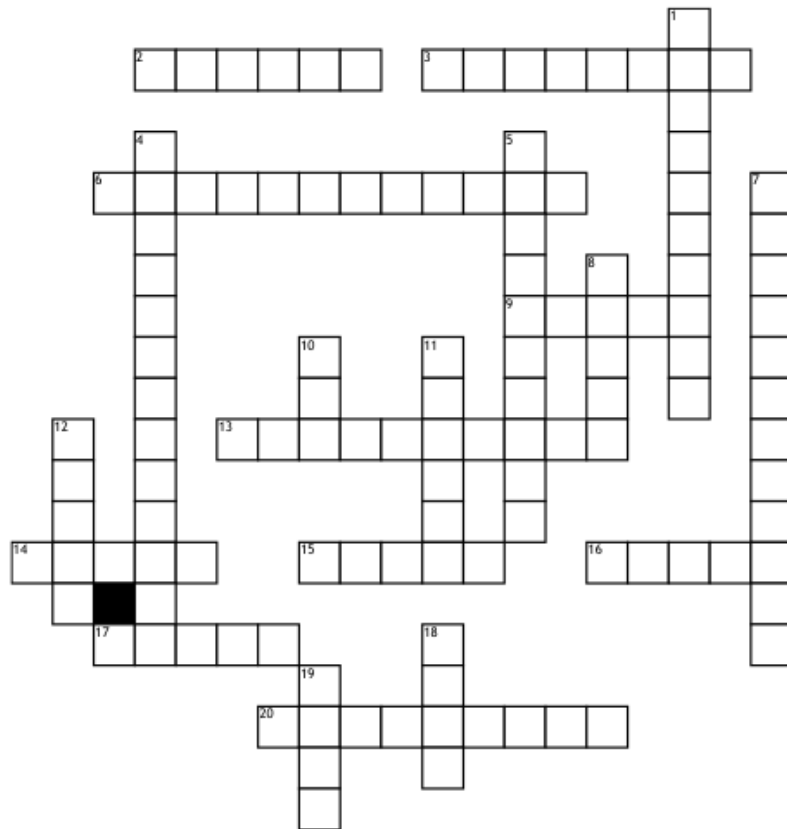
Thank you for all the prayers. We sure are thankful and needed.

Rita St. Louis

Lent and Holy Week

Across

- 2. What is the color for Lent?
- 3. Who was released instead of Jesus by Pontius Pilate?
- 6. What day is the Last Supper?
- 9. Jesus was stabbed on the cross by what weapon?
- 13. What day was Jesus crucified?
- 14. Who tempted Jesus in the desert while he was fasting?
- 15. Who denied Jesus three times like Jesus predicted?
- 16. What station is when Jesus falls for the first time?
- 17. Who cut off the soldier's ear in the garden?
- 20. On Palm Sunday, what town did Jesus ride into?



- 10. How many people were crucified with Jesus?
- 11. What city was Simon who carried the cross from?
- 12. Who betrayed Jesus for silver?
- 18. On Good Friday service, you go up to the front of church and _____ the cross.
- 19. Priests wash peoples' _____ during Holy Thursday mass.

Down

- 1. What is the day before Ash Wednesday called?
- 4. Who ordered Jesus to die on the cross?
- 5. What day starts Holy Week?
- 7. On what day does Lent start?
- 8. How many days are in Lent?





Just for Laughs...

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



LEPERS ... I HEAL LEPERS

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

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

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



Donations:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Bulletins</u>	<u>Memorial Candle</u>	<u>Honor Candle</u>
March 1 to 7	Kleinhans	Haworth	LaFond	Hochevar
March 8 to 14	LaFond	Haworth	Kleinhans	Krajnak
March 15 to 21	Todryk	Haworth	Krajnak	Kleinhans
March 22 to 28	Open	Haworth	Open	Heine
Mar 29 to April 4	Montague	Haworth	Vnuk	Vnuk



Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Psalm 51: 1-17
2 Cor 5:20b-6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

1st Sunday in Lent

Deut 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 13:31-35

3rd Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm 63:1-8
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

4th Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:8-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Numbers you should have at hand:

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All Saints ELCA

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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

MONEY COUNTERS TEAMS:

TEAM 1: **March 23rd, 2025**
Paul Salewski, Captain
Tom Coonan
Judy Wolter

TEAM 2: **March 2nd, 2025**
March 30th, 2025
Don Olsen, Captain
Dena Olsen
Elaine Kleinhans

TEAM 3: **March 9th, 2025**
Brian Rathmann, Captain
Barbara Schrubey, Captain
Lori Rathmann

TEAM 4: **March 16th, 2025**
Denise Kalski, Captain
Lynn Friedman
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